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## INS publishes rule for Naturalization Disability Waivers (Form N-648)

**SAN FRANCISCO**—After years of delay, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) on March 19 published its final rule governing the implementation of the "disability waiver" exemption to naturalization, which the Asian Law Caucus carefully explained at its press conference here.

In 1994, the Congress amended the naturalization statute to allow disabled applicants to be naturalized without taking the English

literacy and U.S. history and civics tests normally required.

The "disability waiver" rule, effective immediately, replaced the interim INS regulations that were implemented last August.

In Los Angeles, an estimated 90,000 people could lose monthly Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments as early as Aug. 22 unless they are citizens or meet certain exemptions. Thousands of SSI recipients (including the Japa-

nese-speaking) have been sent letters warning of the cutoff.

Pacific Southwest JACL Regional Director Al Muratsuchi has been working with Little Tokyo Service Center, responding to elderly Issei and their Nisei-Sansei family members. They are conducting citizenship classes in the Southland area. (Not all attending the classes are SSI recipients, it was pointed out.)

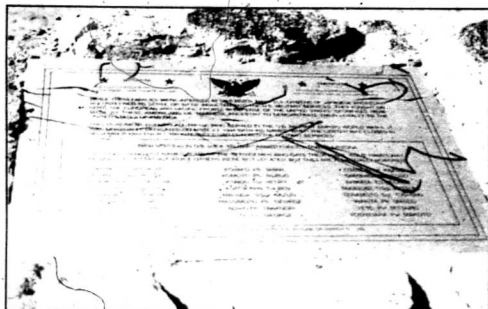
Several important changes from current policy are contained in the final rule, one being the new form N-648 to certify that the applicant has a qualifying physical, developmental or mental impairment.

Previously, a letter from an INS-certified civil surgeon accompanied the request for a waiver. The new rule expands the number of medical professionals who may certify the applicant's qualifying physical or mental condition, to any medical doctor (including psychiatrist) experienced clinical psychologist licensed to practice in the U.S.

The final rule defines qualifying disability in ways which immigration and disability rights advocates hope would provide for greater access to such persons and less second-guessing by the INS on medical matters.

It provides that a disability waiver should be granted to any person who is unable to demonstrate an understanding of English and/or a knowledge of U.S. history and civics "because of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment which has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months."

The final rule provides that the INS may, in certain cases, require a second medical certification or additional documentation. "According to its own guidelines, the INS is supposed to exercise restraint in requiring additional certification or information," said immigration rights attorney Frank Tse at Asian Law Caucus. "We plan to closely



JOE ALLMAN PHOTO

**A SAD CONDITION**—Graffiti mars the bronze plaque bearing the names of 22 Nisei killed in action during WWII while their families were interned at Gila River, Ariz. The black markings were removed but not the scratches. The plaque was dedicated in March, 1995. See inside, page 10 (for more pictures of the area "before and after" the clean-up.)

### COMMENTARY:

## The National Review just doesn't get it

By BOB SAKANIWA

JACL Washington D.C. Rep.

By now many people are aware of the recent *National Review* cover caricaturizing the President, First Lady and Vice President using negative Asian features such as buck teeth and slanted eyes. Ostensibly, this cover was meant to show the close connection, the "turning Asian" if you will, of the three principles at the White House.

Like the underlying campaign finance scandal, the furor that has arisen over the decision to publish this particular magazine cover is a multifaceted one. The Asian Pacific American community and oth-



ers have been justifiably upset over the negative racial stereotyping of Asian features in the caricatures of the three principles.

Many individuals and organizations, including JACL, have written and called editor John O'Sullivan demanding an apology for what is viewed as a racist magazine cover. On March 26th a diverse group of organizations including the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, National Council of La Raza, the Anti Defa-

## P.C. wish list approved

By HARRY K. HONDA  
Editor emeritus

**LOS ANGELES**—There are two matters concerning the operation of this publication: a feasibility study for relocating the Pacific Citizen back to its prewar site in San Francisco and a P.C. Wish List.

As requested by the Sacramento JACL and passed by a 74-31 vote at the National Council last summer at San Jose, the feasibility report was expected at this past week's National Board and Staff meeting. "It is not ready," Vice President for general operations Richard Uno reported. He assured that it will be ready for the next board meeting scheduled in August.

In face of JACL budget constraints and P.C. budget cuts, the resolution suggested there would be a \$25,000 cost savings the first year. The implementation would take place after termination of the present lease (or at the end of 1998). The resolution predicted there would be "ample room to house the PC operation" at year's end.

On the other hand, the total \$23,000 package of the PC Wish List, presented by Mae Takahashi, P.C. Editorial Board chair, was approved — with about 80% already on hand in the "PC SAVE" fund and the JACL board authorizing the remainder from its current budget.

Kerry Ting, P.C. business manager, has been reviewing several cost-effective options with assistance of Gary Mayeda, V. P. for planning and development, and Clyde Izumi, JACL business manager at Headquarters.

Furthermore, the PC SAVE campaign will continue to record support from subscribers who want to see the P.C. return to its weekly format. (It became a semi-monthly because of costs.) ■

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## Optimism reigns at Nat'l board meeting

**LOS ANGELES**—"We don't want to live in the past," began JACL National President Helen Kawagoe, as she opened the National Board Meeting in Little Tokyo on March 22. "Let's look towards the future."

### Director's Report

"Generally speaking we've improved substantially," said JACL National Director, Herb Yamanishi. The unaudited budget for 1996 shows a surplus of \$107,831 and membership has increased. Successful efforts at fund-raising played a large role in increased revenues for JACL, and expenditures came in at \$51,050 below budget. JACL investments have performed exceptionally well, largely due to the growth in the stock market, explained Yamanishi. Total JACL investments are now valued at more than \$7 million.

The Washington D.C., Leadership Conference on Mar. 8-12 was a success, said the National Director. JACL sponsored 12 participants and the Organization for Chinese Americans sent seven.

Yamanishi announced that new staff member Donna Okubo will head up membership and fund development. She will develop various JACL fund-raising activities including membership, Legacy, Annual Giving, Sweepstakes, and Planned Giving. A new membership brochure is being prepared, with a target re-



JOHN SAITO PHOTO

**THE NATIONAL BOARD** meets in Los Angeles. Shown are (from left) Mike Yamaki, Herb Yamanishi, Helen Kawagoe, and Richard Uno.

lease date of May 1, 1997.

"A lot of changes are occurring in health care issues," said Yamanishi. JACL is currently working with Blue Shield to find a health insurance plan for members outside of California. And they have approved insurance broker Albert H. Wohlers & Co.'s improved long-term care and disability insurance plans.

Wohlers' V. P. of Sales, Kenneth Lock, outlined their 1997 marketing schedule. Members should be receiving information brochures on the following dates:

**Catastrophe/Major Medical Insurance** (non-New York only): mailing — 4/18/97 (end of enrollment — 6/1/97)

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**Personal Accident Insurance** (includes free \$100,000 scheduled airline insurance): mailing — 5/16/97 (end of enrollment — 7/1/97)

**Long Term Care**: mailing — 8/4/97 (end of enrollment — 10/1/97)

**Cancer Insurance**: mailing — 10/17/97 (end of enrollment — 12/1/97)

**Census-Multicultural Category** The current five-category "check one only" U.S. census format for designating ethnicity doesn't work for persons of multicultural heritage, said Steven Ropp, board member of Hapa Issues Forum (HIF), a multiracial, non-profit, national or-

ganization.

Ropp said many multiracial persons feel awkward choosing a single ethnic group. "It often feels like choosing one parent over the other."

Since the 1970s there has been a 260 percent increase in the number of multiracial births, explained Ropp. The U.S. Census has had a 45 percent increase in the number of Americans choosing the "other" category, and in 1990, 9.8 billion people checked the "other" box, he added.

The current system "marginalizes many Americans," said Ropp. "Some sort of change needs to be made. It [the census] doesn't work for multiracial people today, including many Japanese Americans." HIF is currently putting together a committee to look into the best solution for the upcoming census for the year 2000.

However, Asian American groups worry that the inclusion of a multiracial category will have the adverse effect of reducing their numbers. "HIF believes this is an important issue, and JACL should take a proactive role," said Ropp. But "we understand it has important implications. We don't want to see the Japanese American community negatively impacted" by the multiracial category. But the debate is what's important, not the final outcome, he

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## JACL Calendar

### Eastern

**DISTRICT COUNCIL—PHILADELPHIA**  
 Sat. April 5—EDC Quarterly Session, 10 a.m., Phila. JACL 50th anniversary Installation dinner, 6 p.m. Happy hour & exhibit, 7 p.m. dinner, Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, 2nd and Walnut Sts., 215238-6000; info: G. Ueyehara/609/654-3685.

### Midwest

**CINCINNATI**  
 Sat. May 3 (Rain date May 10)—Yard/Bake Sale, 2933 Madison Rd. (I-71, Smith-Edwards Rd. exit), Cincinnati, info: Jaacul Vidourek 513/861-4860, Shiro Tanaka 489/9079. NOTE—Used but not abused items.  
**HOOSIER**  
 Sat. May 10—Asian-Pacific Rim Heritage Month program, 7 p.m., Franklin College, info: Charles Matsumoto 317/888-8505. NOTE—Stewart David Kida, speaker and author of *Whist the Scarecrow*.  
**TWIN CITIES**  
 Sat., April 5—Twin Cities JACL's 50th Anniversary celebration, 4:30 p.m., Holiday Inn West, 9970 Wazwaya Blvd., St. Louis Park; RSVP March 24, \$25 per person, mixed-media presentation of personal history of Minnesotaans interned during WWII; info: Kathy O. Koch, 612/884-1560; Lynn Yamakana, 612/735-6124. NOTE: Makoto, keynote speaker; Kogen Taiko performance.

**Sun. April 13**—Annual sukiyaki fund-raiser, operating and scholarship fund, noon-6:30, Union Congregational Church, St. Louis Park; info: Tom Hara 612/420-9562.

### Mountain Plains

**DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
 Sat. May 3—District meeting and Omaha JACL's 50th Anniversary celebration; info: Emile Kusuma, 303/668-8075 (h).

## COMMUNITY Calendar

### Eastern

**NEW ENGLAND**  
 Thu. Sat. April 17—Asian Film Series NETPAC/USC, Central Connecticut State, New Britain, Conn.  
 info: Asn Pac Media Ctr, 213/743-1939. (NOTE—Details: Los Angeles / May 1-3.)  
**(WASHINGTON, D.C.)**  
 Through April 6—Taiwan Treasures, National Gallery of Art, NOTE—Sponsored by EVA Airways.

**Fri. May 2**—Asn Pac Am Heritage Council scholarship dinner, 6:30 p.m., China Gardens, 1100 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va.; info: Shu-Ping Chan 310/816-0767.  
**Mon. Tue. May 5-6**—Federal Asn Pac Amer Council welcome reception, May 5, 7 p.m. Training & leadership conference, May 7, 8:30-5 p.m., Doubletree Hotel, Rockville, Md.; seminar and conference, May 6-8, Cannon Caucus Room, 8:30-5 p.m.; banquet RSVP only, J.W. Marriott Hotel, info: Sharon Wong 202/358-1694, Thomas Tsai 202/632-1254.

**Wed. May 7**—3rd annual gala CAPACI (for security purposes, doors will close at 6:45 p.m.), dinner, 7 p.m., Washington Hilton Hotel; RSVP by April 17, note 202/289-0367, fax 289-0434. NOTE—Conference briefings, Asn Amer community follows the next day May 8. CAPACI Legislative conference & briefings, local TBA.

**Thu. May 8**—Smithsonian Institution's APA Heritage Committee, book reading featuring four writers, 7 p.m., Museum of American History, Carmichael Ave., reception follows; info: Marshall Wong 202/786-2403.

**Fri. Sat. May 9-10**—4th annual Nat'l Conference on Korean American Leadership, 1 p.m., 6 p.m. dinner (RSVP only), J.W. Marriott Hotel, info: Jocelyn Hong 202/484-4884, David L. Kim 202/293-2174.

**Sat. May 10**—Nat'l Asn Pac Amer Bar Assn. board meeting, time & place TBA.

**Sat. May 10**—APAHF Festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Freedom Plaza, 12th and Pennsylvania NW; info: Shu-Ping Chan 310/816-0767.

### Midwest

**OHIO**  
 Mon. April 21—Asian Film Series NETPAC/USC, Ohio State University, Columbus, info: Asn Pac Media Ctr, 213/743-1939. (NOTE—Details: Los Angeles / May 1-3.)  
**TWIN CITIES**  
 Thu. May 14—Festival of Nations, St. Paul Civic Center, NOTE—Help needed for JACL bazaar and demonstration booth, contact Charles Tatsuda, 612/274-7264.

### The Rockies

**DENVER**  
 Denver, May 6—Asian-Pacific Women's Network of Colorado "Silk Wings" awards luncheon, St. Cajetan's Church on the Auraria campus, info: Betty Inouye, 303/857-4494.

### Northwest

**OREGON**  
 Sun. April 16—Univ. of Portland Japan Studies presentation of Chikuzoku Chikawa-Tsuguro Shamen ensemble, 7 p.m., Univ. of Portland Chiles Center, 5000 N.

### Intermountain

**BI-DISTRICT COUNCIL-Tukwila, Wash.**  
 July 18-19—Bi-District PNW-Intermountain District Council meeting & conference, Best Western Southcenter, 800/544-9863 (mention "JACL" for special room rates). Info: 206/623-5088.

### Pacific Northwest

**PORTLAND**  
 Sun. May 4—Greater Portland JA Graduation banquet, 5 p.m., House of Louie Restaurant, info: Ken Ono, Daishonzen Henjyo Buddhist Temple 503/232-6352. NOTE—Fred Mori-shita, Oregon '96 Teacher of the Year, North Clackamas School District, keynote speaker. (Committee seeks names of graduates who should be invited.)

**BI-DISTRICT COUNCIL-Tukwila, Wash.**  
 July 18-19—Bi-District PNW-Intermountain District Council meeting & conference, Sat. workshops (tentative): Intergenerational dialogue, Raising bi-racial children, Political empowerment/involvement, Membership recruitment/services, Cultural arts/craft. Best Western Southcenter, info: Patricia Tsai, CCDC director, 206/623-5088. NOTE—Mention "JACL" for special room rates, 800/544-9863. Booster events: Friday golf tournament, Sat. evening Seattle Bon Odori Festival; Sun. tour of historic Seattle Rihonmachi. Also in conjunction: APIA Youth Student Conference, theme: "Community Envisioning Tomorrow."

### NCal-WN-Pacific

**DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
 Sun.-Tue., April 20-22—California Legislative JACL Leadership Conference, State Capitol, Sacramento; info: Patty Wada, 415/921-5225.  
**TRI-DISTRICT—LAS VEGAS**  
 Fri.-Sun., June 6-8—CCDC hosts: Tri-District PSW/CNCAWNP Conference, Stardust Hotel-Casino, Las Vegas; info: Patricia Tsai, CCDC director, 209/486-6815. NOTE: For "JACL Group 697" room reservations 800/634-6757.  
**BERKELEY**  
 Mon.-Sat., April 14-19—"Shop at Nikko's," 218 Shattuck Ave., 510/841-0666; a Berkeley

Williamette Blvd., info: 503/283-7523.

**Thu.-Mon. May 22-26**—Asian Film Series NETPAC/USC, University of Oregon, Eugene; info: Asn Pac Media Ctr, 213/743-1939. (NOTE—Details: Los Angeles / May 1-3.)

**WASHINGTON**  
 Mon.-Sun. May 26-June 1—Asian Film Series NETPAC/USC, South Puget Sound Community College, Olympia;

info: Asn Pac Media Ctr, 213/743-1939. (NOTE—Details: Los Angeles / May 1-3.)

