

eruvian rebels

Dr. Victor Yamamoto (center), one of 225 Peruvian hostages who was released on Dec. 23, chats with PC editor emeritus Harry Honda and Martha Tamashiro during a 1995 visit of the lesus Maria Policlinic, medical facility under auspices of the Peruvian Japanese Asso-ciation of Peru. Yamamoto is medical director of the poticlinic.

# JACL update

# The bottom line

ov. 18, 1996, marked my 100th day as National president. It has been an exciting 100 days for me. When I accepted the oath of office on August 10, little did I know that in these first 100 days I would have traveled from coast to coa and attended 19 meetings, most of which were at personal expense. As my first official act, on Aug. 10 I

installed Emilie Kutsuma as governor of Mountain Plains District, and her beard.

#### What's new

Wasatch Front North Chapter increased its membership by 100%

· Mount Olympus Chapter increased its nembership by 50%.

· George Aratani, longtime JACLer and philanthropist, agreed to fund two intem positions in the PSW regional office. • Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapter

donated \$3,000.

 Sacramento Chapter, via Toko Fujii, donated \$1,000 for the leadership program and issued a challenge to all other chapters to follow suit

· Mae Takahashi was appointed Pacific Citizen Editorial Board chair.

Michael R. Yamaki, Esq., was appointed

es JACL legal counsel. • Sachi Seko donated \$1,000 to PC to honor Harry Honda, editor emeritus.

By HELEN KAWAGOE

The first 100 days

Little known facts ....

 Floyd Shimomura, deputy attorney gen-eral, State of California, was appointed JACL legial counsel on August 11. How-the section on Magnetic and Ma ever, he tendered his resignation on November 9 after serving a 90-day term, the shortest term as legal counsel in JACL history. Attorney General Lundgren as-signed the defense of the Proposition 209 lawsuit to Floyd's unit, and Floyd considered it a conflict of interest to also serve as JACL legal counsel.

News flash

· President Clinton is seeking gualified Japanese and Asian Americans for ap-pointment to available federal positions in Washington, D.C. Please send your résumé to Bob Sakaniwa, JACL Washington Of-fice, 1001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 704, Washington, DC 20036, or to: Helen Kawagoe, 21207 S. Avalon Blvd., No 169, Carson, CA 90745.

Ongoing projects ...

· Membership drives and leadership development

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ON TUESDAY NIGHT, Dec. 17, a gun-toting group of at least 23 rebels—Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA)— infiltrated a crowded birthday party honor-

ing Emperor Akihito, hosted by Japanese Ambassador Morihisa Aoki at the Japa-

nese Embassy in Lima, Peru. The surprise siege took hostage a num-

ber estimated between 600 and 800, includ-ing 16 ambassadors, officials, and corpo-rate and community leaders representing

as many as 30 countries. About 200 women,

children and elderly guests were released

By HARRY K. HONDA Editor Emeritus

after the takeover

Collaborative efforts with other organizations to improve JACL's visibility in the community .

Collaborative fundraising projects with President Charles Takeda and Dean Aihara of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California and others

· Fundraising methods with Cary Tamura, professional gift planning consultant.

Fundraising sources to meet staffing

needs of regional offices. • Support of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation project in Washington, D.C. • U.S./Japan Relations.

· Affirmative Action

#### The 'bottom line' ...

In the words of Kweisi Mfume about his book. No Free Ride, he says that "It is about obstacles, and obstacles are a part of every generation ... it is about triumph and that my

MORE FROM JACL-Articles from board members Lori Fujimoto and David Kawamoto -page 3.

ORA steps up search for final 3,100

WASHINGTON-With the sunset date of the Japanese American redress program less than two years away (Aug. 10, 1998), the Office of two years away (Aug. 10, 1998), the Office of Redress Administration awaits a final decision on the Ishida. cases to be published in the *Federal Register* sometime after February, ac-cording to OKA administrator DeDe Greene. Once the regulations are published, ORA will be able to determine the payment cycle for these cases, notify the claimants directly and inform the community of the payment schedule.

In the meantime, the ORA said it has been unable to contact and reduce the number of 3,100 unknowns whose names appear in the historical WWII records and who may not be aware of the program.

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FUND-SEEKERS—Some 200 have applied for grants from the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund—page 17.



Continuing its Holiday Issue theme, Pacific Citi-zen presents more views on what's going to happen in the next thousand years or so . . . Stories pages 5, 9, 10, 14.

Since then, the news from Lima has since then, the news from Lima has ranged between grim and relief. As ex-pected, thas grabbed worldwide attention. "It's on 24 hours in Japan along with ru-mors and wild speculations," PANA-USA official Leo Hayashi of East Los Angeles said upon his return from a Japan business

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trip. The nightmare continues as this goes to

U.S. and Canadian Nikkei participating at the 1995 PANA Convention in Lima can remember the scene of the gala cocktail-hors d'oeuvre reception in the garden tail-hors d'oeuvre reception in the garden under a huge canopy at the Japanese Ambassador's residence. That night, PANA delegates were able to mingle and meet with Japanese business and Peruvian Nikkei leaders—similar to the mix who were to be shocked by explosions and chaos when the rebels appeared. Fr. Manuel Kato, Peru's first Nisei Catho-

lic priest, was at the entry gate ready to join the celebrants when he heard the explosion inside and immediately dashed across the street to hide underneath an automobile. He emerged after two hours when it was safe to leave—so the word from Lima revealed. Fr.Kato had co-authored in *romaji* a size-

able Spanish-Japanese dictionary with Fr. Luis Martinez, S.J., onetime Episcopal vicar of the Peruvian Japanese colony, who had of the Peruvian Japanese colony, who had acquired fluency in Japanese while in Hiroshima during and after World War II. Fr. Martinez, campus minister at the Pontifical Catholic University, and two of

his companions were already inside the Embassy. They were among the 38 prominent Peruvians released on Friday Dec. 20—the largest number since the crisis began and after the women and children, including President Fujimori's mother and

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## Partial list of Peruvian Nikkei hostages

#### From Lima:

Through courtesy of Martha Tamashiro, Tama Travel Interna-tional, the *Pacific Citizen* received a partial list of 90 Nikkei hostages who partial into if 90 Nikkei nostiges who were among the 225 released from the embattled Japanese Embassy in Lima on Sunday night, Dec. 23. Nikkei from the U.S. and Canada. who have attended PANA conven-tions, the last one being in 1995 in Lima mar biss not some of the nen

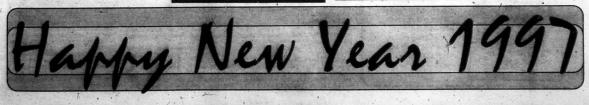
Lima, may have met some of the men listed below. (As is the Spanish cus-tom, some names show the surname in the middle; the mother's maiden name follows.) Individuals, while listed without affiliation here, are active in the community and had attended the last PANA convention.

Leonard Adachi Sasaki, APJP (Peruvian Japanese Association of Peru) Policlinic trea-

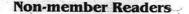
Fidel Arai; Fidel Arai; Julio Baba Nakao (brother of PANA con-vention co-chair Luis, who was not a hos-

tage); Carlos Doi, Hiroshima Kenjinkai presi-

nt; Manuel Fujii, Yamaguchi Kenjinkai presi-See LIST/page 14



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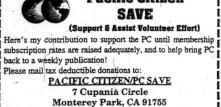
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## JACL calendar

#### Eastern

PHILADELPHIA Sat. Jan. 11—New Year's party, 3-7 p.m.; auction & crafts, polluck; Moorestown Friends School, Pages Lane and Main SL, Moorestown, N.J.; info: Naomi Higuchi 609/ 67/3008, Jane Sanbuchi Guerin 215/848-

2567. 1998: July 1-5-35th biennial Nat'l JACL Convention, Sheraton Society Hill,

WASHINGTON, D.C. VASHINGTON, D.C. iat. Jan. 18—Installation dinner, 7-10p.m., iarvest Moon Restaurant, 7260 Arlington Nvd., Falls Church, Va., info: Ciyde lishimura, 703/719-6720 (home).

Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL Fri.-Sun., Feb. 21-23—Spring MDC session, Chicago. CLEVELAND

A directory; contact for forms: Charlotte urukawa, 2720 Bramblewood Dr, roadview Hts., OH 44147. NOTE-Fall

TWIN CITIES Set. April 5—Chapter's 50th Anniversary celebration. Info: Lynn Yamanaka, 403 Totem Rd., St. Paul, MN 55119, 612/735-6124. NOTE—DocUregh (rather than photocoly) and the control of the status Sun. Jan. 19—Inaugural dinner 3.p.m., Meyer Family Restaurant. 6015 W. Forest Home Ave. NOTE—The Rev. Ernest O. Norquist, speaker.

#### Mountain Plains

#### MILE-HI

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#### Intermountain

SALTLAKE 10-Installation dinner Saltai Fri. Jan Room, Olpin Union, Univ. of Utah campus; info: Terrell Nagata, 801/355-8050, Kenny Nagata 801/582-5084. NOTE—Chapter also projects bimonthly events for JAYS, youth 13 & up.

#### Pacific Northwest

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, U.C. Sun. Jan, 19—Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Institute Inaugural Ball, 6p.m., Capital Hitton, 1001-16th SI NW. Info: CAPACI, 1301 K St N.W., 400 East Tower, WDC 20005.

Jan. 26-March 6-Smithsonian's

"A More Perfect Union" traveling exhibit Harold Washington Library, info: Ross Hirano, 312/467-0623. NOTE—Teache

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

DENVER Thu-Sat., Sept. 11-13—MIS-Rocky Mountain reunion, Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec St. Info: MIS Reunion 1997, PO Box 1319, Denver, CO 80201-1319.

IVEVERCIA LAS VEGAS Through June 1997—"Beyond Gum San: a History of the Chinese in Nevada." a m.-5 daily. Nevada State Museum, 700 Twin Lakes Dr., Lorenzi Park. Mon-Wed. April 21: 22—P. Samihouston Adv. Veiteraars reunion, Filzgerald's Hotel, Mon-Wed. April 21: 22—P. Samihouston Adv. Veiteraars reunion, Filzgerald's Hotel, Santeon S.: Bollow C. Hatel, Samihouston Safeton S.: Berland, New Safeton Safeton S.: Berland, Safeton Las VEGAS-GOLL ARIVER Fri -Sun, June 6-8—Puneurion, 6. p.m. Las VEGAS-GOLL ARIVER Fri -Sun, June 6-8—Puneurion, 6. p.m. 2161 W. 1820-054, D. Hoto, New Safeton 2

LAUGHLIN-POSTONIII Mon-Wed., April 7-9-Poston Camp 3 Reuriion VIII. NOTE-To be on mailing list, write Poston 3 Reunion VIII, 26807 S. Rolling Vista Dr., Lomita, CA 90717.

**Community** calendar

SEATTLE

SEATTLE Sat. Jan. 25-JACL 75th Anniv. Celebration and installation dinner, 5:30 p.m., Seattle Sheraton Hotel; info: 206/ 322-9080. NOTE-Dale Minami, keynote speaker; Lori Matsukawa, KING-TV,

#### NCal-WN-Pacific

LORIN at. Feb. 15—JACL benefit dance, 7:30-1 p.m., Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St. acramento; info: Bill Kashiwagi 916/635-11 p.m., ENCH CAMP

FRENCH CAMP Sat. Jan. 18—Installation-New Year party, 6:30 p.m., Community, Hall. NOTE— Georgina White, speaker. Georgina RENO

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

#### SACRAMENTO

SACRAMENTO Sat. Feb. 8—Crab-leed evening, Sacra-mento Buddhist Hali, indo: JACL Office 447-0231, Toko Fujii 241-0232. Donation Note—All you can eat for \$25, youth under 10 for \$10, under \$ free. SAN JOSE Sat. Feb. 8—Installation banquet, 6p. m., Manhattans Restaurant, 12376 Saratoga-Sunnyvale R. dt., ind 6.408;295-1250. NOTE—Assemblyman Mike Honda, speaker

speaker SEQUOIA

Sat. Feb. 22 (tentative)—Crab & spaghetti feed, 4:30 p.m., Palo Alto Buddhist Hall; info: Mike Kaku 408/985-2747. SONOMA COUNTY

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#### **Central California**

TRI-DISTRICT/CCDC Fri.-Sun., June 6-8-Tri-DistrictPSW/CC/ NCWNP Conference in Las Vegas.

polications deadline: March 1, 1997, attn Kathy Inoshita, 5332 W. Golden Ln. Glendale, AZ 85302.

Gendale, AZ 55302. GREATER L.A. SINGLES Fri. Jan. 10—Second Friday meeting, 7:30 p.m., Gardena YWCA, 1341 W. Gardena Bivd., info: Janet Okubo 310/ 835-7568. NOTE—Speaker: Playwright G Sakamoto, "How to Write a Family Story." Sakamoto, How to write

MANINA/SCAN-HAPA Tue. Jan. 14—PSW "Hapa" Committee, 5:30 p.m., Little Tokyo Gardens; info: Wayne Nagata 310/670-1089. NOTE— To prepare organization of a PSW Hapa

Chapter. Thu. Feb. 6—"Hapa" Mixer, 7:30 p.m., Burton Chace Park community house, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, into: Wayne Nagata 310/670-1089, NOTE—Hapa Issues Forum members, video, discussions; Bring dessert. SEL ANOCO SELANOCO Sat. Jan. 25-Installation luncheon, 11 am. social hour, 12 luncheon, Samb's of Iodyo, 8649Tistone Bidd, Downey, 213' 771-4871; Info: Pat Kawamoto, 310/926-1962, Todd Hasegawa 71/468-5124. NOTE-Dr. Sammy Lee, 1948-1952 Olympic diving champion, speaker. SUUTHBAY

Olympic diving champion, speaker. SOUTHBAY sun. Jan.19.–25th Anniv. installation luncehon, 11:30 a.m., Ports O'Call Restairant; Ports O'Call Village, San Pedro, into: Midori Kamei 310/541-6898. NOTE —Helen Kawagoe, speaker; BOARD MEMBERS 97.–Christine Sato, Christine Ige, co-pres; Alan Dash, Ernest Fujimoto, Scott Fujila, Ted Hassegawa, Ike Hatchimoni, John Hayashi, Colette Isawa, Midori W. Kamel, Bethy Kozasa, Matthew Masuda, Edwin Mitoma, Monica Nakamine, Liny Nakatari, George Ogawa, Jeff Sakurai, Joh Sekiguchi, Yoshiaki Tamura, Diare Tanaka. SOUTHBAYYAG

Sat Jan. 25—Helping with "Habitat for Humanity", Ba.m., locale to be determined, RSVP Christine Sato ASAP, 310/854-4570. VENTURA COUNTY

Sun. Feb. 9—Installation luncheon, 12:15 p.m., Spanish Hills Country Club, 999 Crestview Ave., Camarillo, info: Chuck Kuniyoshi 805/388-5000. NOTE—Helen

National Scholarships

Important: JACL membership is required

Important JACL membership is required to be considered for a JACL scholarship. Membership must be held by the applicant or the applicant's parents only, extended ties do not qualify. Applicant must also be planning to be or is enrolled in a college.

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1997. Inquire about Student Membership. Fordetails, Applicants should write lendose a self-addressed stamped (32e) No. 10 envilope) to National JACL Headquarters for an information sheet. General deadlines with postmarks no slater than the particular date cited are: (1) March 11, 1963) applications with supporting documents. Awards are to be announced dou't 1, 1997.

Kawagoe, speaker

Sat. Jan. 11—New Year's party. Info: M. Waliman 707/544-9368.

Fri. Jan. 17 (tentative)—Installatio Installation dinner

FRESNO

FRESNO Mon. Feb. 3—Deadline forvarious chapter, Mary C. Baker and Hubert Phillips scholarships; info: JACL 209/486-6815.

#### Pacific Southwest

#### NATIONAL YOUTH

Northern Cal

NATIONALYOUTH Fri-Sun; Zjune 20-22 (tentative)—Nat'l JACL Youth Conference, UC Irvine site under consideration. NOTE—Warren Furutani, keynole speaker. DISTRICTCOUNCIL Sat. Feb. 8—Arizona JACL hosts: PSWDC quarterly session, Phoenik Inn, 2310 E. Highland, infc: JACL Office 213/626-4471.

ARIZONA AFIZONA 1998: Jan. 5-Feb. 19—Smithsonian Institution's traveling-exhibit: "A More Pertect Union', Phoenix Public Library. Sat. Feb. 8—Hosts: PSWDC quartery ession, Phoenix Inn. 2310 E. Highland, info: Dr. Richard Matsushi 602/934-5340. Sun. April 27—Scholarship ewards banquet, p.m., Embassy Suite, Phoenix Kathy Longeta 670/937-6420, MOTE--Biltmore, 2630 E. Camelback Rd.; info Kathy Inoshita, 602/937-5434. NOTE-

SAN FRANCISCO Tue. Jun. 21-Japan Society of No. Calif, dinner, 5:45 p.m., Sheraton Palace, 2, Montgomery SL, Inici. Japan Society, 415' 986-4383. NOTE-Eitzabeth Andoh, author and consultant, The Art of Hosting Japanese Clients and Guests, 'speaker. St. Jan. 25- new Year's dimer, 7 p.m., 5100 piperson, earne hotel in Grand Balloom; George Yamasaki Quartet and Forbidden City singer Larry Ching entertain. St. Jan. 25- Ninormachi Legal Outreach Oshogatsu Matsun, 11 a.m. 4, JCCONC, 1840 Sutter SL, inici: 4151567-6255. NOTE-Entertainment, crafts, art, sumo, modhisud.

NOTE-Entertainment, crafts, art, sumo, mochitsuki. Sun, Feb. 2.—Nisel Widowed Group, 2 p.m.; info: Elsie Chung 415/221-0268, Mangaret Iwai-Ey 510/224-6247. Mon. Feb. 3.—Japan America Society of Phu Febrary James. Beturin 6, pm. 3122 Suther St., Info: 415/ 966-4383. NOTE--R. Taggart Murphy, speaker, Cogoing with Threats: Challenges to Japan's 1955 System." Thu Feb. 13—Japan Society of No. Calif, luncheon, 11:45 a.m., Federal Reserve Fank dining room. 101 Market St., RSVP 415/966-4382 NOTE--Dr Kenichi Ohmae (Mr. Strategov, speaker.

H3 Book Sg. NOTE—OF Remini Ormae (Mr. Strategy), speaker.
Wed. Feb. 19—Japan Societyof No. Calif.
Roundtable breaklast, 7:30 a.m., Sheraton Palace, 2 Montgomery SL, RSVP 415/ 966-4383. NOTE—Briefing on Japan and Beyond: New Opportunities in Asia's Retail

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Co. concert, Montgomery Theater, Sar Jose; tickets 408/291-2255. NOTE-

Jose; tickets 405/291-2255. NOTE-Troupe will appear Mar. 21-23 at San Jose Taiko's "Rhyttm Spirt '97' concert, Louig B. Mayer Theater, Sana Clara University, ticket, Inde 408/291-2255. Wed. Feb. 5 through April 9—Senior Citizen income tax counseling (hal-hour Internal 10 am. 2) by appointment, B am. Internal 10 am. 2) by appointment, B am. San Jose, Pm 202; 4002; 525. 4 Min SL. San Jose, Pm 202; 4002; 525. 4 Min SL. San Jose, Pm 202; 4002; 525. 4 Min SL. Through March 13—Yu-14. KaluACSS Watercolor Painting classes, 10-11:30 a.m.

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nfo: 408/294-2505 Southern Cal

July 1, 1997.

Arizona

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PHOENIX

OS ANGELES

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, 213825-0414. Thu. Jan. 16—East West Players opening nght, Tho Jasto of Ampe Conterby Edwards Monica Bixd, 213860-0366. NOTE—Fri-Sat-Sun (mail: Ibrough Feb. 23. Sun. Jan 26—Nikkei International Assn. Karaoke Championship, 1 p.m., James Armstrong Theater, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Chic Center Dr., Torrance. Tpu.June 19–June 29–JUCLA Film-TV Archives' pan-Asian Chema Festival, "Electic Shadows," details TBA, Bing Theatre, LA, County Museum of Art, co-sponsors Visual Communication, LACMA.

PHOENIX Coming in 1996: Smithsonian's "More Perfect Union" traveling exhibit, Jan. 5-Feb. 19. Local committee information, info: Amy Williams, Phoenix Foulic Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., Phoenix 5004, 602262-7339. NOTE—Interactive videodise program(saturing) final-hand accounts from live internees scheduled for exhibit Artilactis, craft material, documents Artilactis, craft material, documents Artilactis, craft material, documents milliary service for exhibit welcome.

