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The Bottom Line

Helen Kawagoe
NCAJ President

Mid-Biennium Threshold...

Aug. 10, 1997, marks my first year as national JACL president. The Program for Action adopted by the National JACL Council in San Jose on Aug. 10, 1996, for the 1996-1998 biennium is as follows:

1. JACL will be the leading Asian American civil and human rights organization, working alone and in coalition with other organizations and communities dedicated to eradicating bigotry and discrimination.

2. JACL will promote the political empowerment of the Japanese American community to work for social justice and prevent the recurrence of our experiences with restricted immigration, discriminatory laws and the WWII internment.

3. JACL will be the leading organization dedicated to promote and preserve the cultural heritage and values of Japanese Americans.

JACL is involved in all aspects of this action plan, is emerging to be that recognized organization in the Asian community. JACL is building coalitions with other minority and women's organizations to bring about social change. JACL is making every effort to ensure the preservation of the Japanese American culture and to promote a strong sense of community.

JACL is becoming more inclusive and relevant to students and young

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HI-JINKS AMID HIGH DRAMA—President Fujimori aims a snowball at his son, Kenji, during the Jan. 31 lunch stop in Yorkville (and scored a direct hit on his head) before the summit meeting the next morning with Japan's Prime Minister Hashimoto in downtown Toronto to discuss the hostage crisis. (See HOSTAGE CRISIS/page 6)

Calif. Prop. 209 going national

WASHINGTON—Last month Representative Charles Canady (R-Fla.) and Senator Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) introduced a bill that would eliminate equal opportunity for minorities and women by prohibiting affirmative action programs and policies in all federal programs and activities.

The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC) executive director Karen K. Narasaki testified against HR 1909 before a House Judiciary subcommittee June 26. The hearing was chaired by the sponsor of the bill, Rep. Canady.

In his opening remarks, Rep. Robert Scott (D-Va.), a member of the subcommittee, stated that HR 1909 "should be called the 'Bigotry Protection Act' or the 'Racial Status Quo Act.'"

Members of Congress who testified against HR 1909 and in support of affirmative action were Reps. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii) and Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) and Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-Wash. D.C.).

This bill, the Civil Rights Act of 1997, would halt the 30 years of progress that minorities and women have made in education, employment, and contracting it was pointed out. This bill forbids any action which would constitute an "advantage of any kind," an open-ended, undefined term. In addition, it specifically prohibits the federal government from using even flexible goals, timetables, and numerical objectives, removing one of the proven tools for measuring the progress of minorities and women in overcoming discrimination.

This bill could block federal efforts to provide a remedy for proven discrimination. If the law

JACL-LEC to tell its redress effort

SAN FRANCISCO—The National JACL Board and staff, at its Aug. 8-10 meeting, passed on 19 motions and received many committee reports, which *The Pacific Citizen* will cover in the next issue.

The JACL-Legislative Education Committee has undertaken a project to tell the story of JACL's role in the campaign for redress. LEC members led by Jerry Enohoto, chair, presented the proposal.

The LEC plans to write a documentary book on personalities, from the grassroots and up, and the events that led up to the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Interviews will be conducted and historical documents will be catalogued. A World Wide Web page has already been created and will be updated throughout the project. Members can view the homepage at www.jacl.org. The entire proposal is projected for \$266,050.

The National Board decided to

create an ad hoc committee to take a closer look at the project and present their findings at the November meeting.

1. LEC History Project

Made by Rick Uno; seconded by Tom Kometani

Motion: The National Board receive the JACL-Legislative Education Committee legacy proposal. In addition, the National Board shall establish a committee to explore available resources to initiate the proposal and prioritize the expenses, if any. Committee recommendations shall be presented at the November 1997 National JACL Board meeting. Committee members shall include representatives from the LEC, JACL National Board, staff, education committee, and finance committee.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

2. Washington D.C. office enhancement

Made by Tom Kometani; seconded by Terry Yamada

Motion: For the National Board to set a high priority to enhance operation of the JACL Washington D.C. office by hiring a full-time staff assistant and adequately supplying the office for efficient operations.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

3. Planned Giving

Made by Gary Mayeda; seconded by David Hayashi

Motion: To establish a committee of professionals with knowledge in the field of planned giving and work in conjunction with legal counsel.

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Redress pleas voiced for Japanese Latin Americans

LOS ANGELES—International and national media attention was paid Monday (Aug. 11) upon Campaign for Justice, the plea for Japanese Latin Americans who were kidnapped during WWII, placed in U.S. enemy alien internment camps during World War II and denied a U.S. government apology and \$20,000 from the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

Reports from the three U.S. TV networks, Japan and local newspapers covered the press conference in Little Tokyo called by the JACL, NCCRR, and ACLU of Southern California.

"The struggle for redress is not over," noted Albert Muratsuchi, PSW JACL regional director. "While over 80,000 people have received redress, we should not turn our backs on the hundreds who suffered tremendously during the war but have been denied justice." He was referring to Japanese American railroad and mining workers outside the West Coast and some 2,200 Japanese Latin Americans. ■

JACL not a 'West Coast thing,' avers Tri-District

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI
Assistant Editor

CHICAGO—Some people may have forgotten so here's a short reminder. The Japanese American Citizens League isn't just a West Coast thing.

Reiterating this message were the more than 80 JACL members and representatives from the Midwest, Eastern, and Mountain Plains regions at their Tri-District Conference at downtown Chicago's Radisson Hotel & Suites on July 31 to Aug. 3.

In between the separate district council and tri-district meetings, participants attended workshops on leadership training and development: learning how to network in the '90s, presented by Janice "Sam" Sears of United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, and J.D. Hokoyama, President of LEAP

(Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics) of Los Angeles held workshops on risk-taking and understanding our cultural values. Associate Judge Lynne Kawamoto of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, and currently the only Asian American judge in the entire country, was the keynote speaker.

Realizing the importance of these districts to the organization, the entire JACL executive committee of president Helen Kawagoe, director Herb Yamashiro, Rick Uno of General Operations, Lori Fujimoto of Public Affairs, Gary Mayeda of Planning and Development, Karen-Lise Shiba of Membership, secretary/treasurer David Hayashi, Youth/Student Council Chair Hiromi Ueha, and Youth/Stu-

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Over 50 grantees gather at CLPEF curriculum summit

SAN FRANCISCO—Over the August 2-3 weekend, 50 curriculum grant recipients, applicants, educators, and facilitators gathered on the campus of San Francisco State University (SFSU) for a Curriculum Summit, co-sponsored by the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) and the Edison Uno Institute of SFSU (see P.C. Aug. 1-14).

Educators from across the country interacted with CLPEF Board members to address the following goals:

(1) Encourage CLPEF grant recipients and others to collaborate, share resources and ideas, thereby increasing the effectiveness of the curriculum projects;

(2) Create a network of organizations and individuals dedicated

to educate the public about the lessons learned from the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II;

(3) Identify strategies for continuing projects beyond the life of the CLPEF;

(4) Identify what lessons should be taught related to the incarceration;

(5) Assure that projects are consistent with the CLPEF mission and objectives.

"This is the first time people who are designing and producing curriculum products have a chance to listen to what teachers who are teaching about internment say would work in the classroom," said Paul DeWitt, a teacher trainer for the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations, Bay Area Chapter.

Diane Yamashiro-Omi, a session facilitator on "Identifying Resources for the Future," expressed confidence that "This program is going to make history. It will greatly affect how internment will be taught through schools and impact future generations of Americans."

Nancy Kikuko Adams, a curriculum applicant from the Benson Public Schools in Arizona, said that despite being from a relatively isolated area, she "really appreciated knowing that from coast to coast, something is going to be done."

Georgette Imura, Development Director for the California School Boards Association, felt "inspired that we are all here for one purpose, to pass this legacy on to the children."

From Hawaii, Lilian Yamasaki said, "I generally don't like conferences, but the CLPEF Curriculum Summit was a really unique and amazing situation. I'm getting the support for my project and I have this feeling of trust that I have never walked away from a conference feeling before."

National JACL representative Greg Marutani observed, "All of the Summit participants became part of the 'network' of CLPEF." Drawing on the enthusiasm and support of the Summit, Marutani stated, "There is a great opportunity for JACL and the many participating organizations and individuals to make significant impacts in the education field across the country." As a first step towards making the collabo-

rations a reality, participants Marutani and filmmaker Wendy Hanamura generously made their curriculum guides and educational video, respectively, available to fellow educators.

CLPEF Summit co-chair Peggy Nagae was heartened by the collaborations fostered during the weekend. "While the Curriculum Summit was the result of the hard work of dedicated applicants and committed educators, it also represents the beginning of a new era of collaborations among educators. Through this network, curriculum projects are maximizing their resources and thereby strengthening their efforts to educate the

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JACL Calendar

ATTENTION: Details indicated with "NOTES" are usually published with a Calendar. TIME-VALUE is the chief consideration. (*) Late changes.

Eastern

NATIONAL

1998: July 8-15th biennial NAT'L JACL Convention. Sheraton Society Hill, Philadelphia. Registration deadline: July 1, 1998. (Details to be announced.) JACL Convention room rates \$99/night/occ. 800/265-5898, same rates applicable three days prior and three days after convention. Hotel & sales tax extra.

Midwest

CINCINNATI
 Aug. 17-Potluck dinner, 4-8 p.m., Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Madison Rd. & Hyde Park Ave. info: Marie Matsumura 513/451-2604. NOTE: 1-30 p.m. board meeting.

CLEVELAND

Sun. Sept. 28-General meeting, 6-8 p.m., Euclid Square Mall, info: 216/556-2277. Sat. Nov. 1-Annual Holiday Fair at Euclid Central Middle School.

ST. LOUIS

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

LOS ANGELES

Sun. Aug. 17-JACL/USA Sisters City Council, 1-3 p.m., McNally House, Maryville campus, info: Irma Yokota 314/921-7933. NOTE: Next meeting dates-Sept. 14, Oct. 5, Nov. 2.

COMMUNITY

Calendar

(R) Reunions / (*) Late Changes

The Midwest

CLEVELAND

Sat. Sept. 6-Annual Lakewood Community Festival, Madison Park, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., JACL will sponsor a Japanese booth; info: Hazel Asakura 216/921-2976.

Sun. Sept. 7-Seminar: Racism in the Church and Society, 11:20 a.m., Church of the Covenant, Henry Tanaka, moderator. NOTE: To run six successive weeks.

Sun. Sept. 28-Chapter general meeting, 6-8 p.m., Euclid Square Mall, info: Hazel 216/921-2976.

MILWAUKEE

Mon. Sept. 29-Milwaukee Ethnic Council "The Power of Speech", 7-9 p.m., Milwaukee Public Library Central Branch.

The Rockies

DENVER
 (R) Thu.-Sat. Sept. 11-13-MIS-Rocky Mountain Reunion, Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec St. info: Kikyo-MIS, MIS Reunion 1997, PO Box 1319, Denver, CO 80201-1319, 303/936-1292.

SALT LAKE CITY

Sat. Aug. 23-Japanese Peace Garden 50th Anniversary, 2 p.m., Jordan Park Japanese Section, 9th & 10th South.

Sat. Sept. 6-JANWA/JACL forum: JACL Centennial photo display, 2 p.m., Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center, 138 W. Broadway, Salt Lake City.

Northwest

SEATTLE
 (R) Sat.-Mon. Aug. 16-18-UW's University Students Club 75th anniversary reunion, Sat. banquet at Husky Lincoln Bldg., Sunday camp tour/golf tournament, Monday dinner at Mill Creek Country Club; registration, info: Ken Sato 206/363-1414, Elsie Taniguchi 206/824-2402, Bob Sato (golf chair) 206/742-0784.

