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Senate subcommittee approves funds for Manzanar site

WASHINGTON — The Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee on Friday approved \$310,000 in funding for the Manzanar National Historic Site on July 18.

The funds will be used for construction projects throughout the site of the WWII internment camp in Inyo County, Calif., which was transferred to the U.S. National Park Service earlier this year.

The funding bill must now pass through a congressional conference committee and be approved by President Clinton, Calif. Rep. Robert Matsui who, with Calif. Sen. Barbara Boxer, sponsored legislation to transfer federal

land for the project, expects the bill to pass within a few weeks.

Sue Embrey, head of the Manzanar Committee who worked to get the former camp designated as a national historic site, would like to see some of the money used to transform the former auditorium into a visitor center.

"The Manzanar National Historic Site represents a lasting symbol to acknowledge the tragic historic injustice committed against thousands of Americans," said Sen. Boxer. She promised to work to ensure the federal government is committed to maintaining the historic site for future generations. ■

Immigrants challenge retroactive application of SSI restrictions

Nine immigrants from California and Oregon filed a class action lawsuit today in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles challenging the government's decision to apply the noncitizen restrictions on SSI eligibility in last year's welfare law to SSI benefits they should have received before the law was passed. Although the plaintiffs applied for SSI disability before the law was passed on August 22, 1996, in each case, the Social Security Administration did not make its eligibility determination until after its passage.

People often wait several years for a determination of disability. Normally, they are compensated for this delay by payment of benefits due from the date of application if they were disabled throughout this period. However, in the case of immigrant applicants the administration has adopted a policy of applying the new noncitizen restrictions even to payments that were due before the new law was passed. In one

case the law is being applied to deprive an applicant of seven years of retroactive benefits.

The plaintiffs contend that this decision by the Administration goes beyond the law enacted by Congress and violates U.S. Supreme Court rulings which forbid the retroactive application of a law unless Congress clearly states that the law is to be retroactive. The retroactive application also deprives counties and states of millions of dollars they would otherwise be able to recover for interim assistance benefits provided while individuals were waiting for a determination from the Social Security Administration.

Among the plaintiffs are refugees from Laos and Cambodia, and legal residents from Mexico, Poland and the former Yugoslavia.

For further information contact Gerald A. McIntyre at 310/204-6015 ext. 1 or Victor Hwang at the Asian Law Caucus, 415/391-1655, ext. 31. ■

WWII Internees get H.S. diploma

CAROLINE AOYAGI

Assistant editor

ANAHEIM, Calif. — At first glance you might think Ruth Matsuda, 70, and Toru Sugita, 72, garbed in royal blue robe and cap, look out of place at Anaheim High School's graduation ceremony.

But these two belong here just as much as the more than 300 graduating teenagers who attended the event on June 12 at Anaheim's Glover Stadium. That's because after more than fifty years, Matsuda and Sugita finally received their high school diplomas from Anaheim.

Matsuda had been a freshman and Sugita a sophomore in 1942 when they, along with 27 of their

Japanese American classmates, were forced to leave their beloved school to live in internment camps. The students were part of the 120,000 JAs who, by order of the United States Government, were placed in barbed wire enclosed camps until the end of World War II.

Both Matsuda and Sugita eventually completed their high school education in the Poston, Arizona camp.

"With all this excitement, it feels great," said Matsuda after receiving her diploma. "I wish I was 18 again." Seeing the students heading off to graduation parties and dinners after the cer-

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Former internees Ruth Matsuda and Toru Sugita receive their high school diplomas from Superintendent Dr. Janice Billings.

Leadership development and membership focus of PNWDC/IDC Bi-District/youth conference

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

Assistant Editor

It's often been said: if JACL is to remain a viable and relevant organization into the next millennium, it's going to take the coordinated efforts of both the older and younger members.

That's why the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain Districts decided to hold the Young Adult Asian Pacific Islander American Conference in conjunction with their biennial Bi-District Conference on July 18-20 at the Best Western Southercenter in Seattle, Washington.

More than 100 people attended the joint three-day conference that had a jam-packed schedule of workshops, district meetings and discussions. National Board members Helen Kawagoe, President, Director Herb Yamanishi, Lori Fujimoto of Public Affairs, Richard Uno of General Operations, and Gary Mayeda of Planning and Development flew in from California. Warren Furutani, former Los Angeles School Board member, was the keynote speaker, and State Representative Kip Tokuda (D-37th District) and Seattle School Board Member Al Sugiyama spoke at a workshop on political empowerment. Participants also enjoyed a golf tournament, a tour of the historic Nihonmachi area, and the Seattle Buddhist Temple Bon Odori festival.

This was the first time the PNWDC and IDC had held a youth conference alongside their



PNWDC and IDC presented awards of appreciation to former national JACL president Denny Yasuhara. Pictured are (from left): Yas Tokita, Helen Kawagoe, Denny Yasuhara and Terry Yamada.

bi-district conference. "I think this conference is a good opportunity to meet community leaders, to network, and for the development of leadership skills," said Kelly Wicker, PNW Youth/Student Representative, who helped organize the youth conference. Unfortunately, there are very few leadership conferences for Asian American youth today, she said.

Approximately 30 students attended the event, which offered career workshops specifically for the youth in the fields of business, education, health, media, law, and social services. "The time of year was bad," said Wicker, noting that many students were away for the summer holidays. "But we're happy with

the numbers."

Most of the students who attended the conference are members of the Japanese American Youth Society or JAYS, a University of Washington student group that works closely with the Seattle Chapter of JACL. Many of the Seattle board members are current or former members of JAYS.

"To have a youth conference like this is so important to keep the JA community alive and youth groups alive," said Jill Yamaguchi, 22, last year's president of JAYS. Currently, JAYS is the only JA student group in Seattle.

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PANA is set for 21st century, Chile named host for '99 confab

BY HARRY K. HONDA

Editor Emeritus

MEXICO CITY — Seeds of the first Pan American Nikkei Association (PANA) convention staged here in 1981, incidentally at the same place—the Liceo Mexicano Japonés,—have taken root and been watered by determination to step into the 21st century. More than 500 delegates and participants attended the 21st biennial convention July 24-27.

CLPEF curriculum summit scheduled for August 2-3

SAN FRANCISCO — As part of its initiative to integrate the lessons learned from the internment into the nation's education system, the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund will co-host a curriculum summit Aug. 2-3. "This effort will plant the seeds for future generation," noted Curriculum Summit Co-chair Elsa Kudo of Honolulu, Hawaii.

"The impact will be tremendous—by bringing people together to create bonds with different groups, we will work more wisely on these projects from a national perspective."

"This Summit is a good idea because it uses the Fund's limited resources to help make sure that incidents such as [the internment] never happen again," notes co-chair Peggy Nagae of Eugene, Ore. "We need to have consistency, to be accurate and to have an impact on the curricu-

(1) Australia, with Yoshi Hosaka of Sydney representing, has become the 12th nation to join PANA. Invitations have been given to Ecuador and Venezuela.

(2) The workshops, now cover nine hours in three sessions over two days—ample time for the subjects to be addressed by delegates, though hampered somewhat by the lack of translators. Japanese was a common language.

(3) Youth, most of them in col-

lege or out of college for several years, continued to exhibit their enthusiasm. Close to 50 met at the Kaikan, the Japanese Mexican Association's cultural center. Lidia Okuma of Mexico, a Sansei who rendered the final report in Spanish, English and Japanese all by herself, was a "first."

"Communication" will be stressed during the coming biennium through e-mail and Internet, Brian Kobashigawa of Washington, D.C., disclosed.

(4) The PANA Economic Committee (Comission Empresarial APN) was established, comprised of representatives of area Japanese chambers of commerce and industry in the nine PANA countries (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, USA, Uruguay) with invitations to Ecuador and Venezuela. The committee will serve as a clearing house and be based in Peru. PANA-USA/East, said delegate Francis Sogi.

(5) Chile will host the 10th PANA convention in Santiago in 1999 (the dates to be announced). Support for the country with approximately 3,000 Nikkei was immediately offered by neighboring Argentina, Paraguay and Peru, said PANA International President Luis Sakoda of Peru.

(6) Sakoda, one of the Peruvian Nikkei who was among the hostages at the Embassy Residence released just before Christmas, was re-elected PANA

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 reception, banquet; Each district council
 meets during morning hours. Fri & Sat, Tri-
 District wrap-up Sunday 9 a.m.-12 noon.

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 p.m., Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodist
 Church, Madison Rd. & Hyde Park Ave. info:
 Marie Matsumura, 51345-2604. NOTE:
 1:30 p.m. board meeting.

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Oct. 5, Nov. 2,
 Sat. Mon. Aug. 30-Sept. 1—Japanese Festival,
 Missouri Botanical Gardens; info: Irma Yokota.
 NOTE—Presentation of JACL's National Bush
 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.

TWIN CITY
 Sun, Aug. 10—Summer picnic and pig roast,
 noon-6 p.m., lunch 12-2 p.m., Lake Cornelia
 Park Pavilion, Edina, free, guests asked to bring
 salad, dessert or side dish. RSVP by Aug. 6.
 Connie Fukuda 612/927-8175.

WISCONSIN
 Sun, Aug. 10—Annual picnic, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.,
 Brown Deer State Park, Milwaukee; RSVP by Aug.
 6. Nancy Johnson 414/672-5544 or e-mail
 Shira 414/353-8184.

Mountain Plains
 NEW MEXICO
 Sun, Sept. 7—Bon odor.

Sun, Sept. 7—General meeting, Loma Linda
 Community Center; info: Joe Adams, 505/292-
 1858.

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

NAT'L JACL 1000 CLUB
 (R) Fri-Sun, Oct. 10-13—50th anniversary 1000
 Club celebration, Cactus Petal, Jackpot, Nev.
 info: Haru Hasegawa, Idaho Falls 208/295-1255.

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

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

Sun, Sept. 13—23rd annual Fall Golf Classic,
 8 a.m., Riverbend Golf Course; RSVP 4/4/96
 (includes cart); Tel: 25, 610/477-0712; Maple
 Hill Place, Tel: 840/92, 801/572-2287.

Pacific Northwest
 Browne Girl Scout Troop 533; contact: Central
 Council, 415/776-1356, 415/776-0264; fax:
 415/776-1356.

NOTE—BOSCH 100th Anniversary: Teresa Ono,
 chair; Kent Matsuda, president; Rev. LaVerne
 Sasaki, minister; Susumu Saki, past president.

Sat, Sept. 6—Nisei Wadai Group meeting, 2-
 4:30 p.m.; info: Elise Uyeda Chung 415/221-
 0286. Teishara 415/221-4568 or Kay Yamamoto
 204/444-354.

JAN JAPAN/TAI
 (R) Sat, Sept. 6—San Benito County reunion
 with former residents, Tak Obata co-chair, info:
 Hiroshi Wada 310/515-5761. NOTE—Advance
 registration by Aug. 22.

SAN JOSE
 Through Sept. 19—March 15, 1998—Unpublished
 photo exhibits of Hans Kishi and
 Otto Hagel, "The Heart Mountain Story," 11
 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun-Tara, Santa Clara County's
 de Soto Museum, 408/554-5126; NOTE—
 March 15, 1998—JACL's guest curators
 Tue-Thu, Nov. 4-6—Yu-Ati Kai/Japanese
 American Community Service Project to Las
 Vegas, 12-2 p.m., 3-5 p.m., double
 occupancy (64 and older), \$220/per double
 occupancy (64 and older), price includes airfare,
 car at the California Hotel and 4 way train,
 meals included; info: Anthony Chung 408/
 294-2505.

Southern Cal
 LOS ANGELES
 Through Sept. 14—Photo exhibit: Whipped
 Subject, 369 E. 1st St., 213/625-0414.
 NOTE—Literature, book-signing: Joan Myers and
 Gary Y. Okituro, 1-3 p.m., Aug. 3.

Through Nov. 30—Exhibit: Sumo U.S.A.,
 Vintage and Grand Tradition, JANAM, 369 E. 1st
 St., 213/625-0414.

Through Aug. 1—Ryuetsu Sumo exhibition,
 JACC gallery, info: 213/628-2725, fax 617/
 5757.

Sat, Aug. 2—Asian American Grand Abuse
 Program 6th annual fundraiser, ShowTime 97.7,
 6 p.m., Japan America Theater, 244 S. San Pedro
 St., 213/680-3700. NOTE—JACL/ADAP
 213/293-6284. NOTE—JACC co-sponsors.
 Featuring Charlie Chan Blues Band, The Mighty
 Mountain Music, and the California Cultural
 Band.

Thu, Aug. 7—Writers' Workshop reading, 7:30
 p.m., JANAM, 369 E. 1st St., 213/625-0414.
 NOTE—Denise Uyehara.

Sat, Aug. 8—Bikini Beach Dance, 7-11:30 p.m.,
 Nakaoka Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena;
 info: Bea 213/935-8648.

Sat, Aug. 9—Presentation: Civil Liberties Public
 Education Foundation, 1-3 p.m., JANAM, 369 E.
 1st St., 213/625-0414. NOTE—Dale Shimaski,
 speaker.

Sat-Sun, Aug. 9-10—22nd annual L.A. Tolu
 Festival, afternoon, JACC Plaza, info: Little
 Tokyo Service Center, 213/680-3729.

Sat-Sun, Aug. 9-10—L.A. Taiko Festival, 8 p.m.,
 Japan America Theater; Sunday gathering, 12-3
 p.m., JACC Plaza (admission free).

