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## Three Nisei deported from Peru in WWII sue U.S. for redress

BY HARRY K. HONDA  
Interim editor

National JACL "stands shoulder-to-shoulder" with the Japanese Latin Americans (JLA) in filing a class action civil suit against the United States for redress and justice. The suit was filed Aug. 28 at the federal district court in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles civil rights attorneys Robin S. Toma, Paul L. Mills, and So. Calif. ACLU legal director emeritus Fred Okrand, filed for Carmen Mochizuki, 64, Alice Nishimoto, 63, and Henry Toshio Shima, 73, and on behalf of all other similarly situated survivors. Defendants include U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno; Dede Greene in her official capacity as administrator of the Office of Redress Administration; and unknown U.S. government agents.

A statement from newly elected national

President Helen S. Kawagoe and JACL National Director Herb Yamanishi was addressed to Grace Shimizu, co-chair of JLA's Campaign for Justice.

"The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 signed by President Reagan has allowed the healing process to take place in the hearts of those Americans of Japanese ancestry who were interned," the JACL letter said. "The Japanese Latin Americans have suffered the same experience side by side along with all those who were interned yet their redress was denied... We recognize the unfinished business of redress for the Japanese Latin Americans."

### Little-known Campaign

The suit charges that after the Pearl Harbor attack, the U.S. conducted a little-known campaign of deportation and in-

ternment of Latin American Japanese civilians from cooperating Latin American countries to U.S. prison camps, for exchange for American citizens caught in the Far East.

The suit challenges the Eligibility Provision as applied under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which has denied redress to Latin American Japanese, causing them mental anguish, humiliation and suffering and also contends it to be, as applied to JLAs, in violation of international law and the U.S. Constitution, and seeks an injunction that they be made eligible in order to restore their full Fifth Amendment rights.

The mass arrests, deportations and imprisonment without hearing of Latin American Japanese, the suit further charges, violated international law, pointing to the forcible deportation during World War II.

The plaintiffs all claimed they were de-

ported without hearings, their consent or intention and were detained in the U.S. internment camp without hearing to determine their status as "enemies of the U.S. or as illegal immigrants in the U.S." (Peru has never revealed its criteria for designating individuals as potentially dangerous). Mochizuki and Nishimoto were both held at the Crystal City, Texas, facility. Shima was imprisoned in Kennedy, Texas; Kooskia, Idaho (a road-building camp); and at Crystal City.

### 'Eligibility' Cited

The suit cites Section 1989b-7(2) of the Civil Liberties Act definition for eligibility of restitution as "any individual of Japanese ancestry who is living on the date of the enactment of this Act and who during

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## Asian American leaders briefed at White House

WASHINGTON - Over 100 leaders from the Asian and Pacific American community from different parts of the country were invited and briefed July 26 at the White House on the economy, education, welfare reform and trade. They were welcomed by Doris Matsui, the deputy assistant to the President and deputy director, Office of Public Liaison.

President Clinton's Cabinet Secretaries, Donna Shalala of Health and Human Services, Richard Riley of Education, Mickey Kantor of Commerce, chairman Joseph Stiglitz of the Council of Economic Advisors, and White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, addressed the group as well as responded to concerns of the audience.

Riley voiced his opposition to legislation pending in Congress making English the official language. "We all know that (English is America's language). We do not need to declare it." (On Aug. 1, the House voted 259-169, and passed HR 123, the official language bill. See Aug. 16-Sept. 5 PC The electronic vote: R 223-8; D 36-160; Ind 0-1.)

Panetta reiterated the administration's commitment to equal rights and equal justice. A Monterey, Calif., born son of Italian immigrants, he emphasized that America is proud of its diversity. ■



MATSUI



RILEY



KANTOR



SHALALA

SAN FRANCISCO - Guidelines for research and educational grant programs under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 were announced Sept. 4 by the board of directors of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund. (Text of the 14-point guidelines appears elsewhere in this issue.)

The board announced two themes, Education and Research, "to help assure the Fund that a variety of projects are promoted," board chair Dale Minami stated. "We look forward to receiving a number of qualified applicants."

Aim of the grant program is to educate the public about the lessons from the WWII internment by the U.S. government of Japanese Americans and permanent Issei residents, as stipulated in the so-called "redress bill." In addition to the themes, the board established three levels of funding: (1) Candlelight awards of up to \$25,000, (2) Torchlight awards of up to \$100,000, and (3) Beacon awards of up to \$250,000. In 1994, a sum of \$5 million was appropriated or set aside by the Office of Redress Administration for board use.

"Despite the limits on resources, the board felt that it was important to promote a set of diverse projects," vice chair Susan Hayase stated. "Having grant categories for small, medium and large-scale projects will help the Fund promote various education and research objectives."



MINAMI

CLPEF Executive Director Dale Shimasaki. In addition to the grant programs, the board must also publish the proceedings and testimony of the federal Commission on the Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), Shimasaki noted.

Application kits will be available sometime in October from the CLPEF East Coast Office, Martha Watanabe, deputy executive director, 1730 K St. NW, Suite 410, Washington, DC 20006, 202/653-2812, fax 202/653-2815.

Shimasaki is currently at the CLPEF West Coast Office, c/o U.S. EEOC, 901 Market St. Suite 500, San Francisco, CA 94103, 415/356-5020, fax 415/356-5025. ■

## Bill poses threat to affirmative action, says AP organization

WASHINGTON - The recently passed bill in the House, HR 2128 - Equal Opportunity Act of 1996, was denounced by the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC) as "deceptively named" and as "ongoing efforts to turn back the clock on this country's struggle toward equal opportunities for all Americans."

NAPALC says the bill would eliminate all federal affirmative action in education, employment and federal contracting.

A substitute bill, targeting only federal contracting with women and minorities, may be considered by the House Judiciary Committee, chaired by Rep. Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.), when Congress reconvenes this month.

Rep. Jan Meyers (R-Kan.), chair of the House Small Business Committee, said she may introduce a measure to eliminate or drastically reduce the SBA's Section 8(a) program, which aids small disadvantaged business (SDB) owners whose net worth is \$250,000 or less.

At the same time, the Clinton administration's ongoing review of all federal affirmative action programs has proposed new guidelines in federal procure-

ment in light of the 1995 Supreme Court opinion in *Adarand v. Peña*. The court held that race-conscious remedies administered by the federal government must serve a compelling governmental interest and be narrowly tailored, under a "strict scrutiny" test of constitutionality, NAPALC added.

### Heart of HR 2128

Karen Narasaki, NAPALC executive di-

rector, explained that HR 2128 aims to prevent the federal government from acting to combat discriminatory barriers confronting women and minorities in business and the government contracting system.

The proposed substitute Hyde bill would outlaw Small Business Administrations' SBA 8(a) and 8(d) programs and also exist-

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## Education, research

Four key areas in education are:

(1) Curriculum-incorporating the history and issues of WWII exclusion and detention of persons of Japanese ancestry as part of the K-12 and post-secondary educational curricula.

(2) Institutional and landmark initiatives-preserving historic landmarks and developing permanent focal points, monuments and cultural institutions.

(3) Community development.

(4) Arts and media-using the media, including new technology, and the arts creatively and strategically appealing to the public, enriching community-based efforts.

Three categories under Research Programs are:

(1) Research projects.

(2) National fellows program-the Fund intends to award up to 15 graduate fellowships of \$10,000 each for post-baccalaureate students.

(3) Research and archival-to increase accessibility of essential documents with possible innovative technology.

Pacific Citizen will publish final grant regulations in the next issue. ■

## 'Next Millenium' is theme of PC Holiday Issue

Preparations for the 1996 P.C. Holiday Issue advertising and stories began last month and the advertising kits are in process of completion and distribution to the JACL chapters for end of this month. As in previous years, the kits are mailed first class, certified with request of receipt form attached, to chapter president or our Holiday Issue representative.

The PC staff asks its corps of columnists and past Holiday Issue contributors to consider the exciting theme of

the 1996 Holiday Issue, "The Next Millenium." An open invitation is extended to those who have serious thoughts, dreams and expectations. Submissions are subject to editing for reasons of space.

Annual JACL chapter reports with an action-shot taken at one of the events are welcome.

The issue will be off the press in mid-December. Deadline is Nov. 30 for advertising and stories. ■

—Harry K. Honda, Interim editor



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## JACL calendar

### Eastern

#### NEW YORK

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

#### PHILADELPHIA

December—Christmas party, 215/848-1715

1998: July 1-5—35th biennial Nat'l JACL Convention, Sheraton Society Hill, Philadelphia.

#### WASHINGTON D.C.

Sat. Sept. 21—Keiro-kai, 5-7 p.m., Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, Md, JACL Office, 202/223-1240.

Sat. Nov. 23—Annual meeting, 2-4 p.m., BHPC Church Lounge, Bethesda, Md.

Sun. Dec. 15—Mochitsuki, 1-5 p.m., BHPC, Bethesda, Md.

### Midwest

#### CLEVELAND

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

#### DAYTON

Sun. Oct. 20—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., UMB, 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.

### Mountain Plains

#### NEW MEXICO

Sat. Sept. 21—Family potluck picnic, noon-5 p.m., Snow Municipal Park, Indian School NE between Moon and Parsifal, Albuquerque. Info: Darrell Yonemoto 505/888-4167.

### NCal-WN-Pacific

#### DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

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Sat. Sept. 28—Workshop on Affirmative Action & CCRI, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. NOTE—Joni Hramoto, Don Tamaki, Kimi Lee, panelists; Karen Tomine, moderator.

#### FLORIN

Sat. Sept. 28—6th annual Women's Day Forum: Kaleidoscope of Challenges (men welcome), 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., CSU Sacramento Library, Japanese American Archival Collections conference room, RSVP donation includes continental breakfast, luncheon, \$20 member, \$30 nonmember, registration: 916/444-5827. NOTE—Speakers: Dorothy Enomoto (How to Survive a Bi-racial Marriage), Beckie Masaki (Suffering in Silence), Satsuki Ina Ph.D. (Discrimination, Stereotypes, Intolerance), Georgiana White (Issei Women, a Revered Generation), Noriko Nagata (Opportunities for Self-fulfillment).

#### RENO

Sun. Oct. 20—Halloween potluck, 12n, Knights of Pythias Hall, info: Tracey Yamamoto 702/853-4816.

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

Sun. Dec. 15—Christmas potluck/Santa's visit, 12n, Knights of Pythias Hall, info: Joanna Allen 702/345-0620.

1997: Jan. 12—Installation potluck, 12n, Knights of Pythias Hall info: Cindy Lu 702/827-6385.

#### STOCKTON

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

#### WEST VALLEY

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

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

Sat. Nov. 16—Election and general meeting.

Sat. Dec. 7—Mochitsuki, 5 a.m.-1 p.m., West Valley JACL Clubhouse.

### Central California

#### TRI-DISTRICT/CCDC

1997: April—CCDC hosts next NCWNPDC-CCDC-PSWDC Tri-District

Conference in Las Vegas.

### Pacific Southwest

#### LAS VEGAS

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

#### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Sun. Sept. 29—Eugene Oda Scholarship Recognition Luncheon, noon, Odyssey Restaurant, 15600 Odyssey St., Granada Hills; RSVP Sally Hamamoto 818/361-2902, Mitzi Kishida 818/360-6718, Marion Shigekuni 818/893-1581, Dorothy Kono 818/893-9127. NOTE—Eugene's parents, James and Dr. Mary Oda, established in 1976 a scholarship in memory of their son who was killed in a tragic traffic accident that year. In recognition of their generous dedication, the JACL, Community Center and SFV Coordinating Council are luncheon hosts. The Odas similarly offer a Riverside JACL scholarship in Eugene's name. An MIS instructor during WWII and author, James has been a JACL pioneer in the Kibei Americanization process in the 1930s. Her medical studies interrupted by Manzanar, Mary received her M.D. from Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and is currently in private practice with her brother Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi.

#### SANTA MARIA VALLEY

Sun. Oct. 13—Family picnic, noon-5 p.m., Waller Park Area 7, Santa Maria; RSVP by Oct 6, info: Kaz Oye 805/937-5776, Ralph Ohta 934-3076. NOTE—Share your Potluck vegetable dish, salad, musubi, tsukemono or dessert; games, races and bingo, oak smoked chicken barbecue, hot dogs, soft drinks, plates and utensils will be provided, Donation \$5 adult, \$2 children under 12, under 5 free.

