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Asian Law Caucus condemns Gov. Wilson attack on immigrants

The Asian Law Caucus condemned Gov. Pete Wilson's Oct. 23 statement that many newly naturalized citizens are criminals. The allegations arose out of exaggerated information from two low-level Immigration and Naturalization Service employees that thousands of fingerprint records of citizenship applicants were being destroyed instead of being sent to FBI for checking.

"Gov. Wilson's allegation that thousands of the newly naturalized citizens are criminals is groundless and outrageous," said Jessica L. Su, ALC immigration attorney.

"Becoming a citizen is a patriotic act. Newly naturalized citizens do not want to be treated as second-class citizens. They want to be able to vote and participate in society like any other citizen without being labeled a criminal. Gov. Wilson, an elected public official, is trying to take away that dream from them."

The governor's comments elicited an angry response from the nation's top immigration officials. INS Commissioner Doris Meissner responded in a letter to Wilson that the accusations are false and that approximately 8,000 fingerprint cards are routinely destroyed by the INS because they contain illegible fingerprints.

By tainting the INS's overall naturalization efforts, the governor is casting doubt on the integrity of the more than one million new citizens who were naturalized this year, the ALC said. Gov. Wilson is simply trying to frighten new immigrants away from the polls this November by suggesting that they are criminals, the organization concluded.

The Asian Law Caucus, California Latino Civil Rights Network, Mexican American Legal Defense Fund, the Northern California Coalition on Immigrant and Refugee Rights, and the Lawyer's Committee For Civil Rights have called for an investigation of Gov. Wilson for possible civil rights violations. Under the Voting Rights Act, "No person, whether acting under color of state law or others, shall intimidate, threaten, coerce, or attempt to intimidate, threaten, or coerce any other person for the purpose of interfering with the right [to vote]."

Gov. Wilson is trying to intimidate the newly naturalized citizens from voting for the first time this election year, the ALC concluded.

PC's Holiday Issue: 'The Next Millennium'

As the year 2000 approaches, this year's Holiday Issue theme deals with "The Next Millennium." An open invitation to our friends and readers for their thoughts has been extended. Their commentaries, great or small, with a special focus on Japanese Americans or perhaps an individual outlook toward the next millennium are anticipated. Our call continues. The deadline is Nov. 30.

In the meantime, we are working on "The Millennium: a History of the Past 1,000 Years for Japanese Americans," that stems from a chronology which "Ye Editor" had prepared in 1985 for the PANA (Pan American Nikkei Association) Convention in São Paulo, Brazil. It was our presentation of an American Nisei perspective that sought a "North-South" dimension of Nikkei experiences in North and South America. ■

—HARRY K. HONDA

FLAP Dallas editor disputes Nikkei sense of 'concentration camps'

Richard Estrada has entered the stage of the Fourth Estate as if on cue to underscore—in a backhanded way—the mission of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund—"to educate Americans so that the events surrounding the evacuation, relocation and internment of U.S. citizens (Nisei) and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry (Issei) will be remembered, illuminated and understood."

Estrada is the associate editor of *The Dallas (Tex.) Morning News* editorial page. His column of dismay in the Sept. 20 edi-

Morning News editor Richard Estrada says use of phrase wrongly rewrites WWII history

By HARRY K. HONDA
Interim editor

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CONCENTRATION CAMP OR NOT?—Dallas *Morning News* editor Richard Estrada says that internment facilities, such as this one at Tule Lake, Calif., were not, in fact, concentration camps. Of this 1943 photo, the photographer wrote: "Thaws at this Tule Lake Center turn the streets and fire breaks into seas of mud..."

tion over a school-age daughter of his friend in Dallas being taught about America's "concentration camps" ended by saying:

"Every American has a responsibility to protest the mistreatment of individuals or groups. And it must be emphasized that great loyalty was demonstrated by many Japanese Americans and non-citizens in spite of the disloyalty of others [during World War II]."

"But the citizenry also has a responsibility to challenge an injustice against the American people as a whole. And that is precisely what the racially aggrieved or the politically correct are perpetrating when they promote the slander that the United

States ran concentration camps during World War II."

Under a headline declaring, "Don't rewrite our World War II history," Estrada's column appeared in the paper's Viewpoints, a daily forum for a diversity of opinions and not necessarily reflecting the editorial positions of the newspaper.

The same column, appearing in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* three days later, is slightly longer for its concluding paragraph, appended to the above, reads: "...or that no evidence was available to the government to support fears of subversive activity on the West Coast."

"The rewriting of history to support a political position has perpetrated ethnic conflicts worldwide. That should be reason enough for Americans to insist on the truth."

Responding to the editorial, National

JACL Director Herb Yamanishi sent a letter to Estrada.

"Richard Estrada's distortions of historical facts in the Sept. 20 *Dallas Morning News* amanishi's opening paragraph reads:

underscores the need for more public education about American concentration camps, not less. By calling American citizens' forced expulsion from their homes by the U.S. government during WWII as revisionist history-making, not only minimizes the many true and untold stories of the people of Japanese ancestry who were put into concentration camps but also the greatness of American Democracy. Based on the

facts, his own interpretations appear to be revisionist." Yamanishi's letter of 1,000-plus words probably did not see print, but a letter on Estrada's viewpoints from Jack Herzig, Falls Church,

Va., half as long, was published about three weeks later on Sunday, Oct. 13.

Says Herzig, a researcher for the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, in the opening paragraph:

"The recent column by Richard Estrada alleging that unidentified Japanese American advocates and their also unidentified politically correct allies are distorting American history generates a little heat but absolutely no light on the worst violation of civil rights in recent American history." And Herzig continues:

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Second edition of 'Personal Justice' to be published

The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund and the University of Washington Press will publish a second edition of *Personal Justice Denied* (1982), the 480-page report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. The announcement was made Oct. 22 in San Francisco.

CLPEF director Dale Shimasaki, Ph.D., said the second edition will include the separately-issued recommendations (June 1983) of 13 pages, reports and appendices. A foreword by Prof. Tetsuden Kashima of UW's Asian American Studies and a prologue by the CLPEF Board of Directors will be incorporated.

Expected to be available in December, the book may be ordered from University of Washington Press, P.O. Box 50096, Seattle, WA 98145-5096 at \$16.95 per copy, \$4 shipping extra. Phone orders (800/441-4115) should be made between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Pacific time, Monday through Friday.

The commission held 20 days of hearings between July and December, 1981, taking testimony from more than 750 witnesses covering the events of World War II relative to Japanese Americans and the Aleuts. Testimonies of former government officials, public figures, professionals and citizens who were familiar with the matter under review, collections of material from government and university archives, and relevant historical writings were read and analyzed by the Commission staff and published.

The first edition begins with a 23-page summary and features excerpts of personal testimonies, references to Gen. DeWitt's Final Report, 1942 government correspondence and judicial opinions, thoroughly footnoted in a 90-page section on Notes and a 14-page Index.

Titles to 13 parts on the Issei and Nisei follow: (1) Before Pearl Harbor, (2) Executive Order 9066, (3) Exclusion and Evacuation, (4) Economic Loss, (5) Assembly Centers, (6) Relocation Centers, (7) Loyalty: Leave and Segregation, (8) Ending the Exclusion, (9) Protest and Disaffection, (10) Military Service, (11) Hawaii, (12) Germans and German Americans, and (13) After Camp. One chapter on the Aleuts covers the war in Alaska and their evacuation.

A 10-page appendix focuses on Latin Americans, a plight that was called "one of the strange, unhappy, largely forgotten stories of WWII." The plea of Japanese Latin Americans for redress has garnered public attention in recent weeks with filing of a class action suit in federal court.

Father Robert Drinan, CLPEF member who also served on the CWRIC, noted the 1996 edition of *Personal Justice Denied* was "a unique opportunity" for CLPEF to work with other groups "to help fulfill its mission in educating the public about the constitutional violations which were perpetuated on Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II."

Roger Daniels, author of *Asian*

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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/NEW YORK

Sat Nov. 2—Quarterly meeting, 10 a.m., JAA, 15 W. 44th St., New York JACL's 52nd anniversary banquet follows at 6:30 p.m., Golden Unicorn, 18 E. Broadway.

NEW YORK

Sat. Dec. 14—Holiday bazaar, noon-6 p.m., Japanese American United Church, 7th Ave between 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, Bethesda, Md.

Midwest

CLEVELAND

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.

WISCONSIN

Fri.-Sun., Nov. 22-24—Holiday Folk Fair, MECCA, Milwaukee. Info: 414/Sheri 423-1408.

Sun. Dec. 8—Annual Christmas party, 12:30 potluck lunch, Mitchell Park Pavilion. RSVP by Dec. 1, Margaret Igowsky 414/643-5999, Barb Suyama 251-2279.

Sun. Jan. 13—Bangkok, Thailand to be announced.

Pacific Northwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

1997: July 18-19—PNWDC-IDC Bi-District Conference at Seattle.

PORTLAND

Wed. Nov. 13—Story-telling and book signing by Asian American children's authors, 6:30 p.m., Epworth United Methodist church, 1333 SE 28th St. Info: Polychrome (Chicago) 773/478-4455. NOTE: Authors Cynthia Chin Lee, Elaine Hosozawa Nagano, Marlene Shigekawa, Marie Villanueva, Sandra Yamate.

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, regis. dir., 415/921-5225. NOTE—Panelists: Jerry Enomoto, Chizu Iiyama, Anne Omura, Andy Noguchi.

RENO

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

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

SAN MATEO

Fri.-Sat. Nov. 8-9—Tomodachi Senior Women's Holiday Boutique, S.M. Gardeners Hall, 503 E. 5th Ave., open Fri: 4-7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Lucy Shin, chair, info: 415/343-2793. NOTE—Proceeds for chapter scholarship, Winter Shelter, Asian Women's Shelter, M.L. King Center Senior Nutrition and JACL Community Center Senior Programs, Living Well HIV Project, Japanese Youth Organization.

WEST VALLEY

Sat. Nov. 9—Annual bridge tournament, 5:30 p.m., Yu-Ai Kai Bldg., 588 N. 4th St., San Jose; info: Helyn Uchiyama 408/446-3211.

Sat. Nov. 16—Election potluck/New member night, 5:30 p.m., JACL Clubhouse, 1544 Teresita Dr., San Jose, 408/253-0458. Sat. Dec. 7—Mochitsuki (the old fashioned

way), 5 a.m.-1 p.m., JACL Clubhouse.

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat. Nov. 2—District Council leadership workshop, 1-4 p.m., Selma Japanese Mission; installation banquet, 7 p.m., Anderson's Pea Soup Restaurant, Selma. NOTE—J.D. Hokoyama, keynote speaker.

TRI-DISTRICT/CCDC

1997: June 6-8—CCDC hosts NCWN-PDC-CCDC-PSWDC Tri-District Conference in Las Vegas.

Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat. Nov. 2—Free legal seminar re: estate planning, long-term care and Medicare-related topics, 1:30 p.m., Ken Nakaoka Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena; info: PSW Office 213/626-4471. NOTE—Co-sponsors Japanese American Bar Association, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Gardena Pioneer Project.

ARIZONA

1998: Jan. 5-Feb. 19—Smithsonian traveling exhibit: "For a More Perfect Union," Phoenix Public Library.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

Fri. Nov. 8—"How to be single and confident on the dance floor," 7:30 p.m., Gardena YWCA, 1341 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena; info: Bebe Reschke 310/826-6705.

Sat. Dec. 7—15th annual Installation dinner-Holiday party, 6 p.m., Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles; info: Mary Yasui 310/328-826-6705; Janet Okubo 310/835-7568, Bebe Reschke 310/826-6705. NOTE—Tickets \$35 by Nov. 30; \$37.50 at the door.

VENICE-CULVER/WEST L.A.

Wed. Nov. 6—New "Shield-65" Plan for JACLers meeting, 7:30 p.m., Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock, Los Angeles. Info: Arnold Maeda 310/398-5157, Tak Shishino 310/837-3891.

Community Calendar

Eastern

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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.

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. 23-March 6, Harold Washington Library, info: Ross Hirano, 312/467-0623. NOTE—Teacher workshops with curriculum guides, Feb. 1 and Feb. 8; several student workshop-tours of exhibit scattered through Feb. 14-28; Feb. 20—panel: Role of Japanese Americans in WWII; other panels dates TBA. Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Sat.-Mon. Nov. 9-11—Asian American Film Festival, "Outsider Within," Seattle Art Museum, tickets available after Oct. 10 at Uwajimaya Seattle/Bellevue; info: SAAFF, Akbert Shen 206/517-4803. NOTE—Eleven programs, starting noon Sat., ending 7 p.m. Mon. with Michael Cho's *Another America* and Yuri Kochiyama's *Passion for Justice*.