Northern Cal

RENO
 Sat. Sept. 6-Asian Pac. Islander Adventure Festival, Pony Express Pavilion, Carson City; info: Reno JACL 702/827-6385.

SAN FRANCISCO
 Sat. Sept. 6-Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4:30 p.m., info: Elsie Uyeda Chung, 415/221-0268, Tetsu Iwata 415/221-4568 or Kay Yamamoto 415/444-3914.

Sat. Sept. 2-1000+42nd MIS documentary, Beyond Barbed Wire, 6 p.m., AMC Kabuki Theater, info: JACL Message Center, 415/273-1015. NOTE: JACL-sponsored.

Sat. Sept. 25-Koreans' annual Sansei Live '97, Grand Ballroom Hyatt Regency, San Francisco Embarcadero, info: 415/931-2294. NOTE: JACL-sponsored.

Sat. Sept. 25-Kero-no-Hi Health Day, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Christ United Presbyterian Church, info: Yo Hironaka 415/751-1267, Gail Matsushima 415/566-7593, Emily Muraoka 415/466-7879.

Through Oct. 31-Premiere: Nikkei Musicians Reminiscing in Swing Time, Herbst Exhibition Hall, The Presidio, Main Post; info: NNAHS 415/431-5007.

1998: Sept. 5-7-Buddhist Church of San Francisco's 100th Anniversary, an initial call to members & families affiliated with the following church groups: Senior Fujikaki, Jr. Fujikaki, Soku Gakuen, Sunday School, Young Adult Buddhist Organization, Troop 29 Boy Scouts, Explorers Scouts, Cuki-School, YIMBA, YIMBA, Scout Troop 533; contact Centennial Committee 415/776-3158, 415/776-6264 fax, NOTE-BCSP 100th Committee: Teresa Ono, chair; Ken Matsuda, president; LeVonne Sasaki, minister; Susumu Sakai, past presidents.

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

(R) Sat. Sept. 6-San Benito County reunion with former residents, Tak Ohata co-chair, info: Hiroshi Wada 310/551-5761. NOTE: Advance registration by Aug. 22.

SAN JOSE

Fri. Sept. 19-March 15, 1998-Unpublished

Sat. Mon. Aug. 30-Sept. 1-Japanese Festival, Missouri Botanical Gardens; info: Irma Yokota. NOTE-Presentation of JACL/Anheuser-Busch Co. (George Sakaguchi) Community Service Award during the opening ceremonies for the individual committed to making St. Louis a better place to live.

Mountain Plains

NEW MEXICO
 Sun. Sept. 7-Bon odori, Albuquerque. Sun. Oct. 12-General meeting, Loma Linda Community Center, Albuquerque; info: Joe Ando, 505/292-1858.

By the Board

By Yas Tokita

A memorable Bi-District meeting plus nostalgia

I was for the Pacific Northwest-Intermountain JACL Bi-District Meeting held in Seattle on the weekend of the 19th and 20th of July that I first chartered a bus, then downgraded to a van when I had only seven sign-ups. I lost two when I canceled the bus, and then went to a minivan. Three more cancellations made flying the preferred mode of travel. It's tough to get JACLers on a bus for an extended period with such good school bus airlines like Southwest Air serving us in the Intermountain region.

The Intermountain-Bi-District Council (IDC) chapters are located in Utah, Idaho, and eastern Oregon. The idea was to pick up JACL members in these states and take a two-day bus ride to Seattle to participate in the Bi-District with the Pacific Northwest District Council. The trade-off was a one-hour flight from Boise or a 1-1/2-hour flight from Salt Lake City. Everyone chose to fly.

Bi-District meetings between the PNWDC and the IDC are always a great opportunity to interact with our JACL brethren in the cool Pacific Northwest, and meeting in Seattle in the middle of the summer was a special treat for me. I was born and raised in Seattle but left 29 years ago and now reside in Sandy, Utah, a bedroom community south of Salt Lake City.

Saturday and Sunday were perfect days, with clear sunny days and temperatures in the 70s. One of the attractions was the Seattle Buddhist Church Obon. The Tokita clan, dressed in similar kimono and happi coats, were dancing in a group and in memory of Shiz

Hashimoto, my older sister, who died the day after last Christmas.

On Sunday, during our joint meeting, I became reacquainted with Ed Hirota, who joined with the JACL that day. We were close friends from our junior high school years and were part of a large population of Japanese Americans who committed to truck farms in Auburn or Kent and earned money the hard way—\$2 was not a bad day—picking strawberries, raspberries, and beans. I had not seen Ed in over 30 years.

Shig Motoki, also a native of Seattle, could not remember any of the seven courses served at the South China Seas on Beacon Hill because of the nostalgia of meeting 23 of his old Seattle friends on Sunday evening.

Sunday's program included a tour of the old Seattle Nihonmachi conducted by the Lake Washington Chapter and produced by James Arima, chapter president. It was an exercise in nostalgia—in the 1950s, I delivered the *Hokubei Hoshi* to the very hotels and businesses which were in the tour. I was stunned to find images of my father's paintings on the program—my sister, Yoshiko Tsuji, was the one who designed it.

The meetings went smoothly, the workshops were excellent, and there was agreement that the Bi-District was a success. The person most responsible for that was Elaine Akagi, past president of the Seattle Chapter and Co-Governor of the PNWDC for the 1998-1999 biennium.

It was a terrific, nostalgic, and memorable weekend. ■



ELSIE TANIGUCHI, president of the Puyallup Valley chapter, zipped away from the Bi-District to dance in the Seattle Obon. She will be planning a Bi-District cruise to Alaska in 1998.



THE TOKITA CLAN, identified by similar kimono, dance in memory of Shiz Hashimoto who died December 26, 1996.

CLPEF

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nation." Dale Minami, CLPEF Board Chair, added, "As a member of a Board that will sunset in one year (Aug. 10, 1998), it was encouraging to see this devoted group of educators take the legacy of internment and express their commitment to continue the struggle beyond the life of the Fund."

To date, the CLPEF has awarded \$3.7 million in grants, and an additional half million in con-

tracts for projects including: the Curriculum Summit, another printing of *Personal Justice Denied*, compiling and completion of transcripts of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) hearings.

Summit participants and the CLPEF agreed to enhance the existing website with project summaries of all grant recipients, contact numbers, and a listserve for internal postings and updates.

The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund website address is: www.acon.org/clpef. ■

What's happenin' at PSW

By Al Muratsuchi

Celebrate 'JACL pride' at Sept. 20 banquet



Join the celebration of JACL pride at the JACL Pacific Southwest District Awards Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Torrance Marriott Hotel in Torrance, Calif. Come see old friends, make new friends, and celebrate the accomplishments of JACL chapters and members during the last biennium.

With the theme, "Remembering Our Past, Empowering Our Future," the dinner will feature keynote addresses by California Assemblymen Mike Honda (D-San Jose) and Nao Takasugi (R-Oxnard), both former JACL chapter presidents and longtime members. JACL is also honoring Stewart Kwok, Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, as one of the leading Asian American civil rights advocates in the nation.

One of the dinner's special highlights will be the presentation of a JACL Service Award to Dr. Roy and Alice Nishikawa for over 110 years of combined dedicated service to JACL. Several longtime JACLers advised me that if anyone deserves an award for lifetime service, it's the Nishikawas.

Why are we having this dinner?

Other than to have a good time, two reasons. The first is to raise JACL's visibility with elected officials and the community at large. We need to have a JACL show of force, to remind elected officials that JACL is still the nation's largest membership-based Asian American organization—in the country, with many accomplishments and programs to be proud of.

The second is to raise funds for JACL youth programs. Dinner proceeds will support JACL chapter and district efforts to recruit more JACL young adults and students. JACL programs targeting young adults include the biennial National JACL Youth and Student Council Conference, the JACL Pacific Southwest District Youth Outreach Committee, as well as joint activities between local JACL chapters and college student groups.

Why does JACL need money for youth programs? The need for more young people in JACL is urgent. There are several JACL chapters in the PSWD that are struggling to find young people to take over chapter leadership.

With a JACL PSWD fund for youth programs, the District Council can decide on the best way to

use the funds to recruit more young JACLers. One proposal is to hire a youth program developer to work with chapters to organize youth programs and outreach to college campuses.

Another is to have a District fund to support national, district, and chapter programs targeting youth. The final decision will rest with the chapters, through the District Council.

The dinner committee, chaired by Carol Kawamoto of San Diego JACL, has been working hard to make this dinner a success. National JACL President Helen Kawagoe is leading the charge to bring a crowd by sponsoring a table and calling on her many friends, Irene and Fred Hoshiyama of Venice-Culver JACL, are supporting JACL youth by sponsoring a table for the National JACL Youth Council. We're hoping that many JACL chapters and districts will also sponsor tables.

Tickets are \$75 for JACL members and others affiliated with non-profit community groups. Regular admission is \$100. For dinner reservations, invitations, directions, or other information, call (213) 626-4471. ■

TRI-DISTRICT

'JACL not a West Coast thing'

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dent Representative Nicole Iouye attended the Chicago Tri-District.

While 84 of JACL's 112 national chapters are located in the states of California, Oregon, and Washington, there's a tendency to place a great deal of importance on these West Coast regions, said Midwest District Regional Director Bill Yoshino. But "if the organization is going to be an organization on a national basis, if you're looking to impact legislation, it makes the MDC, EDC, and the MPDC very important."

That's because even though only 8 percent of JACL's membership is in the Midwest district, there are 91 United States Representatives from this region alone compared to the 66 Representatives from California, Oregon, and Washington combined.

For Washington, D.C., representative Bob Sakaniwa, all of the organization's 112 chapters are an important link in the political loop as he lobbies and advocates for the issues and concerns of JACL. And as an increasing number of politicians are preferring to deal only with their own constituents, said Sakaniwa, the importance of having a local chapter in a particular region becomes vital.

"To the extent that I can work with these people, it greatly enhances JACL's ability to get our message across," said Sakaniwa. "Our voice is there."

"Coming out to the Chicago Tri-District reminds me of our true strength," he said, "that we are a national organization."

Delegates from the MDC, EDC, and MPDC were more than impressed with the high attendance of the national board. "It gives the delegates the sense that the officers care about all the districts and aren't sensitive to only the West Coast chapters," said Yoshino. "That they do care what chapters are doing out here."

When the Chicago Chapter learned there would be national board and staff at the Tri-District they welcomed the opportunity to host the conference, said Chicago JACL president Cynthia Sakoda Scott. "This is the first time I've seen interest by the national board on a local level," said Scott, who's serving her second term as president. "It gives us the impression that they really are concerned with

our concerns in the local area."

In the past, chapters on the East Coast have often found themselves voting for national board candidates they didn't know, said Cincinnati JACL president Marie Matsunami. And "I think a lot of the thoughts and feelings were from the West Coast," she said. But "our problems here are totally unique."

Not only is membership significantly lower in the MDC, EDC, and MPDC chapters compared to the West Coast, they're spread across a much larger area. So to effectively deal with the various issues concerning JACL, chapters often will work together with various coalition groups more so than their counterparts in the west. And the methods used to recruit youth members have to be customized to regions where there are very few AA student groups and where the few students who do live in the area often leave for colleges throughout the U.S.