#### VENTURA COUNTY

Sun. Oct. 6—"Celebrating Our Heritage" 3-6 p.m., Camarillo Community Center, 1605 E. Burnley St. (at Carmen Dr.), Camarillo, info: 805/656-6754. NOTE—Admission by donation, Festival of Japanese cultural arts, exhibit, crafts for children, free food tasting, classical dance groups.

## Community calendar

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### Midwest

#### CHICAGO

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

### Pacific Northwest

#### SEATTLE

Sat. Sept. 21—First Hills Lions Club sukiyaki dinner, 3-7 p.m., Blaine Memorial UMC, 3001-24th Ave. South; info: 206/723/1536.

Sat.-Sun. Sept. 21-22—Saga Goryu Ikebana exhibit, 1-6 p.m. Sat, noon-5 p.m. Sun., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1610 S. King St.

#### 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 303/776-0386.

#### Nevada

#### LAS VEGAS

Thru June 1997—"Beyond Gum San: a History of the Chinese in Nevada," 9 a.m.-5 daily, Nevada State Museum, 700 Twin Lakes Dr., Lorenzi Park.

#### RENO-POSTON I

Mon. Oct. 7-9—Former Poston I High School graduates - students 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 Cal

#### SACRAMENTO

Sun. Sept. 29—Jan Ken Po Gakko Holiday Arts and Crafts fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Japanese United Methodist Church, 6929 Franklin Blvd., info: Karen Kashiwagi 916/391-3742.

FRI., OCT. 4—Evening for Equality of Opportunity fund-raiser, 7-11 p.m., The Grand Ballroom, 1215 J St., info: Asian Pacific Americans for Affirmative Action (Greater Sacramento Area) 2124-10th St., Sacramento 95818, 916-447-0231. NOTE—Musicians, singers, theatrical group, with emcee Tom Nakashimna, 108FM radio personality.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

Sun. Oct. 6—Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4 p.m., info: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Margaret Iwai-

Ey 510/724-6247.

### Southern Cal

#### LOS ANGELES

Through Oct. 27—East West Players' 31st and final season in the current Silverlake location, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., "Cabaret" by John Kander and Fred Ebb, 8 p.m. Thu-Fri-Sat, 2 p.m. Sun., box office: 213/660-0366.

Through Jan. 1997—JANM's main exhibit: "Fighting for Tomorrow: Japanese Americans in America's Wars," JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo, 213/625-0414.

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

Sat. Sept. 21—First anniversary Maryknoll Japanese Catholic Center dinner, 6:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Los Angeles; info: MJCC 213/626-2279. NOTE—Cardinal Peter Shirayanagi, Tokyo, and Cardinal Roger Mahony, Los Angeles, guests of honor.

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

Fri. Sept. 27—JAS Talk: "Crisis and Change in the Japanese Economy and Future of U.S. Japan Relations" by Dr. Haruo Shimada, author and TV commentator, 3:30-6 p.m., Town and Gown Hall, USC Gate #2, RSVP by Sept. 25, JAS 213/627-6217 x 14. NOTE—Commentary by Frank Gibney.

### Small kid time



### Gwen Muranaka



## Alaska student video on Nisei GIs wins recognition

By SYLVIA KOBAYASHI  
Special to the Pacific Citizen

ANCHORAGE—A couple of non-Asian high school juniors here have just produced a 10-minute documentary, *Japanese American Soldiers of World War II: Why Did They Fight?* which qualified for the '96 National History Day competition June 9-13 at the University of Maryland.

Tara Ervin and Renee Kelly won second place in the Group Media category in the senior high division of the '96 History Day in Alaska contest. JACLers assisted them with material and video clips.

Until one Alaska JACL member mentioned the story, they knew very little, if any, about Japanese Americans. The video was shown here at the Japanese American Gathering May 25.

National History Day is patterned after science fairs to promote the study of history in the

schools in a creative fashion. Participating students develop research papers, displays, media

presentations and performances on the annual theme. This year it was "Taking a Stand on History."

## In memoriam: Arthur Flemming, friend to JAs, dies

Arthur S. Flemming, who died Sept. 7 at age 91 in Washington, D.C., was "a man for all presidents" since the 1930s, from



ARTHUR S. FLEMMING  
(Photo circa 1970)

Hoover to Clinton. The obituaries which the wire services circulated noted, "He was known for his thoughtful approaches to welfare, Medicare, integration and other key social matters of his age." The Japanese American community remembers his appointment by President Carter to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (1981-82) along with Judge William Marutani and Attorney Joan Bernstein. (See "East Wind" p.8)

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## Californians urged to vote

Spurred by JACL and other national APA organizations, the National Asian Pacific American Voter Registration Campaign, which began last March, reminded Californians they have until Monday, Oct. 7, to register as a voter, report a change of address or apply for an absentee ballot with the County Registrar/Recorder for the Nov. 5 General Election.

The half-year campaign to bolster Asian Pacific American numbers on election day was motivated by that fact that in most communities less than 25 percent of APAs over age 18 are registered voters, according to Florin JACLers Frank Iritani and Mary Tsukamoto, who have been campaigners.

"One common basis which can hold us in good stead is Citizenship—registering to vote, becoming informed on issues and candidates, and finally voting on election day," they stressed.

Former national JACL president Lillian Kimura, New Jersey, declared, "For us to be respected and our views regarded, we must demonstrate that we are a force by the numbers who go to the polls."

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# Affirmative action in the '90s—keeping diversity alive

By **NOBIE MIYOSHI and CHIYE TOMIHIRO**

SAN JOSE—JACL is committed to eliminating discrimination in the United States and achieving equal opportunity for all. This proposition was the soul of a key workshop, "Affirmative Action in the '90s: a Vision of Diversity for the Future," at the JACL National convention.

Featured panelists were TV-filmmaker Wendy Hanamura, attorney Don Tamaki of the team which successfully reopened the Supreme Court cases of Yasui, Hirabayashi and Korematsu, and journalist Robert Handa from San Francisco's KPIX Channel 5 Eyewitness News as moderator.

Hanamura, who produced the prize-winning Emmy Award documentary *Honor Bound*, following the WWII footsteps of the 442nd combat team through France and Italy with her father, related her own experiences as a student at Harvard, where she entered

through a special recruitment plan. She graduated summa cum laude. She was then hired by Time-Life, where she observed the dominance of white males in top positions.

Hanamura was later hired by KPIX-TV because the station was interested in responding to the burgeoning Asian American population in the San Francisco Bay area. She said she was able to meet a wide range of their interests and needs because as an Asian American mother she understood the problems concerning the differences between the Japanese from Japan and the Japanese American. Although there were no affirmative action programs labeled as such in her time, she credited the special opportunities, which had a similar philosophical basis, for her success.

Tamaki practices with a law firm which advocates for the civil rights of Asian Americans. A Phi Beta Kappa and Boalt Hall graduate of UC, Berkeley, he founded

the Asian Law Alliance in San Jose and later directed the Asian Law Caucus, a public interest legal team for low-income Asian Americans.

To counter the opinion held by many that admittance to colleges should be limited to only the qualified, Tamaki related the story of his friend from an uneducated migrant labor family who was recruited by UC, Berkeley. In spite of difficulties, he persevered and went on to Stanford Law School.

Moderator Handa, a distinguished alumnus from San Jose State, has been with KPIX-TV for six years. He previously worked

for 10 years with the MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour on KNTV, the ABC affiliate of PBS in San Jose, winning numerous awards.

It was generally agreed that despite apparent successes enjoyed by the Japanese American there

is still a glass ceiling, and we must move beyond our selfish interests and support affirmative action to help others as we were helped. ■

—Contributed by Nobie Miyoshi, Sansei Legacy Project, and Chiye Tomihiro, Chicago JACL.



**HOT TOPIC**—From left, journalist Robert Handa, TV documentarian Wendy Hanamura and attorney Don Tamaki discuss affirmative action at the San Jose convention workshop.

## Dealing with sexual harassment

Experts tell how to recognize it, take actions

By **TOM KOMETANI**

Today most people recognize that sexual harassment debases and denigrates the victim in ways similar to rape. Sexual harassment has no boundaries of sex, class, age or race — anybody is a potential harasser or harassee. Sexual harassment is not a romantic involvement but is best defined as an abuse of power, usually by an authority figure.

If you attended the JACL Women's Concerns Committee workshop, "Sexual Harassment: Are you safe?" at the 1996 National JACL Convention in San Jose, you learned that sexual harassment is against the Federal employment laws.

The workshop's central theme was that employers and their managers face dire legal and financial consequences if sexual harassment complaints by employees are not promptly handled to make a workplace safe. Therefore, it is important that all employees know:

- ✓ What comprises sexual harassment,
- ✓ How to recognize it,
- ✓ What you can do if you are sexually harassed,
- ✓ Whom you should turn to, and
- ✓ What to do if you are unfairly charged.

An outstanding panel of sexual harassment experts, moderated by attorney and community activist Karen Kai Rusky of the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District (NCWNPD), explained the legal aspects of the

subject and answered questions from the audience.

Panelists were Robert Hayashi, attorney with Berliner-Cohen; Caryl Ito, past president of San Francisco Women's Commission, and Brad Yamauchi, attorney with Minami, Lew and Tamaki.

The critical legal points were made in a realistic skit depicting a corporate mishandling of a sexual harassment complaint. The players were Paula Shimizu, Bruce Shimizu, Leah Hamachi and Roland Minami, all of NCWNPD.

Some of the important "learnings" from the workshop:

- (1) Tell the harasser early on that his/her sexual comments/actions are offensive and not wanted.
- (2) Record harassment incidents and your comments to the harasser in a journal with dates, and names of witnesses if possible.
- (3) Report harassment complaints to your manager and your Equal Employment Opportunity officer.
- (4) Remember, it's the law. Keep good records because you may have to litigate to obtain justice.

The 80-plus participants of the interactive workshop had fun even while learning about this serious and important subject. ■

—Contributor Tom Kometani is Eastern district Council governor.

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## Workshop sessions

In 10 sessions, JACL convention delegates were offered provocative and timely topics to think about and take home with them. Workshop subjects ranged from cultural to political and social issues, discussed by panelists with wide experiences and professional backgrounds . . . Here, then, are highlights from most of the workshops.

## For hapas, 'fork chops' say it all

By **PATTY HONDA ARRA**

SANJOSE—Fork Chops are just what you would imagine them to be—a fork and knife on one end and a pair of chopsticks on the other. Convention delegates had the chance to buy them at \$5 apiece at the end of the "Hapa Issues and the Japanese American Community" workshop. Perhaps this utensil in part exemplifies life for hapas. And the hapa issues workshop provoked thoughts and feelings for the Nisei and Sansei at the Fairmont Hotel on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 10.

The well-attended workshop primarily focused on the Hawaiian term meaning "half." While the Nisei felt the word to be negative, associated with the term, *ainoko*, or "love-child" (a prewar Japanese-English dictionary says: hybrid; a half-caste, half-blood, half-breed). The Sansei, on the other hand, found Hapa to be perfectly acceptable and "safe."

In the United States, it was not until 1967 that persons of color could marry out of their race in 16 Southern states,



**MAKING A POINT**—Greg Mayeda talks about life as a hapa as Rebecca Kubota King listens.

which had anti-miscegenation laws. Today, hapas are increasing in number. Statistics reveal Japanese Americans marry out of their race at the rate of 65 percent, women at two times the rate of men. Twenty percent of all Asian Americans in California alone have multi-racial children.

Workshop speakers Rebecca Kubota King and Greg Mayeda believed that hapa children would grow up to be more Japanese or more Caucasian depending upon how they are influenced at home: i.e., activities and cultural affairs at-

tended, foods they tasted and ate at home, languages they learned and communities which embraced them and did not discriminate against them for being hapa.

King and Mayeda were commonly asked, "Where are you from?" while growing up; so many people were confused as to what they were.

For those who were not hapa, the

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Patty Honda Arra is a member of the Downtown Los Angeles Chapter.

## Census confusion

The Hapa generation and their parents have another issue to ponder as the U.S. Census Bureau prepares for the next one in 2000. Some individuals of mixed heritage are tired of checking off "Other"; some oppose Census changes.

Karen Maeda Allman, 37, part Japanese and part Caucasian, described herself differently every decade on the Census. Given the chance, she wants a check-box for Multiracial.

