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## From JACL

### PSW presents affirmative action, Prop. 209 debates

The Japanese American Citizens League's Pacific Southwest District announced its campaign to defeat Proposition 209, also known as the California Civil Rights Initiative or CCRI. Proposition 209 is a November 1996 ballot initiative that seeks to abolish all state and local affirmative action programs in education, employment, and government contracting.

JACL's campaign will focus on community education, fund-raising, and voter registration. On the education front, JACL chapters throughout Southern California have organized a public debate series on affirmative action and Proposition 209. Debates will be held in San Diego, Gardena, Pasadena, and Irvine (See below). In addition, JACL is planning forums in Los Angeles, Pacoima, and Fullerton.

Both proponents and opponents of Proposition 209 have expected to debate the merits of the initiative, particularly as they apply to Asian Americans. The public is urged to attend and participate in the debate.

"Defeating Proposition 209 is one of JACL's top civil rights priorities," said Ron Osajima, chair of the JACL Affirmative Action Committee and PSW vice governor. "Proposition 209 is a deceptive and radical attempt to abolish all state and local affirmative action programs and to lower legal protections against gender discrimination. The fact is that affirmative action continues to be a vitally necessary tool to promote equal opportunity and racial and gender inclusion, particularly for Asian Americans facing bias in the areas of hiring, promotions, and government contracting."

In terms of fund-raising, JACL's individual members and chapters will be contributing to Asian Pacific Americans for Affirmative Action, a political action committee formed to raise funds and conduct public education to defeat Proposition 209. The goal of the JACL PSW District is to raise \$10,000 in Southern California to fund television and radio advertisements.

"With the civil rights movement and affirmative action programs, many obstacles to equal opportunity have been lessened," said John J. Saito, president of the JACL East Los Angeles Chapter. "However, Proposition 209 threatens to reverse civil rights progress. We cannot afford to let this initiative pass. We should not let our children and grandchildren go through our struggles again."

Finally, on the voter registration front, JACL is calling on over 16,000 JACL members in California to register if they are not and at least five family members and friends, and to vote against Proposition 209.

To join JACL's Southern California cam-

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

### JACL President Helen Kawagoe:

# Off and running

PC Staff interview

If enthusiasm and eagerness are yardsticks, Helen Kawagoe will go far as the newly elected president of JACL. A longtime Gardena Valley Chapter member, she takes the reins of the organization after a successful, smooth and uncontroversial convention in San Jose... Barely back from the event, Kawagoe quickly set up an ambitious schedule to meet her constituents. She scheduled a meeting with the Salt Lake and Mt. Olympus Chapters on the Aug. 24-25 weekend, followed by trips to the Sacramento Chapter and a meeting with ex-president Denny Yasuhara in Spokane and then on to the Seattle Chapter.

In spite of these activities, Kawagoe eagerly accepted PC's invitation to talk about her views...

PC: What are your thoughts about your recent election as JACL president and about the convention itself?

KAWAGOE: I am honored and excited and almost feel intoxicated to have the opportunity to serve as president. To begin with, I was flattered that so many persons from various areas requested and encouraged me to be a candidate for president. Perhaps the deciding factor to accept belongs to the youth member from Detroit who tried three times to reach me by telephone to ask me to run. Her comment was that my name kept surfacing as a possibility. Once I was the declared candidate, this passion began to build within me to want to be president and to have the opportunity to make a positive contribution to JACL. Although I was the only declared candidate, I would need 50 percent plus votes to be elected. I was elated to receive 96-1/2 votes.

When I arrived at the convention on Wednesday morning, the mood and tone was friendly but somewhat quiet. Perhaps it could be described as somber. The upbeat mood began to build after the luau on Wednesday evening and continued to build. By the close of the Sayonara Banquet, it was on a high and delegates and friends were singing in the NCWNP and PSW hospitality rooms which were located across from each other. I want to capture this enthusiasm and vitality and channel it in a forward movement. It is just great! I want to thank San Jose Chapter for

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### Mae Takahashi, Tom Masamori named JACLers of the Biennium

Staff report

Mae Takahashi of the Clovis Chapter, JACL, and Tom Masamori of the Mile-Hi Chapter, JACL, were named JACLers of the Biennium at the Friday, Aug. 9, Awards Luncheon.

Takahashi, the outgoing chair of the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board, was perhaps the most visible member of the organization throughout the 1994-96 Denny Yasuhara biennium, particularly in the area of finance. In a time when the organization was sorting out its budgetary woes, Takahashi played one of the key roles, first on the JACL National Budget Analysis Committee established in the fall of 1994, as JACL struggled through a difficult transition period when deficit and disorganization characterized the organization.

Takahashi began by first conducting in-depth studies of the financial records and situation at headquarters—often at her own expense in time and money.



HONOREES—Mae Takahashi and Tom Masamori at the awards luncheon.

Throughout the biennium, she was a strong voice for the establishment of procedures and process in the handling of JACL financial and administrative matters.

Recently, she cautioned JACL leaders that the organization's financial troubles were not completely under control and that caution must be exercised in the next biennium.

On May 7, 1995, Takahashi succeeded Cherry Kinoshita as chair of the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board. One of her major contributions during her 14-month stint was the creation of a PC manual for current and new members of the board. The manual provided members with information on Pacific Citizen, their roles, guidelines and other pertinent information which leads to continuity and transition from board to board.

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## JACL will also open membership to 'nonprofit organizations'

A new National JACL membership category is being established this year which will enable federal employees to designate a portion of their paychecks to be donated to JACL. Paperwork has been initiated by National Director Herb Yamanishi for the Japanese American Citizens League to be in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) program.

To be eligible in the CFC program, JACL needed to have a mechanism established in the bylaws for other nonprofit organizations to become special members,

"so that in conjunction we meet the program requirement of offering significant community services and programs in at least 15 states," Yamanishi explained at the San Jose convention.

The primary requirements for eligibility in the CFC federation are that a nonprofit organization must provide services in a minimum of 15 states, must have substantial local presence, and its local affiliate is open at least 15 hours per week or that the local office has substantial statewide presence, 30 percent within the state boundaries.

The CFC program raised \$189 million last year, with 1,110 organizations participating. For JACL, joining the CFC federation becomes another avenue for revenue income. "The amendment has the potential to generate not only a sizeable additional income, but also involve other nonprofit groups with JACL," Yamanishi pointed out.

JACL membership dues for such agencies will range from \$50 to \$500, depending upon the annual operating budget of the "tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization," according to the National Council approved 34 CB-8, an emergency bylaws amendment now facing chapters for ratification by mail in writing in 90 days (i.e., Nov. 8, 1996). The recommended dues scale, based on the operating budget of the "joining" organization, is:

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Article I, Section 4. Nonprofit Organization Members—reads as follows:

■ (a) Nonprofit Organization Members shall (i) be nonprofit organizations that subscribe to the purposes of this organization, (ii) be an independently incorporated 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, (iii) provide JACL with a copy of tax exemption

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### Eastern

#### NEW YORK

Fri., Sept. 13—Community Reception in honor of Yuri Kochiyama, J.A. of the Biennium recipient, 6:30-10 p.m., hosted at home of Julie Azuma/Tamio Spiegel, 12 W. 18th St. 3-E, Manhattan; RSVP Ron Uba, 800/628-4284 x 325 (day), Scott Ito 212/964-2288 (day). NOTE: Chapter also honoring other community leaders; main dish or \$5 donation at door requested.

Sat., Nov. 2—52nd Anniversary Celebration (details to be announced).

#### PHILADELPHIA

October—Senior Appreciation Day (date & place to be announced).  
1998: July 1-5—35th biennial Nat'l JACL Convention, Sheraton Society Hill, Philadelphia.

### Midwest

#### CLEVELAND

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

## Community calendar

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### Deep South

#### NEW ORLEANS

Sat., Sept. 14—Reception for Drue Kataoka, sumie artist-flutist, 7 p.m., Riverfront Hotel, 901 Convention Center Blvd.

### Pacific Northwest

#### SEATTLE

Sat., Sept. 21—First Hills Lions Club sukiyaki dinner, 3-7 p.m., Blaine Memorial UMC, 3001-24th Ave. South, Seattle. Info: church office, 723/1536.

### Colorado

#### DENVER

Sat., Oct. 5—Rev. Yoshitaka Tamai statue dedication, 10 a.m., Sakura Square, 19th and Larimer St.; info: Mabel Googins 303/295-0305, James Kanemoto, 303/764-0386.  
1997: Sept. 11-13—MIS-Rocky Mountain reunion, Renaissance Hotel on Quebec St.

### Nevada

#### RENO-POSTON I

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

### Northern Calif.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

Fri., Sept. 13—Japantown Reception for Supervisor Michael Yaki, 6:30-8:30 p.m., JCCCNC, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco; info: Nob Fukuda, 415/221-8295, Sandy Mori, 282-2578, Carol Ito, 334-6759.  
Sun., Oct. 6—Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4 p.m., info: Elsie Uyeda Chung, 415/221-0268, Margaret Iwai-Ey, 510/724-6247.

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, D.C.

#### SAN FRANCISCO/TOPEA

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.

#### DAYTON

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.

#### TWIN CITIES

Sat., Sept. 21—Headwaters Fund's 3.5-mile "Walk for Justice," 9 a.m.-noon, Boom Island; info: Lynn Yamanaka 612/735-6124. NOTE—Proceeds to defray Smithsonian exhibit, "Whispered Silences—Japanese American Detention Camps 50 Years Later," coming in 1997 to Twin Cities.

### NCal-WN-Pacific

#### DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

#### CONTRA COSTA

Sun., Sept. 15—Family barbecue, 1-3:30 p.m., Miller-Knox Regional Park, Point Richmond; RSVP Sept. 10; \$8 adult, 5961 Arlington Blvd., Richmond, CA 94805.

#### RENO

Sun., Sept. 15—Annual fish fry & pitch, 12 noon, Knights of Pythias Hall, info: Cary Yamamoto, 702/853-2741.

#### SAN MATEO

Sun., Sept. 8—Kabuki Discussions, 1:30 p.m., JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St., info: Roz Enomoto 415/343-2793. NOTE—For view and study: "Kanjincho."

#### STOCKTON

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

#### WEST VALLEY

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

Sat., Oct. 5—Annual Keiro-kai, 4-6 p.m., San Jose Buddhist Church Annex, info: Yu-Ai Kai, Anthony Chung, 408/294-2505.

### Pacific Southwest

#### LAS VEGAS

Sun., Oct. 13—October luau, St. Victor's; info: co-chair Ed Wakayama, 702/435-2569, Betty Atkins, 221-0414

Sun., Oct. 20—Centenary United Methodist Church's 100th anniversary banquet, 12:30 p.m., Bonaventure Hotel, RSVP \$40 adult, \$15 children by Oct. 10, Centenary UMC 213/617-9097, fax 617-7688. NOTE—Golf tournament moved up to 7 a.m., Oct. 18, Montebello Country Club, co-chair: Sho Doiwchi, Miki Miyamoto, entry by Sept. 16.

#### ORANGE COUNTY

Thu., Sept. 12—Women's Day '96, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., CSU-Fullerton campus, info: Women's Center, 714/773-3928; NOTE—Major speakers, Hisaye Yamamoto and Mitsuye Yamada, scheduled 7-9 p.m., Little Theater in PA Bldg.

