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Final Seattle touches underway for PNW-Intermountain bi-district confab

SEATTLE—All 17 chapters in the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain districts are involved, but Seattle JACL members, led by conference chair Elaine Akagi, are wrapping up the final plans for the July 18-20 meeting at Best Western Southcenter Hotel on the theme, "Communities Envisioning Tomorrow."

Puyallup Valley JACL's Bob Mizukami has organized the opening activity, a golf tournament Friday at River Bend Golf Course with an 11 a.m. tee-off. The hospitality event, hosted by the Seattle chapter, fills the evening from 6 to 10 p.m.

A full program fills Saturday: 7:30 continental breakfast; 8:30-11:30 respective PNWDC and IDC meetings; 12-1:30 p.m. luncheon with keynote speaker Warren Furutani, onetime JACL "fox" (field office expeditor) and more recently Los Angeles School Board member; and four workshops set from 1:30 to 3 and 3 until 4:30 p.m.

The evening is open for the annual **Seattle Obon Festival**, 5 until 10, a premier festival staged by the Seattle Buddhist Temple. Conference-goers who need a little brush-up will be coached by Elsie Taniguchi at the Ono Practice workshop. She will go through the steps of *Tanko Bushi*, *Goshu Ono*, *Soran-bushi* and traditional obon numbers.

Other workshops until 3 p.m. cover: (a) Multi-racial Families with Tony Ishizaka, moderator, Jeffrey Hattori, Kathy Estep, Sharon Sobier; (b) How to tell our WWII Nikkei experience; and (c) Hanford "Downwinders," Ken Nakano, panel moderator.

Until 4:30 p.m. are (d) Intergenerational dialogue: Chiz Norton, facilitator, Jill Yamaguchi; (e) Political empowerment panel: Al Sugiyama, Arlene Oki, Davis Yee, Ethelyn Abellanose; and (f) Calligraphy, hands on with Susumu Sato.

Conference fees payable to Seattle JACL, 671 Jackson St. #206, Seattle, WA 98104, 206/623-5088 are: \$60 package (4 meals, workshops); \$35 golf, \$18 Nihonmachi tour.

After breakfast Sunday and the IDC/PNWDC joint session from 8 till noon, the **Historic Nihonmachi Tour**, hosted by Lake Washington JACL, follows with a lunch at Nippon Kan, an overview by Professor Gail Dubrow, a 2-3 p.m. walking tour, and ends at Wing Luke Museum. The tour fee includes lunch.

At one stop is the Panama Hotel, built in 1910 by Saburo Ozasa, the first Asian American architect to practice in Seattle. In the basement for

display are unclaimed baggage of WWII evacuees and the communal baths. Another stop, NP Hotel, will be open for a view of its Nihonmachi picture display.

At the PNW Regional Office stop are the Lake Washington JACL-Bellevue Historical Society display, the Bainbridge Island exhibit, the computerized Denso Project video library, and slides of Seattle's 75th anniversary event.

The Oregon Nikkei and "Japanese Americans in Utah" projects will be represented.

National JACL board and staff members expected to attend include:

Helen Kawagoe, national president; Richard Uno, v.p.-general operations; Lori Fujimoto, v.p.-public affairs; Gary Mayeda, v.p.-planning and development; Hiromi Ueha, youth council chair; Nicole Inouye, youth rep.; Herbert Yamanishi, national director; Robert Sakaniwa, Washington D.C. rep.; and Caroline Aoyagi, assistant P.C. editor.

Joining the conference are the **Young Adult Asian Pacific Islander Americans (APIA)** with a variety of workshops, coordinated by PNW youth/student co-reps Jonathan Matsui, Seattle JACL 3rd v.p., and Kelly Wicker, Olympia JACL board member.

Workshop topics for youth include arts, business, financial planning, gay/lesbian/bisexual issues, health, intra-Asian racism, law, media, mentoring, multi-racial families, politics and science/technology. ■

COMMENTARY:

Kao killing raises question of race

BY MEI NAKANO

PRESIDENT Clinton did the right thing in bringing race back into the national conversation. One can only hope that it will be translated into action and not vanish in the smoke of accommodation. I realize that a lot of folks in this society are "tired of talking about race," as an acquaintance puts it, and want people to "get over it." But race so often enters into critical decisions ground-level folks have to make and into governmental policy-making (or unmaking, as in the case of affirmative action) that it can hardly be dismissed as boring and irrelevant.

Take the case of the recent tragedy of Kuan Chung Kao here in Sonoma County. The shooting and killing of the 33-year-old engineer, a native of Taiwan, sparked an uproar in this relatively sedate county, not seen since the Polly Klaas kidnap/murder case. Local activists, representing at least 18 organizations, seized upon the incident to form the Coalition on Police Accountability (COPA) to call for a civilian police review board. They cite five fatal killings in the past two years at the hands of the police under questionable circumstances. Two of these involved men of color.

In the incident in question, Kao had spent the night and early morning hours of April 28-29 in a bar. There, "livid" at being called a Jap, he got into altercations with other bar patrons, according to the bartender. The bartender then called the police and a cab to escort Kao home. The intoxicated Kao asked the police to arrest the persons who, he said, had assaulted him and caused cuts about his face. The police refused, put him in the cab, escorted him home, then left.

Soon afterwards, the Rohnert Park police began receiving a num-

Message at Nat'l Youth/Student Conference: JACL is your organization

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI
Assistant Editor

IT'S hip, it's rad, it's cool. It's the Japanese American Citizens League! Okay, that's a bit excessive, but you get the idea: The JACL is just as much an organization for young people as it is dad's or grandmother's.

That was the message more than a hundred students from Hawaii to New York heard at this year's fourth biennial National JACL Youth/Student Conference, "Leading Into the Future," at UC Irvine, Calif., on June 20-22. High school and college students learned leadership skills and increased their awareness of issues relevant to the Asian American community. And, in between, friendships were forged and the occasional basketball game was played.

"JACL is currently trying to keep the legacy going by reaching out to the youth," said 24-year-old Hiromi Ueha, National Youth/Student Council chair. With the youth conference "we're introducing JACL on a social level but we're still introducing them to JACL."

"Young people have so much to do these days, you have to personalize it so they understand," she said. Leadership development "is one of the better ways to encourage young adults to come out to the activities to see what JACL has to offer."

"We have to show that [JACL] is a relevant organization, fighting for civil

rights," said Nicole Inouye, 21, National Youth/Student Representative. "Ultimately we're going to be the future leaders and we need to understand that responsibility." With the youth conference "we're giving them the skills to be leaders."

Keynote speakers Russell S. Kennedy, executive director of the Orange County Human Relations Commission and the Orange County Human Relations Council, and Warren Furutani, executive director of the Asian Pacific Community Fund and president and CEO of the Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council, encouraged the youth to take on key roles in community organizations and mainstream politics.

"I challenge you to be leaders in the future ... to be a certain kind of leader," said Kennedy. You can either be a leader who solves problems by blaming and scapegoating others or you can strive to be a leader who looks at the issues and comes up with solutions.

"Changes in our community have been fast and it will continue," he said. "People fear change. It takes courage to stand up and say the truth. We need you as young people to be the voice of reason. By standing together with many communities ... we can have a powerful voice. I challenge you as young leaders to make it so."

Japanese Americans need to redefine what it means to be a JA today, said Furutani. "Our challenge as JAs is we need a definition

... redefining our community by what we feel is important. But whatever it is, it comes from us. And each generation has to take on that challenge."

"I think the potential in the JA community has been untapped," he said. "We have to push young people to stop playing it safe." But "I'm more than impressed with the kids here. Spending the time to make this commitment is important and it's also a smart investment for [JACL]."

Various Asian American community leaders presented workshops on topics as diverse as community

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8 more CLPEF grants announced

SAN FRANCISCO—The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund awarded eight grants at its May and June board meetings. Total thus far stands at 135 grants and fellowships, totaling approximately \$3.5 million. The eight grants announced June 24 are:

- \$25,000 — "Japanese Americans: From Imprisonment during World War II to the Civil Liberties Act of 1988," JACL Legislative Education Committee, California; Research Resources grant.
- \$10,000 — "If Walls Could Speak: stories from the barracks of America's concentration camps," Sharon Yamato Danley, California; Arts and Media grant.
- \$25,000 — "Legends from Camp Animated Poetry Project," Lawson Inada, Oregon; Arts and Media grant.
- \$12,500 — "Exploring Family Legacies," Nobu Miyoshi, MSW, California; Research Project grant.
- \$27,000 — "Educational Outreach Program," Asian American Curriculum Project, California; Curriculum Project grant.
- \$40,000 — "Museum Exhibi-

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50 on Maui seek redress

HONOLULU—About 50 evacuees from Puunene, Maui, are applying for redress under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, according to past president Aliyyn Hikida Tasaka of the Honolulu JACL, who said they were the first large group identified on a Neighbor Island. She has been working with redress claims for the past decade.

In 1942 after a summer working on Molokai, Yutaka Sorayama, then 16, returned home to Maui and couldn't find his family because his father, mother, five brothers and one sister had been told to move out of their Camp Six home on the Puunene sugar plantation near the old naval airfield.

Sorayama's niece, Debbie Saito, told the *Advertiser* that the Puunene group was trying to find documented proof that the families were discriminated against because of their race. "It seems like they (the Japanese) were discriminated against ... In this case, everybody was moved, but the Japanese were moved out first."

Filipino and Korean families that lived in Camp Six were moved a year later into new housing, but didn't have to go very far. The Sorayamas and the other Japanese were relocated five miles away to houses built of salvage material. "What's frustrating is that it's 55 years later and the plantation did not keep very good records," Saito added. ■



Students gather for an impromptu discussion at this year's JACL National Youth/Student Conference.

House and Senate amendments restore some benefits to legal immigrants

WASHINGTON—Disabled and elderly legal immigrants let out a guarded sigh of relief as the House and the Senate approved several amendments to the Balanced Budget Act this past week that would restore Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.

Almost a year has passed since the federal welfare reform bill threatening to cut off SSI benefits and food stamps to an estimated 500,000 legal permanent residents was approved. The Senate's balanced budget bill goes further than the House's in protecting benefits for legal immigrants but both exclude provisions for food stamps.

The approval of an amendment introduced by Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) would allow elderly and disabled immigrants who are currently receiving SSI to continue receiving benefits. Also, legal permanent residents in the United States on or before Aug. 22, 1996, who later became disabled would be eligible for benefits.

The Senate also approved an amendment introduced by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) that would enable all legal immigrants

who arrived after Aug. 22, 1996, and are too disabled to naturalize to be excluded from the SSI restrictions. Sen. John McCain's (R-Ariz.) amendment, allowing Amerasians to receive SSI and all other benefits during their first seven years in the U.S., was also passed.

The House approved a balanced budget bill that is more limited, allowing only elderly and disabled legal permanent residents who were already receiving SSI as of Aug. 22 to continue receiving benefits.

Prior to the Senate's amendments, President Clinton announced that he would veto any bill that did not include a provision to restore SSI and Medicaid eligibility for legal permanent residents who were in the U.S. on or before Aug. 22, 1996, and who were, or later became, disabled.

Leaders of the House and Senate must now settle their differences in a conference committee scheduled this week. They'll have to come up with a final bill to be approved by the full Congress and President Clinton before it becomes



ACLOSE LOOK—Dan Aiso scales ladder for a closer look. Here is a westward view of First St. from Judge John Aiso St., formerly No. San Pedro St. See Harry Honda's column on page 8.

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JACL Calendar

ATTENTION: Details indicated with "NOTES" are usually published with a Calendar entry at the outset. TIME-VALUE is the chief consideration.

Eastern

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

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

Midwest

TRI-DISTRICT (EDC-MDC-MPOC)
 Thu.-Sun. July 31-Aug. 3—TDC Conference, Radisson Hotel & Suites, Huron St. N. Michigan Ave. info and mail regis. \$115 before 6/30, \$145 after to Bill Yoshino, Chicago JACL, 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640, 773/728-7170, fax 773/728-7231.

NOTE—Reservations 800/333-3333/mention JACL: \$124 sgl or dbl per night, 2 night minimum, tax not included. The regis. 1 p.m. Open House: 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. workshops, Sat. reception, banquet; Each district council meets during morning hours Fri. & Sat. Tri-District wrap-up Sunday 9 a.m.-12 noon.

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

ST. LOUIS
 Sun. July 13—Kickoff: JACL/Sowa Sisters Cities monthly program, 1-3 p.m., McNally House, Maryville Univ. campus, info: Irma Yokota 314/921-7933; NOTE—Ben Uyestso, speaker; Next meeting dates—Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 5, Nov. 2.

SAT-MON. Aug. 30-Sept. 1—Japanese Festival, Missouri Botanical Gardens; info: Irma Yokota. NOTE—Presentation of JACL/Anheuser-Busch Co. George Sakaguchi Community Service Award scheduled during the opening ceremonies, for the individual committed to

making St. Louis a better place to live"; Nominations due Aug. 15, for forms write Mike Kimzey, 11510 Cedar Walk Dr., St. Louis, MO 63146.

WISCONSIN
 Sun. July 13 (new date)—Annual golf outing, 8 a.m., Edgewater Golf Club, Grafton; Picnic to follow, NOTE—Fee by July 11: Marty Suyama 414/462-0203.

Sun. Aug. 10—Annual picnic, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Brown Deer Park #3, Milwaukee; RSVP by Aug. 3, Nancy Jonokuchi, 414/672-5544 or Carole Shiraga 414/353-8184.

Mountain Plains

HOUSTON
 Sat. July 5—Chapter fun, 1 p.m. till dusk, Jamaica Beach; info: Beach house 409/737-1562; RSVP (covered dish), Sun/Neve Shosh 713/461-8074.

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

Sun. Sept. 7—Bon 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 Pte's, Jackpot, Nev.; info: Hida Hasegawa, Idaho Falls 208/259-1525.

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

MT. OLYMPUS
 Sat. Aug. 14—Summer picnic, Evergreen Park, Sandy, OR; info: Tom Matsuda 503/242-2287.

Sat. Sept. 13—2d annual Fall Golf Classic, 8 a.m., Riverbend Golf Course, RSVP \$40 (includes cart) by Aug. 25, c/o Floyd Mori, 10712 Maple Hill Circle, Sandy, UT 84092, 801/752-2287.

Pacific Northwest

BI-DISTRICT COUNCIL-Tulwila, Wash.
 July 18-19—Bi-District PNW-Intermountain District Council conference, Sat. workshops:

Francisco's 100th Anniversary, an initial call to members & families affiliated with the following church groups: Senior (Ingle, Jr., Fujimori, Seda, Gakuso), Sunday School, Youth Adult Buddhist Organization, Troop 29 Boy Scouts, Explorers Scout, Cub Scouts, YBA, YMBA, YWBA, Protos basketball team, Brownie Girl Scout Troop 533; contact Central Committee 415/776-3158, 415/776-0264 fax. NOTE—BCSF 100th Committee: Ken Ono, chair; Ken Matsuda, president; Rev. LaVerne Senyo Sasaki, minister; Susumu Sasaki, past presidents

SAN JOSE
 Fri. Sept. 19 - March 15, 1998—Unpublished Life Magazine photographs of Hansel Meeth and Otto Haglund, "The Heart of the Matter"; info: m.4 p.m. Tu-Sun, Santa Clara University's de Saisset Museum, info: 408/554-5126; NOTE—Mamoru Inouye, Los Gatos, guest curator.

Southern Cal

GARDENA-MINIDOKA
 Sun. July 27—Minidoka Camp Reunion, "Sharing Memories" dinner, Sea Empress Seafood Restaurant, Gardena. RSVP, info: Betty (Yonemuchi) Endo 213/321-5279, Toshi (Shoji) Ito 909/881-9676.

LOS ANGELES
 Through July 13—East West Players presents Faigao-Hall's "Woman from the Other Side of the World." Fri-Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., final season at theater's Silver Lake location, 4424 Santa Monica Blvd., tickets 213/660-0366.

Sat. July 5—West Coast Japanese-Hong Kong Obon Festival, 11:30-9:30 p.m.; info: 818/339-6326.

Sat. July 12—Nikkei Singles Luau, 6 p.m., Ken Nakaoka Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena, RSVP by June 30, Jean Seiki 1602 Haas Ave., Torrance CA 90504; info: Bea 213/935-8648.

NOTE—Entertainment and dancing until 11:30. Tue. July 15—Japanese Cultural Competition in America deadline, exhibit Nov. 12, entry details & info: Japan Calligraphy Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., #506, Los Angeles, CA 90012, 213/628-2725, fax 617-85776.

Fri.-Sun. July 18-20—AACC hosts 1997 Taiko Conference, Taiko Jam concert Sat. 8 p.m., info: 213/628-2725. NOTE—Almost 100 groups perform in U.S. and Canada today, 30 years ago there were none.

Sat.-Sun. July 19-20—Bridges USA Japanese Summer Festival, 11 a.m.-sunset, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance; info: 310/532-5921.

Sat. July 19—"To All Relations" concert of African and Asian American artists, 8 p.m., John Anson Ford Amphitheater, info: Great Leap Inc., 310/264-6696. NOTE—Performing are Nobuko Miyamoto, Francis Ave, Charlie Chin, Derek Nakamoto, Jesse Acuna, Danny Yamamoto.

Sun. July 24—29th Pan-Asian Convention at Mexico City, info: Convention regis. fee \$300 (payable to PAN-USA, c/o Ernest Hida), details from Ernest Hida, American Holiday Travel, 312 E. 1st St., Suite 341, Los Angeles, CA 90012, 213/625-2232.

Sat. Aug. 2—Asian American Drug Abuse Program fundraiser, ShowTime 97, 7 p.m., Japan America Theater, 244 S. San Pedro St., box office 213/680-3700 (noon-5 p.m.); info: AADAP 213/293-6284. NOTE—JACC co-sponsors.

