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**JAPANESE AMERICAN KIAs** of the Korean War (1950-1953) are remembered on the memorial wall dedicated May 24 at Little Tokyo's Japanese American Cultural and Community Center front courtyard containing the recently dedicated monument for Nikkei killed or missing in the Vietnam War and the flagpole dedicated to the Nisei veterans of WWII. Over 200 participated at the May 24 ceremonies. See story page 11.

## Yonsei shares experience of CCDC internship

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

Assistant Editor

**FRESNO** — Yonsei Ross Kakinami's recent internship at JACL's Central California Regional Office was, you could say, a real eye-opening experience.

"If I didn't do this internship I wouldn't have joined JACL," said the 19-year-old Fresno State sophomore at the May 18 CCDC quarterly session. "I'd never heard of JACL before except when they sponsored basketball tournaments. Now I understand what these guys do."

Kakinami isn't a "JACL baby." He never learned about the organization growing up and in fact, no one from his family is a JACLer except his grandmother (West Valley Chapter). But he's learned a lot about the civil rights organization in a short time.

Kakinami recently attended the California Legislative Leadership Conference in Sacramento sponsored by JACL.

See **INTERV** page 10

## COMMENTARY: Defend the Issei: fix welfare reform

BY ALBERT Y. MURATSUCHI

Pacific Southwest Regional Director

A Nisei man recently attended a JACL-cosponsored Little Tokyo community forum on welfare reform. He was worried about his 97-year-old Issei mother, who was a legal immigrant but not an American citizen. His mother received a letter from the Social Security Administration saying that the disability benefits of noncitizens will be cut off by August of this year.

As a result of federal welfare reform passed in August of 1996, legal immigrant noncitizens became ineligible for disability aid and food stamps. Congress also gave states the option to cut noncitizens off from Medicaid, or low-income health coverage.

In response to welfare reform, many Issei have been anxiously rushing to apply for U.S. citizenship. Naturalization workshops conducted by JACL and the Little Tokyo Service Center in Los Angeles and Orange counties have been packed since February. The Issei currently receiving federal aid — some in wheelchairs, accompanied by their aging Nisei children — were nervous about taking the citizenship test with their failing memories.

Tragedies haunt the welfare reform debate. The Wall Street Journal reported on elderly immigrants committing suicide rather than risk losing their benefits. The New York Times found nursing homes across

See **MURATSUCHI** page 5

## Army seeks info on 57 DSC awardees under consideration for Medal of Honor

The Department of the Army, Defense Language Institute of Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC), is updating its list of Distinguished Service Cross awardees under consideration for the Congressional Medal of Honor, the 100th-442nd MIS WWII Memorial Foundation reported in an April 14 memorandum.

Scott Welch [Commander, DLIFLC, attn: ATZP-MH (Scott Welch), Presidio of Monterey, CA 93944-5006; 408/242-7864, fax 408/242-5414], who is completing the search, has these questions of the 57 names listed below. (\* Posthumous award.)

(1) Is the individual still alive? If so, do you know how to reach him?

(2) If not alive, do you know how to reach his family? When did he pass away?

(3) Whether they or their families have records regarding the DSCs?

Pfc. Irving M. Akahoshi (Hq. Svc), S/Sgt. Henry Y. Arai (A), Pvt. Masao Awakuni (C), Capt. Henry B. Farr (Adjutant, 442nd), S/Sgt. Yoshimi R. Fujiwara (G), Pvt. Barney F. Hajiro (I), \*Pvt. Mikio Hasemoto (B), \*Pvt. Joe Hayashi (K), Pvt. Shizuya J. Hayashi (A), Pvt. Jessie M. Hirata (A).

S/Sgt. George S. Iida (G), 1st Lt. Daniel K. Inouye (E), S/Sgt. Buddy Kagawa (K), Asst. Adjutant Hideo Kajikawa (100th), 1st Lt. Young O. Kim (B), Pvt. Yeiki Kobashigawa (B), \*Pfc. Kiichi Koda (A), \*Tec4 Moichi Kubo, Pfc. Haruto Ronald Kuroda (B), \*Sgt. Robert Toshio Kuroda (E).

\*Pfc. Harry F. Madokoro (K), S/Sgt. Kazuo Masuda (F), S/Sgt. "Rocky" Shinyei Matayoshi (G), S/Sgt. Fujio Miyamoto (K), 2nd Lt. Takeichi T. Miyashiro (C), Pfc. Kaoru Moto (C), \*Pfc. Kiyoshi K. Muranaga (F), \*Sgt. Hiroshi Nagami (C), Pvt. Masato Nakae (A), \*Pvt. Shinyei Nakamine (B).

\*Pfc. William K. Nakamura (G), \*Sgt. Robert K. Nakasaki (A), \*Pfc. Joe M. Nishimoto (G), S/Sgt. Allan Masaharu Ohata (B), T/Sgt. Yukio

## 17 more CLPEF grants made Curriculum Projects

Fourteen projects were awarded in curriculum. They will be included as part of the CLPEF Curriculum Initiative. The funded projects include:

- Teacher training workshops so that K-12 teachers can effectively inform students on the lessons learned from the incarceration.
- The development and publication of resource guides to be used by teachers and students on the incarceration.
- Innovative projects such as performances in schools and colleges and the development of CD-ROMs.

As part of the initiative, project recipients will participate in a Curriculum Summit, which will be held later this year. The idea of the Curriculum Summit is to provide a

vehicle for project recipients to share resources and ideas and to develop strategies on how to continue work in this area long after See **CLPEF** page 7

## U.S. Attorney Yamaguchi quits bid for judgeship

**SAN FRANCISCO**—In a brief written message to his co-workers and the media, U.S. Attorney Michael Yamaguchi on May 23 abruptly withdrew his name from consideration for the vacant federal judgeship in San Jose. Sen. Dianne Feinstein had recommended him last December to the federal bench. The senator regretted his decision and "wishes him the best," Feinstein's office noted.

The press reports indicated it was a position that Yamaguchi had coveted since becoming U.S. attorney for Northern California in 1993. One San Francisco federal prosecutor surmised that "Mike was going to have an ugly battle" in the confirmation process in a Republican-controlled Congress, the *San Jose Mercury News* writer Howard Mintz noted. Yamaguchi did not offer an explanation for withdrawing. ■

## Little Tokyo's Nisei Week Festival set Aug. 9-17

**LOS ANGELES**—The 57th annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival, perhaps the nation's premier Nikkei American *matsuri*, comes Aug. 9-17, with the grand parade on Sunday afternoon, the 10th, in Little Tokyo.

Alan Furuta, senior assistant to the president of the Sumitomo Bank of California, is this year's general chairman, a post he also filled in 1987. Joyce Shimazu, a partner at an architecture and design studio, has been appointed to the newly-created full-time position of executive secretary. For calendar information, call the Festival Office, 213/687-7193. ■

## Little Tokyo's newest: Casa Heiwa sparkles at 'Night under the Stars'



Visitors get a birds-eye view of the Casa Heiwa courtyard.

BY HARRY K. HONDA

Editor emeritus

**LOS ANGELES**—The stars were just starting to peer through the clear evening sky over Casa Heiwa as its "Night Under the Stars" program May 15 came to a fulfilling end. More than 200 friends and well-wishers joined the Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) volunteers and staff to honor the "stars" of evening, honoring over 50 donors to the LTSC/Casa Heiwa Foundation and Gift Campaign. The campaign supports the programs of LTSC as well as its nonprofit subsidiary, the LTSC Community Development Corp. and their new \$17-million housing-of-

fice complex in Little Tokyo.

As final speaker of the evening, executive director and founding LTSC member Bill Watanabe admitted much had been covered by the previous speakers about the growing awareness and support for the six-story "mixed-use" facility, which opened last October at 231 E. 3rd St. "It has been a 12-year vision," he said, as he pointed out the mix of color and nationalities living at Casa Heiwa.

CSU-Long Beach educator Alan Nishio, president, LTSC board of directors, cited the dedicated staff now tending to a variety of social services and volunteers, handling,

See **CASA HEIWA** page 6

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I think to the generosity of P.C. cartoonist, Pete  
 Hirakawa of Dayton JACL, the first 100 who contribute  
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 a signed full-colored lithographed poster, "Issei".  
 It measures 21x28 inches.

## JACL Calendar

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 usually published with a Calendar entry at the  
 outset. TIME-VALUE is the chief consideration.

### Eastern

**NATIONAL**  
**1998: July 1-5—35th biennial Nat'l JACL**  
**Convention, Sheraton Society Hill**  
**Philadelphia.**

### Midwest

**TRI-DISTRICT (EDC-MDC-MPDC)**  
**Thu., Sun. July 31-Aug. 3—TDC Conference,**  
**Radisson Hotel & Suites, Huron St. n. N.**  
**Michigan Ave.; info and mail regis. (\$115**  
**before 6/30, \$145 after) to Bill Yoshino,**  
**Chicago JACL, 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL**  
**60640, 773/728-7170, fax 773/728-7231.**  
**NOTE—Reservations 800/333-3333 (mention**  
**JACL \$124 sgl or dbl per night, 2 night**  
**minimum, tax not included. Thu regis 1 p.m.**  
**Open House 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Fri & Sat**  
**workshops, Sat. reception, banquet. Each**  
**district council meets during morning hours**  
**Fri & Sat. Tri-District wrap-up Sunday 9 a.m.**  
**12 noon. ad deadline: Friday before date of issue.**

### CLEVELAND

**Sun. June 22—Scholarship luncheon,**  
**Shirano's Japanese Restaurant; info: Hazel**  
**Asamoto 216/921-2976.**

### ST. LOUIS

**Fri., July 4—Picnic, Eden Theological**  
**Seminary; info: Irma Yokota 314/921-7933.**

**Sat.-Mon. Aug. 30-Sept. 1—Japanese Festival,**  
**Missouri Botanical Gardens; info: Irma Yokota**  
**WISCONSIN**

**Sun. July 27—Annual golf outing/picnic, 8**  
**a.m. tee time, Edgewater Golf Club, Gratiot**  
**lakes by July 11. Carole Shiraga, 11910 W. Mill**  
**Rd. #21, Milwaukee, WI 53225. Noon picnic**  
**at Mequon City Park, RSVP: Marty Suyama**  
**414/462-0203.**

### Mountain Plains

**NEW MEXICO**  
**Sun. July 20—Picnic, Holiday Park at**  
**Comanche & Tramway NE, Albuquerque; info:**  
**Bob Yotsukey 505/766-9215.**

## COMMUNITY Calendar

### Eastern

**SEABOARD**  
**Fri., June 13—Annual SECC meeting, 7 p.m.,**  
**Upper Deerfield Community Municipal Bldg.**  
**WASHINGTON**  
**Wed.-Thu. June 25-26—National Urban**  
**League's "Best Practices Symposium," Marriott**  
**at Center Center, 777-12 St. NW, info: 213/**  
**558-5383. NOTE—A co-sponsor Leadership**  
**Education for Asian Pacific (LEAP).**

### The Rockies

**DENVER**  
**Thu., Sat. Sept. 11-13—MIS-Rocky Mountain**  
**Reunion, Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec**  
**St. Info: Kent Yoritomo 303/936-1292, MIS**  
**Reunion 1997, PO Box 1319, Denver, CO**  
**80201-1319.**

### Northwest

**PORTLAND**  
**2000: Aug. 11-13—Greater Portland Reunion**  
**III, Lloyd Center Red Lion Inn; Volunteers**  
**needed for planning, call Kenne Namura,**  
**Reunion chair 503/253-0848, Kurtis Inouye:**  
**503/682-3238.**

### SEATTLE

**Sat. June 28—Wing Luke Asian Museum's**  
**30th anniversary gala, 5 p.m., Union Station,**  
**401 S. Jackson, RSVP by June 6, 206/623-**  
**5124. NOTE—Museum and its executive di-**  
**rector Ron Chew won the 1997 Governor's**  
**Arts & Heritage Award.**

**Sat.-Mon. Aug. 16-18—UW's University**  
**Students Club 75th anniversary reunion, Sat.**  
**banquet at Husky Union Bldg., Sunday camp-**  
**us tour/golf tournament, Monday dinner at**  
**Kill Creek Country Club; registration, info:**  
**Ken Sato 206/363-1414, Elsie Taniguchi 206/**  
**742-2402, Bob Sato (golf chair) 206/742-**  
**0784.**

### Northern Cal

**ALAMEDA**  
**Sat. June 21—Sansei Legacy Project-Hapa**  
**Issues Forum potluck picnic, 11-2 p.m., Big**  
**Rock Site, Lake Temescal, Oakland, info: SLP**  
**510/523-6021.**

**Sat. Aug. 9—SLP's "Hiroshima, Personal**  
**Perspectives," 1-4 p.m., Christ Presbyterian**  
**Church, 1700 St. San Francisco, info: SLP**  
**510/523-6021. NOTE—Panel members: Kay**  
**Yatani, MDC speaker, board members of friends**  
**of Hibakusha (since 1989), Seiko Chiyu**  
**(Hiroshima native hibakusha, S.F. resident**  
**since 1970), Gen Honda (founding member,**  
**FOH, 1981).**

### DAVIS

**Through July 15—"Kites, Paper Wings over**  
**Japan" exhibit, Davis Art Center, 1919 F St.,**  
**info: 516/756-4100.**

### SACRAMENTO

**Sun. June 22—KVE's PBS-TV series "Cal-**  
**ifornia Heartland" airs Geyser Tsunashima**  
**documentary photographs, The Rice Land**  
**State, 6:30 p.m. NOTE—Tsunashima lives in**  
**Yuba City.**

**Through Aug. 8—"Diamonds in the Rough"**  
**exhibit (expanded), State Capitol Museum,**  
**1st floor rotunda.**

### SAN FRANCISCO

**Through June 22—Asian American Theater**  
**Co. presents Sun's "Gravity Falls from Trees,"**  
**Thu-Sat., 8:30, Sun. 2 and 7 p.m., Magic**  
**Theatre, Fort Mason Center, tickets 415/440-**  
**5545, box office 441-8822.**

**Through June 28—Lacquer picnic sets from**  
**Osaka, 9:30 a.m.-5 (Wed-Sun), Asian Art**  
**Museum, Golden Gate Park, info: 415/379-8801.**  
**NOTE—June 28-Sept. 28 "India: A Celebration"**  
**in commemoration of 50th anniversary of**  
**Indian Independence in 1997.**

**Sun. July 6—Nikkei Widowed Group, 2-**

**Sun., Oct. 12—General meeting, Loma Linda**  
**Community Center; info: Joe Ando, 505/292-**  
**1858.**

### 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.**

### NAT'L JACL 1000 CLUB

**Fri.-Sun., Oct. 10-13—Fiftieth anniversary 1000**  
**Club celebration, Cactus Petrie's, Jackson, Nev.,**  
**info: Hild Hasegawa, Idaho Falls 208/329-1555.**  
**NOTE—Co-hosts: Intermountain District**  
**Council; Friday night mixer, Friday-Saturday**  
**banquet, Sunday getaway breakfast. Airport**  
**shuttle-bus service from Salt Lake City. Twin**  
**falls or Boise to Jackson to be coordinated.**

### THE 3 UTAH CHAPTERS

**Wed. June 18—A gathering-picnic with Jewish**  
**Community in wake of the Chushe Suphara**  
**program last November, 6 p.m., Tanner Park,**  
**2400 East 2760 South, Salt Lake City. NOTE—**  
**Nelson Akagi (52nd vet and JACL member) and**  
**Joel Shapiro (WASH. vet, Congregation Kol Ami),**  
**speakers, bring own picnic.**

**Fri., July 4—Rededication of monument, posting**  
**a new plaque from Oita-ken to pioneer Japanese**  
**flier Masashi Goto, who was killed in 1929**  
**while flying over the Uintas Range. 11 a.m.**  
**memorial site, approx. 3 mi. E of SLC airport, I-**  
**80, exit 152, S and E ( Hwy 248) to Kamas, S**  
**( Hwy 35) to Francis, 32 miles E to**  
**monument site.**

### MT. OLYMPIUS

**Thu., June 26—Workshop: Chantable Remainder**  
**Trusts (sometimes called Capital Gains By-pass**  
**Trust). 7:30 p.m., American Express Financial**  
**Advisors, 6905 S. Union Park Center, Midvale.**  
**NOTE—Robert Morishita, speaker, program is**  
**strongly endorsed by National JACL.**

**Sat. Aug. 14—Summer picnic, Evergreen Park,**  
**Salt Lake City.**

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**events: Friday golf tournament, Sat. evening**  
**Seattle Bon Odori Festival, Sun. tour of historic**  
**Seattle Nihomachi, in conjunction AFJA**  
**Youth-BBQ, "Conference" theme: "Community**  
**Envisioning Tomorrow."**