In the story of the JACL Board meeting (Nov. 15-Dec. 19, pg. 1), Helen Kawagoe was elected a sixth (not fourth) time as city derk in the City of Carson, Call. The vernize gavel that she wielded to call the meeting to corder was presented to her by her contain uses and friends at the Carson n'the Holdidy Issue: Section B, page 13, Cillford Upeda spotted a time-line arror in his piece. The Changes Will Sec<sup>®</sup> the vould be "several contunies (rather than a century)" when Native Americans would see Columbus.

## JACL update



INCE OUR SUCCESSFUL convention in August, I have had so many fantastic op-portunities to visit with chapters, attend many functions, meet many new people and discuss emerging issues with our National Staff. And I have been working with a Sacramento coalition to defend affirmative action programs in California

It is refreshing to visit different areas and receive positive feed-back about JACL and our future. Many individuals are volunteering their time to support the JACL. At each stop, I have received many inquiries regarding new member-ship and excellent introductions to issues facing the local community.

The feeling of unity was definitely abound during JACL's campaign to defeat Proposition 209 in Califor-nia. Our California chapters are actively participating in community coalitions to defend affirmative action and to ensure that its progress is not destroyed. Chapters in Berkeley, San Francisco, San Mateo County, Fresno, Stockton, Sacramento, Florin and the entire Pacific Southwest District held educational forums, walked precincts and staffed informational booths. They disseminated excellent literature to challenge the myths of Prop. 209 and the use of Asian Pacific Americans as a wedge in this debate. Though the election polls are

By the board

closed, JACL's battle is not over. We have lots of work to do to continue the program of affirmative ac-tion and to see the doors of opportunity remain open, to wit:

 Affirmative action proponents have filed a lawsuit in federal court contending Prop. 209 violates the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause

· There are many states beginning similar initiatives

· Similar federal legislation is being introduced.

· Ensure stiff penalties for acts of discrimination.

Al Muratsuchi, Pacific Southwest District regional director, has done an excellent job coordinating JACL activities around this issue. We shall continue to review and coordinate strategies on national implications of this race divisive issue

Over the past 100 days, I have had opportunities to talk with Herb Yamanishi, Bob Sakaniwa and our regional directors to identify areas where I can be of assistance. We definitely have a dynamic and energetic crew on board to carry out our Program for Action! They have all been assisting me with developing a two-year plan to implement the program. I would like to finalize it at the National Executive Board Meet-ing in February, 1997. There we can discuss strategies, priorities and coordination.

By LORI FUJIMOTO

100 days! Where have they gone?

I believe there are three key ar-as where our network of 112 chapters will play a crucial role in imple-

#### (1) Focus efforts to shatter the s ceiling.

The Glass Ceiling Commission states, "Today, it is evident that ceilings and walls exist for minoristates ties and women in many workplaces These barriers result from institual and psychological practices. tion and limit the advancement and mobility opportunities of men and women of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. In order for our future generations to strive for higher advancement, the JACL must ensure that our positive role models of today exist by fostering the advance-ment of our community people into decision-making roles, especially in law enforcement and higher education. We will continue to enhance our Washington, D.C., Leadership

Conference as well as pilot compa-rable programs at the district level.

(2) Promote our political em erment

Asian Pacific Americans repre-sent 10 percent of the California population. Yet only 3 percent voted in the last election. How are we going to get our issue's heard, if we do not voice opinions on emerging issues at the polls? The JACL must actively address community issues To do this, we need our community members to be active and vocal within the policy-making bodies in the communities and beyond. We can begin by opening a dialogue with Congressional and local civic leaders. Invite them to JACL functions and elevate their awareness of JACL and to our issues. With so many emerging issues (i.e., politi-cally based attempts to dismantle affirmative action programs) facing our community, we need their awareness and support of our concerns.

(3) Reduce hate crimes occurring across the U.S. After passage of Proposition 187,

California experienced an increase in the number of hate crimes. Can we expect the same after passage of Prop. 209? What can we expect with similar initiatives being intro duced across the U.S.?

We see new types of hate crimes. For example, the recent incident of bias-motivated death threats over the Internet mailed to Asian Pacific students at the University of California, Invine. There have been increased activities by the international white supremacist group, The Church of the Creator.

With the emergence of race-divi-sive issues, the JACL must partner with local and federal law enforcement to assist our community members with reporting any bias-motivated crimes as well as ensuring a timely and thorough investigation by law enforcement. We must also artner with our state and local civic leaders to ensure harsh penalties for hate crime perpetrators in each state.

I look forward to a dynamic and energetic biennium. Your comments and suggestions are welcome via e-mail: lori.sac@worldnet.att.net or via fax 916/447-0111.

Lon Fujimoto, Sacramento, is National JACL vice president for public affairs.



RECENTLY felt a sense of

community pride in seeing our San Diego Chapter member,

Jennifer Namba, receive a National

JACK scholarship. In her scholar-

ship application essay, Jennifer wrote that she did not have to expe-

rience racial bias in her everyday life. She realized that JACL's civil

and human rights work helped cre-ate her positive environment and

thanked the organization for its work. I know that Jennifer speaks about JACL from experience. A relative

on her mother's side of the family was a past president of the San

Diego Chapter, and an aunt on her

father's side presently chairs a na-

# By DAVID KAWAMOTO A scholarship winner and the Millennium

tional IAGL committee.

Jennifer's insulation from racial prejudice is a sign of improving living conditions for people of color. During my lifetime, I've seen the changes: the sting of racial preju-dice, the embarrassment of discrimination, the denial of rights were the

nation, the denial of rights were the sad reality of my youth. JACL made its reputation by tak-ing on issues of national scope. Through JACL's efforts, property. ownership, privileges of naturaliza-tion as U.S. citizens, abolishment of anti-miscegenation laws, and "re-dress" became realities. But it is also the grassroots efforts of the Chapters that have changed the thinking of our country in regard to racial bias. By promptly responding to negative stereotypes and racial slurs, we have educated our com-

JACL was organized out of need Being people of color, Asian Ameri-cans need only look in the mirror to realize that there is still a need for organizations such as JACL. Look o in your local papers and you'll see accounts of anti-Asian violence that endangers our people.

A few years ago, a San Diego radio station had one of its announcers doing a regular sketch with a 'apanese comedienne" who spoke

with a heavy accent, telling jokes about American industry. I wrote to the station manager, explaining the offensive nature of the material and the stereotypes portrayed. I also pointed out recent random acts of violence against Asian Americans in San Diego and explained how such inappropriate messages on his medium could only perpetuate such violence.

Fortunately, this radio station was receptive to our concerns and dis-continued the sketch.

But there are people who will attempt to gain financially at the expense of our members' ethnic origin. It's repulsive to me to find

such companies hiding behind the U.S. Constitution's expressed free-doms while denigrating a select group of our society. It is because of such comparies and people that JACL exists. Civil rights are fragile and are only preserved through vigi-lance and hard work.

JACL has fought for civil and hu-man rights for over 65 years. It is clear that the need for JACL will continue into the next millennium. I hope the readership shares my feelings and will continue to support JACL.

Kawamolo is governor of the Pacific Southwest District, JACL.

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hope is that young people will read it and recognize one very basic and simple lesson that goes through the writing of the book and that is that it is not how you start in life that counts, but rather it's how you finish.

I am a self-described work junkie ready for the challenge. I don't know the words-"Can't be done." And when there is a tough problem, I am a "bulldog" and will stick to it until the a buildog and will stick to it until the matter is completed or resolved. I also believe, however, that the vol-unteer work for JACL should be enjoyable; so let's all have a little

Fellow JACLers, I assure you that / each member of the National Board and staff wants to fulfill our obliga-tions to the membership. With your help, we will bring JACL to national prominence as we move forward into the 21st century.

Happy New Year to all!



FAMOUS FACE—Seated in this December, 1963, photo are Dodgers President Walter O'Malley, speaker at the Downtown L.A. JACL luncheon meeting, his wife Kay, and standing (from left); Judge John Also, Mrs. Saku Shirakawa, regional director Isaac Matsushige, and Fr. Clement Boesflug, '63 chapter president.

## O'Malley-JACL connection goes back to 1963

Los Angeles was shocked with Peter O'Malley's Jan. 7 décision that his Dodgers Stadium and all—the last of the family-owned major league baseball operations, is up for

major league baseball, operations, is up for sale. ... In all of this is a "JACL connection" as longtime Downtown LA JACLers remember their December 1963 luncheon meeting when. Walter O'Malley and his wife were guests at the chapter's best attended luncheon for the year at Eigiku Restaurant in Little Tokyo. About 80 persons were present to hear the Dolgers president spell his dream of the club playing in Japan, his love for sush and recog-nizing Father Clement's persistent invitation. "It was almost a year-long proposition, visiting his office every month to remind him of the invitation," the late Father Clement said to the Pacific Citizen after the luncheon. Mrs. Shirakawa had won the \$500 "Opera-tion Kozukai" first prize and turned the entire check over to the chapter treasury. Judge Aiso was luncheon toastmaster.

- Harry K. Honda.

### Agenda

# New York JACL celebrates its 'belated 50th'

#### BY HEATHER HARLAN (Special to the Pacific Citizen)

NEW YORK-For over a half century, the New York Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League has led an aggres-sive fight for rights and respect for Americans of Japanese ancestry. But they were so busy doing so, they missed their own 50th anniversary celebration two years

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Instead, the chapter marked its 52nd anniversary with dinner Nov. 2 that brought together Nov. 2 that brought together founding members and younger generations of JACLers to remem-ber their achievements and dis-cuss which direction the organi-

zation will pursue in the future. "We were blithely going along doing what we thought needed to be done," dinner co-chair Lillian Kimura said. "Suddenly we be-Kimura said. Suddeniy we be-came aware of other chapters sponsoring 50th Anniversary events. So we asked: How old are we? Thanks to Harry Honda, JACL's historian extraordinaire, he found in the *Pacific Citizen* that we were chartered in June 1944. We were too late for the 50th, but happy to celebrate the 52nd

Longtime members' recalled how the New York Chapter led the movement during the 1950s to eliminate use of the word "Jap" in the national media. "It's racist and offensive to many of us," ex-plained founding member and plained founding member and 1952-53 chapter president Woodrow Asai. "Today, the dic-



PRESIDENTIAL LINEUP-Past chapter presidents of the New York Chapter, JACL, gathered last November for the group's 52nd anniversary.

tionary says it is used disparingly and seldom in print and only in quotes

It was chapter member Shosuke Sasaki (now retired in Seattle) of the Newspaper Guild who negotiated and convinced the local guild and thereafter the national guild to approach the dictionary pub-lishers to change the status of the term, Jap. The chapter's 1952 dinner fea-

tured a speech by baseball great Jackie Robinson, the first Black player in the Major Leagues, according to the commemorative booklet distributed at the dinner.

Speakers at the 1996 dinner noted recent efforts involving the media and the redress efforts during the late '80s. Being a part of the media capital, "we were called upon many times to give interviews and so forth on national TV," Eastern District Governor Tom Kometani and a past chapter president recalled. "We acted as a

sort of P.R. office for JACL." The evening's keynote speaker, Washington JACL representative Bob Sakaniwa, spoke on JACL's. mission in the coming 21st cen-tury. "Part of what I think we, as an organization, need to do is to take timeout and look at and take stock in where we've been in order to get a better sense of where we're going," he told the audience of going, about 120 at the Golden Unicorn restaurant in Chinatown.

"Clearly, the largest achieve-ment the JACL had was the successful effort put forth by a coali-tion of groups toward passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, better known as the 'the Redress movement.' The beauty of those days was the understanding of

what we were fighting for. There was a clarity of purpose from the organization," Sakaniwa declared. "We must look back to the un-

Kimura, Woody Asai and Ron Uban, current president

derlying "ole of JACL as a watchdog for civ l rights issues. We must keep in mind what our resources are, and how much time and frankly how much money we have to take on the many concerns that are out there," he pointed out. "If we try to address all of them, we won't adequately cover them. We must work in coalitions with other groups. But we must know where our own fimits are and not be tempted to please everyone,' Sakaniwa added.

New York JACL president Ronald Uba said the chapter includes some 500 members living in northern and central New Jer sey, Connecticut and the City. "It's one of the fastest growing chap-ters," Uba said, pointing to strong recruitment efforts aimed at the young adults and newcomers to the metropolitan area. The cur-rent census indicates about 11,000 citizens or legal residents who list their ancestry as Japanese reside in the tri-state area

We've been working closely

with different Asian groups at New York University and at Columbia to do new outreach and let people know we exist," Uba added.

Other efforts in recent years have been a bone marrow drive for donors, inclusion of more Asian American actors in the Broadway musical Miss Saigon, protesting the racist remarks made by New York Senator Al D'Amato, and developing a curriculum guide for use in schools.

While the West Coast people are well versed in Japanese Ameri can history, "most school districts on the East Coast do not have this," according to chapter educa tion committee chairperson Sumi Koide. The committee is develop-ing posters, videos and visual aids for the classroom and responding to school requests for speakers. The chapter is also planning to tell the story of Japanese Ameri-cans in New York for the Ellis Island Immigration Museum.

For a decade of outstanding service at the chapter level, the JACL Silver Pin was swarded to Tisa; J Asai, Haruko Brown, Lillian Kimura, Sumi Koide, Tor Kometani and Janet Kometani. Tom

The chapter also'recognized the volunteerism of Julie Azuma. Henry and Lillian Daty, Cyril Nishimoto, Ronald Uba, Tadao and Mabel Yamada, George and Kimi Yuzawa.

The Rev. T. Keniitsu Nakagaki of the New York Buddhist Church and the Rev. Hiroyasu Iwabuchi of the Japanese American United Church gave the opening and closing prayers.

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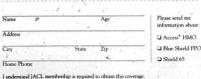
ORA has stepped up its outreach by planning to attend in-ternment camp reunions, confer-ences and other Nikkei activities. A booklet has been printed with these names, to be distributed at these events

Tink Cooper, ORA legal coun-el, attended the JACL Eastern district Council meeting last Nov. 3 in New York and provided an overview of redress issues, in-cluding the new and proposed regulations, recent court deci-sions and payment statistics. The chapters received a copy of the Unknown Master List.

Emi Kuboyama, ORA legal counsel, distributed pamphlets and other material at the Na-tional Asian Pacific American Bar Association convention in Den-ver last November.

Blue Shield health plans for California JACL members

Blue Shield of California offers group health care coverage to JACL members age 18 and over who reside in California. Choose from three plans: Access\* HMO;<sup>54</sup> Blue Shield PPO and Shield 65. Each has a wide range of benefits, including vision care, worldwide emergency coverage, dental care, prescription drug benefits and more. For more information about these plans, call the JACL Group Health Trust Administrator today at 1-800-400-6633.

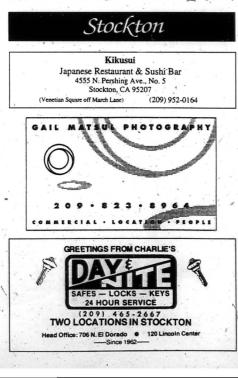


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# Better Americans in a Greater America

BY SHIGEKI J. SUGIYAMA National JACL President (1974-76)

SWE NEAR the 70th anniversary of the Japanese American Citizens League and the end of the 20th Century, the pertinent question is not whether the JACL will continue to exist, but for what purpose? Organizations such as the JACL tend to be self-perpetuating and to have a life of their own even after their original purpose has been met and forgotten

My reading of the early history of the JACL suggests that the primary objective of its early founders was to gain recognition for Nisei as bona fide Americans and to further their entry into mainstream American life. This thought is reflected clearly in the name 'American Loyalty League" adopted in the 1920s by several JACL predecessor or ganizations—as a means of emphasizing that their Nisei members were loyal Americans.

Early efforts to include "Japanese" in the title were strenuously opposed, particularly the use of the hyphenated "Japanese - American," because the founding members did not want to be considered to be hyphenated and half-American. It may come as a surprise to Sansei and Yonsei that there were some Issei community leaders, as well as some Nisei, who believed that Nisei should not only preserve their Japanese identity, but also be loyal to Imperial Japan. World War II gave the Nisei the opportunity to prove their loyalty to America beyond any doubt. The Nisei men and women who

served around the world in that war proved with their blood, sweat and tears that the Nisei were indeed loyal, unhyphenated Americans. The Nisei who suffered incarceration in the relocation centers also demonstrated their loyalty and support of America's effort by stoically enduring what baby-boomers today may consider *should* have been unnecessary and unbearable.

After the war, many Nisei veterans at-tended colleges and trade schools of their choice, started new businesses and bought homes with the help of the G.I. Bill. Many veterans also attended schools away from the West Coast, following the steps f those venturesome Nisei who had left the camps early-on to continue with their lives and their education east of the Rockies. Th world-broadening experiences opened horizons for the many Nisei men and women who took advantage of the new possibilities opened to them.

It seems unfortunate, however, that Nikkei baby-boomers have little or no real understanding of the Issei-Nisei experience,





or constant in American society, and change is the norm. Racial discrimination exists in any society but it is only one of many factors, favorable and unfavorable, that affect our individual lives. Baby-beomers, by and large, also have little to no understanding of "Japanese-ness or of Japanese culture. There are few Nisei or Sansei who can speak Japanese fluently, let alone read and write Japanese. What often passes for Japanese culture among

particularly that of the Depression years during

which all Americans had

a hard time. This may be

due in part to the muguchi (stoic) nature of

both the Issei and Nisei

who generally didn't and

don't like to talk about

their own life and experi-

ences and the inability of

most Nisei to articulate

how they were able to

rise above and overcome the many difficulties they

And as JACL and the

Japanese American community have become

more politically aware and involved in contem-

porary political activism,

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the negative aspects of American society and to incessantly depict Japa-

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little regard given to the numerous causes

and conditions that affect our ability to live

in this most open society in whatever man-

ner we choose for ourselves. Nothing is fixed

Nikkei in America is more likely than not merely a superficial caricature of the "real" thing, while in reality, many Japanese customs and practices have no substance and are perpetuated, even in Japan, merely for the sake of "form." The Boomers, on the other h d, have learned well the forms and practices of the post-'60s political activism and freely participate in actions of the entire spectrum of special interest groups, including the various political parties. But it is clearly evident that the current generation of Japanese Americans have few, if any, common interests, needs or goals

This then raises the question, "What constitutes a JAPANESE AMERICAN interest?" And if such an interest cannot be defined, is there a need for the continued existence of the JACL?

JACL leaders of the past generation have avoided the necessity of justifying JACL actions and positions of various kinds on matters in terms of Japanese American interests by labeling the JACL a "civil rights" organization. Such labeling provides ready-made justification for JACL intervention 10-23, whenever a matter is characterized as a "civil rights" matter by whomever. 997

Consequently, JACL has become a convenient instrument for individual members and cliques to use in the pursuit of their respective special interest agenda, under the rubric JACL, without regard to whether such issue or matter has any particular relevance or interest to the Japanese Ameri-can community in a local or wider area. Moreover, the use of propaganda techniques which rely on empty rhetoric, innuendo, unfavorable stereotypes, distortions, and even outright falsehoods, have been well learned and are used.

My conclusion is that a Japanese American interest cannot be defined nor described for the JACL. On the other hand, civil rights is a legitimate concern for all Americans and thus for all Japanese Americans.

Nevertheless, recognizing that all Japa-nese Americans do not support any particular political party or ideology, it seems inappropriate for the JACL to jump on the bandwagon of others just because they proclaim that a matter at hand is a "civil rights" matter

Japanese Americans today have ample freedom and opportunity to support partisan political agendas and special interests on their own without invoking the name of the JACL. Thus, JACL leadership at all levels should heed the caveat:"Live by the sword, die by the sword," and be mindful that committing the organization in support or giving the appearance of supporting a particular political party may not serve the hest interests of the Japanese American community. Engagement in the partisan political game means participation in confrontational power politics in which the JACL

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# The new Japanese of the twenty-first century

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#### By AKEMI KAYLENG

Our visions have blurred. We used to know what we were and how we felt. Our agenda items were unequivocally defined. We all shared a distinct style of operating. Today something is wrong. We don't share the same feelings. We don't hear that deep voice within saying, this is right, this is what I believe in, this is what I shall do. The stable foundation of our house has become quicksand. The structure of our house is shifting and distorted. Fissures have erupted in the walls, and many in our community are leaving. The ruptures are not pleasant, and we are turn-

We are experiencing a transition period which is really a sign of a success we can be proud of. We began coming to this country prote or, we began coming to this country over a hundred years ago, many of us having only limited education and job skills. We endured a racial prejudice which no people should have to endure. We, the targets of hate legislation and the World War II internment, are today prominent in so many fields and living comfortable mainstream lives.

