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Colin Powell says he's sorry about 'Chinamen' remark

Retired Army General Colin Powell needed some quick-fix PR tactics after using the word "Chinamen" during a recent meeting with business leaders.

Powell used the demeaning word during an Oct. 5 speech at the Third Annual Business Leadership Summit in Stockton, Calif.

"If you give 1.3 billion Chinamen access to home shopping on television, [communism] is over, because there is no way communism can compete with a salad shooter for \$9.95."

Powell's actions incensed many leaders

of the Asian American community, including the JACL.

Lori Fujimoto, JACL national vice president for public affairs, requested and received an apology from the retired general.

"Your use of this racial slur is offensive and unacceptable," wrote Fujimoto in an Oct. 7 letter to Powell. "We request an immediate public apology to the Chinese American community across the United States."

In addition to Fujimoto, Powell received a number of letters from leaders of the Chinese American community. He quickly

sent an apologetic reply to the various organizations.

"Thank you for your letter expressing your disappointment in my insensitive use of the word 'Chinamen'..." begins Powell's letter dated Oct. 9.

"The context in which I used the word was a positive one as I recounted the economic progress being made in China by the unleashing of the creative and entrepreneurial potential of the Chinese people. Nevertheless, my reference was inappropriate. I apologize for any offense it may have caused. You can be sure I will never

use the term again."

Fujimoto responded the same day, suggesting a collaborative effort to increase sensitivity to ethnic groups.

JACL National Director Herb Yamanishi says he's "reasonably satisfied with Powell's apology but still wants to meet with the retired general. 'We want a chance to meet with him and talk to him about reaching out to minorities and about his views.'"

The Organization of Chinese Americans is satisfied with Powell's apology and feels

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Medal of Honor hero heads JA Korean War Vet Memorial campaign

Staff report

LOS ANGELES—In town for a videotaping of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans' documentary, Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., is serving as one of the honorary chairs of a national campaign to raise \$150,000 for a memorial to be installed on Memorial Day 1997 at the JACCC Memorial Court.

Now a retired businessman and grandfather of four children, he has taken "a definitely hands-on approach," Japanese American Korean War Veterans organization president Robert M. Wada of Fullerton declared.

"The Korean Conflict has often been called *The*

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President Eisenhower confers the Congressional Medal of Honor and congratulates S/Sgt. Hershey Hiroshi Miyamura for heroic actions during the Korean Conflict at White House ceremonies on Oct. 27, 1953.

Congress passes land transfer bill for Manzanar site and JA Patriotism Memorial

Staff report

WASHINGTON — Congress passed in the final hours of the 104th Congress Oct. 3 an omnibus National Parks bill, which includes authorization for land transfers to create both the Japanese American Patriotism Memorial in Washington, D.C., and a National Historic Site at the location of the former Manzanar internment camp. President Clinton has indicated he will sign the legislation.

The House had approved the measure a second time around Sept. 28 by a 404-4 vote, and the Senate gave its unanimous consent just hours before adjournment.

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Sacramento) was a chief sponsor of the Patriotism Memorial bill and was joined by Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-San Bernardino) in sponsoring the Manzanar bill. Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Sen. Barbara Boxer (D) worked continuously to keep the Patriotism Memorial and Manzanar bills, respectively, from dying in the Senate. One lone opponent in the Senate would have killed the bill.

Both memorials were authorized in legislation passed in 1992. However, the land needed to construct the Patriotism Memorial had to be transferred from

the Architect of the U.S. Capitol, which currently owns the property, to the National Park Service. The Manzanar site, owned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP), required a similar land transfer arrangement.

The addition of 300 acres for the Manzanar Historic Site identifies land as having archeological arti-

facts from all periods of life in Owens River Valley.

The Patriotism Memorial will be located in the Northwest quadrant in D.C. on federal land bounded by Louisiana Ave., New Jersey Ave. and D Street, equidistant from the United States Capitol and Union Station.

"We can now move ahead with the fundraising for the Memorial," beamed William H. (Mo) Marumoto, chair of the board, National Japanese American Memorial Foundation.

Sue Kunitomi Embrey, Manzanar Advisory Commission chair, noted passage of the bill was the last major hurdle to opening of the Manzanar National Historic Site. "Many individuals and agencies working together behind the scenes [made] this happen," she declared. She named Inyo County supervisors Bob Gracey and Paul Payne, the offices of the Bureau of Land Management, the DWP, the National Park Service, local residents and the Nikkei community. ■



HISTORIC MOMENT—In this 1973 photo, the Manzanar landmark plaque is positioned onto the sentry house by Ryoza Kado of Venice, Calif. He was also the builder of the white cenotaph standing in the cemetery.

Immigration bill softens impact of welfare reform

After months of behind-the-scenes negotiations between the White House and congressional Republicans, H.R. 2202, the Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, was signed into law by President Clinton on Sept. 30, taking effect at midnight.

The final bill primarily addresses border control and enforcement against illegal immigration. It doubles the number of border patrol agents over the next five years, requires 14 miles of triple fencing near San Diego, Calif., authorizes the Attorney General to accept state services to carry out immigration enforcement, mandates a minimum of 10 INS agents per state, and increases penalties for smuggling immigrants into the U.S. and for document fraud.

According to the Asian Law Caucus of San Francisco, the conference version of the bill contained provisions affecting legal immigrants which go beyond the current restrictions under welfare reform. The final bill deleted these provisions by:

1. Dropping the public charge deportation provision that would deport legal immigrants for using more than 12 months of public benefits during their first seven years in the United States.

2. Dropping the retroactive deeming provision affecting current immigrants in the country for less than 5 years. "Deeming" means the sponsor's income will be counted as the immigrant's income in determining eligibility for benefits. However, under the welfare reform law, deeming is applicable only to immigrants who arrived in the U.S. after Aug. 22, 1996.

The final bill reduced the sponsor's minimum income requirements from the conference committee's 200 percent to 125 percent of the poverty level, allowing more Americans to reunite with their families. It also eliminated provisions denying HIV treatment for immigrants and restricting immigrants' use of emergency Medicaid. Finally, the final bill also provided certain exemptions from the restrictions currently in the welfare reform law. These exemptions are:

1. Battered women, regardless of their immigration status, are now included in the classification of "qualified aliens" in determining the immigrant's eligibility to receive certain public benefits, and therefore can continue to receive public benefits.

2. Battered women and immigrants without food or shelter whose sponsors refuse to provide assistance are exempted from the deeming restrictions in the welfare reform for 12 months.

3. Immigrants currently receiving food stamps will be given a six-month grace period from the bans enacted in the welfare reform.

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Hate crime prevention plan approved in Novato, Calif.

The Novato City Council unanimously approved the Hate Crime Prevention Plan that was presented at its Sept. 24 City Council meeting. Dennis Sato, chair of the Multicultural Oversight Committee and president of the Marin Chapter, JACL, presented the hate prevention plan. The 14-member committee is comprised of community organizations, businesses, churches, the Novato school district, police department, and human rights organizations. The committee has been meeting since January to develop goals and objectives to address hate violence. The recommendations were the result of subcommittee work that addressed education, law enforcement, and community involvement.

The recommendations presented form strategies to build a harmonious diverse community; establish an environment that is appreciative of the benefits of a diverse population; and support efforts to prevent and respond to bigoted and divisive behaviors. These strategies will assist in the coordination of community-based prevention and education activities; assist in the coordination of law enforcement monitoring and reporting of hate crimes; and develop guidelines on diversity and community relations for each school within Novato.

The establishment of the Multicultural Oversight Committee was the result of a hate crime against a Chinese American, who

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JACL calendar

ATTENTION: All calendar items—JACL and Community—will be contained on this one page as far as possible. TIME-VALUE is the chief consideration.

Eastern

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat Nov. 2—Quarterly meeting, 10 a.m., JAA, 15 W. 44th St.

NEW YORK

Sat Nov. 2—52nd Anniversary Celebration, 6:30 p.m., Golden Unicorn, 18 E. Broadway; info: Lillian Kimura 201/680-1441, Chapter 800/513-8813. NOTE—Bob Sakaniwa, guest speaker.

Sat Dec. 14—Holiday bazaar, noon-6 p.m., Japanese American United Church, 7th Ave btwn 24th and 25th Sts.; info: Chapter, 800/513-8813.

PHILADELPHIA

December—Christmas party, 215/848-1715.

WASHINGTON D.C.

Sat Nov. 23—Annual meeting, 2-4 p.m., Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, Md, JACL Office, 202/223-1240.

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

Midwest

CLEVELAND

Sun Oct. 27—Halloween costume party, 1-4 p.m., info: Joyce Theus 216/582-5443.

Sat Nov. 2—JACL Holiday Fair, 3-8 p.m., Euclid Central Middle School, 20701 Euclid Ave. (near Chardon Rd.); info: Joyce Theus 216/582-5443.

Sat Dec. 7—Christmas party, 1-4 p.m., Euclid Square Mall; info: Joyce Theus 216/582-5443.

DAYTON

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

NCal-WN-Pacific

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun Nov. 3—Fall DC session: Cal, Prop. 209 panel discussion, 1:30 p.m., Stockton Inn, 4219 Waterloo Rd.; info: Patty Wada, reg. dir., 415/921-5225. NOTE—Panelists: Jerry Enomoto, Chizu Iiyama, Anne Omura, Andy Noguchi.

RENO

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

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

Sun Dec. 15—Christmas potluck/Santa's visit, 12 noon, Knights of Pythias Hall, info:

Joanna Allen 702/345-0620.

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

WEST VALLEY

Sat Nov. 16—Election and general meeting.

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

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat Nov. 2—District Council installation banquet, 7 p.m., Anderson's Pea Soup Restaurant, Selma.

TRI-DISTRICT/CCDC

1997: April—CCDC hosts next NCWNPDC-CCDC-PSWDC Tri-District Conference in Las Vegas.

Pacific Southwest

ORANGE COUNTY-SELANOCO

Sat Oct. 19—"Shield 65 Plan for JACL Members" (Blue Shield HMO with Medicare, including medical services, prescription drugs, dental and vision care) info meeting, 10 a.m., Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, 13711 Fairview Ave., Garden Grove, info: Betty Oka 714/636-8207, Kurtis Nakagawa 714/528-2176.

Community calendar

Eastern

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thu Oct. 31 through Jan. 5, 1997—Kristine Yuki Aono's exhibit: "Relics from Camp," National Museum for Women in the Arts, 1250 New York Ave. NW, 202/783-7351. NOTE—Opening reception Tue. Nov. 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

NEW YORK

Sat Nov. 2—JASSI 15th anniversary dinner, New York Hilton, info: 212/255-1881.

NORFOLK, VA.

Fri Nov. 8—Dedication of WWII exhibit at MacArthur Memorial Foundation, 9:30 wreath laying at MacArthur's Tomb, 10 a.m. program with MIS panelists, 11:45 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony at exhibit; info—Japanese American Veterans Assn., Joe Ichijui, 301/530-0336, Hank Wakabayashi 301/881-7390. NOTE—Overnight attendees will buffet at 6:30 p.m., Thu. at Phillips Seafood, 333 Waterside Dr., Norfolk 717/627-6600.