Fredrick Cloyd, 42, grew up in Japan where he was shunned because of his ancestry: African American, Cherokee, Welsh, Japanese, Chinese and European. He wants the Census to abandon racial categories.

Categories determine the racial and ethnic standards for schools and colleges, banks and mortgages as well as Voting Rights Act, political boundaries, civil rights and public health statistics.

The Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law, the NAACP, the Urban League and the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies believe "the OMB (Office of Management and Budget) should not rush to institute [a] Multiracial category when there is clear potential for increasing the racial segregation, discrimination and stigmatization of black Americans."

Rep. Thomas Sawyer (D-Ohio), who chaired hearings into which racial categories should be listed in Census 2000, remarked: "We are arguably the most extraordinary mixture of humanity ever gathered under one flag."





**CEMENTING J.A. HISTORY**—Workshop at the 1996 JACL Convention on San Jose of the monumental task faced by the Nisei-Sansei in the military featured (from left) infantry Maj. Gen. James Mukoyama, retired; moderator Judy Niizawa, military intelligence Col. Harry Fukuhara, retired, and 442nd veteran Rudy Tokiwa.

## National JACL to take on this 'monumental task'

By JUDY NIIZAWA  
Moderator

Representing the Japanese American experience in the military, three primary sources, Maj. Gen. James Mukoyama, Col. Harry Fukuhara (both retired) and 442nd veteran Rudy Tokiwa, addressed the JACL Convention workshop on "Cementing our history: a monumental task—the Japanese American story through the eyes of Japanese American veterans," covering World War II, the Pacific, Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars.

Gen. Mukoyama of Chicago began the workshop by citing incidents during his officer candidate school—one, being condemned for having Japanese ancestors. His response to that was: "And what did your family do for World War II? Mine belonged to the most decorated unit [the 442nd] in Europe."

Even though the smallest in physical stature, he said, Japanese American trainees didn't shirk being assigned to heavy equipment duty or taking on the role of the "enemy" in mock skirmishes. Mukoyama did praise the U.S. Army for its impeccable respect for ability and that all minorities are well represented among the higher echelon, receiving their promotions based on merit.

Fukuhara, now of San Jose, was working as a gardener while attending college before the war. He was suddenly dismissed—not knowing that Pearl Harbor had happened—and ended up with his family at Gila River WRA camp, from which he was

to volunteer for military intelligence service. He served with distinction for 29 years, mainly in Japan, and continued in a civilian capacity for 19 additional years. It was clear in his presentation that his distinguished career had not erased the pain and agony of the racist treatment he had received as a youth.

In 1942, Tokiwa was only 16 but was drafted anyway, even with a birth certificate in hand. He spoke of his basic training at Camp Shelby, Miss., and at Fort Patrick Henry, Va. He recalled Nisei soldiers dancing at the USO, where white soldiers couldn't contain their resentment and would cut in on them all. Fisticuffs ensued—even to the point of death, he added.

One of Rudy's comrades in the 442 was Bill Kochiyama, who was to marry the woman who helped establish the camp USO inside Rohwer and at Shelby—Mary Nakahara. He stated the ability of the Nisei to cite their WWII military service made a "definite impact on the senior members in Congress who voted for redress legislation."

To assure that the history of the patriotism and loyalty of the Japanese Americans is commemorated in a significant manner in the U.S., one acre of land is being secured for a permanent monument near the nation's capitol. Funds to raise that monument are being coordinated by the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, Washington, D.C. The National JACL Convention also passed a JACL resolution in support.

## Panel says self-determination for native Hawaiians is JACL issue

By CLYDE NISHIMURA  
Washington, D.C., Chapter

In 1893, Marines from the USS Boston landed in Honolulu under the pretense of protecting the safety of American citizens and were instrumental in the forceful overthrow of the independent Kingdom of Hawaii. A century later, the United States officially apologized for this unsanctioned and unauthorized American intervention into the unlawful overthrow of a sovereign nation. Now the native sons and daughters of Hawaii seek redress and the right to self-determination. Now the children of a land once proudly ruled by the likes of King Kamehameha and Queen Liliuokalani must choose their destiny and the future of Hawaii.

This setting was the background for an outstanding workshop titled, "Native Hawaiian Redress and Self Determination" that was held during the recent JACL Biennial National Convention. There were three leaders of this workshop: Puanani Burgess, president of the Pu'a Foundation and executive director of the Wai'anae Coast Alternative Community Development Corporation; Alan Murakami, co-president of the JACL Honolulu Chapter and litigation director of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation; and June Shimokawa, member, Honolulu Chapter.

the historical aspects of the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii and the current question of self-determination, Puanani Burgess started the workshop by giving a thought-provoking presentation of the cultural and personal dilemma facing many Native Hawaiians.

In traditional Hawaiian style, Burgess invoked personal stories to illustrate her various points. For instance, she told of a Po Po (Chinese term for grandmother) who could not understand why her grandson could not see some horses that she took him to see. It was not until the Po Po lowered herself and took on her grandson's perspective that she realized his view was blocked.

Burgess used this story as a way of telling us that we must take on the perspective of the Native Hawaiians to fully understand the question of self-determination.

She also told us of her father, a person of Japanese ancestry, who was sometimes confused and troubled by opposing cultural identities. In a story that may be familiar to some JACL members, we heard how her father was told by his relatives that he should lose his Japanese identity and become solely American.

### On being American

Burgess then told the audience that in the past, Native Hawaiians were also told to abandon their past culture and become Americanized. To this Burgess stated that losing one's cultural

identity is a devastating loss and that one should be proud of their heritage.

After a short video was shown, the workshop turned into a question and answer period. In response to a question from the audience, Alan Murakami presented a brief synopsis of the history behind the ownership of land in Hawaii. By using a simple pie chart, he showed how during the Mahele [the decree allowing purchase of land] of the 1840's, the land in Hawaii was divided between the King, the Ali'i (chiefs of the ruling class), and the common people. He stated that many Hawaiians did not seek to gain land ownership during the Mahele, as land ownership was an unknown concept to them.

Murakami later explained how this impacts the current situation in Hawaii with regard to the ceded land now held by the U.S. Federal government.

### HR 442/PL 103-150

The workshop closed with two important comments. Murakami referred us to excerpts from two Congressional documents, HR442 and the 1993 Public Law 103-150 (apology from Congress to Native Hawaiians). Unfortunately time constraints did not allow for the reading of the pertinent passages of these bills. However, these were printed on the workshop flyer and are worth contemplating.

From HR442: "For these fundamental violations of the basic civil liberties and constitutional rights

of these individuals of Japanese Ancestry, the Congress apologizes on behalf of the Nation."

From PL 103-150: "The Congress apologizes to Native Hawaiians on behalf of the people of the United States for the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii... and the deprivation of the rights of Native Hawaiians to self-determination."

Those of us who attended the workshop were then left with the following question: Japanese Americans sought redress and won. Should not the Native Hawaiians also gain redress for the

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workshop nonetheless provided insight into the lives of relatives or friends who were. Many of them seemed to be concerned how the JACL would integrate hapa issues into the organization's agenda.

King and Mayeda applauded the JACL for being a progressive organization focusing on issues affecting Japanese Americans such as gay rights, hate crimes and immigration. However, they said more needs to be done to further increase the level of awareness of hapas, and to include them in upcoming events and programs to acknowledge that this "new culture is developing and to affirm that multiculturalism and diversity is okay."

A quarterly newsletter, "What's

drawing a standing-room-only audience of more than 70 people. It is apparent that JACL is ready for Internet, declared Ed Mitoma, national chair of the U.S.-Japan Relations Committee.

Special thanks were paid to Ken and Ann Yabusaki of Berkeley, workshop co-chairs; convention events chair Mark Kobayashi, Steve Yamagata; Yoshihiro Kajiura of NTT America; and Mary Jean Koonce of Pacific Creations.

Packets for perusal have been circulated to JACL offices, USJR associates and PSWDC committees:

**National:** Headquarters, Washington JACL Office, *Pacific Citizen*; Hid Hasegawa (IDC-Idaho Falls), Kazuo Kimura (Midwest-Dayton), Emily Murase (EDC), Frank Nishi (CCDC-Fresno), Ted Shigeno (NCWNPC-Tokyo), Ruth Hashimoto (MPDC-Albuquerque), Edwin Mitoma (PSWDC-South Bay).

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**PANELISTS**—Sheridan Tatsuno (left), moderator George Kodama, and Katsuji Imata.

Wide Web) to great advantage as a communication tool. The question asked was: Will the JACL take advantage of this opportunity? The answer, of course, lies with JACL management, from National [who are doing so.—Ed. Note], down through the Districts and Chapters. This includes the U.S.-Japan Relations Committee and its own related committees.

As is always the case, much more information is available in the workshop transcript than we can retain from the actual presentation. However, a "Final Report" packet containing the transcript has been completed for the USJR committee, advisers and key associates (see below). It can be a valuable planning document for JACL use of Internet and "www."

The workshop/seminar was a success,

Ken Nakano (PNWDC-Lake Washington), K. Patrick Okura (EDC-Washington DC), and Bob Taniguchi (CCDC).

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loss of their country?

### 'Don't criticize'

Finally, the current self-determination question has led to a somewhat emotional debate among the Native Hawaiians. Burgess closed out the workshop with this remark: "Please, do not criticize the Hawaiian people if you do not seem to agree on what to do with regard to self-determination."

"Remember that in the early stages of the Japanese American redress movement there were many opinions on how to proceed." ■

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### Southern California hapa group formed

The Marina/SCAN Chapters of the Pacific Southwest District, the Berkeley-based Hapa Issues Forum, and the Asian Pacific Community Fund have formed an organization to address the concerns of the hapa community in Southern California and educate the general public about the role of hapas in today's society. Information: JACL PSW office, 213/626-4471. First meeting is Oct. 16 at a location to be announced.

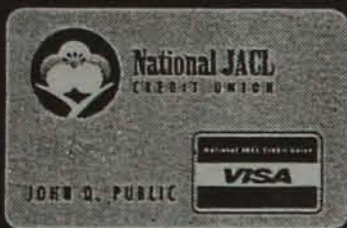
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**The personal pain of discrimination**

By JESSICA DEARDORFF

In the JACL National Convention speech contest, participants were asked to talk about an experience of discrimination and how it affected their lives. In her winning effort, Jessica Deardorff talks about her difficulties in high school with classmates who were sometimes Asians. Here is the text of her speech delivered at the National JACL Convention oratorical competition at San Jose. Deardorff, a recent graduate of Castro Valley (Calif.) High School and an Eden Township JACL member, is the daughter of Glenn and Georgette Deardorff.

When I first read the oratorical topic—to discuss an experience in which you were discriminated against solely because of your race and how it affected you—two instances immediately came to mind.

The first involved a guy in my P.E. class who made it clear that he liked me. However, when he found out that half of my ancestors were Japanese, he also made it quite clear that he was no longer interested in me.

The other incident occurred in my journalism class. Two students and I were sitting at the same table in which they were saying that race-mixing shouldn't be allowed. "Think about the growing number of half-breeds." When I told them that I was one of those half-breeds, they were shocked. By the way, both of these students were Asian.

As I was playing these through my mind, I thought back to an interview I had done for a history project. It was a report entitled "My Heritage," and my mother suggested I interview my grandmother on the internment.

I can recall so vividly going to my grandparents' house. I was set. I had my notebook open, but when I looked across the table at Grandma, I noticed she was different. Her face was tense and her eyes staring at something far away.

That's when I first heard about the rocks being thrown. I heard about the horse stalls, the blankets thrown between them for privacy, and the guard towers. All the while she spoke from a distance and I remember thinking, "What's wrong with Grandma?" Well, I'm 18 now, and although it's taken me a while, I think I'm finally beginning to understand.

I believe what her eyes saw that day was a dark place that meant greater pain, anger and humiliation that you'll never know. Her stoicism was a shield, perhaps, for protection from that world which would separate her from the present, because to break it down would renew her anguish, revealing something so ugly that she wouldn't want her granddaughter to know.

Which brings me to the second topic of the oratorical contest—how has racism affected me.

Well, I've come to the realization that so far, my life has been an easy road. But the reason is because it has been paved by the sacrifices made by the people who suffered. It has been smoothed and guided by those who endured. I speak from my Japanese American heritage when I say that my generation needs to hear from theirs.

I know this has to be extremely painful,



dredging up memories of wartime. But by hearing their accounts, we can work at closing the generation gap, closing the distance that might make my generation try to prevail and understand what happened.