Sat-Sun, Aug. 9-10—Nisei Week 57th annual
 Japanese Festival in Little Tokyo; info: 213/687-
 7193.

Mon, Aug. 11-17—Nikkei Games: "Games for
 the Generations," CSU Long Beach; info: Jesse
 James, char/74/531-1251. NOTE—Successors
 to JACL/JACC's Long Beach. Expanded program includes
 kendo, golf, track & field, judo, karate,
 softball, 5-K run, naginata, gattai, basketball,
 volleyball.

Thu, Aug. 14—Writers Gallery series, 7:30-9
 p.m., JANAM, 369 E. 1st St., 213/625-0414.
 NOTE—New plays by West Coast writers (repeats
 Sept. 18).

Thu, Aug. 14—JCLA Film and Television
 Archive

JACL and NCRR to sponsor redress community forum

The Japanese American Citizens League's Pacific Southwest District and the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations are inviting the general public to attend a redress community forum on Sunday, August 10, 2 to 4 p.m., at the Little Tokyo Towers, 455 E. Third Street in downtown Los Angeles.

Featured speakers will be Dede Greene, Administrator of the Office of Redress Administration, U.S. Department of Justice. She will be provide an update on the redress

program as established by the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, and outline the ORA's plans for their final year of outreach before the redress program ends on August 10, 1998.

Forum speakers will also include individuals who had lost their freedom because of their Japanese ancestry during World War II but have been denied redress to date. These individuals include Japanese Latin Americans, railroad workers, and those born after the January 20, 1945, cutoff date for

redress eligibility.

"This is the final year of redress," said Albert Muratsuchi, JACL Pacific Southwest Regional Director. "JACL members across the country must unite to fight for all people of Japanese ancestry who lost their freedom during World War II, before the redress program slams the door shut in their faces."

For more information, please call the JACL Los Angeles office at (213) 626-4471. ■

PSW District to host awards dinner

The JACL's Pacific Southwest District will be hosting an awards dinner on September 20, 6 p.m., at the Torrance Marriott Hotel.

With the theme, "Remembering Our Past, Empowering Our Future," the dinner keynote addresses will be delivered by Assemblyman Mike Honda (D-San Jose) and Assemblyman Nao Takasugi (R-Oxnard).

JACL will be honoring Stewart Kwok of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California for his civil rights leadership; Dr. Roy and Alice Nishikawa for over 110 years of combined JACL service; and American Express Financial Advisors, Inc., for their work with JACL to develop a charitable giving and estate planning program.

The dinner will also feature a

taiko performance by Jodaiko, a student taiko group at UC Irvine. Gordon Tokumatsu, KNBC Channel 4 news reporter, will serve as the dinner's master of ceremonies.

Tickets are \$100 for general admission and \$75 for JACL members. For more information about the JACL Awards Dinner or to reserve tickets, please contact JACL at (213) 626-4471 or at psww@jacl.org.

Dinner proceeds will support JACL youth programs, including efforts to recruit and train young Asian Americans to become future JACL and community leaders. Programs targeting young adults include the biennial National Youth and Student Council Conference, the JACL PSWD Youth Outreach Committee, and the South Bay Chapter's Young Adults Group. ■

Making mochi video from Puyallup JACL

The Puyallup Chapter of JACL has just completed a video demonstrating three methods of making mochi-tsuki.

1. The traditional way, pounding the mochi using a *kine* and *usu*.
2. The faster way, using electric grinding machines.
3. The most modern way, using the convenient mochi-making machine which both steams the rice and pounds it into mochi.

Production of the video was made possible through a grant from the National JACL, and filming was accomplished by Steve Dorris, a member of the Puyallup Valley Board.

The video costs \$23 made payable to Puyallup Valley JACL, c/o Elsie Taniguchi, 225 S.W. 197th Place, Seattle, WA 98166-4031. ■

St. Louis hosts Japanese Festival

BY DAVE LOWRY & JOE YOKOTA

Special to the Pacific Citizen

ST. LOUIS—One of the largest Japanese festivals in North America is here in the Midwest. In the '60s the JACL organized a couple of festivals called the Full Moon Festivals which introduced Japanese culture to the St. Louis community.

In 1972, at the urging of Dr. Peter Raven, director of the Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG), JACL proposed that a formal Japanese garden be built at the MBG. A 14-acre garden with a 4-1/2-acre lake was soon built. The Japanese Festival then began to be held there and developed into an event held annually during the three-day Labor Day weekend, with capacity crowds of over 35,000 drawn each year.

A wide variety of displays and demonstrations of things Japanese is presented each year, including:

Bon Odori, Bonsai, Budo (martial arts), calligraphy, children's games, festival foods, folk crafts, Go demonstration, Ikebana (flower arranging), Japanese

cooking, Japanese dancing, Karaoke, Kimono displays, Nagamochi parade, Omikoshi parade, pottery & art, taiko drumming, and the tea ceremony.

The festival has grown so much in the past few years that it is now organized and presented by a group of people called the Japanese Activities Committee,

consisting of members of the Missouri Botanical Garden, the many Japanese and Japanese American organizations, and a few others who are interested in promoting goodwill for the Japanese culture. It is supported financially by the MBG and several local businesses and corporations. ■



Bon Odori dancers participating in last year's St. Louis Japanese Festival. Nearly 35,000 flock to participate in this yearly event.

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"When the youth that are now on the (Seattle Chapter) board are gone, there'll be no one to replace them," said Sansei Yamaguchi. "In the past, the focus hasn't always been on the youth, but JACL, and especially the Seattle Chapter, are making more of an effort to reach the youth because we are going to be the ones taking over for the next generation."

While the youth attended the various career workshops, the PNWDC and IDC held a joint meeting to discuss leadership development, and ways to increase membership. JACL's Program For Action set out at last year's national convention was also evaluated.

"The Portland Chapter over the past ten, twelve years has gone through a significant transition from the Nisei leadership to the Sansei and the beginning of Yonsei leadership," said June Schumann, PNW Vice-Governor, who offered tips for increasing Chapter membership. Most of the Portland Chapter board is made up of younger Sansei members. "And that's important for any Chapter," she said, "because like it or not, there is a generation gap perceived and real."

In the past couple of years the Portland Chapter has managed to increase its membership from 200 to 250 members. But there are no secret formulas to increasing a Chapter's membership, said Schumann. "It's a lot of hard work and constant effort, public relations, and personal contact among a lot of different people. That's what makes it happen."

And two particular projects have helped to increase the Portland Chapter's membership. Every five years chapter volunteers produce a free directory for the Nikkei community, said Schumann. Almost 1500 names are listed and the project has helped give JACL exposure in the community. Last year, with the help of a Legacy grant, they also published a book titled "The Gift," she said. It's a small local history book that helped to explain the kinds of services JACL has contributed to the community.

The IDC has also had its share of success stories. In 1996 the Mount Olympus Chapter had a 67 percent increase in membership while the Wasatch Front Chapter had an increase of 200 percent. Floyd Mori of the Olympus Chapter offered tips for increasing membership that included: the inclusion of an application form in every Chapter newsletter, setting up a membership table at each Chapter event, organizing a youth group, and

giving free JACL memberships to graduating high school seniors.

"It's really not the work of one individual or couple," said Mori. "We've tried to fire up the entire board. It's really a chapter enthusiasm that has to occur and the whole board has got to be enthused and fired and work together in getting new members," he said. "There's just a lot of people out there that want to belong to something but nobody's ever asked them to belong."

At the last JACL National Convention a Program for Action was developed for the 1996-98 biennium. The program outlined three goals: that JACL would be a leading Asian American civil rights organization working to eradicate discrimination; that JACL would encourage political empowerment within the community and ensure social justice; and finally, JACL would work to promote and preserve the cultural heritage and values of JAs. With less than a year left before the next national convention, just how well has JACL implemented its Program for Action? That was the question presented to PNWDC and IDC members.

"When you talk about different kinds of programs for action, like leadership training and political empowerment, that's what's going to be our great equalizer," said Aaron Owada of the Mount Olympus Chapter.

"I think perhaps the trick in our situation is to say, are we truly motivated? Do we truly believe that a Program for Action is important?" he continued.

"And the answer of course is, yes, we should be."

PNWDC and IDC members agreed there needed to be more effort put towards leadership development. Jeffrey Hattori, President of the Seattle Chapter, suggested Chapters hold candidates forums so members can better educate themselves about the individuals running for political office. PNWD Regional Director, Karen Yoshitomi, advised implementing a clearing house with names of qualified individuals in the community who are willing to run for office. This way, JACL will be better able to identify potential candidates when a political office becomes vacant, she said. Based on the success of the Sacramento State Leadership Conference, Patty Wada, NCWNPD Regional Director, suggested PNW and IDC hold their own similar state leadership conference.

Workshops with topics as diverse as multi-racial families, political empowerment, intergenerational dialogue, Hanford "Downwinders," teaching the internment experience, and the cultural arts of calligraphy and obon dancing brought together participants from both the Bi-District and youth conference.

Members of the JA community need to get involved in politics not only at the grassroots level but also by running for political office. That was the message at the political empowerment workshop delivered by State Rep. Tokuda, Sugiyama of the Seattle School Board, and Davis Yee, a law student who has worked for Tokuda and is currently interning in Washington State Governor Gary Locke's office.

"Anyone who knows even a bit of our history, E.O. 9066, immigration, understands the need to get involved in politics at all levels," said Rep. Tokuda, who's currently serving his second two-year term. "We as AAs have a unique story to tell... we have the responsibility to ensure that discriminatory policies don't happen to other people," he said, referring to the internment of JAs during World War II.

"Running for office is a great opportunity to represent the community and to fight for what you believe in," said Tokuda, stressing the importance of working with both JAs and the larger AA community. "The com-

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East Wind

By Bill Marutani

F. O. B. = Fresh off the boat

ACCORDING TO a recent survey, women generally pay a higher price to the dealer than a male would for the same vehicle. Were I to be pressed for an opinion, I'd say the statement is probably true. Adding to the mix, what if the lady purchaser was Asian? In functioning in the commercial sphere, is their ethnicity an added cost?

As an Asian male, I experienced treatment that was patronizing at best and insulting at its worst.

ONE EXPERIENCE was walking into an auto dealership to inquire about a particular model. The saleswoman, for reasons I've not fathomed, asked me to produce a credit card—to determine, she said, whether I was really interested in purchasing a vehicle. I walked out of there. (I might add it was a Honda dealership, and not some establishment selling wheels with price tags of 50-grand and above.) On another occasion I had done some homework before going to the dealership. I got a *Consumer's Report* printout setting forth a breakdown of the dealer's cost for the basic vehicle, as well as costs for various equipment options. To the resulting cost total, I was prepared to add a sum in the range of \$300-\$500.

IF YOU THINK this was a hard approach, be assured of two things: (a) that saleswoman was no "babe in the woods"; he comes armed with an arsenal of strategies that could leave my head spinning, and (b) no entrepreneur, including auto dealers, is going to close a deal wherein (s/he does not make a profit. The only question is how large a profit, all of which was to come out of my hide. The salesman with whom I

dealt was pleasant enough although he came on with this now-I'll-tell-you-what-I'm-gonna-do approach, reminiscent of a carnival pitchman. Without informing me where he was going or for how long, he disappeared into the automobile storage lot while I patiently waited for what seemed like a half hour. My patience exhausted, I was leaving when he pulled up driving a (longer) model that I had expressly ruled out. His efforts to get me to change my mind was to no avail.

No deal.

YET ANOTHER EXPERIENCE with an auto dealer. A few decades ago the *Oku-san* (lady of the household) acquired a new *kuruma* (wheels, automobile). We asked the dealer to install a theft alarm system which (back then) was set by a key. When I went to pick up the *kuruma*, I was flabbergasted: the keyhole was drilled into the fender well—which in itself was okay except that the underside, where two wires reached the lock, was exposed so that all a thief needed to do was to reach under the fender and yank the wires. Somewhat perturbed, I pointed out this obvious deficit to the service manager. He had the gall of trying to convince me that this was par, it was okay. (Okay for the thief-to-be.) Of course, I refused to accept the job, and the job was re-done without exposed wires.

I've often wondered whether the service manager would have attempted to get the customer to accept this idiotic installation if I were European.

I have my hunches. ■

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

JACL to host young adult/ student rap session

To all Asian Pacific American twenty-somethings and students: Have you ever wanted to speak your mind without being put down by older adults? How does being in a room full of people your age, discussing issues currently facing the APA community sound to you? If this perks your interest, come to our young adult and student rap session!

The JACL Pacific Southwest District is sponsoring a community forum on Tuesday, August 19 at 7 p.m. in the Japanese American Community and Cultural Center (JACCC) in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. Organized by young adults, this forum specifically for young adults and students will nurture a discussion of a variety of topics, including Asian American identity, empowerment through politics, community involvement, and gay and lesbian education. In addition, the roundtable discussion will allow participants to listen to the views of Asian Pacific American groups such as Hapa Issues Forum, Bridge, and Action.

"We as a young people have a voice, but sometimes we hesitate to speak up out of respect for our elders," stated Hiroshi Ueha, Chair of JACL's National Youth/Student Council. "If we are given an environment in which we are more comfortable (i.e. a discussion with just young people), then maybe we will speak out and be heard."