### Northern Cal

**BERKELEY**  
 Sat. April 24—Hapa Issues Forum's 4th annual conference, UCB Berkeley, info: HIF, 510/466-5859.

**DAVIS**  
 Sun.-Tue., May 4-6—Asian Film Series NETPAC/USC, UC Davis, info: Asn Pac Media Ctr, 213/743-1939. (NOTE—Details: Los Angeles / May 1-3.)

**Tue. April 1 through Aug. 8**—"Diamonds in the Rough" exhibit (expanded), Wed. April 9 - 6:30 p.m. exhibit dedication, State Capitol Museum, 1st floor rotunda. NOTE—Four Saturday symposiums: May 3, 10 a.m., "Players from the Leagues," Tom Fujimoto, moderator; May 10, 1 p.m., "More than Just a Game," Wayne Mayeda, moderator; May 17, 11 a.m., "Bridge Across the Pacific," Nisei Tours to Japan Prewar and Postwar; Kerry Nakagawa, moderator; May 31, 11 a.m., "Sports Media and the Nisei Baseball Experience," Kerry Nakagawa, moderator. Co-sponsors: University of California, Berkeley, Cal. Council for the Humanities, San Diego Gas & Electric, Pacific Enterprises, The Gas Co.

**Sat. April 19**—Jan Ken Po Gakko Family Fun Night fund-raiser, 5-8:30 p.m., Sacramento Japanese UMC, 6929 Franklin Blvd., info: Terry Nishizaki, 916/392-7168. NOTE—All you can pasta dinner, bingo, R.O. and K.

**Sun.-Tue., May 4-6**—Asian Film Series NETPAC/USC, CSU Sacramento, info: Asn Pac Media Ctr, 213/743-1939. (NOTE—Details: Los Angeles / May 1-3.)

**Sat. May 10**—Ceramic art (Kiyomizu-yaki) demonstration by Hiroshi Kondo, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Pacific Rim Cultural, Downtown Sacramento Discovery Museum, info: Japan Society of Northern California, 415/968-4833. NOTE—Distinguished artist Hiroshi is following the steps of his father, Yuzo Kondo, a National Living Treasure.

**SAN FRANCISCO**  
 Sat. Sun., April 12/13 & 19/20—Sakura Matsuri weekend festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Nihonmachi; info: K1 415/563-2313. Parade preview at Union Square, noon, drummers, performers from Japan on April 18; Sunday Grand parade route: 1 p.m., Civic Center, Polk Street.

**Sat. April 19**—US-Japan Taiko concert, info: JAMC Kabuki Theater, info: 415/563-2313.

**Sat. April 26**—Asian Law Caucus 25th anniversary, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 dinner, 8:30 p.m., Gruhn Court, Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park; info: Japan Society of Northern California, 415/968-4833. NOTE—Demonstration also in Sacramento, Aug. 10.

**Sun. May 4**—NJAHS-MIS Nor Cal "Pride Partner" ceremonies and tour, 10 a.m., "Pride of San Francisco; info: National Japanese American Historical Society; tour RSVP 415/431-5007.

**Sun. May 4**—Nisei Widowed Group, 2-4

JACL scholarship fund-raiser; Yo Shinoda, Nikko Art Shop proprietor, is donating 10% of their sales during the week, mention "Berkeley JACL."

**FREMONT**  
 Sat. April 27—JASER Bowls/throw, Albany Blvd., 545 Pacific, Albany.

**Fri. May 2**—Chapter bingo, So. Alameda County Buddhist Church; info: June Handa 510/793-1810.

**Sun. May 18**—Graduates/Scholarship luncheon, 1 p.m., Nijo Castle Newark, RSVP: Cait Tomita 510/667-4498, Diane Goto 510/737-3084. NOTE—James Hatten, Channel 8 TV reporter, guest speaker.

**RENO**  
 Sun. April 20—Children's Day potluck luncheon; info: Cynthia Liu, chapter pres. 702/827-6385.

**SACRAMENTO**  
 Sun. June 1—47th annual JACL Community 10, William Land Park, adjacent to Riverside Blvd. across from Jewish Temple. NOTE—Taiko Dan concert, noon/kiddies races, adult games, 12:30 p.m. tree Bingo, 3 p.m.

**SOMONA COUNTY**  
 Tue. April 15—Lecture by Hiroki Sugihara book signing and film, Chime Sugihara 4:540 p.m., Warren Auditorium in Ives Hall, Sonoma State University, RSVP: Men Nakano 707/829-0854. NOTE—Exhibit at Ruben Salazar Library, April 7-30.

**TRI-VALLEY**  
 Sun. April 27—21st annual Tenryu-chi-chi chime scholarship fund-raiser, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Alameda County Fairgrounds Cafeteria (Pleasanton Ave. entrance), info: Nadine Lai 510/462-3585, Dean Suzuki 510/820-1454.

**Central California**

**DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
 Sun. May 18—CCDC Scholarship luncheon and 2d Quarterly Session.

**TRI-DISTRICT—LAS VEGAS**  
 Fri.-Sun., June 6-8—CCDC hosts: Tri-District PSW/CNCAWNP Conference, Stardust Hotel-Casino, Las Vegas; info: Patricia Tsai, CCDC director, 209/486-6815. NOTE: For "JACL Group 697" room reservations 800/634-6757.

**Sun. April 27**—21st annual Tenryu-chi-chi chime scholarship fund-raiser, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Alameda County Fairgrounds Cafeteria (Pleasanton Ave. entrance), info: Nadine Lai 510/462-3585, Dean Suzuki 510/820-1454.

**Memorial Day Weekend**—Annual Asian American jazz festival, Golden Gate Park; info: Asian Art Museum of San Francisco Outreach, 415/379-8875.

**Fri. May 30**—Sung J. Rho's playing starting Steve Park in "Gravity Falls from Trees," 8:30 p.m., preview, Magic Theatre, Fort Mason Center, Bldg "D," info: 415/440-5545. NOTE—Runs through June 2, Thu-Sat 8:30 p.m. - 2 & 7 p.m.

**Sat. Sun., April 12-13**—Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival, Memorial Park on Stevens Creek across DeAnza College; info: Margaret Abe 415/967-0706.

**Mon.-Thu., May 12-15**—Asian Film Series NETPAC/USC, National University, info: Asn Pac Media Ctr, 213/743-1939. (NOTE—Details: Los Angeles / May 1-3.)

**Southern Cal**

**LOS ANGELES**  
 Sun. April 16 through 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, 4:42 Santa Monica Blvd., info & box office 213/660-0366.

**Sat. Sun. April 11-12**—Town Beat Series: Hiroshima in San Jose, 8 p.m., JACC, info: 213/628-2725.

**Sat. April 12**—Jinkies Singles Sade-Hawkins dance, 7:11-11:15 p.m., Ken Nakakoa Club, 1700 S. 162nd St., Gardena; info: Bea 213/935-8648. NOTE—Western attire, prize for originality, music by Taka.

**Sat. Sun. April 19-20**—Cherry Blossom Festival, Japanese Village Plaza, First St. between San Pedro and Central Ave., Little Tokyo; info: Kathryn Inouye 818/280-4432.

**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 310/328-1238.

**Mon. April 28**—East West Players' 31st anniversary award dinner, 6 p.m. reception, dinner-show at 7, Bonaventure Hotel, 404 S. Figueroa St., RSVP 213/660-0366. NOTE—Ming-Na Wen, Steve Park, moderators.

**Wed. April 30**—Japan American Society, E. I. Weigand Foundation, Pomona College talks on contemporary literature in Japan by Dr. Shuichi Kaneko, 11:45 a.m., Jonathan Club, 545 S. Figueroa St., RSVP limited to first 40 to call, info: 213/627-6217 ext. 17.

**Thu. Sat. May 1-3**—USC/Annenberg Center, Network for Promotion of Asia-Pacific Cinema/USC Film Series, info: Asia Pac Media Ctr, 213/743-1939. NOTE—Series of 1995 films from "People's Republic of China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Thailand."

**Sat. Sun. May 3-4**—Children's Day Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., JACC Plaza; info: Chris Aihara, Meg Imamoto 213/628-2725; 2nd annual Asn Pac Martial Arts Festival, May 3, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., "Clash of Kung Fu" for children 4-12, Sunday, May 4 (register now). NOTE—1st annual Chibi Art contest, 4-7, 8-12, 13-7 age divisions, entry deadline April 18, application forms, Marcie Chan, Hiro Kosaka 213/628-2725.

**Sat. Sun., May 3-4**—Kodomo no Hi Matsuri Day, Japanese Village Plaza, First St. between San Pedro and Central Ave., Little Tokyo; info: Kathryn Inouye 818/280-4432.

**Fri. May 9**—Japan America Society (JAS) luncheon talk by leading authority Saburo Iwami on the "Iwakura Mission of 1871-72," 5:30 p.m., registration, 6-7:30 program,

**FRESNO**  
 Sat. May 3—"E" Street Fair, Celebration of Asian Pacific Islander Heritage, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., "E" & Kern Sts.; info: Leroy Gee, 209/495-1241.

**Sat. May 3**—Family fun night & potluck, 5-9 p.m., United Japanese Christian Church, 136 N. Villa Ave., Clovis; RSVP Izumi Taniguchi 209/439-8769; Marcia Chung 209/439-9191.

**LIVINGSTON-MERCED**  
 Sat. April 26—JACL golf tournament; info: CCDC Group, Grace Kimoto 209/394-2456.

**Sun. May 4**—JACL picnic.

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 Sun. April 13—JACL picnic.

### Pacific Southwest

**DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
 Sat. April 19—JACL/TSC citizenship workshop, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., San Pedro St., info: JACL 213/626-4471.

**Sun. May 8**—2nd quarterly session, Willow Street Center, 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach; info: 213/626-4471. NOTE—Greater L.A. Singles host.

**TRI-DISTRICT—LAS VEGAS**  
 Fri.-Sun., June 6-8—CCDC hosts: Tri-District PSW/CNCAWNP Conference, Stardust Hotel-Casino, Las Vegas. NOTE—For "JACL Group 697" room reservations 800/634-6757.

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

**DOWNTOWN L.A.**  
 Sun. April 27—Women of the Year luncheon, 12:30 p.m., New Otani Hotel, RSVP by April 18, \$26/person, info: Amy Tambara 213/722-3897; Lillian Japanese speaking 310/822-3633.

**ORANGE COUNTY**  
 Sat. April 12—JACL/TSC citizenship workshop, Wintersburg Japanese Presbyterian Church, Garden Grove; info: JACL 213/626-4471.

**JANM, RSVP:** info: 213/627-6217, ext. 17.

**Thu. May 15**—JAS panel & film: Occupied Japan: an Experiment in Democracy, Japan Foundation, Water Garden Suite 650 E. 2425 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica. Panelists: Chalmers Johnson, others directly involved with the Occupation, film producer Spencer Sherman.

**Fri., May 16**—5 p.m. Joe Taiko and Anthony Bui veterans reunion, 8 p.m., JACC, info: 213/628-2725. NOTE—Collaboration includes shakuhachi performer Marco Lienhard and Chinese instrumentation scholar Liu Chuan.

**Sat. May 17**—Sat. May's annual bazaar-carnival, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., 961 S. Manispa, info: 313/307-1334.

**Thu. May 15-22**—12th annual Los Angeles Asian Film Festival & Video Festival.

**Sat. May 17**—UCLA Asn Am Studies/Ctr Visual Communication Independent Feature workshop, James West Alumni Center, 213/680-4462; entry material due April 15, notifications follow April 21.

**Fri.-Mon. May 23-26**—Japanese American Korean War Memorial Wall dedication and reunion, JACC, Sat., info: Min Tonia 818/591-1269, Robert Wada 714/992-5461, fax 714/6452-9761.

**LOS ANGELES-MANZANAR**  
 Sat. April 26—Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage, 200 miles north of Los Angeles on US 395, info: Manzanar Committee, 213/662-5102.

**ORANGE COUNTY**  
 Fri.-Mon., May 16-19—Asian Film Series NETPAC/USC, National University, Costa Mesa, info: Asn Pac Media Ctr, 213/743-1939. (NOTE—Details: Los Angeles / May 1-3.)

**SAN DIEGO**  
 Thu. Sat. April 3-5—10th annual Asn Pac Americans in Higher Education conference, Westin Hotel, 910 Broadway Circle, info: Mia McClellan 619/795-6899.

**Fri. Sun. April 11-13</**





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## Let's Keep Communicating

By HIROMI UEHA & NICOLE INOUE

### E-Mail and the First Amendment

Irvine, Calif.—In our effort to raise youth and student issues before the membership, today's Status Report is dedicated to addressing the issue of freedom of speech vs. treating each other with respect, and the ongoing debate about electronic mail on college/university campuses.

As you may or may not recall, last September a dismissed University of California, Irvine (UCI) student sent an e-mail message to over 60 students, faculty, and staff with Asian-sounding surnames, declaring his hatred towards Asians and Asian-Americans alike. In his message, he threatened to make it my life career to find and kill everyone of you because he blamed Asians and Asian-Americans for the crimes committed at UCI, as well as the unpopularity and uncleanliness of the campus. He signed it "Asian Hater."

Approximately two months later, the Hapa Issues Forum (HIF), a

student organization at the University of California, Berkeley (UCB), received e-mail messages on their listserve over a ten-day period from a student attending UCB. By using another student's e-mail account under an assumed name, he first expressed interest in joining the HIF organization. The messages that followed made remarks about the size of his genitalia compared with that of men of Asian descent and questioned their appearance. The student then revealed himself and admitted he was the one who wrote the e-mail, stating that this was all a joke. HIF expressed their concerns to the Office of Student Conduct. Although the disciplinary actions by the office are confidential, an insincere and unsympathetic apology was written via e-mail, retracting the previous apology and stating that the Hapa Issues Forum is "a pathetic organization" and the members "in need of desperate therapy." Granted, UCB's incident was not

the same as the UCI incident. Racial/ethnic taunting may not be as severe as a death threat, but people should not have to tolerate any type of bigotry. UCI proved to be the more responsible between the two schools. At Irvine, the university immediately handled the situation. Chancellor Wilkening sent an e-mail to all students, faculty, and staff recognizing the student's First Amendment right, but stating that "without the underlying respect and dignity of one another, we truly cannot have freedom of speech." The university was not going to tolerate any threats or racial epithets. The UCI police were immediately notified and the student's e-mail account revoked.

Because there is no precedent, this case will be the first of its kind. No laws govern e-mail filled with hate. The student was charged with 10 counts of civil rights violations. He plead not guilty last week.

On the other hand, UCB's Office

of Student Conduct maintains that the student responsible for racially/ethnically taunting the Hapa Issues Forum has the "fundamental right" to have an e-mail account, even though he has clearly violated UCB's code of conduct. Although the student had not threatened any of the members, he used another student's e-mail account under an assumed name, targeted a single group, and threatened to target UCB's Nikkei student organization. HIF wrote a detailed letter to the administration about having the student's e-mail account revoked based on the various violations of UCB's code of conduct.

Diversity is what distinguishes the United States from the rest of the world, yet incidences of anti-Asian sentiment are on the rise. We should be proud that we have the First Amendment, yet we should also treat each other with respect regardless of our race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, etc. Bigotry only leads to ha-

ted, which ultimately leads to violence.

The difficulty today is that our civil rights laws do not apply to advanced technology such as e-mail, although one way the colleges and universities can maintain a certain level of integrity is to follow through on any violations of their code of conduct.

It is up to the university to follow through when the student, faculty or staff abuse their use of e-mail. UCB has the responsibility to reinvestigate these e-mail incidences more closely. Why should anyone have to tolerate bigotry?

#### One last tidbit:

Don't forget the National Youth/Student Conference: "Leading into the Future," June 20-22, 1997 at the University of California, Irvine.