ARLINGTON NAT'L CEMETERY

Sun Nov. 10—JAVA wreath-laying ceremony, 11:30 a.m., Tomb of the Unknowns; Sunday brunch follows at Fort Myers Officers Club; RSVP, Joe Ichijui, 301/530-0336.

Midwest

CHICAGO

Coming in 1997: Smithsonian's 'A More Perfect Union' traveling exhibit, Jan. 25-March 3. Local committee in formation, info: Ross Harano, 312/467-0623, 467-0615 fax.

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Sat Oct. 26—Benefit Miyoi-kai auction for Nikkei Manor, 6 p.m. food-wine tasting, 8 p.m. auction, 9 dance, Washington State Convention Center, 6th floor, Seattle.

Sat Mon. Nov. 9-11—Asian American Film Festival, "Outsider Within," Seattle Art Museum, tickets available at Uwajimaya Seattle/Bellevue; info: SAAFF, Albert Shen 206/517-4803. NOTE—Eleven programs, from noon Sat., to 7 p.m. Mon. with Michael Cho's *Another America* and Yuri Kochiyama's *Passion for Justice*.

Nevada

LAS VEGAS

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

Northern Cal

OAKLAND

Sat Oct. 26—JASEB 25th anniversary dinner, Oakland Airport Hilton Hotel.

Sat Nov. 2—MIS Norcal annual luncheon, noon-3 p.m., Silver Dragon Restaurant, 835 Webster St.; RSVP: Sacramento, Tom Fujimoto 916/4276-6838, Tom Sasaki 916/428-8460; Eastbay, Marvin Uratsu 510/233-3822, Skeets Oji 510/935-6675; San Jose, Walter Tanaka 408/292-5037, Harry Fukuhara 408/268-268-3658; San Francisco, Paul Ohtaki 415/661-6311.

SAN FRANCISCO

Tue Oct. 29—Panel: "Hits, Runs and Eras in Baseball," 6 p.m., Japan Society, 312 Sutter St., 5th Flr., info: 415/986-4383.

Sat Nov. 2—Pre-season Nisei Ski Club dance/fashion show, 7 p.m. dinner, Gabbiano's Restaurant, One Ferry Plaza, Embarcadero & Market; info: Martha Wong 415/387-2019, Randy Lee 408/453-3867.

Sun Nov. 3—Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4 p.m., info: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Margaret Iwai-Ey 510/724-6247.

Wed Nov. 6—Japan Society Distinguished Lecture series: Northeast Asia: trends and implications for peace, 6 p.m., Japan Society, 312 Sutter St., 5th Flr., info: 415/986-4383. NOTE—Professor emeritus Robert Scalapino, UC, Berkeley, to lecture.

Thu Nov. 21—Japan Society member tour: "Craft Traditions of Okinawa," 5:30 p.m., Craft and Folk Art Museum, Bldg. A, Fort Mason Center; info: 415/986-4383.

NOTE—Curator Karin Nelson to lecture.

SAN JOSE

Tue Nov. 12—Yu-Ai Kai Generational Issues forum, 6:30-8 p.m., Yu-Ai Kai, Rm. 300, 588 N. 4th St., San Jose, info: 408/294-2505. Nov. 12 topic: Care-giving, Dec. 10 topic: "No Shimpai".

Southern Cal

LOS ANGELES

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

Oct. 18-Nov. 3—Cal State Theater Arts and Dance Dept.'s "Fall Ahead" program and dances, Oguri with Renzoku (butoh), CSULA State Playhouse, 8 p.m. Fri-Sat, 2:30 Sun, box office: 213/343-4118.

Fri-Sun. Oct. 18-20—East West orchid show, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., New Otani Hotel & Garden/Weller Court, info: 800/421-8795.

Fri-Sun. Oct. 18-20—National convocation, Japanese American United Methodist Caucus, Centenary UMC, Los Angeles.

Sat Oct. 19—JANM Panel: "Fighting Two Battles—Segregated Units of WWII," 1-3 p.m., RSVP 213/625-0414. NOTE—Nisei of 100/442/MIS, Navajo Code Talkers, Tuskegee Airmen on panel.

Sun Oct. 20—Centenary United Methodist Church's 100th anniversary banquet, 12:30 p.m., Bonaventure Hotel, RSVP \$40 adult, \$15 children by Oct. 10, Centenary UMC 213/617-9097, fax 617-7688. NOTE—Bishop Roy Sano, speaker.

Sun Oct. 20—Nikkei International Assn. annual meeting, 1 p.m., luncheon 2 p.m., Sea Empress Restaurant, 1636 W. Redondo Beach, Gardena; RSVP and info: Ron Shiozaki 310/327-4980, Masako Kobayashi 310/676-8949.

Tue Oct. 22 through Nov. 17—Chrysanthemum Festival, (Tue-Fri: noon-4:30 p.m., Sat-Sun: 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) The Huntington, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, info: 818/405-2141.

Thu Oct. 24 through Jan. 5—JANM "Finding Family Stories" partnership project with Plaza de la Raza and Watts Towers Arts Center, reception, 6-8 p.m., JANM; also at Watts Towers Oct. 27-Jan. 4, 1727 E. 107th St., Los Angeles 213/847-4646; at Plaza de la Raza, 3540 Mission Rd., L.A. 213/223-2475.

Thu Oct. 24—USC Emeriti Center-Fairfax Older Adult Service and Information System (OASIS) discussion series on "Japan: What's Happening?" 10:30-noon, Fairfax OASIS, 6282 W. Third St. across from the Farmers Market; info: 213/931-8967. NOTE—Prof. Gordon M. Berger, history, "The Impact of Japan's Past on Her Future."

Sat Oct. 26—Oral history workshop, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., JANM, RSVP required, \$5/\$9 fees, 213/625-0414.

Sat Oct. 26—Community Health Fair, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Union Church, 3d and San Pedro St.; info: Bob Watanabe, LTSC 213/660-3729.

Sun Oct. 27—Troop 379 65th Anniversary lunch, 10 a.m.-4, Quiet Cannon, Montebello; info: Mas Fujimoto or Ed Takahashi 213/413-3131.

Sat Nov. 9—Nikkei Singles social every second Saturday; info: Lil Roderick, 13123 Ferndale Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92644-2020 (no phone).

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

Fri Nov. 22—East West Players New Theater "Canton Jazz Club Casino Night" fund-raiser, 9 p.m., Biltmore Hotel; tickets: 310/285-3581.

Arizona

PHOENIX

Sat Nov. 23—Teahouse dedication, 11:30 a.m., Japanese Friendship Garden, Margaret T. Hance Park; info: Phoenix Parks 602/262-6412.

CORRECTION

● Regarding the JACL Scholarship announcements, Oct. 4-17 issue: pg. 6—"Masao and Sumako Itano Scholarship," pg. 8—Dr. Thomas Yabata scholarship winner Elizabeth Tamura attends Washington State University; and Mas & Majiu Uyesugi scholarship winner Lisa Zom attends Brown University.

Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka

Let's keep communicating!

By HIROMI UEHA/ NICOLE INOUE

In search of youth members

To those who do not know us, we are Hiromi Ueha and Nicole Inouye, elected at the San Jose national convention as National Youth Student Chair and Representative, respectively. Hiromi graduated from UC Irvine with a double major in Political Science and Japanese. Nicole, 20-years-old, is into her fourth year at UC Irvine as a Social Ecology major with a minor in Asian American Studies. Hiromi, 24, currently works at the UCI Bookstore as the assistant manager in the Course Book Department. We are very excited about our newly elected positions and have many ideas and plans that we would like to implement.

Our first and most important goal is to find youth and student members to serve as representatives for the different JACL districts so that we can boast a full youth-student council. Without the representatives from the eight districts, we cannot fulfill our agenda and goals. At the current time, we have three vacant

positions and by the end of 1996, there will be two additional seats to be filled on the board.

To fill these positions, we need to increase the number and recruit youth-student members. With astonishing interest at the Convention in the Youth-Student Council as well as JACL, it will be easier for us to keep a full council continuously.

One way to increase visibility of JACL to students is by creating a Web Page with information on JACL, and the agenda of its National Youth Student Council — what we are doing. One tradition within each biennium is our national leadership conference. We are now in the planning stages with five of our youth-



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students reps from the districts.

Gaining wider student interest in not only the Youth Student Council but in JACL as well has been on the bottom line. To

gain student interest means advocating issues that are relevant to them on a national level.

One of the pressing issues on various campuses has been the push for Asian American Studies. The concern is great among minority students and their families with the decrease in opportunities, over questions of relevancy of recruitment and retention programs geared toward students who fall under the Affirmative Action policy. Nationally, the dwindling amount of financial aid for students and the added requirements needed to qualify is a

growing problem.

Undoubtedly, there are many other issues on various campuses and in different regions that we need to know. With help from a greater membership in individual JACL chapters, we would like to hear from them.

One of our desires is for members and friends to let us know their opinion about how our things are coming and going. Without people's input, we will not know if we are either overlooking something or can better handle a certain situation. (As our editor so aptly named our column,) we would like to keep the lines of communication open on both ends.

Realistically, we cannot possibly know about all that we need to know of the happenings nationwide. But with eyes and ears of individuals around the country, the communication lines will be "abuzz" — whether by phone, mail, fax or e-mail (see below). We look forward to working with many different

people this coming biennium. We do not promise all will be smooth nor will we satisfy everyone. We do promise to work with you and are willing to meet you half way towards working to a common goal. We are only 10 individuals on the council (when full) and there are thousands of JACL members.

We are willing to help recruit and foster leadership in the youth and student members. We have ideas and models of what we think might work. Ultimately, the drive, motivation and (most importantly) commitment will come from individuals within the chapters.

The bottom line: We want to work with everyone. ■

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**What's happenin' in the PSW**

By AL MURATSUCHI

Demand political respect! Let's deliver the JACL Vote

Politicians give respect to groups that deliver votes. We know that they pay respect and fear the Christian Coalition, the National Rifle Association and the AARP, to name a few. For politicians to give respect to JACL, we have to work to ensure that each and every JACLER registers and votes. JACL has over 22,000 members. Our political strength and respect comes from our membership. If we can mobilize our membership, as we did during the Redress campaign, politicians will take note. If we can't mobilize, we don't get any respect.

A recent example of disrespect: JACL's presidential election forum

JACL co-sponsored a nonpartisan educational forum on the presidential election last Saturday (Oct. 6). We co-sponsored it with the Organization of Chinese Americans, Korean American Coalition and the Los Angeles-based Asian Pacific American Legislative Staff Network.

For two months prior, the organizers and I invited the Clinton/Gore and Dole/Kemp campaigns to commit prominent politicians to speak at our forum. We tried to sell it as an unprecedented opportunity to speak to three of the largest membership-based Asian American groups in the Los Angeles area.