### NC-WN-Pacific

**RENO**  
**Sun. Sept. 21—Eighty, info: Cynthia Lu, chapter**  
**pres. 702/827-6385.**

**Sun. Oct. 19—Hallowen in potluck**  
**Sun. Nov. 16—Mochitsuki**  
**Sun. Dec. 14—Holiday Season potluck**  
**Sun. Jan. 18—Installation / potluck**  
**SAN JOSE**

**Sat. Aug. 16 (New date)—Tennis tournament,**  
**Evergreen college courts, San Jose.**  
**Fri. Nov. 14—General meeting/potluck**  
**WEST VALLEY/NEXT GENERATION**

**Thu. June 26—Discussion with Dave Tatsuno,**  
**cameraman at "Topaz," Yu-Ai Kai Bldg., 588**  
**N. 4th St. San Jose, 408/294-2505.**

**Through Aug. 10—Ten-week Volleyball League**  
**(5 by dates), 7:10 p.m., Campbell Community**  
**Center, info: Steve Abe 408/241-5749. Troy**  
**Kakao 408/4482. NOTE—Instructions from**  
**Coach Ruben Nieves, head coach, Stanford**  
**University Men's Team, Tom Shoda, NFJ**  
**volleyball director.**

**Sat. June 16—20th Anniversary Daruma**  
**Festival, info: Todd Yoshida 408/241-5749.**  
**Sun. June 22—Discussion with Dave Tatsuno,**  
**cameraman at "Topaz," Yu-Ai Kai Bldg., 588**  
**N. 4th St. San Jose, 408/294-2505.**

### Central California

**TRI-DISTRICT**  
**Sat. Aug. 6-8—CCDC hosts Tri-District**  
**PSW/CN/CWNP Conference, Theme: Betting**  
**on the future to build a stronger JACL. Stardust**  
**Hotel-Casino, 3000 S. Las Vegas Blvd. Las**  
**Vegas, info: Patricia Tsai, CCDC director 209/442-**  
**1045, Larry Ishimoto 209/621-7042.**

**NOTE—Paul Igarashi, keynote speaker.**

### DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Sat. Aug. 23—CCDC 3rd Quarterly Session**  
**Sun. Sept. 7—Shunzen Run, info: Bobbi Hanada**  
**209/414-1662.**

### FRESNO

**Sat. Sun. July 5-6—1st annual Fresno JACL**  
**Omachi Baseball Tournament, participants**  
**Fresno, Lodi, San Jose, San Fernando Valley,**  
**Sanger.**

### LIVINGS/ON-MERCED

**Sat. July 19—Family Fun Night, info: CCDC**  
**Gov. Grace Kimoto 209/394-2456.**

**Atlantic Blvd. info: 818/570-4500.**

**Sat. July 10—JACC's 17th Anniversary Gala**  
**at JACC, info: Kats Kunikida 213-212-8776.**

**2125—Pacific Pioneer awarders, All**  
**Nippon Airways Co., Pillsbury Madison and**  
**Soto LLP, JACC's President's awarders,**  
**Okinawa Kenjikai Genbusho, Japanese American**  
**Medical Association.**

**Thu. June 12—Writers Gallery play reading of**  
**playwright Ken Nakasaka's Ghosts and**  
**Baggage, 7:30 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., info:**  
**213/625-0414.**

**Thu. June 14—East San Gabriel Valley JCC**  
**Saber/Saberette Youth Basketball Org. "Cassio**  
**Night," 6:30-11 p.m., Center Gym, 1203 W.**  
**Puente Ave., West Covina, info: 818/912-6909.**

**Thu. June 19—UCLA Film "TV Archives"**  
**Pan-Asian Cinema Festival, "Electric Shadows,"**  
**details TBA, Bing Theatre, LA. County Mu-**  
**seum of Art and Art, co-sponsors Visual**  
**Communication, LACMA, info: 213/625-0414.**

**Sat. Sun. June 21-22—Ikenobo Ikenbana's 40th**  
**Anniversary exhibit, 10-5 p.m., JACC, info:**  
**213/628-2725. NOTE—45th Headmaster**  
**Seni Ikenobo (Kyoto) demonstrates Sat.**

**Sat. June 28—Chef Randy Sato lecture, 1-3**  
**p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., RSVP: 213/625-**  
**0414. NOTE—Maui-born Sato is executive**  
**chef at Hyatt Regency Hotel downtown.**

**Sun. June 29—PANA Friendship golf tourna-**  
**ment, 9:30 a.m., The Amigos Golf Course, 7295**  
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**tee is unable to contact all former residents.**

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## Pacific Southwest

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**7:10 p.m., Gardena WYDA**





## Word from Herb

By Herb Yamanishi, JACL National Director

## Developing a clear view of JACL

As I travel from one Chapter to the next, I receive many questions and comments. One of those comments is something like, "In order for JACL to justify increases in membership dues and fundraising, it needs to have programs." While I have previously outlined the over 34 different JACL programs, it is apparent that they are not very visible, obvious, or clear. Even when some may admit knowing of programs, the implication is that they do not capture the imagination of anyone outside the halls of the Mas Satow Building. To make the programs of JACL more understandable and memorable, I have a framework or acronym that I hope will help us all to keep in mind what we are all about.

The framework is the word "CLEAR." Each letter in the word stands for a programmatic direction that has been at the heart of JACL before and since I came:

C - citizenship and cultural understanding

L - leadership

E - education

A - advocacy

R - responsibility

In this article I wish to bring you up to date on some programs that attempt to address the matter of education and responsibility.

### Education

It has been announced that the JACL NISEI (National Initiative to Secure the Education of Incarceration) project will be receiving \$40,000 to do teacher training using its Curriculum and Resource Guide as the focal point. While, at this writing, we have not received written notice of the grant, I wish to discuss what this means for JACL. The grant is only one small step towards educating the American public about the indiscriminate imprisonment of 120,000 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

The National JACL Education Committee, chaired by Carol Kawamoto (San Diego), is preparing a long-range strategic plan that looks at the broader scope of how to educate the American

public. The preliminary plans try to address ways of making the use of the Curriculum Guide for teachers easier by developing more lesson plans, and updating and providing more descriptive resource materials, additional stories about the experience, and audio/visual presentations.

For the longer term, JACL must figure out ways of creating institutional memory. This means getting teacher training colleges to integrate the Japanese American history into the curriculum of teacher education and ensuring that textbook publishers retain accurate information in their publications.

It also means that JACL must become more opportunistic in using periodic events and presentations, such as the Smithsonian Museum's Exhibit of "The More Perfect Union" by the National Librarians Association, to reinforce the experience and to be prepared to offer interested persons additional information that they can take with them.

Education through the NISEI project is but one of the programs that the National Board, its committees, and JACL staff are preparing.

### Responsibility

Responsibility encompasses the fiduciary responsibility of the organization. This means JACL must husband and manage its resources well while at the same time developing ways of securing its long-term interests. We have taken a first major step in developing an investment policy that JACL never had before. Its detail goes to the level of who manages JACL's investments as well as the principles that guide investments. Thanks to Arnold Miyamoto and the Investment Committee, the investment policy establishes a new and higher level of responsibility for JACL.

**Planned Giving**—The next major step in securing the longer term future for JACL is a program called "planned giving," the process of making a charitable gift of one's assets to a nonprofit organization in a planned way.

Planned gifts are usually deferred, meaning they are arranged now and

fulfilled later. For example, a person could include a provision in his or her will to make a bequest to a charitable organization such as the JACL. The arrangement is a "planned" gift.

We are currently in the planning stages of developing a Planned Giving program at the JACL for the National and Chapter levels. The following is what Donna Okubo, the new Membership Administrator and fund development person is doing to help JACL get the Planned Giving program off the ground:

(a) **A new Planned Giving policy** is being developed. It will be presented to the National Board at its August meeting. The policy is necessary to protect the local Chapters and National JACL as well as the donor regarding any issues of accepting a gift. With a well-developed policy and procedures, each Chapter should be able to set up its local planned giving program.

(b) **A Directory of JACL authorized financial planning advisors** is being developed. Such a Directory should help members and potential donors with a level of comfort and confidence about people who might assist in the handling of their financial affairs. We are currently working on a questionnaire that would be sent to each potential planning advisor for pre-screening purposes.

The following is a list of professionals who could be included in the Directory:

- Life Insurance Underwriters (CLU's)
- Certified Public Accountants (CPA's)
- Trust Officers (CTFA's)
- Financial Planners (CFP's)
- Estate planning attorneys

A marketing plan and budget for the new program will be forthcoming by November at the National Board meeting. Persons interested in being listed in the Directory should contact Donna Okubo at the JACL Headquarters. A questionnaire will be sent to each person interested in being listed in the directory. ■

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## Contra Costa completes '97 program poll

RICHMOND, Calif.—The 1997 Contra Costa JACL program survey has been completed, it was announced in the May newsletter, *The Rappa* by Ron Shiromoto, first vice president and program chair. Though a large response was not expected, it was "disappointing and disturbing" as only 16 reports (at least half were from board members) came from a distribution to approximately 400 households.

The findings showed:  
"It is very clear that individuals today live very complicated lives through stress, problems, responsibilities and involvement in a myriad of activities. In order to survive we are required to set priorities as we see them."

"It is also clear that racial discrimination and injustice permeate our society, and organizations such as

the JACL are needed more than ever."

Shiromoto concluded:  
"Whether due to apathy, priorities or numerous other factors, we as a chapter board are faced with the task of providing direction without an apparent mandate from our membership. As a result, we must evaluate and, if necessary, modify and/or curtail our programs and activities."

The approval average, on a scale from 5 to 10, indicated 6.9 (11 entries) for the CCJACL, 7.4 (15 entries) for the *Rappa* and 7.7 (10 entries) for CARP, the chapter senior citizen program of many years standing.

The survey showed programs "should include" topics relating to families, youth, schools, communication, mixed marriages, health, heritage, identity, hate crimes,

parenting, JA news and accomplishments, book reviews, WWII camp testimonies, sports, more diverse issues, interaction with the larger community, computers, aging and leadership.

It also showed focus should "be reduced" on gay/lesbian and mixed marriage issues.

Shiromoto added:  
"My personal impression is that there is a genuine concern about the future of JACL, but participation and involvement is another issue. The future direction and success of JACL will be measured by participation of its membership. Participation does not necessarily mean a major commitment. It may be in a form of creative ideas, providing resources from a vast network of family, friends, co-workers. The expertise, experience and cooperation within our community are its strength and must be tapped. Everyone has something to contribute."

"We on the board have a responsibility to try to create programs and activities of interest. I think this has been done in the past and will continue to improve in the future. Perhaps we have not done enough to specify the areas in which we need help."

"The CCJACL Board would like to provide the widest range of programs and activities as requested by the membership but cannot do so without your help. I would appreciate any comments and suggestions."

Esther Takeuchi, chapter president, commented on the survey results. "I personally feel that our chapter has planned programs to meet the requests of those who returned their survey. Though the returns were disappointingly small, we are always open to suggestions." ■

## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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**Pacific Citizen**



## East Wind

By Bill Marutani

## Newspapering

**P**ERHAPS YOU NOTICED: In the previous issue of this newspaper, Bill Hosokawa was tagged with the contents of the "East Wind" column while I ended up in "The Frying Pan." (Landing in the frying pan is as far as I want to go; the next step being into the fire.) Such a slip may well occur in the hubbub of getting the edition ready for shipment to the printer. There were elements that could contribute momentarily to confusing the two columnists.

For starters, both wear spectacles; both go by the first name of "Bill;" the family names of both consist of eight letters, both referring to topography. Hosokawa translates into "narrow river" and Marutani into "round valley." Both are from the Pacific Northwest—Hosokawa from the metropolis of Seattle, I from the rural farm area of Kent. Both ancestral roots trace back to Hiroshima prefecture; indeed, it even may be from the same gun (county), either Asa-gun or neighboring Saiki-gun.

Well, enough of my seeking glory by association or, from Hosokawa's position, guilt by association.

**THE FOURTH ESTATE** experience and accomplishments that are Hosokawa's are in a class by themselves. In addition to being an editor at a major newspaper, the *Denver Post*, he's authored a number of books: *Nisei, The Two Worlds of Jim Yoshida, Thunder in the Rockies, The Uranium Age, Thirty-five Years in the Frying Pan, East to America, and JACL in Quest of Justice*. On the other hand, I've had no book published. However, there is a benchmark on Pennsylvania civil law and procedure in which I've been engrossed for years to get into shape for the publisher. Still working on it; some 400 pages, and still going. **HOSOKAWA'S JOURNALISTIC** profession has taken him

to many far-off lands that I only read about. My journalistic experience would have to go back to my high school days as editor of the school newspaper. Come to think of it, I might also mention the *Tulean Dispatch* (Tule Lake concentration camp publication) on which I worked in 1942 for a few months as a cub reporter of no consequence. Howard Imazeki was the editor of the *Dispatch*, a man of integrity who was outspoken in what he believed to be the truth and endured violence for his stance. Other *Dispatch* (or *Pinedale Logger*) staff members included: Toko Fujii, Kenny Hayashi (Tacoma), Harry Inukai, George Kawano, Yuri Kobukata, Toki Kumata, Bryan Maeda, Martha Mizuguchi (Hikawa), Katsuo Murakami, Charles Nagata, Jobo Nakamura, Tsuyoshi Nakamura, Mas Ogawa, Masami Sado (cartoonist), Masae Saito, Tom Semba, Tom Seto, Miyeko Takatsuki and Suma Tsuboi.

**AT A TULE LAKE** reunion held in 1994 in Sacramento—the first one I was able to attend, Toko Fujii had gathered together a number of newspaper staff members, so we might have a sub-reunion. Unfortunately Vicki and I were delayed in getting into Sacramento; we had sought to stop along the way to see a friend residing in Stockton whose home I was not able to readily locate. We did, however, manage to visit with a number of the *Dispatch* crew with whom we reminisced "about them days." By the way: Hang on to the edition in which Hosokawa and I were switched around. Who knows: it could end up as a collector's item. Although unlikely as competing with that airmail postage stamp which depicts the plane flying upside-down.

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

## E-mail on campus putting multiracial groups on wide alert

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

Assistant Editor

The University of California, Berkeley (UCB) is being accused of insensitivity and poor management by Hapa Issues Forum (HIF), a multiracial student group, and JACL, in their handling of a student who sent several racist e-mails to HIF last year.

Last November, HIF, a Berkeley-sponsored student group, started receiving a string of e-mails on their "Mailing List" from fellow student Joseph Finsterwald. The HIF Mailing List is an open forum where hundreds of people from across the United States, including Florida, Massachusetts and Chicago, discuss issues of being hapa, or multiracial. Using the name M. Blanc, Finsterwald's first two e-mails appeared to show genuine interest in joining HIF. But by his third letter Finsterwald, using his roommate's e-mail account this time, revealed his true motive and wrote, "Although I am white I feel that I'm one of you because I have a small penis."

The next day HIF received a short apology from Finsterwald but a few days later he continued his attack. "I would like to say that I am sorry, but in doing that I would be lying," wrote Finsterwald. "Perhaps you should reflect on the way you have dealt with my supposed personal attack on all of you. My letter helps to illuminate your pathological behavior. The amount of time you have spent on dealing with this issue should help you come to the conclusion of how pathetic your organization truly is."

"Normally I charge for my advice, but in this case I will offer you advice for free. You are all in desperate need of therapy," Finsterwald signed the letter M. Blanc and included the postscript: "My next letter will be to Tomodachi [a Japanese American student group at UCB]."

Immediately HIF reported the incident and their concerns to Berkeley's Office of Student Conduct and informed Tomodachi of the e-mails. More than two months passed before HIF received a third apology from Finsterwald, but he was again less than apologetic. "[T]his is not the first apology that I have sent your organization. My first apology was also sincere," he wrote. "While you may feel that my first apology was only a token gesture, you may want to compare it to this one. The only real difference between this letter and the one I initially sent is a conspicuous absence of self-deprecation....I hope the dénouement of this incident has some cathartic value for you."

Greg Mayeda, a board member of HIF's Alumni Advisory Board and JACL's Berkeley Chapter, met with Doug Zietema, manager of UCB's Office of Student Conduct, in late February to discuss HIF's concerns that Finsterwald wasn't being properly disciplined for his actions. But because of a UCB policy, Zietema

would not talk about the case with Mayeda.

"We can't confirm or deny whether we ever met with Joseph Finsterwald," said Zietema in a phone interview with the *Pacific Citizen*. In accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act" the Office of Student Conduct cannot talk about an individual student matter without the student's permission, said Zietema. "We have to do this with parents too," he explained. "Everybody is provided the same rights on campus," he added. "We expect all students to act in a proper manner; we want to protect all groups and all individuals."