On behalf of the NYSC, we would like to thank the Pacific Southwest District, West L.A. JACL, Greater L.A. Singles, Eastern District Council, and Stockton JACL for their commitment to youth and students and their generous donations for the upcoming conference. ■

Hiromi Ueha is a member of the National JACL board and the National Youth Council chair.

Nicole Inouye is the JACL National Youth Representative and is also on the National board.

## Motions and Board Actions

LOS ANGELES—Summary of actions of the National Board meeting, Mar. 22-23, 1997:

#### 1. Committee Appointments

Made by: Fujimoto Seconded by: Mayeda  
Motion: To ratify appointment of committee chairs

Vote: carried Abstain: Uno, Kawamoto, Nishi

AUDIT—Alan Nishi (chair), Rocklin; Sami Nakazono, Denver; Ted Tsukahara, Moraga; Milo Yoshino, Walnut Creek; Ex-officio: David Hajashi, Herbert Yamaniishi, Clyde Izumi.

NATIONAL EDUCATION—Carol Kawamoto (chair), San Diego; Greg Manjani, San Francisco; Sharon Ishii-Irwin, Ph.D., Omaha; Teresa Masbon, Philadelphia; Izumi Taniguchi, Fresno; Ex-officio: Lori Fujimoto, Sacramento; Staff: Herbert Yamaniishi.

NATIONAL INVESTMENT POLICY—Arnold Miyamoto (chair), Palos Verdes Estate; Roy Nishikawa, Los Angeles; Hid Hasegawa, Idaho Falls; Ted Tsukahara, Moraga; John Enomoto, Woodside; Grayce Ueyehara, Medford, N.J.; Tom Hara, Minneapolis; Ex-officio: David Hayashi, Helen Kawagoe, Herbert Yamaniishi.

PERSONNEL—Richard Uno (chair), Sacramento; David Kawamoto, San Diego; Michael Sawamura, Sacramento; Terry Yamada, Portland; Hiromi Ueha, Irvine; Ex-officio: Emile Kutsuma, Helen Kawagoe, Patricia Tsai, Michael Yamaki, Herbert Yamaniishi.

2. Director's Report  
Made by: Uno Seconded by: Kimoto  
Motion: To accept and file the National Director's Report

Vote: carried (unanimous)

3. Financial Reports  
Made by: Kawamoto Seconded by: Nishi  
Motion: Since Treasurer David Hayashi is not present, the Board shall accept the report as received.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

#### 4. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year ended Dec. 31, 1996 (Unaudited)  
REVENUE—Budget \$1,359,000; Actual \$1,390,781.54; 100% of total; 102.34% of Budget.

EXPENSES—Budget \$1,334,000; Actual \$1,282,949.71; 100% of total; 96.17% of Budget.

NET ASSETS—Budget \$25,000; Actual \$107,831.83.

#### 5. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Two-Months ended Feb. 28, 1997 (Unaudited)

REVENUE—Budget \$1,371,099; Actual \$355,491.63; 100% of total; 25.93% of Budget.

EXPENSES—Budget \$1,314,455; Actual \$197,052.72; 100% of total; 14.99% of Budget.

NET ASSETS—Budget \$56,654; Actual \$158,438.91.

As a new format, a Supplemental Statement of Financial Position is to be installed for each JACL program, starting this year. It will indicate what the current and other assets are against current and other liabilities. Net assets for the year beginning and the year-to-date activity further shows how much is "unrestricted," "permanently restricted," "temporarily restricted" and "transfers." Comparative numbers for the previous year run down the right-hand column.—Clyde Izumi.

6. The National JACL Investment Policy draft, as presented by Arnold Miyamoto, chair of the National JACL Investment Policy committee, was adopted along with a contract for a professional investment manager for JACL funds, including:

The endowment funds for Masoka Fellows, Scholarship, Student Aid, Legacy, (1000 Club) Life Membership, JACL En-

dowment, and Building; funds for U.S./Japan Relations, JACL Plant (capital equipment), Masao Satow Memorial; Redress, ABS Film; Ways & Means; redress program, youth fund program, Japanese American Research Project, Atomic Bomb Survivors Program and others in accordance with the by-laws (Article XIV—Budget and Finance and Article XIV—Segregated Accounts).

#### 7. Investment Committee

Made by: Uno Seconded by: Tokita  
Motion: That the Investment Policy be approved for adoption except for Section VIII, the definition of principal.

Vote: carried Abstain: Inouye

#### 8. Investment Manager Contracts

Made by: Kimoto Seconded by: Kutsuma  
Motion: That the Board authorize the treasurer and Investment Policy Co. Chair to sign contracts acquiring or terminating investment managers.

Vote: carried No: Uno

#### 9. Investment Policy

Made by: Kometani Seconded by: Kurnagai  
Motion: To authorize the President, Treasurer, and Investment Group Chair to execute investment orders.

Vote: carried No: Uno

#### 10. Pacific Citizen

Made by: Uno Seconded by: Kimoto  
Motion: That the National Board approve the PC Wish List, authorize the use of the "PC Save" Fund and allocate up to \$5,155 from the National Budget for the purchase of equipment for the Pacific Citizen.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

#### 11. Public Affairs - Census Multiracial

Made by: Uno Seconded by: Kimoto  
Motion: To collaborate with the Hapa Issues Forum to investigate the issue of a census multiracial category.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

#### 12. General Operations - Personnel Committee

Made by: Fujimoto Seconded by: Yamada  
Motion: To adopt the recommendations of the Personnel Committee

Vote: carried (unanimous)

#### 13. Public Affairs - Welfare Reform

Made by: Uno Seconded by: Nishi  
Title: A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS-LEAGUE RELATING TO THE IMPACT OF WELFARE REFORM ON LEGAL IMMIGRANTS

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that National JACL will encourage its 112 chapters across the country to assist the Issei and other immigrants in becoming American citizens; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that National JACL will call upon JACL chapters and members across the country to write letters, conduct legislative office visits, and pursue other means to oppose the anti-legal immigrant provisions of welfare reform, as well as to speak out against the growing anti-immigrant sentiment in our nation.

#### 14. Public Affairs - Campaign Finance Reform

Made by: Uno Seconded by: Kawamoto  
Title: RESOLUTION ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Japanese American Citizens League calls on all those addressing campaign finance reform to distinguish between legitimate political activities of the Asian Pacific American community from the alleged wrong doing of Asians living abroad and some Americans of Asian descent; BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT, the Japanese American Citizens League supports the rights of legal permanent residents to make political contributions as allowed under current law; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Japanese American Citizens League urges enactment of federal campaign finance

reform that is fair and provides equitable access to all persons in the United States who wish to legitimately participate in the political process.

12. Public Affairs - Railroad Workers  
Made by: Kawamoto Seconded by: Kutsuma

Title: A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS-LEAGUE IN SUPPORT OF REDRESS FOR JAPANESE AMERICAN RAILROAD WORKERS OF WORLD WAR II

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League recommit our support for eligible redress claimants, particularly before the Civil Liberties Act sunsets on August 10, 1998; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that JACL shall urge the U.S. Government to grant a formal U.S. government apology and redress to former Japanese American railroad workers who were deprived of their liberty and property by the U.S. Government during World War II because of their ancestry.

#### 13. Planning/Development - Legacy Fund

Made by: Yamada Seconded by: Kometani  
Motion: To authorize the expenditure of no more than \$4000 to produce a donor registry (registries) with appropriate display(s) paid by Legacy Fund investment earnings before distribution (contingent upon review of Legacy Fund expense guidelines)

Vote: carried (unanimous)

#### 14. Mitsu Takahashi

Made by: Uno Seconded by: Kometani

Title: AMICUS CURIAE REQUEST BY MITSU TAKAHASHI

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The National JACL supports the conclusions of the Central California District Council that Mitsu Takahashi's case for appeal is not adequately supported by evidence. JACL should not provide an Amicus Curiae brief; Nevertheless Mitsu Takahashi has the right to petition her case before any public forum she deems appropriate.

Vote: carried Abstain: Kimoto

#### 15. Minutes of the Convention Committee

Made by: Uno Seconded by: Fujimoto  
Motion: Rick Uno moved for approval of Convention Committee chairs (see minutes for names of the nominees.)

Vote: carried (unanimous)

#### 16. RFP-Avis

Made by: Kawamoto Seconded by: Fujimoto

Motion: To adopt the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Vote: carried Abstain: Uno

#### 17. Staff/Board Retreat

Made by: Uno Seconded by: Mayeda (for discussion)  
Motion: Joint retreat with Staff and Board on June 6th during the Las Vegas Tri-District event. More for the executive and staff (Governors optional) with certain staff paid for.

Vote: carried

#### 18. Reconsideration vote on previous motion

Motion: (Based on reconsideration of budget situation)

Vote: failed

#### 19. Fund-raising Committee

Made by: Mayeda Seconded by: Fujimoto  
Motion: I move that the National President appoint a volunteer to chair a fund-raising committee with the charge to raise funds for the purpose of providing support in the form of administrative assistants and/or secretary/receptionist and/or interns in JACL National, Regional and Washington D.C. offices to be active for the remainder of this biennium. Terry Yamada's friendly amendment (accepted) that this committee work with Donna Okubo

Comments: Fund-raising needs to be done on a coordinated basis. ■

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## 'Advertiser' supports redress for Japanese Latin internees

HONOLULU—The story of 2,264 Japanese Latin Americans interned during World War II in U.S. camps is outlined in the appendix to *Personal Justice Denied*, in the 1982 report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Citizens and is "easily overlooked," the *Honolulu Advertiser* said in its March 14 editorial. "Let's make amends quickly.... President Clinton can and must correct that absurdity quickly, with an executive order."

The editorial pointed out: "Redress can only be granted to those who were legal residents when they were interned. Under a Catch-22 situation, it was ruled that these internees couldn't have been legal residents because they were brought into the United States unwillingly and by force."

At the March 11 news conference with three former Japanese Latin Americans, Rep. Patsy T. Mink (D-Hawaii) described the little-known program shipping 2,264 citizens of Japanese descent, mostly from Peru, to U.S. internment camps during WWII for possible barter with Japan for American prisoners of war. The program "casts shame on this country," she added.

Rep. Mink and Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-Los Angeles, Calif.) are supporting the new Japanese Latin American claims and, if Clinton doesn't act, the lawmakers will likely introduce legislation. A class-action suit seeking redress was filed against the U.S. government in federal court in Los Angeles last August. ■

RONALD M. KATSUYAMA, 53:

## Dayton psychologist's survey seen as being 'optimistic' about race relations

DAYTON, Ohio—Ron Katsuyama, a developmental child psychologist, is characterized as "an engine"—a runner who raced in the New York City marathon, known to work two or three nights straight till dawn, lover of music from the Central State University choir to his wife Jane's Dayton Philharmonic cello, player of classical acoustic guitar, maker of mean pasta, father of two accomplished adult children, and chapter president of the local JACL.

Such is the "Lifestyle Section" glimpse by Charise Lyles in the Feb. 21 *Dayton Daily News*, of the interim director of the Social Science Research Center at the University of Dayton, where his recent research shows "that blacks experience prejudice in everyday encounters six times more than whites."

Conducted for the National Conference (formerly the National conference of Christian and Jews), the survey published Jan. 16 questioned more than 1,100 black and white Montgomery County (Ohio) residents. Some of the conclusions, cited by critics as "predictably optimistic," hold:

(1) People who had more childhood contact or current contact with members of another race are less biased than those without such contact.

(2) Prejudice toward those of another race or cultural group is based on knowledge and beliefs, not emotional factors. Those beliefs are based on perceptions of unfair access to jobs, education, health care and housing.

(3) People who live in integrated neighborhoods experience more bias, but maintain warmer feelings towards members of the opposite race.

After returning from his first visit to

Japan two years ago, Katsuyama began to question his own identity. He interviewed his 88-year-old Issei father, Harry, similarly to an inquiry with students in his psychology class. He learned his father had immigrated to America in 1920, was 12 years old with a penchant for boxing. An architect, Pearl Harbor cut short his dream of building houses.

### Katsuyama's parents

The Katsuyama family was interned in Minidoka where the father raised vegetables to aid the war as well as feed the camp residents, "and watched his son's birth in cramped quarters absent of privacy." Such stories, "I'd never heard before," Ronald told Lyles. "These were patriotic Americans, their rights stripped, taken away for fear of collaborating with the enemy."

His dad lost everything. He hid his bitterness "behind an opaque shade of stoicism."

"There are many third-generation Japanese Americans that are completely ignorant of parents' experiences that were never discussed. Even today," said Ronald Katsuyama. "The Nisei generation, I thought of them as 'inscrutable.' There was a silent reaction, which I'm only beginning to understand."

"I realize now that some of the Japanese stereotypes, which I accepted, are due to certain elements of cultural heritage, but most importantly due to the circumstances surrounding immigration, bias and internment, especially internment," Katsuyama said.

That insight informed his approach to gauging racial attitudes, the story continued. One survey question asked whites whether they believed that blacks' misfortunes were due to stereotypical traits such as laziness and lack of initiative or to societal

circumstances such as poor schools and a bad economy.

After the war, the Katsuyama family returned to Sacramento where Ron attended elementary school in a mixed neighborhood. As family pressure to study medicine or engineering for a secure future prevailed, his older brother was pushed to pursue medicine but dropped out of college. This enabled Ron to successfully pursue his doctorate in psy-

chology at Vanderbilt.

Not only did his father learn his lesson, but Ron also learned his when several years ago his son Sean balked at the traditional educational path. Ron resisted the temptation to be rigid, and Sean's has been a shining achievement, a Juilliard graduate and a classical cellist. Daughter Jana is in Japan teaching English.

Asked whether, all things being equal, blacks should receive government reparations, he responded: "I believe that without affirmative action, equal access is very unlikely to come about." Reporter Lyles noted the scientist in him. ■



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## All-day PSW retreat proves fruitful

By JENNIFER M. SATO  
(Special to Pacific Citizen)

LOS ANGELES—JACL Pacific Southwest District Board members, national JACL Board members from PSWD chapters and South Bay Young Adult Group representatives attended an all-day retreat held at Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. (LEAP) in Little Tokyo on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The focus was on defining the role of the PSWD in Southern California: "What should be the role of JACL in the Pacific Southwest District?" Addressing the question, J.D. Hokoyama, LEAP president, facilitated the discussion. "J.D. has a solid reputation combined with an intimate knowledge of JACL, especially from his past experience as former PSWD governor," said Al Muratsuchi, PSWD regional director.

The retreat program included a brainstorming session based on Walt Disney's storyboarding concept, and a workshop titled, "Goals, Objectives, and Action Steps."

"The Goals workshop was good in the sense that the goals we came up with were all within reason," commented South Bay chapter co-president Christine Ige.

"The workshop was designed in that we had to also come up with objectives to the goals. The steps therefore were laid out and everything seemed more feasible," PSWD governor David Kawamoto agreed. "I've always liked retreats in which everyone is focused enough to where the objective is in sight, rather than having nebulous goals."

Out of the retreat workshops came ideas for a mentoring program and a press fact sheet, both of which are in the planning stages. "The mentoring program we discussed is laid out and so is the fact sheet, which will help us to become more visible as an organization," said Kawamoto.

A mentor system will be established for the JACL Washington Leadership Conference participants, and a JACL-PSWD Fact Sheet will be drafted and presented at the May District Council meeting.

By including members of the South

Bay Young Adults Group, the retreat had a good representation of all of the PSWD members. "It was a good idea to include the [South Bay Chapter]. We were able to get another perspective of things. Our strength is our diversity in that we have members of all generations. We need to work together and utilize each other rather than work against each other," said Kawamoto.

"I thought overall the retreat was a big success," remarked Muratsuchi. "It helped all of the participants share their ideas on what direction [PSWD] was headed. The workshops identified the priorities and the steps needed to get there."