Human beings are not static objects. Unlike the frozen images in photographs, we travel on trajectories through the continuum of time and space which spans human existence. This space is not static either. It is constantly undergoing transformations as human history evolves through its many eras.

We are having problems because we have grown. We entered that sea called America on a tiny raft and gazed at the vast ocean before us. The raft was our little Japantowns, ethnic farms and small businesses. Then we, as individuals, began our life paths and moved

into the mainstream. Today, the cumulative trajectories of our paths have spanned vast domains of the ocean. We have defined new existences. We have acquired so much that, inevitably we do not all live the same lives. We have grown in different ways, hence our internal conflicts.

It's easy to give in to despair over these

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problems, so we must remind ourselves: Our problems are due to our success! We have grown!

And in our Redress victory, we've seen that we have also made the mainstream change the way we wanted it to change. In our success; we have acquired so many new elements that our old raft has to be redesigned as a larger vessel.

We are at a crossroads, where we can reconstruct our new Japanese American iden-tity well or poorly. The challenge is to do it well. I'd like to present my own personal view on the new Japanese American of the twentyfirst century that I would like to see

There are some aspects of mainstream life creeping into our community we must be wary of. I don't like the casual attitude towards credit and debt which causes so many Americans to get themselves into deep finan-cial trouble. I don't like the favoring of youthful immaturity over experienced wisdom on the grounds that youth is beauty and old is ugly. I'm not happy acout our growing di-vorce rate and the breakdown of the family. Nor am I glad about our increased rate of coronary disease due to higher fat consumption. I'm dismayed at our growing crime rate And I really, truly resent the mainstream shibai attitude that dressing for success is more important than what you can do. In these ways, the old life we had on our Japantown raft was better than anything we could ever find in that ocean called America Whites have much to gain by learning to do

things our way. But they can learn only if we replace some of our traditional tendencies with mainstream

style people skills. We must learn to speak out and express opinions, and be more confrontational. We cannot wait passively for some authority to guide us. We must speak out as individuals and question authority if our own private judgement says authority is wrong, even if the group has another opinion. When a problem is due to non-human factors, gaman is a wonderful problem solving approach. But when the problem is caused by human dynamics, throw out gaman! Don't andure confront!

Mainstream-style social skills, in conjunc tion with our traditional emphasis on aca-demic and professional achievement, will enable us to take the lead in diverse areas of endéavor. We can lead our fellow Americans, and through them add our contribution to that ocean called America, that ocean which gave us so many opportunities. As high achiev-ers we will expand our repertoire beyond the old traditional fields like business, medicine, law, or engineering. We will be in the arts and sports and the military, carrying the ichiban

student gaman spirit into areas which may seem non Japanese but which can only benefit from a new Japanese flavor.

America of the twenty-first century is not the dark ages in Europe, where things re-mained unchanged for generations. The new Japanese American of the twenty-first century will apply the keenly analytic abilities which have impressed white educators so much to this rapidly shifting ocean. We will see that even though reference frames and perspectives keep changing, something deeper still remains constant. I've been feeling quite articulate up to this point. Now I am groping for words. I cannot readily express what that something deeper is but I feel I know its meaning. Our new identity for the twenty-first century will be a hybrid of the raft and the ocean which shall enable us to identify and perpetuate that deeper meaning

This is what I want to see. As we struggle through our post-Redress community crisis urougn our post-teedress community crisis it will be easy to get discouraged, easy to form a negative identity. I present my personal views as guidelines we can follow as we construct the new Japanese American of the twenty first-century.

Akemi Kayleng has published in various publications and will be among the few writers to be installed as a JACL chapter presi-dent—Sah Fernando Valley, which coinci-dentally was led by another writer (1969-70), the late John Ball, whose book In the Heat of the Night was the basis for the 1968 Academy Award winner for Best Picture.—Editor.



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as the American character turned mean? Are we becoming a nation of bristling name-callers and fingerpointers? A society grinding out reactionary rhetoric-condemning others when things aren't quite right? Have we given into primal fears and prejudices?

What's shouting at us is more than just a pop culture overlay of put-downs and vulgarity. This is an age of harder, heavier-edged feelings and expressions. Before us seems a

metamorphosis.The American persona getting gritty and untamed-the reforming of the national character to a stiffening intolerance. Manifestly, this is the decline and fall of civility-again.

And again, the latest stage is even more frightening. Falling civility has taken another twist, into hatred and even violence.

Demonizing has become sport. Newsweek said it in an article on paranoia in America: If it isn't against immigrant shopkeepers who don't speak English, it's multiculturalists-or affirmative action employers-or Japanese tycoons, among others.

Curiously, in this latest round, the oppressors and the oppressed have become one. On one hand, we see bullies who demand political correctness and conformity to their rules; on the other, self-proclaimed victims who blame anything and everyone for their problems. As an article in the Economist pointed out: America has fallen into a "decadent puritanism ... an odd combination of ducking responsibility and telling everyone else what to do." And when others don't conform or when things go wrong, the rhetoric spills over.

This succumbing to intolerance sometimes surfaces to reveal deeper, darker and larger issues-changing social and economic forces that lead to racism, homophobia, misogyny and hate crimes of all sorts. Dogma turns into doctrine. Ordinary people become enforcers.

Yes, ordinary people. These are not outlaws or fanatics-white supremacists, gangbangers or serial killers. This is not Oklahoma City, Waco or Bosnia. This is not Ted Bundy or Ted Kaczynski.

This is America in the '90s. This could be your neighbor-of any color-male or female-young or old-rich or poor-privileged or not. It could be the nice guy down the block who suddenly and inexplicably turns hostile. It could even be his children.

A Los Angeles Times Magazine article, for instance,. recently reported that the Américan culture is cultivating "confrontational social relationships," and that "the most chilling side of this mean streak is coming from the mouths of soldiers and college students and children." The article refers to sailors at the U.S. Naval Academy who "march to sadomasochistic tunes that feature sex with corpses and 'bitches' cut in half by chain saws"; to a UCLA fraternity that featured songs "celebrating the mutilation of women with such props as cheese graters and hot oil"; and third-graders who, on Los Angeles school playgrounds, can be heard singing a new version of an old American standard:

This land is my land, it isn't your land/I've got a shotgun, and you don't got one/I'll blow your head off, if you don't get off/This land is private pro-per-ty.

For some, attitudes such as these are rooted in the economics of change-the latest '90s episode of which is the downsizing of corporate America. The human costs have been wrenching, leaving many with a feeling that this country and its workforce have been irreconcilably dismantled and replaced by temporary outsiders. For these people, it's a feeling that America is addicted to quick fixes, leaving them adrift and lost. Victims.

Peter Marin, writing in the December 1996 issue of Harper's magazine, has another thought about the country's predicaments: " ... one must add one final element: our American passion for freedom. Our freedom is obviously spotty, uneven, and marred by inequities, but

# A society under pressure

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Civil unrest

Is there a growing sense of intolerance in America? Is it turning into hostility? Are recent political, social and economic changes signaling a divided country? Are we turning on one another out of fear that life and society in this country are radically changing? Is this, then, a time of heightened racism and violence? ....

# STORIES BY RICHARD SUENAGA

in cultural terms alone we insist upon levels of choice and self-creation that far exceed what is to be found in other societies .... Freedom unfortunately invites into the world not only sweetness and light but every excess, idiosyncrasy, mania, phobia, passion, appetite, sin, peculiarity, and grotesque imagining that inhabits the psyche or that men invent in liberty and solitude-all of which, of course, is the enemy of order and stability.

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The irony may be that there is only illusive fulfillment in our freedom. If Marin is right, then our expectations are unrealistic. And if this is a gliche in the Great American Democratic Experience, then we must set mid-course corrections

We must analyze the causes of chaos but we must also realize that intolerance in this country is pervasive. Society may soon be flinching in unison. The huddled masses will do so in fear. Whether the American character ever has been resolute may be arguable, but one thing is sure-it is becoming brittle, caving in to baser instincts and baser answers to the ills of the world. All of this has corroded any cohesion that was ever on our landscape; the memory of old virtues and truths may now taste rancid in the face of perceived personal enèmies.

The emotions are real and unreal-and sometimes scary. And the stories are happening across America

# A hard time in high school



nna Phelps took an unscheduled detour in graduating from high school. In a time when most young people look outward with hope for all the possibilities-she withdrew from school and sequestered herself

in her home in Etña, a small town in Northern Califòrnia, not far from the Oregon border.

In the spring of 1996, the 17-year-old senior of Laotian descent was on the verge of despair. As a student Anna did well; it was her classmates-and even a teacher-who drove her to tears and a feeling that the world around her was hateful and cruel ...

This is not redwood country but the land in betweencountry, rural and isolated. And almost all of the communities in California's northern-most Siskiyou County are small. Etna, with a population of 800, is about 60 miles from the ocean. In this 10-mile-by-20-mile valley, cattle ranching is the principal business. This is old-world, where ranchers have lineage going back to the 19th-century.

What also goes back is a history of mistreatment of minorities, according to one local, Vivian Crader, a retired school teacher. The Shastas and Karouks were the original inhabitants of the area. The treatment of these Native Americans in Siskiyou County was tragic, as it was for the Chinese and Portuguese in the late 19th-century, Crader savs

And if you talk to Don Phelps and his family, the Etna area of today hasn't changed much. Phelps, 54, is a potter and with his wife is co-owner of a Thai restaurant.

He is also a liberal-minded individual in a conservative community. His father was a merchant seaman and his stepmother was Japanese. That background led Phelps



and his friends to sponsor Asian refugee families to the United States, among them, Laotian Sengthong Phommavongxay and her two boys, Bobby and James, and daughter, Anna. In time, Phelps married Sengthong and adopted her children.

Phelps' children probably knew they would have difficulties at Etna High. In all, minorities have always been a rare sight there. Phelps says that in recent times only three adopted Korean boys and a half white and half black youth have attended the school. All were mistreated, he

The situation did not improve for Anna. She says she had been exposed to racist remarks as early as elementary school, when she was often humiliated with remarks such as "Go home, Chink" and an incident in which a classmate spat at her.

Her father talked to the principal and the taunting stopped, but he knew he had to teach her to be a strong and independent thinker and one who was not afraid to speak out. In time, she became active in government and other school activities

Anna was also an individualist. She didn't quite fit the jeans and boots mold of the area. She was a vegetarian in cattle country. She even made the junior varsity football team. She supported Greenpeace.

By the time she entered Etna High in 1992, Anna's ethnic background, personality and views may have been alien for her classmates.

Anna endured the racist remarks as long as she could. As a freshman she simply kept to herself and withdrew from high school activities. "The remarks mostly came from a small group of kids who hung out together-mostly guys," Anna says. "They'd taunt me. It was very intimidating. You pretend it doesn't really faze you. You don't want people to see you're weak. I would go home and break down and cry.

Name-calling was one thing, but life for Anna was turning ugly by her senior year. Although there is no evidence of white supremacists in the area, the sentiment was often one of "white pride," she says.

The principal culprits were mostly young people. In 1992, Don Phelps spent a few days at the high school teaching a pottery class and noticed a kind of hostile youth culture. "The atmosphere was intimidating, aimed mostly at girls," Phelps says. "They use obscene language to create their intimidation. It's all part of an attempt to create an abusive atmosphere. I told school officials that they have a serious problem here, a youth culture with very aggressive behavior-and it's all directed at girls."

While most of the attackers were white male youths, there were curious exceptions. Two Native Americans students called her names. Then, in another instance, a teacher, in front of his class, mocked Anna by acting as if he had buck teeth and squinty eyes and belittled her in a sing-song Asian dialect.

On March 21 of this year, Anna discovered racist messages drawn in the dust of her truck in the school parking lot. Etna Police Chief Dave Bradford responded to the incident. "On three or four cars were '666,' swastikas, '69,' and 'white pride,' " Bradford told Pacific Citizen. "Only hers had the words 'hippie Chink' and 'demon girl.'

In spite of this incident, Bradford believes that Etna has gotten a bad rap as a racist community. "It's not that blatant," he said. "We're not all going around hating everyone. It's not true, it's overblown. Kids see swastika signs everywhere. They see skinheads on TV, make signs on cars. It's not good but they really don't have hate in them'

Nonetheless, that was it for Anna. She decided to quit

Etna High and complete her studies at home. It was as if a line was drawn in the sand-and no one was standing on her side. Most of her friends deliberately abandoned her or drifted away in time. By this incident, virtually no one was supporting her, she says.

Then, on March 23, a drawing was discovered in one of the school's trophy cases. It depicted an African American being hung by the neck and whose legs were cut off.

The culprit was identified; and in response to the incident Principal Mark Geyer reportedly addressed the student body, telling them that the school would not tolerate racist incidents.

School officials suspended the student for the deed. Classmates, however, rallied to his defense by staging a sit-in. Some of the students argued that the drawing was an artistic expression and therefore protected by freedom of speech.

Of Anna's experiences, Jeff Hamilton, superintendent of the Etna Union High School District, has a different understanding and perspective. For one, he says he knows of no reference to the swastika in the incident with her truck. "Whatever was drawn in the dust of her truck was also done on other cars in the parking lot," Hamilton told Pacific Citizen. I don't believe that Anna was singled out."

The drawing of the African American was also taken out of context, Hamilton says. When the drawing was discovered, Anna had already been studying at home, he says. "Anna's last day was March 21. I believe that this is a different incident. It had nothing to do with Anna. And the student who drew it was suspended for three days. As for the incident with the teacher, a hearing took place and appropriate disciplinary action was taken."

The big issue is whether or not-racism exists at Etna High. Hamilton has difficulty believing Anna Phelps was subjected to it or, in fact, that it exists. "I don't think that there is [racism]. Anna played football on the junior vatsity football squad. She was homecoming princess that same year. Another Asian, Eva Wu was homecoming queen last year."

Hamilton, however, does say that students at Etna are isolated from the rest of the state. Some don't even travel to the nearest big town of Redding. "I think that we need to do things to teach about discrimination in the larger world," Hamilton said. "We have work to do. But I don't think anyone is really prejudiced here. I know what's going on and I don't see it. We have had students of color here, some of whom were adopted or who were here on an exchange program. Anna grew up bete. She said she was discriminated against at each school she attended. If that happened, then her parents didn't do anything about it until her senior year. That's not right.

"People say a lot of things. In elementary schools, children will pinch or even bite each other. They'll call someone four eyes and other names. They may also make an ethnic slur if they're exposed to it. That does happen. And it's teachers and parents who must say to them that they shouldn't pinch, bite or diminish anyone.

There are no white supremacist groups here, no Ku Klux Klan. Eva Wu was not discriminated against. But if Anna says she was we'll believe her and ensure it won't happen again."

As far as Anna is concerned, the past can't be remedied. it can only hopefully fade away in time. Through a home study program, she graduated from Etna High on schedule but not with her class. She did not attend ceremonies held in June. Instead, she focused on college, choosing the University of California at Santa Cruz, hoping her experience there would be positive.

Enrolling in the fall of this year helped Anna clear her mind. She intends to major in civil engineering and sociology. But although she has left Etna, the controversy there has left a trail of bitterness.

As of early December, Don Phelps was considering a lawsuit against Etna High based on charges of discrimination against Anna.

"I don't want revenge," Anna told Pacific Citizen in a phone interview from her residence in Santa Cruz. "I

# Violencethe alarming statistics

In an era of racism, Asian Americans are prime targets. Available statistics show an alarming increase in attacks, but these may not reveal the whole picture since many hate crimes go unreported. Here are some significant data from the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium:

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guess, for a lack of a better term, I just want justice. I used v to be-I guess I considered myself an optimistic person. At the end [of the school year at Etna High] I was down. At the end, it was very emotionally distressing. I felt very pessimistic about life in general. It seemed like everyone was against me.

"It [racism] seems to exist everywhere. I've had a bad experience, definitely, Emotionally, I'm really strong now, but I've detached myself, escaped to a new life."

Meanwhile, back in Etna, Don Phelps is also doing better. At one time he had second thoughts about fighting prejudice in his town. "I could have faded into the woodwork," he says. "It was tough. I was on the threshold [of making a decision.] But I'm glad I did. I first felt uncomfortable. Now, I'm glad I forced the issue."

By December of this year, Phelps, still in the midst of a conflict with Etna High officials, was leading a fairly normal life. The restaurant continues but he says that business has tapered off because of the controversy. He can walk about town without too many stares, he says. "There are a lot of people who still say hello to me, but there are a lot who don't. It doesn't bother me anymore."

# A community deals with a hate crime



o one may know for sure what prompted Robert Page to commit a malevolent act. The people who know him couldn't explain it. They say he's a nice guy, a religious guy, a guy who wouldn't hurt anyone.

But on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1995, the unemployed 25year-old had more than hurt on his mind. The demons within were searching for a victim .

You wouldn't think of victims when you pass through Noyato. It's a city along U.S 101, just up the way from San Francisco, across the Golden Gate Bridge. Along the highway, travelers pass quaint and picturesque towns such as Sausalito, Mill Valley and San Rafael. This is Marin County country, with rolling green hillsides, a slower pace and a peaceful life. Or so it seems.

On this day, Page ended up at a local Lucky market. According to his statements to police officials, it is not clear whether he planned the crime or whether it just suddenly happened. In one session, he told police officials that he was having a bad day. He went to a liquor store and was asked for identification, which he didn't have. He then went to the Lucky market-and was set off by the sight of a Chinese man who had a nice car and obviously a good job.

In another session, however, Page seemed to contradict the notion that the crime was a spur-of-themoment thing. It seemed as it he had been planning the crime-that he had been seeking a

victim. Nameless. Faceless ... Well, no, not exactly faceless. As he told police, he was "out to kill me a Chinaman."

As luck and timing would have it, Eddy Wu, 23, a computer specialist with Fireman's Fund Insurance Co., decided on that day to buy his lunch at a Lucky market. Wu exited the market and was near his car when Page suddenly attacked him from behind, stabbing him twice with a hunting knife. Wu maintained enough equilibrium to stagger back inside the market. But the safety of the market didn't deter Page who followed Wu and stabbed him twice again.

In spite of what must have been a shocking and bewildering sight, Lucky employees came to Wu's help immediately. Two other employees helped in the apprehension of Page.

According to one federal survey, hate crimes increased 113 percent in Northern California in 1995. Nonetheless, the news of Wu's attack rocked Novato and most of Marin County.

Dennis Sato first heard about the Wu attack from Novato Police Captain Reggie Lyles. Sato, 54, a hospital administrator with Laguna Honda Hospital in San Francisco and president of the Marin County Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, knew that the incident was part of a larger problem that had to be addressed. As an active member of the community and member

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of the Marin County Human Rights Commission, Sato had a clear game plan in mind in dealing with the Wu incident. "I called the mayor and the chief of police," Sato said. "I told them that we should have a community meeting right away. They agreed."

The news had also reached JACL headquarters in San Francisco, Interim National Director Karvl Matsumoto called Sato to lend the support of the national organization. Matsumoto and Ted Yamagishi, chair of the civil rights committee of the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District of JACL, drove up to Novato to attend the meeting.

Sato's strategy was to invite as many segments of the

Novato community as possible, which included minority groups, members of the gay community. and organizations such as the Asian Law Caucus and the Intergroup Clearing House of San Francisco, which deals with hate violence.

Success was based on the efforts of key leaders such as the Novato mayor and ranking members of the Novato Police Department, Out of this came a proposal to the City Council to review the local educational system and curriculum, to assess diversity in law enforcement, and to develop a community

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education component and a victim assistance program to deal with the financial, medical and psychological effects of hate crimes.

The Novato Police Department helped the effort by quickly labelling the attack on Wu as a hate crime. The ensuing trial was not a difficult or prolonged one by some California standards. In spite of multiple stab wounds, Wu survived the attack. Page pleaded guilty to committing a hate crime and attempted murder.

The difficulty came after the trial. At the April 26, 1996, hearing, Page faced a maximum sentence of 13 yearsnine for attempted murder and four for the hate crime. A third charge of "great bodily injury" was dropped because he pleaded guilty to the first two charges.

Novato Deputy District Attorney Al Dair called for the maximum sentence against Page. In a Marin County Independent Journal article, Dair said that the crime was one of the most violent and vicious crimes he had ever heard of in the community-and that Page had committed the act based on hate.

In spite of the fact that Judge Lynn O'Malley Taylor had called Page "obviously psychotic" at his November arraignment, she opted for a lighter sentence of 11 years, the recommendation of Deputy Probation Officer Margaret Edwards:

At the sentencing, Page faced Wu and apologized to him-a change in attitude from his arrest, when he glared at local news crews and stuck his tongue out at cameras.