The young adult and student speak-out promises to be a unique opportunity for all people involved. Here is a chance to speak out your concerns and have them discussed seriously. After the discussion, an ice cream social will enable attendees to further get to know one another. The speak-out will be held on August 19, 7 p.m. at the Japanese American Community and Cultural Center (JACCC). If you have any questions, contact the JACL-PSW District Office at (213) 626-4471. ■



PUYALLUP VALLEY OFFICERS—Heading the JACL chapter this year are (from left) Elsie Taniguchi, pres., Carolyn Takemoto, v.p.-Tacoma; Steve Kono, v.p.-Fife; Garry Fujita, co-treas.; Jeff Hiroo, v.p.-Valley; not pictured board members are Joseph Kosa, sec.; Dudley Yamane, co-treas.; and Robert Mizukami, delegate. PNW regional director Karen Yoshimoto swore in the officers June 6 at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple social hall.

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community is by, and large my biggest supporter and sometimes my harshest critic," he said. "It's an interesting dynamic but a very important relationship."

The intergenerational dialogue workshop allowed the older Nisei and younger Sansei and Yonsei a chance to discuss ways to foster better communication between the generations. "We [the Nisei] have a difficult time talking about our problems because we're not supposed to," said Nisei andist Chizuko Norton, a psychotherapy consultant. "We raised our Sansei children to be essentially White because we were so hurt, and without knowing much about the Japanese culture." JAs who were interned during WWII have only recently begun discussing their painful experiences with their children, he said.

Sansei panelist Jill Yamagawa first learned about her family's internment experience after interviewing her mother's cousin or a high school report. Growing up, she had a difficult time understanding her Nisei father, she said. She wasn't brought up in the JA community; she met her first JA friend during her junior year at the University, and her Nisei role models besides her parents were her relatives from her mother's family. But once she learned about her family's internment experience, everything came a lot clearer. Finally "I understood why my family is the way it is," she said, "and how much camp has shaped the way we are."

Keynote speaker Warren Furutani stressed the need for JAs to redefine what it means to be JA today. "I believe the Issei, Nisei, Sansei, Yonsei, Gosei paradigm no longer is adequate to deal with the definition of our community," he said. The JA community needs to become more inclusive, embracing both the Hapas and the Shin-Issei.

"The paradigm that we have used to describe and define our community has served its purpose and will be a good jumping off point to redefine what we are and what we are about," said Furutani. "The challenge to our community is to have the power to destiny. To determine our own destiny."

And he is optimistic. "What we have is a community with a bright, bright future," he said. "And the only way we can make sure that that light shines brightly is by taking challenges on... to redefine our community and take it into the next millennium." ■

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The current JACL 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. ■

Eden Township JACL awards 1997

scholarship winners at dinner reception

Eden Township JACL honored the annual scholarship recipients, local graduating seniors and parents at a chapter sponsored dinner.

Eleanor Girard Sekerak, a retired teacher with 30 years of service with the Hayward Unified School District and a former Topaz High School teacher, was the guest speaker.

The 1997 scholarship recipients were:

\$1,000 Eden JACL award—Valerie Lim, entering UCLA.
\$500 Eden Japanese community

Center award—Andrea Wong, entering UC Irvine.
\$300 Tom Kitayama, Jr. Memorial Fund award—Roger Oda, entering the California Institute of Art.
\$300 Union Bank-San Leandro award—Naomi Beppu, entering UC Davis.
\$300 Eden Japanese Community Center extra-curricula award—Lindsey Shinoda, entering California State University, Long Beach.
Chapter scholarship program chair is Robert Sakai. ■



Scholarship recipients—(left to right) Lani Yee, Naomi Beppu, Roger Oda, Andrea Wong, (inset) Valerie Lim, (not shown) Lindsey Shinoda.



PUYALLUP VALLEY SCHOLARS—Standing behind a cake decorated with a mortar board are PuYallup Valley JACL scholarship winners (from left) Robert Dunbar (Stadium High), son of Mike/Liz Dunbar, grandson of Sono Begert; Lawrence Hideo Cacciola (PuYallup), son of Mike/Denise Cacciola, grandson of Yoshiko Tanabe; Mike/Cora Cacciola; Laurel Megumi Hata (Wapato), daughter of Dean/Cheryl Hata, granddaughter of Yoshiko/Carmen Hata and Fumi Tanabe; Brian Iwakiri (PuYallup), son of Steve/Abie Iwakiri; Lindsay Chiyomi Miki (Curtis), daughter of Masa/Coleen Miki, granddaughter of Hisato/Haruko Miki; Setsuko Lyn Murakami (PuYallup), daughter of Ron/Karen Murakami, granddaughter of Shig/Hideo Murakami and Pete/Yaeko Sasaki; and Jonathan Matsui (Univ. of Washington). Not pictured awardees are Teresa Kaye-Rayburn (File), Akemi Takada (Whitman College); and Eric Murakami (Univ. of Washington). The program was held June 7 at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple social hall.

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IT MUST BE TOLD

BY DR. MITSUO MURA

Wherever you may be, near and far,
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your immeasurable, boundless
and untiring devotion, and
for your distinguishable contributions
and accomplishments through
the countless seasons,
toward a unique and unparalleled integrity
of the Japanese American Family
of that swiftly vanishing, noteworthy
generation and its era,
these thoughts and reflections are sincerely
voiced as a most fitting tribute.

From a Distant Horizon

I feel upon my face the refreshing breeze of yesteryears,
And though in the midst of the beat of the day,
there is no need for any tears.
But in the beat of this day,
there is no comforting breeze, they say;
Yet, from afar, I can feel that
gentle breeze which comes from yesterday.
That gentle breeze which prevails
from afar, of which I speak,
Others shall never feel, only in vain may blindly seek.



From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Political savant wonders who speaks for Asian Americans

AFFIRMATIVE action, which by law gives preference in getting an education or a job to persons of minority races oppressed in the past, is good for America, isn't it? Doesn't it level the national playing field?

Not always, says William Rusher in a recent column syndicated to a number of newspapers. Many are victimized rather than aided by affirmative action, he says, and Asian American students are "among those most unjustly discriminated against by affirmative action policies."

How come?

"Asian Americans," Rusher writes, "are, on the average, the best students in our public institutions of higher learning—better than blacks or Hispanics, and yes, better than whites."

They qualify on the basis of sheer merit for all kinds of educational opportunities. But there are only a limited number of slots open to the nation's students and "for every less-qualified student admitted under affirmative action, a more qualified one must be turned away." In Rusher's words, preferences based on race rather than merit "are not a victimless crime."

Who is William Rusher? He is identified as a "Distinguished Fellow" of the Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy. His column appears in, among others, the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, and the *Contra Costa Times*.

I don't think there is much doubt that Asian Americans as a group do very well in school, probably for a variety of reasons including a culture that respects learning, parental emphasis on the importance of study, and per-

haps a realization among the students themselves that scholastic achievement is an important asset in "getting ahead."

Many members of the Nisei generation remember the flip side. Years ago they were turned away from some of the most highly regarded schools not because they didn't qualify academically but because of their race. Now their descendants appear to be facing discrimination not because of their race but the race of others.

I have seen no figures, but I think there is not much doubt that some well-qualified Asian Americans have been turned down by desirable schools because set-asides for affirmative action students have reduced the number of slots available for other qualified applicants.

This being the case, Rusher asks why some Asian American "liberals" are militant advocates of a policy that automatically rewards ethnicity rather than merit to the detriment of their own scholars.

"As matters stand," Rusher writes, "the best interests of Asian Americans are being sold like sacks of potatoes by self-appointed spokesmen who are liberals first, Asians a distant second, and Americans last of all."

Not many are opposed to the idea of helping the disadvantaged, but should that be done to the extent of damaging one's own interests?

Well, everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, but Rusher asks a good question about a provocative issue. Anybody have an answer? ■

Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor for the Denver Post. His columns have appeared regularly since June 1982 in the Pacific Citizen.

900 enjoy Gila River camp reunion in Vegas

LAS VEGAS—Counting latecomers and the 860 registered, the Gila River camp reunion was enjoyed by 900 attendees June 6-8.

California Assemblyman Nao Takasugi, a Gila River camp resident evacuated from his hometown of Oxnard, was the Saturday-banquet guest speaker. Hy Shishino of Los Angeles was emcee; Sei Dyo gave the welcome speech. Ben Tonooka of Carson was reunion chair.

Helen Kawagoe, national JACL president and herself a Gila River camp internee, used the free Saturday night from the JACL Tri-District Conference, held the same weekend at the Stardust Casino on the Strip, to renew WWII camp friendships at the Plaza downtown.

Reunion events included the one woman Judy Narita show, the Mas Inoshita exhibit from Phoenix, and booths manned by representatives from the Office of Redress Administration, Washington, D.C., and the National JACL Credit Union from Salt Lake City. —Joe Allman ■

Excellence 2000



Rudy Tokiwa (center) of Sunnyside, Calif., was one of five Asian Americans honored at the ninth annual U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Excellence 2000 Awards at Washington, D.C. Rudy was recognized for public service. He is flanked by Richard Allen, M.C., and Susan Au Allen, president, USPAACC. Among the 500 attendees were six Japanese American Veterans Association members (four 442nd RCT veterans, two MISers), and their spouses as guests. They met with Sen. Robert Dole, who had greeted Tokiwa. Both Dole and Tokiwa fought in 5th Army battles in Italy during WWII, the senator with the 10th Mountain Division and Tokiwa with the 442nd. ■

Sacramento JACL heads to 3 Com Park for JA Day

The Sacramento JACL will be participating in the 1997 Japanese American Day on August 30th at 3 Com Park when the Giants will host the Anaheim Angels.

A package deal is available at a cost of \$25 per person, which includes a lower reserve seat ticket and round trip bus fare from Sacramento. Individual tickets may only be purchased directly from the Giants in San Francisco.

There will be pre-game activities by the Japanese American committee honoring Japanese Americans who played professional baseball in Japan. Inter-league Commemorative pins will be given to the first 20,000 people.

The chartered bus will leave Sacramento at 8:45 a.m. and will return following the end of the game. Lunch is not included.

To make a reservation, please send a \$25 check to: Sacramento JACL, 2124 10th St., Sacramento, CA. The deadline is August 15, 1997. Reservations are on a first come first serve basis.

For more information, call Gary Kikumoto at 916/391-0481 or Gene Itogawa at 916/421-9739 or the JACL office at 916/447-9231. ■

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emony made her nostalgic for her teenage years, she said. But "it feels good to have this over with."

Matsuda was 15 when she, her five sisters and their father were given a day to pack a few of their belongings before being sent to Poston. Her mother had died shortly before the beginning of the war.

When the war ended, Matsuda spent some time working in Denver and then Chicago. She soon met and married her husband Jack Matsuda and they decided to return to California to raise a family. Today, she lives in Garden Grove and has four adult children and two grandchildren.

Matsuda isn't angry or bitter about her internment, she said, but the forcible placement of thousands of JAs into camps during WWII is something that should never be forgotten. "I think that something like this should be in the history books," she said. "That this happened...so we know what went on."

Sugita was suppose to have graduated from Anaheim High School in 1944 but, 53 years later, graduation is just as sweet. "I'm real glad to get it," said the soft-spoken man after the ceremony. "I'm going to frame this diploma."

When Sugita, his five siblings, and their father (his mother had also died at an early age) were relocated to the Poston camp, it had only been a year since their move from the Central Valley to Cypress in Orange County.

After the war, Sugita made his way back to California and worked for Bullock's (now Macy's) department store. In 1946 he joined the army and served in Japan with the U.S. Occupation Forces. He went on to work for Douglas Aircraft and DECAS (Defense Contract Administration Services) where he stayed until his retirement in 1992.

Sugita now lives in Midway City. Matsuda's son, Michael, a teacher at Orangeview Junior High School and a SELANOCO Chapter member, arranged for his mother and the other former JA students of Anaheim to receive their long-awaited diplomas. He decided to approach the school after hearing a story from San Francisco where former internees received their high school diplomas after more than half a century. At the time he had no idea that his mother had never received

her diploma from Anaheim High School.

"I feel like as a teacher it kind of makes sense...it's the progression of democracy in this country," said Michael after watching his mother receive her diploma. "I think that a lot of the words we say, like the Pledge of Allegiance, made a little more sense to me."

So far the school has been able to find only three of the former students. Ruth Watanabe was unable to attend the graduation ceremony with Matsuda and Sugita but the remaining 26 former students have yet to be located.

This is "just a long overdue right," said Anaheim Union High School District Superintendent, Dr. Janice Billings. "It's an opportunity to right a wrong. I think it's important that we had this opportunity to correct something that they (JA students) had to endure."

The school had searched through its original transcripts by hand but because they had only a couple of months before the graduation ceremony and only the original addresses, many of the former students couldn't be located, said Billings. But if they are able to find the others or if the former students get in contact with the school, they will also receive their diplomas, she said.

"These diplomas are more than just a piece of paper," said National JACL Vice President of Membership Karen-Liane Shiba. "They are more than certificates. They symbolize so much more...life experiences."

"It is a testament to the strength of those who were interned to not only have survived the camps, but to start all over and rebuild their lives. We must not only remember this dark part of our history, but teach it to our children so that it never happens again."

Shiba presented certificates of appreciation and copies of the Curriculum and Resource Guide to the Anaheim Unified School District on behalf of the SELANOCO Chapter. She also presented a certificate to the family of Paul Demaree, the principal of Anaheim High School in 1942 who spoke out against the internment of the Japanese Americans as his own students were being sent to the camps.