"We are different because we are," said MPDC Governor Emile Kutsuma. Because there are very few JAs living in the Mountain Plains area, when they deal with racial issues, they deal with all ethnic minorities, not only AAs, she said. And when chapter's hold fund-raising events, the selection of a speaker who's relevant to the entire community becomes critical if enough money is to be raised.

Even the way that JAs handle issues and concerns is different on the East Coast, said Ron Uba, president of the New York Chapter. "On the West Coast there're more

Nikkei so you don't want to cross those politically correct barriers," he said. "But out here people aren't afraid to take on challenges because we won't see these people for long periods of time." And, he said, there's also the understanding that "we're creating something for the community and we have to take the pain that sometimes goes with it."

During the four-day conference the national board officers addressed the districts individually and answered questions from the chapter delegates during a Tri-District meeting.

"We're in much better financial shape than we've been in the past," said treasurer Hayashi. "The investment portfolios have performed very well." For the six months ending June 30, JACL has a surplus of \$143,000, he said. And in 1997 the realized capital gains of the endowment funds was more than \$550,000.

"If you have a suggestion or problem, we're here to help you," said Shiba, vice-president of membership. "We (the National Board) were elected by the National Council so we figure we should be finding out what you want us to do."

Chapters should have started receiving their monthly membership updates, said Shiba, and membership renewals are also being sent out on a consistent basis. Currently, JACL is looking into new membership benefits

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FOUR PAST NATIONAL JACL PRESIDENTS—(From left) Henry Tanaka, Cleveland; Lillian Kimura, New York; Shig Wakamatsu, Chicago; and K. Patrick Okura, Washington, group for photograph.



East Wind

By Bill Marutani

Hiya-soba

LOOKING BACK to my growing-up days in a farm community in the Pacific Northwest, I would have thought that table manners discipline (such as they might be) would have been relaxed and not have priority for my Issei mother. Not so. Under her scrutiny, before I completed an evening meal, my *cha-uan* (rice-bowl) had to be clean—not a single grain was allowed to be left behind. As a matter of fact, no leftovers were allowed on your plate; whatever you ladled for yourself, you ate.

Every bit of it.

THAT WASN'T ALL; there was more. No elbows on the table when eating. Being tired after putting in a full day's work in the fields was no excuse. And, oh yes, no slouching at the dinner table; sit up straight. And the *hashi* (chopsticks) were not to be held too close to the tip; somewhere just above the midway point seemed appropriate. And when partaking of the *miso-soup*, or a bowl of *udon* (noodles), or finishing up with *ocha-zuke* (hot tea poured over the rice), no slurping. And no stuffing of the mouth such as to cause your cheeks to puff out, and no talking with food in your mouth. No picking of teeth at the table. Much of this may sound quite familiar to you Nisei.

The rules were strict, not unlike some military cadet school.

THIS REMINISCING was triggered as I was completing an evening Japanese meal prepared by the Lady of the House. In keeping with the heat spell we've been experiencing in these parts, she had appropriately prepared a light meal of *hiya-soba* (chilled buckwheat noodles) which are dipped into a cold sauce to be eaten. In consuming the noodles, that early training still controlled: no slurping and no bulging of the cheeks. As a youngster, I was under the impression that the Japanese minded

their *gyō-gi* (manners, etiquette) so that, for example, when the Japanese consumed noodles, they did not slurp or—to put it crudely—suck up the noodles.

I discovered that this is a myth.

ON MY FIRST post-war visit to Japan as a civilian, I discovered a noodle shop near the Ginza that served one of the best *nabe-yaki* noodles ever. (Whenever I'm in Tokyo, I seek this joint; the other "must do" is experiencing the treat of a haircut by a Japanese barber.) Anyway, as I'm consuming my bowl of noodles (noiselessly) the *teinei* (polite) way that had been drilled into me, the indigenous folks seated around me are slurping! And I mean slurping; good, healthy, uninhibited slurping!

I smiled to myself, "If only my mother were here."

ON THE SUBJECT of table manners, I don't recall receiving Emily Post instructions on western etiquette. I learned a few things the old-fashioned way: by surreptitiously observing what others around me did, which of the several forks or spoons was first being picked up, for what purpose, and so on. In my freshman year at college, I worked as a houseboy at Broadmoor (Seattle) in the household of William F. and Hazel Paddock. There I was instructed on how to set silverware on a table, where the water goblets go, from which side (left or right) plates were to be served, how to iron sheets and shirts with a mangle, and so on.

Just about everything except how to eat noodles. Just for old times sake, once when I was in Seattle, by automobile I sought to visit the Paddock dwelling, but the guard at the entry wouldn't allow me past the gate.

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

The Bottom Line

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adults in our community. All members of the national board and staff are actively involved to their maximum limitations. And, I am proud of each one of them.

Last Sunday, Aug. 10, PSW Regional Director Atsushi Murakami and I were invited with other representatives of selected organizations to a luncheon with Senator Daniel K. Inouye, hosted by President/Executive Director Irene Hirano and Attorney Henry Ota of the Japanese American National Museum. Senator Ota's concerns were that when the Congressmembers Patsy Mink and Bob Matsui should decide to leave Congress, the Japanese American community will have no one in Congress to represent us, no one to speak up for us, and no one to fight for us. He views this as a critical situation and urges each member to seek out potential candidates for public office and rally behind them.

Legislative alert ...

The California Proposition 198, was approved by voters in March, 1996. This initiative provides for an open primary; that all persons entitled to vote, including those not affiliated with any political party, to vote at any election for any candidate regardless of the candidate's political affiliation. The measure has been challenged as unconstitutional in court; oral arguments are scheduled Oct. 3 and a decision is expected in mid-November.

Proposition 209, the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI) regarding affirmative action, was approved by the voters in November, 1996. It eliminated affirmative action programs for women and minorities run by the state or local governments in the areas of employment, contracting and education that give "preferential treatment" on the basis of sex, race, color, ethnicity, or national origin. Following the approval process, the vote of the people has been upheld which will be a major setback for women and minorities. The California decision has triggered a similar measure in the state of

Washington.

Proposition 208 regarding campaign financing reform, approved by the voters in November, 1996, has been challenged. The appeal will be heard by the court on Oct. 15.

What's new ...

● **JACL initiated** by Sacramento JACL with their \$1,000 contribution has generated another \$1,000 from Pocatello-Blackfoot. To join the Blackfoot, the Greater Los Angeles Singles chapter redesignated their initial \$3,000 contribution to the general fund to boost this fund thanks to president Janet Okubo and past president Miyako Kadogawa. This brings the total to \$8,000 with another \$2,500 commitment. My goal is to have every chapter participate with any amount that they can afford. Please join this movement. We can make it!

● **JACL membership** revenues continues to increase. At this rate, JACL should meet their 10% increase adopted at the 1996 San Jose Convention.

● **Mount Olympus** Chapter increase in membership is due to the talents of Floyd and Irene Mori, who shared their unique marketing techniques in attracting new members. It's a great program.

● **Seabrook JACL** celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

● **Civil Liberties** Public Education Fund (CLPEF) awarded 17 more grants for a total of \$408,500 in May for an overall total of \$3.1 million.

● **JACL Curriculum** and Resource Guide, thanks to Greg Marutani and Education Committee, will need to have a second printing.

● **Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific (NCWNP)** JACL District Council hosted a successful California Leadership Conference, April 20-22, in Sacramento.

● **JACL Youth Conference** "Leading into the Future," June 20-22, at University of California at Irvine, was an outstanding success, thanks to Youth Council Chair Hiromi Ueha, Youth Representative Nicole Inouye and great support by staff.

● **Japanese Cooking** Videos (2 tapes), Sushi and Sake; Noodles, Mochi and Manju, are available from Twin Cities JACL 612/420-9562.

● **Puyallup Valley JACL** produced a video on the "Tale of the 'Lani' Taniguchi" president, has promised to create and choreograph a "JACL ondo." This should be fun.

● **Nominations co-chairs Kim Nakahara and Rick Akizawa** are seeking candidates for all of the national offices for the next National JACL Convention in Philadelphia, July 1-5, 1998. Be ready to accept.

Odd-year conventions ...
NCWNP/CCDC/PSW TRI-DISTRICT convention was held in Las Vegas, June 6-8. Hosted by CCDC, the theme was BETTING ON THE FUTURE. To Build a Stronger JACL. Keynote was Paul M. Iga-saki, Vice Chairman, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

PNW/DCC BI-DISTRICT held July 18-20 in Seattle with a theme, "Communities Envisioning Tomorrow." Warren Furutani, former L.A. Unified School Board member and president, luncheon speaker. EOC/MDC/MPDC TRI-DISTRICT held July 31-Aug. 3 in Chicago. Keynote was the Hon. Judge Lynne Kawamoto.

The value of these meetings is the interaction between district council which results in collaboration of projects and events.

New leadership ...

Keith Toyoda of Walla Walla, Wash., is anxious to start a new chapter following initial involvement.

Daniel Teraguchi, Ph.D. candidate of Pocatello-Blackfoot Chapter, is anxious to become more involved in JACL as a result of attending a JACL conference.

PNW will have co-governors, Elaine Akagi (Seattle), and Aaron Owada (Olympia), assistant attorney general for the State of Washington.

Little known facts ...

● **Manabi and Sumi Hirasaki**, long time JACLers, attended their first installation luncheon this year. Thank you, Manabi and Sumi, for your sincere support... The next challenge is to get George "Horse" Yoshinaga to a JACL event.

New ideas ...

● **Jeffrey Hattori**, new president of Seattle chapter, suggests that we have a national membership kick-off in conjunction with the "Day of Remembrance" next year in February. Great idea!

● **Senator Inouye** suggests that we

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Calif. prop. 209 going national

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counterparts and that discrimination against immigrant veterans was widespread.

Narasaki stated, "The discrimination laws worked for [Mr. Bhargava], but there are similar problems in other federal agencies and without affirmative action, it would be impossible to fix the glass ceiling problem."

The Glass Ceiling Commission found that Asian Pacific Americans were not able to progress as far as their qualifications and abilities would have carried them if they had been white and male because corporate officials tended to be white men who selected persons like themselves for mentoring and grooming.

The Department of Labor and its Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs have been urging employers to seek out qualified minorities and women and give them mentoring and grooming opportunities. Under the bill, this type of program could be considered an illegal "advantage."

JACL bill could block targeted recruiting efforts designed to encourage minorities and women to apply for jobs or contracts in accordance with their ability and availability.

HR 1909 would likely prohibit such things as advertising to ethnic press and recruitment efforts targeted at previously-excluded groups, such as Asian Pacific Americans, because they might be considered an advantage of one kind. HR 1909 could also block federal fair-employment enforcement agencies from considering any statistical information whatsoever when evaluating

an employer's practices.

Time and again, the Supreme Court has spoken about the usefulness of statistical information in determining whether there has been discrimination. All statistical analysis requires the use of some standard against which to measure the employer's practices.

Another witness was Dean Susan Prager of UCLA Law School who testified against HR 1909. At the end of her testimony she disclosed that she was a lifelong Republican who had worked on political campaigns for local Republican legislators.

In response to the argument that affirmative action is no longer necessary because we live in a colorblind society, Prager stated, "I ask everyone to look deep into their minds when I ask the question, if you choose whether your grandchild could be either Black or White, what would you choose? If this were truly a colorblind society, it wouldn't matter to you what race your grandchild would be."

Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), a member of the subcommittee, noted that the committee members at the hearing who support HR 1909 were white and their staff were white while the committee members against HR 1909 at the hearing were African American and most of their staff were African American.