Currently, the PSWD is planning its annual fundraiser dinner at the Torrance Marriott on Saturday, Sept. 20. "Not only is the purpose of the dinner to raise funds, but we are also hoping to increase our visibility. The people will know who we are and we will become a visible part of the community," explained Kawamoto.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the dinner were expected to call the PSWD at (213) 626-4471. ■

### 'English-only' law proposed in Olympia

OLYMPIA, Wash.—A proposed constitutional amendment (SJ 8201) to designate English as the Washington state's official language was recently heard before the Senate Education Committee. Sen. Don Benton (R-Vancouver) said at least 23 states have similar laws, intended to preserve and perpetuate the English language; the U.S. House of Representatives passed one last year but it died in the Senate.

Rep. Kip Tokuda (D-Seattle) told the committee the amendment could make Washingtonians appear intolerant. "It sends [a symbolic message] that in fact we do not value diversity." He noted his grandparents came from Japan and were able to learn English because of the state's supportive and understanding atmosphere. —Ed Suguro ■

## Lodi and Stockton JACL chapters install '97 cabinet

LODI, Calif.—The Stockton and Lodi JACL chapters held their fifth joint installation Jan. 17 at the Omega Restaurant. Georgiana White, curator of the Japanese American History Project at CSU Sacramento was guest speaker. The cabinet officers and committee chairpersons are:

**LODI JACL**  
Dennis Morita, pres.; Bill Hinkle, v.p.; Aki Okazaki, treas.; Aileen Mataga, rec. sec.; Linda Ogata, cor. sec.; Kiri Hiramoto, immediate past pres.; board members—Gary Kanemura, Jim Kurata, Ben Motoyama, Mike Nakagawa, Leland Noma, Ron Oye, Yoshiyue Yamauchi, Kuni Kawamura, Kazumi Shintani, Mary Takeda.

**Lucille Yamamoto**, membership; Dr. Keith Kanegawa, scholarship and building fund treas.; Jim Morita, insurance; Morita, Al Takata, legacy fund; Kenneth Takeda, Mary Kanegawa, historians; Gayle Ishii, publicity; Frank Sasaki, building management; Tom Kurahara, building maintenance

supervisor; Dorothy Morita, telephone.

### STOCKTON JACL

Aeko Yoshiikawa Fenelon, pres.; Ruby Dobana, v.p.; Bill Shima, 2nd v.p.; finance; Dr. John Fujii, 3rd v.p.; activities; James Kochi, cor. sec.; Grace Nagata, rec. sec.; May Saki, treas.; Fenelon, Edwin Endow, delegates; Fujii, George Baba, alt. del.; Paul Nakae, immediate past pres.; board members—Tadashi Agari, Baba, Fenelon, James Kochi, George Matsumoto, Nelson Nagai, Nakae, Dorothy Okura, M. Saki, Chizuyo Sakata, Ted Shibata, Bill Shima, Mark Tabuchi, Chisato Watanabe, Ted Yoneda, Dobana, Endow, Dick Fujii, J. Fujii, Debra Hatanaka, Wesley Hashimoto, Mas Ishihara, Mary Kusama, Amy Matsumoto, Calvin Matsumoto, G. Nagata, Barry Saki, Teddy Saki, Dawn Satow, Richard Yoshiikawa.

G. Matsumoto, C. Sakata, insurance; Dobana, D. Okura, membership; Hatanaka, newsletter/publicity; T. Saki, Baba, Eddie Murakami, veterans affairs; Nagai, civil rights; Nakae, oral history project; A. Matsumoto, social. ■



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## For Your Information



HERO SHIOSAKI

Back in late 1992, Hero Shiosaki of Pocatello began to promote the videotape, *A Personal Matter: Gordon Hirabayashi v. the United States*, when he read about it being available for K through 12 grades at a special price of \$50 rather than the retail price of \$125. He contacted Greg Marutani in San Francisco, who had negotiated the reduced price with representatives from The Constitution Project, producers of the video.

Once Hero heard there was a teacher's guide that accompanied the video he began to visit the schools, mostly high schools, in Idaho. Whenever he was on a trip and would be passing through an area where he knew someone, Hero made sure to call and ask for a contact at the local high school, whether a teacher, an administrator, or a school board member, and would arrange for a visit to promote the videotape. □

When the JACL Curriculum and Resource Guide became available, which included special offers of *A Personal Matter* as well as *Days of Waiting* by Steven Okazaki and *Family Gathering* by Lise Yasui, Hero eagerly ordered a few copies to take with him on his travels, even revisiting the schools that had ordered the video to show them the Guide.

This past fall, when an order for *A Personal Matter* arrived from Bozeman, Montana, and another from Big Timber, they were a result of Hero's trips to that state. He had already been to Missoula, where another order for the video had come in the year before.

According to the records, Hero is probably responsible for over 400 videos being purchased by schools in the Intermountain District, as well as nearly 100 Guides. His endeavors have the support of the local chapter, as they have given him a budget to purchase copies of the Guide, and donate a copy of the Guide if the school cannot afford to buy one. □

In 1994, 70 Guides were delivered to Idaho at no cost to the JACL. The delivery was made in two installments. The first was made when Tom and Mikie Morimoto were in the San Francisco Bay Area visiting family and generously offered to take a couple of cases back with them to save on the postage.

A short time later Hero drove to Salt Lake City, when the National JACL Convention was held there, and picked up the remaining copies of the Guide. The Guides were purchased by the Intermountain District Council and distributed to each of its seven chapters.

With the revised Guide now available, and with the weather warming up, Hero will be making travel plans and will probably be ordering more copies of the Guide to take with him, as he schedules more visits about the Guide and the videos to educators along his travels. ■

**LOOK FOR** another short story from the JACL Education Committee, recognizing individuals who have been actively promoting the 3rd edition of the JACL Curriculum and Resource Guide.

# ALA honors Texas Nisei for his social goals and achievements in architecture

WASHINGTON—The American Institute of Architects (AIA) has awarded its 1997 Whitney M. Young Jr. Citation to Alan Y. Taniguchi, FAIA, a dedicated and progressive educator, committed social activist and ardent advocate of projects that directly support the interests of the underprivileged.

A longtime faculty member, Taniguchi at the University of Texas School of Architecture (1961-1972) and dean the last six years, and director-professor at Rice University School of Architecture from 1972 to 1978, the California-born Nisei will be presented the citation at the national AIA convention at New Orleans in May.

His career spans almost 50 years in education, private practice and greater minority involvement.

The citation honors the late civil rights leader Whitney M. Young Jr., long associated with the Urban League, who in 1968 challenged architects of America to assume their professional responsibility toward social issues.

In Austin, the Texas Society of Architects also honored Taniguchi as its 1996 Llewellyn W. Pitts Award winner for lifetime achievement, the highest award TSA can bestow for distinguished leadership and dedication in architecture. His career to promote minority involvement and advocacy included assisting architectural schools in black colleges and universities toward accreditation (1968-74) and serving on the initial AIA Task Force on Equal Opportunity and Social Responsibility (1969-70), the

TSA cited. While he has received 15 design awards at local, state and national levels, Taniguchi has often focused on areas of low-income housing and community design.

In 1969, when Hurricane Carla devastated Corpus Christi, he established a redevelopment center to help poor residents obtain assistance to repair their homes. An advanced design class worked for a semester under Taniguchi's supervision to aid this effort.

As director of the School of Architecture at Rice, he brought his belief that students and faculty were a resource that help communities afflicted by lack of housing, natural disasters, problems of growth and other areas where architects could intervene.

Taniguchi helped correct the university's tradition of isolation from the city of Houston by encouraging faculty outreach in minority neighborhoods, and started Rice Design Alliance, a nonprofit group, to bridge the gap between the university and the local community. As a Houston planning commissioner, he pushed grass-roots activity for solving inner city problems.

In private practice, Taniguchi promoted the concept of creating more humane and environmentally sensitive cities, one being the Fort Ringgold project in Rio Grande City. He proposed the site — a garrison established in 1848 with limited use in the Mexican and Civil Wars and during the Mexican Revolution — be recycled into a community school. He designed certain areas of the school so that local labor could be used, creating 100 jobs for unemployed farm workers.

"His many accomplishments have been achieved without compromise

to his goals, without any loss to his professional integrity and without damage to his moral compass," the nomination statement concluded. "No one better represents the ideas of the Whitney M. Young Jr. Citation."

In 1973, Alan Taniguchi, consulting architect for the Crystal City Independent School District Board, and Judge Jose Angel Gutierrez, then school board president, had

the concept to dedicate a granite monument at the WWII internment camps, which had been a migrant labor camp before the war and a segregated public school for Mexican Americans after the war, and 12 years later the Zavalla County Historical Committee, National JACL and the Crystal City Association, comprised of WWII Nikkei internees, had raised the necessary funds (see below). ■



**HISTORIC MARKER**—Alan Taniguchi (left) stands with his father Isamu [1897-1992] in front of the marker dedicated in November 1985 at Crystal City, Texas, site of a WWII concentration camp (1943-1946). Marker reads:

"Due to circumstances beyond their control and consequences of a war between the United States and Japan, peoples of Japanese ancestry, both nationals and U.S. citizens alike, were arbitrarily and without justification, incarcerated in a concentration camp at this location during World War II. / This marker is situated on an original foundation of a two-family cottage as a reminder that the injustices and humiliations suffered here as a result of hysteria, racism and discrimination never happen again. / Dedicated by the sons, daughters, and friends of the families who were detained in this camp, with the cooperation of the City of Crystal City and the Crystal City Independent School District. / November 1985."

## JACL files amicus brief challenging California Proposition 209 on appeal

WASHINGTON—The JACL joined with the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC) Feb. 21 and filed an amicus brief challenging the constitutionality of California Proposition 209, intended to eliminate affirmative action programs for minorities and women in the areas of public contracting, employment and education.

The brief was filed in the 9th Circuit, which is hearing the appeal filed by the State of California. U.S. District Court Judge Theilton Henderson had ordered a preliminary injunction prohibiting implementation of Prop. 209.

## CCDC offering six scholarships to S'97 prep grads

FRESNO—Up to six scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors graduating this spring and who intend to continue their studies at college or a university in the fall of 1997, it was announced this past week by the Central California District Council regional director Patricia Tsai.

These scholarships are open to Americans of Japanese ancestry and/or members of any of the ten Central California District Council chapters — Clovis, Delano, Fowler, Fresno, Livingston-Merced, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Selma and Tulare County. JACL membership is open to anyone and student membership rate is available.

Scholarship applications may be obtained from local high school scholarship centers or from the CCDC-JACL Regional Office, attn. Scholarship Committee, 1713 Tulare St. Suite 133, Fresno, CA 93721, 209/486-6815, JACLCCO@aol.com. All scholarship materials must be postmarked no later than March 28, 1997. Awards will be presented at the CCDC scholarship luncheon, May 18. ■

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## JACL receives an apology from sportscaster for "jap" slur

LOS ANGELES—The JACL demanded and received a public apology from Lee Hamilton of XTRA Radio for calling Japanese pitcher Hideki Irabu a "fat jap" on his March 20 show.

Hamilton, a popular San Diego sportscaster who serves as a commentator for San Diego Chargers football games, immediately received numerous protest calls. The following day he gave a public apology on the air for using the offensive term, and also called the JACL Los Angeles office to apologize.

Said Al Muratsuchi, JACL Regional Director, "JACL not only welcomes Mr. Hamilton's public apology, but also commends all of his listeners who called XTRA Radio and JACL to protest. This victory highlights the importance of our community to speak out rather than remaining the quiet Americans."

Racial slurs and stereotyping in the media should be reported to the JACL at (213) 626-4471. ■

## East San Gabriel Valley JCC officers installed

WHITTIER, Calif.—The 1997 officers of the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center were installed by Roy Iketani at the California Country Club on Jan. 18. Dr. Roy Takemura, who has been the center's treasurer for several years, is president. With him on the board of directors are:

Richard Nakawata, 1st v.p.; Leroy Kawai, 2nd v.p.; Barbara Shiota, 3rd v.p.; Paul Fujimoto, 4th v.p.; Miyo Takahashi, rec. sec.; Joy Kitaura, corr. sec.; Kazuko Imahara, Japanese speaking sec.; Karolyin Fujimoto, treas.; Joan Robertson, ass. treas.; Cal Kitaura, parliamentarian; Jerry Early, Mary Hatakeyama, Toshi Ito, Bob Kanawase, Lynn Katate, Mary Kitayama, Glenn Nakatani, Bea Okamoto, members-at-large.

Guest speaker Dr. Glenn Masuda, director of Asian Pacific Family Center in Rosemead, in detailing his work with delinquent children, told the audience, most of them seniors, what a typical half-hour was like at the clinic. He stressed parents (and perhaps, grandparents) "should keep in contact with the kids before we lose them with problems."

Deni Uejima, San Gabriel Valley JACL scholarship chair, pre-

## Hana Uno Shepard Memorial scholarship applications available

The Greater Los Angeles Singles JACL offers the Hana Uno Shepard Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 to a student planning to attend college, university, community college, fine arts or vocational school. Applicant must currently be a graduating high school senior, a member of a single-parent family, a resident of Los Angeles or Orange County, and be of Japanese ancestry.

Applicants will be chosen on their scholastic merit, outside activities and general financial need.

Deadline for filing the application is Friday, April 25, 1997. For further information: Sachiko Yamaguchi, 3666 Cardiff Avenue, #10, Los Angeles, CA 90034, 310/837-0973. ■

## AADAP celebrates 25th anniversary

LOS ANGELES—The Asian American Drug Abuse Program is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a gala dinner, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 10, at the Intercontinental Hotel, 251 S. Olive St. The social hour precedes from 6 p.m. 213/1293-6284. ■

## DOR program dedicated to Rev. Nagafuji, 93

BERKELEY—The Day of Remembrance commemoration program held Feb. 20 by the Berkeley Unified School District at Berkeley Adult School was dedicated to the Rev. Gyosei Nagafuji, 93, a former Poston I resident.

Program highlights included a DOR proclamation from Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean; keynote speaker Dr. Pedro Noguera, former BUSD director; remembrances by Chizu Niyama, El Cerrito human rights commissioner; and performance by the San Francisco Taiko. Coordinated by Akemi Jane Nagafuji, the program received mini-grants from the Berkeley JACL, Berkeley Public Education Foundation and In Dulci Jubilo, Inc. ■

## ORA booklet lists 3,100 WRA evacuees

SAN FRANCISCO—The Department of Justice has published a booklet with names of 3,100 internees, relocated, and evacuees still being sought by the Office of Redress Administration. It is available upon request from JACL Headquarters, 415/921-5225, on a first come-first serve basis. ■

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### concluded.

The JACL National Board voted unanimously "to collaborate with the Hapa Issues Forum to investigate the issue of a census multiracial category."

### Welfare Reform

Recently implemented federal welfare reform laws are impacting the Japanese American community, in particular the elderly and the disabled, said PSW JACL Regional Director Al Muratsuchi. "The issue is particularly urgent because by August 22 of this year, many are scheduled to be cut from SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and food stamps," he stressed.

"It is clearly having a strong impact on the Japanese Issei."

But the changes in welfare laws are only part of the bigger picture, he explained. "It's a sign of the larger anti-immigrant climate in the country and in Congress."

Although legal immigrants account for only 5 percent of federal welfare spending, the upcoming cuts to this group comprise 44 percent of the government savings from welfare reform. Approximately 500,000 legal immigrants will be affected by the changes to the welfare law, including more than 380,000 in California.

Large numbers of JAs continue to attend the citizenship workshops organized by the PSWD office and Little Tokyo Service Center.