No commitments came forward. We almost had to cancel the event at the last minute, but proceeded with a scaled-down forum featuring local Asian American Democratic and Republican activists.

The event was pretty successful with a respectable turnout, L.A. Times coverage, and a good discussion between the speakers and the audience.

But we have a long way to go. We need to be able to turn out the numbers so that politicians take note.

Recent examples of our potential:**JACL's 'No on Prop. 209' forums**

I'm proud to say that JACL has done as much, if not more, than any Asian American organization in Southern California to fight Prop. 209, the anti-affirmative active initiative on the Nov. 5 ballot. Thanks to the hard work of the

Pacific Southwest District's Affirmative Action Committee, JACL turned out a total of over 300 people at our Gardena, Pasadena and Irvine forums. JACL also had respectable turnouts at our San Diego and West Los Angeles forums.

With a few dedicated JACLers, we can make a difference.

Help get the JACL vote out on Nov. 5

PSW Governor David Kawamoto and I urge each chapter to organize phone trees to get out the vote. For example, under leadership of Pat Kawamoto and Ron Osajima,

the SELANOCO JACL Chapter will be calling each and everyone of their members to remind them to vote on Nov. 5. If every JACL chapter did the same, we would be in good shape.

You can also call the PSW office to volunteer two hours or more of your time between now and Election Day to make some phone calls with the Los Angeles-based Asian American Get-Out-the-Vote Project. Led by Alex Fukui of the APAN JACL Chapter, this operation brings volunteers together to make a few phone calls to precincts with a high

concentration of registered Asian American voters, urging them to vote No on Prop. 209.

We can do it, if we all do our part. We can deliver the JACL vote and

demand some respect. Call me: 213/626-4471. ■

Al Muratsuchi is Pacific Southwest JACL regional director.

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Agenda

San Fernando Valley Chapter honors Odas

Nearly 300 JACLers and friends came to honor James and Dr. Mary Oda's 20th anniversary—a different sort of celebration marking their 20th year since their son Eugene passed away and the parents had established a twin scholarship in his memory for high school graduates. It was the chapter's tribute to the generosity of famed couple, who provided \$1,000 awards each year. (A similar scholarship was also administered by the Riverside JACL.) The Sunday luncheon was held Sept. 30 at the hilltop Odyssey Restaurant at the west end of San Fernando Valley.

In response, Dr. Oda thanked the Issei for the wonderful values they had taught the Nisei of education, Confucian ethics of responsibility, and not to bring *haji*—shame, a legacy the Nisei should pass on to the Sansei, the Sansei to their children. Scholarship winners of the early decade were captured by videocam and projected on the screen congratulating their benefactors; some attended in person as well as parents. ■

-HKH

Chicago plans 'More Perfect Union' exhibit

A full score of ceremonies and workshops has been drafted for the Chicago exhibit of "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution," opening Jan. 23, 1997 at the Harold Washington Library, it was announced by Ross Harano, Chicago JACLer and local committee

chair of the American Library Association-organized travel exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution.

Three special community programs are: (1) Jan. 24—Opening ceremony & reception; Tsune Nakagawa, chair; (2) Feb. 16—Day of Remembrance, Sam Ozaki, chair; (3) March 6—Closing ceremony.

Three panel discussions focus on: (1) date TBA—Resettlement in Chicago with Dr. Setsuko Nishi; Yoji Ozaki, chair; (2) date TBA—Legality of the Evacuation, Sandra Otaka, chair; (3) Feb. 20—Role of Japanese Americans in WWII, Allen Meyer chair.

Two teacher workshops, chaired by Jean Mishima, are scheduled on Saturday mornings, Feb. 1 and Feb. 8. Five student workshops on Wednesday and Friday mornings are bunched between Feb. 14 and Feb. 28.

The exhibit committee, chaired by Chiye Tomihiro, will assist during the library hours of the exhibit, Jan. 23 through March 6.

Contact: Ross Harano, 929 The Merchandise Mart, Chicago IL 60654, 312/467-0623, 467-0615 fax. ■

Fresno benefit run is big success

The 1996 Shin-zen Benefit Run, which was dedicated to the late Akira Yokomi, had 650 active participants and many more curbside spectators along a new course that utilized the new Lew Eaton trail in Woodward Park. It (Sept. 8) was a perfect morning for the race. Owner of Central Fish, Yokomi was a sponsor of the run and many Central Valley Nikkei youth re-

member getting a box of rice candy with a whispered admonition—don't tell your parents.

Pepsi Cola San Joaquin Bottling Co. and Central Fish were the major sponsors this year. The Fresno Gumyo Jr. Taiko group entertained, while, as a new Run feature, Fred & Stuart Hirasuna embellished the variety of fresh fruit for the participants by asking and receiving from local growers and shippers. Till this run, David Sasaki provided Granny Smith apples.

Ken Takeuchi, perpetual race director, and Deborah Ikeda, chair, were backed up by coordinators, course monitors, water station personnel, tabulators, a bike patrol and event physician Dr. Dennis Nakata. Commemorative T-shirts are still available at \$10 from Ikeda 209/434-1264. ■

New York JACL marks 52nd anniversary

Recollections and memories are being gathered from New York JACL chapter presidents during their tenure for the 52nd anniversary dinner to be held on Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Golden Unicorn, 18 E. Broadway.

Washington DC JACL Representative Bob Sakaniwa will be the featured speaker on the topic, "What Lies Ahead: JACL in the 21st Century." Before him is the oft-asked question: "With the reality that Japanese Americans will be the smallest of the Asian American population in a few years and the great number of out-marriages resulting in hapa children, will there be a need for JACL?"

Hiroki Sugihara, eldest son of Chiaki Sugihara who was credited with saving some 6,000 lives of Jews in Lithuania who escaped Nazi terrorism at the outbreak of World War II, will also be in attendance. The onetime Cal State Sacramento student was a participant at the recent San Jose National JACL Convention.

Evening opens with a no-host reception at 6:30 with dinner at 7. Tickets are \$50 per, RSVP with Hisayo Asai 212/663-4860; Sumi Koide 914/693-2058; Lillian Kimura 201/680-1441; N.Y. JACL 800/513-8813.

Members who were around in the early days are also invited to share their memories with Kimura, 75 Grove St., Bloomfield, NJ 07003. ■

Housing units dedicated in L.A.'s Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES — Little Tokyo Service Center's \$17.4 million project, a six-story Casa Heiwa with 100 units of housing, was formally dedicated Oct. 10. LTSC's headquarters, moved from the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, is on the ground floor at 231 E. 3rd St.

Its features include an interior courtyard, viewable from each apartment, a child-care center, on-site human service programs, a half basketball court, play areas, vegetable garden, computer training center plus a subterranean garage with 137 spaces.

In addition to \$6.1 million loan from the Community Redevelopment Agency, several banks and other organizations have invested in the complex. Casa Heiwa studio units and apartments with one-to-four bedrooms rent for between \$240 and \$464 a month.

The units are for low-income families, seniors and the physically challenged in a multi-generation setting.

The project was spawned after low-income residences, the Alan Hotel and Masago Hotel on E. 2nd St., were razed in the 1980s for a high-rise hotel and shopping center that was never built. ■

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● One correction: the SELANOCO total for Holiday Issue ads was 666 inches last year, not 486 as printed. Thanks to Clarence Nishizu, Kurt Nakagawa, Jun Fukushima, Evelyn Hanki, Ray Hasse, Hiroshi Kamei and others on the chapter HI committee, this chapter has been the overall leader since 1988!

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Cars belonging to Asians in St. Louis bombed

ST. LOUIS—No one was injured, but two parked cars were heavily damaged by explosion and fire early Saturday morning (Oct. 5), according to an Oct. 6 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* story. They were parked in the driveway of a home in the quiet neighborhood of University City (8000 block of Teasdale Avenue southwest of Delmar Blvd. and Old Bonhomme Rd.) A third car, parked in front of the home, was slightly damaged.

According to Mike Hoshiko of the St. Louis Chapter, JACL,

"JACL members need to know and be reminded that Asians are still being targeted, no matter where, and motivated for whatever reason."

Neighbors heard a series of explosion around 2:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, and saw two cars on fire. The 1995 Jeep Wrangler and the 1990 Mitsubishi sedan were gutted by fire. The third car in front was a 1992 Nissan Pathfinder.

Former St. Louis City Council member Betty Van Uum told the

Post-Dispatch, she has been a resident in the neighborhood for 30 years because of its tranquility and friendliness. "This is the first time in 25 years that I've seen a police car in this neighborhood."

State motor vehicle records list two cars are owned by Dr. Seiishi Noda and the third by Eric T. Choi, all with the same address. Kim Noda, 33, who is married to doctor, 32, had no explanation. They had moved here from Massachusetts only two months ago, where he was an assistant to the

surgeon in chief at Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston.

Dr. Noda is a cardiac surgeon at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. She works for an investment firm in Clayton. They have a two-year-old child.

Police were still puzzled Monday, Oct. 7, for the car bombings of three unoccupied vehicles. Police said, "The people who own the cars know of no one who would want to do something like this to them."

An investigator told the *Post-*

Dispatch that "whoever did this knew exactly what they were doing. We feel it was somebody who knows the family, and it was done at a time when nobody would get hurt."

An agent from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms have taken over the case from St. Louis County detectives. The two burned-out cars were impounded by police. Neighbors were also alerted to check their own vehicles and area for possible bombs. ■

Sansei show support for 'Go for Broke' monument

Noting the controversy that has raged over the combining on a Little Tokyo monument the names of Japanese Americans in WWII combat who came back with those who sacrificed their lives, Maj. Gen. James Mukoyama, Jr., a Chicago Sansei, and keynote speaker at the Sept. 2 fund-raising luncheon at the Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, said it was time "we unite behind this monument, (that) does not glorify war or combat."

As he has for the past eight

years, Col. Young Oak Kim, president of the 100th/442nd/MIS Memorial Foundation, emphasized that the monument tells the story of how Nisei Americans went to fight for America while their parents and families were evacuated, because of their ancestry, to concentration camps American-style. "These men went to fight for America and for the ideals American stands for at the very time America was violating some of its most sacred tents. That's really the story," Kim summarized.

Among the younger Nikkei attending, Karin Yamashita, a Sansei, stated her admiration for her father, Nob, who was among the first group in November, 1942, volunteering from Manzanar for the Army's Military Intelligence Service.

"I'm very surprised there is still this much ignorance. The fact that it's becoming more mainstream knowledge, how these men volunteered their services, and it's becoming more visible is a very wonderful thing," Karin remarked to the *Rafu Shimpo* reporter Julie Ha.

More than 500 attended the luncheon emceed by KCAL-TV 9 news reporter Frank Buckley. Actor Pat Morita appealed to the mostly Nisei audience for financial and volunteer support in making this monument "happen . . . You do it with dedication, perseverance, commitment and completion—that's how they did it."

