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NATIONAL FORUM PANEL—(from left) are Mae Takahashi, Lori Fujimoto, Gary Mayeda, Helen Kawagoe, Sam Matsumoto (moderator), Rick Uno, Herb Yamanishi, Karen-Liane Shiba, and Hiromi Ueha, who spoke about the directions for JACL as well as answer questions from Tri-District Conference delegates at Las Vegas.

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Membership on the rise, trend suggests 24,000 by year end

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

Assistant Editor

LAS VEGAS—"JACL is well and alive," said National JACL President Helen Kawagoe at the Central California, Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific, and Pacific Southwest Tri-District Conference at the Stardust June 6-8. "We're moving forward because of Herb [Yamanishi] and the regional directors' hard work," she said.

More than 100 JACL members attended the National Board Forum to hear updates and pose questions. Kawagoe was joined by National Director Yamanishi, Karen-Liane Shiba, Hiromi Ueha, Mae Takahashi, Lori Fujimoto, Richard Uno, and Gary Mayeda of the National Board.

"These are busy times right now in JACL," said Yamanishi. The JACL recently received a \$40,000 CLPEF grant for its NISEI (National Initiative to Secure Education of the Internment) project. The money will

be used to educate people outside of California about the JA internment experience, he said. JACL plans to hold training workshops in the East, Midwest, Mountain Plains, and Intermountain areas.

"Membership is maintaining a steady course ... and financially we're in pretty good shape" said Yamanishi. A recent anonymous donation of \$50,000 will be added to the \$70,000 JACL donates annually to scholarships. "It's the flagship program for JACL," he said.

Leadership development is a priority for JACL, Yamanishi continued. "We need to begin to look at ways to encourage young people to participate and get involved in the political process." In the future, the JA community may not have a Patsy Mink or a Bob Matsui to represent them in Congress, said Yamanishi. And the recent controversy over campaign finance has made it even more difficult for the Asian American community to have a voice in the

political arena, he said.

"We are on a good course but we have much to do," said Yamanishi. "We have a lot of things going on right now and it's because of your support that JACL is moving forward."

Even after five months "membership is up and our momentum is still going," said Shiba, in charge of membership development. At the same time last year the number of membership payments Headquarters received was 1,468, and this year 1,978 payments have been received. "If we continue this trend we'll have a projection of 23,736 members, this year compared to 17,615 last year," she said.

"With this board we're feeling good, so it's easier for us to sell [JACL]," said Shiba. Having a membership administrator in Donna Okubo and having already held a membership drive have also helped to increase JACL membership, she said.

Headquarters is working on a membership brochure and survey which chapters will start receiving in the next couple of months, said Shiba. The survey will include questions about individuals' age range, school affiliation of youth/student members, and the number of family

members. "We don't know who we are so we're going to start asking," she said. "We're an organization that's constantly changing so we need to keep on top of it." Chapter chairs will also begin receiving monthly membership reports.

Ueha, who chairs the Youth/Student Council, wants more chapters to send members, young and elderly, to the National Youth/Student Conference at UC Irvine June 20-22. "We can't do this alone," she said. "A lot of the chapters are going to have to help."

The youth conference will help to increase youth membership in JACL, said Ueha, but other incentives chapters can offer young people are leadership development, mentorship, and the opportunity to meet new people.

Chapters should also try to "adopt" a local school, said Ueha. She is the product of the successful Selanoco-Tomonokai affiliation. Five years ago the Selanoco Chapter approached UC Irvine's JA student group, Tomonokai. Now the chapter supports the youth group's activities and in turn, the students attend chapter events. "Tomonokai has to put in

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Philadelphia JACL pitches for '98 National Convention

BY HARRY K. HONDA

Editor emeritus

LAS VEGAS—A six-day calendar (tentative) has been revealed for the 1998 National JACL Convention in Philadelphia culminating on Fourth of July at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, the convention site being an inviting two blocks from historic Old Philadelphia—the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and birthplace of the nation in 1776.

For Japanese Americans in particular, the JACL convention theme is poignant and momentous, "Striving for a More Perfect Union." Grayce Uyehara, now a tub-thumper for the JACL Philadelphia Convention, declared: "Philadelphia is the place to restore that feeling of a stronger JACL ... It will be a time for a JACL tune-up!"

Uyehara also said it was a fitting time for JACL to exercise the Japanese cultural virtue—on-gaeshi, fulfilling the obligation of returning a favor—in Philadelphia, the national headquarters for the American Friends Service Committee, which undertook the task of enabling Nisei students to leave the wartime internment camps and continue their studies toward graduation.

Uyehara's enthusiastic pitch aroused some 150 JACLers at the

closing session of the Pacific Southwest, Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific and Central California JACL district councils, the first of three joint district council conferences that are held in the summers of the odd-numbered years.

Half of them raised their hands when she asked, how many are coming to Philadelphia. "That show of commitment means much to us," she remarked, "coming from the most powerful tri-district council."

Some wondered if Hiroshi Uyehara, wearing the T-shirt emblazoned in red-white-and-blue with the convention logo and text, had any shirts to sell. Instead, he passed out lapel buttons and tentative 1998 convention schedules, starting with a golf tournament on Tuesday, June 30, and culminating with the election and installation of a new national board on Saturday, July 4.

Because of historic attractions around Philadelphia that can be embellished with American heritage vacation possibilities in New England, New York and the Nation's Capitol, the Philadelphia JACL convention board wants "it to be a family affair" and encouraged JACLers to note the convention date, June 30-July 5, 1998, in their "1997 calendar" and to be rewritten when 1998 arrives. ■



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Hiroshi Uyehara sports his '98 Convention T-shirt with the logo during Tri-District Conference at Las Vegas. Wife Grayce had just completed the call to come to Philadelphia.

High school teacher wins Cliburn prize

FORT WORTH, Texas—Jon Nakamatsu, 28-year-old teacher at St. Francis High School, Mountain View, Calif., was awarded first prize in the 10th quadrennial Van Cliburn International Piano Competition June 8, delivering a stunning performance of Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3, which was featured in the movie, "Shine."

Not only was he the first American in 16 years to triumph in the Van Cliburn competition beating out finalists from Russia, Italy, Israel and Germany, but was probably the only contestant who did not attend a conservatory or even major in music. He has a masters in education from Stanford University. Traditionally, the Cliburn has been dominated by Russians. The prize valued at \$250,000 includes a \$20,000 cash award, career management for two concert seasons, recording on CD, a \$10,000 performance wardrobe, and an American Airlines contribution toward domestic and international travel.

To support himself, Nakamatsu taught German for six years, grabbing time to play piano when and if he could. "I've learned a lot about people and life working with my students," he told the *San Jose Mercury News*. "But (playing piano professionally) has been my goal since I don't know how old ... This is a tremendous opportunity. I'm going to have to take it." He makes his first appearance as a Van Cliburn Gold Medalist June 19 at the Aspen (Colo.) Music Festival.

He began piano lessons at age 6. His father, David, an engineer, and his mother Karen who works for the city of San Jose, said they were apprehensive that he would persist when he started his lessons.

His piano teacher Marina Derryberry was outside the stage door Sunday when the award was made. — PA ■

Still no arrests in beating at Syracuse Denny's

SYRACUSE, N.Y.—More than two months after seven Syracuse University students—three Asian American, three Asian, and one White—were allegedly attacked and beaten by a large group of White males in the parking lot of a local Denny's restaurant, no arrests have been made.

A complaint of attempted assault and aggravated harassment was filed at the Syracuse district attorney's office on May 12 by the students and Elizabeth R. Ouyang of New York, staff attorney at the Asian American Legal Defense Education Fund (AALDEF), representing the students. She also met with officials from the Department of Justice in Washington D.C. on May 19.

"With the district attorney's office I'm disappointed that arrests have not been made," said Ouyang. "I think they can move quicker." The independent civil rights monitor chosen by the Department of Justice to monitor the Denny's incident has been moving quite quickly though, added Ouyang hopefully, and "we expect a decision soon."

On April 11 a Filipino American male, a Chinese American female, a Japanese American female, three international Japanese students, and a Caucasian friend went to the Denny's and waited several minutes without being served. Eventually they themselves placed their names on the waiting list. Soon, a group of white males, who had arrived after them, were being seated

JACL seeking railroad families denied redress

SAN FRANCISCO—In March, the JACL National Board voted to support the railroad workers and their fight for redress. In keeping with the National Board's position, efforts are currently under way to locate as many railroad families as possible and to initiate a letter writing campaign on their behalf.

During the war, several railroad and mining companies abruptly fired workers of Japanese ancestry. Many of these workers and/or their survivors have applied for redress but have been ruled ineligible.

The Office of Redress Administration (ORA) has researched these cases in the National Archives and with the FBI and concluded that the firings were a result of private rather than governmental action. It is upon this basis that the claimants have been denied redress.

In response to community requests, ORA has engaged an independent researcher to look further at these cases to see whether any documentation can point to the federal government's role in these terminations. The findings of this research will be forwarded to the Appellate Section, where many of these cases now reside.

ORA staff noted that a decision in the railroad case, *Kaneko v. United States* on July 16, 1996, the court agreed with ORA's decision that the claimant was ineligible for redress.

"Many of these railroad and mining families do not know one another and therefore feel isolated and alone in their fight for redress," said Patty Wada, JACL Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific regional director. "It is our hope to put them in touch with one another so that they can meet as a group and share what information and documents they have on their respective cases. In this way, they will be better able to organize and move forward."

Railroad and mining workers and their families should contact Wada at JACL, 415/921-5221. ■

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even though the Asians and a group of African Americans were already waiting to be seated. The Asian American group also noticed two large empty tables that could have seated both groups.

Upon complaining, the Asian group was told to leave and were escorted out by two Denny's hired security guards.

As they were leaving a group of 12 to 15 white males followed and told them to, "Get the f--- out of here." The white males then proceeded to attack the students, two Asians beaten unconscious. Although they asked the security guards to intervene, they stood by and did not offer their help. Only

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Clinton names Atty. Lee to top civil rights post

WASHINGTON—President Bill Clinton last week (June 6) nominated Bill Lann Lee, the son of Chinese immigrants, for the position of Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Thé Chinese American civil rights attorney would become the first Asian American to hold the top civil rights law enforcement position in the nation. He awaits Senate confirmation.

The 48-year-old lawyer attended New York's Bronx High School of Science, Yale College and Columbia Law School. Since 1974 he has worked for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. ■

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JACL Calendar

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Eastern

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

WASHINGTON, DC
 Sun. July 13—Annual picnic, noon-5 p.m., Cabin Ridge Regional Park on Tucker Lane near Westlake Drive.

Midwest

TRI-DISTRICT (EDC-MDC-MPPC)
 Thu.-Sun. July 31-Aug. 3—TDC Conference, Radisson Hotel & Suites, Huron St. nr. N. Michigan Ave.; info and mail regis. (515) 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. This regis. 1 p.m., 400 E. 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.

CLEVELAND
 Sun. June 22—Scholarship luncheon, 1 p.m., Shinano's Japanese Restaurant, 5222 Wilson Mills Rd., info: Joyce Tews 216/582-5443.

DETROIT
 Sun. Aug. 31—Community picnic, noon, Warrenville Picnic Area (A under pavilion) in Hines Park, Dearborn Heights off Warren Ave. E. of Telegraph Rd.

ST. LOUIS
 Fri., July 4—Picnic, Eden Village Biological San. info: Irma Yokota 314/921-7933.

Salt-Mon. Aug. 30-Sept. 1—Japanese Festival, Missouri Botanical Gardens; info: Irma Yokota 314/921-7933.

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Mountain Plains

NEW MEXICO
 Sun. July 20—Picnic, Holiday Park at Comanche & Tramway NE, Albuquerque; info: Bob Yotsuase 505/566-9215.

Sun. Sept. 7—Bob Odori (details pending).

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

Sun. Dec. 14—Christmas party, Loma Linda Community Center.

Intermountain

BI-DISTRICT COUNCIL-Tulwila, 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 Pete's, Jackpot, Nev.; info: Hid Hasegawa, Idaho Falls 208/259-1525.

NOTE—Co-hosts: Intermountain District Council; Friday night dinner, Friday-Saturday golf, banquet, Sunday getaway breakfast. Advance shuttle-bus service from Salt Lake City, Twin Falls or Boise to Jackpot to be coordinated.

THE 3 UTAH CHAPTERS
 Fri., July 4—Rededication of monument, posting a new plaque from Ota-ken to pioneer Japanese flyer Masashi Goto, who was killed in 1929 while flying over the Uinta Range, 11 a.m., memorial cake: approx. 50 mi E of SLC airport, I-80, exit 152, S. & E (Hwy 248) to Kamas, S (Hwy 35) to Francis, proceed 13 miles E to monument site.

AT OLYMPIA, WASH.
 Thu., June 26—Workshop: Charitable Remainder Trusts (sometimes called Capital Gains Bypass Trust), 7:30 p.m., American Express Financial Advisors, 6985 S. Union Park Center, Midvale.

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

Sat. Sept. 13—2d annual Fall Golf Classic, 8 a.m., Riverbend Golf Course, RSVP 404/Includes cart by Aug. 25, c/o Floyd Mori, 10712 Maple Hill Circle, Sandy, UT 84092, 801/572-2287.

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4:30 p.m.; info: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Kay Yamamoto 510/444-3911.

Thu. July 10—Japan Society luncheon, Glen Fukushima's talk: "Deregulation: What Does It Really Mean in Japan?" noon-1:30 p.m. The City Club, 155 Sansome St., 9th flr; RSVP 415/986-4383.

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By the Board

By Karen Liane Shiba, VP for Membership

Upbeat membership momentum continuing

Good news continues! The upswing in membership numbers has sustained itself beyond the first two months of the year and continued through May!

The first half of the biennium definitely reflects an improvement in attitude and image of the JACL membership that was initiated almost a year ago. Let's keep this forward momentum going and move JACL well into the next millennium!

New membership brochures are ready and are being forwarded to the chapters straight from the printers! There are many NEW features. I want to share just a few of the "tracking" features built into the new brochure:

(1) We've provided space on the membership form to help us help you to track where and how those members are joining (i.e., community events, JACL functions, individual contacts, etc.) and (2) a short survey will be available soon for people to return with their membership applications (these will help us to gather information about who JACL members are, what their interests are, and much more).

Just be sure to use and return the survey when it becomes available (existing members will receive the survey with their renewal). If you do

not receive your membership brochures, or need more, please contact National Headquarters.

I want to thank the CCDC Chapters and CCDC Regional Director Patricia Tsai, for inviting me and Donna Okubo to their May District quarterly session and Scholarship Luncheon and especially for holding a separate "Membership Summit Meeting" in the morning! Donna and I were able to sit with the chapter presidents and interested individuals to discuss concerns, problems, solutions, how we can further assist the chapters, future plans and, most importantly, get to know them.

We felt strongly about getting to know the JACL membership, so please contact us if you would like to set up a "Membership Summit" or similar type of meeting. (Remember that we do not have a travel budget so we may have to do a lot of talking by telephone or e-mail!)

Many wonderful ideas came out of that CCDC meeting and Donna and I came out much more aware of CCDC's needs and things that will be helpful for all JACL chapters. (P.S. Kudos to Clovis, Delano, Fowler, Fresno, Livingston-Merced, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Selma & Tulare County Chapters for working so hard raising those scholarship funds and congratulations to those deserving students!)

I also want to thank NCWNPDC for all the hard work dedicated to making the Sacramento Leadership Conference a success. It was a stimulating and highly informative program which I hope National JACL will consider making into a yearly program (along the same lines of the impressive Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference).