My generation needs to hear what people are capable of while in a frenzy of hate and fear. We need to know the role the Quakers—the American Friends Service Committee—and the different churches and individuals played in protesting the internment. My

generation needs to recognize the deplorable meaning of the numbers 9066. My generation needs to know about history and include the names Endo, Hirabayashi, Korematsu and Yasui.

And although my generation may never touch deeply enough to truly understand what internment meant, we can never stop trying. All that is really important is to see that this injustice can never happen again, not to any group of people.

During the hearings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, over 750 people, mostly Japanese Americans, recounted their stories of internment. My generation

needs to hear those stories to shed tears at what was lost and to shed our own tears of gratitude.

Because as minor as today's incidents of violence and

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discrimination may seem by comparison to what the Issei and Nisei encountered, it is an indication that the problem still exists. And discrimination on any scale must forever remain unsuccessful.

I leave you now with something—that even though the internment was a grievous act of war where many people of Japanese descent had to gather up what was left of their lives and move on, their dreams did not bow to the past.

They faced difficulty with assurance and belief in the Japanese American Citizens (JACL) Hymn.

*There was a dream, my father's dream for me  
A land where all men are free—*

*Then the desert camp with watchtowers high  
Where life stood still, 'mid sand and brooding sky.*

*Out of the war in which my brothers died—*

*Their muted voices with mine cried*

*This is our dream that all men shall be free!*

*This is our creed we'll live in loyalty*

*God help us rid the land of bigotry—*

*That we may walk in peace and dignity.*

*(Words by Guyo Tajiri, 1944)*

**Jeff Uyeda gets California state promotion**

SACRAMENTO—Jeff Uyeda has been appointed California assistant secretary of state for operations. The announcement was made Aug. 16 by Secretary of State Bill Jones.

Since June of 1995, Uyeda has served as chief of management services for the Secretary of State's office. In his new post he will assume responsibility for overseeing the agency's business programs, archives, elections, information technology, management services and political reform divisions, including future implementation of new programs.

Jones said, "Over the past year Uyeda has demonstrated an outstanding knowledge of staff management and fiscal policy."

"In just one short year, he has played a critical role in our business process re-engineering and restructuring of our agency budget."

Prior to his initial appointment with the Secretary of State, Uyeda served as chief of accounting and financial services for the Department of General Services in 1991.

Uyeda brings more than a decade of civil service experience, including assignments as assis-

tant chief of grant audits with the Department of Parks and Recreation; manager of special accounting for the Department of General Services; and chief operations officer for the California State Fair and Exposition.

A graduate of California State University, Sacramento, Uyeda received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration, with a concentration in accountancy and Management Information Systems. He resides in Sacramento with his wife, Victoria, and son, Ryan.



## Short takes

### Masaoka intern to work in Sen. Akaka office

WASHINGTON—Karen Har-Chen Chow, 27, of La Puente, Calif., was named the fifth recipient of the Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund, it was announced Fund chair Dr. H. Tom Tamaki.



KAREN HAR-CHEN CHOW

Chow will serve her congressional fellowship in the office of Sen. Daniel K. Akaka (D-Hawaii), beginning in Spring of 1997. A doctoral candidate in American Literature at UC, Santa Barbara, her fellowship of approximately 3- 1/2 months in the nation's capitol includes a \$6,000 stipend from the fund, named in honor of the late Masaoka and his lifetime of public service promoting justice, civil rights and human dignity.

Karen, a cum laude graduate from USC in psychology with a minor in American literature in 1991, earned her master's in English at UCSB and is active with many Asian American campus organizations.

### School garden restoration project needs \$5,000 more

LOS ANGELES—Help from Nikkei alumni and friends of Roosevelt High School in Boyle Heights was beckoned by a committee, co-chaired by Jun Yamamoto ('41) and Bruce T. Kaji ('44), to raise \$5,000 to cover the remaining cost of material and labor toward restoration of the Japanese garden that prewar Nisei students had created on campus.

Landscape contractor Ken Nagao and landscaper Ko Endo, who both volunteered their time for the project, said costs have come to over \$26,000. Dedication of the garden is set for Saturday, Oct. 12, 10:30 a.m., at the high school, 456 S. Mathews St.

Mail checks payable to: Japanese American National Museum, noting the "RHS Garden Fund," to Jun Yamamoto, 6513 Lakeridge Rd., Hollywood, CA 90068. Donation is tax deductible.

### Florin JACL benefit dance turnout hailed

SACRAMENTO—Dancers from baby boomers to seniors enjoyed



Photo: TOMMY KUSHI

FLORIN JACLERS in charge of a recent benefit were (from left) are Bill Kashiwagi, Joanne Iritani, Betty Kashiwagi, Yukiko Clark, Sam Kashiwagi, D.J. Duncan and Kern Kono, who stayed around for this picture.

the first Florin JACL benefit dance with DeeJay Duncan at the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church hall last Aug. 24. They came from Novato, Fairfield, Vallejo, Vacaville, Chico and San Joaquin Valley, chapter president Joanne Iritani said.

A dancing couple from Auburn, Quentin King and partner Kathy, provided the showcase exhibition.

Bill Kashiwagi, general chair, was assisted by Kern Kono, Sam Kashiwagi, Bob Sasaki, gate keepers; Tom Hoshisaki, Stan Umeda,

Ron Otsuji, James Abe, Mark Morodomi, Kay Sasaki, Jack Takamoto, arrangements; Betty Kashiwagi, Sallie Hoshi-saki, Tommy and Frances Kushi, Frank and J. Iritani, K and Grace Kono, Mary Ishikawa, Dolly Uyeno, Georgiana White, Judy Fukuman, Kay and Marian Sasaki, Marielle and Mary Tsukamoto, refreshments.

Friends and members also donated refreshments. ■

### JACLers aid N.J. Smithsonian exhibit

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.—The Smithsonian traveling exhibition, "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the United States Constitution," continues its course across America, the last host being the New Brunswick Free Public Library from May 30 to July 11.

Students from all local elementary, secondary and parochial schools and others became better aware of the Japanese American internment story from a host of speakers including Jennifer P. Locke, co-curator of the travel exhibit which bears the same name on display at the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.; former internees sharing their personal camp lives; Cynthia Fujikawa's solo performance exploring the relationship between a daughter and a father who was an internee; a panel telling the Seabrook Farms story; and a lecture by History Professor David Oshinsky at Rutgers University on the Japanese American experience during World War II.

Among the volunteers were many JACLers, including Tom Kometani, Lillian Kimura and Grayce Uyehara on the planning committee. Kometani also con-

ducted two in-service sessions for teachers whose students would be attending the exhibit. JACL and the Sisters Cities Program of New Brunswick provided both monetary support and volunteers. "The feedback was positive," Kometani declared. "Many said they were aware of the Japanese American internment, but didn't know the real story. It was an educational venture that proved to be very worthwhile."

### Hawaii is site of WWII AJA monument

HONOLULU—Under aegis of the Oahu AJA Veterans Council, construction of the "Brothers in Valor" Monument at Fort DeRussy is underway, said council president Stanley M. Akita at the March 11 groundbreaking ceremony. "It won't be long before we won't be around to tell our stories. Hopefully, this monument will serve as a reminder to let people know how much we love this great country of ours."

With the combined strength of 2,500 members in the 100th, 442nd, MIS and the 1399th Engineers, their sons and daughters, "we should be able to reach our

financial goal—an additional \$140,000," Akita said. Construction cost is estimated at \$760,000. Donors will be listed on a scroll to be placed in the time capsule beneath the monument.

Donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged. Checks, payable to "442nd Monument Fund," should be mailed to the 442nd RCT Veterans Club, 933 Wiliwili St., Honolulu, HI 96826.

### Top exec retiring early to build golf course

DALLAS—Akira Ishikawa, president of Texas Instrument's subsidiary in Tokyo since 1982, has retired, before turning 65, to build his 18-hole dream golf course on a 400-acre ranch he purchased about a 30-minute drive east of TI's Dallas headquarters. He now lives in North Dallas.

Born and reared in Japan, he was the company's chief deal-maker with investor partners for chip plants in Italy, Taiwan, Singapore, Japan and Thailand as a senior vice president in the semiconductor group in the 1980s when U.S. and Japan relations were "in the rough," to borrow a golfer's expression.

### Manzanar historic site exchange bill in Senate

WASHINGTON—A Senate version of a bill to transfer land "to complete the Manzanar National Historic Site and to acknowledge this tragic historic injustice" was introduced Sept. 4 by Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.).

The bill, co-authored by Reps. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) and Jerry Lewis (R-Calif.), passed the House unanimously, allowing the federal government to acquire the land through an exchange with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, current owners of the property.

### CACA Grand National names executive director

A San Francisco native and former county human relations commissioner, Lawrence Wong,

has been on board since March 1 as the new executive director of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Grand National Lodge, working with Grand National President Harvey Wong to bring the 15 local lodges "into sync." CACA celebrated its 100th anniversary in August, 1995, and is perpetuating the theme, "Building on Our Legacy of 100 Years for Tomorrow's Challenge."

Wong said CACA must actively seek out and build coalitions with other ethnic groups such as JACL, Anti-Defamation League, NAACP and La Raza, to address the many issues affecting the community.

## All aboard

"All Aboard" introduces new board members who assume office around the beginning of the year. Chicago JACL chapter sustained resignation of two officers because of work obligations. The revised lineup for 1996:

### Chicago

Because chapter president Geoff Tani moved out of state due to work and resigned at the beginning of this year, Cynthia Sakoda Acott assumed the vacancy as ordained by its chapter bylaws. Her post, co-vice president of programs, was assumed in full by David Igasaki. Thor Inouye, vice president of budget and finance, also resigned and Yoshio Yamamoto was selected by the board to fill the position. Completing the board are Joy Yamasaki, VP membership; Donna Okura, VP public relations; and Dwight Sora, secretary. ■

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## Opinions



### From the frying pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

## They know how to live in the Northwest

The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) held its quarterly board meeting in Seattle recently. In case you weren't paying attention when the word was being circulated, let me remind you that its purpose is to build a monument in Washington, D.C., commemorating Japanese American contributions to the greatness of our country. Congress thought enough of the idea to set aside some prime land not far from the Capitol for the monument.

Members of the board have been traveling at their own expense to various parts of the country to consider some knotty decisions. At the same time they introduce their project to the locals in preparation for hitting them up for contributions when the fund-raising drive gets under way.

The Seattle meeting was held at the Washington Athletic Club, a rather swank address in the heart of downtown. Back before the war it had been pretty much off limits to minorities. But times change and some well-heeled Japanese Americans, while no longer particularly athletic, have been welcomed as members.

The main order of business was approv-

ing the monument's design which had been created by Davis Buckley of Washington, D.C., in cooperation with a committee of eminent Japanese American architects. With the design agreed upon, the Foundation can proceed with the critical job of fund-raising. Be prepared for an appeal.

After the meetings I spent some time reminiscing with old (in length of friendship) Seattle friends, and touring the Puget Sound country which is the setting for David Guterson's memorable novel, "Snow Falling on Cedars," a love story and murder mystery involving Nisei caught up in the Evacuation.

(Guterson and his wife Robin, a thoroughly engaging young couple, attended NJAMF's reception following the meetings. He said he was pleased with the reaction of Japanese Americans to his book. One of his largest concerns, he said, was that some inaccuracy would offend Japanese Americans. In his search for authenticity he had read reams of material for background before undertaking the writing.)

One day our touring with George and Ruby Suzuki took us to Whidbey Island. In a small clearing in a dense forest we found

the picturesque log home of their son Stephen, a mental health therapist who has a private practice in addition to working for the state.

At Langley, in another part of the island, were Susan and Rona Ishikawa, originally from California's Monterey area. Rona's husband George Springer creates art objects at the Hellebore Glass Studio. Rona runs the front end, and right next door her sister Susan operates a gift shop.

On a second day we drove to Gig Harbor at the southern tip of Puget Sound to visit George and Ruby's seaside lot, to drop by her brother Jimmy Kanaya's place, and descend on the beach home of Jim and Yuri Suzuki near Shelton. They loaned us some rubber boots, and a few yards off their rear deck we dug up a mess of clams and collected some oysters for supper.

