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CLPEF allocates \$2.7 million in grants

P.C. Staff Report

SAN FRANCISCO—The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) board announced its initial 100 recipients of its grant program March 5, allocating \$2.7 million. In addition, the board is planning to develop this spring and sponsor a curriculum project initiative encompassing teacher training, curriculum guides and other education resources.

In Washington, Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), a major author of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, applauded the numerous awards, explaining "these projects represent the second of two main parts to the redress legislation—the education of future generations to ensure that the violations endured by Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II will never be repeated."

Congratulating both the CLPEF board and the awardees for their hard work and dedication, Matsui

added, "The true essence of this legislation is now being realized through these projects."

CLPEF Board chair Dale Minami, San Francisco, commented, "We are sorry that we could not fund all the projects. We would have liked to have given more, but because of limited funds and because this may be the only grant program that the Fund will have, the Board decided to distribute the funds as widely as possible."

"Once we agreed to rely on the professional judgment and expertise of the raters, we would accord their opinions great weight in allocating our limited resources," Minami explained. A panel of 45 people spent a half year to review thousands of applications, according to the *Rafu Shimpo*.

Vice chair Susan Hayase, San Jose, called the day "a proud moment in history... We have 100 different projects (to) teach the lessons learned from the incarceration

of Japanese Americans during World War II. They will serve as models for the future and establish a lasting legacy to assure that events such as (the Evacuation and wartime concentration camps) never happen again."

Describing the prominent characteristics of the 100 projects,

CLPEF Executive Director Dale Shimazaki noted its diversity in that projects are located in 20 different states and the District of Columbia. Seven different subject areas are covered: curriculum, landmarks & exhibits, community development, arts & media, research projects, national fellow-

ships, and research resources. Funding ranges from \$2,000 to \$100,000.

Projects will reach academic scholars, those viewing exhibits and monuments, law students, community activists, students in public schools and colleges, those

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Permanent residents rush to become citizens

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Assistant editor

Iseei Sasami Maeda is 90 years old. And for the first time since arriving in the United States in 1924, she is applying to become an American citizen.

Maeda was one of the more than 70 people who attended a citizenship workshop at the Venice Japanese Community Center on March 1, the second in a series organized by the JACL Pacific Southwest office and Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC). Sponsored by the Venice-Culver and West Los Angeles JACL chapters, approximately 20 volunteers answered questions and filled out forms for the capacity crowd.

As federal welfare reform laws take effect, elderly, disabled, and needy legal immigrants in the Japanese community have begun to receive notices that benefits will be cut in August of this year if they do not obtain U.S. citizenship. Their concerned inquiries prompted JACL and LTSC to set up the citizenship workshops.

"Ureshiii (I'm happy)," expressed Maeda of her decision to apply for U.S. citizenship. Sitting across from her son, Arnold Maeda, a member of the West L.A. JACL chapter, she smiled as he helped fill out her citizenship application forms. "Demo, samishii oimode ga shimasu (But I also have sad memories)," she said, when she thinks

about giving up her Japanese citizenship.

Maeda is from Kochi, Japan. She's lived in the U.S. for over 70 years and has raised two grown children. Before World War II she and her husband ran a retail/wholesale nursery, but lost everything once the family was interned at Manzanar. After the war, she continued to work for a neighborhood company for 17 years.

Thanks to the workshop, "it's easier for her to get citizenship now," explained her son. "It's never been easy to get; she felt uncomfortable and she doesn't understand English." Maeda is a diabetic and walks with the aid of a cane, but with her son's help she was finally able to take the first steps towards becoming a U.S. citizen.

Chiyeko Kawaguchi, 84, is a legal immigrant who feels more American than Japanese; she was born in the U.S. and lived in Japan for only 6 years of her life, from age 12 to 18—but there's no record of her birth, an oversight on her father's part. She attended the workshop with her daughter, Nancy Hamada, an American citizen, and her son-in-law, Tak Hamada, who's also applying for his U.S. citizenship.

"Mendôdesu-yo (It's a nuisance)," declared Kawaguchi, who's lived and worked in the U.S. for most of

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GENEROUS SUPPORTERS—Sakaye and George Aratani (center couple) pledge \$100,000 towards building of the Japanese American WWII Veterans Monument in Little Tokyo, kicking off the Go For Broke '97 fund-raising campaign to raise \$2.5 million. In the shadows are veterans of the 100th-442nd-MIS.

Generous donation launches 'Go For Broke'

GARDENA—Prominent supporters of many organizations in the Japanese American community, Sakaye and George Aratani of Hollywood have pledged \$100,000 towards the Japanese American WWII Veterans Monument to be built in Little Tokyo, it was announced March 10 by 100/442/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation chair Col. Young Oak Kim (ret).

"We were surprised and most deeply honored by their generous donation," Kim of the 100th Battalion said. "Their support has lifted the spirits of our community volunteers who, over the past seven years, have given over 57,000 hours of volunteer service."

"Having just started our fund-raising campaign in January, we are more than ever confident that we will achieve the \$2.5 million needed to initiate our ground breaking plan set for the spring of 1998."

The Aratani said, "We've always believed in the value of the

veterans' monument in Los Angeles and after reviewing recent literature from the foundation, we felt compelled to make an immediate commitment."

"The fact that it is located on the public walkway between City Hall and Central Avenue and that it is free to the public, broadens the exposure of the civil liberties violation of Japanese Americans during WW II. It also gives an explanation as to how Japanese Americans overcame tremendous racial prejudices. This is our story that needs to be told over and over." ■

Filipino American tops Japanese American in race for mayor

CARSON, Calif.—Mayor Pro Tem Peter Fajardo, 54, who almost dropped out of contention over lack of campaign funds, was finally sworn in on March 11 as mayor, topping Mayor Michael Mitoma, in the city elections. The morning after the March 4 election, the tally showed a 28-vote margin for the Filipino American.

City Clerk Helen Kawagoe took the untallied absentee ballots to the county voters' registration office to verify the address and signatures in order to tally them. The final 719 ballots put Fajardo ahead by 155 votes. Upon being sworn into office by Judge Mel Recaña, Fajardo said, "The healing process should start here and now. Let us... make Carson a better place for all us."

Mitoma, before turning over the gavel, thanked his campaign workers and promised to stay involved in city affairs.

Noel Castorillo, editor of the Asian American weekly, L.A. Free Press, called the victory a sign that Filipino Americans ("Pinoy") can unite, putting to rest a local belief that Filipinos cannot unite.

Mitoma garnered 3,867 votes (34 percent) to challenger Pete Fajardo's 4,022 ballots (35.3 percent). ■



Mike Mitoma

Hawaii self-determination debate heats up over money

HONOLULU—Debate over Hawaii sovereignty heated as state lawmakers were studying a bill in mid-February seeking additional funds to carry out last fall's mandate of the Native Hawaiian vote on sovereignty. The cost could be \$8 million, more or less, per year for the biennium.

But who ultimately defines the path of Hawaiian self-determination? Senator Dan Inouye says, the U.S. Congress. "Any sort of sovereignty status would have to be recognized by the Congress," he said, from his D.C. office to Greg Barrett of the *Honolulu Advertiser*. "Otherwise it would just be on paper."

Referring to the congressionally approved models of sovereignty, Inouye said Native Americans have tribal lands throughout the Mainland and Alaska as "domestic dependent nations." An independent Hawaii nation free to engage in alliances with foreign governments, as some sovereignty activists propose, would not likely be supported, he added.

"I cannot envision any Congress approving an act that would propose the seceding of a segment of the state of Hawaii or the state of Hawaii from the Union," Inouye said. "We had a civil war over that. I think that was very clearly articulated with blood."

The bill before the state legis-

lature says nothing about superseding the Constitution, which forbids states from entering into foreign policy. According to Allen Hoe, president of Ha Hawaii, which would raise one-third of the multi-million-dollar expense to elect delegates and convene a convention, the Hawaiians would take the issue before the internal community and bypass the Congress.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) would pay another third and the state taxpayers would pay the rest.

Ha Hawaii, an offshoot of the Hawaiian Sovereignty Elections Council which facilitated last fall's Native Hawaiian Vote, also has responsibility for finding a consensus on a model of sovereignty for the estimated 200,000 Hawaiians in the state, less than 20% of Hawaii's population.

An extreme model would cede approximately 1.8 million acres (about 43% of Hawaii's landmass taken from the Hawaiian crown during the 1893 overthrow and held in trust by the state) and establish dual U.S.-Hawaiian citizenship.

"Without land, we will have a hollow nation, a paper nation," Kin'au Kamali', former OHA trustee, argues.

Last July Circuit Judge Daniel Heely held the state owes OHA

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SASAMI MAEDA from West Los Angeles is surrounded by (from left) Alice Ishigame, Al Muratsuchi, and her son, Arnold Maeda.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL
Sat. April 5—EDC Quarterly Session, 10
a.m., Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, 2nd and
Walnut Sts.; Host: Philadelphia JACL; info:
Gracye Ueyehara, 609/654-3685.
PHILADELPHIA
Sat. April 5—Phila. JACL 50th anniversary
Installation dinner, 6 p.m. Happy hour &
exhibit, 7 p.m. dinner, Sheraton Society Hill
Hotel, 2nd and Walnut Sts., 215/238-
6000; info: G. Ueyehara 609/654-3685.
NOTE—Speakers: Rev. Chaka Farrah,
keynote, "Internal Law Justice," and Helen
Kawagoe, "JACL Today."

Midwest
HOUSTEER
Sat. May 10—Asian-Pacific Rim Heritage
Month program, 7 p.m., Franklin College,
info: Stewart Matsumoto 317/880-8505.
NOTE—Charles Wadell Ikeda, speaker and
author of "What the Scarecrow Says."

TWIN CITIES
Sat. April 5—Twin Cities "JACL's 50th
Anniversary celebration, 4:30p.m., Holiday
Inn West, 9970 Wayzata Blvd., St. Louis
Park; RSVP March 24, \$25 per person,
mixed-media presentation of personal
histories of Minnesotans interested during
WWII; info: Kathy O. Koch, 612/884-1560;

COMMUNITY
JACL Calendar

performers from Japan on April 18; Sunday
Grand parade route: 1 p.m., Civic Center,
San Francisco; NOTE—Celebrating 30 years of
S.F.-Osaka Sister City ties; Exhibits,
demonstrations, food, kids' activities, concerts,
most events free.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Through April 6—Taiwan Treasures,
National Gallery of Art. NOTE—Sponsored
by EA Airways.
Wed. May 3—3rd annual gala CAPACI
dinner, Washington Hilton Hotel; info: 202/
289-0367, fax 889-0434.
Thu-Fri, May 2-4—CAPACI Legislative
conference and briefings; info: 202-
2890367.

Midwest
TWIN CITIES
Tue. May 14—Festival of Nations, St. Paul
Civic Center; NOTE—Help needed for JACL
bazaar and demonstration booth, contact
Chazra Tatsuada, 612/724-7264.

The Rockies
DENVER
Tue. May 6—Asian-Pacific Women's
Network of Colorado "Silk Wings" awards
lunchon, St. Cajetan's Church on the
Auraria campus; info: Betty Inouye, 303/
857-4454.
Thu-Sat, Sept. 11-13—MIS Rocky Mountain
Innovation, Renaissance Hotel, 3801
Quebec St. Info: Susu Hikkida 303/896-3215,
MIS Reunion 1997, PO Box 1319, Denver,
CO 80201-1319.

Northwest
PORTLAND
Sun. April 6—Univ. of Portland Japan
Studies presentation of Chikuzo Ichikawa-
Tsuqano Shamisen ensemble, 7 p.m., Univ.
of Portland Chiles Center, 5000 N.
Willamette Blvd.; info: 503/283-7523.

Northern Cal
DAVIS
May 15 through July 15—"Kites: Paper
Wings over Japan" exhibit, Davis Art Center,
1915 F St.; info: 916/756-4100; NOTE—
Windworks '97 workshop, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
(two hour segments), May 16-18,
registration, Davis Art Center, P.O. Box
4340, Davis, CA 95617.

SACRAMENTO
Tue. April 1 through Aug. 8—"Diamonds in
the Rough" exhibit (expanded); State
Capitol Museum; opening program: April
9, 6:30 p.m.
Sat. April 26—"Diamonds in the Rough"
alumni benefit luncheon, Holiday Villa
Restaurant, 7007 Land Park Dr.; info and
RSVP: Tom Fujimoto 916/412-6730, Toko
Fuji 916/421-0238, Kuni Hironaka 916/
424-1648.
Sat. May 10—Ceramic art (Kiyomizu-yaki)
demonstration by Hiroshi Kondo, 11 a.m.-
4 p.m., Pacific Rim Festival, Downtown
Sacramento Discovery Museum; info: Japan
Society of Northern California, 415/968-
4833. NOTE—Distinguished artist Hiroshi
is following in the steps of his father, Yuzo
Kondo, a National Living Treasure.

SAN FRANCISCO
Sat. March 29—AATC's Singles' Improv
Night, 8:10-10:30 p.m., JCCNCC, 1840 Sutter
St. at Buchanan, Japantowns; info: Michael
Prensrip, 415/440-5545 or
AATC@juno.com.

SUN. APRIL 6—Nisei Widowed Group, 2-4
p.m.; info: Elsie Ueyehara 415/221-
0268, Kay Yamamoto 510/444-3911.

SAT. APRIL 12/13 8:15/20—Sakura
Matsuri weekend festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.,
Nihonmachi; info: KH415/563-2313. Parade
preview at Union Square, noon, drummers.

Lynn Yama-kano, 612/735-6124. NOTE—
Mako, keynote speaker; Kogen Taiko
performance.
Sun. April 13—Annual sukuyaki fund-raiser,
operating and scholarship funds, noon-6:30;
Union Congregation Church, St. Louis Park;
info: Tom Hara 612/420-9562.

Intermountain

NATIONAL JACL
Fri-Sun, Oct. 10-13—Fiftieth anniversary
1000 Club celebration, Cactus Pte's, Jackpot,
Nev.; info: Hid Hasegawa, Idaho Falls 208/
529-1525. NOTE—Co-hosts: Intermountain
District Council, Reno-Friday mixer; Saturday,
golf, banquet, Sunday, breakfast.
Airpog shuttle-bus service from Salt Lake
City, Twin Falls or Boise to Jackpot to be
coordinated.
SALT LAKE CITY
Sat. March 29—National JACL Credit Union
annual meeting, 6 p.m.; social hour;
prizes, 7-15 buffet, 8:15 business; Little
America Hotel, RSVP by March 26, limited
seating; info: 801/355-8040.

Pacific Northwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL
July 18-19—Joint PNW-Intermountain District
Council conference at Seattle.

NCal-WN Pacific

DISTRICT COUNCIL
(Corrected) Sun.-Tue., April 20-22—
California Legislative JACL Leadership
Conference, State Capitol, Sacramento; info:
Patty Wada, 415/921-5225.
SACRAMENTO
Sat. March 29—Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 10
a.m., William Land Park, adjacent to Riverside
Blvd. near the Jewish Temple; info: Toko Fuji
916/421-0328. NOTE—Committee promises
hundreds of prizes.
WEST VALLEY
Sat. March 29—Next Generation's 5th

Anniversary dinner-dance, Manhattans
Restaurant, Sakatoga; info: Pat Yoshida 408/
927-0288, Jim Nagareda 408/971-4656.

Central California

TRI-DISTRICT/CCDC
Fri-Sun, June 1—CCDC hosts: Tri-District
PSW/CN/CNWP Conference, Stardust
Hotel-Casino, Las Vegas; info: Patricia Tsai,
CCDC Director 209/486-6815. NOTE—For
"JACL Group 697" room reservations 800/
634-6757.

Pacific Southwest

NATIONAL JACL
Fri-Sun, June 20-22—Nat'l JACL Youth
Conference, U.C. Irvine (site under
consideration); Nat'l HQ 415/921-5225.
NOTE—Warren Furutani, keynote speaker.
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Sat. April 19—JACL/ITSC citizenship
workshop, JACC, 244 S. San Pedro St.;
info: JACL 213/626-4471.
Sun. May 18—2nd quarterly session, Willow
Street Center, 4101 E. Willow St., Long
Beach; info: 213/626-4471. NOTE—Greater
L.A. Singles host.

ARIZONA

Sun. April 27—Scholarship awards banquet,
1 p.m., Embassy Suites, Phoenix; Billmore,
2630 E. Camelback Rd.; info: Kathy Inoshita,
602/937-5434.