"Quick" thank you's to: Membership Programs Chair Dr. Frank Sakamoto, for his tireless efforts in recruiting; Daniel Terauchi of Idaho who is interested in starting a student chapter at the university; Irma Yokota of St. Louis for sending me a copy of the membership survey/follow-up her chapter sends out to new members; and Greater Los Angeles Singles for contacting me with some of their membership concerns.

The results of "Member-Get-A-Member" drive are in! Considering the two-month long drive was on such short notice, I am

encouraged by the results. Past history correlates high JACL membership numbers with years when there were membership drives, so Donna and I are working to create some really fun and exciting campaigns. The "prize-winning" names were drawn at the March National Board meeting.

Thanks to all who participated! Here are the official results:

Top Recruiters Drawing: Setsuo Dainiki (Sequoia)

New Members Drawing: Daniel Terauchi (Pocastello-Blackfoot)

Top 3 Recruiters: (Helen Kawagoe & Dr. Frank Sakamoto were ineligible for the contest as members of the National Board/National Board Membership Committee); #1: Louise Sakamoto - Greater Los Angeles Singles (2500 pts - 5 regular members recruited); #2 (tie): Setsuo Dainiki - Sequoia (1500 pts - 3 regular members recruited); #2 (tie): Evelyn Hanki-SELANOCO (1500pts - 3 regular members recruited)

Top 3 Recruiting Chapters: #1: Mile High (7 members recruited); #2: Gardena Valley (5 members recruited); #3: Greater Los Angeles Singles (5 members recruited)

Districts, ranking (from most members recruited down to the least) PSW, NCWNPDC, MPDC, IDC, MDC, EDC, CCDC, PNW.

Membership Benefits—

With summer here now's the time to highlight a few of the JACL membership benefits that are available year-round, but especially helpful during this season.

• Sam's Club and Price/Costco warehouse memberships: Bulk food items and other items available at special pricing and many other benefits such as a travel program, car buying program, discounted shipping, and much, much more! JACL is a qualified organization whose members are eligible to join these warehouse clubs. (Look in an upcoming PC issue for the free guest passes to check out your nearest location and apply for your warehouse membership.)

• Knott's Berry Farm Adventurers' Club: Contact Headquarters or the Regional Office for your blue Knott's Adventurers' Club card to enjoy reduced admission prices, 10% off meals in selected restaurants, 10% off purchases in selected stores, and discounts on Alamo car rentals and at selected hotels.

• Hertz Rental Cars: Use your yellow Hertz discount card when renting cars for your vacation. Contact your Chapter Membership Chair or

National Headquarters to receive your card.

"Sneak Peek" of things in the works: JACL affinity travel program. Requests For Proposals are ready for mailing, membership handbook in development stages, re-evaluation of membership benefits underway, and "Helpful Hints" (notes on useful membership information).

Save this date: 1000 Club 50th Anniversary Celebration - October 10-12 Cactus Pete's, Jackpot, Nev.

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MEMBERSHIP

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their share and Selanoco has to put in their share," said Ueha. "It's taken a while but it's gotten to the point that we have a lot of youth on our Board."

Pacific Citizen has accomplished three of the four goals that were set out last year, said Takahashi. The P.C. Editorial Board manual has been completed, a P.C. web site has been developed, and the office equipment has been updated.

"Now we still have the challenge to get back to a weekly," said Takahashi. Revenue strains such as member and non-member subscriptions and advertising make it currently difficult to fund a weekly P.C., she said, but with the increase in JACL membership "it's a step towards bringing P.C. back to a weekly." And if the membership feels strongly about returning to a weekly P.C. format, a resolution should be passed at the next national convention, Takahashi advised.

"I've been having a great time working with this board," said Fujimoto, in charge of public affairs. "We're making every effort to reach those outside of California."

The recent Sacramento Leadership Conference was a success, with three conference participants committing to run for local office (Los Angeles, Watsonville and San Jose), said Fujimoto.

But the media's continuing negative portrayal of Asian Americans is a cause for concern, she added. "We're just beginning to see the fallout from the campaign finance scandal," she said, "and I'm really discouraged." That's why educating the public about the JA internment experience is so important.

"Things have been going smoothly and we [the National Board] are pulling together in the same direction," said Uno.

Committee chairs, mostly for the 1998 national convention, have been appointed, and an ad-hoc committee will review JACL's existing bylaws and constitution, said Uno, who oversees general operations. And regarding the editor/general manager position at the Pacific Citizen that's still vacant, he said, "We've chosen to take the careful route because we want to hire the best candidate."

"It's encouraging to be a member of JACL in the 90s," said Mayeda, planning/development, pointing to the increase in membership and the financial health of the organization. "You're going to see the energy level increase at the next bi- and tri-districts." ■

By the Board

By Yas Tokita

Time for JACL to support Clinton



MY older brother, Shox, made the bold forecast sometime in the 1950s that by the turn of this century, America would be racially homogeneous.

(He also said that he thought the age of 60 would be a nice lifetime, and expiring then would suit him.)

Now that he is in his early 60s, he has undoubtedly changed his mind and has probably set his sights on the century mark! So much for forecasts from the mouth of a teen in the 1950s.

The homogeneity has not occurred, and, despite the great melting pot that America is, racial and cultural differences still exist.

Since the 1992 elections and especially with the debate over affirmative action, immigration, and welfare, racial divisiveness and a mean spiritedness has crept into the national dialogue. The gradual acceptance of diversity since the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 seems to have been thrown off track.

To address this, President Clinton kicked off a major race relation initiative on Saturday, June 14, at a commencement address at the University of California at San Diego. He proposed a year long campaign

to improve the nation's racial climate through a combination of discussion and policies.

Immediately, there has been skepticism and criticism by the members of the Republican Party. There is also cynicism by the American public, which views most initiatives by our political leadership with distrust or a big collective yawn.

There is no doubt that Mr. Clinton has been weakened politically by Whitewater, Paula Jones, Travelgate, and the travails of the DNC's fundraising. He is pushing strongly for this race initiative because it is one of his few remaining options for establishing a legacy of his presidency.

Improving race relations should be a bi-partisan issue. The JACL should support the initiative, enter into the dialogue so that we affect policy, urge other organizations to support it, and mobilize a grass roots effort to convince congressional delegations that it is a serious, important issue warranting bi-partisan support. ■

Yas Tokita writes from Salt Lake City. He is Intermountain District Council Governor.

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East Wind

By Bill Marutani

A belated book review

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY titled "They Call Me Moses Masaoka" had been purchased a number of years ago. I'd thumbed through the book and occasionally perused parts here and there. The other day, having something to check out, I turned to the book for an answer. I quickly found myself engrossed in the book and read until blurry-eyed. Mike's accounts of contemporaneous events of which I had some peripheral knowledge provided fresh insights.

AT THE OUTSET, let it be said that on a number of matters, Mike and I did not concur. These disagreements were voiced openly between us, always with respect, never with bitterness or resentment. For my part, as the years passed, it came about that I swung over to some of his viewpoints. I would like to think that the process of enlightenment and conversion was a two-way street, that there were also a few shifts on Mike's part. As to those few remaining areas where we continued to differ, for my part Mike's credits overwhelmingly outweighed any debits.

THE BOOK cleared up a question that I had relating to the shoulder patch of the 442nd Regiment. Several years ago, a Nisei veteran showed me a proposed shoulder patch for the 442nd: on a background of a red, shimmering (sun?) was a yellow arm holding aloft a bloodied sword. Underneath was to be the battle cry "Remember Pearl Harbor." (The insidious inference that somehow Nisei soldiers were particularly obligated to offset what the Japanese enemy had perpetrated struck me as being repugnant.) Offended by this proposed patch, Mike relates that the Regiment adopted a patch designed by Technical Sergeant Mitch Miyamoto (of Watsonville, Calif.)—"a hand-

some patch showing an upheld torch of freedom on a blue background with red and white borders, [which] the Nisei wore proudly." (Pages 135-136)

NOT UNLIKE many men, including no less Nikkei men, Mike jestingly presented himself as macho. So it came somewhat of a surprise that, in a section entitled "Postscript," Mike openly and directly declared:

My long disability renewed my sense of appreciation for Etsu, wife, helpmate, companion, uncompromising guardian of my welfare, tireless supporter of causes that interested me, reliable sounding board for testing my ideas. Although she is American through and through, she combines her American strength, initiative, and independence with the finest qualities of Japanese womanhood, which are loyalty, dependability, compassion, and thoughtfulness. I know that in my preoccupation with matters I considered important, I neglected her, took her presence and support for granted. I failed to tell her of my appreciation for the contributions she made to the fullness of my life. Doctors tell me she has literally kept me alive this past decade. I am not demonstrative; I did not tell her as often as I should that I love her. Here in print I wish to tell her that. (Page 368)

Looking back over the years that I'd known Mike, bits and pieces of this assessment were manifested, although not in one breath in one place and so eloquently in its simplicity.

I ALSO HAVE the Japanese edition of Mike's book. Why read the same book in *nihongo*? Well, I figured that reading—or trying to read—a book in *nihongo* on a subject not unfamiliar to me, might present a *yasa-shii* (easy) exercise in the continuing struggle to retard linguistic rusting. ■

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

Watsonville scholarship winners write on impact of Executive Order 9066

BY MAS HASHIMOTO

Chapter president

WATSONVILLE—The Watsonville JACL/Kee Kitayama Memorial scholarships were presented at the Watsonville High School awards assembly May 22 to seniors Mindy Uyematsu and Nikolas Chan, both ranked in the top 5 percent of their class of over 425 students. Each received \$750 from the Kitayama Foundation and the JACL chapter.

Yearbook editor Mindy, daughter of Robert and Sachiko Uyematsu, and Nikolas, son of Debbie (Hoshiyama) and Thomas Chan, have been volunteers at various JACL activities, and were energetic participants at school, sports and community activities.

In her scholarship essay regarding EO 9066 and the Day of Remembrance, she said it was only this year that she realized the significance "of the injustice thrust upon Japanese Americans by a government driven by chaotic panic and fear during World War II," Uyematsu wrote.

The local JACL-sponsored screening of the documentary, "Beyond Barbed Wire," on the WWII Japanese American experience also added to her understanding, embellished by conversations with her grandfather, Roy Uyematsu, who spoke of his six months at Santa

Anita, and "being proud that he answered the call to military service from the internment camp."

She concluded by quoting him: "The story must be told on and on to future generations. If not, then they won't ever know what we went through, and it will be lost forever."

Senior class president Nikolas (and varsity golf athlete of the year) pointed out that the "imprisonment of Japanese Americans during WWII violated several aspects of the Bill of Rights. Freedom of speech, religion, press and the right to assemble were all denied during the internment."

Listening to reflections of the Nisei internees, Nikolas has come to admire the courage and efforts of the 100th-442nd MIS soldiers and to respect the strength, resilience and tolerance shown by Japanese Americans before, during and after internment. "This dismal time in history was morally and spiritually defeating but the feeling of unity and courage asserted by those imprisoned was phenomenal," he wrote. "The importance of remembering the incongruous act of EO 9066," he realized must be stressed, "so that this injustice to mankind may never be repeated."

Nikolas is proud of this legacy as passed on by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hoshiyama of San Mateo, who were interned at Amache. ■

Scholarship winners

San Gabriel Valley awards 5 scholarships

WEST COVINA, Calif.—The San Gabriel Valley JACL announced winners of its 1997 high school scholarships. At the same time, it acknowledged open donations to the scholarship fund from members, including an attorney who was a scholarship recipient several years ago. (Circumstances this past year prevented the chapter from holding its annual fund-raiser with its Day at Santa Anita racetrack.)

The following scholarships were presented:

\$500 Hide & Fumi Kiyan Memorial—Mark Kouchi Imai (Rosemead)

\$300 David Ito Memorial—Celina Akemi Godoy (St. Lucy's)

\$100 JACL Awards—Tami Etsuko Kasamatsu (St. Lucy's), Momotaro Edward Kimura (Covina), Alysa Emi Watanabe (Los Altos)

Contributions are being received by Mrs. Toshi Ito, 1824 Leaning Pine Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Golfers to buildup Scholarship fund

The San Gabriel Valley JACL's first annual scholarship golf tournament will be held Monday, Aug. 25, at Sierra LaVerge Country Club, 6300 Country Club Dr., LaVerge. The fund-raiser marks the beginning of what will become an annual event, remarked tournament chair Roy K. Takemura, O.D., "to enable us to increase our scholarship awards to deserving students."

Entries (yourself in a preferred foursome, index) and the \$85 entry fee (includes golf cart, lunch and prizes), payable to SGV JACL, P.O. Box 282, West Covina, CA 91790, are due by Aug. 5. Schedule: sign-in, and putting contest, 7 a.m.; 8 a.m. shotgun start; medal, ladies and Callaway flights; lunch about noon. Tee sponsorships at \$50 are being solicited until Aug. 1. ■

County sheriff addresses Arizona JACL luncheon

PHOENIX—The 36th annual Arizona JACL/Sara Hutchings Clardy scholarship awards and graduates luncheon was held April 27 at Embassy Suites-Biltmore.

The graduates winning the \$500 Clardy awards were:

Kris Nakagawa, Apollo High, and Terry K. Schiefer, Mountain View.

The chapter scholarship is named for the late Mrs. Clardy, who taught for 42 years in Arizona, mostly in Glendale, and whose friendship during WWII and help without remuneration is being memorialized. She also taught Americanization classes when the Issei became eligible for naturalization in 1952. She died in 1962.

"Those of us who remember Mrs. Clardy will never forget her loving help," the luncheon program read.

With nationally-recognized Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio as luncheon guest speaker, one high point was the delivery of a baloney

sandwich by a black & white prison-garbed individual to the sheriff, adding a light touch to the sheriff's home-spun humor presentation.

Other speakers included Chapter president Dr. Richard Matsui, J.C. Kobashi, emcee; Allison Hirohata, pledge of allegiance; Rev. Lee Rosenthal, invocation; and Rev. Sid Ogino, benediction.

Graduates from elementary school, high school and college/universities were also honored.

On the Scholarship Committee were Marilyn Inoshita Tang, chair; Kathy Inoshita, Peggy Matsui, Fumiko Okabayashi, Seiko Watkins and Nancie Haranaka.

Judges were Lisa Loo, Myma Bearden and Karianne Carroll.

Sheriff Arpaio received national attention in the media when chained prisoners in black & white dress were detailed to work outside of jail in the city. ■



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GRADUATES—Front row (left to right): Kimberly Barry, Michael Inoshita, Kris Nakagawa (scholarship winner), Allison Hirohata, Kristi Kelley, Chad Nakashima, Alana Downes. Back row: Brian Brennan, Terry Schiefer (scholarship winner), Lauren Komatsu.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Nakamatsu's nationality counts over his ancestry

ONE of our local dailies, the Denver Post, recently published a detailed story about a pianist under a large headline in the arts and entertainment section. The headline said, "At last, an American." The story was about the winner of the 10th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, the piano world's top prize, in Fort Worth, Texas.

The story said the pianist who, to put groceries on the table has been teaching German in a northern California high school, was the first American in 16 years to win the Cliburn Gold Medal. His performance of Rachmaninoff's Third Concerto brought him instant world-wide recognition, a \$20,000 cash prize and a series of prestigious and lucrative playing engagements.

The pianist's name? Jon Nakamatsu, American, son of an aerospace engineer. Most of the story, illustrated with two large photographs in color, had to do with Nakamatsu's performance, how he prepared and how he felt when he won. No where did it say he was a Japanese American. He was simply Jon Nakamatsu, 28, of Sunnyvale, Calif., an American who had won the prestigious Cliburn prize.