Featuring the Chan Blues Band, The Mighty Mountain Warriors comedy team, Culture Clash. Mon. Aug. 11-17—Nikkei Games: "Games for the Generations," CSU Long Beach, info: Jesse James, chair, 714/531-1251. NOTE—Successors to JACL Nisei Rangers. Expanded program includes kendo, judo, taekwondo, aikido, karate, softball, 5K run, naginata, gateball, basketball, volleyball.

Sat. Oct. 18—7th annual Japanese American Historical Society of So. Calif. Community Heritage Awards dinner.

LOS ANGELES-PORTLAND
 Fri.-Sun. Oct. 24-26—55th year camp reunion, Torrance Marriott Hotel; call for registration forms, info: Shiz Tanaka-Fujimoto 714/504-4969, Mary Kinoshita-Higashi 310/832-6303, Nancy Matsumoto-Matsuda 213/888-9922.

Intergenerational dialogue, Raising bi-racial children, Political empowerment/involvement; Membership recruitment/services; Cultural arts. Best Western Southcenter, Tukwila, info: 206/623-5088. NOTE—Booster events: Friday golf tournament, Sat. evening Seattle Bon Odori Festival; Sun. tour of historic Seattle Nihonmachi. In conjunction: APIA Youth Student Conference, theme: "Community Envisioning Tomorrow."

CONTRA COSTA
 Sat. Sept. 13—Family BBQ and Fishing Day, Point Pinole Regional Shoreline Park; info: Ron Shiroamoto.

Sat. Sept. 27—Panel: "Healey Matters," 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Alta Bates Medical Center, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley; info: Sara Kashima 510/845-6553. NOTE—Two-part program; lunch included in \$12 registration; 2d mgmt Sat. Oct. 20, 11 a.m.

FRENCH CAMP
 Sat. July 12—Annual bazaar, 4 p.m., Community Hall, 170 E. French Camp Rd., info: Gail Matsui 209/823-8964. NOTE—Sushi sells out early!

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

Sun. Oct. 19—Hallowe'en potluck.

Sun. Nov. 16—Mochitsuki.

Sun. Dec. 14—Holiday Season potluck.

Sun. Jan. 18—Installation / potluck.

SAN JOSE
 Sat. Aug. 16 (New date)—Tennis tournament, Evergreen College grounds, San Jose.

Fri. Nov. 14—General meeting/potluck.

WEST VALLEY/NEXT GENERATION
 Sun. July 10—Ten-week Volleyball League (5 by date), 7:10 p.m., Campbell Community Center; info: Steve Akio 408/241-5749, Troy Takao 408/482. NOTE—Instructions from Coach Ruben Nieves, head coach, Stanford University Men's Team; Tom Shoda, NG volleyball director.

Sat. Aug. 16—20th International Shumada Festival, info: Todd Yoshida, 408/251-1949.

Sat. Aug. 23—Volleyball tournament, San Jose State; info: Steve Akio 408/241-5749, Troy Takao 408/482.

Central California
 DISTRICT COUNCIL
 Sat. Aug. 23—CCDC 3rd Quarterly Session.

Sun. Sept. 7—Shinzen Run; info: Bi-Di Hanada 209/434-1662.

Sat. Oct. 25—CCDC 4th Quarterly Session.

RIVERSIDE
 Through Aug. 16—Nisei artist Howard Ikemoto's exhibit: "Chi's Family Divided," 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun.-Sat., Riverside Art Museum, 3425 Mission Inn Ave., 909/684-7111. NOTE—Powerful images of the Japanese American internment experience from Walegra to Tule Lake while his brother and two sisters were stranded in Japan by the war.

SAN DIEGO
 Sun. July 13—Opening of Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit, "For a More Perfect Union," San Diego Public Library.

NOTE—JACL/JAHSSD co-sponsors; Scheduled speakers: July 20—Dr. Peter Irons; July 27—Speaker with film on Canadian Red Lobster; Aug. 3—Prof. Don Estes and slide show; Aug. 10—Film on Japanese American National Museum with speaker; Aug. 17—Prof. Leland Saito, UCSD, and Prof. Tom Fujita-Rony, UCI, on Evacuation.

Through Aug. 10—Exhibit: "The 100 Years Road: Japan to San Diego, a Japanese American Journey," Museum of San Diego's History, Balboa Park. NOTE—Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego.

Nevada

LAS VEGAS
 Sat. Aug. 9—Buddhist Sangha Obon Festival, noon-5 p.m., Cimarron-Memorial Hall, 2301 N. Tenaya Way; info: Fred Fukumoto 702/362-3742.

LAS VEGAS—HEART MOUNTAIN
 Fri.-Sun. Sept. 26-28—Reunion VI, Plaza Hotel;

Sat. Nov. 8—CCDC installation luncheon. FRESNO
 Sat.-Sun. July 5-6—3rd annual Fresno JACL Geo. Omachi Senses baseball tournament, first rounds Sat., at Fresno's Highland Cleve West Field; 5th place: 10:30 consolation, 1:30 title game; participants: Fresno, Lodi, San Jose, San Fernando Valley, Sanger, info: Frank/Janice Hashimoto 209/439-8815, Clyde/Gale Janice Yokoyama 209/298-5448, Geno/Gale Naka 209/856-6447. NOTE—Tribute to Nisei baseball pioneers, Friday, July 25, 7 p.m., Dodger Stadium, L.A., vs. Phillies, tickets: Kerry Nakagawa, 209/222-5763.

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

Sat. Nov. 1—Fun trip bus to Tahoe. Sat. Dec. 6—Family Fun Night.

Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL
 Sat. Sept. 20—FSW Awards dinner, 6 p.m. no-host cocktail, 7 p.m. dinner, Torrance Marriott Hotel; info: 213/626-4471.

ARIZONA
 1998: Jan. 5-Feb. 19—Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit: "A More Perfect Union," Phoenix Public Library.

LAS VEGAS
 Sun. Sept. 28—Chapter luau, St. Viator Community Center.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
 Mon. July 7—1st annual JACL Scholarship golf tournament, Sierra LaVerne Country Club; info and scholarship fund donations to: Toshi Ito, 1840 Earning Fine Dr., Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

SOUTH BAY
 Fri. July 18—YAG meeting, 6 p.m., Fukugawa Restaurant, 1630 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Pacific Square, Gardena; RSVP by 7/16, 310/454-4570.

Sun. July 20—Scholarship luncheon/Queen's reception, 11:30-2:30, Ladera Linda Community Center, 32201 Forestal, Rancho Palos Verdes, info: Hot-line 310/854-4570. NOTE—Lynly Reiko Matsumoto, 2d CSU Fullerton major in accounting, is the chapter queen. For tickets to the Nisei Week Coronation Ball Aug. 9, Diane Tanaka 310/533-1165.

VENTURA COUNTY
 Sun. Oct. 5—Cultural Heritage Day, WEST LOS ANGELES

Sun. Sept. 7—Avellany Akki Matsui Reunion 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Bessie Japanese community Center, 12448 Bradburn Rd., Los Angeles; info: Jean Ushijima 310/390-6194, Eiko Iwata 310/820-1875. NOTE—Prospective vendors should call Ken or Eiko.

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infol packet for former internees who have never attended a previous Reunion, contact Bacon Sakatani, 210 N. Shady Lane, West Covina, CA 91790, 818/338-8310.

Arizona

PHOENIX
 Fri.-Sat. Aug. 15-16—Asian Students in Action Conference, Embassy Suites Biltmore, 24th & Camelback, Phoenix, RSVP by July 19, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Dorothy Lee, 940 S. Graycroft Rd., Tucson, AZ 85711, 520/297-1042; info: Madeline Ong-Sakata 602/371-8452.

Coming in 1998: Smithsonian's "A More Perfect Union" traveling exhibit, Jan. 5-Feb. 19. Local committee information, info: Amy Williams, Phoenix Public Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004, 602/262-7939.

Alaska

Through June 26—Smithsonian's "A More Perfect Union" traveling exhibit, Louisa Public Library (level 3), Anchorage.

Nevada

LAS VEGAS
 Sat. Aug. 9—Buddhist Sangha Obon Festival, noon-5 p.m., Cimarron-Memorial Hall, 2301 N. Tenaya Way; info: Fred Fukumoto 702/362-3742.

LAS VEGAS—HEART MOUNTAIN
 Fri.-Sun. Sept. 26-28—Reunion VI, Plaza Hotel;

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ber of 911 calls, reporting a shirtless man in the middle of the street "screaming and going nuts." Officers Jack Shields and Michael Lynch responded in separate cars.

Shields reported afterwards that Kao advanced toward them, spinning a 6-ft. pole in a manner "consistent with a Ninja fighter," further, that he hit both patrol cars with the pole, denting the grill of one. Shields yelled at Kao to drop the stick, and when he refused, shot him in the chest. Mere seconds had elapsed from the time of the officers' arrival to the time the shot rang out.

After a six-week investigation, the Sonoma County District Attorney's office and the Rohnert Park police department exonerated Jack Shields. The Chinese community here and across the nation, already angry over the incident, were furious over the judgement and called for a thorough investigation by outside governmental officials. Leland Yee, San Francisco supervisor, appearing at a rally, condemned the police action and said that the shooting was not merely a local issue but a national one. The U.S. Civil Rights Commission and the U.S. Justice Dept. have since sent representatives to Sonoma County.

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Corrections

● To railroad-mining worker families, the correct phone number for Patty Wada at JACL HQ is 415/921-5225

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Washington Whirl

By Robert Sakaniwa

Legal permanent residents (LPRs) and Campaign Finance Reform

IN the wake of the 1996 federal election cycle we have seen intense media and political focus turned to the issue of campaign finance reform. There is concern over this issue not seen since the early '70s after the Watergate scandal broke. One of the main areas of campaign finance abuse has been that of "soft money."

Soft money refers to contributions made to political parties, as distinguished from contributions made directly to candidates for federal office. Soft money is not subject to contribution limits. Soft money is to be used ostensibly for state and local party activities such as get-out-the-vote drives and advertisements supporting one party or the other, but it is not to be used to support a specific candidate.

A fundamental requirement of both soft money and direct contributions to a candidate is that the source of the money must not be a foreign corporation or a foreign national. Legal permanent residents (LPRs) were not included in the prohibition and currently are allowed to make campaign contributions.

Currently, there are numerous bills in Congress attempting to reform campaign finance law. Unfortunately,

of the many issues in campaign finance, the only provision that apparently has bi-partisan support is one that bars LPRs from making political contributions.

The prohibition denying LPRs the right to make campaign contributions would be a continuation of the attacks on immigrants that we have seen take place during the last several years. In the immigration and welfare reform debates we saw immigrants being used as the scapegoat for the federal government's budget problems and now we see immigrants being scapegoated for a flawed campaign finance system.

It should be remembered that immigrants often take on the hard and unpleasant jobs that many U.S. citizens will not take and yet, under the new anti-immigrant laws in many situations, they will not be allowed to receive federal assistance should the need arise. This troubling pattern of anti-immigrant actions fosters the false notion that LPRs somehow do not share an interest in the well-being of this nation and do not deserve basic rights and benefits. This fallacy creates the justification for some people to treat those who are not yet citizens as second-class people.

LPRs should be viewed as citizens in training, people who are on the fast track to becoming U.S. citizens. They are in this country legally and have complied with strict regulations and laws for admittance into the U.S. They must pay taxes, must register for the draft, and must obey all laws as any citizen would. Thus, LPRs have a real stake in civic affairs.

One argument that is often made is, if one is not able to vote one should not be permitted to make political contributions. However, it would be unfair to deny a group of people the right to express themselves on policy matters that affect them and their families. In fact, there are circumstances in some local jurisdictions where LPRs are allowed to vote precisely because there is the understanding that LPRs should have a voice where their lives are impacted. Since LPRs cannot vote at the federal level, one of the only other ways of expressing their views in the political process is through their campaign contributions.

It is also this aspect of expression that provides a constitutional protection as well. Under the Bill of Rights, the First Amendment among other things protects a person's right to free speech. This protection is afforded not only to citizens of the U.S., but in certain situations, to LPRs as well. The Supreme Court has ruled that campaign contributions are a form of speech protected under the First Amendment. Restrictions on this form of speech are subject to the highest level of judicial scrutiny. A ban on an LPR's right to make contributions should be found unconstitutional under a court's highest level of scrutiny.

Attempts to justify the ban have been made on the grounds that such a ban is necessary to prevent the flow of foreign money into the United States' political system; however the law already prohibits this from happening. Supporters of the ban have not shown how contributions by LPRs pose more of a threat than contributions by citizens. Furthermore, supporters of the ban have not explained how preventing LPRs from contributing would in any way reduce the amount of illegal donations being made by foreign nationals.

Going after LPRs to stop the flow of foreign contributions does not make sense. U.S. citizens can, and have been known to, funnel foreign contributions into campaigns. The problem is not legal contributions being made by LPRs. We must not use LPRs as scapegoats for the problems in the campaign finance system.

Sakaniwa is the Washington, D.C. JACL representative.

Recruiting youth into JACL: an intern's perspective

BY CHRISTINA A. NAGAO

PSW District Intern

Why are Asian American youths so apathetic? I've heard this question asked repeatedly by befuddled community leaders. Is there some truth in their allegation that my generation is indifferent to community matters? Hoping to dispel their contention as a myth, I journeyed to JACL's Youth Conference at the University of California, Irvine.



At UCI, I first encountered a room full of Japanese American youths discussing issues relevant to the Japanese American community. An auspicious beginning, I thought. As the weekend progressed, I found evidence to support my hunch that many JA youths wish for community involvement. Sure, I met some attendees who openly revealed that they came for social reasons, but I also spoke with many who were interested in getting involved but didn't know where to begin. As one who had longed to become involved in the JA community but didn't know how, I can attest to the need for guidance.

Judging from the number of my JA peers at UC Berkeley who affiliate themselves with organizations such as Korean Bible Study and the Chinese Student Association, I can say that they will show a similar interest in the JA community if given the opportunity. As the largest Japanese American organization in terms of its membership and resources, JACL should embrace Japanese American youths. JACL leaders should stop chiding us, and start to

actively recruit on their own initiative.

If a local JACL chapter exists near a college campus, that chapter should adopt the college's Japanese American student organization. I know this method works through my own experience. My activities with Tomodachi, UC Berkeley's Japanese American Culture Club, paved the way for my involvement with the Berkeley JACL Chapter. I saw another example of this guidance occur at the Youth Conference between the Selanoco JACL and UCI's Tomo no Kai.

However, JACL cannot stop outreach after a local chapter successfully adopts a campus organization. Instead, the local chapter must build trust and camaraderie in order to sustain its relationship with the student organization.

For instance, local chapters should invite students to volunteer at their events. My first community event with Tomodachi consisted of volunteering as an usher for a Berkeley JACL-sponsored forum. With the establishment of trust, the relationship could progress to a mutually beneficial one. Along with Tomodachi's enthusiasm in volunteering at JACL community events, the Berkeley chapter has shown its appreciation by consistently sponsoring our annual Culture Night presentation. This mutual support has worked to sustain a lasting bond.

JACL can further maintain a relationship by holding JACL events on or near college campuses. Most college students might not have access to cars and so proximity to an event is an important factor. Catering to student needs will help foster student appreciation for JACL's commitment to reaching out to youths.

Although inviting students to com-

munity events will encourage their participation in the JA community, they will not feel accepted unless they are given an outlet to express their opinions. In order to make sure Japanese American young adults' voices are heard and respected, each local chapter should include positions for student representatives on its board. As the Tomodachi liaison for the Berkeley chapter, I have the opportunity to help ensure that student concerns are heard and met.

Lastly, if JACL seeks to maintain a lasting relationship with the college-age population, it must have board members committed to youth involvement. In addition to having a third of its board of directors comprised of young adults in their 20s, the Berkeley chapter has repeatedly met youth concerns as a result of the whole board's dedication to addressing issues affecting Asian American young adults. From Ken and Ann Yabusaki of the Berkeley chapter to Ken Inouye of the Selanoco chapter, local JACL chapters do have people committed to youth involvement. Not surprisingly, these chapters have the greatest participation from young adults.

If JACL wants to ensure its survival into the 21st Century, JACL leaders should follow the successful models of the Berkeley and Selanoco chapters.

Christina Aya Nagao, 21, daughter of Yuriko (Tori) Nagao of Santa Monica, was selected as PSWDC regional office summer intern, assisting in creating a PSW website, organizing youth outreach programs as well as researching and writing on Asian American civil rights issues. Regional Director Al Muratsuchi acknowledges the generous support from George and Sakaye Aratani, JACL chapters and individuals who have donated to the JACL Internship Fund.

By the Board

By David Kawamoto

My humble beginnings

AT the May 1997 Pacific Southwest District Council's quarterly meeting, our district's representatives to the National JACL Washington, D.C., Leadership program took the opportunity to thank the district for financing their participation.

This gave me pause to reflect on my participation in this wonderful program back in the 1980s, and I'd like to share a story about my selection as a PSW representative to the program.



PSW had budgeted to send two participants to the program and I was not one of the two selected. But PSW felt that they had four qualified candidates and, fortunately, there were openings to fill. Unfortunately, PSW did not have the funds to send the additional two candidates. Thanks to a PSW benefactor, a large part of my expenses was covered and I was able to attend.

Grateful to my benefactor for the generous support, I went to my local stationery store to find the "perfect" thank-you card. As we all know, this is always an impossible task. As I plowed through the humorous Snoopy cards, and lavender cards with quaint poetry from some anonymous author, —WHAT A SHOCK— I came upon the "perfect" card. It read: "Your gift was so thoughtful... so nice... (and on the inside) so like you". The card said it all!

My benefactor was Helen Kawagoe. I'll always appreciate what she did for me back then and what she continues to do for our organization. Thank you for being there for me, Helen, and thank you for stepping forward and doing such a wonderful job as National JACL President.