Members of the Asian American community present at the hearing expressed outrage at the lenient sentence. Sato called Taylor's decision "a slap in the face" to human rights organizations and victims of hate violence.

After the hearing, Wu said, "He didn't show me any leniency to me when he tried to kill me for no apparent reason other than the color of my skin. I was lucky he didn't kill me. He is a danger to me and to society. It's going to be very easy for him to cross that line again."

According to local newspaper accounts, a number of Page's friends spoke in defense of the sentencing, saying that he was a Christian who had never shown any signs of violence or racism. One friend, Philip Sledge, testified that Page was "a good man, a man who wanted to do right, to follow the teachings of the Bible."

leaders knew that their most important work would be the creation of a proactive plan that would address the larger issues of racism and social unrest in general. Sato sought more than a reactionary denouncement of Page's hate crime. He wanted community dialogue and a plan of action. The heart of that plan was the creation of the Multicultural Oversight Committee designed to bring the community together and to work against its divisive forces. Sato, (now former) Novato Mayor Ernie Gray, Chief of Police Brian Brady and Captain Lyles provided the committee's leadership. In turn, they each asked participation from local businessmen and clergy.

Another idea sprang from the committee. PBS had produced a documentary called Not in Our Town, the story of how a Montana community responded to a hate crime. Novato borrowed the title and proclaimed December 1995 "Not in Our Town " month. The Novato-area cable network reprised the PBS special as well.

The committee then honored all of the Lucky employees who came to Wu's aid or who helped in the apprehension of Page. Sato was interviewed by CNN crews who came to Novato to report on the hate crime and what was being done about it. A local radio station followed suit.

With all this activity, PBS then decided to produce a second installment of Not in Our Town, this time focusing on Novato. It was aired nationally around Christmas-time.

One year after the crime, Eddy Wu still bears the physical and emotional scars. According to those who have come to know him, he has chosen to remain in seclusion, refusing to talk with anyone about the incident-even members of the Asian American community.

For Sato, the work and progress in the community continues. People are talking to each other. He is encouraged but is still aware that an uneasiness exists in Novato and others parts of Marin County. It's an uneasiness that Sato knows pervades society as a whole.

'In the last few years, the situation has gotten bad," he said. "Some politicians have been using rhetoric that is xenophobic. There are ill feelings in Marin County, especially San Rafael where there is racial unrest. It's very volatile. For example, an investigation was recently conducted into charges of housing discrimination against African Americans and disabled people in San Rafael.

The economic situation, unemployment, changing demographics are all leading to hate violence," Sato said. "By the year 2000, minorities may be the majority," he says. "But there is a lack of understanding, value and appreciation of the cultures, lifestyle and work ethic of minorities.

Lyles believes that the Wu crime represents an alarming trend in society. This crime should not be viewed as an isolated attack by a radical, he says. "It's Mr. Average who may become a racist," Lyle says. "That's the crue of the problem. It's racial animus that's gotten into ground

**HANDLINGHATE CRIMES** 

In dealing with a hate crime, the Novato, Calif., community developed key strategies which may be used as guidelines for others. The actions listed here were developed by community leaders, particularly Derins Sato JJACL, Police Chief Brian Brady and Captain Reginald Lyles of the Novato Pplice Department.

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VICTIM ASSISTANCE: Community leaders, including police, should make of a minority group, the group must not feel that its alone in dealing with this problem.
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# More horror stories

The story of Eddy Wu wasn't an isolated case. Here are other significant cases of violence, reported by the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium.

■ Paramus, N.J.: A Japanese American, Shigeru Ito, with his wile and young daughter, were shopping at a store on July 20, 1995. In the checkout line, the Itos were approached by an African American Youman who asked, "What line are you in?" Shigeru Ito apparently did not hear or understand the woman, who then shouled, "What's your problem, don't you speak any English?" In the ensuing argument, the African American's husband, McArthur Lee, Jr., slashed Ito across the face was charged with aggravated assault. ■ Appine Township, Micht: In a teen nightclub on June 18, 1995, Thanh Mai and two Vietnamese Ameri-can friends were taunted by three young white males. Called a "gook," Mai tried to walk away from the group,

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tenants attacked a Chinese woman, who received head injuries. She was called a "chink" and told to "go back to

your country. Long Beach, Calif.: In February 1995, two Latino males attempted to murder a Cambodian American on

a public strett. Racial slurs were also reported. ■ Queens, N.Y.: In May 1995, four men broke into and ransacked a Pakistani home, stealing more than \$10,000 in cash and jewelry. One suspect said to the

and threw a bag of dog feces at her, yelling "Go home! Go home" and "Hiroshima!"

Go home" and "Hiroshima!" E Chicago: In November 1995, four white individuals drove a 24-year-old Korean American man off the road and shouted racial slurs at him while kicking, punching and beating him with an empty beer bottle until he was unconscious

Reno, Nev.: In November 1995, a 17-year-old male assaulted two Asian Americans with a tire iron, yelling "white power" at them.

water. We're not talking about the monsters of society, we're talking about average people.

"It's anger, rhetoric and finger-pointing. It's the downsizing of business that's hardened people against one another. We're back to paranoia. We have a problem economy, and a lack of success means it's someone else's fault. You have an Asian surname so you're bad.

"This is Mr. and Mrs. America," Lyles says. "They feel put upon, ripped off, and they're turning on one another. They feel anger toward people who look differently. These are good people who have the capacity to do bad things. Lyles says that these actions are based on an "irrational rationality." Someone is offended or hurt and then "rationalizes something evil or abhorrent to another-to

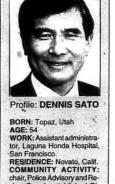
get even."

The causes are complex but social forces are enflaming the situation. Lyles believes that people are bombarded by hostile messages- daily diatribes by media, trash talk radio, trash music and other forces within society that promote antagonism. Sato and Lyles both believe that too many politicians resort to demagoguery, adding to the angry mood with rhetoric that often is a call to arms.

"We have to learn that just because things go wrong, we can't take it out on people," Lyles says. "We need responsible behavior, appropriate rhetoric which allows freedom of expression-freedom to criticizebut with it a responsibility

not to violate one another. Society must redevelop an etiquette that means something to everyone, one that offers mutual respect.

"We need healthy, respectful dialogue."



# There is beauty all around

## BY SHARE USHIO

N INSPIRING HYMN intones, "There is beauty all around, when there's love at home." For many of us, "There is beauty all around, if we but knew where to look.

East of the City of Springville, the Art City of Utah, there is a shallow canyon in which is located The Hobble Creek Golf Course, a delightfully challenging course in which the stream of clear sparkling water of the Hobble Creek repeatedly intertwines with the fairways to effectively hobble the golfers efforts for a low score.

Especially in the autumn months, the Hobble Creek Golf Course is at its very best -beautiful and serene. The fluttering yellow aspen leaves and the brilliant crimson hue of the maple and related shrubs, against the background of stately blue spruces overlooking the well groomed greens and fairways, make for a perfect afternoon of a friendly round of golf in a beautiful setting.

Momo, my wife, and I usually make a teetime, here avoiding if possible those who let the spike marks, the slow play, the divots, the lost balls, and their own inept play spoil their appreciation for this splendid beauty of nature

This year we discovered a different kind of beauty on this golf course that was as satisfying to the soul as the scenery was to the eye. We had guests from Japan, a retired Professor of the English Department at Osaka University, and his fifty-eight yearold wife, Kazuko-san, who had very recently taken up golf so that they could play with us y visited. Of course, we took them when th to the Hobble Creek Golf Course

After we men had teed off and the ladies went to the red tees to hit their first ball, I turned to the threesome (two men and a woman) standing behind us awaiting their turn and said.

"I hope you will be patient with us. I have guests from Japan and the lady has just recently taken up golf. Although she has had lessons on the driving range, this is the first time for her on a regular course. After the first hole we will let you play through.

"No problem," they replied with a smile.

Meanwhile on the first tee, Kazuko-san with a picture perfect swing drove the ball about 125 yards. On the second shot she flubbed it and the ball scooted about 20 yards. She ran to the ball and hit it-this time for about 40 yards. About this time her husband, Dr. Mikio Komura, as husbands are wont to do, started to correct her swing and her stance

Gently pulling Dr. Komura aside I said,

"Just leave her alone. She'll be all right when she gets the hang of it," and bless his heart, he didn't correct her for the rest of the round except to commend her when she made a good shot.

It took Kazuko-san four more strokes running from ball to ball to get it on the green which she two-putted for a creditable score for the first hole in her golf career.

Back on the first tee, the threesome must have been amused by the sight of tiny Kazuko-san flitting like a butterfly from ball to ball and nudging it inexorably and without wasting any time onto the green. At any rate they waited until we finished putting before teeing off.

Judging from the length of their tee shots and the accuracy of their shots to the green. the threesome following us were very competent golfers. Not only were they good shotmakers but they exhibited a quality of admirable humanity and sportsmanship, because after the first hole, we seldom saw them. They timed their play so as to not intrude on our time or space, thereby effectively protecting our rear.

on our part, did not waste any time We dawdling (e.g. Kazuko-san actually running from ball to ball) or when our tee shots strayed into the bushes and trees I said to Mikio-san

"Let's not go looking for the ball. Lost balls are a part of the golf game," to which he replied,

In Japan we never go looking for balls in the hazards because there is lurking in the hazard a deadlier hazard in the form of poisonous snakes

The foursome ahead of us, unbeknownst to them, also cooperated with us by playing just fast enough to not open up any vast space between us.

So on that balmy September day, we not only appreciated the beauty of a magnificent canyon scenery, but we were grateful for the beauty of considerateness shown by thoughtful people, especially by the threesome following us.



Author Shake Ushio and wife Momo at the Hobble Creek golf course

THERE IS ANOTHER manifestation of beauty which has been hidden by the cloak of everyday ordinariness and by its widespread application to many people.

I refer to the beauty of the positive human relationships developed by the average John and Jane Doe Nisei, people who faced the hostilities and the difficulties of a wartime America and by their patience, diligence, and exemplary conduct won the heart and the admiration of the American public. It was a tremendous display of public relations work on an individual level.

These are the sisters, the older brothers and the parents of the veterans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team; these are the rank and file members of JACL, the churches, and other or junizations; these are the unsung and unrecognized heroes and heroines who fought the lonely and discouraging battles on the home front and won.

In my many years of voluntary service as a guide on Temple Square in Salt Lake City and recently with my wife Momo, as assistant director of Hosting for our Church, we were privileged to meet thousands and thousands of people from all over the United States and from throughout the world.

In our conversations with fellow citizens from the United States and our fellow human beings from all over the world, we were amazed at the number who knew of the Japanese American experience during the Second World War and were sympathetic. We were more than amazed and profoundly gratified that so many have had positive and loving personal contact with Nisei Americans during those dark and desperate wartime years and were impressed. "I wonder what happened to that bright

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Nisei girl that came out of Poston and helped me with my math at Ohio State University. I sure thought a lot of her" ... "John Naka ... or something, I never could pronounce his name, sure had a hard time when he first started to work at our place. Nobody would talk to him. But in the end he was the most popular guy in the place" ... "When the Sato family moved into our community the neighbors all signed a petition to kick them out. Today, they are the stalwarts of our community. One of their daughters married one of our sons and we all simply adore her and them "

These and other testimonials indicate a vast reservoir of goodwill and good feelings existing in the hearts and minds of our American friends. The fact that more than fifty percent of our young people are marrying outside of our own narrow ethnic group indicates an acceptance and a welcome into the realm of the most intimate and sacred relationship — that of marriage and of fam-ily formation. In numbers, we are less than three-tenths of one percent of the total population of the United States, but in terms of achievements, responsibilities, and successes, we have garnered more than our proportional share

As we approach the beginning of a new millennial period, we sense with sadness the ending of the Nisei Era. It started with a bang on Pearl Harbor Day and is now winding down. The obituaries tell us so. It has been a memorable period fraught with heartaches and tears, with determinations and deeds, with successes and triumphs, with despair as well as vindication. We have had great leaders and have extolled them for their roles. We have appreciated the selfless dedication of our men in the au ned services and have expressed our gratitude in words and monuments

This is an effort to recognize and to pay tribute to the ordinary, run of the mill, Nisei who in his own lonely way and in his own distinctive style contributed his bit to the fabric of Nisei history and achievement.

"There is beauty all around, we see it everywhere."

A noted Utah-born Nisei pioneer, community and Mormon church leader, Shake Ushio is a founding member of both the Salt Lake JACL (1935) and Mt. Olympus JACL (1943) chapters as well as the National JACL Credit Union (1942). - Editor

# WWII Chicago: Quakers and JAs

#### BY TOGO TANAKA

TOGETHER WITH SOCIAL agencies and church groups, Quakers in the Midwest rescued Japanese Americans interned during the early months of World War II. The Midwest Office of the American Friends Service Committee of Chicago in 1943 became a first-stop haven for thousands of evacuees released from some 10 federal internment camps. Of more than 110,000 persons imprisoned in these concentration camps (euphemistically called assembly and relocation centers by government bureau-crats), an estimated \$0,000 to 50,000 arrived in, or passed, through Chicago.

My own experience followed a then-famil-iar pattern that reflected West Coast fear after Pearl Harbor. I was arrested and held without due process in three jails, then released. As war spread, I was interned with my family, again without trial, at Manzanar behind barbed-wire and watchtower.

After eight months there, we spent two more months in a holding camp for dissidents at Death Valley, Calif. In February 1943 armed guards escorted us, two adults and an infant, to a train at Las Vegas. Under orders, they told us: "You're headed for Chicago. If you return here, you'll be

taken into custody by the Western Defense Command

QUAKERS IN CHICAGO welcomed us. We arrived at the Friends Hostel at Belden Avenue and Clark Street. They gave us a new life, even as mankind's bloodiest war raged across Europe and around the Pacific Rim. They hired me as a staff worker for the American Friends Service Committee, assigned to help find housing, neighborhood welcome, and employment for wartime refugees—who came from places like Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, and Buchenwald in Europe. Others came from Manzanar, Poston, Jerome, Heart Mountain and Topaz in the USA

With the Midwest office of the American Service Committee, I spent nearly three of my life's most rewarding, challenging, and stimulating years. This has deepened my pratitude for Chicago's Quakers. They opened their hearts and their homes with compassion and love. They remind us always of the great power of healing.

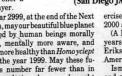
This personal vignette was prepared for the Chicago Smithsonian Exhibit, "For a More Perfect Union," which runs Jan. 23 to March 6, 1997. Togo is chairman of Gramercy Enterprises, Los Angeles.-Editor,

#### A prayer for the new millennium The Next Mil-Michelangelo. The Jlennium? Unfortu-Leonardo da inci, nately I am not qualified to make Beethoven, Shakespeare, a prophecy about Einstein, the next 1,000 Galileo and BY NAOMI KASHIWABARA years. Instead al-Newton ap-pear and exlow me to offer a (San Diego JACLer) secular prayer.

In the year 2999, at the end of the Next Millennium, may our beautiful blue planet be inhabited by human beings morally more good, mentally more aware, and physically more healthy than Homo yclept saflens of the year 1999. May these future beings number far fewer than in 1999. -a population decrease brought about by restraint and not by war or disease

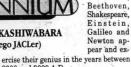
Let pollution of the streams and seas and destruction of the forests cease. May wildlife of abundant forests and clean waters thrive.

As a means to resolve disputes may bloodshed and war become obsolete



America.)

May persons of the stature of



2000 and 3000 A.D. (A historical perspective: a thousand years ago around the year 999 Leif Eriksson is said to have discovered

Is my prayer superficial, simple-minded and a recitation of second-hand ideas? Probably so. But wouldn't it be good if the Next Millenium were the beginning of an enduring utopia on an Eden-like earth peopled by a kinder, higher Mankind?

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#### By BUDD FUKEI

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, Editor Emeritus Harry Honda asked if I would like to do a "think piece" about the next millennium. "Oh, sure," I assured him.

Shortly after my response, it suddenly dawned on me: Why was I asked?

I knew I wasn't singled out for my brains My guess is that Harry sought me out because I had been in the newspaper business for almost 50 years, And during that time, I managed to pick up a few nuggets worth sharing with the readers.

Writing about the next millennium is like predicting the future by studying the movements of the sun, moon and stars.

Ill give it a try even though "Nostradamus, I am not.

But, before I dive head first into the uncharted waters of the next millennium, I'm going to reflect on some pertinent stuff of the past 20th century.

The Issei's lifelong goal--scrimping for their children's sake (Kodomo no tame ni) paid off handsomely.

Many Nisei did not disappoint their par-

# To the 21st century —

ents. Among those making their mark were doctors, educa-

tors, judges, leg-islators, lawyers, CEOs, journalists, engineers, actors, artists, social workers and musicians.

In retrospect, I'd say it was destiny that things turned out the way it did for the Japanese Americans. Who would have dreamed that the Japa-

nese Americans and their families would bounce back with respect, dignity and vigor after being stripped of their civil rights, uprooted from their homes and whisked to U.S.-style concentration camps? Who would have dreamed that the U.S.

government later would apologize for the evacuation/internment and approve redress for the interned and their kin?

Who would have dreamed that the Japanese American soldiers of the 100th Infantry Battalion would gain fame as the "Purple Heart Battalion" on the Italian front? And the 442nd Regimental Combat Team would return home from Europe as "the most decorated unit in the United States Army (for its size)" during World War II? Who would have dreamed that the Japa-

nese Americans in the U.S. Military Intelligence Service would play a vital role as interpreters and translators in the final victory over Japan to end World War II?

And who would have dreamed that the National Japanese American Patriotism Monument would soon become a reality in the Nation's Capital?

World War II was a blessing in disguise to the Japanese Americans. They emerged



come aboard" the good ship America. And our nation was also a winner. The nation found in the Japanese Americans a loyal group like no other when the chips were down.

The fact that the Japanese Americans are as American as the Liberty Bell shouldn't surprise anyone. We talk like Americans, we whine like Americans, we work, play and think like Americans-and we fight "for justice" like Americans.

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came unbelievably ir-

ritating obstacles to earn a cordial "wel-

Here's my short list of things we should be aware of in the next millennium.

It has been said that history repeats itself. I should hope so-if it means continuation of success for Japanese Americans in war and peace

But I should hope not if it means another evacuation/internment for Japanese Americans and another world war-and more Gold Star mothers

Whether one agrees or disagrees with all of the Japanese American Citizens League's goals, the JACL should be retained as a necessary force. The JACL is all we've got watching over our concerns in the non-Japanese society-in which we are forever linked. Also, the increasing role of the JACL in the Asian American battle against discrimination is to be encouraged. Together, the Asian Americans form a powerful minority body. It is OK to have an Asian American group. It is not un-American. Other Americans (African Americans, Jewish Americans, Italian Americans, Native Americans, etc.) have similar organizations ....

A steady decline in strictly Japanese American activities on the social front is inevitable as young people drift away from the so-called "international district" and inch towards assimilation through intermarriages.

'Think'

An optimist, I believe the Japanese Americans will continue to pursue and reach goals previously perceived as unattainable in America's complex society.

Now, as author of this "think piece," I'd like to depart with these suggestions for Japanese Americans of the future:

Make sure no one-scuttles the saga of the Japanese American field soldiers, support troops and intelligence corps of World War

Always rally around our flag-the only flag to which we must all pledge our allegiance.

Be sure to "log on" to the challenging world of computers.

And, finally, never rest on your past lau-rels. I once read somewhere: "A man resting on his laurels is wearing them in the wrong place

On that note, let's move onward and upward—to the 21st century, the year 2000 or the next millennium, whichever time phrase comes first to your mind.

Budd Fukei, Seattle, initiated a PC col-umn from the Northwest in 1955, which was continued by the late photo-journalist Elmer Ogawa through the '60s. A retired journal-ist-editor after 27 years with the Post-Intelligencer, Budd currently conducts a column in the Northwest Nikkei.—Editor.

The genes are taking

the descendants of

# Genetic bridge to the 21st century

By MIKE HOSHIKO (W9CJW, Edwardsville, Ill.)

ROM THE MIDDLE of the last century. Japanese immigrants started slowly crossing the genetic bridge to reach the 21st Century, carrying much heavy cultural, psychological, sociological, linguistic, religious and political baggage. These barriers manifested themselves in such things as:

Strict parental control. Arranged marriages. Group pressure. Miscegenation laws. Denial of citizenship. Segregation. Ghetto living And economic hardship.