According to UCB's Public Information Office, 39.5 percent of the undergraduate population is comprised of Asian American students, the largest group. Thirty-six percent of next year's freshman class will be Asian American, an increase of 2 percent from the previous year.

According to Zietema, Berkeley does not have a policy that deals with the harassment of multiracial or ethnic groups, but there is a sexual harassment policy. The University does have a Fighting Words Policy but it deals with oral not written words, said Zietema.

"The comments he [Finsterwald] made were not as horrific as burning crosses or calling someone the N-word, but none of this should be tolerated," said Mayeda. "He was feeding on stereotypes of mixed race people. He can't use university equipment and services to pursue his agenda."

If Finsterwald's e-mails had come through an internet service such as America Online, HIF would have been able to do very little, said Mayeda. "But because it comes from the university, which is supposed to stand for diversity, multiculturalism, especially at Berkeley, we feel we should be protected by the university. That's why we pursued this."

The last time HIF or Mayeda heard from Zietema's Office of Student Conduct or UCB was the end of February, and HIF has never been told what disciplinary actions were taken by the university against Finsterwald. It shows "poor administrative skills on the part of Doug Zietema in particular and the Office of Student Conduct in general," said Mayeda. "This happened last November and now it's May."

In a phone interview Finsterwald said his first meeting with Berkeley's Office of Student Conduct took place in February, after he completed his mid-terms. The Office decided not to pursue sexual harassment and hate crimes charges and instead charged him with computer misuse under UCB's Computer Use Policy, he explained. A letter of censure will remain in his student records for the next five years and his e-mail privileges were revoked for the rest of the year, he said. Finsterwald graduated this spring with an economics degree.

"I'm not a racist," said Finsterwald. "I'm dating an Asian American; my friends are from multicultural backgrounds." He continued, "I don't hate any individual based on their skin color. It was just a stupid, crank joke."

Explaining the "small penis" letter from his roommate's e-mail address, Finsterwald said, "I was trying to generate nasty e-mail to his account." He wasn't serious about his reference to the JA group, Tomodachi, he said. "That was a joke. I never intended to write to them." His first couple of apology letters lacked sincerity, he explained, because he wanted the matter to still be considered a joke.

According to Finsterwald, his case has been formally closed by the University. "...[W]e can let this die," he said. "I've formally apologized for it. I think I did something wrong, but I'm not David Duke."

"If he indeed learned his lesson, everyone will benefit," said Mayeda upon learning of Berkeley's disciplinary actions against Finsterwald. "If he has selected amnesia, that's the price we have to pay."

In March, NCWNP District, JACL National Youth/Student Council, and the Civil/Human Rights Committee of the Berkeley Chapter sent letters to Zietema, expressing their concerns over Berkeley's handling of the Finsterwald case and their reluctance to discuss the matter with HIF.

"I don't believe that freedom of speech is absolute," said Patty Wada, NCWNP Regional Director. "There's a fine line between freedom of speech and hate speech—especially when using state-owned university equipment." She believes Zietema and UCB's Office of Student Conduct should have notified HIF to reassure them that matters were being handled properly.

"Our main concern is how the administration handled it," said Anne Omura of the Berkeley Chapter. "Our concern is not to go after Joseph Finsterwald."

**Finsterwald's case** at UCB brings to mind the case of Richard Machado, a former UC Irvine student who sent e-mails to more than 60 students, faculty, and staff with Asian-sounding names expressing his hatred for all Asians and Asian Americans last September.

"I personally will make it my life career to find and kill everyone of you," wrote Machado. He named specific individuals in the e-mail and signed the letter "Asian Hater." Of UC Irvine's 16,700 students, 47 percent are Asian.

When UC Irvine's administration first learned of Machado's e-mail, Chancellor Wilkening immediately sent e-mails to all students, faculty, and staff reassuring them that the University was taking proper action. The UCI police were also notified and Machado's e-mail privileges were revoked.

Machado has since been charged with ten counts of civil rights violations. His trial is scheduled for July and he has pleaded not guilty. This will be the U.S.'s first federal prosecution of hate crimes committed in cyberspace. If convicted, Machado could spend up to 10 years in jail and receive a \$1 million fine.

Nicole Inouye, JACL National Youth Representative and recent graduate of UC Irvine, said of Finsterwald's e-mails, "It's not as drastic as what happened here but it's along the same lines." But "we rely on the university to control conduct like that." At least UC Irvine students had the support of the University, said Inouye. UCI's counseling center was immediately opened to concerned students and the campus held a forum for dialogue. "This would not have been tolerated at UC Irvine," she added.

Said Mayeda of Finsterwald's actions, "Everyone in the organization [HIF] is the first to admit that this doesn't approach the seriousness of this other guy [Machado]. But is it going to take a UC Irvine act before the University takes this seriously? — They should be leading rather than reacting."

## Watsonville JACL co-hosts local premiere of 'Beyond Barbed Wire'

BY MAS HASHIMOTO

Chapter president

**WATSONVILLE, Calif.**—Nearly 1,000 residents of various ethnic backgrounds arrived for the local premiere of *Beyond Barbed Wire* at Fox Theater here April 28, requiring Pacific Film Festival coordinator Geoff Dunn and theater owner Hank Garcia to provide an unplanned second showing to accommodate the large crowd. The theater seats but 570.

The turnout materialized after stories by reporters Michael Merrill of the *Watsonville Register-Pajaronian* and Tracey Barnett of the *Santa Cruz County Sentinel* appeared on the front page with photos in color of WWII Nisei war veterans Shig Kizuka, Henry Arai, Tom Goto and Yoshio Fujita. The JACL chapter also appealed to parents and grandparents to allow their Sansei and Yonsei children to attend the Monday night showing.

The film focuses, sometimes delightfully and with humor, plus tears, on the heroic exploits of the 100/442nd and MIS veterans.

Shig Kizuka of the 442nd and Ben Umeda of MIS introduced 37 Pajaro Valley Nisei veterans in attendance as guests of the Film Festival and Watsonville JACL. They were accorded a heartfelt standing ovation. Never-before seen photos and war mementos were on display at an after-theater party held at JACL Kizuka Hall, chaired by JACLers Marcia Hashimoto, Joanne Yahiro and Rosie Terasaki.

The film was written by Terri DeBono, filmed and directed by Steven Rosen, produced by Mollie and Yukio Sumida, all of Monterey, with Noriyuki "Pat" Morita as narrator.

For film information, call Terri DeBono, MAC and AVA Motion Picture Productions, 667 Lily St., Monterey, CA 93940, 408/647-1161. ■

## WELFARE

(Continued from page 1)

they may qualify for legal disability to see their doctor and have the proper papers filled out and sent to Social Security.

The House and the Senate have also recently approved a supplemental appropriations bill that would extend the August cutoff date for SSI benefits to October 1, but the bill awaits the President's signature. The measure allows legal permanent residents more time to become citizens and to evaluate whether some recipients are in fact, "disabled." If the proposal is accepted, persons currently receiving SSI would continue getting benefits until the end of September. Again, there are no provisions in this bill for food stamps.

As the law currently stands, the only way legal permanent residents can continue to receive SSI benefits and food stamps, explained Ostheimer, is to become naturalized U.S. citizens or fit into one of the exemptions.

The exemptions are: If you, or your spouse, or your parents while you were under 18, worked in the U.S. and together have 40 quarters of work credit; you, or your spouse, or your parent while you were a dependant child, or were an active armed service member or a veteran; or if you entered the U.S. as an asylee, a refugee, or on suspension of deportation, less than five years ago. (There is a proposal to extend this five-year period to seven years to allow refugees and

asylees more time to become U.S. citizens, but the current law is still five years.)

According to the Congressional Budget Office, of the 900,000 legal permanent residents who will begin receiving notices in July announcing the pending cuts, 72 percent are women, 67 percent are over the age of 65, and 40 percent are disabled. And according to San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Legal Services, in Los Angeles alone 26,000 elderly legal permanent residents will lose their SSI benefits and more than 100,000 people will stop receiving food stamps this summer unless they become naturalized or fall into one of the exemption categories.

In the meantime, when legal permanent residents receive their notices, "you need, as soon as possible, to file an appeal," urged Ostheimer. Appeals must be filed within 10 days so individuals can continue receiving their benefits while Social Security "reconsiders" their decision. Because the appeal process is quite simple, she explained, people should take advantage of it.

The "Request For Reconsideration" appeals form will have three boxes, (1) Case Review, (2) Informal Conference, and (3) Formal Conference. It's vital that the "Informal Conference" box is checked off, said Ostheimer. This indicates that you want to sit down with an SSA worker and personally go over your case. You will also be allowed to submit additional documents.

See WELFARE/page 9.





## From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

### Introducing an Irish 'Nisei' in Ireland

Some weeks ago this column reported hearing from a JACL and 1000 Club member whose address is a place called The Cottage, Dulewey Far, Letterkenny, County Donegal, Ireland. Since Japanese Americans now live in all parts of the world for one reason or another, this would not be startling except that this JACLer is Arthur Ken Donoghue, not exactly a Nisei name.

It took a while but we finally made contact. It turns out that Arthur Ken Donoghue is indeed a Nisei, but not one like you and me, or should that be you and I? I'm not sure any more. But I digress.

Donoghue told me he is an Irish Nisei. His parents, natives of Ireland, migrated to the Boston area where Arthur Ken Donoghue was born. But that doesn't explain his interest in JACL.

Early in his childhood a friend gave Donoghue a book written by another Irishman, Lafcadio Hearn, who had gone to Japan before the turn of the century, become fascinated by its people and culture, and became one of the first Westerners to write about that country. Young Arthur Ken read the book, found it fascinating and went on to read every book by Hearn that he could find.

During World War II Donoghue met a Nisei orderly in the hospital at Camp Grant, Illinois. Donoghue thought the orderly was a Japanese prisoner of war until the Nisei told him about the Evacuation.

"This was the first time I had ever heard of the concentration camps,"

Donoghue wrote. "I said that he could not be arrested under the Constitution if he had not committed any crime. He then gave that shrug which I later learned meant 'shikatanagai, well they did.'"

Pondering on that injustice, Donoghue says, he remembered how the Protestant elite in the Boston area regarded immigrant Irish Catholics in his youth and realized the many injustices that existed in the land of the free.

Donoghue went on to Harvard. Then, in Vienna, Austria, he met another Harvard graduate, Hawaii-born Richard Ikeda who now lives in Sacramento. They became good friends and Donoghue moved to Sacramento for a while.

"It was there that I got to know JAs," Donoghue writes, "mainly all the members of my friend Ikeda's extended family. They were all fervent JACL members. So I joined, it must be now 24 or 25 years ago. Later I lived in Nevada and became a member of the Reno chapter where I met the late, great Wilson Makabe."

So that is the story about how, a month and a half after publication, *Pacific Citizen* reaches a member of the Japanese American Citizens League with an Irish name who lives in a little hamlet called Dulewey Far not distant from the town of Letterkenny in County Donegal, Ireland. As they say, it's a small world.

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

## Alaska Japanese American Historical Project underway with \$20,000 grant from CLPEF

Among the 100 recipients announced as Civil Liberties Public Education Fund grant recipients (see March 21-April 3 P.C.), this project will feature "personal memories and firsthand accounts of the experiences of Alaska Japanese Americans during World War II and those of the Nisei MIS who participated in the Aleutian campaign, documented and preserved on videotape and archived at major libraries, museums and educational institutions."

LITTLE is known by even the Japanese American community in the "Lower 48" of the price paid by their counterparts in Alaska during World War II. Even less is known of the Eskimos and Indians of Japanese ancestry, who were also part of the grand sweep that was Executive Order 9066 and were interned at Minidoka. And while the importance of the Aleutian Campaign has time and again been referred to in history books, never mentioned is the critical role played by the Nisei who served with the MIS in the campaign—so highly valued for their services as translators and interrogators that they were often assigned bodyguards to assure their personal safety. These stories are long overdue in being heard.

The ALASKA JAPANESE AMERICAN HISTORICAL PROJECT (the "AJAH Project") will reveal the diversity of the Japanese American community in Alaska and bare the little-known facts of their experience during World War II, as well as those of the MIS Nisei serving in Alaska, share stories that are uniquely theirs—such as that of the Eskimos of Japanese descent who were trapping in the wilds when they were picked up by bush pilots and flown to jail; and of the MIS Nisei taking part in the initial assault on Attu coming face-to-face with the "honzai" charges of mirror images from the Imperial Army of Japan. This project adds yet another dimension to the goal of further educating the public on the actions of the United States government during World War II and the heavy price paid by Japanese Americans. The emotional dynamics of witnessing personal memories and firsthand accounts of experiences on videotape make for a greater and more lasting impression and an extremely powerful tool for fulfilling the goal.

Those who are still physically able to travel will be flown to Alaska for the interview, to be held at the site best evoking memories of their experience. Otherwise, the interviewer and film crew will be traveling to the interviewee's location. In Alaska itself, capturing some of the memories will require traveling to some of its remotest areas. The interviews are being filmed by a national award-winning independent Alaska television/video production company. The company is, simultaneously, also doing a documentary on the project itself. It's documentary work is broadcast throughout Alaska and the "Lower 48" and used in university curricula.

SYLVIA KOBAYASHI, founder of the Alaska Chapter of the JACL, is a well-known figure in Alaska, appearing regularly on Alaska's leading television and radio talk shows, speaking at cultural events and in the classroom. She has worked tirelessly to educate the public around her about the Japanese American experience during World War II, always at the ready to speak—especially before the young students—no opportunity or occasion too minor or too small. Hence, it was gratification of a very special nature to her to be counted as one of the Civil Liberties Education Fund grant recipients, to start her Alaska Japanese American Historical Project.

Kobayashi is a Nisei who was interned at Puyallup and in Minidoka as a teenager, and her husband is an MIS veteran, making her well informed on both the internment and the military experience of Japanese Americans. She is fluent in Japanese, which better enables her to unlock the stories that many survivors of the war-

time experience are reluctant to discuss. And there is exchange of information, and a mutual respect and admiration that exists between her and the leaders of the native population (of which those of Japanese descent have become a part.) Hence, Ms. Kobayashi brings an intimate knowledge and unique understanding to this Alaska historical project that no one else can.

ANTHONY NAKAZAWA, Ph.D., Professor/Extension Economist, Alaska Cooperative Extension, University of Alaska Fairbanks, who is an active board member of the Asian Alaskan Cultural Center, is fully experienced in the administration of nonprofit funded projects. Dr. Nakazawa's extensive network, developed through working with communities and organizations throughout Alaska, will provide vital linkage with the Indian and Eskimo communities throughout "Bush Alaska," as it relates to this project.

### MURATSUCHI

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the nation to be turning away elderly noncitizens who depend on Medicaid.

The central idea of welfare reform was to shift able-bodied people from welfare to work. Many JACLers support that concept, if not the specifics of the welfare reform law.

However, legal immigrants became scapegoats for alleged abuses in our nation's welfare system. Welfare cuts for immigrants account for an estimated 44 percent of federal welfare reform savings, while immigrants account for only about 5 percent of federal welfare spending.

When Clinton and Congress passed welfare reform, they did so knowing the potentially devastating consequences on about 500,000 elderly and disabled legal immigrants across the country. When signing welfare reform into law, Clinton promised to fix the harshest aspects of welfare reform after the presidential election.

Following this project, Kobayashi (considered both in Alaska and Japan as an authority on the incarceration of Aleuts in Japan during the war) has been approached by the Aleut Trust Administrator about a joint educational project for the State of Alaska—the WWII incarceration of Aleuts in Japan by the Japanese military government, and the treatment of the Aleuts and Japanese Americans by the United States government.

(Kobayashi had worked with Japanese television on a news piece covering the oldest living survivor of the incarceration of Aleut families in Japan during WWII, who would speak only through her.) The television/video production company working on the AJAH Project will handle the documentary on this joint project. ■

The P.C. invites other CLPEF recipients to briefly summarize their respective projects in a similar fashion and inside 800 words. Photos are a plus for presentation.

Now is the time to fix it. This summer, the President, Congress, and state legislatures across the country will be engaged in heated negotiations over fixing welfare reform.

Federal efforts to restore some benefits to legal immigrants look hopeful, but members of Congress need to hear from their constituents. President Clinton and Congressional Republican leaders tentatively reached a balanced budget agreement, which calls for restoring benefits to about two-thirds of elderly and disabled legal immigrants scheduled to be cut off in a few months. However, these proposals still need to work their way through Congress and become law.