Northern Cal

ALAMEDA

Sat. Nov. 16—6th anniversary Sansei Legacy Project dinner, 6-9:30 p.m., 2311 Buena Vista Ave., RSVP, info: 510/523-6021. NOTE—Featuring scenes from stage play of Nobu Miyoshi's work with Exploring Family Legacies.

OAKLAND

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.

SACRAMENTO

Sun. Nov. 10—Story-telling and Book signing by Asian American children's authors, 11 a.m., Kanojo, 6220 Belleau Wood Ln. #5, Sacramento. NOTE—Authors include Elaine Hosozawa-Nagano, Marlene Shigekawa and Sandra S. Yamate. Sat. Jan. 4—CSU Sacramento-Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit, University Library, 6000 J St., RSVP 916/278-6144. NOTE—Speakers: Lawson Inada, Pat Suzuki, George Takel.

SAN JOSE

Fri. Nov. 8—Story-telling and Book signing by Asian American children's authors, 11 a.m., Kanojo, 1430 Koll Circle #102, San Jose. NOTE—Authors include Elaine Hosozawa-Nagano, Marlene Shigekawa and Sandra S. Yamate.

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. NOTE—Topic: Care-giving, Dec. 10 topic: "No Shimpai".

Sun.-Mon., Nov. 17-18—Yu-Ai Kai Reno trip, call Anthony Chung, 408/294-2505.

SANTA CRUZ

Wed. Nov. 6—Book talk by Mary K. Tomita, Capitola Book Cafe, 1475-41st Ave., Capitola; info: cafe 408/462-4415.

FRESNO

Sat. Nov. 9—Story-telling and Book signing by Asian American children's authors, 11 a.m., Kanojo, 230 W. Fallbrook Ave. #105, Fresno. NOTE—Authors include Elaine Hosozawa-Nagano, Marlene Shigekawa and Sandra

S. Yamate.

Southern Cal

LOS ANGELES

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

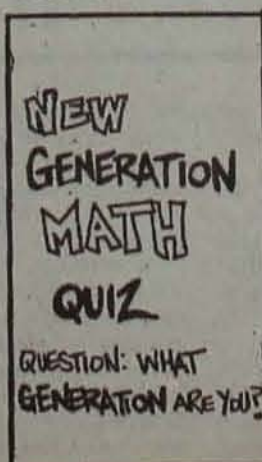
Through Jan. 5—JANM "Finding Family Stories" partnership project with Plaza de la Raza and Watts Towers Arts Center, reception, 6-8 p.m., JANM; also at Watts Towers Oct. 27-Jan. 4, 1727 E. 107th St., Los Angeles 213/847-4646; at Plaza de la Raza, 3540 Mission Rd., L.A. 213/223-2475.

Thu. Nov. 7—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—Ichiro Sone, JETRO director, "Japanese Economy and Foreign Trade," Nov. 14 Prof. Saori Katada, "Japanese Foreign Aid," Nov. 21 Prof. emeritus Peter Berton, "Japanese Negotiating Behavior," Dec. 5 Prof. emeritus Laurence Thompson, "How Religious are the Japanese?" Dec. 12 Jack Lewis, "Politics, Bureaucrats and Business in Japan: Old Dogs, New Tricks?"

Sat. Nov. 9—Nikkei Singles meeting; contact: Lil Roderick, 13123 Ferndale Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92644. Sat. Nov. 9—Matao Uwate Japanese holiday cooking classes, 2-4 p.m., Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute, 3929 Middlebury St., Los Angeles; class fee info: 213/628-4688. Schedule: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7.

Thu. Nov. 14—"Nobuko in Concert," 7-8 p.m., JANM, RSVP 213/626-0414. Sat. Nov. 16—Book-signing with Dale Furutani, "Death in Little Tokyo," 1-3 p.m., JANM, RSVP 213/626-0414.

Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka

President's corner: past and present

By HELEN KAWAGOE & DENNY YASUHARA

On membership and Annual Giving in '96

There remain two critical dimensions of JACL's 1996 revenue and expenses picture: (a) Maintaining and increasing membership and (b) continuing support for Grayce Uyehara's Annual Giving Program in 1996.

Through September, we had 49 more membership payments than in 1995. However, our membership revenue is down \$6,783 from last year at this time—\$615,609 in 1995 versus \$608,826 in 1996. This is likely due to having proportionally more student memberships and fewer couple members this year as compared to 1995. If this revenue trend continues through the last three months of 1996, total revenues will not be much different from last year, which wasn't a "banner" year.

National Director Herbert Yamanishi and Business Manager Clyde Izumi have been closely monitoring the financial situation and adjusting expenditures accordingly. Our total revenues through Sept. 30, 1996, was \$933,039, compared to \$902,977 in 1995. This results from greater income from other sources of \$36,845 in 1996—\$324,213 versus \$287,368 in 1995.

This trend seems to indicate that the membership mix is changing with proportionally fewer couple memberships and a greater number of student/youth and individual memberships, since we have greater membership numbers but less revenue. Whether the great number of youth/student members will translate into greater numbers of regular members in the future remains to be seen particularly important, in view of the gradual decline in membership of Nisei, due to age.

In any case, it means all of us need to make a greater effort to renew past and current members and to recruit more new

members to supplant, at a minimum, the decreasing number of Nisei members. This will be a daunting, but not an impossible task, as several chapters have already shown an increase in membership despite this trend.

If we do not do so, we will be facing greater budget constraints at the end of the year and having to make more adjustments in our 1997-1998 budgets to accommodate lower revenue expectations. We need to begin immediately to make an all-out effort to increase our membership the last months of this year to minimize any financial shortfall we might have and to support, as mentioned previously, Grayce Uyehara's 1996-97 Annual Giving Campaign.



KAWAGOE



YASUHARA

The dues increases that will become effective Jan. 1, 1997, are depicted below. This will also complicate our financial picture, if there is greater than a 3 percent decrease in membership, which was incorporated into revenue projections following a dues increase. Considering that there has been no dues increase for the past eight years and the inflation has been about 29% during this period of time, this increase in dues has been long overdue. Moreover, when one considers a \$7 dues increase, it is far less than an evening out for dinner. Isn't our organization worth that much to you? We think it is and we hope you do, too. ■

Kawagoe is the current JACL national president and Yasuhara is past national president (1994-96).

NEW DUES SCHEDULE

Categories(Current)	1997	(Increase)
Couple/Family (\$65)	\$75	(\$10)
Regular/Individual (\$36)	\$36	(\$7)
Student/Youth (\$10)	\$14	(\$4)
1000 Club (\$48)	\$58	(\$10)
1000 Club Spouse (\$29)	\$32	(\$3)
Century Club (\$95)	\$115	(\$20)

DC notes

By BOB SAKANIWA

Don't let your political voice be muted

As predictable as the changing color of leaves in the fall, one can always predict that the campaign season will get ugly during its final stretch. This presidential campaign has proven to be no different. Everyone knows that the stakes are very high and that to win, everyone on a campaign team must go all-out to win. In going all-out, campaign workers can get very close to the line of what is legal and what is not.

In the latest flap over aggressive campaigning that may have gone over the line, unsubstantiated allegations have been made concerning a vice chairman for the Democratic National Committee, John Huang. He has come under intense media scrutiny over several large contributions he has been able to get, including a \$425,000 contribution from an Indonesian couple who are associated with a company Huang once worked for and money he raised at an event held at a Buddhist temple in Hacienda Heights, Calif.

While in the normal course of campaign events, the activities that Huang was involved in seem to be of the type that may trigger a call for an investigation. What has happened may end up having a much deeper and negative effect for the Asian Pacific American community.

What Huang did is not the issue. That is a job for legitimate investigators, to figure out what actually took place. We cannot address the facts until they are all known. We can and should address our concern over

the furor that has been created regarding APA political contributions.

No one I know in the APA community encourages or defends any improper activities related to campaign fundraising. There is a strong objection to the unwarranted scrutiny that is being placed on political contributions solely because they happen to be associated with a person of APA heritage.

I have heard stories of people who have been called by reporters because their "Asian" names were found on campaign donor lists that are filed with the Federal Elections Commission. The questions being asked of them are: "Why are you giving to this campaign?... Who do you know in the party?... How long have you been in this country?" This attitude is reminiscent of the comment made a few years ago by a congressman who said, "Where are all the normal American names?" when reviewing a list of college scholarship recipients, many of whom were Asian American.

This attitude that allows an entire ethnic group to be lumped together and placed under suspicion should be a concern for us all. It is this same attitude that fueled the Japan-bashing that we encountered in the 1980s.

In the 1996 legislative area, we have seen harsh and harmful treatment of immigrants in the welfare and immigration debates. Demeaning and devaluing immigrants make it easier for anti-immigrant policies to get implemented and, in the worst

case, sow the seeds for hate crimes. The atmosphere now being created by the investigative witch hunts is having a silencing effect on APA political participation, and this is the most troubling aspect of the current cloud being placed on APA political contributions.

At a time when voter registration drives and get-out-the-vote efforts are getting record numbers of APAs interested and involved in the political process, people's motives are being unfairly questioned. A recent *Los Angeles Times* article noted that APAs are leery of attending political fundraisers because they are afraid of being placed in a negative spotlight.

The message being sent to Asian Americans is, if you participate in one of the most fundamental of political exercises—a fundraising event, your background and your motives will be questioned because you look and/or speak differently from the mainstream players in the political arena.

Charges and countercharges between political parties are to be expected, especially during a presidential election, but that is no excuse for allowing an entire ethnic group to be used as a scapegoat for campaign reform. We all have the constitutional right to exercise our votes in the political process, and we must fight any blanket perception that APA contributions are suspect. ■

Sakaniwa is the JACL Washington Representative.

PC to publish Annual Giving list

Pacific Citizen published part of the Annual Giving Campaign list of donors under \$250 in the last issue (Oct. 4-17).

The remainder of names for the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District, as well as the rest of the entire list, was scheduled to be published in this issue.

However, the complete list could not be published because of the time-consuming formatting of each donor's name.

The entire list, then, will be cleaned up and prepared for the next issue so that all the names appear together for all categories. ■

Holiday Issue Deadlines

- Several Chapters have asked for more Insertion Order and One-line Greeting forms. GREAT! Do not hesitate to call our toll-free 800 / 966-6157 number.
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Words from Herb

By HERB YAMANISHI

Priority on education

Those who would demonize the World War II history and experiences of Americans of Japanese ancestry are at it again. In this issue of the *Pacific Citizen*, the lead article points to several responses to the nationwide publication of an anti-Japanese American history article from the *Dallas Morning News* by its associate editor Richard Estrada. Thankfully, a number of people have responded including several highly respected and experienced personalities who were involved in one aspect or another with Redress.

The good fortune of the Estrada article was its timing. Many responding to issues that Mr. Estrada raised are still willing and able to respond. Jack Herzog, a CWRIC researcher, was one of those and it was his response that the *Dallas Morning*

News chose to publish.

Mr. Estrada's article underscores the ongoing need for vigilance and more education, not less. His focus on terminology and the degree of suffering experienced during World War II, ignores the principle lessons to be learned. During a period of chaos and crisis, the American government violated its own principles of democracy and due process. It imprisoned 120,000 men, women and children using administrative authority (an Executive Order) ... not a public mandate.

For a course in American democracy and governance, the degree to which a people physically suffered should not be the point of the lesson. The lesson to be learned is that in an atmosphere of intolerance, fear and disinformation one branch of government can give permission

to violate constitutional rights of American citizens. That is not rewriting history. That is fact.

JACL's responsibility is to help educate American public about the lessons to be learned from the WWII imprisonment. In that regard, we are in the process of revising the JACL Curriculum Guide that is used in many of the schools around the country.

We will apply for a grant from the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund to help disseminate the Guide, calling upon the assistance of the JACL Chapters and other organizations to assist in the effort. Mr. Estrada's article simply reinforces the need to complete the next step of Redress, which is education. ■

Yamanishi is JACL national director.



What's happenin' in PSW

By AL MURATSUCHI

Vote with a vengeance

▼ **Fight the Asian American campaign contribution witch hunt.**

"Where are you from? ... I mean, where are you really from?" Japanese Americans, whether you're Nisei or Yonsei, are all too familiar with these irritating questions. The unspoken assumption is that if you're not white or black in America, you must be foreign-born.

The unspoken assumption seems to be behind much of the recent political and media attacks on Asian American campaign fundraiser John Huang of Los Angeles. Huang has been in the national headlines over the last few weeks for allegedly funneling illegal contributions from Asian foreign citizens and businesses to the Democratic Party.

Certainly, any illegal campaign contribution by a foreign citizen or business should be thoroughly investigated. However, the politicians and the mainstream media are ignoring, or worse yet, tainting all the legitimate political activities of Asian Americans with suspicion of foreign influence.