During the journey, however, the immigrants and their families picked themselves up by their boot straps. And after the par-ents passed on, the children continued the journey

Since the parents had removed some of the barriers and provided their children with a cultural mindset for success, it was easier for the Nisei, but many of the barriers remained

A new consciousness and a more enlightened approach to life followed the trauma of WWII. New technologies and rapid worldwide communications came into being. Returning American GIs with wide exposure to the outside world began to see things differently. In addition, GIs brought thousands of Japanese war brides into the towns and villages of the United States, A social revolution started to erode the mores, beliefs, values and attitudes held by many people in such areas as: Sex.

Marriage. Food. Environment. And work

After the war, the economic climate produced many new jobs with wide dispersal; the Nisei found employment in many

communities and cities in the various states. They were no

longer living clustered in small ghettos. Japanese Americans found themselves with very few other JAs in schools, colleges, universities, work places, clubs and churches

The law of propinquity kicked in, and out-marriages really took off. With affluence, there was greater ension of contact with other JAs. In most places the young people, Sansei, enjoyed high school days withnon-Japanese. Most of them went off to colleges and universities where their social contacts were unlike the old days of their parents when their social lives revolved around classmates at Japanese language schools and members of Japanese student clubs.

The changing social climate resulted in



much easier social relationships outside of one's group and led to intermarriages. As a result, the weddings today often are attended by Nikkei having only one-fourth, one-eighth or less of Japanese parentage, and this frac-tion is becoming steadily smaller as genes march towards the 21st Century.

dants of the pre-WWII Japanese

look

With this kind of record in the 21st Century, their Japanese faces, as well as all other distinctive features of descen-



American, will have been erased. Gone will be the language and practically all cultural ties except those, such as food tastes, that have been incorporated into the mainstream.

Since the tradition of importing potential spouses-the picture brides-from Ja-pan has ceased and very few marriages are occurring with Japanese immigrants, the erosion of the immigrant genes will continue and all Japanese facial and body features will fade away. Only the new immigrants from Japan will be the Japanese-looking Americans.

The genes are taking the descendants of pre-WWII Japanese so fast into the 21st Century that there will be no need for "cosmetic eye operations." For that matter, perpre-WWII Japanese so fast into the 21st century that there will be no need for 'cosmetic eye, operations.' For that matter, perhaps there'll be no need for the JACL. There won't be any descendants

Japanese who will

haps there'll be no need for the JACL. There won't be any descendants of pre-WWII Japanese who will look Japanes

Even today, many Nisei are seeing grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews who do not look like themselves. All this may be inevitable and acceptable, but it would be a great loss if they lose their unique value system that was handed down to them over a hundred years ago and which helped them to endure the travails while they started their journey ∉n the genetic bridge to the 21st Century.

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of pre-WWII Japanese.

The 2,500 people who came in 1944 to Seabrook Farms Co., the world's largest integrated farm and frozen food operation, represented all ten WRA relocation centers as well as the Justice Dept. internment camp at Crystal City, Texas, from where Japanese Peruvians came in 1946.

1946. Called "The Biggest Vegetable Factory on Earth" by Life magazine, Seabrook was a large supplier of food for the military during World War II. When male employees were drafted and women went on to higher paying shipyards and aircraft factories, Seabrook had a major shortage of workers. A dozen internees from Amache, Colo.,

A dozen internees from Amache, Colo., came in January, 1944, led by George Sakamoto, who heard of the employment opportunity in Seabrook after reading a Readers Digest article while looking for work in Philadelphia. The group became the first contingent of Japanese Americans to be employed. Then 'Mayor' Fuju Sasaki, Harold Ouchida and Ellen Noguchi from Jerome Relocation Planning Commission were invited by Charles Franklin Seabrook, president of Seabrook Farms, to visit and evaluate the possibility of family resettlement in April, 1944. The Amache contingent had already survived their first winter of employment and established a good work ethic and moral reputation.

As a result of a favorable report by the Commission members who spent ten days in Seabrook, the male heads of families became the first to arrive on a six-months contract. The many talks at mass and Block Managers' meetings emphasized that internees still needed convincing. As for Ellen Noguchi, who was more than convinced Seabrook Farms offered a great opportunity for potential family resettlement, she and Kiyomi Nakamura were married in May and arrived at Seabrook as the first family unit in June, 1944. Her first assignment as a lipison officer was to take care of the many needs of internees who began arriving in due time.

#### FACTORY EMPLOYMENT

Adjustment was difficult as people confronted their new employment and life in new surroundings. But manpower shortage existed and employees needed to cope with working 12-hour shifts around the clock

The couples soon worked on opposite shifts and made certain the children got off to school or went to bed. The company-supported child care center was a tremendous asset to the growing community. Staffed by professional teachers it soon became a haven for toddlers to school-age children and offered peace of mind for the families. The concept of a child care center, nursery school as well as a day camp was advanced in those days.

#### C.F. SEABROOK

Mr. Seabrook was ostensibly the founder of Seabrook Farms Company, taking over his father's truck farms and later in collaboration with Clarence Birdseye developed the frozen food industry. Forbes Magazine titled C.F. 'the Henry Ford of Agriculture.' C.F. Seabrook had a great interest in the families of the yillage and made every effort to support the facilities and the programs which enabled his employees to improve their lives as well as fostering better workere

To illustrate Mr. Seabrook's awareness of promoting community goodwill, he created the 'Cavaleade of Silver Dollars' campaign to impress on the surrounding towns the economic importance of Seabrook Farms. By paying his employees and vendors and contributing to charity in silver dollars, cash registers overflowed with the coins, emphasizing the importance of Seabrook Farms. Although the majority of the people worked in the plant processing vegtables and fruits for canning or freezing in the nation's largest frozen food enterprise, a large number also worked as electricians, plumbers, welders, mechanics, carpenters, technicians, cooks, store clerks, accountants, typists and in other skills.

#### THE J.A. COMMUNITY

The Japanese American community began to develop with the formation of many

# Seabrook: A new beginning for 2,500 camp internees

By ELLEN NAKAMURA



AMERICANIZATION CLASS, co-sponsored by Seabrook JACL and American Legion Shoemaker Post 95, is attended by some 100 Issei in 1951.



#### CHARLES F. SEABROOK

organizations. Religious needs were met with the founding of the Buddhist Temple and the Christian Church becoming a vital part of the people's lives. The Seabrook Community House, a company-supported activities center headed by Dorothy Chapman, was the source of year-round programs with many scouting troops and sports schedules. The Seabrook Farms baseball team was managed by Harold Fistere and coached by Dick Kunishima.

In 1947, the Seabrook JACL chapter was formed with Vernon Ichisaka as its first president. Fistere, the company personnel director and former WRA official, was instrumental in its formation.

Working with Shoemaker Post 95 of the Bridgeton American Legion, the Seabrook JACL co-sponsored a U.S. citizenship program. A historic event, which made national headlines in 1953, took place on June 25, which was the first and largest, at that time, mass swearing in of 126 Issei Japanese as new American citizens at the Seabrook School auditorium. The normal venue for naturalization ceremonies at the Cumberland County Court House was too small. Under the leadership and advocacy of Charles Nagao, JACL also enlisted community support for the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which compensated interned Japanese Americans for loss of property and civil rights during World War II.

#### NISEI VETERANS OF SEABROOK

Veterans of World War II with the 442nd Combat Team, the Korean conflict and subsequent campaigns are well represented at Seabrook. They had served and returned to work at Seabrook Farms: Two commanders of the American Legion Post 95 are from the Seabrook community. Four Gold Star mothers, whose sons made supreme sacrifices including one parent whose son was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously, are remembered.

#### MULTICULTURAL VILLAGE

Cultural diversity at Seabrook is a wellknown factor in New Jersey. Adding to the groups already in Seabrook in 1945 came 650 Estonian refugees who had fled from displaced person camps in war-torn Europe in 1949. They were followed by other Europeans: the Germans, Latvians, Lithuanians, Hungarians, Polish and a number of other nationalities.

# SEABROOK EDUCATION AND CULTURAL CENTER

With each passing year, the compilation and preservation of the history of this unique community became a dire necessity.

At the reunion of over 650 onetime residents of Seabrook from the nation and world on Oct. 28, 1994, the following summary was reported at the dedication of the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center (SECC). Museum. In recounting the history of SECC, the efforts of many volumeers and contributors who made SECC a success is listed independently; apologies for any inadvertent omissions.

1989—Under leadership of Ellen Nakamura, president, Seabrook JACL initiates the project. A steering committee is formed, John Fuyuume of Bermuda is rearuited, first meeting is held Dec. 3, 1989, at Seabrook Buddhist Church, at which time the name was adopted.

1990—John Seabrook approves use of the family name. Charles Nagao and Fuyuume locate Seabrook Farms Co. photographs. Robert Hasuike with Allen Yoshimi come to Seabrook to start a photographic archive. Picture of Mrs. H. Taniguchi making first contribution is used to announce SECC in the *Pacific Citizen*. Eastern District Council allocates seed money to establish SECC. The SECC Mission Statement is adopted.

1991—Hasuike volunteers to craft a diorama of Seabrook Farms. Gregory Ono engages township support. Norman Ikeda volunteers to design museum .James Seabrook donates Seabrook Farms Co. photographs. Mayor Bruce Peterson makes research room available for SECC in the Upper Deerfield Township Municipal Building. Ken Sasaki contributes design for SECC brochure. SECC is incorporated Sept. 3, 1991, by Harry Adler Esq. Jim Hashimoto videotapes contemplated museum area. Nippon TV tapes story of Seabrook with SECC's assistance. NBC tapes impression of Nippon TV's show. SECC holds organizing meeting Dec. 12.

1992—New Jersey Bell Telephone makes first corporate donation of furniture. T-shirt project started. Years of Infamy book project commences to distribute copies to schools . and libraries. Upper Deerfield Township Committee accepts Museum proposal on Jan' 16, to formally, inaugurate the museum project. Tax status filing prepared by William Athey, CPA. SECC contributes internment records to Cumberland County Historical Society. event is covered by Bridgeton

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## Very truly yours

## BY HARRY K. HONDA 1996: In retrospect



Twe been spending some of whatever time there may be left for me in support of the Japanese American Memorial Foundation. Why? Because it is a worth-while project—a once in a lifetime opportu-nity, the Foundation says, to leave our nity, mark

mark. The Foundation, as you should know by now, is a non-profit group chartered under federal regulations. Its purpose is to build a monument in Washington, D.C., to com-memorate the contribution of Japanese Americans to the greatness of our nation, Congress has set aside a desirable plot of load for the monument The desirable plot of land for the monument. The design firm of Davis Buckley, with the advice of some very prestigious Japanese American archi-

tects, has drawn up preliminary plans. Why another monument in a city that seems to be overrun with monuments to the memory of everyone from George Washing-ton to Vietnam war dead? Because the experience of Japanese Americans is experience of Japanese Americans is unique. What other segment of the Ameri-can population was jailed en masse on the basis of their ancestry? Equally notewor-thy, they responded to this outrage in a manner that drew an apology, belated

TS FRUSTRATING reading an or-dinary magazine, such as U.S. News and World Report, to come across un-familiar words, including some that are not in the dictionary. Examples: "wonk" and "humongous." I finally found them in a 1996 edition of The American Century Dic-tionary (Oxford University Press, 674 pp. Grandback 62,000. Beth words are a clarge

paperback, \$3.99). Both words are slang

paper loads, 40.35). Both words are single terms which made their way into a dictio-nary. What do they mean? "Humongous" is an adjective meaning "tremendously large, huge." "Wonk" I found in two dictionaries with differing definitions. So I leave it up to

you to check your dictionary and resolve

FOR SOME TIME now, a drive has been undergoing in our land to make En-glish the "official" language, whatever is meant by "official." Of course, English has

been and is the controlling communication

medium in our society; as such, it behoves one to be adept as possible in that medium.

This particularly includes persons belong-ing to so-called ethnic minorities. While it's

fine to retain one's own ethnic tongue, it's well to be armed with the medium which governs communication within the social,

economic and political milieu of our Ameri-

FRANKLY SPEAKING. I have to ad-

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can society.

though it was, from Congress and the Presi-dent. The experience of Japanese Ameri-cans needs to be memorialized to remind the nation that our political ideals are a fragile concept easily violated under stress.

Traphe concept easily violated under stress. The proposed inoument and what it stands for is important to more than Japa-nese Americans. Let me relate to you a story told by Karen Tani, a member of the Foundation's board. She is an engineer and works in Carlsbad, Calif, near San Diego. One of her co-workers, Suzanne Leonard

Valley, learned that Karen was taking some vacation time to attend a meeting of the NJAMF board in Washington, D.C. Suzanne was curious about the Founda. tion and Karen explained what it was all about

Next day Karen found a note on her desk It was from Suzanne and said in part: "My late father served in the Army in 1944 "My 1946 with a wonderful and brave group of Japanese American soldiers. In honor of my Dad's dear friend, Roy Terada, please accept this donation for your fund. Considering all that was going on in California during the war it must have been difficult and sad for the Japanese Americans soldiers—true heroes who will never be for-gotten by our family. God bless you." With the note was a check for \$50.

Roy Terada, who now is retired in Den-Roy Terada, who now is retired in Den-ver, remembers Suzanne's father, James (Dixie) Leonard. They served for a time at a prisoner of war camp at Byron Hot Springs, only a long stone's throw east of General DeWitt's verboten San Francisco Bay area. Terada's job was to interrogate Japanese prisoners of war before they were shipped inland. The Japanese American experience touched Suzanne Valley only remotely, we it merced har deedh arough to want to

but it moved her deeply enough to want to contribute to the construction of a monument. Among Japanese Americans them selves, there must be several tens of thou-sands with more personal reasons, for sanas with more personal reasons.407 memorializing a piece of history the na-tion must not be allowed to forget. I am supporting the Foundation be-cause it is a once-in-alifetime opportu-nity to get it done. What about you?

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HERE IS A different slant at reviewing the year-a retrospective pot-pourri of one-liners or tatements found in the PCs this past year. And this is not a substitute for the chronologies that have been traditionally pub-

lished in the New Year edition. #2791 / Jan. 5-18-"Much of what [Kary] Matsumotol and the staff have accomplished will probably never be fully understood nor appreciated."-Herbert Yamanishi. From his first column.

#2792 / Jan. 19-Feb. 1-"Under today's #2792 / Jan. 19-Feb. 1-"Under today's conditions it is easy to be negative. It's much harder-but necessary-to be positive."-Dr. Roy Nishikawa. A continuing perspective as National JACL faces the new year. #2793 / Feb. 2-15-"We must preserve this irreplaceable communications link (the PCI to the Japanese American community."-Mae Takahashi. If you share this vision, FAX your comments to her, 209/431-4357. #2794 / Feb. 16-29-"It was these older Nisei veterans who neutralized the sizable

Nisei veterans who neutralized the sizable opposition [to the 1980 Redress legislation] and eventually obtained support from most of the veterans groups."-Denny Yasuhara. A tribute to the unsung, unrecognized older Nisei generation. #2795/March 1-14-"[Richard] Sakakida's

#2795/March 1914 [Including Sakahuda S heroism should be recognized and that he should be decorated for extreme valor far beyond the call of duty."- Jack Herzig. Quotes from Major James Rubard (U.S. Army, the U.S. surrender at Corregidor. #2796/March 15-April 4-"Chicago JACL

Chapter, once among the most solid and active members of the JACL, had to cancel its active members of the ACU, had to cancer to annual inaugural banquet after 50 years because of lack of interest."-Bill Hosokawa. Proof that times are changing. #2797 / April 5-18-"First and foremost,

don't seek to evade your ethnicity.... so your audience will not be hung up or otherwise distracted by your ethnicity."-Bill Marutani. Campaign counsel to Asian American candidates, yet worthy of general attention.

#2798 / April 19-May 2-"The attitude that if one is a person of color and foreign one is therefore somehow less human, is a mindset which we (JACL) constantly battle." Herbert Yamanishi. A postscript to nation-ally televised beatings of undocumented im-nagrant suspects by sheriff deputies in S outh El Monte, Calif.

#2799 / May 3-16-"Ironically, it was the inability of most Americans to distin uish between the two [Americans of Japanese ancestry and Japanese nationals] during WWII that led to Americans of Japanese, including my parents, being forced into in-ternment camps."-Lori Fujimoto. In backing up her denunciation over Long Beach Assemblyman Kuykendall's use of the term Jap in a speech at the State Capitol steps.

#2800 / May 17-June 6-"Videotapes are vital, get the older folks first. They will hear

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mit that I never did like grammar with all those rules about placement of commas, use of participles, splitting infinitives, no ending sentences with a preposition, and so on. (And it very much shows in the columns written for this space.) Especially in the legal profession, wherein words are very much the "tools of the profession," one would hope that selection and use of words are exercised with conscious deliberation.

By BILL MARUTANI

English: the mother tongue

Alas, all too often that is not the case.

SOME EXAMPLES of the most frequent infractions found in legal documents are use of the wrong word which somewhat sounds the same as the word that should have been used. For instance, the following pairs: (1) principal (an adjective meaning "first in rank or order; main, leading") be-ing confused with *principle* (a noun meaning "a fundamental truth or law as the basis of reasoning or action; personal code of conduct"); (2) affect (a verb meaning "produce an effect on; move emotionally" versus effect (noun, meaning,"result; conse quence"); (3) appraise (verb, meaning "es-timate the value or quality; set a price on") versus apprise (also a verb but meaning "to give notice; to inform"); (4) perpetrate (verb, meaning "commit...a crime or a blunder") versus perpetual (adjective, meaning "lasting forever or indefinitely; continuous; un-

mitting these linguistic infractions; some judges-who, after all, were once law-yers-issue legal opinions committing the same errors. (One would hope that a bright same errors. (One would nope that a bright law clerk would spot the infractions and correct them.) There is a basic mischaracterization of the criminal jus-tice process, continually and thoughtlessly pronounced by courts, that bugs (another slang) me no end. That is the pronouncement in a criminal trial that a jury (or judge, if a non-jury trial) determines "the guilt or innocence of the defendant." That is a fundamental misstatement inasmuch as a criminal defendant is presumed "innocent" from the moment (s)he enters the courtroom. No finding of "innocence" need be made or is made. Rather, the jury's be made of is made. Rather, the jury's function in this regard is to find the crimi-nal defendant either "guilty" ("beyond a reasonable doubt") or "not guilty." A not-guilty verdict could be returned by a jury

when, as a strict factual matter, the defen-dant was anything but "innocent." What difference does all this make? Well, in a close contest it can simply be the difference between winning and losing.

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

# East wind

interrupted THE LAWYERS are not alone in com-

### Agenda

### NCWNPDC re-elects governor Alan Nishi

STOCKTON-Alan Nishi of French Camp Chapter was re-elected governor of the Northern California Western Nevada Pa-cific District Council at its final quarterly meeting hosted by the Stockton Chapter Nov. 3.

Newcomers on board are Alan Teruya (Tri-Valley) and Kimi Yoshino(Sacramento). Incumbent board members re-elected for another biennium were Claire Omura (San Jose), and Ted Yamagishi (San Mateo County). Serving their second half of the biennium are John Hayashi (San Francisco), Fred Okimoto Francisco), Fred Okimoto (Marysville), Edwin Endow (Stockton), William Fujii (San Jose) and Brian Kuwahara (West

Jose) and Brian Kuwahara (West Valley). On the cabinet are Hayashi, vice governor; Okimoto, treasurer; and Teruya, secretary. Kimi Yoshino, reporter with the local Stockton Record, was elected the NCWNP representative to the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board, succeeding Mollie Fujioka. The seat of the NCWNP-youth rep is vacant. The district meets next at vacant. The district meets next at Placer County JACL on Sunday, Feb. 2.

Feb. 2. A new program, the Sacramento Leadership Conference at the State Capitol, is being organized by the district council for April, by the district council for April, 1997. Being invited are partici-pants from JACL chapters in Cali-fornia. It was announced the district's "Give Me Five" campaign to support National JACL raised over \$5,000. The Florin JACL reso-lution requesting chapter events be timely published in the JACL. Calendar (ng. 2) was eased Calendar (pg. 2) was passed.

#### JACCC receives \$400.000 grant

LOS ANGELES-The Japanese American Cultural and Commu-American Curran and Commu-nity Center was one of only nine minority arts organizations na-tionwide to receive the Working Capital Fund for Minority Cul-tural Institutions, a mix of technitural institutions, a mix of techni-cal assistance, grants and loans amounting to approximately \$400,000 over four years. The fund was created through a partner-ship between the Ford Founda-tion and the Minneapolis Founda-tion. tion

Minoru Tonai, JACCC presi-dent, returned with senior vice dent, returned with senior vice president Howard Sawada, execu-tive director Gerald D. Yoshitomi and managing director Duane Ebata from a trip to Minneapolis to orient themselves to provisions of the grant.

of the grant. "We are at a critical juncture in our development because of de-mographic changes in the "past few decades." Tonai said. The fund is expected to help in strategies to structhen menogement extend strengthen management, expand infrastructure, and diversify re-sources "for a more stable plat-form for artistic programming," he explained.