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icans and legal resident aliens during World War II;

- to assure that projects will be consistent with the mission and objectives of the CLPEF.

The grant recipients are excited about participating as well. "We're looking forward to sharing our ideas and experiences with other participants," notes Susan Rumberg of the Washington, D.C., JACL. "This will be a wonderful opportunity to build on each other's efforts so that we can maximize exposure and visibility of all projects." The Washington, D.C., JACL project will assemble resource kits containing personal histories of former internees to be used in the local public schools.

Nikki Nojima-Louis, whose project includes a national tour of her oral history play, *Breaking the Silence*, and the creation of an arts-in-education teacher's guide, "Inhabiting History" will be attending the summit.

Nojima-Louis notes, "As an educator, I look forward to meeting others who are committed to multicultural education. As a multicultural theater artist, I hope to share my arts-in-education approach to teaching. As a Japanese American who spent childhood years in an internment camp, I am grateful to the Civil Liberties Public Education fund for this opportunity to meet, share, teach, and learn."

Ogden Taiko drummers to mentor Pocatello JACL group

POCATELLO, Idaho—The Ogden Taiko drummers are returning to the Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL salmon bake this Sunday (Aug. 3) at Sister City Park to perform and to mentor a new chapter-sponsored taiko group being organized in western Idaho.

Volunteers (carpenters and handymen) are needed to help make the drums, stands and sticks, chapter president Micki Kawakami announced.

Danny Teraguchi, chapter delegate to the recent National JACL youth-student conference June 20-22 at UC Irvine, said, in the chapter newsletter, "Those who could not attend [the conference] missed out on a wonderful opportunity to meet other young JACL leaders as well as network with outstanding professionals in and outside the JACL."

Overall, the conference enhanced my meaning of what it means to be a Japanese American," Teraguchi declared. ■

This summit is being co-hosted with the Edison Uno Institute of San Francisco State University, one of the CLPEF grant recipients. The summit participants are limited to invited guests including CLPEF Curriculum Grant recipients, selected applicants, conference facilitators, and CLPEF board members. ■

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Fujimori and the 'hostage watch' in Peru (3)

The P.C. digest of Hostage Crisis at the Japanese Ambassador's residence continues as the crisis commences its second month. We apologize that this series has not been continuous as was originally intended. —Harry K. Honda, Editor emeritus.

On Sunday, Jan. 15 (Day 27), as the government seemed to whether to resume contacts with the rebels, some hostage opposition politicians (Congressman Javier Diez Canseco and Harvard University professor and former presidential candidate Alfredo Toledo) were complaining they were being followed and watched by intelligence service in unmarked cars. Diez told *New York Times* writer Diana Jean Schemo he was surprised the hostages were not debriefed upon release as a key source of information. An unnamed person familiar with intelligence operations suspected that rebels must have received information from someone inside the Residence that helped them determine the precise moment to strike at the Dec. 17 party. He considered that the rebels were well informed of the lack of security or police protection at the party, which usually draws Peruvian and foreign elite including President Fujimori—who did not attend this year.

On Monday, Jan. 15 (Day 28), rebels fired eight gunshots, a day after a planned face-to-face meeting between Domingo Palerm of the government and rebel leader Nestor Cerpa was called off. The media noted military helicopters flew overhead. Red Cross intermediary Michel Muegling said no one was hurt inside the Residence and that the shots were intended to ward off police who had ventured into the 100-square meter security zone. In the past the gunshots were heard before dawn, but these were fired after dawn.

This morning the rebels posted a placard in the window asking reporters from Peruvian TV to enter the house. There were no "takers," remembering the two occasions in the past when police detained them after leaving and confiscated their tapes.

On Tuesday, Jan. 14 (Day 29), a sniper from the outside fired three shots into the besieged Residence, rattling the nerves of the rebels now holding 74 hostages. No injuries were reported. The shots said it was not clear who fired the shots.

Day 30—Wed., Jan. 15 Rebels agree to talk on condition.

After a guerrilla sign was posted in the window of the Residence indicating what frequency to tune in for information, local radio and TV stations complied and aired a two-way radio conversation: Tupac Amaru leader Nestor Cerpa said he was willing to accept the government's proposal for a "commission of guarantors" and "talk about holding negotiations in a suitable atmosphere. We will try to do so far as the circumstances permit." Cerpa said that "all issues must be open for discussion, including release of imprisoned MRTA members." Also said was they did not plan to execute hostages, but warned that an impasse to negotiations was "moving the crisis toward a violent end."

The government also met with owners of local TV stations and newspapers, seeking their cooperation to remove cameramen and photographers away from the Embassy compound. They could serve as unwitting communication links to the outside world, the owners were told.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter offered to mediate the hostage crisis in Peru if both sides asked. There was no immediate word from the government. However, Peru's defense minister, General Carlos Ochoa, said he welcomed the suggestion "within the bounds established earlier by President Fujimori."

Last Sunday (Day 27), the government negotiator Domingo Palerm proposed the commission of guarantors, including representatives of both sides, the Red Cross, a representative from the Guatemala government (which had signed a treaty with the rebels there and which subsequently led Tupac Amaru rebels to free the Guatemalan embassy) and the Roman Catholic Church. He set up to end the crisis. The rebels said they would accept Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani, a key player thus far in the standoff. The proposal was subsequently rejected by the government because a representative of Guatemala would be included (which meant to establish an analogy with a reality that is absolutely distinct). Palerm made the announcement from the Presidential Palace.

On Friday, Jan. 17 (Day 30), another hostage, later identified as Luis Valero Hiran (Peruvian father, Japanese mother), head of Peru's anti-terrorist police, was released. Red Cross now counts 73 hostages.

Palerm announced Canadian Ambassador to Peru, Anthony Vincent, has been named to the Commission of Guarantors. Local radio and TV reported the rebels were set to start "talks" with the government but nothing happened as rebels insisted their jailed comrades be freed.

The *New York Times* noted Fujimori's approval rating had plummeted during the year of 1996 from a January high of 75% to a December low of 47% plus another 47% who had an unfavorable view. The remaining 6% had no views.

On Saturday, Jan. 18 (Day 31), local police guarding the Japanese Embassy of

fice, about a mile away from the Ambassador's Residence, fired upon a wayward bus which broke through the yellow cord and injured two persons.

On Monday, Jan. 26 (Day 33), the Apoyo Opinion recorded 59% of Lima residents favored Fujimori's handling of the standoff; 30% disapproved; 11% were undecided.

Day 35—Wed., Jan. 22 Predawn gunfire raises tensions in neighborhood.

Hostage-crisis tensions in the neighborhood rose again when gunshots were heard from inside the Ambassador's Residence shortly after Tuesday midnight. On four previous occasions, the rebels had fired bursts of their automatic weapons to warn police not to come too close to the Residence. But the gunfire this time raised fears that police exercises could be a sign that the government plans to raid the Residence or that maneuvers might provoke the rebels to kill some hostages. Security forces were seen throwing rocks over the compound wall and their machine-gun mounted helicopters were flying over the Residence. The rebels shot at the aircraft.

An unnamed Western diplomat, talking with the *New York Times*, figured Fujimori was employing "textbook strategy—psychological pressure—to deal with long-term hostage takers," adding that it was "a dangerous thing to do in that it increases the prospect of bloodshed." The number of special military forces, SWAT teams and police officers appeared to be greater in number than usual today. An ice cream vendor in the area was worried at the presence of new police forces. The police also told the photographers perched on roofs near the Residence to leave or move back.

International Red Cross spokesman Steven Anderson told the local media that the hostages, during their daily visits, have been told the crisis could take much longer than initially expected. Red Cross also got the government forces and anti-terrorist police to agree not to raid the compound "when we're inside." The area around the entrance was well-defined, with a 30-meter wide "security zone." Red Cross workers are usually inside from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In La Paz, Bolivia, President Fujimori reiterated his government was continuing to seek a peaceful solution to the crisis and that force would only be used if hostages were harmed. This sudden trip was made to confer with Bolivian President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada to discuss ways the two countries could better coordinate their efforts as the Tupac Amaru and other leftist groups had stepped up their activities in Bolivia in recent years. Bolivia's ambassador is among the 73 hostages (and would be among the last).

On Thursday, Jan. 23 (Day 34), during a four-minute transmission, defiant rebels shouted "Our objective is liberty or death," after President Fujimori (in Bolivia) ruled out talks on freeing their jailed comrades. The guerrillas inside the compound were heard chattering with megaphones their key demands to release the hundreds of their comrades in prison.

In Washington, the State Department has apparently abandoned efforts in Peru to visit the only American in prison for life: Lori Berenson, 28, of New York City, who was convicted of treason for her association with and actively aiding the MRTA. Attorney Tom Nootter for the Berenson family was told, because of the hostage crisis, diplomatic efforts and consular visits have been suspended. The Berensons have also withheld public comment during the crisis, saying they don't want to complicate matters for the hostages. Like all prisoners in Peru, Berenson continues to receive all her supplies from her family. A State Department spokesperson told *Washington Post* writer Gabriel Escobar: "We have assurances from the government of Peru regarding her welfare, and that this time we do not have any plans to visit Lori."

In Hamburg, Germany, Isaac Velasco, MRTA representative in Europe, said in a telephone interview with the *Washington Post* that he recruited Berenson to chronicle the preparations for the takeover of Congress. Tupac Amaru frequently recruited writers thought to be sympathetic to their cause, who received access to their leaders and were escorted to the interviews to make sure they were doing the job that was expected. The *Post* added it could not confirm Velasco's comments on Berenson. The parents thought their daughter was in Peru working as a journalist. She was believed to be posing as a photographer when arrested in 1995 with Nestor Cerpa's companion and mother of his children. Berenson also had a history of rebel involvement in El Salvador, Velasco added.

Day 40—Sat., Jan. 25 Seriously ill police general freed, 72 remain.

The rebels released Gen. Jorge Rivas Rodriguez of the National Peruvian Police, who was carried out on a stretcher around

1 a.m. after the Red Cross officials determined he was seriously ill, but no other explanation was made. One paper believed it was a heart condition. Rivas was chief of personnel. The hostage count is now 72.

The release came as police activity around the compound was being tightened. While both sides have agreed to negotiate and have named an international commission of guarantors to supervise the talks, bargaining has not commenced. Rebels have responded by hanging banners from the windows and by their custom every morning, they sing their rebel anthem and repeat their demands through megaphones. The rebels also fired shots several times Saturday night but the Red Cross reported no hostages were wounded.

President Fujimori told reporters today that security forces were under no obligation to respect the neutral zone marked off at the entrance by the Red Cross.

On Sunday, Jan. 26 (Day 41), after release of General Rivas on medical grounds—the second hostage to be released since Jan. 1—Red Cross spokesman Reuben Ortega expressed concern about the physical and mental well-being of the remaining 72 hostages, adding that 20 of them suffer from medical problems requiring daily medication and medical checks provided by the Red Cross.

Ortega also responded to Fujimori's contention about security forces, who had crossed the boundary last week, by saying the Red Cross workers would leave the compound and not return until the Government complied with the previous agreement to respect the demarcation. Calvin Sims of the *New York Times* reported unnamed Western diplomats blaming the hostage crisis closely found the Peruvian government's "treatment of the Red Cross appalling, considering the role the aid organization has played in helping to resolve world conflicts." After six Red Cross workers were killed providing relief aid in Cambodia last year, the organization is more concerned about the safety of its representatives.

Apoyo Opinion found 96% of Peruvians surveyed approved the Red Cross handling of the crisis as compared with 59% of those polled who approved of the government's management of the hostage crisis.

Day 42—Mon., Jan. 27 Police maneuvers stepped up outside compound.

Police maneuvers outside the Residence were cranked up, accompanied by amplified stereo sounds of martial music blaring from loudspeakers set up close to the compound wall. The music blared as the police exercises, a tactic reminiscent of the rock music used by U.S. soldiers outside the Vatican Embassy in Panama City to drive Gen. Manuel Noriega out from his refuge after the U.S. invasion in 1989.

Four armored personnel carriers also rumbled by the compound, circling the block several times. Two volleys were fired from inside, sending the special forces to take cover. One personnel carrier was nicked. It was one of the biggest police maneuvers outside the walls of the compound. While several observers felt the government might be signaling the rebels that a military solution might be a possibility, or that the government is using force to rattle the rebels into resuming talks that have been stalled for two weeks, Domingo Palerm, the government's chief negotiator, had no comment over the maneuvers at his press conference announcing that the government is providing a medical team to monitor the health of hostages. Without giving specifics, Palerm said a site for the talks has been selected and that Nestor Cerpa will travel to and from the negotiations in an armored car.

In Tokyo, Prime Minister Hashimoto had appealed to the Peruvian government "not to go too far" and not set aside the "hostage" mental state may have an adverse effect. The militarization of the site worries Japan that an unforeseen event might erupt, he said. (The Peruvian government has maintained that the mobilization was needed to secure the area around the Residence.)

On Wednesday, Jan. 29 (Day 44), the leaders of Japan and Peru agreed to meet in Canada on Saturday, Feb. 1, in Toronto on how best to handle the hostage crisis. Speculations were wide-ranging on what the meeting will portend. Domingo Palerm told reporters the meeting was to evaluate the strategy being used to deal with the crisis, since Japan has said the two sides have differences and discussions are held sometimes on an hourly basis. Japan has complained about one incident where Peruvian police were seen throwing rocks into the compound, calling that a sign of an undisciplined activity.