#### SAN DIEGO

Sun., Sept. 15—House of Japan program by San Diego Okinawa Group, 1-4 p.m., Public Relations Stage, Balboa Park; info: Paul Hoshi, 619/234-0376.  
Sat., Sept. 21—VFW Post 4851 dinner, 5:30 p.m., VFW Post Hall, 24th St., National City; info: 619/477-4237. service welcome for exhibit.

### Hawaii

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

## For the record

● On the page 1 story on JACL investments in the Aug. 16-Sept. 5 issue of *Pacific Citizen*, Ben Ezaki was cited as a member of the Washington, D.C., Chapter. He is a member of the Twin Cities Chapter.

Figures in that story were also incorrect. Amounts in the cited JACL funds as of June 30, 1996, are:

—Legacy Fund: \$5,398,986.  
—National Endowment: \$584,505.  
—Life Member Endowment Fund: \$560,026.  
—Scholarship Fund: \$682,635.  
—Student Aid Fund: \$26,938.  
—Masaoka Fellowship Fund: \$208,288.

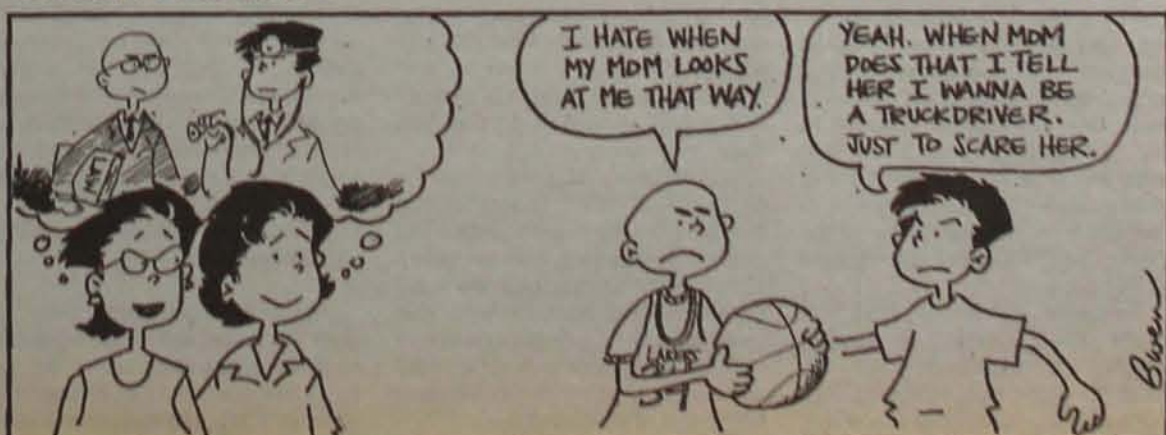
—National Reserve Fund: \$47,339.  
● On page 1 in the story "All aboard," a candidate's name was misspelled. The correct spelling of the name is Sami Nakazono.

● On page 3, the name of Barry Saiki, (third from left) Vice president, public affairs was inadvertently omitted in the convention snapshot of outgoing officers.

● In the article about President Clinton (front page), David Hayashi and Mark Kobayashi also shook hands with the president.

● On page 6, the photo of Franklin D. Murphy, UCLA chancellor, was mistaken for Justice Frank Murphy.

## Small kid time



## Gwen Muranaka





## Words from Herb

Herb Yamanishi, National JACL Director

### Justice Murphy and JLA 'redress'

TWO EVENTS have taken place in the month of August that highlight an unfinished agenda for JACL.

■ The first was a coincidental affair in Michigan, which I attended since I was in the state to help my family move to an apartment. While there I attended a ceremony in Harbor Beach, recognizing U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Frank Murphy's dissent in *Korematsu v. United States*, 323 U.S. 214 (December, 1944). The ceremony was organized by the Asian American Bar Association, marking Mr. Murphy's dissent; the 24th Legal Milestone of historic note for Michigan. It took place at his home, now a museum. Justice Murphy dissented (with Justices Roberts and Jackson) from the majority opinion, stating:

*This exclusion of "all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien" from the Pacific Coast on a plea of military necessity in the absence of martial law ought not to be approved. Such exclusion goes over "the very brink of constitutional power" and falls into the ugly abyss of racism....*

*"Racial discrimination in any form and in any degree has no justifiable part whatsoever 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."*

(This historic Murphy dissent relied, in part, upon material in the JACL brief.—Ed. Note.)

Fred Korematsu was in attendance at the ceremonies honoring Justice Frank Murphy's dissent and memories. Since that decision, Korematsu has had his specific conviction of curfew violation vacated and his criminal record cleared.

■ The second event is the lawsuit that the Campaign for Justice filed on Wednesday, Aug. 28, against the United States Government in the federal district court at Los Angeles. The lawsuit is to obtain redress, similar to the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, for the 2,200+ Japanese Latin Americans (JLA's) who were forcibly brought to U.S. detention camps. The purpose of the deportations was to maintain a supply of Japanese personnel for prisoner-of-war exchanges. It has even been alleged that the U.S. Government may have begun the process of literally kidnapping JLA's off the streets of Peru prior to the U.S. entry into World War II, anticipating engagement in the War with Japan.

Using "military necessity" as a rationale, the U.S. Government created the camps and transported the JLA's under military escort to

the United States. Since the JLA's were not permitted to return to their homeland, most stayed in the United States. Many have subsequently passed away without the American government ever officially admitting or recognizing the actions.

As in Fred Korematsu's case and the case of the JLA's, it appears to me, a fundamental question needs to be answered: Did the U.S. Government have the proper authority and right to establish curfews just for people of Japanese ancestry, create internment camps, or capture and transport JLA's to America?

In spite of the apologies, redress and the successful result of the coram nobis cases, "military necessity" and not constitutional and civil rights would still prevail in times of national crisis. Concentration camps may be created, curfews may be established for select groups of people, and kidnapping may be considered legal if done for some noble purpose. In times of great national crisis, no one's civil rights in America are protected.

Justice Murphy died July 19, 1949. His legacy, however, lives on. His Supreme Court dissent keeps the door open for a decision that would not only be the ultimate redress, but would, once and for all, define the true legacy of the World War II Japanese American internment experience.

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## DEBATES

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paign to defeat Proposition 209, contact Al Muratsuchi at 213/626-4471.

Founded in 1929, the JACL is a national civil rights organization with a membership of over 22,000 located in 112 chapters throughout the United States. JACL's national headquarters are in San Francisco, with offices in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Chicago, Seattle, and Fresno, Calif.

## Debate schedule

JACL presents a debate series on affirmative action and Proposition 209:

**Sun., Sept. 8, 1-3 p.m.**  
Mesa Community College  
7250 Mesa College Dr., Rm H117/  
118, San Diego

**Anti-209 speakers:** Leland Saito, professor of ethnic studies, University of California, San Diego; Janie Davis, executive director, Young Women's Christian Association of San Diego County.

**Pro-209 speakers:** Speakers from "Yes on CCRI" (invited).

**Sun., Sept. 15, 1-4 p.m.**  
Ken Nakaoka Center  
1670 West 162 St., Gardena

**Anti-209 speakers:** Mike Yamamoto, president, Los Angeles Multicultural Bar Alliance; Ramona Ripston, executive director, ACLU of Southern California.

**Pro-209 speakers:** Andrew Cho, Republican Attorney's Association; Mary Louise Serafine, attorney, Chadbourne and Parke.

Moderated by Ron Wakabayashi, executive director, Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission.

**Sept. 22, 2 p.m.**  
Pasadena City College  
The Forum (east end of campus)  
1570 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena

**Anti-209 speakers:** John Kobara, UCLA associate vice chancellor; Paul Suzuki, board member, Asian Business Association.

**Pro-209 speakers:** Speakers from "Yes on CCRI" (invited). Moderated by Kathy Imahara, attorney, Litt and Marquez.

**Sun., Sept. 29, 2 p.m.**  
University of California, Irvine  
Crystal Cove Auditorium,  
UCI Student Center

**Anti-209 speakers:** Linda Wong, co-director, Rebuild L.A.; David Barclay, vice president, Hughes Electronics.

**Pro-209 speakers:** Speakers from "Yes on CCRI" (invited).

Information: Al Muratsuchi, 213/626-4471.

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## Recap: National Council actions on resolutions, amendments

By HARRY K. HONDA  
Editor emeritus

SAN JOSE—Twenty-four resolutions related to JACL's public policies/procedures in the League and eight amendments proposed for the JACL Constitution and Bylaws, drew heated discussions at the 1996 convention but the atmosphere was overpowered by the budget for the first time.

Each proposal required a fiscal impact report, coupled with analyses by National Director Herb Yamanishi. By California law, the National JACL Board bears fiduciary responsibility as trustees for the organization. This fact became real this past biennium because of JACL's financial imbroglio. The nationally-elected officers and eight district governors sit as JACL's

board of directors in corporate language.

The stern rule of Resolutions Committee chair Reid Tateoka (Mt. Olympus JACLer) laid aside eight proposals as improper for failing to be in compliance with the rules for submission, placed three on the consent calendar, and one was withdrawn.

The Constitution-Bylaws Committee, chaired by Floyd D. Shimomura (Sacramento JACLer) paid greater attention to its two emergency measures that dealt with the investing management of reserve funds now known as "sequestered accounts" (see Aug. 15-29), and adding "tax-exempt nonprofit organizations" as another membership category.

ing the 1996 National Convention. Subject to approval by subsequent written ballot — ADOPTED.

**Staff Fiscal Analysis:** No significant fiscal impact. National Headquarters already checks each delegate's membership.

■ **34 Emerg. CB 7 (National Board + Philadelphia, Twin Cities, APAN, New Mexico, Clovis) — Re: Bylaws Article XIV - Budget and Finance, and Article XV - Segregated Accounts.**

**Ed. Note** This emergency proposal was ADOPTED: 103 Y, 1 N, Abstain 1, and subject for approval by a written ballot (see Aug. 16-Sept. 5 issue). Background, intent of the amendment [to develop investment guidelines, addressing objectives, intended average asset allocation, performance measurement, controls, permissible and non-permissible investments, responsibilities, selection criteria of investment managers, etc.] and the changes of text in both articles were published .... The fiscal impact statement anticipated 100 staff hours p/year, \$40,000 in investment income p/year and \$12,700 in expenses for personnel (20%), travel (47%), consumables (1.5%) and insurance (31.5%).

■ **34 Emerg. CB 8 (East Los Angeles, Clovis, San Francisco, Sacramento, APAN) — Re: Non-profit Organization Members, as Bylaws Article I - Membership, Section 4.**

**Ed. Note.** This emergency proposal was ADOPTED, and subject for approval by a written ballot .... (For background, text of amendment, see front page, this issue.)

**Staff fiscal analysis:** Mainly staff time to update JACL material and promotional pitch to nonprofit groups. Incidental costs from proposed 1997-98 budget.

## Resolutions

■ **34 Res. 1 (Seattle) — Review of the 442nd RCT Awards and Decorations during World War II.** Whereas, many Nisei were recommended for the Medal of Honor, with only one exception, all were downgraded to Distinguished Service Crosses. The magnitude of the disparity in ratio indicate that with 52 DSC, the 442nd RCT should have been awarded more than one Medal of Honor.

**Be it resolved** that JACL requests the National president notify Senator Akaka this resolution has passed and the (JACL) take such further action as is necessary to add the 442nd RCT and WWII Veterans to Section 5233 of S. 1124 of the 1996 Defense Authorization Act (104 PL 106), so that they too have the opportunity to correct possible oversights in their past awards.

On the Consent Calendar. — ADOPTED.