NAPALC was urging its Consortium leaders to contact their congress members to oppose HR 1909, particularly members of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judici-

ary by writing to 2138 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515-6216 or by calling 202/225-3951. The members are:

Chairman Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.); Jim Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-Wis.); Bill McCollum (R-Fla.); George W. Gekas (R-Pa.); Howard Coble (R-N.C.); Lamar Smith (R-Texas); Steven H. Schiff (R-N.M.); Elton Gallegly (R-Calif.); Charles T. Canady (R-Fla.); Bob Inglis (R-S.C.); Robert W. Goodlatte (R-Va.); Steve Buyer (R-Ind.); Sonny Bono (R-Calif.); Ed Bryant (R-Tenn.); Steve Chabot (R-Ohio); Bob Barr (R-Ga.); William I. Jenkins (R-Tenn.); Asa Hutchinson (R-Ark.); Edward A. Pease (R-Ind.); Christopher B. Cannon (R-Utah); John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.); Barney Frank (D-Mass.); Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.); Howard L. Berman (D-Calif.); Rick Boucher (D-Va.); Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.); Robert C. Scott (D-Va.); Melvin L. Watt (D-N.C.); Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.); Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-Texas); Maxine Waters (D-Calif.); Martin T. Meehan (D-Mass.); William D. Delahunt (D-Mass.); Robert Waxler (D-Fla.) and Steven R. Rothman (D-N.J.).

In the Senate, Senator McConnell has introduced a companion bill, S. 950, to eliminate all federal affirmative action programs and policies based on race, national origin, or gender in all federal agencies and in all federal activities, and he also testified in favor of HR 1909. Other members of Congress who testified in favor of HR 1909 were Reps. Tom Campbell (R-Calif.), Marge Roukema (R-N.J.), and Tillie Fowler (R-Fla.).

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TRI-DISTRICT 'JACL not a West Coast thing'

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such as travel and golf discounts, and is reviewing existing benefits such as the health plan with Blue Shield. Chapters will also be receiving a membership chair handbook.

"We need to make redress JACL's number one priority this year," said Mayeda of planning and development. He's working closely with "Campaign For Justice," a coalition fighting to get reparations for Japanese Latin Americans interned in the U.S. during WWII, one of the many groups still waiting for their apology from the U.S. government.

"This is the last national board that will see the end of redress," said Mayeda. And with the Office of Redress scheduled to close its doors in less than a year (Aug. 10, 1998), "we have a time factor to fight. We need to make sure that everything is done to get redress for these people."

It's been two months now since the Youth/Student Council's successful youth conference in Irvine, Calif. The council is now looking towards the national convention in

'98 and thinking about holding a coinciding youth leadership conference and various workshops. Chapters will soon be receiving the youth membership brochure and the council is also looking into developing a youth/student handbook.

"We're trying to do a lot to encourage youth to join because ultimately we're going to be the ones that keep this organization viable," said National Youth Representative Inouye. But "of eight of us [Youth Representatives] to cover all of the U.S., it gets a bit difficult." Inouye, asked MDC, EDC, and MPDC delegates to help the youth council in their continuing efforts to recruit youth.

The committee chairs for the 1998 national convention in Philadelphia are in place, and applications for national board nominations will be sent out shortly, said Rick Uno of general operations.

Vice president of public affairs Lori Fujimoto announced that she is currently working with the Asian American Journalists Association on possibly compiling a media advocacy handbook for the various JACL chapters.

"I came out here to support JACL on a national level," said Pacific Southwest District Gov-

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

A book named 'A Chinaman's Chance'



CHINESE began to arrive in the U.S. about a generation or a generation and a half before Japanese. One report has it that there were some 2,000 Chinese in California when the Gold Rush got under way in 1849. Serious hostility against them began in 1869 when the first transcontinental railroad was completed. Some 10,000 Chinese employed by the Central Pacific and about an equal number of whites working for the Union Pacific were suddenly unemployed and competing for the same jobs. Chinese workmen were welcomed until the jobs ran out, and suddenly they were undesirable "cheap Asiatic labor."

That led to persecution—there were lynchings in places like Rock Springs, Wyo., and anti-Chinese riots in Denver—and economic and social discrimination all over the West. The insulting Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 prohibited further entry of Chinese labor. It was during this time that the saying, "Chinaman's chance," meaning no chance at all, began to be heard.

Comes now a book of that title which reports that in at least one part of the Rocky Mountain West, Chinese were not victims but their relationships with Euro-Americans were "relatively good cultural accommodation, not confrontation" despite occasional conflicts and personal rivalries.

Interestingly enough, the book, titled *A Chinaman's Chance: The Chinese in the Rocky Mountain Mining Frontier*, is by a Shanghai-born Chinese immigrant scholar named Liping Zhu. He has a doctorate in history of the American West from the University of New Mexico, and teaches at Eastern Washington University.

Liping Zhu's study focuses on the Boise Basin of Idaho where for a period between 1861 and 1910 the Chinese made up a majority of the population. Unlike most American gold-seekers, who were

wanderers, the Chinese sank their roots in the Idaho soil and stayed for more than a half century.

A review of this book reports: "Like other pioneers, the Chinese immigrants in this unique Rocky Mountain mining region had equal access to the pursuit of happiness. Their basic material needs were guaranteed, and many individuals were able to accumulate a considerable amount of wealth and climb up the economic ladder. Chinese equality was also seen in frontier justice. To settle disputes, they frequently challenged white opponents in the various courts as well as in gun battles. Thus the Chinese played all the stereotypical frontier roles—victims, victims, and villains... The Idaho Chinese actually received opportunities far beyond what has previously been assumed."

The book, 200 pages with 26 illustrations, is scheduled to be published in September by University Press of Colorado in Niwot, CO 80544. The price is \$27.50.

Incidentally, the Boise Basin is not far from Ontario on the Oregon-Idaho border where Japanese Americans on both sides of the Snake River have been very successful as growers and shippers of produce, mostly onions and potatoes.

Japanese Americans, many of whom started as field laborers transplanted from the West Coast by General DeWitt's edict, have made a major contribution to the economic development and prosperity of the area. The recently dedicated museum and cultural center in Ontario has a substantial Japanese American component recognizing their role in the area. ■

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in which you exist, and that the discrimination you face now and the rest of your life in this country, is going to be based on your appearance, what people see when they see you, and not how you are defined in the census category.

In closing, a quote from Grandma Moses, "And life is what we make it. Always has been. Always will be. With that, let me assure you that JACL is working and the 'heart beats' continue to drive us upward and outward. Let's keep it up! ■"

Bainbridge Island stream renamed 'Issei Creek'

OLYMPIA, Wash.—The state Board on Geographic Names has approved the name "Issei Creek" for a Bainbridge Island stream and "Monahan Mountain" for a peak in Kittitas County. The creek was previously listed by the Department of Wildlife as stream No. 15,0341.

Issei Creek runs from Grand Forest to Fletcher Bay, an area pioneered by Issei Japanese immigrants in the 1910s and '20s. Monahan Mountain, located east of the Cascade crest and nearby Easton, honors Victor and Alice Monahan, also pioneers in the area.

The names will be used on state maps and references and will be forwarded to federal officials for consideration on national maps. ■

Basic Information

The Killing of Kuan Chung Kao: What really happened on April 29, 1997

The following summary was prepared by the Asian Law Caucus of San Francisco.

Kuan Chung Kao, 33, went to a Cotati bar to meet with a friend on the night of April 28, 1997, to discuss a new business arrangement. Kao remained at the bar for approximately six to seven hours and consumed a number of drinks. His blood alcohol level was determined to be a 0.23 at a later point, three times the legal limit to operate a vehicle.

While at the bar, a few individuals thought it would be amusing to harass an intoxicated man by continuously racially taunting him through the night. As the night progressed, Kao became enraged and physically challenged his taunters. He was involved in several scuffles with people who restrained him. At one point, he was stabbed over an eye with a dart.

Cotati (Sonoma County) police officers responded and refused Kao's demands to arrest those who had provoked and assaulted him. Seeing that he was severely intoxicated, they put him in a taxi cab and escorted him home around 2 a.m.

After he was dropped off at his house, Kao began screaming in the middle of the street yelling "Neighbors, please help me." He took off his shirt and assumed a praying position in the middle of the street, clapping the ground and crying for help. His wife, Mrs. Kao, came out of their home and tried to quiet him but he was shouting her away. Many of the neighbors called 911 and reported that a man was screaming and acting crazy.

Rohnert Park Police Safety Officer Mike Lynch and Jack Shields responded within five minutes with sirens and lights flashing. While they were enroute, Kao went to his motor home and retrieved a wooden rod 6 feet long and less than one inch thick.

He was seen by many people to be twirling and fiddling with the stick.

As the two Rohnert Park police units arrived, they shut off their overhead lights and sirens and shone a spotlight into Kao's face to disorient and distract him. Lynch, in the lead, decided to try to scare Kao into dropping the stick by acting as if he was going to run him over with the police car. At a fast pace, Lynch raced down the half block and screamed to a stop within a few feet of where Kao was standing.

Angry and confused, Kao hit the car which had just tried to run him over—striking at the front grill and headlights—perhaps in an attempt to stop the lights which would clearly be painful to his dilated pupils. When Lynch realized that his tactic had failed, he wisely called for back-up units and pulled his vehicle back determining that an escalation of force was unnecessary at this point.

Unfortunately, the second patrol vehicle driven by Shields arrived at this point and sped past Lynch's vehicle to get even closer to Kao. Kao struck Shields' car several times as well as then approached the driver's side of the police car. According to Shields, Kao held the rod at the open driver's window to keep Shields inside the car and did not attempt to strike him. Shields yelled several times to "Drop the stick."

Lynch called out to his partner via radio, "Several more units, code 3. Stay in your car Jack." But instead of trying to defuse the situation, as Kao retreated at one point, Lynch saw Shields exit his car and Lynch knew at that point that Shields "was going to take the guy on physically." As Shields got out of his car, Kao returned and took a few steps closer still holding the stick in front of him

parallel to the ground as if to "joust" or "stab" Kao. Shields drew his weapon and within seconds, shot Kao once in the chest. Various witnesses including off-duty police officers placed Kao at a distance 7 to 12 feet away from Shields at the time he was shot. This contradicts Shields' claim that Kao was three feet away with the stick held over his head.

Mrs. Kao, a registered nurse, ran to her husband to try to administer first aid, but the officers restrained her and threatened her with arrest. Mr. Kao was handcuffed and left face down unattended for eight to nine minutes before Lynch began to attempt medical treatment. When the paramedics arrived one minute later, it was already too late to save Mr. Kao's life.

The District Attorney and the Sonoma County sheriff deputies were called to investigate the officers' actions and began by securing a search warrant for the Kao residence to search for martial arts paraphernalia to prove Kao was a dangerous person.

On June 19 1997 District Attorney Mike Mulline cleared the officers of any criminal charges.

There have been eight deaths at the hands of Sonoma County peace officers in the past two years, and every case has been ruled justifiable homicide by the District Attorney. The Grand Jury of Sonoma County in its own investigation has determined that the protocol used in investigating officer-involved shootings is flawed and inadequate and that Sonoma County peace officers are unresponsive to citizen complaints of police misconduct.

Mr. Kao is survived by his wife and three young children. ■

Candlelight vigil commemorates 100th day of Kao killing

SAN FRANCISCO—A coalition of more than 30 community and civil rights groups held a candlelight vigil this past week (Aug. 7) at Portsmouth Square in Chinatown to commemorate the 100th day since the killing of Kuan Chung Kao by Rohnert Park police. A rally at Union Square was also announced for Saturday, Aug. 16, noon.