Kawamoto is PSW district governor and writes from San Diego, Calif.

How to say it

Moscow (Russia) properly is MAHS-kow (like the cow). But in Moscow, Idaho, MAHS-koh (rhymes with go), as many newscasters pronounce the Russian capital. If you've been there, you heard muhsk-VAH.—Charles Elster, Is There a Cow in Moscow?

YOUTH

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involvement, identity, political empowerment, gay and lesbian issues, Asian American studies, and media relations. And Yonsei, Gosei, and Hapa students chatted with the older Nisei and Sansei JACL members during the "Generations Rap" session.

National JACL Director Herbert Yamanishi stressed the need for young Asian Americans to consider entering politics, at the "Asian Americans and Politics" workshop. In the past, the JA community has had a number of elected officials representing them in government, he said. Legislators like Akaka and Matsui helped the JACL and other JA organizations in their fight to get redress. But, by as soon as the next election, there could be as few as one AA in Congress.

"Therefore we're concerned," said Yamanishi. "There's a need to replenish. It's important that we start to look at you as a potential cohort in the political process."

Establishing a network of contacts and getting access to resources are essential for politics, he said. But most importantly, "believe in yourself. You need to figure out what you truly believe in... what you believe in is important and you need to voice that."

The students were encouraged to get involved in their communities at the "Making a Difference: The Community and You" workshop. "It's about empowering our community to set our own destiny," said Patty Wada, Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific Regional Director.

Students interested in working for a community group should first decide what their interests are and what particular skills they can bring to organizations like the JACL, she advised. But she also offered a number of warnings: Don't stretch yourself too thin, never sell out your coalition partners, and don't let community politics discourage you. "Stay above it," she said. "See the bigger picture and stay focused."

Wada asked: What issues are relevant to youth today? Hate crime? Affirmative action? For her, the establishment of an AA studies department was something she fought

for while she was a student at UC Berkeley. For her father and his generation, it was the right of AAs to own land and the desegregation of schools. "You guys have to identify what issues you want to work on," she said, "for your children."

And if the jam-packed conference schedule of rap sessions, workshops, and keynote speakers wasn't enough, the students also got together for their own impromptu discussions to further explore issues of identity, leadership, and their roles in the JACL.

"In terms of the youth, there's a large segment of the JACL with the potential for good work to be done," said 27-year-old Cameron Miyamoto, Youth Representative for the Honolulu Chapter, who led the dialogue. But "I'd like to see more commitment to the youth where we're not regulated to just working on youth committees."

Daryn Nabeta of the Selanoco Chapter wanted to know what being JA means today. "Is it a feeling or something?" he asked. "I think our generation has a problem with identity. I don't think a lot of people know what being Japanese American is, especially our age group."

Students agreed on the importance of learning the history of JAs, especially the internment experience, in developing their own identities. You have to "make sure that all Yonsei know about the history," said Carl Takei of the Sacramento Chapter. "Without that, you can't understand being JA."

Students came up with a list of ways to foster youth participation and leadership in JACL and other Asian American organizations. Developing a mentoring program, increasing intergenerational dialogue, starting a youth newsletter, and holding annual youth conferences were some of their suggestions.

Yonsei Greg Oda from Ogden, Utah, recently joined the Wasatch Front North Chapter with three of his close JA friends, and like many of the students, this was their first youth conference. They decided to attend the conference because "we wanted to know what JACL was about," said 20-year-old Oda. His mother is a longtime member of JACL and encouraged him to join. "This conference was informative," he said, "and we're having fun too."

For Oda, it was also an opportunity to meet other JA and AA youth and students. The majority of his friends are white, he said, and the only time he sees his few JA friends is at the local Buddhist church or the occasional JA conference. "It's weird growing up in the U.S. where there's hardly any Japanese or Asians in general," he said. "It's different to come to this conference and relate to Asian people... we've shared the same experiences of racism and our history."

The Wasatch Front North Chapter is currently trying to start a youth group, said Oda. He plans to share his positive experience at the youth conference with chapter members and looks forward to playing a key role if a student group is formed. "A lot of people will benefit if we start a youth group," he said. "And we could get quite a few youth."

"Get-togethers like this are crucial to the legacy and the continuation of organizations like JACL," said Washington D.C. JACL Representative Bob Sakaniwa. "It's been very much a beneficial interchange both for us and for [the youth]."

"They have to see where they want to get involved and then we [community leaders] provide them with the information and resources," he said. "The key is to get the ball rolling and to get people thinking of certain issues that they hadn't thought of before. That certainly happened here."

"It's been a wonderful opportunity for me to meet with the young people and to understand the concerns of the youth council," said National Director Yamanishi. "It makes me feel like JACL is going to be in good hands in the future."

www.jacl.org

JACL has a website on Internet by typing in www.jacl.org. The current website includes basic information about JACL. New information is being added, including a list of chapters, membership-subscription information, curriculum guide, summary information, press releases, discussions of the latest policies and issues, a section for youth, scholarship information, Mike Masaoka Fellowship, etc. Ideas and suggestions from chapters are always welcome.

For Your Information

The first printing of the JACL Curriculum and Resource Guide in binder format was introduced at the National Education Workshop held in San Francisco on Memorial Day weekend in 1994 where JACL chapter representatives and educators gathered to learn how to use the Guide as well



Allan Hida

as its own history, hear from panelists on how to use the Guide in the classroom, strategies on how to gain local support from school boards and school administrators to bring the lesson of internment into the classroom, the basics of putting on a teacher training workshop, and the importance of such a workshop. The participants also provided valuable feedback about the Guide and eagerly returned home to begin the task of disseminating the Guides.

Some highlights include:

- The Guide has reached 34 states including Canada and Japan
- Chapters that have ordered copies of the Guide:

Alaska, Arizona, Chicago, Dayton, Detroit, Downtown L.A., Florin, Fresno, Lodi, Marin, Mile-Hi, Las Vegas, Marysville, New Mexico, New York, Philadelphia, Pocatello/Blackfoot, Reno, St. Louis, San Fernando Valley, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Seattle, Sequoia, Snake River Valley, Sonoma, Southeast (Georgia), Stockton, Tri-Valley, Washington, D.C., Wisconsin.

- District Councils that have ordered multiple copies of the Guide include: Intermountain, Midwest, and Pacific Northwest.

• In September 1996, the Guide was presented to 30 representatives gathered in Washington, D.C., by the American Library Association at a workshop for the library sites selected to receive the Smithsonian Travelling Exhibit of "A More Perfect Union."

The latest version of the Guide, which was reprinted earlier this year, includes updates and revisions to the Overview and Chronology, some new lesson plans, expansion of the Resources section, improved and new photographs, as well as a new look.

A copy was sent to each chapter president for reference purposes and to share with the chapter's education committee.

CLPEF

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tions and Programs," Four Rivers Cultural Center, Oregon; Landmarks and Exhibits grant.

• \$7,000 — "Koskia Internment Camp," Priscilla Wegars, Idaho; Research Project grant.

• \$35,000 — "A Question of Loyalty," Emiko Omori, California; Arts and Media grant.

On June 25, CLPEF announced that a \$25,000 Redress Research initiative will be undertaken to create an annotated bibliography to identify materials documenting activities related to the redress movement. Papers, reports, materials, interviews and other documents will be compiled and catalogued.

A week earlier (June 17), CLPEF said its web site: www.wideopen.igc.org/clpef/welcome.html was completed and currently maintained by Gary Otake, ethnic studies student at San Francisco State University. Among the components are:

- (1) A list of CLPEF grant recipients and their e-mail addresses;
- (2) A list of CLPEF board of directors and staff;
- (3) A brief history of the CLPEF grant program;
- (4) List of the grant recipients by subject matter;
- (5) Selected press releases related to the grant program;
- (6) Important links to other websites related to Internment issue;
- (7) Order form to purchase Personal Justice Denied.

"This is a cost-effective means of providing access to the public on an important civil liberties issue," said vice chair Susan Hayase. CLPEF chair Dale Minami added, "We are indebted to Gary for his conscientious work on this project."

Plans are in the works to hold an education workshop at each of the District Council gatherings this year to share some of the successes, hear from volunteers who are involved with their local education committees, like Al Hida in Wisconsin, Hero Shioaki in Idaho, Mary Jo Kubota in California, or develop an Education Committee like the Washington, D.C., chapter that is developing the local history of Japanese Americans to supplement the Guide, a speakers bureau to respond to teacher requests, and a resource library for use by volunteers and teachers to access material that may not be readily available in their area.

Contact your District Governor or Regional Director about their plans for an education workshop. There are a thousand copies of the Guide at Headquarters that are ready to be sent out to chapters and districts to share with the teachers and other educational institutions. Your help is needed.

Dates: Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific/Central California-Pacific Southwest Tri-District in Las Vegas June 6-8.

Pacific Northwest/Intermountain Bi-District in Seattle, July 18-19.

Eastern/Midwest/Mountain Plains Tri-District, in Chicago July 31-August 3.

JACLer touted as a 'living legend'

BLACKFOOT, Idaho—Native son of Pocatello, Masa Tsukamoto was honored as a "living legend" at ceremonies during Pride Days-Nostalgia Night in Blackfoot on June 25.



He grew up on a farm at Tyhee just north of Pocatello and in 1941 took over the family farm. In 1953, he moved his operation to Blackfoot at Rising River and farmed there for 40 years, always in the Idaho potato, retiring in 1993.

Tsukamoto, a founding member prewar of the Pocatello JACL, served for 15 years on the state and district boards of the Potato Growers of Idaho, was cited Grower of the Year in 1988 by the Potato Growers of Idaho magazine, deeply involved with the Idaho Potato Expo and with the Greater Blackfoot Area Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the Elks Club and received an "8 who make a difference" award last year from channel 8 TV.

An inventor, his automatic truck harrow, special shoes for more efficient planting, and a machine that in minutes washes and disinfects potato cellar products, all of them patented, were ways to ease the workload of potato growers. He skis during the winter and fishes a little in the summers. —Bob Endo.

Riverside JACL honors 6 scholars

Six scholarships were awarded at the Riverside JACL potluck dinner held May 18 at the University Club on the UC Riverside campus as follows:

\$500 Eugene Oda Memorial—Keri Nishimoto (Redlands High).

\$350 S. Madokoro—Satsuki Ikemiyagi (Rubidoux).

\$350 H. Inaba Memorial—Tricia Larsen (Centennial).

\$350 Riverside JACL—Judy Chang (Jurupa Valley).

\$350 JACL—Ross Tesoro (Riverside Poly).

\$100 JACL—Janie Kato (Cathedral City).

Ikemiyagi, a chapter member, was recognized by the *Riverside Press-Enterprise* and UC Riverside as an outstanding Riverside County high school senior for academic excellence, leadership and citizenship.

Go for Broke 'quotes'

"Tom and Lil Matsumori (Denver) participated in their first Hawaii Reunion in—could be late '70s or early '80s. Since then, they've been fixtures. They are in *dayok kuru* group. —Hichi Matsumoto (232nd Engineers Source notes)

Philadelphia Chapter celebrates its 50th anniversary



Rep. Chaka Fattah, Keynote Speaker, was introduced by past president Ed Nakawatase (right).

BY GRAYCE UYEHARA
Special to the Pacific Citizen

PHILADELPHIA—On April 5, the Philadelphia JACL chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary at a gala and nostalgic installation dinner held at Sheraton Society Hill in Old Philadelphia, the site for the 1998 National JACL Convention with the Eastern District Council chapters actively supporting the host chapter.

Sheraton hotel is but two blocks from the Delaware River and the same distance from the major historical attractions which take visitors back to the United States of more than 200 years ago.

The Philadelphia JACL was established on March 25, 1947, when the Philadelphia Nisei Council, under leadership of Hiroshi Uyebara, was dissolved to create a JACL chapter. Prior to dissolution, then-National Director Mas Satow from Salt Lake City and Mike Masaoka, legislative director for JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), from Washington visited the chapter and helped in its formation. Tetsuo Iwasaki (now of Seal Beach, Calif.) was the first chapter president.

The Eastern District Council was formed the same year, comprised of Washington, New York, Seabrook and the New England chapters. It is notable that through the years, the chapter and district provided several National Board officers and raised funds for the national organization.

History of the Philadelphia JACL was presented through a display of photographs and mementos put together by Hiroshi Uyebara. For those who were here 50 years ago, which included several out-of-towners, the exhibit reminded them of their youth. Lifetime ties were forged through chapter events while meeting the challenge and struggle of resettlement and establishing their economic security.

Among the 113 at the reception and dinner, most hailed from New York, Seabrook, Washington and the Southeast (Atlanta) chapters. National JACL president Helen Kawagoe came from Carson, Calif.

Keynote speaker, Rep. Chaka Fattah (D-2nd Dist., Pa.), who has many constituents from the chapter, was introduced by outgoing chapter president Edmund Nakawatase. Fattah spoke on "Progress on Multiracial Issues," emphasizing the importance of knowing who we are. He challenged his audience

to think about how we can make a difference in our community, stressing, "We decide what our future is to be."

The congressman, who was born and raised in Philadelphia in a family active in the city's Black community, said he was a track star in high school. He used the running of the relay as an example of what each community must do. He admonished, the most important part of the relay is the passing of the baton from one runner to the next. How the baton is passed will determine the outcome. "There must be a next generation capable of catching that baton."

The example of passing the baton is one to remember within JACL. There must not only be the passing of the baton to the next-in-line but his message is that we must have an experienced and capable individual in line to take that baton. It seems such a plan requires practice in passing and receiving. It means the older and younger generations must work hard to ensure a smooth passing.

The message had clarity for JACLers present. The Nikkei community is undergoing a definite change in the makeup of the generations. The majority of the Nisei have retired. The chapters and the national organization are passing the chapter leadership to the Sansei and Yonsei. The JACL mission is still to be realized. Fattah's message was on target for the new chapter board.

A review of the Philadelphia chapter's fifty years was presented by Grayce Uyebara. She reported the first chapter board and committee chairs were individuals who had relocated to the Greater Philadelphia Area from camps for resettlement and to find work and housing. There was also a large group of students who were attending one of the many colleges, universities and professional schools in this city. Their leadership abilities and strong support for JACL were honed by the necessity of establishing roots in a new community and giving each other mutual support during this difficult period.

The occasion recognized 37 past presidents for their leadership and service. Many of them served a second term. The chapter also produced officers for the National Board, program and projects. Uyebara particularly noted the two separate two-year stints taken by the late Jack Ozawa, who was chapter president at New York during the years he worked in the City before returning to Philadelphia.

Present at the dinner were: Noboru Kobayashi, Ben Ohama, Dr. Tom Tamaki, William Marutani, Hiroshi Uyebara, Dr. Stanley Nagahashi, Allen Okamoto, Kaz Horita (Illinois), Roy Kita (North Carolina), Herbert Horikawa, Richard Horikawa, Bunji Ikeda, George Higuchi, Grayce Uyebara, Teresa Maebori, Kuniaki Mihara, Rodger Nogaki, Tarynn Yokomizo, William Kishi and Edmund Nakawatase.

Unable to attend the celebration were:

Tetsuo Iwasaki, Mariko Ishiguro Aki,

Sim Endo, Warren Watanabe, Louise Maehara, Howard Okamoto, Mas Miyazaki, David Yoshioka, Koge Suto, Thomas Song, Dr. Koson Kuroda, Russell Mesi, Reiko Gaspar and Masao Nishi. Deceased—Garry Oye, Toshio Kaname, Jack Ozawa.

Teresa Maebori recognized the old International Institute for its outreach and support of Japanese Americans during their wartime and postwar resettlement period. The agency was home base for the Nikkei for the next 25 years. Reorganized as the Nationalities Service Center, six past presidents or JACL members have served on the I.I./NSC board. Michael Blum, longtime and present director, accepted the JACL Certificate of Appreciation. A JACLer, he has attended many chapter events.

Hiroshi Uyebara, founder of the chapter, was also recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for his continuous leadership role in the chapter for 50 years, as an EDC governor and on the National Board.

A memorial tribute was paid to another longtime stalwart, who passed away in November 1986, Jack Ozawa, who was active for 40 years in Philadelphia and New York. He was ever generous in his support of JACL both locally and nationally. To those who have appreciated his commitment and efforts as an ardent redress campaigner, his passing without experiencing the redress victory remains a sad memory.

Maebori also called on William Kishi and Edmund Nakawatase, a three-term president, to recognize their service to chapter and community as past presidents.

EDC Governor Tom Kometsani introduced National President Helen Kawagoe to install the 1997-97 board and committee chairs:

Paul M. Uyebara, pres.; Dr. Dean Kujubu, v.p.; Jane Guerin, sec.; Richard Hori-kawa,



treasurer; board members—Toshio Abe, Craig Ikeda, James C. Kawano, Teresa Maebori, Tom Na-kayama, Leslie Shimabukuro, Edmund Nakawatase; chapter assignments—Grayce Uyebara, membership; Eiko Ikeda, newsletter editor; Miiko Horikawa, scholarship; H. Uyebara, EDC vice governor.

Kawagoe also informed the group she has arranged with Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell to borrow a voting machine from the city for the national JACL election process of national officers during the 1998 convention.

On the dinner committee were: Grayce Uyebara and Teresa Maebori, co-chair; Bunji Ikeda, James Kawano, program and ads; Hiroshi Uyebara, exhibit; Yuriko Moriuchi, table decorations; Marian Tamaki, Bruce Wong, photographers; Aya Endo, Herb/Miiko Horikawa, Richard Horikawa, Craig Ikeda, Ed Nakawatase, Allen/Yone Okamoto, George/Kazuo Oye, Tom Tamaki, Paul Uyebara.

The 50th Anniversary event received a very generous gift from Dr. and Mrs. H. Tom Tamaki from their charitable trust fund, to support the chapter and extend their best wishes.



PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER PRESIDENTS at their 50th Anniversary celebration April 5 at the Sheraton Society Hill, site of the 1998 National JACL Convention in Old Philadelphia, are (from left): SEATED—Noboru Kobayashi, Tarynn Yokomizo, Allen Okamoto, Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, Grayce Uyebara, Bill Kishi, A. Bunji Ikeda; STANDING—Edmund Nakawatase, Herbert Horikawa, Kaz Horita, Roy Kita, Richard Horikawa, Rodger Nogaki, Stanley Nagahashi, George Higuchi, Ben Ohama and Hiroshi Uyebara. (Picture was taken at the pre-dinner hour.)

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Remembering
a Seattle Nisei pioneer:
Tosh Hoshide

THE most recent issue of *Pacific Citizen* brought the sad news that Toshio Hoshide of Rockville, Md., is no longer with us. Born in 1908, he was one of the last links to JACL's earliest days. He became a founding member of the Seattle Progressive Citizens League in 1928 two years before it and a small and many group of other Nisei civic organizations united as the National Japanese American Citizens League.

Evacuation took him to the Heart Mountain WRA camp, and then to Washington, D.C. where for 43 years he worked for the U.S. Defense Mapping Agency and its predecessors. One doesn't necessarily have to fire a gun to serve in the military. He and his wife Doris were among the founders of the Washington, DC JACL chapter.

The same issue that carried Tosh's obituary published at least 13 items that would have been of great interest to him. They all had to do with JACL chapters across the country which were honoring local high school graduates with scholarships to help them pursue higher educations.

The list of these chapters, in random order, is impressive and inspiring. In California, Watsonville, San Gabriel Valley, Stockton, San Diego, Fresno, Sacramento, San Mateo, and San Jose; in Oregon, Greater Portland; in Utah, Mount Olympus; in Idaho, Pocatello-Blackfoot; in Nevada, Las Vegas; in Ohio, Cleveland.

There are others not mentioned in the issue. In Denver, for example, the award dinner is sponsored by the Japanese American Community Graduation Program of which the Mile-Hi JACL chapter is a part. This program has been functioning since 1956—more than 40 years. The New York Chapter had its awards luncheon June 1. The Asian Pacific Ameri-

can Network in the Los Angeles area has a scholarship program, and the Hawaii JACL chapter is getting its first program underway.

It takes time and effort to make these projects work. Money has to be raised for the scholarships. Lists have to be compiled. Banquets have to be arranged, menus selected and invitations sent out, reservations confirmed. Each of these functions is a commitment to the future, and an expression of faith in the newest generation of Americans with Japanese roots.

The Hoshides had no children, but they established the Chidori Aiso Scholarship at the Asian American Studies Center of the University of California at Los Angeles to honor Doris's sister.

In memoriam, Doris Hoshide suggested contributions to the Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation, 6303 Friendship Ct., Bethesda, MD, 20817, or the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, 2445 M St. NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20037.

The Okura Foundation, founded by Pat and Lily Okura, provides an opportunity for Asian Americans in the mental health field to attend a leadership seminar in Washington.

The National Memorial Foundation is building a monument, on land provided by Congress, to commemorate the Japanese American experience, and education is a large part of its objective.

The commitment of Japanese Americans to learning is without doubt part of the Issei heritage which includes a deep conviction that education holds the key to the future of any nation. ■

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



Tosh Hoshide

PC Feature

Senator Inouye remembers
the Watergate hearingsBY HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

GLANCING at the Los Angeles area newspapers in mid-June when the hoopla on the 25th anniversary of the Watergate break-in whooped before the public eye, we failed to see the name of Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii)—and then wondered whether our younger Nikkei generation was aware there were Japanese Americans involved on both sides of the table during the Senate hearings that followed in 1973. Even National JACL was in this picture.

The legacy of Watergate remains. "One must assume that those things can happen... We can prevent them with proper oversight," the Senator recently told the *Honolulu Advertiser's* Washington Bureau. "My only fear is that in the process of preventing this kind of activity, we may go too far. I don't know that history will not look back and ask, 'Did Judge (Kenneth) Starr go too far?' He's already spent over \$45 million, right?"

(Starr is independent counsel investigating investments by President Clinton and his wife Hillary Rodham Clinton, in the failed Whitewater development.)

The only member of the "Senate Select Committee Investigating the Watergate Scandal" still in the Senate, Inouye remembered in an interview with the *Advertiser* that the glare of TV lights, behind the witnesses as they testified, cost him some of his vision. He was wearing sunglasses on the first few days but the experiment didn't last as people called to say, "He looks like a member of the Yokohama mafia," he mused. Till the Watergate hearings, he had reading glasses that he rarely wore. After the hearings ended, "I had to have two prescriptions," he added. Watergate comes to mind now every time he puts on his glasses.

Inouye said it took five phone calls from then-Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield to persuade him to participate in the hearings. He took center stage when he was cross-examining John Dean III, counsel to President Nixon and a key witness. (In the P.C. Archives are excerpts of this phase.)

Near the end of the hearings during a morning break, John J. Wilson, attorney for White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman and presidential adviser John Ehrlichman, called Inouye "that little Jap" while being interviewed by reporters. Inouye wasn't around to hear it and also declined to comment except to say: "I think his statement speaks for itself." Inouye had sharply questioned Haldeman, which irritated Wilson. The uproar, according to elites inside the Beltway, was making it a term of endearment toward Inouye by his colleagues on the committee.

Wilson's remarks touched a raw nerve in Hawaii—where its population was 37% Japanese. On behalf of the 200,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii, Honolulu Mayor Fasi in a telegram to Wilson said he bitterly resented his "contemptible remark."

Star-Bulletin editor A.A. Smyser noted: "I'm sure Mr. Wilson doesn't realize the term, 'Jap,' in Hawaii is about as acceptable as 'nigger' on the Mainland."

When Wilson confirmed he had called Inouye "that little Jap," he improvised, "That's the way I speak. I consider it a description.... I wouldn't mind being called a little American."

(The *Yomiuri Shimbun* in Tokyo, while explaining the derogatory nature of "Jap" to its millions of Japanese readers, there that "Ameko" was the uncouth Japanese expression for belittling Americans and that "Wilson would be angry," if he were in Japan.)



Daniel Inouye (Dec. 1973)

JACL also expressed its surprise and anger at Wilson, who didn't apologize to Inouye.

It was a week earlier (July 25) that Sen. Inouye was heard muttering "what a liar," apparently believing his "mike" was off, heard by those around him and by a national TV audience after presidential adviser Ehrlichman had testified. Queried by reporters during a break, he responded with a line Washington reporters thought was in a foreign language: "What does that mean, senator?" He smiled and replied, "That means from now on I talk to myself in Hawaiian."

To this day, he maintains what he actually said was not "what a liar," but "What a lawyer!" for he was a lawyer, "I thought he should know better," Inouye said. Recently asked, "Could Ehrlichman, later imprisoned for his part in the Watergate conspiracy, have been both lawyer and liar?" Inouye said, "The events that followed would indicate that."

Inouye was home that first weekend of August to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of his parents. Before returning to Washington for phase II of the Watergate hearings, he received the American Legion's National Commander's award for outstanding record of citizenship, patriotism and public service to the U.S.A.

On accepting, he told the Legion's Americanism commission that despite the tragedies of Watergate and the country's many problems, "I am proud to live in the U.S.A."

that guarantees the freedoms of speech, press and religion, has over half of its young people going on to higher education, provides medical and hospital care for the aged, provides due process of law to every person and is "trying its best to eradicate from its midst poverty and hunger and the age-old curse of bigotry and discrimination.... Ours is not a sick nation. It is an aggressive nation confronting its problems."

An Aug. 20 Gallup Poll that rated each committee member showed Sen. Inouye was leading in popularity with Americans—Dan Inouye (D): 84% favorable, 13% unfavorable, 3% no opinion; committee chair Sam Ervin (D): 81-17-2; Howard Baker (R): 78-20-2; Herman Talmadge (D): 76-21-3; Joseph Montoya (D): 75-21-4; Edward Gurney (R): 69-26-5; and Lowell Weicker (R): 69-28-3.

William "Mo" Marumoto, former presidential aide, appeared before the Senate committee Nov. 7 to describe his work with the Nixon campaign officials in supervising government grants to Spanish-speaking businessmen. He was the leadoff witness in the final stage—campaign financing.

The term, "Brown Mafia," was his, coined like Kennedy's Irish Mafia with no disrespect intended. After a few moments, he stopped using the phrase to avoid misunderstanding. ■

Ishimoto memorial
scholarship announced

SAN FRANCISCO—National JACL announced the establishment of the Patricia and Gail Ishimoto memorial scholarship of \$1,000 every year starting this summer to a graduating high school senior.

The scholarship was created in 1969 in memory of the daughters of Harry and Tomoko Ishimoto who died together in an auto accident. With Progressive Westside JACL and generous support of the parents, a chapter scholarship was established. This year, with assistance of South Bay JACL, it was donated to the Nat'l JACL scholarship fund.

For information on how to create a scholarship fund endowment, call Deirdre Howard, JACL Headquarters 415/921-5225. ■

442 RCT veterans gear for
55th anniversary in Hawaii

HONOLULU—The four AJA veterans clubs in Hawaii, Club 100, MIS Veterans Club, 1399th (Engineers) Veterans and 442nd Veterans—have agreed to hold a joint memorial service and banquet in 1998 with the date to be announced, 442 Club President Robert Katayama remarked at its 54th Anniversary celebration held March 22 at Pacific Beach Hotel.

The Sons and Daughters have consented to lead the charge for the 1998 event as part of their *oyu kikkoh* (honor thy parents) response. Prospect of an S&D conference in conjunction also loomed.

The 54th Anniversary memorial and banquet was observed March 22. The theme was to honor the officers who led the 442nd RCT, from its training at Camp Shelby to combat in Italy and France. Personal reflections were shared by Col. Bert Nishimura (ret.), Col. Chris Keegan (ret.), and Maj. Gerald Gustafson (ret.) of HQ 2nd Bn, Co. H and Cannon Co. respectively. Over 800 members, wives, sons, daughters, grandchildren and friends attended.

This year's Kansha Medal was awarded to Richard "Sus" Yamamoto, HQ 2nd Bn, for his

research at the National Archives in Washington copying and collecting documents and photos for the 442 Club Archives. (For visitor information: Katherine Collins 808/945-0032.)

The anniversary cake, incidentally, was cut by a saber that Gilbert Kobatake (Co. H) had won for having the best company at the University of Hawaii ROTC in 1934. "Nothing said of *da hocho* used to cut 'em," Hichi Matsumoto of the 232nd Engineers said. ■

Brig. Gen. Imai, 51,
promoted to next rank

WASHINGTON—U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen has nominated Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Imai for promotion to major general.

Imai, 51, former commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard, became deputy commander for National Guard activities for the U.S. Army/Pacific in August. He is senior vice president for administration at the University of Hawaii.

A promotion ceremony will be held at Fort Shafter upon approval of the nomination by the Senate.—AB ■

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Fujimori and the 'hostage watch' (3)

As the new year dawns, 81 diplomats and business executives remain captive at the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima. George Wakiji of the Washington D.C. JACL supplied the bulk of the clippings, saving us considerable time and expense in the process. The P.C. digest of the Hostage Crisis continues. —Harry K. Honda, Editor emeritus.

Day 16—Wed., Jan. 1 Seven hostages freed in New Year's Day gesture.

MRTA released seven more of their 81 captives after Archbishop Cipriano had entered the compound in the early afternoon to celebrate Mass for the hostages. The seven men, clean shaven and carrying plastic bags containing their dirty clothes, were accompanied by Red Cross mediator Minnie and the archbishop. The government negotiator Domingo Palermo was not present today or yesterday, indicating a major role for Cipriani besides pastoral ones. "I want to give thanks to God for this day and for the liberation of these seven men," he said.

The seven were Alberto Yamamoto Miyakawa, a Peruvian Nisei, president of the National Institute for Development; Jose Kamiya Teryua, a Peruvian Nisei, representative of Sukiyaki Systems; Makoto Sekiguchi and Haruo Takahashi, Mitsui Co.; Yonezu Urata and Toyoko Toda, Matsushita Electric; and Juan Aserto Duarte, director of the Committee for Privatization.

Cipriani also brought in two guitars for the hostages for their regular singing sessions of Japanese, French and English tunes. Ambassador Aoki joined with Japanese songs.

Luis Sakoda, past president of the Peruvian Japanese Association, a week after his release, spoke with approval of the way of President Fujimori and government has handled the crisis. He said the Japanese community in Peru, roughly about 80,000 people, backs Fujimori despite personal misgivings that he had when Fujimori entered politics, and that the community feared being exposed to political violence.

Since the 1990 election of Fujimori, Japanese businessmen and officials were singled out by both of Peru's main guerrilla groups. MRTA kidnapped four Japanese businessmen for ransom in the early '90s; one was killed. The Shining Path killed Japanese aid technicians in rural Huail and attacked the Japanese Embassy with a car bomb. About half of the original 500 people taken hostage at the Dec. 17 party were Japanese or of Japanese descent, Sakoda said.

Thursday, Jan. 2 (Day 17), President Fujimori replaced key officials in hostage, including six police generals and the president of Peru's Supreme Court, Moises Pantoja Rudolfo. The New York Times, quoting an unnamed diplomat, said it was brutal message to the rebels that their hostages are "expendable." Reuters quoted Peruvian diplomat Antonio Belaunde who said the "positions of both sides have hardened." Some commentators viewed the replacements not as dismissals, as headlined, but a signaling the country's affairs go on despite the standoff.

The electricity which was restored Tuesday morning (Day 15) for New Year's was cut off again last night.

Firefighters entered the compound to remove the one surviving German shepherd of Ambassador Aoki, which was extremely thin and taken to an animal clinic. The other dog was killed when it triggered a land mine in the compound on early Christmas morning, the fire department commander said.

During the two-week standoff, some residents around the Residence hemmed in by police lines have moved out, as those remaining complained: "We're all hostages here. I can't enter or leave my home," one woman said, adding her husband came to blows with one reporter who insisted on parking his car in front of their driveway. But others are making side-money renting rooms or rooftops to TV crews for a good view of the embassy. Rents have scaled to \$1,000 a month. One lady said her mother had to use sleeping pills the past two weeks because of continual whine of generators. One Associated Press reporter quipped at least the guerrillas have not asked for money to be photographed.

Day 18—Fri., Jan. 13 Opinion polls not publishing during siege.

Under cover of night, the rebels crawled to the roof and unfurled three banners and their MRTA flag. The messages on the banner read: (1) "Mr. Fujimori: with arrogant declarations and without dialogue, there will never be a solution." (2) "Mothers, wives and children of our prisoners are also waiting for their freedom. Peace for all Peruvians." (3) "Today's Peru-13 million Peruvians in extreme poverty. Where's the progress?"

Jorge Santivestán, Peru's ombudsman who spurned the MRTA request as mediator at the start of the siege, said he was now willing to assist the government and Red Cross mediators. Former President Jimmy Carter was also mentioned but Fujimori has ignored all such proposals. Four members of Congress sent President Fujimori a letter urging him to stick to his uncompromising policies toward the guerrillas. "Even though I am very tough against Fujimori and hope he's out of office by 2000," Congresswoman Lourdes Flores Neno, one of the signers, said, "Right now we want the Peruvian state and its presi-

dent to project a strong image." Another letter signed by six congressmen warned Fujimori that his top priority must be to avoid bloodshed. Rep. Carlos Chipoco, one of the signers, said the group feared that the hard-line letter sent out by Rep. Flores would "open the door to violent solution." Chipoco said he did not believe the guerrillas had won allies among Peruvians, "who remember the past and all the terrorism." Alfredo Torres, managing director of Apoyo Opinion y Mercado, a prestigious polling firm, said pollsters had agreed to refrain from publishing any surveys concerning the President or MRTA during the siege. A hostages himself, Torres recalled the conversations with Cerpa who asked whether people made any distinction between Tupac Amaru and the Shining Path. "I told him that people don't see a real difference, and he said, 'Yes, that's a problem they have'."

In Tokyo, the Mainichi Shinbun reported the rebels were initially demanding \$100-million in ransom from the Japanese companies but that has been lowered to \$30-million in exchange for freeing the senior Japanese executives from Mitsui Mining, Mitsubishi and Toyota Motors still in the compound. Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told reporters, "I am not optimistic about the situation, seeing as the number of hostages has been reduced to a level where it is easy for the terrorists to control them." (The following Thursday, Jan. 9, the rebels denied comment on the ransom note for their Japanese captives, denouncing even Fujimori for claiming otherwise.)

Day 20—Sun., Jan. 5 Pope John Paul calls to free hostages worldwide.

Pope John Paul II, who initially appealed for release of the hostages two weeks ago, broadened his call that all hostages around the world be freed. Accompanied by Red Cross workers, Archbishop Cipriano entered the residence today to celebrate Mass as he had done Saturday. Red Cross has been providing both western and Japanese cigarettes to the hostages "to ease their ordeal," spokesman Ronald Bigler said. Professor Carlos Aquino, a hostage who was freed on Day 6 among the 225, said non-smokers had insisted smoking and non-smoking areas be established. "The Japanese really smoked a lot, but they were all in a room together, so it was not so bad."

Bolivia's foreign minister Antonio Aranibar, arrived in Lima for talks Monday with Peruvian authorities. Bolivian Ambassador Jorge Gumucio is the last (besides Ambassador Aoki) of the ambassadorial captives. He suffers from hypertension and diabetes, requiring special care.