Was it important to note that Nakamatsu was of Japanese descent? Apparently reporter Tom Madigan didn't think so, any more than sports writers feel the need to identify Barry Bonds or Ken Griffey Jr. as Black baseball stars. The word "Japanese" appears nowhere in the story. Call it reverse discrimination if you will—can you hear someone complaining that "they don't give us credit when one of our people excels?"—but this is another

case in which one's ethnic origins have no connection with his success in a highly competitive endeavor.

Being Japanese American had nothing to do with Jon Nakamatsu's piano-playing skills any more than being Japanese American contributed to the delightful Kristi Yamaguchi's artistry as an Olympic Games figure-skating champion, and Kent Nagano's eminence as world-class symphony conductor. Nagano, a one-time American farm boy incidentally, conducted the Chicago Symphony to rave reviews not long ago. He is director of the Lyon Opera Company in France, the Halle Symphony of Manchester England, and has been guest conductor at the La Scala Opera of Milan and the Metropolitan Opera in New York. That is the Big Leagues of serious music.

While the metropolitan press correctly takes the position that the ethnic background of these giants is not a particularly pertinent detail, that ethnic link should make these talents of special interest to the Japanese American press. Unfortunately they seem to consider it more important to devote space to stale charges of who did or did not do what more than 50 years ago when everyone was under enormous stress.

There's not a great deal that we can do now about the past, but there's much we can do now about rejoicing over the successes of some of our younger contemporaries and enjoying the beauty of their talents. ■

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



STANDING (from left)—Carol Kawamoto (scholarship chair), Jennifer Pang, Kazusa Nishii, Amy Wells, Jason Okuhara, Ricky Cheeks, Eric Campos, Dawn Takeguchi, Michael Moribe, David Kawamoto (PSWDC governor); **SEATED**—Joseph Horiye (chapter president), Janet Kaneko, Leslie Tanaka, Jennifer Yamamoto, Brian Hill, Deborah Takahara, keynote speaker (KNSD-TV news anchor).

San Diego JACL celebrates 40 years of scholarships

SAN DIEGO—Deborah Takahara, news anchor for KNSD-TV (NBC affiliate), was keynote speaker at the San Diego JACL 40th annual scholarship awards banquet over the first weekend in May at Tom Hom's Lighthouse. She had previously worked in Arkansas. Takahara shared her experiences of growing up in Fountain Valley as a child of a Japanese American father, and a mother of Irish descent in Orange County, graduating cum laude from UC Irvine and told the graduates of her efforts to work in the media and reaching her goal. She commended

the graduates for their accomplishments and encouraged them to continue their performance in college.

Pastor Ichibei Honda of San Diego Japanese Christian Church provided the invocation and benediction. Carol Kawamoto, chapter scholarship chair, and Joseph Horiye, chapter president, presented the awards. Incidentally, all three are past San Diego JACL scholarship winners.

Brian Hill of Patrick Henry High won the \$1,000 scholarship for 1997. He starred on the school's soccer team and is active with the Buddhist Temple youth group. He plans to

matriculate at UC Irvine as a pre-med major.

The \$750 award went to Janet Kaneko, Mira Mesa High; the \$500 scholarships to Jennifer Pang, Grossmont, and Leslie Tanaka, Bonita Vista.

The remaining eight received \$250 scholarships:

Eric Campos, Chula Vista High; Ricky Cheeks, Mt. Miguel; Michael Moribe, Madison; Kazusa Nishii, Serra; Jason Okuhara, Patrick Henry; Dawn Takeguchi, Chula Vista; Amy Wells, Patrick Henry; and Jennifer Yamamoto, Madison. ■

Greater Portland Nikkei groups salute scholars

BY SHARON TAKAHASHI

Special to the Pacific Citizen

PORTLAND—With a gathering of 160 friends, relatives and supporters, 21 of the brightest Nikkei high school scholars of the Greater Portland community were honored May 4 at the House of Louie.

Oregon's Teacher of the Year, Ford Morishita, was guest speaker. Using examples from his adept scientific mind, he asked students to think about the real as opposed to the perceived. Sometimes being Asian American presents challenges that we think are real, but are really only what we interpret as being real, he noted. His message that "good enough is not always what we should strive toward" was well received by the audience, some of whom added their "ditto's" and thanked him and his wife for their attendance.

With community organizations searching for graduates and inviting their parents (and grandpar-

ents, as well) to the banquet, what began over 30 years ago has become a proud tradition. The scholarship donors and recipients were:

DAIHONZAN HENJOI—Stephen Rohman (Benson High).

GRESHAM TROUTDALE JACL—Doug Homan (Clackamas).

HIDE NAITO—Lisa Hoashi (Tigard).

NIKKEI FUJINKAI—Troy Jensen (Centennial).

PORTLAND JACL—Alistair Ono (Lincoln).

SATSUKI AZUMANO—Scott Johnson (McMinnville).

PORTLAND JAPANESE BUSINESS ASSN.—Brandon Baysinger (Sunset).

TAMURA TERAKAWA—Kiyo Endicott (Beaverton).

TSUYA MINAMOTO—Shino Takami (Parkrose).

VELEDA—Patrick Tsukuda (Centennial).

Special recognition was paid to the Male and Female Athletes of the Year—Derek Glos (Jesuit) in baseball; Kelley Nakata (Sunset) in softball.

Buddhist Daihonzan Henjoji Temple spearheaded the event; Ken Ono was emcee and the Japanese Ancestral Society provided the Cross pens presented to the Nikkei graduates. Also acknowledged was the assistance from Consul Masakatsu Kawamura, Northwest Printing, George/Keiko Nakata and Kay Fujita. ■

Stockton JACL luncheon to honor 11 scholarship winners

STOCKTON—The Stockton JACL scholarship luncheon will be held at noon Sunday, June 22, at Sampan Restaurant, 120 E. Market St. Reservations are being accepted by Ruby Dobana 209/957-1801.

Kara Ueda, Stockton Record editorial columnist, who is with the Senate Associate Program in Senator John Vaconcellos' office in Sacramento, will be guest speaker. She is a '96 UC Davis graduate. The following scholarships are to be presented:

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

\$700 JACL/Elizabeth Humbarger—Jill Nakawatase (Lodi).

\$500 Stockton JACL—Jennifer Tanaka (St. Mary's).

\$500 Anheuser-Busch, Inc.—Tyree Nagai (Lincoln).

\$500 George & Amy Matsumoto—Christopher Yamada (Bear Creek).

\$300 Mitsuye Baba Memorial—Stephanie Takemoto (Lincoln).

\$300 Sumiden Wire Products—Leanne Hayashino (East Union).

\$300 Sumitomo Bank—Stacey Saito (A.A. Stagg).

\$300 Union Bank of California—Doran Navarro (San Mateo).

\$250 Fred Dobana Memorial—Sarah Daijogo (Lodi).

COLLEGIATE AWARDS

\$250 Gunji Watanabe Memorial—Jessica Smartt (Univ. of Puget Sound).

\$300 JACL/Elizabeth Humbarger—Vincent Li (San Joaquin Delta College).

This scholarship is designated for a foreign student of Asian descent.

On the scholarship committee were Tad Shibata, Dorothy Okura, Aeko Fenelon, Michi Shimada, John Fujii and Calvin Matsumoto. ■

How to say it

Boise Valley (JACL chapter): BOY-see (preferred by members and Idahoans), BOY-zee in the NBC Handbook. —Charles Elster, *Is There a Cow in Moscow.* ■



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS—Contra Costa JACL scholarship winners for 1997 are (from left) Stefani Okasaki, Tiffany Okubo, Hideyo Satake and Ryan Yamaguchi.

Fresno Chapter awards nine scholarships

BY GERALD HORIUCHI

Fresno JACL News

FRESNO—Nine young scholars with distinguished academic records and extracurricular activities at their respective schools were announced as 1997 chapter scholarship winners:

KIMURA SCHOLARSHIP—Kendra Hayashi (Edison High), daughter of Brian/Christine Hayashi, Fresno.

MIYAHARA/KUSAKI—Paul Shintaku (Edison), son of Robert/Jane Shintaku, Fresno.

KAZATO—Lacey Hanada (Clovis West), daughter of Steve/Bobbi Hanada, Fresno.

HIRASUNA—Denise Kageura (Hoover), daughter of Ted/Sally Kageura, Fresno.

JACL CHAPTER—Jarrod Kiyuna (Clovis West), son of Ronald/Charlene Kiyuna, Fresno.

TANIGUCHI—Susanne Fukagawa (Kingsburg Joint Union), daughter of Steve/Alice Fukagawa, Kingsburg; '96.

TANIGUCHI—Carrie Imoto (Clovis West), daughter of Ronald/Cheryl Imoto, Fresno.

YATABE—Ryan Hashimoto (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo), son of Frank/Darlene Hashimoto, Fresno; '96.

YATABE—Jamie Domoto (Hoover), daughter of Steve/Irene Domoto. ■

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Scholarship winners

Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL awards two \$1,200 scholarships

POCATELLO, Idaho—The Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL executive board met April 27 to evaluate college scholarship applications. Two continuing students were awarded \$1,200 each for the 1997-98 academic year. They are:

• Steven Abe, son of Mike and Cathy Abe, Pocatello, turf-grass management technology major (3.7 GPA) at Penn State, in a course limited to 35 students each year. In his essay for the scholarship, Steven credits his aunt, Alyce Sato, with inspiring him. "I have learned from Alyce that my dreams and imaginations are the only limit I have in my lifetime goals." Dr. Sato is a professor nursing at Idaho State University, Pocatello.

• Chelsea Kawakami, daughter of Micki Kawakami, Pocatello, recently completed certification for computer software engineering technology with a 4.0 GPA. She continues this fall in the same CSET program at ISU.

Mt. Olympus awards four scholarships

SALT LAKE CITY—Every year the Mt. Olympus JACL Fund-a-rama raises funds for chapter programs and activities, the most important being the scholarships. The chapter reiterated its belief that "education of our young adults is a wise investment in our own future," at its May 17 scholarship banquet at the Pagoda Restaurant.

\$600 AWARD—Dustin Matsumori (Murray High, ranked #1 in class of 437, GPA 4.0), son of James/Vicki Matsumori. Ranked #150 among 123,000 applicants for Coca Cola scholarships; a BYU-Hinckley Presidential finalist; one of 14 Utah recipients of the M.L. King Jr. Youth Leadership Award.

\$500 AWARD—Nicholas Frandsen (Brighton, ranked #56 of 720), son of Ron/Shanna Frandsen.

TIE FOR \$400—Misa Matsumori (Brighton, top 10 percent of 720), daughter of Douglas/Michi Sato Matsumori; and Nathan Sakamoto (Murray, #22 of 437), son of Calvin/Julie Sakamoto.

Chapter president Jeff Nakashima called the 1997 Fund-a-rama, held April 12, "a smashing success" and acknowledged the support of volunteers and the 50-plus businesses that made generous donations. ■

Sacramento JACL scholarship fete honors 22 recipients

SACRAMENTO—More than \$20,000 in scholarship awards were presented at the annual Sacramento JACL scholarship dinner May 22 at the Red Lion's Hotel. The list identifies the donors of the awards, recipient, their parents and school.

\$2,500 Sacramento JACL—Lisa M. Ishimaru (Brian and Susan Ishimaru), Mira Loma High.

\$1,500 in memory of Alice Matsui, Barbara Matsui, Yasuji Matsui—April E. Hiroshima (Phil and Sachi Hiroshima), Sacramento Adventist Academy.

\$1,500—VFW Post 9985 in memory of Masao Nishimi, Yoshio Sasaki, Mitsugu Matsuda, May Matsumoto, Richard Hayashi, Kinu Sato, Grace Nitta, Jimma Yabumoto, Carl Daika, Natsuko Ishii, Albert Taketa—Geoffrey Oki (Sam and Margaret Oki), Rio Americano.

\$1,500 East Lawn Memorial Park—Tracy J. Childers (John Childers/Patricia Hara), Rio Americano.

Ten \$1,000 Scholarships

Kazuma Fujita Memorial—Suzanne M. Sasaki (Stanley and Susan Sasaki), J.F. Kennedy High.

Mr. and Mrs. Masao Itano Memorial—Regina S. Lion (Charles and Hideko Lion), J.F. Kennedy.

George Kashiwagi Memorial—Mari R. Ueda (Mori and Barbara Ueda), C.K. McClatchy.

Dr. Goichi "Joe" and Anna Jane Kawahara Memorial—Eric M. Yasuda (Martin and Tami Yasuda), Rio Americano.

Kiyoto and Rika Kawakami Memorial—Midori M. Nakashima (Kent and Kathleen Nakashima), J.F. Kennedy.

Harry and Kinu Masaki Memorial—Laurie E. Hata (John and Margie Hata), Sacramento Adventist Academy.

Noboru Shirai Memorial—Denise S. Inaba (Alvin Inaba/Linda Nunn), J.F. Kennedy.

Dr. Takashi and Henry Taketa Memorial—Mindy K. Nakashima (Gary Nakashima/Janis Hashimoto), Dixon.

Hisako Terami Memorial—Darin T.

As an active JACL member, she considers volunteering and community service an integral part of her life. Her essay relates the simple pleasures of "Grandma" Akiyama, 74, a child-care giver and learning from her. When "she took me to the park, we would race and play on all the park toys. She taught me Japanese songs, dances and origami and made me a part of her family."

The chapter is creating a volume of essays about the Issei generation from scholarship applicants so that memories can be passed down through the generations. Cultural workshops on origami, Japanese cooking, arts and crafts are being held and with a youth/student chapter, the hopes are to start a taiko group in Pocatello.

The chapter also announced recent \$1,000 contributions to National JACL (the Sacramento challenge) and to the Pacific Citizen (PC SAVE campaign). ■

10 San Jose JACL awards total \$8,500

Ten scholarships totaling \$8,500 were awarded to outstanding high school seniors at the San Jose JACL scholarship award luncheon April 19 at Wesley United Methodist Church as follows:

\$2,500 George Masunaga Endowment—Tracy Hirai (Pinewood).

\$2,000 Phil Matsumura Community—Kevin Kitajima (Bellarmine College Prep).

\$1,000 San Jose JACL—Marcus Kai (Bellarmine College Prep).

\$500 William K. Yamamoto Memorial—Lori Shimizu (Del Mar).

\$500 Ray & Lucy Matsumoto Business—Scott Yamamoto (Leigh).

\$500 Ninja Youth Club—Ryan Murai (Terro Nova).

\$500 Ninja Youth Club—Jamie Yamaguchi (Vista).

\$400 Toshi & Miyeko Taketa Memorial—Christopher Guerrero (Bellarmine College Prep).

\$300 Lanette Yoneko Hayakawa Memorial—Touko Takeda (Santa Teresa).

\$300 YJA—Ryan Arita (Mountain View).

On the scholarship selection committee were Gary and Joanne Jio, Lisa and Mark Kobayashi, Dr. Mitsu Kumagai, committee chair Sharon Uyeda, chapter v.p. for education. ■

Chambers (William and Carole Takeuchi Chambers), C.K. McClatchy.

Union Bank of California—Robyn M. Inaba (Harley and Judy Inaba), J.F. Kennedy.

Remaining Scholarships

\$750 VFW Auxiliary—Jennifer M. Chan (Gary and Margie Chan), Christian Brothers High.

(\$600) \$400 Hiroshima Nikkeijinkai and \$200 Kumamoto Kenjinkai—Lisa H. Hashisaka (Ron and Shirley Hashisaka), El Camino.

\$500 Col. Walter T. Tsukamoto Memorial—Tiffany M. Nakashima (Paul and Mary Ann Nakashima), St. Francis.

\$500 Sacto Nisei Bowling—Marc K. Yasuda (Martin and Tami Yasuda), Rio Americano.