Muratsuchi urged JACL to sponsor citizenship workshops and to provide bilingual assistance to the Issei. "It's an opportunity for us to encourage them to vote," he said, "and to encourage them to join JACL."

National JACL Board passed a motion to assist JA legal immigrants in becoming citizens and to encourage the various chapters to write letters and speak out against the growing anti-immigrant sentiment in the country.

### Campaign Finance Reform

The Asian American community continues to be scapegoated in the Democratic National Committee's (DNC) investigation into illegal foreign contributions. Politicians and major news media have failed to distinguish between the larger Asian American community and the few Asian nationals who allegedly contributed illegal funds.

"This is an Asian American issue," reiterated Washington D.C. JACL representative Bob Sakaniwa. "The bottom line is, we're all impacted by this." Sakaniwa acknowledged that misdeeds were done and shouldn't be ignored, but that the DNC should not unfairly focus on a single community.

A recent *National Review* cover depicting Bill Clinton, the First Lady, and Al Gore as stereotypical Chinese caricatures has enraged the Asian American community. Requests for an apology and recall of the Mar. 24 issue have been vehemently rejected by *National Review* Editor John O'Sullivan.

National JACL Board passed a motion calling on campaign finance reform investigators to distinguish between the majority of innocent Asian Americans and the few Asians who made alleged illegal contributions — emphasizing the right of legal permanent residents to make contributions as stated by law — and to encourage the government to enact federal campaign finance reform that will allow all persons to participate equally in the political process.

### Redress — Final phase

"Campaign For Justice" continues to help Japanese Latin Americans interned during World War II, in their fight to receive reparations and an apology from the U.S. government. The group's recent trip to Washington, D.C. was "very successful," said National JACL Vice President of Planning and Development Gary Mayeda. More than 4,000 signed petition letters from Japan, Latin America, and the U.S. were brought to the nation's capital where the group met with several lawmakers, including Rep. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii). JACL members were urged to continue sending petition letters to their government representatives.

Like the Japanese of Latin America, Japanese American railroad workers of WWII are still waiting to receive reparations and an apology from the U.S. government. The railroad workers are being denied redress because they were not located on the Pacific Coast at the time of their relocation, explained John Saito, JACL East Los Angeles chapter president.

National JACL Board passed a motion to recommit their support to the railroad workers who are seeking redress for their internment during WWII.

### Youth concerns

The JACL National Youth/Student Council is working hard to make their upcoming Youth Conference at UC Irvine on June 20-22 a success, but stressed the need for district support.

"We're putting this conference together and we don't want to be the only ones there," said Nicole Inouye, National Youth Representative. "It's a way to show JACL nationally supports the youth," she added. "The national youth conference is a JACL thing. If it's successful, it's a JACL thing. If it's not, it's a JACL thing."

The Youth/Student Council wants people from all areas of the United States to attend the conference, and therefore avoided focusing on Cali-

fornia. "We want to bring people from everywhere," stressed Hiromi Ueha, National Youth Council Chair. "It is a NATIONAL youth conference."

The group is currently looking for a keynote speaker for the event and should have their brochures ready for distribution once a speaker is found.

The \$50 registration fee includes the conference, two nights stay and meals. Discounts are available for chapters sending more than one youth. The various workshops include, "Asian American Identity," "Gay & Lesbian Issues," and "Empowerment Through Politics."

The National Youth/Student Council has received donations of \$1,000 from the PSWD, \$200 from EDC, and \$500 from the JACL West L.A. Chapter Auxiliary.

### Membership

"If you want membership to go up, we have to work on it," emphasized Karen-Liane Shiba, JACL National Vice President of Membership. In 1996 membership increased by 7 percent, she announced. For the first two months of 1997, membership payments are up by 89%.

The winner of the "Member Get a Member" membership drive is Setsuo Dairiki. He successfully recruited three new members. Daniel Teraguchi was the winner of the new member contest draw.

The Mile-Hi chapter recruited the most members at 7, followed by Gardena Valley—5, Greater L.A. Singles—5, Sequoia—4, and Selanoco—3. The PSW District recruited the highest number of new members at 15, followed by NCWNP—8, MPDC—8, IDC—5, MDC—1, and EDC—1. New members for GCDC and PNW could not be calculated because of insufficient paperwork.

JACL is now accepting proposals for its National Affinity Travel Program, announced Shiba. Qualified firms will be expected to provide national and international travel service for JACL members.

### Scholarships

JACL continues to offer a number of scholarships to youth members and to post-graduates. This year alone, more than \$70,000 will be awarded to successful applicants. Over the years, JACL has contributed well over \$2 million dollars to students, added Herb Yamanishi.

The newest JACL scholarship is the "Patricia & Gail Ishimoto scholarship" of \$16,960, which will be added to the endowment fund. "Scholarships are the best PR for the youth," said Deirdre Howard, JACL Administrative Assistant. "The idea is to encourage membership in JACL," she added. "And we do get student memberships from the scholarships."

### Legacy Fund

evidence of their disability need not submit a new Form N-648, unless the INS finds the original doctor's letter insufficient.

(6) Persons with disabilities who do not seek or do not qualify for the disability waiver are still entitled to reasonable accommodation by the INS in the naturalization process and testing procedure. In certain areas, this accommodation may include permitting a family member to accompany the applicant to the naturalization interview.

(7) Form N-648 may be obtained from local INS offices or by calling the I&NS Forms Center, 800/755-0777. — HKH ■

able to demonstrate an understanding of English and/or a knowledge of U.S. history and civics "because of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment which has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months." The qualifying impairment must still be linked to the person's inability to learn sufficient English or U.S. history for naturalization.

(2) Naturalization applicants seeking a disability waiver must submit evidence of their qualifying physical, developmental or mental disability using a new Form N-648 (Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions), which must be signed by licensed medical doctor (including psychiatrists) or a licensed clinical psychologist and by the applicant under penalty of perjury.

(3) The medical professionals qualified to certify the applicant's disability have been broadened to include any medical doctor (including psychiatrists) or clinical psychologist licensed to practice in the United States and who is experienced in diagnosing persons with the relevant physical disability or mental impairment.

(4) The INS may require applicants to submit a second medical certification in cases where the INS has credible doubts regarding the accuracy or truthfulness of the original certification. In signing the Form N-648, the applicant agrees to release relevant medical records to the INS for evaluation.

(5) Persons who have pending naturalization applications and already have submitted a doctor's letter as

Longtime JACL member Grayce Ueyehara has been in charge of the Legacy Fund since its inception at the 1990 National JACL convention in San Diego and wants to see its successful conclusion. "I want to see it brought to a full completion," she said. "I want to complete this project." The unaudited fund balance is now \$4,855,912.

The JACL National Board passed a motion to produce a donor registry and various displays for the Legacy Fund.

A plaque is in the works for the more than 200 people who have donated \$5,000 or more to the Legacy Fund, and a bound registry will also be on display containing more than 7,000 donor names. ■

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monitor our disability waiver cases to ensure the INS gives appropriate deference to properly submitted and certified medical opinions."

Asian Law Caucus executive director Angelo Ancheta said, "I am cautiously optimistic that this standard gives the doctors the primary responsibility of determining whether someone has a qualifying disability."

The new certification forms must be signed by doctors under penalty of perjury. "The INS needs to make clear to doctors that the purpose of the penalty of perjury requirements is to discourage fraudulent claims, not to second-guess reasonable medical opinions," Tse explained.

INS has announced it will provide doctors and psychologists with information on the naturalization and disability waiver requirements. The office also anticipates a record 1.8 million citizenship applications this year, certain to build up their backlog from six to nine months.

**HIGHLIGHTS** of the new rule include:

(1) Persons may receive a disability waiver if they can show they are un-



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mation League, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the American Jewish Committee and AFL-CIO among others joined together with the APA community asking the *National Review* to issue an apology.

O'Sullivan's response to the APA community has only served to put salt into the wound he opened when he decided to publish this particular cover.

In one of the first responses O'Sullivan made, he was quoted in the *Washington Times* as saying, "We quite understand how Asians and Asian Americans might object to being compared to the President and Vice President of the United States."

This statement was the first indication that he just doesn't understand or care about what is at issue here. It is possible that in his mind the community was small enough that he could easily dismiss the outrage that was brewing. A week later, after receiving calls and letters complaining about the cover, O'Sullivan realized that he would have to take another approach to this problem.

In a Today Show appearance he tried to re-characterize himself as the "victim," and the complaints to his office as being manufactured by the "ethnic grievance industry."

He even had the audacity to ask Daphne Kwok, executive director of the Organization for Chinese Americans, for an apology.

On a CNN "Crossfire" segment, he continued to make himself out to be the victim of "ethnic grievance organizations," claiming that he is being charged with a major offense (publishing a racist magazine cover) when in fact he may be guilty of only a minor offense (bad judgment). He said that he does not want to go down the road of pleading guilty to a lesser offense for fear that any admission of a mistake may taint his unsullied (by political correctness) journalistic integrity.

But his own comments betray his supposed integrity when he stated, "the *National Review* is a harder nut to crack than Texaco," implying that he considers Texaco "soft" for taking steps to address problems the company has had on race issues.

Another tactic O'Sullivan uses to try and reframe the issue is to make it appear as though this is a partisan issue. On "Crossfire" he asked why the community hasn't taken the Democratic National Committee to task regarding its handling of the campaign finance controversy and the APA community. The short and simple answer is, we have addressed the issue with the DNC, through meetings with its general chair and in an op-ed piece to the *NY Times*.

No matter how hard O'Sullivan tries to deflect the questions away from the cover, we are not going to be distracted from the main point. No amount of rationalizing ("there are no Asians or Asian Americans on the cover, those are Hillary's teeth, Bill is serving tea, not coffee, get it?"), could justify the use of buck teeth and slanted eyes.

Are such negative features needed for a cartoonist to create a connection with things Asian?

The cartoonist may be satirizing the Clintons and Al Gore, but it is being done at the expense of those of us with Asian features, and therein lies the problem.

To say that this is just clever humor is to tacitly agree that mocking people with the use of negative stereotypes of another race is acceptable.

We, as a community, are not being overly sensitive when we try to sensitize those who think there is no harm in negative stereotypes. Seeing negative racial stereotypes on the cover of a national magazine that dehumanizes an entire race validates for those with racial prejudices their bigotry and fear towards that group of people.

Mr. O'Sullivan seems to have nothing but good things to say about "ordinary" Asian Americans.

I wonder, if he were to draw his image of the model minority, would it have buck teeth and slanted eyes?

## CLPEF GRANT—Community Development

### 'Transforming Barbed Wire'

PHOENIX—The Arizona Humanities Council in partnership with the Arizona Public Library, Arizona JACL, Gila River Indian Community, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Casa Grande Public Library and Parker Public Library, has received two grants of \$50,000 from Rockefeller Foundation and \$35,000 from the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund.

Also named in the CLPEF grant were the Arizona Historical Society, the Scottsdale Center for the Arts, and the Asian American Faculty and Staff Assn. of Arizona State University (Tempe).

The grant for the project "Transforming Barbed Wire," will interpret the historical, constitutional and cultural contexts of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II in the state of Arizona. The multi-discipline, multi-format and multi-site project will also preserve the memory of those affected by the forced removal of Japanese Americans and fill in significant gaps in Arizona history.

Public activities such as campsite tours, public art exhibits, and a publication, are scheduled for the fall of 1997, to conclude in March 1998.

The project will build on the Smithsonian exhibit, "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution," which will be displayed at the Phoenix

Public Library in early 1998. For further information about the project, call Rick Noguchi 602/257-0335 ext 27. ■

## Comprehensive campaign finance reform urged

WASHINGTON—As one of the first national Asian Pacific American organizations to support campaign finance reform, the Organization of Chinese Americans passed a resolution March 9 calling on the President and the Congress to enact comprehensive campaign finance reform legislation.


Michael C. Lin, Ph.D., national OCA president, said that with intense media scrutiny of the political participation of the Asian Pacific Americans, "it was imperative that OCA take a leadership role on political contributions and reform."

The resolution, passed during an OCA national board meeting, also supported "the continued right of legal permanent residents to donate political contributions as allowed under current law." ■



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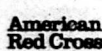
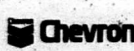
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## Opinion



## From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

## From 'least-known' to 'most documented'

Before long, one of America's least-known, least-studied, least-documented minority groups will become one of the most studied and most thoroughly documented. The irony is that this change in status for this group will be the result of a tragedy stemming from widespread ignorance about it.

Reference is made to the roughly \$3 million in federal grants being distributed by the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) as a function of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 (Redress). The first 100 grants recently announced, totaling \$2.7 million, will go to 100 recipients, the amounts ranging from \$100,000 to the National Japanese American Historical Society to \$2,000 for a project to collect relics from the WRA camps. There will be other grants to develop educational programs.

When war came in 1941 it was easy to spook the American people because so little was known about Americans of Japanese origins. The Issei, because of language problems and simply to avoid trouble, had kept pretty much to themselves and they were considered mysterious if not sinister. The average age of the Nisei was somewhere around 17 or 18, and few were old enough to have made themselves known in their communities. In fact Japanese Americans, aside

from a few sociologists, knew very little about themselves.

Thus it was easy for rabble rousers of the press and in politics to find traitorous Japanese Americans skulking in every barn and farmhouse, in restaurant kitchens, poolhalls and lumber camps.

It was possible for frightened military martinets like Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt to be believed and applauded when he warned his superiors:

"The Japanese race is an enemy race and while many second and third generation Japanese born on United States soil, possessed of United States citizenship, have become 'Americanized,' the racial strains are undiluted. . . . It, therefore, follows that along the vital Pacific Coast over 112,000 potential enemies, of Japanese extraction, are at large today. . . . The very fact that no sabotage has taken place to date is a disturbing and confirming indication that such action will be taken."

How could such dangerous nonsense be combatted? Japanese Americans realized early on that they had to make themselves known, but their belated and feeble efforts had no effect in quieting widespread fears and quelling the hysteria. During the war, WRA, JACL and various church groups con-

ducted education campaigns to show the Japanese Americans were not the Japanese enemy in blue jeans. After the war, JACL launched what was called the Issei History Project to underwrite a research, publication and educational campaign, and there have been other individual and mostly scholarly efforts. But all suffered from a common problem, namely lack of adequate funding.

The federal grants, though modest, are a timely and welcome shot in the arm for projects that range from scholarly research to books for popular reading, museums to oral histories, curriculum development to preservation of landmarks.

It would be fascinating to be able to study all the findings that the money will help uncover. It is regrettable that funds for such work were not available as recently as 35 years ago when sources for first-hand research were more plentiful. And more interesting yet is to contemplate whether there would have been an Evacuation at all if the nation had known what CLPEF research is bound to uncover. ■

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

## Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

## P.C.'s wish list

IT IS worth repeating some lines from National JACL Director Herbert Yamanishi's thoughtful Holiday Issue piece (page B-71), in wake of the National Board and Staff meeting in Little Tokyo's JACCC Building this past weekend:

"Despite the chaotic appearance of the past two years [95-'96], leadership and members have been working for the common good of the organization and the payoff is just beginning!" The exclamation point is ours.

"Those who have been around JACL from the beginning know that the purpose of JACL is bigger than just redress. The JACL Articles of Incorporation [filed June 21, 1937, at Sacramento] state the first purpose of the organization is — to promote the welfare of the Americans of Japanese ancestry in a program of education to forward the high purposes of American citizenship and ideals." The P.C. is a functional part of that program.

For the past biennium our low-key P.C. Support & Assist Volunteer Effort (SAVE) campaign "to support the P.C. until membership subscription rates are raised adequately, and to help bring P.C. back to a weekly publication" raised \$17,275.98 from 182 contributors. A complete listing to acknowledge is forthcoming.

For clarification, the National Board was informed the contributions were never intended to benefit any individual P.C. employee but was for equipment and its maintenance.