Kim said the foundation has

raised \$600,000 and needs \$2 million to build the black granite monument, which will stand on North Central Avenue between the Japanese American National Museum and the Temporary Museum of Contemporary Art. The names of some 15,000 Nisei veterans with a star attached to those missing or killed in action will be engraved on it.

National JACL, at its San Jose convention, voted its support of the Foundation project. ■

MIS pushes search for Medal of Honor awards

When legislation (S 1124) introduced by Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii) was signed by the President last Feb. 10, directing the Army to review the WWII service records of Asian - Pacific Americans who received the Distinguished Service Crosses (DSC) to determine whether these should be upgraded to the Congressional Medal of Honor, there was a one-year window for the process, the MIS Norcal reminded.

The secret nature of MIS exploits, however, has prevented ap-

'Official English,' a top case on tap for Supreme Court

WASHINGTON—Ranked among the top cases for the U.S. Supreme Court which opened its 1996 fall term on Monday, Oct. 8, is *Arizona v. Official English*, the issue being whether a provision of the Arizona state constitution requiring all government business to be done in English.

The U.S. appeals court in San Francisco, citing free-speech concerns, said "No." Public employees were required to use only English when performing official duties. ■

Deadline for CLPEF grant Dec. 13, 1996

The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) recently announced the availability of application forms inside a 40-page brochure of instructions for its grant program targeted toward education the public about the lessons learned from the incarceration of Japanese Americans and legal resident aliens during World War II. (see Oct. 4-17 P.C.)

Application deadline is Dec. 13, 1996.

Contact: Dale Shimasaki, CLPEF West Coast Office, 901 Market St. #500, San Francisco CA 94103; 415/356-5020, 356-5025 fax, <http://www.acon.org/clpef> or: Martha Watanabe, CLPEF East Coast Office, 1730 K St. NW, #410, Washington, DC 20006; 202/653-2811, 653-2815 fax. ■

plications for military decorations or their publication as the time frame for MIS performances extends beyond WWII—from Jan. 1, 1940, to Dec. 31, 1990.

Project director Dr. James McNaughton of the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey, who is completing a history of the Nisei MIS soldier, was authorized additional personnel to assist him complete the project in two years as well identify

DSC recipients in the MIS archives, according to the August issue of the MIS Norcal newsletter.

Any MIS veteran who believes that his or her services were not duly recognized or who has knowledge of someone who should be considered should contact MIS Norcal president Harry Fukuhara, 6508 Timberview Dr., San Jose, CA 95120; 408/268-3658, fax 408/927-7554. Recommendations will

require substantiating data in form of documentation, witnesses or statements with pertinent information.

Current records show only one DSC awarded during WWII in MIS, a number of Silver Stars and the Bronze Medals. Some received

battlefield commissions in recognition of valor, meritorious service and leadership.

National Council at its recent San Jose convention unanimously passed a Seattle JACL resolution in support of the Akaka legislation. ■

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Personally speaking

Historic Northern California Nisei baseball artifacts on display

SAN FRANCISCO—Some JACLers at San Jose convention were able to view Kerry Nakagawa's "Diamonds in the Rough" exhibit, which was originally presented as a San Francisco Giants tribute to Japanese Americans in baseball.

In touting the exhibit during the convention, Fresno JACL life member Ray Arifuku recalled baseball was "more than a game to the Nisei" as it was "the only game in town" to the fans—a social event that attracted thousands—plus all-Nisei championships and barnstorming tours to Japan for the players.

At the Japanese American Day pre-game festivities July 20 at Candlestick Park, S.F. Giants senior vice president Pat Gallagher announced to the full-house that his organization is asking the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum at Cooperstown to include a permanent exhibit on the Japanese American leagues.

For the 40-odd prewar Nisei players honored that day on the field, it was an unexpected fame. "All of sudden I'm thrown into the spotlight," onetime Stockton Yamato player Takeo "Babe" Utsumi said. "It's a dream come true," San Jose Asahi's George Hinaga added.

Cited as Northern California "legends" of Nisei baseball from the 1920s through the 1941 season were:

Alameda Taiiku—Kiyosuke Nomura (Organizer), Shizuto Kawamura (1925-29), Richard "Cy" Towata (1921-30), Mas Nakano (1927-35), Shizuto Madokoro (1930-35), Taro Takeda (1930-35), John Hanamura (1935-41).

Loomis Red Lions—Homer Takahashi (1936-41).

Marysville Sakura—Sam "Lefty" Kurihara (1931-41).

Marysville YMA—Frank Nakamura (1929-39).

Stockton Yamatos—Takeo "Babe" Utsumi (1935-39).

Lodi YMBA Templars—John Hiramoto (1929-41), Kiichi Hiramoto (1932-41), Shozo "Shot" Iwamura (1938-41).

William "Wild Bill" Kagawa (1940-41), Noburo "Nobi" Matsumoto (1928-41), Keizo Okuhara (1935-41), George Takeuchi (1932-41), Tom Ishida (1938-41).

Florin A.C.—Bill Tsukamoto (1938-41), Yoshio "Tubby" Tsukamoto (1937-41), Herb "Moon" Kurima (1927-41).

San Jose Asahis—Henry "Lefty" Honda (1939-41), Shigeo

Photo courtesy of KERRY NAKAGAWA



BASEBALL PAL—Fibber Hirayama poses with the late Casey Stengel.

"Jiggs" Yamada (1917-30), George Hinaga (1936-49).

Salinas Taiyo—Harry "Tar" Shirachi (1926-36).

Cortez Wildcats—Yukihiro Yotsuya (1939-49).

Fresno A.C.—Kiyoko Zenimura, widow of Kenichi Zenimura—known as the "Father of Japanese American Baseball"—Kenshi Zenimura (1938-56), Kenso Zenimura (1938-55), Fibber Hirayama (1938-64).

Nori Masuda—Fresno Assembly Center. (1938-45), Kazuo Mimura (1925-35).

Clovis Commodores—Fumio Ikeda (1938-48).

Fowler YMBA—Fred Hirasuna (1927-37), Kelly Matsumura (1938-48), Hiro Asakawa (1939).

Biola YMBA—Tak Morita (1939-45).

Hanford YMBA—Shig Tokumoto (1928-40).

Delano Dukes—Masao Takaki (1938-47).

Dinuba A.C.—Mas Handa

(1928-38), Ed Nagata (1928-38), Ted Mimura (1928-38).

Santa Maria—Cappy Harada (1935-41).

Guadalupe Packers—Masao Iriyama (1935-41).

Arroyo Grande YMA—Lefty Nishijima (1938-51).

[Acronyms—YMBA: Young Men's Buddhist Association; YMA: Young Men's Association.]

The Nisei Baseball Research Project, 4728 N. Glenn Ave., Fresno, CA 93704, continues to seek contributions, photos, artifacts and memorabilia for a possible documentary film and book, according to co-curator Nakagawa.

The National Japanese American Historical Society, 1855 Folsom St. #161, San Francisco, CA 94103, 415/431-5007, is the depository for "Diamonds in the Rough" memorabilia. ■

cause she's not pushed by the other players."

Neuberger speculated probably 100 schools have contacted her. The assistant girls basketball coach Carl Tinsley said that Connecticut, Texas and Stanford are among the schools. Lindsey's dad wasn't sure how many letters she has received. She admits, "It's going to be hard to say no to so many and yes to just one."

Syd played volleyball in California and in the Oregon adult leagues for more than 20 years and coaches junior varsity at Oregon City High. Lindsey's mother, Kriss, plays recreation volleyball. Her sister Britt played at Oregon City High in the late '80s; her brother Kobi is playing for Palomar Junior College at San Marcos, Calif. Lindsey is the youngest in the family. ■

—Hank Sakai, contributor

Paul Terasaki honored for tissue typing work

Director of UCLA Tissue Typing Laboratory Paul I. Terasaki, Ph.D., was awarded the Sir Peter B. Medawar Prize at the International Transplantation Society meeting Aug. 28 in Barcelona, Spain. The award is named in honor of the British scientist who received the Nobel Prize in 1960 for his research on tissue grafting, basic to organ transplants.

Terasaki, 67, a West Los Angeles JACLer, was recognized by JACL in 1970 as the Nisei of the Biennium for his pioneering accomplishments in tissue-typing, which has been adopted world-wide as standard methodology. Tissue-typing provides practical help in the selection of suitable organs for sick patients. As director of the National Registry for all kidney transplant recipients in the U.S., his data number into many thousands.

Irene Hirano, Japanese American National Museum



PAUL TERASAKI

president and director, recently reported that Dr. and Mrs. Terasaki have made a \$400,000 gift to the museum, which will name the Orientation Theater in the new Pavilion in their honor. Mrs. Terasaki's family owned a flower shop in Little Tokyo in the Nishi Hongwanji Building before the war. ■

California university honors civil rights leader Wakabayashi

Executive director Ron Wakabayashi of the L.A. County Commission on Human Relations is being honored by the Cal State University Los Angeles Asian Support Group with its 1996 award of excellence at the Sam Woo Seafood Restaurant, San Gabriel, 7 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 24.

Prior to joining the county commission, Wakabayashi was executive director of the Los Angeles city commission on human relations, coordinating multi-cultural delegations to Japan and linking corporate Japanese activities with ethnic efforts in California.

A CSULA alumnus long involved in Asian American community affairs, he was founder of several social service agencies including JACL Ethnic Concerns and the Asian Rehabilitation Services, and the first executive director of the Asian American Drug



RONALD K. WAKABAYASHI

Abuse Program (AADAP). A graduate of Maryknoll School in the '60s, he served National JACL as executive director through the '80s. He was appointed national director in 1981, and resigned shortly after the redress bill was signed in 1988. ■

Story of a Nisei GI and 'musume' is told

Family, relatives and friends celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Paul and Shizue Ito, who were married in Japan on July 23, 1946, at the American Consulate in Yokohama. More than 260 gathered on a Saturday evening last July at a banquet hall in Sacramento for the Ito couple, who were part of a history that saw more than 40,000 Japanese women enter the United States even though U.S. immigration laws excluded Japanese and Korean nationals at the time.

Shizue's niece and her husband, Imako and Futaba Matsuura traveled from Tokyo for the occasion.

Paul grew up in nearby Elk Grove, "a mile down a dirt road past jackrabbits, children running loose outside, (and the homes had no toilets inside)," as described by Sharon Ito, among the 80 Sansei-Yonsei nieces and nephews who partied with Paul's wartime buddies and members of the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church, where Paul is the choir director.

The Ito family consisted of Paul and 11 younger brothers and sis-

ters. They had no doubt that Paul, his bride and infant daughter Christine would return to Elk Grove after the war, his youngest sister Toshiko, now 52, said at the celebration, quietly putting into words the sentiments they had seldom revealed.

Shizue was a "second mother" with a daily routine of bagging lunches and doing laundry while she and Paul would care for his parents (who had also marked their golden wedding anniversary, in 1971) till they died. And the younger brothers and sisters probably didn't say "thank you" to them very often over the past 50 years either, Toshiko said.