Kao, 33, was killed by Rohnert Park police on the night of April 29, 1997 when he responded to 911 calls of an intoxicated man yelling and crying for help. When the officers arrived, they engaged in a series of escalating aggressions, and ended up shooting Kao roughly 20 seconds after their arrival. Mrs. Kao, a registered nurse, was restrained from performing life-saving aid and Kao passed away prior to the arrival of the paramedics.

Police claimed self-defense, noting that Kao was wielding a 6-foot-long rod less than one-inch thick in a "martial arts fashion" and that they perceived him to be an expert in martial arts. After a search of the widow's home, it was determined that in fact, Kao had no training in martial arts.

Kao's death falls almost squarely on the 15th anniversary of the killing of Vincent Chin in Detroit, which galvanized the Asian Pacific American community nationwide. National civil rights groups including the Asian

Law Caucus and JACL called upon Attorney General Janet Reno and the FBI to closely monitor the Kao case and consider a federal prosecution for use of excessive force.

There have been nine deaths at the hands of Sonoma County peace officers in the past two years and each one has been ruled justifiable homicide by the District Attorney, the Asian Law Caucus cited. The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office has one of the highest payouts for police misconduct in the Bay Area and the Rohnert Park police have the

highest number of citizen complaints in the county.

Officer Shields, the officer who fired the shot killing Kao, had been recently demoted and was on criminal probation for fraud charges involving misrepresentations to the police department.

"This vigil marked a turning point in the campaign for justice for the Kao family," said ALC staff attorney Victor Hwang. "We light candles not only to commemorate Mr. Kao's death but as a commitment over the next 100 days to ensure that justice will be done for his family." ■

The Bottom Line

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commemorate August 10, 1998, when Redress activities sunsets, with a dinner. Another good idea.

For P.C.

The P.C. intern program has been privately funded. Welcome Stephanie Lai.

Pocatello-Blackfoot has also contributed another \$1,000 to the P.C.SAVE fund, thanks to Micki Kawakami, president.

The bottom line...

In the July, 1997, *Ebony* magazine published many comments about Tiger Woods and his choice to be referred to as "Cabinasian—Ca. Caucasian; bl, Black; In, Indian; Asian." Kweisi Murre, President & CEO of the NAACP, said in part that "it is important to point out that the discrimination that mixed race people find in this society is more a function of their appearance and less a function of how the Census Bureau classifies them. They are discriminated against as if they were Black and certainly by people who don't consider them to be White." Murre further comments, "I say to African-Americans of mixed race that first, you ought to be proud of your heritage and lineage no matter how diverse it is.... You must be proud of all diversity within your background. Secondly, you shouldn't run away from it and act as though it's not there.... Be proud of your heritage but know the reality

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Fujimori and the 'hostage watch' (4)

On the eve of Canada's first-ever summit meeting of President Fujimori and Japan's Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, 72 diplomats and business executives now remain captive at the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Lima. George Wajiki of the Washington D.C. JACL supplied the bulk of the clippings, saving us considerable time and expense in the process. The P.C. digest of the Hostage Crisis continues. — Harry K. Honda, editor emeritus.

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 Palermo told reporters the meeting was to evaluate the strategy to deal with the crisis, since Japan has been on the sidelines. As 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 emphasized today that the hostages are still receiving the care and attention they need, that Red Cross physicians visit twice a day, but Red Cross workers are not conducting the medical care. The Red Cross, as they had been since almost the beginning of the crisis.

On Thursday, Jan. 30, (Day 45), in Tokyo, Prime Minister Hashimoto reported to the Diet legislative committee that he was going to "try to find a way that would be caving in to terrorism," according to Reuters News Agency. Some government officials, however, said he would pursue Fujimori to consider at least discussing the rebels' principal demand that their jailed comrades be released before any hostages are released. As Hashimoto battles the woes of a declining financial stock market at home, the meeting in Canada with Fujimori has appeared to be a balancing act to strengthen his political stance.

About the meeting, Peru's Fujimori, in an interview appearing in the Argentine newspaper *Clarín* today, said "we are going to do everything possible ... but if a hostage were to die for whatever cause, the situation changes and we would consider as other options." Peruvian government officials insisted Fujimori is not going to Canada to apologize for what some said were provocative political tactics.

Foreign diplomats in Lima said it was time for a face-to-face meeting between the two leaders. One Japanese official registered the two had agreed at the outset of the crisis to meet if it came to a critical juncture. President Fujimori, accompanied by Canadian Ambassador Anthony Vincent — one of the first hostages to be released to initiate talks with the Peruvian government — left Lima tonight around midnight.

On Friday, Jan. 31 (Day 46) in Tokyo, before departing for Canada Prime Minister Hashimoto said he would not demand Peru apologize for its stepped-up police activity at the Japanese Embassy compound. Japan will never demand an apology from the Peruvian government, which has been making utmost efforts to secure the safe release of all hostages," as Teruaki Liens of Reuters News Agency reported, even though the exercises have unnerved Japan, which fears the guerrillas may lose their patience and take their anger out on the hostages.

Day 47—Sat., Feb. 1 Fujimori and Hashimoto meet in Toronto.

President Fujimori and Prime Minister Hashimoto arrived yesterday in Toronto amid a swirl of steady snow and heavy security. Wherever the multi-car motor entourage went, traffic was parted. The *Toronto Sun* reported the party of President Fujimori, his son Kenji and Peruvian officials, accompanied by an army of well-equipped security officers, stopped by Yorkville's Lox, Stock and Bagel in the Metro for a quick lunch Friday. The president ordered well-done liver and fries, washed down by Cabernet-Sauvignon. The party of 24 laid out U.S. cash for their bill of \$1,616.31, including taxes and a 15% service charge (or \$67 per person).

Hundreds of foreign officials and reporters were present for Canada's first-ever summit of this magnitude. The talks were held at the downtown Sheraton Centre, the surroundings having been combed by bomb-sniffing dogs and five-star rated Canadian security officials posted inside and outside the hotel centre. Police snipers were on the rooftop. The summit talks, scheduled for two hours in the morning, lasted 90 minutes. They were followed by a news conference and lunch with Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

In a joint statement outlining their approach released at the news conference, Fujimori and Hashimoto stated: (1) They hoped a preliminary dialogue between the Tupac Amaru rebels and Domingo Palermo, the government envoy in the crisis, would begin soon and lay the groundwork for more formal discussions. (2) Both hoped direct talks would bring a peaceful solution. (3) They acknowledged the crisis could be resolved by allowing the hostage-takers safe passage to a third country, possibly Cuba. (4) Both agreed there should be no caving in to the hostage-takers' demand for release of 400 jailed Tupac Amaru rebels. (5) Both commended Canada for hosting the Toronto talks and for its role behind the scenes. (6) Both agreed that Japan's ambassador to Mexico, Teruaki Terada, who has been in Lima since the crisis began, will be an observer on the Com-

mission of Guaranter.

At the news conference, Hashimoto said that in the informal talks Friday evening with Fujimori and during the formal session Saturday they had discussed "all possible cases" of sending the hostage-takers to a third country. But he refused to divulge the contents of the discussions: "Doing so would not help the dialogue to take place in the days ahead." Hashimoto described the talks as "a frank exchange of views."

Fujimori pledged to restrain from using force to end the standoff, as long as none of the hostages are hurt or suffer ill health. "It's extremely important to ensure that all the hostages are healthy," Fujimori said that while Peruvian armed forces will remain outside the Residence, there will be no repeat of the provocations that triggered the shootout last week with soldiers blaming music and hosting led gestures at the rebels. Peru agreed to begin direct negotiations with the rebels using "Canadian diplomat Anthony Vincent as a pipeline for discussions" in a preliminary dialogue.

Their news conference was broadcast and carried live on Japan TV and Peruvian radio.

Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani was the lone "outsider" observer to attend the summit talks. Ambassador Vincent was called in at the end of the meeting and introduced to the Japanese prime minister. Hashimoto was leaving today to report Monday at the Diet session. Fujimori also left Saturday evening to be in Washington Sunday and Monday to thank the United States for its support in the early stages of the crisis.

At Ottawa, in a Saturday night interview, Canadian Ambassador to Peru Anthony Vincent said Cuba isn't the only prospective country of asylum—that Guatemala or Costa Rica were possibilities. He said Fujimori has never discussed releasing the rebel prisoners but he is open to improving prison conditions and allowing foreign observers at trials. Calling the rebels "Amuristas," Vincent couldn't emphasize enough the "miracle of these 72 people living under that sort of pressure without serious incident. Credit for that goes to the hostages, to the Amuristas. They've both shown restraint as has the Peruvian government."

A career foreign minister, Vincent was special adviser on terrorism and security before heading to Lima in 1994. His wife and their daughter are still in Lima and he telephoned his wife to learn, from news reports, of the rebel reaction to the Saturday morning summit. In Lima, rebel leader Nestor Cerna quickly responded by two-way radio with journalists that the guerrillas "will not back down" and abandon their jailed colleagues. "So, whatever option that the government wants to take, it should go ahead and take now, whatever option."

Former Peruvian ambassador to Japan Carlos Alberto Irgoyen, who was a hostage for five days, thought it would be difficult for talks to begin. As long as the hostages are unharmed, Japan will not interfere with Fujimori's strategy. "The idea is to tire the adversary. After all, Cerna is a hostage, too."

Meanwhile, police maneuvers Sunday morning were subdued. One armored troop carrier patrolled outside the Residence; police refrained from blaring music but drowned out the rebels' anthems and shouts with sirens amplified through the huge speakers set up outside the compound.

In Washington, President Fujimori, interviewed late Saturday by the Washington Post, provided details into the private talks with the rebels in which they agreed

that freeing jailed Tupac Amaru rebels would not be on the table when the time came for serious negotiations.

Day 48—Mon., Feb. 3 Fujimori in Washington, has Clinton's support.

It was a hastily arranged meeting at the White House where President Clinton, Vice President Gore and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright met with President Fujimori Monday morning. Only print media photographers were allowed to record the start of the 20-minute meeting. CNN was barred to ensure they wouldn't show it worldwide because of the original and repeated State Department's counter-terrorism advice against Clinton doing anything that would heighten the public profile of the crisis. Clinton had also stated days earlier he would not be meeting with Fujimori. His decision to break with his advisers and offer his first open praise of Fujimori's handling of the crisis stemmed from the progress in Toronto.

White House spokesman David Johnson reported the President told Fujimori "he was skillfully walking a very fine line ... between resolving this crisis peacefully without giving in to terror. That it was a hard line to walk but it's the right one."

In the news conference after their meeting, Fujimori said he was aware of the rebels' denial of retreating from their key demand that jailed guerrillas must be released first before the hostages. Fujimori explained: "The MRTA has two positions, one in public and the other in private."

While Peruvian officials had not expected a White House visit "every time our president was in low spirits because it was an 'inconvenience,' privately they were grateful that Clinton extended the invitation Sunday morning, saying that back-to-back meetings with leaders of Japan and the United States—two of the most important countries to Peru's economy—can only help with public opinion in Peru."

Of his White House meeting, Fujimori said Clinton expressed his continued support "to our strategy to deal with the terrorists," and they discussed other issues including the narco-trafficking and the fight against cocaine production in Peru.