In La Paz, Bolivia has no intention in freeing four Tupac Amaru prisoners, Bolivia President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada declared, since their trials have not concluded. "He who gives in to terrorism must be prepared to do so many times," he said. The four were arrested last year for kidnapping a Bolivian businessman in November, 1996. Unlike Peru, Bolivia does not segregate guerrillas from other prisoners and did ask International Red Cross to move up an inspection set for March of conditions of their jails, presumably in the belief a favorable report would sway the guerrillas to release their ambassador.

In Tokyo, and about to journey Monday, to five Southeast Asian countries, Prime Minister Hashimoto reiterated the government's support of President Fujimori and not give into the terrorists, which he

Funeral practices at AJA churches, temples discussed

LOS ANGELES—A one-day community program was held June 7 to educate and answer questions about funerals, conducted in the Christian and Buddhist traditions at funerals which raised the important issue of continuation of the rituals within the Japanese American community.

Program began at 10 a.m. in the quiet confines of Higashi Honwanji and continued at Centenary United Methodist Church—both at East 3rd St. and Central Ave.

"Funeral rites in our community provided comfort to the Issei, while today many of the younger generations, without a great understanding of the meaning of the rituals, participate with doubt, questions and discomfort," explained Rinban Noriaki Ito of Higashi Honwanji. "It is important that we not merely follow traditions but that we try to understand them, and make them a part of our personal value systems." A mock Buddhist service was held by Rinban Ito and Rev. Masao Kodani of Senshin Buddhist

made at a New Year's reception hosted by the four major economic organizations. Foreign Minister Ikeda said Hashimoto did not want to let the Peru crisis "spill over into other fields of politics." The incident should not stand in the way of Japan's overall diplomacy, he noted.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7 (Day 22), a rebel gunshot fired around 4 a.m. jangled nerves outside. A Red Cross team delivering food for the day could not assess the cause, but confirmed no one was injured. Meanwhile, counter-terrorism police officers arrested a Japanese Asahi TV reporter and his Peruvian interpreter for breaking through a police cord today to interview rebels inside the compound. The reporter was identified as Hitomi Sueyoshi. One held a video-cam, the other a placard identifying themselves. Apparently, they had entered the compound crawling over rooftops or through backyards to reach the Ambassador's garden.

President Fujimori resumed his normal Tuesday routine, briefly visiting a prison of the National Police and one of Lima's "young villages" and repeated his vow not to surrender to "terrorist blackmail."

Day 24—Thu., Jan. 9 Japanese in Peru also viewed as 'prisoners of crisis.'

The Japanese Peruvian community of 80,000 "uneasy people" was featured in Calvin Sim's New York Times feature, Lima Journal. Interviewed were Mary Fukumoto, professor at Catholic Pontifical University; Peruvian Boy Scout executive Daniel Oscar Tagata, president of the Japanese Peruvian Cultural Center; Juan R. Tokeshi, architect for the Center for Promotion and Study of Development; and Julio Higashi López, president of Imagen Noticias, a news service.

Fukumoto, a cultural anthropologist, noted: "Just as there was a lot of pride and joy in the community that one of its own, President Fujimori, had achieved the highest office of the land, there was a lot of trepidation that if this Government performed badly, we would suffer for it."

Tagata said, "There's not a single person in our community who does not personally know someone who was taken hostage. We are hurting, mainly for those who are still being held inside, but we also ask what this means for our future." The cultural center has served as an informal headquarters for families of hostages, providing counseling and moral support. It features a polyclinic with 100 doctors and health workers, a gymnasium, Japanese garden, museum, language school, a senior center and a performing arts theater. An old three-column photo of five women playing gateball on the lawn in front of the theater after it was built was captioned as "one sign of the success..."

Tokeshi, who builds housing in the poor neighborhoods, worried the crisis could cause many in his community "to become more insular." That would be a real shame if it were to happen "because in recent years our community has become more open and integrated." Tokeshi was a hostage for five days.

Also a hostage, Higashi said, "As a community, we are more Peruvian today than ever before." He believes, there is less anti-Japanese racism in Peru. He disagreed with some who described the attack on the residence as racist. "That's simply not so. It was a well-planned military attack against a target that would give the terrorists the most useful hostages."

On Friday, Jan. 10 (Day 25), in a

45-minute interview with foreign correspondents at the Government Palace, President Fujimori acknowledged the conversations to end the 24-day standoff have hardly advanced. Despite lack of contact, for the first time he provided details of a government proposal to use an independent "commission of guarantors" as a way of finding an exit for the rebels once they surrender. Made up of from three to five people, not

necessarily Peruvians, it would be subject to joint approval. Fujimori indicated talks may be resumed over the weekend. There was a brief two-way radio conversation between Palermo and Cerpa this morning. (Gabriel Escobar's report in the Washington Post is headlined: Fujimori: Hostage Talks Limited, but Asylum Possible.) ■

To be concluded.

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Church.

After lunch, the Rev. Dr. Grant Hagiya of Centenary and Rev. Mark Nakagawa of West L.A. United Methodist Church conducted a mock Christian funeral. Representatives from Fukui Mortuary and Kubota Mission Mortuary engaged in discussions of their roles.

The forum was co-sponsored by the Little Tokyo Christian and Buddhist Churches and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center with support from the two Japanese funeral directors. ■

Best chef award won by Tokyo-born Alan Wong

SEATTLE—The Pacific Northwest regional winner in the James Beard Foundation "best chef" competition is Alan Wong, 39, of Alan Wong's Restaurant in Honolulu. Yamaguchi's empire expanded last fall to Seattle at the Westin Hotel Palm Court. —ES ■

CCDC-PSW-NCWNP Tri-District Conference

Need for a Japanese American 'civil rights voice' still crucial

Text of the Tri-District Conference luncheon speech by Paul Igasaki, delivered June 9 at the Stardust Hotel, Las Vegas.

BY PAUL IGASAKI
Vice Chair, EEOC

IT'S LIKE coming home for me. Not because this is Nevada, though my Dad and Grandpa loved coming here for the games. That is not me. And I have not lived here in Nevada. But I have been involved in more of JEM LEW PHOTO



than a few JACL Tri-District meetings. As [JACL] chapter president in Chicago and as Florida Vice President I represented my chapter at several, I helped put them on, and, as a staff person, I came here to report and gather guidance. And of course, knowing how many friends were involved and what it's like to put a program together, I found it hard turning Larry Ishimoto [conference chair] down when he called.

I give literally dozens of speeches a month on my current job, sometimes several in a day. But coming to JACL is a special opportunity. Especially because I have been asked to say a little about the future of this organization and the role it must play in our community — in short, what I view as a stronger JACL.

The context that we look at these issues in is significant for our community. It is not lost on me that this organization has had its disagreements and has had its share of setbacks. But that does not change the im-

portance to our community of this, our national voice. Even as we discuss the need for a stronger JACL, our community is changing.

I saw an article, a decade ago now, about how the Japanese American community is disappearing. Well, fortunately that report of our death was premature, but it is changing. Even as JACL strove to increase Sansei involvement, that generation entered middle age.

The real issue is whether we are relevant to the next generation and the one beyond it. With increasing intermarriage, way beyond a majority in some parts of this country, of what relevance is being Japanese American, let alone JACL? Are we addressing the issues of an America with a rapidly growing Asian American community of which we are an ever-shrinking part? We need to be, and we need JACL to help address these pressing questions.

While we try to figure out how to be more effective, I urge you to consider how important it is for this organization to discover its strength. Time is short.

I am reminded of a joke I heard Billy Crystal give. A man walks into his doctor's office to get a report on his physical the previous week. "I've got some bad news and some better news," said the Doctor. "Give me the good news first," said the patient. "O.K. You've got 24 hours to live," answered the Doctor. The shaken patient asked, "What could be the bad news?" "I forgot that I was supposed to call you yesterday," said the Doctor.

Well, maybe that's a little morose. But the issues our community faces are pres-

ing. And JACL is needed now as never before. And we need to consider new ways and new approaches. JACL has always been a national civil rights organization and that is what drew me to it in the beginning, that keeps my membership worthwhile. But the dual role of local advocacy and providing for the identity of a changing community is significant.

LAST WEEK I went to New York to speak at a N.Y. Chapter scholarship luncheon. I talked about how close to the heart of our community and how important our scholarship programs are. It's not because of our students needing the relatively tiny scholarships.

I remember in 1976, my class at Northwestern was demonstrating because of the outrageous increase of tuition to \$2,500. Now, it's more than eight times that. When my 22-month-old daughter goes to college, it is inconceivable at the current rate of growth that I could send her to Northwestern, even less so on my nonprofit salaries.

In any case, our scholarships are not about the money. They are about making a statement, that our community is proud of our scholars. And we are making a symbolic gesture that indicates the importance of our connection between generations and our hope that our community will continue to thrive and be proud of our history into the future. Our community is only a community when we see ourselves as connected to each other and our history as tied to our future.

As I said earlier, we Sansei are middle-aged now. While many have not joined JACL, their changing lives provide other opportunities. Children force all of us to ask ourselves new and important questions.

For parents of mixed race, how do we ensure that our kids know all of who they are? Really, that is also true for those of us who marry other Sansei as well, especially those who, like me, grew up away from the west coast and from sizeable Japanese American communities.

Also our children are often attending school, if not K to 12, then certainly in college, with larger numbers of Asian Americans than many of us did. How do they fit their identity with their Korean or Indian American friends. For me, these questions point out how important our cultural and social programs are. It's hard to put on annual picnics, for example, yet much is gained from the connections our families can have as a community. Mochitsuki and other cultural programs are also helpful.

Our local organizations need to play an important civil rights role as well. Chapters must speak out on behalf of even, or maybe especially, for small Japanese American numbers.

I am aware that when my grandfather helped form the Downtown LA group that became a JACL chapter, the goal was to go beyond what the Kenjinkai did for his parent's generation and to interface with a broader and more diverse community and government. My work with the Chicago chapter led to Bill Yoshino and others recruiting me to a position representing Asian Americans as part of the Mayor of Chicago's administration. Our Chapters must work with others both on their issues as well as our own if we are to be significant.

ON THE national scene, JACL is also facing change. When I was Washington Representative, Lou and I represented more than half of the Asian American community's voice in Washington. There was only one person from the Organization of Chinese Americans, first Melinda Yee, then Daphne Kwok. Now, OCA has a team of about seven staff people.

The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, led by our former DC Rep. Karen Narasaki, also has a significant staffing in D.C. and is also affiliated with local legal staffs in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York. There is also now the Asian Pacific American Congressional Caucus Institute and the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance with the AFL-CIO.

Bob Sakaniwa, our DC Representative,

Remember, when Bob Sakaniwa calls you, he can use all the help he can get.

—Paul Igasaki

is doing a fantastic job, but he is alone. Lou worked with me, and I couldn't overstate the importance of her work and her contribution. I give Bob a lot of credit. A lot is expected of him with minimal resources. You should remember when he calls you that he can use all the help he can get. The only thing that makes it possible for him to do his job is the fact that effective lobbying is primarily done in the house states and districts where each representative or senator must return for reelection.

That is JACL's strength and what we can bring to help support our Asian American partners. We have the most experienced

grass roots lobbyists in the Asian community.

Contrary to media hype, the Asian American community is not largely involved in campaign fundraising. But the Japanese American community knows how to build conditions and pressure politicians to do the right thing at home.

Now, it's been a decade or so since that effort, so it's important that we use that experience so we don't become flabby. But, assuming that we are willing to do that, not only directly for our community but for others as well, just as those others who backed us in 1988, like OCA, the Congressional Black Caucus or the American Jewish Committee.

If JACL is still a viable national organization, we need to provide our significant experience in grassroots lobbying on behalf of the Asian Pacific American community that we are a part of and our allies. When Bob calls, the JACL needs your efforts.

I'm pleased that JACL is still hiring Washington Reps with beards. I don't want to share with you a story about how isolating it is to be an Asian American in D.C. There were three Sansei civil rights advocates with beards in D.C. back then: myself at JACL, Charles Kanashiki at National Council of La Raza and Stewart Ishimaru at the House Committee on the Constitution. We were always getting confused and, believe me, we don't look at all alike.

After I lobbied to get Asian Americans back onto the Leadership Conference of Civil Rights (LCCR) executive committee and went to my first meeting, one of the members said "Hi, Charles" to me—confusing me with the representative for a Hispanic group. And the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights under the Bush administration John Dunne, briefed Stewart, who worked for a Democratic committee staff on my negotiations with him, never guessing that he had the wrong guy. Sometimes we traded name tags at receptions.

Although the caper for me was more recently, after the O.J. trial led me to be confused with Judge Ito no less than five times a day at the peak. At the Asian American Bar Association convention, however, which I helped found, I didn't expect to have that confusion. But Judge Ito, who was less familiar at a NAPABA convention, was grabbed by Stewart who said, "How're you doing, Paul" only to find he was greeting Judge Ito. That was just for me.

I WANTED also to tell you about a recent trip I took to Japan. It was only my second trip there. My first trip was as a tourist in 1984. It was a wonderful trip. If any of you haven't been there, I strongly recommend it. I met relatives, saw historical and cultural sites, enjoyed the food and discovered really how much of my character and personality and family values really were Japanese. Growing up in the Midwest it was very easy to think of myself as Japanese only theoretically and, truly, I never felt so Japanese [as] after that trip. I was even stringing together rudimentary Japanese sentences, much to my grandmother's delight.

Last November, I went back to Japan, this time on business. I need to provide a little background on this. Last year, the EEOC sued Mitsubishi Motors of America in Normal, Illinois, in the largest sexual harassment suit in American civil rights history. Due in part to my concern that we both avoid any Japan-bashing or allow any assumption that it was involved, I agreed to announce the lawsuit.

There are some 1,700 Japanese corporations doing business in the U.S.

—Paul Igasaki

That announcement was heavily covered by both the Japanese and American media. And, of course, the suit is not because the defendant is a Japanese-owned company. It is because, I have been told, our investigators found among the most serious and far reaching hostile environment sexual harassment that they had seen. The company compounded their problem by supporting a mass picket of our offices.

Mitsubishi Motors made a lot of unfounded and inaccurate claims, like this was politically motivated by the Clinton administration despite the fact that the investigation was begun during the Bush administration and a unanimous bipartisan vote led to the lawsuit. Also, they accused me, just because I announced the suit of trying to advance my career.

In that context, and given that there are some 1,700 Japanese corporations doing business in the U.S., I was pleased to accept the invitation of groups that do education of Japanese corporations on equal employment opportunity issues, to meet with corporate leaders to help increase their understanding of both the suit and our laws. It was a very effective trip. I felt that I really explained to the business leaders that the American people want these laws enforced and that our government and our companies are trying to do something in response to what is a very serious and troubling problem. Japanese EEO laws do not provide for enforcement and leave it largely to companies to comply. I learned a lot about these laws, having a dialogue with

professors at the University of Tokyo law school and with members of the Diet and the Ministry of Labor. Also, I met with women's groups and lawyer groups in Tokyo, Osaka and Fukuoka. The Japanese print media, which apparently prints your remarks word for word when they give you an interview, something I've never had here, gave me very substantial coverage in most of their daily newspaper.

But despite the success of our trip in increasing understanding of our laws and that case, I came away understanding how different the U.S. and Japan are in this area. In the area I have chosen to pursue my career, based largely on our community's history of discrimination and specifically the Relocation, the Japanese simply do not easily comprehend our frame of reference. Japan is like most countries in the world, where their national identity is about ethnicity and religion and thousands of years of shared history.

But the United States is a nation of immigrants. Americans do not share ethnicity for the most part. We are not of one race. And our history ranges from 200 years to a matter of hours. What binds us together is a series of promises: promises to be fair to develop ways to ensure that no one will be excluded and that we will overcome the barriers that once excluded each group. Certainly it's not easy and certainly we have had grievous wrongs committed in the name of this nation. We know that as well as anybody. But something can be done about it.

Our whole history is about working out how we fit together; we have fought over these issues. The laws that I enforce, that JACL has lobbied for — I remember carrying our banner for the Civil Rights Act of 1991, just as Pat Okura and Mike Masakawa carried it for the 1964 Civil Rights Act — are part of those promises, the very identity of America. Returning from Tokyo last November, I felt more American, in the fullest sense of that word, than I have ever felt before.

And that, to you, should not be so surprising. That is part, those two radically different trips, of what being a Japanese American is all about. I know that most of you are Californians. And I was very proud of JACL's ongoing commitment to affirmative action, even in the face of the very troubling passage of Proposition 209 last November. Our discrimination laws alone will not overcome the effects of our history of discrimination.

We still need programs that will balance the opportunities, so that we can break through the glass ceiling while others get access to initial chances to overcome the effect of centuries of exclusion.

Some 95 percent of the senior executives in Fortune 500 companies are male and some 97 percent are White, despite our nearing a level of two-thirds of the workforce being female and minority. The tendency to hire those like oneself and the subjectivity of many promotional standards insure that the glass ceiling will, without affirmative action, become a concrete one.

REMINDED audiences that I appear in front of them is a product of affirmative action. While some of my relatives have expressed concern that I lead anyone to believe that I am not qualified for my job, I think we need to point out that at its best, and if the law is followed, affirmative action is about hiring the best. I was not, contrary to media perceptions, the result of major political contributions. I was a nonprofit director and a JACL staff person, so you know I didn't have the money to buy my way into public service.

I want to salute, by the way, our staff for their willingness to serve our community for such meager salaries. We've got to remember them even in tough budgetary times. Also, I am not from Arkansas, and I was not formerly a "Friend of Bill's." While I grew up just a few miles from the First Lady in the Chicago suburbs, we didn't know each other. I did not travel in the circles that usually produce presidential appointments.

So how did it happen? It's because President Clinton who, by the way, has appointed more Asian Pacific Americans than any of his predecessors, decided that he needed an Asian Pacific American civil rights voice at the EEOC because he felt our needs had not been addressed there. He wanted someone with support and background of working with women's groups, African Americans, Latinos and others. I fit that bill and was selected. I don't think most would argue that I have done more in my little over two years than most commissioners of the EEOC. I would place my legal, management and civil rights credentials next to any of my predecessors and few would come close to mine. Affirmative action works and I appreciate this organization's defense of it.