The Huang uproar reflects at least

in part the failure of some of our government leaders and the mainstream press in distinguishing between loyal Americans of Asian ancestry and Asian foreigners. Needless to say, our community is painfully familiar with such failures.

Now, all Asian American candidates and contributors are suspected of being agents of foreign interests. For example, a recent Los Angeles fundraising event for Washington state gubernatorial candidate Gary Locke, a second-generation Chinese American, had a disappointing turnout in wake of the Huang controversy. According to event organizer Charlie Woo, mainstream press reporters were bombarding him with questions like: "Which country are you from? ... What do you expect from your contributions? ... Do you see anyone here who doesn't belong?"

The Huang uproar also reflects to some extent the scapegoating of Asian Americans for political gain. Considered "easy pickings" with relatively weak political clout, Asian Americans are being slammed for the larger problem of our current

campaign financing system. The fact is that European and Canadian-based companies give more money than Asian-based companies. Republicans and Democrats alike have accepted these contributions.

If it's not enough that the upcoming election will determine our next president and determine the future of critical concerns like affirmative action, the HMO industry, and others, then vote to empower our community. Vote with a vengeance!

▼ **Jewish and Japanese Americans: Exploring Identity**

JACL, Jewish Community Relations Committee, Japanese American National Museum and others are co-sponsoring a forum series on Jewish and Japanese American ethnic identity issues. The forums explore the common as well as unique experiences of our communities, looking to the past, present and future.

See VOTE/page 12

Muratsuchi is the Pacific Southwest JACL regional director.



Membership update

By KAREN-LIANE SHIBA

A year-end mission: Get-a-member

After the San Jose convention, a quick start in the Membership department with National Board approval was hastened with the appointments of Mas Hironaka (San Diego) as the 1000 Club/Life Trust chair, and Dr. Frank Sakamoto (ex-Chicago/now Mil-Hi) as Membership Development chair. They bring JACL know-how, experience, fresh ideas and an eagerness and willingness to work hard for increasing membership.

The three of us, with membership administrator Amy Yamashiro at Headquarters, have developed a program to kick-off the first of membership recruitment campaigns for the biennium: the MEMBER-GET-A-MEMBER Contest, which is running this year-end — Nov. 1 to Dec. 31.

The important point is that New Member payments must be processed at Headquarters and cleared through the bank between Nov. 1

and Dec. 31, 1996, to qualify for contest points. Each new membership form and payment must be accompanied with the recruiter's information: (1) full name, (2) chapter and (3) daytime phone. This is essential.

Points for a New Member (i.e., someone who joins for the first time or renews a membership that has lapsed more than 12 months) will be awarded to the qualified recruiter as follows:

Youth/Student—200 points; Spouse—400; Regular Individual—500; Couple/Family—1,000; 1000 Club—1,000; Century Club—2,000; Life Member—10,000; and Century Life—20,000 points.

Winners will be determined by a random drawing. For each 100 points accumulated during the contest period, the recruiter's name is entered into the top 10 Recruiter's prize drawing. Names of the New

Members will also be eligible for a prize. JACL staff, National Board members and National membership committee members are ineligible for prizes. We hope to upgrade the prizes.

On a national perspective, the accumulated scores of the top 10 chapters and the bottom ten will be published. District Councils will also be tallied at the conclusion and noted.

A helpful hint for this campaign — THINK Holiday gift: Give a gift that gives year-round, a membership in JACL! Stay tuned to "Membership Update." ■

Contact Karen-Liane Shiba, 714/633-6992, fax, 714/633-4817; Mas Hironaka, 619/230-0314, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, 303/694-4790.

Shiba is JACL national vice president for membership service and the Thousand Club.



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Agenda

Intermountain JACLers to hear 'Japanese Schindler' story from son

BY MARTHA MICKI KAWAKAMI
(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

POCATELLO, Idaho — Thanks to the quick action of Ed Hirahara, Boise Valley JACL president, the Intermountain JACL District will have special appearances this month of Hiroki Sugihara, son of the late Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese consul general who risked his career to save more than 6,000 Polish Jews during the early year of World War II.

Moved by the story, Hirahara contacted Sugihara and found a six-day lull in his U.S. tour for the English translation of his mother's book, *Visas for Life*, recounting the Sugihara Family experiences. Finding other district chapters interested, arrangements were completed for stops with the Boise Valley, Snake River Valley, Pocatello and the chapters in the Salt Lake City area.

Mayor Peter Angstadt will issue a proclamation making Nov. 11 "Chiune and Yukiko Sugihara Day." Sugihara will begin his IDC book tour Thursday, Nov. 21, at Ontario, Ore., speaking at the Community United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a Snake River Valley JACL potluck at the church.

In Pocatello on Nov. 22-23, a press conference on the Idaho State University campus will welcome Sugihara, followed by several student discussions at ISU, at Highland and Pocatello

High schools as well as interactive remote TV sessions with six area high schools.

He will speak and be presented the Key to the City at an evening program open to the public at the Student Union ballroom, hosted by the ISU Diversity Committee. A select choir, Trouveres, from Highland High will open with a song. A reception and book signing ends his first day. A tree planting will be held the next morning in honor of his visit, and a banquet is being planned.

In Salt Lake City over the Thanksgiving weekend, the three local chapters, Wasatch Front North, Salt Lake and Mt. Olympus, in conjunction with the Salt Lake Jewish community and the National Conference of Christians and Jews will meet with Sugihara.

The event is scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m., at the Salt Palace Grand Ballroom.

Chiune and Yukiko Sugihara have been recognized for the courage and humanitarianism. Chiune Sugihara has become known as the "Japanese Schindler" for saving the lives of an estimated 6,000 Polish Jews who received transit visas across Russia to escape the Holocaust in 1939.

The book is available at Edu-Comm Plus, Attn. H. Sugihara, 236 W. Portal Ave., #249, San Francisco, CA 94127; \$26 plus \$3 shipping and handling, \$36 plus \$3 for autographed copy. ■

Takemura of California Victory '96. All were aware of a *Fresno Bee* article indicating that while job growth in taking place in Northern and Southern California, job loss is the trend for Central California. ■

Sacramento, JACL, plans 65th anniversary

By TOKO FUJII

SACRAMENTO—The Sacramento JACL Chapter, chartered in 1931, hosts its 65th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the new Holiday Villa Restaurant (formerly Hoi Sing), 7007 South Land Park Drive in Sacramento's south area.

Keynote speaker will be the 1969 chapter president, Hon. Robert T. Matsui, Member of Congress from the 5th District, who is serving his seventh term in the House of Representatives.

State Assemblyman Phil Isenberg, serving his final term this year, will be honored for his dedicated public service of more than 20 years.

Installation of Sacramento JACL's 1997 officers will be conducted by Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District Director Patty Wada.

Herbert Yamanishi, National Director, will make his first appearance at a Sacramento chapter event.

The evening opens with a no-host hour at 5 p.m. followed by a gourmet Chinese dinner at 6 and program to follow. Tickets at \$25 each may be purchased from members or at the JACL office, 2124

10th St., or call Toko Fujii, 916/421-0328, 421-6968 evenings; Lori Fujimoto, 393-8218 or Tom Fujimoto, 427-6730.

Past presidents of the Sacramento JACL will be recognized are at the event. ■

New York JACL marks 52nd year

NEW YORK—Recollections and memories were gathered from past New York Chapter, JACL, presidents for its 52nd anniversary dinner Nov. 2 in New York City.

Washington, D.C., JACL Representative Bob Sakaniwa was the scheduled speaker. His topic was "What Lies Ahead: JACL in the 21st Century."

Sakaniwa will, in part, address the often-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 Chiune Sugihara who was credited with saving the lives of some 6,000 Jews in Lithuania at the outbreak of World War II, was also scheduled to attend. The one-time Cal State Sacramento student was a participant at the recent San Jose National JACL Convention.

Members who were around in the early days were also invited to share their memories. ■

PSW JACLers raise \$4,500 for Prop. 209 ad

LOS ANGELES—JACL members in the Pacific Southwest District Council demonstrated their opposition to California's Proposition 209 by raising over \$4,500, said to be the largest among the Asian American civil rights organizations in the region, according to the Asian Pacific Americans for Affirmative Action of Southern California.

Selanoco JACLER Ron Osajima spearheaded the campaign with David Kawamoto (San Diego), John Saito (East L.A.), Terry Terauchi (Gardena Valley) and many others. San Fernando Valley JACLER Phil Shigekuni reported the chapter board approved a \$500 contribution from its redress fund, created to support civil rights campaigns. Also contributing were Imperial Valley, Las Vegas, Greater Pasadena, Pasadena, Riverside, Torrance, Ventura County, West Los Angeles and many individuals from the Greater L.A. Singles, San Diego and SELANOCO chapters. ■

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Grace Kimoto elected CCDC governor

SELMA, Calif.—The Central California JACL District Council has elected and will install Grace Kimoto of Livingston-Merced JACL as district governor at the annual installation banquet on Saturday, Nov. 2, 5:30 p.m., at Pea Soup Andersen's Restaurant. A leadership development workshop will be held from 1 p.m. at the Selma Japanese Mission Church with J.D. Hokoyama, executive director of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, conducting the session on "Risk Taking: Making Changes Happen." He is also the keynote speaker at the banquet.

Also elected for the CCDC cabinet for the 1997-98 biennium were: Robert Taniguchi (Liv-Mer), 1st vice governor; Larry Ishimoto (Tulare County), 2nd vice governor; immediate past governor Travis Nishi (Clovis), treasurer; and Kathy Ishimoto (Tulare County), secretary.

Formation of a Central California Asian American Caucus to discuss such issues as affirmative action, welfare reform and community concerns was reported by Deborah Ikeda (434-1264) in the Fresno JACL Newsletter.

Convened last Oct. 5 representatives from Hmong, Lao and Vietnamese organizations, JACL, Asian Pacific Women and Organization of Chinese Americans met with political coordinator Steve

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CENTENNIAL

Biggest group of Nikkei gather for celebration

By YAS TOKITA

SALT LAKE CITY—It was the biggest gathering of Japanese Americans in Salt Lake City since the JACL biennial national convention two years ago. With Utah celebrating its Statehood Centennial in 1996, the JA community staged its biggest and most successful ethnic celebration to commemorate its own 100 years of Japanese American presence in Utah.

Purpose of the three-day event from Friday, Aug. 23, through Sunday, Aug. 25, was seven-fold, according to Judge Raymond Uno.

(1) To document the history of the JA in Utah in its first 100 years. The centerpiece of the project was the Centennial History Book.

(2) To publicize to the Utah Centennial Commission and the people of the State of Utah the key

role played by JAs in Utah's history.

(3) To recognize the dwindling ranks of surviving Issei and Nisei pioneers.

(4) To recognize Nikkei who hold or have held leadership positions at state and local levels.

(5) To recognize those on the political scene who have supported the JA community.

(6) To plant a "seed" for youth to encourage their involvement in the JA community and foster appreciation for the Japanese culture of their forefathers.

(7) To bring the JA community together for a large, ambitious project.

(Gov. Michael O. Leavitt signed a declaration of Aug. 23-25, 1996, as "Utah Japanese American Days" as an observance of the Japanese American community's participation in celebrating the state's centennial.)

The turnout was happy, enthusiastic and large—it exceeded the expectations of the huge organizing committee headed by Judge Uno. People with roots in Utah flowed to Salt Lake City from as far away as Hawaii. There was a sizeable contingent from California and many from surrounding Intermountain states.

About 500 turned out for the Red Butte Botanical Garden and Arboretum *bento* picnic on Friday evening; 700 tickets were sold for the Kanojo Fashion Show and Boutique at the Salt Lake Hilton Hotel Saturday morning and afternoon. More than 860 attended the Centennial banquet in the grand ballroom of the Hilton.

The capacity crowd at the banquet heard speeches from Helen Kawagoe, city clerk of Carson, Calif., in her first out-of-Southern California appearance as the newly elected national JACL presi-



HELEN KAWAGOE
An upbeat message



AMBASSADOR SAITO
Report on U.S.-Japan relations

dent; Kunihiko Saito, Japanese Ambassador to the U.S., and the keynote address by Chieko Okazaki, writer, speaker and member of the Mormon Church hierarchy. The few remaining Issei pioneers and all Nisei over age 80 were honored. Floyd Mori was the master of ceremonies.

In an earlier interview with the media, Ambassador Saito explained he had been invited by the Utah Centennial Commission, which had also scheduled visits with dozens of other ambassadors, and had come to join the Japanese American community celebrating its 100-year presence in Utah.

In the *Salt Lake Tribune* a week later (Sept. 8) in Judy Magid's R.S.V.P.—a who's with whom kind of column—were names galore and the smiling photos of the Nakanos, Stan/Claudia; the Nagatas, Ted/Yeiko; and the Tsuyukis, Jerry/Mitzi, at the banquet.