**Staff Fiscal Analysis:** Substantial fiscal impact implied; intent not clear. If lobbying is to be addressed, substantial Headquarters time is implied with letter writing, campaigns, meetings, etc.

■ **34 Res. 2 (Seattle) — Centennial commemorating the Arrival of the (NYK) Miike Maru.** Whereas, the Port of Seattle, Nippon Yusen Kaisha and Burlington Northern Railroad will celebrate the 100th year anniversary of the arrival of the Miike Maru, the first regular Japanese cargo ship from Japan to the continental U.S., arriving in the afternoon of Aug. 31, 1896, in Elliott Bay, Seattle ....

Whereas, National JACL is interested in preserving accounts of our past history and promoting U.S.-Japan friendship and understanding.

**Be it resolved** that JACL commemorate the 100th year anniversary of the arrival of the Miike Maru.

On the Consent Calendar. — ADOPTED.

**Staff Fiscal Analysis:** Fiscal impact implied; intent not clear. Will

depend upon nature of recognition (certificate, plaque, something fancier?), who makes the award and if given in person, travel costs would have to be added.

■ **34 Res. 3 (Sacramento) — (For) equitable Distribution of Staffing and Allocations.**

Whereas, National JACL is a national nonprofit membership-directed organization, operating on limited funds .... structured into eight districts and serviced by five regional offices (which) represent from 9 to 32 chapters (with) membership numbers ranging (between) 354 individuals and 8,510. There does not appear to be a clear rationale in formulating staffing needs at regional offices.

**Be it resolved** that JACL National Council direct a creation of a committee .... to evaluate the current staffing structure to ensure parity among regional offices .... and with the ad hoc District Allocation Committee eliminate any duplication of efforts, (to) fully evaluate a fair and equitable distribution of staffing and operating budget allocations ... and to present its findings to the National Board within six months after the close of 34th National Convention.

Council discussion was vigorous. — ADOPTED 54 Y, 50 N; motion for roll call of chapters after the count was denied. (Only the chair has the responsibility to have the vote taken again.—Robert's Rules of Order.)

**Staff Fiscal Analysis:** Fiscal impact outlined in resolution. Cost of staffing (65 hours), based on hourly calculations, would be about \$2,000. Consumables (supplies, postage, printing) estimated in chapter fiscal impact statement: \$300.

■ **34 Res. 4 (Sacramento) — (For) a Feasibility Study to move the Pacific Citizen to Headquarters (San Francisco).**

Whereas, JACL finances are constrained and the Pacific Citizen budget cuts turned (it from a weekly to a semi-monthly) .... and the Headquarters facility is owned free and clear by JACL and will have ample room to house the PC operation in approximately one year .... Whereas, Relocation of the PC may realize potential operational and personnel cost savings of approximately \$25,000 the first year .... facilitate, simplify and expedite communication needs between PC and National JACL while maintaining PC's editorial independence .... National JACL is ultimately liable for the Pacific Citizen.

**Be it resolved** that JACL National Council conduct a feasibility study to examine the implementation of relocating the PC to National Headquarters after the termination of the present lease .... direct the National Board to complete such study prior to any consideration of increasing the PC budget other than normal postal and supply increases due to inflation .... direct the board to refrain from a long-term lease for one year until completion of the study and ... complete the study within six months after the close of the 34th National Convention.

Council debate lasted 25 minutes. Mae Takahashi noted there's no room for this study in the revised budget. — ADOPTED 74 Y, 31 N.

**Staff Fiscal Analysis:** Feasibility study (50 hours) would cost at least \$1,400 in staff time plus \$300 estimated in fiscal impact statement by the chapter for consumables. Cost also depends on whether study was handled internally by volunteers or contracted out. Furthermore, if a cost analysis is to be considered, the study should examine possible cost of moving Headquarters to L.A. to get a fair comparison.

■ **34 Res. 5 (San Jose) — Support of a National Japanese Americans Memorial in Washington, D.C.**

Whereas, on Oct. 24, 1992, President Bush authorized establishment of a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia

honoring Japanese American patriotism in World War II ....

**Be it resolved** that JACL endorses and fully supports the national memorial project ... and to appoint a volunteer committee chair to plan a strategy for demonstrating such support. — ADOPTED.

**Staff Fiscal Analysis:** While no impact statement was attached, it could be very expensive if it is done right (Fund raising, education, writing, brochures, etc., at least \$40,000-\$60,000).

■ **34 Res. 6 (San Diego) — Re: the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation.**

Whereas, .... the Foundation's purpose has been extended to honor the patriotism of all Japanese Americans during World War II ....

**Be it resolved** that JACL support the tax-exempt nonprofit Foundation by contributing funds from the grants portion of the Legacy Fund distribution of earnings for 1996, 1997, and 1998 to the Foundation, and by educating chapter members and public of this worthwhile project. — WITHDRAWN.

■ **34 Res. 7 (Contra Costa) — Re: Status of the PC as in-house publication or an independent publication.** REJECTED for non-compliance with Resolutions procedure and the lack of a fiscal impact statement.

■ **34 Res. 8 (Stockton) — (For) member input before a public statement of action is taken by JACL on issues of national importance.**

Whereas, JACL members may need information in order to achieve a better understanding of anticipated statements or action of the National Board and/or National Director,

**Be it resolved** that the National Board and/or National Director disseminate information to members and allow a reasonable amount of time for their comment and input before any public statements are issued or actions are taken unless an emergency dictates an immediate action by the National Board through the President and/or National Director.

Fiscal impact statement estimated \$4,500, including 100 hours staff time.

Council heard from Aeko Fenelon, Stockton: "We believe that to retain members, National must solicit member input." David Igasaki, Chicago: "It can bog membership down." Clyde Nishimura, Washington DC: "Getting chapter input is good, but Congress doesn't ask constituents every time; therefore, the proposal is cumbersome." Kim Nakahara, Youth Council chair (by permission to speak): "Who decides an issue is controversial?" — DEFEATED 43 Y, 57 N.

■ **34 Res. 9 (Venice-Culver) — (For) JACL support of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans Memorial Monument.** — REJECTED for non-compliance with Resolutions procedure and the lack of signatures. (The proposal had won unanimous support earlier from the PSWDC.)

To be concluded

## JACL sweepstakes winners revealed

SAN JOSE—The 11 JACL Sweepstakes winners were announced by National Director Herb Yamanishi during the Sayonara banquet on Aug. 10:

Grand Prize (2 round-trip United Airline tickets plus \$1,500)—Charles K. Matsumoto, Milwaukee, Wis.; \$1,000 each—Carl Somekawa, Plymouth, Minn.; James M. Watanabe, Spokane, Wash.; \$500 each—Henry Ajima, Cypress, Calif.; T. Watanabe, Fair Oaks, Calif.; Janice Aritomi, Santa Clara, Calif.; \$100 each—Mas Izama, Madison, Wis.; Arthur Sugiyama, Sacramento, Calif.; Tomio Moriguchi, Seattle; R. Wakida, Berkeley, Calif.; Joseph T. Seto, Los Angeles.

Highlights of the National Council actions on the resolutions and amendments follow. The number "34" designates the 34th biennial. Chapter in parentheses sponsored the resolution or amendment.

**CONSTITUTION-BYLAWS**—There being 109 chapters present and voting at the 34th biennial National Council, it requires 82 chapters (or 3/4s) to amend the Constitution and 76 chapters (or 2/3s) to amend the bylaws.

■ **34 CB 1 (Midwest District Council) — Role of the Nominations Committee.**

Originally submitted as 34 Res. 15, and referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to clarify the role of the standing committee for Nominations. The text of the MDC resolution is the same. Also unchanged is the MDC fiscal statement, believing there be none. However, staff analysis suggests otherwise because of conference calls, convening meetings, etc., if the committee intends to make a quality effort "to perform the crucial role of identifying and qualifying the leadership of the organization .... to reflect the importance of the national nominations committee...." Subject for approval by subsequent written ballot — ADOPTED.

**Ed. Note:** Precise language to amend [Bylaws Article VIII - Nomination and Election of National Officers, Section 1. Nominations Committee Functions] was not attached.

**Staff Fiscal Analysis:** Financial impact implied; could be substantial to convene meetings, make conference calls (\$100 per 30-minutes for five people), travel estimate average \$800-\$1,000 per meeting, plus \$200 for consumables, postage.

■ **34 CB 2 (National Youth/Student Council) — Re: Voting of National Council.**

Originally submitted as 34 Res. 19, and referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to make minor additions in Bylaws Article V - Voting of National Council, Section 3 - Action by Written Consent without a Meeting. Subject for approval by subsequent written ballot. — ADOPTED. (Additions appear in italics.)

**Section 3 - Action by Written Consent without a Meeting:** The results of telegraphic, telephonic or mail voting shall be binding on all chapters and District Youth/Student Representatives in emergencies when the National Director shall have conducted a special poll at the direction of the President who shall announce the results of such special polls. The President shall refer an official request from a District Council or the National Youth/Student Council to the National Director for a special poll within thirty (30) days after date of mailing for the return ballot. A majority of the votes returned shall decide the outcome of the proposed issues, provided a majority of the Chapters and District Youth/Student Representatives of the organization reply. All such written ballots shall be filed with the Secretary/Treasurer of the organization and maintained in the organization records. In mail voting, National Di-

rector shall mail either a self-addressed stamped envelope or a postcard to each Chapter and District Youth/Student Representative by certified mail and set a deadline of thirty (30) days after date of mailing for a return of the ballots. All such solicitations shall indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements and with respect to ballots other than for election of Officers, shall state the percentage of approvals necessary to pass the measure submitted. The solicitations shall also provide spaces for approval, disapproval, and abstention.

**Staff Fiscal Analysis:** Financial impact modest; offset by calling fewer meetings.

■ **34 CB 3 (South Bay) — (For) a new Young Adult membership category.** — WITHDRAWN.

■ **34 CB 4 (Seattle) — Re: National Youth/Student Chairperson and Representative.**

Originally submitted as 34 Res. 20 and resubmitted to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for adding a new section to Bylaw Article XIX - JACL Youth/Student Program, as follows:

**Section 5 - Vacancy by Removal or Impeachment:** The National Youth/Student Chairperson and Representative shall be subject to removal or impeachment for misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office provided that the National Youth/Student Council, after investigation, presents the case in question to the National Council. A three-fourths majority of the National Youth/Student Council and one collective vote, determined by a simple majority of votes by the National Council, shall be required to adjudicate the charged officer. Subject for approval by subsequent written ballot — ADOPTED.

**Staff Fiscal Analysis:** No significant impact except at the time of enforcement.

■ **34 CB 5 (Seattle) — Re: Young Adult/Student Membership.** — WITHDRAWN.

■ **34 CB 6 (Wasatch Front North) — Re: Official Delegates to the National Council.**

A proposal to amend the JACL Constitution, Article VII - National Council, Section 1 to read as follows:

**Section 1 - Composition:** The legislative powers of this organization shall be vested in a National Council which shall be composed of two official delegates from each of the chartered Chapters and the District Youth/Student Representative from each District. The official Chapter delegates and District Youth Representatives shall be chosen by their respective chapters and districts from among their active members.