They know how to live in the Northwest. It was almost enough to make us want to move back sometime. ■

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

## Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

### JACL Nisei Relays



Inside our archives on "Sports: Nisei Relays" is an assortment of souvenir programs which the *Pacific Citizen* helped put together, sheets and sheets of results typed by current MIS-Southern California leader James Mita of Gardena,

a scattering of snapshots and clippings.

We ruffled through these this past week upon learning from Russell Hiroto (son of erstwhile editor-publisher Edwin of *Crossroads* memory) that Carrie Okamura had just passed away after her 18-month bout with cancer. And within the hour, *Rafu Shimpo's* new English section editor John Saito Jr., (son of retired PSWDC regional director, John who was "elected" national JACL president in 1992 until a recount was demanded) called for Rafu's tribute in print.

Pardon us, men, for mentioning your dad. The Nisei connection is still an important key with the PC family.

As we told John Jr., Carrie was the "anchor, keeping the (PSWDC-JACL) Nisei Relays going in its final years... at least for 15 years." When she left the scene four summers ago, there was no one else to carry on a tradition that many oldtimers had recognized to be the biggest single-day event sponsored by JACL for the kids—as many as 300 athletes and a hundred more volunteers on the field. We failed to mention the 200 in the stands.

For two years (1980-1981) the JACL North-South track and field championships were coordinated by Carrie and Steve Okamoto, major domo of Northern Cal JACL's Jr. Olympics which are still going strong each June at Chabot College. Besides scheduling difficulties and subsidizing the undertaking, only a JACL could pull this off, I thought, "for sake of the children."

Carrie Okamura was a co-founder of the VFW basketball tournament, which stages its 16th annual event in October. Community-wise, she was Orange County JACL president (1984-1996—resigning just weeks before she died), co-founder of the Orange County Nikkei Coordinating Council, which hopes to build a community center.

Carrie, in 1986, gathered the U.S. team of Sansei athletes to PANA's 11th Nikkei Sports Festival of track and field, judo, table tennis, swimming and tennis at Mexico City, competing with teams from Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Peru. It was the first time that easy-going Americans had entered.

PANA hosts in Mexico City were saying, "About time. Certainly, America's presence made all the difference in the world to the *Undokay* (as Latin Americans spell this Japanese term for athletic games)." For two decades, the international biennial *Undokay* were held in Buenos Aires, Lima and São Paulo. At the Mexico City *Undokay* in 1979, the thought of establishing a Pan American Nisei Association (PANA) became reality and the birth of PC's active coverage of Japanese communities in North and South America.

More can be recalled over JACL Nisei Relays, but this will have to be it and, perhaps, the last clipping on this topic for our archives. ■



### East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

## Gentleman's gentleman

AMONG MOST ADMIRABLE people that it has been my good fortune to meet is Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, who died on September 7 from heart failure. He was 91 years of age. I first met Dr. Flemming (he welcomed being simply referred to as "Arthur," but my Nisei upbringing had me using the more formal appellation) in 1981 at the first session held in Washington, D.C., of the "Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians" (CWRIC). Except for having to preside as chair of the "Commission on Civil Rights," Dr. Flemming missed not a single meeting or hearing of the CWRIC. Commissioner Hugh Mitchell, former U.S. Senator as well as Member of the House from Seattle, was another member who attended every hearing. In addition, both gentlemen attended non-scheduled "community hearings" held in the evenings in San Francisco (in a church as I recall) and in Los Angeles (*keiro* home). The scheduled hearings were in ten centers throughout the U.S. over a period totaling 20 days, receiving testimonies from more than 750 witnesses. The sessions ran late into the night and I mar-

veled how these two men endured without taking breaks. I dropped a note to both expressing my admiration and appreciation for their resolute dedication. And I'm glad I did.

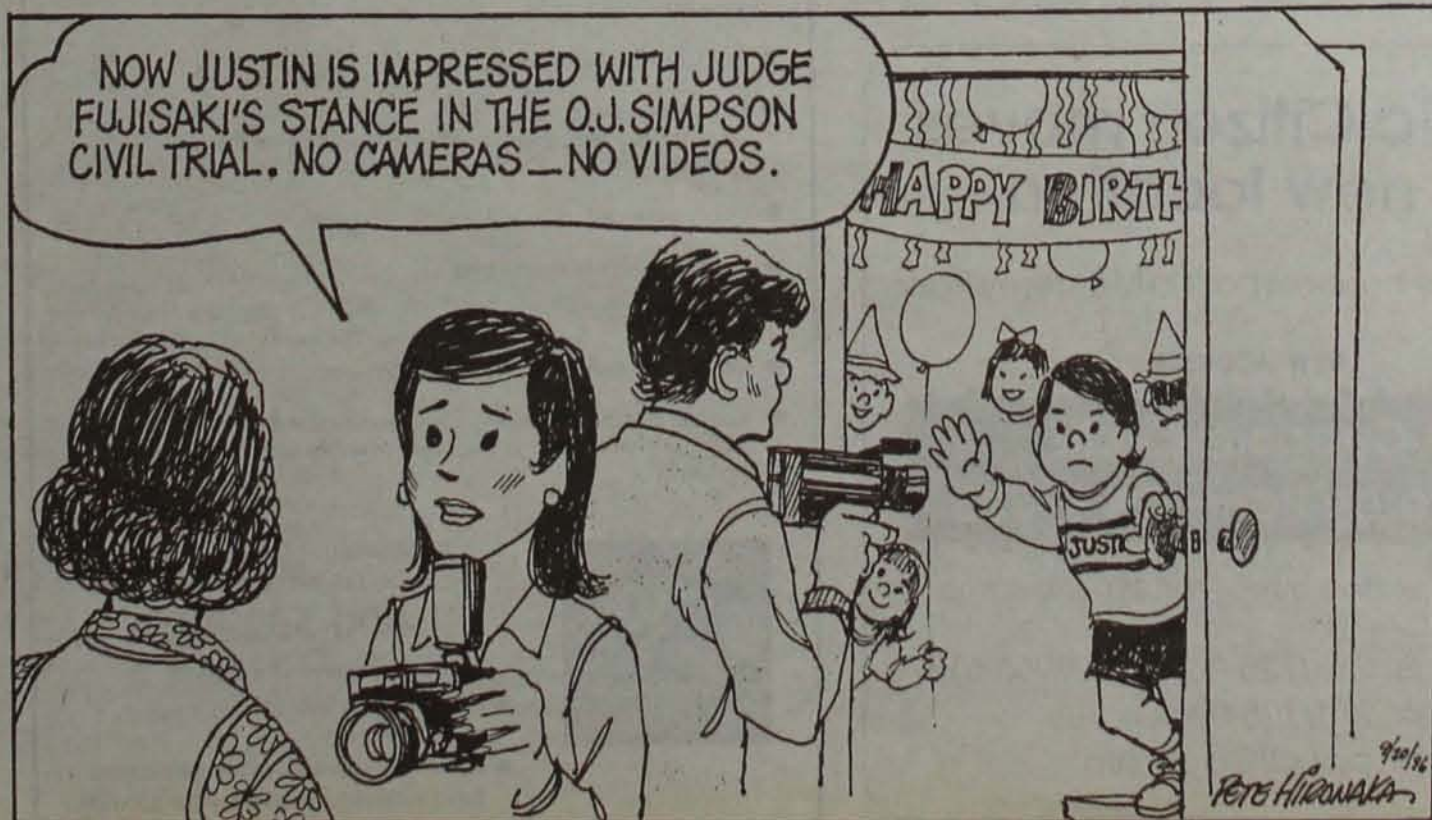
DR. FLEMMING, a life-long Republican, left behind a most illustrious series of accomplishments: Secretary of Health and Welfare under President Eisenhower; chair of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission—from which position he was fired by then-President Ronald Reagan; chair of the U.S. Commission on Aging; Commission on Government Reorganization; Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization; presidencies of no less than three universities—Ohio Wesleyan, University of Oregon (he knew Min Yasui well), and Macalester in Minnesota. He also served as president of the United Council of Churches. Couple years ago, Dr. Flemming was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

MY ASSOCIATION with Dr. Flemming did not end with our joint service on the CWRIC and the issuance of its report "Personal Justice Denied." Having chaired the

U.S. Civil Rights Commission since 1974, following issuance of a report critical of the desegregation record of the Reagan administration in 1982 Dr. Flemming was fired by President Reagan. Not one to be muzzled on a subject as critical as this to our American society, he assembled a bipartisan citizens' panel anchored by prominent civil rights advocates such as former Attorney General Eliot Richardson, former Solicitor General and Yale Law School Dean Griswold, now-delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, William Brown, former chair of the EEOC—just to name a few. It came to be that Dr. Flemming called me to come aboard, and I was so flattered that I accepted.

HE WAS AMONG those most fortunate individuals who, notwithstanding the passage of years, continue to be blessed with keen minds plus a lust for life and unflagging hope. A man who enjoyed warm respect from all with whom he dealt. ■

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



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## Voices

By IKE HATCHIMONJI

## Not enough Asian Americans ambassadors

**A**t last! It was good to read in the PC [Aug. 16-Sept. 5] that the President has finally appointed a Japanese American, William H. Itoh, the first career foreign service officer of his ancestry to be U.S. ambassador to the kingdom of Thailand.

Like Americans concerned mostly about domestic affairs, news of international significance seems to attract less attention in the PC, as seen by the "burying" of this item on page 10 under the "Personally speaking" as part of a long listing of JAs making the news.

I believe Itoh's appointment deserves greater notice than what the PC gave him because his is the first of its kind to a prestigious White House appointment in the State Department in which Itoh will be the highest ranking U.S.

official in Thailand.

Referring to a July 1, 1994, PC article I wrote on the subject, I presented data showing the dismal lack of Asian Americans as U.S. ambassadors, despite Itoh's appointment, and how the Clinton administration is failing to keep its word on the naming of more Asian Americans in this important area of foreign policy.

You'll recall that at the beginning of his presidency, Clinton said that his administration will reflect the "face of the nation" in his appointments, something that has been demonstrated with Asian Americans in at least certain sub-cabinet offices but not so at the international level, ambassadorships being an example.

The latest information I have shows that of the 165 ambassadorial posts worldwide, only three

have been occupied by Asian Americans—Julia Chang Bloch, who served in Nepal during the Reagan-Bush administrations and now retired; March Fong Eu, former California Secretary of State who was appointed by Clinton to the Federated States of Micronesia, and now, William H. Itoh. These three do not even total .05 percent of the total number of posts and less than .01 percent under Clinton.

Considering the numbers of Asian Americans as a population block in the U.S. and the need to have the "face of the nation" reflected abroad, Asian Americans as ambassadors are numerically far too few.

Having served over 13 years in U.S. embassies in three developing countries and in Washington, D.C., for 10 years, I know that the

chief of mission and his/her staff serve a unique role abroad as American officials, above and beyond their duties and responsibilities.

As I stated in my article, in developing countries struggling to become democratic nations like ours, it is important to remember that one of the most effective ways to demonstrate an America that is diverse and integrated is through those Americans living and working amongst the nationals there. They see a microcosm of the U.S. in the Americans, and with a competent ambassador, especially a minority, the "face of the nation" ideal becomes more of a reality.

More concerned Asian Americans everywhere need to learn about foreign policy issues that concern them, and the issue of ambassadors is one of them. His-

torically, the U.S. State Department has kept intact its reputation as an elite, whites-only club, more than other U.S. government departments.

One need only look at State Department data to see how minorities, especially Asian Americans, are excluded from top policy and decision-making positions. The almost complete lack of Asian American ambassadorial appointments is a reflection of that problem.

As Asian American political leaders and others focus on these questions, and more young people are given the opportunity to overcome the barriers and make careers in the foreign service, the future can be promising. ■

*Ike Hatchimonji is a member of the South Bay Chapter, JACL.*

## Resolution roundup

*Pacific Citizen presents the second part of its highlights of resolutions presented at the JACL National Convention in San Jose, Calif., Aug. 6-11.*

*The number 34 designates the 34th biennial event. The chapter(s) in parentheses sponsored the resolution or amendment.*

• **34 Res. 10 (Seattle) Re: Compassion in Dying v. Washington State.** — REJECTED for non-compliance with Resolutions procedure; furthermore, the proposal is a duplicate, previously passed in 1994 (cf.: 33 Res. 13, Seattle, SLC '94 Minutes, p. 98.)

• **34 Res. 11 (Golden Gate) — Re: Civil Liberties Public Education Fund.**

Whereas, the Congress had anticipated that there would be \$50 million available to fulfill the educational purposes of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 .... (and) to date Civil Liberties Public Education Fund Board has been appropriated \$5 million.