Speaking to his largest Japanese American audience in his eight months as ambassador to the U.S., Saito saluted the Utahns. "You have achieved much and endured much," he said. As he acknowledged that Japan's traditions of homogeneity and harmony do not foster independence, he said "Your ancestors [in coming to America] showed independence and freedom of spirit."

The ambassador said he is optimistic about his country's rela-



CHIEKO OKAZAKI
On the JA experience

tionship with America. He first visited the U.S. in 1962 and "each subsequent visit has reinforced my first impressions." Referring to U.S.-Japan trade, he mentioned 37 Toys R Us stores are planned in Japan; Starbucks is coming and Arnold Schwarzenegger is selling noodles on TV.

Dutifully mentioned in R.S.V.P. were the Rev. Jerry Hirano of the Buddhist Temple and the Rev. George Hanabusa, Church of Christ; State Department of Human Resources director Karen Okabe introducing Issei and Nisei pioneers present and Mori's intro-

See UTAH/page 9

In retrospect . . .



SALT LAKE'S JAPANTOWN (circa 1968) has lost its wooden structures as redevelopment plans progress to build the Salt Palace.



Thank you

Salt Lake City YWCA Director Florence Pierce (center left) befriended the Japanese during WWII. Local Japanese thanked her by planting a Japanese cherry tree in 1957. From left are Chiye Aoyama, Sue Kaneko, Josie Hachiya, Tomoko Yano, YWCA board president S.S. Kistler, Midori Watanuki, Grace Kasai and Alice Kasai.



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PC ARCHIVES

Almost four decades ago . . .

Can-can routine at the Salt Lake JACL fund-raiser for their 1958 national JACL convention expenses insured an SRO turnout at the local Kiwanis Club. The cast of the "Floradora Sextet," attired in colored frock, bonnet, wig and bewitching makeup, was comprised of chapter board members. They (from left) were

introduced only as: (1) Crimson Jimson, (2) Henrietta, (3) Itchy Ida, (4) Scintillating Samuletta, (5) Gorgeous Georgette, and (6) Rapturous Ruby. Until this photo was taken, it was a big secret who would kick and dance across the stage. The identities of the sextet are on page 9 of this issue.

Book review

'Japanese Americans in Utah'

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

The *JA Centennial* history, edited and designed by Ted Nagata, is a magnificent publication enriched by priceless photographs and contributions of 65 authors, covering 52 stories, plus family greetings spread across 52 pages for a total of 260 pages. That much said, its first printing is "no more."

About the book, the JA Centennial Committee considered over 2,500 photographs, sorting, categorizing and identifying them for captions. Over 500 were used. Proofreading was a major task. Ted said it was unbelievable the project was accomplished within a half year, though he cites Ray Uno who kept the idea of a J.A. Centennial in Utah alive the past 30 years. Many Issei pioneers had gathered then in 1969 and were honored by the community.

As much as we have read about Mike Masaoka, his PC columns, his book, *They Call Me Moses*, and have known him over the years, what Shake Ushio remembers about Mike (p. 112-114) in his "sketchiest of a sketchy report" sparkles with new gems that illuminate the Intermountain district, Utah and Salt Lake City. A picture of Mike, necktie askew (p. 11) at the First Church in 1922, is another gem.

The Photo Review (p. 65-75) spans from 1910 (Saburo Ichimura family picture with Utahko, born in 1909 and believed to be the first Nisei born in Utah) to 1989 (Beehives Ladies Golf Club), though the 1952 picture of a funeral for

nine Japanese killed in a tragic accident, which was the largest Japanese gathering in the state at the time. Another Photo Review (p. 135) shows off when Nisei men and women were "keenly aware of fashion" a la 1929-1932. The Photo Review (p. 142-143) is reserved for people posing with their cars, vintage 1919 through 1940.

A part of Mitsugi Kasai's account of the "Nisei Veterans" (p. 20-24) is a snapshot of Doug Muir, Fairmount Bowl proprietor, and Jim Tazoi of the 442nd (Co. K), who was awarded with the Distinguished Service Cross the Army's highest medal for extraordinary heroism, during the Rescue of the Lost Battalion. Doug was one of the rescued soldiers of the 141st Texas Battalion. And another gem was uncovered.

The year 1996 was Utah's centennial as a state—not the Japanese community's. The Iwakura Embassy were the first Japanese to pass through Utah in 1872. And the Utah portion of secretary Kunitake Kume's diary, published as an official document in 1878, has been translated and will be published by the U.S.-Japan Center of Utah Asian Studies Consortium (p. 3). Some of it appears in this history book. But the Japanese (our Issei) who settled in Utah were working on the railroads during the '90s. The 1890 Census tallies four Japanese in Utah.

More gems remain to be uncovered as we leisurely go over these pages. ■

Personally speaking

Fuzzy Shimada elected to Bowling Hall of Fame

Special to the Pacific Citizen

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif.—Rokuro "Fuzzy" Shimada, remembered as the first Nisei to bowl a 300 game in organized play, was notified two weeks ago by the American Bowling Congress Headquarters of being elected to the Bowling Hall of Fame.

His perfect game came in 1949 when ABC was an all-Caucasian organization which did not accept Asian or Black bowlers as members nor recognize their talent.

A strong bowler, Shimada was a leader in getting many Japanese Americans involved in the sport, the Hall of Fame Board pointed out.

Formed as a tenpin bowling sports organization in the 1890s, ABC abandoned its racial membership clause in 1950. JACL was among the leading organizations in the campaign to open up ABC.

Induction ceremonies to the Bowling Hall of Fame occur at the annual ABC national tournament. The 1997 ceremonies are to be held at Huntsville, Ala., on March 13.

Fuzzy was 29, after ABC had lifted its racial restrictions, and able compete alongside his champion peers in the game where the prime years for men is in their 20s. Yet Shimada persisted and became a late-blooming contender at age 39 and among the world's best by 1960, the dawn of "pro" bowling. His lifetime average of 202 dates from the early 1950s.

In the 1950s, Fuzzy's name was prominent in National JACL bowling tournaments, anchoring the five-men teams with different sponsors and finishing first four times. He was all-events JACL tournament champion in 1956 with an 1880 total (a 207 average) shot a 1256 record score in the men's doubles with Gish Endo the same year, and held the men's singles record at 715 in 1964.

In ABC tournament play, his average at 200 for the first ten years compares well with his 195 average for the past 21 years. In the BPAA events, his 48-game average with the National All-Stars stands at 191.

Alongtime Mountain View resident, Fuzzy was born in Vacaville, grew up in Santa Clara Valley



JUDY NIIZAWA COLLECTION

FUZZY SHIMADA

where he picked up his nickname, "Fuzzy" and became acquainted with the game working as a pinboy (automatic pinsetters were yet to come). He graduated from Santa Clara High School and still competes in the national senior tournament, sponsored by the Pro Bowlers Association. His mark in bowling includes a stint in the National Bowling League in 1961, the only bowler who was drafted into the short-lived league—he was playing for the Fresno Bombers when the league folded after one season.

Shimada rolled his fifth career

300 game at age 70 in a sanctioned league in San Jose. In 1968 he was voted by JACL as the greatest Nisei bowler. He is married, has one son, a pro bowler and bowling supply owner.

Now considered THE hall of fame in bowling in the world, BHO/Museum is located across the street from baseball's Busch Stadium in St. Louis, attracting many visitors annually.

—Don Snyder, retired Los Angeles Times sportswriter and member of the ABC Hall of Fame Board contributed to the story. ■

sion and leadership in promoting better human relations throughout the world.

National JACL President Helen Kawagoe is a member of the dinner committee chaired by Ernest Y. Doizaki of American Fish & Seafood Co.

An emerging entrepreneur

A decade ago Ernst & Young, a leader in providing comprehensive advisory services to successful entrepreneurs, founded the "Entrepreneur of the Year" program, now co-sponsored by USA TODAY, the NASDAQ Stock Market and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

A Canadian Nikkei, Mark T. Ando, founder in 1988 of Douglas Manufactured Homes, Ltd., Delta, B.C., was a 1996 Pacific Canada finalist as an Emerging Entrepreneur, one of eight categories in the international recognitions program.

Japan-born, he had emigrated to Canada in 1957 and ran a dental laboratory before establishing the venture of exporting pre-built custom-designed homes, apartments, condominiums and small office buildings as complete kits to Japan. The Canada House in Nagoya, home of the Canadian consul, has been a source of refer-

als for Douglas Homes.

Well-known in PANA-International circles, Ando chaired the 1993 convention in Vancouver. Then First Lady Susana Fujimori of Peru was a guest speaker.

His 5th 'hole-in-one'

Stockton JACL 1000 Club golfer Alfred T. Ishida repeated his ace of 30 years previous (in 1966) at the same hole on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Dry Creek Golf Course—the 192-yard 17th hole—using a 3-wood. This was his fifth ace, the first from the blue tees, while his previous ace was from the whites.

His 4th 'perfect game'

Buena Park Sansei bowler Glenn Wada scored his fourth career 300 game on Sept. 22 in the mixed doubles at Gardena Nikkei Bowling Tournament at Missile Bowl. It came in his first game. He finished with 243 and 213 for a 756 series. The 756 series, coincidentally, was the same when he posted his third career 300 at Castro Valley (Calif.) Nisei Doubles Tournament, again in the first game. The first two 300s came during practice pot games. The 33-year-old Sansei has a current book average of 220. He said the

Filmmaker wins '96 Tatsukawa Award

San Francisco filmmaker Spencer Nakasako is the 17th recipient of the Steve Tatsukawa Memorial Fund Award of \$1,000 for carrying on the Tatsukawa legacy of commitment to community and achievement in film and television as an Asian Pacific American.

For the past five years working in the San Francisco Tenderloin District, Nakasako has been training at-risk Southeast Asian refugee youth in video production, which culminated with a documentary, a.k.a. *Don Bonus*, of a Cambodian American teenager. It aired nationwide as one of a PBS/POV series in June. The son of Monterey Peninsula JACLers Helen and Pet, Nakasako currently teaches Asian American media studies at UC Berkeley.

While entering Berkeley as a history major in the late '70s, Nakasako had taken filmmaker Loni Ding's class on Asian Pacific media as part of Cal's new ethnic studies program and became one of its first graduates. When Ding organized the first national conference of Asian Pacific media producers in Berkeley she enlisted him as an assistant.

This gathering of the "tribe" spawned the National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA), based in San Francisco, as the primary source of production, distribution and broadcast support for Asian Pacific American film and video makers. (NAATA exhibited recent

Photo: PAMELA GENTILE



SPENCER NAKASAKO

works during the San Jose national JACL convention.)

The award, established in 1984, was named for Tatsukawa, a respected arts administrator, filmmaker, community activist and comic wit who died at the age of 35. Past recipients are: filmmakers—Loni Ding, Robert Nakamura, Wayne Wang, Christine Choy, Steven Okazaki, Arthur Dong, Alan Kondo and Emiko Omori; arts administrators—Linda Malabot, Stephen Gong, Jim Yee and Peter Chow; community activists—Evelyn Yoshimura, Eddie Wong, Bill & Yuri Kochiyama and Royal Morales.

For information on the Fund: John Esaki or Amy Kato at Visual Communications, 263 S. Los Angeles St. #307, Los Angeles, CA 90012, 213/680-4462. ■

last 12 strikes-in-row were accomplished with a Sapphire Zone ball drilled by Steve Oba of Placentia.



CHARLES MATSUMOTO

JACL sweepstakes winner

Charles Matsumoto of Milwaukee, Wis., won the 1996 sweepstakes contest at the JACL national convention in San Jose last August. Matsumoto won \$1,500 and two round-trip airline tickets compliments of United Airlines.

Other winners were Carl Somekawa, Plymouth, Minn. and James M. Watanabe, Spokane, Wash., \$1,000, each; Henry Ajima, Cypress, Calif., Janice Aritomi, Santa Clara, Calif., and T. Watanabe, Fair Oaks, Calif., \$500 each; Mas Izama, Madison, Wis., Tomio Moriguchi, Seattle, Wash., Joseph Seto, Los Angeles, Arthur Sugiyama, Sacramento, Calif., and R. Wakida, Berkeley, Calif., \$100 each.

"The biggest winner was the JACL, raising over \$51,000 from the most successful Sweepstakes fund raiser in its short history," said Herbert Yamanishi, JACL national director. There were 2,254 entries.

A transplanted Idaho scholar

Dustin Poulton, now enrolled

at UCLA, won the Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL college scholarship this year. His scholarship essay, taking off on what the KKK grand dragon had remarked on a TV talk show a few years ago—that America was becoming "too muddy"—proclaimed he was "a member of the muddy race, a Hapa, a mud." The Grand Dragon was "spewing rhetoric about the racial downfall of this country" because of outmarriage, the essay explained.