(\$500) \$300 Sacto Nisei Singles and \$200 Gardeners Association—Heather L. Sunahara (Ronald and Freda Sunahara), J.F. Kennedy.

\$1,000 Noboru Shirai Memorial—Dean Okimoto (Tom and Aileen Okimoto), Cosumnes River Community College. ■

San Mateo JACL/Tomodachi scholarships awarded

SAN MATEO—The San Mateo JACL and Tomodachi announced the winners of their annual scholarships for high school seniors, it was reported in April by scholarship coordinator George Ikuta. The 1997 high school senior recipients are:

Tei Baishiki, Carmont High; Ryan Toshio Murai, Terra Nova High; Karyn Kiyoko Okazaki, Menlo School; and Kristy Nicole Shimosaka, San Mateo High.

The scholarship is open to JACL members and their family. Applications for JACL and youth membership are available at the San Mateo JACL office, 415 S. Claremont St., San Mateo, CA 94401-3313, 415/343-2793. ■

More than discussion needed to attract youth

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI
Assistant Editor

LAS VEGAS—If the Japanese American Citizens League wants more youth and students to join its organization, it's going to take more than just discussion.

"It goes beyond talking about wanting a youth program, you have to do it," said Kimi Yoshino, one of four panelists at the "Successful Youth Programs" workshop at the JACL Tri-District Conference in Las Vegas on June 6-8. "The chapters have to make the commitment and it has to be a real solid time commitment."

Yoshino, former National Youth Student Council Representative, past NCWNP District Youth Representative, and current Pacific Citizen Editorial Board member, was joined by Gary Mayeda, past PSW District Youth Representative and current National Vice President of Planning and Development, Hiromi Ueha, National Youth/Student Council Chair and Ken Inouye, a Selanoco chapter board member. More than 30 representatives from various JACL chapters attended the workshop hoping to learn how they can attract more youth (18 and under) and student (25 and under) members and ways to develop future leaders.

Yoshino was introduced to JACL as a child when her family would take her to annual JACL picnics, and in high school she was the recipient of a JACL scholarship. But it wasn't until she attended UC Davis that she really got involved in JACL, she said. And it took some "arm twisting" at first, she admitted, but she's been a Sacramento Chapter member ever since.

And Sacramento supports various youth programs and activities and youth in turn come out to chapter events, said Yoshino. She first met chapter members when, as a student, she agreed to serve food at one of their events.

Yoshino realizes that getting the youth to come out to chapter events and eventually join JACL is a difficult task. "You're competing with a mil-

lion other things these high school students have going on in their lives." But all it takes is that one young individual who can really promote JACL and encourage other youth to join, she said. And letter writing isn't enough, added Yoshino. Chapter members have to go out and meet the various student groups in person.

"We can't forget that people are in membership to have fun and meet people," added Mayeda. As an organization, JACL needs to offer social activities that are of interest to the youth and students, he said. Career days for junior and senior high school students and conferences on how to develop marketable skills for young professionals were some of his suggestions.

And these days young people want to learn more about their culture and community, a sort of "cultural renaissance," said Mayeda. "JACL can be that cultural renaissance."

Some JACL chapters have seen an increase in youth membership after "adopting" one of the local Asian American or Japanese American student groups. In this mutual relationship the chapter supports the youth group's activities and, in turn, the students come out to chapter events.

Five years ago the Selanoco chapter approached Tomonokai, a Japanese American student group at UC Irvine, and they have been supporting each other ever since. Selanoco currently has six board members from Tomonokai.

Ueha is a product of the Selanoco-Tomonokai relationship. She was a member of the JA student group when she first met chapter members at a picnic and baseball game. "It just kind of grew from there," she said. "It's taken Selanoco and Tomonokai a good five years but it's been worth the wait."

"I've been in JACL because of the people who've taken the time to take me under their wing and show me what JACL is all about," continued Ueha. "But it takes the time and commitment."

Inouye has played an integral

role in recruiting youth members but he also emphasized the importance of the Nisei. "The major resource is the Nisei in our chapter," he said. "In our chapter the Nisei are revered, not feared."

"We do things as partners," Inouye continued. Youth members interact with the Nisei, many of whom have played pivotal roles in Japanese American history, and "[i]t gives them a real sense of identity."

"It's worth the time to recruit young people," added Inouye. "There's a lot of young talented people out there. You have to find those young people with the desire," he said. "But once you identify those people, JACL sells itself."

The workshop on "Surfing the Internet, JACL Style" offered chapters a lesson in creating web pages and using e-mail.

Imagine being able to attend a JACL conference without having to leave your house, said Mayeda to the approximately 30 people who attended his Internet workshop. With e-mail, on-line, and web pages, it's now possible for JACL chapters across the nation to communicate using their home computers, he said.

National Headquarters has a web page, but it's a work in progress and still needs to be developed, said Mayeda. "For JACL, as a national civil rights organization, we need to think of what we're going to put on the web page," he said. "We need to enforce this new technology and figure out how best to use it for JACL. It's another medium for exchanging ideas and information" and "it's definitely the way we want to go."

Information on the various districts and the 115 chapters and links to other Asian American groups are examples of what JACL would like to see on their web page, said Mayeda. And information chapters want to see on the JACL web page, according to workshop participants, are: announcements of upcoming events, chapter calendars, membership information, various issues National Headquarters is working on, and an open forum for discussion with National.

Various chapters also indicated an interest in setting up their own web page to be connected to National Headquarters in San Francisco.

Members interested in getting chapter news into the mainstream media and the Pacific Citizen attended the "Media Matters 101" workshop, presented by Kimi Yoshino, who is a reporter for The Stockton Record. Participants learned how to talk to reporters, how to write press releases, and ways to get the mainstream media to cover chapter events. ■

DENNY'S

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When some African American students from inside the restaurant came to the Asian American students aid did the attack cease. Although the students told police later at the hospital that they wanted to press charges, the officers refused to file a complaint.

"The students were denied the right to the full and equal enjoyment of Denny's services, including the protection of Denny's hired security guards," said OuYang.

AALDEF and the Asian American students are hopeful that arrests will be made in the next few weeks. "If there are not arrests within the next month I'll be very shocked," said OuYang. ■



WORKSHOP PANELISTS—(from left): Gary Mayeda, Kimi Yoshino, Hiromi Ueha, and Ken Inouye.

Sonoma County Citizens demand investigation of death by police

SANTA ROSA—As a result of eight police-related killings in Sonoma County the past two years, a grass-roots coalition is calling for a citizen police review board.

The Coalition Organizing for Police Accountability, which includes the Japanese American Citizens League's Sonoma County Chapter, Redwood Empire Chinese Association, Catholic Social Justice, NAACP, Purple Berets, and Copwatch met on June 17 to discuss plans for a citizens' police review commission.

The latest killing by a police officer occurred in Rohnert Park on April 29 when Kuanchung Kao, 33, was killed in his driveway after police said he was brandishing a stick in a "martial arts fashion."

Kao, an engineer and the father of three, had been out drinking with friends to celebrate a new job. Neighbors had complained of excessive noise and police arrived at Kao's driveway at approximately 2:00 a.m. According to police, Kao ignored several requests to drop the stick and continued to approach the officers. Kao was then shot in the chest and later died in front of his home.

JACL condemns anti-immigrant bill

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Southwest District JACL Office condemned this past week (June 13) a bill to deny citizenship to children born in the U.S. of undocumented immigrants as the Orange County Board of Supervisors plans at its June 24 session to discuss HR 7, authored by Rep. Brian Bilbray (R-San Diego, Calif.).

Regional director Al Muratsuchi noted the bill has been unanimously endorsed by

the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. JACL Civil Rights Caucus co-chair Craig Osaki said, "Supporters of this bill should be condemned for scapegoating children with blatantly unconstitutional proposals."

Muratsuchi expected JACLers to express opposition to HR 7 with their congressmen as well as Orange County residents with their board of supervisors (714/834-2206). ■

Portable kit showcased at Curriculum Guide workshop

BY HARRY K. HONDA

Editor emeritus

LAS VEGAS—A plastic prototype kit augmenting the JACL Curriculum Guide "in action" was previewed at the 1997 Tri-District Conference at the Stardust Resort & Casino last Saturday (June 7).

A compact black storage file holds the curriculum guide and relevant material for use in the San Diego area, where the kit is being tested, explained Carol Kawamoto of San Diego, National JACL education committee chair and past district governor. Eye-catching bright-orange carrying cases, custom-made for several poster-size prints, complement the kit.

Contents of the file should be geared obviously to the area, to score with the teachers as well as students irrespective of the level of the class, it was noted, as items in this prototype contained, besides the JACL Curriculum Guide—a 30-page pictorial history, *Before the War: The Japanese in San Diego*, by Don Estes published in 1978; a copy of the Japanese American National Museum quarterly (Spring, 1997) with in-depth articles on the Japanese Americans in San Diego; a 20-minute video of Poston III, where many of them were interned during WWII, quotes and statements gleaned from oral interviews and letters (each sheet laminated for student use), and maps.

One of the sheets being circulated among the 50 present had a Japanese poem (translated), poignantly asking: "Should we go back to our old nest? Or should we explore a new land?"

"Such was the dilemma facing many families in the camps. The final line was reality," the statement on the sheet comments; it ends with:

"There may be a big storm tomorrow." It was written by Y.I. Kikuchi, wife of the Rev. Kenji Kikuchi, pastor of the Japanese Congregational Church, as the war was coming to an end.

For the workshop, there were six Foamcore-mounted posters displayed, graphics (maps showing the military zones along the Pacific Coast and where the 10 WRA camps were located, the precise notice of Evacuation Order for all Japanese, alien and non-alien, in the San Diego County area to assemble at 1919 India Street) and camp photos. "The pictures tell the story best," Kawamoto reminded.

The curriculum guide kit would also have a set of instructional resource materials, newspaper clippings, masters and transparencies to support the lesson. Cost of the "kit material" ranged about \$200.

Greg Marutani of San Francisco said the JACL Curriculum Guide is now in 34 states. "Twenty-six more to go," he declared. He promised to list them for the *Pacific Citizen*.

Dr. Izumi Taniguchi of Fresno, who related the Japanese American experience before six different classes at Fresno High, hopes for a more innovative scheduling by the school so that all classes might meet together.

Another voice at the workshop suggested a "National Day of Remembrance" be one occasion to introduce the curriculum guide in the schools and colleges.

Joe Allman of Phoenix said the Arizona chapter secured 100 copies of the curriculum guide, but the teachers also wanted to have their students hear personal stories by those who were in the camps. TV set-ups are also effective, he added.

solutions to welfare reform through education and re-training. Within a short time, [it is hoped] these citizens will be productive members of society."

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CLPEF Review Panelist's Perspective:

Telling our story, Preserving our legacy

BY PAT HAYASHI

I started when I got a phone call from Dale Shimasaki, the Executive Director of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF). With his customary directness, he asked, "Have you applied for a Civil Liberties Public Education Fund grant?" When I answered, "No," he immediately said, "Good. Then you can serve as a grant proposal reviewer."

A few weeks later I received a mysterious box via Federal Express. By then I had forgotten my promise to Dale and thought that I must have absent-mindedly signed up for a book club. When I opened the box I found a dozen proposals ranging from a half-inch to three inches thick. I also found a set of guidelines and rating sheets developed by CLPEF. I've read proposals before for other programs and I was curious to see how the CLPEF Board of Directors had decided to structure this entirely new process.

As I read the guidelines, I thought to myself that these folks have done their homework. I found items that I could quibble with but I was struck by the care they had taken to provide a framework to ensure that proposals would be reviewed and scored consistently and comprehensively. I also saw that they had struck a balance between making sure that all reviewers asked the same questions and allowing individual reviewers to probe and evaluate as they thought most appropriate. Then I set out to work.

I began by choosing the thinnest proposal just to get a feel for the process. As I read the proposal, I was impressed by its depth, breadth and scope. The investigator, Lane Ryo Hirabayashi, planned to mine a mammoth 700-page socio-anthropological work undertaken by a Japanese American social anthropologist, Toshio Yatsushiro, in 1946, to describe and understand Japanese Americans who lived in the Denver area after the war ended. The community included long-time Japanese American residents who had not been evacuated, newcomers who had chosen to settle there after being released from camp, returning 442nd vets and farmers who moved in from remote rural areas.

The research plan was both prag-

matic and ambitious, pragmatic because it extended work that the researcher had already completed and dovetailed snugly with work undertaken by others. It was ambitious because it aimed to describe a community in its full complexity during an unsettled, turbulent, formative time.

I was intrigued by Hirabayashi's plan to enlist the help of graduate students to extend Yatsushiro's work and thus to make this a three-, no, four-generation effort. That seemed to me to be what CLPEF was all about. I gave the proposal high marks and thought that it would be hard for other proposals to match this standard. I was wrong.

The next proposal was by Glen Kitayama, who had been an active participant in the redress movement. He wanted to tell the story of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations and how it struggled with the JACL over questions of the values, strategies and goals that should guide the redress movement. As I read the proposal, I thought that this part of the movement must be recorded but asked if Kitayama was the person best suited to record it. Could a partisan ever be objective?

Then I realized that I was asking the wrong question. I shouldn't expect him to be objective, wouldn't want him to be. I should ask instead that he demonstrate the ability to be sound in his approach, thorough in his research and explicit about his own views.

If he met these conditions, then others could ask fair and probing questions about his analysis. This is the way the knowledge gets created.

While reading this proposal, it became clear to me that there has been and will be a continuous struggle over who gets to tell the story of Japanese Americans. It's CLPEF's responsibility to make sure that the debate is enhanced, not stymied.

So then I asked a different set of questions: Does Kitayama have solid research experience? Yes, this study would deepen previous academic work he has done on the redress campaign. Has he located his project in existing work? Yes, his writing reflects both a precise and broad understanding of Asian American research. Will he be working with colleagues who will chal-

lenge and enrich his ideas? I answered yes to this and other questions and then moved on to the next proposal and the next and the next.

Finally, I was ready to tackle the three-inch proposal. This researcher, Donna K. Nagata, planned to study how the internment had shaped Nisei attitudes on issues ranging from self-esteem and a sense of control over life to perceptions of justice and views on the politics of redress. The project was the next logical step to build on work Nagata had already completed on Sansei attitudes. Once she extended her work, she would be able to ask even more powerful intergenerational questions concerning extended effects of the camps and also important comparative questions pertaining to Holocaust survivors and others who had suffered from state-sanctioned trauma.

I was relieved to find that the bulk of her three-inch proposal came from the survey she planned to use.

I've had some experience in survey construction so I thought that I would go through the exercise of pretending that I was my father and answering the survey on his behalf. I just wanted to review her survey design and see what questions she planned to ask.

But as I started to tick off the boxes I thought my father might choose, something else happened. I started to feel how my dad must have felt — anger, worry, helplessness in the face of a desperate need to protect the family — and I started to understand how these feelings must have calcified into enduring wariness and bitterness. As I worked through the survey, I started to get a sense for the first time about how he passed many of these feelings on to me and how they shaped how I looked at the world. That, I realized, is exactly what this researcher wished to study.

After reading and scoring the proposals, I went back and read them in a different order and scored them all over again. In the end, I found many very, very strong proposals and I gave several high marks. A few weeks after I finished my review, Dale sent me a letter describing all of the proposals that had been selected for funding.

I went over this list like a worried parent anxious to see if any of "my" proposals had been selected for funding. When I saw that many had been chosen I smiled with relief, pride and appreciation.

I have since talked to other reviewers who experienced similar feelings. As we looked back over the process, we realized that there is a great deal more to be told about the camps.

We were grateful for the intelligence and care with which the proposals had been written.