#### 'Kodomo no Tame ni' calendars ready

calendars ready SACRAMENTO—"Nikkei Legacy" calendars, illustrating prewar, wartime and postwar scenes of Japanese Americans in Central Valley, are available at \$12.50, from California State Uni-versity, Sacramento, Library Ar-chives (916/278-6144). The 12x18 calendar was designed by Gail Okumura, UC, Davis, instructor and graphic designer. Proceeds are for the Japanese American Archival Collections. Florin JACL is assisting in this project. George Oki Sr., chair of the archives com-mittee, is coordinator. ■

### Reno JACL swear-in at potluck

Betty Fukuda of Seattle will be guest speaker from the JACL-en-dorsed Densho Project at the Reno JACL installation potluck on Sun-day noon, Jan. 12, at the Knights of Pythias Hall.



J.D. Hokoyama from LEAP leads a risk-taking workshop for members of the Central California District of JACL.

**Outgoing CC district** officers and committee chairs honored at the Nov.

2 CCDC annual installation are (from left): Izumi

Tanigiuchi, education; Larry

Ishimoto, immediate past

governor; Grace Kimoto.

second vice governor;

Robert Taniguchi, U.S.

Ige, district youth rep.;

ship: Kathy Ishimoto,

first vice governor, and

Travis Nishi, governor.

Japan Committee: Stacy

Deborah Ikeda, scholar-

secretary; Robert Ishikawa,

National Director Herb Yamanishi (far right) administers oath to new CCDC officers (from left): Travis Nishi, treasurer; Kathy Ishimoto, secretary; Larry Ishimoto, second vice governor; Robert Taniguchi, first vice governor; and Grace Kimoto, governor.





# CCDC's schedules leadership workshop

## By PATRICIA TSAI

SELMA, Calif.—Central Cali-fornia District Council held what amounted to a Leadership Day for district and chapter officers Nov. 2, prior to the evening in-stallation banquet at Pea Soup Andersen's Restaurant. The leave presenting LD

The key presenter, J.D. Hokoyama, executive director of

Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), conducted the afternoon workshop, "Risk Taking: Making Change Happen," discussing Asian Pacific cultural values and behavior that affect leadership abilities. For example

Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) are often seen by manag-ers as passive and non-vocal in erally regarded as strong lead-ers. In reality, APAs are acting on cultural values of respect for authority and not standing up or "rocking the boat." Hokoyama, onetime PSWDC

meetings, thus they are not gen

JACL govérnor and former JACL staffer at Headquarters, provided a model for partici-pants to consider risks both in

their professional and personal lives. About 20 local members benefitted from the workshop held at Holiday Inn Express, next door to the restaurant. Recognition was given to Rob-ert Ishikawa and Robert Shintaku & br bringing their sons to the workshop has loanted the workshop has planted the seed for future com-munity and JACL leaders. Hokoyama, in his keynote

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Hokoyama, in his keynote banquet speech, remarked APAs are an "invisible people" who need to speak up on issues and concerns or face the conse quences-prejudice and vio-lence. While he cited the negatives of internment and the murder of Vincent Chin, Hokoyama also reminded us there were some positives, in-cluding mentoring younger APAs and promoting commu-

APAs and promoting commu-nity involvement. CCDC's first-ever silent auc-tion with Dan Takeuchi win-ning both the \$250 grand prize-which he donated back to the district council-and a Las Vegas trip, and presenta-tion of awards and installation of incoming district officers capped the evening.

Grace Kimoto (Livingston-Merced) was installed as new district governor with her cabi-net members, Robert Robert net members, Robert Taniguchi, first vice governor; Larry Ishimoto, second vice governor; Kathy Ishimoto, sec-retary, and Travis Nishi, treasurer. National Director Herb Yamanishi swore in the officers

A past CCDC governor, Larry Ishimoto, received both the Sapphire Pin for his service to district and the Silver Pin his involvement with the the the Tulare County chapter. Ron Sasaki, Tulare County, also received a Silver Pin.

The past presidents' pin was awarded to Eugene Shimizu (Clovis), Dr. Jim Nagatani (Delano), George Hashimoto (Fowler), Dr. Ron Kiyuna (Fresno), Gordon Morimoto (Fresno), Gordon Morced), Tad (Livingston-Merced), Tad (Parlier), Stan Kozuki (Parlier), Stan Hirahara (Reedley), Kiichi Tange(Sanger),ElmerKobashi (Selma), and Kathy Ishimoto (Tulare County).

The district presented cer-The district presented cer-tificates of appreciation to out-going officers. State Senator Jim Costa and Gerrianne Storelli, staff member for As-semblyman George House, were recognized. ■

veterans, will be honored.

#### Selanoco JACL installation luncheon set

Dr. Sammy Lee of Santa And, physician and back-to-back Olym-pic gold medalist in diving ('48-'52), will be guest sneaker at the Dr. Sammy Lee of Santa And, 52), will be guest speaker at the 31st annual Selanoco JACL in-stallation luncheon on Saturday, Jan. 25, at Sambi's of Tokyo, 8649

stallation juncheon on Saturday, Jan. 25, at Samb's of Tokyo, 8649 Firestone Bird., Downey. While Asian Americans are making news today, breaking down barriers in the worlds of business, politics, sports, enter-tainment and other areas, almost 50 years ago found Dr. Lee a pio-neer breaking ground for Asian Americans, particularly in the area of competitive diving. He also encountered prejudice when, in 1955, he tried to buy a home in Orange County and was turned down because he was Asian. New retired from practice, Dr. Lee was appointed to the President's Council on Physical Fitness inder presidents Eisen-hower, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Bush, and also served on the President's Commission on White

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Focusing on the experiences in the WWII internment camps, Densho is an oral history project for which chapters are being asked to spread the word and invite local Nisei to relate their stories.

#### Washington D.C. officers to be installed

Daphne Kwok, national execu-tive director of the Organization of Chinese Americans, will be the keynote speaker at the 51st an-nual Washington DC JACL in-

nual Washington DC JACL in-stallation dinner on Saturday, Jan. 18, at Harvest Moon Restau-rant, 7260 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, Va. Reception starts at 6:30, the dinner from 7. The site is on Route 50 at Graham Road, one mile in-side the 1495 Beltway. RSVP at \$30 per person is due Jan. 13 with Lily Okura, 6303 Friendship Court, Bethesda, MD 20817. ■

#### **Eastern District** Council meets Jan. 18

BETHESDA, Md .- As a tradition to convene in conjunction with the host chapter's installation event, the Eastern District Coun-cil will meet on Saturday, **Jan**. 18, during the day from 9 a.m. at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd. That evening, delegates will be intro-duced at the Washington D.C. JACL installation dinner at Harest Moon Restaurant, Falls Church, V

Vest Moon Restaurant, Fails Church, Va. The EDC meeting cycle begins in the fail with New York, then in the winter with Washington D.C., in the spring with Philadelphia and with Seabrook in the sum-mer, but with Southeast as the fifth chapter, a new tradition is likely to begin. ■

#### Sugihara to speak at San Mateo Installation

The San Mateo County JACL The San Mateo County JACL installation dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18, at Empress Court Restaurant, 433 Airport Blvd, Burlingame. No-host cock-tails begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a 10-course Chinese banquet at 7. Former Assemblywoman Jackie Senier, will be honoread for her Speier will be honored for her many contributions to the com-munity. Jan Yanehiro, noted tele-vision personality, will be the mistress of ceremonies. Hiroki Sugihara, the son of

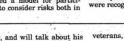
Chiune Sugihara, will be keynote

speaker, and will talk about his father and family experiences dur-ing and after World War II. Chiune igihara has been called the Japanese Schindler as he was one of

# nese Schnader as he was one of the most important rescuers of Jews during World War II. RSVP (\$40 per person) with JACL, 415 S. Claremont, San Mateo, CA 94401; 415/343-2793∎

#### Bataan survivor to speak at Wisconsin JACL

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The Wis-consin JACL celebrates its 52nd inaugural banquet on Sunday, Jan. 19, 39, m., at Meyers Family Restaurant, 6015 W. Forest Home Ave. The keynote speaker, the Rev. Ernest O. Norquist, was a U.S. Army medical corpsman on Betagen and uses cabtured by Jane Bataan and was captured by Japa-nese forces on April 9, 1942. He survived the infamous "death survived the infamous 'death walk' to attend Princeton Theo-logical Seminary, became a Pres-byterian minister, husband and father. His book, *Our Paradise: a GI's War Diary*, describes his WWII years. Interim MDC governor Joanne Kumagai from Minneapolis, new chapter officers and members, as well as Wisconsin's WWII Nisei



# MILLENNIUM A banner for the Next Millennium

BY MAS ODOI

bombing of Pearl Harbor, was transformed into the respect and goodwill we enjoy today. Without the record of the Nisei GIs, HR

442 (the redress bill that awarded \$20,000 to each surviving evacuee) would have never been enacted. And many beneficial community service projects would not have been possible.

There are countless reminders of our confinement behind barbed wire in museums, libraries, cemeteries, relocation centers and other places. And it is right and proper that this period of oppression be chronicled for posterity to tell of the faith and fortitude with which we met adversity

But where are meaningful memorials to World War H JAs, whose "blood, sweat and tears" restored our good name and opened wide the gates of opportunity? Only the 100/442nd/MIS monument highlights their legendary fight for freedom and equality! All others include so many extraneous matters that the magnificent theme-of lovalty that transcends gross mistreatment-is diluted into nothingness

he monument's beautiful, wedge-shaped black granite edifice dramatizes our World War II experience more eloquently than words:

The name, motto and inscription summarizes the adverse conditions under which our WWII soldiers fought in Europe and the Pacific.

> The eternal flame by its base denotes their patriotic fervor despite being treated as disloyals.

The Stars and Stripes on the flagpole and insignias of the 442nd Regiment, 232nd Engineers, 522nd Field Artillery

and the Military Intelligence Service point to the vaunted records of these units.

> Its placement in downtown Los Ange les, from where most Japanese Americans had been evacuated, manifests the change in our standing from "persona non grata" to people of high esteen

The monument will be a shining star to younger JAs. It will foster pride in their heritage, enchance appreciation of the unpayable debt they owe their progeni-tors, arouse interest in the life and struggles of the Issei and Nisei, and inspire high standards of citizenship. There will be added incentive for the majority of the JAs whose fathers, grandfathers, uncles or other relatives have their names inscribed on its circumference.

It could be a focal point of lesson plans to teach school children of the Japanese American experience in the 20th century. Because it is a great American success story with a happy ending, it would attract more interest than one that dwells on the painful experience of Evacuation.

Throughout their 50-year fight to secure justice for Japanese Americans, JACL leaders have leaned heavily on the record of the WWII units. They may consider asking chapters to provide convenient means to collect contributions, large and small, for the \$2.5 million needed to erect a monument to the men whose self-sacrifice brought us such great rewards. It shouldn't be difficult for those who received \$20,000 redress awards to donate from \$10 to \$1,000 as tribute to JA veterans who offered their lives to create a brighter future for all Japanese Americans.

Mas Odoi is a former president of the Gardena Valley Chapter, JACL.

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about Evacuation and see a Japanese face. It will have greater impact in areas where there are no Japanese Americans."-Paul Bannai. A farsighted suggestion on the use of Civil Liberties Public Education Funds

#2801 / June 7-20-"The Consumer Price Index has shown that from 1988, when we (JACL) had our last dues increase, to 1995, the inflation rate has risen about 30% ... Given these conditions, a dues increase is long overdue." bons, a dues increase is long order. Denny Yasuhara. Well, the dues were increased by less than 20%-\$7 for 1997. #2802/June 21-July 4-\*A good speech User and the series of the serie

must have substance. It's not good enough just to be eloquent, articulate and funny .... The key is communication, not to convince. You're lucky if people agree with you. Your responsibility is to communi-cate."-Warren Furutani. Of course. Warren shares more tips in this particular edition

#2803 / July 5-19-"Successful fund-raisers must make potential donors be-lieve in the work of the organization; they must show the benefits of joining and create a sense of belonging .... It all starts by simply asking for support."-Irene Y. by simply asking for support. --treffe 1. Hirano. Some words to wise from a pre-mier specialist in nonprofit organizations. #2804 / July 19-Aug. 1- Civil Liberties

Public Education Fund is considered "discretionary;" a distinction that allows ORA to pay claimants up to the level authorized without having to go through the congressional budgetary process.-Office of Redress Administration. Which means any new monies being sought for CLPEF must be appropriated by Con-

#2805 / Aug. 2-15-"Some 14,000 Japanese Americans fought with uncommon valor for America when they were classi-fied as 4-C enemy aliens and their families were incarcerated. This fact cannot be repeated enough."-Col. Young Oak Kim (ret.). A truth that some who opposed establishment of a Manzanar National Historic Site wanted to muzzle.

#2806 / Aug. 16-Sept. 5-"Racial slurs and assaults are commonplace and often carried out with impute any other a price to be paid for such conduct."-Denny Yasuhara. One of his 'Final Thoughts' stated at the San Jose national convention.

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### SEABROOK

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Evening News. 1993—Upper Deerfield Township Historic Commission buys computer. SECC assists college paper. Philadelphia Enquirer pre-pares first story on SECC. New Jersey His-torical Commission oral history grant completed. First annual meeting of SECC members held. Iddy Asada and Suzie Takata volunteer to form museum staff. Mike Price prepares procedures and video draft. William Brown volunteers on strength of Philadelphia Enquirer article to initiate video project. Gene Nakata agrees to be construction coordinator and introduces volunteer crew. Fumio Ikeda challenges JACL to prepare family photo histories. Fusaye Kazaoka starts artifact collection.

1994—New Jersey Council for the Hu-manities awards SECC video and speaker grant. Mayor C. Kenneth Hill attends a working session. First construction meeting. with contractors. Rei Noguchi starts gather ing historical data for museum and the "I Remember" project. Upper Deerfield Town-

ship awards renovation contracts and SECC engages contractor for exhibition accouter-ments. NCJH awards matching grants to publish SECC pamphlets and to expand the ideo film.

#### ON THE PLAQUE

"This Museum Is Dedicated to the Use of the Citizens of Upper Deerfield Township by the Seabrook Education and Cultural Center, Inc., John Y. Fuyuume, project director; Ellen N. Nakamura, president and trustee; Fusave Kazaoka, trustee: Lenore Wurtzel, trustee; Kanoko Masatani, treasurer; Linda Ono, secretary; October 8, 1994."

#### THE FUTURE

The members and volunteers of the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center look to the millennium and the 21st century, fully realizing the need for the museum. They are challenged with the need to fulfill its mission with a greater resolve to tell the story of the many diverse groups who came to Seabrook under oppression and how they overcame-leaving their footprints forever etched in New Jersey's sands of time.

SEABROOK FARMS PHOTOS



KIDS PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE-Pre-schoolers at Seabrook Nursery School salute the flag in learning the Pledge of Allegiance.



CITIZENS (from left) Mrs. Riyo Mukai, Mrs. Mume Minakata and Mrs. Hisae Fujiki are congratulated upon obtaining U.S. citizenship in 1953 by Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, and Seabrook chapter president John Fuyuume.



CONGRATULATING NEW CITIZENS-Seabrook JACL president John Fuyuume (right) congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Shigeichi Wakamiya, the oldest couple to be naturalized at special court ceremonies held in June, 1953, at Seabrook School. There were 126 issei at Seabrook Farms who became citizens under the Walter-McCarran Act of 1952.

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HICH WOULD BE a better em-

blem on the banner to lead Japa-

nese Americans into the next

millennium—a guard tower typical of World War II "relocation centers," or the

100th/442nd/MIS Monument in Los An-

The stark structure by a barbed wire

fence recalls our darkest hour-evacua-

tion from Pacific Coast states and impris-

onment at remote wastelands. The "Go For Broke" monument proclaims our

steadfast loyalty to America that re-deemed our honor and brought blessings

beyond measure to ourselves and our

How utterly hopeless our future was

during the internment when we lost home

and possessions in flagrant violations of

the Bill of Rights. Yet, when eligibility to

serve in the armed forces was restored,

JAs from Hawaii and the Mainland en-

listed in the 100th/442nd Regimental

Combat Team and fought with such valor

that it became "the most decorated outfit

of its size in the United States Army.

Others volunteered for the Military In-

telligence Service and won acclaim for

saving the lives of thousands of our sol-

diers with their courage and skill in trans-

lating the Japanese language documents

Their exploits on the battlefield

awakened the American people to the

shocking injustice of Evacuation and they

hastened to make amends. The JACL

worked hard to repeal the hundreds of

anti-Oriental laws and customs, and suc-

ceeded at every turn with the help of other fair-minded citizens. And the na-

tional storm of hatred, aroused by Japan's

at headquarters and on the front lines.

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## PC profile



#### By CAROLINE AOYAGI

A uthor Stewart David Ikeda is a natural story-teller. His talent is showcased in his first novel, What the Scarecrow Seid, and in a phone conversation I recently had with him.

Two thoughts were uppermost in Ikeda's mind when he decided to sit down and write this novel: he did not want to write about his Japanese American family and he was net going to write about the relocation camps of World War II. His Nisei grandfather's heartfelt story on a frigid Wisconsin day changed all that.

Ikeda was feeling miserable that day. The author had just moved to Wisconsin and had hegun teaching a Japanese American writing course at the University of Wisconsin. As he was walking on campus he

As he was walking an campus he " slipped on a patch of ice and was sent crashing down a hill. Looking up at the sky, he asked himself, "What am I doing here?" Feeling even more miserable, he decided to give his grandfather a call.

To Ikeda's amazement his grandfather knew the exact hill he was talking about. During WWII he had been offered a fellowship to study at the University of Wisconsin. Up until then he had never mentioned a word of this to his grandson. Travel in the 1940s wasn't nearly as

expedient as it is today. It took Ikeda's grandfather a full month to get to Wisconsin from the relocation camp in California. Arriving on campus, he made his way up that same steep hill his grandson would come crashing down. He walked briskly through the adminis-

He walked briskly through the administration building doors, triumphantly handed/his fellowship papers to the admitting perison and declared, "I'm here!" Within seconds he was informed that persons of Japanese ancestry could no longer attend the University. He never got his fellowship. "It's ironic," says Ikeda of his

"It's pronic," says lkeda of his grandfather's story. "I'm teaching a Japanese American course where my grandfather was kicked out for being of Japanese ancestry."

After his enlightening conversation with his grandfather, lkeda realized what he had to do. "The story wasn't done," he says. "I could no longer keep out the history of my family and the upheaval of the Japanese Americans in my novel." What the Scarecrow Said is the story of

What the Scarecrow Said is the story of William Hiroshi Fujita's life before, during, and after WWII. "The novel is an individual's story," says Ikeda. "It's about how Fujita responds to the camps, not how Japanese Americans responded to the camps."

Fujita is a Nisei-born and raised in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo. After marrying and having a son he finds success as a nurseryman. The war changes all that. His family is sent to the Gila River Relocation Camp and he loses everything. While in camp his son enlists in the army and is soon killed. Shortly after, his wife passes away, grief-stricken over the death of her son.

Fujita eventually finds himself in Massachusetts where he has been hired as a gardener by two widows, Margaret Kelly and Livvie Tufteller. The prejudice against Japanese Americans is less harsh out East but nevertheless exists. Fujita's presence in the small town causes a stir, and he is at first distant towards his new bosses. But soon, Fujita is able to shed his cold exterior and enter a new phase in his life amidst loving friends.

Ikeda says most people want to know if What the Scarecrow Said is biographical. It isn't, he explains. "It comes out of my family, but it's not a biographical account."

Ikeda is a 30-year-old hapa Yonsei. He was born and raised in Philadelphia where the Japanese community is quite small. The author's only contact with Issei was when the family would go to visit his great-grandparents in Pasadena, Calif. While writing the novel, Ikeda says he became much closer to the Nisei in his family, his grandfather and siblings.

What the Scarecrow Said look six years to complete and involved meticulous re-



## STEWART IKEDA

search. Ikeda made a half dozen trips to Gila River, Arizona, where he sat down and wrote part of his novel. "I went back in the 100-degree heat in August to understand what it meant to be there," explains the author. He also visited a mock barrack of the Japanese internment camps set up at the Smithsonian Institution. Seating himself inside the mock display, he would work on his novel. "I made an empathetic leap to understand their dayto-day experience," asys the author. He explains he was meticulous in his research because he felt a responsibility to be accurate. His accuracy is evident in this short excerpt from What the Scarerow Said, A police officer has stopped Fujita for speeding and chains him to Margaret Kelly's car. A group soon gathers to watch the "Jap." Fujita's thoughts in this scene echo those of thousands of Japanese Americans during and after the war.