In 1946, the U.S. had expedited the admission of "war brides and fiancés" of American GIs who served in Europe but not in Japan. The law was amended by PL 741, June 29, 1946—the "Soldier Brides Act" that was one of JACL's legislative successes—with two extensions, enabling alien Japanese *musume* brides—affectionately shortened to "moose" by the Yankee GIs—to be admitted as nonquota immigrants. ■

Oregon City prep sharp in volleyball and basketball

OREGON CITY, Ore.—Lindsey Yamasaki, one of the top high school juniors in the nation in volleyball and basketball, is 16 years old, carries a 3.5 GPA at Oregon City High School and stands 6 ft. 2. She splashed the front page of *The Oregonian* sports section in mid-September in perfectly-registered color, being pictured blocking the volleyball at the last minute at the net. There's a smaller shot of her seated with her volleyball teammates during a time-out.

Yamasaki's talents found her on the varsity her freshman year. As a sophomore she led Oregon City into the state tournament, Class 4A, for the first time and was the only underclassman voted last year to the all-state first team. She played in national tournaments with the Portland Volleyball Club. As a junior she's at-

tracting collegiate attention. Few athletes play both sports on the NCAA Division I level.

Lindsey and Her father Syd were planning to meet with UCLA's Natalie Williams, the first woman to earn All-American first-team honors in volleyball and basketball, who recently signed with Portland Power in the new American Basketball League.

Williams told *The Oregonian* she wouldn't discourage Yamasaki. "If she enjoys playing both sports, she should do both."

Lindsey has spoken with those who play professionally, "and they all say how hard it is. They can't imagine doing two sports." Her volleyball coach Carl Neuberger, a former coach at the University of Portland, commented that "there're a lot of physical demands on the body (in college). In high school, the demands are less be-

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Shooting for
\$100,000 in '96-97

By Grayce K. Uyehara

In August, 1994 the JACL Legacy Fund Campaign Committee made it quite clear in its report to the National Council meeting in Salt Lake City, that the JACL must move forward with a strong development program if the budget needs are to be met. Development ideas used by most nonprofit organizations were to be considered for implementation. Some will require a development director and staff training.

To help address the deficit situation presented in 1994, I suggested the immediate initiation of the JACL Annual Giving Program as a yearly fundraising effort. All of us receive mail from various well-established nonprofit organizations which ask for contributions from \$20 to \$100. With little cost involved, but focusing the appeal on those who support the mission of the JACL, the first Annual Giving mailing went to the membership in November of 1994.

The initial goal was to receive contributions from 10% of our membership. Since the membership was aware from our straightforward presentation of our financial situation, the first campaign brought in close to \$100,000 while we projected a response of about \$70,000. The first year, we had one contribution of \$10,000 and several \$500 and \$1,000 checks. But overall, the contributions were as expected, \$20 to \$100.

If JACL can reach a ten percent level of contributions from our membership, it will be possible to sustain \$100,000 into the budget from this annual fundraising. It means giving up one dinner for a couple.

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Opinions



From the frying pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Japan and U.S. on cigarettes

One of the first things an American notices on visiting Japan is the number of cigarette smokers. They smoke in the streets, at their desks at work, in conference rooms and presumably in their homes. They smoke a lot in taxicabs. Some of the cabs reek of cigarette smoke. Cigarettes are advertised widely in campaigns reminiscent of the Marlboro man. Only the larger restaurants have non-smoking areas.

I suppose the number of cigarette users in Japan, percentage-wise, is no greater than it was in the United States before the stop-smoking campaign caught on a few years ago. Now the difference is striking.

If the recently approved federal crackdown on tobacco usage by minors becomes effective, the difference in the two countries is likely to become even more pronounced. Cigarette vending machines are scheduled to disappear in the United States except in places like bars already off limits to minors. In Japan vending machines for cigarettes and even hard liquor are available almost everywhere.

Yet there is something strikingly hypo-

critical about American concern about the dangers of tobacco addiction. Even as the government tries to restrict its usage, the nation continues to subsidize tobacco production with taxpayer money. And because something has to be done with the tobacco that continues to be produced on American farms, the U.S. government encourages its export to other nations. Among them is Japan which is under heavy pressure to import anything and everything from the United States.

The latest figures I've seen from the Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs, which are for 1993, show that the United States exported 208,000 metric tons of non-manufactured tobacco. Of that amount, 57,000 metric tons or 27.4 percent of the total, was sold to Japan.

American tobacco exports in 1993 brought in \$1,306,000,000 which, to coin a phrase, wasn't peanuts. Japan's share was \$334,000,000. That's a lot of money to spend on a carcinogen. Oddly enough, since tobacco is grown on farms, it is listed in statistical reports as an agricultural product together with such items as wheat,

chicken, beef and oranges.

The comparison isn't entirely fair or accurate, but the American position on tobacco exports has a disquieting resemblance to Great Britain's experience with opium. A century and a half ago the British East India Co. enjoyed a thriving trade selling India-grown opium to the Chinese. When addiction became widespread, the Chinese government made opium illegal. That threatened Britain's profits. England and several other European powers went to war with China and forced that hapless country to legalize the narcotic. Some historians contend the Opium War (1839-42) is a root of China's subsequent weakness as an international power.

What does this have to do with Japanese Americans? Not much. Just thought you might like to know. ■

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Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

Topaz Reunion Cruise



VANCOUVER, B.C.—Whatever the coincidence, the memory of El Jardín Japonés in Buenos Aires that we had visited in 1987 was readily recalled two weeks ago at the Momiji Garden in Vancouver at the Pacific National Exhibition grounds (Hastings Park) where, in 1942, it was an assembly center for some 2,200 Japanese Canadians corralled from the outskirts of the city. It had been a cool, drizzly day both times. Both gardens are situated on the east side of the city. Both feature a graceful body of water. And both were visited by a heron, apparently in search of a meal. (I thought they were life-size statues until they moved.)

Our PANA-Canadian companion and host, "Shag" (Mrs. Mark) Ando, had driven us through Powell Street and what remains of Vancouver's prewar Japantown. But the Vancouver Buddhist Church is postwar, once a Baptist Church facing Oppenheimer Park, where Japanese Canadians since 1977 began to celebrate their annual festival a la Nisei Week. "Shall we go over to PNE?" "Yup," I answered—never expecting to see the well-manicured Momiji Garden as touches of fall were coloring the Japanese maple trees.

That evening, the exchange of personal camp experiences between Canadian and U.S. Nikkei was a historic first. The Topaz Reunion Cruise attracting 71 of us and a similar number of Canadians sat around tables loaded with the best of Chinese seafood cuisine, thanks to a confirmed Vancouver booster and resident Kiyochi Kumekawa from Topaz. If there are Nisei emigres from other WRA camps in Canada, a repeat of what transpired in Vancouver only deepens the dimension of knowing just who we are.

It was Chuck Kubokawa, who excited Yours Truly about the Topaz reunion cruise from British Columbia to San Francisco plus an evening with Nikkei in Vancouver. Daisy Satoda (Mas Satow's secretary and administrative assistant after National returned from Salt Lake City to San Francisco), Bob Utsumi (a WWII U.S. fighter pilot) and Min Shinoda (of the flower-growing dynasty) were also promoting. Two long-time JACLers from Philadelphia days Bill and Susan Sasagawa (now in Menlo Park) handled the paperwork.

But getting to know onetime P.C. typesetter Rick Momii's younger brothers, Takeshi (of Berkeley) and "Jamo" (of Menlo Park) during a very foggy voyage throughout our 24 hours at sea was a kaleidoscope of memories of their father, Ikken, a colorful and widely-traveled newspaperman and publisher of the *Shin Nichei*, which happened to be the printing house of the *Pacific Citizen* when it came to Los Angeles in 1952. Incidentally, Rick's son, Rick (Jr.) served a stint as P.C. advertising manager who had ascertained our circulation wasn't strong enough to support or attract advertising from those big names JACLers kept saying we should have. We should have then asked those JACL friends to help us.

If one were to recommend two video-

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East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

Kyû-ka: (Vacation)

I'M NOT SURE how I got on the mailing list of *Japan Now*, a monthly publication of the Embassy of Japan in Washington, D.C. Undoubtedly a number of you also receive this publication which consists of eight pages. I have to admit that when I read the contents, it was with a jaundiced eye, which is not any different than my approach to any publication issued by an entity seeking to promote its own particular agenda. The contents include light articles often replete with statistics. Take, for example, the latest issue, which includes an item entitled "Lifestyle Trends Show Generational Divide."

THE ARTICLE summarizes a recent White Paper published by the Leisure Development Center. The Center's survey reflected that the Japanese give increasing importance to leisure in measuring the quality of life. Not surprisingly, males age 15 to 19 years most highly value leisure, followed by females aged 20 to 29. The greater the age, the lower the emphasis on leisure. As to type of activity most favored, foreign travel was at the top, followed by domestic travel, then camping. Fourth: computer networking.

Whatever happened to the concept of

karô-shi (overworking to the brink of death) for which the Japanese (at least the older generation) were famous? Or infamous.

WHAT ABOUT AJAs (Americans of Japanese ancestry); do they have distinguishable work ethics as well?

From my observations as a Nisei, I submit some general observations on the subject. For example: a Nisei's orientation toward a job tends to be result-oriented as distinguished from time-oriented. Thus, when the 5:00 o'clock quitting time comes, incomplete letters in the typewriter (word processors today) are completed, enveloped, stamped and mailed out—rather than left in the typewriter for mañana.

Also the Nisei, not readily given to complaining, find themselves taking the Christmas or New Year's shift while their co-employees are enjoying themselves with their families.

Nisei, but not limited to Nisei on the next score, bemoan the quality and lack of dedication of the younger folks coming into the job market. This includes the professions whether it be engineering, medicine, lawyering, or whatever.

Rather than striving to hit the bull's eye, the effort is a sloppy anything-near-the-

target-is-good enough. (In one instance we had a graduate from an Ivy League law school who, bright as he was, had a serious spelling problem. How he managed to get his high school diploma, his bachelor's sheepskin and get through a top law school was absolutely baffling. So much so that my bafflement bordered on amazement-admiration.)

THERE'S ANOTHER Nisei trait relating to work and leisure time: not borrowing money in order to take a vacation. Lying on some beach in Cancun, Mexico (or wherever) wondering how a now larger debt with its exorbitant interest charges is going to be paid off, is hardly a formula for rest and regeneration. (I'm baffled as to what the lending institution looks to as security, it being rather apparent that one who has to borrow money to take a vacation is hardly a fiscal Rock of Gibraltar.)

Taking a loan out so one can take a vacation. Baffling. ■

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

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Perspectives

By JERRY ENOMOTO

In and out of law enforcement

The term, "Affirmative Action," has become like a lightning rod attracting a great deal of attention, much of it negative, which is unfortunate. Actually, affirmative action is a tool that has helped secure equal opportunity for minorities and women who have been traditionally shut out of certain occupations, and have never been fairly represented at management levels in the public or private sectors.