We were humbled by the realization that the proposals represented the fruit of lifelong commitments people had made to understanding the Japanese American experience.

We were excited by the prospect that now our story will be told with honesty and humanity. ■

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Nisei elected president of Community College trustees

SAN JOSE—Currently the principal architect for the renovation and birth of CSU-Monterey Bay at Fort Ord, and long involved in civic affairs, Richard K. Tanaka was



elected president of the 21-member California Community College board of directors, representing 71 districts governing 106 community colleges in the state.

As part of a paradigm shift in higher education, Tanaka explained, through Internet students can not only register but are using it to determine availability of courses, meeting times, names of instructors and their credentials, etc., and sign for classes the following semester without having to visit the campus of their choice.

Tanaka added "We're surveying industries as well as the private and public sectors, joining governmental entities to provide real

solutions to welfare reform through education and re-training. Within a short time, [it is hoped] these citizens will be productive members of society."

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Cal Poly Pomona's Bob Suzuki confirmed for 24-member National Science Board

POMONA, Calif.—On May 1 the U.S. Senate confirmed Dr. Bob H. Suzuki, president of California Polytechnic University, Pomona, as a member of the National Science Board, the university announced. He was nominated by President Clinton to a six-year term on the 24-member board which serves as the policy adviser to the President and Congress for promotion of research and education in science, mathematics and engineering. The board also serves as the governing body for the widely recognized National Science Foundation. Its programs are administered by a staff of 1,300 scientists, engineers and educators with broad experience in public and private organizations.

Suzuki was named president of Cal Poly Pomona in 1991 and had been vice president for academic

affairs at CSU Northridge, a position he held from 1985.

AUC Berkeley graduate in engineering with a Ph.D. in aeronautics from Cal Tech, he has been recognized for his research in engineering and educational sociology. In the 1970s, he served as National JACL education committee chair.

Meanwhile, Cal Poly Pomona was awarded \$2.4 million from the National Institutes of Health for its Science Educational Enhancement Services, which were established in 1987 to increase the academic success of minority students. This funding for biomedical research greatly expands the program underway, Dr. Suzuki noted.

Heading one of the five projects being funded is Glenn H. Kageyama, research principal in biology for "Metabolic Enzyme Plasticity in the Hippocampus." ■

South Carolina officials hit for anti-Buddhist bias

WASHINGTON—A coalition of major Asian Pacific American organizations sharply criticized South Carolina's state board of education member Dr. Henry Jordan for recent bigoted comments, and Governor David Beasley for his inadequate response to these comments.

These organizations are the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Institute (CAPACI), Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, and the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA).

During an official finance and legislative meeting in May, in which a proposal to allow the Ten Commandments to be displayed in South Carolina schools was being discussed, Jordan proclaimed, "Screw the Buddhists and kill the Muslims. And put that in the minutes." He added, "What I want to do is promote Christianity as the only true religion. This nation was founded to worship, honor, and glorify Jesus Christ, not Mohammed, not Buddha." He also described Islam and Buddhism as "cults."

Governor Beasley declared Jordan's comments misrepresent South Carolinians and are "counterproductive to achieving a South Carolina in which all people treat each other with mutual respect and dignity." When asked to request Jordan's resignation, Beasley responded, "Dr. Jordan has recently apologized for these remarks, and he now seeks forgiveness from all South Carolinians. I think it is healthy and proper that South Carolinians accept Dr. Jordan's apology and move on."

Bob Sakaniwa, Washington DC

JACL Representative, said, "Although Dr. Jordan apologized for his remarks, we have no reason to believe that his underlying hatred for Buddhist, Muslims, and other non-Christians has changed."

Daphne Kwok, Executive Director of OCA, stated, "Dr. Jordan's remarks threaten the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans, non-Christians, and a country founded on the principle of freedom of religion. His intolerant views have no place in an institution charged with administering a state's education policies."

Matthew Finucane, Executive Director of APALA, stated, "We feel that a board member has a special responsibility to the children of the state of South Carolina, and that he has violated this trust. We question whether he should continue in a position that so strongly impacts the lives of children."

Karen K. Narasaki, Executive Director of the Consortium, said, "According to the 1990 census, there were over 22,000 Asian Pacific Americans in South Carolina which represented an 89 percent increase from the last census. Many of these people are of Buddhist, Muslim or other non-Christian faiths. These parents cannot expect their children to be treated fairly given the bigotry of Dr. Jordan and the cavalier attitude of Governor Beasley to the problem."

How to say it

Sao Paulo, Brazil (where its Japanese population is approaching 1,000,000 today); "a" with the tilde is nasalized with hint of an "n" sound, SAHN-Pau-lo. Never SOW Paulo.-J. Taylor, Webster's Portuguese-English Dictionary. ■

Yonsei heads for Girls State at Claremont-Pitzer

CHINO HILLS, Calif.—Ashlyn Aiko Nelson was selected Ruben S. Ayala High School delegate to the 54th annual session of California Girls State on the Pitzer College campus in Claremont June 15-21.

The daughter of Mark and Vivian Nelson, a junior, and sponsored by the Chino-based American Legion Post 299 Auxiliary, she maintains a cumulative 4.67 GPA and is active in many extracurricular activities.

More than 500 schools are represented at Girls State.

Her grandparents are Aiko and Matao Uwatate of Radio Li'l Tokyo.





Very Truly Yours

By Harry K. Honda

Texans honor strandeer, helped U.S. POWs in Japan

ANOTHER personality, Meiji Fujizawa, has come on print for the unfinished chapter of Nisei strandeers in Japan during World War II, thanks to an *Abilene Reporter-News* clipping from longtime Albuquerque JACLer Harry Watson, now a Cisco, Texas, resident. We're always seeking such stories.

Area columnist Ken Ellsworth for the paper (which I used to read for the two-plus years I soldiered at Camp Berkeley near that city during WWII) tells the story with a photo in his column, "Eye on West Texas," on June 2.

What makes Meiji Fujizawa, as the column headline proclaimed, "a hero," was his compassion for fellow Americans in a prisoner of war camp in Japan. And what makes this intriguing was the presence of Tomoya Kawakita at the same POW camp. Both were interpreters. But Walter Stewart of Eastland, Texas, who, with another Texan, Fletcher Wright of Fort Worth, invited Fujizawa, his wife and son to Texas to honor him and here's why.

As Ellsworth prefaced: It happened at the Dairy Queen in Eastland on May 28 with Texans surrounding him. One patting his shoulder said, "Thank you." He wiped tears from his eyes: A slight man, Fujizawa, 82, seemed embarrassed but proud. "I'm at a loss for words. Deep in my heart I feel very happy. I just don't think a human being should be bad to another human being. It is what the Americans say, 'You don't kick anybody when they're down and out.'"

Said Stewart: "One of the things he did was bring us the news from outside about the war. The Japanese wouldn't tell you anything. So that helped us. With him, we got our morale back out of the gutter.... He took a risk to do it, too. If the Japanese would have caught him doing it I reckon they probably would have shot him. But it helped us more than anything and we knew that he was on our side.... He saved us from a lot of beatings. If a guard was going to beat you because you didn't know what he wanted you do, Mr. Fujizawa would get

you out of it by interpreting and getting the guard to calm down."

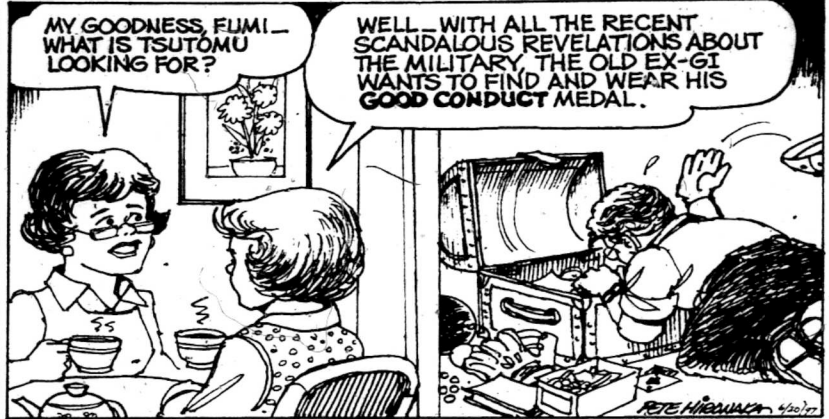
Stewart had been trying to find his hero for 30 years. Last fall Stewart's brother, Fred, finally succeeding in tracking Fujizawa down on the Internet. Even though Fujizawa didn't remember Stewart (being among some 400 captives in the POW camp near Osaka), Stewart did. Wright also remembered the Nisei interpreter. "He was a good man, always good to me. I don't think the Japanese trusted him any more than they did any of the prisoners. The Japanese kept as sharp an eye on him as they did us."

Stewart and Fletcher had survived the Bataan Death March in 1942 and were imprisoned in the Philippines. By 1944 as the Allied troops advanced, the Japanese began shipping thousands of Allied prisoners to Japan. Desperately needing interpreters, the Japanese found Fujizawa, who was sent to the POW camp where Stewart and Fletcher were being held. "If he hadn't come, they probably would have shot him," Stewart said.

Fujizawa, California-born, went to Japan in 1939 to study business at Meiji University. In spite of the war, he was allowed to finish. "Then they said he had relinquished his citizenship by working for the Japanese," his son Tokuji explained. Through his attorney who collected dozens of affidavits from former American prisoners testifying to Fujizawa's loyalty and goodness, his citizenship was restored in 1949 and he eventually returned to California to run a gardening business and raise his family. (Where, the column fails to say.) "We never thought about him in this way. This is a whole new perception. It is very gratifying. These are wonderful things to hear about your father."

Asking Fujizawa how he felt, he responded "I am just surprised that anybody remembered me."

Not everything one finds in the Texas newspapers are "downers" as far as Japanese Americans are concerned. ■



Letters

'WRA Camp Lexicon'

I would like to know if I could get a copy of "WRA Camp Lexicon" mentioned in Harry Honda's column, April 18-May 1 P.C.

Joan Fukushima

Lodi, Calif.

Yes, photocopy of the 13-page publication, "A Lexicon of Center Terms," published by the War Relocation Authority Community Analysis Section, July 18, 1945, is available for a small donation to the Pacific Citizen.

Remembering Shig Aratani

Henry Mori wrote an interesting article about early JACL leaders (Feb. 7-20 P.C.). One leader who deserves more mention is (the late) Shigemasa Aratani, who was president of the Los Angeles Downtown JACL at Pearl Harbor time. Interned in Gila River Butte center, he fought with the 442nd in the ETO. He was in his 30s, married and the father of four children.

When I was a boy of 10, Shig was adviser to our Friendly Indians, a Little Tokyo YMCA club. He was then a student at Occidental College and he sacrificed precious hours for our recreation.

Naomi Kashiwabara

San Diego.

IDC-PNW workshop topics set for Seattle

SEATTLE—This year's PNW and IDC Bi-District Conference will take place in Seattle July 18-20 at the Best Western Southcenter in Tukwila.

The various workshop topics include: Hanford "Downwinders," Bicultural/Bi-cultural Families, Intergenerational Dialogue, Educational Issues including introduction of the JACL Curriculum and Resource Guide into classrooms, Political Empowerment and Involvement, and Cultural Arts such as Japanese calligraphy and Obon practice.

The registration fee is \$50 until June 15, \$60 after the 15th. Rooms can be reserved by calling 800/544-9863. Mention "JACL" to get the special room rate of \$82 per night.

There will also be a separate APIA Leadership Conference for Young Adults titled "Communities Envisioning Tomorrow" at the same hotel the same weekend for young community leaders and professionals, to increase awareness of cultural issues among the youth, to promote the development of future leaders, political empowerment, and to develop a relationship with other APIA organizations. Registration for the latter is \$20.

New England JACL chapter revitalized

BOSTON—EDC Gov. Tom Kometani was the featured speaker at the May 10 meeting of the New England JACL chapter, the first general meeting the chapter has had in several years. The meeting was held at the studios of WGBH, Boston's public broadcasting station.

Members were given a preview tour of the station's annual auction and were treated to a screening of Asian American films scheduled during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

A choice: 'Hapa' or 'Hafu'

An interesting point. I am aware that in Japan they choose to use *hafu* and *konketsujin* (international child) as labels for children of mixed heritage. Yet, I do not necessarily believe that because they find Hapa as a derogatory term (in Japanese slang, it refers to marijuana) that we should follow their lead in the United States.

Maybe in this debate of self-determination that surpasses nationalism, Japan should consider emulating us. Or contemplate using the terms that Japanese (not AJA) children of mixed ancestry feel comfortable with. Of the Hapas that I know who are familiar with the term Hafa, I am not aware of any who choose Hafa over Hapa. Again, it is a question of choice.

Deirdre Howard

San Francisco

Deirdre Howard was responding to a note from Yas Tokita of Salt Lake City, who found her commentary on "Defining the term Hapa" (May 2-15 P.C.) "excellent and thoughtful" and added "The Japanese have started using the term Hafa (for 'half') to designate those of mixed ancestry."

Getting to Okei's grave

Where is Okei's gravesite? It's for a Sansei girl to give to her grandfather.

Mary Kanasawa

Whittier, Calif.

Copy of our map is free, with a self-addressed stamped envelope, from the P.C. Archives. Okei's Grave is located in Gold Hill, El Dorado County, northward on State Hwy. 49 from Placerville, a left on Gold Hill Road, a right on Cold Springs Rd. Look for the state landmark, Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony, at Gold Hill Elementary School on the right side of the road. Two miles ahead is the Marshall Gold Discovery State Park.

Re: James Oda's articles

I have read with interest James Oda's articles on the relationship he sees between the Japanese and

sues among the youth, to promote the development of future leaders, political empowerment, and to develop a relationship with other APIA organizations. Registration for the latter is \$20.

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Jewish peoples. Mr. Oda is clearly a sincere man writing from the heart.

The ideas Mr. Oda espouses have no basis in fact, however, and are the product of a particular process in modern Japanese intellectual history that I and Masanori Miyazawa of Doshisha Women's College in Kyoto have documented and analyzed in our book *Jews in the Japanese Mind: The History and Uses of a Cultural Stereotype* (New York: The Free Press, 1995).

I believe you do your readers a disservice by giving them the impression that the "scholarship" of Oyabe Zen'ichiro and other proponents of Japanese-Jewish common ancestry theories is accepted by any legitimate academics in Japan or abroad. These are theories that have a decidedly checkered history and are related to Japan's wartime ideology and postwar expressions of anti-Semitism in Japan.

Jews in the Japanese Mind has been reviewed in the *New York Times* and other national publications. I suggest that you review it in the *Pacific Citizen* so that your readers have an opportunity to put Mr. Oda's articles in perspective.

Again, I do not question Mr. Oda's motives or his sincere spiritual quest. Mr. Oda's ideas bear a resemblance to ideas proposed by another Japanese American, Rev. Eiji Kawamori, who believed that Japanese folk songs had origins in the Hebrew language. Nevertheless, these are visions that have no empirical basis and should not be accepted uncritically by you or your readers.

David G. Goodman

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Dept. of East Asian
Language and Culture
Urbana, Ill.

Takionic products

With reference to "tachyon" (Letters, April 4-17 P.C.), "tachyon products" are being advertised with having "the unique ability to restore order out of chaos and help to promote greater harmony of spirit, mind and body." They have been thoroughly researched in Japan by their scientists.

Hashime Saito

Tucson, Ariz.

For the record

'Go For Broke' monument

This past month, the *Pacific Citizen* received a copy of a personal letter from Sen. Daniel K. Inouye addressed to Col. Young O. Kim, USA (ret.), chairman of the 100th/442nd MIS World War II Memorial Foundation, Gardena, Calif., which expresses his sentiments and clear support for the monument coming up in Little Tokyo. Here is the senator's letter "for the record." —Ed. Note.