Dustin expressed his "love for mud," the JACL's stress on cultural heritage, and gratitude to his parents for coming from "two different backyards of life."

His parents, a white father and Japanese mother now residing in Orange, Calif., are longtime Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL members. Dustin's father is a project director for the downtown Los Angeles subway tunnel.

A write-in candidate

ALBANY, Calif.—Having missed the early filing deadline for the November races by one day, the proprietor of D&S Composing in Albany Square for 27 years and active in local business and community groups, Jewel Okawachi, is toiling as a write-in candidate for a position on the Albany School board and if successful will be a first in the city's history.

Okawachi's is a longtime Contra Costa JACLer and an Albany resident. Her father, Chotoku Nishi, was a dentist in San Francisco for many years. She graduated in psychology from UC Berkeley, raised three sons: David has a pediatric dental practice in Anaheim, attorney Stan works for Sun Microsystems, and Mark is an assistant physical therapist. She is being assisted in a door-to-door campaign by Georgia Fujikawa, 510/527-5453. ■

Upcoming awards

● Two Asian Americans, Dr. Haing Ngor and Mona Beth Loo, were each to receive a John Anson Ford Award, the annual human relations honor from the County of Los Angeles, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the L.A. Music Center on Oct. 22.

Ngor was honored posthumously for his work as a human rights activist who believed intercultural understanding could lead to better human relations and, ultimately, to peace. Loo organized the Malibu Community Labor Exchange, a nonprofit hiring site for day laborers. She overcame community resistance, learned to speak Spanish to communicate with Latino laborers and eased racial tension.

(The Pacific Citizen earned the commission's award in the news media category in 1985.)

● Honorary chairman Akio Morita of the Sony Corporation and the Sony Corp. will be honored by the Japanese American National Museum at its annual Fall dinner, Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Century Plaza Hotel. The museum's Distinguished Medal of Honor will be presented by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, chairman of the JANM Board of Governors, to Morita for his extraordinary vi-

Opinions



From the frying pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Is the Nisei generation out of touch?

It had started as a pleasant evening, with lots of light conversation, easy laughter and plenty of party food, mostly ethnic. Upper middle class, the kind of people you'd have to say had "made it". You've been at parties like this, where little conversation groups take shape, break up, and grow again, where everyone is at ease with friends and themselves.

Then, inexplicably, the mood turned. Someone—no one remembered who—brought up the matter of lingering racial discrimination, ethnic slights and glass ceilings. It was as though long-buried wounds were suddenly uncovered, raw and festering.

The whole group now turned to listen and one person loosed a harangue about the mean, petty and formidable barriers that he had encountered as he sought to establish himself in a profession. When was that? Well, a long time ago, maybe 50 years, a half century, but it still exists, he said, and we gotta do something about it. And when the party ended he probably got into his fancy foreign car and drove home to his luxurious digs in a nice part of town.

Long ago I developed a habit of reading a while in bed before turning off the light and going to sleep. This night I picked up a clipping from the *San Jose Mercury News* sent to me by Dr. Rita Takahashi of San Francisco State University. It was a feature about Kent Nagano, a 44-year-old, six-foot Sansei who grew up on an artichoke farm near Morro Bay. Nagano was newsworthy in that now he is a conductor of four orchestras in three countries (Berkeley, Calif., Manchester and London, England, and Lyon, France). He is married to a Kyoto-born pianist, Mari Kodama, and much of their communication is in French or German. Nagano's parents, who are not named, are described as Japanese-Americans. Kent learned a smattering of Japanese from his grandmother. His father is an architect, his mother a microbiologist and musician. Not exactly second class. The story makes plain that Nagano is a musician of exceptional talents who has come far in his profession and is destined to become one of the greats of symphonic and modern music.

Before I fell asleep the question that

came to mind was, would American society have allowed such talent to bloom had Nagano been born a Nisei, born a generation earlier when the social milieu was less receptive of Asian Americans? I woke up in the morning without an answer.

That day the mail brought the August issue of the Fresno JACL News, published by the local chapter. It had a section called "Glass Ceilings." It listed nine Japanese Americans, and one Japanese American couple, who are doing particularly well in their various occupations—professional, managerial and entrepreneurial—and presumably recognize no glass ceiling.

I read about them with great interest. Then the thought came to me: Are the people of the Nisei generation, like the fellow at the party, hopelessly out of touch with the times when we persist in talking about how rough it was back in the olden days? To use a good contemporary word, are they relevant any more? ■

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Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

Add: Fujimori



During the week the Japanese Latin Americans (JLA) filed their suit for redress in the federal court, the *Wall Street Journal* piece (Aug. 23), "Fujimori Makes Enemies, but Look at His Results," was but a cursory citation at

the end of this column a month ago. The writer, William Ratliff, a senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution who pens WSJ's review of Latin American affairs, said that President Fujimori's five years in office had become an "increasingly one-man rule."

Ratliff cites what most respected independent foreign consultants see: "Peru's economy is stronger than it has been in decades." Ratliff wonders: "Will President Fujimori lay as solid a foundation for growth as Augusto Pinochet did in Chile, or will Peru prove to be more of a cheetah than a jaguar, sprinting like the wind for a short distance but then collapsing? So far, it seems to be the heavier cat—the jaguar."

Then our sole JACLer living in Ireland, Arthur Donoghue, sends us a clipping from the *Irish Times* (Aug. 24), "Fujimori can become Latin America's longest-serving democratic leader," by Jane Diaz, Lima correspondent for the *Manchester Guardian*, one of Britain's national newspapers. She reported the Peruvian Congress had passed a law limiting a president to no more than two consecutive terms but that it cannot be applied retrospectively.

Thus, it exempts President Fujimori. He's free to stand for a third five-year term in the next election in 2000. When he was first elected in 1990, the president was limited to one term of five years. In 1992, the law was altered so that he could be re-elected once, a change that was narrowly approved by referendum. In 1995, Fujimori was re-elected with 64 percent of the vote.

While Mario Vargas Llosa, the internationally-known novelist, was being touted as the next president in the 1990 elections, a totally unknown Fujimori forced him into a runoff and won. Vargas Llosa has since left Peru and adopted Spanish nationality.

Fujimori's opponent in 1995 was another international heavyweight, former United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. He was second with but 22 percent of the votes. The media was paying more attention during the weeks before the election to Susana Higuchi de Fujimori, Alberto's estranged wife, who wanted to be a candidate for the presidency. DeCuellar complained he couldn't get coverage.

Diaz writes: "In power, Mr. Fujimori has been at best heavy-handed, but his decisions, notably the auto-coup of 1992 and the introduction of harsh military trials for those suspected of subversion, have struck a chord with Peruvians weary of hyper-inflation and guerrilla attacks."

Her point is that Fujimori, being a Nisei, has used "his racial roots to his advantage, since the majority of Peru's Indian or mixed-race people identify more easily with him than with the white elite."

Alberto Fujimori is cast into the Next Millennium. Of the same stripe, the JLAs in the U.S. and their Campaign for Justice from the U.S. government is targeted on the same horizon. ■

East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

'No Smoking'

YOU NO DOUBT have seen the dismaying report that each day some 3,000 children start smoking. In a year's time that comes to about 11 million puffers being added to the rolls. For the first time, the tobacco industry is beginning to crumble from the siege of lawsuits filed not only by private parties claiming injuries but also by some 20-plus States seeking recovery for the cost of caring for its indigent citizens disabled by years of smoking cigarettes. Tobacco companies took refuge behind the so-called "Surgeon General's Warning" that appears on the pack of cigarettes.

The cynicism of these warnings is exposed by the industry's turning right around and spending millions in advertising, depicting robust bathing beauties or the macho Marlboro man out on the open plains. Even "Joe Camel," with colored glasses and a smoke casually dangling from his lips, has joined the act in reaching into the subconsciousness of teenagers. (In our day, the mantra was "I'd walk a mile for a Camel." I never could figure how that induced sales of Camels, but they ran that ad for years.)

YOU'VE HEARD comedian Bob

Newhart's straight-faced takeoff on smoking; Newhart's on the 'phone talking to Sir Walter Raleigh who is in the New World. (Raleigh, you'll recall, brought back tobacco leaves from the New World and introduced Europe to smoking. In fact, I believe there's a brand of smokes bearing his name.) Anyway, Walter is describing the discovery of tobacco and smoking. Hearing only Newhart's end of the conversation, it goes something like this: "You roll up leaves and then do what? ... Put one end in your mouth and s-s-set fire to it? ... Let me get this straight: You gather up dried leaves of a plant called 'tobacco,' roll them up, put 'em in your mouth, light a fire at the other end, and then you blow what? ... Through the nose you say? ... C'mon, Walt, you're putting me on."

So stripped stark naked, the practice of smoking does seem, well, ludicrous.

FOR SOME DECADES, the U.S. tobacco industry has been eyeing the lucrative Asian market. For some unexplained reason, denizens of the Far East are much given to smoking, and American cigarettes are very much favored. However, American tobacco com-

panies have been thwarted from achieving their sales potentials. This very much includes the Japanese market wherein purveying tobacco has been a government monopoly which did not look favorably upon, say, a Philip Morris gaining a meaningful access to the Japanese market. In post-war Japan, U.S. smokes were openly sold in the blackmarket stalls. The most popular brand was known as "hino-maru" (round sun), "Lucky Strikes." A couple years ago, a fellow showed me a pack of Japanese cigarettes, and I'll be dog-goned if the may-be-hazardous-to-your-health bit wasn't on there, practically a word-for-word translation from the English, in *nihongo*.

Oh, yes, about the title to this week's column. It was on a cardboard sign that I picked up back in 1969 at a then newly-opened Japanese hotel in Chigasaki outside of Tokyo. Placed above the headboard, it read: "NO SMOKING." (To the best of my knowledge, I didn't.) ■

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Voices

By C. NOZOMI IKUTA

Redress is no substitute for lost homelands

Contrary to the article regarding the "Native Hawaiian Vote" (Oct. 4-17, page 1), the process did not reflect the "will of the Hawaiian people," 60 percent of whom declined participation in it. Many sovereignty activists had advocated boycotting it because of the inherent conflict between the state's control over both the vote and over Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian) lands, which comprise 95 percent of the state's land base.

(In 1898, at the time of the forced annexation, nearly 1.2 million acres, or about one-third of the land, were acknowledged as Kanaka Maoli lands. In an independent Hawai'i, the entire island chain would be returned to the Kanaka Maoli; non-Kanaka Maoli who respect Kanaka Maoli ways would be welcome to remain there.) Tellingly, the state was evicting Kanaka Maoli from these lands while sponsoring this vote.

In the lead paragraph, the

article refers to 85,000 ballots mailed out and to a "3-to-1" decision which "favored self-determination." But the next paragraph admits that this "3-to-1" outcome was based on only 30,000 ballots.

This discrepancy is significant because of the boycott called by many "taro-roots" sovereignty proponents, who ran their effort on a "coconut fiber" (shoestring), paying for their own photocopies and phone calls. (They did not urge participating with a "no" vote, since this could have been construed as a vote against sovereignty.) In contrast, the Hawaiian Sovereignty Elections Council (HSEC)'s ad campaign for the "yes" vote included a polished, 30-minute video infomercial backed by a nearly \$2 million budget from the state legislature and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).

HSEC leaders said that the turnout paralleled other elections. But HSEC's 40 percent participation rate was much lower than for the 1994 general (51 percent) and

OHA (70 percent) elections. Originally a higher standard ("majority of eligible voters," or over 40,000) had been required for the HSEC results, but just two months before the vote, well after the boycott was initiated, the legislature reduced the standard to "majority of the ballots cast."

(At the same time, the legislature weakened the purpose statement from "to restore a nation" to "for self-governance" and changed the name of the process from "plebiscite" to "Native Hawaiian Vote," when critics pointed out that it failed to meet the international standards for a legitimate plebiscite.)

Although proponents hailed HSEC as a consensus-building opportunity, opponents criticized it from the outset. Here's why:

Jan. 17, 1993, the 100th anniversary of the U.S.-backed overthrow of the formerly sovereign and independent nation of Hawai'i, marked a period of in-

creasing assertiveness among Kanaka Maoli. That year, President Clinton signed Public Law 103-150, apologizing for the overthrow and acknowledging that "the indigenous Hawaiian people never directly relinquished their claims to their inherent sovereignty...either...through a plebiscite or referendum." The state legislature and OHA each allocated \$25,000 to establish a governor-appointed Sovereignty Advisory Council (SAC), later renamed HSEC, to conduct a plebiscite on sovereignty. (An already extant, community-based "Sovereignty Advisory Council" was ignored when the 1993 SAC was created under the same name but with different members, including government officials.)