Last fall, the staff wondered whether the old computers, which had been "acting up," would see us through the Holiday Issue. They did—"on a wing and a prayer." But the staff continues to pray. Hence, the wish list was composed. Specifically:

PowerBase 240 MacClone (\$2,200 each) plus Ethernet cards for computers (\$100 each).  
17-inch monitors, MAG (\$720), NEC (\$770).  
ScanMaker E6 (\$500).  
HP Laserjet (\$1,000). Memory for printer (\$250).  
Helen Kawagoe is donating \$1,000 toward the HP Laserjet printer.  
Norton Utilities, version 3.2 (\$100). The National Youth Council wants to donate a sum for this. Tables to accommodate the computers.  
Layout tables and bank.  
Four Quark XPress, version 3.32 (\$660 each).  
Fax machine (\$200-300).  
Photocopier, Sharp 2022 (\$8,000). A saving here is possible by buying-out the photocopier now on lease.

One microfilm reader.  
The wish list was prioritized (in the order you see above) and priced at \$22,530. The price on tables is yet to be determined. National Director Herbert is helping to locate a microfilm reader — (one for us and hopefully another for their office, as a second set of films is on deposit there). Every issue since 1942 and a scattered prewar numbers, including Vol. 1, #1, October 15, 1929, are on microfilm. A major Special Project is to have them indexed.

Needless to say, a new era for P.C. is about to come, a step closer to reviving the weekly format. We certainly need to produce a paper that will be easier and faster to produce, considering no additional staff is contemplated. ■



## East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

## Rokki Taiken

ABOUT SEVEN YEARS ago, in response to my inquiry, Richard S. Oguro ("Dick") favored me with copies of couple of books he had authored. A member of the Hawaii 100th Battalion then stationed at Camp McCoy (Wisconsin), Dick was among a contingent from the 100th who was diverted to MISLS (military intelligence service language school) at Camp Savage (Minnesota) to train for service in the Pacific theatre of operations. Dick was a member of a national Nikkei veterans group in which I was also involved. He faithfully attended the meetings which were held three or four times a year in various parts of our land. Dick passed away a few years ago, but in my mind's eye I still envision him—in his laid back manner almost appearing as if he were near snoozing, only to get up and make a short comment which was on the mark, confirming that he hadn't missed a word.

THE TITLE of one of the books is "Senpai Gumi." I must confess that I had to look up the "senpai" part in order to know what the title meant. The term translates to "elder group" but a less stilted translation might be something such as "the original gang." In

the book, Dick lists some 50-plus men who were diverted from the 100th to MISLS training. Perhaps unknown to many, MISLS men also trained at Camp Shelby (Mississippi) right along with the 100th Battalion/442nd Regiment. On the stone memorial erected at Camp Shelby this fact is noted. A 442nd vet, Herbert Sasaki of Hattiesburg, was not only instrumental but also almost single-handedly made this tribute a reality.

ALSO LISTED in the book, as a "partial list only," are men identified as "concentration" camps kotonks and military personnel already in uniform prior to Pearl Harbor. This partial listing includes some names many of you may recognize: Victor Abe, Harry K. Andow, Cappy Harada, Harry Iida, Joe H. Ikuta, Joe Iwataki, Makoto Kimura, Hatchiro Kita, Spady Koyama, Ben Sugeta, Roy Takai, Hughes Tsuneishi, Bud M. Uyeda, Salem Yagawa, Akiji Yoshimura, and Noby Yoshimura.

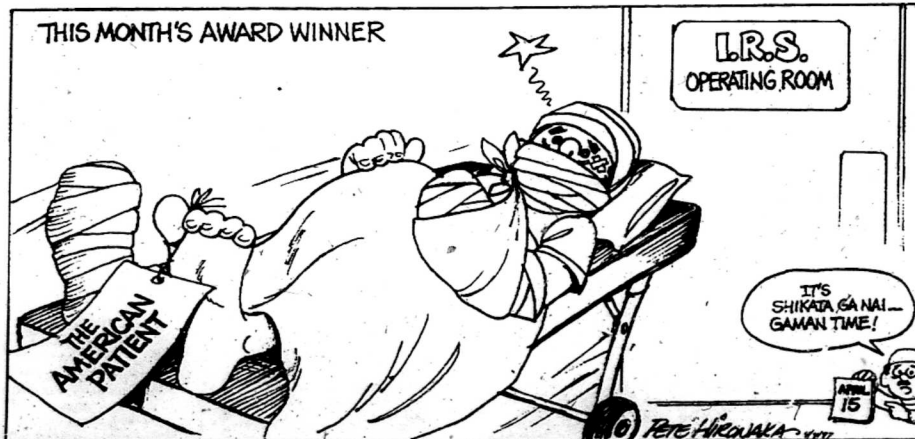
DICK APTLY CLOSES his book with a full reprint of a luncheon speech by Judge John Aiso given in 1979. The Judge opened his message reading the words from an MISLS Album:

"They, who had all too good cause to know the imperfections of the land of their birth, they nevertheless chose to offer their special skills for its service; they, who worked arduously despite adverse circumstances, to give their skills direction and purpose; they who when came the time to make the supreme sacrifice elected to perform, at the cost of their lives, their tasks so vital in the scheme of their country's efforts."

THE MIS VETERANS hold reunions in various parts of this land. While I missed the last one, held in Seattle (my hometown area), I did get to ones held in Minneapolis and Washington, D.C., both excellent. The next one is set for September 10-13, 1997 headquartered at the Renaissance Denver Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207. For further information: Rocky Mountain MIS Reunion 1997, P.O. Box 1319, Denver, CO 80201-1319. Reunion chair: Kent Yoritomo.

The reunion theme? "Rokki Taiken." Check your jiten. ■

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



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## Letters to the editor

## Re: 'Lost Tribe of Israel'

An editor's promise appeared below James Oda's article (Jan. 24-Feb. 6) stating: "In an upcoming P.C. issue, Oda will review a book on the Lost Tribe of Israel." It is now over a month and I am anxiously waiting for his book review. As it is so meaningful for me, I would like to write to Mr. Oda personally, and see if I could get a list of books on this subject.

**Adrian Sato**  
San Jose, Calif

Oda, a Kibei and an MIS instructor during WWII, has submitted reviews of several books on the "Japanese and Jewish connection," which he is planning to publish as a book. The books on review are all in the Japanese language, and the hazards of trying to interpret strange words that are rendered in *hatakana* stump him. We were able to help him on one occasion: *ta-ki-on*. (Answer elsewhere in this issue.)—Editor.

I sent our son, Walter Edwards, professor of Japanese Studies, Tenri University in Nara-ken, Oda's article on the Japanese people's origin. Within a week after he received the article, he was lecturing to a group of students in Kyoto and reports his audience was greatly surprised on hearing what Oda wrote.

Unfortunately, I failed to make a backup copy of the article. The family jumped all over me when I could not produce a copy of Oda's article. If a copy could be spared, I would be grateful.

**Duval A. Edwards**  
Tucson, Ariz.

## P.S. Railroad 'redress'

I appreciate the P.C. "pickup" (Feb. 21-March 6) on the cause of railroad workers (et al.), especially for adding a human face and a humanistic dimension to this little-known tragedy (which I prefer to call ATROCITY). Now, it goes national.

I spoke about it at our New York City "Day of Remembrance" on the 1st. Hardly anyone had heard anything about it. Without our *New York Nichibei*, people get what little news they can from the P.C.

**Michi Weglyn**  
New York

## About 'The Millennium'

Dear Harry: A comment about "The Millennium" in the Holiday Issue, a monumental overview of *Ayumi no Ato* of the Japanese Americans. Its uniqueness lies in the treatment of the Japanese millennial history and the diaspora, so to speak, of the race to areas outside merely the Hawaii-U.S. region of the world. Your interest in our Canadian and, notably, our South American brethren has made you the ideal writer to inform us of the road they traversed, especially since the turn of this century.

**Mass Iwata**  
Montebello, Calif.  
We are nearly finished with the in-house project to make available an "unabridged version" of this report. (As expected, it was necessary to trim paragraphs and entries here and there to make room for other stories.) As soon as costs are determined, we intend to let our readers know. And thanks for the kind words.—HKH.

## To set the record straight

I just want to point out that there were a few misstated facts in Karyl Matsumoto's letter "For the record" printed in the March 7-20 issue.

First, I actually quit only once: Nov. 1, 1996, effective Dec. 31, 1996. I was hired as a temporary employee in March 1995, for the period until a national director was hired, at which time my contract came to an end. During December 1995, Herb and I discussed my coming on as permanent staff but had reached no resolution by the time he assumed his post, so I was hired as a temporary consultant through January 1996 and accepted a position as a permanent staff member in February 1996.

Karyl is therefore correct in that there was no "permanent full-time" membership staff in January 1996, but such semantics should have had little or no impact on membership figures. The numbers she referenced are based on payments received during the specified period, which are impacted by notices printed and prepared one to two months earlier. January 1996 and 1997 numbers may be difficult to compare for a number of reasons, but I don't think my title was a major factor (however big my ego may be). The bottom line remains: membership numbers are UP!

I am disappointed in both Karyl and the P.C. Staff for not verifying facts so readily available (Staff memos, National Board meeting minutes...), yet grateful to realize that the P.C. is so eager to publish any discussion of membership issues. Please continue, but with more stringent adherence to printing facts.

**Amy Yamashiro**  
El Cerrito, Calif.

## Her name is Sachi Seko

Over the years, I've been reading the P.C. and have been meaning to write regarding one writer who touches a familiar chord because of her expression of the human condition, especially the Japanese American human experiences; her name is Sachi Seko.

She should publish an anthology of all the things she has ever written. I think she should be recognized as one of our best writers, whose prose is an meaningful and insightful as the best of writers in the world. I encourage her to publish so that we can benefit from her writings.

**Phyllis Matsuno**  
San Francisco

The word is that Sachi Seko is expanding her last Holiday Issue article, "The Season of Loss," as a manuscript for a book.—Editor.

## New study on identity

While I am doing research on Japanese American college students' ethnic identity interacting [with] their job identity, religious identity and political identity, I am also interested in the difference between Japanese Americans born in California and those born in Hawaii. I have difficulty in finding literature on this matter. Perhaps, it's because not many researchers have dealt with current Japanese American college students.

Any information sources or newsgroups on this issue would be appreciated.

**Yutaka Yamagata**  
USC InterCultural Education  
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Perhaps two books should be reviewed to cover this matter. Eileen Tamura's *Americanization, Acculturation, and Ethnic Identity: The Nisei Generation in Hawaii (1994)* University of Illinois Press, comes to mind along with the venerable standard, *Harry Kitano's Japanese Americans: The Evolution of a Subculture (1976)*, Prentice-Hall. Kitano has a chapter on the Japanese in Hawaii.—Editor.

## Give PSWDC credit

When the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, back in December, called for a National Day of Remembrance for Feb. 19, 1997—the 55th anniversary of the signing of EO 9066 (which was also cancelled because of the hundreds of proposals that had to be reviewed then)—CLPEF recalled the "first" Day of Remembrance event was held in Seattle in 1980. It was a fabulous event, bringing people from all parts of the states of Washington, Oregon, California and elsewhere. I was proud to be there.

While the National Coalition for Redress/Reparation has sponsored the annual DOR since 1980, little mention is made of the first Day of Remembrance event held in February 1979, sponsored by the Pacific Southwest JACL District and the Manzanar Committee. It was the first DOR program in the Southern California area.

JACL gets little credit for things that they do well, and a lot of criticism for issues they do not deal with. However, I believe the PSW members deserve to be recognized as one of the first to propose the idea of commemorating this infamous date.

**Sue Kanitomi Embrey**  
Los Angeles

Ta-ki-on: tachyon—A hypothetical particle held to travel only faster than light. (Webster's 10th Collegiate Dictionary).

## Re: JAMF Board members

Re: your 3-21-97 story on Dr. Chigioji being "...the highest ranking Japanese American to serve in the U.S. Navy." I think you'll find that Vice Admiral Robert K.U. Kihune, who also joined the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation board, may have the honor of being the highest ranking Nikkei in the U.S. Navy. When Admiral Kihune left San Diego three or so years ago, he was already a vice admiral. That puts him one or two steps above a rear admiral depending on whether Dr. Chigioji was a rear admiral lower half, or upper half.

**Don Estes**  
San Diego

## Hap/pa

This letter concerns the spelling of one word—the offspring of multiracial marriages. I was brought up hearing the word HAPPA instead of what I see and read nowadays written HAPA. I think this is comparable to the sounding and spelling of the word NIKKEI.

**D. Onishi, M.D.**  
Salt Lake City

## Voice of a Sansei

© By AKEMI KAYLENG

## On stagnant water

Some years ago I encountered a man who was one of the highest achievers I've known in my life, a life which has encompassed so many impressive people. He was also one of the most tragic. He was also one of those big leaders in his field, the kind credited with pioneering new fields which others would base their careers on. He was also doing professionally, alienating some of his closest colleagues, and slowly becoming isolated because no one could deal with him. It wasn't just his personality. He was actually starting to lose competence.

The problem is that any human achievement, existing as it does in the fabric of society, does not retain a static meaning. The great thinkers of old Europe like Galileo and Copernicus were not seen as such. They were heretics in league with Satan. In World War II their same concepts gave us the technology we needed to create weapons to fight what we saw as a virtuous cause. The immediate postwar years saw the further high regard for science and technology as builders of the American Dream. Then in the '60s it all came crashing down. Science and technology were the monsters of the Military Industrial Complex, polluters of the environment, abusers of the people.

The heroic and tragic man I knew years ago had created work which was a beautiful monument. He wanted to keep it that way. And therein lay the problem. The times were changing. New developments had occurred which the original version of his achievement could not accommodate. Some portions of his work, while not bad, were simply not relevant to present conditions. His beautiful monument was no longer perfect. It had to be re-examined, re-designed. It had to be subject to criticism. It had to integrate ideas from rival camps. The man could not handle this emotionally. He wanted to bask forever in the warm glow of feeling he had achieved a kind of immortality. He

refused to look outside the confining walls which he had erected. Those in touch with the times were enemies. His once noble river of sparkling water was now a stagnant vessel of increasingly cloudy dead fluid.

The changes Japanese Americans have created over the past one hundred years, both within ourselves and in mainstream society, is a monumental achievement we can certainly take pride in. We came here with little formal education, menial job skills, language problems, and faced an ugly racist America. Today so many of us are prominent leaders in so many mainstream fields, and while White America still isn't completely non-racist, we've certainly caused it to improve a lot.

As we approach the twenty-first century, because our great monument is part of the ever evolving human sphere, it cannot remain perfect. Perfection exists only in static, frozen death. We must be willing to address our internal faults within, put new agenda items on the list, stop relying too heavily on old, unmodified methods.

I'm disturbed by a segment of the Japanese American community which has begun emerging over the recent post-Redress years. These Japanese Americans are like that brilliant but maladapted man I knew so long ago. I'm writing this as a warning to that segment of our community.

I'm also writing this as a reassurance to those of us who know the times are changing. Remember, the cracks appearing in our monument don't mean we're bad. They indicate we are a living, dynamic organism, not a bottled specimen, frozen into a permanent perfection only death can bring. ■

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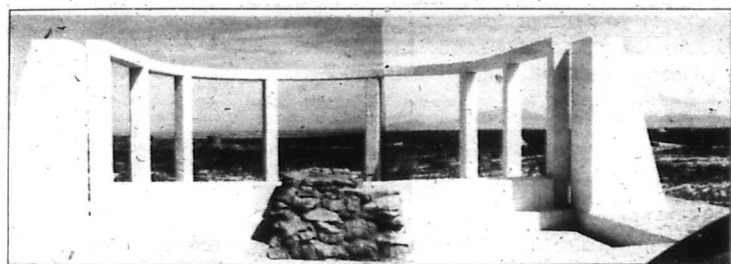
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## Graffiti-marred Gila River Camp monument restored

Story and photos by JOE ALLMAN

Upon notification from the Gila River Indian Community that the Butte Camp #2 Nisei war memorial again had considerable graffiti (see below), the entire memorial was restored (as above) to its pristine glory last month with white paint buffered with a sealer, by Arizona JACLers and Lane Nishikawa.