Dear Colonel Kim:

I was very pleased to learn that the 100th/442nd MIS World War II Memorial Foundation has been recognized by the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF). The Foundation's "Go for Broke" monument commemorating the experiences and contributions of the 100th/442nd MIS, is precisely the type of public education project the CLPEF was established to support.

I appreciate your consistent updates on the progress of the monument project. I have been aware of the monument's development since the creation of its beautiful design. Since that time, the monument has achieved approval of its permanent site, won wide public support and completed the first phase of fundraising. I am very pleased to see the great strides the Foundation has made in making the monument a reality.

I have noticed that in recent months, and particularly since the

announcement of the CLPEF grantees, the Foundation has been receiving excellent press coverage. Congratulations and keep it up! You are well on the way to the opening of the monument to the public in the summer of 1998.

I am eagerly anticipating the monument's unveiling. As a veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, I will be honored to be in attendance—to stand alongside the other veterans of the three units and those who served overseas during World War II—to celebrate the success of the monument project.

I am firmly behind your efforts as you continue your steady progress towards that exciting day. Very best regards to you and to all involved with the Foundation.

Aloha

Dan

Daniel K. Inouye
United States Senator
Washington, D.C.

Deeper understanding of E.O. 9066 with MIS shed

BY DON TAMAKI

Guest Speaker, May 4 Program
NJAHS/Park Partner

AFTER President Roosevelt signed of Executive Order 9066, the Secretary of War designated Lt. General John L. DeWitt as head of the Western Defense Command with instructions to draft plans for the removal of all Japanese Americans from the West Coast. To assist him, Undersecretary John J. McCloy of the War Dept. dispatched Col. Karl Bendetsen, the chief architect of the internment policy, to the Presidio.



How did General DeWitt view Japanese Americans? In his February 14, 1942, report to the Secretary of War, he wrote:

"In the war in which we are now engaged racial affinities are not severed by migration. The Japanese race is an enemy race and while many second and third generation Japanese born on United States soil, possessed of U.S. citizenship, have become 'Americanized' the racial strains are undiluted ... It, therefore, follows that along the vital Pacific Coast over 112,000 potential enemies, of Japanese extraction, are at large today."

At the Presidio, General DeWitt justified the internment orders by claiming that Japanese Americans were engaging in espionage and sabotage, (1) by signalling enemy ships from shore, and (2) by claiming that Japanese Americans could not be true and were disloyal by blood.

Fred Korematsu, who is here today, refused to obey the internment orders, and as a consequence, was arrested in the East Bay, and jailed here at the Presidio for a time. It is here at the Presidio, where Ernest Besig, director of the Northern California chapter of the ACLU, offered legal representa-

tion, in defiance of a directive from the national board of the ACLU not to represent Japanese Americans.

In 1944, the Korematsu case was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court and he lost, the Court holding that the internment was not caused by racism, but rather, was justified by the Army's claims contained in DeWitt's Final Report, that Japanese Americans were engaging in signalling enemy ships from shore, and prone to disloyalty. The court called the internment a "Military Necessity."

Fred's case stood for almost 40 years, until Professor Peter Irons, researching government archives, stumbled upon some Justice Department documents, not seen by anyone in 40 years. Among them were memoranda written by Edward Ennis, the Justice Department attorney responsible for supervising the drafting of the government's brief to be filed with the Supreme Court in the Korematsu case. As Ennis began searching for evidence to support the Army's claim that the internment was necessary and justified, he found precisely the opposite — that there was no evidence to support the Army's position. For example:

Ennis requested a report from J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI, who wrote:

"Every complaint [that the Japanese Americans had been engaged in espionage] has been thoroughly investigated, but in no case had any information been obtained which could substantiate the allegations that there has been illicit signalling from shore to ships since the beginning of the war."

Ennis requested a report from the Federal Communications Commission. Federal Communications Commission radio intelligence chief, George Sterling wrote back:

"The General launched into quite a discourse [about] radio transmitters operated by enemy agents in California sending messages to ships at sea ... Since General DeWitt seemed concerned and, in fact, seemed to believe that the woods were full of Japs with transmitters, I proceeded to tell him

and his staff the organization of the FCC monitoring program. I know it virtually astounded the General's staff officers ... Frankly, I have never seen an organization that was so hopeless to cope with radio intelligence requirements ... The personnel is unskilled and untrained. Most are privates who can read only ten words a minute. They know nothing about signal identification, wave propagation and other technical subjects so essential to radio intelligence procedure. They take bearings with loop equipment on Japanese stations in Tokyo ... and report to their commanding officer that they have fixes on Jap agents operating transmitters on the West Coast. These officers, knowing no better, pass it on to the General, and he takes their word for it. It's pathetic to say the least."

Due to his growing doubts about the government's position, Ennis then enlisted John Burling, another Justice Department lawyer, to assist him further investigate. In memo to Assistant Attorney General Herbert Wechsler, Burling wrote:

"You will recall that General DeWitt's [Final] Report makes flat statement concerning radio transmitters and ship to shore signalling which are categorically denied by the FBI and FCC. There is no doubt that these statements are intentional falsehoods."

Alarmed at the absence of evidence of any wrongdoing by Japanese Americans and the Justice Department's duty to be truthful to the Court, Ennis wrote to the Attorney General:

"The general tenor of the [Final] Report is not only that there was a reason to be apprehensive, but also to the effect that overt acts of treason were being committed. Since this is not so it is highly unfair to this racial minority that these lies, put out in official publication, go uncorrected."

When Ennis discovered a report from the Office of Naval Intelligence, the intelligence agency which had the lead responsibility for national security on

the West Coast, which had not only concluded the Japanese Americans posed no threat, but recommended against the mass racial internment, Ennis wrote to his superiors:

"I think we should consider very carefully whether we have a duty to advise the Court of the existence of [the Naval Intelligence] report ... It occurs to me that any other course of conduct might approximate the suppression of evidence."

Burling and Ennis attempted to insert a footnote in the government's Korematsu brief that it had within its possession authoritative reports from its own intelligence agencies which contradicted General DeWitt's claim. The brief went to the printing presses as Supreme Court briefs did in those days, and still do today. John J. McCloy of the War Department discovered the footnote, ordered the presses stopped, and ordered the drafting of a new footnote stating that the facts that the government has relied are contained in the Final Report of General DeWitt. Thus, the last attempt to alert the Supreme Court of the falsity of the Army's claims failed.

Some 40 years later, with this new evidence of egregious governmental misconduct — suppression of evidence, and lying — the convictions of Korematsu, Hirabayashi and Yasui were overturned in the Federal Courts.

Thus, the Presidio is where the internment policy was first formulated, and where the lies were concocted to justify the internment. Based upon such falsehoods, co-conspirators in the War Department and the Justice Department suppressed, and even burned key evidence that showed that Japanese Americans were no threat, and were loyal.

What began as wartime hysteria, had some of its beginnings here at the Presidio, and culminated at the highest levels of our government — as something quite different — a premeditated, calculated plan to lie to the Supreme

Court in order to manipulate the outcome of these decisions ruling upon the legality of the internment.

In the midst of this massive and depressing failure of democracy, what is our hope for the future? What can we — Japanese Americans — tell our children — and our children's children!

We can tell them that while powerful people cowered in fear to political pressure, Japanese American boys, 18, 19, 20-year-olds, fought for this country with astonishing bravery, giving their bodies and their lives in bloody combat — the 442 Regimental Combat Team becoming the most decorated unit for its size in the history of the United States Army — fighting for freedom — despite the utter irony of their families being imprisoned at home for no good reason.

We can tell them that when people in high places — who knew better — were too weak to go against the tide of racism bearing down on a besieged minority, courageous Japanese American young men — secretly trained here at the Presidio in the Military Intelligence Service — provided invaluable intelligence information in the jungles of the Pacific — and gave their lives.

We can tell them that while unscrupulous men — like General John L. DeWitt, Karl Bendetsen and John J. McCloy — advanced their careers by scapegoating Japanese Americans, even to the point of lying to the United States Supreme Court — men like Fred Korematsu, Min Yasui, Gordon Hirabayashi, and the Heart Mountain Resisters — demanded that this country follow its democratic ideals, and — at a very tender age — took stands based upon principle and integrity — even if it meant going to prison so that the truth might one day be heard;

We can tell them that the story of the Japanese Americans, which includes these Presidio grounds, is a history that they can be proud of — a textbook lesson of courage, of faith and of loyalty, and most of all — of the true meaning of the Constitution.

It is with this sense of our history — our American history — that we join in the dedication of this Park. ■

Justice dept. after Pearl Harbor supported loyal aliens in industry

BY MICHIE WEGLYN

Redress for Railroad Nikkei

NEW YORK—In a press release on Dec. 28, 1941, Attorney General Biddle warned employers through-

out America not to discharge workers "because of some vague suspicion that they may be disloyal aliens." Only in instances of "secret, confidential or restricted government contract" must the employer secure permission from head of the department concerned for the employment of aliens, he explained, while he stressed that "there is no reason in the world why loyal persons, either aliens or Americans of foreign birth, should not be employed by American industry; and there is no possible justification for discharging such employee." The Federal Government condemns such discrimination and urges all employers not to adopt such a policy.

Biddle went on to tell how, in wars before, "minorities were unlawfully and cruelly abused" and he pleaded that "if we care about democracy, we must care about it as a reality for others as well as for ourselves; yes, for aliens, for Germans, for Italians, for Japanese ... for the Bill of Rights protects not only American citizens but all human beings who live on our American soil, under our American flag, and that 'if we really love justice' it was essential to refrain from 'the whole Gestapo method as a way of handling human beings'."

But within a matter of weeks, as Allied forces suffered one humiliating defeat after another under the Japanese juggernaut, the Attorney General began capitulating his lofty ideals under pressure.

The day after FDR had set in motion the mass exclusion edict of February 19, a memo reassuring the President and the military of

their wartime powers and immunities was sent to help justify E.O. 9066 to the press, which read:

"This authority gives very broad powers to the Secretary of War and the Military Commanders ... to exclude any particular individual from military areas, (also) groups of persons based on a reasonable classification. The order is not limited to aliens but includes citizens so that it can be exercised with respect to Japanese, irrespective of their citizenship. The decision of safety of the nation in time of war is necessarily for the Military authorities. Authority over the movement of persons, whether citizens or non-citizens, may be exercised in time of war ... the President's authorized in acting under his general war powers without further legislation. The exercise of the power can meet the specific situation and ... cannot be considered as any punitive measure against any particular nationalities." (Years of Infamy, p. 71)

Thus Karl Bendetsen, the genius behind the "military necessity" justification used in E.O. 9066 to circumvent the Constitution, succeeded in wresting power away from the Justice Department for the military. (Interestingly, on the same day that Biddle cued FDR, Secretary of War Stimson had instructed Gen. DeWitt in defining E.O. 9066 to him that "those evacuees unable to effect resettlement of their own volition" were to be provided with "housing, feeding, transportation and medicare.")

When Public Proclamation No. 3 of March 24 imposed military curfew and travel regulations (5-mile radius) for enemy aliens and persons of Japanese ancestry residing within Military Area No. 1 or any of the zones established within the Western Defense Command, its effect was to totally withdraw from the Justice Department its jurisdiction over enemy aliens for purposes of regulation and detention.

This background data is essential to understanding that plac-

pronouncements of the Attorney General, as ORA has done (as "proving" that our government policy was to condemn discriminatory firings of railroad workers, et al.), is misleading and a mistake.

For while the Attorney General spoke of America as a "haven of liberty and fair play," documents lay bare that "yearning for vengeance" attitude then consuming those then wielding real power, who resented Biddle's "timid" approach, while gaining for himself much publicity as a champion of civil rights.

In a Feb. 21 Memo of Conversation between Lt. Col. Bendetsen, and Bernard Guffer, State Department, it is noted:

Colonel Bendetsen displayed great bitterness toward the Department of Justice ... (for) continually writing "letters for the record" to the War Department and was "passing the buck" to the War Department. He inferred that the Department of Justice was ... reserving for itself the position of critic of the War Department's actions. He said that many of the aliens ordered to move had moved and had found new places for themselves.

The War Department is prepared, he added, to provide food and housing, such as that provided for soldiers and railroad transportation for those aliens who do not move before the deadline date. It does not, however, desire to advertise the fact that it will provide such facilities for fear that there might be a rush on the part of numerous aliens to take advantage of free living.

Colonel Bendetsen remarked with great emphasis that the War Department is not a W.P.A. or resettlement organization, that ... other Departments of the Government should remember that "the Army's job is to kill Japanese not to save Japanese and that if the Army is to devote its facilities to resettlement ... it will be that much more difficult for it to get on to its primary task, that of winning the war." (RG 59, National Archives) ■



Voice of a Sansei

© By AKEMI KAYLENG

Hakujin midlife blues

STEVE has a very nice assortment of hats. Not just one, but three, in various styles and colors. He's going to be wearing them all the time now, so he got a variety, to match all of his clothing.

It took me a while to get used to seeing him that way. It took the cats a while, too. Brigitte and Nano just stared at him, the first time they saw their owner with a hat.

You see, he got a bad sunburn on the Manzanar bus pilgrimage. He put SPF 30 sunblock all over his face, but stopped at his hairline. He is over 40 and his hair is thinning on top. We were outdoors at noon during the pilgrimage ceremony, and the next day the top of his head was beet red. He tried putting sunblock lotion there, but he still has enough hair on top to create a goopy mess. Wearing a hat is just an easier way of avoiding skin cancer.

Health concerns worry him a lot more than they did in his 20s. Take that bike ride, for example. As soon as he gets home from work, he gets on his bike. He does this partly for recreation, but also because he's aware regular exercise helps prevent a lot of medical problems. Back in his 20s, he would have only been doing it for recreation.

It's hard not to worry, when we see so many of our age group starting to experience health problems. The objective facts tell us we are in great condition, for our age. But when people close to us start developing serious conditions, it's hard not to be a hypochondriac.

Steve Knight is getting older. He senses his worth, in the eyes of society, is going down. But he knows better. His career. His graduate training. His stress coping ability. His judgment. His resolution of family problems which defeated him when younger. He knows he got better with age.

So why the hell can't society see that? We know why. Ours is the mainstream American culture.

Steve's basically pretty happy with his mainstream life, but in certain ways he wishes he was living Nisei in the 1950s. The better attitude we had towards age would mean that his professional and personal development would be "seen" more than his being an older guy. The greater respect we had for intellectual achievement would mean his abilities would count more. The Anglo mainstream values physical appearance and social charm over talent and character. Steve has gotten into trouble with his fellow hakujin for not being full of shibui (that's another story).

He's well aware of the cultural genocide so many Nisei committed in their desire to gain acceptance by the mainstream. As he gets older, he wonders what going whole hog mainstream style did for them. He wishes the mainstream, in certain selected areas, had gone J.A. style. Had that been so, he would be held in high esteem today.

Instead, he's just an egghead in an old fogie hat. ■

Akemi lives with her husband Steve Knight in Los Angeles, with their two cats.

P.C. Bookshelf

Haiku, like a comet, a flash from obscurity

May Sky: There Is Always Tomorrow (A History and Anthology of Haiku in the WWII Internment Camps for Japanese American Citizens)

Compiled, translated and prefaced by Violet Kazuo de Cristoforo. Sun & Moon Press, 6026 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036 (1997), cloth, 288 pp., 34 photographs, \$29.95.