APAN (Asian Pacific American Network)
Wed. May 28—Deadline for chapter
scholarships to college-bound Asian/Pacific
Americans; high school graduates, applicants;
info: Elaine Kojima 310/743-7094; Arc
Kururuma 310/782-9165. NOTE—Awards
based on commitment to community,
leadership potential and overall achievements;
scholarship achievement. GPA are not
primary factors in selecting winners. \$1,200
available.
DOWNTOWN L.A.
Sat. April 5—"Fresh Tracks," reading of Lane
Nishikawa's "Gila River" by the author, 8
p.m., 1812; info: 213/625-6225.
Sun. April 6—Opening May 11—David Henry
Hwang's F.O.B., opening night, 7 p.m.; Fri.
Sat. curtains at 8 p.m., 2 p.m. Sundays, East
West Players, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd.,
info & box office: 313/660-0366. NOTE—
Sponsored in part by grant from Los Angeles
City Department of Cultural Affairs.
Sat.-Sun. April 11-12—Town Belt Nisei:
Hiroshima in Concert, 8 p.m., JACC, info:
213/628-2725. NOTE—Showcasing new
lead singer Miyamoto Seward and musical
fusion of koto and taiko with jazz and R/B
grooves.
Sat. April 19—Hapa Issues Forum; info:
Carol Saito 213/626-4471.
Sat.-Sun. April 19-20—Cherry Blossom
Festival, Japanese Village Plaza, First St.
between San Pedro and Central Ave., Little
Tokyo; info: Kathleen Inouye 818/280-4432.
NOTE—Highlighting garden show, Japanese
cultural show, arts & craft.
Sat.-Sun. April 19-20—Torrance Sister City
Assn. Bunka-Sai Japanese cultural festival,
11 a.m.-5 p.m., Ken Miller Recreation Center,
3341 Torrance Blvd., Torrance; info: Hazel
Taniguchi 310/238-1238.
Ending April 20—Young L.A. photographers'
AIA exhibit, "The Body," a photo-fun, noon to
5 p.m., Sat-Sun, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., JACC
Dozaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St., info:
213/628-2725. NOTE—Works by Kwaku
Alton, Jamie Hataga, Shuji Kobayashi, Mario
de Lopez, Taek, Daniel H. Uppendahl,
Michael Yamamoto.
Sat. April 26—Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar
Festival, 2 and 8 p.m., UCLA Schoenberg
Hall, box office 310/825-2101.
Sat.-Sun. May 3-4—Children's Day Festival,
11 a.m.-4 p.m., JACC Plaza, "Chibi-K
Rok" for children 4-12, Sunday, May 4
(register now).
Sat.-Sun. May 3-4—Kodomo no Hi/Mothers
Day, Japanese Village Plaza, First St. between
San Pedro and Central Ave., Little Tokyo;
info: Kathleen Inouye 818/280-4432.
Fri.-Mon. May 23-26—Japanese American
Korean War Memorial Wall dedication and
reunion, JACC Sat., info: Min Tonai 818/
591-1269, Robert Wada 714/992-5461.
LOS ANGELES-MANZANAR
Sat. April 26—Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage,
charter buses depart 7 a.m. (a) 12953
Brandt St., Pacific Palms, 818/99-4237; (b)
2445 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, 213/626-
4471; no telephone reservations, \$15 per
seat, Manzanar Community, 12610 Presnell
St., Los Angeles, CA 90066; info: Manzanar

Sun. April 27—Women of the Year
Lunchon, 12:30 p.m., New Otani Hotel,
JVCB by April 18, \$26/person; info: Amy
Tambara 213/722-3897; Lillian (Japanese
speaking) 310/426-3633. NOTE—Honorees
Hiroko Iku, Marian Masako Kubota,
Hanako Shimoyama, Samada and Alice A.
Yamada; DTLA/JACL and Japanese Women's
Association of So. Calif., co-sponsors.
GREATER L.A. SINGLES
Sun. May 18—Hosting 2nd PSWDC session,
Willow Street Center, 4101 E. Willow St.,
Long Beach, 310/426-0555.
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
Tue. April 1—JACL/ITSC citizenship
workshop, 10 a.m., East San Gabriel Valley
JCC, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina;
info: JACL 213/626-4471, EGVJCC 818/
9802566. NOTE—Questions & answers in
Japanese and English regarding naturaliza-
tion procedures, potential cuts in public
assistance.
SELANCO
Sat. April 12—JACL/ITSC citizenship
workshop, Wintersburg Japanese Pres-
byterian Church, Garden Grove; info: JACL
213/626-4471. ■

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Important: JACL membership is required to
be considered for a JACL scholarship.
Membership must be held by applicant or
the applicant's parents until extended ties
do not qualify. Applicant must also be
planning to be or is enrolled in a college,
trade/business school, etc., in the fall of
1997. Inquire about Student Membership.
Applicants should write to National JACL
Headquarters for appropriate forms; enclose
a well-addressed stamped (3x2) #10
envelope. Deadline with postmark no later
than April 1, 1997 for all (except high school
graduates) applications with supporting
documents. Deadline for high school
graduate awards was March 1. Awards are
to be announced July 1, 1997. ■

Committee, 213/662-5102.

ORANGE COUNTY

Sat. March 29—55th annual Western Youth
Buddhist League Presentation, Anaheim
Sheraton and Orange County Buddhist
center; info: Craig Kawamoto 818/348-
2301, Aibette Miyamoto 310/575-7026;
NOTE—Learned to young adults 17-25 from
U.S., Hawaii and Canada.
SAN DIEGO
Ending April 13—Photo exhibit "Whispered
Silences: Japanese American Detention
Camps 50 Years Later," photographs by Joan
Myers, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Museum of Photo
Graphic Arts, Babco Park; info: 619-238-
7559. NOTE—Members' reception, Feb.
15, 5:30 p.m.; with JAHSSD, San Diego
Historical Society and MFA.
Through Aug. 10—Exhibit: "The 100 Years
Road: Japan to San Diego, a Japanese-
American Journey," Museum of San Diego's
History, Balboa Park. NOTE—Co-sponsors:
Japanese American Historical Society of San
Diego. NOTE—April 6, 1 p.m., at Thornton
Theater lectures by Prof. Peter Irons, UCSD
Dept. of Political Science, author of Justice
at War: the story of Japanese American
Internment Cases.

Nevada

LAS VEGAS
Through June 1997—"Beyond Gum Sann: a
History of the Chinese in Nevada," 9 a.m.-5
daily, Nevada State Museum, 700 Twin
Lakes Dr., Lorenz Park.
Mon-Wed. April 21-22—Fort Sam Houston
AIA veterans reunion, Fitzgerald's Hotel,
info: Nora Hataya 510/845-6878. NOTE—
Harry Honda, spkr.
LAS VEGAS-GILA RIVER
Fri.-Sun., June 6-8—Fun reunion, 6 p.m.
Friday reception, Sat. golf tournament, Sat.
banquet, Jackie Gaughan's Plaza Hotel,
info: Ben Tonooka 310/830-5737, Chico
Masai, 2161 W. 182nd St. #101, Torrance,
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Mon-Wed. April 7-9—"Poston Camp '3
Reunion" VIII, On Saturday, April 5, 1-3
p.m., exhibit "Dear Miss Breed: Letters from
Camp" panel, Japanese American National
Museum, 369 E. 1st St., Los Angeles, 213/
625-0414. [Miss Breed was the San Diego
librarian who corresponded with many Nisei
at Poston.]
RENO
Ending April 30—"Strength & Diversity:
Japanese American Women" exhibit, Nevada
State Library, Carson.

Alaska

May June—Smithsonian's "A More Perfect
Union" travel exhibit, Loussac Library,
Anchorage. ■

Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka



Small kid time





By the Board

By DAVID HAYASHI

A panoramic summary of Nat'l JACL finances

MINNEAPOLIS—This is my first communication to the membership since my election. Many very positive things relating to JACL finances have taken place since August. I am very pleased with the energy, motivation and dedication of the current National Board and staff. We seem to share a common vision for what JACL can be doing into the next biennium and are willing to do the work to get us to that point. It is very exciting. I feel it is important to have a vision and goals or objectives for any leadership position and I am happy for this opportunity to share mine with you.

It is my vision during my term as National JACL Secretary-Treasurer to ensure the financial stability of the organization for the future through:

- strong adherence to accounting principles and audit controls,
- clear lines of responsibility and accountability,
- accurate and timely financial reporting to facilitate decision making,
- and a documented understanding process for that decision making to be followed and enforced.

My goals/objectives for this biennium are as follows:

- Provide leadership and oversight in all fiscal related matters,
- Facilitate proper management and record keeping of our endowments and invested funds,
- Fully explore all options for maximizing our flow of revenues while maintaining prudent expenditures,
- Ensure an informed decision making process for the National Board and National Council on any matter with fiscal impact,
- Facilitate implementation of fund accounting and functional budgeting systems, as well as explore the use of using current technology to maximize our efficiency,

- Facilitate documentation and safe-keeping of all policies and procedures.
- Work with both staff and board towards maximum effectiveness and efficiency for all aspects of the organization.

DURING my campaign, I shared that my management philosophy is fairly simple, and that is to constantly evaluate our effectiveness (are we doing the right things?) and our efficiency (are we doing those things right?).

In regard to JACL fiscal related matters, I believe that JACL has become more efficient and effective as an organization. Let me share with you some of the recent financial (unaudited) highlights:

- Membership revenues are improving and will be about \$47,000 over 1995 year-end. We are estimating 1996 membership to be well over 23,000. This exceeds 1994 and 1995 year-end membership totals.
- The annual fundraising letter sent out in November had an excellent response and raised over \$65,000 by 12/31/96 (and donations are still coming in 1997!).
- Our earned income is improving over prior years, the highlight being that over \$4,000 to date in subscription revenues (JACL's share) has been raised by our new partnership with A-Magazine.
- We received two unsolicited corporate donations in December totaling \$15,000.

The final San Jose convention finances are not yet complete, but we are anticipating a healthy positive cash flow due to the great management and hard work of the convention committee.

The Legacy Fund investment portfolio has grown from \$4.8 million to over \$5.95 million. The increase in value is primarily due to positive stock market results.

There are several issues regard-

ing the status of the capital gains which the auditors, staff, Legal Counsel, National Finance Committee and National Investment Policy Committee are researching, and as we come to resolution on them we will communicate the results to the membership.

Because of the excellent fiscal results of 1996, over \$100,000 will be restored to the Reserve Fund. This is \$75k more than the budgeted amount of \$25k!

There are several other important projects ongoing into 1997 which deserve mention:

(1) The National Investment Policy Committee is in the final stages of developing the Investment Policy Guidelines. This will be the important governing document over all of our invested funds.

We are also making recommendations as to significant changes in the way our current portfolios have been managed and handled from the staff, volunteer, and portfolio manager perspectives.

The goal is to have better control over our investments through improved policies and procedures over the management of the funds, thus becoming more efficient and effective.

The committee is chaired by Arnold Miyamoto of Los Angeles and members are John Enomoto, Tom Hara, Hid Hasegawa, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Ted Tsukahara, Grace Ueyhara with Helen Kawagoe, Herb Yamanishi and myself as ex-officio members.

(2) Clyde Izumi, our business manager, has been working double time to bring our technologies at Headquarters and the regional offices up to nineties standards. The plan is to have all of the computers upgraded to 166 mHz and go to a Windows NT platform within the year. Herb and Clyde located several suppliers for non-profits to obtain the necessary hardware and software at huge dis-

counts.

(3) We have purchased a new fund accounting and fund-raising software package which includes the capability to incorporate a membership database and tie membership income together.

I am working with Clyde and Herb to develop our functional accounting structure to be used for budgeting and reporting on the new software. This will significantly change (improve) the current budgeting process and will allow us to better track all program related and operational/administrative costs. It will also allow for more automated, custom and timely financial reporting.

(4) The 1995 audit performed by Deloitte & Touche has been completed and we are awaiting a draft of the report. I am very pleased with the thoroughness of the auditors.

It is estimated that they spent well over a \$100,000 in staff hours performing this audit, however, they are honoring our original contract (under \$20,000).

Because this was a new account

for them and because of the new changes in FASB policies, they had to spend more time than was first estimated. They have been extremely helpful and informative.

FYI — Sami Nakasono has accepted my request to fill my spot on the National JACL Audit Committee to help oversee the 1996 year end audit (starting in May '97).

(5) The Finance Committee (Helen, Herb & myself) are discussing the make up and structure for a national JACL budget committee to start preparing a budget to take us into the Year 2000, similar to what was formed at the Salt Lake City convention for the current biennium budget presented at San Jose. More to come soon on this.

(6) I am looking forward to working with our new Membership Administrator, Donna Okubo, in developing a long range fundraising plan/strategy.

This will be an important step as we continue into the next century. We are also currently researching the feasibility of offering the option of paying membership dues via credit card for the convenience of our members. ■

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By the Board

By YAS TOKITA

A thought worth pursuing

SALT LAKE CITY—The Intermountain District Council is one of JACL's smallest — we have northern Utah, southern Idaho, and eastern Oregon. We have only seven chapters, but we try harder.

When Denny Yasuhara challenged us to work to increase membership by 10% in 1995 and 1996, a couple of our chapters took those "marching orders" and ran. In 1996, the Wasatch Front North chapter increased its membership by almost 200%. Credit has to go to chapter

president, Marian Hori. In our chapter, the Mt. Olympus chapter increased its membership from 120 at 1995 year end to close to 200 at year end 1996.

Floyd and Irene Mori were responsible for the Mt. Olympus chapter result. The chief ingredients of their program were personal solicitations to individuals targeted by members of the board. Speaking of the board, it is very large with 21 members of whom 10 are young adults in their late twenties and early thirties. How was that achieved?

Again, Floyd and Irene were responsible for forming a very strong JAYs group in the 1989-1992 time period. At its peak, the active membership in this group was 120. It is this core group that is joining our chapter, but more important, taking on leadership responsibilities.

At the 1996 National Convention at San Jose, Ruth Hashimoto of Albuquerque made the observation that the JACL would double its membership if each member solicited only one member. It's a thought worth pursuing — an alternative would be to clone Marian Hori, Floyd and Irene Mori and place them into each chapter. ■

Yas Tokita, member of Mt. Olympus JACL, is the Intermountain District Governor.



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WHEN IN VENTURA COUNTY—There is no mistaking the presence of Ventura County JACLers when you see their hand-carved sign created by Henry Asaoka, retired pharmacist and woodworker par excellence, which adorns

the dining room at Spanish Hills Golf and Country Club, Camarillo, site of the 1997 installation luncheon. Administering the oath (at right) is PC editor emeritus Harry Honda to officers standing in the background. **See story on page 4.**

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Kawagoe's ever-present challenge: boost membership

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

CAMARILLO—The demands upon Carson City Clerk Helen Kawagoe continue, and being based in Los Angeles County, the calls from many Nikkei community and JACL members in the Southland (as Southern California is sometimes known) have mounted since she was elected JACL national president. When is there a weekend without Helen's presence? She is surfing the situation in a satisfying manner, she told her friends during the installation luncheon here.

Kawagoe was guest speaker at the Ventura County JACL chapter installation the second Sunday in February. At other times, she is an installing officer with a three-minute update on JACL matters or represents JACL at the many Japanese year-end events in recent weeks.

Because boosting membership is an ever-present challenge, she readily recalled her experience when she became Gardena Valley JACL president in 1970. The chap-

ter then had no more than 100-200 members and in a year's time, with her late husband, effervescent Tak, built chapter membership by personally asking people to join.

Gardena Valley JACL membership soon soared past 1,000 for the first time. The momentum continued through the '70s and was approaching 2,000. The concentration of potential JACLers was always present in Gardena Valley; they only needed to be asked to join.

Focusing on the younger generation, Helen encourages chapters to "connect" with Asian students at a nearby college or university campus. "It's forward looking," and admonishes "to learn from the past, not live in it." She closed by asking people in the room to renew their membership or join.

Special guest Assemblyman Nao Takasugi (R-Camarillo), whose district office is near the luncheon site, revealed they will be limited in the number of bills they can introduce, to cut down from the 4,000 bills placed in the hopper last session. There are 120 legisla-

tors at Sacramento, 80 in the Assembly, 40 in the Senate.

Installing officer, PC editor emeritus Harry Honda, was informed the chapter has no president per se but that its 18-member board members operate as "self-directed teams" which assume leadership roles as necessary. For instance, when the 4th of July Ventura Street Fair needs to be coordinated, the chairperson of that event is the leader. Another takes the lead for Cooking Demonstration, likewise for Cemetery Cleanup, etc.