"Alone in the greenhouse, or in his room over the garage reading a novel, or hand-washing his work clothes in the sink, he was not conscious of his race, his skin; both depended for definition on other people. In solitude, listening to a ball game or a war report on the radio, he would find himself rooting for the home team and think he felt American. His transformation, or his anesthetization, was so complete that after these years the first coarse remark of each day could take him utterly by surprise, like a man who realizes painfully that a KICK ME sign has been taped to his rump. Yet at times like this-looking out at Quincy market, left for over fifteen minutes now chained to Margaret Kelly's car, the cuffs cutting into his angrily flexing wrists-he did not feel "melted" at all. Here he was the yellow nigger. In Yankee Boston, and in Juggeston, he felt like an impurity, and very, very alone." (pp.156) Ikeda explains that he wanted his

Ikeda explains that he wanted his novel, What the Scarecrow Said, to be both "educational and entertraining. I want to tell a good story". With the success of his first novel Ikeda does just that.

# **Gila River revisited**

### By MASAJI INOSHITA

A fter my discharge from Military Intelligence Service, I settled in Glendale, Ariz., to start a farm and rear a family. For at least 10 years it was all I could do to keep my head above water. Even so, there was always a gnawing urge to see the Gila River Relocation Center. In the mid-fifties my family went on

In the mid-indus my laminy went on a vacation to California and J suddenly decided to make a dash to visit the camp. I arrived at the Butte Camp just as the sun went behind the Sacaton Buttes. I sat on the parapet that once supported the more than 900 carved names of soldiers who left the Gila Camp for the United States military service and looked toward

Block 54 in the fading sunlight. My mind began to recall all the events that brought me and 16,000 ethnic Japanese to Gila River Relocation Center, and tears began to form and flow. Painfully, I recalled the morning the FBI came to pick up my father. As the new head of a house-hold, I manfully tried to carry on as urged by government agencies. With our bank account frozen it wasn't easy, but I persevered because I was convinced that even if alien Japanese were seized, no American-born would he bothered. Even as late as the signing of Executive Order 9066, I still insisted that native citizens would not be moved. But when General DeWitt drew that line from the New Mexico border to Canada, encompassing the majority of ethnic Japanese, and started moving citizens and aliens alike, I finally came to the realization that an ethnic citizen had no guaran-

tee of immunity. By mid-April, 1942, we were interned at the infamous Tulare Assembly Center, and by August, 1942, we were moved by train to the Gila River Relocation Center. I cooked rice in the 51 mess hall. I picked cotton in Casa Grande and, while waiting for the camouflage (plant) to open, I was recruited and volunteered for the Military Intelligence Service Language School in Camp Savage,

Minnesota. Called "dogs" by some internees, 29 of us left Butte and Canal Camps at three in-the morning.

Bitter thoughts like these and others raced through my head and the tears wouldn't stop. Subsequent trips to camp brought more memories, more tears, but I soon noticed that my painful reaction became less each time. Soon I recognized the therapy for what it was.

In time, over the years I escorted visitors to the camp sites. Anyone who inquired about the Internment Center was referred to me. I lectured to individuals, groups, TV stations and historical societies. I soon realized that those who had spent even a small amount of time in camp carried the same burden I once did. Coming to the camp site was therapy. To those who were only curious, there was much to see but no emotional attachment. But to those who had lived in Gin there was a mountain of memories to cry over. The breaking of the emotional dam can be recounted in countless tories.

One story comes to mind as I write this. A classmate of mine from Santa Maria, Calif., came to Butte with her brother from Chicago. She related to me that after she left Gila she married a G.I., and their work took them around the world several times. She said she had little recollection of camp, that she wasn't bitter over the evacuation. She

'Bitter thoughts like these and others raced through my head and the tears wouldn't stop. Subsequent trips to camp brought more memories, more tears, but I soon noticed that my painful reaction became less each time. Soon I recognized the therapy for what it was.' claimed to have put all of it outside her mind, and that she came because her nephew was filming a documentary for NBC the following day.

The three of us walked through various parts of Butte Camp recalling various aspects of camp life. As we climbed toward the Butte Soldiers Memorial, she became increasingly silent, and so did I because I knew what was going to happen. Soon she began to weep.

In mid-March of 1995, Gila River internees gathered for a successful reunion in Phoenix. It was a resounding success. More than a thousand people registered, and it took 26 buses, 10 vans and several cars to move the internees through the Gila River Indian Community, Canal Camp, Butte Camp, and return. During the welcome speech Gov. Mary Thomas of the Gila River Indian Community simply said, "You once lived here a long time ago. Welcome back. Welcome home." Those words alone brought tears to many.

Today there are simple monuments at Canal Camp and the Butte Camp sites, and a photo documentary is located in the Gila River Arts and Crafts Center Museum. Several of us are involved in keeping these projects up to date. We have repaired destruction, we have painted out graffiti, and at the present moment everything is shipshape for all to visit.

Moreover, there is a coming Gila River reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada, scheduled for June 6-7.8, 1997. We wild display a number of museum items which were gathered together by Bud Edgar and the late Charlotte Edgar. The two were devoted to the Canal Camp site because a dear friend of theirs had been interned there and had talked a great deal about her camp life.

Yes, the camp sites create an emotional attachment which keeps alive the memory of that life-shattering evacuation and internment of 110,000 ethnic Japanese. Just maybe, the evacuation story will be more than an asterisk in the history of the United States. n

Masaji Inoshita is a member of the Arizona Chapter, JACL.



### Agenda



FIFTEEN PAST PRESIDENTS-Sacramento JACL Over 400 att celebrated its 65th anniversary, presenting its past chapter presidents with Community Service Medals.

man Robert Matsui (at left), keynote speaker, called for more Asian Americans to be into politics.

# Sacramento, JACL, celebrates 65th anniversary

SACRAMENTO-Two found-SACRAMENTO-100 found-ing members, Elizabeth Kozono Murata and Sumi Ryugo Ashizawa, were honored as 400 attendees celebrated at the Sacramento JACL 65th anniversary dinner at a Chinese restaurant Nov. 16.

The main point of keynoter Rep. Robert T. Matsui's talk was the need for more Asian Americans to become involved in politics. His fear was that when the present crop of senators and congressmen are gone, younger aspirants will

not be in the wings to carry on. Matsui, the '69 chapter president, also urged all Asian Ameri-cans to financially support Asian candidates, irrespective of their district, to assure representation in the political arena

Matsui paid tribute to Assem-blyman Phil Isenberg for his 20 years in public service, as councilman, mayor and assemblyman, calling him "a man of honor and a odel for the congressman.' role m

Political and community leaders delivering greetings included Mayor Joe Serna, County Supervisor Illa Collin, and JACL Na tional Director Herbert Herbert Yamanishi. Offering the prayers were Rinban Kosho Yukawa of Sacramento Betsuin, invocation, and the Rev. Edward Iwamoto of the Japanese United Methodist Church, benediction.

#### 1997 Officers

Regional director Patty Wada installed the 1997 chapter offic-

Dick Fukushima, pres.; Lori Fujimoto, v.p.; Randy Imai, Erin rujimoto, v.p.; kandy imai, Erin Komatsubara, sec.; Ralph Sugimoto, treas.; Debbie Sasamoto, Royce Makishima, scholarship; Mike Sawamura, civil rights; Gary Kikumoto, athletic; Mika Furukawa, newsletter; Suzanne Sasaki, youth rep.; board members—Deanna Bican, Toko Fujii, Tom Fujimoto, George Itogawa, Alan Kobayashi, Priscilla Ouchida, Richard Sawamura, Gerald Takehara.

#### -Notes from Toko Fuili

GIFT — Herbert Yamanishi, second from left, JACL national director, and Patty Wada, NCWNP regional director, receive a \$1,000 check from Sacramento JACL members Lori Fujimoto, JACL national vice president for public affairs, and Toko Fujii. The money, earmarked for program development, was given as a challenge to all other chapters to match the donation.



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House Fellows under Reagan. The UC Irvine Jodaiko taiko group, remarksby JACL National President Helen Kawagoe, instal-lation of officers and door prizes galore highlight the program. A luncheon featuring New York steak and shrimp tempura (\$20 steak and snrinp tempura (>20 adults, \$15 students and \$10 for children 10 and under) will be served. RSVP by Jan. 20 with Pat Kawamoto 310/926-1562 or Todd Hasegawa 714/639-5124. ■

#### San Jose JACL to honor Assemblyman Honda

SAN JOSE Freshman California Assemblyman Mike Honda will be keynote speaker at the San Jose JACL installation dinner on Jose JACL installation dinner on Saturday, **Feb. 8**, at Manhattans Restaurant, 12378 Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd. "Assemblyman Mike will be honored for his many contribu-

tions toward making our commu-nity a better place to live," chapter president Mark Kobayashi said of the teacher who has successfully the teacher who has successfully engaged the political trail, first as city councilman, then county su-pervisor and now assemblyman. At one time, Honda was posed as a possible successor to Rep. Norman Mineta, who had resigned

his post last year. Dinner RSVP, \$28 per person, are being accepted at the San Jose JACL Office, 408/295-1250.

JACL Office, 408/295-1250. Honda's vacancy on the Santa Clara County board of supervi-sors will be filled at a special elec-tion Feb. 4. His nephew Keith Honda, 41, chief of staff for politician Mike for six years, and an-other Nikkei, Rosemary Kamei, member of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board and forme owner-operator of a Morgan Hill nursery, are candidates.

## At 75th, Seattle Chapter reaches out to the future

#### By BOB SHIMABUKURO Special to the Pacific Citizen

Clarence Arai, Yone Arai, Toshiko Fukano, Dr. Robert Higashida, Toshio Hoshide, Bill Hosokawa, Waka Mochizuki, Kenko Nogaki, Takeo Nogaki, Shigeru Ozawa, James Sakamoto, Misao Sakamoto, Cora Uno, Shigeko Uno.

SEATTLE-Do these names mean anything to you? If they do, perhaps you should be at the Se-attle Chapter JACL Diamond An-

niversary celebration, "Our Legacy, Our Future," on Saturday, Jan. 25, in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Seattle.

You can talk about old times reminisce about the early days of JACL, honor some of JACL's founders and meet some of Seattle JACL's important personalities of the last 75 years. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet old friends and to mark a new, exciting era of JACL leadership.

The early-era chapter presidents will be honored at the celebration, which is also the installation banquet for its 1997 board. A slide show capturing the chapter history will pay tribute to JACL, its past and future leaders, as well as acknowledging the sacrifice and skills of many pioneers who made the organization what it is today.

Dale Minami, lead attorney in the coram nobis team which challenged the three WWII Japanese cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, and a director of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, will be keynote speaker. Lori Matsukawa, KING-5 TV (NBC affiliate) anchor will be emcee. Jeff Hattori will be installed as the incoming chapter president. For din-ner tickets at \$50 per, contact Se-attle JACL 206/723-6545. ■

## 'Whispered Silences' closing at Cal State, Sacramento

SACRAMENTO\_"Whispered Silences: Japanese American Detention Camps, 50 Years Later, consisting of 44 contemporary prints taken by Joan Myers in project that began in 1982, is on display at California State University, Sacramento through Jan. 24

Being circulated throughout North America through 1999 by the Smithsonian Institution Trav eling Exhibition Services, the exhibit includes images of crumbling buildings, a grave marker' for a pet, and weather-beaten remains of what were the WRA-administered centers behind barbed-wire.

Text for the exhibit was written Text for the exhibit was written by Gary Okihiro, history profes-sor and director of Asian Ameri-can Studies at Cornell University and is accompanied with first. and is accompanied with firsthand camp recollections. Items from the CSUS Library donated by area Nikkei augment the exhibit

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In conjunction, "An Evening of 99 Remembrance" dinner and pro-gram on Saturday, Jan. 4, featured artist George Takei, legend-ary Broadway star Pat Suzuki, and poet laureate of Oregon Lawson Inada-each having been a child in an internment camp-in a camp-style talent show. :

## More than 200 apply for CLPEF grants

SAN FRANCISCO-The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund announced Jan. 3 that more than announced Jan. 3 that more than 200 applications have been re-ceived for funding of projects to educate the public about the les-sons learned from the incarcera-tion of nearly 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II

CLFEF executive director Dale F. Shimaski estimates the total requests for funding will exceed \$20 million. Now the difficult part comes in determining who should receive funds," board member Leo K. Goto of Denver noted. "It is clear there is genuine interest in educating the American public about an important lesson in our history," board member Kelly Y. Kuwayama of Washington, D.C. added.

The board had established a strict submission deadline of Dec. 13. Teams of highly qualified in-dependent panelists, recruited from around the country, will re-view the applications; their names will mene accounter. Their in will remain anonymous. Their in-put will assist the Board in ren-dering the final decisions, expected in February or March.



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An observer at the first PANA convention in Mexico City in 1981, Fr. Martinez had officiated at the wedding of Alberto Fujimori and Susana Higuchi, was their confes-sor and confidant. [It was he who sor and connant. If was newho informed the *Pacific Citizen* in early 1990 that college professor Fujimori was running for the presi-dency as the Cambio Noventa can-didate. The PC was probably the first U.S. newspaper to report this



fact (3/16) and also about the le known political groups in Peru, that even the State Department had naid little attention to until ori's rising popularity en with a victorious runoff against the world-reknown writer Mario Vargas Llosa.]

Margarita Imano, the Englishspeaking PANA official who pro-moted the 1995 convention, was pictured in the AP photo illustrating the release of women. Imano's trip to the U.S. and Canada in early '95 included a nostalgic stop over in Portland where she had graduated from Reed College and at Boston where she had earned her master's from Boston University. She is director of administration for the Peruvian Central Re-

Angeles TV reporter interviewed AlexNakada of the Peruvian Japanese Association, though his name was misspelled Alex Sagada.

The sketch of the grounds in USA TODAY Dec. 20 doesn't spot the checkpoint entry to the Em-bassy for the public, at the corner of Thomas Edison and Calle Barcelona, while the Los Angeles Times Dec. 10 does crediting c Times Dec. 19 does, crediting a sketch from the newspaper, El

Comercio, its main plant visible from the bleachers of the AELU— The Union Stadium Association, a proud postwar enterprise of the eruvian Japanese community. AELU, widely called "Estadio-

Stadium," sports an Olympic-size pool, gymnasium with ground-level cafeteria, soccer and base oundball fields, tennis, offices, water filtration plant, student dormito-ries and classrooms. For the gateball addicts there are six courts, and an Okinawa-style eat-ery and a room filled with ping pong tables.

While the first reports from Lima were ominous; the hostages were facing death if their demands were not met, etc., but thus far, there has been no bloodshed.

And this seems to be in line with a comment made before Christ-mas by Sister Joanne Doi of Los Angeles, a Sansei Maryknoll nun who has worked for 10 years in Peru with the Aymara Indians in the Puno, Lake Titicaca region. She confided that had the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) broken into the Embassy grounds, there would have been bloodshed. Tupac Amaru exercises are not as vio lent, she explained.

Less brutal or fanatic, Peruvian economist Richard Webb added "The Shining Path would never have freed the women." Webb said

For Christmas, the captives enjoyed a roast turkey lunch, a gift from President Fujimori, who

Japanese Phototypesetting

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had dispatched his palace chefs and waiters to deliver the food to the residence with "acting" First Lady—his eldest daughter— Keiko Sofia, 21, supervising the delivery. A week earlier, a Reuters re-

porter in Lima described Keiko as an unpretentious and hard work ing young woman [who] still cuts a pop-star figure in her black, flow-ing suit." She is adamant that she will leave politics once her father gives up the presidency. "Her aver-sion stems from a conviction that it was self-interested politicians who provoked her parent's [sepa-ration and] divorce," the reporter remarked

Most of the year Keiko studies business administration at Boston University. Back home she keeps a low profile. She told the reporter, "We are in Peru, and reporter, "We are in Peru, and Peru needs a lot of help. I see a lot Peru needs a lot of neip. I see a lot of children smiling but not all of them. I'd like to see them all happy." Half of the 24 million in Peru live in poverty. ■

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Oscar Fukuda Fukuda, associate, Su-Oscar Fukuda Fukuda, associate, Su-er Nikkei (a new supermarket in Lima); Jisamu Goya, Peru Shimpo editor; Jorge Hasegawa, APJP director; Horacio Hishikawa Yoshiktata; Manuel Higa, Spanish section editor, rensa Nikkei (the other Spanish section ditte of Deriv Shimpo, and congting rays

editor, of Peru Shimpo, and onetime professional bullfighter Ricardo Higa did

not attend the party as he has been in Spain for a year Pedro Higa, Prensa Nikkei editor; Jose Honma, 65, Yamagata Kenjin

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director Tamashiro); Augusto Ikemiyashiro, APJP direc-

tor; William Inafuku, Center for Advanced Nikkei Studies

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Mamoru Kawamoto, APJP consult-ant, Nikkei Cultural Foundation presi-

Manual Kawashita, APJP consultant (he was the first Nisei elected to a na-tional seat in the '70s for Peru's constitutional convention)

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Julio Kuroiwa, protessor, Engineer-ing University; Victor Makino Tanaka, president, San Francisco Committee; Gerardo Maruy Takayama, president, Japanese Immigration to Peru Centen-

Commission (perennial emcee at PANA karaoke championships); Francisco Matsuda, 65, Kagawa Kenjinkai president; Carlos Monioka Nakada, AELU (The

Union Stadium Association) president; Cesar Morisaki Taira, APJP cultural Partment treasu Yasuke Muraka

Yasuke Murakami; Jorge Nakachi, APJP director; Guillermo Nakada (brother of Alex Nakada, 20-year U.S. resident and ac-tive with the So. Calif. Peruvian Nikkei

mmunity); Victor Nishio, director, Institute of Victor Nishio, director, Institute of Fishing Technology; Hideo Nozaki, Super Nikkei adviser; Safoshi Omoto; Carlos Runcie Tanaka (well-known Peruvian artist); Luiš Saito Araki, APJP social welfare director: Fich

director; Luis Sakoda Shinyashiki, president,

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rentino Tabata Uchino, APJP vice

president; Rev. Yoshimoto Taguchi, 57, mission-

Miguel Takahashi Shimizu, APJP press director; Guillermo Takano Sato, Fukushima

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esident; Augusto Watanabe; Luis Watanabe Matsuura, 52, direc-

Luis Watanabe Matsuura, 52, direc-tor, Museo de la Nacion; Gerardo Yamakawa, onetime head of the National Police of Peru, coissultant to several Japanese firms in Peru (and brother of Luis, co-founder of the Latin America JACL and PANA-USA); Dr. Victor Yamamoto Miyakawa, 54, chief medical director of APJP Policinic, minister of health during Fujimori's first

term (his face appears through a window grill in an AP photo taken during the first day of being held hostage).

#### The remaining Nikkei hostages in

#### Lima

On the United Press International list of 83 hostages remaining at the residence of Japanese Ambassador Morihisa Aoki were the fol-lowing Peruvians of Japanese an-cestry, as of Dec. 30 as they began their 14th day:

Carlos Kamiya, secretary general of the Presidency. Carlos Tsuboyama, vice minister of the

Presidency. Rodolfo Matsuda, vice minister of

- Agriculture. erto Yamamoto, president, National Alt Institute of Development. Col. Marco Enrique Miyashiro, National Police (one of 16 members:
- National Police (one of 16 members: six generals, seven colonels, one commandant, one major, one aide.) Samuel Matsuda, Peruvian legislator. (Also listed is his colleague: Luis Chang Ching). \* Ernesto Suchicane (Tsuchikame); Peruvian entrepreneur. Pedro Fujimori, brother of the ~President.

President. Pedro Aritomi, brother-in-law of the

- President. Miguel Takahashi, consultant, Pescaperi Co. José Kamiya, representing Sistemas Sukiyaki Co. José Kosei Ishiki, accountant, Cogorno

Co. \* Tokeshi Gusukura, architect. [The Dec. 23 list shows \*Juan Tokeshi Gusukuda\* among those released.]. \* Their names also appear in the list of Nikkei released the night of Dec. 23. III

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cannot hope to win because of its small and diffuse numbers and lack of sufficient money. The bottom line is that partici-

pation in adversarial confrontation and conflict-which is the current mode of American political actioncannot succeed in the long run. It is a truism that cooperation through mutual understanding is the only long-term solution to societal problems

And though it may reflect unrealistic idealism. I would propose that the JACL refocus its collective conscience on its motto, "Better Americans in a Greater America, and give it true meaning by constructively pursuing civil rights for all Americans by— (1) Carefully delineating the rel-

evant issues in those civil rights matters that JACL's leadership decides want JACL's attention, and providing critical and unbiased analyses of those issues.