PROFESSOR of Japanese Makoto Ueda, chairman of Asian Studies at Stanford, says: "There is no better book to commemorate the 50th anniversary of this authorized relocation of Japanese Americans—Executive Order 9066." Those who have read the hundreds of books which have come to the fore—in whatever shape or form—over the past decade about this period of American history will agree, as I have.

The modern free-form "Kaiko" haiku of the Issei gathered in *May Sky* is, as the compiler aptly realized, "a comet... emerged only momentarily from obscurity" during the war and vanished into oblivion when the concentration camps closed.

A rich ferment of that priceless heritage has been rescued (and translated) as shown from Neiji Ozawa's piece while he was resting at the Gila Indian Reservation sanatorium which became the title of the book:

KIBOO NO NAI MADŌ KARA
SATSUKIZORA ASHITA MO ARU
From the window of despair
May sky
there is always tomorrow

Also illuminating are the profiles of the haiku poets, an Issei generation literally unknown to the rest of us for their poetic eye, their poems in their original line, then in Hepburn style and freely rendered by Violet (nee) Matsuda. ■

Being Canadian

with a Japanese face

The Japan We Never Knew: a Voyage of Discovery

By David Suzuki/Keiko Owa; Stoddart Publishing, Toronto, Canada (1996), hard, 320 pp. (U.S.: General Distribution Services, 85 Rock Drive #202, Buffalo, NY 14207) \$24.95.

INTERNATIONALLY renowned science-environment guru David Suzuki, the Canadian-born Sansel and host of his PBS-TV series "The Nature of Things," visited Japan for the first time in 1968. He said, "It had a huge impact on my life. I gained insights into how much my identity in Canada was caught up in being physically different. In Japan, surrounded by people who looked just me, I suddenly felt as if I had disappeared."

"While my physical features reflect my ancestry, my mind behind my face feels itself completely Canadian."

On this basis, he proceeds with Keiko Owa, Japan-born anthropologist fascinated by diversity in Japan, to interview men and women in Japan who are depicted as "the voices of the other Japan—the Japan we never knew."

Suzuki and Owa encountered in the grassroots of Japan—the Ainu of Hokkaido, Okinawans and the Uilta of Saghalien—"a very different Japan from any I knew." Suzuki also chatted with the Peruvian *dekasegi*, at least 30,000 in the early 1990s in Japan. They've always felt they were *gaijin*, foreigners, one told Suzuki.

Many of his observations are similar to those Nisei-Sansel from the U.S. have experienced—only Suzuki has the style, knack and language to express them. *Naruhodo*, page after page, we nodded in agreement.—HKH ■

An important find: Tales of Salinas, Poston, Tule Lake and Japan

Treadmill: A Documentary Novel By Hiroshi Nakamura, Introduction by Dr. Peter T. Suzuki, University of Nebraska at Omaha; Mosaic Press, P.O. Box 1032, Oakville, Ont. L6J 5E9, Canada; Mosaic Press, 85 River Rock Dr., #202, Buffalo, NY 14207; (1996), 220pp.

LAUDED AS THE novel based on personal experiences in the wartime concentration camps, U.S.-style, by an internee who was unsuccessful in finding a publisher, the manuscript of *Treadmill* was found years later by Dr. Peter Suzuki while a graduate student doing research at the National Archives in the 1970s.

Impressed by the tale and letters of the Noguchis, a Gilroy family, only after advertising in the *Pacific Citizen* in January 1993 did he put together the final pieces about the author, Hiroshi Nakamura—whose name was thought to be a *nom de plume* but turned out to be true—and was sadly informed by his widow, Mary Sato Nakamura, that he had passed away. Dr. Suzuki then laboriously prepared the manuscript from a microfilm copy and had it published in Canada. The manuscript had been shown by Nakamura to 70 publishers.

The story begins in April 1942 when the FBI agents arrest and detain the father in North Dakota, committing mother and children to life at Salinas Assembly Center, Poston, segregation to Tule Lake and their removal to Japan. One embittered daughter, Sally, relocated to Detroit to marry her fiancée, who was moving there from Gila River. *Treadmill* ends shortly after Japan has surrendered, with a series of letters from Teru in Tule Lake to her sister Sally in Detroit comprising most of the final chapters.

Regarded as an "autobiographical novel," Suzuki found it "an unblinking look at life in the camps" where the reader gains "first-hand insight on what the Evacuation did to a fairly well-adjusted Japanese American family."

The thousands who happened to be interned in Salinas, Poston or Tule Lake will, undoubtedly, want to compare notes—as camp "survivors" are wont to do.—HKH. ■

Introducing 'Asia' to child & parents

A Is for Asia.

By Cynthia Chin-Lee, illustrated by Yum Heo. Orchard Books, 95 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016 (1997), hard, 32pp., color, \$15.95.

THIS may be juvenile literature (K-5, age 5-10), as rendered in large type (22 pt. Koch Antiqua) and dancing colors depicting much of what "Asia," its scenes, symbols and languages, is about in alphabetical order, but even a parent (or grandparent, for that matter) reading and turning the pages to a kindergartner may come across information about the vast Asian continent either long forgotten or perhaps never encountered.

For instance, the letter "Q" is for *Quran* (Koran: the sacred book of the Muslims) with children and adults pictured in front of a mosque, sitting on their prayer rugs singing their praises. Arabic script (which is written from right to left) for the word anchors the brief paragraph, as rendered for other letters in Asian script, such as Tibetan, Hindi, Burmese, Urdu, Chinese/Japanese (but no *kana* or *hiragana*), Korean, and Asian languages using the Roman alphabet, such as Tagalog, Turkish and Indonesian.

The third-generation Chinese American author who majored in East Asian studies, has worked in China, and lives in Palo Alto, meant her book to introduce Asian heritage to her daughter.

This grandparent can't wait till our granddaughter Michelle is 5; she'll be 4 soon.—HKH ■

Wasatch Front JACL president wins Mattie Wattis Harris Award

OGDEN — On May 17, Wasatch Front JACL president Marion Hori received the prestigious Mattie Wattis Harris Award, in the Spirit of the American Woman.

The awards, sponsored by "Your Community Connection" of Ogden,



MARION HORI

Utah, a non-profit organization serving women, children and families at-risk or in crisis, honor women in Northern Utah who have demonstrated excellence in their career, contribution to the community, or personal achievements.

Hori was born in Stockton, Calif., and was interned at Rohwer, Ark. She is married to Tom Hori and they have three children.

Hori worked for a number of years at the Hill Air Force Base in Ogden where she was eventually appointed Air Logistics Center (ALC) Asian Pacific Islander coordinator. She is an active member and volunteer at

JACL scholarship winner teaching in Tokyo

TOKYO — Former recipient of the JACL Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship, Dr. Stephen Murphy-Shigematsu has received an appointment as a tenured associate professor at Tokyo University.

Dr. Murphy-Shigematsu used his JACL scholarship to support a yearlong clinical internship at the National Asian American Psychology Training Center in San Francisco in 1984-85. He returned to Harvard the following year and completed a doctorate in counseling and consulting psychology in 1987. He has also been involved in ethnic identity research in Okinawa as a Fulbright scholar.

Murphy-Shigematsu teaches psychology and education courses at Tokyo University's Faculty of Education and is responsible for research and counseling in the International Center.

He is married to former *Nichibei Times* reporter Chikako Igarashi and they have two children. ■

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the Ogden Buddhist Church and was awarded the Kyogiku Buddhist Churches of America Award in 1995. She served as a board member and Community Involvement Coordina-

tor for the Knowlton Community Council for two years. And as Wasatch Front Chapter president, Hori has managed to increase membership by 200 percent. ■

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Coalinga dedicates park to Issei pioneer Watanabe

COALINGA, Calif.—In April, a natural habitat area in the City of Coalinga was renamed the Harry S. Watanabe Natural Science Park in honor of the late Harry Watanabe (1896-1987).

Watanabe was born in Japan and came to the United States in 1915 when he was 19 years old. He settled in Coalinga and eventually found his calling as a nurseryman in 1928. His skill soon became well known and his advice was sought by many in the community.



Watanabe helped to beautify the city of Coalinga, landscaping many of the schools, parks, a hospital, and city hall. His skillful touch can still be seen today. He was a regular participant in the annual Women's Club Chrysanthemum Fete and is credited for contributing to its success.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Watanabe and his family were relocated to an internment camp.

The Watanabes were interned at Arkansas until the end of the war. His son Yas joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Berlin, and another son, Nobuo, served as an interpreter for the U.S. occupation forces in Japan. His son Herb was in junior high school at the time and remained at the camp with the family.

Watanabe and his family were the only Japanese American family to return to Coalinga after the war in 1946 and he immediately resumed his nursery work.

In 1961 Watanabe retired and moved to Hanford where he continued gardening as a hobby. In 1972 Watanabe and his wife Yoshino celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

At age 84, Watanabe wrote a twelve-page history of the Japanese in Coalinga, Armona, and Hanford, now part of the San Joaquin Valley Japanese American Oral History.

In 1986 Watanabe's story was read into the Congressional Record by the Honorable Norman Y. Mineta. The following year, Watanabe passed away on January 7, in Hanford, at the age of 91.

Designer sought for Manzanar self-guided tour brochure

LOS ANGELES—The non-profit Manzanar Committee has received a \$20,000 grant from the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund to produce 15,000 copies of an interpretative guidebook featuring three self-guided tours.

This past week, Sue K. Embrey, Manzanar Committee chair, said bids are open for artists/designers interested in producing the guidebook. Concept, kinds of art, production costs, a résumé and list of references should be submitted by June 30.

The guidebook is expected to feature an overview of the Manzanar area history from the first Native American settlements to the present, photographs, and extensive details of three self-guided tours (NHS) and of the remains of various buildings, gardens, ponds

and other structures from the WWII concentration camp era. The tour routes with pictures and extensive details should be clearly marked on the map. Archeological notes may be included.

Bidders should have demonstrated skills in desktop publishing and various graphic applications. Those familiar with Manzanar NHS "can work well in a positive, cooperative environment with community-based organizations and volunteers," Embrey said.

Bidders also should be aware that all rights to any artwork, photographs or other work produced for the guidebook will belong solely to the Manzanar Committee upon completion of the publication, she stressed.

Information: Manzanar committee, 1566 Curran St., Los Angeles, CA 90026-2036, 213/662-5102.

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Arima, Sam, 69, San Francisco, May 20; survived by wife Kikue, daughter Suzie, mother Fumi Arima, sister Michiko Yamada.

Baldarary, Judy H., 53, Huntington Beach, May 21; survived by husband Alexander, son Jason Furuta, sisters Sumi Yata, Masako Nakane, brother Byron Morihara, parents Mr. and Mrs. Yoshito Morihara.

Boomer, Irene Yukiko 'Kiko', 56, San Valley, May 29; Redondo Beach-born, survived by husband Elmer Myron, son Michael, daughter Traci, stepdaughters Darleen (Los Gatos), Debbie Hill (Arcansas), mother Hattie Hatsu Muraoka, grandmother Koku Hamamoto, brothers Harold, Victor, Raymond, Monroe Muraoka, sister Joyce Smiles, brothers-in-law Charles Sasaki, Ira (Florida), Robert (Ohio), Jesse (Ohio), George, sister-in-law Dorothy Simons (Wash.).

Eidmann, Rev. Philipp Karl, 73, Palo Alto, May 12; St. Paul, Minn.-born, survived by wife Kazuko, son Karl, brother Fred.

Fujii, Yoshiko, 82, Los Angeles, May 23; Hiroshima-ken-born, survived by sister Kasumi Kohigashi (Japan).

Fujimitsu, Takayo, 98, Yuba City, May 12; survived by son George, daughter Midori Doli Fukumitsu, gc, ggc.

Fukige, Shoji 'Short', 70, Ontario, May 14; Wapato, Wash.-born, WWII army veteran, survived by sisters Mitsui Fujiki (Roslyn Heights, N.Y.), Fumi Mita (Payette), Sachie Tanaka (Cleveland, Ohio), Yuki Maimiyama (Hempstead, N.Y.), brother Ken (Vale).

Hagihara, Harold Masatoshi, 56, North Hollywood, May 17; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Yasuko, son Karl, daughter Pamela, brothers Eddie, Ralph, sisters Setsuko Hagihara, June Fujita.

Hashimoto, Suyeko Sue, 76, Sacramento, May 13; Sanger-born, survived by daughters Joanne Champ, Joyce Kumasaki, son-in-law Jim Yamachi, siblings Johnson, Mits, Katsumi Yagura, sister-in-law Mitsuko Yagura, 4 gc, predeceased by husband Yasuo Hashimoto.

Hatamiya, Kenji, 70, Torrance, May 20; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Toshiko, sons Kenji, Bruce, 1 gc, brother George, sister Tomoe Yasuda (Japan).

Hayakawa, Mitsue, Los Angeles, May 17; Yamagata-ken-born, survived by husband George, son Stephen, daughter Kathleen, 1 gc, sister Fumi Kuroawa, brothers-in-law Jun Hayakawa, Joe Hayakawa, sisters-in-law Aki Fukuzawa, May Abe.

Hirakawa, Jan Tetsuo, 49, Los Angeles, May 22; survived by wife Linda, mother Hiro Betty, brothers Grant, David, sisters Connie Le Mere, Ann Matsuyama.

Hori, Minie, 98, Los Angeles, May 14; Kagoshima-ken-born, survived by son Nao, son-in-law Masao Kawamura, 7 gc, ggc, gggc.

Hoshide, Toshio, Rockville, Md., May 18; served as District Governor of Toastmasters International, survived by wife Doris, sister Catherine Sakura (Seattle), brother Lloyd (Renton, Wash.).

Know, Rev. Shinpachi, 84, Salinas, May 18; Los Angeles-born, survived by son, Calvin (Salinas), daughter Joanne (Mountain View), gc, sister Helen Fujikawa (Long Beach), brothers Hachiro (Monterey Park), Frank Know (Los Angeles).

Kimoto, Taneo, 66, Las Vegas, May 3; Hawaii-born, Korean War Army veteran, survived by brothers Clarence, Harold, (both of Pearl City, Hawaii), Sanji (Grand Rapids, Mich.), Isami (Martinez), sisters Edna Tanabe (Ewe Beach, Hawaii), Claire Nason (Berkeley).

Katsuyama, Danny, 34, Cheyenne, Wyo., died May 11 while jogging with his brother Andrew in Starkville, Miss., Denver-born, survived by parents Henry and Sachiko (Lakewood), brothers Derrick (Lakewood), Andrew (Starkville, Miss.), grandmother Murano.

Kobashi, Sakaye, 82, Morgan Hill, May 17; Long Beach-born, survived by husband Philip, daughter Rose Saito, sons

Arthur Kenji Isao, Richard Tetsuo, 9 gc., 4 gc., sisters Kimiye Itani (Los Angeles), Chizuko Yoshida (Japan), sisters-in-law Kato Muraoka, Grace Takashima, (both of Gardena), Dorothy Katayama (Japan), Mary Nakayama (Hawaii).

Kojima, Setsuko, 67, Gardena, May 15; Gardena-born, survived by husband Tom, sons Raymond, Brian Fujimoto, daughters Kimi Fujimoto, Leslie Ann Lou, Joy Joe, Jeanine Amano, stepsons George, Mike Kojima, 10 gc., brother Tad Mikahita, brothers-in-law Takeshi Takayama, Fred Kojima, Sam Fujimoto, sisters-in-law Misao Fukuhara, Frances Mukaihati, Ruth Kobayashi.

Kono, Yoshio Russell, 80, Torrance, May 15; San Francisco-born, survived by brother Nobuo Kono (South San Francisco), sisters Mitsue Matsui (Seattle), Hisae Sakai (El Cerrito).