"Leadership is passed around to the chairs of the various activities during the year and no one person is singly burdened with that responsibility," newsletter editor Chuck Kuniyoshi and onetime chapter president explained. The board of directors are:

Cherry Abe, Mori Abe, Sumiko Kato, Aiko King, Marian Kita, Chuck Kuniyoshi, Jean Kuniyoshi, Ellen Matsuo, Edwin Miyasaka, Marcia Miyasaka, Carolyn Morinishi, Ron Morinishi, Joanne Nakano, Ken Nakano, Mitzi Ogata, Roy Sumino, Ruby Sumino and Yas Umeda.

Ben Kuo was luncheon emcee. Harry Kajihara presented the Chapter Service award to Marcia

Miyasaka. Also present were neighboring chapter support from San Fernando Valley, Santa Barbara, Hollywood and Selanoco. Ken Nakano and Mori Abe were luncheon coordinators. Donations of

flowers from George and Elaine Takeyasu, floral arrangements by Carriage Square Florists; vegetables from Cal Cel Marketing and daikon from Nagatoshi Farms were acknowledged. ■



PHOTO BY FRED OSHIMA

A SCENE AT SALINAS—Head table guests at the joint Salinas Valley-Monterey Peninsula installation dinner Feb. 1 at the new Buddhist Church social hall are (from left) Carol Lee Yoshimura, Kazuko Matsuyama, Herb Yamanishi and at the rostrum, National JACL President Helen Kawagoe, guest speaker. (Story by Fred Oshima appeared in the Feb. 21-March 6 P.C.)

Theme for Taizo Kokubo award announced

DETROIT—An essay between 400 and 600 words may earn a collegian or high school graduate affiliated with a Detroit JACL member a \$1,500 scholarship this year from the Taizo Kokubo Education Loan Fund/ The 1997 theme, selected by the chapter board of governors is: "On JACL membership—What's in it for me." The essay will be published in the chapter newsletter only with consent of the author, scholarship chair Frank Watanabe announced.

The award is made after the candidate is accepted for matriculation in a college or university grant-

ing a baccalaureate degree or is matriculated with freshman standing on June 30, 1997. The essay must be submitted by June 30 to Frank Watanabe, Scholarships and Awards, 30420 Lyndon, Livonia, MI 48154, 313/422-3227. Essays are judged during the summer recess and the winner announced by Aug. 31.

The award perpetuates the Taizo Kokubo legacy of helping those who are willing to help themselves in gaining the full advantage of and participation in American life through higher learning. ■

Young chapter board takes helm at Torrance JACL

TORRANCE—Words of Stephanie Nakano, the new Torrance JACL president, in its smart-looking desk-top publication, Vol. 1, No. 1 of the *Torrance JACL Newsletter* in March, capsule the challenges facing the grass-roots leadership in the chapter founded in 1983 by current City Councilman George Nakano.

Believed to be the "youngest assembly of any chapter board [the age range was not revealed] in the Pacific Southwest District and possibly the youngest in the entire country," according to outgoing chapter

president Roy Nakano, the incoming president said:

"Most importantly, we would like to assist the JACL in maintaining its status as the preeminent Japanese American organization in the country to continue its tradition of fighting to preserve social justice for all and to help in the retention of the Japanese American culture."

Scholarships and community service, she believed, are foremost events as well providing "opportunities for people of all generations to interact and learn from one another."

"It is vital we do not lose sight of our Japanese and Japanese American culture and heritage," she wrote. "As years pass, this is becoming more of a challenge as Japanese Americans begin to assimilate more into 'mainstream' American culture."

"There seems to be a generation gap that is growing every year. It is essential that we work together to preserve our history. The JACL is an organization that can help promote activities which will familiarize younger generations with Japanese American culture and make them aware of the hard work and adversities that all Japanese Americans had to endure, to pave the way for future generations."

She emphasized, "There continues to be a need to protect our rights, as citizens, against discrimination and other issues, such as, a viable lack of Japanese Americans

in positions of political power and top positions in highly reputable Fortune 500 corporations (other than Japanese companies.) Asian bashing and racial stereotypes need to be stopped. The new board members are:

TORRANCE JACL:
Stephanie Nakano, pres. 310/478-0036; Jeff Nuruki, v.p.; Paul Mitsui, sec., newsletter editor; Julie Yamauchi, treas./insur-ance; Tim Mori, membership; Richard Mukai, programs-activities; Alayne Yonemoto, fund-raising. ■

New membership administrator named

SAN FRANCISCO—National JACL Director Herbert Yamanishi has announced Donna Okubo of San Jose joined the National staff as membership administrator as of March 13. Previously she was with Tech Museum of Innovation, San Jose, as their membership and fund development director.

A member of West Valley JACL, Okubo's experience is considerable, Yamanishi noted, having worked as development associate for the Mills-Peninsula Hospital Foundation in San Mateo and as capital development coordinator for KQED, Public Broadcasting System outlet in San Francisco on radio and TV. She is a graduate of San Jose State University. ■

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Denverites observe 'Day of Remembrance'

DENVER—Combining a memorial service with a panel of speakers, the observance of Day of Remembrance was held Saturday afternoon, Feb. 15, at the Denver Buddhist Temple. The program opened with the memorial service conducted by the Rev. Kanya Okamoto for those who died in the camps and for those who died in

service during WWII.

Proclamations issued by Governor Roy Romer and Mayor Wellington Webb were read, with Dr. Lane Hirabayashi, professor of ethnic studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder as moderator. He presented the historic background to Executive Order 9066, signed by President Roosevelt on

Feb. 19, 1942, that began the WWII incarceration of nearly 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, 80 percent of whom were U.S.-born citizens. A video of the WRA camp at Amache by Dalton Tanoaka set the stage for the speakers who related their camp stories.

Dr. Chiyo Horuchi recalled her days at the Puyallup Assembly Center near Seattle; Dr. Minoru Mochizuki spoke of his internment and life at Tule Lake.

George Sakato, while not interned, had evacuated voluntarily from California to Arizona, only to find that his family was on the wrong side of the track and had to move across the road or risk being incarcerated. He volunteered and served with the 442nd, Co. E, sustaining injuries during the rescue of the Lost Battalion in southeastern France.

Since MIS veteran Nobuo Furuiye was unable to attend, a brief explanation of the MIS role in the Pacific was presented, followed by Dr. Ida Nakashima's story of her early release from camp to continue her college education.

Marge Taniwaki told of her childhood at Amache and her recollection of a seven-month-old infant being ill and being bound. She attributed her current activism against the government, because of the concentration camp experience. Questions and answers followed. The Rev. Dr. Nobuko Miyake Stoner gave the closing benediction. The Buddhist Temple Fujinkai provided refreshments. ■



PHOTO BY TOM MASAMORI

'DAY OF REMEMBRANCE'—Participants at the "Day of Remembrance" program at Denver Buddhist Temple Feb. 15 are (from left) Rev. Dr. Nobuko Miyake Stoner, Simpson United Methodist Church; the Rev. Kanya Okamoto, Denver Buddhist Temple; Marge Taniwaki (Amache Camp resident), George "Joe" Sakato, 442nd (E), Dr. Chiyo Horuchi (Puyallup Assembly Center), panel moderator Dr. Lane Hirabayashi, Dr. Minoru Mochizuki (Tule Lake).

Sansei combat naval pilot speaks at Sacramento's Day of Remembrance

BY TOKO FUJII
(Special to Pacific Citizen)

SACRAMENTO—Capt. Gordon R. Nakagawa, USN (ret.), a combat naval pilot, was keynote speaker at Sacramento JACL's 1997 Day of Remembrance program, held Feb. 22 at the local Japanese United Methodist Church with over 300 in attendance. One highlight of his talk was his expression of appreciation to the veterans of WWII, whose loyalty and heroism enabled him to serve as a combat pilot in the U.S. Navy, which previously was not open to Japanese Americans.

The evening began with Commander Gary Shiohara of Nisei Post 8985, VFW, leading the pledge of allegiance, followed by the invocation by Rev. Edward Iwa-

moto of Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church.

Emcee Mike Sawamura stepped the program into high gear after an outstanding potluck dinner with dishes contributed by some 125 donors. Reiko Kawakami read a message on behalf of Rep. Robert Matsui; Supervisor Illan Collin paid tribute to the contributions of the veterans being honored, and

Dorothy Enomoto, chair of the Sacramento Human Rights Commission, noted the similarities between Japanese American and African American veterans, both of whom had to fight America's war overseas as well as racial discrimination at home.

Specially minted medallions for this occasion were presented to the Nisei veterans of WWII by Lori

Fujimoto, National JACL vice president of public affairs, and past National JACL president Floyd Shimomura, both of Sacramento. Tom Fujimoto and Sus Satow responded on behalf of the honorees.

U.S. Marshal Jerry Enomoto introduced the keynote speaker, who was shot down over North Vietnam in December 1972 and held as a prisoner of war, and freed with the last American group in March 1973. ■



A JACL GIFT—Lori Fujimoto presents a desk clock to Navy Capt. Gordon R. Nakagawa, keynote speaker at Sacramento JACL's Day of Remembrance program.

Sansei Naval commander addresses Nisei veterans

FALLS CHURCH, Va.—Commander Frances Omori of Honolulu recounted her 17 years as a Naval officer as challenging and rewarding, before the Japanese American Veterans Assn. Feb. 16 at the Harvest Moon Restaurant. A daughter of a 100th Battalion veteran, she spoke highly of Nisei veterans who were loyal and committed to a country which had questioned their loyalty, and lauded those who served with exceptional courage and valor with the 100th, 442nd RCT and Military Intelligence Service during WWII.

"If it were not for your loyalty to country, dedication to duty, the hardship and sacrifices you and your families endured, I would not be standing here today as a female Navy commander of Japanese ancestry," Omori declared.

Presently assigned to the Institute of National Strategic Studies at the National Defense University, designing, developing and testing games and simulations pertaining to national security policy, Omori has served as a section chief of policy coordination assisting the Secretary of Navy before all congressional hearings.

As a civilian, she had served as legislative assistant to Sen. Daniel Inouye and prior to that as a TV-journalist in Denver (KWGN), talk show producer in Hollywood and casting assistant for the television serial Hawaii Five-O.

She is a graduate of Roosevelt High School, Honolulu, and earned her B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley. ■

Next-of-kin sought of Nikkei KIA-MIA in the Korean War

LOS ANGELES—As the Japanese American Korean War Memorial Committee prepares for dedication of its memorial wall on Saturday, May 24, in Little Tokyo, information from the next-of-kin of 24 Japanese American servicemen whose names are inscribed on the wall is being sought by the Committee.

- The 24 individuals are:
LOS ANGELES COUNTY—Kenichi Hamaguchi, Arinari Hiraga, Louis M. Hirata, Tomio Honda, Tetsuo Kiyohiro, Tetsuo Morichiro, Warren Nishihara, Bill M. Otono, Hiroshi Shibuo, Tokuo T. Takai, Herbert Takamatsu, Joichi Yamashita;
SAN FRANCISCO—Kiyoshi Ishimizu, Satoru Kojiri, Tadashi Ohana, Calvin Shimatsu;
SAN MATEO—Gary Yasunaka;
DENVER—Mitsuru Goto;
COLORADO—Andrew R. Wataida;
CHICAGO—Mark Inokichi, Robert K. Miyamoto, Yeichi Nakasato;
NEW JERSEY—George Y. Minakata (Cumberland);

Nisei VFW Reunion backs controversial monument

GARDENA—By an 8-5 vote, the 47th general reunion of the Nisei Veterans of Foreign Wars Feb. 16 endorsed the 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation and its mission to erect a monument in Little Tokyo listing 15,000 names of Japanese Americans who served overseas during WWII as well as their non-Nikkei officers.

Under new business, Gary Shirota, commander of VFW Nisei Post 8985, Sacramento, had moved that the Nisei VFW group endorse the Japanese American WWII Veterans Monument in Los Angeles, seconded by Commander Don Heath, 4th District Nisei Memorial Post 1961, Gardena.

Before the vote the core question was raised by the Los Angeles Nisei Memorial Post 9938 on whether the Foundation had secured a site for the monument and approval from the Los Angeles Social Services Department.

According to Col. Young O. Kim, the Los Angeles City Council had passed a motion Oct. 5, 1994, "providing adequate space at the city's First Street North property (in the vicinity of the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) and the Museum of Contemporary Arts-MOCA (now the Geffen Contemporary) for a monument to memorialize the participation of Japanese American soldiers in World War II."

Col. Kim further explained the City Attorney's office provided the following ruling: the motion of Oct. 5 requires JANM and MOCA to return for approval of their respective leases, but not the monument, because title of the land will not

change. The monument's location will be at the junction of a planned public walkway from City Hall and Central Avenue. The site, chosen by Councilwoman Rita Walters, by Assistant General Manager-General Services Department Dan Rosenfeld, by the Foundation, and supported by JANM, MOCA and the Little Tokyo Service Center, is final.

"The delay in obtaining building permits is because a legal description of the area must be submitted," Kim said. "This will be done after elements in the City of Los Angeles' Master Plan are finalized and the monument's exact spot on the walkway can be determined."

Kim informed the group that the Foundation has also secured approval of the monument's design. The Cultural Affairs Commission, which has final authority to approve all art objects for public display, has given the veterans monument "unanimous approval."

He explained that the Social Services Department has no jurisdiction over the site of the monument but controls and monitors fundraising efforts within the city. Kim noted the Foundation has been annually issued the proper permits for its fund-raising activities.

Voting for the motion to endorse were:

- 4th District Nisei Memorial Post 1961, Golden Gate Nisei Memorial Post 9879, San Francisco; Japanese American Memorial Post 4851-National City, Monterey Peninsula Nisei Memorial Post 1629; Nisei Liberty Post 5869-Hanford; Nisei Post 8985-Sacramento; San Jose Nisei Memorial Post 9970; Sierra Nisei Post 8499-Selma. ■

One haiku/tanka sought for WWII monument

WASHINGTON—The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) has invited the public to submit poems in haiku (5-7-5) or tanka (5-7-5-7-7) expressed in English to be imprinted on one of the memorial stones.

Submission, due April 17, must be an original poem by the author, who is expected to call the Foundation 202/861-8845 for an agreement form and guidelines or write: Haiku/Tanka, NJAMF, 2445 M Street NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20037.

Because a blind review process will be used, identifying information of the author should not be on the same page as the poem. There is no guarantee the entry will appear nor will monetary compensation be given. ■

CLPEF

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who want to learn more about the incarceration and those who appreciate the arts, literature and films, Shimazaki pointed out.

"The public will be informed about the varied experiences of Japanese Americans before, during and after the incarceration; Nisei in the military, role of Nisei women, Japanese Peruvians, those in the enemy alien camps, Hawaiian Japanese during WWII, those who resisted incarceration and those involved in the Redress movement of the 1980s, Shimazaki added.

"We are proud to be associated with these projects. We are confident that this education process will be the beginning of a lasting legacy for this country," deputy CLPEF director Martha Watanabe, Washington, said.

Board members Elsa Kudo of Honolulu and Peggy Nagae, Eugene, Oregon, were named co-chairs of the CLPEF Curriculum Project Initiative which is being developed.

When the board sent "offer letters" to 100 applicants the first week of March (Mar. 7-20 P.C.), the Pacific Citizen understands that the amounts mentioned are the amounts being offered rather than the figure needed for completion of the project. ■

Ground broken for Korean War memorial

LOS ANGELES—Ground was broken March 1 for the Japanese American Korean War Veterans memorial wall honoring 249 Japanese Americans who died during that conflict. Participating at the ceremony at its site at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo was Hiroshi Hershey Miyamura, Gallup, N.M., Medal of Honor winner from the Korean conflict.

The memorial will be dedicated over the Memorial Day weekend, May 22-26, which is expected to be the first-ever Nikkei reunion of Korean war veterans, starting with a Friday golf tournament, Saturday morning memorial dedication, afternoon panel discussion and evening banquet, Sunday breakfast and afternoon tour of the Japanese American National Museum, and closing Monday with "Taps" at the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council services at Evergreen Cemetery. Min Tonai, 818/591-1269, is reunion chair. Information: Robert Wada 714/992-5461, fax 714/525-9761. ■

CLPEF postpones its Day of Remembrance

SAN FRANCISCO—The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) has rescheduled its National Day of Remembrance event planned for February 19, 1997, in Washington, D.C., until 1998.

"We made this decision reluctantly because of the overwhelming response to our grants program," said Board Chair Dale Minami. "The number of proposals was enormous and the time required to evaluate the proposals was much longer than we had expected." ■

VIRGIN ISLANDS—Ernest A. Nagai.