In 1959, the statehood vote—which also failed to meet international standards—enabled the U.S. to remove Hawai'i from the UN list of non-self-governing territories (colonies), resulting in Hawai'i's loss of monitoring and

protection by the international community. Now, the "Native Hawaiian Vote" paves the way for Kanaka Maoli rights to be further limited by recognizing OHA and HSEC as an "Indian Tribal Government" under bills like HB 671 and SB 479, introduced in the 1995 U.S. Congress without notice, input, or the consent of Kanaka Maoli.

People who think of Hawai'i as the "the 50th State" may already regard Kanaka Maoli as "Native Americans," since they are indigenous to the land that is now claimed by the USA.

Under current American Indian policy and law, U.S. Indian tribes are "domestic dependent nations...subject to the plenary power of Congress." Congress "gives," "takes," and abuses Indian lands

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Voices

By CHIZU IYAMA

Support, networking develop at women's conference

It was a thrilling moment. As Nobu Miyamoto paced down the aisle in rhythmic tread striking a bell, a hush enveloped the audience of women attending the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum. As she mounted the stage, she set the tone of the conference through chants from Native American lore, poetry, and songs which stressed love for one another, for our families, communities and nature, and the need to work together.

It was so reminiscent of the International Women's Conference I attended in Beijing last year. And it was precisely that spirit which led Asian American women who went to Beijing to call this convention. They formed the core of the group which quickly extended to others who were concerned about women's issues to meet and craft an Asian Pacific American women's movement.

And so we met on Sept. 21-22 in Los Angeles, as Jai Wong, one of the core committee members declared, "to get to know and sup-

port one another, to discuss issues which impact on women, to share information and resources, and to eventually develop a national network of Asian Pacific American Women to provide a progressive voice."

More than 150 women attended the two-day session, coming from places as distant as Hawaii, New York, Washington, D.C., Florida, Maryland, and Massachusetts. And the diversity—immigrants, American born, lesbians, heterosexuals, activists, disabled, those new to politics, and inter-generational attendees. I was struck by the fact that there were so many young women—articulate, intelligent, and poised. They spoke out on every issue, and certainly destroyed the stereotype of the passive, subdued Asian woman.

And they represented various ethnic groups—Chinese, Vietnamese, Laotian, Cambodia, Filipino, Japanese, Samoan, Korean, Indian, and Hmong—and came from colleges, law firms, health agencies, community groups, business

associations, environmental organizations and unions, among others.

The opening panelists consisted of Mallika Dutt from the Center for Women's Global Leadership in New York, Irene Hirano of the National Japanese American Museum of Los Angeles, Leni Marin of the Family Violence Prevention Fund in San Francisco, Samnang Chea, a youth organizer for a Cambodian organization from Massachusetts, Doreen Wong of APLBN from Los Angeles, and Grey-Uhila, Appollonia Dee, a Samoan with the Pacific Islander Outreach from East Palo Alto.

They are all activists and spoke movingly about problems and their work in various communities. Their concerns encompassed a wide variety of issues—from organizing domestic workers, hotel employees and garment workers, to combating domestic and racist violence. They ardently defended affirmative action and deplored the attacks on welfare and immigration. They touched on youth prob-

lems and gangs and the need to work together with other minority groups. As in the Beijing conference, they asserted that "women's rights are human rights" and stressed the need to reach out globally to women in other countries. They pointed to the common threads in each of their different areas of activity and the need for Asian American women to be visible and vocal.

The keynote speaker was Sunera Thobani, past president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, Canada's largest feminist organization.

She expressed the need for women in Canada and the U.S. to work together, especially since the passage of the World Trade Agreement and NAFTA.

She addressed the issue of racism in Canada, and the attacks against social gains of the past. She deplored the strategy of conservative groups to pit one minority against another. She declared that "Women from the working classes don't have money, no per-

sonal connections to people in power. Our strength is our community. We need to mobilize our communities."

From her years of leadership in various organizations she gave some very practical advice. She asked, "Who do you speak for? There needs to be accountability. Whatever gains you make should benefit every woman in the United States."

She urged that this group take positions. That there be democracy within the organization, that the process of decision making be clear. She spoke of the need to deal with differences openly, of developing trust. And the importance of analyzing class differences and taking up the issues of the most powerless women.

She ended her inspiring talk with a vision of a different society, "not about equal space, but a transformation of a society."

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Iiyama is a member of the Contra Costa Chapter, JACL.

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duction of Kawagoe.

Public officials who caught Magid's eye were noted in the last paragraph, including West Valley Mayor Gerald Wright, Rep. Enid Greene, Lt. Gov. Olene Walker and two congressional candidates.

The following Sunday (Sept. 15), Magid reported on the Kanojo fashion show, which the paper headlined as a "Sentimental Journey: designers bring kimonos out of storage into new fashions." Alongside the story and taking up as much space, 2 columns wide and 7 inches deep, is a picture of Yoshiko Uno (the judge's wife) modeling a long vest made from kimono cloth.

Magid learned "Kanojo" translates as "she," and reported "the first time Vicki Yamagami Ragasa (now Kanojo's head designer) took scissors to an ancient kimono, her hands shook." She, her partners, cousin Eileen Tabata Fitzpatrick and Bob Fitzpatrick, had met earlier with fashion show chair Linda

Oda, language arts professor at Weber State University, Ogden. Oda was reminded of Phoebe Gilman's book, *Something From Nothing*, in which a quilt is made of many pieces and finally into a memory.

Kanojo, founded in 1990 and based in Irvine, Calif., has become a service-organization fund raiser, contributing 10 percent of sales to the sponsoring group. "The Salt Lake audience was responsive, buying about \$30,000 worth of clothing. Some is one-of-a-kind, something anyone would treasure," Oda said.

The Centennial History book was the handiwork of Ted Nagata, graphic designer extraordinaire of Salt Lake City. It contains 20 chapters and 264 pages. The book project was completed in six months, and 1,300 copies were printed. Eight hundred went to individuals who had pre-ordered and 300 were donated to schools and libraries throughout the state. (With demand still high, a reprinting of 2,000 is now being planned.)

The purpose of the book "was to document the hardships endured

by the first and second generations to establish themselves in all areas of Utah. This book is for future generations—a means for them to find and appreciate their roots—to find their identity. It was a community effort—more than 50 individuals contributed text, said Ted Nagata. He went on,

"I would not have undertaken the project had I known it would grow to 264 pages. I thought that [a book of] 150 pages was do-able

Who were they?

The identities of the Florida Sextet in the photo on page 6 are, from left: Jimmy Nagata, Henry Kasai, Ichiro Doi, Sam Watanuki, George Yoshimoto, and Rupert Hachiya—all of whom were members of the Salt Lake JACL board of directors, appearing at a fund-raiser to prepare for the chapter hosting the 1958 National JACL Convention.

within the time constraints. But as the gripping stories continued to pour in, I could not say 'no' and the book grew"

Steve Koga had 36 golfers for the Sunday Centennial golf tournament.

JACL board to meet Nov. 8-10

SAN FRANCISCO — The first National JACL board meeting under the gavel of National President Helen Kawagoe from Carson, Calif., will convene Nov. 8-10 at the Masao Satow Building, JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St.

The proposed agenda includes committee meetings, a workshop on sexual harassment and orientation for new board members Friday afternoon.

A full schedule Saturday begins at 8:30 a.m. Expected are adoption of an agenda, the minutes of the last board meeting (San Jose, Aug. 7), submission of the president's report and committee appointments, a 10-minute report from National Director Herb Yamanishi, and detailed report on finances and audit by national treasurer David Hayashi, representative from Deloitte & Touche, Clyde Izumi, Yamanishi, followed by national officers the remainder of the day.

Floyd Shimomura of Sacramento is making the general counsel report. Appointment of a PC Editorial Board chair is pending. The governors' caucus and regional reports conclude the Saturday agenda.

The Sunday morning session from 8 through noon is reserved for board actions and adoption of board meeting dates for remainder of the biennium. Staff meeting follows Sunday afternoon, with assignments to work out the Program for Action.

Open seating is limited to active JACL members. ■

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America: Chinese and Japanese in the United States Since 1850, regarded the CWRIC Report "one of the seminal documents illuminating recent Asian American history."

The CLPEF-UW Press partnership also fulfills a congressional mandate "to publish and distribute the hearings, findings and recommendations of the commission ... so that the causes and circumstances of this and similar events may be illuminated and understood," Shimasaki added.

"Furthermore, *Personal Justice Denied* reminds us that this travesty of justice could easily happen to any other group, especially at times when certain groups are perceived to be unpopular; during periods of social unrest, during political crises, during war, or during economic recession. Educating people about the incarceration of one group will help prevent its happening to other minorities in our American democracy." ■

—HARRY HONDA

FLAP

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"The term *concentration camp* to which Mr. Estrada objects in describing the barbed wire fences and machine-gun towers with searchlights manned by U.S. Army military police, which 'guarded' 115,000 unarmed men, women and children, evidently is not acceptable to him because the United States was the jailer. Records in the National Archives disclose no such reluctance on the part of our own national figures to call them 'concentration camps,' including President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Attorney General Francis Biddle, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, all of whom were certainly aware of the meaning of the term. No one has claimed that U.S.-style camps were 'death' camps, but that's where Mr. Estrada allows emotion to cloud judgment."

Yamanishi agrees: "It is correct, the American concentration camps were not used to commit genocide and the American concentration camp experience was not the same as that of the 'death camps' [in Nazi Germany]. People of Japanese ancestry and American citizens were, nevertheless, forced to live in concentration camps without due process."

Yamanishi also pointed to the *Random House Collegiate Dictionary* definition of the phrase *concentration camp*: a guarded compound for the confinement of political prisoners, minorities, etc. ... And he noted:

"Memorializing 'camps' in America (as at Manzanar) symbolizes both the failure and resiliency of Democracy. In Nazi Germany the 'death camps' symbolize not only the failure to respect citizens rights but also the level of genocide and hate a government and its people can reach if left unchecked."

"Mr. Estrada's discourse about the correct naming of the camps also misses the point. While his terminology may be correct [which] the U.S. government created ... the education about the wartime experience is not just about the degree of suffering. The tragedy of the experience is that American citizens and resident aliens who were loyal to America lost their personal freedoms, civil liberties and constitutional rights."

"It is claimed that the U.S. government had knowledge of fifth column activity," pointing to Estrada's parenthetical assertion that "since World War II, declassified and decoded Japanese intelligence messages intercepted by the United States during the war have proved that the government did have knowledge of fifth column activity." Estrada, thus, reasoned the "relocation camps ... were for people removed from the West Coast because their loyalty simply wasn't known," Yamanishi added.

Herzig, a retired Army lieutenant

colonel who served in counter-intelligence in the Far East, Europe and on the Army staff in Washington, D.C., demanded Estrada show proof of that assertion:

"If Mr. Estrada has found any credible 'declassified and decoded Japanese intelligence messages' that prove that the government had knowledge of fifth column activity by Japanese, he should share it with the U.S. government and researchers like me. If he is referring to the so-called MAGIC diplomatic cables, that source has been drained dry. The U.S. government, some colleagues and I have poured through every message from U.S. Army, Navy and National Security Agency files and none bears out Mr. Estrada's inference."

Yamanishi also responded: "... In subsequent analysis of documents by the Congressional Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and in court cases (*Hirabayashi vs. U.S.*, 1985), it has been clearly established that there never was a Japanese American espionage network."

Introducing himself as a former editor of the editorial page of *The Denver Post*, Bill Hosokawa carefully crafted a personal response to Estrada.

"The Holocaust was the result of officially-directed horror and savagery without precedent in human history," Hosokawa wrote. "U.S. treatment of its Japanese American minority bears no resemblance to the Holocaust."

"But it is undeniable that the American evacuation was a decision based on ethnicity, not loyalty. The evacuation, authorized by Executive Order 9066 signed by President Roosevelt, was addressed to 'all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien.' It did not apply to persons of German or Italian ancestry. And incidentally, what is a non-alien? The government didn't have the guts to say it was placing a restrictive order on 'American citizens' of only a particular ancestry."

"... Of course, you [Estrada] are correct in noting that there were no gas ovens in the American camps. But I do not believe the term *concentration camp* is incorrect. We were removed from our homes by force and concentrated in detention camps. The Nazis concentrated their victims in extermination camps."

Onetime redress campaign director for JACL John Tateishi wrote a response intended for the opinion page. The second paragraph hits hard:

"In a meager attempt to set the record straight from his own perspective, Estrada reveals a shocking ignorance about the facts that led to and surrounded the circumstances of the imprisonment of the entire West Coast Japanese American population in the United States during World War II. It was not, as he suggests, an action justified by national crises. In stating that anyone who portrays the events of the internment 'as no worse than they were' is morally indefensible, he demonstrates his own moral indefensibility by carelessly slinging fallacious arguments used by the racist groups that sought our ouster in 1942 and continue today to demean our rights as Americans. Not only are Estrada's opinion based on ignorance and an obvious distortion of facts, they are much worse: they are, quite simply, bigoted and shameful."