The bronze plaque, bearing the names of 22 Nisei GIs killed in action during WWII while their families were interned at the Gila River camp, had been marred with black ink and a number of scratches. The paint was removed but not the scratches (photo on front page). A clean-up also followed of the area surrounding the monument.

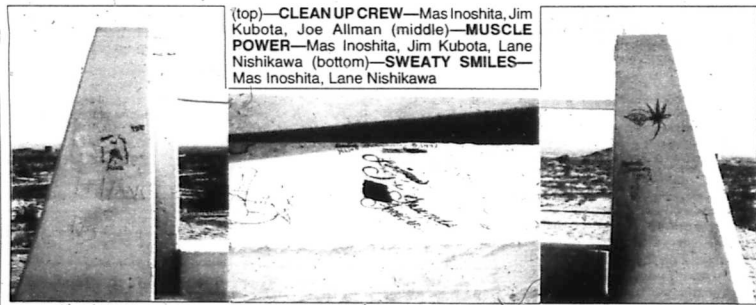
It was the third time the monument was vandalized with graffiti since it was refurbished — a major task of many Arizona JACLers — in March 1995. The bronze plaque was added and dedicated a year later.

A group of Arizona JACLers plan to visit the site on a monthly basis with sealer and a paint bucket.

The foursome at the March 12 clean-up were Jim Kubota, a retired engineer who was interned in Minidoka; longtime Arizona JACLer Mas Inoshita; current board member Joe Allman (all Phoenix-area residents); and author-playwright Lane Nishikawa of Oakland, Calif., who swings a delicate and sturdy paint brush/roller stroke. ■



(top)—CLEAN UP CREW—Mas Inoshita, Jim Kubota, Joe Allman (middle)—MUSCLE POWER—Mas Inoshita, Jim Kubota, Lane Nishikawa (bottom)—SWEATY SMILES—Mas Inoshita, Lane Nishikawa



## Permits needed to visit Gila River Campsite

PHOENIX—Visitors without bonafide business at the former Gila River Relocation Center sites of Canal Camp #1 and Butte Camp #2 are charged a minimum \$100 permit fee and discouraged from entering the posted areas. However, former WWII camp internees and their immediate family wanting to visit are expected to write for permit from the Gila River Indian Community, Inc., attn. Elaine Notah, P.O. Box E, Sacaton, AZ 85278 (tel. 520/526-3301).

Entry fees are normally waived for former internees, but a permit to visit is required and is processed through Notah's office. Requests are reviewed by a GRIC committee which meets on the second and fourth Tuesday mornings every month, it was explained to Arizona JACLer Joe Allman. "Bring along proof of your internment at Gila River. Gratuities for the Indian guide are always appreciated," he added.

Primary reasons for discouraging visitors are the cattle grazing in Camp 1 and the citrus and olive groves in Camp 2, which are the posted areas. Trespass is subject to arrest and appointment with the

## Ex-floriculturist turns to 'Mac' publishing successfully

SAN DIEGO—The *San Diego Reader* featured five San Diego micro-publishers in its Feb. 20 issue. One of them was Gene Kira, due to deliver his first novel, *King of the Moon*, as his story unfolded in the press.

Kira, 50, sold his flower-growing business in Encinitas about 10 years ago, moved to a plateau-top home in Valley Center where he uncovered "the mind-blowing power of the Macintosh computer," explored its technical capabilities, and honed his skill as a graphic artist.

He started a publishing company, Apples & Oranges, and scored an immediate hit with *The Baja Catch*. Collaborating with Neil Kelly, a master fisherman, in 1988, it was a fishing and travel manual. The first two printings of

tribal court.

No permit is required to visit the Gila River Arts & Crafts Center Museum, open 9-5 daily, or Heritage Park, where a memorial board tells the WWII internment story. The campsite is about 40 miles southeast of Phoenix, at Exit 175 on Interstate 10. ■

10,000 each were sold out. It's now in its third run. Kira's articles were from an abandoned magazine project, based on his lifetime experiences by car and ocean kayaking. He used the Mac to create the cover in color, maps, and detailed b&w drawings of the fish.

His second venture, *Understanding Soccer*, grew out of coaching his son's soccer team and realizing that parents didn't understand the game.

Kira credits Dan Poynter's book, *Self-Publishing Manual*, for his understanding of the business—dealing with small bookstores, the "niche market" and handling mail orders. His niche were the Baja travel clubs, stores that sell fishing gear, fishing clubs and ads in outdoor sports magazines. *The Baja Catch* has become a classic for Baja fishermen.

Incidentally, Kira graduated with a degree in English literature, with a yen for writing. His novel is set in a tiny fishing village in Baja, which drew good early reviews. "A wonderful book that truly touches the Mexican soul," San Diego's best-selling novelist Victor Villaseñor said. — Naomi Kashiwabara. ■

## AFTERMATH OF A TOUR:

## Crost's 'Honor by Fire' seen as 'a startling revelation'

By TED S. HASHIMOTO

ON A TOUR in the summer of '95 to visit some old friends in Britain, my wife and I later joined a tour group in London of Americans, mostly from Connecticut, covering England, Wales and Scotland. I was the only minority in the group, my wife being a wonderful Hakuin lady from Minneapolis. By their questions it was quite obvious they were curious about us, but it gave us a chance to get better acquainted.

On one trip, the man across the aisle, Vic Galgowski, about my age—in the early 70s—and obviously a WWII veteran, began discussing the great war and asked if I had served with the 442nd in Europe. I said I had served in the Pacific, as had thousands of other Japanese Americans, many of whom had volunteered or were drafted out of the concentration camps where we were confined after our forced removal from our homes on the West Coast.

As I related my experience before and after the start of the war, a number of people around us listened intently to every word. Fortunately I had done quite a bit of research for a presentation on the MIS before an Optimist zone meeting. I covered the subject thoroughly, including the opinions of the FBI and Naval Intelligence of the loyalty of the vast majority of Nisei at the time, in about 20 to 30 minutes.

It was probably the first time that most of these people had had a chance to talk to someone first hand on the subject. I'm sure they found it fascinating. We became great buddies after and we all had a great time. After our return, I managed to read Lyn Crost's *Honor by Fire* and found it so great that I sent my copy to Vic. Enclosed is a copy of his reply, which I believe expresses his reaction better than I could.

I believe we have an opportunity

from time to time to tell our story, and should take those occasions to present a concise and accurate story. Lyn Crost's *Honor by Fire*, I believe, is a terrific book because she [the author] covers our tremendous exploits in all theaters of the war.

A few of the tour group knew of the Evacuation, but none knew of the thousands of Japanese Americans who contributed such valuable service in our war with Japan.

### Dear Ted:

Thank you, thank you, thank you! What a pleasant surprise to receive a copy of "Honor by Fire." So far, I have only had time to read about half of the book. What a startling revelation.

It is surprising to learn how narrow-minded were many of our people in positions of leadership in both the military and in government. So disgraceful how time and time again the Japanese Americans had to prove their loyalty to this country and prove—as quoted in the book, "Americanism is not a matter of race or ancestry." It is also very sad to learn of the number of Nisei soldiers who received the Silver Star posthumously.

I must agree with you that Lyn Crost is quite a lady. It's amazing the amount of research she had to conduct to compile such a factual book.

A few of my friends have asked to borrow the book after I finish reading it. I plan to present it to our local library when they return it. In my opinion, every library in this country should have a copy.

Our group is planning another C—Tour to the Scandinavian countries next spring. Why don't you and Harriet plan to join us. Sincerely, Vic. ■

Ted Hashimoto writes from Monterey Park, Calif.

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## IN MEMORIAM:

## Andrew Kuroda: Library of Congress official of 35 years

SILVERSPRING, Md.—Retired Library of Congress official and a longtime Washington, D.C. JACLer Andrew Yoshinobu



Kuroda, 86, died of congestive heart failure Feb. 19 at a nursing home. Memorial services were conducted March 8 at Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, Bethesda.

A prewar Christian minister at Wapato, Wash., and Salem, Ore., Kuroda and his wife, Julia Noda of Livingston, Calif., and their first-born son Frank were interned at Tule Lake in 1942, where he was attacked by a pro-Japan gang for advocating individual rights and refusing to oppose the Pledge of Allegiance. The WRA quickly moved them to Amache and they later joined Julia's parents, who had voluntarily evacuated to Broomfield, Colo., where their sec-

ond son Bert was born.

In 1943, Kuroda taught Japanese at the Army program at the University of Michigan, worked for the Office of Strategic Services in New York and India, and after the war with the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey in Japan.

In 1946, he returned to Washington, joined the Library of Congress staff as a principal cataloger in the Japanese section and eventually became its section head and then field director of the LOC Office in Tokyo for four years until retirement in 1981.

Kuroda officiated at burial services of Nisei veterans at Arlington National Cemetery and ministered to Japanese Americans at local churches and the Japanese Unitarian Fellowship. He founded the Joseph Hecho Society of America, named for the first person of Japanese ancestry naturalized as a U.S. citizen in 1858. He received the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 3rd Class, from the Japanese emperor in 1985. ■

## Mrs. Morimitsu: Wartime resettlement worker

CHICAGO—A wartime resettlement worker assisting West Coast evacuees relocating to Chicago, Virginia Morimitsu died on March 17 after suffering a heart attack on Dec. 25.

Interned in Manzanar where she met the Rev. Ralph Smeltzer's group assisting evacuees, Virginia joined them and became a resettlement worker with Brethren Service Committee in Chicago.

Virginia also spoke, with the JACL team led by Dr. Tom Yatabe, on behalf of evacuees moving to the Chicago area.

Her husband, Art, English sec-

tion editor at the *Chicago Shimpō*, told friends her heart condition had worsened and she was comatose after the fourth stroke. She had a triple by-pass operation seven years ago. "I'm grateful we had our 50th wedding anniversary last summer. She has been a wonderful mother and companion," Art said. She was a constant companion with him during his work with JACL's redress campaign and with major Nikkei fund-raisers.

Her body has been donated to science as per her wishes, and her ashes will be placed at the Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium. ■

## MIS Northwest endorses four Nikkei vet monuments

SEATTLE—The Military Intelligence Service Northwest veterans, at their annual March meeting, voted to support four monument projects being promoted nationally to tell the story of Japanese Americans during World War II. By this vote, the group recognized the urgent need to work with others to complete these monuments as a legacy to future generations, President Hiro Nishimura announced.

The four monuments are:

(1) Go For Broke monument, Los Angeles Civic Center, planned by the 100/442/MIS Foundation.

(2) Japanese American KIA (killed in action) Soldiers monument in Los Angeles, planned by the Americans of Japanese Ancestry Coalition.

(3) Brothers in Valor monument in Fort DeRussy, Honolulu, planned jointly by several veterans groups.

(4) Monument to the Patriotism of the Japanese American People in World War II, planned by the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation.

The monuments were endorsed because they carry the messages that were considered essential elements of the Nisei legacy.

"To leave to our descendants,

the names of those who defended their country and fought against prejudice in World War II, and whose actions helped to secure the future of their children and grandchildren.

"To tell the story, incompletely covered in textbooks, of internment and humiliation, and of the subsequent restoration of civil rights, and an apology from President George Bush."

In March, monetary commitments also were made to two of the projects: The Brothers in Valor monument in Honolulu, and the Go For Broke Monument, honoring the 15,000 men who served overseas while many of their families were held in internment camps. Monetary commitments will also be made this year to the two remaining projects.

Under development, the Japanese American KIA Soldiers monument in Los Angeles, will be the only monument that would honor exclusively the WWII KIA soldiers, complementing the Korean War and Vietnam War memorials in Little Tokyo.

The final design of the Patriotism of the Japanese American People in World War II monument in Washington is being completed. ■ — Art Gorai



CEREMONIAL SPADEWORK—Sam Shimoguchi (left) and Robert Wada turn over ground in front of the JACCC building in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo, where the Japanese American Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall will be dedicated over the Memorial Day weekend.

## Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Abe, Kiyoshi (Kee), 82**, Livonia, Mich., Feb. 25; Calif.-born, survived by wife Tomi, daughter Corin Abe-Haupt, brothers Hiro, Hideo (San Juan Capistrano), sisters Irene Hatate, Shunji Inrye, Yoshiko Shiomi.

**Abe, Teatsumi Lila, 72**, Copake, N.Y., Nov. 11; Seattle-born, survived by husband Ken, son Edward, daughter Joann Muench (Ridley Park, Pa.), 5 gcs, sister Kazuko Nishimura, brother Arthur Abe (both of Seattle).

**Fuji, Grace Keiko, 87**, Virginia Beach, Fla., Feb. 16; retired from the Library of Congress, previously employed by the Voice of America and as a Japanese language instructor in the U.S. Navy Language School at the University of Colorado, survived by husband Shozo, daughters Carol Goto (Virginia Beach), Joyce Yamasaki (Gaithersburg, Md.), 3 gcs, brother Minoru Nakamura (Santa Rosa), Fukusawa, George, 86, West Plains, Mo., Feb. 28; filmmaker, retired Professor of Photography, Cal State Fullerton, survived by wife Coralie, sons Gary (La Crescenta), Randy (Oceanside), daughters Peggy Lindsay (Sacramento), Lana (Oakland), Kathleen Morrissey (West Plains), Hideo, 86, West Plains, Mo., Feb. 28; brother of Peter (Sheldon Landers), 7 gcs, brother Peter (Oxnard), John (Carpenter), sister Anna Hashii (Stockton).

**Fukuyama, George Kazuo, Los Angeles**, March 7; survived by son Allan, brother Kay, predeceased by wife Margaret, Hashimoto, George, 89, San Jose, Feb. 28; survived by son Paul, daughters Cathy Maeda, Diane Sink, 1 gcs, mother Kimie Nakahara, stepfather Masao Hashimoto, sisters Aileen Tanaka, May Nishijima.

**Hidaka, Takeshi, 55**, Rancho Palos Verdes, March 3; Tokyo-born, survived by wife Mikio, daughters, 5 gcs, Cheiko Hidaka, father Jui (Sakai) The.

**Hirano, Norio, 60**, San Francisco, Feb. 26; survived by wife Aiko, son Ken, brother Takaji, mother-in-law Sumiko Yabu, brother-in-law Takeo Yabu, sister-in-law Sachiko Nishio (all of Japan).

**Ige, Tanihiro, 101**, Santa Monica, March 3; Okinawa-born, survived by sons Fred, Joe (Arizona), Frank, Jimmy, daughters Miyo Hashimoto, Helen Kaneshiro, Grace Nakada, Mary Sadahiro, Betty Hiji (Camarillo), 23 gcs, 19 gcs.

**Iseki, Sen, 94**, Parker, Feb. 12; survived by daughters Norma Kochi (Sunnyvale), Florence Fujinaga (San Mateo), son George, sister Margaret Otsuji, brother Jimmy Tayama (Los Angeles), gcs, gcs, predeceased by son Harry.

**Ishibashi, Umeno, 97**, Gardena, March 9; Wakayama-ken-born, survived by sons Ichiro, James, Tom, Daniel, daughters Yukiko Yumoto, Suzuko Hashimoto, Naomi Hamachi, 20 gcs.

**Ishii, Yoshiaki, 74**, Honolulu, Mar. 6; Hawaii-born, retired *Advertiser* chief photographer, introduced the 35mm camera to journalism in Hawaii, survived by wife Melba, sons Dexter, Erick, a brother and a sister.