Affirmative action has been felt very strongly in law enforcement, which has long been a white domain. In the field of corrections, where I spent a career, the influx of minorities and women into the

California Department of Corrections, especially at the management and policy-making levels, would not have happened without affirmative action.

References have been made to my being the first Asian American warden of a prison, and the first to be the Director of a state department in California. These appointments occurred because someone in authority recognized that no Asian, or no person of color, had ever served at those levels. If that makes me an "affirmative action appointment," I am no less proud of it than if race or color had nothing to do with it. Why? Because I am secure in the knowledge that I was qualified

and had "paid my dues."

There are minority individuals who claim that affirmative action degrades its beneficiaries because it implies that one cannot succeed without it. That is nonsense and it's like saying that the civil rights law has been bad because it degrades all those who benefit from it.

All the facts show that minorities, including Asian Pacific Americans, and women still are underrepresented in certain occupations, and are significantly missing at top level positions in the public and private sector. Those are the facts.

In law enforcement, as in other

fields, job opportunities and promotions have circulated by word of mouth in situations devoid of minorities and women, i.e. the "good old boys network." In that environment we become invisible. Affirmative action seeks to make us visible.

In Sacramento, as in other communities, newly arrived Southeast Asian immigrants have worked hard to establish an economic base. In such neighborhoods, as in other minority enclaves, the presence of minority officers has enhanced communications, and begun to introduce the kind of trust that makes community-based policing work.

In a mean spirited attempt to create the myth that affirmative action has denied white males equal opportunity, while giving preferences to minorities and women, people like Pete Wilson and Wardell Connerly do a great disservice. When they should be bringing us together, they are tearing us apart.

Asian Pacific Americans, in and out of law enforcement, should recognize Proposition 209 for what it is, and vote NO!!! ■

Enomoto is a former JACL national president. He is a member of the Sacramento Chapter.



Come-on sense

By KARL NOBUYUKI

'93rd' biennial convention hits home

OVERVIEW—I had to wait awhile before reporting on the "93rd" biennial convention because I had to "reality test" my impressions.

In a nut shell, I must say that the San Jose confab [the 34th biennial] was excellent. Not only were the accommodations well developed, the convention activities were effective and efficient. The delegates got down to business and the work got done.

JACL conventions are not known to always be adroit. In fact, it is often noted how certain personalities would "awe" the delegates or how others would tend to overwhelm the voting body to "....get something passed...." This was not the case in '96. The delegates were aware of what was before them; unlike past conven-

tions where material was being distributed to them when the vote was being taken.

IN SAN JOSE all participants had the opportunity to see the motion and revisions projected overhead on a large screen with computer interface. In most instances, delegates were able to see what was before them, the "changes" and the actual item being addressed in its entirety.

Unlike events in the past, no Chapter was allowed more than its share of representation. Chapter Delegates were clearly identified with their alternates and credentials. The "one chapter, one vote" rule was impregnated throughout. Time limit on debate was absolute.

The procedural protocol was well defined. Consequently, the first business session ended 27 minutes early. And the final session ended nearly one hour ahead of schedule! The budget session did not drag on. Over two-thirds adopted the budget following extensive debate, and no one could logically contend that they were unaware of what was before them. Delegates were focused; the side-shows were precluded from the business at hand.

ONE MUST GIVE credit where credit is due. National President Denny Yasuhara and V.P. of General Operations Paul Shinkawa must be acknowledged for their insight into effective and efficient operations. In fact, the outgoing national "prez" Yasuhara

personally had developed a three stage (green, yellow, red) lighting system to notify debating delegates of their time. If one exceeded their time, the Credentials Committee was there to promptly remind the speaker. More so, no one appeared restrained; rather they apparently abided by the light signals.

A significant factor was that for the first time in recent memory, a national president presided through every business session. To his right was a professional parliamentarian. The agenda moved forward from the beginning to the end.

For the first time, JACL integrated technological amenities to facilitate the Council sessions. Video projector and an overhead

projector interfaced with computer modules provided visually the business before the Council.

Staff personnel was excellent. No hype, just action. In this writer's opinion, National staff played a pivotal role insuring the business of the day was on-time and on-line. Kudos to National Director Herbert Yamanishi and to his functionally literate staff.

What was clear is that the JACL is back on track. There's nothing wrong with that.

COME-ON SENSE—Take care of business and business will take care of itself. ■

Nobuyuki is a member of the San Fernando Valley and Greater L.A. Singles Chapters, JACL.

Letters

No more U.S. servicemen, say Okinawans

▼ In a non-binding referendum on Sept. 8, the people of Okinawa spoke loudly to Japan and the United States that American servicemen are no longer welcome on their island. The rape of a 12-year-old girl last year by three U.S. marines brought to focus the continuing issue of American military stationed in foreign countries.

When the ordinary citizens of a friendly country no longer want American occupation, American foreign policy must reflect the wishes of the people.

When the Filipinos decided American servicemen were no longer needed in their country, the U.S. smartly withdrew its troops to maintain a long established goodwill.

Prime Minister Hashimoto and President Clinton must consider and honor the wishes of the Okinawans and maintain their goodwill.

Fred M. Ige

South Pasadena, Calif.

Achieving identity in offspring hierarchy

▼ As a "middle button" offspring one learns early on to scrap and scrape for identity. Niisan (eldest) gets all the recognition and Botchan (youngest) the remaining attention. Initially there was pride

and honor to be known as "Edwin's brother" and later down the road to identified as "Russell's father." (Ed for founding City View Hospital and Keiro Nursing Homes & Russ, among other things, for his yeoman work with JACL Nisei Relays.)

Ego/vanity have never been a Hiroto bane but when Harry K. Honda writes in *VERY TRULY YOURS* column (Sept. 8-19): "....upon learning from Russell Hiroto (son of erstwhile editor-publisher Edwin of Crossroads memory)...." the identity hackles were finally raised.

I, William T. Wimpy Hiroto, of sound (sic) mind and body, am the proud sire of Russell Jay and equally proud younger brother of Edwin C.; longtime (17-years) editor-publisher of the weekly *Crossroads* publication in Li'l Tokyo; and anonymous editor of *Pacific Citizen* on a couple occasions when major domo Honda was off gallivanting in Japan.

Please excuse the intrusion. It's been awhile since I've authored a letter-to-the-editor. I'm sure it was merely a slip of a typewriter (computer?) key but I couldn't resist the opportunity to chide.

Wimpy Hiroto

Gardena, Calif.

Hiroto, now running the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, continues writing his CR2S (Crossroads to Somewhere)

with the *Topaz Times* each month. No other Nisei columnist I've read has his breezy style. — Ed.

Old-timers' touch at San Jose convention

▼ Let me commend the San Jose JACL with the help of Gilroy, Sequoia, West Valley and rest of the NCWNPDC chapters for the spectacular, enthusiastic 34th Biennial National Convention they hosted. Bravo, Tom Shigemasa and staff!

Although some of the old stalwarts, such as Bill Hosokawa, Shig Wakamatsu, Cherry Kinoshita, Yoshiye Togasaki Breitenback, Henry Tanaka, John S. Nitta, Betty Waki and others were missing, many old-timers continued to attend, some in wheelchairs and with cane. Yes, we are slowly decreasing in numbers but it is most gratifying to have so many of the younger generation taking charge. Witness the new National staff and national board of Sansei and Yonsei members with the exception of Nisei Helen Kawagoe, who will be a superb president.

It was touching to see Etsu Masaoka help Clarence Nishizu's wife, Helen, in her wheelchair; seeing Doris Hoshida also in a wheelchair being squired by her husband Tosh; Shigeko Uno looking after Seabrook's Ellen Nakamura for a while; Yas Tokita helping me find a ride home to my sister's after the Sayonara Banquet; delegate Roy Nishikawa in action promoting his financial

agenda; renewing acquaintances with Japan chapter's Ted Shigeno, Sen Nishiyama and Barry Saiki (now of Stockton), with Sylvia Kobayashi from Alaska, with Chuck Kubokawa, meeting outgoing president Denny Yasuhara's wife, Thelma; and renewing hugs with other old-timers, Grayce Uyebara, Fred Hoshiyama, Norman Mineta and old-timers of San Jose—Dr. Tokio and Kei Ishikawa, Shig and Hiroko Masunaga, Eiichi Sakauye, Wayne and Betty Kanemoto, and others too numerous to note here.

P.S.: Author of the impressive piece, "A Perspective of Being Japanese American," by Karen Ota, a Yonsei, in the convention booklet is the granddaughter of the late Phil Matsumura. His grandson Jeffrey Ota is running for the school board. Phil and I worked together pushing JACL in San Jose before being evacuated to Heart Mountain.

S. Ruth Hashimoto
Albuquerque, N.M.

Hashimoto, just named the United Nations Day Chair for New Mexico, is being honored as a Living Treasure Nov. 10 in Santa Fe

Late Colorado Gov. Carr honored in Colorado

▼ Former Colorado Gov. Ralph Carr, who opposed the forced relocation of Japanese Americans from

the West Coast, was remembered and honored Sept. 18 at the East Lawn of the State Capitol in Denver [photo on page 5, Oct. 4-17]. Bill Hosokawa and State Senator Stan Matsunaka (the only Asian American in the state legislature from Loveland) were only introduced and some were disappointed they were not given a few minutes to speak.

Gov. Carr's son, Robert, a stout-looking and rather burly person with chin whiskers, remembered him with a series of interesting anecdotes.

His father used to say: "A speaker should never speak beyond the capacity of his bladder." And he assured the audience: "I assure you I will do the same." The family practiced law in the San Luis Valley (in south central Colorado), strongly opposed KKK activity in the area and they knew some Japanese Americans in La Jara, a rural town near the New Mexico border.

His father was a Christian Scientist. And when making a major decision, such as running for another term as governor, he would gather with other Christian Scientist brethren asking to "pray for me that I make the right decision." With that said, it seemed a perfect ending as to know a person fully—the whole person would include his religion.

Frank Iritani

Sacramento, Calif.

Inouye supports JA Korean War Vets plan

Japanese American Korean War Veterans Organization President Robert Wada recently received the approval and support of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye for the planned memorial monument honoring those who died or were listed as missing during the war in Korea.

Inouye will serve on the organization's board of directors as well as an honorary co-chairman of the Memorial Committee. The proposed 18-foot granite memorial wall with the engraved names of 154 from Hawaii and 54 from the mainland will be dedicated on Saturday, May 27, 1997.

Name Verification Chairman Roy Shiraga announced that the list of the deceased or missing was being finalized for publication. The list is available from Shiraga at 818/968-6385.

Because of the inability to accurately verify all those of Japanese ancestry, only those with Japanese surnames will be presented on the monument and those names will be representative of all Americans of Japanese ancestry who perished in Korea during the war. Also, the home town or state

names are listed for identification purposes only and will not be engraved on the monument.