While the constitution does not place any requirement that a chapter's delegates be JACL members, the proposal is designed to correct this oversight and become effective upon its adoption follow-



# JACL'S PROGRAM FOR ACTION: Coalition building, empowerment, Nikkei values

By HARRY K. HONDA  
Interim Editor

SANJOSE—Three visions were bantered, boomed or blessed during a 40-minute session devoted to formulating JACL's Program for Action for the coming biennium. This was among the more "hands-on" National Council affairs, (assuming a "committee of the whole" posture) for delegates from the 109 chapters the first afternoon, Aug. 8, and to its adoption the final session, Aug. 10.

The drafters, led by National Director Herbert Yamanishi, with a national cross-section repre-

sented on the Program for Action committee, had already weighed the strengths and weaknesses of new programs, narrowed the focus in view of finances plus admitting it was lengthy.

The Program for Action is one beacon attracting new members. "We do need members. We made sure Program for Action does not compromise the role of National JACL either," Yamanishi noted.

The three visions are:

1. JACL will be the leading Asian American civil and human rights organization working alone and in coalition with other organizations and communities dedi-

cated to eradicating bigotry and discrimination.

2. JACL will promote the political empowerment of the Japanese American community to work for social justice and prevent the repetition of our experience with restricted immigration, discriminatory laws and the WWII internment.

3. JACL will be the leading organization dedicated to promoting and preserving the cultural heritage and values of Japanese Americans.

New Mexico delegate Randy Shibata wondered if JACL has the resources to accomplish the

mission. "We need [them] to measure the program or milestones for accomplishments. The members need to understand the basis by which to measure the program."

San Mateo delegate Karyl Matsumoto, who served as interim national JACL director under Denny Yasuhara, called for goals, make-time measures and a budget "for mission's sake."

Wilshire delegate Roy Nishikawa, dean of the Diamond-Pin JACLers (past national JACL presidents), said, "We've got to be more accountable. This is a part of the JACL mission and program for action." But Yamanishi coun-

tered: "That [accountability] is really an internal function and not an external matter to be placed in a program of action."

San Fernando Valley delegate Karl Nobuyuki targeted the term "hapas," demanding that it be deleted. He, a Sansei, called it a derogatory term as it appeared in the first draft for launching membership recruitment under Vision No. 3. "Hapa" does not appear in the final form. But at the Saturday workshop moderated by the Berkeley-based Hapa Issue Forum, it was pointed out that the term is of Hawaiian origin and acceptable to their group.

## JACL Program for Action, 1996-1998

The Japanese American Citizens League was founded in 1929 to fight discrimination against people of Japanese ancestry. The founders of JACL believed that by taking an active role in shaping their destinies, affirming their citizenship, and claiming their rights as Americans, they could improve the quality of life for current and future generations of Japanese Americans.

Today, JACL has over 22,000 members in 112 chapters located in eight districts covering the nation, with one chapter in Japan. The JACL is headquartered in San Francisco, with staffed offices in Chicago, Fresno, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, and Washington, D.C.

JACL's mission is to advocate for the civil and human rights of Japanese Americans and others, and to promote and preserve the cultural heritage and values of Japanese Americans.

The vision of JACL is to be the preeminent Japanese American organization in the country. As a leader in the fight for social justice, JACL builds coalitions with other minority and women's organizations to bring about social change. Moreover, JACL strives to preserve the Japanese American culture and promote a strong sense of community. In particu-

lar, JACL will become more inclusive and relevant to students and young adults in the Japanese American community.

In accordance with JACL's mission and vision, the National JACL Council convened in San Jose on August 10, 1996, and adopted the following Program for Action for the 1996-1998 biennium:

**1. JACL will be the leading Asian American civil and human rights organization, working alone and in coalition with other organizations and communities dedicated to eradicating bigotry and discrimination.**

Consistent with this vision, JACL will:

a. Promote equal opportunity in all aspects of American life, particularly through vigorous support for anti-discrimination initiatives, affirmative action programs, and immigrant rights, as well as strident opposition to discriminatory initiatives. One of JACL's immediate objectives is to defeat anti-affirmative action legislative initiatives such as California's Proposition 209.

b. Advocate for programs designed to reduce or properly respond to anti-Asian bias and hate

crimes. The National Board and National Director will develop within six months an action plan for JACL chapters and districts to address the rising incidents of anti-Asian violence.

c. Advocate for history curricula and other resources, including the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, devoted to public education of the Japanese American experience. Specifically, JACL will support the National Initiative to Secure the Education of Internment (NISEI) and the Densho Oral History Project.

d. Promote fair and accurate portrayals of Japanese Americans and their community affairs in the media. JACL will work with media and other organizations to promote positive portrayals of Japanese Americans as well as serve as a media watchdog.

e. Advocate for redress payments for every eligible person.

f. Pursue other civil and human rights initiatives as determined by the National Board and National Director.

**2. JACL will promote the political empowerment of the Japanese American community to work for social justice and prevent repeats of our experience with restricted immi-**

**gration, discriminatory laws and the World War II internment.**

Consistent with this vision, JACL will:

a. Promote leadership training activities in each district to develop future generations of leaders. Our goal is 100% district participation in the Annual Washington, D.C., Leadership Conference. Moreover, the National Board will continue to send a youth representative. Where feasible, districts will conduct leadership development programs.

b. Conduct voter education and registration activities. As a co-sponsor of the National Asian Pacific American Voter Registration Campaign, every eligible JACL member will register to vote, and will register at least five family members and friends.

c. Advocate for the political appointments of individuals supportive of the Japanese American community. The Leadership Development Committee will establish by December 31, 1996, a recruitment and advocacy process for Japanese Americans interested in political appointments.

d. Pursue other political em-

powerment initiatives as determined by the National Board and the National Director.

**3. JACL will be the leading organization dedicated to promoting and preserving the cultural heritage and values of Japanese Americans.**

Consistent with this vision, JACL will:

a. Develop aggressive membership recruiting campaigns at all levels of the organization targeting students, young adults, multi-racial individuals, and other future JACL leaders. JACL will strive to increase current membership by 10% within this biennium.

b. Support efforts to teach current and future generations of Japanese Americans our community's history and culture. These efforts will be conducted primarily at the chapter level.

c. Pursue other cultural initiatives as determined by the National Board and the National Director.

The National Director will report progress towards fulfilling the above goals to the National Board for review at each National Board meeting.

Adopted on August 10, 1996.

## Response to welfare reform bill sought

The welfare bill signed by the president on Aug. 22 will create new challenges for all immigrant communities, according to the Asian Law Caucus. In San Francisco alone, 15,000 elderly and disabled immigrants will lose eligibility for certain forms of assistance, particularly SSI, the organization said. Immigrants will also lose access to food stamps. Given these changes, attorneys at the Asian Law Caucus emphasized the need for members of the community to volunteer time to ease the impact on those in need.

"Now is the time," said attorney Gen Fujioka of the Asian Law Caucus, "for our communities to work together. We especially need to help all those who want to become citizens. Citizenship will be the only way to avoid future discrimination by government programs."

"This is not a time to panic," emphasized Angelo Ancheta, executive director at the Asian Law Caucus. "While many will suffer greatly under this new law, there is much we still can do to ease the impact. It is especially important that our representatives in state government block efforts to cut health care to immigrants. That is the next battleground."

Information: Gen Fujioka, 415/391-1655

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**SWAN SONG**—Randy Shibata addresses issue during convention. The outgoing vice president of planning and development retires from active service on the national level.



**MAKING A POINT**—Sharon Ishii-Jordan of the Omaha Chapter, makes a point during a National Council session. Ishii-Jordan is a former governor of the Mountain Plains District.

**OATH**—At right, JACL National Director Herb Yamanishi administers oath of office to, from left, Helen Kawagoe, president; Richard Uno, vice president, general operations; Lori Fujimoto, vice president, public affairs; Gary Mayeda, vice president, planning and development; Karen-Liane Shiba, vice president, membership and 1000 Club; David Hayashi, secretary/treasurer; Harumi Ueno, chair, National Youth/Student Council; and Nicole Inouye, National Youth/Student Council representative.



# National JACL Convention

## Snapshots

It was work, it was fun... It was the 34th biennial JACL National Convention held in San Jose, Aug. 6-11.



**ENTERTAINMENT**—Actor Lane Nishikawa provided excerpts from his act during the convention. Nishikawa also emceed the Whing-Ding event.



**FAMILIAR FACE**—Fred Hirasuna of the Fresno Chapter takes the floor during National Council Session.



**VOTING**—Joe Allman, center, holds voting card during key vote on a JACL issue. Allman is a former president of the Arizona Chapter.



**SAY IT IN SONG**—Honored members of the 1000 Club get together for fun. From left, Lillian Kimura, Tom Kometani, Grayce Uyehara, ????, and ?????



**SPEAKING UP**—Karyl Matsumoto raises a point about the budget at the convention. Matsumoto is a former president of the San Mateo Chapter and former interim JACL national director.



**SPECIAL GUEST**—Olympic gold medalist Amy Chow made an appearance at the JACL convention. With her is Mike Honda of the San Jose Chapter.



**PC EXHIBIT**—Randy Imai of the Sacramento Chapter inspects Pacific Citizen exhibit created by Gary Mayeda, member of the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board and recently elected vice president for planning and development.



**COMMENT**—Former JACL National President Roy Nishikawa makes a point about the Program for Action during convention.



**OLD FRIENDS**—Harry Honda, left, PC interim editor, Frank Sakamoto, Mile-Hi Chapter, and Karl Kinaga, San Jose Chapter, get together after Whing Ding event to talk about old times.



**SAN JOSE HOSTS**—Playing instrumental roles in the planning and participation of the JACL convention were, from left, Norm Mineta, Tom Shigemasa, Carl Fujita and Mike Honda, all of the San Jose Chapter.





**HAVING FUN**—At left, Frank Sakamoto emcees JACL Whing Ding event, with the help of Amy Yamashiro, center, of the headquarters staff, and Karen-Liane Shiba, vice president of membership and 1000 Club.



**TEAM LEADER**—Mark Kobayashi, one of the San Jose Chapter leaders who organized the convention, speaks at podium as Herb Yamanishi, JACL national director looks on.

**EDC GROUP**—From left, Clyde Nishimura and Lily Okura of the Washington, D.C., Chapter, and Tom Kometani of the New York Chapter, prepare for National Council session.



**SIGNING UP**—Sam Shimoguchi of the Venice-Culver Chapter registers Helen Kawagoe, JACL national president.



**AT THE HELM**—At left, preparing for National Council Session are, from left, Denny Yasuhara, JACL national president, Paul M. Shinkawa, vice president, general operations, and Herb Yamanishi, JACL national director.



**YOUNG LEADERS**—Tom Tamaki and Etsu Masaoka, second from right, pose with Traci Endo, left, past Masaoka Fellowship intern, and Karen Chow, newly named intern.



**SAN JOSE PIONEERS**—Recognized for their longtime service to the chapter were, from left, lower, Shig Masunaga, Karl Kinaga (center), and Eichi Sakauye; upper: Dr. Tokio Ishikawa and Judge Wayne Kanemoto.



**EXHIBITS**—JACL members were able to browse, mingle and view a number of historical and informational booths such as this one at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose.



**1000 CLUB OLD-TIMERS**—Etsu Masaoka (at right, standing) presented certificates of appreciation to charter members. Kneeling (from left)—Seiichi Hayashida (Boise Valley), George Baba (Stockton), Eichi Sakauye (San Jose), Dr. Frank Sakamoto (Chicago), John Yamada (Eden Township). From left, standing: Rudy Tokiwa (San Jose), Dr. Tokio Ishikawa (San Jose), K. Patrick Okura (Omaha-Washington DC), Fred Hirasuna (Fresno), Tom Tamaki (Philadelphia), Lily Okura (Omaha-Washington DC), Dr. Roy Nishikawa (Wilshire), Ira Shimasaki (Washington DC), Hiroshi Uyehara (Philadelphia), Dave Tatsuno (San Jose).