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## Poem selected for National JA Memorial

SAN FRANCISCO—After a national search, the poem to be inscribed in stone as part of the Japanese American memorial in Washington, D.C., was selected by a six-member review panel and approved by the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation board on May 3. The *tanka* poem, titled "Legacy," was written by Akemi Dawn Matsumoto Ehrlich of San Mateo.

*Japanese by blood,  
Hearts and minds American,  
With honor unbowed  
Bore the sting of injustice  
For future generations*

Born at Fort Ord, Ehrlich is the daughter of the late Col. Tsutomu and Ruth Yamada Matsumoto. Her father was a career Army officer from WWII MIS at Minnesota and served for 28 years in Japan, Germany and the U.S. mainland. A UC Berkeley graduate in English, she and her husband Karl have two sons, Paul, 18 and Jimmy, 16. As a former elementary school teacher, she shared her cultural heritage with children and their parents, organized multicultural events, plays the koto, and currently performs with the San Mateo Buddhist Temple taiko group. She is a San Mateo JACL member.

On the selection panel were: Violet Kazuo deCristoforo, Salinas, author of *May Sky: There Is Always Tomorrow* (Sun and Moon Press, 1997), an anthology of interment camp haiku in original Japanese with English translation; Retired Navy warrant officer and published poet Bill Dills, an English

instructor at San Diego City College; NJAMF board member Hideto Kono of Honolulu, president of Castle-Cooke East Asia (85-74), director of the State Department of Planning and Economic Development (75-83), chairman, State Public Utilities Commission (85-88), and president, Japan America Institute of Management Science (88-94); Literary critic-poet Anthony Quagliano, Honolulu, professor of American culture and society at the Japan America Institute of Management Science, editor of *Kaiman*, Hawaii Literary Arts Council's journal; NJAMF board member Rita Takahashi, Berkeley, professor at San Francisco State University, president of the Asian American Social Work Educators Association, who for the past 20 years researched the Japanese American experience with oral histories and archival studies;

NJAMF board member and poet Elizabeth Yamada, La Jolla, who has conducted public readings of haiku; chair of cultural diversity for the San Diego City Commission of Arts and Culture, chair of UC San Diego Great Authors Committee.

Site for the National Japanese American Memorial is in a triangular park surrounded by Louisiana Ave., New Jersey Ave. and "D" St., almost equidistant between the U.S. Capitol and fronting Union Station. Info: NJAMF, 2445 M St. NW #250, Washington, DC 20037, 202/861-8845. ■

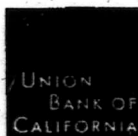
### American English today

Among the variants proposed for "freshman" (a term still in print on JACL scholarship application forms), are *Frosh*, *frosner*, *novice*, *newcomer* and *tenderfoot*.—Bill Bryson, *Made in America*. ■

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## Fujimori and the 'hostage watch' (2)

The first six days after the Tupac Amaru raid of the Japanese Ambassador's residence culminated with release of 225 hostages. Remaining were 105 dignitaries, senior Peruvian officials, top diplomatic figures and Japanese business executives. ... George Wakiji of Washington D.C. JACL continuously supplied us with clippings from the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Washington Star*, *USA Today*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Associated Press*, plus items from Lima and Tokyo. ... The P.C. digest continues. —Harry K. Honda, Editor emeritus.

### Day 7—Mon., Dec. 23 Freed American and Canadian praise Ambassador Aoki.

This was the day that the press caught up with the hostages who were liberated. One of the seven American freed hostages, Kris Mersched, 53, said he was first separated from other Americans, who were on the second floor, by hiding his identity as an American for fear of being tortured or killed. But the rebels had separated the hostages not by nationality but by specialty: diplomatic, military or political. At that point, Mersched, a contract worker with the Agency for International Development with his specialty on "privatization," told his captors his nationality. The hostages were kept in nine rooms, each room electing a delegate to express their needs with the captors. The diplomats were upstairs; others downstairs. "Each morning, we'd vacuum the floor, clean the bathrooms and tidy up the place," he said. Chemical latrines were used after the water was cut off on Day 2. A mop sink in the pantry served as a urinal.

Ambassador Aoki made the rounds of the hostages "to boost our spirits," Mersched said. He was "a real gentleman" who even gave his own shirts "to some people who needed shirts."

It was the Ambassador's wife's lipstick that hostages used to scrawl their signs requesting the government to turn on the electricity, water and phone service. A hostage himself, Ambassador Aoki took special pains to bring humor to his guests, repeatedly saying, "This is the longest cocktail party I've ever organized."

Three Canadian hostages spoke kindly of the captors, the Ambassador and his wife. Director-General Kieran Metcalfe of Cominco Mining Co. said "At no time did the rebels lose their cool" after taking over the Embassy compound, separating the hostages and putting ranking officials on the second floor. Even the seven Americans were "treated with respect," in view of Tupac Amaru's history of bombing American targets. One American taught Andre Deschenes, co-director of a private Canadian development company, how to sleep "standing up," a useful skill under crowded conditions. Hubert Zandstra, head of International Potato Center, a Lima-based research project, recalled the conversations with the rebels of their many concerns, the miserable conditions in prison and the extreme poverty of the country.

Of his five days in the beleaguered compound, Carlos Aquino Rodriguez, a university economics professor and brother of Reuters correspondent Marco Aquino, wearing his best suit but crumpled after sleeping on the floor, appeared bright and cheerful. He had been thoroughly enjoying the lavish party until it was dramatically interrupted. "The Japanese ambassador's parties are always very good because some of the most important people in the country are there," he said. He disputed an earlier speculation that the rebels had already infiltrated the party dressed as waiters. "That's not the case. They came in shooting in the air and yelling. It was terrifying." Placed with professionals, Aquino was in a 12 by 18-foot bedroom with 28 persons.

As the rebels released hostages and Red Cross supplies of food got through, he noted: "For example on Day 3, one roll of bread was shared between five of us, but it was becoming a feast by Day 5. It got to the stage that if we had stayed longer, many of us would be overweight because there was too much food." But the lowest ebb came Saturday night when fuel for the compound generator ran out, throwing the home into total darkness and without television that had kept them up-to-date with the outside world, "we didn't know what was going to happen."

In terms of logistics, the Red Cross food supply was reduced by half, some meals being labeled "dietary." Until Elmer Escobar, representing the Washington-based Panamerican Health Organization, was released, he was principal coordinator of health care inside the residence. The immediate plus by release of 225 hostages on Day 6 would mean physical conditions would improve. The professor said, "They can sleep more comfortably, that is a big difference."

In Washington, the White House, keeping its low profile, expressed "great appreciation" to President Fujimori for his handling of the crisis. Alexander Watson, U.S. ambassador to Peru (1986-1989) and until 1995 assistant secretary of state for Latin America, and currently a Nature Conservancy executive director in its Latin American and Caribbean division, believed Japan, in contrast to the U.S. and some European powers, was "more disposed to yield to terrorist demands in order to protect the lives of hostages." "You can expect Japan will be putting pressure on Fujimori to yield, while the U.S. and others would say to maintain a hard line."

### Day 8—Tue., Dec. 24 Rebels release Uruguayan ambassador.



MORIHISA AOKI

As TV and print media from around the world camped out at the police line around the compound, the mayor of San Isidro urged neighbors against setting off the customary holiday fireworks for fear of inadvertently provoking an incident. The mayor also promised to deliver to the remaining hostages the hot chocolate—*la chocolata*—that Peruvians traditionally have at parties on Christmas eve. Red Cross delivered Christmas Eve dinners, along with sacramental wine and communion wafers for the Midnight Mass being celebrated by the Jesuit priest, Father Juan Julio Wicht, who chose to remain with the hostages. Normally, he would be celebrating his three Masses of Christmas at the Church of Our Lady of Fatima in the upscale Miraflores district.

The Christmas Eve release of Uruguayan ambassador Tabare Bocalandro left six ambassadors among the 105 VIP captives—a correction from the higher number of 140 that Red Cross had announced. His release was made without explanation from the rebels two hours after hearing news from Montevideo that two alleged Tupac Amaru guerrillas, Luis Alberto Samaniego and Silvia Gora Rivera, were freed by order of the Uruguayan court. All along, Peru had requested extradition. Uruguayan Interior Minister Didier Opretti denied his country had freed the rebels "to obtain the liberation of our ambassador." The two had been arrested in 1995, trying to enter Uruguay with fake Bolivian papers. Upon release, Samaniego told TV reporters they had appealed their arrest for months but heard no reply till today. "This was a surprise." In protest, Peru recalled its chief of mission at Montevideo.

### Day 9—Wed., Dec. 25 Hostages enjoy turkey dinner; ill Japanese free.

While police were trying to determine what caused the 1.45 a.m. explosion inside the Embassy compound, Archbishop Jose Luis Cipriani of Ayacucho entered the compound at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate Christmas Mass, attended by hostages and rebels. Red Cross director Michel Minnig accompanied the Roman Catholic prelate, reportedly a conservative who has been a go-between between Fujimori and Cerpa. Of Cipriani, leftist Congressman Javier Diez Canseco declared, "He has the full confidence of Fujimori."

A block away, a children's choir in red and white smocks sang Christmas carols, hoping the hostages could hear them. Families of the captives gathered around them, carrying placards bearing messages of hope. One read: "Father. Have faith. We're with you." Red Cross tried to raise the hostages' spirits with a Christmas cake and hot chocolate. When they exited the compound seven hours later, with them was Kenji Hirata, 34, the first secretary at the Embassy, escorted to a waiting ambulance. He appeared weak and slouched to one side of his wheelchair.

Keiko Sofia Fujimori, the eldest daughter, led a procession of Palace workers with roast turkey lunches. It was a Christmas gift from President Fujimori, who dispatched his chefs to deliver the food.

In wake of the rebels' release of the Uruguayan ambassador, Prime Minister Hashimoto in Tokyo said he was annoyed and that the "inevitable result is that negotiations will get even tougher." In La Paz, the chief of the Bolivian Cabinet, with its ambassador one of six still held hostage, repeated its statement that the Tupac Amaru prisoners in their jail will not be released.

### Day 10—Thu., Dec. 26 Cause of explosion unknown. One released.

Red Cross officials and Archbishop Cipriani entered the compound in the mid-afternoon and observed no one, rebel or

hostage, was injured. Red Cross director Michel Minnig thought the early Christmas morning explosion was provoked by an animal. Freed hostages said the rebels had warned them the grounds were booby-trapped and mined to discourage attempts to escape. Police were also aware the grounds would be mined to avert counterattacks.

Around 2:30 p.m. Guatemalan Ambassador Jose Maria Argueta walked out from the compound, accompanied by Minnig, leaving 103 VIP dignitaries. Argueta said his release was an acknowledgment of the peace treaty to be signed on Sunday, an action which the Guatemalan legislature had approved last week providing amnesty for its guerrillas. He added the peace treaty is ending a 40-year-old guerrilla war.

Remaining are the ambassadors from Japan, Malaysia, Bolivia, Honduras and the Dominican Republic, five Peruvian generals, two Cabinet members, several Supreme Court judges and congressmen and scores of Japanese and Peruvian businessmen.

So far, Peru has not accepted the U.S. offer of assistance. A special State Department task force assembled in Washington when the crisis began has been disbanded but the watch continues at the U.S. Embassy in Lima. The foreign minister from Malaysia arrived today, leading the press to speculate on a possible negotiated release of Ahmad Makhtar Sela, Malaysian ambassador to Peru.

In Tokyo, the Japanese government, in trying to break the hostage standoff, began enlisting Russia, the U.S., Britain, Germany, France, Italy and Canada to draw up a united strategy. The so-called Group of Seven (G-7 Nations) with Russia added issued a joint statement saying the eight nations are "ready to assist the Peruvian government in any appropriate way as requested by the Peruvian government."

Russian President Boris Yeltsin had suggested the eight countries send anti-terrorist units to assist Fujimori. Washington sent anti-terrorist advisers to Peru but Fujimori has yet to seek their advice.

### Day 11—Fri., Dec. 27 Twenty hostages freed, 83 VIPs remain.

Chief negotiator Domingo Palermo, Education Minister, entered the compound around 1 p.m. and held a 3 1/2-hour meeting, accompanied by Michel Minnig of the Red Cross and Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani. About an hour later, the ambassadors from Malaysia and the Dominican Republic, and Peruvian businessman Juan Enrique Pendaris, were released. Around 5 p.m., Minnig read through a bulletin a communique signed by rebel chief Nestor Cerpa announcing the release of 20 more hostages—most of them being Japanese businessmen. Palermo added, "In this operation, we managed to free 20 hostages. Those who remain are in good health." As the freed hostages walked to the bus, they waved to the gathering outside, shook Cipriani's hand before boarding the bus.

Minnig continued arranging for food, drinking water, clean clothes and messages to and from families.

After receiving support from the Congress this date, President Fujimori declared a 60-day state of emergency in Lima and the nearby port of Callao. He authorized police to stop and search anyone on the streets or in their houses to arrest people without warrants, as sketchy press reports hinted the military was planning to storm the embassy residence.

### Day 12—Sat., Dec. 28 Reporters quit scene, filing general stories.

As the press area outside the Ambassador's residence looked nearly deserted—minus the minivans and trucks, jungle of cables, ladders and tripods, and generators churning nonstop, the media turned to stories and pictures of the poor and more in-depth articles about the MRTA guerrillas.

Calvin Sims of the *New York Times* wrote the Tupac Amaru "image" has long been to steal from the rich to help the poor a la Robin Hood. On the other hand, many politicians, economists and advocates for the poor, while they do not sympathize with the guerrillas insurgents, also call for major changes in Peru's economic plan. David Scott Palmer, Boston University professor with a Latin American specialty, warned that the governments in Latin America "have to provide resources for the disadvantaged, or they can expect more social unrest like what we are seeing in Peru."

Correspondent Clifford Krauss in his *New York Times* piece today noted the behavior of Peruvians since the raid upon the Japanese Ambassador's residence has broken old molds. "University students and working-class people living in the shantytowns that ring Lima have not taken to the streets or even painted up their walls with militant graffiti as the students and workers of Managua and Bogota did in 1978 and 1980."

Douglas Farah of the *Washington Post*

Foreign Service learned that MRTA guerrillas "appear to be prepared to accept a solution to the standoff that would allow the rebel movement to become a legal political party." He noted that the statement read after the 3-1/2 hour meeting—and first face-to-face contact between Fujimori's official representative (Palermo) and the rebel leaders, demanding prison conditions be improved for their estimated 400 jailed colleagues, this time did not demand their immediate release.

USA Today culled several newspaper editorials for its "Opinionline." (a) *Washington Post*: Make no mistake about it... the guerrillas who still hold the hostages at the Japanese embassy in Peru are terrorists.... In this showdown, the (Peru) government is on the side of law and life." (b) *Los Angeles Times*: The hostage ordeal in Peru is another sad example of Latin American radicalism gone haywire.... History has shown that the events—often carried out in the name of the poor—have done little if anything for the down-trodden." (c) *Charleston, S.C. Post and Courier*: Regarding the flaws in Peru's far-from-perfect democracy, terrorism cannot be justified. There should be no sympathy for the anachronistic Marxist revolutionaries." (d) *Columnist Edward A. Lynch in the Roanoke (Va.) Times & World News*: They (Tupac Amaru) are not fighting a repressive dictatorship, but a democratic government that has provided greater economic opportunities for poor Peruvians than they have seen for centuries.... President Fujimori should give the (MRTA) no quarters." (e) *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*: "The resurgence of terrorism can't help but jeopardize Peru's shaky economic and political recovery.... Unfortunately, Peru may not be alone. Armed guerrillas have also appeared in Colombia and Mexico.... Other countries are plagued by deepening poverty, class polarization and corrupt, authoritarian politics. It would be a disastrous setback for Latin America if the progress made so far, albeit slow, was derailed by a return to the past."

On Sunday, Dec. 29 (Day 13), the rebels allowed the Red Cross to deliver 40 pounds of imported dog food for Ambassador Morihisa Aoki's two German shepherds.

On Monday, Dec. 30 (Day 14) MRTA denounced a "solidarity" bombing at Peru's embassy in Athens, Greece, that injured one woman.

### Day 15—Tue., Dec. 31 Camerasman leads way to 'inside' press conference; two more envoys freed.

The New Year-dated editions returned the Hostage Crisis stories back to the front pages with pictures of the impromptu press conference "inside" with the rebels. In a dramatic scene seen live on national TV, a Japanese cameraman filming the front entrance, waving a sign indicating he was from Kyodo News, entered the garden, was frisked for arms by rebel gunmen at the door and allowed into the barricaded Ambassador's residence. Other cameramen, photographers and reporters at the scene followed, who resulted in the impromptu press conference with Nestor Cerpa and the hostages. It was the first time the hostages were seen by anyone besides the Red Cross visitors.