The committee wants to obtain from the next-of-kin or relatives the correct full names, photographs (preferably in uniform), copy of military citations (if available) to be copied and prepared for the dedication May 22-25. The information should be sent by March 31 to Paul T. Ono, JAKWM Committee, 16230-A St. Andrews Pl., Gardena, CA 90247, 310/532-2495. ■

CLPEF grant recipients

Curriculum Projects

Law School Curriculum Projects — Professors Margaret Chon, Syracuse University College of Law; Carol Izumi, George Washington University Law School; Jerry Kang, UCLA School of Law; Frank Wu, Howard University School of Law; and Eric Yamamoto, University of Hawaii School of Law; \$95,000.

Project RICE — Asian American Network of Indiana (Joy Morimoto and Nancy Wadack-McKee); Indiana; \$38,900.

The Redress Preservation and Curriculum Development Project — Visual Communications, Southern California chapter of the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRP) (Joan Esaki); California; \$30,000.

Edison Uno Institute — San Francisco State University (Jim Okutsu); \$25,000.

Our World Class of '44 — Diane Yotsuya Honda; California; \$25,000.

Civil Liberties Legal Education Project — Nihonmachi Legal Outreach and National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (Dean Ito Taylor); California; \$20,000.

Nanka Nikkei Voices: Resettlement Years 1945-1955 — Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California (Brian Niya, Iku Kiriyama); \$12,000.

The Japanese American Experience — Tacoma Community College Foundation (Dr. Ron Magden, Dr. Gael Tower); Washington; \$10,000.

The Empress in the Attic: A Children's Book & CD ROM — Wendy Hanamura and Rev. Michael Yoshii; California; \$6,000.

The Japanese American Internment: Learning Through the Art of Roger Shimomura — Bellevue Art Museum (Beverly Silver); Washington; \$5,000.

APEN "Story Cloth" Project — Asian Pacific Environmental Network Foundation (Miya Yoshitani); California; \$5,000.

San Mateo JACL History Project — San Mateo JACL chapter (Yasuko Ann Ito); \$5,000.

Internment and Redress: A Pan American Perspective — Pan American Nikkei Assn., USA East (Ken Moritsugu); New York; \$5,000.

Day of Remembrance: Celebrating the Japanese American Experience in Marin — Marin JACL chapter (Dennis Sato); California; \$4,000.

Landmarks and Institutions

National Nikkei Heritage Center — National Japanese American Historical Society, Inc. (Rosalyn Tonai); California; \$100,000.

Japanese American National Memorial — Japanese American National Memorial Foundation (Cherry Tsutsumida, John Tateishi); Washington, D.C.; \$50,000.

The 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Monument — The 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Foundation (Young Oak Kim); California; \$50,000.

Topaz Museum — Topaz Museum Board (Rich Okabe); Utah; \$25,000.

Self-guided Tours of Manzanar National Historical Site — Manzanar Committee (Sue Kunitomi Embrey); \$20,000.

America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience — The Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation (Peg Zitko); New York; \$15,000.

Historic Ketchikan Walking Tour Kiosk — Historic Ketchikan Inc. (Karen Stanley); Alaska; \$7,000.

Public Art in Pike Place Mar-

ket — Seattle JACL (Jill Beppu and Janice Yee); \$5,000.

Granada Internment Center Site Interpretation and Development Plan — Denver Central Optimist Club (Henry Okubo); \$5,000.

Community Development

Japanese Latin American Internment Community Education Project — Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project (Grace Shimizu); California; \$100,000.

Executive Order 9066 (EO 9066): 50 Years Before & 50 Years After, a History of Japanese Americans in Seattle — Wing Luke Asian Museum (Ron Chew); Washington; \$75,000.

Regenerations: Rebuilding Japanese American Families, Communities and Civil Rights in the Resettlement Era — Japanese American National Museum, Japanese American Resource Center/Museum (JARCM), Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego, Chicago Japanese American Historical Society (Darcie Iki); \$62,000.

Nisei Post 8985 Veterans of Foreign Wars — Nisei Post 8985 Veterans of Foreign Wars (Jim T. Tanaka); California; \$40,000.

Transforming Barbed Wire — Arizona Humanities Council, Arizona Historical Society, Phoenix Public Library, Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Asian American Faculty & Staff Assn. of Arizona State University, Gila River Indian Community, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Casa Grande Public Library, Parker Public Library, Arizona JACL (Dan Schilling); Arizona; \$35,000.

MIS Oral History Project — Military Intelligence Services Assn. of Northern California (Marvin Uratsu); California; \$25,000.

Long-term Impacts of the Internment: A Working Consultation — Saneji Legacy Project (Audrey Shoji); California; \$25,000.

Internment, Reparation, Renewal — Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, Saneji Legacy Project, Center for Nikkei Studies, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Japanese Community Youth Council, Little Tokyo Service Center, National Asian American Telecommunications Association, National JACL (Paul Osaki and Jill Shiraki); California; \$25,000.

Alaska Japanese American Historical Project — Sylvia Kobayashi; \$20,000.

Towards a More Perfect Union: A Project of Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center — Oregon Nikkei Endowment (June Arima Schumann); \$20,000.

World War II Japanese Americans on the East Coast — Columbia University Oral History Office (Franklin Odo and Mary Marshall Clark); New York; \$20,000.

Tule Lake Committee's 20th Anniversary Pilgrimage Preparations — Tule Lake Committee (Stephanie Miya-shiro); \$20,000.

Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Conference — Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project (Betty Yee); California; \$20,000.

Executive Order 9066: Lessons of the Journey East — University of Connecticut Asian American Studies Institute (Roger N. Buckley); \$5,000.

Civil Liberties Education for the Minnesota Community — Twin Cities JACL (Cheryl Hirata-Dujas, Cheryl Lund and Lynn Yamanaka); Minnesota; \$5,000.

North Central Valley JACL/CSUS Oral History Project — French Camp JACL, Florin JACL, Stockton JACL, Lodi JACL, Placer County JACL and California State University, Sacramento (Joanne Iritani); California; \$5,000.

Thomas Tang National Model Court Competition — National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Law Foundation (Peter Suzuki); Washington,

D.C.; \$5,000.

Arts and Media

Conscience and the Constitution — Frank Abe; Washington; \$100,000.

Due Justice — Bridge Media, Inc. (Gayle K. Yamada and Dianne Fukami); California; \$100,000.

Of Civil Rights and Wrongs — The Fred Korematsu Film Project, National Asian American Telecommunications Assn., San Francisco NOW chapter (Eric Fournier); California; \$90,000.

Issei Film Project — Farallon Documentary Films (Steven Okazaki); California; \$85,000.

The Sisters Matsumoto Project — Asian American Theatre Company, Center for the Arts, ACT, Philip Gotanda, Northwest Asian American Theatre (Pamela Wu and Karen Amato); California; \$75,000.

The Gate of Heaven — Scottsdale Cultural Council and Lane Nishikawa; Arizona; \$50,000.

Two Years is a Lifetime — Karen Ishizuka and Robert A. Nakamura; California; \$40,000.

Japanese American Media Project — National Asian American Telecommunications Assn. (NAATA) (Eddie Wong); California; \$35,000.

Contemporary Asian Theatre Scene (CATS) — San Jose State University, Newark Memorial High School, Milpitas High School, ArtsExpress, San Jose Stage Company, Ruth Asawa, Yoshiki Hirabayashi, Yu Ai Kai residents, Joe Rodriguez, Randy Martinez, Japanese American Curriculum Project, Yamaguma & Associates (Miki Hirabayashi and Jerrold A. Hira); \$30,000.

Uncle Gunjiro's Girlfriend — Brenda Wong Aoki; California; \$30,000.

Internment Voices — Pangea World Theater, Coffee House Press, Alive TV, Southern Theater, Contemporary Asian Theater Scene, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, Walter Arts Center (Dipankar Mukherjee, David Mura); Minnesota; \$25,000.

Stage Adaptation of Snow Falling on Cedars — Seattle Repertory Theatre (Sharon Ott and Benjamin Moore); \$20,000.

Grandmother's Wartime Diaries as Subject Matter for Painting Series — Roger Shimomura; Kansas; \$20,000.

The Gripsholm — Jude Narita; California; \$15,000.

Violet Kazue de Cristoforo, An American Life — Chizuko Omori; Washington; \$15,000.

Internment: Tule Lake — Colorado State University (DK Sunada and Ms. B. Eckert); \$15,000.

Old Man River — Cynthia Gates Fukukawa; New York; \$15,000.

Home Games, A documentary novel — Frank Chin; California; \$15,000.

When You're Smiling — Janice Tanaka; Florida; \$12,250.

Fire in the Desert — Sheila Hamanaka; New York; \$11,000.

Americans Just Like You and Me — Tooru J. Kanazawa; California; \$5,000.

Relics from Camp — Kristin Yuki Aono; Maryland; \$2,000.

Research Projects

Japanese Americans at Midwestern Crossroads — Asian/Pacific American Studies Program, University of Michigan, JACL Midwest District Council, Detroit JACL (Gail Nomura and David Plawchan); \$5,000.

Wartime Incarceration and the Life Course of Nisei Families — Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi, Ph.D. (Department of Sociology, Brooklyn College); New York; \$50,000.

Voices of Japanese American Redress — Harry Kitano, professor of social welfare, Mitchell Maki, associate professor of social welfare, Megan Berthold, doctoral student in social welfare; UCLA; California; \$50,000.

Okinawan, Nisei, Radical — Mari Matsuda, School of Law, Georgetown University; Washington, D.C.; \$40,000.

Families Without Patriarchs: Oral Histories of Japanese American Families in WWII Hawaii — Center for Oral History, Social Science Research Institute; University of Hawaii (Warren Nishimoto and Michael Hammett); \$40,000.

Original Legal Research Collaborative Project — School of Law, DePaul University, and Columbia Law School (Sumi Cho and Brian Rigby); Illinois; \$40,000.

A Different Fate: Hawaii's Japanese Americans and the Mass Internment of WWII — University of Hawaii, Noel Kent, Brian Niya, Jonathan Okamura and Karen Umemoto; \$40,000.

Born & Raised in Seattle: Twenty Years of the Redress Movement in Washington State, 1970-1990 — Charles Kato and Cherry Kinoshita; Washington; \$30,000.

Resisting and Correcting Constitutional Violations: A Project on the Wartime Exclusion and Internment of Japanese Americans and Peruvian Japanese — California State Long Beach Foundation (William Hohri and John Tsuchida); \$25,000.

American Concentration Camps — Masumi Hayashi, Professor of Art, Cleveland State University; Ohio; \$25,000.

The Nisei Wartime Internment Research Project — Donna Nagata, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, University of Michigan; \$24,380.

Silence, No More: Japanese American Internment, Redress and Historical Memory — Alice Yang Murray, Department of History, UC Santa Cruz; \$24,097.

Japanese American "Resettlement" in Denver, CO, 1942-1946 — Lane Ryo Hirabayashi, ethnic studies, University of Colorado; \$22,360.

Ethnic Identity and Festival in Southern Calif. Japanese America, 1934-1996 — Lon Yuki Kurashige, Ph.D., Department of History, USC; California; \$22,000.

The Struggle Continues: The NCRP and the Fight for Justice — Glen Kitayama; California; \$20,000.

Newspaper Portrayal of JA Internment — Kumiko Takahara, Department of East Asian Languages and Literature, University of Colorado; \$16,576.

Reinterpreting the Issei Experience — Eiichiro Azuma, Ph.D. candidate in history; UCLA; Cali-

formia; \$14,000.

Immigrant Politics Under Internment: The Japanese in Manzanar, Poston and Topaz Incarceration Camps, 1942-45 — Brian Hayashi, American studies and history, Yale University, Connecticut; \$10,800.

Incarceration, Redress and the Development of Political Consciousness: A Focus on Yuri Kochiyama — Diane C. Fujimoto, Asian American studies, UC Santa Barbara; \$10,000.

A comparative sociological and historical study of interned Japanese, German, and Italian nationals and American citizens in the WWII Department of Justice camps — Tetsuden Kashima, Department of American Ethnic Studies, University of Washington; \$10,000.

Dissident Joseph Kurihara — Eileen H. Tamura, College of Education, University of Hawaii; \$5,448.

National Fellowships

Three Japanese American Artists — Karen Higa, art history, UCLA; \$10,000.

Dislocations: The Cultural Geography of Japanese American Internment — Carol Lynn Horuchi, doctoral student in history of art/architecture, UC Santa Barbara; \$10,000.

The Impact of Internment on Communities in Los Angeles — Scott Kurashige, doctoral student in history, UCLA; \$10,000.

Why Can't We All Just Get Along? Looking for Role Models in Our Japanese American History — Jean Ishibashi, Ph.D. candidate in education, UC Berkeley; \$10,000.

A History of Un/Saying: Silence, Memory and Historiography in Asian American Women's Narratives — Patricia Duncan, Ph.D. candidate in women's studies, Emory University; Georgia; \$10,000.

Memory, or the Persistence of History: Japanese American Media and the Post-Internment Experience — Glen Masato Mimura, Ph.D. student, History of Consciousness Program, UC Santa Cruz; \$10,000.

Nisei Women and the Student Relocation Movement — Leslie Akemi Ito, MA student in Asian American studies, UCLA; \$10,000.

Property and Internment — Kyungwon Grace Hong, Ph.D. student, Department of Literature, UC San Diego; \$10,000.

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Voice of a Sansei

The last good Nisei man

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Some people have this thing about my marriage. They don't come out and speak directly because the subject matter is sensitive. But years of experience have taught me how to pick up the feelings. White men are obsessively fascinated, vicariously living through Steve. An Anglo man (lucky guy!) got himself an Oriental Airline Stewardess. White women are obsessively resentful. An Oriental Airline Stewardess stole one of their men. Asians with civil rights agenda wonder if I'm an internalized racist who feels Asians "aren't good enough" for spousal material. Asians who are internalized racists approve. They know Steve is that doorway into the heavenly WASP world. Anyway, you get the picture. These types can be such a pain.

Folks, have I got news for you. I didn't outmarry. Steve is a mainstream version of the traditional Japanese style. You daydreaming White men don't realize Steve is not at all like you. You malicious White women, retract your claws. To my brothers and sisters in the Asian movement, be assured I married Steve to get a type who is fast disappearing as we acculturate. And to my fellow Asians who need a cold bucket of water in your face, Steve made my life more Japa-

nese, not more Anglo (tough if you don't like that).

It's not just the trivial stuff, like Steve likes sushi better than I do. If ever there was a White guy with Japanese tendencies, this is it.

The cliché Asian nerd syndrome goes like this. The guy is personally inconspicuous. No charm, no charisma. Certainly not offensive, but just not very personable. A non-confrontational, introverted hard worker who does not speak unless spoken to first. A real nice guy, but not easy to get to know. The kind who easily slips by unrecognized — until that pile of engineering exam papers is corrected. Good God! That timid little thing is dynamite!

Western style men think he's a wimp. Not athletic. Not "in charge." Actually, the little thing has a great deal of macho aggression. But his style of aggression is control over ideas and concepts, not people. The enemy is not rival males, the enemy is one's own weakness. But *gaman* and *gambare* blows that enemy away, just like loud mainstream men blow their enemies away.

In his personal life, Steve is politically, socially, and financially conservative. He's certainly not materialistic. He's very good about family obligations, and his ex-

tended family is quite Japanese in some ways. They are not a collection of isolated nuclear families scattered across the country. They stick together, see each other often, and take very good care of their elderly. The kids are raised strictly, and respect adults.

Most interestingly, like me, he is also cross cultural. I grew up in a very ethnic community, but am a highly Anglicized adult. Steve is a very well educated, upper middle class white collar professional. But he comes from a working class, deeply religious background. His type of people were immortalized in the writings of John Steinbeck.

Both of us feel our parents failed us in some ways, for the world we ended up living in is not the one our parents prepared us for.

Beginning in my Sansei generation, the old Nisei style personality started to disappear. With the Yonsei, this evolution is even more apparent. I'm so assimilated that in some ways, I've out Anglo'd the Anglos. Yet in my personal life, my choice of marriage partner was very interesting. Steve is more Asian than many Asian men my age. I married one of the last remaining good Nisei men. ■

Akemi's annoyed by people who only notice how young she looks.

'White' racial designation outdated in a nation of ethnic Americans

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.—With the large ethnically diverse population groups today in the United States — African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans and Whites — the time has come to replace "white" as a reference to race and substitute it with the place of origin, "Euro-Americans," suggests Professor Gerald Horne, director of African-American Research at the University of North Carolina.