At the National Press Club appearance, Fujimori said release of even a single Tupac Amaru rebel from prison to end the seven-week-old hostage crisis was "out of the question," and denied the "whole world supports our strategy." This is important for America, for the world, "because these kinds of crimes cannot be accepted." Virtually all Latin American leaders have applauded his strategy. Fujimori alternately used the terms, "delinquents" and "terrorists." He reviewed the elements of the Toronto summit talk over the weekend, promising Hashimoto he would not use "direct methods"—meaning force—to end the crisis. When asked about the Lon Berenson case after his speech, Fujimori said, "To the American people, I want to say that Tupac Amaru is a terrorist group ... and she declared that she belonged" to the rebel group.

Fujimori later met with Organization of American States Secretary General Cesar Gaviria, OAS President Flavio Espinal, and other officials from member nations. Fujimori said, "Peru has paid too high a price to impose law and order to throw it all overboard and give in to the extortion of a gaggle of human rights violators," as noted by Christina Pina-Marina in USA Today.

To be concluded.



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CHILE ACCEPTS—Takeshi Asahi (left) and Anei Takeda from Santiago, Chile, accept the challenge to host the 1999 PANA Convention, standing here with "El Testimonio," the frame bearing 11 flags of the PANA nations which the late Col. Ellison Onizuka, the Sansei U.S. astronaut, carried into space on his first mission on the *Discovery* in January 1985. Photo of the blast-off picture, the NASA insignia of the astronauts and certificate signed by Onizuka [1946-86] complete the frame.



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MEXICO'S ISSEI MEMORIAL—A prominent addition of four white kiosks in the Japanese garden at Mexico City's Kalkan, the Japanese cultural and community center, commemorates the 100th anniversary of Japanese immigration to Mexico. Prime Minister Aishino, second son of Emperor Akihito, and Mexico's president, Dr. Ernesto Zedillo, assisted at the dedication held May 12. Each kiosk has four panels with 10 metal plates inscribed with names of the Issei, beginning with those who landed in 1897 and established Colonia Ensenada in the state of Chiapas.

1000 Clubbers to frolic at Jackpot for its festive 50th

By HARRY K. HONDA

Editor emeritus

Except for any last-minute changes in the program, the 50th anniversary celebration of the JACL 1000 Club is all set, Oct. 9-12, at Cactus Pete's in Jackpot, Nevada.

The 1000 Club was founded during the IDC convention meeting over the Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 28-30, 1947, at Idaho Falls. Shake Ushio of Salt Lake was IDC chair. For those who didn't bowl, air excursions to Yellowstone National Park were offered. Lt. S. Koyama (now of Spokane) provided the screening of *Shina no Yoru* at the theater; national board members were whisked to speak at local service clubs and on local radio KIFI; and Eke Inouye emceed the opening ceremonies at Idaho Falls Senior High School auditorium. Over 400 attended the Sayonara banquet at the Armory. National president Hito Okada installed the officers. Ken Uchida of Ogden was elected IDC chair.

Special recognition will be paid at the 50th to the twelve 1000 Club "founders" of 1947 (the first four are still living)—Joe Saito, Ontario, Ore.; Ken Uchida, Ogden; Edson Fujii, Weiser, Idaho; Dr. Yoshiyoshi Togasaki, Lafayette, Calif.; Hito Okada (the "father" of the 1000 Club); George J. Inagaki, James Watanabe (of Ontario), William Enomoto, Masao W. Satow, Mike M. Masakawa, Saburo Kido and George Mochizuki. They were the JACLers who heartily contributed "25-times" over regular JACL dues, then \$1 per year.

While regular dues doubled to \$2 in 1949, the "25-times" ratio for 1000ers did not. Times were hard so Headquarters was then billing 1000ers quarterly: \$10-55-5.

The first 1000 Club whing-ding during the Salt Lake national convention in 1948 was open to 1000ers "only" and was where the Order of the Tie and Garter originated—the men sported a bow tie or had their long ties snipped in half, the women lifted their skirt to show their garter. (Women who were forewarned had slipped the garter around their ankle.) Such high jinx have since been forgotten but not the fun and frolic, recalled IDC governor Hid Hasegawa. "But fun still reigns and will be a main proposition [including the bow tie and garter?] for the 50th anniversary," he says.

The first pitch that followed the founding went like this: "JACL needs 998 more. Why not be next?" Five years passed before the 1,000th 1000 Club member was enrolled as a Life member in 1954—George Ota of Puyallup Valley—while actual strength was under 700. It was in 1958 when Robert Fuyume of Seabrook was hailed as the 1,000th member that actual strength was 1,000. The JACL 1000 Club, from the outset, welcomed lesser non-citizens to its fold as members.

Intent of the 1000 Club was to help carry the burden of financing National programs and Headquarters operations: a thousand local members each contributing \$25 a year. With compliments of Headquarters, 1000ers received the *Pacific Citizen*, then \$3 per year. (Note: JACL membership dues began to include the P.C. from 1961.)

With a one-time \$250 lump-sum contribution, the category of JACL life membership was instituted in 1951 by then-1000 Club chair Inagaki. Life memberships were boosted by the National Council to \$500 in 1958. Their life membership contributions were eventually dissipated until the 1000 Club Life Trust was established in 1982.

A number of charter \$250 Life members will also be honored, especially the group of Idaho Fall JACLers. Through 1958, there were 60 Life members; the one-time contribution after 1958 doubled to \$500.

Under the *nom-de-plume* "Callahan," George Inagaki penned the 1000 Club column in the JACL monthly *Reporter*, correcting for JACLers that membership was not \$25 a month (as Ed Ennis of New

York insisted) or \$1,000 a year (as fantastic the notion was, "not that it ain't worth it.") It also appears the \$25 dues came up in a smoke-filled room, "after a half a dozen of Sab Kido's nickel cigars and a dozen packs of cigarettes had gone up..."

By the time of the 1948 convention, there were 1000 Club district chairs: Al Funabashi (New York), Randolph Sakada (Chicago), George Furuta (Denver), Joe Saito (IDC), Mits Uyeta, Tad Hachiya (Salt Lake), Harry Kita (Salinas) and Yoshio Nakaji (PSW-Santa Barbara). Callahan notes charter 1000ers were excused from chapter dues during his time.

The national 1000 Club chair wore a black derby hat signifying his office and used it to crown his successor at a convention whing-ding. It was last seen ("moth-eaten") in 1960 at Sacramento when Bill Matsumoto was installed as chair.

Longtime Intermountain District governor Hid Hasegawa of Idaho Falls, announced the following program and principals for the 50th:

Thursday, Oct. 9—Minidoka Camp site tour; \$5 bus fee (Pocatello-Bacidor Chapter); Informal Mixer (Idaho Falls Chapter); Hospitality room for early arrivals.

Friday, Oct. 10—Slot and Keno Tournament registration (Cactus Pete); 50th Anniversary Mixer (Dr. Frank Sakamoto, onetime National JACL 1000 Club chair, emcee, hosted by Cactus Pete's). There is a small "buy-in-charge" for slot and keno tournament prizes.

Oct. 10-11—1000 Club golf tournament: Friday—Two-person best ball, practice and qualifying round. Saturday—Tournament rounds. (\$60 fee includes green, cart for both days and prizes).

Saturday, Oct. 11—Slot and Keno Tournament; 50th Anniversary banquet-buffet (IDC Governor Yas Tokita, emcee; the program, three Utah JACL Chapters). All tournament prizes to be awarded at the banquet.

Sunday, Oct. 12—Buffet breakfast.

Jackpot sits this side of the Idaho state border on US 93 about 40 miles below Twin Falls. The Minidoka WRA campsite is about 15 miles northeast of Twin Falls. Computer air service connects Twin Falls with Salt Lake City and Boise.

IDC treasurer Seichi Hayashida, 231 Lone Star Rd., Nampa, ID 83651 (208/466-7226) is taking reunion registration at \$55 per person (includes Friday mixer, banquet, breakfast buffet and souvenir booklet). To ascertain an early count, registrations for golfers and reunion attendees by Sept. 15 are expected. Golf fees are payable at the Cactus Pete's golf course; Floyd Mori, Mt. Olympus, is golf chair.

Hayashida is also souvenir booklet chair. Rates for greetings begin at \$27.50 per one-eighth page to \$200 full-page. Deadline is Sept. 15.

Room reservations at Cactus Pete's Diamond Peak Tower at the JACL reunion rate of \$58 per night should be made by Sept. 15 (800/821-1103). JACL has blocked 100 rooms. ■



YE EDITOR'S FAVORITE—Little did P.C. editor, who took this photo at the 1950 JACL convention whing-ding in Chicago of the late Gladys Ishida smiling and traipsing across the room in this early-era "Atlantic City beach attire," know she was preparing for her Ph.D. at the University of Michigan. She and her late husband Dr. Greg Stone constructed the first questionnaire used by the JACL Japanese American Research Project for its Issei survey in the 1960s. The unknown gentleman (seated) wears the "regulation" bow tie.



1952 CONVENTION WHING-DING—Paper plate-derby hats prevail at the Convention whing-ding at San Francisco as Harold Gordon (standing in middle) strums his ukulele while three Southern Californians wearing dark glasses sing "Shina no Yoru," a whing-ding favorite. Looking on are Alice Shigematsu of San Francisco (seated at left) and Min Yasui puffing a cigar (at the next table).

JACL-LEC Motions & actions from National Board Meeting in San Francisco

(Continued from page 1)

Vote: carried (unanimous)

4. Redress

Made by Lori Fujimoto; seconded by David Hayashi

Motion: To accept the recommendations (see below) to develop a strategy to address the outstanding redress issues.

Recommendation: To formulate a well-thought out campaign for the 1990s, we recommend the establishment of a Redress Strategy Committee composed of select JACL National Board members, staff members, JACL-LEC members, grassroots members and community activists familiar with redress.

The duties of the strategy committee:

- 1) Evaluate each outstanding redress category and clearly define the scope of each category.
- 2) Map out what options exist for resolution and make recommendations on the best option or course of action to pursue.
- 3) Estimate the amount of funds required and suggest what staff resources will be called upon.
- 4) Suggest a timeline for this campaign to be implemented among the organization's 112 chapters.

What's needed to set the redress campaign in motion:

- 1) A National Board motion to establish a Redress Strategy Committee, that would be composed of a maximum of 15 members.
- 2) Names of potential committee members submitted by the District Governors to the National Director by September 15, 1997.
- 3) A National Board resolution to authorize money for this committee to meet via teleconference prior to the November National JACL Board meeting.
- 4) To set a deadline (November National Board meeting) by which the Redress Strategy Committee shall meet, complete its work and have its recommendations ready.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

5. Kao Killing

Made by Alan Nishi; seconded by Lori Fujimoto

Motion: That the National Board of the JACL join the efforts of the NCWNPDC to get the Kao Police Shooting case in Rohnert Park, Calif. reviewed by a higher governmental office in the form of a letter to the Office of the U.S. Attorney General, Department of Justice, requesting a complete and thorough investigation of this case.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

6. CLPEF

Made by David Hayashi; seconded by Lori Fujimoto

Motion: To authorize the signing of the CLPEF proposal to national JACL pending legal counsel approval.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

7. Membership payment by credit card

Made by Yas Tokita; seconded by Grace Kimoto

Motion: To have a study on membership by credit card ready for presentation by the November Board meeting.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

8. Scholarships and awards

Made by Gary Mayeda; seconded by Ronald Katsuyama

Motion: To accept the scholarship report and its recommendations

Goals:

- 1) A campaign to increase the dollar amounts of currently offered scholarships so that all award amounts are increased to at least \$2,500, ideally to \$5,000 and above.
- 2) Offer more awards based on financial need.
- 3) Offer additional awards in the creative and performing arts fields.
- 4) Establish new scholarships with fields of emphasis not in the medical, legal, or other science categories.
- 5) Redefine the current scholarship selection process.