Our community needs the JACL. And the JACL needs to address new and important issues. I was talking with Graybe before about having our voice be heard on the underlying issue in this frenzy of Asia-bashing, on the need for campaign finance reform. We need to share our own experience as a community in defending the rights of the newest Americans, our immigrants. JACL is important to us all. I am counting, betting, on your being there not only for me, but for your daughter's generation and beyond. ■

Fresno educator stresses role of parents at Tri-District workshop

BY HARRY K. HONDA

Editor Emeritus

LAS VEGAS—The CCDC Hospitality Room at the Tri-District Conference at the Stardust was the place to be on the eve of a full Saturday (June 7) of workshops, plus luncheon speaker Paul Igasaki re-living his JACL days as Chicago JACL chapter president and his stint as Washington Office representative.



Ron Kiyuna

While the principal attraction was the tasty spread of sushi and *sumamono*, Central Cal's peaches, nectarines, pistachios, and the refreshments (there was more than enough at the mixer, too), the hospitality room was jammed with JACLers and guests catching up with each other and meeting new friends.

So it was — former PSW regional director John Saito was chatting with Ron Kiyuna, Ed.D., of Fresno, who remembered taking the ethnic studies class that Saito conducted at CSU Long Beach. Kiyuna was at the Tri District to conduct one of the workshops.

Kiyuna has been teaching at CSU Fresno for seven years in its School of Counseling and Special Education. His workshop, "Foster an Interpersonally Effective Family," was previewed thusly:

"Clearly one of the most important skills that we can develop in our children and families today is interpersonal assertiveness. While diligence, persistence and *gaman* have been qualities that our culture has held dear, being assertive in our interpersonal relationships has not been stressed. Through developing effective communication skills, we can better equip our children for the demands and pressures of today's world."

Kiyuna's informal teaching manner with a responsive group of parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, about 30 in number, resulted in many questions throughout the morning workshop after he opened with his background and a focus on the topic. Of children in general, he said, the Sansei and Yonsei are

very sharp on a personal level, their academic achievement is a given, but when they get into their professional field or the real world, "I want them to get ahead." That was Kiyuna's basis for stressing the personal quality of "assertiveness" at the workshop. And once they get into the marketplace, Kiyuna continued, special relationships are needed to be promoted.

A participant from the audience shared one example: Both parents are Vietnamese, both have good jobs in Silicon Valley. Their child at school has no other friends than Vietnamese classmates. Do Asian students lack experience in dealing with a wide array of people? How come? This is one of the biggest tasks of the therapist, to help the Asian student open their windows of opportunity.

Another case: One action says the school/home environment should create sound values, such as teaching the young people to be adults — that "anything goes" is not the way, that structure is needed.

Dr. Kiyuna stressed the role of parents — a topic, by the way, that could fill columns in the *Pacific Citizen*. He noted that an authoritative approach by parents produces well-adjusted children. He told parents that it's good to give children direction and limits while encouraging them to have and assert their own opinions. "Kids also learn well by what you do — not what you say," Dr. Kiyuna warned. "We are always modeling for our children. Let's encourage them to have a firm grasp of their own thoughts and feelings."

Another point: The idea of being negotiable helps one to develop individual identity. Those who didn't, he added, were spoiled, though Kiyuna had a better term — *wagamama* — that needed no translation.

His wrap-up on the workshop stressed the need "to love your kids, show it and say it over and over," develop self-reliant and well-adjusted children with strong values, without coercion.

With an all-Nisei audience, the cultural legacy of the Issei was evident, as Dr. Kiyuna often mixed in Japanese expressions without translating them. No one stopped him, either. ■



Very Truly Yours

By Harry K. Honda

A street named 'Judge John Aiso'

THE old refrain, "First and San Pedro" designating, perhaps the best-known street corner in Japanese American history, has another line, "First and Judge John Aiso." That portion of San Pedro St., north from First to Temple St., was dedicated Monday, June 23, in commemoration of the U.S. mainland's first Japanese American jurist and during WWII the unparalleled academic director of Military Intelligence Service (Japanese) Language School, where he developed a staff of over 150 instructors, course developers and supervisors. Among the 6,000 graduates were Nisei and Kibei, AJA WACs and military personnel of Chinese, Korean, European, Polynesian and Black descent. Much has been written about Aiso's leadership and accomplishments.

Assembled at the street naming dedication in Little Tokyo's community police station, the *koban*, were relatives, longtime friends, civic dignitaries, men who studied under Aiso and 100th/442nd veterans. MIS grad George Kanegai remembered how Aiso admonished the Nisei to give 100% to their studies. Justice Morio Fukuta of the appellate court, then deputy district attorney, remembered the conversation shortly after Aiso was named to the bench in 1953, that "our role was to reflect the best of our community." In closing, JANM director Irene Hirano noted that despite what Aiso endured, "he didn't get bitter ... and made a better place for us."

Immediate impact will find the L.A. City Police Department on the westside, the old Union Church under renovation, San Pedro Firm Bldg., several businesses and shops on the eastside having to fix up their stationery.

Prewar, North San Pedro Street had four intersections, since removed: Jackson, Market, Ducommun and Commercial, ending at Aiso St. where the Big Red street cars turned eastward to Pasadena, Pomona or San Bernardino.

It was lined with offices (Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, attorney Elmer Yamamoto, Ed Fujimoto, Gongo Nakamura, Kenji Iwasaki, John Yahiro and various Kenjinkai prefectural associations), medical doctors (Tom Abe, Amano, K. Ito, T. Kobayashi, M. Murase, I. Se-

kiyama, P.M. Suski, Teiji Takahashi, K. Tashiro), dentists (Dr. K. Niya, T. Shiina), and optometrist (Dr. "Tep" Ishimaru).

There were grocery and fruit stands (Frank Hatae, Hosozawa's), Japanese grocer T. Ni-shimi, confectioners (Oki-na-do), restaurants (Ichi-fuji, Shōri, Yachiyo, Shogatsu-Tei), noodle houses (Mansei-an, Futami, Izutsuya) and cafes (Aki Chop House, Jackson St., Olympic), hotels (Olympic, AB, Chitose, Higoya, Kansai, Taisho,

Wilmington) and apartments, dry cleaners (New York), garages (S.K. with Jack Kohama, San Pedro with the Nakasuji Brothers), masseurs (Kimeiyō-In), schools (Nakano's Dressmaking, Takimoto Sensesen).

Many will remember Bunmei-Do book shop, Hi-raga pool hall, Kashiwagi's Store for Men and Tanaka Photo on the ground floor of San Pedro Firm Bldg., Showa Drug, Nichibei Kogyo Kaisha (theatrical agency), Toyo Florist, Empire Printing, Union Church, Reformed Church, Little Tokyo's single Shinto shrine (Dai-jingu) and the martial arts house for judo, kendo, sumo and kyudo next door. We never called the place a gym.

On weekends, the trumpet tooting Issei preacher brought the Gospel to the First Street corner at Kataoka Jewelers. Front pages from the Japanese press were posted on the side of this building. The Japanese Salvation Army held forth across the street facing Asia Shokai. The L.A. Police Department's Parker Center has wiped off a quarter of what was prewar Little Tokyo.

This lineup was gleaned from the 1941 Japanese Telephone and Business Directory, thanks to Toshio Nakajima. The religious tone, not being in the buyer's guide of the phone book, is drawn from personal recollections.

While working at City Hall's transportation desk, Jim Okazaki explained he wanted to have Azusa Street (a walkway adjacent to JACCC) renamed, but Kats Kunitugu, JACCC executive, told him, "You can do better than that." It was a three-year effort. Today, Judge John Aiso Street ends at Temple St., where the new Edward Roybal Federal Building stands. "It is fitting that Judge John Aiso Street has a full view of the courthouse," Jim remarked at the dedication. ■



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Judge Aiso ('52)



Letters

'Railroaded' families share their stories

My father began working in 1900 for the railroad after his arrival from Fukuoka at age 18 and at several locations in Idaho and Wyoming until 1941. When he was promoted section foreman and transferred to Cokeville, Wyo., in 1932, our family consisted of parents and four children, one boy and three girls. We were the only Japanese family ever to live in Cokeville — a small town of approximately 400 people.

When war came, our good friends and neighbors suddenly thought of us as enemies. My father received a telegram shortly thereafter from railroad headquarters at Pocatello, firing him from his job for fear all Japanese railroad employees would sabotage the railroad tracks and shut down transportation.

A Nisei friend, Frank Itaya from Kemmerer, brought his truck to help us move to Sage, some 20 miles away, into an old section house for two months, but there were no opportunities for work. It was here that the Lincoln County sheriff forced us to give up our radio, hunting rifles and family pictures. We finally moved into an abandoned store in Kemmerer, 25 miles away with a population of about 2,000.

My father had deposited his savings each month with the (Japanese) Yokohama Specie Bank. When war was declared, all Japanese bank accounts were frozen. Father eventually took a job as dishwasher at Corner Cafe, owned and operated by a Japanese. Mother also washed dishes at the same restaurant on another shift. They brought home leftover food.

In September 1942, my sister and I moved to Salt Lake City and began to work at Eagle Laundry, also Japanese owned and operated, and after a year, our parents were able to join us, but housing was not readily available....

Anti-Japanese discrimination was everywhere, in restaurants — some had "no Japs" signs — movie theaters and public transportation. At the Center Theater, we were directed to the mezzanine rather than the main floor. We had to sit in back of the buses.

As jobs at tailoring and clothing factories began to open up to Japanese Americans, who were proving themselves to be conscientious, more and more were being hired.

I feel the conditions we experienced could have been more tolerable had we a place to go, such as a camp where we could have been housed and fed.

Michiko K. Hashimoto
Salt Lake City

My father Kametaro Ishii was a machinist for Southern Pacific at Sparks, Nev., since 1920 when he was promised lifetime employment if he would work during the "Wildcat Strike." He lived on the railroad property until the strike ended. Shortly after Pearl Harbor came home with his lunch box, devastated and distraught as he had to explain to his wife and five minor children that our livelihood had just been stripped away. We had no social services to turn to. My father's boss happened to be

a state representative in the Nevada legislature and he personally appealed to the Governor to please spare this man's job since he had a family to support. The governor told him it was out of his hands since "it was a Presidential order." My father's boss insisted that one man could not commit sabotage and that he would personally swear for him and his integrity. He was relieved as the war ended and again asked my father to return to work the day after the war was over. Does this sound like a railroad or government firing? The war years were deducted from father's retirement benefits, which meant a lifelong loss.

The FBI also searched our house without a search warrant and found nothing illegal. We endured an 8 p.m. curfew and stayed inside the house till morning, restricted to a 5-mile radius and couldn't cross the tracks where Reno's department stores were. We could not visit friends on the other side of the tracks that ran through the city.

ORA denied our request, stating the Federal Government did not fire my father. Furthermore, the ORA places the burden of proof on the railroad families to prove the firing. Coincidentally, did all railroad jobs happen to fire all their Issei workers at the same day without a government order?

President Clinton said on national television that racism must stop. Why doesn't he (with the Nikkei members in Congress) correct this injustice? Is anyone going to be held accountable for this injustice?

Fumiko Ishii Shimada
Sacramento, Calif.

Her next project

My long-awaited book, *May Sky* (Sun and Moon Press), has been published. It's a good omen for me as I plan to undertake my next project, *The Banished People*, the stories of some of the expatriates from the U.S. concentration camps during World War II. As a former expatriate myself, I hope to highlight the story of how they sought their civic rights with dignity and honor but, instead, were humiliated and treated like criminals.

And thanks for the story on Yoshikazu Yamada (P.C. May 16-June 5, 1997), as I have been trying to locate him for the past 20 years. He and my brother Dick T. Yamane were buddies in the Pacific Theater and had many pictures taken together.

Valer de Cristoforo
Salinas, Calif.

Alaska member asks

I am fascinated by my first copies of the P.C. since becoming a member. What great coverage of diverse subject matters! Was especially fascinated by James Oda's book review, "The Jews and the Roots of Japanese" (April 18-May 1) and I wish I had a copy of Zenichiro Oyabe's book and could read it. He mentions his previous essay, "A Japanese-Jewish Connection," in the Jan. 24-Feb. 6. How

can I get a copy of that issue?

That was great news about the California Assembly considering the establishment of a Japanese American Fishing Village Memorial visitors center on Terminal Island (May 2-15 P.C.). Many of my classmates in junior high and high school lived across the channel in East San Pedro. As a paper boy 1941-42, I visited the village twice a day and knew many of its residents. Yukio Tsumi has made me an associate member of the "Terminal Islanders." Please keep us informed about the bill.

Earl Fullidgin
Anchorage, Alaska

Back issues (except the fat Holiday Issue) are available so long as the supply lasts at \$1 per copy.

The Tajiris remembered

My memories of the P.C. go back to the days in Salt Lake City to the Tajiris, Larry and Guyo. They were most hospitable and friendly to us newcomers. They were a veritable walking encyclopedia on a lot more than what concerned the Nisei during that wartime period.

In fact, so much so that we named our daughter after Guyo, only to find out from Larry on one of his trips to New York City to view plays that "Guyo" was probably just a nickname. Nonetheless, I do not think that my daughter will cast shame on the name.

Hopefully, the P.C. will be able to return to its weekly format. I do recall how hectic things got as the weekly deadline fell due.

Takuya Maruyama
Los Angeles

"Guyo" is the short call for her Japanese name, Tsuguyō. And thanks for the \$100 contribution to PC SAVE/WISH LIST.

The mugshot mixup

I noticed the "mugshots" of Bill H. and Bill M. were reversed in the May 16-June 5 P.C....

It made for conversation at the JACL scholarship luncheon. But I then wondered how many of our new members would know these celebrities if they saw them.

George Yuzawa
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HAPPINESS IS—Little Tokyo's city councilwoman Rita Walter (left) presents a scroll inscribed "Happiness Is" to Dan Aiso (right), brother of the late Judge John Aiso, with master of ceremonies Jim Okazaki.

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Voice of a Sansei

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Confessions of a Shibai Doll

MY good friend Bob Stoneham gets so angry at anything which hurts African Americans. He's Black, so a casual acquaintance could easily guess he opposes White racists. But it takes a close friend like me to have seen him blow up at his own people. "The Black athlete," he mutters, before exploding in a tirade against the fan club who worships the hero. "We Blacks are hurting our own cause," he says, and I agree.

We all know the syndrome. So and so is a hero, some star achiever in a field traditionally closed to racial minorities and women. The movement is euphoric. A glamour aura envelops the hero and our morale skyrockets into heaven. We become the adoring fan club.

Like Bob, I could kick those jackasses. You heard me right. Those fans are little more than dumb asses.

I've often (unwillingly) played the role of the hero. I walked out on those scenarios. To those of you who have already come to my conclusions, I will publicly endorse your opinions. To those of you still in the dark, here's the cold bucket of water in your face which is long overdue.

I've been the hero. Some Big Name Corporation (BNC) paid me an extravagant salary, gave me fantastic assignments, etc. etc. My people, the fan club, loved it. I gave them the same lift other heroes have given the movement, people like Jackie Robinson and Sally Ride and Sandra Day O'Connor.

My name could have just as well been Shibai Doll.

That extravagant salary certainly wasn't hurting BNC. From a private individual's perspective that sum was impressive, but we have to keep things in proper perspective. Relative to a corporation's total operating budget, that salary was a tiny drop in the bucket. Whatever "power" they were giving me wasn't hurting them either. I didn't have any real power or play any truly important role. Hell, I was expendable.

So what were they getting for a salary which was no real sacrifice to them? I'm one of those super-assimilated Anglo Asians. I came to the company as an off-the-shelf item. They had not taken under wing some truly emerging type, and trained and counseled that person in a sincere upward mobility program. They did not have to change their own attitudes to accommodate a "real" ethnic type. They were getting a minority woman who wasn't really one of "those people," and all that implied.

BNC had absolutely no intention of making any real effort to upgrade minority and female employees. They purchased me, an off-the-shelf *shibai*, for money they could easily afford, doted me up, made me highly visible to women's and ethnic groups, and did absolutely nothing to address the issues which still remained. Any "importance" I had was due to a pure *shibai* public relations campaign. BMC was buying an image of tolerance and commit-

ment to diversity, the way to-bacco companies give money to social causes as they continue to sell death.

I was encouraged to feel a disdain and contempt for those trapped in dead-end positions. I was obviously "so much better than those others." They wanted me to be like the house slave in the Old South who identified with the aggressor in exchange for the privilege of living in the Big House.

I sensed something was amiss, and in subtle little ways my body language conveyed my unease. In equally subtle little ways, I got the "doll" 'em and stomp 'em treatment. Sweet talk her about her extreme Anglicization. Scare the hell out of her when she starts to get out of line. But do everything nicely and low key, so she doesn't see through our game.

Next try on their part, but I still caught on. That Alfred Hitchcock sensation was unmistakable. Just like in his movies, everything was superficially fine. Life was not the blatantly defined and obvious horror of a Frankenstein movie. But that eerie sensation in the air was very real.

Dear adoring members of my fan club, this was the truth behind your Shibai Doll. To my now deceased Issei relatives, to certain White women in my past, this heroine never saved you.

I've seen two other truths behind other Shibai Dolls. Some minorities are so assimilated they truly are Anglos, psychologically. They just don't care about how their role is hurting other ethnicities, because they simply don't identify with ethnicities. Then there are the eager house slaves, internalized racists who want to keep others down to preserve their "special" status. Some *shibai*, like me, are unhappy, others are apathetic or malicious.