Horne related his year living in Zimbabwe where a sizeable European population lives (who prefers to be called "white" rather than by their place of origin, so as not to underscore the point that they are not indigenous.)

Lately African Americans have extended discussions about what they should be called, considering that Hispanic Americans insist on being referred to as Latinos (or Chicano, in some cases). Horne also

sees the next century, "the Pacific century," may find Asian Americans becoming more sensitive about unintended slights.

Because, as American history teaches, being "white" conveyed privilege while the African slaves could not vote or own weapons, Horne pointed out that United States was to be a haven for those hailing from Europe, not Africa, Asia or Latin America.

As the European Union moves toward a common currency to be called the "euro," the possibility is presented, Horne concludes, for the white majority to name itself "more accurately without devaluing any potential property interests. And if, as some analysts have insisted, the euro will eventually challenge the dollar as the global common currency of choice, then this re-naming process will not lead to a devaluation." ■

GRANTS

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Japanese American Women: From Internee to Activist — Susan Nakaoka, M.A. student in Asian American studies, UCLA; \$10,000.

Research Resources

Civil Liberties Archives and Study Center — Japanese American National Museum (Gary Kawaguchi, Like Gilliland-Sweetland); California; \$50,000.

CSUS Japanese American Archival Collection Project — Library of Special Collections and University Archives, California State University at Sacramento (Georgiana White); \$40,000.

Cataloging Japanese American Exclusion and Detention

Experiences — Japanese American National Library, National JACL (Karl K. Matsushita); California; \$25,000.

Toyo Miyatake Manzanar Photographic Archive Project — Archie Miyatake and Curatorial Assistance, Inc.; California; \$25,000.

DENSHO: The Japanese American Legacy Project — Japanese American Chamber of Commerce of Washington State (Thomas Ikeda); \$20,000.

Heart Mountain Digital Preservation Project — Northwest College (Kay Carlson); Wyoming; \$15,000.

Iwao Matsushita, Internee of War: Letters from Fort Missoula, 1941-44 — University of Washington Press (Naomi Pascal); \$5,000. ■

CITIZENSHIP

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her life. Her daughter agrees. "All this paperwork... it's amazing!" she exclaimed.

"This community set-up is a good idea," offered Tak Hamada of the workshops. Earlier, he had gone to the Immigration and Naturalization Service office in downtown Los Angeles but was discouraged by the huge lines. "People were camping-out there," he said.

"I never felt I needed to be a citizen before," added Hamada, who's lived in the U.S. for 37 years. "Before, when I was younger, I didn't want to give it [Japanese citizenship] up. But now when I go back to Japan, there's nothing for me."

Sekiko Kojima recalls President Clinton's first inauguration ceremony four years ago and how the TV camera zoomed in for a close-up of the leader singing the national anthem. Moved by the song's words and Clinton's heartfelt rendition, Kojima's eyes began flowing with tears. "I thought to myself, if I ever got the chance, I would become a U.S. citizen," she explained in Japanese.

And that chance has finally arrived. After living here for 26 years and raising two grown children, she has applied to become a U.S. citizen. "Because my kids live in the United States, I'm not so sad about giving up my Japanese citizenship," she explained.

Kojima's daughter Elaine, a member of the APAN JACL chapter and a volunteer, encouraged her mother to attend the workshop. "It's been overwhelming. Other people are not as fortunate as my mom," she explained. "A lot of people need assistance."

"I think when you hear people talk about their SSI (Supplemental Security Income) benefits being cut... it sort of makes you feel you should help," said Alice Ishigame, LTSC project co-ordinator of the workshops.

as, "Who is the President of the United States today?" to more challenging ones like, "How many changes or amendments are there to the Constitution?"

"INS is making it very difficult," said Ishigame. She recalls a Japanese American woman in her 50s, who had been in the U.S. for less than 10 years, failed her exam before she even entered the test room. The interviewer, without looking up, said, "Come in and have a seat. State your name, raise your right hand and repeat after me." The JA woman didn't realize that it was she who was being spoken to and didn't enter the room, explained Ishigame. "You don't understand English," she was told. "You don't pass the test."

But not all interviews are this discouraging. Legal immigrants who have worked in the U.S. for 20 or 30 years "are seen in a better light," explained Ishigame. A JA widow whose husband had worked in the U.S. for a number of years passed her citizenship exam within five minutes, she said.

In some circumstances INS will allow an applicant to be accompanied by a translator, if you're over 50 and have lived in the U.S. for more than 20 years or if you're 55 and have been a resident for at least 15 years, you will not be required to speak English during the citizenship test, explained Ishigame.

"They've been paying taxes all these years and they deserve it [benefits]," said Fred Hoshiyama, a member of the Venice-Culver chapter and an LTSC board member. Given only a week's notice, he explained, but they would gladly sponsor another one. "There's such a need in our community and it's important to help."

"People don't think ahead," said Toy Kanagai of the West L.A. chapter. Though she recently had an operation and had difficulty speaking, she felt compelled to volunteer at the workshop. "It's important when you get older, not only for your voting rights but for your Social Security rights," she said.

Al Muratsuchi, PSW regional director, encouraged applicants to register to vote once they become U.S. citizens. "The reason why legal immigrants' benefits are being cut is, legal immigrants don't have enough political power," he

stressed.

The huge turnout was no surprise to Muratsuchi. "I think it's a combination of the language-friendly assistance the workshops provide and the sense of urgency that exists from the upcoming welfare cuts." Most of the applicants acknowledged that one reason for attending the workshop was the impending benefit cuts.

"The need is strong enough that we need JACL chapters to step forward and sponsor workshops," said Muratsuchi. ■

Citizenship Workshops

The next citizenship workshops organized by the JACL Pacific Southwest District office and Little Tokyo Service Center are:

April 1 — East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, West Covina, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 1203 W. Puente Ave., co-sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley JACL chapter.

April 12 — Orange County Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, Garden Grove, sponsored by the Selanoco JACL chapter and the OCJAA (Orange County Japanese American Association).

April 19 — JACCC (Japanese American Community and Cultural Center), sponsored by PSWD office.

Because enrollment is limited, interested persons must pre-register by calling LTSC at 213/473-1600. An information packet with instructions in Japanese on how to complete the INS application form will be provided. It should be filled out prior to the workshop. The forms will be reviewed at the workshop and then sent to INS. There is a \$95 INS application fee and a \$35 workshop fee that covers the cost of photography and fingerprinting services. Low-income applicants can apply for an INS fee waiver.

If you would like to sponsor a future workshop or would like information, call the PSWD office at 213/626-4471 or LTSC. ■

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From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Mr. Estrada: Listen to Emerson, not Baker

The spirit of the late and not often lamented Lillian Baker has been reincarnated in a syndicated newspaper columnist named Richard Estrada. He has inherited Ms. Baker's inability to recognize facts related to the imprisonment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Several months ago his newspaper, the *Dallas Morning News*, and several other papers published his column criticizing the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 in which the U.S. government apologized for the incarceration of Japanese Americans during the war and provided the survivors with token monetary compensation. Arguing against Japanese American contentions that they were wronged was a large part of Lillian Baker's life and Estrada's column seemed to echo her arguments.

Now Mr. Estrada has written another column in which he says Japanese Peruvians have no justification for seeking redress similar to that which Japanese Americans won from the United States government. In this latest column he repeats the contention he voiced in his earlier column: "Given the gamut of circumstances facing the Roosevelt

administration in World War II, the relocation and internment of people of Japanese origin living on the West Coast was justified." He does not seem to understand the constitutional implications of endorsing expediency as justification for the mass imprisonment of a class of United States citizens, selected on the basis of race and race alone, without benefit of due process.

Any thoughtful reviewer of the facts on the evacuation of Japanese Peruvians to U.S. prison camps cannot but be outraged, particularly by the final chapters of this astonishing episode in World War II history. As a reference, I cite the book, *The Japanese Thread*, by John K. Emmerson, a high-ranking American foreign service officer who read, wrote and spoke Japanese. In February of 1942 he was assigned to the U.S. embassy in Lima, Peru, to keep an eye on the Peruvian Japanese. Emmerson writes in his book, published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston in 1978:

"Determining that security and economic controls (by Latin American governments) were not enough, the U.S. government urged the deportation and internment in the United States of Axis nationals from Latin America ... From April 4, 1942, until July 9, 1943, during the period I was in Lima, the embassy participated actively in the expulsion

from the country and transportation to the United States of 1,024 Japanese, of whom 399 were women and children...

"By the summer of 1943 it became clear that the Japanese colony in Peru was not a threat, if it ever had been, to the defense of the hemisphere ... As I look back on the Peruvian experience I am not proud to have been part of the Japanese operation. One stole oneself against the heartbreak being inflicted on hundreds of innocent Japanese caught up in the war-generated hysteria that marked each of them a suspect. It is hard to justify our pulling them from their homes of years and herding them, whether born in Japan or in Peru, onto ships bound for a strange land, where they would live in concentration camps under conditions which at best were difficult, in spite of chicken on Sunday ...

"During my period of service in the embassy, we found no reliable evidence of planned or contemplated acts of sabotage, subversion, or espionage ...

What happened after the war is even more astonishing. The United States ruled that the people it had kidnapped from Peru had entered this country illegally and would have to leave. But Peru said it would

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Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor for the *Denver Post*. His columns have appeared regularly since June 1942 in the *Pacific Citizen*.



East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

Some untold events

HERE'S A GEM of a book of recollections and insights by those who served in military intelligence in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II, where some 6,000 Nisei Americans served. Many of the relators were known to me in varying degrees. As openers, there's an excellent informative overview by Mitzi Matsui, secretary to John Aiso, who was one of the key figures in the establishment of the Military Intelligence Language School in Presidio of San Francisco/Camp Savage/Ft. Snelling. I had met Mitzi and husband "Tak," first during a *kankōdan* (tour) of Japan some years ago and subsequently at an MIS (military intelligence service) reunion held in Minneapolis several years ago. In reviewing the book, I noted that Tak served as a defense investigator during the War Crime Trials held in Yokohama in 1947.

What an intriguing subject for a book!

THERE ARE OTHERS who have fascinating experiences to share with us. Somewhere I picked up a tidbit that there were Nisei assigned to various former Japanese high officials who were being held at Sugamo Prison (in Tokyo) awaiting trial on charges of war crimes. One of the most prominent of these officials was General Hideki Tojo, who

had served as Japanese Prime Minister during the war. There was a suggestion that a Nisei linguist was assigned to be with Tojo, that during the many months that passed, there developed between them a relationship wherein Tojo looked upon the Nisei as a young acquaintance. Unsuccessfully, I tried to track down the story including the identity of that Nisei. There was a tantalizing bit to the elusive story that intrigued me. While imprisoned, Mr. Tojo unsuccessfully attempted to take his life. However, he had managed to sufficiently injure himself that a blood transfusion was needed. What I found absolutely intriguing — if true — is that the Nisei guard's blood was compatible and was used to preserve Tojo's life.

What a story: some Nisei from Hawaii or California, or wherever, having his blood flowing through the body of Prime Minister Hideki Tojo!

THERE ARE OTHER MIS episodes that are (to me) imposing and poignant. There's Spady A. Koyama's experience in 1944 interrogating Japanese PWs in New Guinea, where a Japanese navy petty officer by name of Takayama naved the management of the PW camp. In keeping a promise to Takayama, when Koyama reached Tokyo in

1949, he located Takayama and the two met at the Tokyo station for a moving reunion. Writer Koyama eloquently relates what took place.

You'll want to read this story yourself. You'll see what I mean.

IMAGINE BEING ABOARD the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Harbor on 2 September 1945, witnessing the somber surrender ceremony with world military and political leaders present. The tense drama of the array of the Japanese military and governmental representatives kept silently waiting, followed by General MacArthur striding into the picture. This history-in-the-making all taking place only 30 feet away from where you're standing. Then-Second Lieutenant Thomas T. Sakamoto (who retired as a full colonel) was there and grippingly relates what he saw and felt.

The soft-cover book (some 120 pages) is entitled *Unsung Heroes*, available as long as supplies last, for a donation of \$12 to: MIS Northwest Ass'n, P.O. Box 18616, Seattle, WA 98118. An unmatched acquisition. ■

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

Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

Historic sites

SOME 15 years ago when the flower of ethnic studies was abloom and roots of *ES japonica* were firmly established, the California Office of Historic Preservation received a list of 44 sites of historical significance to Japanese Americans. What piqued our curiosity this past week was:



How many of these sites still stand? The seven Japanese language schools in Arroyo Grande, Centerville, Gilroy, Ivanhoe, Los Osos, Norwalk and Sierra Madre were still standing at the time this report was submitted.

Looking over the list, what's there now — in 1997 — for this and the next generation to see?

A plaque in commemoration, a photo exhibit of some kind somewhere, or perhaps a story buried in our archives?

The Japanese American component, directed by Isami Arifuku Waugh, Berkeley, prepared the report, which appears in the June 27, 1980 P.C. The importance of religion in the Japanese communities is cited with selection of one Methodist and four Buddhist churches. The economic ventures of the Issei and Nisei are recognized as well the role of laborers, including the office of George Shima (Kinji Ushijima, known as the "Potato King") and his workers who reclaimed Bacon Island in the Delta into profitable farming. Almost forgotten were the separate schools for Asian children because of a 1921 amendment to state Political Code which operated until 1945 in Sacramento County. An example of racial discrimination practiced by cemeteries is listed in Oxnard. The Japanese garden in Santa Ana represents the collective efforts of a Japanese American community planning, raising the money, acquiring the materials and constructing the garden for the Orange County Center Plaza, which was dedicated in 1969. And five Nihonmachi—Delano, Little Tokyo in Los Angeles (the P.C. featured a 1924 photo of a torii spanning E. 1st St. at San Pedro, which Charles Kamayatsu had taken with his box camera), San Luis Obispo, Watsonville and Visalia—were researched and selected.

Here are the 44 sites by COUNTY: (The 1980 survey was supported by methodology report.)

ALAMEDA—(1) Buddhist Temple of Alameda, (2) Centerville Japanese Language School, (3) Leslie Salt Bed in Newark.

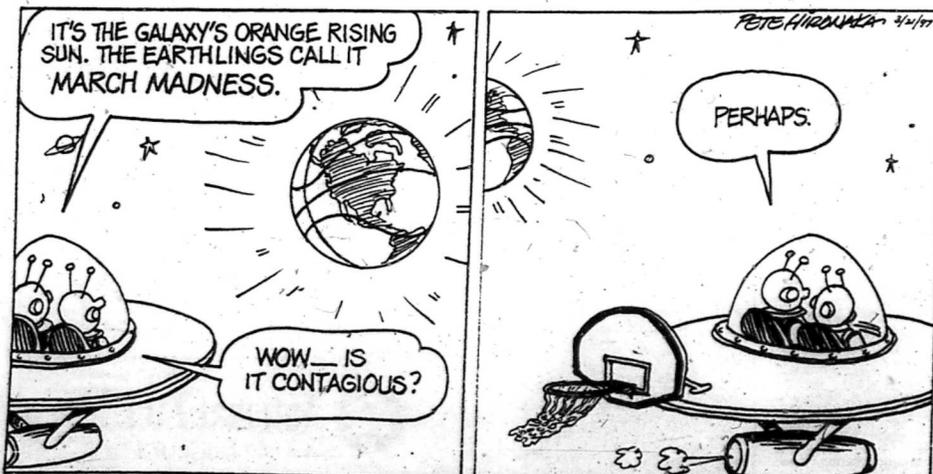
BUTTE—(4) Biggs Rice Experiment Station, where the Issei experimented with different rice strains which were the first to commercially produce rice.

CONTRA COSTA—(5) Japanese Camp in Richmond for Issei railroad workers.

EL DORADO—(6) Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony at Gold Hill, (the first Japanese immigrants to the U.S. established the colony in 1869, registered as a state historical landmark in 1989.)

FRESNO—(7) H. Sumida Co. in Fowler, an early general merchandise store.

KERN—(8) Buddhist Church of Bakersfield (on 22nd and "N" Sts. and finally closed after 80 years in 1989), (9) St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Bakersfield (at the corner of 22nd and "O" Streets), (10) Delano Nihonmachi, (11) Kawasaki Labor Camp

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FRYING

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not allow them to return. Emerson writes:

"Thus the Japanese could neither return to Peru nor remain in the United States Many were Peruvian citizens who had never known Japan; to go there would be to start life yet again in an alien land, with little, if any, knowledge of the language and no inking of the conditions they would face."