Recommendations: To establish a committee to investigate and further develop the above ideas and the scholarship program as a whole. This committee should be filed by board members, but also

by JACL members at large with the appropriate interest and experience. Committee members with outside experience in education, fund development, the arts and long-term planning would be ideal. This committee would (at minimum) work to raise the level of the scholarship endowment, recruit new donors and develop award preferences based on the current needs of Japanese American students.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

9. Legacy Fund Grants Program

Made by Tom Kometani; seconded by Grace Kimoto

Motion: A portion of the Legacy Fund Earnings from the 10 percent which is designated for the Grants Program be utilized to cover the expenses of the evaluation committee for 1997, subject to review by legal counsel.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

10. Planned Giving

Made by David Hayashi; seconded by Gary Mayeda

Motion: That the Board, in concept, support the plan to identify special "gifts" to donors pending review of the budget by the finance committee, i.e. JACL pins, books etc.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

11. Annual Report

Made by David Hayashi; seconded by Alan Nishi

Motion: To authorize the "go-ahead" with the annual report.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

12. Legacy Fund

Made by Terry Yamada; seconded by Tom Kometani

Motion: To approve the major donors plaque program and the donor registry, utilizing the \$15,000 which had been previously approved by the National Board.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

13. E-mail

Made by Yas Tokita; seconded by Tom Kometani

Motion: That district governor's request e-mail addresses from chapters, supply the same for themselves and district officers, compile a directory for their district, provide those without access to the Internet with information on hardware needs and software, and encourage all chapters to be "on-line," by the end of 1998.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

14. Youth/Student leadership conference

Made by Hiromi Ueha; seconded by Lori Fujimoto

Motion: That the Board approve, in concept, the development of a leadership conference for youth and students.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

15. Reimbursement

Made by Gary Mayeda; seconded by Karen-Liane Shiba

Motion: Move that the JACL reimburse the national youth/student chair and rep. for their expenses incurred at the Tri-District Conference in Chicago not to exceed \$300 total for both individuals.

Comments: Spoke with Clyde Izumi (business manager). He can suggest what line item it can come from.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

16. Treasurer's report

Made by Alan Nishi; seconded by Tom Kometani

Motion: Receive and file Treasurer's Report.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

17. 1996-1995 financial statements

Made by Alan Nishi; seconded by David Hayashi

Motion: To accept the FYE 12-31-96 and 12-31-95 draft financial statements subject to final approval of the Audit Committee.

Vote: carried (unanimous)

JACL's auditor, Deloitte and Touche, has submitted a final audit for 1995-96. Once the audit has been reviewed and approved by the National Board, the information will be published.

18. Time limitations

Made by Karen-Liane Shiba; seconded by David Kawamoto

Very Truly Yours

By Harry Honda

'Almost McCarthy, not quite Manzanar'

THAT'S a most intriguing column head over comments by the publisher of the *Downtown News*, a weekly publication in the populous Los Angeles Civic Center, "Almost McCarthy, not quite Manzanar," when it deals with the "D.A. and the Grand Jury [wanting] to know what you did at each stage of your life and whether it was subversive including—and this is a real-life example—before you were 17." Any headline in the non-Nikkei media with "Manzanar" or the name of any other WRA camp can grab our attention in a flash. The sub-head reads: "America has difficulty learning its lessons."

Publisher Sue Laris-Eastin, who started this paper in the 1970s on a shoe-string budget, keeps us abreast with inside-style news of the Civic Center—Little Tokyo included, as well as Chinatown and Olvera Street, the cultural heart of the Mexicans.

"Imagine that you paid money for what might be a once-in-a-lifetime experience—the chance to go to a party with the Vice President of the United States. You might be able to shake his hand or get your picture taken with him. You love the United States so much you are excited by the honor." No doubt, any patriotic American would tend to support these opening lines of Laris-Eastin's opening comment. But where's the McCarthy or Manzanar connection? ... Read on!

"Your dream evening quickly turns into a personal nightmare. Before the person accused is even charged, you find yourself asked to explain your relationship with the accused and others who attended, many of whom you don't even know." There's the "McCarthy" touch. The 1954 hearings, incidentally, were the first congressional hearings being televised live.

"You are required by the District Attorney to provide your phone bills, both business and personal. Then you must appear before the Grand Jury to answer any and all questions. You must justify each phone call. Were all the people you called engaged in illegal activities?" her comments ask.

"Chinese Americans who attended a now-famous Hacienda Heights fundraiser are being interviewed by the District Attorney's office. They are providing endless documentation about their personal and business lives; they are answering probing (and sometimes asinine) questions before the Grand Jury....

"Worse still, their lives have been turned into turmoil—I can't sleep at night. Are they being persecuted? Will it continue? Will their reputations be tainted by something that may end up a cruel game of Washington politics? Will their children be treated badly in school? Can it get worse? Why is this happening to them?"

"It is also peculiar; none of their non-Asian friends have ever been questioned about their political donations." There's the "Manzanar" touch.... "It is devastating that Asian people are again under siege by ambitious politicians in the United States. It has been 50 years since we "protected" Japanese American citizens.... Asians are still a convenient scapegoat for opportunistic politicians who want to build their careers and apparently are not good enough to do so on real substance."

A front-page item, "Why Knot?" concerns the art wars at City Hall over the image of city hall as seen through the knot of Shinkichi Tajiri's sculpture "Friendship Knot," which many found attractive and "cool." But the higher-ups in the Cultural Affairs Department said it was "inappropriate" as a cover for the city hall publication.

The veteran graphic designer of 30 years in the Cultural Affairs department had featured Tajiri's Knot on the front cover of a booklet detailing how artists can compete for City grants. But it was rejected by the department director, the 9,000 copies were dumped—plus \$2,200 in reprinting costs for a new cover. The department director explained that the picture depicted city hall "as being tied up in knots." City Hall must be, I guess, for this to happen. ■

HEY, MAN—I THOUGHT YOU WERE DISENCHANTED WITH BASEBALL. WHY DID YOU TURN ON THE RADIO?

IT'S FUN LISTENING TO THE BROADCASTERS PRONOUNCE PLAYERS' NAMES LIKE SHIGE-TOSHI HASEGAWA, TAKASHI KASHIWADA AND HIDEKI IRABU.



HOW ABOUT THE WAY SOME PRONOUNCE ISAO AKO'S NAME ON THE GOLF SHOWS!

Letters

efforts to get the U.S. Department of Justice to review this case. As a civil rights organization, we must advocate efforts to uphold civil and human rights for everyone no matter how different they may look or act.

Carol Kawase
President
Sonoma County Chapter JACL

Personal Appeal

Hello, my name is Alan Kao. I have only three months left to live, according to my doctors. Only someone like you can save me. This is why:

I have leukemia, a cancer of the blood. The only known cure for this disease is a bone marrow transplant. To receive a transplant, I must find a tissue-matched donor. Because tissue type varies by ethnicity, my matching donor will most likely be found among people like myself, people of Asian descent—like you. So far, I have not found a matching donor.

This is why I am appealing to fellow Asians for your help. You and your friends can make the difference between life and death for me, as well as for others present and future who suffer from this cancer. It takes just fifteen minutes of your time, a simple blood test will determine if you are my match. Please help save my life by registering with your local marrow donor program.

My parents are immigrants from China and Taiwan, and I love them and my sister dearly. My family has pushed me to study hard at Harvard and to earn my Ph.D. at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. I am presently doing biomedical research at the University of California at San Francisco, a premier medical center which is also treating my leukemia. I am sad that my promising career is being prematurely terminated by a random disease. I am far more saddened by the possibility of being separated forever, in as little as three months, from my family, from my many friends, and from my dear Ako. And I wish more than anything to continue enjoying this blessing we call life. So please get your tissue typed, you might save a life.

Alan Kao
San Francisco

Asians in America may have their tissue typed by contacting:

Asian American Donor Program (AADP), 2363 Mariner Square Drive, Suite 241, Alameda, CA 94501, 1-800-593-6667, 510/523-3366, asamdonor@aol.com.

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Cammy Lee Leukemia Foundation, 37 St. Marks Place, Suite B, New York, NY 10003, 1-800/77-CAMMY, 212/460-5983, cllee@unl.com.

Buddhist Compassion Relief, Tzu Chi Foundation USA, 1000 S. Garfield Ave., Los Angeles, CA 91801, 626/281-9801 marrow hotline, buddhist.tzu.chi.free.clinic@worldnet.att.net.

A 'big first' for P.C.

Due to the financial success of the '96 JACL National Convention, we are extremely pleased to donate \$200 to the *Pacific Citizen* from the host Convention San Jose chapter.

We appreciated the outstanding publicity support the P.C. gave to the Convention, boosting attendance by JACLers. The publicity was a very important factor in the Convention's success. And without your help in reporting the progress as Convention events took shape, there would not have been the great enthusiasm from JACLers all over the country to attend.

After finalizing any outstanding debts and income owed to the Convention treasury, we are now in the process of making distributions to the National JACL and the NOWNP district chapters that assisted with planning and to local organizations which gave their support.

Thank you very much again for your tremendous assistance and the excellent coverage.

'96 JACL Nat'l Convention

Tom Shigemasa
Chairman,
Mark Kobayashi
Assistant Chairman,
San Jose JACL.

Indeed, this is a "big first" for P.C., receiving a contribution from a National JACL Convention committee. In the 40+ years here at the P.C., this kind of a contribution is unprecedented. It will be placed in our P.C. SAVE fund. Accordingly, the Pete Hirahara lithograph poster, "The Issue," shall be mailed to the San Jose JACL Office.—HKH.

Strawberry farm issue

Recently Nikkei strawberry growers in the central coast of California have been battering against the United Farm Workers who continue to push forward in a campaign to organize strawberry workers, not being aware of what it takes to run a farming business and not realizing some growers are already going through economic hardships.

Issue in question is focusing toward Tsukiji Farms. It is a great disappointment Nikkei organization like National JACL avoid stepping in and being supportive toward the right of the Nikkei farmers instead of burying their heads under the sand and ignoring the Nikkei issues. What else is new!

Bill Kashiwagi
Sacramento

Letting Mitarai know

I have just read the article by Rocky Kiyoshi Mitarai in the Voices column (P.C. July 18-31), and it saddens me to think that after the decades-long discrimination suffered by the Issei and the Nisei prior to World War II

and incarcerated during the war that some people of Japanese ancestry are oppressing those who are proud of their Japanese blood, be it half, quarter or less. Are these "oppressors" degenerating Japanese Americans? Maybe these oppressors have not experienced discrimination.

This letter is just to vent my feelings in public and also to let Rocky (and those in similar situations) know that I empathize with him.

Shigeki Hinatsuka
Tucson, Ariz.

Plus a gambling museum

Your paper helps me stay abreast of Asian-American events which I can then tie to local folks.

I noted with interest the list of California State parks (Aug. 1-14) with Asian American historical connections. Among my favorites, though not a state park, is the gambling museum and the entire community at Locke, Calif., in the Sacramento River Delta. I worry that this levee town on stilts will burn or fall down, with a great loss to history.

Sharon Nesbit
Gresham (Ore.) Outlook

'No' on use of 'Jap'

The use of "Jap" by etching it on the Nisei monument to be erected in Washington, D.C., only dignifies what General Dewitt told Congress (Frying Pan, 5-16/6-5 P.C.). For a Caucasian of prewar times, it may be conjectured the blurring of "Jap" was subdued, for the General could have used more debasing epithets. Nevertheless, the words etched in marble should clearly state "racial epithets were used" by the General, but expunge "Jap." Let us look for a Nisei monument that will be a dignified memorial of eternal repose.