Tateishi cited his own case of his father to disprove Estrada that families were not separated. Estrada wrote: "Children weren't taken from parents, nor were husbands separated from wives and children." Tateishi revealed: "My own father was taken from Manzanar, where we were, and sent to an interrogation center in another state for having discovered and accused the guards of stealing food supplies intended for the camp internees."

A bit of Texas military history was also called to Estrada's attention—the rescue of the Texas Lost Battalion by the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II. Tateishi noted, "Estrada conveniently forgets to mention the fact that over 3,000 young Japanese American men volunteered to serve in the U.S. military from the camps ... [and when] breaking through to the Texas unit, the 442nd lost more men than they eventually saved. It was their way of showing this nation that Japanese Americans were in fact loyal enough to give their lives even though we had lost our rights as American citizens."

Tateishi was also troubled by Estrada's comment that Japanese Americans now cast "aspersions on good and decent people faced with enormous leadership responsibilities at a moment of national crisis." Tateishi continues: "He seems to suggest that a moment of national crisis justifies the government's actions regardless of possible unpopular consequences and that we should be understanding and forgiving, even if these actions should later prove troublesome. The end seems to justify the means in this view." Tateishi vehemently disagreed:

"In the case the WWII internment of Japanese Americans, the basic tenets of constitutional rights failed miserably ..."

—John Tateishi

"It is in times of national crises that the Constitution must stand for what it means lest democratic principles are compromised and ... If it cannot work in times of tension and when tough decisions must be made, then it signals the demise of the greatest system of government ever created."

Tateishi concludes: "In the case of the WWII internment of Japanese Americans, the basic tenets of constitutional rights failed miserably ... Our commitment is that such a shameful episode will never be forgotten and will never again occur in this nation."

After mention of the JACL redress effort and its successful resolution when President Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, Yamanishi cited remarks that Evacuation was, as then WRA director Milton Eisenhower said, "an inhuman mistake" and that Chief Justice Earl Warren regretted his 1942 actions as the Attorney General of California in advocating the removal, "because it was not in keeping with our American concept of freedom and rights of citizens."

"When a society begins to condone the loss of personal freedoms and constitutional rights for just one of our citizens, it is the key that once again opens the doors of tyranny," Yamanishi concluded. The strength of American democracy is that it can recognize its errors and redress the wrongs through peaceful and democratic means. "These are the lessons that Mr. Estrada should have addressed."

Hosokawa told Estrada that no one is trying to rewrite WWII history "by calling our concentration camps just that." They were also relocation camps, "but none of us asked to be relocated ... It makes more linguistic sense to call the Nazi camps what they really were — extermination camps."

Hosokawa's final thought was a challenge. "We are trying to heal the wounds and set the record straight, and the monument [honoring the patriotism of Japanese Americans and their contributions to the greatness of America to be erected not far from the U.S. Capitol] is one of our efforts. I hope you

can see your way to supporting it."

Herzig's final thoughts said Estrada's column recalled another shameful time in history "when a political figure held up a list that he claimed had the names of over 200 Communists, but he never showed that list."

A brief letter in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* from a WWII Marine veteran, Harry C. Gillis of Seattle, who was on Okinawa VJ Day, said, "It is important that history should reflect the facts of the times with as little distortion as possible and I feel that Estrada might review and adjust his viewpoint."

Another letter in the P.I. from Tetsuden Kashima of Mercer Island was headlined: "Estrada continues injustice to innocent group of people" for misleading the public about the wholesale incarceration. He ends with words from President Bush's apology: "We can never fully right the wrongs of the past. But we can take a clear stand for justice and recognize that serious injustices were done to Japanese Americans during World War II."

Alongside Herzig's letter in the *Dallas Morning News* was one applauding Estrada for referring to a "very real problem among academics and threatens to undermine not only our traditional quest for truth but the very concept of truth itself." The writer, Mike Carter of Irving, Texas, cites the word "concentration camps" for "relocation camps" as an example of the revisionists, which he characterized as "a subversive use of vocabulary."

Carter feared "it is troubling enough that revisionism flourishes at universities, but when it infects primary and secondary classrooms, the evil is compounded. Children who are taught for ideological reasons to confuse Buchenwald with Manzanar are likely to grow up to be quite casual in their attitudes toward politically sponsored horror."

An opinion page article, "Truth about Japanese internment eluded (Estrada)", in the Oct. 13 *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, responded to Estrada's Sept. 23 column. It was submitted by seven

community leaders in the Pacific Northwest: Elaine Akagi, Seattle JACL president; S. James Arima, Lake Washington JACL president; Tetsuden Kashima, Ph.D.; Rodney Kawakami, Esq., lead counsel, Hirabayashi Coram Nobis Legal Team; Sandee Taniguchi, editor, *Northwest Nikkei*; Karen Yoshitomi, JACL regional director; and Ted Yamamura.

Of the "concentration camp" furor, the Seattle seven said Estrada "ignored the broader issue of the personal injustice committed against the men, women and children who were incarcerated without individual review, due process or equal protection guaranteed by the Constitution." (Hosokawa's long letter noted this matter has yet to be redressed, pointing to the 5th, 6th and 14th Amendments which were violated with the President's promulgation of EO 9066.)

The final two paragraphs in the piece say:

"Americans should insist on the truth ... Those who are unfamiliar with this part of history must not be misled by half truths or specious arguments. In efforts to educate the American public about the wartime experiences of Japanese Americans, the intent is not to revise history, or as Estrada noted, 'unfairly cast aspersions on good and decent people'."

"We gain nothing by glossing over, ignoring or rewriting unpleasant truths. We serve our children and our country best when we face the truth, correct injustices and learn from the past. In a country with a history of racial and ethnic divisions, that is the surest way to build trust, win respect and promote a sense of national unity among all our people."

The article thoroughly reviewed Estrada's column, which they found "replete with errors, misrepresentations and misleading statements," that have been addressed by Yamanishi, Herzig, Hosokawa and Tateishi. ■

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Akiyama, Sumiko, 63, Sacramento, Oct. 10; Tokyo-born, survived by husband Albert, sons Roger, Robert, sister Masako Kato (Los Angeles), 3 sisters and 1 brother in Japan.

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

Daikai, Suyo Carl, 74, Sacramento, Oct. 10; Sacramento-born, survived by sons Chris, Neil, 4 gc., predeceased by wife Eiko, brothers Frank, Tsugio (El Cerrito), sister Chiyo Hanada (San Mateo).

Endo, Shusaku, 73, Tokyo, Sept. 29; Japanese novelist, humorist with at least nine of his Japanese literary award books translated into English and other languages, a devout Catholic, survived by wife Junko and son.

Fujii, T. John, 82, Tokyo, Aug. 10; veteran journalist: prewar *S.F. Nichibei*, wartime *Singapore English Daily*, postwar at AP, INS, Kyodo and 40-year Fairchild News Service correspondent in Japan. Born in Japan, Fujii went to the U.S. at age 2 and grew up in Livingston, Calif., where his father was a Christian minister; attended Pomona College, SMU and Drew University, worked for *Asahi Shimbun* in New York before returning to Japan.

Fujinaga, Masano, 97, Albany, Sept. 29; Yamaguchi-born, survived by sons Akio, Satoshi, 3 gc., 1 ggc.

Fukumoto, Bessie Masako, 75, Gardena, Sept. 26; Hawaii-born, survived by husband Henry K., sister Masae Okuda (Japan).

Hirano, Kiyo, 101, Gardena, Sept. 25, formerly of San Francisco; Tokyo-born, survived by sons Tom, George, Osamu, Kenji, 11 gc., 1 ggc.

Hishinuma, Frederick, 69, Denver, Aug. 7; Brighton-born.

Hitomi, Russell K., Chicago, service Aug. 23; survived by daughters Heather, Meghan, Christine, mother Akiyo Sunahara, brothers Jack Hitomi, Lynn.

Horiuchi, Tom, 76, San Jose, Sept. 6; prewar *S.F. Nichibei* pressman, survived by brothers Joe, Ben, Masa, Bill (Los Angeles).

Hosaka, Aana Lew, 43, Redondo Beach, Sept. 22; Los Angeles-born insurance company executive, survived by husband Russell, son Lance, parents Moon Hing/Kam Chung Lew, sister Helen Nakawata.

Ijichi, Lucy Sumiko, 73, South Lake Tahoe, Sept. 4; survived by husband Kosuke, sons Kenneth, Arnold, Jerry, daughters Karen, Mary, Roxanne, Jean, 4 gc., brother William Yamamoto, sister Agnes Kawate.

Ikemura, Yoshihiro, 66, Los Angeles, Sept. 18; Osaka-born, survived by wife Fujino, sons Donald, Larry, daughter Sandra, 1 gc.

Ishihara, Haruka, 56, Turlock, Oct. 1; Turlock-born, survived by sons John and Kevin Hewitt, daughter Mae-Lynn Hewitt, mother Shizuko, brothers John, George, Richard, sister Sharon Redding.

Ishikawa, Atsui J., 66, San Fernando, Sept. 20; San Fernando-born, survived by son Koichi, sisters Kimiko Kitazawa, Miyeko Tamura.

Ianaga, Richard, New York, Oct. 15; Fresno-born writer, edited camp newspaper, volunteered from Jerome WRA Center to 442nd Co. G, Purple Heart veteran, retired advertising and promotion director, survived by wife Chiyo Suzuki (605 W. 111th St. Apt. 22, New York NY 10025).

Kadonada, Masatoshi, 81, Vista, Sept. 30; Los Angeles-born, survived by son George (Santa Ana), daughter Judith Greco, 3 gc.

Kamiya, Edna S., 81, Los Angeles, Sept. 17; Sacramento-born, survived by sister May Kushida, predeceased by husband Ichiro.

Kataoka, Takashi, 74, San Francisco, Sept. 4; survived by brother Kazuo, sisters Hisako Matsuno, Mayako Mizuhara, Akiko Sato.

Kawase, Taiichi, 82, San Francisco, Sept. 10; Aichi-born, survived by wife Matsue.

Kobayashi, Katsuyoshi, 99, Chicago, Oct. 5; Kanagawa-born, survived by sons Fred (Oceanside, Calif.), Yuji, daughter Ryoko, 6 gc., 6 ggc., predeceased by wife Fukuko ('87).

Koda, Bill, 73, Vale, Ore., Oct. 5; Kent, Wash.-born, farmer after Minidoka, predeceased by wife and mother of five children when they were young, survived by sons Steven, John, daughters Billie Jean Vitsmeyer (Spokane, Wash.), Kathleen Koda-Gumke (George, Wash.), Julie Clark (Payette, Idaho), 7 gc., 2 ggc., brother Sadao (Japan), sister Mitsie Tanaka (Ontario, Ore.)

Koga, Dix K., 82, Walnut Grove, Oct. 3; Walnut Grove-born, survived by wife Dorothy, daughters Janice Toyama, Carolyn Fujii, Sharon Sano, 6 gc., sister Matsue Inaba.

Koshiyama, Harry Gunji, 64, Los Angeles, Sept. 22; Maui-born, survived by wife Evelyn, daughters Sharon Woo, Wendy Endo, 2 gc., brothers Thomas (San Jose), Richard.

Kuwahara, Julia Suski, 92, Steilacoom, Wash., Sept. 20; San Francisco-born prewar Los Angeles resident; survived by sons Denis, Michael (Seattle), 4 gc., 3 ggc., brothers Joe (Los Angeles), Elmer (Indio), sisters Louise Suski (Los Angeles), Clara Yoshimura (Oxnard).

Kuwahara, Masako, 75, Gardena, Sept. 20; Los Angeles-born, survived by son Mel, daughters Jan Lee, Patti Tsuruda, 2 gc.

Maita, Masayoshi, 89, Hanford, Sept. 7; Tokyo-born, survived by son Masataka.

daughters Junko Semitsu, Kyoko Kamabayashi, and gc.

Marumoto, Linda M., 49, Westminster, Sept. 12; Los Angeles-born Sasei, survived by husband Mitsumasa, son William, daughters Hibari Wright (Irvine), Debra Ann Lee (Alameda), brother Dwight (Studio City), sister Naomi Egami (Pasadena), predeceased by parents Henry Y. and Michiko.

Mayeda, Shigeko, 76, Berkeley, Sept. 24; survived by daughters Kimi Godfrey, Akiko, son Paul, 7 gc., brother Toshi Ogawa, sister Mary Kobayashi.

Miyakawa, Sam I., 86, West Covina, Sept. 22; Anaheim-born, survived by wife Tatsuko, son Raymond, daughters Lois Jablinsky (Sunnyvale), Nancy Hogg, 4 gc., brother Robert (Chicago), sisters Ed Kimiko Matsui, Evelyn Seto.