**HIGH-TECH**—The convention featured for the first the use of TV screens and other equipment to ensure an efficient and smooth-running convention.



## Opinions



## From the frying pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

## A 40-year mainstay of PC

What would Pacific Citizen do without good old Harry? Editors and JACL officers and administrations come and go, but Harry Honda seemingly goes on forever.

Thank goodness.

In the Aug. 2-15 issue *Pacific Citizen* editor Richard Suenaga announced his resignation. It was not entirely unexpected. The second half of his 5-and-half-year tenure could not have been much fun. The Japanese American Citizens League, which owns and publishes the newspaper, has been in turmoil and in many circles Suenaga was faulted for the way he reported the news.

From a newspaperman's point of view I thought he did a commendable job of printing the news. In fact, the vigorous way in which he reported what had been going on was responsible in large measure for the way the membership was moved to correct the problems that were undermining its credibility.

His reward at JACL's national convention two years ago was passage of several resolutions limiting his authority as editor. He could have told the organization to stuff it. But like a good soldier he stayed. Now, he says, it is time to go on to other things.

So who do you get to put out the paper, Harry, of course. Good old Harry. Faithful old Harry. Harry was put out to pasture long ago. He lacked flare, they said. The times had passed him by, they said. *Pacific Citizen* had become stodgy, they said, and it was time to get a bright young editor. So they moved Harry aside and brought in a bright young editor. A series of them.

But Harry wouldn't go away. He was given the title of editor emeritus and he stuck around the office, doing his own thing, doing whatever the new boss asked him to do. And whenever a bright young editor grew weary, or wasn't quite the hotshot that he had appeared to be, or wanted to explore more promising fields and vacated the editor's chair, the search for a successor

wasn't quite that frantic. There was good old Harry. He was still around. He'd get the job done until they hired a new editor.

Finding someone to succeed Richard Suenaga is not likely to be easy. Oh, sure, there are experienced, capable, even brilliant Japanese American newspaper people around, but most of them are happily and profitably employed by big and important publications in responsible and interesting positions. Why would they want to step down to an ethnic weekly with a dubious future?

Good luck to the *Pacific Citizen* Board as it begins the search for someone as capable and as dedicated as the departing Richard Suenaga. His loss would be more serious if Harry weren't available. Unfortunately good old Harry Honda can't last forever.

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



## East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

## Swallowing camels

RECENT NEWS STORIES of volunteers going down South to help rebuild firebombed churches, demonstrate the innate goodness of our fellow Americans. A TV clip showed President and Mrs. Clinton engaged in rebuilding of a black church. A newspaper photograph showed an Asian-featured volunteer identified as "Christine Lee," in sweat-soaked T-shirt, wielding a shovel as she stood in construction mud. Her very presence spoke to the world that racist attacks against people of color is very much a concern for Asian Americans as well.

As it should be.

CHURCH FIRE BOMBINGS were also rampant in the South several decades back. At that period, I was a member of a Protestant church. For me it was a fulfilling association, primarily because of two factors: the pastor was a fellow with whom I could and did have free-wheeling, frank discussions on a first-name basis. In contemplating transfer of membership from my former church to the current one (we had moved), we openly discussed the procedure.

THE PROPOSED TRANSFER involved appearing before the congregation

and reciting a belief in "the Father, Son and Holy Ghost" and "the communion of Saints." I explained to the pastor that while I had some notion as to the first two, when it came to the last two—Holy Ghost and the Saints' communion—I was lost; therefore I could not pretend to the contrary, particularly before the congregation.

No loyalty oath, no transfer. My membership remained with my previous church. I continued to attend the new church.

THE SECOND FACTOR that drew and sustained me at this particular church was the young-adult Sunday class, comprised of enthusiastic, bright, intellectually curious and open folks. A group fun to be with; none of this holier-than-thou approach. So when the Easter season approached, I presented to this young-adult group a proposal that I was sure they would seize, with enthusiasm. The proposal was simple: instead of filling the church with flowers for Easter, why not invest the money toward rebuilding those burned out churches? In a manner of speaking, symbolically rebuilding the body of Christ, a restoration of a shrine that would last far

longer than all the Easter flowers. My reading of the group was off target. Disappointingly so.

Then a seemingly minor incident took place which resulted in my terminating my association with this particular Protestant sect.

THE CONFERENCE BISHOP issued a pastoral letter to be read from the pulpit of all our churches in the conference. The thrust of the letter was to urge parishioners to write their state legislators, expressing opposition to pending legislation which would permit parochial, i.e. Roman Catholic, school children to ride buses at taxpayer expense. I was moved to write a letter to the bishop expressing my dismay that while no statement was issued condemning the fire-bombings in the South, the bishop was acting against children being granted transportation. I referred to the biblical adage about "swallowing camels while straining at gnats."

I never received a reply.

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

## Letters

## Member makes correction on National Rifle Association dues

In the August 2-15, 1996, edition of the *Pacific Citizen*, I read with some interest the article by Herbert Yamanishi comparing JACL dues to other organizations. Obviously Mr. Yamanishi is not a member of the National Rifle Association as he is in error regarding the current dues structure of the NRA. Annual NRA dues are \$35.00 per year. A three-year membership is \$90.00 with a five-year membership at \$140.00. Life membership dues are \$750.00. With the payment of their dues, members receive their choice of two monthly magazines; \$3.75 of each year's dues goes toward paying for a subscription to either publication. I am a member of the NRA. The NRA was a contributor to the Tri-District Convention in Albuquerque in 1995 and provided most of the material used in one of our workshops. At the time that they were contacted, they expressed an interest in establishing a dialogue with JACL. This invitation was conveyed to some of the JACL leaders who have so far failed to respond. The NRA and JACL have much in common in that they are both civil rights organizations. With over three million members, the NRA of course commands more of a national presence than does the JACL. Please inform Mr. Yamanishi that he should have checked with NRA before writing his article.

In another matter, several of us in the JA community in Albuquerque are members of the NRA. I am sure that there are others in JACL who are also members of the NRA. We would like to explore the possibility of forming an at-large association of JACL constituents who are also members of the NRA. Our purpose would be to see that JACL protects our Second Amendment rights as well as the other rights guaranteed to us by the U.S. Constitution. Perhaps these members could get together once a year for an informal shooting match or swap meet. If you are interested, please contact me via E-Mail at Shibatainc@aol.com.

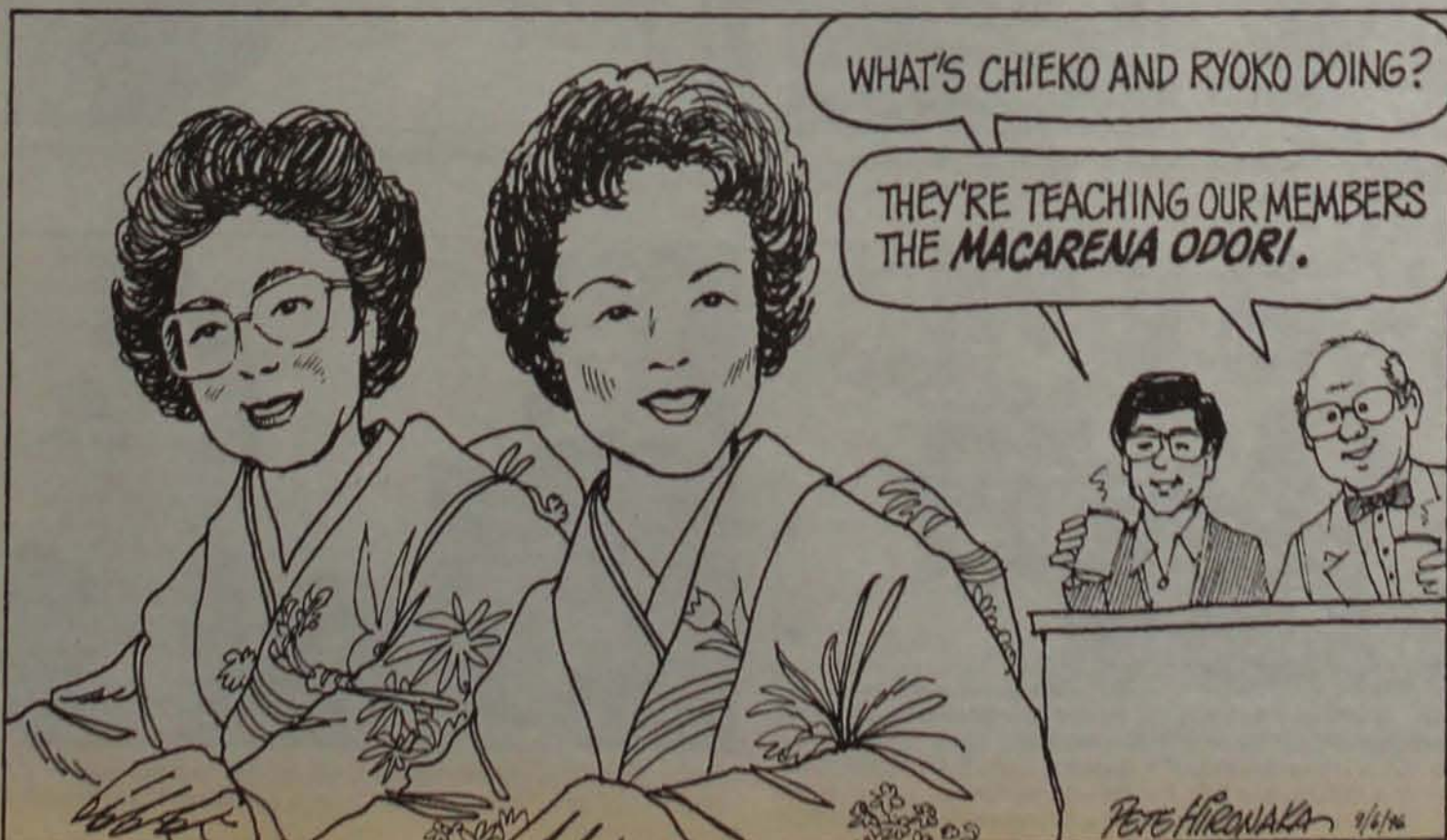
**Ronald Shibata**  
Albuquerque, N.M.

## One member's dissent over Clinton 'snubs' JACL story

The National Convention was superbly organized. A sense of hope and optimism permeated and judging from my conversation with others, this optimism was infectious. This sense of euphoria was greatly diminished upon reading the article (see Aug. 16-Sept. 5) that President Clinton "snubbed" this organization by failing to appear before the National Council. I for one strongly disagree: to claim that Clinton "snubbed" us is politically shortsighted, a poor representation of this organization.

The most important point to remember is that President Clinton did meet privately with our executive council. As far as the White House is concerned, I'm sure they felt he was meeting with JACL leaders.

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## From PSW

By AL MURATSUCHI

## Why Californians should vote 'no' on Prop. 209

**P**roposition 209, also known as the "California Civil Rights Initiative," or CCRI, is a November, 1996, ballot measure that seeks to abolish all state and local affirmative action programs in public education, public hiring and promotions, and government contracting.