Kumagawa, Sachi 'Lark', 62, Los Angeles, May 27; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband Takeo Kono, children Gregory Scott Kumagawa, Jeff Kumagawa, Denise Yamashiro, Glenn Yamashiro, Christine Yamashiro, brother Stan Yamashiro, sisters Lily Ohara, Aiko Kohama (Japan).

Kurosaka, Aiko, McLean, Va., May 2; Aomori, Japan-born, performer of classical Japanese dancing, survived by husband Tokuo, daughters Lillian Monteabaro, Jane Harris, son Henry, siblings Masami Ishizuka, Shige Ono, Shizue Terayama, Tomoko Masuda.

Kuwata, Kijiro, 90, Los Angeles, May 31; Wakayama-ken-born, survived by wife Lilian Yuriko, sons Thomas Takeshi, Albert Shyu (Fremont), daughters Madeline Kinne Adams, Jane Kuwata Patten, 9 gc., 2 ggc., sisters Kimi Neoda, Sayo Yoshimoto, Koyoe Yamaguchi (all of Japan), sisters-in-law Yaeno Kuwata, Yoshiko Komiyama, Ruth Matsumoto Uchiimi (Berkeley).

Matsuda, Yoichi Ted, 86, Twin Falls, Idaho, April 19; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Fumi, daughter Dr. Sharon Brooks (Irvine), 1 gc.

Namba, Masato 'Mas', Salt Lake Valley, Utah, May 17; past Mt. Olympus Chapter President, survived by wife Yukie, sons Brian, daughters Julie Sakamoto, Karen Schneider, mother Kumeno.

Nobis, Kyoko Hanayagi, 69, Hillsborough, May 28; survived by husband Paul, son Michael, 1 gc, brothers Masachi, Kazuya, Yukio Natio (all of Japan).

Okamoto, Masano, 83, Massachusetts, May 2; survived by children Robert Nakanishi, Ida Lauter, 8gc, 9 ggc, predeceased by husband Yoshio Okamoto, son Jun Nakanishi.

Okazaki, Iola Haruko, 83, Los Angeles, May 8; Bakersfield-born, survived by husband James, sons Reginald and Eldon (Sunnyvale), sisters Ruth Murao, Marie Kametani, Lily Nunokawa (Chicago), Gladys Kuwahara (Bakersfield), Dottie Nakagawa (Richmond), brother-in-law Frank Okazaki (Sun Lake), sisters-in-law Mary, Dorothy Miyaji, Kay Okazaki, Peggy Shirai (Walnut Creek).

Okumoto, Ted Sadao, 86, Los Angeles, May 3; survived by wife Megumi, daughters and their children, Virginia and Kathleen and Carole Tokudomi, Reiko and Orson Schumacher, Sharon and Miles and Marissa, Senzaki, Susan and Jeremy, Kelsey and Wesley DeGracia, sister-in-

law Grace Nagai.

Oshima, Melvin Hikaru, 60, Redwood City, May 15; survived by wife Tami, daughter Gail Tomoko Oshima, son Brian Oshima, 1 gc., brother Alan, sister Sharon Taura.

Ozono, Marian Miyeko, 69, Los Angeles, May 19; San Diego-born, survived by son Brian, sister Chieko Saito.

Sakae, Shizuko, 87, Fremont, May 14; survived by sons Toshiko, Fumihiko, Masahiko, Raymond, daughter Rumiko Arakawa, sister Fumie Matsura (Japan), 13 gc., 21 ggc.

Shibuya, Fumiko, 81, San Francisco, May 23; survived by daughter Irene Shibuya, brother Isamu Ted Noguchi, sister Kikuko Sasaki.

Shizuko, James Masao, 87, San Francisco, May 5; survived by wife Sayeko, son Ronald, 2 gc., 3 ggc, brother Larry, Fred, Tom, Roy.

Shimamoto, Hank, 68, Stockton, May 23; French Camp-born, survived by wife Keiko, sons Roger, Kevin, brother Hiroshi, sisters Sadao Soeda, Teruko Hotta, Michiko Shimamoto.

Shiroma, Yukie Ellen, 76, Gardena, May 16; Seattle-born, survived by son Scott, daughters Linda Kaneshiro (Hawaii), Kristie Foster, Diane Newman, 4 gc, brother Toshio Tosa, sister-in-law Mabel Tosa.

Shundo, Yuriko, 74, San Pedro, May 13; Montebello-born, survived by husband Frank Shundo, son Frank Dwight Shundo, sister Toshie Yanagisako (Hawaii).

Takayama, Miyako, 76, Temple City, May 11; Guadalupe-born, survived by husband George, son Mark, daughters Joyce Sakai, Lisa Takayama, 5 gc., mother Fusano Katakata, brothers Tetsuo George Katakata, Yoshiaki Jim Katakata, Seiji Gary Katakata, Atsuo Dan Katakata, sisters Seichiko Sech Shimamoto, Yasuko Mary Cadabona.

Tamaki, Joe Hisaharu, 78, Hawthorne, May 19; Los Angeles-born, WWII 442nd veteran, survived by sisters Mary Yoshiye Aizumi, Hisako Yamaguchi (Japan).

Tan, Haruko Ruth, 91, Los Angeles, May 6; San Francisco-born, survived by daughter Marilyn Kim Wakumoto, 3 gc., brother Henry Tan (Oceanside), sisters-in-law Mabel, Martha, Toshiko Saito.

Tanji, James I., 76, Stockton, May 4; service; WWII interpreter/translator, interviewer and processor of prisoners of war in the Philippines and Japan, survived by wife Lily, son Dr. Jeff Tanji, sister Lily Sakurai (Menlo Park), brothers Gilbert Tanji (Cressey), Oscar Tanji (Kennewick, Wash.).

Yama, Noboru, Los Angeles, May 16; service; survived by Yaeiko, Juko, George, Rose, Helen, Chiyo.

Ukayama, Uto, 83, Sacramento, May 6; Okinawa-born, survived by sons Jack, Bill, Bob, Stanley, David, Dan, Peter, daughters Sally Suzuki, Ruth Maruoka, Carol Tsuha, 16 gc., 7 ggc.

Webb, Florence Motoko (Itani), 58, El Cerrito, April 21; San Francisco-born, survived by sisters Catherine Hata, Margaret Ota, brother-in-law Fumio Nishida.

Yamaguchi, Jim Atsushi, 73, Ballico, May 7; survived by wife Evelyn Fumiko, son Paul, daughter Susan Asai, 6 gc., brothers Mack (Pasadena), Ken (Minneapolis), David (San Jose), sisters Clara Miyano (Petaluma), Grace Kimoto (Winton), Aileen Yamaguchi (New York City).

Yamaji, Frances, 87, Cupertino, May 25; San Jose-born, survived by sons Mark, Craig, daughter Kim Burks, 1 gc., mother Mitsue Hinaga (San Jose), predeceased by husband John Yamaji.

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DEATH NOTICE

TOSHIO "TOSH" HOSHIDE

ROCKVILLE, Maryland—Toshio Hoshide, 88, passed away on May 18. Born in Seattle in 1908 to Sokichi and Toshiko Arita Hoshide, he married Chiyo Doris Aiso of Los Angeles in 1935.

After 43 years in civil service, he retired as Assistant Chief, Scientific Data Dept. of the renamed U.S. Defense Mapping Agency, Hydrographic/Topographic Center. He received many career awards and was sent on special missions to Panama, Vietnam, Japan and Korea.

Also active in the JACL, he was a founding member of the Seattle and Washington, DC chapters. In 1994, he was recognized as the oldest living member of JACL, having joined in 1928. A renowned speaker, he was in Toastmasters International for over 30 years. He frequently spoke at schools and colleges about the Japanese American experience and internment. In 1996, he was appointed to the City of Rockville Steering Committee. He and his wife (a UCLA graduate in 1934) established the Chidori Aiso Scholarship at the UCLA Asian American Studies Center to honor Mrs. Hoshide's sister.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Doris (Rockville, Md.); sister, Kazuko Catherine Sakura (Seattle); brother, Lloyd (Renton, Wash.); sisters-in-law, Namie Aiso (Los Angeles), Eva Hoshide Kato (Whittier); nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held in Bethesda, Md. Burial memorial to take place at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Hollywood Hills, Calif. at a later date. Contributions may be made to Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation, 6303 Friendship Ct., Bethesda, MD 20817; or National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, 2446 M St., NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20037.

CHIZU IYAMA ON THE ROAD:

Children of Chernobyl in Cuba

The brilliant, warm tropical sun, the cool refreshing breeze wafting off the turquoise colored sea — I was so excited about actually being in Cuba on a Chabot College Global Exchange study tour.

Our nine days were filled with visits to schools, child care centers, hospitals, universities, churches, museums, dance and music performances, farmers' coops, film and art schools. We had many opportunities to talk freely to people on the streets, at the university, at block meetings, at restaurants—everywhere we went.

What impressed me deeply was our visit to Tarara Beach, to meet the children of Chernobyl. My husband's relatives were victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima during World War II, and several years ago my niece in Hiroshima took in a child from Chernobyl for one summer. We work with Japanese doctors on their visits to San Francisco to examine Japanese residing in the U.S. who were caught in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We had never heard of Cuba's camp for children of Chernobyl, so we eagerly signed up for this visit.

The camp is set in a spacious beach resort, which was once a vacation spot for wealthy people. When I visited Cuba in 1978, this

was a Pioneer summer camp, buzzing with activities for hundreds of Cuban children on summer holidays. It was therefore somewhat of a shock to see blue-eyed, blonde Ukrainian children sitting in small groups, playing games. We visited the children with skin problems; some had bandages, others had lost their hair, some looked perfectly normal. They were of different ages 7-14 years, and they treated each other like children in a family, sometimes teasing, laughing, grabbing space. They danced for us, and it was delightful to see that in the short time they were at Tarara they have mastered that Cuban dance step with swiveled hips.

In 1986 after the devastating nuclear accident at Chernobyl, the then-Soviet Union asked for international aid. Cuba responded by offering to take in children, using the facilities at Tarara Beach.

In five years, they have set up medical treatment and served as a haven for over 16,000 people; 13,500 children, and the rest of adults accompanying them. The doctors in Ukraine examine and select the children to be sent to Cuba, and today, a private group pays for their transportation. Many children stay for three months; those with serious illnesses stay much longer. Children are treated for leukemia, skin diseases such as psoriasis, depletion of hair, anxiety and depression.

Cuba supplies food, shelter, medical treatment, and educa-

tional and recreational programs.

At one time, they had plans for hundreds of children to be treated at these facilities, but with the collapse of the Soviet Union, a private Ukrainian group has been able to raise only limited funds for transportation.

At the present time there are several hundred children at the camp. There are three hospitals and four clinics on the premises, and there are Cuban diabetic and asthmatic children in other parts of this expansive area. We understand there are also tourist health centers where foreigners can seek health care, which is provided inexpensively.

Some parents accompany their children, and some infants as well as 18-year-olds have been treated. Russian teachers are at the facilities to help maintain the children's education. Psychologists as well as medical personnel are provided to look after the children's health. Some of the problems they have encountered were feelings of depression and nervousness.

"Are the children homesick?" we asked, noting that the climate, food, and living conditions are so different from life in the Ukraine.

"The children adapt very easily here in Cuba. They love the sunshine, the sandy beach, and the people who treat them. In fact, most of them do not want to return," stated Dr. Raciell Llanes, program coordinator.

They are facing a very difficult situation not only at Tarara camp, but in all of Cuba, due to the U.S. embargo from the start of the Castro revolution in 1959, and today the isolation of Cuba has been strengthened by the Helms-Burton law. In addition, Cuba's trading partners from the Soviet Bloc vanished with the breakdown of

the Soviet Union in 1989.

Therefore there is a sharp decline in the standard of living, and medical and educational materials are in short supply. It was difficult as an American tourist to see how they had to adapt to those limitations. Everywhere people were warm and friendly to us and openly discussed problems they were facing. We met dissidents who wanted to come to the U.S. as well as staunch upholders of the present regime. They were generally cautiously optimistic about the future, saying that 1993 was the most difficult year, but they saw an upturn ahead.

We asked why Cuba was maintaining their program of taking in the children of Chernobyl while their own people were facing such hardships and could use these resources for themselves.

Our guide replied that "It's the human thing to do. These are children who need help."

Berkeley Orchestra season ends with world premieres

BERKELEY—The Berkeley Symphony Orchestra, under Maestro Kent Nagano, recently concluded its 1996-97 season at Zellerbach Hall with two world premieres, (a) Aoki/Izu's *Mermaid*, featuring Brenda Wong Aoki as the storyteller, rock artist Miya Masaoka, who instrumentalist Mark Izu and percussionist Donna Lee Kwon, and (b) David Sheinfeld's *Polarities*.

Izu composed the score for Steven Okazaki's Academy Award winning film, *Days of Waiting* and has been director of the Asian American Jazz Festival for the past 14 years.

Masaoka plays the 21-string *shamisen* koto, has recorded and performed throughout Japan, Europe, India and the U.S. Kwon, as a percussionist and vocalist in the Korean tradition, has crossed many musical borders.

New York's JASSI has new director

NEW YORK—Mari Sakaji, who joined the Japanese American Social Services (JASSI) staff as an administrative assistant in 1985, replaces Cyril Nishimoto as director when he returned to his home state of California in April to head an organization called Iwa.

Fully bilingual in English and Japanese, Sakaji has been a pivotal staff member since JASSI's early years because of her language skills, assisting Japanese-speaking clients in particular. She had been assistant director since 1988.

San Diego's Kiku Gardens seeking more applicants

SAN DIEGO—Kiku Gardens, a 100 unit section 8-202 rent-subsidized senior housing project owned and operated by the Nikkei Community of San Diego, is seeking additional names to place on its waiting list of prospective tenants.

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Inuzuka sails around the world on his ship, 'Go For Broke'

BY WALLY YORI KAGAWA

442nd Anti-Tank Reporters

HONOLULU—The tale of Mineo Inuzuka, 442nd veteran and a career Army officer, who sailed around the world in 1994, fulfilling a lifelong ambition, was related at the Anti-Tank Chapter meeting earlier this year at the Pearl County Club.

Born in Portland, Ore., Mineo entered the Army from Minidoka Relocation Center, served with the 442nd in Co. F, won numerous decorations, and retired from the Army in 1968 as a lieutenant colonel and settled in Hawaii in 1970. After his three daughters completed college, he set to work on his dream to circumnavigate the world. In five years, he completed a 50-foot steel-hulled ship and named her *Go for Broke*.

With a companion, Inuzuka set forth southeast on May 31, 1994, hitting several squalls and storm. After barely making it to Pago Pago with a battered ship, his companion left, having had enough of the sailing adventure. Mineo continued by himself on a two-and-a-half-year voyage by way of Darwin (Australia), Durban (South Africa), Cape Horn, across

the Atlantic Ocean to Panama Canal and across the Pacific back to Hawaii, where he received a hero's welcome.

Constant danger and perils included hitting reefs, squalls with waves 60 feet high, violent winds, and doldrums. His head was gashed open when a steel beam hit him during a storm. His sail was torn to shreds several times; his mast was damaged. His engine had to be repaired several times. His autopilot broke down repeatedly.

A dozen men in a decrepit fishing boat asked if he wanted to be towed. Mineo answered "no," thinking they might be pirates intent on hijacking his ship when they asked him the second time.

One of his nicest experiences occurred in Durban, where the people were exceptionally cordial. Several people whom he met on the dock while waiting for his ship to be repaired invited him to their homes for dinners or for overnight stays. He still corresponds with them.

Mineo should be commended for his courage and valor in war and peace—and on land, air and sea. He is truly a "man for all seasons."

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