Red Cross spokesman Steven Anderson today emphasized the hostages are still receiving the care and attention they need, that Red Cross physicians visit twice daily, but Red Cross workers are not continuously there from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. as they had been since almost the beginning of the crisis.

To be concluded.

Fujimori's actions cause drop in polls, social and political unrest

BY STEPHANIE LAI
Special to the Pacific Citizen

Three months ago Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori was enjoying popularity as a hero after the daring rescue of hostages imprisoned in the Japanese Diplomatic residence from the leftist group Tupac Amaru. But in recent months his approval ratings have plummeted from 60 to 30 percent.

It was expected that Fujimori would try to use his popularity to forward his own political agenda but his actions over the past few months have surprised even the most ardent of supporters causing unrest and protest in Peru. Fujimori was re-elected to the presidency in 1995 and he is looking to be re-elected for a third term in 1999. He has already persuaded Congress to pass an interpretation of the

Constitution, making his second term count as his first, thereby making another term possible. And certain Supreme Court Justices who thought it unconstitutional for Fujimori to run again have been dismissed by the Fujimori administration.

A recent scandal involved the Peruvian Government purportedly tapping more than 100 phones of leading politicians, journalists, both domestic and foreign, diplomats, and social and business leaders. The Peruvian government also tried to shut down the television station that exposed the phone espionage, and Baruch Ivcher, owner of the television station and originally from Israel, was stripped of his Peruvian citizenship. Fujimori refused to remove the

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Organizations discuss unity and welfare reform at APA leadership summit

BY STEPHANIE LAI
Special to the Pacific Citizen

Is the time ripe for Asian Pacific American unity?

The APA Leadership Summit assembled in Chicago July 19 to answer this question and address the Asian American community's need for a national unified voice.

Spearheading a movement for joint action are the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPABA), the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Institute (CAPACI) and JACL.

But how is alliance possible when trying to unite the most diverse minority group in the United States? Asian America consists of more than fifty ethnicities, each with different views and opinions, and makes up four percent of the U.S. population, according to the Bureau of the Census. Two prior efforts to form a pan-Asian American coalition have been unsuccessful, but the attendants of the Summit remain hopeful that this attempt to unite the Asian American Community will be successful.

According to delegates, now is the time for joining forces. The APA population has nearly doubled (growing from 3.7 million to 7.3 million members between 1980 and '90), along with an

increase in stability within the various organizations. To deal with matters like October's presidential campaign finance scandal and other political issues, the Asian American Community needs to speak with one voice, they say.

Some of the comments made on what is necessary to the success of the new organization were noted by JACL's representative Bill Yoshino, Midwest District regional director.

• The organization needs to be proactive and aggressive, even willing to take on the "bad guy" role in some cases.

• An "Emergency Response Network" needs to be formed.

• A national focus must be achieved while still considering the emerging groups looking for nationalization.

• Working towards political appointments is a purpose for this organization as well.

• The promotion of human and civil rights is a goal.

• A mechanism for strategic decision-making is needed.

• Finally, welfare reform should be pursued as the major issue for APA communities.

In the afternoon session of the summit the delegates broke up into four groups to debate what the purpose and structure of the new organization should be. Some of the brainstormed purposes were to share and distribute information and to focus on

issues and emergencies. The structure of the organization was proposed to be a network of national, regional, and local organizations, possibly modeled after other organizations such as the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, but avoiding the duplication of existing structures.

The final session of this conference resulted in the decision to create a triad of task forces. The first will develop a structure for the new pan-Asian American organization, a subject that brought many different ideas to light. The second should develop an improved network of communication, and the third is to establish the response system.

These task forces will be made up of individuals from the seven convening organizations with the addition of the Korean American Service Center, Ngao Le, Jackie Young, Asian Pacific American Women's Network, Korean American Coalition, National Asian Pacific American Center on Aging, National Asian American Young Professionals, and India broad and others.

The pan-Asian organization concept appears to be the next step for an ever-changing and maturing Asian American community, and the next progression for Asian American politics. Time will tell if this summit's efforts will be more than a pipe dream.

Takasugi appointed to Federal Budget and Taxation Committee

California State Assemblyman Nao Takasugi has been appointed to the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) Committee on Federal Budget and Taxation for the 1996-97 term.



The Federal Budget and Taxation Committee is one of nine committees which make up NCSL's Assembly on Federal Issues. It tackles such subjects as the federal budget, federal tax restructuring proposals, gas tax, and state telecommunications tax issues.

During the coming year the committee will review the taxation of public pensions and benefits, balancing the federal bud-

get, and mandatory social security coverage for state and local government employees. It has been instrumental in providing guidance to Congress and the Administration on budget issues.

Oxnard native Takasugi started his career as owner and operator of Asahi Market, and continued for 35 years after achieving his bachelor of science degree from Temple University and business master's degree from University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business and Finance. He has been married for 45 years to Judy Mayeda and has five grown children: Scott, Russel, Ronald, Tricia, and Lee. He began in politics in 1976 when he was elected to Oxnard's city council. He went on to become Mayor in 1982, and ten years later he was elected to the state assembly. ■

Dr. Franklin S. Odo named counselor to provost of Smithsonian Institution

NEW YORK — Dr. Franklin S. Odo has been named to the newly created position of counselor to the provost of the Smithsonian Institution.

Odo will work with Provost Dennis O'Connor and museums and organizations nationwide to preserve the heritage of the 24 Asian Pacific American nationalities.

He is enthusiastic about his new post. The first thing he will do, he said, is create partnership opportunities between the Smithsonian and Asian Pacific American museums.

Odo was born in a suburb of Honolulu, the eldest son of a farmer. He earned his bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees at Princeton University, with his master's at Harvard.

In the '70s he was a leader in the development of Asian American studies programs in Southern

California, focusing on the WWII-Japanese American concentration camps.

As a professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of Hawaii, Odo said, his aim was to integrate academics with his concerns for social justice.

He has also taught Asian Pacific American studies and history at schools such as UCLA, Columbia, and Princeton University and was a research fellow and teacher at two universities in Japan.

Odo has recently received a grant from the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) for an oral history project. He is the author of several books and numerous research articles and papers, and is currently working on books about Asian American history, Japanese immigrant work songs, and JAs in Hawaii in WWII. ■

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two top officials who were exposed as organizers of the wire-tapping scandal: Vladimiro Montesinos, one of the President's closest advisors, and General Nicolas Hermosa, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

Fujimori has still not given a clear response to these recent events. Instead, he points to an anonymous opposition that is trying to discredit his government. But his actions have caused social instability with Peruvians protesting in the streets fearing the end of democracy and a dismal future for their children. Even his close friends and allies in the government have expressed their concern, with five cabinet members having resigned.

Allegations of scandal surround the Fujimori administration. Political opponents are attempting to prove that Fujimori was not actually born in Peru and therefore is not eligible

to serve as president. Fujimori was listed as the second of five children; his birth certificate and his official biography lists this fact as well. In both sources, his birth date is listed as July 28, 1938. (Many Japanese immigrants to Peru list this date, Peru's independence day, as their birthdays to show patriotism.)

However, the Peruvian magazine *Caretas* has published the official 1934 immigration register of Fujimori's mother, Mateu, stating that she entered the country with two small children under ten years old.

It suggests that Fujimori was born in Japan and then taken to Peru, which would revoke his natural born citizenship, making him ineligible to serve as president. Experts are being called by his opposition to investigate his past. Mateu Fujimori is alive but has made no comment.

Also, on his baptismal certificate there appears to be a visible erasure along with different ink and handwriting in the space allotted to birthplace. It appears

to have been altered to read Miraflores, Lima. His birth date is given as August 4, 1938.

But 68-year-old, Nobuo Ishihara, who runs a food business in Kumamoto, the Fujimori family's home town on Japan's southern island of Kyushu and is also a cousin of President Fujimori, states that the whole scandal is a hoax.

Ishihara's recollection coincides with the biography's records that Fujimori's father, Naichi Fujimori, emigrated to Peru in 1920 to work in agriculture and returned in 1932, married Fujimori's mother, and returned to Peru with no children.

The military publicly expresses its loyalty and support of the president but Peruvians recall numerous incidents where the military defied executive orders. For example, despite Fujimori's orders, army officials refused to release a general who was jailed after publicizing military and intelligence service cases of torture and murder. ■

Migracion Japonesa a Mexico; and PANA Mexico president Carlos Kasuga, Seiichi Shukuya, Kiyomi Kimura, Hiroshi Kimura and Hector Kawakami.

(8) Workshop moderators and themes were: Dr. Miguel Tani-moto, Medical Network; Nobuyuki Azuma, Postwar Issei Immigrants; Elena Ota, Nisei Generation; Fidel Otake, Reunion of Gaimusho Scholarship winners; Ryuhei Kato, Commerce and Industry; Lidia Okuma, Youth.

It was announced that a compilation of all reports in the PANA convention will be published.

(9) Minister Kazumi Suzuki spoke for Japanese Ambassador to Mexico Terada at the opening session Thursday and at the Embassy reception Friday, which was held at the office on Avenida Reforma. Ambassador Terada was on vacation after serving as the observer with the hostage crisis negotiating team in Lima earlier this year and was vigorously involved last May in the 100th anniversary celebration of Japanese immigration to Mexico.

(10) Special convention guest Samuel Matsuda, Nisei legislator in the Peruvian Congress and one of the 72 final hostages to be

rescued from the rebels, related his personal travail and expressed his gratitude for the prayers, the role of President Alberto Fujimori, Ambassador Morihisa Aoki, the Commissioner of Guarantors and the men who endured the ordeal together.

"His principal advice was, 'Never give in to violence.' It was unfortunate that two men on the rescue team and all the rebels died in the encounter, he said, but 'it was impossible to obtain freedom otherwise' under the circumstances.

The experience also taught him and other hostages to have faith and to cling to life intensively. He said he will promote peaceful relations because violence never works.

In no other opening session in PANA convention history could the address be followed almost word for word as in this one; simultaneous translation was provided by in-house radio into English, Japanese and Portuguese.

The evenings were swept clean of air pollution by summer thunderstorms. They did not interfere, however, with the most popular convention workshop — "shopping," as Sakoda observed at the closing ceremony. ■

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International president. On the cabinet for the next two years are Enrique Shibayama, Mexico, 1st vice president; Francis Sogi, 2nd vice president; Emi Kasamatsu de Enciso, Paraguay, treasurer; and Malio Sakata, Argentina, secretary. Carlos Kasuga, Mexico, 1981-1994 president, was named honorary president. On the board are: Canada—Mark Ando, Audrey Kobayashi, Brazil—Noritaka Yano, Mexico—Seiichi Shukuya, Paraguay—Martin Nara, Uruguay—Hector Sumi, Australia—Yoshida Hosaka, Chile—Ariel Takeda, Peru—Jose Yoshida.

(7) Registration numbers of participants as of July 23 totaled 470 as follows:

Argentina—18; Bolivia—1; Brazil—19; Canada—11; Chile—20; U.S.A.—82; Mexico—49; Paraguay—41; Peru—134; Uruguay—5; Australia—3; Japan—9.

On the executive organizing committee were leaders from the major Mexican Japanese associations: Rene Tanaka, La Asociacion Mexico Japonesa; Manuel Murakami, Del Centenario de la

Letters

On Sansei responsibilities

Akemi Kayleng's column, "Voice of the Sansei," is a refreshing voice, unhampered by Nisei inhibitions. Her June 6 comments, reflecting on the Memorial Day tributes to our soldiers, were thought-provoking. The change from her teenage view of Nisei as someone "to be avoided" to more recent thoughts as someone to respect, learn from and "preserve," made me smile as she described the different attitudes resulting from vastly different life experiences of Nisei and Sansei.

Our veterans group had recently studied monuments being proposed to tell the story of Japanese Americans during World War II, and concluded that their messages should honor those who defended their country and their families and tell America of our imprisonment without trial.

I was surprised at the vehemence of a 442nd veteran at another meeting discussing support of monuments who questioned why this subject was being discussed, saying, "I don't give a damn about monuments! Let others do what they want to do. It's their ball game, not ours." I have to admit that there is some truth in his comments. We do need more Akemi Kaylengs to state clearly what they owe the Nisei, especially the soldiers. We do need some capable and successful Sansei to carry the ball and help complete the monuments.

Art Gorai
Seattle, Wash.

Longtime member applauds JACL's activism

I became a lifetime member of JACL twenty years ago because I ardently support JACL's wide-ranging civil rights activities.

JACL has focused its attention on the many pressing issues facing Japanese Americans while also forming coalitions with others who do not share equally in the American dream.

I have especially appreciated JACL's vigilance and activism during the current wave of anti-immigrant hysteria sweeping the nation.

In the latest issue of *Pacific Citizen* I was heartened to read about JACL's advocating equality for gays and lesbians. I was especially moved by the love expressed by Japanese American parents toward their gay and lesbian children. They have taught us that the fear, intolerance, and misunderstanding within each of us forms the basis for nearly all of society's injustices.

I am proud to be a member of JACL because of its uncompromising vision of social equality.