Be it resolved that JACL support efforts to pursue any remainder left in the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund to be appropriated for the Board's use and .... pursue other means of funding the (said) Board to the fullest extent possible.

Council discussion included clarifications from Washington JACL representative Bob Sakaniwa, which necessitated amending.—PASSED as amended; details to come.

**Staff fiscal analysis:** If overturning ORA's decision is its intent, it would require lobbying, staff time and an education campaign.

• **34 Res. 12 (Florin) — Re: Citizen Voter "C" / Participatory Citizenship.**

Whereas, Reps. Robert Matsui and Patsy Mink have joined with 19 national Asian Pacific American organizations to launch a national voter registration drive focusing on coalition building and boosting the vote of Asian Americans in the 1996 elections.

Be it resolved that JACL national council, chapters and individual members focus on the "C" in our organization's name, "Citizens," (for) an informed, participatory citizenship .... bringing election information to help make informed choices and getting out the vote, a right once denied to our Issei ancestors. Statement adds:

No fiscal impact to National.—ADOPTED.

**Staff fiscal analysis:** It appears to propose making citizenship and voter registration a top JACL priority. If done right, such a project requires at least full-time staff, part-time clerical, substantial mailing and travel costs in the \$40,000-\$60,000 per year range.

• **34 Res. 13 (Berkeley) — Re: Sexual Harassment.**

Whereas, the JACL is a national organization whose objective is to protect and support the civil rights of both men and women ....

Be it resolved that JACL will immediately implement an education program and training on sexual harassment for all Board members, administrators and staff.... The Women's Concerns Committee be charged with oversight for curriculum, training and implementation within one year of passage .... (and to) strongly urge all chapters institute workshops on sexual harassment. — ADOPTED.

**Staff Fiscal Analysis:** Cost could be minimal, depending on mailings and materials used (videos, handbooks, etc.) and the degree to which volunteers are used; a minimum around \$300 - \$500. However, establishing an education "program" may be implying a more involved plan.

• **34 Res. 14 (Berkeley) — Re: "For sake of the Children."**

Whereas, the Issei have stressed the importance of children and families by their example of sacrifice *kodomo no tame ni*—for sake of the children ....

Be it resolved that JACL upholds governmental guarantees to promote the well-being of our children and .... to express strong opposition to cuts in programs which promote the health, education and safety of all children.—ADOPTED.

**Staff fiscal analysis:** If intent is to make children's issues a top priority, costs could be substantial, at least \$60,000/year or more on start-up staffing costs.

• **34 Res. 15 (Midwest District Council) — To clarify role of the standing committee for Nominations.**

Whereas, the National JACL Nominations Committee must perform the crucial role of identifying and qualifying the leadership of the organization .... (and) to make the process more participatory and properly reflect its

importance as a national committee ....

Be it resolved that JACL National Council direct the nominations committee be charged (as cited above) to present a slate of suitable candidates to the National Council each biennium.—REJECTED as it conflicts with the Constitution and Bylaws; it should be an amendment to Bylaws Article VIII, Section 1.

**Staff Fiscal Analysis:** If intent is to have the Nominations Committee make a quality effort, there could be substantial costs, an average of \$800-\$1,000/person per meeting or teleconferences at \$100/five connections for 30 minutes, another \$200-\$500 for consumables.

• **34 Res. 16 (Chicago) — Re: the Mitsubishi (Illinois) sexual harassment suit.**

Whereas, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has brought suit against Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing of Normal, Ill., for allegations of extensive sexual harassment of its women employees .... (and) the EEOC needs to be supported for its aggressive enforcement of the laws of this country .... and, in particular, to take seriously the complaints of sexual harassment.

Be it resolved that JACL commends the EEOC for its actions.—ADOPTED

**Staff fiscal analysis:** Impact is minor, intent is not clear. Some staff time, letter-writing are involved. If further public relations is contemplated, additional costs would be incurred.

• **34 Res. 17 (Twin Cities) — Re: the National Marrow Donor Program.**

Whereas, there are only 2,010,328 volunteer donors registered nationally and only 95,795 (4.8%) are Asian-Pacific Americans, and .... more than 16,000 new patients are diagnosed each year with leukemia, aplastic anemia or other fatal diseases for which a marrow transplant may be the only chance of survival .... and to continue the Asian Marrow Donor Program [2363 Mariner Square Dr., Suite 241, Alameda, CA 94501, 800/59-DONOR] as an ongoing public service project ....

Be it resolved that all JACL chapters enhance the need for unrelated volunteer marrow donors and increase the awareness and national registry through recruitment.

On the Consent Calendar. — ADOPTED.

**Staff fiscal analysis:** Impact is minor, intent is not clear. Some staff time and writing to inform Chapters is involved. If substantial promotion is contemplated, then additional costs and research would have to be calculated.

• **34 Res. 18 (South Bay) — (For) a new Young Adult membership category.** REFERRED to Constitution and Bylaws Committee as 34 CB 3, amending Bylaws Article I, Section 5.

• **34 Res. 19 (National Youth/Student Council) — Re: a Minor Amendment on voting.** REFERRED to Constitution and Bylaws Committee as 34 CB 2, amending Bylaws Article V, Section 3.

• **34 Res. 20 (Seattle) — (To) provide for removal/impeachment of National Youth/Student Chairperson and Representative in the bylaws, Article XIX - JACL Youth Program.** REJECTED for non-compliance to Resolutions procedure. (Seattle then submitted this to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee as 34 CB 5.)

• **34 Res. 21 (P.C. Editorial Board) — Re: P.C. Editorial Guidelines.** REJECTED for non-compliance of Resolutions procedures, lack of signatures.

• **34 Emerg. Res. 1 (West Los Angeles + 6 Chapters) — (For) Support of the "Go For Broke" Veterans Monument in Little Tokyo.**

Whereas, ... in spite of the grossly unjust treatment they received, these Americans of Japanese ancestry answered the call to arms with unwavering loyalty .... the heroism and bravery of Japanese American servicemen and women in World War II—the 100th, 442nd and MIS as well as other military units—despite the internment of their families and deprivation of their civil liberties, including those residing in Hawaii, is relatively unknown to mainstream Americans today, and .... Whereas, the "Go For Broke" monument, as a permanent reminder to America and the world of the loyalty and patriotism of Japanese Americans, will pay tribute to the Japanese American soldiers and their Caucasian officers by engraving their names, about 15,000, on the vertical side ....

Be it resolved that JACL endorses and supports the "Go For Broke" Veterans monument to be

constructed in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. — ADOPTED (with two nays).

• **34 Emerg. Res. 2** (Details missing) on a Leadership program — ADOPTED 65 yay, 28 nay.

• **34 Emerg. Res. 3 (APAN + 5 Chapters) — Re: Redress efforts of Japanese Latin Americans (JLA).**

Whereas, during World War II, the U.S. government orchestrated the mass arrest and deportation of 2,264 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry from 13 Latin American countries to U.S. wartime camps .... needed (as) hostages to exchange for Americans captured by the Japanese, most of (whom were) incarcerated at Crystal City, Texas .... Whereas, former JLAs seek an acknowledgment from the U.S. government of their wartime tragedy (and of) the principal role it played in instigating this mass violation of civil and human rights, inclusion in the granting of redress by the U.S. government to those of Japanese ancestry whose liberty was taken away by WWII U.S. policies .... and commitment of the U.S. government to educate Americans of the history and lessons from this experience including representation of Japanese Peruvians on the Civil Liberties Public Education Board.

Be it resolved that JACL recommend our support for the (JLA) campaign for redress, be a founding member of the Campaign for Justice for Japanese Latin Americans, and include JLAs in all materials that concern redress education materials. —ADOPTED (unanimously).

• **34 Emerg. Res. 4 (Venice-Culver + 5 chapters) — (For) JACL support of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans Memorial at Los Angeles.** — Item 34 Res. 9, removed for technical reasons for consideration, was resubmitted on motion of Fred Hoshiyama as an emergency resolution and unanimously ADOPTED. [See page 7, Aug. 2-15 issue. Monument will carry names of Japanese Americans who died or are listed as missing in Korea between June 25, 1950, and Jan. 31, 1955. For a working list of 254 names, contact Roy Shiraga, 2738 Jurado Ave., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745, 818/968-6385, fax 714/525-9761. Only those with Japanese surnames are presented due to inability to accurately verify all those of Japanese ancestry.] ■



## Personally speaking

## Festival pioneer queen remembers the past

A different tradition in selecting a queen began several years ago for Auburn, Wash.'s "Good Ol' Days" Festival with the candidate's minimum age set at 80. Michiko "Midge" Maebori, who just turned 80 this year, was happy to be chosen the Pioneer Queen of the Aug. 12-18 street festival.

Festival director Connie Henke said the previous festival with a teenage queen was cancelled more than 30 years ago because it had grown too raucous. "We needed a figurehead for our festival; someone who devoted time and energy to the community," she said.

When Festival judges asked each candidate about memories of the "good ol' days," Midge vividly recalled the Evacuation of 1942, boarding the trains for Pinedale (near Fresno, Calif.) with more than 300 Japanese Americans in Green River Valley and about the 25 families returning after the war, trying to blend back into the community, braving boycotts and a wave of intimidation.

Historian Stan Flewelling, who is writing about the local Japanese American community, told a *Seattle Times* writer that incentives were few for their return unless they owned the land to farm or had a business. He remembered the "Remember Pearl Harbor League" that was centered in the valley and led by some community leaders. So it was a tribute to the Auburn families who bucked the tide to welcome back the Issei-Nisei families.

Midge and her husband Willie Maebori were renters before the war, with neighbors looking after their belongings. Many Japanese Americans had to sell their be-

longings for 10 cents on the dollar, but the Maeboris returned to an intact apartment in December, 1945. Their five children, two born in camp, went through Auburn schools. Midge served on three PTAs simultaneously.

She is a regular volunteer at St. Matthew Episcopal Church, worked most of 20 years as a lab technician for the federal government in Auburn, and is president of the Frank D. Merritt Guild of the Children's Hospital and Medical Center. She also knits and sews clothes for needy children and attends a weekly aerobics class.

A town of 35,000 today, Auburn's history dates from the 1890s when one-third of the hops in the state was grown here, to be replaced gradually with strawberries, lettuce and row crops, much of it raised by Japanese immigrants. Its railroad yard was built shortly before WWI; business began to boom in the city while plants manufactured charcoal, terra cotta and lumber products on the outskirts.

With WWII, Japanese American families were interned in California, many losing their farms and never returning. Jobs in aircraft manufacturing in Seattle and Renton made Auburn residents commuters. And after the war, truck farms and dairies turned into light manufacturing; Boeing built plant in Auburn in 1963, and the freeways led to SuperMall of the Great Northwest, Emerald Downs and the Muckleshoot Tribe Casino. The town is now planning to reopen the Stampede Pass rail route. ■

## JA group recognizes WWII researchers

ROSSLYN, Va.—Three individuals were recognized for contributions to the Japanese American veterans and community by the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA), the Nikkei veterans group in the Washington, D.C., area, at its summer luncheon July 27. They were:

● U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka, for his legislative leadership enabling an official search of documents detailing the WWII intelligence exploits of the late Col. Richard Sakakida in the Philippines for the Medal of Honor. Akaka's bill also provides for a review of Nisei GIs of the 100th/442nd whose heroic deeds were possibly downgraded from a Medal of Honor to the next level, the Distinguished Service Cross.

● Richard Boylan at the Na-



**AWARD**—Sen. Daniel Akaka (left) accepts JAVA Recognition Award from Henry Wakabayashi, outgoing JAVA president.

tional Archives for his invaluable assistance in the search for documents related to the Nisei soldiers of World War II.

● Munee (Mike) Okusa, a JAVA member, for his many contributions the past four years.

A special presentation to win-

ners Megan Boylan (daughter of honoree Richard Boylan) and Travis Fisher of San Antonio, Texas, in the High School History Day national competition, held at the University of Maryland in early June, was made by Norman Ikari.

Regarding their display on the Nisei GIs of WWII, which won second place in the junior division, Ikari commented, "I have never

seen a more impressive, beautifully crafted and nostalgic display on Nisei GIs as shown by these two young people." As a token of appreciation, Ikari presented them with wrist watches with the 442nd logo on the face of the dial.