Cerpa held court, flanked by youthful fighters in their blue ninja-like uniforms, flak jackets, with machine guns and jungle knives and grenade launchers. Two rebel women looked younger than 20, the *L.A. Times* reported. Speaking through a red and white bandanna with inscriptions, Cerpa reiterated his demands for release of his comrades in prison, telling the journalists, "I don't see an immediate solution.... It is the government that has to say how to resolve it. We have time; we are not setting deadlines or threatening executions." Also pointing to the dismal prison conditions for political prisoners, Cerpa said, "We have come to liberate our comrades who are in prisons that are virtually tombs."

Foreign Minister Francisco Tudela, Ambassador Morihisa Aoki and Peruvian Congressman Gilberto Siura were allowed to address the cameras. Tudela said the hostages were in good health and that no one had been mistreated. He called for a negotiated end to the crisis. Aoki began to speak in Spanish because Cerpa feared in Japanese he would be passing secret messages, but then Cerpa told him he could speak to the Japanese reporters in Japanese, which he did. He said the captives are in good health and repeated his apologies for the ordeal, showing the sense of hospitality and courage that has awed hostages, free and still captive. Siura said: "I hope that in the New Year, all Peruvians learn to understand each other better. I include all Peruvians in that wish."

The conference lasted nearly two hours. An American reporter described the scene as "a media show," that terrorists had the talent to further cultivate themselves as "civilized," who go out of their way to condemn Peru's larger and more fanatical terrorists, the Shining Path, and it was another "move in a chess game Cerpa is playing with the government." Of the smells of garbage and human waste and the squalid conditions inside the mansion without power or water, the journalists were reminded by the guerrillas that they lived and trained in the jungle, so they are not bothered.

Hours later, Honduran Ambassador Jose Eduardo Martell and Argentine Consul General Juan Antonio Ibanez emerged while Archbishop Cipriani entered the home.

Earlier in the morning, there appeared two signs in Japanese in the windows of the

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for instance, the 800/NIKKEI hotline, which this past year had to raise funds for the first time to make up for the cutback in grants.

Actor George Takei, longtime LTSC supporter and others, helped to raise funds to cover operating costs—at least \$800 a month to maintain, according to the LTSC newsletter.

The Wilshire JACler is now closely working with LTSC-sponsored Union Center for the Arts, to house East West Players, multimedia Visual Communications, LA Artcore's gallery and a street-level courtyard garden cafe—all at the old Union Church now under redevelopment since January.

Judy Nishimoto, president, LTSC-CDC board of directors, gave a brief history of Casa Heiwa, which dates from 1986 when LTSC took over the prewar San Pedro Firm Bldg. on No. San Pedro St. (soon to be renamed Judge John Aiso St.) to provide affordable housing to the elderly, disabled and low-income families. Sansei activists of the 70s were enlisted to assist renovate the 42-unit structure, she noted.

Lines on the plaques recognizing the "stars" who made substantial contributions, to be mounted at appropriate settings within the Casa Heiwa grounds, were read by John M. Iino, Timothy Manaka Jr. and Nishimoto.

Sakaye Aratani, Sho Ino, and Tomoyuki Kato of Sumitomo Bank of California, responded for the "stars." Among them were:

Super Stars—George and Sakaye Aratani, Grace Iino Community Foundation, Sumitomo Bank of California; Heavenly Stars—Mitsui Fudosan USA, *Rafu Shimpo*; Grand Stars—Midori Watanabe Kamei, Fukui Mortuary; and a bevy of Shining Stars and All Stars.

Looking ahead, Casa Heiwa's architect Glenn Togawa of Togawa & Smith, Inc., unveiled the design for the donor wall display to be constructed at the entrance-way. The 1969 USC graduate in architecture is completing the current LTSC's venture, Union Center for the Arts.

Several tours of the facilities were conducted by staff. Peruvian music by the Kumbre duo combined with catering from Southern California Cuisine and a smiling sea of Sansei and Yonsei faces prompted one Nisei denizen to observe: "The legacy of the Issei and Nisei lives on at Casa Heiwa."

"Casa Heiwa," the Latino-Japanese combination meaning "House of Harmony," has 100-units, soon expected to be all filled, and the LTSC offices, which had been in the comforts of Japanese American Cultural and Community Center (JACC) since its opening in 1975.

Twelve nonprofit organizations joined to form LTSC, Inc., in 1980, providing bilingual and bicultural social services, referrals and advocacy, assisting thousands in the greater Los Angeles area who are elderly, low income, non-English speaking, disabled or those who face some difficult situation in their lives.

LTSC is preparing for its second annual Tofu Festival Aug. 9-10, the first weekend of Nisei Week Festival at the JACC Plaza. There are 70 different ways to prepare tofu, according to LTSC's tofu cookbook (231 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles, CA 90013, \$10, shipping extra.)

(Among the original tenants still at JACC include the JACL PSW Regional Office, Nisei Week Office and Japanese Chamber of Commerce at the top fifth-floor, and the Japanese Community Pioneer Center at the ground level surrounded by the always imposing, award-winning Japanese garden.) ■

residence, one wishing a happy New Year and the other saying Kyodo News could enter the compound

In response today to written questions from EFE, the Spanish news agency, President Fujimori ruled out "any possibility of freeing the jailed militants of the MRTA" but said he would consider granting the guerrillas safe passage to a third country if they put down their weapons and freed the hostages. ■

to be concluded





**LAKE WASHINGTON JACLERS**, honored in April, are Mitsuko 'Mitzie' Hashiguchi (center) as the 'Best of Bellevue' for her lifetime of community service spanning some 40 years, and Ken Nakano (right) as one of five 'Jefferson Award' winners in the State of Washington this year for significant accomplishments, personal sacrifice, and dedication to public service. Joining them is S. James Arima (left), Lake Washington JACL chapter president. (Photo was taken April 4 at Bellevue Place Wintergarden in downtown Bellevue, Wash.)

#### A FARMER'S DAUGHTER, 76:

### Mitzie Hashiguchi among the 'Best of Bellevue'

**BELLEVUE, Wash.**—The "Best of Bellevue" night gathers community leaders from business, education, non-profit organizations, neighborhoods, government and the arts to honor their outstanding citizens in the suburban community, once a great strawberry and vegetable farm country, across Lake Washington from Seattle.

Mitsuko "Mitzie" Hashiguchi received the Community Bridge Builder Award at the second annual celebration sponsored by Seafirst Bank and Advance Bellevue April 4, at the Bellevue Place Wintergarden. She and her late husband, Mutsuo (d. 1965) founded the Bellevue Boys Club and were core members in the PTA for 18 years. She worked for the Bellevue School District for 26 years, retiring in 1982 as field supervisor of the school lunch program.

Mitzie, the first-born in 1921 of six children, is the daughter of Haruji and Kuma Takeshita who grew strawberries and vegetables on a lakeshore farm. A 1938 graduate from Union High School, she married a Seattleite, Mutsuo Hashiguchi, in 1939. Both worked and lived on the Takeshita farm and were active in their church and community.

Mutsuo, co-chair of the Seattle JACL in 1941, chaired the Eastside committee (precursor of the Lake Washington Chapter organized in 1980). On the eve of Evacuation, the Hashiguchis encouraged peace-

ful compliance, and in a letter published in the local newspaper Mutsuo wrote, "We leave you for the duration knowing deep in our hearts that when we return, we will be welcomed back... There will be no trace of bitterness within our group, or any show of disrespect to our government."

The Hashiguchis were interned at Pinedale Assembly Center near Fresno, at Tule Lake and Minidoka, Idaho. The family, now with two sons, Lester, 5, and Glen, 3, returned in 1945 to a farm in ruins, which Mutsuo rebuilt. With a third son, Wayne, born in 1946, Mutsuo worked a second job at Boeing while Mitzie had various household jobs until she starting working as a food server for the school district. They immersed themselves in their sons' sports activities, and helped found the Bellevue Boys Club in 1954.

Mitzie, a JACler since 1941, began to volunteer at Children's Orthopedic Hospital in 1953 charter member of the Bellevue Sister Cities Association, and active with the Bellevue Historical Society. She researched and mounted the exhibit on Issei pioneers of Bellevue.

Upon learning of the honors, Mutsuo told the *Northwest Nikkei*, "My husband loved to volunteer. And I loved to help anybody." The Best of Bellevue organizers declared, "Her assistance to the City of Bellevue is invaluable as a historian and Japanese interpreter." ■

#### CLPEF

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Hawaii, co-chair of the CLPEF Curriculum Initiative.

The grant awards in curriculum are:

- **\$33,500** grant for "Ancestry is Not a Crime: The Incarceration of People of Japanese Descent During WWII," Lillian Yamasaki, Hawaii
- **\$25,000** grant for "Arkansas Middle School Research Project on Japanese American Detention Camps," Center for Arkansas Studies, University of Arkansas, C. Fred Wilson, Director, Arkansas
- **\$20,000** grant for "Bringing Breaking the Silence to National Communities," Local Access for the Arts and Education, Nikki Nojima Louis, various states outside of Washington
- **\$15,000** grant for "Heart Mountain, Wyoming CD-ROM and Website Project," Antonette C. Noble, Wyoming
- **\$10,000** grant for "How Could This Have Happened in a Democracy?," Manhattan Country School, Michele Sola and Lynne Iijima, New York
- **\$10,000** grant for "Japanese American Experiences: Lessons in American History," Washington, DC Chapter of JACL, Susan Higashi Rumberg, Marilyn Nagano Schlieff, and Clyde Nishimura, Virginia

- **\$5,000** grant for "Japanese American Incarceration Curriculum (JAIC) Project," Elementary School Teachers Lori Murakami, Enid Yamamoto, Deanne Myers, California

- **\$15,000** grant for "Japanese Americans and World War II: Lessons Past, Present, and Future," Oregon State University, Patricia Sakurai, Oregon

- **\$40,000** grant for "National Initiative to Secure the Education of Incarceration (NISEI)," Japanese American Citizen League (JACL), Japanese American National Museum (JANM), National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA), and Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), various states outside the West Coast

- **\$25,000** grant for "Project Team-Teach and Educate Americans for the Next Millennium," Phyllis Murakawa, California

- **\$15,000** grant for "Reclaiming Voices," Asian Americans United, Office of Curriculum Support in the School District of Philadelphia, Philadelphia JACL, Deborah Wei
- **\$35,000** grant for "Redress Preservation and Curriculum Development Project," Visual Communications and Southern California Chapter of the National Coalition of Redress and Reparations (NCRR), California

- **\$20,000** grant for "Shorai Project," Seattle JACL, Seattle University, and Washington Education Association; Sharon Kloster-

#### 'JEFFERSON AWARD' WINNER:

### Ken Nakano honored for community volunteerism

**SEATTLE**—About the "Jefferson Awards," hundreds of U.S. cities each spring select five candidates engaged in public service, for the national ceremony held at the U.S. Supreme Court in June. The late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and former Senator Robert Taft Jr. founded the Jefferson Awards in 1972. They envisioned it as a Nobel Prize for public service.

Ken Nakano, 66, of Kirkland was among the five honored at the 20th annual Washington State awards event April 18 at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel with the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer*, American Institute for Public Service and "CityClub" making the 1997 presentations.

"A bomb survivor measures his worth in helping others," the headline to his profile read in the Seattle *P-I*. "Engineers are creative and see all possibilities. Then we collect as much information as we can and then we begin planning. It is what I do with these projects," Nakano was quoted in the sub-head.

Well-known in local, district and national JACL circles, Nakano, the just-retired ('95) designer of cockpits in Boeing's commercial aircraft, was being remembered for public service benefiting local communities.

For the record, the *P-I* listed some of his significant projects:

(1) Bronze statue of a sailing ship in Kushimoto, Wakayama-ken in tribute to the two-masted schooner *Lady Washington*, which in 1791 became the first U.S. ship to visit the still-secluded island empire.

(2) Granite block at Ft. Vancouver, Wash., dedicated to three sailors of the *Hyogin Maru*, which drifted ashore in 1834 near Washington's Cape Alava. (One book notes the drifters landed off Cape Flattery in November, 1833.)

(3) Helping to link thousands of "Hanford downwinders," who were exposed to radioactive emissions from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation with Japanese medical specialists treating the Hibakusha, survivors of atomic bombing, now living in America.

(4) Spurring the establishment of a monitoring system at Gonzaga University to track long-term medical conditions of Hanford downwinders.

(5) JACL campaigner for Redress who also led in raising funds for a monument at Puyallup Fairgrounds where Japanese Americans were detained in 1942.

(6) Arranged for microfilms of the *Pacific Citizen* and WWII camp newspapers at the Library of Congress be placed in the main Seattle Public Library.

(7) Organized exchange programs, allowing members of Seattle Baptist Church Boy Scout Troop 53 to visit Japan and scouts from Kobe, Hiroshima and Hyogo-ken to visit Seattle.

#### JACL Group Health administrator named

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Mary Ann Hori, San Francisco, was named administrator of JACL Group Health Trust, underwritten by Blue Shield of California, on May 19, replacing Satoko Watanabe, announced Trust chairman John Yasumoto. Yasumoto thanked Watanabe for her dedicated service to the trust and extended his "best wishes on her new addition to her family and her new responsibilities." ■

man and Mako Nakagawa; Washington

- **\$20,000** grant for "Teaching About Incarceration of Japanese Americans," National Coalition of Redress and Reparations (NCRR), Bay Area Chapter; Lucy Hamai, California

#### Arts and Media

Three projects in the Arts and Media were announced by the CLPEF Board. They include:

- **\$50,000** grant for "Big Bands Behind Barbed Wire," Oakland Asian Cultural Center, Anthony Brown, George Yoshida, San Jose Taiko, Mark Izu, Jon Jang, Tsuyako "Sox" Kitashima, and Gina Hotta; California and outside of California
  - **\$50,000** grant for "Floating World," Kayo Hattai; California
  - **\$20,000** grant for "442"/CRYSTAL, Miya Masaoka; California
- The first CLPEF grant totaling \$2.7 million to 100 recipients was made March 5. (See March 21-April 3 P.C.) ■

(8) Helped establish Seattle's Keiro Nursing Home, with 150 beds, serving on its board for 10 years.

Nakano was born in Portland, Ore., in 1931. His father, Honjo Furuta, died within months. His mother arranged for a Tacoma family named Nakano to adopt him and then left for Japan with her two daughters and another son. In 1937, the family moved with Ken to Hiroshima. They were unable to return because of war.

Ken, then 13, well remembers Aug. 6, 1945, the day the A-bomb blasted Hiroshima. He and 360 middle school students were tending a crop of sweet potatoes, about a mile away from the center of the blast. He saw two B-29 bombers overhead and two white parachutes. A few seconds later, a tremendous explosive sound and its wind knocked everyone down. "Slowly, opened eye and saw we are surrounded by smoke and fire curtain," his notes in preparation for the newspaper interview recall. "Minutes later, my mood was burning... We stood up and found out our left face was black and two-inch square skin is peeled. A little hurt. Also my left hand was burned."

The Nakano family survived, but his birth mother died of radiation four days later. The Furuta sisters and Furuta brother suffered burns and cuts from flying glass. Ken completed high school and was working when the Korean War began in 1950. Since he was U.S. born, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving with intelligence and artillery units for four years—14 months in combat. When he was discharged, Ken enrolled at the University of Washington, graduated in three years in engineering, and went to work at Boeing.

Seattle JACL president Jeffrey Hattori said Nakano often originates the idea for a community project and, "while he works within the committee structure, he just quietly goes about and gets the job done."

Trisha Thompson Pritikin, a Tri-Cities native whose father, a Hanford engineer, died of thyroid cancer believed linked to Hanford radiation releases, said Nakano's experience with the atomic bomb gives him "a unique ability to bridge cultural differences" and help Downwinders.

Nakano, currently a JACL Pacific Northwest District vice-governor, says he merely applies principles he learned as an engineer to volunteer projects (as cited in the story's subhead).

Nakano was installed as commander of Seattle's Nisei Veterans Committee, succeeding Katashi Oita, at the 52nd annual dinner held March 15 at the Rainier Golf and Country Club. Maj. General James Mukoyama (ret.) of Chicago was guest speaker.

NVC was also recognized by the Association of the U.S. Army with a special plaque honoring the veterans of 100th/442nd and MIS being presented by Maj. Gen. Clyde R. Cherberg (ret.).

NVC sponsored Memorial Day services were May 26, at Nisei War Memorial Monument at Lake View Cemetery, which was dedicated in 1949 and lists the names of 63 Washington state Nisei war dead from the WWII, Korean War, Vietnam and the Grenada conflicts.