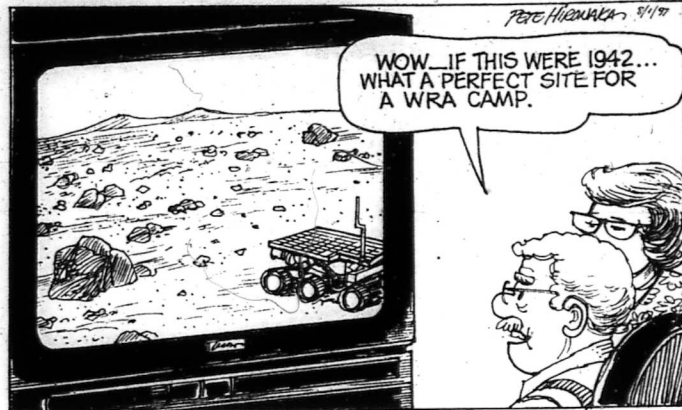
John Caton
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D.C. memorial: a superior expression

The world of Nisei now on the descending curve of history is being asked for ransom in Dr. Frank Nishio's discursive essay (P.C. April 18-May 1). Readers must be drowning in a sea of bewildering data in support of the Los Angeles 100-442-MIS (The Triad) Memorial.

It is a distortion to claim that the Triad were "saviors of Japanese Americans during and after WWII" and possibly prevent mass deportation to Japan. Despite the compromise of U.S. Constitution's infallibility in the four war cases (Hirabayashi, et al.), it is unthinkable that a majority of Supreme Court justices or even one would have upheld any Congressional or Presidential deportation efforts, especially for American citizens. It was not politically or morally viable; it would have invoked national and international censure and condemnation inasmuch as a "moral" war had just ended.

Furthermore, overlooked and ignored are the many Nisei who served during WWII and were not in the "Triad." For example, an old friend, Dr. Edward Matsumoto (Hawaii) went ashore with the 2d Infantry Division (sic) at Omaha Beach, froze in the Battle



of the Bulge and crossed the Rhine into Germany—and there were many others. There were a few even in the Air Force, and of course, Ben Kuroki comes to mind. Moreover, there were more than 6,000 Nisei in the military prior to Dec. 7, 1941; and although some were treated shabbily (some were discharged when they protested their treatment—and E.O. 9066), a majority remained and some were reassigned to 442nd RCT.

Are Nisei WACs less deserving

to be included in the Memorial? Does the inclusion of Caucasian officers make them honorary Japanese Americans?

Nisei soldiers, women and men, were extensions of the concentration camps and island Hawaii. Soldiers and civilians sustained by bicultural values, American and Japanese, endured. They confronted racial baiting, local and national, and incitement for violent resistance with powerful silence and forbearance. Many Nisei left the

camp to face, alone, crises of faith. They may have seemed and felt unheroic but they must be measured by the epic history of incarceration and isolation—as well as the battlefields; they were the paradigm for the right stuff. The D.C. Memorial would be the superior expression of the Japanese American presence and experience.

Eiji Suyama
Fort Meade, S.D.



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-- Amy Hill

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Voice of a Sansei

BY AKEMI KAYLENG

The building and the ice cream machine

STEVE and I recently attended the dedication ceremony for the new Lockheed building at our San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center (SFVJACC) in Pacoima. There's quite a story behind that building's acquisition. The big dream took three years to become a reality. Now we're celebrating the results. We got Lockheed Corporation to donate a building to us, and now it's sitting in front of the SFVJACC.

A couple of weeks later I was selling ice cream at our Obon Festival, just a few yards from the Lockheed building. There's quite a story behind that ice cream sale, too. For the past few San Fernando Valley JACL Board meetings, we've been discussing it. It resulted in an all-day escapee between our Valley and Costa Mesa, followed by the inevitable decision to retire the old ice cream machine, rent a freezer, and sell purchased ice cream. Collar anyone of our Board members if you want the whole story.

I felt so sad at the ice cream machine's passing. Our Chapter had owned it for so many years, it felt like part of the family. I was hoping to see the machine in the building's new home, making ice cream. Somehow, that was so important to me, for a reason which I'm embarrassed to admit.

"That building is 'beautiful.' That's the word I hear most often used to describe it. It solves the old problem of space we always had when we planned really large events. Our old gymnasium had its limits. And the Lockheed building just looks nice. It's a breathtaking beauty."

But somehow that beauty bothers me. It's ethereal and sublime. And not part of us. The gymnasium is old and worn and dumpy and looks like an old dog sunning itself on the lawn of the house of a master who's owned him for years. But it's so much a part of us, the way the dog's a part of the family. Just like the ice cream machine was a family member. But that building...we

don't know who it is. It feels like a gorgeous new auto gift, parked in the driveway next to the dog. It's beautiful, but it's not part of the family.

I find myself wondering, what will be in that building? Well, some things, of course, will be the old tried and true. But what new elements will be there, in these changing times? How will they blend into the family? I feel vaguely uneasy, vaguely uncomfortable.

I remember feeling the same way, many years ago. I was meeting Steve's extended family for the first time. We were all over at his Uncle David's house in Pomona. Everyone was so pleasant, but I felt uncomfortable. This huge Knight clan was an unknown.

Then Dave came over to me and said, "It must feel strange, being in a room full of people you don't know. Don't worry, with time, you'll get to know everyone real well. And remember, you already know Stan and Ken, besides Steve." Dave was right. Today I know a vast assortment of Steve's relatives so well, I cannot imagine not knowing them. But that feeling began with just a few familiar people.

It would have been so nice if the ice cream machine could have been in the new building. Some of the old comfort of familiarity would be there in the new house. The machine is now part of our Chapter history. But the people behind it are still the same old bunch.

I remind myself of that conversation with Dave Martin whenever I feel anxious about our future. Someday the new building will feel like our friendly old gymnasium. And the new unknown won't really be a stranger if I know the same people will still be there. The comfort of familiarity will be there, as we move into our new world. Just like Steve and Ken and Stan were already there, in that living room full of strangers.

Akemi is chapter president of the San Fernando Valley JACL. © 1997 Akayleng, Inc.

COMMENTARY:

CLPEF needs to allocate more funds to JACL/LEC redress project, says former National JACL President

BY DENNY YASUHARA

Former National JACL President

Recently, the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) Board of Directors, the committee responsible for making disbursements from the \$5,000,000 Fund, rejected a proposal to the CLPEF by JACL's Legislative Education Committee (LEC) for \$250,000 to tell the redress story. The CLPEF committee stated that they rejected the grant application, because they thought that, "JACL/LEC was only a fund-raising operation, and therefore would be associated with the allegedly illegal contributions made by Asian Americans in the 1996 political campaign."

Subsequently, only after an appeal, the CLPEF board did approve a minimal \$25,000. This sum is totally inadequate to undertake the monumental task of telling the story of the redress campaign.

The LEC was responsible for pursuing redress for Japanese Americans. The LEC was established in California on May 20, 1982, and was activated on May 19, 1985, by the National JACL Board to assume the redress lobbying responsibilities for JACL's top priority.

The 10-year redress effort supported by 115 chapters, 8 districts, and National JACL staff, along with the work of the Nikkei congressional officials and others,

resulted in the approval of Public Law 100-383, the so-called redress bill signed by President Ronald Reagan on August 10, 1988. It is likely that the redress effort would not have been successful had not JACL/LEC and its members mounted the massive nationwide legislative campaign and raised over \$1 million in non-tax deductible contributions to underwrite the effort. This is to say nothing of the JACL/LEC staff work that was done over that 10-year period. It is not to suggest that JACL/LEC was the only group that made a substantial effort in this regard, but it is to say that they were a major force in that effort.

If the redress story is to be told—which is one of the major purposes of Public Law 100-383 and therefore one of the significant responsibilities of the CLPEF Board of Directors—this cannot be done without the knowledge and expertise that JACL and LEC possess regarding that historic event nor with the meager amount granted to JACL, including LEC, the legislative arm of JACL.

In my view, the initial rejection of JACL's Legislative Education Committee's \$250,000 grant application and the subsequent approval of \$25,000 and \$40,000 to JACL out of some 3 MILLION DOLLARS allocated, demonstrated the woeful ignorance of

the CLPEF Board regarding the role that JACL/LEC played in the total redress effort and also a bias against JACL... particularly in light of the fact some organizations and people received \$100,000 each.

If the entire redress story is to be told, it cannot be done without substantial input and knowledge of the JACL/LEC redress effort. The sum of money that was awarded is insufficient to complete or do justice to the magnificent achievement that redress was, and is an affront to literally thousands of individual JACL members and others who participated in JACL's 10-year redress effort. They not only wrote thousands of letters and made telephone calls, but made hundreds of personal visits to legislators, and donated the monies that made redress possible.

While others, including JACL chapters, were allocated funds, only National JACL and LEC are in a position to give the comprehensive story of the overall redress campaign that needs to be told from its inception in the 70s to its success in the 80s.

In light of the facts mentioned, I regard the \$25,000 grant made to JACL/LEC by the CLPEF Board and its Chair insulting to the efforts of thousands of JACLers who worked to make redress possible. As it stands now, their individual stories cannot be told. ■

Ikeda's receives governor's award for outstanding small business

With a menu featuring emu burgers, fresh fruit smoothies, apple pie, salsas, and espresso, it's obvious Ikeda's of Auburn, Calif., is more than just your typical fresh fruit stand.

"It's like a food extravaganza," said Glen Ikeda, co-manager of Ikeda's with his younger brother Steve. "We've gone from a typical fruit stand to a more gourmet outfit."

Located along Interstate 80 on the way to Reno and Lake Tahoe, Ikeda's is a must-stop for thousands of people each year. And the success of its business hasn't gone unnoticed. Ikeda's owners were recently named "Small Business Persons of the Year" in the Small Business Administration's Sacramento Region, and they were given the 1997 State of California Governor's Award for Outstanding Small Business Development Center Graduates.

Their products have also been voted some of the best in California. *Sunset* Magazine named Ikeda's the "best place to buy peaches in California," and last year the *San Francisco Chronicle* voted Ikeda's apple pie number one in Northern California.

Glen and Steve's parents, Sam and Sally Ikeda, started Ikeda's in the 70s. "My father was a visionary," said Glen. "We are where we are because of our parents. The store would not be here if it weren't for the hard work of my parents." They borrowed money and worked seven days a week for four years to get the business off the ground, he said. Today, Sam still does the farming and Sally takes care of the books.

"My brother and I have simply followed with unique ideas," added Glen. Great flavor, low fat content, and a good price are just some of the qualities Ikeda's looks for in its products. They started selling their world famous emu burgers almost two years ago when a farmer came into their store and had them cook and taste the rare meat. "It was perfect for us," said Glen. The



Steve (left) and Glen Ikeda in front of their store, Ikeda's, in Auburn, Calif. on the road to Reno and Lake Tahoe.

meat is dark, tastes like a hamburger, and it's 97 percent fat free. Their emu burgers have even been featured on CNN, and tourists from as far away as Germany have made their way to Ikeda's to try the tasty morsels.

Fresh fruit smoothie stands are popping up everywhere in the United States but what makes Ikeda's smoothies stand out is they're only made when the fruit is in season, and the fruit is grown right on their own 50-acre farm, where the Ikeda's grow

peaches, plums, cherries, pears, and apples, said Glen.

The newest item at Ikeda's is "Merlino's Fresh Fruit Freeze," said Glen. It's like a sorbet, it's made with the fresh fruit, and it's already selling really well.

The Ikedas are now looking to open a second store in a year or two on Interstate 50, on the way back from Lake Tahoe and Reno. And if the first Ikeda's is any indication, they'll likely be seeing a lot of the same faces on their way home from the casinos. ■

News beat for religion editor changes

SEATTLE—Veteran *Seattle Times* journalist Lee Moriaki, who has been religion editor since 1992, is now covering a new business news beat, retail and commercial developments. Highlights of his religion beat included coverage of the 1993 visit of the Dalai Lama and of Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey in 1992.

Moriaki was "an ideal choice" for the new beat, his executive editor said, with his family background (his father was a real estate broker in San Francisco) and personal recollection of the changes occurring over the past two decades in downtown Seattle

since he joined the *Times* in 1975.

Writing a "Personal Business" piece on Mondays, Moriaki, in a November story on business wear, reported that businesspeople want "choice and comfort."

He said his father gave him one rule for dressing in the business world: "Make sure your shoes are polished." Today, his favorite footwear are soft and comfortable. "You couldn't shine them if you tried," he added.

He previously covered redevelopment matters and urban affairs in the 60s for the *Sacramento Bee*. —ES ■

DIPLOMAS

(Continued from page 5)

"It was Principal Demaree's strength, courage, and strong sense of justice that made him... say that it was wrong," said Shiba. "Our community and our world could use a lot more people like Paul Demaree."

"He was a great, decent being and I wish he was here today," said Ganja Demaree Trotter, 70, who attended the ceremony in honor of her father with her sister Ruth Demaree Preston, 69. He always put God first, others second, and himself third, she said.

Paul Demaree was born in Kobe, Japan, in 1895 to Methodist missionaries. His first language was Japanese and his first friends were Japanese neighbors and students. He was 15 when he arrived in the United States. "His administrative policy was positive," said Preston. "Kids were awarded for their good citizenship and he downplayed the negative."

She recalled that the day the JA students left for the camps her father went to see them off at the train station. He had asked her to come with him, but being

so young at the time she didn't realize the significance of the event and didn't go. "I regret that now," she said.

"This was a part of history," said Trotter of the JA internment. "They (the students) need to know this, so that it never happens again."