**Izuhara, Umeno, 94**, La Palma, March 5; Hiroshima-ken-born, survived by son Tom, daughters Kikuyo Miyake, Sachie Yamano, Haruko Endo, 8 gcs, 13 gcs, sisters-in-law Alice Izuhara, May Izuhara.

**Kajiyama, Takeo, 77**, San Francisco, March 3; survived by wife Aiko, sons Clifford, Glen, daughter Melene Taira, brother Yukio, 5 gcs.

**Kawata, Shigeo, 100**, Los Angeles, Feb. 22; Okayama-ken-born, survived by daughters Sumiye Takahashi, Yoshiye Kawata, daughter-in-law Fudeko Kawata, 6 gcs, gcs.

**Kinoshita, Jitsuo Jay, 73**, Los Angeles, March 5; survived by children Vickie Rubio, Robyn Kotani, Philip Kinoshita, Andrew Redmon, 7 gcs, 2 gcs, sister Eiko Kiyu.

**Kinoshita, Shiro, 92**, San Juan Capistrano, March 1; Aichi-ken-born, survived by sons Yuzo, Shigeru, daughters Mitsuko Ito, Yoshiko Okuda, 16 gcs, 10 gcs.

**Kiyasu, Hiro, 82**, Snohomish, Wash., Feb. 4; survived by children Peter, Karin Wong, Trina Shapouri, Stacy Haymaker, gcs, siblings Fumi Karasawa, Momo, Kazu Hayase, brothers and sisters-in-law Sam Yano, Paul Yano, Frances Sugai, Masa Yano, Herb Endo, Fred Endo, Art Endo, Chuck Endo, Jun Endo, Lillie Madison, Kiku Endo, Esther Thompson.

**Kuroda, Rev. Andrew, 86**, Silver Spring, Md., Feb. 19; Yokosuka, Japan-born, retired Library of Congress field director, minister of Japanese American churches, during WWII, served with the Office of Strategic Services, founder of Joseph Hecho Society of America, named to the Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Japanese emperor, survived by wife Julia, sons Frank (Ruston, VA.), Bert (Gaithersburg), a sister, 4 gcs.

**Lajoie, Himeko Nickie, 73**, Mission Viejo, March 2; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband Louis Phillip Lajoie, son Dennis Nishida, daughters Brenda Jefferees, Collette Nishida, 3 gcs, 2 gcs.

**Matoba, Osamu Joe, 80**, Orange, March 3; Montebello-born, survived by wife Mitsuko, sons Tom Sasaki, Kazuo

Furusawa, Hitoshi Matoba, Jitsuo Furusawa, Kenneth Matoba (San Francisco) 7 gcs, brother Kiyoshi.

**Matsukawa, Jobs, 77**, Los Angeles, Feb. 26; Malad, Idaho-born, survived by wife Hanako, son George, daughter Deborah, brothers Ken, Jack, sisters Fumi Kato, Kimi Miyagishima, Sadie Yoshiwara.

**McMullen, Tracey Marie, 37**, San Jose, Feb. 28; survived by husband William, son William Ryoichi, parents George, Betty Niizawa Nishi, sisters Marsha Nishi, Cindy Nishi, Aileen Stamps.

**Menda, Albert Yoshio, 75**, Sacramento, Feb. 27; survived by wife Shizuka, son Walter, brothers Frank, Harry Arthur, Goro, sisters Mitsue Mukai, Joan Anyasu, 2 gcs.

**Miyagi, William Hidekazu, 73**, Los Angeles, March 7; veteran of the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team, survived by wife Asako, brother Donald, sisters May Sakuma, Tadachi Matsushige, Yoko Miyagi, Aiko Tamura.

**Miyamoto, Yoshiharu, 50**, Costa Mesa, March 7; survived by wife Mitsuko, daughters Michiko, Yuriko Lily, Shiori Emily, parents Kaoru, Fumi Miyamoto (Japan), brothers Kenji, Hideo, Shigeru (all of Japan), brother-in-law Tadashi Fukumoto, sisters-in-law Shizuko Ibuschi, Kazuko Ozaki, Yoneko Kayanoki (Japan), Katsuko Takata.

**Mizutani, Mary Mariko, 74**, Sacramento, Feb. 19; survived by son Jeffrey, daughter Joanne Neuffer, gcs.

**Moriwaka, Neva Miyoko, 75**, Gardena, March 7; Hanford-born, survived by sons Mark, Stephan, daughter Karen Kimoto, 6 gcs, brothers Otto Ueyahara, Tom Ueyahara (Wisconsin).

**Morimitsu, Virginia, 77**, Chicago, March 17; Watsonville-born and prewar West L.A. resident, wartime Brethren Service Committee Resettlement worker in Chicago (including the JACL team with Dr. Tom Yatabe) and the West Coast, survived by husband Art, son Philip (Hong Kong), daughters Kathryn (Portland, Ore.), Carolyn (Minneapolis), sisters Mary Ikeda, Alice Yoshinobu.

**Murakami, Henry, 90**, Honolulu, Feb. 25; avid sponsor, supporter, and fan of baseball and softball leagues in Hawaii, survived by wife Shino, sons Les, Melvin, 2 gcs, brothers Ben, Edward, Tadao Mizuno, sisters Carol, Shigeo, Martha.

**Nakahama, Kamesuke, 100**, Honolulu, Feb. 24; Japan-born, popular benshi, or narrator of Japanese silent films from 1920-1940, survived by wife Kuni, son-in-law Jinx Morimoto, 4 gcs, 7 gcs, sister Rui Hara.

**Nanba, Shizuko, 93**, Huntington Beach, Feb. 18; Okayama-ken-born, survived by daughter Sumiko Kiyomura, son Satoshi Nanba (Japan), 5 gcs, gcs.

**Odahara, George, 72**, Camarillo, March 6; Stockton-born, survived by wife Kate,

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sons Gary, John, 6 gcs, 2 gcs, sisters Yuki Chin, Grace Lowell.

**Omata, Garrett Henry, 29**, Arcadia, March 4; Los Angeles-born, survived by fiancée Paige Britt, parents Harvey, Carole Omata, sisters Christine Loo, Cathryn Azama, grandmother Ota Omata, grandparents Henry, Miyoko Okada.

**Oyakawa, Tami, 52**, Los Angeles, March 8; Crystal City, Texas-born, survived by father Yoshiharu, brothers Kenichi, David, sister Mitsuko Iwasaki.

**Shigemori, Jack Kazuo, Altadena, Feb. 27**; Glendale-born, survived by wife Tomoye, son Dan, daughter Jean, 1 gcs, sister Yuki Yamanouchi, brother-in-law John Matsumoto, sister-in-law Mary Uchiyama.

**Shinoda, Shigeo, 93**, Berkeley, Feb. 27; Totton-ken-born, survived by son William, daughters Miye, Mariko, 2 brothers, 1 sister (all of Japan), predeceased by husband Kenichi, 78, Morgan Hill, Feb. 25; survived by wife Koyai, sons Irving, Mark, daughter Ann Katz, 7 gcs, brothers, Katsumi Miyagi, Takeshi, Katsunori Tamura (all of Japan), sisters Teruko Yukimura, Hisako Koda, (both of Japan) brother-in-law Tadao Kikuchi.

**Tadashi, Shigeo, 71**, Phoenix, Feb. 7; Montebello-born, survived by brothers Tommy, Shoji, sister Toshiko Chavers.

**Tsujimoto, Nobukazu, 86**, Fountain Valley, March 7; San Francisco-born, survived by sons Dennis, Stuart, daughters Mary Kiyomura, Naomi Kikuchi, Judy Aoki, 11 gcs, brothers Katsumi, Masao, Minoru, sisters Ruth Hasegawa, Toyoko Hatanaka, sister-in-law Aya Tsujimoto.

**Uyeda, Tetsuo Jaimes, 91**, San Jose, Feb. 27; survived by wife Chizuko, sons Stanley, Walter, daughters Mae Nakagawa, Amy Nishikawa, 10 gcs, 3 gcs.

**Yamamoto, Chiyoko, Los Angeles**, service March 10; survived by husband Tom, sons Russell, Howard, daughters Marilyn, Geneva Stranetzer, 7 gcs, brother Shogo Suzuki, sisters Yui Watanabe, Midori Yamane.

**Yamamoto, Masao Joe, 79**, Los Angeles, Feb. 24; Elk Grove-born, survived by wife Fumiko, daughter Dorothy Sakamoto (Boise, Idaho), 3 gcs, brother-in-law Masao Yokota (San Leandro), one brother-in-law, two sisters-in-law in Japan.

**Yamate, Dr. Minoru, 64**, Los Gatos, Feb. 24; Monterey-born, associate professor at Stanford University School of Medicine, survived by wife Emie, daughters Reiko Minogishi (Tokyo), Karen Vogueley, Moschel Kadokura, sons Winston, Michel Yamate, 12 gcs, brother Henry, sister Dorothy Yamagishi.

**Yasuda, Isamu Jimmy, 74**, San Pedro, Feb. 25; survived by wife Reiko, daughters Julie Yasuda, Diane Pigg, 2 gcs, sister Midori Yasuda, brother Susumu. ■

**GEORGE KITA**  
CHICAGO, Ill.—George Kita, 77, passed away on Feb. 26; California-born; graduate of Drake Law School and an Attorney in Chicago for 50 years. He is survived by dear brother, Carl (Hatsu) Kita; sisters, Grace (John) Honda, Kazuko (Dr. Theodore) Ikeda. Services held on March 5 and burial at Rosehill Cemetery.

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## Unique World War II story of MIS Nisei imbedded at Presidio San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—On Sunday, May 4, the National Park Service (NPS) and the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) will formally announce their partnership to inform the public of significant events relating to Japanese Americans and World War II, that occurred at the Presidio of San Francisco.

A ceremony will be held at Hangar 640, that abandoned aircraft hanger on Crissy Field where 4th Army Intelligence School, in November 1941, began to teach Japanese. In May 1942, 38 Nisei soldiers

became the first and only class to graduate from Hangar 640. This experiment in military intelligence language training eventually evolved into the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey.

In all 6,000 Japanese Americans served the U.S. Military Intelligence Service in World War II and fought covertly against the enemy in the Pacific as combat interpreters, interrogators, and translators, while their families were interned, living behind barbed wire and under armed guard. Assigned to remote front-line units of the U.S. Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and with the Allied forces, they worked and obeyed their orders to not speak of their ordeals for fifty years.

In 1993 a monument was dedicated to MIS veterans at the site of the original Language School. The May 4 program highlights are:

10 a.m.—NPS/NJAHS presents a living history lesson, honoring members of that first graduating class 55 years ago and other MIS veterans, as well as veterans from the famed Nisei 100th Infantry

Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

11:00—NPS tour of Presidio sites, including the location where Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commanding general, Western Defense Command, directed the forced removal of Japanese American citizens from their homes to remote and desolate camps.

11:30—A 45-minute film, "Fifty Years of Silence," of Nisei soldiers'

contribution to winning the war; to be shown hourly in the Presidio Visitor Center (Building 102) on Montgomery St.

The program is free. Visitors can meet guest speakers and the veterans themselves, and learn about this seldom-told part of American history.

The Presidio of San Francisco was transferred from the U.S. Army to the National Park Service on Oct. 1, 1994. A slice of San Francisco history for over 200 years, the Presidio's 1,480 beautiful acres are now a treasured part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, which includes 28 miles of coastline, Alcatraz Island, Muir Woods, and Fort Point.

The newest urban national park, the Presidio has also become home to over 50 organizations, such as the National Indian Justice Center, and the YMCA of San Francisco with its gymnasium and pool, just opened in February 1997. For information about the May 4 event: NJAHS 415/431-5007. ■

## Army decorates two WWII MIS veterans with Americal Infantry

By HARRY AKUNE

SIX NISEI SOLDIERS from the 4th Army Intelligence School shipped out of San Francisco May 7, 1942. Their destination was unknown, but obviously into the war against Japan. It was a day after General Wainwright surrendered U.S. forces in the Philippines to General Homma.

Ironically, Nisei were under heavy suspicion by their own country. The Selective Service reclassified all Nisei as 4-C (alien unfit for service.) This was solely on the basis of race and not through any investigation or determination of probable cause.

Japanese Americans who were already in the army had to endure tremendous pressure to prove their trust and loyalty to their superiors and country. They, the six Nisei, were prove to their peers of Task Force 6814 (later the Americal Infantry Division), the Navy and Marine Corps how valuable and indispensable they were as language intelligence soldiers.

Possessing the face of the enemy did not help. They were possible targets of both the allies and the enemy, almost a no-win situation. Yet they fought the war in their own inimitable way by translating captured enemy documents and interrogating prisoners of war to produce valuable information for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Corps and our Allies in the war against Japan.

On Feb. 9, 1996, U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka (Hawaii) made it possible for these Nisei, shrouded in secrecy for so many years, to be belatedly recognized and decorated by the United States Army for their services during WWII.

Former Sgt. Shigeru Yama-shita was awarded the Legion of Merit Feb. 3, 1997. The citation states, "... for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in action

against an armed enemy. Technician Third Grade Yamashita performed a myriad of intelligence tasks that provided ground commanders accurate and timely estimates of enemy garrison to include locations of probable enemy targets. Technician Yamashita's exceptional accomplishments reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and Army of the United States."

Former Sgt. Jim Masaru Ariyasu was also awarded the Legion of Merit on Feb. 11, 1997. The citation states in part,

"When the Section went to Guadalcanal, this man was left behind because the Pacific Intelligence Center was overworked, and he, being exceptionally proficient in document translations, could not be spared. One of the most notable achievements of Technician Ariyasu and the other Nisei was the decoding and translating of complicated captured Japanese documents. Technician Ariyasu's services have contributed immeasurably to a thorough and effective intelligence system."

THIS WRITER WAS struck by the unselfishness of both of these honorees. I had approached Jim Ariyasu, a childhood friend of over 70 years, and encouraged him to apply under Public Law 104-106 Section 523 and 526. This bill, authored by Senator Akaka opened up a window of opportunity for citing Military Intelligence Service veterans, who were overlooked due to the secret nature of their duties.

My hope was to have Ariyasu recognized and decorated for his conspicuous and outstanding service during WWII. I have always admired him as my predecessor for paving the way over a very difficult road of trust and acceptance by our superiors. These were very trying conditions for the Nisei in the early stages of the war against Japan."

Instead, Ariyasu directed me towards a teammate, Shigeru Yamashita, stating, "I have hoped for over 50 years to see Yamashita receive the honor, recognition and decoration he deserves."

Jim continued, "Yamashita turned down a high decoration in deference to his comrades, saying, 'All of my teammates deserve the same. It was a team effort. With dedication of duty and cooperation we were able to carry out our task in a most expeditious and effective way to serve our country, and I cannot accept it for just myself.'"

THE ORIGINAL TEAM of six Nisei linguists served together for over three years, from New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Philippines, without leave, in the same manner which brought acceptance to Nisei as loyal and dedicated Americans. MISers owe a great deal to men like Yamashita and Ariyasu.

Yamashita still states, "My greatest wish is to see my teammates receive the same recognition; only then will I be happy."

Four others, Isao Kusuda, Mac Nagata, Yoshio Noritake and Iwao Kawashiri, were members of this elite team.

As was noted earlier, Ariyasu has received his overdue recognition and honor. Application is pending for the same honor for another living member of the team, Mac Nagata.

Let us hope MIS veterans receive another positive answer from the Dept. of the Army. ■

Harry Akune is the historian, Military Intelligence Service of So. Calif., and was recently inducted into the Army Military Intelligence Hall of Fame, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.



MIS PIONEERS—Clockwise from top left: Masaru Ariyasu, Shigeru Yamashita, Mac Nagata and Iwao Roy Kawashiri

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