Nakano and his wife, Ruth, have three sons: Daniel, a math professor at Utah State; Victor, a West Point graduate and U.S. Army captain; and Douglas, an electronic engineer with AT&T. ■

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## Very Truly Yours

By Harry K. Honda

## An unthinkable 'boo-boo' of specific standing

Everyone who turned to Page 8 in our last issue knew the "boo-boo" was unbelievable. Our first reaction was maybe the mugshots fell off their spot for lack of waxing (the adhesive applied hot on back of mugshots) during an 18-mile trip taking the boards to our printers in Glendale. If that was not the case, blame might be elsewhere. An immediate check Wednesday morning of the P.C. boards was no help.

The next check: find the 11x17-inch page proofs that are reduced to letter-size for faxing to the mailer who calculates the percentage of advertising for his report to the Post Office. Page 8 was found crumpled in the waste basket — proof that the "boo-boo" had occurred in-house. The switch going unnoticed is the "unbelievable" aspect of what transpired. Modus operandi is that I read page proofs without the mugshots and check that the boxes for photos are positioned correctly. My fault was not looking one more time — we all know our longtime writers.

Wednesday night I agonized over the mugshot switch. I apologized the next day by fax to the two Bills before they would see the pictorial error. With the fax was a preview of a redesigned format, appearing in this issue.

As things happen, all day Thursday Gide Izumi from National Headquarters was here to update the business office computer, thus business manager Kerry Ting was free to work with me on designing the new appearances of our regular columns.

That much said, now the good news. Major pieces of the P.C. Wish List are in place — ready to be connected with each other LAN (local area network) fashion. QuarkXPress 3.32 will gradually replace Aldus Page-

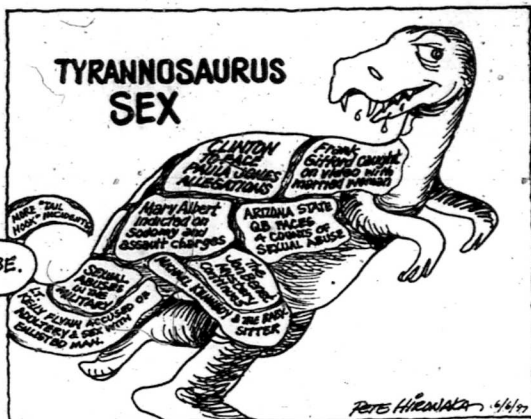
maker 4.2 in the production department. Check the detailed listing of what we bought elsewhere in this issue.

Four economical computer desks, the type with legs that fold under and with the keyboard positioned at a lower level, have replaced the four sturdy Cole modular steel desks that Saburo Kido (1903-1977) donated to us when the P.C. opened shop in Los Angeles in 1952.

In my mind, history still swirls around those Cole desks as the Kido name is invoked. He was the wartime National JACL president (1940-46), a P.C. stalwart since the prewar era and co-founder of National JACL in 1929. Without his powerful argument to convince the 1952 National Council that it would be prudent for business reasons to move P.C. from its wartime base in Salt Lake City to Los Angeles, the community attracting the most returning evacuees, Yours Truly and Mas Imon, now retired in Vegas, would not have been asked to tote the editorial harness.

Clyde informed us that Headquarters is in the process of digitizing old photographs in their archives. That means the availability on Internet, Wide World Web, etc. As some voices have suggested, The Pacific Citizen and JACL can and should maintain a website together.

Linotype, the company which manufactured the hot-metal typesetting machines and converted to in-house phototype-setting and digital typesetting, introduced us to QuarkXPress and its imagesetters ten years ago. P.C. didn't have PC-SAVE to help us then. Eventually, the Mac/Pagemaker became our production model. Thus ends an occasional shoptalk here about our needs and deeds and the P.C. menu. ■



## Letters

## How did Asian Pacific American Heritage Month get started?

Which American president signed the order for May to be Asian Pacific American Heritage month and on what day?

Joe Allman

Arizona JACL Newsletter  
The Congress, under HJR 173, introduced March 5, 1991 by Rep. Frank J. Horton (R-Rochester, N.Y.) and co-sponsored by some 210 Members of Congress including Reps. Mineta Matsui and Mink, expanded the observance of Asian Pacific American Heritage Week for the full month of May. It authorized the President to proclaim the months of May 1991 and 1992, but the date when President Bush signed the resolution is not in the P.C. Archives. It should be in the Federal Register sometime after the resolution was introduced.

The APA "Heritage Week," after President Carter signed Proclamation 4650, March 28, 1979, was first observed May 4-10, 1979. Two events in U.S. history were cited for Heritage Week to be observed in May: (1) Manjiro Nakahama arrived on May 7, 1841, as the first immigrant from Japan. Then 14 years old, Manjiro was rescued by U.S. whalers, educated in Fairhaven, Mass., and was able to slip back into Japan through Okinawa in 1851. Japan called him "the man who discovered America." (2) The golden spike was driven on May 10, 1869, near Ogden, Utah, marking completion of the transcontinental railroad and signifying the contributions of Chinese pioneers who constructed the railroad eastward from Sacramento and over the High Sierras.

## A Shadow Defendant

In reading the recent article, "A Shadow Defendant," (P.C. May 2-15), reference is made to the recollections of MIs'er Ken Aiba in the 1995 Holiday Issue. I was wondering if I could possibly get a print. I happen to know him and would love to read that.

Robert M. Tanabe  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

While we have no more copies of the 1995 Holiday Issue, we go one better: Write to MIS-Northwest Assn., P.O. Box 18616, Seattle, WA 98118 for a copy of "Unsung Heroes: The MIS Past, Present, Future," containing all 21 papers that were presented at the 1995 MIS reunion, including Ken Aiba's discussion, "MIS in War Crimes Trials." We donated \$12.50 for a copy.

by depicting the unit's insignia. The window dedicated to the United States of America honors the 100th Infantry Battalion. Unfortunately, this special prayer room is not open to the public. Two years ago, when the 100th group visited the Abbey, a special dispensation allowed the 80 veterans and wives to visit this room and to view the window dedicated to the 100th. —Young O. Kim. ■

## Architect Taniguchi's design

The excellent article on award-winning architect, Alan Taniguchi, hardly touches on his multifaceted achievements, far too numerous to mention in a letter such as this. The stately Gila River monument recently defaced, reported in the same issue of the P.C. (April 4-7), was the prize-winning design submitted by Alan Taniguchi in Gila, before he left camp with the hope of continuing his education.

The University of Texas (at Austin) should be forever grateful to this famed architect. He had been the Dean of the University's School of Architecture at a time when James A. Michener was seeking a suitable university "home" for his million-dollar art collection. The name "Taniguchi" was the magnet that drew Mr. Michener to the Austin campus. Alan and his late wife, Leslie, succeeded in making the facilities and amenities of the University of Texas irresistible to the world-famous author and his wife, Mari.

Indeed, Austin became the permanent home of the Micheners; and a graduate program for writers was eventually established at the University by Mr. Michener.

I sometimes wonder: if it hadn't been for a Nisei dean named Taniguchi, would the University of Texas be as incredibly blessed today with the legendary largesse, now the legacy, of the famed author-turned-philanthropist?

Michi Nishimura Weglyn  
New York City

## Poston Memorial credits

Additional mention is due for individuals co-chairing the Poston Memorial Monument committee along with George Oki, Sr., (April 18-May 1 P.C.): Hannah Satow and Kiyo Sato-Viacrus, also of Sacramento. George Makishima, treasurer, acknowledges \$3,948 was received from the recent Camp III Reunion. A balance is kept for maintenance and insurance.

No one has done more than Ted Kobata, Sacramento, chief of construction, and his faithful crew toward the realization of this unique monument and water fountain dedicated Oct. 6, 1992, and the kiosk dedicated Nov. 7, 1995.

Frank Nishimura  
Sacramento

## More 'Historic Sites'

My interest in the list of Historic Sites (see Mar. 21-April 3 P.C.) was stirred in not seeing Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery (Solano County) included. It appears with 24 more Historic Sites in the April 25, 1980, P.C. My interest in Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery is because my parents are both interred there.

Grace Tsujimoto

Berkeley JACL member  
Thanks to JACLER Tsujimoto, the P.C. has researched its 1979-1980 issues in completing the list of Historic Sites. Over 100 places were listed. When compiled, it will be published. She had sent us the April 25, 1980, issue with 25 places, including the Vacaville cemetery.

## Our internment story

Underneath the headline, "For Your Information" (May 2-15, P.C.), it requests those individuals who have been involved in speaking in classrooms about their experiences with internment and to contact the Pacific Citizen.

Since the fall of 1994, I have been asked to share my camp recollections as a part of a racial diversity course at Chapman University in Orange, Calif. The course instructor, Bonnie Asch, read about me in the Los Angeles Times; and the group has evolved from one class to three in attendance.

One can't cover everything in 45 minutes; but I try to give a brief summary of the events leading to the Evacuation and the rest is our family's personal story.

I have learned much from reading the P.C. and have made inquiries to the Japanese American National Museum.

May I get some information about the JACL Curriculum and Resource Guide? Perhaps the instructors of the course at Chapman would be interested in seeing it.

Amy Naito  
Costa Mesa, Calif.

Specific information about the JACL Curriculum and Resource Guide is available at National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco CA 94115, 415/921-5225. That Amy shares how she speaks to a college class seems to be a good recipe for other volunteers who might follow if they are ever approached.

EDITOR'S NOTE—In an impromptu conversation, Amy Naito related how she was to have graduated as valedictorian from Fairfield High School in 1942 but Evacuation had intervened. Her family was interned at Gila River. That she was invited back after 52 years to receive her diploma at the high school in 1994 was a gala event. It was published by the L.A. Times—the story which caught the attention of the Chapman University instructor. Her father, Mr. Uchimoto, was secretary of the Japanese Association at Fairfield, arrested by the FBI after Pearl Harbor and imprisoned in North Dakota. He eventually rejoined the family at Gila River. Interested in occupational therapy, Amy relocated after a year in camp to continue her education in Boston and Milwaukee.—HKH

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\* "Short expressions" on public issues, usually one or two paragraphs, should include signature, address and daytime phone number. Because of space limitations, letters are subject to abridgment. Although we are unable to print all the letters we receive, we appreciate the interest and views of those who take the time to send us their comments.

## For the record:

## The 100th Bn. at Monte Cassino

At the end of a lengthy discourse regarding Bill Marutani's column, "Some untold events" (March 21-April 3 P.C.) about MIS in the Pacific, the writer Takasumi Kojima of Berkeley concluded:

"The unrecognized destruction of the Christian abbey at Mount Cassino, Italy by the 100th Battalion; this abbey was the sacred depository of 500 years of irreplaceable Christian art, sculptures and manuscripts and destroyed by the Hawaiian Nisei... When will we ever learn that conservation can be more important than Go For Broke?"

The P.C. Archives approached a member of the 100th Infantry, Col. Young Oak Kim (ret.) for "what happened," and comments pertaining to the paragraph about Monte Cassino. Here is his reply.

At Cassino, I was the 100th Battalion's intelligence officer (S-2) and was fortunate to be among the handful of unwounded survivors of that battle. As a young 1st lieutenant on the final day of fighting at Cassino, I was the senior officer and commanded the remnants of the battalion during the withdrawal from the front line.

First, the 100th Battalion never had the mission to capture the Abbey. The 100th's mission was to capture the Castle lower on the hill that controlled the only road up to the Abbey.

The 168th Infantry had the mission to capture the Abbey. They captured the close adjacent hill and one platoon reached the wall of the Abbey.

Throughout the struggle to take these two structures, both the 100th and 168th had strict orders not to fire on these structures. Therefore, neither artillery nor tanks were permitted to support our attacks and there was no bombing.

Without this fire support, the

100th reached the walls of the Castle and the road at a great price. Co. A had only 19 men; Co. B, 15 men; and Co. C, 11 men. All of us were in an exposed dangerous vulnerable position, constantly taking casualties and without strength to successfully take the castle or withstand a serious counter-attack. Thankfully, the 100th was ordered to withdraw that night.

Four days after withdrawing to a safer position, we witnessed the bombing which preceded the Indian Gurkha division assault on the Castle and the Abbey. The 100th was not physically fighting the Germans when the Abbey and the Castle were bombed. At our level of command, we never had say in shelling or bombing the Abbey.

Within the rebuilt current Abbey, there is a special prayer room for the Abbey monks. The beautiful leaded windows are dedicated to each nation that fought to liberate the Abbey by honoring one of the units that fought in Cassino.



MICHI WEGLYN: Redress for railroad Nikkei

# War-time gov't treatment of Nikkei was different

NEW YORK—The stories today of near-overnight ousters inflicted in wake of the attack on Pearl Harbor upon Japanese American railroad families in inland states are so heart-wrenching that they could inspire another John Steinbeck to stunningly dramatize and document this wartime American tragedy in a manner that the public is shaken with a sense of outrage.



My initial assumption had been that Nikkei railroad workers were generally elderly bachelors. How wrong I was. These were Issei parents, usually with five or more young children—heads of families who had given decades of loyal service to one railroad line or another. They knew no other trade, and few could speak proper English.

Once proud men, the Issei ended up jobless and despised for looking like the enemy. Many eventually eked out a living as fruit pickers, beet toppers, farm hands, janitors and the like.

What is appalling is that government officials were fully aware of the unfolding tragedy from its bitter beginning. How well William Manchester described that "yearning for vengeance," the prevailing mood of officialdom in early February 1942 when America was losing the war.

The vindictive treatment meted out to "aliens and nonaliens" (the "Japs") contrasted sharply with the selective treatment given Germans and Italians. The Nikkei suffered not only loss of employment and severe deprivation of liberty and property based solely on ancestry, but many suffered one relocation after another as they sought desperately to find work.

And racially-inspired edicts and proclamations ended up controlling their lives throughout most of the war, of which I cite a few:

• On March 16, **Public Proclamation No. 2** ostensibly extended the need to execute Change of Residence Notices to enemy aliens and all persons of Japanese ancestry residing within the Western Defense Command (WDC). The WDC, established on Dec. 11, 1941, encompassed the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Utah, Montana, Idaho, Nevada and the territory of Alaska.

Unknown was the fact that Gen. John L. DeWitt, by March 16, had established large numbers of "military zones and areas" (A-100 to A-1033) within the WDC.

After **Public Law 503** was signed into law (March 21) following issuance of E.O. 9066, "persons or classes of persons" became subject to summary exclusion from these inland military zones which were defined by mile-wide restrictive boundaries around defense plants, copper mines, reservoirs, radio stations, railroad bridges, tunnels, trestles and even entire railroad lines, as was the case in Nevada. Schools, churches, stores, structures and any street or highway passing through these military zones became off-limits to persons of Japanese ancestry.

(Since Drew Tinto of the ORA has been asked to conduct a systematic study of Proclamation No. 2, redress applicants should check with him to see whether one's family address coincides with one of the countless inland military zones.)

• On March 24, DeWitt issued **Public Proclamation No. 3**, which required German and Italian aliens and all persons of Japanese ancestry residing within any of the military zones to observe curfew and to limit travel to a five-mile radius from their homes. "The deterioration of the position of the United States in the Pacific Theater," according to DeWitt, provided "full justification" for the designation of the WDC as a "theater of operations" for combat.

• On March 30, one day before Bainbridge Islander were expelled from their homes, the Army announced "hardship exemptions." **Public Proclamation No. 5** exempted German and Italian aliens 70 years or older from summary exclusion from homes in inland military zones. Also exempted

were German and Italian aliens including the wife, husband and children of a family whose support was wholly dependent on a member of the U.S. armed forces.

Exempted, also, were German and Italian aliens who had applied for naturalization before 12/7/41; patients in hospitals too ill or incapacitated; and inmates of orphanages and the totally deaf, dumb or blind. All were also exempted from curfew and travel regulations. In May, further categories were added.

• On June 27, **Public Proclamation No. 8** made all War Relocation Projects found within the WDC to be exclusion zones subject to penalties under Public Law 503. On Oct. 12, 1942 (Columbus Day), Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed that Italian aliens were no longer to be considered enemy aliens.

• And on Christmas eve 1942 **Public Proclamation No. 15** rescinded all curfew and travel regulations for German aliens.

Unfortunately for the Nikkei, the Constitution then was little more than a piece of paper.

The deprivations suffered by families set adrift in a hostile, wartime America was horrific. And since adults and Nisei children summarily excluded were denied the right to return to their parents' original longtime domiciles and were therefore deprived of liberty (see *Ishida v. U.S.* precedent), they too should be declared eligible for redress along with parents who qualify.

The Office of Redress Administration (ORA) and President Clinton should be mindful that the U.S. report on international human rights abuse will continue to lack credibility as long as our own nation refuses to acknowledge and apologize for its own atrocious wartime abuse of innocents.