What actually happened is that some were able to return to Peru, some went to Japan, and some were allowed to stay in the U.S. after lengthy litigation. John Emmerson's appraisal:

The forcible detention of Japanese from Peru, arising out of a wartime collaboration among the governments of Peru, the United States, and the American republics, was clearly a violation of human rights and was not justified by any plausible threat to the security of the Western Hemisphere."

Mr. Estrada believes this is no more reason for redress than was the experience of Japanese Americans in the United States. "To now grant redress to people of Japanese descent who were brought to the United States after being investigated will only compound the wrong of the 1988 (Redress) money bill," he writes. "And it will give further evidence that politics is superseding historical accuracy and common sense."

Lillian Baker was a pitiful old woman with an obsession. Richard Estrada, who is in position to know better, echoes her distorted views from the lofty podium of a syndicated newspaper column. ■

Letters

Welcome home, Mr. Panetta

Several gala receptions were held on the Monterey Peninsula recently for returning former White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta to his home in Carmel Valley.

Those events were well attended by friends and well-wishers, but relatively few Japanese American faces were visible in the group. And yet the former interneerates are the ones who should have attended en masse, in appreciation for Mr. Panetta's extraordinary efforts to insure that a Presidential Letter of Apology, and a token "redress" payment was given to the Japanese Americans interned during the war.

As far back as 1981, when the Salinas Assembly Center Kinemhi (monument) was dedicated, then Congressman Panetta, one of the guest speakers, was so impressed by the numerous spectators, some of whom had come from as far away as the East Coast, and by what he heard of the personal tragedies brought on by the internment to so many American citizens of Japanese descent, that he became a strong supporter of the redress legislation.

The Japanese American community truly missed a golden opportunity of thanking a benefactor, by not attending one of the welcome home receptions for Leon Panetta! Who knows, perhaps at some future time ...

Violet Rayne de Cristoforo
Salinas, Calif.
DeCristoforo was the former Monument Coordinator & Redress Chair for Salinas Valley JAACL.

Railroad 'redress'

The article by Michi Weglyn (P.C. Feb. 25-March 6) hit a hot button. My father was a section foreman and had worked for the Union Pacific Railroad for over 36 years when he was fired from his job in February, 1942.

Ms. Weglyn has written that though it states the president of Union Pacific would give the fired personnel five days compensation and transportation for them to any point on his railroad, most of these people could not take advantage of this. A lot of the families had children in schools and made it difficult to move too far away. My parents opted to move to the nearest

town so that my sister could finish the ninth grade. There were only three months left in the school year, and mother and father decided to not add to the trauma of the children starting in a new school for just a few short months.

We had to leave a lot of the furniture and other items because of no means of transportation. One could not go out and rent a U-Haul truck.

After the school year ended, the family moved to a farming community, but picking fruit did not supply enough income to support the family. They moved again to Salt Lake City where the only job my father could find was as a janitor in a restaurant.

It was their frugality, work ethics and habits that had made them live prudently all their lives to save for college educations for their children and to provide for their old age. They had to get into their savings or otherwise we probably would have been among the first homeless in Utah.

We had no camp we could go to, no relatives to help us. Our losses and disruption of our lives was every bit as wrenching and traumatic as the people who were forced out of their homes in the coastal

cities. These people had someplace to go, we did not. We had to provide for ourselves, the evacuees had three meals provided to them. We were discriminated against not only once by the government, but again the second time when reparations were denied railroad workers.

Jeanne Kowishi

Murray, Utah

We have received other letters on how redress, which was denied to them, might be reconsidered on the bases of information shared in Michi Weglyn's essay. —Editor.

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TWO DRUMMERS—Wielding sticks for the recent "Taiko & Swing" benefit for National Japanese American Historical Society at San Francisco are Roy Hirabayashi (left), founder and driving force behind San Jose Taiko, and drummer George Yoshida of Berkeley, wartime camp band leader who organized a 17-piece big band, the J-Town Jazz Ensemble, making music for eight years now.

HAWAII

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unpaid revenues from various uses of ceded land. The numbers range from \$300 million to \$1.2 billion.

Then there is the 1993 Apology Bill, signed by President Clinton, acknowledging U.S. participation in the illegal 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy. But it doesn't force Congress to reconcile the past. "It is very clear that it was just an apology," Inouye explained.

"It doesn't confer any substantive rights to the Native Hawaiian people."

Professor Jon Van Dyke of international law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa noted the Hawaiian group, one of the largest in the U.S., "has not had the right to manage their own affairs and control their resources." Hawaii's 1959 statehood gave Hawaii residents, as a whole, their right for self-governance (from territory to a state). According to international law, a second, separate right exists for Hawaii's aborigines, he continued, self-determination and recovery of land and resources.

"But it is not right to secede," Van Dyke contends, but "a right to be autonomous."
Hawaiian activist and physician,

Kekuni Blaisdell says, "We are so colonized that we turn our backs on our brothers and sisters (in the Pacific) and face only the United States. We've got to reverse that and turn our backs to the United States." Hawaiians are not asking to secede, he said, but "for the United States to withdraw." He noted British rule withdrew from India in 1947 and is now about to return Hong Kong after 99 years. —Contributed by Allan Beekman

"Native Hawaiian Redress and Self-Determination" was among the JAACL Convention workshops at San Jose last year as panelists called it a "JAACL issue."

The audience was left with this question: "Japanese Americans sought redress and won. Should not Native Hawaiians also gain redress for the loss of their country?" (see Sept. 20, 1996 P.C.)

Latest clipping from Special Contributor Allan Beekman suggests the issue has taken "a sinister turn." The Honolulu JAACL co-sponsored an introductory sovereignty education forum, "Who Owns the Land in Hawaii?" Jan. 18 at the Harris United Methodist Church. Alan Murakami, chapter president, and litigation director of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corp., was among the panelists. —Editor.

Three Asian Pacific American women in top California trade union posts

Three Asian Pacific American women were recently selected to high-level union posts: Kathleen Yasuda of Los Angeles, a graduate of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and an organizer for the United Nurses Associations of California, was named the first organizing director of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance,

AFL-CIO; Patricia Lee and Katie Quan, both of San Francisco. Lee will be a deputy regional director in AFL-CIO, to help coordinate union activities in 13 Western states. Quan was elected vice president of the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees. AUC Berkeley graduate, she joined the UNITE staff in 1984. ■



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in Delano.
KING—(12) Kings Hand Laundry (214 N. Green St., Hanford).

LOS ANGELES—(13) City Market at Ninth Street, (14) Yamato Hall/Tokyo Club (no longer standing, but it was a gathering place frequented for church services, public meetings, variety shows and gambling), (15) Little Tokyo (its remaining North side is now registered as the Little Tokyo Historic District), (16) Terminal Island School, (17) Norwalk Gakuen, (18) Long Beach Harbor District Community Center (founded in 1949 on the west side at 1768 Seabright Ave.), (19) Sierra Madre Gakuen.

ORANGE—(20) Japanese Garden in Orange County Civic Center Plaza in Santa Ana (dedicated in 1970).

SACRAMENTO—(21) Isleton Oriental School site, (22) Courtland Bates Oriental School site.

SAN FRANCISCO—(23) Nichi Bei Times Building at 650 Ellis St. (hosted the newspaper editorial office, printing plant and workers until 1942).

SAN JOAQUIN—(24) Shima's Office in Stockton, (25) Bacon Island, (26) Myojima Hotel in Lodi for agricultural workers and still existing at the time the report was submitted.

SAN LUIS OBISPO—(27) Arroyo Grande Japanese Language School, (28) Los Oso Japanese Language School, (29) Nihonmachi in San Luis Obispo (on Higgins Street).

SANTA BARBARA—(30) Guadalupe Buddhist Church.

SANTA CLARA—(31) Gilroy Japanese Language School, (32) Japanese Community Hall in Gilroy (at Monterey and First Streets).

SANTA CRUZ—(33) Watsonville Japanese Town, (34) Naturopie in Watsonville.

SOLANO—(35) Suisun Nisei Club, a postwar gathering place.

STANISLAUS—(36) The 1921 Turlock Incident site, (37) Turlock Social Hall (at 328 Center St. where Nisaburo Abara was shot and slain), (38) JAACL's (Cortez chapter) oldest member when he died in 1973 age 103.

TULARE—(39) Visalia Nihonmachi, (39) Ivanhoe Gakuen, (40) Morioka's Orange Processing Shed in Visalia.

VENTURA—(41) Oxnard Buddhist Church at 234 E. 6th St., (42) Asahi Market at 650 Oxnard Blvd., where parents of and State Assemblyman Nao Takasugi operated, (43) Oxnard Japanese Cemetery established in 1907 and now under care of the Ventura County JAACL.

YUBA—(44) Whetland Hop Riot of 1913 site where several thousand laborers, including Japanese, protested living and health conditions at Durst Ranch during harvest season.

Updates (exact addresses of these sites and other suggestions covering California and other states for the P.C. Archives) will be appreciated. ■

Bookshelf

MIS library keeps growing, more expected

MIS-Northwest Assn.

Unsung Heroes: MIS Past, Present, Future (1996), MIS-NW, P.O. Box 18616, Seattle, WA 98118; 121pp, glossary, map, index, \$12 donation.

The library of Nisei making history as WW2 Military Intelligence Service combat linguists, interpreters and translators with U.S. forces continues to grow, the latest being the complete manuscript of panelists whose presentations were limited because of time at the September, 1995, reunion.

A map showing where the MIS Nisei "in action" spots New York with the Manhattan Project, Germany and France, revealing Nihongo was in the war picture there, too.

In 1979, Joe Harrington's "Yankee Samurai" was the first book on our Nisei MIS shelf, beside stories from souvenir booklets at Nisei veterans conventions.

More can be expected: a MIS-Northern Cal event is scheduled the first weekend in May at the Presidio of San Francisco and the MIS-Rocky Mountain Assn. reunion in September. Dr. James McNaughton, command historian since 1987 at the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey, is also working on the Army history of the WW2 Nisei linguists.

The MIS Nisei stories continue to be impressive. Contributing at the Seattle reunion were:

Preface by Ken Sato, pres., MIS-NW Assn.; MIS Story by Mitzi Matsui, former secretary to John Aiso, Prof. James I. Doi, Peter Okada, George Koshi, Roy Inui, moderators; MIS Past—Yayo Furutaki Herman, John A. Rappin, Ken K. Aiba, Sunao Ichi, Thomas T. Sakamoto (aboard the Battleship USS Missouri at the Surrender); MIS History—Harry K. Fukuhara, Spady A. Koyama, Paul Hosoda, Shigeo Kihara, Dr. James McNaughton; MIS Present and Future—Howard Furumoto (Hawaii), George Kanagai (Southern Cal), Gene Uratsu (Northern Cal), Harvey Watanabe (Northwest), Nobuo Furuyie (Rocky Mountain), Allen H. Meyer (non-Nikkei), Bud Nakasone (Minnesota), and Henry S. Wakabayashi (Washington).

An important contribution

Harold Stanley Jacoby.

Tule Lake: From Relocation to Segregation, (1996), Comstock Bonanza Press, 18919 William Quirk Drive, Grass Valley, CA 95945, 122p., index., \$40.50.

Harold Jacoby's name (b. 1907) has been in the *Pacific Citizen*, as well Elmer Shirrell's (to whom the book is dedicated). Jacoby, furthermore, has been a tradition at the Stockton JAACL annual dinners as their installation officer.

Retired since 1976 from academia (University of Pacific, dean of liberal arts department, sociologist), Jacoby wrote the book for his grandchildren and, no doubt, for Tule Lakers especially, who will want their children and grandchildren to read it—with marginal notes of their own.

Jacoby's treatise covers his involvement with the War Relocation Authority in charge of the warden corps, as the internal security force was called at Tule Lake. He was transferred before Tule Lake was turned into a segregation center.

JANM earns federal agency's \$112,500 general/support grant

LOS ANGELES—The Institute of Museum Services (IMS), a federal agency that strengthens museums to benefit the public, awarded a \$112,500 grant to the Japanese American National Museum, which president and executive director Irene Hirano said was also a recognition of the "team of talent and dedicated staff and volunteers" who operate from day-to-day.

Over 900 institutions nationally applied this past year for grant money and 192 received awards totaling over \$15 million, the IMS explained. To apply, each museum completes a self-evaluation involving all aspects of their operation from collections care, maintenance, educational programs and exhibits. Applications are then evaluated by peer reviewers, professionals in the museum field with an average of 13 years experience, the IMS added.

The JANM, incorporated in 1985, opened its doors in Little Tokyo at the old Nishi Hongwanji in 1992 to preserve and tell the story of Japanese Americans as an integral part of U.S. history.

Last month, construction of the "Phase II" Pavilion across the street began, as heavy equipment appeared to strip off the parking lot pavement and begin digging up the ground.

Senior JANM curator Karen Ishizuka, recently appointed to the National Film Preservation Board, and Robert A. Nakamura are completing a documentary on Toyo Miyatake, Little Tokyo photographer and historian, which will include home movie footage taken at Manzanar a year after the camp was closed in 1946. It will be available at the JANM store; 213/625-0414, or through mail order.

Ishizuka (a niece of K. Patrick Okura of Bethesda, Md.) will be participating at the inaugural Amateur Film Symposium of the International Federation of Film Archives in April at Cartagena, Colombia. She is currently a visit-

ing scholar at Getty Research Institute, researching amateur footage as a historical-cultural resource. ■

Anticipation is heavy to hear more of them. —HKH. ■



PRO-AMATEUR FILMS—Karen Ishizuka (above), senior curator at the Japanese American National Museum and long-time advocate with veteran filmmaker Robert A. Nakamura of amateur film footage as significant historic importance, was appointed by the Librarian of Congress to the National Film Preservation Board.

ing scholar at Getty Research Institute, researching amateur footage as a historical-cultural resource. ■

East-West Center gets \$450,000 grant from Japan government

HONOLULU—The Japanese government continued its support of East-West Center and its Pacific Islands development program with a \$450,000 check that was presented Feb. 12 by Japanese Consul General Kishichiro Amae. Japan has contributed over \$2.8 million to the center since 1978, primarily to help the Pacific Islanders.

Yet, the 37-year institution, writes John Griffin, former Advertiser editorial page editor, is "dying... could be all but gone when the Year 2000 dawns." Once a recipient of federal funds in the \$25-million range, it has dwindled to \$10 million for this year and the Clinton administration projects \$7 million next year, \$4 million in 1999, \$1 million in 2000 and zero in subsequent years.

Former Gov. George Ariyoshi will be the next EWC board chair in June. Veteran state bureaucrat Kenji Sumida is interim EWC president. —AB ■

Museums

Whispered Silences: Japanese American Detention Camps, Fifty Years Later; photographs by Joan Myers.

Through April 13 at the Museum of Photographic Arts, Balboa Park, San Diego. 619/239-5262.

A provocative period of American history as seen by photographer Joan Myers complimented "The 100-Year Road" and was conveniently "next door"—though "Whispered Silence" is moving on after April 13.

The graphic stills of trusted toys, even nails, chards, still defiant camp monuments and headstones, cement foundations and other remains of a tiny pond or rock garden portray the troubled years when the War Relocation Authority fed and sheltered (or "interned" is the word that the Office of Redress Administration spawned) some 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

Many a Nisei will be amazed at Joan Myer's critical eye for her

haunting images of Manzanar's stone houses at the entrance, of Heart Mountain, and of the other camps. A camera buff who got his \$20,000 might silently ask: "Now, how come I didn't take a picture like that?"

Speaking of pictures, Rose Sakemi Itano (now of La Jolla), and among the turnout of about 200 at the Saturday reception, said she's in that historic 1963 picture taken of Pat Okura and Mike Maseoka in the March on Washington led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "I wore a hat as it was hot that day and I have my Leica camera strapped across my chest. We said we'll take another look and see.

(P.S.—We looked at the picture in the Sept. 6, 1963 PC and we couldn't tell.) —HKH ■

Artifacts, photos of prewar Mainland sumo sought

LOS ANGELES—In its on-going mission to preserve and tell the story of Japanese Americans, the sport of sumo in the pre-WWII Mainland communities is the next focus for the Japanese American National Museum. Anyone with such artifacts or pictures should first contact Glen Kitayama, JANM, 213/625-0414, ext 274, de-

scribing the items rather than bringing them in first.