Miyake, Tye Tatsuya, 67, Los Angeles, Sept. 6; survived by son Richard, daughter Yoko Paul, 1 gc.

Morimoto, George K., 83, Sacramento, June 23; Isleton-born, survived by son Neil, daughters Carole Chong, Julie Kunisaki, 8 gc., sisters Florice Kuwahara, Florence Kawaoka, Lois Shimomura.

Nagafuji, Yukiko, 72, Oakland, Oct. 2; Sacramento-born, survived by daughters Janet, Lynn Javier (Irvine), son Kenneth, 2 gc., sisters Toshiko, Midori Fujii, brothers Ken and Tak Nasu, predeceased by husband George, sister Akiko Tateishi.

Nitta, Fusaye, 77, Irvine, Sept. 25; La Mesa-born, survived by husband Minoru, sons Lawrence, John, daughters Gayle

DEATH NOTICE

DICK 'BUTCH' KUROKAWA ONTARIO, Ore.—Graveside services were held Oct. 2 for Dick "Butch" Kurokawa, 69, who died Sept. 26. The Yakima, Wash., native was a WWII/ Europe veteran; survived by wife Ida, stepsons Norman and Roger Watanabe, sisters Grace Hayashi (Watsonville, Calif.) Dorothy Komoto.



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Nunotani, Susumu, 75, La Habra, Sept. 8; born in Japan, survived by wife Ayako, daughters Mariko Taniguchi, Reiko Matsui (Japan), 5 gc., sisters Yoshimi Asaoka, Akiko Yoshihara, Marie Maki (Cleveland), brothers James Tabata, Frank (both Cleveland).

Ochi, S. 'Kito', 75, Los Angeles, Sept. 20; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Hideko, sons Lane, Glenn, 2 gc., brother Raymond, sisters Michie Umezaki, Sachie Kawana, Akemi Ichihio, Tsukiko Kishimoto.

Odol, Sue, 76, Chicago, Oct. 7, had suffered a fatal heart attack on trip to the Great Wall of China; Mukilteo, Wash.-born, survived by brothers Masaru, Roy, sister Miriam Okamura, predeceased by brother Dr. Hiroshi.

Ohnoki, Pat Tokiye, 80, West Los Angeles, Sept. 8; Newcastle-born, survived by brothers Harry, Fred (Irvine).

Omi, Henry H., 84, Oakland, Sept. 15; San Francisco-born photographer, survived by son Glenn Greg (Daly City), daughters Diane Lee, Doris Plotkin (Pleasant Hill), Shirley Beach (Alameda), Elaine Nakano (Hawaii), 9 gc., brothers George, Ben, sister Amy Kitamura.

Ono, John Hidemi, 78, Los Angeles, Sept. 15; survived by sisters-in-law Emily and Mari Ono.

Oshiro, Irie, 92, Los Angeles, Sept. 27; Okinawa-born, survived by daughters Jane (Dean) Pike, Betty Yamaoka, May Honkawa, sons Harry, George, 10 gc., 10 ggc.

Sakai, Kitao K., 72, Mountain View, Sept. 8; Mountain View-born, survived by wife Miyo, sons Burt (San Francisco), Ronald, Richard (Sunnyvale), brothers Kozie, Gingo (Chula Vista), sisters Fusaye Miyamoto (Citrus Heights), Itsuye, Tomoye

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JACL to offer no cost 'Shield 65' to seniors

SAN FRANCISCO—Availability of the new "Shield-65 for JACL Members" with Medicare Parts A and B, effective Jan. 1, 1997, at no cost to subscribers, was announced by John Yasumoto, chairman, JACL-Blue Shield Group Health Trust.

At this time, it is only available in six California counties in Northern California—Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara, and four in Southern California—Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino.

The new plan is a Blue Shield of California HMO with a Medicare contract, providing comprehensive, coordinated medical services through an established Blue Shield HMO provider network. The plan includes the current Blue Shield dental, ME vision plan, unlimited prescription drugs and the accidental death and dismemberment insurance.

Information meetings are scheduled Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., at the Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr., Los Angeles, and Nov. 20, 1:30 p.m., JACL Headquarters, San Francisco. Contact: Satoko Watanabe, Administrator, 800/400-6633. ■

SUPPORT

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After much discussion, participants voted on a plan to set up regional organizing committees to include different sections of the U.S. to serve on an interim basis. They will develop an organizational structure for consideration and adoption.

They voted unanimously to support a platform which included "women's right to control our sexuality and our bodies, end discrimination, equal rights for women, end violence against women, and economic justice for women." In each of these categories they spelled out individual legislative

action depending on their states.

The sessions ended again with an emotional impact, a large circle of women, holding hands and rejoicing in their accomplishments at the conference, their unity, and their activism.

As an old conference hand, I believe that women's conferences are very special. I felt this in Beijing, this impact of women from all over the world sharing their stories, enjoying their sisterhood, and vowing to work cooperatively for a brighter future.

Years ago I attended a woman's conference in Hiroshima, Japan and got the same vibes. It was informal, maybe a hundred women activists for peace, each reporting on their progress in their local communities. Each speaker sang a song representing their village before making a report. This set a warm, friendly tone for the sessions.

Perhaps it's because women weave poetry, music, and song into their presentations, perhaps it's the sense of humor that permeates the discussion, or maybe the emotional bonds and cooperative spirit engendered by these meetings.

Whatever it is, the National Asian Pacific Women's Forum is off to a flying start. The spirit of the women's conference last year at Beijing lives on! ■

HOMELANDS

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as nuclear testing sites or toxic waste dumps.

Many Kanaka Maoli, citing the U.S. acknowledgements—by both Presidents Cleveland and Clinton—of the illegality of the overthrow, are increasingly vocal in asserting their rights. They are therefore unwilling to limit their aspirations by accepting final, subordinate, domestic status (*nation within a nation or state within a state*) or remaining wards of the colonial establishment under a

puppet OHA/HSEC government on a limited land base—probably the 200,000 acres of Hawaiian Homelands already under state control.

There are profound differences between the Kanaka Maoli and Japanese Americans. The \$20,000 we received was far from adequate, but most of us have been able to reconstruct our lives in a nation in which we had voluntarily staked our future. In contrast, the Kanaka Maoli lost their homeland through military invasion, and continue to suffer the worst health, education, and social and economic statistics of all ethnic groups in Hawai'i. Monetary compensation could never substitute for the return of their lands and nation.

Despite the mere 26% "yes" response, HSEC declared a "mandate" to hold a state-sponsored constitutional convention. Human rights supporters must reject this fraudulent process. We should join Kanaka Maoli to monitor and oppose legislation which would define them as an "Indian Tribe" or would establish a puppet government to maintain colonial control. We need to support their assertion of their inherent sovereignty and right to self-determination through a peaceful decolonization process for *all options* as provided by international law. ■

OBITS

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Ishikawa (Carlsbad), Yoshiye Ishikawa (Morton Grove, Ill.)

Sakamoto, Ena Okonogi, 90, Fresno, Aug. 16; Fresno-born daughter of Dr. Bunkuro Okonogi, first Japanese physician-community pioneer who built the first modern hospital on the West Side, early member of Fresno American Loyalty League, Poston internee, relocated to Boston, returned to Fresno ('50), worked at Fresno State as a librarian.

Sato, Sam S., 76, San Francisco, Sept. 30; San Francisco-born, postwar S.F. Japantown bank executive, Kimochi volunteer, survived by sisters Stella Onizuka, Sue Okamura, Yoshi Mizono, predeceased

by wife Virginia.

Takahashi, Kamechiyo, 105, San Mateo, Sept. 13; Wakayama-born, survived by sons Shigeharu, Motoyuki, 5 gc., 4 ggc.

Takashiba, Yori, 98, Elk Grove, service Sept. 30; Hiroshima-born.

Takemoto, Saku, 87, Watsonville, Sept. 19; survived by son Ken, daughter Shizuye Takagaki, Diana Wonnoutka, 6 gc., 6 ggc.

Tamura, Kimio, 81, Costa Mesa, Sept. 21; Huntington Beach-born, survived by wife Kiyoko, sons Paul, David, Brian, 10 gc., brothers Noboru, Hideo, Mike, sister Shigeko Okamoto.

Tanabe, Alon B., 81, Chicago, service Aug. 21, survived by wife Ann (Luke), sons Michael, Paul, Robert, daughters Mary Moy, Jane Gault, Susan Conington, Nancy Yee, 9 gc., brother Arthur Yonamine, sister Elsie Yonamine.

Tanabe, Thomas Toshihisa, 68, Monterey Park, Sept. 29; Yamaguchi-born, survived by wife Kay, sons Mark, Raymond, Lee Kishinami (Hawaii), 4 gc.

Tanaka, Joe Yoshiyuki, 72, Marina del Rey, Sept. 12; Hanford-born, survived by wife Sue, daughters Diane Miyashiro (San Jose), Cindy Kishi, Ginger, 3 gc., brothers Jack (Fresno), George, sisters Miyo Honda, Jane Nagata (both Fowler), Patsy Yanagihara (San Luis Obispo).

Tani, Fred Yutaka, 92, Los Angeles, Sept. 25; Honolulu-born, survived by wife Ruth, sons Karl (San Diego), Dennis, Gordon, 5 gc., brother Shigeto (Seattle), sister Shizue Konishi.

Tanino, Takeshi, 81, Denver, service Aug. 29; survived by son Osamu, Richard, daughter Nancy Newbold, 5 gc.

Tayenaka, Hideaki, 81, Los Angeles, Sept. 6; San Francisco-born, survived by wife Tamiko, daughter Denise Hiline, 6 gc., 2 ggc., brother William, 4 stepchildren Kimiko Seki, Ronald Matsushita, Neal Matsushita, Sue Kishi.

Togo, Thomas Katsumi, 67, La Mirada, Sept. 23; Kahuku, Hawaii-born, survived by wife Masako, son Glen, daughter Diane Otsuka, 4 gc., mother Hisayo (Hawaii), brother George, sisters Harriet Kumagawa, Joan Shiramizu (Hawaii).

Tokuno, Ted, 82, Yuba City, Sept. 30; survived by wife Lucille, son Dean, daughter Teresa Franks, 4 gc., brothers Tim, Shiro, sisters Haru Fukushima, Teiko Oji.

Tsujimura, Frederick Suminosuke, 102, Oakland, Sept. 10; Kanagawa-born, survived by sons Roland, Reuben, daughter Naomi Johnson, 7 gc.

Uyeda, Etsuko, 84, Palo Alto, Sept. 16; survived by sons Bruce K., Lance D., 6 gc., brother Dan Fukushima (San Jose), Kinu Chikami (Whittier), Setsuko Shimada (Japan).

Uyeda, Masami, 85, Riverside, Sept. 24; Gardena-born, survived by wife Aiko, sons James (Agoura), Gerald (Oakland), Glenn (Sacramento), Steven (Martinez), daughters Carole, Gloria Starkovich (Modesto), 6 gc., 1 ggc., brother Minoru, sisters Yoneko Fujii (Japan), Shizue Yoshi-

mura, Sachiko Inasako, Toshiko (Japan).

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

Yamashita, Arthur W., 80, Montebello, Sept. 23; Idaho Falls-born 442nd (Co. L) veteran, survived by wife Gail, son Glen, daughters Gail, Aimee Fujinami, 3 gc., brothers Melvin, Ben (both Illinois), sister Clara Akichika (Idaho).

VOTE

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Present-day concerns will be discussed in the second of the three-part series on Thursday, Nov. 7, 7 to 9 p.m., at Sinai Temple, 10400 Wilshire, Los Angeles. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Please support this effort to improve cross-cultural dialogue and understand.

▼ Last chance to help get the vote out for No on Prop. 209

There are many opportunities to help encourage voters to oppose Prop. 209. The Asian Pacific American Phonebanking Project is in full swing. Under leadership of Alex Fukui of the APAN Chapter, volunteers sign up for two-hour shifts to call Asian registered voters and urge them to vote "no" on Prop. 209, the anti-affirmative action initiative.

The statewide Stop Proposition 209 campaign is also looking for Election Day precinct captains to help leaflet polling sites. Remember, Election Day volunteers are the last thing that stands between a voter and a confused "yes" vote.

Finally, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center is looking for volunteers for their National Asian Pacific American Voter Survey. Volunteers will serve as exit poll-takers, surveying Asian voters as they exit their polling site. A \$25 stipend will be given to volunteers.

To volunteer for any of the above, call me: 213/626-4471.

Californians—Remember: vote NO on 209 on Nov. 5. ■

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- Affirmative action ensures that our nation enjoys the **benefits of the skills and abilities of women and men of all backgrounds.** By aiding our nation to take full advantage of our diversity, it helps us to successfully confront the challenge of the global economy.

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