To those who have written to me: I wish I had the phenomenal energy of editor Harry Honda to respond individually to the many letters from railroad workers which have come to me since the P.C. made my home address public. Forgive me if it takes time for me to reply. —MNW. ■



A photograph of the Manzanar Base Hospital workers taken in 1945.

## Planning a 'hurrah' after 52 years!

LOS ANGELES—Whereabouts of all former employees of the wartime Manzanar Base Hospital, some of whom are pictured above, are being sought as soon as possible for the "very first all-hospital reunion" sometime this October somewhere in greater Los Angeles.

A number of medical stenographers who have been meeting periodically over the years have often expressed a desire to have a reunion with all former hospital employees.

In order to create as large a base of contact as possible, and to give the committee an idea of what the turnout will be, the "gang" can call Mae Kageyama Kakehashi 310/391-2388, Amy Takahashi Ioki 310/397-7925 or send pertinent information (name, nickname if any, maiden name, address, phone number) to Manzanar Hospital Reunion, c/o 12306 Stanwood Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90066. ■

## WELFARE

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Osthimer warned that if you check off the "Case Review" box, Social Security will look only at the papers they have in front of them and can easily deny you continued benefits.

The appeal process to continue receiving food stamps is very similar to the procedure for SSI, added Osthimer, and the appropriate papers should also be filed immediately.

Lawyer Dee Hayashi of the Japanese American Bar Association was one of the volunteers at the workshop. She wasn't surprised by the large turnout. "It just shows how many people need help," she said. "Something has to happen in this community." A lot of focus has been on the Hispanic community, she said, but a number of Japanese Americans will be affected by the upcoming cuts.

Hayashi is hopeful that the proposed federal changes will be enacted. "We just have to wait for the upcoming weeks," she added. "Part of it is political," she added. "They

realize that certain groups, especially the Latinos in California who really turned out in the last election, can speak out with their votes."

Said Craig Osaki, a criminal defense lawyer and the co-chair of the PSW JACL Civil Rights Caucus, "Most lawyers here just want to help people out, to help people naturalize and become citizens. I'm familiar with aspects of immigration so I thought I'd come by."

"It's just an unfair situation," continued Osaki. "These are people who really need the help and all of a sudden the government wants to cut them off.... It's more like the government just wants to save money, instead of welfare reform."

The next JACL-LTSC sponsored citizenship workshop meets Tues., June 10, 10 a.m., at Casa Heiwa, 231 E. Third St., Little Tokyo; 213/473-1600.

For further information on welfare and immigration call Asian Pacific American Legal Center 213/748-2022, No. Calif. Coalition for Immigrant Rights 415/243-8215, or Asian Law Caucus Welfare/Immigration Legal Hotline: 415/445-2597. ■

## Honolulu inaugurates scholarship program

The Honolulu Chapter is looking for applicants for its inaugural scholarship program. Five high school seniors who are planning to attend college or university in the Fall will each receive a \$1000 award. A panel of three judges will choose five individuals from among 10 finalists.

Applications are due by June 30, 1997. The Committee will notify all applicants of their decision by the second week in July. The judges will interview the top 10 applicants on July 19, 1997, and decide on the top five candidates. Applicants do not have to be of Japanese descent to apply and awards are given without regard to financial need.

Through this inaugural Scholarship Program the JACL Honolulu Chapter hopes to raise the awareness among Hawaii's young people, our future leaders of civil rights as it impacts on Hawaii's peoples. The five finalists will be individuals who can represent JACL as one who understands civil rights, can articulate that knowledge, and serve as an example for other people to follow.

If you have any questions, please call Diane Shiraishi at 536-7702 ext. 2227 or e-mail Garrett Toguchi at arc-hi@aloha.net. ■

## Asian Moon Festival to run in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE—The fourth annual Asian Moon Festival highlights cuisine, fine arts, entertainment and other cultural delights from June 12 through June 15 at Summerfest Grounds in Henry Maier Festival Park, with involvement of as many as 12 local-area Asian American organizations. Featured performers include Mary Ohno of the Kabuki Academy of Tacoma, Wash., and the Fujima Shunjo School of Japanese Classical Dance from Chicago. It was announced by Festival director Davney Weber; 414/481-3628. ■

## Tougher screening delays naturalization

LOS ANGELES—Waiting list for immigrants applying for U.S. citizenship through the Immigration and Naturalization Services here has ballooned again because of criminal background and fingerprint checks by the FBI of all pending cases, the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* reported this past week.

Current waiting period is 12 to 14 months, according to Richard Rogers, INS district director.

The Los Angeles INS office last month processed just 1,569 new citizenship applications, compared with 18,500 applications processed during the last months of 1996.

More than 280,000 immigrants are waiting for interviews and swearing-in, substantially more than the backlog of 220,000 applications in May 1996, the *Tribune* reported. ■



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

## Voice of a Sansei

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### Preserving them

Growing up Sansei in the '50s and '60s, there was only one way to handle the Nisei generation. It was called, avoiding them.

Sitting here Sansei in the '90s, having recently attended the Japanese American Korean War Memorial dedication in Little Tokyo, and a VFW Memorial Day ceremony at our own Community Center in the San Fernando Valley, I have another plan on my agenda. It's called, preserving them.

I had very good reasons for avoiding them. Between the Nisei and the Sansei generations, our community experienced a big rupture. I'm part of the postwar era. I cannot remember violent racism or wretched employment in the bad jobs nobody else would take. I grew up speaking English and always felt socially comfortable among Whites. Needless to say, the Nisei perception of the world was not compatible with mine, so I avoided them.

The Nisei's world was brutal, but very well defined. They knew unequivocally what was "good" and "bad." In a larger sense, they knew what "reality" was. Their problem was defining themselves as legitimate Americans in the eyes of the White majority. They defined themselves through their reactions to bad things imposed on them by others. Their enemies were racism, and their own lack of acculturation.

The Sansei/Yonsei world is much nicer. It's also much less definitive. "Reality" is blurring. Our problem is defining ourselves as who we want to be. We are defined by our feelings about

things we generate within. As society becomes more accepting, our enemy is shifting away from racism, and towards our own uncertainties. Our problem is not lack of achievement and worldliness. Our problem is unsureness over how to manage these assets.

The reality of the old Nisei, like the intricately structured lines on a blueprint, is fading as it's washed over by a warm cascade of sunshine. The light is warming and nurturing us, but the fiber of what we are is not obvious. The delineated structures of the classical world are giving way to a quantum uncertainty of virtual reality.

The tangible manifestations of Nisei society are fading away, but I want their spirit to remain. That spirit is *gaman*, *giri*, *gambare*. Now many years past my teens and twenties, I know something I could not have understood back then. Young people need that honor and discipline to manage their free lives and structure new realities of their own choosing. This new world of freedom and prosperity, without the Nisei spirit, has produced some young Japanese Americans who are like the worst of WASP gone bad. They are overwarmed, oversweetened fruit. They have so little fiber they are disintegrating, spilling spoiled juices.

The old Nisei will die away, but I want their spirit to live on in their descendants. I'm happy that we did have those memorial services to the older generation. As they leave us in flesh, those memorials are preserving them in spirit. ■

## CCDC's hectic Spring schedule includes scholarship luncheon and quarterly session

### Staff Report

FRESNO — One thing you can say about the Central California District Council is, they're organized. At the CCDC quarterly session, at Fresno's Sunnyside Country Club on May 18, not only were last minute preparations underway for the Tri-District Conference in Las Vegas on June 6-8, but plans were already being made for the district's year-end installation banquet.

Close to 30 scholarships were awarded at this year's CCDC scholarship luncheon which was held just prior to the quarterly session. Dr. Judy Sakaki, Dean of Students at California State University, Fresno, was the keynote speaker.

"It was so hard to choose the scholarship winners," said Bobbi Hanada, a member of CCDC's Scholarship Committee, to the approximately 17 people who attended the quarterly meeting.

Awards are based on 40 percent financial need, 35 percent scholastics, and 25 percent extracurricular activities. Hanada suggested changing some of the percentages and that there is a need to improve the methods currently used to establish financial need.

Scholarship awardees are not required to be JACL members. Despite the large number of scholarship winners, it seems there is a lack of youth members in the District Chapters. JACL National Vice President of Membership, Karen-Liane Shiba, suggested that, because CCDC is looking for more youth members, membership in JACL be made a requirement for scholarship winners.

"It's a very important vehicle to encourage students to join JACL," agreed First Vice Governor Bob Taniguchi.

To help recruit more youth, the District also discussed maintaining a relationship with scholarship winners even if they attend colleges and universities away from home. It seems most of the JA students move out of the area once they graduate from high school.

Shiba said the PSW District has had success recruiting youth members through their "adopt a school" program. They select a school, college, or university in the area with a Nikkei program, and the District starts a relationship with the campus JA group by supporting their activities. It takes manpower and money, said Shiba, but it's worth it. Eventually the youth are encouraged to take on board positions at the chapter level, she said.

But the important thing for JACL is to get out into the community, said



**CCDC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**—Front row (from left): Courtney Ishii, Yonie Young, Julie Naito, Paul Shintaku, Carrie Imoto.; Back row: Ryan Hashimoto, Jarrod Kiyuna, Greg Kato, Michele Hoshiko, Susanne Fukagawa, Erica Nishinaka, Thomas Koga, Lacey Hanada, Kehdra Hayashi, Denise Kageura. Missing: Jason Araki, Kelly Kagawa, Gene Hiyama, Jamie Domoto, Jared Nakashima, and Matthew Yotsuya.

Shiba. And because there is a shortage of youth living in the Central California district, other segments of the community should be targeted such as professionals or the Hapa, she added.

CCDC delegates had a number of questions for guest speakers Shiba and JACL Membership Administrator Donna Okubo. There was some confusion regarding the format of the chapter membership list; many had thought the list contained only the names of current members. But Okubo said that names are removed only when chapters call National Headquarters and make their request. Thus, even persons who are not current members remain on the list. The rationale, explained Okubo, is that some persons may not have received their renewal forms or haven't gotten around to renewing their membership. Also, chapters can refer to these lists to re-recruit some of the people who have dropped out, she said.

Shiba announced that the new membership brochures, which include a survey, will be available in early June. In terms of annual versus anniversary membership payments, CCDC indicated they preferred the anniversary payment system remain in place.

Throughout their presentation, Shiba and Okubo both stressed the importance of communication between Chapters and JACL National Headquarters.

CCDC Regional Director Patricia Tsai said that as federal welfare reform laws go into effect, hundreds

of thousands of legal permanent residents will soon lose their Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits and food stamps.

"We have to stay on top of this issue," said Tsai. "Things are happening really fast." Recently, the federal government introduced several proposals that could restore SSI benefits to some legal permanent residents. Tsai informed the Council that she will meet with other Asian American groups to discuss the various new developments in welfare reform, and chapters will soon receive information on the proposed changes.

According to Tsai, approximately 50 percent of residents in Fresno receive at least one form of federal assistance. Welfare reform is a much larger issue than just receiving benefits, she said.

Regarding Redress, the Office of Redress Administration is still looking for thousands of JAs who may be eligible for redress, said Tsai. The ORA has published their names in "The List of Unknowns." "Time is running out. We have to locate these people." On August 10, 1998, the ORA will close and individuals will no longer be able to apply, she said.

Plans are already underway for CCDC's installation banquet, said Taniguchi. The luncheon will take place on Saturday, Nov. 8, at the United Japanese Christian Church. "I would like to see a lot of junior high and high school kids come out for this," he said.

The topic for this year's workshops will be Hapa issues. Mem-

bers of Hapa Issues Forum, a multicultural group in Berkeley, will make presentations at the workshops. The luncheon's guest

speaker will be actor Amy Hill. Hill is of Finnish and Japanese descent and has appeared on stage and television. ■

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## INTERN

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sored by the NCWNP District Council. "It was good," he said. "Before the conference, I didn't know a lot about what went on at the state level."

And he plans to attend the National Youth/Student Conference at UC Irvine at the end of June. It's a chance "to meet some people and to see what it's like," said Kakinami.

Now he's even considering the Central California District Youth Representative position on the JACL National Youth/Student Council that's currently vacant. "I might try it out," he said. "It'd be a good experience."

Kakinami first learned of the internship at the CCD office through a former intern of the program who is also at Fresno State. She recommended him and he was soon hired. He spent most of his time working on the district scholarships that were recently awarded, sending out application forms and evaluating the students' scholastic and financial needs.

Kakinami's glad he joined JACL but he realizes the younger Japanese Americans know very little about the organization. While home in San Jose during the spring break, he worked at a Japanese store. There, he saw a couple of his parents' friends, who are Sansei, and asked them what they knew about

JACL. "Oh that's an Issei and Nisei thing," they replied.

And none of Kakinami's friends back home or at Fresno State are JACL members. "They probably don't even know what J.A.C.L. stands for," he said.

If JACL wants to attract more youth members, Kakinami believes, the organization needs to start doing more "social things," events that young people would consider "fun."

That's what the Young Buddhists Association (YBA) has done, he explained. When he first started playing in some of the co-ed basketball tournaments YBA sponsored, he thought Y.B.A. stood for "Young Basketball Association." His father soon straightened that out. But as he continued to play basketball and

participated in some of the other events YBA sponsored, like dances and conferences, he started to learn more about the organization. Eventually, he became a YBA member.

But it's not only JACL that young JAs know little about, said Kakinami, many don't know much about the JA culture. And he is no exception.

Before he took an Asian American course at Fresno State, "I didn't know what a 'Nisei' was," he said. "I didn't even know that I was a 'Yonsei.'" He now knows what a Kibei and a "picture bride" are and was through his class paper project that he learned the specifics of the JA internment during World War II.

Now Kakinami can tell his friends what the letters J.A.C.L. stand for, and just maybe, a little bit more. ■



Intern Ross Kakinami with Regional Director Patricia Tsai (left) and Grace Kimoto, CCDC Governor, at Fresno's Sunnyside Country Club.





PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANTS at the May 24 dedication program (from left) are Robert M. Wada, JAKWV co-chair; KABC-TV Sportscenter Robert Fukuzaki, program emcee; George Aratani, Medal of Honor winner Hershey Miyamura, Gallup, N.M.; Norman Mineta, and Ed M. Nakata, JAKWV co-chair.

## REMEMBERING A KOREAN WAR HERO: Wataru Nakamura, posthumous DSC winner

LOS ANGELES—Had he lived, he would have been 76 years old today. But Pfc. Wataru "Watson" Nakamura, killed in action in Korea on May 18, 1951, will be forever the clean-cut 30-year-old brother with a gentle smile in the photograph (appears as inset) cherished by his brothers and sisters who live in Southern California.

Near P'ungch'on, Korea, the night of May 17, Nakamura's unit of the 38th Infantry Regiment of the 2nd Division sustained heavy fire which neutralized communications between the First Platoon and the Co. I command post. As the citation for his posthumous Distinguished Service Cross states:

"At approximately 0430 hours on 18 May with intermittent rain and fog increasing the darkness of early morning, Private Nakamura volunteered to check and repair the damaged line, and unaware that the enemy had infiltrated and captured heavily-fortified friendly positions, moved forward until he came under a withering hail of hostile fire.

"Disregarding his own safety, he made a one-man assault, silencing a machine gun and its crew with his carbine and bayonet and destroying two enemy positions with grenades, but when his ammunition was expended, he was forced to withdraw in the face of overwhelming odds.

"After falling back, Private Nakamura met a carrying party, briefed the officer in charge and, replenishing his ammunition, returned to engage the hostile force. Supported by rifle fire, he wiped out an enemy position and attacked the remaining bunker, killing one and wounding another enemy soldier before he was mortally wounded by grenade fire."

The citation goes on to state, "Private Nakamura's intrepid action and consummate devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on himself and uphold the honored traditions of the military service."

Nakamura's name was among those of 246 Japanese Americans placed on the memorial dedicated by the Japanese American Korean War Veterans May 24, at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

"Each young man died without the benefit of being held or comforted by his parents or family in death. They died alone in battle so far away. It is our obligation to see that they are no longer alone and that never, ever be forgotten," JAKWV president Robert M. Wada declared.