Such materials as photographs and artifacts, sumo aprons, *mauwashi*-breecloths, banners, trophies or memorabilia related to sumo tournaments would enhance a traveling exhibit set to appear this summer in Hawaii and Los Angeles. ■

'Diamonds in Rough' exhibit expanded

SACRAMENTO—"Diamonds in the Rough," a photographic grand-slam of Nisei in baseball plus memorabilia curated by Kerry Nakagawa of Fresno, has been expanded since it was first shown last year at the Giants Stadium, San Francisco, San Jose and Fresno. The new exhibit is scheduled to open April 1 at the State Capitol and continue through August, exhibit official Tom Fujimoto announced.

A benefit reunion luncheon of "alumni" in Nisei baseball will be held on Saturday, April 26, at Holiday Villa Restaurant (formerly Hoi Sing), 7007 S. Land Park Drive, to be followed by viewing the exhibit. Proceeds will help defray production costs.

For information and \$20 tickets, call Toko Fujii 916/421-0328, Kuni Hironaka 916/424-1648 or Fujimoto 916/427-6730. ■

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Kubose Dharma Legacy founded to 'Americanize' Buddhism

CHICAGO—The Rev. Gyomay M. Kubose Legacy was established in January 1997 as a non-profit religious organization devoted to continuing the life work of Rev. Kubose, a pioneer in promoting the Americanization of Buddhism.



The Legacy, founded by his son, Rev. Sunnam Kubose, who worked with his father at the Buddhist Temple of Chicago the past 20 years, plans to publish, hold seminars, develop audio and video material, implement services on the Internet and maintain a 24-hour telephone service (847/677-8053) with daily taped teachings.

The elder Kubose, born in Oakland in 1905, was a Kibei who returned and started a successful landscaping business when he

came upon the writings of, and toured America with, Rev. Akegarasu, who then suggested he finish his education (in philosophy from UC Berkeley) and live in his temple in Japan for five years.

Kubose returned in 1941, was interned for two years at Heart Mountain and relocated to Chicago, establishing an independent Buddhist temple—according to his teacher's advice—to avoid temple politics and use the freedom to develop Buddhism in America, "different from Indian, Chinese or Japanese Buddhism—a uniquely American Buddhism that could be easily understood and practiced by Americans and contribute to American life and culture."

His son, after earning a Ph.D. in psychology and teaching at various universities, also studied Buddhism in Japan and returned to Chicago to join his father's work. Kubose Dharma Legacy may be reached at 6334 Harding Ave., Skokie, IL 60076, 847/677-8211. E-mail: kubose@worldnet.att.net

Japanese Presbyterian Churches convene

SACRAMENTO—The Japanese Presbyterian Churches (JPC) held its 91st annual assembly over the Presidents' Day (Feb. 17) weekend at the Parkview Presbyterian Church, just south of downtown Sacramento.

Over 230 people heard keynote speaker Ada Lum, Bible teacher and lecturer. The workshops focused on such topics as prayer, self-esteem, young adult ministries and the Presbyterian Women Global Exchange.

During the workshop "Absent in the Pews, Ministry to Young Adults," Rodger Nishioka quoted frequently from a survey of 5,000 young adults conducted by the Barna Research Group, which found they ranked Family and Health first in importance, while Bible and Religion ranked last.

Outgoing moderator Joyce Uyeda, Sacramento, was given special recognition.

JPC's newly elected advisory board officers are: Steve Suwabe, moderator; Mariko

Yanagihara, vice moderator; Alice Okazaki, secretary; Fukuoka, treasurer; representatives—Rev. Hi Takarabe, Bob Nozaki, Rev. David Manock, Sophie Toriumi, Rev. David Chinn, Ruth Oda, Tomiyo Ishizaki, Masaaki Shiraiwa, Stephanie Takemoto.

JPC member churches can be found in twelve California communities: Altadena, Los Angeles, Monterey, Paramount, Garden Grove, Sacramento, Salinas, San Francisco, San Mateo, Stockton, Turlock, Watsonville; and six outside California: Park Ridge and Wilmette, Ill.; Philadelphia; Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah; and Seattle.

JPC was founded in June 1905 as the Japanese Presbyterian Conference under leadership of Dr. Ernest Adolphus Sturge. The very first Japanese Presbyterian church was founded in San Francisco on May 16, 1885. The Parkview Presbyterian Church was founded as the Japanese Presbyterian Mission in 1912 by Dr. Aart van Beek, pastor. —Contributed by David A. Fong

JANM Pavilion among first to rise in Little Tokyo as Year 2000 dawns

LOS ANGELES—The new pavilion for the Japanese American National Museum is expected to be one of the first projects completed in the downtown Los Angeles Civic Center area's revitalization process that civic and business leaders hope will enhance the city core.

In addition to more space for collections and exhibits, the JANM Pavilion will house the National Resource Center, the multi-media production center, and a life-history recording area. Its central hall can accommodate special programs and dinners. An outdoor plaza, a garden along First Street and a coffee/tea shop are part of the public areas.

Gyo Obata, chairman of Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum, led the architectural team in creating the design. JANM has raised \$20 million in pledges and gifts towards its goal of \$45 million for its Phase 2 campaign. Phase 1, to restore and renovate the historic Nishi

Hongwani as museum headquarters, raised over \$13 million, funds which were raised domestically.

Little Tokyo itself has been undergoing revitalization. The former Union Church will become the Union Center for the Arts, housing the East West Players, Visual Communications and the L.A. Artcore. The northside of East First Street (between San Pedro and Central) with buildings dating from the 1900s has been designated the Little Tokyo Historic District.

On East 3rd St. between Los Angeles and San Pedro streets stand Little Tokyo Service Center's offices and Casa Heiwa, a low-cost housing facility.

The new cathedral for the Catholic Archdiocese, facing the Hollywood Freeway near the Los Angeles St. exit, is expected to be completed in 1999. Other Civic Center projects include a new sports arena and the WWII 100th/442nd/MIS monument. ■



LITTLE TOKYO'S NEW DIGGINGS—City Councilwoman Rita Walter (right) and JANM executive director Irene Hirano stand over the spot where ground was broken for an 85,000 square-foot "Phase 2 Pavilion."

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Arao, Robert Nobuichi, 72, Bakersfield, Feb. 20; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Terry, sons Alan, Michael, daughter Mary Endo, 3 gc., brother Raymond.

Arta, Jean Jim, 95, Colo., Feb. 7; Kumamoto-born, survived by wife Hattie, son Art (Denver), daughter Marion Toyosaki (Calif.), 7 gc., 9 gc.

Clapp, Linda Sherry, 49, Torrance, Feb. 22; Greeley, Colo.-born, survived by husband Loren, son Christopher, daughter Kelly, parents Ken, Rose Osaki, brother Kerry Osaki.

Echigo, Kosaki 'Kay', 86, survived by son Keishi (Seattle), daughter Betty Marriott (Juneau, Alaska), 5 gc., sister Yuzuko Takeshita (Seattle), predeceased by husband Nisaburo, daughter Yukio Marsh. **Fujita, Edward Tsujomaru, 71**, Los Angeles, Feb. 10, survived by brother Anson, sister Alice Nakadate, sister-in-law Linda Fujioka.

Fukumoto, Masako, 83, Los Angeles, Feb. 9; California-born, survived by daughters Grace Inouye, Violet Yamauchi, Kunita, and Shizuko, 5 gc., brothers Kiyomi Wakayama (Japan), Junji Wakayama, sister Toshiko Nakano (Japan). **Hamamoto, Mitsuyo, 88**, French Camp, Feb. 5; survived by sons Takashi, Ben, Ken, 8 gc., 3 gc.

Hiraguchi, Kimie, 70, Jan. 29; survived by daughter Miki (Mountain View), sisters Kyoko Matsui, Shizuko Matsui (Japan), predeceased by husband Mitsuru. **Hasegawa, Shigeki, 76**, Gardena, Feb. 16; Hawaii-born, survived by son Richard, daughters Jeanette, Linda Hasegawa, sister Louise Hasegawa, 7 gc.

Hasegawa, Sumiko, 82, Los Angeles, Feb. 13; Seattle-born, survived by sons Larry, Don, daughters Joette Hayashigawa, Pauline Flinders, 9 gc., brother Chikayuki (Japan), sisters Chizuko Kobo, Michiko Ouchi, Mary Matsushita.

Hojo, Akira, 80, Los Angeles, Feb. 16; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Kyo, sons Alan, daughter Naomi Shiota, 4 gc., mother Miyuki Hojo, brothers James, Shizuo, Kiyoshi, brother-in-law Yukio Nioka.

Horishige, Sugasuke Sam, 77, survived by sisters Hana Okada (San Francisco), Sachiko Iwasaki (Seattle), Mitsuko Morishita (Sacramento). **Hoshide, Rose T.**, Los Angeles, Feb. 13; Seattle-born, survived by brother Akira, sister Mary Omachi, sister-in-law Misao Hoshide.

Hugo, Helen Shizue, 82, Boise, Idaho, Feb. 10; Independence, Ore.-born, survived by brother Onishi, sisters Jessie Sano, Ida Kariya, Mary, and sisters-in-law Ann, Alice, Shizuko, Mike Onishi, predeceased by husband Adriano.

Ito, Margaret Eruyo, 90, Sun Valley, Feb. 16; Los Angeles-born, survived by daughters Dorothy Fujimoto, Marilyn Ouchi, 10 gc., 9 gc., predeceased by daughter Joyce.

Iwatsuki, Joie Sachiko, 75, Nyssa, Ore., Feb. 16; Hood River, Ore.-born, survived by sister Jessie Nakashima (Nyssa), brother Harry (Hood River).

Kato, Sumi, 91, Carlsbad, Feb. 21; Wakayama-ken-born, survived by daughter Haseko Utagawa, 5 gc. **Kawanami, Kiyoshi 'Ky', 70**, Torrance, Feb. 17; Calexico-born, survived by wife Tish, son Roger, daughters Cynthia Copeland, Rebecca Kawanami (Wash.), 3 gc., brothers George, Shigeno (Arroyo Grande), sisters Mary Naito (Portland), Yumiko Yamamoto, Sadako Okada, Chiyoko Wada.

Kawasaki, Joe Tamio, 88, Monterey Park, Feb. 18; survived by wife Harumi, sons Ron, Paul, daughters Pam Sakai, Diane, Sandra, Jane Kuroki, sisters Marian Tanaka, Kikyo Kamimura, 6 gc. **Koshio, Shime, Terry, 69**, Monterey Park, Feb. 15; El Centro-born, U.S. Army veteran, survived by wife Jean, sons Keith, Daryl (Hawaii), Ronald, 1 gc., mother Misao Kobata, brothers Alan, Steve, sisters Setsuko Fujita, Helen Strauss, mother-in-law Asako Shimizu.

Koratsu, Seko 'Siky', 70, San Francisco, Feb. 5; survived by wife Helen, children Kim, Karen, Jimmy, 3 gc.

Kondo, Yoshiko, 55, Los Angeles, Feb. 26; China-born, survived by husband Toshinori, sons Michael, Daniel, Jimmy, brother Isamu Watanabe.

Koshio, Shime, Fort Lupton, Colo., service Feb. 4; Fukuoka-born, survived by

son Tom, daughters Evelyn Carter (Kemerer, Wyo.), Grayce Nakagawa (Denver), Gladys Koiishi (Boulder, Colo.), Bessie Boone, Jan Messervey (both Aurora, Colo.), predeceased by husband Taneji.

Kubo, Kikuo, 91, Torrance, Feb. 9; Hawaii-born, survived by sons Chisato (Fountain Valley), Hirohara (Lake Forest), Robert, daughters Emiko Wakahara, Setsuko Hayata, 9 gc., 6 gc.

Kurotori, Keiko, 63, Millbrae, Feb. 11; survived by daughter Atsuko Kuratori, 2 gc., father Kichinosuke Okumura, step-mother Sadako Okumura, sisters Yoko, Michiko Okumura (all of Japan), brother Tsuyoshi Okumura.

Kusuda, Bill Hideo, 76, Los Angeles, Feb. 16; Los Angeles-born, survived by brother Paul (Wis.), sister Helen Yamamoto.

Murayama, Harue, 92, Los Angeles, Feb. 22; Tottori-ken-born, survived by daughters Hiroko Fujioka, Miyoko Signa, Shizuko Horita, 5 gc.

Matsuoka, Yoshio, 74, Richmond, Feb. 15; WW II aviator, survived by son, Regimental Combat Team, survived by son, Melvyn (Union City), daughters Linda Fujikawa (Fremont), Lena Yin (Oakland), 8 gc., sister Bessie Matsuoka (Sacramento), Rose Nakayama (Los Angeles), brother Tosh (Walnut Grove), Sho (Hayward), Walter (Sacramento), daughters Miki, brothers-in-law Frank Uda, Roy Uda, Chyo Uda, sister-in-law Mary Matsuunaga, predeceased by wife Shizue.

Mitani, Masaaki, 80, Monterey Park, Feb. 16; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Tsugiko, sons Jerry, Dennis, 2 gc. **Mizutani, Masao, 74**, Sacramento, Feb. 19; survived by son John, daughter Joanne Neuffer, 3 gc.

Mochizuki, Mas' Masaru, 65, Gardena, Feb. 18; San Pedro-born U.S. Army veteran, survived by wife Sue, son Timothy, daughter Susan Hanami, brother Yoshihisa.

Muraee, Sanji, 80, Santa Monica, Feb. 12; Cupertino-born, survived by wife Yuci, son Jerry, daughter Kathy, 3 gc., sister Yori Mimori.

Nakase, Kenichi, 85, Whittier, Feb. 17; California-born, survived by wife Takayo, sons Tad, Gary, Steven, Frank, daughters Kazuko Kaneo, Susan Nakase, 9 gc., 1 gc.

Nakatsuru, Shigeki, 80, Los Angeles, Feb. 16; Bell-born, survived by son Wayne, daughters Shirley, Martha Nakatsuru, sisters Midori Tanamachi, Sakaye Nakatsuru, Misako Fukushima.

Narita, Manji, 73, Camarillo, Feb. 23; Fresno-born, survived by wife Teru, son Res, daughter Arisui Namba, brother Kiichi Namba, sister Helen Tsuda, Jean Takamatsu (Denver), brother-in-law Ito Yamauchi, sisters-in-law Hatsumi Nishimori (Somis), Toshiko Tomooka (Santa Maria), Okada, Manji, 74, Los Angeles, Feb. 10; Glendale-born WW II army veteran, survived by wife Mary, son Thaddeus, daughters Judianne Okada, Damien Ozaki, Claudia Okada, brothers Kiyoshi, Takeo Okada, sister Misako Koo (Anz.).

Okita, Fumiko, 79, Monterey Park, Feb. 10; Turlock-born, survived by husband Hatsuo, brothers Minoru Uchisaka (Japan), Kaoru Okada, brothers-in-law Noboru Okita (Ore.), Toshio Okita.

Okubo, Jack, 73, Sacramento, Feb. 5; Sacramento-born, survived by wife Mitsi, son Chris, daughters Susan Matsuura, Nora Dickey, 5 gc., sisters Hatsuko Kanda, Tsugiko Shintaku, Kimyo Yoshida, Hideo Kanda, brothers Saburo, Nobuo, sister-in-law May Okubo, brother-in-law Hideo Enomoto.

Okuhara, Shinichi Jimmy, 84, Mission Hills, Feb. 20; Peoria, Ill.-born, survived by wife Takako, sons Roy, Hiroshi, daughter Cherry Itonitsua, 4gc., brother Michi Okuhara (Japan).

Ryono, Tamako H., 66, Gardena, Feb. 23; Tokyo-born, survived by husband Tetsuya, sons David Hozaki, Wayne Ryono, Hugh Ryono, 1 gc., brothers, sisters.

Saito, Albert 'Abe' Yoshiyuki, 76, Ontario, Ore., Feb. 21; Damascus, Ore.-born, survived by sons Douglas (Portland, Ore.), Craig (Reno, Nev.), Michael (Portland), 1 gc., brothers Joe, Paul, predeceased by wife Dorothy.

Sakai, Fusuyasu, 85, Sacramento, Feb.

11; survived by son Ted, siblings Noboru, Shigeno Kaita. **Sakayue, Kenji, 82**, Morgan Hill, Feb. 3; survived by wife Shizu, son Takao, daughter Noriko Karolewski, 1 gc., brothers Eiichi, Isao.

Sekino, Kaoru Kay, 76, Los Angeles, Feb. 17; Los Angeles-born, survived by daughters Susa Sekino, Ellen Yamakawa, Kathryn Sekino, Aene Selkino, 1 gc., brothers John, Joseph Fujikawa (Illinois), sisters Mary Nakatsu, Aster Ikezoya (Camarillo), brother-in-law Nawie Kestler, sister-in-law Chye Hayashi (Santa Maria).