And what was my fan club doing? (1) Abandoning all personal responsibility for upgrading themselves, (2) developing a childishly exploitive attitude towards me (those of you with kids, think, how do your children treat you?) (3) giving BNC excellent cooperation by playing the role BNC wanted. If the fan club saw through things, BNC's tactics would have failed.

Bob watches the masses of young African American males who are not developing job skills, not working on their own personal adjustments, because they're lost in a mesmerized trance watching O.J. Simpson and others like Simpson. Bob's furious at those kids, and I can see why.

The next time we start to get that rosy glow over some hero, let's keep things in proper perspective. The full story behind the headlines may not be completely attractive. And even if the hero is for real, that is, a truly valuable person in an organization genuinely committed to achieving diversity, that person can't save you. Ultimately, each of us, alone, is the only one who can really do that. ■

Akemi is an Asian woman who sometimes strikes people as a 40-year-old White male.

Did U.S. gov't or military order the dismissal?

BY MICHIE WEGLYN
Redress for Railroad Nisei

NEW YORK—There are letters which I have received from railroad workers which show serious information gaps, which I believe have worked to their disadvantage. Jeanne Konishi writes from Murray, Utah, that "there were over 1,000 Japanese men working for the smelters in Bingham, Utah" and that in Carbon County, "there were hundreds of Japanese men working in coal mines who also suffered the same fate" (all had been dismissed). These may be among those who had been told that only people relocated from the West Coast and other coastal areas "qualify for redress."

The requisite qualification here is: Did the government or military order the dismissals?

I have noted also among redress applicants that, in defining their losses, all too often they simply state that their bank deposits were frozen. This was a law imposed on German and Italian aliens as well, pursuant to the Trading with the Enemy Act.

Redress applicants typically detail post-Pearl Harbor break-ins. Occasionally, these raids may have gone far beyond the bounds of legality, but FBI surprise raids were initially taken against German and Italian aliens as well, so it counts for little, unless you were made to spend a night in jail for being caught with a shortwave radio set. I am told that a railroad worker had indeed spent a couple of days in jail for that transgression. His incarceration apparently qualified him for redress. He has thus become the fourth railroad worker, so far, to have received restitution.

It seems worth repeating here that the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 defines eligible individuals as "any individual of Japanese ancestry alive at the time that Act was passed" and who was "confined, held in custody, relocated, or otherwise deprived of property or liberty as a result of EO 9066 or any other executive or military orders 'respecting the evacuation, relocation, or internment of individuals solely on the basis of Japanese ancestry.'" The Act also requires that the applicant be a citizen or a longtime U.S. resident.

There is no question that fired railroad workers underwent forced evacuation and relocation based solely on ancestry. Worse, it was apparently sanctioned by the FBI, the Justice Department and the Military, who were keenly aware of the mass migration taking place before their very eyes. The State Department, ever mindful of possibly triggering retaliatory actions in Japanese occupied areas, learned no doubt of what was being done without government support, that even Secretary of War Stimson had been explicit in a letter on Feb. 20 to Gen. DeWitt in defining the requirements of E.O. 9066: "Where evacuees are unable to effect resettlement of (sic) their own volition, or with the assistance of other agencies, proper provision for housing, feeding, transportation and medical care must be provided."

A Feb. 20 transcript of a phone call from Gen. DeWitt to Col. Bendetson provides us with some insight as to the genesis of those "military zones" or islands surrounding vital installations in inland states from which "classes of persons" were to be excluded as a measure of military necessity (a theory formally urged by Bendetson on Feb. 2 with the assurance that "there is ample legal authority to sustain action of this character.")

DeWitt first tells Bendetson of his having spoken to McCloy (War Department) and Peiper (FBI) and then alludes to all the inland military zones he had established already without providing for the essential social services for those made homeless.

"...I will have to confer with the Governors and I will also have to confer with other agencies... because the perspective of the whole problem is changed more or less in view of the fact that a great many

of these aliens have already moved out of these restrictive areas as of February 15 (note that E.O. 9066 of 2/19 had not yet been signed) and a lot of them will move out by the 24th..."

Col. Bendetson: "In other words, you will for the entire eight states... go ahead and declare as military areas all the areas you have already sent in, but then after that has been done, you will thereafter proceed in a gradual way..."

Gen. DeWitt: "Oh yes, I have got to study that whole question over again based on the instructions in the Executive Order." (N.A. RG 107 Stimson Sub file)

Though much was obviously done in stealth, paper trails—such as the above—occasionally lift one's hope that justice will prevail in the end. ■

Families remember...

My father was a section foreman for the Union Pacific Railroad in Tintic, Utah, who was fired in Feb. 1942, on short notice to leave our home. It was very traumatic and stressful, not knowing where to go and no longer having any resources.

We were discriminated first because we were [of] Japanese (ancestry) and again when reparations were denied for lack of sufficient evidence. I hope the hardship and treatment of this group is acknowledged and the ORA reconsiders their decision.

Josephine Shirasawa

Northridge, Calif.

My father was a section foreman for the Union Pacific Railroad in Utah, dismissed and forced to move within three days. In that limited time, all we could do was pack the bare necessities in our car. We suffered as much and then some because we did not have a relocation camp or a roof over our heads and place for meals...

We were discriminated then and once again with denial of reparations for railroad workers. Equality is all we are requesting.

Fusae Nakanishi

Skokie, Ill.

Voices

Count us in accurately for Census 2000

BY GREG MAYEDA

In 1967, the JACL played an important part in the civil rights battle that overturned anti-miscegenation laws. After the Supreme Court's historic ruling in *Loving v. Virginia*, people from different "races" could legally marry each other. In the 30 years since *Loving*, interracial marriages have skyrocketed. However, the civil rights battle against anti-miscegenation is not over.

Today, the children of these marriages cannot answer the census accurately. Hapas (and other people who identify as multiracial) must be given an equal opportunity to answer the census truthfully. The government must recognize that requiring people to only "check one" race is resulting in a huge pool of inaccurate data.

Check one or more—The Japanese American community has perhaps the largest number of people who identify as "multiracial." To be responsive to the needs of the entire community, the JACL should endorse a "Check One Or More" method of collecting data. It should not support a stand-alone "Multiracial" box. Hapas can be counted truthfully without weakening existing civil rights protections.

A "Check One Or More" standard will lead to more people being counted in their respective racial and ethnic groups, because Hapas will no longer have to make the false choice of "officially" identifying with only one part of their heritage.

Choosing only one is no choice at all. Imagine being allowed to only "officially" identify as one of the

following: Mother, Sister, Wife, Daughter, Aunt, Grandparent. It's ridiculous. If you are one or more of these things, how can you possibly separate these things that make you who you are?

Health & Civil Rights—Being able to answer the census truthfully is more than a feel-good issue for Hapas. Accurate data is important for tracking and treating illnesses. For example, a Hapa battling leukemia will need a bone marrow donor with a similar genetic makeup to survive. This Hapa has a better chance of matching with another Hapa than with one of his/her own parents. However, the current system of data collection places Hapas at a higher risk of dying from leukemia than their mono-racial cousins.

Accurate data is also important for tracking civil rights issues such as hate crimes and discrimination. For example, a Hapa of Japanese and African ancestry may be a target of discrimination because he/she is a Hapa, a Japanese American, or an African American.

The time is now—The Office of Management & Budget will make its initial recommendation on changing the census forms on July 10, 1997. The final decision will be made in early September. There is only a small window of opportunity to act. If a change is not made now, Hapas and other mixed race people will have to wait until 2010 before they even have a chance of being counted accurately.

Hapas are the largest growing segment of the Japanese American community. Everyone is related to or knows a Hapa. If the

JACL fails to take a stand for Hapas on this issue now, it will remain an open question of how Hapas will view the JACL over the next 13 years.

However, by fighting for the rights of Hapas, the JACL will send an important message that it is in touch with the issues facing the emerging generation. Furthermore, because there is such a large number of Japanese Americans who identify as multiracial, the JACL is uniquely qualified to lead other civil rights organizations in this important struggle.

Conservative Republicans such as Newt Gingrich and Tom Petri are beginning to call for a stand-alone "Multiracial" box. Counting mixed race people only in a stand-alone box could have devastating effects on all minority communities. Advocates of a stand-alone box must be challenged with a viable and better alternative.

What you can do—If you think it is important that your children, grandchildren, niece, nephew, or you as a Hapa believe that Hapas be counted accurately on the Census, contact the National Board and your District Governors. Tell them that this is the right thing to do and that the time to act is now! PBS Newshour reporter Clarence Page captured the essence of this struggle in an essay on the most famous Hapa, Tiger Woods: "If people cannot call themselves what they want... they cannot call themselves truly free." ■

Greg Mayeda is a founding member of Hapa Issues Forum and serves on the Board of the Berkeley JACL.

Pacific Citizen seeks summer intern

The *Pacific Citizen* is looking for a part-time summer intern for its Monterey Park office, approximately two days a week including some weekends. Knowledge of the Asian American community and the JACL is a plus. High school or college students majoring in English or

Journalism preferred, but not a requirement. Applicants should also have a valid California driver's license.

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JULY 4, 1929—Crash site of pioneer Issei flyer Masashi Goto's bi-plane in the Uinta Mountains east of Salt Lake City.

Commemorate the flight of pioneer aviator Masashi Goto

PROVO, Utah—On Friday, the Fourth of July, the Mt. Olympus, Wasatch Front North, and Salt Lake City chapters of the Japanese American Citizens League, in conjunction with the Uinta National Forest, will re-dedicate the monument of Masashi Goto.

Goto was a young Japanese flyer who flew out of Salt Lake City airport on July 4, 1929, on the fourth leg of a planned solo flight to Tokyo, Japan. On July 9, a Salt Lake newspaper ran the headline "Aviator killed as plane crashes near Salt Lake." It was surmised that the plane went down in a storm just a few hours after takeoff.

The story of Goto and his pioneering spirit will be presented in a brief program to be held at the crash site at 11 a.m. The site is 13 miles up the Wolf Creek Road (State Road 35) from Francis. Program highlights include greet-

ings from Oita (Goto's home town), the unveiling of the new plaque, and the planting of a tree to commemorate Goto's achievements and celebrate the Centennial of the Uinta National Forest.

Goto was an unknown Japanese pilot with a passion for flying. Like Lindberg and Earhart, his dream was to make aviation history.

His journey began in Compton, Calif., on July 1, 1929. He bid his friends farewell and boarded the one-seated plane he designed with friend Takeo Watanabe. The flight continued through Oakland and Reno. On July 4 Goto departed from Salt Lake, headed for New York City. His final destination was to be



Japan.

Several months later, the Japanese Association of Utah dedicated a monument near the crash site, honoring this intrepid and visionary young pilot. ■

NAKANO

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must make quick decisions to save lives, including their own. But this incident clearly suggests that this officer—and other public officials—could well use advanced diversity training. They need, as well, to get into the various cultural communities and acquaint themselves with the folk, what my Latino friend refers to as "la gente," so that stereotypes and false preconceptions don't precipitate their actions. They also need to look at recruiting more members into their ranks who look like the population they serve.

The public clearly needs more cultural sensitivity too. It's not too much to speculate that if the name-calling had not occurred in the bar and incited Kao's anger, the whole thing might not have happened.

Let those things be high on the agenda of the President's proposed national conversation on race. ■

Nakano serves as the chair of Civil and Human Rights Committee of Sonoma County JACL.

Ft. Lewis to name building for Sakakida

FT. LEWIS, Wash.—On Friday, July 25, a building at Fort Lewis will be dedicated in the name of the late Lt. Col. Richard Sakakida, the MIS Intelligence of San Francisco reported. The structure is the office building of the Intelligence Operations Facility of the 201st Military Intelligence Brigade.

Mrs. Cherry Sakakida, relatives and MIS associates will attend the ceremony. MIS Northwest will host the luncheon to follow. ■

Graffiti continues to soil Gila monument

PHOENIX, Ariz.—The Gila River Monument Project committee members revisited the relocation center for the sixth time with buckets of white paint June 24 after observing fresh graffiti on the hilltop Camp 2 site monument a week earlier. The clean-up took about two hours, reported Joe Allman, Arizona JACLer. "Graffiti is a problem all over the Gila River Indian community lands," added JACLer Masaji Inoshita, as the area is isolated and not heavily patrolled. ■

Hawaii memorial listing all WWII AJA KIA proposed

HONOLULU—Inside the 442 Veterans Club is a KIA memorial that does not include all KIA. The club's property management and house rules committee through Harry Tokushige has proposed setting up several granite slabs on the front outside walls of the clubhouse to inscribe the names of all AJAs "killed in action" during WWII.

The effort to update the list and honor them properly will cost \$52,000, according to the current *Go For Broke Bulletin*.

Meanwhile, 26 packets of documents recommending possible upgrade of 100/442 recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) to Medal of Honor were submitted by the 442 Club to the chief of the Army Awards Branch (at his request) and to Senator Dan Akaka's research office, according to 442 Club archivist Katherine Collins. Research has also uncovered seven more DSC winners previously unlisted and, the Silver Star list needs correcting, she pointed out.

Besides conducting an extensive oral history project interviewing

Nisei veterans, the 442 Club Archives has received over 200 artifact donations, mostly photographs, followed by letters and documents. The collection includes German regalia, U.S. Army patches, uniforms, firearms and other weapons. Its research and lending libraries have also grown.

The 442 Veterans Club bylaws are being amended to add a "nonpolitical character" article to prevent the recurrence of the internal disruption created during the 1996 elections, when supporters endorsing a candidate were identified through display of the shoulder patch and name of the 442 RCT.

"But of more serious concern is that the IRS is currently investigating several nonprofit organizations for alleged support or opposition to candidates for public office as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* of Feb. 10, 1997. In the words of the IRS spokesman: Organizations that are exempt under certain tax laws may not engage in activities either in support of or in opposition to a candidate for elected public office," club members were advised in their bulletin. ■

Go for Broke 'quotes'

"You may not believe this, but for a company (Co. K. 442nd) who had the most casualties, the most Distinguished Service Crosses (six KIA and two living), we had just one field commission for this entire campaign." —Joe Shimamura (King's Decree) ■

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Registration due Aug. 1 for Poston Reunion

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On tap are the golf mixer at Meadowlark in Huntington Beach, mini-class luncheons Saturday, Little Tokyo bus tour, Saturday banquet with Haruo "Fozzie" Fujisawa's band, Sunday brunch, exhibits and Poston T-shirts. ■

Go for Broke 'quotes'

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Vandals smashing family Menorah spared time in jail

DOYLESTOWN, Pa.—Three teenage vandals who smashed a Jewish family's Menorah in December were sentenced June 6 to watch *Schindler's List* and write an essay on anti-Semitism rather than go to jail.

The crime prompted the victim's mostly Christian neighbors to display the Menorah in nearly every window on the block in solidarity.

Bucks County Judge Kenneth Biehm also sentenced the teens to community service and two years of probation for breaking Martin Markovitz's living room window on the third night of the Hanukkah and knocking over an electric Menorah display. ■

U.S. naturalized 180,000 without criminal check

WASHINGTON—The Immigration and Naturalization Service, under congressional fire for not completing a background check of some 180,000 aliens to become U.S. citizens last year, has been moving to strip nearly 5,000 who were wrongly naturalized, the INS office announced May 23.

Congress found 16,400 of the new citizens had record of at least one felony and 4,946 cases in which their arrest should have resulted in denial of citizenship or where the applicants misrepresented their criminal history. —EM ■

CNN reporter produces 'Roots in Asia' miniseries

ATLANTA—Charles Tsai, a CNN reporter, completed filming *Roots in Asia*, a five-part program shown the first week in May during CNN's Newshour International.

One segment was filmed in San Francisco's JACCC, with Chizu Iiyama, Ruth Okimoto and Kiku Funabiki discussing their WWII experiences with Meadows-Livingstone grade school, Lowell High and UC Berkeley students. ■

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Akune, Yoshi, 81, Los Angeles, June 3: Turlock-born, survived by children Jack Akune, Yuri Ogawa, Susako 'Sy' Baker, 9 gc., 3 gc., sisters Norie Imamura (Half Moon Bay), Suye Yamaguchi (Japan).

Dol, Ken George, 74, Anaheim, June 7: Garden Grove-born, WWII veteran, survived by son Steven, daughter Vicki Feeko, 3gc., brother Frank, brothers-in-law Jimmy, Paul, Roy, Tom, Toru, Minoru, Masaru, Noboru Nakamura, and Hatsumi Osajima.

Fael, Florence Asaka Ohama, 73, Honolulu, May 23: Kaula-born, survived by sons Carl, Paul, daughters Toni Cappy, Francesca, mother Takayo Ohama, sisters Mitsue, Esther, 5 gc.

Fujita, Charles, 81, Chicago, May 27 service; survived by daughters Lauren Groves, Carole Iguchi, Joy Caver, son Bob Fujita, 7 gc., 1 ggc., predeceased by wife Kiyoko.

Harada, Michiko, 73, Long Beach, June 3: San Pedro-born, survived by husband Kiyoshi and George (Laguna Niguel), James (Long Beach), Michael (Huntington Beach), daughters Gayle Tawa (Huntington Beach), Katy Yonemura (Long Beach), Tammie Harada (San Francisco), 7 gc., 1 ggc., sister Mutsuko Yamasaki (Long Beach), sister-in-law Chiyeko Iwasaki (Long Beach).

Harano, Takako, 81, Chicago, May 31 service; survived by son Ross Harano, daughter Cathy Anderson, 3 gc., 5 ggc., Hirono, Kimiko, 74, Los Angeles, June 11; Fresno-born, survived by sons Alan Takashi, Donald Saji, brothers Sukie, Yoshi Mataga (Doi), sisters Amy Kubota (Fresno), Kay Niki (Scottsdale, Ariz.), brothers-in-law Yutaka (Fresno), Kiyoshi (Salinas), Pete (Concord), Ole Hirano (San Francisco), sister-in-law Yoshiko Shintaku (Georgia).