Following is a list of the JA students at Anaheim High School during WWII who were forced to move to internment camps between 1942 and 1945:

Hamako Hatakedo, Cecilia Hiraga, Ernest Hiraga, Ruth A. Ikeda, Naruo Kagama, Toshiko Kamezawa, Koshie maki, Ben Matsumoto, Ruth Nakamine, Ayako Nigo, Iwao Nishiyama, Tadanori Nishimori, Kimiyo Okuno, T. Oshima, Tuguo Saito, Joy Sakai, Tom Shoji, Taro Sugita, Kiniko Takahashi, Jimmie Tamai, Rose Tamai, Takeo Tamai, Deo Tanahara, Tommy Tanahara, Tom Tani, Sueko Uyeda, John Yoshida, and Ruth Watanabe. TOTAL = 29 students. ■

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Beyond Barbed Wire more than your typical war story

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

Assistant Editor

LOS ANGELES — "This is not a war story. It's a story about humanity."

That's how 77-year-old Yukio Sumida described the 88-minute documentary, *Beyond Barbed Wire*, a film about the Japanese soldiers of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Central Postal Directory, and the Military Intelligence Service of World War II.

And he should know. Sumida, a veteran of the 442nd, was the individual who first approached MAC and AVA Motion Picture Productions of Monterey to make a film based on the famous JA soldiers. After more than fifty years of silence he felt it was time to tell not only his story but the story of his fellow veterans. Sumida also appears in *Beyond Barbed Wire* and is one of the movie's executive producers.

"I think everyone wants to leave something behind for their kids and grandchildren," explained Sumida, who traveled from Monterey to attend the film's Los Angeles benefit screening at the Japan America Theatre on July 12. He and his wife, Mollie, were part of the more than 500 people at the event sponsored by the "Go For Broke" Memorial Foundation. Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, the film's narrator, and mistress of ceremonies Dina Ruiz Eastwood, KSBW-TV news anchor in Monterey, were on hand along with Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, author of *Farewell to Manzanar*, and actor/playwright Lane Nishikawa.

Beyond Barbed Wire combines historic WWII footage with more than fifty interviews with JA veterans and their families. It is the moving recollections of these veterans from more than a half-century ago that bring to life the stories of Pearl Harbor, the battles in Italy and France, and the triumphant homecoming of the

100th and 442nd — two of the most decorated units for its size in the history of the United States military.

But what is also brought to light is the immense prejudice these JA soldiers faced as they fought to prove their loyalty to a country that held their families and thousands of JAs in internment camps throughout the U.S.

Sumida's family was interned at the Poston, Arizona camp while he went off to fight in Europe. Back then "I didn't have the time to think about it," he said honestly about his family's internment. "I just thought of survival."

Sumida was the first person to be interviewed by *Beyond Barbed Wire*'s producer Terri DeBono and director Steve Rosen. He had said very little about his wartime experiences to his wife and kids, so many of the painful memories he reveals in the film were unknown to them. "I'd never heard of half of the stories Yukio talks about in the film," said Mollie, Sumida's wife of 53 years, who appears in the film along with their two adult children and granddaughter. Even now, "it's difficult to watch the film, and we still cry," said Sumida.

Getting the other veterans to agree to be interviewed by DeBono and Rosen wasn't easy, he said. "That was very tough."

Steve and Terri had to convince them that it wasn't another war story but a story about people.

Using Sumida's interview as a promotion tape, DeBono and Rosen were introduced to the various WWII veterans by Sumida. What they discovered was that, as they sat down to do the interviews, the Nisei wanted to tell their stories. "Even these JAs who said they didn't want to tell their story, actually wanted to tell their story," said Rosen. But "what's amazing is that there were so many touching stories."

Beyond Barbed Wire wasn't made with the intention of competing with other films based on the same subject, said Rosen. "What's important is to tell a great story and this is a great story. Terri and I are not historians, we're filmmakers," he continued. "We're not even Asian but we're dedicated to making good films."

Rosen and DeBono have also tried to reach those who've never heard the story about the heroic 100th, 442nd, and MIS. When Sumida first approached them to do the film, they were amazed that they themselves had never heard the story. "And we both have Master's degrees," said DeBono. We thought to ourselves, "if we don't know about it, how many others don't know it?"



Yukio and Mollie Sumida with Colonel Young O. Kim (Ret.), the Korean Second Lieutenant featured in the film who is also the chairman of the Memorial Foundation (left), at the L.A. benefit screening of *Beyond Barbed Wire*.

Beyond Barbed Wire has been receiving rave reviews at various film festivals including Seattle and Chicago. And because of the film's success, hundreds of people are finally hearing the story of these JA veterans. "So many people thank us for making the film," said DeBono. "It's so rewarding."

The L.A. screening was the first stop in a ten-city fund-raising

campaign to help the non-profit Memorial Foundation's "Go For Broke" monument and educational program. The next screenings for *Beyond Barbed Wire* will include Sacramento, Seattle, San Francisco, Honolulu, Chicago, and Washington D.C.

For more information call 310/327-4193 or write 100/442/MIS Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 2590, Gardena, CA 90247 ■



Film narrator Pat Morita with his daughter Aly at the L.A. screening of *Beyond Barbed Wire*.

Beyond Barbed Wire heads to Sacramento

The California State University of Sacramento Japanese American Archival Collection will premiere *Beyond Barbed Wire* at the Crest Theatre in Sacramento on Aug. 26 at 6 p.m.

Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, narrator of the film, is scheduled to attend and Tom Nakashima, Arrow 108-KXOA-FM radio broadcaster, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

Honorary hosts for the event are Assemblyman Mike Honda (23rd District), Nao Takasugi (37th District), and State Sen-

ator Mike Thompson (2nd District).

A "Taste of Japan" catered reception will precede the screening. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for children under 14. To order tickets, mail checks payable to 100/442/MIS Memorial Foundation to Sacramento.

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San Francisco Bay area program to commemorate 52nd anniversary of Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-bombing

SAN FRANCISCO—The 52nd anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will be commemorated on Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Nihonmachi Terrace, 1615 Sutter, (go through the parking lot, enter at rear).

Slated for 1 to 4 p.m., the program will feature Sansei activists Dr. Kay Yatabe and Geri Handa, who recently visited Hiroshima and will speak of their visit.

Dr. Yatabe has been involved in the visits of doctors from Japan to examine Hiroshima/Nagasaki Hibakusha who are living in the United States. She is in charge of the next visits, due July 19-20. She spent some time in Hiroshima last year consulting with radiation specialists. Dr. Yatabe is active with Sansei Legacy and is a founding member of Friends of Hibakusha.

Handa has served as spokes-

person for Friends of Hibakusha, and an organizer of the Japanese doctors' visits. She is a Sansei active on many community agencies. She also visited Hiroshima last year.

The third panelist will be Seiko Chiyu, a survivor from Hiroshima. Active in the Japan Benevolent Society, she will relate her experiences from a historical perspective.

Chairing the panel will be Jean Ishibashi, formerly with the American Friends Service Committee and currently teaching and working for her Ph.D. in Education at UC Berkeley.

Sponsoring organizations are the Women's Concerns Committee of the NCWPJ JACL, Friends of Hibakusha, Sansei Legacy, and Center for Japanese American Studies—Chizu Iiyama ■

Hawaii Gallery of Heroes inducts 442nd DSC winner

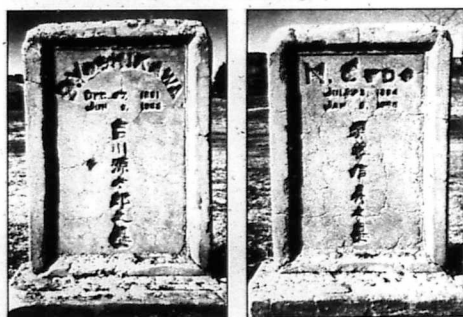
HONOLULU—S/Sgt. Yoshimi Fujiwara, one of the seven Distinguished Service Cross heroes from Co. G, 442nd, was inducted recently into the Gallery of Heroes at Fort DeRuss, the 442nd Veterans Club spring quarterly Go for Broke bulletin recorded. He was the second George Company veteran to be inducted, the first being S/Sgt. Rocky Matayoshi of Chicago.

Fujiwara's squad had already been in battle to liberate Braxton in October, 1944. Menaced by fire from two tanks (panzers) and rifles, Fujiwara climbed a small hill and fired several anti-tank grenades without effect. He went down to get a bazooka from one of his men and returned to the knoll, knowing the flash from the bazooka gun would reveal his position. He scored a partial hit on the lead tank, which kept moving forward and raked his position with machine gun fire.

Fujiwara continued to stay until the fifth rocket knocked out the tank. On seeing this, the second tank retreated with supporting German infantry, thus credited with preventing the possible breakthrough of the Co. G line at the risk of his life (gallantry) by enemy armor and infantry. ■

Korean American named DNC outreach director

WASHINGTON—Democratic National Committee chair Steve Gossman and general chairman Roy Romer have announced the appointment of Kathleen Ahn director of Asian-Pacific American Outreach for DNC to focus on the 1998 elections. A graduate from Georgetown University Law Center, she was a deputy director at DNC in the 1996 elections and on the 1997 Presidential inaugural committee. ■



JOHN ANDO PHOTOS
Two weathered tombstones at the old Rosario Cemetery (top photo) near the National Cemetery in Santa Fe, N.M., of Japanese workers for the Santa Fe Railroad Gentaro Yoshikawa (1891-1945) of Fukuoka-ken and Nobuyoshi Sudo (1884-1945) of Kochi-ken, caught the attention of New Mexico JACL president Joe K. Ando, retired Army colonel who has been researching the Enemy Alien Internment Camp in Santa Fe and the interrogation facility at Lordsburg, N.M. It occurred to Ando that perhaps some family members may still wonder what happened to them during World War II.

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Aoyama, David G., 73, Gardena, June 27; Imperial Valley-born, survived by wife Setsuko, daughters Diane, Junko, Koto Koyuwa (Japan), sisters Takeo Mizutani, Hisako Iwata, Midori Aoyama (Japan).

Ariz, Noboru, 75, Monterey Park, June 30; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Fumiko, son Don Takeshi, sisters Tetsuko Katsuno, Kay Masai.

Dol, Chiyu, 78, South Bend, Ind., July 10; Honolulu-born, survived by husband George M., daughter Patricia (Lakeview, Ind.), sons Steve (Cicero), Wes (Ocoila), George (Greenville), Randy (Chicago), 10 gcs, sisters Fumiko Ide, Hiroko Nagasaki, Yoshi Kuroki, Yasue Takashima (all of Japan).

Futamura, Kimiyu, 81, Acampo, June 28; survived by daughters Keiko Sakai, Akemi Tada, son Jiro Fukushige.

Grubbs, Rev. Thomas W., 77, Los Angeles, June 24; survived by daughter Deborah, sons Thomas Jr., Timothy, 3 gcs. **Haga, Dr. Jui Y.**, 71, Germantown, Md. May 30; Japan-born, born horticulturist, past director of Princeton University's electron microscope laboratory, electron microscopist at Georgetown University Medical School 1977-78.

Harada, Shizue, 84, Gardena, July 4; Ishikawa-born, survived by son Roy, daughter Aiko Uyeki, sister Haruko Kuse (Japan), gcs.

Hatazaki, Tsuyu, 91, Denver, June 10; Kumamoto-born, survived by children Kenzo, Harry, Sam, Stanley, Mary Nishiyama, Lorna Kawamura, Sharon Hatazaki.

Higashide, Seiichi, 88, Honolulu, July 3; Hokkaido-born author of *Adios to Tears* (1993), emigrated to Peru, interned in the U.S. during WWII; survived by wife Angela, daughters Etsuko (Honolulu), Irma Kudo (Chicago), Martha Shego (Sakramento), Deanna Aspengren (Honolulu), sons Carlos (Chicago), Arthur (Honolulu), Richard (Phoenix), Mark (Wakolu, Hawaii), 8 gcs, 5 gcs, sister Shizu Yamagishi (Hokkaido).

Hoshida, Kazutoshi, 82, Morgan Hill, July 3; survived by wife Harue, son Kenneth Shiro, daughter Joyce Akai, 1 gcs. **Iwata, Kikuo**, 84, San Francisco, Wash., July 17; survived by husband Tetsu, son Kevin, daughter-in-law Mayumi, 2 gcs, brothers Akinobu and Tadao Yotsutsu.

Imamoto, Marion Toshio, 83, Los Angeles, July 6; Washington-born, survived by daughter Margaret Imamoto, sons James Makino, William Kenji, 4 gcs, sister Mary Fuyuki.

Kashino, Shiro 'Kashi', 75, Seattle, June 11; WWII veteran 442nd Regimental Combat Team, recipient of Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, survivor by wife Louise, daughter Kiri Hiraoka (Kirkland, Wash.), Bev (Seattle), 4 gcs, sister Furuko Tomita (Oakland).

Kawakami, Sumiya, 73, Los Angeles, June 25; Palms-born, survived by husband Takao, son Karl, daughter-in-law Jean, 2 gcs, sister Misao.

Kawesetsu, Haruko, 93, San Francisco, June 29; survived by sons Kazuo, Yoichi (Japan), daughter Junko Matsuno, 1 gcs, brother Yoshio Takemoto, sister Kiyomi Nakahigashi.

Kayamato, Riechi (Kansui), 97, Los Angeles, July 4; Tottori-born, survived by wife Katsuko, son Masami, daughter Meiko Omoto, son-in-law Toshio Watanabe, 3 gcs, 1 gcs.