Shibuya, Fumie, 97, Los Angeles, Feb. 23; Wakayama-ken-born, survived by daughter Kazu Shibuya, sons George, Yoshindo Shibuya, daughter-in-law Fusako Shibuya, 10 gc., 7 gc.

Sonoda, Fujiko, 83, Feb. 8; Hawaii-born, survived by daughter Frances, sons Ronald, Thomas, Wendell, 20 gc., 4 gc., predeceased by husband Masami, son Henry.

Sunada, Leo S., 64, Green River, Wyo., Dec. 22; Green River-born Korean war veteran, survived by wife Carol, son Mori (Bellevue, Wash.), brothers George (Logan, Utah), Kayo (Denver), sisters Edith (Green River), Agnes Tabuchi (Reliance, Wyo.).

Takahama, Ann Akie, 63, Huntington Beach, Feb. 17; Tokyo-born, survived by husband James, brother Akira Takahagi (Japan), sisters Tamiko Kobayashi, Taeko Ushiro (both of Japan).

Takizaki, Miki, 76, Seattle, Jan. 22; member of American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Nisei Veterans Committee, survived by wife May, sister Karen, brothers Etsuji, John, sister Ai Koshi (all of Seattle).

Tashiro, Hisao, 83, Salinas, Feb. 10; survived by husband Michiko, son Sam (Salinas), daughters Barbara Cuesta (Sacramento), Nancy Akiyoshi (Chicago), 10 gc., 7 gc., sister Masae Yoneyama (Los Angeles), Mitsuko Inouye (San Francisco).

Temma, Jennie S., 75, Los Angeles, Feb. 17; Adair, Wash.-born, survived by husband Shiro, daughter Marven Naramura, Sharon Myers, 3 gc., brother Tom Horuchi, sister-in-law Lillian Horuchi.

Togami, Art, 77, Las Lunas, N.M., Dec. 3; Albuquerque, N.M.-born, survived by wife Evelyn, sons Steve, Robert, daughter Shirley Yamamoto.

Tomita, Michio, 91, Los Angeles, Feb. 17; Yamaguchi-ken-born, survived by daughter Keiko Uno, sons Toy Toyoshige, John Tomita, 3 gc., brothers-in-law Shuji Kato (Japan), Keizo Kato (Hawaii), sisters-in-law May Shitara, Chye Miyagishima.

Umekubo, Kenji, Chiyu, service Feb. 21; survived by wife 'Hattie' Hatsuho, sons Bruce, Frank, Mark, daughter Susan, sister Alice Iwamoto, Lily Mamiya.

Uyeda, Tsutomu C., 73, Gardena, Feb. 7; Terminal Island-born, survived by wife Mary, sisters Tello Yonemura, Sumi Endo.

Watanabe, Karen Kazuyo, 70, Los Angeles, Feb. 15; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband Toshiro, son Arthur, daughter Sherie Nagafuchi (Sacramento), 1 gc., parents Riichi, Katsuko Kayamoto, brother Masami Kayamoto, sister Mieko Omoto, brothers-in-law Hideo, Shigeo, Sadao Watanabe.

Yamaoka, Akiyo, 91, Hollister, Feb. 16; sons Tom, Henry, Benny, daughter Ritsuko Kowaki, 7 gc., 8 gc.

Yano, Hayao, 100, Daly City, Feb. 15; Kochi-born, survived by sons Carl, Albert, daughter Rose Fukumitsu, brother Isao, 9gc., 9gc.

Yoshida, Emiko 'Amy', 62, Jan. 19; survived by husband Noboru, son David, daughters Susan Tripp, Stacy Boesen, Alison Haddock, 4 gc., father Roy Seichi Nakata, brothers Kibo Nakata, Ken Nakata.

Yokota, Mitsuyo, 78, Thousand Oaks, Feb. 15; Montebello-born, survived by husband Eddie, sons Toshihiro, Kaoru, daughter Miyuki Fujitani, 2 gc.

Yoshimura, Misuyo, 97, Los Angeles, Feb. 24; Hiroshima-ken-born, survived by sons James, Roy, Mitsuru, Harold, William, daughters Emiko Sasaki, Cherry Ishimatsu, Helen Takata, Madilyn Kawasaki, 22 gc., 30 gc. ■

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For Your Information

There are many individuals who have been actively promoting the JACL Curriculum and Resource Guide across the country, some since the first publication of the Guide back in 1992, others who have been involved in outreach by making presentations in classrooms when invited. It is the intention of the JACL Education Committee to recognize some of these volunteers and share their stories with the readers of the Pacific Citizen. If you know of someone who is, or has been, involved in efforts to reach into the education community and unfold the story of the internment into the classroom, please contact the Pacific Citizen.

MARY JO Kubota is a teacher by profession, a single mother raising two teen aged boys, and a member of the San Mateo Chapter. She first learned about the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II when she began hearing about the redress campaign JACL was waging and found it hard to believe that it really had happened. Her dismay focused on the fact that she had never heard about it or was ever exposed to this significant part of U.S. history through out her formal education.

Her interest grew as she learned about the "camp experiences" as she attended more meetings, read more articles, listened to more "primary sources," individuals who lived through the war years.

When the first Curriculum and Resource Guide was published by the JACL in 1994 and the call went out to the chapters to designate someone as an education chair, at the urging of the Chapter Board, Mary Jo volunteered to serve as the San Mateo Chapter's education chairwoman.

With the support of the members of her committee, the San Mateo Chapter has hosted nearly a half dozen teacher workshops in both public and private schools. Mary Jo and her committee put together supplemental material about the history of the Japanese Americans in San Mateo, developed additional lesson plans, and compiled a list of the materials available in the school district's resource center, made copies of this information on colored paper, three-hole punched them, and inserted the material into the Guide.

With financial support from both the Chapter and a grant from the Peninsula Community Foundation, copies of the Guide have been distributed at no cost to the teachers attending those workshops.

On February 19 this year, the San Mateo Chapter sponsored a "Day of Remembrance" evening program at local Senior Center facility which featured four local residents who were interned in camp, each sharing their personal remembrances of those very difficult years. The emotion was evident as each of them spoke and the audience, which consisted of both a number of students and educators, felt that emotion. The Question and Answer period offered an opportunity for a number of questions from both young and old.

Mary Jo's commitment to bring the story of the internment to as many teachers as she can continues. Her passion is supported by the members of her committee as well as the Chapter. And, although she was nervous about her first presentation a few years ago, she is now a wealth of information about educational materials; she has collected at least two boxes of materials which she brings to the workshops, and can offer suggestions on how those materials can be used in the classroom. ■

Supreme court declines test of Arizona's 'English Only' clause

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court on March 3 declined to decide whether states may adopt laws requiring public employees to speak only English. Instead, the court said the case of Maria Kelly-Yniguez, the Arizona worker, should have been dismissed years ago.

In the opinion written by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the court said Yniguez's claim became moot when she left her job in 1990 and began working in the private sec-

tor. She was a state employee in 1988 when Arizona voters adopted an amendment to the state constitution making English the official language and requiring all government workers to do business only in English.

Further, the case had been closely watched because the "English-only" movement has divided the nation between those (such as JACL) pushing for multicultural tolerance and those who believe in a common, unifying language.—From EMM ■

Cal Poly Pomona receives \$5.6 million for landfill reclamation project

POMONA, Calif.—The Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts presented a check for \$5.625 million—the largest lump-sum cash contribution ever—to Cal Poly Pomona for a project to ensure the Spadra Landfill, due to close in 1999, will be home to much more than just trash.

"This award is the result of our aggressive marketing of an innovative project and creative efforts by the Sanitation Districts to support it," Dr. Bob Suzuki, university president, said recently (Feb. 25).

"The districts recognize the value of this project to the surrounding communities and determined that it could very well serve as a model for landfill closures."

Cal Poly's LandLab project, formed in 1985 to research in the use of natural resources, will showcase the ultimate in water conservation and land reclamation, complete with a 9-hole golf course that will double as a wildlife sanctuary,

feature trails, walnut groves, an educational theme park and AGRScapes, a high-tech education and recreation center.

LandLab director Ed Barnes mentioned that Fujita Corporation, a world leader in incorporating ecological systems into structures, is expected to assist in the design of the golf course to protect the environment.

Five years ago, when Suzuki was installed president of Cal Poly Pomona, he challenged the College of Agriculture "to reconceptualize its programs to take advantage of the unique strategic position of having a major college of agriculture in an urban region; to see it as an advantage rather than a disadvantage."

"The vast majority of California's population lives in an urban area, and is unaware of the nature and importance of agriculture in the state of California, even though it is the second largest sector of our economy." ■

PANA-USA prepares for Mexico City convention

LOS ANGELES—With the 9th International Pan American Nikkei Association (PANA) convention set for July 24-27 in Mexico City, not all the costs are known yet, according to Ernest Hida of American Holiday Travel, who is handling the arrangements.

Hida explained that members of the host committee, PANA-Mexico, are busily engaged preparing for the 100th anniversary celebration of Japanese immigration to Mexico for mid-May.

The PANA convention will officially start on Thursday, July 24, and end Monday, July 28. Opening ceremony, workshops, business meetings, local cuisine, city tour and shopping, home visits, golf and karaoke competition are typical PANA convention highlights. The convention hotel for U.S. and Canadian delegates is likely to be Hotel Nikko Mexico, he added.

Brief post-convention optional tours to Cancun, the Mayan ruins and Yucatan pyramids or to other popular areas are being offered. Information: Ernest Hida, 312 E. 1st St., #341, Los Angeles, CA 90012, fax 213/625-4347.

The annual 1997 membership meeting held March 7 at Miyako Inn, unlike prior events, was conducted totally in English. Noritoshi Kanai, president, reviewed PANA-USA's activities this past year, announcing 34 members had contributed scholarships of \$30 per month/12 months to qualified

needy students at Hideyo Noguchi School in Lima. PANA-USA's scholarship program, which began in 1991, has benefited 128 students to date, Kanai said.

The school was founded in 1965 to aid under-privileged children and currently enrolls 400 students, 70 percent Peruvian and 30 percent Nikkei. Juana Miyashiro is principal.

"The 1997 drive is now underway. Despite the turmoil surrounding the terrorist crisis, President Fujimori courageously leads the nation towards social stability, economic growth and most of all to fortify the education of our children," Kanai said. "His administration is continuing with the pledge to build educational institutions at an astounding rate of one per day."

Ichiro Takeda, president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, was guest speaker. George Aratani was welcomed as a new member, Henry Onodera emceed. Members of the 1997 board of directors are:

Noritoshi Kanai, pres.; Leo Hayashi, Ernest Hida, Henry Onodera, Ben Watanabe, v.p.s.; Lea Hayashi, corporate and rec. sec.; Seicho Fujikawa, treas.; Augusto Miyahira, auditor; Martha Tamashiro, Miyako Desai, public relations; board members—ECHO Goto, Margaret Higashi, Natsuo Kawada, Mitsuko Kawaguchi, Tatsushi Nakamura, Tetsuji Nakamura, Tokichi Ouchi, Teruo Shimizu, Bob Shibata, Walter Tanaka, Marie Taniguchi, Larry Tokuyama, Tochi Taenaka. ■

U.S., Japan await new airlines pact

HONOLULU—Negotiators were meeting in Washington this month in an attempt to revise the 1952 U.S.-Japan agreement covering air service between the two nations, something airlines serving the Hawaii-Japan routes would like to see.

The U.S. wants Japan to be less restrictive, allowing its carriers to extend service from Japan to other nations. Japan has argued the agreement was unfairly imposed during the post-war period and re-

mains rigid, it was noted by Professor Fred Collison, University of Hawaii School of Travel Industry Management. Honolulu already has more than 150 flights from Japan—the most of any U.S. gateway; LAX, ranking No. 2, has 85 per week.

The U.S. and Japan have been at loggerheads for the past 15 years, he added. The aviation agreement between the United States and Japan is the most restrictive of all agreements with other countries, Collison said. ■

Twin Cities to celebrate its 50th anniversary

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

MINNEAPOLIS—The Twin Cities JACL celebrates its 50th anniversary at a banquet Saturday, April 5, at the Holiday Inn West, 9970 Wayzata Blvd., St. Louis Park, with the doors open at 4:30 p.m. for a social hour, the exhibit of photos, historic documents from throughout the chapter's 50 years and placing bidson numerous items as part of a fund-raising silent auction.

Keynote speaker Mako, whose career spans stage, screen and TV, will also be available to sign autographs during the social hour. Dinner will be served at 5:15.

Past chapter presidents, board members and volunteers who have been part of the organization's 50 years will be recognized. The chapter was founded as the United Citizens League (UCL) in 1947 as a watchdog to protect and defend the interests of Japanese American community in Minnesota.

Program also features the locally based Kogen Taiko and a mixed media performance combining choreographed drumming, slides and voice-overs relating the



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personal histories of Minnesotans interned in the camps during WWII. It was previously presented in 1995 at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

Banquet tickets are \$25 each and each member-household attending will receive a complimentary copy of the chapter's 50th Anniversary cookbook (\$10 value). Eighty-six JACLers contributed their favorite recipes. RSVPs are due March 24, information: 612/884-1560. ■

Chiogioji heads Nat'l JA Memorial Foundation

HONOLULU—The Washington, D.C.,-based National Japanese American Memorial Foundation at its board of directors meeting here, elected Dr. Melvin H. Chiogioji chairman, succeeding William "Mo" Marumoto. In accepting the position, the retired rear admiral (the highest ranking Japanese American to serve in the U.S. Navy) said, "We acknowledge the many major challenges which we face over the next weeks and over the next two and a half year to raise funds necessary to construct the memorial."

The memorial, to be located about two blocks from the Nation's Capitol, commemorates the courage and sacrifice of Japanese Americans who fought and died in defense of their country, the faith and patri-

tism of the 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry who endured the imprisonment in the WWII internment camps and cite the courage of a nation for admitting its error.

Chiogioji is director of business development for MELE Associates, an engineering and environmental services firm. He received his doctorate in business administration from George Washington University. Also elected or appointed were:

Tomio Moriguchi (Seattle), Cressey Nakagawa (San Francisco), Hideto Kono (Honolulu), Dr. Raymond Murakami (Washington, D.C.), sec.; Hitoshi Shimizu (Culver City), treas.; to the board of trustees—Bert Kobayashi (Waipahu, Hawaii), Norman Mineta (Washington), to the board of governor—Yoshiharu Satoh, Robert K. U. Kihune, Allen T. Ono (all Honolulu). ■

SOMETHING DIFFERENT:

JAHSSC installs officers at theater matinee

The Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California made a little history of its own when its 1997 officers were sworn in at East West Players after the Feb. 23 Sunday matinee of Ed Sakamoto's *The Taste of Kona Coffee*. A full house enjoyed a light lunch, the two-act play and post-play dessert plus discussion with the playwright, cast and crew. The hot brew of Kona coffee was a gift of Francis Nakano, an assistant superintendent with the Los Angeles Unified School District.

It was the wish of LAUSD board member George Kiriyama, incoming president and a JAHSSC founder, to make the 1997 install-

ation affair "different." For the 100 who squeezed into the little theater on Santa Monica Blvd. near Virgil in East Hollywood, it was an emotional escape to the Big Island, where Issei were producing coffee in the summer of 1929, the time and locale of the play, whose run has been extended to March 23.

The new board members are: George Kiriyama, pres.; Dr. Jack Fujimoto, pres.-elect; Bob Takeuchi, May Toya, v.p.s.; Hazel Taniguchi, rec. sec.; Sue Hasegawa, cor. sec.; Job Sekiguchi, treas.; Iku Kiriyama, editor; Sid Yamazaki, historian; Jenni Kuida, Tracy Kiriyama, Haruko Hurt, Alex Fukui, directors; Kyo Fukumoto, Lloyd Inui, Sue K. Embrey, past pres. council; Shigeru Matsumoto, legal adviser. ■

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DISCOVER RHODE ISLAND & CAPE COD (8 days)	JUN 6
CANADIAN ROCKIES/VICTORIA (8 days)	JUN 18
JAPAN SUMMER ADVENTURE (10 days)	JUL 7
TAUCK COLORADO NATIONAL PARKS (9 days)	SEP 4
EUROPEAN INTERLUDE (12 days)	SEP 9
MAUI GOLF HOLIDAY (8 days)	SEP 22
TENNESSEE/BRANDSON/KENTUCKY (Shoji Tabuchi Show, 9 days)	SEP 13
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