Hopkins, Kikuko, 66, Lancaster, June 9: Tokyo-born, survived by daughter Rose Hall, 3 gc., mother Kikue Mori (Japan).

Imai, Robert Nichiyu, 67, Mountain View, May 29: Mountain View-born, survived by wife Amy, sons Robert Jr. (Mountain View), Darren (Los Gatos), Bruce

(Mountain View), daughter Susan (Mountain View), 3 gc., brother Yukishige (Mountain View), sisters Alice Asaka Fujii (Mountain View), Katsi Mayeda (Gardena), Cherie Nakamura (Sunnyvale).

Inouye, Gene Taketo, 70, Colton, May 28: survived by wife Kazuko, children Franklin, Carol Matthews, Nancy Gervais, Elaine Bowman, 1 gc., brother-in-law Michiko Uba, brother-in-law to Isler Okazaki.

Inouye, Joan Ella, 63, Denver, Colo., April 23: survived by husband Harvey, daughters Jacqueline Humphreys, Joyce Beerhomer, Harvey Inouye Jr., brother Homer Grimm.

Itano, Joseph Shizuo, 84, Pasadena, May 23: Los Angeles-born, survived by daughters Geri Hamane, Toni Itano, 3 gc., sisters Lily Sakuma, Sumi Isoda.

Kamikawa, Ken, 58, Gardena, June 8: East Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Keiko, daughters Karen Toshimi, Linda Yassu, son Jon Masahiro, mother Hidemi Kamikawa, father-in-law Tadachiko Nakai (Japan), sisters Frances Hiroko Kawamoto, Jeanne Selsko Kamikawa, JoAnn Sayoko Kamikawa, sister-in-law Haruko Kamikawa (Japan).

Kamita, Tom Haruto, 69, San Francisco, June 1: married by son David, daughter Donna Kamita, brothers Kazuo, Harry, Ben, Isamu Kamita, sister-in-law Shizuko Kamita.

Kashiwamura, Daniel, 67, Las Vegas, June 2: Hawaii-born, retired Air Force master sergeant and Korean War veteran, survived by wife Winona, son Byron Kashiwamura (Las Vegas), daughters Sara Matthews (Honolulu), Dale Wolfe (Henderson), sister Judith Ishikawa (Maui, Hawaii), Rensu (Laie, Hawaii), brothers Ernest (Honolulu), James (Kaohe, Hawaii), Carl (Pearl City, Hawaii), 6 gc., 3 ggc.

Kimura, Robert, 72, Hawaii, April 29: Veteran of WWII, Korean War, served in the Army's 1st and 40th Special Forces, in Military Intelligence, and as a senior and master parachutist, commanded Hawaii's 329th Special Forces Detachment, served as the Senate's chief attorney for seven years and was the state's first milk commissioner, House Representative from 1968-1976, chairman of the higher Education Committee; survived by wife Elsie, sons Robert Jr., Arnold, daughters Kimberly Hideoke Christy, Pamela Shitsu Kimura, 2 brothers, 4 sisters.

Kobata, Tadako, 94, Long Beach, May 28: Hawaii-born, survived by wife Toshie, son Robert Tsutomu, daughters Mildred Tsunye Yasumura, Emiko Ikemi, Nobuko Sakaguchi, 8 gc., 2 ggc., brother Masanobu Kobata.

Kubo, Kiseo K., 89, Gardena, June 14: Hiroshima-ken-born, survived by wife Tsuyuko Kubo, daughter Janet Kuwabara, 3 gc.

Kunisawa, Takashi, 65, Ardmore, Okla., June 1: Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Sue, daughters Tammy, Sandy, Pam.

Leavens, Richard Barton, 71, Torrance, June 3: San Fernando Valley-born, survived by wife Judy, daughter Judy Leatherman, Linda Fretchell (Va.), Pamela Roschke (Idaho), son Robert (Hemet), 3 gc., brothers Eugene (Alaska), Frank (Pittsburgh), sister Shirley Stanton (Puerto Rico).

Mannari, Terry Teruo, 75, Seattle, May 22: survived by wife Suzuko 'Sue', son Ken (Renton, Wash.), daughters Jeanne Maeda, Joyce Lee Okino (Renton), 5 gc., mother Haruno Mannari, sister Kiyoko Ito, brothers Yuzuru, Hiroshi (all of Japan).

Masada, Reiko, 77, Arcadia, June 4: San Gabriel-born, survived by sons Keiichi, Gary Kenji, daughter Jane Tomiko Chavez, 7 gc., 9 ggc., brother Hiro Takaki, sisters Mitsuko Sato (Colorado), Yoshiko Ito.

Masuda, Joe Yuzuru, 80, Los Angeles, May 31: retired US Army MIS major, survived by wife Sophie, brother Hisashi (Japan), brothers-in-law Yoshi Kawano, Nobu Kawano, Hideo Kawano, sister-in-law Masumi Masuda.

Matsumoto, Aiko Joyce, 62, Gardena, June 15: Vancouver, Canada-born, survived by husband Osamu 'Sam' Matsumoto, sons Ken Akito, Glenn Satochi, 1 gc., brothers Hagemu Takeda, Masanori Takeda (Chula Vista), sisters Mary Misae Tahara, Rose Yoshiko Furukawa, Yukiye Matsune (all of Canada), Kazuko Akutagawa (San Mateo).

Matsumoto, Walter Teutomo, 65, Cerritos, May 27: Hawaii-born, survived by son Ernest Tadashi, brother Edward, sisters Florence Baba, Helen Kimura.

Matsuono, Isao, 71, Whittier, June 7: Los Angeles-born, survived by son Matt Esa, daughter Muriel Ann Corbett, 4 gc., brother Takatow, sisters Tsuroko Wata-mura, Mary Namiko Miya, Jean Tatsuyee Takeuchi, Elizabeth Setsuko Matsuono, sisters-in-law Ruth Shinobi and Misako

Matsuono, predeceased by wife Susie Shizue.

Matsuura, David Tetsuo, 52, San Pedro, June 1: Oregon-born, survived by mother Kazuo Matsuura, sisters Gail, Naomi, Lucy Matsuura.

Minami, Suma, 97, Los Angeles, June 15 service; Kagoshima-ken-born, survived by sons Robert Yoshio (Oceanside), Tatsuo, daughters-in-law June and Chizuko Minami, 7 gc., 1 ggc.

Morishita, Motoharu Barry, 69, Monterey Park, June 6: Wakayama-ken-born, survived by wife Toyomi Katherine, son Fumitoshi Barry, daughter Kanako Susan, brother Katsuhiko, sisters Manae Mayumi, Makiko Higashinakamura, Yuki Nakamoto (Japan).

Murayama, Yoshio, 78, Cudahy, June 2: Hawaii-born, survived by wife Elizabeth Yoshie, sons Thomas Tsuned, Stanley Takao, daughter Marsha Masae Johnson, 3 gc., sister Ruth Ebisuya (Hawaii).

Nagai, Kiyoshi Kay, 70, Seattle, May 26: former Shelton, Wash. resident, survived by wife Irene Shizuko, daughters Vicki Hirai, Naomi Kimura, 1 gc., sister Taniye Yamazaki, brother Haruaki Nagai (both of Japan).

Nishizaki, Matsuko, 89, Los Angeles, May 31: survived by sons Eugene, Marvin, Fred, Ted, Robert, and daughters Alice Inouye, Mary Tanihara, Harriet Matsumoto, gc., ggc.

Oka, Collin Tami, 52, Garden Grove, June 2: Brighton, Colo.-born, survived by sons Collin Jr., Scott Hideo, (both of Garden Grove), mother Alyce Asada (Laguna Niguel), sisters Sharon Ogata (Los Angeles), Leslie Bair (Pens), Allison Watanabe (Laguna Niguel), Joanne Benitez (Pasadena), Phyllis Fissau (Monterey Park), Jane Delgado (Norwalk), father Hisao Oka (Monterey Park).

Oku, Hisao Jack, 64, Baldwin Park, June 1: Compton-born, survived by wife Michiko, sons Albert Hisayuki, James Takayoshi, 1 gc., brothers Henry and Tee Tsuginori Irye, sisters Yuriko Shinohara, Maryann Haruye Sone, Grace Ormori, brothers-in-law Takahide, Takafumi and Masamichi Nishi, sister Takesaka, Kingo Sakaguchi, sister-in-law, Minnie Oku, mother-in-law Sumiko Nishi.

Osutso, Katherine Momiyo, 88, Chicago, May 31 service; survived by daughter Marian Michiko Tsutsui, 1 gc., brother Dr. George Nagamatsu.

Shiba, Dick S., 71, Salt Lake City, May 24.

Shibuya, Fumiko, 81, San Francisco, May 23: Aichi-born, survived by daughter Ino Shibuya (Santa Clara), brother Isamu Ted Noguchi, sister Kikue Sasaki.

Shimomura, Helen Teruko, 76, Westminster, June 7: Fort Lupton, Colo.-born, survived by son Roy, daughters Miwako Yang, Tomoko Fujioke, Sandy Underwood, 6 gc., brothers Tsuyoshi, Takashi, Hiroshi (Japan), sisters Fusako Obama (Japan), Yoshiko Tsusumichi, Shizuko Shimomura (Japan), Aiko Nakajima (Japan).

Shundo, Frank L., 75, San Pedro, June 9: Upland-born, survived by son Dwight (San Pedro), brothers Jack (San Pedro), Bill (Canyon County).

Takamine, Tol, 61, Denver, May 23: survived by daughters Joyce, Connie, sisters Mary Haruko Agatsuma, Marian Fumiko, brother Terrie, predeceased by wife Mary.

Takamine, Terrie, 76, Arvada, Colo., June 4: survived by wife Luella, stepson Louis Williams, stepdaughters Laurie, Linda Rayhill, sisters Mary Haruko Agatsuma, Marian Fumiko.

Takemoto, Rodger Hayashi, 79, Los Angeles, June 14 service; Hanford-born, WWII veteran, survived by wife Mary, daughters Andrea Reeve, Cindy Werner, 3 gc., brothers Ben, Rev. Arthur, sister Yochiye Abe, brothers-in-law Jim, Tom, Dr. Larry Nakamura, sister-in-law Nancy Nakano Nakayama.

Tanaka, Fred Toshio, 89, Stockton, March 10: survived by daughters Adela T. Shirashi (Honolulu), Evelyn Mae Miyazaki (Maple Grove, Minn.), 6 gc., predeceased by wife Shigeko Park.

Teshima, Roy Ichiro, 82, Seattle, April 8: Alameda-born, U.S. Naval Language School instructor and Voice of America broadcaster, retired after 30 years with the federal government from the U.S. Naval Intelligence Service Office in Japan, survived by daughters Judy, Joyce.

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predeceased by wife Esther.

Tsubokawa, Terumi 'Teri', 47, Seattle, April 9: Yokohama-born, U.S. military member of the Post Marksmanship Team, created award-winning artwork in watercolor and sculpture, member of Mensa and Interrel, survived by mother Etsuko (Tacoma).

Ueda, Alice M., 96, Lomita, May 31: Kaula, Hawaii-born, survived by son Charles, daughter Alice Ulinets, daughters-in-law Missie Mitzi, Agnes Ueda, 10 gc., 17 ggc.

Ueda, Hisayo, 44, Lake Forest, June 7: Kyushu-born, survived by husband Mikio, daughters Miki Kaven, Nao Kathy Ueda, sisters Keiko Hagiwara, Minako Kumagai (Japan).

Ueyama, Uto, 93, Sacramento, May 6: Okinawa-born, survived by sons Jack, Bill, Bob, Stanley, David, Dan, Peter, daughter Susan, sister Ruth Maruyaka, Carol Tsuchi, 16 gc., 7 ggc.

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

Yamada, Isabel Takako, 67, Carson, June 6: Lima Peru-born, survived by husband Hiroshi, son Henry Takahiro, daughter Linda Yee, 1 gc., brothers Yoshiharu Nagao, Tom Nagao, sisters Alice Nishimoto, Isuko Sato, Haru Shinghishi, brother-in-law Shugo Yamada (Japan).

Yamaguchi, Ethel S., 61, Las Vegas, June 3: Honolulu-born, survived by husband Grant, sons Gary (Claremont), Wayne (Diamond Bar), 5 gc., brothers Larry Shinabukuro (Las Vegas), Joe (Los Angeles), and Kiyoshi (San Diego).

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).

Yamamoto, Kay, 58, Seattle, April 19: survived by wife Jane, daughter Tina Zakahi (Seattle), son Christopher (Seattle), 1 gc., siblings Robert, Tom, George, Joe, Fumi Noriomi, Toshi Chinn, Yeoko Suye-tani, Tomo Mihara.

Yamashita, Akino, 94, Seattle, May 1: Yamashiro, Herbert Kuno, 68, June 7: Long Beach-born, WWII veteran, survived by wife Setsuko, sons John Takao, Mark Minori, Roger Mitsuo, sisters Natsumi Nanaumi, Dorothy Chiyoko Komae, Mary Michiko Hino, Kazumi Fujii, brothers-in-law Ben (Honolulu), Roy (Tucson, Ariz.), Chic Shishido, sisters-in-law Bernice Miyake, Pat Ueda (Maui), Lois Shishido.

Yamauchi, Kaju, 91, Sacramento, April 21: Aichi-born, survived by sons Harold, James, Karl, 2 gc.

Yano, Hideo 'Gene', 83, San Francisco, served in WWII Military Intelligence Service, survived by wife Kimiyo, daughter Irene Bebe.

Yasuda, Kikumi, 84, Los Angeles, June 3: Hawaii-born, survived by husband Masao, children William Yasuda, Reiko Nakazawa, Shuzy Hino, Noriko Kotsubo, Chiaki Yasuda, Kiku Yamada, 14 gc., 6 ggc., son Nakamura, predeceased by son William Yasuda, son-in-law Ted, granddaughter Christine Nakazawa.

Yasutake, Hide, 97, Irvine, May 23: Hakata Fukuoka-born, survived by sons Rev. Dr. S. Michael (Evanston, Ill.), Dr. Wm. Toshio (Bothell, Wash.), Dr. Joseph Y. (San Jose), daughter Mitsuyo Yamada (Irvine), 14 gc., 16 ggc., predeceased by husband Jack.

Yasuzaki, Frank Minoru, 97, Los Angeles, May 17: Hiroshima-ken-born, survived by daughter Barbara Harumi Sakata, 3 gc., 3 ggc.

Yonemoto, Gene M., 53, Sylmar, June 13: survived by wife Patricia, daughters Tricia, Súsie, Jessica, mother Mary Yonemoto, sisters Kathy, Judy.

Yoshioka, Mae Haruyo, 77, San Fernando Valley, May 21: Utsunomiya-born, survived by husband Yoshio 'John' son Jim, daughters Sally Hisayasu, Alice Ohye, Rosie Yokomizu, Judy Takeshita, 6 gc., 1 ggc. ■

DEATH NOTICE

SADAKO 'SUD' MORIKAWA
CHICAGO, Ill.—Sadako 'Sud' Morikawa, 74, was born in Santa Maria, Calif.
She is survived by husband, George; mother, Ito Maeda; sister, Alice Takahashi and brother, George.

DEATH NOTICE

GEORGE Y. KORENAGA
PORTLAND, Ore.—George Y. Korenaga passed away on May 31. He is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn; daughter, Gail and Holly; son, Brian; sisters, Mary Sutow, Sue Fujii and Shige Watanabe.

DEATH NOTICE

UME NIHEI
BERKELEY, Calif.—Ume Nihei, 94, passed away June 19. A native of Fukushima-ken, Japan, she resided in Berkeley for 50 years.
Ume Nihei is the wife of the late Hanshiro and mother of the late Yemiko. She is survived by her sons, Ken (San Francisco), Ryo, Jun and Tom (El Cerrito), Den and Rick (Berkeley); daughter, Fumi (Berkeley); grandsons, Wesley, Steven, Gordon, Mark and Ritchie; granddaughters, Judith Ann and Shari and Great Grandson, Max.
Private services were held on June 24 at Sunset View Mortuary in El Cerrito, Calif.

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East Bay repeats as Jr. Olympics champions at 45th annual event

BY STEVE OKAMOTO

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HAYWARD, Calif.—Under windy but sunny conditions, the 45th annual JACL Jr. Olympics were enjoyed by more than 300 young athletes and their families. For the past 17 years, this favorite annual track and field meet has been held at the excellent track stadium at Chabot College.

Defending champions from the East Bay, led by coach Roger Lee, again emerged victorious although they were hard pressed by the team from San Francisco. East Bay ended the day with 454 points, while San Francisco followed with 402. Third-place Eden ended up with 358.

Since East Bay repeated as champions, they have the privilege and honor of acting as the host team for next year's meet.

The outstanding athlete of the meet was Steve Young, with the Sequoia team from Palo Alto although he attends San Mateo High School. Steve placed first in the 100 meter dash (11.43) and the 400 meter dash (NT) and set a record in the 300 meter low hurdles (40.43). Outstanding athletes of each division were:

Men's Division

I—Josh McMullin (San Mateo);
II—Chris Hanabusa (Sequoia);
III—Ian Jang (Sequoia).

Boys' Division

IV—Aaron Koga (S.F.);
V—Scott Kyono (Eden) and V—
Jeremy Chang (Eden) (TIE);
VI—Mitchell Fong (San Mateo).

Women's Division

II—Alice Chan (East Bay) and
II—Judy Truong (S.F.) (TIE);
III—Adrienne Lei (East Bay) and
III—Merrin Chun (Eden) (TIE).

Girls' Division

IV—Allison Hom (East Bay);
V—Stacey Tanaka (Eden);
VI—Sharon Cheng (S.F.).
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THE 45TH ANNUAL Jr. Olympics champions from East Bay are all smiles standing (some seated) around their collection of trophies.

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