Fund-raising Committee co-chairmen are Edward M. Nakata of Rancho Palos Verdes, George K. Tabata of Gardena, Ken Oye of Torrance and George H. Koga, Las Vegas, along with advisor Fred Hoshiyama of Culver City.

Vice President Min Tonai visited Hawaii and met with numerous JA Korean War veterans who expressed their strong interest in extending the Korean War veterans organization to Hawaii as well as support for the funding and construction of the memorial monument in Little Tokyo.

According to Membership Chair Bacon Sakatani, membership is open to all Japanese American veterans who served anywhere in the world during the Korean War era and is also open to all other Japanese American veterans of the armed forces. Dues are \$20 per year. Other individuals interested in the welfare of the Korean War veterans are also welcome, said Sakatani.

Information: 818/338-8310. ■

HERO

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Forgotten War and very few people are aware of the many Japanese Americans who fought just as bravely in that war as they did in World War II," Miyamura said.

"Many (like him) were taken prisoner and spent time in Chinese POW camps. Recognition of casualties from that war is long overdue," he observed. "Casualties suffered in that short period was greater than Vietnam." [151 KIA, 438 wounded, 94 missing = 638 total - Ed. Note.]

Operating a service station in his hometown in Gallup, Miyamura, 70, was able to send his three children through college. He retired in 1984. He visits schools, telling them to remember the sacrifices of the men who were called to duty and served, especially those who never came back, and to respect the flag. (Miyamura trained and also served in WWII with the 442nd.)

An extract of Miyamura's CMH citation

On a rainy night of April 24, 1951, near Taejon-ni, Miyamura positioned himself between light and heavy machine gun positions, hurling grenades and emptying his carbine after his company (Co. H, 7th Infantry Regt., 3rd Division) was ordered to withdraw in face of a fierce enemy offensive which had cracked the UN line. He aided two wounded GIs in the emplacement and instructed them

to cover him while he clamped his bayonet on his carbine and left his shelter. Then wielding his bayonet, he slew approximately 10 enemy soldiers, ran back to the machine gun position and ordered the gunners and two wounded riflemen to fall back while he covered their withdrawal.

As another savage assault approached, he manned his machine gun and fired till the ammo ran out. Preparing to withdraw himself, he destroyed the machine gun and while running down the trench, he collided with an enemy Chinese soldier, and shot at and wounding him as he threw a grenade in Miyamura's direction. He kicked it back but got wounded in his leg.

While desperately scurrying toward an American tank, he got caught in barbed wire. He managed to free himself and dropped into a small shellhole, throbbing with pain. He played dead when a lone enemy soldier stopped by him, then leveled a U.S. Army 45-caliber pistol at his head, saying in English: "Get up! I know you're alive. We don't harm prisoners."

Four days later, a Third Division task force slashed its way back to the position Miyamura had evacuated. He was not among the dead. More than 50 enemy dead lay scattered on the slopes. He spent 27 months plus as a POW.

The citation of his action was read Aug. 20, 1953, upon release from captivity. The Korean armistice was signed July 27 at Panmunjom, ending a three-year war. ■

PLAN

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was stabbed four times in a Novato shopping center by a man who told police that he had set out "to go kill me a Chinaman." The attacker has since been sentenced to 11 years in prison for the crime.

A steering committee comprising the mayor of Novato, chief of police, and Sato, who is chair of the Marin County Human Rights Commission, helped establish the membership of the committee.

The committee has also acted as a Hate Response Team, reviewing resident complaints that included hate crimes, racial incidents, and discrimination. One of the incidents was a hate crime against a Japanese American. "The support of the city leaders, community organizations, and police department have made this process a successful one." The committee will continue to implement the objectives of the hate prevention plan. ■

POWELL

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he is being sincere.

"We're disappointed in him... he being of African American descent," says Daphne Kwok, executive director of OCA. But, "we commend him for his fast response. It's good that he acknowledged he was wrong."

Michael Lin, OCA national president, thinks the whole incident "was a good opportunity to make him aware of the Asian Pacific community. Judging from this incident he didn't know much about us."

But, "I'm impressed by the sincerity of his letter," continues Lin. "To me it comes across very well."

Powell was discussing affirmative action and the global economy when he used the derogatory term. He said he was surprised China still considers itself to be communist, even though 40 percent of their exports go to the United States. ■

Affirmative action program at NCWNP district meeting

The Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Board of the JACL will hold its last panel discussion on affirmative action at its fourth quarterly meeting at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Stockton Inn, 4219 Waterloo Road, Stockton, Calif.

The panel will feature Jerry Enomoto, U.S. marshal for the Eastern District of California and former National JACL president; Chizu Iiyama, member of the Contra Costa Chapter, JACL, and NCWNP Women's Concerns Committee; Anne Omura, member, San Jose Chapter, JACL, and a volunteer with the Campaign to Defeat 209; and Andy

Noguchi, member, Florin Chapter, JACL, and chair of Asian Pacific Americans for Affirmative Action.

The discussion will be accompanied by a short NBC Dateline video titled "Affirmative Reaction."

The initiative, if passed, would eliminate affirmative action programs that seek to promote diversity and remedy discrimination in employment, public education and contracting.

The NCWNP District Board is raising funds to oppose the proposition in Northern California Nikkei papers. Information: NCWNP Regional Office, 415/921-5225.

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13.	Alaska Salmon Fishing	Jul.	G&P Murakawa
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15a.	8 Day San Juan Islands & Pacific Northwest	08/16	Toy Kanegai
16.	Hokkaido/Tohoku	Sept.	Ray Ishii
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16b.	Colorado National Parks	Sept.	Yuki Sato
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19.	Yangtze River Cruise	Oct.	Yuki Sato
20.	New England/Canada Fall Foliage Tour	Oct.	Hidy Mochizuki
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22.	9 Day American Heritage	10/04	Toy Kanegai
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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Amano, Robert S., 77, Fullerton, Aug. 19; Seattle-born, survived by sisters Sachiko, Chikako Kinoshita, Chizuko Imoto.

Aoyagi, Shina Goto, 76, Denver, Sept. 26; Aichi-born, survived by sons Donald (Pa.), Daniel, Kuni Hanai (Japan).

Chikahisa, Paul, 66, Torrance, Aug. 25; El Centro-born, survived by wife Michiko, son John, daughter Ann Nussbaum, brothers Raymond, Henry, sisters Margie Park, Helen Sakaki.

Endo, Masami, 80, Alhambra, Sept. 5; Ogden-born WWII 100th Bn, Korean Conflict vet, survived by wife Giovanna, daughters Ellen Endo-Dizon, Barbara Uemura (Japan), 6 gc., 1 ggc., brother Takeshi (Japan).

Fukuda, Rose C., 83, Anaheim, Oct. 5; survived by sons Gerald (Visalia), William (Yorba Linda), daughters Janet Morita (Orange), Mary Helen, LouAnn Kersten (Texas), 9 gc., 5 ggc., brother Shimada (Placentia), sister Helen Eiki (Garden Grove).

Furuya, Roy, 83, Pasadena, Aug. 21; survived by wife Haruko, son Tamio, Yoshio, daughter Joyce Advani, 10 gc.

Futagaki, Roy U., 81, Garden Grove, Sept. 9; Watsonville-born, survived by wife Tazuko, daughter Carol, son Arnold, 3 gc., brother Shig (San Leandro), sisters Jean Shingai (San Juan Bautista).

Haga, Tamy Lynn, 47, Gardena, Aug. 17; Glendale-born, survived by parents Toru & Amy, brother Randy.

Hazama, Tsugiyoshi, 91, Los Angeles, Sept. 4; Nagasaki-born, survived by sons George, Kenneth, daughter Tokiko Minami, 5 gc.

Herota, Buck Tokuchi, 76, Sacramento, Sept. 19; Vina-born prewar Yuba City 442nd vet, VFW 8985, survived by wife Shizuko, sons Richard, Gerald, daughter Anita, brothers Pete (Yuba City), Blackie (Florida), Kas "Tiny" (Live Oak), sister Heroka Kasai (Albany).

Higashi, Takeji A., 88, Los Angeles, Aug. 12; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Hatsuko, sons Kenneth, Clifford, 5 gc.

Ide, Joseph Joubu, 77, Los Angeles, Aug. 28; Colusa-born 46-year youth worker at All People's Christian Center, survived by wife Fumiko, sons Jack, Joe Jr., Jon, James, 1 gc., 1 ggc.

Inamoto, Noboru, 78, Los Angeles, July 30; Vancouver, B.C.-born, Minidoka Camp internee, U.S. Army Specialized Training Program student, naturalized U.S. citizen, USC professor of Japanese for 33 years, author, survived by wife Barbara Frank, son Rudy, 2 gc.

Iwakiri, Tsuyako Dorothy, 81, Boise, Idaho, Oct. 5; La Junta, Colo.-born prewar Los Angeles resident, Minidoka camp internee, postwar Idahoan, survived by sons Paul, Richard (Idaho Falls), Stan, Mike, Larry (Burley, Idaho), daughters Yvonne Brinkerhoff (Heyburn, Idaho), Diane Brinkerhoff (Burley), Lynda Pickett (Nampa), Betty Atkins (Las Vegas), Carol Johnston (Pocatello), Kathie Agha (Lahore, Pakistan), 23 gc., 21 ggc., brother Sam Kawata (Culver City), predeceased by husband Jim, son, 2 daughters, 2 brothers.

Iwasaki, Minoli M., 74, Montebello, Aug. 16; Seattle-born insurance man, survived by wife Marjorie, sons David, Norman, daughter Karen Harada, 2 gc.

Jara, Sadako, 70, Los Angeles, Aug. 22; Tokyo-born, survived by son Bruce (Chicago), daughters Kazuko Chow, Jane Toreros, Debra Walters, Cindy Sue Serrano, 7 gc., 1 ggc., sister Reiko Rikimaru.

Joko, Fumiko, 97, Los Angeles, Aug. 20; Ehime-born, survived by sons Bob, Todd, 8 gc., 7 ggc.

Kawamura, Michi, 80, Torrance, Aug. 11; Hollywood-born, survived by husband Frank, brothers Tak Nomura, Babe, sister Miyo Nomura.

Kotake, Sugi, 93, Cerritos, Aug. 31; Fukuoka-born, survived by son Kotake, daughters Grace Arata, Ruby Mochidome, Kimiko Fukumoto, Sheryl Mochizuki, 27 gc., 15 ggc.

Kurokawa, Dick Butch, 69, Ontario, Ore., Sept. 26; Yakima, Wash.-born WWII vet, survived by wife Ida, stepsons Norman

and Roger Watanabe (both Portland, Ore.), sisters Grace Hayashi (Watsonville), Dorothy Komoto.

Kuromi, Isamu, 73, Los Angeles, Aug. 15; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Fumiko, sons Gary, Craig, sister Aiko Ito.