At the San Jose National Convention (which, by the way, was spectacular, thanks to San Jose JACLeers), JACL delegates from across the country overwhelmingly passed a resolution reaffirming National JACL's support for affirmative action. The delegates then approved the National JACL's 1997-1998 Program for Action (see page 5), which articulates the organization's priorities for the next two years. The program specifically highlights the defeat of Proposition 209 as one of JACL's immediate objectives.

Notwithstanding National

JACL's opposition to Proposition 209, I know that there are a good number of Japanese Americans who have concerns about affirmative action, particularly regarding its impact on them (see "Affirmative Action: Separating Fact from Fiction," *Pacific Citizen*, Aug. 2, 1996, issue).

Despite these concerns, all California JACLeers should vote "no" on Proposition 209. There are two darn good reasons why.

1. Proposition 209 is too radical and sweeping. Most Nikkei, along with most other Americans, believe that affirmative action should be mended, not ended. However, Proposition 209 is an all-or-nothing proposal.

Proposition 209 is so radical that it threatens vital programs such as:

- Informational outreach and recruiting efforts designed to counter the "old boys' network" and en-

courage qualified minorities and women to apply for jobs, promotions, and government contracts;

- Publicly administered scholarship programs designated for minorities and women (similar to JACL scholarships but publicly administered); and

- Hiring and recruiting efforts designed to make our police departments and public school teachers more reflective of our state's racial and ethnic diversity.

So the bottom line is: mend it, don't end it. Don't throw the baby out with the bath water.

2. Proposition 209 will weaken legal protections against gender discrimination. Clause (c) of the initiative states:

"Nothing in this Section shall be interpreted as prohibiting bona fide qualifications based on sex which are reasonably necessary to the normal operation of public employment, public education, or

public contracting."

Since a 1971 California Supreme Court decision, all California women have been protected by the legal equivalent of an Equal Rights Amendment. Gender discrimination is legally allowed only in very narrow circumstances, when a "compelling government interest" justifies the discrimination.

Clause (c) of Proposition 209 would repeal this "compelling government interest" standard and replace it with the much lower "reasonably necessary" standard. If passed, Proposition 209 would open the door to practices of the not-so-distant past when women could be fired for having children or becoming pregnant, or be excluded from traditionally male-dominated jobs such as fire-fighting and police work.

What can you do to help defeat 209? You've already taken the first step, which is learning about this

deceptive and radical initiative.

Help spread the word about this insidious initiative. *Public education is vital.* Polls show a dramatic drop in support for Proposition 209 when respondents are informed that the initiative will abolish all state and local affirmative action programs.

Contact your regional JACL office to join ongoing efforts to defeat 209. For example, the JACL's Pacific Southwest District is presenting a debate series on Proposition 209 throughout Southern California, along with conducting fund-raising and voter registration activities.

Finally, make sure you register and vote "no" on 209 on Nov. 5, 1996.

*Muratsuchi is the regional director of the Pacific Southwest District of JACL.*



## About \$7,500,000

By THOMAS HARA

## Regarding JACL's segregated accounts

**B**y unanimous vote of the delegates at the San Jose convention, the National Council of JACL approved a By-law amendment to consolidate all of our many endowment funds for investment purposes. (See text: P.C. Aug. 16-Sept. 5, 1996, page 9). Because this National Board-recommended provision was moved "from the floor," it is subject to written ratification by the chapters, a process which Headquarters staff now has underway.

As the former National legal counsel and primary draftsman of the amendment, I have been asked to elaborate upon the origin and the intent of the proposal for our membership.

## FASB Standard No. 117

A new Standard 117 of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) must be applied by our outside accounting firm in its audit presentation of the JACL financial statements, requiring the classification of our \$7.5 mil-

lion in segregated funds as "permanently restricted," "temporarily restricted," or "unrestricted." This new requirement has necessitated staff research into the origins of the various funds and pointed up the Board's responsibility for these invested assets.

To this point, we have been advised that the Scholarship and Student Aid accounts and the Masaoka Endowment will be classified as "permanently restricted" by their donors as to disposition of principal and/or income. All other endowments will be classified as "unrestricted." (The limitations in question may have been created by the terms of a bequest on a will or by the donor's directions for a lifetime gift.)

The classification process has no necessary economic impact upon these assets, nor does it imply any change to the purposes or historical application of these funds. However, the forced inquiry has been useful to remind the National Board of what segregated funds exist (how many of you ac-

tually remember the Issei Film Fund?) and the extent of its control over investment and disposition.

## Select Investment Committee

In addition, a Select Committee on Investments, appointed by former National President Denny Yasuhara and consisting of San Franciscans John Enomoto and Marshall Sumida, has reported on apparent deficiencies in documentation with regard to our segregated accounts and upon the investment of a portion of these assets in underperforming investments.

Earlier this spring the Board acted to install controls on the allowable types of investments to be made and to require a more complete and timely documentation for such transactions.

As a result, the past National Board agreed upon the desirability of consolidating all of our segregated funds for investment purposes, with the objectives of (1) obtaining a greater overall invest-

ment return (with sensitivity to the different needs of the separate endowments), (2) assuring a better system for oversight and reporting, and, ultimately (3) emphasizing greater accountability for the management of funds for which the National Board is legally responsible.

## Proposed Changes

New Bylaw Article XV creates a standing committee [the National Investment Policy Committee] of seven members with staggered terms, to be responsible for investment policy. With an appropriate minor change to Article XIV ("National JACL Reserve Fund"), all assets which are held with limitations as to disposition of income and/or principal and which are not current operating funds are placed under control of this committee for prudent investment.

The net income from these segregated funds will be distributable to the organization for appropriate disposition, *unless*

(1) there is some restriction

against this (for example, income from the scholarship endowment can be used only for the scholarship program), or

(2) the Board directs otherwise (e.g., earnings on the Japanese American Research Project might not be needed in a given year if there is no suitable project to fund).

In the latter scenario the income might be retained within the program (for a year in which multiple uses might be appropriate) or be reinvested as principal.

Although the Board anticipates greater expense to be generated in the new format (bonds and insurance, mandatory committee meetings, outside advice, and the like), we also believe that the potential for greater returns on our investments would be more than enough to offset any additional costs in producing net income for the organization.

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*Thomas Hara of Minneapolis is the former National JACL legal counsel.*



## Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

## Need more revenue? Get more members

**V**ETERAN JACLeers enjoying the 1996 Convention at San Jose were greatly surprised to see the Denny Yasuhara administration had managed to have the 1997-98 budget with a \$7 dues increase adopted on the second day (Friday morning). The increase (\$6 in 1997 and \$1 additional in 1998 in the Regular Member category) has concurrent raises in other categories.

For sake of perspective, a \$3 dues increase at the 1960 Sacramento convention was approved after the Sayonara dinner dance in the wee hours of Sunday, as some of the oldtimers—like Alice and Roy Nishikawa, David Miura, Betty Yumori, Mary Yuba-Hatate, Mitsu Sonoda, Mas Hironaka, Ron

Shiozaki, Paul Ichijui, Lily and Pat Okura, Clarence Nishizu, Grayce and Hiroshi Uyehara, Seichi Hayashida, John Yasumoto, Marshall Sumida, Lucy Adachi, Etsu Masaoka, Norm Mineta, Eiichi Sakauye, Bob Fuyume, George Baba and other old-timers at this San Jose convention can well remember.

Actually, \$1 of the 1960 dues increase went to the *Pacific Citizen*, so that all members on a one-household basis received the newspaper. Until then, JACL members subscribed individually at \$3.50 per year.

But thinking of ways to keep the PC in the black in the '90s (since we have no advertising director), Dr. Miura suggested the PC should offer year-round adver-

tising commissions to the chapters—as much as 50 percent, for instance. Dave was the Father of the PC w/Membership Plan, which he pushed 40 years ago. Because of PC w/Membership, our circulation more than doubled overnight—from 6,000 to 13,000 in 1961.

Immediate past national president, appointed the PC Board chair in 1962, Roy Nishikawa was then happy that increased circulation also boosted advertising revenue. In fact, the expectation was that PC Reserve Fund from monies raised from operating profits and special gifts would be capped at \$10,000 and the excess would go to National. This fund never hit \$10,000.

In my mind, however, what

Nishikawa then said still rings true today:

"PC—like its parents, the JACL—cannot be all things to all people. People have different tastes and ideas. There is no satisfying *everyone*. PC must have balance and not be devoted predominantly to the intellectual crusader nor should it be all chit-chat and news of a strictly local nature. "As an integral part of JACL, PC will be as good, as weak and as effective as JACL is." (See the 1962 Convention minutes).

KNOWING THAT raising dues means loss of membership, Inter-mountain District Gov. Yas Tokita of Mt. Olympus Chapter wondered whether the finance committee was aware of this phenomenon.

(They were!) Tokita reminded the 1996 national council and was applauded for recalling that at the 1980 Convention in San Francisco, the dues increase then being proposed (and adopted) was the greatest. (But without saying how much, that had us checking our archives.)

Yas then recalled JACL membership kept falling from the 1978 high of 32,000. It's about 23,000 and 112 chapters today.

In checking our archives, we found that Floyd Shimomura of Sacramento JACL suggested ten ways to counter whatever loss due to the 56 percent dues increase

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*Harry Honda is Pacific Citizen's editor emeritus.*



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### JAs of the Biennium

Honored as Japanese Americans of the Biennium at the JACL convention in San Jose Aug. 6-11 were, from left, Yuri Kochiyama in the political/public affairs category; George Takei in the artist/literature/communications category; and repre-

senting George Tsutakawa in the education/humanities category were his wife Ayame and daughter Mayumi, who read a thank-you speech on behalf of her father who was ill and unable to attend the ceremonies.

### KAWAGOE

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hosting a very successful convention with their long hours of hard work.

PC: What do you bring to JACL at this point? What kind of a leader do you expect to be?

KAWAGOE: Political astuteness to raise JACL to a respected national presence;

—Proven leadership skills, having served as president of numerous professional organizations, both domestic and international;

—Administrative skills from my public and private work experience;

—Public relations skills and constructive problem solving abilities from my private sector work experience as marketing, public relations vice president for Merit Savings and as co-owner of Carson Nursery;

—Team player attitude;

—Open accountability;

—A sense of humor, ability to laugh at myself;

—An enthusiastic positive attitude; in other words, the ability to gaman during hard times.

My leadership style is:

—Directing and assertive;

—Balanced concern for self and others;

—Being sensitive to behavior of others;

—High flexibility, the ability to have my own agenda but have concern for the agenda of other's; and understanding the context in which a decision being made/work is being done; and the task at hand.

This was determined through

an Interpersonal Influence Behavioral Style Assessment conducted in November 1995. This is a particular pattern of actions others observe and agree upon for describing a person's usual behavior in their interactions with other people. Behavior is a matter of habits developed over a lifetime.

PC: What are the organization's biggest challenges ahead? What are your priorities? Do you have a roadmap for the biennium?

KAWAGOE: First, to regain the public trust and restore JACL's credibility to its former glory and be the premier civil rights organization for Japanese Americans and others. Second, to increase our membership. Third, to provide the needed revenues to restore the *Pacific Citizen* to its former weekly publication.

—To seek revenues to fund internships for the regional offices;

—To solicit the assistance of professionals to help JACL with our program needs;

—To establish study circles to brainstorm JACL's present and future;

—To establish a past presidents' advisory committee to utilize their expertise;

—To establish an alumni group of past national officers other than presidents and board members for their input;

—To channel the present enthusiasm and energy of our members on a forward movement path;

—To meet the challenges of issues affecting the JACL;

—To collaborate with other civil and human rights organizations;

—To implement an effective outreach program to promote JACL.