Nakamura was born in Los Angeles, attended Jefferson High, was interned with family during WWII at Rohwer, Ark., served with the 442nd Regiment in Europe, and was living in Chicago when his Army reserve unit was activated when the Korean conflict began in June 1950. ■

## Japan firm donates \$30,000 to Cal Poly

POMONA, Calif.—Nihon Ryutsu Systems, developer of application systems for Japanese companies, donated \$30,000 to Cal Poly Pomona to support a program to train 20 Japan students on computer information systems which began April 1. Dr. Koichiro Isshiki, coordinator of the program, said, "I believe this is a growing trend for our university. Japanese businesses are making it a priority to understand U.S. business trends and culture." ■

## A word from Japan

Toyota, for the founder, Sakichi Toyoda, is not, as many stories have it, so named because the early models looked like "toy autos."—*The Economist*, 10/26/91 ■

## Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Arai, Marian T.**, 80, Cupertino, April 25; survived by husband Sakai, daughters Amy Corbus, Linda Nishita, brother Shig' Fujii, 4 g.c., 4 ggc.

**Asaba, Larry Yeichi**, 64, Seattle, April 9; survived by wife Marian, daughter Lauren Asaba-Aratani (Bellevue, Wash.), son Glen (Seattle), 2 g.c., sisters Yaye Asaba, Kimi Asaba (both of Seattle).

**Ebata, Stanley Kyoshi**, 77, Gardena, May 15 service; Hawaii-born, World War II veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, survived by wife Emiko, son Duane, daughter Diane Shohara, 3 g.c., brothers Kenneth, Jack Suwa (both of Hawaii), sisters Suzuki, Eleanor Asai (both of Hawaii), sister-in-law Doris Ebata (Hawaii).

**Eshita, Frank Masayoshi**, 77, South San Gabriel, April 24; Huntington Beach-born, survived by wife Miyoko, son Steven Masaru, daughter Pauline Carillo, 2 g.c., brothers-in-law Takashi Ben Takeuchi, Thomas Kenji Takeuchi, sister-in-law Keiko Eto, Tomoko Tomi Tomita, Isuko McDonald.

**Fujimoto, Betty Tomiko**, 51, Agoura Hills, April 24; Tule Lake-born, survived by husband Richard, daughters Rouxann Kuwata, Paris Kanya, Paige Fujimoto, Rikki Fujimoto, 2 g.c., parents George and Misao Yoshimura, sisters Elaine Saito, Joanne Izuhara, brother Steve Yoshimura.

**Fukushima, Yoshinori**, 73, Dinuba, April 24; Fresno-born, survived by wife Michiko, brother George, sisters Sally Uyemurako, Tataka Janet Ueda, Sachiko Niino.

**Gotanda, Shizuko**, 87, Ontario, Ore., April 23; Seattle-born Kibei, prewar Portland and postwar Ontario resident, survived by daughters Yasuko Morishige (Ontario, Ore.), Sumie Fujita (Gardena), brother Jim Morikawa (Milwaukee, Ore.), sisters Kimiko Nakamura (Cincinnati), Utako Homma (Milwaukee), Kathy Kubo (Seattle), 5 g.c.

**Hayashi, Sakae**, 80, Gardena, May 5; San Francisco-born, survived by son Seigo, daughters Amy Harman, Nancy Hayashi, Masumi Hayashi, Joanne Hayashi, Connie Smith, 6 g.c., brother-in-law Rakuo Hayashi, sister-in-law Yaeko Tananachi.

**Hirata, Richard Yoshito**, 79, Orange County, May 3 service; Parlier-born, veteran of the Military Intelligence Service in World War II, survived by sons Clyde Harvey, daughter Clarice Hirata, 2 g.c., mother-in-law Hira (Madera), brothers Bill (Reedley), Frank (Visalia), sister Irene Tamura (Madera), brother-in-law James Kono (San Jose), sisters-in-law Yaeke Nishina, Grace Nakao (Sacramento), Yoshiko Yamashiro (Loomis), Teruko Burchfield (Danville).

**Hirose, Toru**, 77, Hyattsville, Md., April 12; survived by wife Hanako, daughter Naomi Hirose-Gomally, 2 g.c., siblings Masana Hirose, Marjorie Hankawa.

**Hokoda, Wade Katsumi**, 39, Medford, Mass., April 3; survived by parents Katsumi and Mary Hokoda, brother Mark Hokoda, sister Audrey Jean Mark, grandparents Kinuyo Hokoda and Matsuo Takayama Masato.

**Hori, Masanori**, 78, Los Angeles, April 27; San Jose-born, survived by wife Tenko, sons Masaki James, Tommy, Iteu Paul, daughters Nancy, Sharon, 2 g.c., sister Chisako Matsuda.

**Inooshi, Masayuki**, Los Angeles, April 11; Tacoma, Wash.-born, survived by wife Miyuki, daughter Yumiko.

**Kimura, Dr. Kazuo K.**, 76, West Carrollton, Ohio, May 1; retired from Dayton Veterans' administration, Research Department, established the Dayton Poison Control Center at Children's Hospital and throughout the nation. He was past chapter president of Dayton JACL, survived by wife May, sons Daniel, Mark, Randy, brother Eugene Kimura, 5 g.c.

**Kubota, Kaoru Carrie**, 83, Fountain Valley, May 10; Signal Hill-born, survived by sons Kenneth Isamu, Robert Masatoshi, Ted Tenno, daughters Irene Kyomi Ikeda, Judy Itomori, Sakata, 5 g.c., 1 ggc, brother Allen Ito, sisters Fumizu Sekigawa, Hisae Tabata, Kyoko Shimizu, Kazuko Ige.

**Kurosaka, Aiko**, 68, McLean, Va., May 2; Aomori, Japan-born, classical Japanese dancer given the name Hanayagi Ichio,

survived by husband Tokuo, daughters Lillian Monteabaro, Jane Harris, son Henry, siblings Masami Ishizuka, Shige Ono, Shizue Terayama, Tomiko Masuda.

**Maruyama, Kyoko**, 76, Novato, May 5; Sendai-born, survived by husband Jimmy, son Koichi Nishimura, g.c.

**Masuda, Shizuko**, 85, West Los Angeles, April 24; Reedley-born, survived by husband Minoru, daughters Tokiko Okamura, Seiko Hattori, Nancy Hisako Fukute, 8 g.c., 2 ggc., sisters Chiko Kuramoto, Yoshimi Kawamoto (Japan), sisters-in-law Kinuyo Hokoda, Emiko Miyamoto.

**Matsubara, Shizue Suzie**, 53, Torrance, April 26; Lima, Peru-born, survived by husband Hiroshi, sons Kaoru Todd, daughter Lynn Sachie, brothers Jack Nakamatsu, Mike Nakamatsu, sisters Sueko Chandler, Hide Nakamatsu, Shige Nakamatsu (latter two of Okinawa), sisters-in-law Haruko Nakamatsu, Hannah Nakamatsu, Michiko Nakamatsu.

**Matsuura, Richard**, 64, Hawaii, May 2; former State Senator, survived by wife Ruth, daughters Marlene Kai, Caroline Wong, sons Peter, Stephen, David, Andrew, sisters Tsune Masaki, Ruth Tomita, Sumiko Burrell, Margie Yokoyama, Alice Furuya, brothers Larry, Harold, 14 g.c.

**McIntyre, Yoko**, 55, Los Angeles, May 4; Tokyo-born, survived by husband John Shozo, McIntyre, daughters Janet Nami, June McIntyre, sister Yasuko Matsumoto.

**Mitsunaga, Masaki "Mike"**, 80, Torrance, April 21; survived by wife Kyoko, sons Victor, Brian, daughter Sherry Gardise, 2 g.c., sister Michiko Nakashima (Japan), brother-in-law Stanley Miwa, sisters-in-law Yoshiko Miwa, Akiko Mitsunaga (both of Japan).

**Miyata, Betty Tsuneko**, 77; San Francisco, April 18; survived by husband Manjo, survived by children Margie Hinton (Berkeley, Va.) Donald Miyata, Nancy Griffin, Janet Larson, Virginia Miyata, Diane Miyata (Sacramento), 6 g.c.

**Nagao, Ichiji**, 77, Los Angeles, May 3; San Gabriel-born, survived by husband Henry, brother Jim Tsuchiyama, sisters Chieko Harano, Reiko Hanami.

**Nakabayashi, Janie Masse**, 59, San Gabriel, April 28; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband Robin, sons Mark, Greg, 1 g.c., mother Minnie Takenouchi, brother Tom Takenouchi, sister Dorothy Iwata, Nancy Takenouchi, Helen Takenouchi.

**Nakamura, Michiko "Miki"**, 75, Seattle, April 20; survived by daughter Agnes Nakamura, sons Charles, Michael, siblings Adah Klavons, Agnes Aoki, Alex Asakawa, 5 g.c.

**Nakata, Kazuo**, 77, Los Angeles, May 3; Sacramento-born, survived by daughter Takuko Suzuki (Michigan), 2 g.c., sisters Sumiko Kato, Katsuko Nakata (Japan).

**Nakatani, Roy Satoshi**, Covina, April 5; Vietnam veteran, survived by wife Marie, and children.

**Nishi, Sanaye**, 78, Grover Beach, April 24; San Pedro-born, survived by sons Ichiro (Grover Beach), Yuji John, daughters Fujiko Janet Takata, Joanne Imura (Grover Beach), Robin Nishi, Linda Nishi, 6 g.c., 2 ggc., brothers Sumito Tani, Shiro Ogura (Japan), sister Sayoko Yamaguchi, sisters-in-law Atsuko Ogura (Japan), Florence Ogura.

**Nishikawa, Dick**, 87, San Mateo, April 22; Milpitas-born, survived by wife Kyoko, son Junji, daughter Sachiko Shimada (Japan), brother Edward (Japan), g.c.

**Nishikawa, Sam Isamu**, 90, Santa Clara, April 26; survived by wife Tamiko, sons A. Hirotsuki, Yukio, Thomas, Kats, 7 g.c.

**Nomura, Ethel Mariko**, Los Angeles, Honolulu-born, survived by husband Jack, brothers Richard Yoshino (Honolulu), Satoru Toshino (Honolulu), Stanley Yoshino, sisters Bernice Hayashida (Honolulu), Miyoko Yoneoka (Hiroshima, Japan), brother-in-law George Hagiwara (Virginia), sisters-in-law Tomo Inouye, Kyoko Nomura, Nobuko Murakawa (Honolulu).

**Oda, Hayano**, 94, Chicago, May 3 service; survived by daughters June Oda, Lillian Rogers, Elizabeth Pudark, 1 g.c.

**Ohyama, Ayako**, 74, Elk Grove, May 4; survived by sons George, Jerry, Henry, Ted, daughter Evelyn, 4 g.c.

**Okimura, Noboru**, 72, Foster City, April 24; survived by wife Miko, sons Raymond, Joseph, Rickey, Gerald, Glenn, g.c.

**Oshiro, Rosie Morihiro (Takahashi)**, 64, Torrance, May 4; Independence, Ore.-

born, survived by husband Kai, daughter Lynne Takahashi-Marian, stepsons Gary Oshiro, Gary Oshiro, Gary Oshiro, Gary Oshiro, 10 g.c., mother Ayako Morihiro, brother Mike Morihiro.

**Oshiro, Sadaaki**, 50, Torrance, May 2; Okinawa-born, survived by wife Yoshiko, son Tom, daughter Carol, parents Ginsei and Kimie Oshiro (Hawaii), brother Masaki Oshiro, sisters Misae Yae, Masae Nishimura (Hawaii), Mitsue Sano (Japan), Yoshiko Kano.

**Ota, Hilar**, 84, Orange County, April 24; Rowland-born, survived by son Michael Ota, daughters Joan Kawase, Elean Takagishi, 8 g.c., 4 ggc., brother Henry Mikawa, sisters Toshiko Hiraishi, Masaye Sato, sister-in-law Tsuruko Mikawa.

**Sashihara, Carol Fukue**, 88, Los Angeles, May 3; San Jose-born, survived by brother Lincoln Fujitoku (San Jose), sisters Helen Kimi Yamauchi, Leah Miyo Shiozaki.

**Sato, Lynn**, 53, Culver City, May 4; Colorado-born, survived by father Kunio Iwanabe, mother Amy Iwanabe, brother Ted Iwanabe, Jr., fiancée Jean Pille.

**Segimoto, Matsuo Maki Lillian**, 65, Seattle, survived by husband Arthur, children Jay, Gene, Ken, Margie.

**Sugita, Haruyo**, 93, Los Angeles, May 12; Hawaii-born, survived by sons Ken, Bob, daughters Arlene Takako Hamashita, Evelyn Hisako Yamamoto, 12 g.c., 7 ggc.

**Sugita, Sachie Endo**, 72, Los Angeles, May 16 service; Castroville-born, survived by sons Hideo David (Riverside), Steven Kenji, daughters Ellen Purdy (Sharon, Mass.), Laurie Sugita, 2 g.c., brother Mitsuhiko Endo (San Jose), sisters Kazuyo Kaye Masasato (San Jose), Satsuki Sally Hirai (Quincy, Wash.), brother-in-law Yoshifumi Jim Sugita, sister-in-law Yoshie Tashima.

**Takayanagi, Shigeo**, 70, Berkeley, April 1; Alameda-born, survived by husband Tadao, daughters Emily, Tracy Hui, 1 g.c., sisters Yasuko Hitomi, Miyoko Nakagawa.

**Tanaka, Jeri Yuki**, 89, Altadena, April 26; Los Angeles-born, survived by brother Frank Tanaka.

**Tanaka, Matsue**, 85, San Valley, April 17; Mie-ken-born, survived by son Mitsuo Tanaka, daughters Keiko Inouye, Ritsuko Shinbashi, Shuko Sakai, 9 g.c., 3 ggc.

**Tanaka, Mitsuko**, 68, Hayward, April 26; Hiroshima-born, survived by husband Edwin, sons Jerry, Michael, mother Hanako Asada.

**Tanji, James Isamu**, 72, Stockton, April 20; Cressey-born, WWII army veteran, survived by wife Lily, son Jeffrey, brothers Gilbert (Cressey), Oscar (Kennewick, Wash.), sister Lydia Sakurai.

**Tatsumo, Masateru**, 76, San Mateo, April 28; San Francisco-born, longtime owner of the Nishi Ben Bussan merchandise store in San Francisco's Japantown, survived by wife Fumie, son Dean, daughters Gwen, Jessie Roth, Marice Shiozaki, g.c., brother David Tatsumo, sister Chiye Watanabe.

**Teshima, Roy L.**, 82, Seattle, April 8.

**Tsubokawa**, 47, Kirkland, Wash., April 9.

**Tsujichii, Kimiyu**, 88, Los Angeles, April 25; Osaka-born, survived by sons Elliot, Dennis, daughter Mary Takemura, 10 g.c., 9 ggc.

**Uemoto, Mary Fujiye**, 87, Honolulu, May 2; Honolulu-born, survived by daughter Helen Hamaguchi, 3 g.c., 3 ggc., brother Shigeichi Yamashita.

## DEATH NOTICE

### SHINPACHI KANOW

SALINAS, Calif.—Rev. Shinpachi Kanow, 84, passed away peacefully on May 18 at his son's home. Born in Long Beach, Calif., on Dec. 24, 1912. Rev. Kanow lived in Salinas since 1951. He graduated from Macalester in St. Paul, Minn., and the San Anselmo (Calif.) Theological Seminary. He was interned at Jerome, Ark.—was the pastor of the Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church, Salinas until retirement in 1979.

He is survived by a sister, Helen Fujiyama (Long Beach); brothers, Hachiro (Monterey Park), Frank (Los Angeles), son, Calvin (Salinas); daughter, Joanne (Mountain View) and grandson, Cory (Salinas). Private burial services were held at the Garden of Memories in Salinas.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the S. Kanow Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Hartnell College Foundation, 156 Homestead, Salinas, CA 93901, or to the donor's favorite charity.

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## West Coast vernaculars make changes

In Los Angeles, the venerable *Rafu Shimpo*, now in its 94th year, has switched its printing and mailing operations from its own premises to an outside firm in Carson. The *Rafu* printing presses went

silent after April 24. Publisher Michael Komai said the move "was part of a restructuring plan by the company designed to cut costs and streamline operations."

In Seattle, the *North American Post* (*Hokubei Hoshi*), parent publication of the English-language Northwest *Nikkei*, absorbed the Friday weekly as of the second week of May to produce a bi-lingual issue. As the Pacific Northwest's Japanese-language publication, the *Hochi* is printed three times a week. Starting May 12, its Friday editions included an English section, edited by Kamilla Kuroda McClelland. Akiko Kusunose is the *Hochi* editor. Longtime

JACler and head of Uwajimaya, Tomio Moriguchi, is chairman of North American Post Publishing, Inc. ■

## MURATSUCHI

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In the meantime, state legislatures across the country are struggling to pick up any shortfalls in federal efforts to restore civil government assistance to legal immigrants. In California, for example, Assemblyman Antonio Villaraigosa

of Los Angeles authored AB 1197, which calls for fully replacing disability assistance for elderly and disabled immigrants not covered by federal benefit restoration.

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