Kurosu, Franklin H., 63, Torrance, Aug. 16; Hawaiian-born Korean Conflict vet, survived by wife Harriet, daughters Amy Hirata, Patricia Nojima, son Jon, 4 gc., mother Yachiyo (Hawaii), sisters Lorraine Shimogawa, Carol Miyamae (both Hawaii).

Kushida, Rikiso, 73, Garden Grove, Sept. 1; Florin-born, survived by wife Masako, daughter Setsuko Ramicone, 1 gc., sister Hisaye Misaki.

Matsuda, Takashi Perry, 49, Culver City, Aug. 9; Los Angeles-born Sansel, survived by parents Tokuji & Yoshiko, brother James.

Mitsuuchi, Shizu, 74, Whittier, Aug. 16; Santa Monica-born, survived by husband Hisashi, son Paul, daughter Yumi Lonjers, 3 gc., mother Yonemi Mitsuuchi, brothers Harry, John, sister Kiyoko Yamakawa.

Miya, George, 74, Los Angeles, Aug. 29; Carlin, Nev.-born 552 FA vet, survived by sons David, Dr. Glen, daughter Carol Pudrad, 3 gc., brothers Tom (Victorville), Carl, Dr. Fred (Salt Lake City).

Miyashima, Arthur T., 65, Studio City, Aug. 24; Modesto-born, survived by sisters Lily Kunizawa, Janice Higa, brother James.

Nakata, Rev. Russell K., 75, Denver, Sept. 21; Landsdowne, Pa.-born clergyman, Poston WRA camp chaplain (Presbyterian), Episcopal priest from '51, canon pastor ('58-'82) St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, survived by several brothers.

Nigorizawa, Helen M., 83, Los Angeles, Sept. 4; Los Angeles-born, survived by sons Arthur, Albert, 7 gc., sister Alice Kawasaki.

Nishimura, Haruto, 78, Sacramento, Sept. 25; lifetime Yolo County farmer, survived by wife Aiko, son Harry, daughters Miwako Jones, Diane Tanizawa, brothers Hideo, Yoshi.

Okamura, Carrie Doi, Cypress, Sept. 2; Santa Maria-born Orange County JACL president ('84-'96), survived by husband Henry, son Clint, daughters Kelly Puga, Dara, 2 gc., brother Paul Doi (Chicago), sisters Irene Okuda (Gardena), Grace Kido (Lincolnwood, Ill.), Julia Shaw (Manhattan Beach).

Onami, Tadashi, 81, West Los Angeles, Aug. 15; Villa Park-born, survived by sons Stanley, Steven (Ariz.), daughter Janice, 1 gc., brother Tadashi (Japan), sisters Tsuyako Matsuo (Japan), Satsuki Abe, Misako Matsumoto (Japan).

Rankin, Fusako, 69, North Las Vegas, Sept. 28; Japan-born, 31-yr. localite, survived by sons David, John, James, 7 gc.

Saita, Kamen, 98, Los Angeles, Sept. 3; Fukuoka-born, survived by son Masaru, daughter Kiyoko Nagakuma, 2 gc., 2 ggc.

Sakurada, Toshiko, 69, Sun City, Aug. 23; Kanagawa-born, survived by husband Mitsugi, sister Sakiko Hashimoto.

Sasamoto, Ronny H., 39, Altadena, Aug. 19 of cancer; Holland, Mich.-born, survived by wife Debbie Myer, parents Tom & Yoshiye (Lawndale), sister Lynn Yasumura (Harbor City).

Sone, Aiko, 87, Los Angeles, Sept. 4; survived by son John, 4 gc., 2 ggc.

Takel, Ninoo, 97, Pasadena, Aug. 13; survived by daughter Esther Nishio, 1 gc., 2 ggc.

Tanaka, Teruyo, 78, Los Angeles, Aug. 19; Los Angeles-born, survived by brothers Akira Muranaka, Shigeru, Hiroshi, Tadashi, sister Chiye Wada.

Tashima, Yuri, 76, Los Angeles, Aug. 17; Pocatello-born prewar Seattle resident, Washington State University Phi Beta Kappa graduate, was refused entry with five fellow students by Idaho State University in 1942 due to local anti-Japanese hysteria in Moscow, Idaho; incident is described in Carey McWilliam's book *Prejudice as "The Retreat from Moscow"*; survived by sisters Midori, Yaeko Ritchie, Shizu, Akiko Moriguchi, Kimiko Miwa.

Tsujimoto, Sally Chizue, 76, Temple City, Sept. 5; Florin-born, survived by son Robert, daughter Vicki Lynn, 1 gc., broth-

ers Kenneth Kawamoto, Mitsuo, Ray (Las Vegas), Akio (N.C.), Tomio, Mitsuo, Leo, sister Aileen Toshiyuki.

Urata, Kame, 102, Gresham, Ore., June 3; Okayama-born, survived by daughters Yoshiko Hashimoto (Japan), Yukiyo Kato, Emiko Fujimoto (Boring, Ore.), 17 gc., 36 ggc., 10 ggc.

Uyeda, Kuniko, 65, Los Angeles, Aug. 21; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband George, son Scott, daughter Gail, 2 gc., brothers Masaru and Sus Inouye, sisters Nobuyo Fujioka, Tomoko Nakata.

Waki, Harry F., 70, Whittier, Sept. 8; Los Angeles-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Flora, sons Wayne, Russell, daughter Timmie, brother George.

Watanabe, Mary Kiyoko, 89, Los Angeles, Sept. 7; Tottori-born, survived by sons Hideo, Kenji, daughter Sumi Zoriki, 4 gc., brother Ray Adachi.

Watanabe, Teruko S., 93, Los Angeles, Sept. 5; Hiroshima-born, survived by daughters Betty Kazunaga, Ellen Nakashima, Alice Watanabe, Dorothy Miyagishima, 5 gc., 2 ggc.

Yabumoto, Jimma, 78, Elk Grove, Sept. 20; Sacramento-born JACLer, VFW 8985, survived by wife Miyeko, sisters Sadayo Gordon, Tokino, Takeko Taniguchi, Sumiye Tsushima.

Yamada, Edward S., 73, Los Angeles, Sept. 2; survived by wife Florence, son Rodney, daughters Barbara, Corinne Brill, Jodi Rebd.

Yamaguchi, Harry Tsukasa, 76, Gardena, Sept. 5; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Teruko, daughter Joyce, son Jeffrey.

Yamamoto, Dennis, 53, Anaheim Hills, Sept. 8; Dermott, Ark.-born, survived by mother Shizu.

Yamanouchi, Shuken, 92, Los Angeles, Aug. 25; Nagoya-born educator-author in Japan and U.S., survived by wife of 61 years Josie, daughter Kyoko, son Kenneth, 2 gc.

Yamashita, Guy, 78, Homedale, Idaho, Sept. 11; Shelley, Idaho-born farmer, survived by Mary, son Robert (Boise), daughter Jeri (Manhattan Beach), brothers Arthur (Montebello), Melvin (Algonquin, Ill.), Ben (Chicago), sister Clara Akichika.

Yanabu, Oriko, 89, Huntington Beach, Sept. 3; Hawaii-born, survived by daughters Mary Iwasaki, Emiko Iwasaka, 6 gc., 17 ggc., brother Saburo Kunishima, sister Nobu Inouye (both Hawaii).

Yoda, Kunio, 91, Gardena, Aug. 12; Japan-born, survived by wife Yukii, son George K., daughters Alice Hirabayashi, Suzan Nishiguchi (Carmel), 6 gc.

Yokota, Hatsumi K., 81, Sacramento, Sept. 26; Stockton-born JACLer, 65-year Loomis resident, survived by sons Ken, Ted (Livermore), Gary (Citrus Heights), daughters Naomi Yasui, Frances Mukai-hata (Gardena), 5 gc., 6 ggc.

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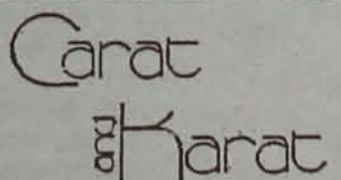
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REFORM

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Current recipients will receive benefits until April 1, 1997, to provide time to adjust to the denial of benefits.

4. Nonprofit charitable organizations are exempt from the verification of immigration status requirements in the welfare reform law.

"We commend the Clinton Administration in keeping its promise to soften the restrictions on legal immigrants enacted by the welfare reform. However, there are still some very troubling measures in the immigration bill that need to be addressed. The exemption in the immigration bill is a modest but significant step towards restoring the safety net for legal immigrants," says Jessica L.-Su, ALC attorney.

Some of the extreme measures that were not dropped from the final bill are:

1. Provisions that grant low-level INS officials the authority to determine asylum claims and expedited procedures to deport asylum applicants without a hearing beyond what was passed in the

Anti-Terrorism Act.

2. Measures that eliminate the power of the federal courts to review many INS actions and to issue orders against the INS when it violates the law.

3. The imposition of a higher "intentional" discrimination standard on worker who claim employment discrimination based on their immigration status. This means it will be harder for workers to prove immigration-based employment discrimination. ■

VERY TRULY

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tapes (the way to go nowadays) to tell the U.S. Evacuation story to a foreigner or a non-Nikkei, what would they be? At our luncheon table during San Fernando Valley JACL's tribute to James and Dr. Mary Oda a week before going to Vancouver, Karl Nobuyuki suggested the film, *Farewell to Manzanar*, from Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston's book, and the *Pride and the Shame*, narrated by Walter Cronkite (which National Headquarters has in film that Karl says can be readily formatted to videotape). We're open for other double-feature suggestions. ■

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WHY JACL MEMBERS SHOULD VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 209

*Proposition 209 is a major retreat
in our nation's battle against discrimination*

Proposition 209 is a November 5, 1996 California ballot initiative that will abolish all affirmative action programs for women and minorities in public education, public employment, and government contracting.

Affirmative Action is:

A term used to describe *a wide range of programs designed to promote equal opportunity and open doors* for women and racial minorities who continue to face discrimination.

Affirmative Action is NOT:

Quotas. *The use of gender and racial quotas have been illegal since 1978*, when the U.S. Supreme Court announced its landmark *Bakke* decision.

Preferential treatment for unqualified applicants. *Affirmative Action expands the pool of qualified applicants* by affirmatively reaching out to underrepresented women and racial minorities.

If passed, the deceptive and radical Proposition 209 will:

Ban recruiting and hiring efforts designed to make our police departments, public school teachers, and social service providers more reflective of our state's racial and ethnic diversity and gender makeup.

Ban informational outreach and recruiting efforts designed to fight the old boys' network. (86 percent of all jobs are not advertised in the newspaper, and are usually filled through friends and personal contacts).

Weaken legal protections against gender discrimination.

Ban minority scholarships administered through public universities and schools.

The following Japanese Americans urge you to vote No on Proposition 209

(This list reflects the positions of individuals listed, not the official positions of affiliated organizations. Organizations listed for identification purposes only.)

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