Kikkawa, Yoshie, 75, Pasadena, June 26; Carlsbad-born, survived by husband Roy Kazuya, sons Brian, Dorian, Ronald, 3 gcs, brother William Miyamoto, sisters Tobie Shingo (Camran), Fusako Imada, Mitsue Uchida, brother-in-law Hiro, Robert Kikkawa, Manabu Nishimoto, Shiro Furukawa.

Kumai, Kiyoko, 77, Costa Mesa, July 7; Glendale-born, survived by husband Susumu, son Steven, daughter Grace Messick, brother Teruyuki Horii, sister Emiko Miyamoto, step-brother Ruichi Uyeda.

Kuriusu, Maude Jerome, 77, Palmdale, June 25; Fresno-born, survived by Douglas Hideo, daughter Elizabeth Chiyoko Kuriusu, sister Kayoko Takata, Mie Fujiwara.

Maeda, George E., 76, Oregon Slope,

June 27; Ore-born, veteran of WWII 442nd Regimental Combat Team of the 100th Battalion, Portland, survived by wife Kikue 'Kay', children Tom (Campbell), Marie Rubland (Hilo, Hawaii), Mike (Hermiston, Ore.), Bob (Beaverton), Cathy Yuse (Fruitland), John (Payette), Yuse (Eugene), 12 gcs, sister-in-law Sachie Maeda (Ontario).

Masaoka, Hank Hise, 77, Gardena, June 29; Castle-born WWII veteran, 442nd RCT 1st Company, survived by wife Mary, daughter Suzanne Marie, 2 gcs, brother Toshio (Lodi), sister Tamae Tsunoi, brother-in-law Willie Ota, sisters-in-law Connie Masaoka, Yuki Ota, Mari Imahori, Tsuyoko Ota.

Matsuda, Yoichi Tada, 81, Torrance, July 3; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Sally Shinobu, sons Alan Ken, Neil Shoji, mother Yotsu Matsumoto, sister Margaret Katsumata.

Matsuoka, Toshio, 76, Walnut Grove, June 25; survived by wife Lilian, son Grove, daughters Marjorie Mori, Leslie Faulk, Terry Pagano, gcs.

Minamide, Harry Mitsuo, 68, Monterey Park, July 2; Oco-Flo-born, survived by brother Yasu, sisters Taeko Inada, Kiyoko Yodaka, Asako Minamide, Kiniko Minamide.

Miyagishi, Fusayee, 83, Los Angeles, July 17; Bellevue, Wash.-born, survived by son Ted, daughters Yoshiko 'Yo' Maeda, Kiyoko Kusan, Norma Domaleno, 3 gcs, 3 gcs, brothers John Sakayue (Chicago), Bob Sakayue, sisters Chiyoko Kotani (Japan), Emiko Takaki, sister-in-law Mary Sakayue.

Miyamoto, Sanatsu, 73, Reedley, June 27; survived by son Rodney, brother Roy Kawaguchi, sister Momoyo Katane.

Morihori, Bette Fusayee (Umemoto), 71, West Los Angeles, June 23; Wapato, Wash.-born, survived by husband Mike, daughter Lori Ann Yamashita, 1 gcs, brother Joe Umemoto (Wapato), sisters Shigeo Hasegawa, Miyo Shinkai (Lynnwood, Wash.), mother-in-law Ayako Morihori.

Morimoto, Toyoy, 96, Seattle, June 21; Kishi-born, survived by sons Henry (Oka), Daniel (N.Y.), daughters Bessie Hum (Minn.), Grace Yee-Carich (Detroit), 15 gcs, 2 gcs, predeceased by husband Shigemitsu Edward, daughter Laura.

Murooka, Tomoko, 102, San Francisco, June 25; survived by daughters Mayme Aiko Canham, Katherine Kahoru Reyes, 2 gcs.

Nakada, Minoru, 71, Gardena, June 28; Honolulu-born, survived by wife Sachiko Terry, sons Samuel, Raymond, Peter, Russell, daughters Eileen Yorizane, Elyse, 6 gcs, brother Roy (Hawaii), Thomas, sisters Aiko Nakada (Hawaii), Lucy Arant, brother-in-law Yasuhide gcs (Hawaii), Frank Toyama, Thomas Toyama, sister-in-law Yukiko Nakada (Hawaii), mother-in-law Natsuo Toyama.

Nojiri, Satomi, Gardena, July 7; Yuba City-born, survived by husband Munemitsu 'Min', son Glenn Mitsue, brothers Masami Chikarashi (Hiroshima), Dr. Ben Chikarashi (Morton Grove, Ill.), sister Sadami Edith Morimoto (Chicago), brother-in-law Toshio Nojiri, sisters-in-law Cheiko Chikarashi (Acampo), Betty Imura.

Onaga, Yukiko, 62, Monterey Park, July 3; Long Beach-born, survived by wife Joanne Mutsko, brother George Takeko, mother Yukiyo.

Sako, Tomiye, 74, Huntington Beach, June 30; San Jose-born, survived by brother Dick, Bob Sakamoto, sisters Marion Okubo, Midori Uyeda.

Shinatoshi, Yoshitoshi 'Mutt', 73, Orosi, July 4; Hawaii-born, survived by sons Douglas, Frances, daughter Sheila Yone moto, 5 gcs, brothers Yasu, Nobu, Yoshio, Rosei, sisters Yoshiko Ikahara, Sueko Hashimoto.

Shoji, Fusayoo, 97, Anaheim, June 28; survived by sons Roy, Tom, Jim, Shig, daughter Hatsuie Murakami, 15 gcs, 3 gcs.

Sugimoto, June Kaname, Gardena, June 20; Colorado-born, survived by husband Tony, sons David, Randolph, daughter Nancy Maryama, brothers Sue Hada (Hillsboro, Ore.), Sam Hada (San Marcos, Texas), 6 gcs.

Taketa, Joe M., 83, Santa Barbara, June 28; Oxnard-born, survived by wife Myoko, sons George, David, daughter Joann, 1 gcs.

Takao, Toshiharu, 91, Sunnyvale, June 30; survived by brother-in-law Ben Matsugata.

Takemoto, Shigei, 78, West Los Angeles, July 1; San Fernando-born, survived by wife Mary Hiroko, son Paul Seiji, 1 gcs, sister Yoko Matsumoto.

Takemoto, Ben Teomuro, 80, Covina, July 1; Fresno-born, survived by wife Chiyoko, son Jon Yutaka, (Logan, Utah), daughter Midori Ann Williams (St. George, Utah), 3 gcs, brother Rev. Arthur, sister Yo Yoshie Aba (Las Vegas), brother-in-law Henry Fujiura (Chicago), sisters-in-law Mary Takemoto, Nancy Nakako Nakayama.

Takemoto, Celia Shizuko, Los Angeles, June 30; survived by son Arthur M. J., daughter Aiko Beth Kiri, 2 gcs, 1 gcs, sisters Helen Umezawa, Isuko Furuta, Hiseko Fujikuni, sister-in-law Rose Takeuchi.

Takemoto, Toshiyuki, 77, Gardena, June 27; survived by daughters Jayme Nishikawa, Amy Takemoto, Carol Mizutani, Kathi Sanwo, 6 gcs, sisters Chiyoko Shimohara, Kazuyo Hosono (Japan), Kimika Hosono.

Takenouchi, Mitsuo, 80, Long Beach, June 27; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Tamiko, daughters Phyllis Kai, Patricia Fujiyama, 2 gcs, brother Harold, sister Karen.

Takao, Minoru Willie, 78, Hudson, Colo., June 14; Hollister-born member of the American Legion, survived by brothers Hiroshi (California), George (Hudson), sisters Mabel Tokugawa, Carme Ishikawa (both of California).

Terahara, Kazuyuki, 68, Sunnyvale, June 21; survived by sons Yoichi, Ricky (Japan), daughter Judy Gooddy, sister Yoshiko Toda, brother Saburo (Japan), gcs.

Tomita, Sue Suko, 66, Monterey Park, July 4; Lake View-born, survived by son Glenn, daughter Gayle Yonezawa, 1 gcs, brother-in-law, sisters Asa Kadoya, Betty Kadoya, June Nacamoto.

Ueda, Hiroko, 100, Sacramento, June 30; survived by sons Kiyoshi (Los Angeles), Suroo (Japan) Mado, daughters Mitsue Uno, Sachie Wake.

Yamamoto, Sakae, 83, Lomita, June 28; Washington-born 42-year Carson resident, survived by wife Greta, son Glenn (Carson), daughters Karen Littman, Brenda Aiyim (both of Carson), Janice Smith (Artesia), 9 gcs, 9 gcs, brother Robert (Bell Gardens), sisters Mary Tamura (Marina, Del Rey), Mary Chigaki (Gardena), Peggy Sato (Seattle).

Yamane, Kiyoko, 84, Los Altos, July 5; Yukiyue, Pauline Nakata, 64, Washington, May 29; Bainbridge Island, Wash.-born, survived by sons Donald, Wayne, Vernon (Bainbridge Island), Robert (Graham, Wash.) ■

DEATH NOTICE

KAZUYE YAMAZI

"CHICAGO, Ill.—Kazuye Yamazi, 81, was born in Washington and passed away on July 10. Survived by sons, Masao (Chicago), Ken (Elk Grove), Satoru (San Marcos), daughter, Aiko (Pacific Grove), brother, Charles Kariya (Cary, Ill.), 14 gcs, 8 gcs.

DEATH NOTICE

MICHI IZUI

NORTHFIELD, Ill.—Michi Izui, 80, passed away on July 20. She was born in Seattle. She is survived by husband, Victor, daughter, Tina Hill (Los Angeles), son, Richard (Northfield, Ill.); brothers, Joe Katagiri (Wheeling, Ill.) and David Katagiri (San Diego, Calif.); sister, Nobu Kawamoto (Wheeling, Ill.); grandsons, Clifton T. and Daniel K. (Northfield, Ill.) and many nieces and nephews.

DEATH NOTICE

TOMOMIE MIFUNE

Berkeley, Calif.—Tomomie Mifune, 94, passed away on July 17. A native of Fukuoka-ken, Japan, she resided in the Berkeley-Albany area for over 75 years. She was the beloved mother of one daughter, Michimi Nishi (June of El Cerrito three sons, Hiromichi (Chico) of San Ramon, Katsui of Hawaii and Glenn (Gayle) of Hercules; adored grandmother of Keith, Gayle and Craig, Adrienne, Erinn, Brett and Mark; cherished great-grandmother of seven. She also leaves one niece, Shizuko Yamashita of Berkeley. Private services were held at Sunset View Cemetery on July 24.

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Mary Tsukamoto named 'notable in Asian History Californian'

SACRAMENTO—Longtime Florin JACLER Mary Tsukamoto of Elk Grove continues to reap honors, the latest recognition being accorded May 22

by the State Senate and State Capitol Museum as a "Notable Californian" in Asian history. A teacher through the postwar years, she worked during the '80s toward passage of the Redress bill, the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, and was featured in the Smithsonian exhibit, "A More Perfect Union: the Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution," which opened in 1987. She co-authored *We, the People, a Story of Internment in America*



with Elizabeth Pinkerton and which the Sacramento County Historical Society as a publication of merit. In 1992, the Elk Grove Unified School District named a new school the "Mary Tsukamoto Elementary School." Born in San Francisco in 1915, she grew up in Florin, attended a segregated public school and later denied the right to compete in a high school oratorical contest because her parents were Japanese aliens. She married Al Tsukamoto in 1936, their daughter Marielle was born in 1937 and the family was interned during WWII at Jerome, Ark. Returning to Florin, she received her teaching credentials at the Sacramento State. The State Assembly honored her for running in the late '70s a summer vacation school, *Jan Ken Po Gakko*, stressing Japanese cultural heritage. ■

List: Calif. state parks with Asian-American influence

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China Camp State Park, Marin County. A Chinese shrimp camp. Rt. 1 Box 244, San Rafael, CA 94901.

Weaverville Joss House State Historic Park, Trinity County. A Chinese joss house. P.O. Box 12176, Weaverville, CA 96093, 916/623-5384.

California Citrus State Historic Park, Riverside County. Research on early Japanese American citrus workers, 1879 Jackson St., Riverside, CA 92504, 959/780-6222.

El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park, Santa Barbara County. Otherwise known as "Japan Town," the Anakura Hotel is on site of the earlier Presidio P.O. Box 388, Santa Barbara, CA 93102, 805/965-0093.

Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, El Dorado County. A Japanese cemetery (Okei's gravesite) located in the Gold Rush district near the state park. P.O. Box 368, Colusa, CA 95613, 916/822-3470.

Columbia State Historic Park, Calaveras County. Miners at Columbia in

Kelli Kamimura ranks in prep girls' golf

TACOMA, Wash.—Kelli Kamimura, 17, a junior at Sedro-Woolley High School, won her third straight Class AA state golf championship May 28 at Meadow Park golf course in Tacoma with a nine-stroke victory and teamed with her freshman sister Jemmy to win the team title.

The daughter of two Sedro-Woolley high school teachers in Burlington, Kelli is ranked

among the nation's top 20 school-girl golfers, scoring her first victory this year at the three-day national junior tournament in Tucson, Ariz., with a course record 4-under-par 68 in the final round. She won three national junior tournaments last year.

Kelli is 5 ft. 5, 145 pounds and her drives of 220 yards are routine, her high school coach Mark Flitton says. She wants to "make a living at it," but she wants to play on a college team some day. The Kamimura sisters share lessons from Harbour Point golf pro Chris Aoki every Saturday.

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