## In command

Dr. Florence Miyahara (seated, left), an Army nurse during the Korean War stationed at Brooks Medical (El Paso), Letterman General (Denver) and Clark AFB, Philippines hospitals, heads the American Legion Nisei Post 185 in Denver for a second term, having served a term several years ago. Other officers are (from left,

seated) Gary Tagawa, senior vice commander; Tom Masamori, junior vice commander; and Harry Kuga, sergeant-at-arms. Standing (from left) are John Tezak, adjutant; Joe Sakato, finance officer; George Yoshida, service officer; Rev. Roy Katayama, chaplain; and Edwin Shimabukuro, historian.



## Diablo Valley scholars

The Diablo Valley Chapter, JACL, recently awarded its 1996 scholarships to (from left) Diana Valenzuela, San Jose State student in occupational therapy (\$500, Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki Scholarship Fund); pre-med student Daphne Solis, UC Davis senior in food sciences (\$1,000, Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki Scholarship Fund); MIT-bound Monte Vista High School graduate Daniel Hong with a four-year letterman in water polo and swimming, black belt in karate and alto sax player in the school jazz and marching bands, 4.54 GPA (\$1,000 Chapter scholarship); and Contra Costa College graduate Mayra Padilla, who plans to continue and graduate from UC Davis (\$500 George Fujioka Memorial, newly established scholarship at CCC for graduates pursuing a university degree in physical science or engineering.)

## Young musicians win fellowships

Among winners of the 1996 Los Angeles Philharmonic Fellowships for Excellence in Diversity were four Japanese Americans: violinist Michi Wiancko, 19, of San Clemente, now studying at the Cleveland (Ohio) Institute of Music; flutist Mary Fukushima, 17, of Long Beach, a member of the 1996 L.A. Philharmonic High School Honor Orchestra who en-

tered UCLA this fall, trombonist David Goya, 18, of Cypress who performs with the USC Symphony and is now a USC sophomore; and oboist Ted Sugata, 17, of Northridge, a graduate from Hamilton Music Academy and principal oboist of the Colburn Orchestra da Camera and the Colburn chamber orchestra.

Fellowships of \$500 to \$2,000 are made by the Los Angeles Philharmonic to identify and nurture symphonic instrumentalists from

ethnic communities in the greater L.A. area.

## Yanai named CSULA basketball head coach

David H. Yanai, coaching basketball in prep and collegiate circles for the past 26 years, was named head basketball coach of the Cal State University Los Angeles team in Division II competition starting this fall. He has spent the last 19 seasons at Cal State Dominguez Hills, ending with an overall 287-223 record, which included winning the 1979 NAIA District II championship, qualifying in three NCAA west regional tournaments ('81, '87, '89) and three California Collegiate Athletic Association (CACA) post-season tournaments (1992-94).

Prior to Dominguez Hills, Yanai spent nine years coaching in the high school ranks. He was assistant coach to the 1990 U.S. Olympic Festival West Team and is currently adviser for the National Japanese team.

## Nakazato sworn in as magistrate judge

Induction ceremonies were held Aug. 13 for Arthur Nakazato, 43, who was sworn in as a magistrate judge of the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles. Present were his Nisei parents and Florin JACLers Sus and Lillian Nakazato of Sacramento, and his brother, Dr. Paul Nakazato, associate professor of surgery and director of organ transplantation at the University of Arizona at Tucson.

A *cum laude* graduate from the University of Pittsburgh in 1975 and Temple University School of

Law in Philadelphia, where he also served on the law school review, he was a founding partner of the Kircher and Nakazato law firm in Newport Beach, a director of the Orange County Bar Association, and chaired its federal courthouse dedication committee for the Ronald Reagan Federal Building, due to be completed in Santa Ana in 1997. He was the first president of both the Orange County Asian American Bar and O.C. Japanese American Lawyers associations.

— Aileen Dairiki, contributor.

## Sacramentan heads agency on aging

SEATTLE—The National Asian Pacific Center on Aging selected Clayton Fong of Sacramento as its new executive director. The center works on behalf of Asian-Pacific American elders. He succeeds Don Watanabe.

Active the past 15 years promoting Asian Americans into the political mainstream, Fong served in the Bush White House as deputy assistant to the president for public liaison and as deputy associate director of Presidential Personnel (1989-93), deputy appointment secretary for Calif. Governor Deukmejian (1984-89) and is a UC, Berkeley, graduate who founded the San Francisco Bay Area Child Health Network. Info: NAPCA, 1511 Third Ave. #914, Seattle, WA 98101, 206/624-1221, fax 206/624-1023.

## 'Visas and Virtue' play planned as film

Pre-production plans were announced by Cedar Grove Productions on a 30-minute film, *Visas*

and *Virtue*, based on Tim Toyama's one-act play of the same name telling the story of Japanese Consul General Chiune Sugihara and his wife Yukiko. At risk to his career, Chiune Sugihara issued life-saving transit visas to Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi persecution.

The one-act play enjoyed a successful run in North Hollywood earlier this year and again in March under auspices of the Jewish Federation, Anti-Defamation League, Japanese American National Museum and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. Grants and community donations are sought, according to co-director Chris Tashima, 213/668-1018.

## Sansei research cites Asian reading problem

Sandra Lynne deYoung, daughter of the late Sam Fujita and Fay Fujita of San Diego JACL, completed her four-year doctoral studies on "sidedness," a key factor in determining one's ability to read as it relates to Asian cultures. Sidedness is the alignment of one's natural reading eye and hand. If one is left-eyed, one should be left-handed for the purpose of reading, according to the study which is expected to be published.

While it is highly unusual to find left-handed Asian or Hispanic students, over 40% of this population are left-eyed at the reading range. Her study also noted students who lack sidedness often have great difficulty in learning to read, especially in comprehension.

Symptoms or characteristics of dyslexia are often the same as those who are non-sided.



## Obituaries

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

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

**Arakawa, Archbishop Yohaku, 91**, Springfield, Va., Aug. 3; Aichi-born Nichiren Buddhist missionary since 1930 in Vancouver, B.C., Portland, Ore., founded temples in Chicago, Toronto, interned during WWII at Minidoka, area resident since 1988, survived by wife Shizue, sons Hirokazu (Tacoma, Wash.), Tadayasu (Sendai, Japan), daughters Yoko Morita, Yoshiko (Chicago), Noriko Ogrin (Highland Park, Ill.), 8 gc., 2 ggc.

**Dol, Kurume, 91**, San Diego, July 26; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Frank, James, Michael, daughters Mary Yamaguchi, Rosie Yamaguchi, Doris, gc.

**Fukuda, Sentaro, 98**, West Los Angeles, June 6; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Jack, daughters Bette Kurokawa, Aiko Harada, 13 gc., 14 ggc.

**Fukuhara, Florence, 52**, Las Vegas, Aug. 7; Philippines-born, survived by husband Gary, 8 children, 1 gc.

**Gota, John Yoneo, 80**, Monterey, Aug. 13; Monterey-born chronicler of Japanese American experience, chief lab technologist at Monterey ENT Clinic and with a medical group; past Rotary Club president, charter Minato Athletic Club member, survived by wife Sakae of 54 years, sons Dr. Cary (Glendale), Jeffrey (Sacramento), daughters Janice Eto (Los Osos), Sharon, 10 gc., 2 ggc, sisters Fusako Nakamura (Torrance), Yeiko Fujita (Watsonville).

**Habara, Kazuo, 83**, Hanford, Aug. 14; Coalinga-born, survived by wife Akiko.

**Hasegawa, Bessie Y., 73**, Santa Monica, June 12; Bakersfield-born, survived by husband Masaru, son James, daughter Evelyn Jeanne Terui, 2 gc., sisters Masaye Sakamoto, Teruko Kubotsu.

**Hashimoto, George M., 94**, Seattle, July 23; Okayama-born, longtime Fresno resident, survived by son Hitoshi (Spokane, Wash.), JoAnn Masuda (Stevensville, Texas), Mie (Torrance), 6 gc., 4 ggc.

**Hirata, Molly M., 70**, Huntington Beach, Aug. 7; Loomis-born, survived by husband Richard, sons Dr. Clyde, Harvey, daughter Clarice, 2 gc., mother Chizuko Kono (Loomis), brother James (San Jose), sisters Yayeko Nishina, Grace Nakao (Sacramento), Yoshiko Yamashiro (Loomis), Teruko Burchfield (Danville).

**Holmes, Hannah Tomiko**, Rowland Heights, Aug. 9; Sacramento-born vocational education teacher, deaf-mute since childhood, interned with family at Manzanar and unable to be educated, relocated with family to Springfield, Ill., finished high school, resettled in Los Angeles in the '50s, worked in sewing factories, designed briefcases, rag dolls, etc., graduated from UCLA, advocated for the deaf community, survived by husband of 41 years Dwight, sister Ruth Miyauchi (Pasadena), brother Paul Takagi (Oakland).

**Honda, Frank S., 79**, Gardena, June 13; Fowler-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Ikuko, sons Dr. Mel, Arnold (Honolulu), daughter Marilyn Muro, 6 gc., brothers Floyd, Fred, Harry M. (all of Fowler), sisters Dorothy Ono, Clara Fujii (Reedley), Marie Maeda, mother-in-law Sano Morita, brother-in-law Iwao Kuda.

**Ige, Yukiko, 67**, Gardena, June 8; Tokyo-born, survived by husband Hiroshi, son Dennis, daughter Emiko Chogyoji, 2 gc.

**Inagaki, Yukie, 81**, Culver City, June 7; Los Angeles-born widow of national JACL president George ('52-'56), survived by daughter Patti Ueda, son Christopher, 2 gc., 3 ggc.

**Itano, Hisaye, 94**, Los Angeles, July 23; Okayama-born, survived by sons Tetsuo, Hiroshi, Masashi, daughters Terry Kuroda, Kinuye Terasawa, 11 gc., 15 ggc.

**Kawaguchi, Hana, 91**, Whittier, July 28; Shizuoka-born, survived by daughter Kazuko Asawa, son Masao, daughter-in-law Mitsuyo Kawaguchi, 7 gc., 18 ggc.

**Kawaguchi, Kenichi, 93**, Las Vegas, Aug. 10; Honolulu-born, retired high school teacher, Hawaii Science Teacher '65, 4-yr. Nevada resident; survived by wife Yoshiko, daughter Kay Fukuyama, 2 gc., 3 ggc.

**Kawano, Minoru F.**, Chicago, service Aug. 9; survived by daughters Linda Valauskas, Phyllis McClure, son John; sister Shigeo Kawano.

**Kida, Chieko, 96**, San Diego, June 9;

Osaka-born, survived by son James, daughters Sonoko Takayama, Nobuko Aoto, 5 gc., 2 ggc.

**Kino, Mitsu, 99**, Los Angeles, June 7; Shiga-born, survived by daughters Tazuko Kudo, Kimi Oda, 7 gc., 7 ggc.

**Kitashima, Roy, 78**, El Cerrito, Aug. 18; Oakland-born, survived by wife Yoshino, sister Masako Ouye.

**Kitaura, Takako Makimoto, 99**, Los Angeles, July 25; Okayama-born, survived by son Tamo (Redwood City), daughters Sachi Nakada, Yasuko Mizokawa (Japan), Miyoko Mitani, Rose Ozawa, 14 gc., 22 ggc.

**Kohn, June, 65**, Los Angeles, Aug. 10; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband Fred, son Scott, daughter Suzie, 2 gc., brother Albert, sister Massie Urabe.

**Koike, John Ikuzo, 91**, Los Angeles, June 3; Shizuoka-born, survived by daughter Linda Harumi, brother Fukuzo (Japan).

**Kumashiro, Haruko, 92**, Long Beach, July 23; Okayama-born, survived by son Howard, daughters Mae Tomasello, Myrtle Matsuda, Alice Kajiya, 13 gc., 13 ggc.

**Kushi, James Isao, 81**, Los Angeles, Aug. 4; Montebello-born, survived by wife Kazuye, daughter Jeanne McGarvey, Carol Peña, Annette Alperin, 6 gc., sister Shizuye Kushi.

**Kushi, Masato, 74**, Los Angeles, June 9; Terminal Island-born, survived by wife Ritsuyo, son Takashi, daughter Kyoko Sato, 3 gc., sisters Memiko Hashimoto, Reiko Ueda and Chiseko Nishi (both Japan).