PC: JACL has experienced many difficulties in the past. What do you think needs to be done internally to bring back its strength?

KAWAGOE: I feel that any response at this time would be tantamount to finger pointing. My position is to focus on moving forward and not looking backward.

PC: What do you think needs to be done externally, in terms of the organization's reputation—in the political arenas, among Asian American organizations, in Congress?

KAWAGOE: In the political arenas, JACL will have higher visibility by supporting qualified Asian Americans to seek elective office at all levels of government. JACL must operate as an open system and build coalitions with not only other Asian American organizations, but also other civil and human rights organizations. We can begin by establishing our presence by meeting our elected officials through community involvement. We need to encourage members to establish personal relationships/contacts with their elected congressional representatives and senators. In short, JACL must become a key player at the table.

PC: Do you have any thoughts about increasing membership? What's going to make JACL attractive?

KAWAGOE: In order to increase membership and identify what is going to make JACL attractive, it will be my charge to find the answer to the question that everyone asks, which is, "What's in it for me?"

### NONPROFIT

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and articles of incorporation, (iv) provide JACL with a copy of the organization's most recent independent audit and (v) provide other documentation as may be required by CFC [Combined Federal Campaign] or other funder.

■ (b) Nonprofit Organization Members shall pay to National Headquarters annual National dues as set by the National Council. Membership dates for nonprofit members shall be set by the National Board. Membership dues shall include a Nonprofit Organization Membership card, one year's subscription to the *Pacific Citizen* and privileges of other special organization services.

■ (c) Each Nonprofit Organization Membership is considered as a

single body membership, not as individuals, and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of this organization except the right to vote and right to hold any office.

■ (d) Nonprofit Organizations participating in the Combined Federal Campaign would be members of the JACL CFC Committee. The JACL CFC Committee's purpose is to be a sounding board for ideas and ways of improving the program

and to be a vehicle for grievances. The chair of the Committee would be appointed by the JACL National President and would report directly to the JACL National Board.

Article I, Section 4 (a-e) is renumbered: Article I, Section 5 (a-e).

Article I, Section 5 (a-d) is renumbered: Article I, Section 6 (a-d).

This amendment becomes effective immediately upon its adoption.

### Roll call: Convention workshop reports

#### Editor's Note:

Ten workshops at the 1996 JACL convention were crammed inside Saturday afternoon (Aug. 10), presented in five separate rooms in 90-minute periods. The PC had asked the moderators to cover or individuals attending them to give us their impressions. Many have met our deadline but we beg indulgence from them. Their reports should appear in the next issue. Received thus far:

1. "Native Hawaiian Redress and Self-Determination" by Clyde Nishimura, Washington DC, delegate.

2. "Affirmative Action in the '90s: a Vision of Diversity for the Future,"

by Nobu Miyoshi, Sansei Legacy Project, and Chiye Tomihiro, Chicago delegate.

3. "Cementing Our History: a Monumental Task—the Japanese American Story through the eyes of Japanese American Veterans" by Judy Nizawa, moderator.

4. "Hapa Issues and the Japanese American Community" by Patty Honda Arra, Downtown L.A. booster.

5. "Sexual Harassment: Are You Safe?" by Tom Kometani.

6. "U.S.-Japan Relations" by Ed Mitoma, chair, National U.S.-Japan Relations Committee.

7. "Silicon Valley Asian Business Entrepreneurs," by Dan Arra, Los Altos.

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

**Doami, Fusako, 77**, Oakland, July 29; survived by husband Tom, daughters Suzanne Nawa, Debbie Sugawara, 3 gc., sisters Hatsumi Kinoshita, Yaeko Tsumura, Hanaka Tsumura.

**Domoto, Tazu, 84**, Chicago, July 11; Oakland-born, survived by brother Mo.

**Fujii, Doris, 78**, Chicago, service Aug. 1; survived by son Stanley Matsumoto, daughters Jean Mishima, Kathryn Nakane.

**Hashimoto, George M., 94**; Spokane, July 23.

**Higashi, Toshio, 78**, San Francisco, Aug. 1; survived by wife Shizu, son Roy, daughters Nancy, Linda, Diane, 2gc., sister Michiko Sakata (San Mateo).

**Hiyama, Kazuo, 81**, Fowler, Aug. 8; Fowler JACL president 1960, survived by wife Misao, sons Howard, Dean, daughters Bernice Ito, Irene Kozuki, 12 gc., sisters Miyoko Nakagawa (Japan).

**Kida, Isaku, 91**, New York, July 25; Fukuoka-born naturalized U.S. citizen, editor-manager ('45-'93) of *New York Nichibei* (the only Japanese vernacular on the East Coast, final issue July 1, 1993), entered U.S. as divinity student in 1930 at Oberlin (Ohio) College, served with Office of Strategic Services during WW2, joined the *Hokubei Shimpō*, later named the *Nichibei*, in '45; decorated by Japan Emperor; survived by wife Emi.

**Kitajima, Bob K., 86**, Oakland, July 22; Honolulu-born, former House of Produce owner, survived by wife Shirley, sons Henry, Harold, Richard (Santa Clara), daughters Katherine Hagiwara (Turlock), Irene Kawamoto (San Rafael), 10 gc., 1 ggc., brothers Fred (San Jose), Robert (Hayward), Takanobou (San Jose).

**Komatsubara, Fumiko, 89**, Yuba City, Aug. 8; Hiroshima-born, survived by daughters Alice Nakamura, Shirley Fukui, Mabel Yoshikawa, Bessie Matsumoto, gc. and ggc., daughters-in-law Lorraine, Nancy.

**Masuoka, Dr. Shigeru J., 77**, Los Angeles, Aug. 8; Brawley-born, survived by wife Rose, sons Craig, Dr. Rick, daughters Linda, Robert, 2 gc., brothers Dr. Masaru (Chicago), Dr. David.

**Matsumoto, May Y., 78**, Sacramento, Aug. 8; Watsonville-born, survived by husband Denri, daughter Joyce, sisters Rae Yamamoto (Chula Vista), Rose Miyagi (San Diego), Lily.

**Mitsumori, Hajime, 100**, Seattle, July 9.

**Mukai, Sawano, 103**, Seattle, July 11; longtime Issel resident of Kingston, Spokane, survived by sons Tommy, Mark, Joe, Tormeo, daughter Mary Kosai, 15 gc., 23 ggc., 1 gggc., predeceased by husband of 62 years Otsuke and son George.

**Nagai, Nobuko Ruth, 99**, San Francisco, July 31; Okayama-born daughter of one of the first Japanese Anglican priests in Japan; English teacher, S.F. Seiko-kai Sunday school teacher ('28), married Gen Nagai who published the prewar *Golden Gate Daily*, returned to Japan in 1941, returned to S.F. in 1980; survived by son Kei, 1 gc.

**Okamura, Dr. Robert S., 73**, Hayward, Aug. 3; Hood River, Ore.-born dentist (last 34 years in Hayward), survived by wife Lilyan, sons Dr. Neil, Dean, daughters Angel Brackman (Lafayette), Lynne Gata-naga (Salinas), Mary Peters (Danville), 2 gc.

**Ooka, Marie (Horiuchi), 66**; Seattle, July 18; Seattle-born and longtime Central Washington University secretary to

campus police chief, survived by daughters Valerie Ooka-Pang (San Diego), Debora Yasuda, Kathy, Cheryl Ooka-Hurd, Karen, Trish Howard, Naomi, 6 gc., predeceased by husband Carl.

**Shizuru, George, Chicago, May 17** in Petaluma, Calif.; survived by daughter Maxine McGinnis, 2 gc., brothers James, Saburo, Goro, sister Peggy Sasamoto.

**Tashiro, Benjamin M., 92**, Lihue, Hawaii, July 9; Kauai-born retired circuit court judge, appointed by President Eisenhower, served one term in Territorial legislature, WWII MIS instructor, survived by wife Gladys, five daughters and 6 gc.

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

**Tsujimoto, John Mitsuo, 72**, Palo Alto, June 30; Rumsey-born 442nd veteran, Litton Industries employee of 34 years in San Carlos; survived by wife Hazel, daughters Pattie Ferguson, Linda Pressley, Bette Toy, Joyce Ichikawa, 8 gc., brothers Sam, Mack and sister Annabel Fujita.

**Ueda, Lois Hatsuko, 83**, Gardena, July 10; Hawaii-born.

**Umeda, Masanori, 82**, Stanton, July 2; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Taye, sons Toshio, Bobby, Dr. John, daughters Masaye Kawabata, Setsuko Newton, 9 gc.

**Watanabe, Akio, 60**, Mission Hills, June 27; Compton-born Sansel, survived by mother Chiyono, brothers Kazuhiko, Kunio, Henry, sister Yaeko Nakamoto.

**Watanabe, Kazuko, 55**, Belmont, July 17; Gifu-born Union Bank of California manager; survived by husband Eiji, son Steven Tokoshima.

**Yamada, Shotaro T., 85**, Montebello, July 13; Sacramento-born, survived by wife Ayako, daughters Maeolae Yamamoto (Bonita), Vernae Kajiya, 4 gc., 1 ggc., brother George, sister Mary Furutani.

**Yamada, Suzue, 86**, Ontario, Ore., July 12; Seattle-born, predeceased by husband Masato in 1971, survived by sons Teddy, Harry (Seattle), John (Seattle), Victor (Pacific Palisades, Calif.), daughter Sachiko Sakai (Weiser, Idaho), 7 gc., 8 ggc., brother Yoshito Mizuta.

**Yamamoto, Beverly Kiyoko, Hatt**, wood, service July 16, Lodi-born Sansel, survived by husband Jun William, brothers Robert Yoshimoto (Moorpark), Masao, sisters Judy Ogata (Sacramento), Karen Jobu (Columbus, Ohio), Susan Goebel (Seattle).

**Yamamoto, Haruo Kenneth, 75**, Lomita, June 24; Marysville-born, survived by wife June, daughters Colleen Suminaga, Robin, Sheree Yamamoto-Gulton, 2 gc., sister Kaz Uchiyama.

**Yamamoto, James S. (PeeWee), 66**, Watsonville, Feb. 15; Coalinga-born, survived by brother Lewis, sisters Mary Etow, Rose Morimune (Oxnard).

**Yamamura, Seiichi, 14**, Woodland Hills, July 15; Japan-born, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Yoshikazu, sister Manami.

**Yamasaki, Masao V., Chicago, July 21**; survived by wife Anne, son Michael, daughters Donna Goyas, Julie Hansen, Esther Rusch, Katherine, 6 gc., brother Yukio, sisters Michiko Takamoto, Yoneko.

**Yamasaki, Toshiaki C., 74**, Los Angeles, July 9; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Itsuko, daughter Wendy Mori, 3gc., brother George, sisters Emiko Yamasaki, Yoshiko Hashimoto.

**Yamauchi, Shoichi, 81**, Tustin, July 15; Maui, Hawaii-born, survived by wife Alejandra, sons Warren, Edwin, Allan Imazaki, 5 gc., brother Shomei Yamauchi.

**Yoshimura, Tim J., Denver, service July 8**, survived by wife Melissa, 4 children.

## VERY TRULY

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(from \$16.50 in 1980 to \$25.75 in 1982). The staff bears the brunt of any revenue decline in terms of frozen pay, layoffs and unfilled positions, breeding disillusionment and staff conflict, pitting everyone into an unproductive battle. That Floyd wanted to avoid. "Time is now to organize a membership campaign, basically December through February," he said back in 1980. True again for 1997.