(2) Letting the members decide their personal positions on the relevant issues and the National leadership not impose an organizational position with respect to such issues without clear indication that such position is fully supported by the Japanese American commu-nity as a whole or in the area affected

(3) Resolving differences or conflicts with others through consultation and dialogue, not through confrontational diatribes.

(4) Studiously avoiding the use of empty rhetoric, pejorative, stereotypical characterizations, defamatory accusations, false logic or illogic, and similar propagan-distic semantics in public and private pronouncements and communications

Essentially, what I propose is that JACL's goal ought to be re-establish itself as an organization of Japanese Americans which is consistently credible, dependable, correct and worthy of emulation to all other ethnic and civil rights organizations. JACL should set the standard, not be merely a lap dog for other organizations of various stripes

Civil rights is a legitimate concern for all Americans and thus for all Japanese Americans. 🔳

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### The small cities and towns, un otherwise noted, are all in Californ

Amano, Henry, 76, Englewood, Colo., Oct. 7; Denver-born 442nd (Co. K), Korean War vet.

Warvet. Arakawe, Archbishop Yohaku, 91, Springfield, Ve., Aug. 3; Aichi-borm Nichiren Buddhigt. missionary since. 1930 in Vancouver, B.C., Portland, Ore., founded temples in Chicago, Toronto, was interned uning WWII at Minidoka; area resident

since 1988. Bitow, Nobufusa, 77, Spokane, May 18; Portland-born Seattle resident, 442nd

18; Portland-born Seattle resident, 442nd veteran. Deirlik, Herr, 107, Secramento, Jan. 8; Hiroshima-born, Jerewar Pennyn resident from 1920, among the Issei pioneers hon-ored at the first Redress celebration in Washington, D.C. Ebihara, Henry H., 75, Willmette, III, July 1; Clovis, N.M.-born social worker in Chicago for almost 40 years, ClC veteran in Occupied Japan, Tanforan-Topaz in-temea and wartime Cleveland resident. Egden-born WWII 100th Int. Bn, Korean Control VIII 100th Int. Bn, Korean Control VIII 100th Int. Bn, Korean Control VIII 100th Int. Bn, Korean

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of America. Furukawa, Sally, 73; Rockville, Md., April 5; Sacramento-born, lifelong 1000 Club and JACL member with Dakland and Washington DC chapters, administrative assistant at National Oceanic and Atmo-spheric Administration.

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First UMC. Harada, Jack Toshiyuki, Concord, Feb. 11; postwar Gardena resident, 34-year service with Department of Defense, ac-tive Shrine member in Yokosuka Naval, South Pasadena lodges, Al Malaikah Toomolo

graduated from UCLA, advocate for the deaf community. Honda, Ben, 70, San Diego, Dec. 24/ 95: San Diego-born community leader, Joseph Jibbu, 77, Los Angeles, Aug. 28; Coluss-born 46-yearyouth worker at AII People's Christian Center. Igasaki, 17, Masse, 70, 75 an Diego, Feb. 20; Los Angeles-born graduate of Univ. of Chicago and Northwestern, long career with Peoples Energy Com, Chi-cano.

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Dec. 4095; San Frandso-Aom Physician, nternal medicine specialist at Kaiser Hos-stal. Los Angeles, for20 years after gradu-ating from UCLA Medical School Ishida, Archibeihop Nitten, 95, San Francisco, April 23 of Parkinson's disease, finositima-born Nichinen Buddhat Temple audigrapher who Laught for over 60 years. Ishida, Takuwih, 70, Pasadema, Sept. /95; Reedley-born 442nd veteran. 1/95; R



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JACL pres. '60. Nitta, Mitsuo, 76, Santa Ana, Nov. 16/ 96; prewar Cal Aggies football letterman, 442nd veteran, 9-year trustee of UC Davis Foundation Board, lifelong farmer with his late father Shosuke, late brothers Minoru and Hitr

Nitta, Warren, 73, Stockton, Aug. 25; Sanger-born MIS veteran. Noguchi, Moriaki 'Mo,' 70, San Rafael,

Dec. 3 while visiting Southern California; San Francisco-born Poston internee, 442nd founder

San Francisco-bom Poston internee, 442nd veteran, Bay Area JA community leader, founder of Marin County JACL '75. Oda, Kazuo, 71, Upland, Oct. 11; Up-Iand-bom 100 Inf. veteran, Chaffey Union School Distinct employee of 30 years. Oda, Paul K., 83, San Diego, June 10; Hawaii-bom elder at Union Church, Los Anneles

Hawaii-born elder at Union Church, Low Angeles. Ogasawara, Kikue, 98, Seattle, Feb. 3; Seattle, Japanese School teacher 27-42. Ogawa, Herbert, Dallas, Texas, Dec. 19 of cancer; Seattle-born, retired Bantam Books regional sales manager, *PC corres-spondent covering Texas for 20 years.* Ogawa, Joseph M., 70, Davis, Ján. 20; expert on the causes and control of fungal diseases of fruit and nut trees, Sanger-born retired professor of jaint pathology at UC, Davis, 1954-1991. Ohki, Edwin, 72, Santa Ress, Oct. 23; Ohki, Edwin, 72, Santa Ress, Oct. 23;

UC, Davis, 1954-1991. Ohki, Edwin, 73, Santa Rosa, Oct. 23; 442nd veteran, Sonoma County JACL president 35, 67. Oji, Arthur N., 72, Yuba City, Oct. 22/ 95; Sacramento-born Marysville JACL

95; Sacramento-born Marysville JACL president '05; Okada, Norfiski, Omaha, Fab. 27; Okada, Norfiski, Omaha, Fab. 27; Norfield, Santasi, Schultz, Sacrassi, S

ears in Hayward). oka, Marie (Horiuchi), 66; Seattle,

July 18, Seattle-born and longtime Central Washington University socretary to cam pos police chief. Ot Vashon, Wash-born prired circuit court Otage, Harmer, retired Isen Produce war-Valley Ismare, retired Isen Produce war-tawa, Will Kel, 77, Rancho Palos

Ouchi, Rev. Sadamaro, 72, Seattle May 4; retired priest, Buddhist Churches of America.

Of America. Peck, Tsuneko "Yumi" Sato, 66, Las Vegas, Feb. 4; Tokyo-born, mentor of Las Vegas JACL Taiko Drummers. Ryono, Yukizo, 100, San Pedro, Nov. 28; Wakayama-born naturalized U.S. citi-zen, Terminal Island pioneer.

GEORGE SAKAGUCHI

guchi, George, 76, St. Louis, Mo., JACL Midwest District governor St. Louis chapter president '75, Air

Sekaguchi, George, 76, St. Louis, Mo., May 28; JACL Midwest District governor 34'-85, St. Louis chapter president 75, Air-Force it... col. retired, cartographer with Defense Mapping Service. Sakaguchi, June K., 75, Arxada, Colo., Feb. 5; Shoone, Idahobotin nurse. Fremont, Jan 23: carser postwar Army Air Force officer, Honoldui-bom pre-MIS Sape-cialist who with Arthur Kamori was enlisted by the U.S. Army intelligence for under-cover work from May 1941 in the Philip-pines, captured after the fall of Bataan, tortured by the Imperial Japanese forces, escaped and relayed information to Gen-eral MacArthur during WWII—a personal saga that was unfolded in 1991. Sankey, LL Col, George K. (Keul-), 76, North Holfywood, Sept 2495, Kaual-bom WWII MIS veteran, Language aide to Chlotubel Otmawan Konjinka pres. Sato, George Keiji, 73, Seattie, Feb. 10; Seattie-bom, 442nd-62. H veteran-volunteer rirom Mindoka, Tsubota Steel accountant-credit manager, NVC com-mander: Sekiguchi, Edgar Y., 93, Lös Angeles.

mander. Sekiguchi, Edgar Y., 93, Los Angeles, June 17; Tokyo-born prewar AP journalist, postwar-real estate developer and hotel

postwar real estate developer and hoter operator. Shibata, Shimako, 88, El Cerrito, Dec. 2695; Dabutsu Ari Studio proprietor. Shimatsu, Masato Gene, 77, San Di-ego, March 25, San Gabriel-born, South-west LA. JACL president '63-'65), aircraft machinist of 30 years with Northury, Gen-eral Dynamics, Rohr Aircraft. Shimizu, Kelko, 76, Saratoga, July 2: Oakland-born cookbook author since 1971 (Sushi al Home, Tsukemon 68), Chinese. and Japanese cuisine teacher. Shirasewa, Hedo, 84, Berkeiey, July 9; San Francisco-born graduate di UC School of Pharmacy.

IFrancisus Marmady, Shiroishi, Rev. Gerald G., 81, Los An-as, May14; Garden Grove-born rever-emeritus of Gedatsu Church, South

San Gabriel Sowers, Margaret Cosgrave, Santa Cruz, April 22, registrar at Fresno State in 1942, assisted Nationiji Japanese Ameri-can Student Relocation Council at San Francisco and Philadelphia during WWII. Sunahara, James G. 63, Los Angeles, Feb. 7; Sacramento-born 442nd; Co. L veleran

Suyama, Noboru, 72, Seattle, Dec. 23/ 95; NVC life member, City Produce Co.

SS; NVC life member, City Produce Co. owner. Tegawa, Albert T., S5, Brighton, Colo,, Nov. 27/95; Gridley, Calif-born nursery owner, Denver judo instructor. Tekaki, Erneet H., 85, Pleasanton, April 25; Alxiso-born UC Berkeley graduate phar-macist in Delano until retirement. Tekamatsu, Teoru, 77, Denver, March 15; Taocma-born ranking judoist, 8th dan, tounding member of Denver Judo. Tekeda, Rev. Shiro, 76, Gardena, May 4; Sati Lake City-born Konko Churchprest. Tamura, Keorge, 73, Caldwell, Idaho, Feb. 18; Woodrow, Utah-born onionfarmer, Mt. Olympus JACL president 57, National JACL Credit Union board member, area representative to National Onion Assan. Tamura, Katsuchlika;101, Marina, Jan. 12; Toky-oborn, UC, Berkeley, graduate

Tamura, Katsuchika;101, Marina, Jan. 12; Tokyo-bom, UC, Berkeley, graduate '35, owner of Swiss Cleaners, Oakland. Tanaka, Chester, 76, Kaneohe, Ha-waii, Dec.2595; St. Louis,400-bom 442md veteran, retired art director, author of *Go For Broke*, oc-Jounder of what becare the National Japanese American Historical Society.

naka, Nobuo, 47, Torrance,

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Tenteka, Nobuo, 47, Torranos, Aug. 13, Yamaguch-tom, survived by wile Junko. Tenaka, Yesuo C., 77, South Pasa-dena, Nov. 2096; first registered Nisei stock broker in U.S. in 46, spearheaded Union Church of Los Angeles fundraising campaign, coordinated AMEX Club and served on local arbitration committee for National Assn. of Securities Dealers. Tashima, Yuri, 76, Los Angeles, Aug. 17; Pocatello, Idaho, born prewar Seattle resident, refused entry with live fellow stu-dents by Idaho State University in 1942 due to local amit-spannees hysteria in Mos-cow, Idaho; incident is described in Carey McWilliam's book, Prejudice, as The Re-treat from Moscow, Washington State

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WWII MIS instructor. Tawa, WIII Kei, 77, Rancho Palos Verdes, April 25 in Nogales, Artz. Los Angeles-bom WWII vet, produce shipper in Utah, Los Angeles and Artzonae. Tomita, Masakatsu, 47, Tigard, Ore, July 7 of hyphoma; Japan-bom Selico-Epson America printermanufacturing plant to Hillsboro, founded the Friends of Ranald MacDonald (mountents arected at Astonic

to Hillsboro, tour led une related of a later MacDonald (monuments eracted at Astoria, and Japan) and active with JACL-Wash-ington: State Centennial project at Fort

Togami, Art, 77, Las Lunas, N.M., Dec. 3/96; New Mexico JACL pres. '52, lifelong

Tamer. Torizawa, Frank O., 83, Denver, Dec. 15/95; owner of Granada Fish Co., pasi president Colorado Nihonjin Kai. Tsujimoto, John Mitsuo, 72, Palo Anto. June 30; Rumsey-born, 442nd veteran, Littofi Industries employee of 34 years in San Cartos.

Litton Industries employee of 34 years in San Carlos. Ushiyama, George, 78, Rocky Ford, Colo., March 1; Rocky Ford-born tarmer, WWII veteran, Arkansas Valley JACL pres., 56, 67, 785-93; Eliks member, keyman for

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DEATHNOTICE

Koshare Indian Dancers. Uyematsu, Kaley, 79, Caldwell, Idaho, Dec. 1995; Caldwell-ber, graduate of UC, Berkeley and Columbia's School of Library Science, librarian with New York City Li-brary, Oakland, Calif., and children's il-branan from 1968 at Caldwell until her mitirement.

White, Joan Takako, 70, Laguna Hilis, Oct. 5; Yamaguchi-born Kashu Mainichi

White, Joan Takako, 70, Laguna Hilis, Oct. 5; Yamaguchi-bom Kashu Manichi Yagi, Steve Kaoru, 77, West Los Ange-les, May 4; Fiorin-bom WWII MIS veteran. West LA. JACL president 75, 762. Yamaguchi, Dr. Yoshio, 70, Saratoga, Jan. 16; Hawai-bom marine biologist and dental surgion, instructor at UCLA School of Dentisty, Los Angeles. Yamamoto, Rey, 82, Yaérina, Dac. 11/ of Dentisty, Los Angeles. Yamamoto, Rey, 82, Yaérina, Dac. 11/ veter, Stantord graduate 38. Nameri, Louise Kahoru, 76, Los Ange-es, March 22; Los Angeles-bom member of the first Heishikan class. In Tokyo in 1940, when liness forced her home. Yokota, Hatsumi K, 81, Sacramento, Sept. 26; Stockon-bom JACLer, 65-year Loomis resident. Yonekura, Tom M., 73, Chula Vista, Jondon Joneyer. Yoshino, John Y, 86, Kensigton, Md, Dec. 13 of sepsis: retired civil rights man-gent, Roka Highway Administration, MIS Veteran, Washington DC chapter presi-dent 80-61.

GEORGE TAKI CHICAGO, IL—George Taki, 80, passed away on Dec. 10 of pancre-atic cancer. A Bellingham, Wash-

atic cancer/A Bellingham, Wash, bom Univ. of Washington gliaduate who worked his way prewar through neyworkers and alongtime JACLer, he established the Chicago office for Japan's electronic industry. He is survived by wife Mari (nee Kiluchi): daughter Son Maree, sons Dennis (Melissa), Richard, WilliamJr. (Judy), and 4 oc. Enal tites were beld on

and 4 gc. Final rites were held on Dec. 16 at the Chicago Buddhist Temple; burial followed at Graceland

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#### JOHN Y. YOSHINO

KENSINGTON, Md.—John Yutaka Yoshino, 86, died of sepsis Dec: 13 at Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring. A native of Alameda, Calif., an MIS volunteer from To-paz internment camp in 1943 who served in the Pacific Theater, he had lived in the Washington, D.C. area for 40 years. After graduating from Roosevelt

University, Chicago, in 1948, and with a master's degree in social and industrial relations from Loyola University (Chicago) in 1953, his professional life began as a case worker for Cook County, III., and as a community relations specialist for the American Friends Service Committee, opening up job opportunities for mi-norities with major Chicago em-ployers and major banks.

ployers and major banks. He was recruited in 1956 by the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity as a civil rights specialist. In the 1960s, John worked on a White House Task Force charged

with desegregating places of pub-lic accommodation in Maryland along U.S. 40, the highway being used by African diplomats travel-ing between Washington and the United Nations in New York City. He was among JACLers who

### In memoriam Tad Masaoka, 72, HUD official

SAN MATEO—Tad Tadashi Masaoka died Dec. 15 at age 72, at home without suffering. He had a weak heart, having sustained an attack seven years ago, according

attack seven years ago, according to the family, and was diabetic. A 442nd Purple Heart veteran in Italy, he graduated from UC, Berkeley, in 1949, moved to Wash-ington, D.C., to work with his brother Mike and the JACL on to California in 1960, he worked with the West Coast office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development until his re-tirement in 1988. He was a man-ager, in HUD's Fair Housing, Model Cities and Environmental Units.

He served on the San Mater County grand jury, the College of San Mateo reorganization com-San Mateo reorganization com-mittee, and was a candidate.for the San Mateo Community Col-lege Board, losing by a narrow margin in 1980. A dedicated community volun-ter because formunity volun-

teer, he was a frequent speaker on his experiences in the 442nd and Japanese American internment during WWII. He was on the local

during WWII. He was on the local JACL board, Youth and Family Assistance. The Salt Lake City native is survived by his wife Sachi, chil-dren Jan, Mark and Miya, five grandchildren, and sister Kiyoko "Koke" Ito. Preceding in death were brothers Joe Grant, Hank, Mike, Akira, and sister Shinko Nakano.

Final rites were held at Sturge Presbyterian Church on Dec. 20. Presbyterian Church on Dec. 20. Memorials may be sent to the National Japanese American Me-morial Foundation, 2445 M St. NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20037. ■

participated in the 1965 March on Washington led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In the 1970s, he was a Labor Department EEO specialist for the Contract Compliance Division before transferring to the Depart-ment of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration as an EEO program manager and was in charge of the External Youth in charge of the External Youth Opportunity Program until his re-tirement in 1984. In 1981, he retirement in 1984. In 1901, he re-ceived FHA's Superior Achieve-ment Award for "outstandinglead-ership in civil rights and equal employment opportunity and pro-motion of the External Youth Op-

motion of the External Youth Op-portunity Program." His leadership in JACL began in 1943 when he represented the JACL unit from Topaz. He served two terms as Washington, D.C., chapter president in 1960-61, EDC governor '61-62, was awarded the JACL Nisei of the Biennum Silver Medallion, Sapphire Pin, and was a perennial 1000 Club member from the early 1950s. His son Wayne was WDC chapter presi-dent in 1982.

dent in 1982. Eldest son of Yoshimatsu and Mitsue Yoshino's ten children and a staunch Methodist, he is sur-vived by his wife of 52 years, Mary Louise Kikuye (Seo), son Wayne of Silver Spring, brothers Joseph and Deul ord aint ors New Havnohi and Paul and sisters Sue Hayashi and Aiko Yamamoto, all of the San Francisco Bay area. His late sister, Ruby Yoshino

His late sister, Kuby Yoshino Scharr [1913-1987], is the JACL activist who has received two JACL Ruby Pins, one for her war-time volum-teerism for National and the other for her postwar community service record.

### VERY TRULY (Continued from page 14)

#2807 / Sept. 6-19-"In order to increase membership and iden tify what is going to make JACL attractive, it will be my charge to find the answer to the question that everyone asks, which is, What's in it for me?"-Helen Kawagoe. Notably, the bottom line

#2808 / Sept. 20-Oct. 3-"Internment was a grievous act of war where many people of Japanese descent had to gather up what was left of their lives and move on. Their dreams did not bow to the past."-Jessica Deardorff, 18. A sharp observation from her win ning speech at the National JACL oratorical contest.

#2809 / Oct. 4-17-Headline: Asian Indian wins \$1 million in bias lawsuit - Washington Post. Would you believe this occurred at

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#2810/Oct. 18-31-The Novato (Calif.) city council unanimously approved the Hate Crime Preven-tion Plan presented at its Sept. 24 meeting by Dennis Sato, chair of the Multicultural Oversight Com mittee.-Marin County JACL. This committee was established after a Chinese American was stabbed at a shopping mall by a man who told police he had set out "to go kill me a Chinaman."

#2811/Nov. 1-14-"And that is precisely what the racially aggrieved or the politically correct are perpetrating when they pro-mote the slander that the United

States ran concentration camps during World War II."-Richard Estrada. It's certainly not the last time this flap will resurface.

#2812/Nov. 15-Dec. 19-Front page headline: New board stead-ies eve on JACL's fiscal integrity -Pacific Citizen. An issue t to keep track on actions of the Na-tional Board.

#2813 / Dec. 20 (Holiday Issue)-"Could it be that 'many' Asian Americans in addition to John Huang have virtually free entry to the White House and the Oval Office?"-Bill Hosokawa. The aftermath of this story is churning.



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