**Minami, Grace M., 70**, Santa Maria, July 28; Salinas-born, survived by husband Isamu, son Sam (San Jose), daughter Susan Jung (Oakland), brothers Jack Yamamoto, Tom (Watsonville), Sam, Frank Shikuma (San Francisco), sister Marie Yamada (Santa Barbara), 1 gc.

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

**Nakamura, James S., 86**, Los Angeles, July 28; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Reiko, son Paul, brothers John Z., Paul S.

**Nakano, Shigeo S., 80**, Los Angeles, Aug. 7; Florin-born, survived by wife Aiko, son Dennis, daughters Linda Mizufuka, Gale Nakano, Kathy, 4 gc., mother Masumi, brother Masato, sisters Janet Matsumoto, Emiko Okanishi, Helen Nakama.

**Nakashima, Tatsuo, 80**, Redondo Beach, June 3; survived by wife Sally, daughter Arleen Kawahara, son Floyd, stepson Bob Masumoto, brother Eddie, sisters Peggy Takashima, Lillian Otsuka, Ruth Okada, gc., ggc.

**Nakayama, Shigeo, 76**, Gardena, July 24; Long Beach-born, survived by wife Tadako, son Shigekazu.

**Noda, Minoru, 89**, Newcastle, Aug. 19; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Masue, son Lynn, daughter Ruth, 1 gc, brother George, sisters Alice Yego, Takani Yego, sisters-in-law Masako Yego, Marian Ichisaka.

**Oba, Zenyo 'Zinc', 82**, Fullerton, July 24; Fullerton-born, survived by wife Miyako, son Steven, daughter Janice Beggs, 2 gc., brother Mitsui, sister Hisako Masukawa.

**Ogawa, Tiffany, 11**, Burlingame, Aug. 16; Burlingame-born, survived by parents Thomas and Susan, brother Eric.

**Okamoto, Richard Y., 67**, Cerritos, Aug. 4; Honolulu-born, survived by wife Alice, mother Tsuruko (Hawaii), brother Ernest, sisters Doris Moon, Betsy Suyeoka, Florence Okami, Thelma Chang (all of Hawaii).

**Okumura, Hirofusa, 71**, Honolulu, Aug. 5; Terminal Island-born, survived by wife Machi, daughter Phyllis Fujimoto, son Marvin, sister Kuniko Sato.

**Oshinomi, Sumiko, 67**, West Los Angeles, July 20; Santa Monica-born, survived by husband Satoshi, sons Craig, Kirk, daughters Vicki Tokirio (New Jersey), Linda Kunisaki, 8 gc., brothers Bob Uyemori, Ray, Kenneth, sister Jane Takehara (Wash.).

**Otani, Harry H., 89**, Cotati, Aug. 10; Hawaii-born, survived by sons Henry (Newark), William (Petaluma), daughters May Yamaoka (Santa Rosa), Dorothy Shimizu, 12 gc., 10 ggc.

**Otani, Tadao Bob, 82**, Oxnard, Aug. 2; Oxnard-born, survived by wife Tomiko, daughter Mary Kobashikawa, Roxanne Fowler (Irvine), Kathrine Sunamoto, 6 gc., brother Izuto, sister Natsuko Lee (Gardena).

**Ozaki, Yukie, 72**, Los Angeles, July 12; Imperial Valley-born, survived by husband George, daughters Gail Schaefer, Janice, sisters Yoshie Kasuyama, Natsumi Higa, brother Oban.

**Ryono, Toyono, 98**, Torrance, June 14; Wakayama-born, survived by sons John, Dr. C. Robert, Katsumi, daughters

Kachiyo Enomoto (Sandy, Utah), Misuko Shibuya, Chizuyo Oka, 19 gc., 30 ggc., 3 ggc.

**Sakuda, Kayoko, 89**, Los Angeles, July 18; Tokyo-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by son Fred, 4 gc., 1 ggc.

**Sakurai, Ayako L., 68**, Gardena, July 9; survived by husband Joe, son David, daughters Kathleen Takemoto, Linton Higa, 7 gc.

**Sasaki, Toshiko, 75**, San Jose, Aug. 21; Mountain View-born, survived by husband George, sons Dale, Paul, daughter Barbara, 2 gc., sister Sanaye Iwamoto, predeceased by sisters Helen, Kiyoko Kawamura.

**Satow, Henry T., 77**, Gardena, June 15; Calif.-born, survived by wife Mary K, daughters Ruthe Petty (Long Beach), Hope Layton (Los Angeles), son Ron (Hermosa Beach).

**Sera, Yoshio, 87**, Los Angeles, July 30; Covina-born, survived by brother Takeo.

**Shimada, Robert M., 73**, Gardena, June 10; survived by son Gary, sister Yukino Nishimoto.

**Shimizu, Keiko, 76**, Saratoga, July 2; Oakland-born cookbook author since 1971 (*Sushi at Home*, *Tsukemono* '84), Chinese and Japanese cuisine teacher, survived by husband Esau, sons Allen, Douglas, Glenn, daughter Lois, 6 gc., sister Shizuko Ishimaru, brother Kenzo Ishimaru.

**Shoga, George S., 81**, Sacramento, Aug. 11; Florin-born, survived by brothers Yoshio, Kiyoshi Nakagawa (Japan), sisters, Kimi Nagasaka, Sinae Yoshida, Chiyo Morimoto, all in Japan.

**Sugawara, Sakae, 93**, Gardena, July 26; Miyagi-born, survived by sons Louie, George, Bill, daughter Michi Furusato, 12 gc., 11 ggc.

**Suto, Victor Hideo, 71**, Los Angeles, July 4; Seattle-born, survived by brothers Fred, Frank, sister Nobuko Fujimoto.

**Tagami, Shigeo, 82**, Lake Isabella, July 25; Los Angeles-born, survived by son Gary, stepdaughter Aya Dinning, stepson Clark Okano, sister Kay Sato, 1 gc. His family started the White's Point (Japanese) Hot Springs Resort at San Pedro in the 1920s.

**Takagi, George N., 82**, Sacramento, Aug. 17; Alameda-born, survived by wife Rose, 2 gc., son-in-law Morris Chassen, sister Yoshie Iwasaki, predeceased by son Alan, daughter Margaret Chassen.

**Takaki, Lois, 80**, Pleasanton, Aug. 7; Imperial County-born, survived by brothers Kenneth Naito, Masao.

**Takaoka, Kenneth K., 82**, Chicago, Aug. 13; Oakdale, Calif.-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Chizu, son Dean, 1 gc.

**Takara, Matsu, 86**, Los Angeles, June 13; Okinawa-born, survived by daughter Ritsuko Miyamoto, son Yukio, 9 gc., 8 ggc.

**Tanaka, Minji, 92**, Chicago, July 26; Yamaguchi-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by wife of 62 years, Tsuyuo, who joined him in Chicago in 1958, and brother Togo (Los Angeles).

**Tanouye, Charlotte Ann, 46**, Manhattan Beach, Aug. 11; Colorado Springs-born, survived by husband Brian, mother Mary Potter, brother

Michael Olive, sister Mary Yvonne Rowland (Riverside), Janine Tauber (Ind.), Lynn Hickox (Colo.).

**Teraji, Sakae, 79**, Monterey Park, June 11; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband Tsutomu, DDS, brother Toki Kawahara.

**Tominaga, Ray S., 60**, Gardena, June 12; San Jose-born, survived by wife Yoshiko, daughter Linda Fealy (San Pedro), son Rickey, 2 gc., mother Tei (San Jose), brothers George, James (Tempe, Ariz.), Wayne (Tucson), sisters Yoshiko Kusumoto (San Pedro), Michiko Fujimoto (San Jose), Kimiko Yee (San Francisco), Alice Hamamoto (Menlo Park).

**Ueda, Robert Y. Jr., 75**, Harbor City, Aug. 6; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Misae, son Robert MD, daughters Sharon Kobayashi (Hawaii), Christine, 7 gc., mother Alice, brother Charles, sister Alice Umetsu.

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ing affirmative action programs of the Defense and Transportation departments and other agencies. (The Section 8(d) program encourages government contracting or subcontracting with owners of small disadvantaged businesses worth \$750,000 or less.)

Babielyn Trabbic, chair of the National Federation of 8(a) Companies, said, "Federal programs, such as SBA Section 8(a), have helped to open doors previously shut to socially and economically disadvantaged contractors who do not belong to the 'old boys network.' These programs allow disadvantaged but qualified small business owners to have a fair chance to compete for government contracts."

William Yang, chair of the White House Roundtable on Small Business for Region 9, pointed out that SBA programs have helped many businesses, of which women, Asian Pacific American (APA) and other minority owners constitute only a small fraction.

Rawlein Soberano, business development official for the Virginia-based Asian American Business Roundtable, said that "Affirmative action levels the playing field for minority and women entrepreneurs, who get only a small fraction of federal contracts anyway, through SBA and other programs. Those who do, usually surpass the minimum qualifications required by federal RFPs [requests for proposals]."

## What's the record?

Minority-owned firms were awarded only 6.5% of the total 1994 federal prime contract dollars (\$10.6 billion of \$163.4 billion). In contrast, majority-owned small businesses received 17.3 percent (\$28.2 billion), while larger businesses received 76.2% (\$124.6 billion) of all contracts.

During 1992-94, APA-owned firms received 20% of all Section 8(a) awards, less than 1 percent of the total federal procurement budget. Moreover, a recent Census Bureau report for 1992 found U.S. businesses overall had average annual receipts of about \$193,000 while APA business receipts averaged \$165,000. Of APA and Native American-owned businesses, 55% were located in California, New York and Texas. Hawaii had the highest percentage of firms of Asians, Pacific Islanders and American Indians. Native Alaskans, at 49%, accounted for 44 % of receipts in Alaska.

Among business groups concerned about the negative consequences of eliminating affirmative action in contracting are the Council of Asian American Business Associations of California, comprised of 10 associations; the Asian American Business Development Center, New York; and Asian American Business Roundtable, representing high-tech firms around the country.

## Proposed guidelines

Comments on the proposed Department of Justice guidelines to reform the Federal Acquisition

Regulation and the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement regarding affirmative action in procurement, published in the Federal Register on May 22, were due July 22. NAPALC, APA business owners and leaders have submitted their comments.

The government is likely to seek further input as federal affirmative action rules and programs are fine-tuned. One concern of minority businesses is that lowering the standard from "clearly convincing" to a "preponderance of the evidence" may make it easier for non-disadvantaged majority firms to fraudulently participate in SBA programs.

It was also proposed that the SBA would periodically audit certifying organizations for quality control. APA business owners will continue to be "presumed to be socially disadvantaged" and hence eligible to participate in affirmative action programs in federal contracting, absent any evidence to the contrary, according to NAPALC. ■

## PERU

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the evacuation, relocation and internment period [Dec. 7, 1941, to June 30, 1946] was a United States citizen or a permanent resident alien." Approximately 300 members of this class have been denied redress.

The Los Angeles-based National Coalition for Redress/Reparation, a founding member of Campaign for Justice, declared the JLAS were "unjustly kidnapped and imprisoned" during WWII and said it was "dismayed that the Justice Department had denied redress to most of the Japanese Peruvians

and other Japanese forcibly removed from their homes in Latin America at the behest of the U.S.

In the spring of 1941, the U.S. Congress authorized the FBI to engage in anti-Axis nonmilitary intelligence in the Americas, posting agents in the embassies and consulates in Latin America. U.S. agents in Lima accepted the erroneous prewar assessments of Victor Raul Haya de la Torre, a party leader in the 1930s, who insisted that all Japanese in Peru had served in the Japanese army, that many were ex-officers, and that women were few in the Japanese community—an example of the virulence of anti-Japanese hatred in Peru. None of the agents had a command of Japanese, which hampered their efficiency.

As noted by research historian

of Japanese in South America, C. Harvey Gardiner of Southern Illinois University, in July 1941, at the request of the U.S. government, a "Proclaimed List of Certain Blocked Nationals" was started with names of German, Italian and Japanese businesses in Peru to be boycotted by the government in case of war.

Peru did not declare war against Japan until 1945, when it became a requisite to charter membership in the United Nations, Gardiner notes in his earlier book, *The Japanese and Peru, 1873-1973* (1975). However, Peru was not alone, being joined by Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Venezuela, Paraguay and Uruguay. Brazil participated in WWII, sending an expeditionary force that fought in Italy. Mexico participated in the Pacific war. ■

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