While there's no easy solution to membership development, we pass along ideas that Shimomura made in 1980 for the Helen Kawagoe administration to consider.

**(1) Uniform Dues Structure**—Since local chapter dues vary from zero to \$8, the national leadership ought to establish a "suggested" local rate so that everyone (at least 70%) could be persuaded to renew. That would be tremendous. Back then, automated renewals didn't exist, which National provides now.

**(2) Semi-annual Memberships**—The National Board has the flexibility for introducing a semi-annual system. Membership periods can begin on January 1 and July 1, for instance. "Don't overlook flexibility," Floyd said.

**(3) Family Memberships**—Rates are reduced for families. Many single members should be persuaded to change to family memberships, though Floyd recognized the disadvantage when one spouse in the family drops out. "Perhaps a family rate could be \$10 above the single rate," he suggested—a figure in terms of the 1980 dollar. Make that \$25 in 1996 dollars.

**(4) Professional Marketing Techniques**—This was tried once, a mass mailing through a professional service several years ago. Floyd was convinced a campaign strategy professionally devised could see over 50,000 members. Might be time to see what else is out there.

**(5) Chapter Incentives**—There being none, "it's wrong and a short-sighted policy," Floyd said chapters should keep a greater

percentage of the National dues or revenue upon exceeding the previous year's total. And why not?

**(6) Staff Assistance**—District staff should be directed to work with the four largest chapters in their districts to assure they launch and execute a coordinated campaign "to hold" at least their present count.

**(7) Experimentation**—Finally, Floyd said National should try out some of its ideas on "selected" chapters first to see if they work. If successful, it would be easier to try elsewhere. Automated membership renewal—as storming now—began in this fashion.

Improvements continue to be made and, under the eyes of national director Herb Yamanishi and business manager Clyde Izumi—the computer guru at Headquarters from what I hear—things keep looking up. PC's counterpart, Dick Kushino, and Gary Mayeda, newly-elected National VP for planning and development, complete the JACL-PC axis.

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### DEATH NOTICE

#### LOUISE MIKIYE ANDO

AUSTIN, Texas — Louise Mikiye Ando passed away on July 26. She was a former 1947 graduate of Carrizo Springs High School and Southwest Texas State University. She worked with the U.S. Treasury Department for over 30 years. Louise is survived by two brothers: Joe (Albuquerque, NM) and George (San Francisco); one niece of Orlando, FL and two nephews from Los Angeles and Misawa AB in Japan.

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**ORATORS**—Participating in the JACL oratorical contest at the convention in San Jose were, from left, Nicole Itano, Mountain Plains District; Emily Durham, Midwest District; Jessica Deardorff, Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District; and Michell Amano, Eastern District; (not pictured, Jill Yamaguchi, Pacific Northwest District). Deardorff of Castro Valley, Calif. won the competition.

## By the board

### Budget debate

By YAS TOKITA

**SALT LAKE CITY**—It was during the mid-1970s during my first term as Mt. Olympus chapter president and during a board meeting when I asked for a motion on an expenditure. Kate Muramoto, who sat on the board, asked how much had been budgeted for the expenditure. A blank look must have been on my face because Kate then launched into a lecture on budgeting, planning and fiscal responsibility. It was a lesson well learned—every organization with which I have involvement must have a budget. I echo Kate's words—a budget need not be cast in stone but in order to have fiscal responsibility a budget provides a plan for maintaining priorities and avoids "seat of the pants" spending.

The San Jose National Convention was significant for the lack of controversy and contentiousness. The most controversial item was the budget and the need for a big dues increase. I was one of those who argued against adoption of the budget and its accompanying large dues increase.

● In 1980, only two of us from the Intermountain District Council argued before the National Council not to pass the then biggest dues increase in JACL history. We argued that the dues increase would result in loss of membership. At that time the membership stood in the 32,000 range. Sure enough, that was the turning point and membership has been in a steady decline since then. The problem is that those in the National Council are dyed-in-the-wool and highly-dedicated JACLers, and when the National Board says it needs an increase, they will vote what the National wants.

● In 1995 Denny Yasuhara wanted all of the Districts to increase their memberships by 10%. This was carried over to 1996 and there are indications that the campaign may be starting to bear fruit. The membership bottomed out in 1995, and in the first two quarters of 1996 memberships renewals are 2,970 ahead of 1995.

● The problem is that a dues increase is acknowledged to hurt membership. One of the assumptions in the budget is that the \$7 dues increase (19% increase in single membership and \$10 increase in couple, Century, and 1000 Club memberships) will result in a loss of at least 3% in memberships. Instituting a dues increase at a time when we are trying to increase membership is counterproductive.

● Some chapters have taken Denny's challenge to increase membership seriously. Our Mt. Olympus Chapter has increased its membership since the start of the year by 50%. (From 120 to 180 members today.) The Wasatch Front North has increased its membership by 100%.

● Grace Ueyehara also said before the National Council that if all chapters put forth the effort in the Legacy Fund Campaign of the 12 chapters which achieved over 100% of their assigned goals, the Legacy Fund would have easily surpassed and achieved a multiple of the goal of \$10 million. The same case can be made for the membership goal of a 10% increase. If all

chapters put forth a strong membership campaign, the budget debate would go away. The national organization could achieve all of its goals without a dues increase.

**What Do Other Organizations Charge?**—Herb Yamanishi wrote in the Aug. 2-15 PC (page 4) about "comparing JACL dues with others." The average single dues for organizations from AARP through the VFW, not counting the NRA (which charges \$195 but lobbies very heavily), is \$27. The Sierra Club found in a study of price sensitivity to dues increases that there is significant resistance when dues are increased above \$35.

**What Will the Dues Increase Fund?**—The dues increase will provide funding primarily for operating and capital reserves, programs and staff salaries. Although these are areas needing additional funding, they are "invisible" to the membership. One of our IDC chapters complains that granting increases to National is like "throwing money into a dark, bottomless rat hole with an insatiable appetite." Does this sound like the lament of the American taxpayer?

**Do We Need a Dues Increase?**—In order to meet the 1997 and 1998 membership revenue targets we need \$107,000 more than was collected in 1995. In order to achieve this number we need 2,972 more single memberships at \$36 than in 1995. Guess what—through the first half of 1996, we are 2,970 membership renewals ahead of 1995!

**Suggestions for an Alternative**—If you have read this far, "Gambatte kudasai," (roughly translated: "Hang in there!")

● Put a full-court press on increasing memberships. Support Karen-Liane Shiba's program for a strong fourth quarter push.

● At year end, reassess the need for a dues increase. The indications are that a dues increase may not be needed if membership renewal trends continue. The National Council passed the budget but did not specifically dictate a dues increase. The increase is simply implied from the increase in dues revenues but it assumes also a 3% membership loss.

● If a dues increase is instituted, go with the "34 PC issues per year" plan. Richard Suenaga (PC editor) says that one issue during the summer months of June, July, August (which would allow for staff vacations) and December (Holiday Issue), and weekly during the other eight months, is workable. In this fashion, the JACL membership will see a tangible benefit for the dues increase.

The nature of this debate centers on whether we want the JACL to grow, or decline into a shrinking, irrelevant organization relegated to the backwaters. This is not even debatable. ■

Yas Tokita is Intermountain District Council Governor.

## LETTERS

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We should be honored that our leaders were able to meet with the President for an intimate 15 minutes during the Convention. Public criticism do nothing to advance the causes and issues we support and advocate. In fact, lashing out at the President will make it much harder for us in the future to get access to the policy makers in the Administration, let alone meetings with the President.

It takes months of effort on the part of someone like Doris Matsui, deputy director for the White House Office of Public Liaison to convince the President that he should take time of his schedule to meet with groups like the JACL. High ranking staff members like Doris Matsui put their names and reputations on the line when they advocate for a group to get an audience with the President. How does it reflect on her when the President decided to follow her recommendation?

As I understand, there were some important issues discussed such as the bill pending in Congress on making Manzanar a

historical site, our concerns about anti-immigrant feelings and its connection to hate crimes — issues that should be addressed with the President. I wished discussion on these matters was highlighted.

If we are going to have issues and concerns with the President, they should be substantive ones like, "why did he sign a welfare reform bill that is so unfair to legal immigrants," not "why did you hurt our feelings by not making a token appearance?"

Clyde Nishimura

Washington, D.C. JACL

## J.A. Utah Centennial

### a rousing success

**SALT LAKE CITY**—Japanese Americans celebrated its Utah Centennial in record numbers: over 860 at the banquet, 700 for the fashion show and 500 for the Arboretum picnic over the Aug. 23-25 weekend. Japanese Ambassador Kunihiko Saito headlined the speakers, which included newly elected JACL national president Helen Kawagoe and Chieko Okazaki of the Mormon Church hierarchy.

Born in Pescadero, Calif., he attended San Jose State College in 1941-42, before being interned to Poston II in Arizona.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1944 and joined the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, assigned as a combat medic with the Third Battalion. He served during the Po Valley Campaign in Italy. He was discharged in 1946.

Masamori then studied photography under Patrick Coffey from 1946-47, and began his own operation in 1948.

## JACLers

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Takahashi was born in Clovis, Calif., and was interned at Poston II. She attended the University of California at Berkeley and received her doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of California at San Francisco.

The honoree has been a member of the Clovis Chapter since 1965. She served as governor of the Central California District during the 1987-88 biennium. In 1987, she became a member of the JACL/LEC (Legislative Education Committee), serving first as fundraising chair and then as treasurer from 1993.

Takahashi owns and operates a pharmacy in Fresno, Calif. In 1994, she founded the Professional Pharmacists Alliance, an organization of independent pharmacy owners in the central California area. In addition to these activities, Takahashi is a member of the board of the Japanese American National Memorial Foundation.

Masamori is known for his long-time service to the Mile-Hi Chapter, JACL, as well as with other community organizations.

He has been a member since 1960. He has held various offices, including president, and currently serves on the board of directors. Additionally, he is the treasurer for the Mountain Plains District Council of JACL.

In 1992, Masamori was appointed veterans liaison to JACL by then-National President Lillian Kimura.

In area activities, Masamori is a member of the Ralph Carr Memorial Committee to honor the former Colorado governor who supported Japanese Americans during the war and after. The JACLer also chaired the Minoru Yasui Memorial Committee to honor the late JACL leader.

Masamori serves on the Denver Mayor's Asian Advisory Council.

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## HARA

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### National Endowment Fund

With the new Article XV, the former "National Endowment Fund Committee," is now superfluous. JACL is indeed fortunate to have had the dedicated services of life members Shig Wakamatsu and Dr. Roy Nishikawa and elected members like Tomio Moriguchi (and many others over the years) for their creation of and solicitation on behalf of the Endowment fund. They were very encouraging in the development of this larger concept, and their willingness to see it through to the dissolution of the old committee is a great credit to them.

Although that committee may be no more, the National Endowment Fund remains a segregated account under that name under new Article XV. Consistent with its origin, the principal of the endowment cannot be disposed of without a written vote of three-fourths of the chapters, and its annual income remains available to the organization for application to our budget.

As I have tried to make clear to the National Council, this amendment deals only with investment policies, to be developed by the new committee with the approval of the Board.

Any questions as to the actual control over income or principal of any of the underlying accounts remain subject to the governing documents which created the particular fund. Prompt ratification of the provision will allow the Board and the new committee to get the consolidation underway.

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