Jean Kawasaka
Monterey Park, Calif.

Letters

Kung Kao case

As president of the Sonoma County Chapter, I feel compelled to respond to members who are concerned (Letters, July 18-31) that our chapter is supporting the Kao case without acknowledging the "facts." The Redwood Empire Chinese Association and our chapter do not deny that Mr. Kao was drunk and did not obey the officer's demands to put down his stick. But thinking that Mr. Kao deserved his fate is like saying that one is guilty until proven innocent. In our democratic society, the opposite is supposed to be true.

If this is NOT a racially sensitive issue, then why did the officers choose to describe Mr. Kao's behavior as "consistent with a ninja fighter?" "Ninja fighter" is a racial stereotype. Many community members are concerned that prejudice and stereotyping may have been deciding factors in the officer's use of excessive force. It also appears that the Rohnert Park police officers did not consider Mr. Kao's civil rights when they did not address his complaints of harassment by the bar patrons regarding his ethnic background.

There is a problem with accepting Sonoma County District Attorney Mike Mullins' ruling on blind faith. He justified his ruling with the Sonoma County Sheriff Department's investigative report. The Sonoma County Sheriff's Department cannot be an unbiased third party investigative team when their own department has paid out \$1.2 million in settlement claims in the past six years as a result of lawsuits for excessive force, misconduct, negligence and harassment. This amount far exceeds what any other Sonoma County law enforcement office has incurred. Sonoma County also has a higher incidence of police shootings compared to neighboring rural counties, all of which have been investigated by the Sheriff's Department and ruled justified. Both the officers involved in the shooting have been on probation for prior misconduct.

Before anyone can assume the position of judge and jury with 20/20 hindsight, all the "facts" need to be reevaluated by a higher officer.

Therefore, the Sonoma County Chapter supports the Redwood Empire Chinese Association's

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



Voice of a Sansei

BY AKEMI KAYLENG

A generation's passing

STEVE and I never had children of our own. But if we had, the oldest kid would be college age today. Steve remarked to me over dinner that it must really be quite an experience, to have fed and held this little thing, and now, that kid is holding a leadership position.

"I'll never know what kind of parent I would have been. Hopefully, I would have been a good one. But what's 'good?' Trying very hard to get them into Asian organizations? The answer, surprisingly, is no. I would not discourage them from joining ethnic community groups, but I wouldn't make a big thing of it, either. Instead, I would be very concerned about them as private individuals. As young people going through the developmental stages we all go through, regardless of race. I would want to give my own children what the older generation in my family and community never gave me."

I was one of those gifted child prodigies, the kind who started talking very young, using complicated sentence structures normally associated with a much older person. The kind who scored so high on standard aptitude tests the teachers were remarking about it. The kind who later in life would have older and better credentialed people saying, "Kid, I've been in the business twenty years, and I could not have done that."

To the Nisei generation, I was the glamorous star, and they were all too happy to be my fan club. They harbored bitter memories of rejection due to their accented English. I spoke more nicely than the average WASP. And I was Japanese! Vicariously, through me, that precious commodity, Anglo style speech, was theirs. And all the suppressed rage they felt towards their White tormentors came spewing out, as articulated thoughts better than Whites, beating those Anglos at their own game.

The problem was, that star-dusted glamour was in their eyes, not mine. I was far too young to comprehend what "racism" was. All I knew was they were expecting me to support them psychologically—through me, they would get self-esteem. They wanted me, a person who was not angry at White racism because I had never endured it, to fight their cause for them.

That's an awfully heavy trip to lay on a young child. I wasn't ready to take on responsibility for other people's feelings. I just wanted to be left alone, to take care of my own life. I felt they were a swarm of maggots crawling all over me, plucking my flesh and taking, taking, taking, while I was giving, giving, giving.

As I grew into young adulthood, this fan club abuse and exploitation problem got worse. There were whispered stories about something unspeakable which had happened years ago. Something called the internment. Something about the housing and employment discrimination of the 1950s. I was to fight for them. I was to go to college and do real well and then enter the workforce as an advocate of my people. *But Christ! I was just a kid! Goddamnit, what about me?* Everything was going to be for them! What about my feelings, my interests, my problems, as I was struggling to get my life established?

I remember laughing silently to myself, sadistic pleasure throbbing through me, laughing at the elderly Issei trapped in demeaning jobs, happy that the internment had occurred. That's the kind of rage one feels, when forced to take care of other people's lives, before one's own life is completely formed.

I abruptly broke off and left. I left not only my family, in a larger sense, I left the Asian community. For many years, I went through great efforts to avoid contacts with Asian persons or organizations. I had to take care of myself, to complete my developmental tasks. Before I take care of others, I have to take care of myself. I left, because if I didn't, I knew the fan club would destroy me.

Many years later, my feeling is very different. I voluntarily chose to come back, when the time was right for me. When I had finished resolving my own issues, and had something extra left after my own needs were met, something extra I could give away. I fully supported the Redress movement. Today I see a value in the Nisei generation. I want to push cultural diversity, to preserve aspects of a generation which will otherwise be lost to America forever.

I look at young people like Michelle Kwan and Kristi Yamaguchi, and I hope they aren't going through the pain I went through. We are asking them to represent us to the world, to push our cause as Asian Americans, to uplift our morale. But what are we doing, to address their own very normal and understandable issues, as young people?

We cannot expect the Yonsei to make our concerns their top priority. We cannot selfishly expect them to meet our agenda items. We must help them complete their developmental tasks, and hope they will choose to come back to us, when the time is right for them. ■

Akemi's a Sansei taught between the Nisei and the Yonsei.

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Remember, Nikkei in inland area were also affected by E.O. 9066

BY MICH I. WEGLYN

Redress for Railroad Nikkei
NEW YORK—On February 3, 1942, Secretary of War Stimson recorded in his diary: "If we base our evacuation upon the ground



of removing enemy aliens, it will not get rid of the Nikkei who are ... the more dangerous ones."

A transcribed phone conversation the very same day reveals John J. McCloy (of the War Department) assuring Gen. DeWitt: "... then we cover ourselves with the legal situation ... because in spite of the constitution you can eliminate from any ... place that is declared to be a military reservation ... any American citizen, and we could exclude everyone and then by a system of permits and licenses permitting those to come back into that area who were necessary to enable that area to function as a living community. Everyone but the Japs."

These and numerous other historical evidences severely implicate top policy makers with a racism verging on malevolence.

A close study of documents of the period leaves no doubt that, well before E.O. 9066 had been issued, policy planners were envisioning the use of the same Executive Order to maintain strict control over each and every Japanese living within the Western Defense Command, which included Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Arizona along with Oregon, Washington and California) and beyond.

Control over enemy aliens had initially been given to Attorney General Biddle by virtue of Presidential Proclamations issued on December 7th and 8th, which enabled him to specify areas considered strategic from which enemy aliens could be excluded.

Evidence exists that some enemy aliens, Issei and Nisei railroad workers included, had been fired during this period prior to the internment program initiated through E.O. 9066. But whether they were government officials who ordered or sanctioned the layoffs still remains problematical.

Much research is still needed before the reasons for these firings can be determined, and it is incumbent on the ORA to under-

take this in-depth search under the Freedom of Information Act. Curiously a Nikkei discharged from the Great Northern Railroad has received redress payment, while a fellow worker, though discharged with him on the same day, has sought in vain to be similarly redressed.

As for reasons as to how it came about that such a variety of individuals ended up suffering layoffs, exclusions and other loss of liberty, there is one telling document which is astonishing. It is a memorandum for the Provost Marshal General dated 2/4/42, in which the then-Chief of the Aliens Division of the PMGO, Col. Karl Benedictson (soon to head up the "Japanese Problem" in the Civil Affairs Division of the WDC) vents his hostility towards "Orientalism," especially the Nisei, and proposes a sweeping solution:

"In my judgment, the evacuation of only alien-Japanese from the Pacific Coast or from critical areas would accomplish little as a measure of safety ... A great majority of the males are old and ill. The Nisei ... have been indoctrinated with the filial piety which characterizes that race ... [and] by far the vast majority of those who have studied the Oriental assert that a substantial majority of Nisei bear allegiance to Japan ... are well controlled and disciplined by the enemy and at the proper time will engage in organized sabotage ... In the opinion of the undersigned a solution to the problem can be found only in a means whereby ... all persons with suspected subversive tendencies can be denied access to vital installations. Where any such persons reside ... near a zone dangerously close to any vital installation, they must be removed from such areas ... What courses are open?"

a) The designation of prohibited areas. This approach is now in the course of accomplishment [with reference to Biddle].

b) Designation of restricted areas. The Commanding General ... has also submitted recommendations for the ... areas from which alien enemies will be excluded except on pass or permit and will be subject to regulations, the right to remain may be enjoyed only by Italians and Germans is the message implicit here!...

c) The designation of military areas. The undersigned means the designation of islands surrounding all vital installations in the Western Defense Command [and subsequently elsewhere] from which all persons who do not have express permission to enter and remain, are excluded as a measure of military necessity. There is ample legal authority to sustain action of this character ... [The exclusion of all citizens from certain military areas due to military necessity ... is justified and ... emphasis provided].

d) Mass Evacuation. The California Congressional delegation supported by ... other Pacific Coast States ... [are] supporting mass evacuation. Some ... desire that all alien enemies be evacuated ... Still others ... would include ... all citizens of Japanese extraction. The third group desire the mass evacuation of all Japanese ... and the evacuation of only those German and Italian aliens enemies deemed dangerous ... It is the latter of the three ... that has the widest acceptance ... It undoubtedly is the safest course [since] ... you cannot distinguish or penetrate the Oriental thinking and as you cannot tell which ones are loyal and which ones are not ... [Mass evacuation is a course which, if followed, will largely relieve the necessity for eternal vigilance ... However, no one has justified fully the sheer military necessity for such action ... It is the recommendation of the undersigned that the course described ... be adopted as War Department policy and recommended to the President for accomplishment by Executive Order ... in the course of preparation and will be submitted should this recommendation be approved.

I cite the Stimson-McCloy-Benedictson quotes to show how blindly orchestrated and government-imposed were the unreasonable loss of liberty, based solely on ancestry, imposed on the Japanese ancestry throughout the war. Much of these government actions was masked, to the extent that John J. McCloy advised the State Department that "every effort is being made to handle the problem as a 'regional' one," i.e., merely a West Coast problem, and so it has remained to this day. It needs to be emphasized that Nikkei who were excluded from their homes in inland areas were prohibited from reentering, even to retrieve, sell or safeguard their life accumulations.

I believe these persecuted individuals are deserving of redress, because in being excluded, they were restricted, confined and forced to evacuate and relocate from prohibited military zones as a result of government orders, much as we on the West Coast were.

Some means surely can be found by the ORA, as happened for those who fell within the Caucasian spouse category, to show that a civilized nation does have the decency to offer an apology and to grant a modest monetary compensation to individuals made to suffer such enormous damages and deprivations, both material and intangible. ■

Michi Weglyn is author of "Years of Infamy" (1976).

University of Washington ethnic studies draws student protest

SEATTLE—Ethnic Studies program at the University of Washington this past year has been described as turbulent in the local press. It failed to attract a scholar from Cornell as department chair; the UW board of regents this past week (July 18) instead unanimously confirmed the appointment of Ana Mari Cauce, who is now director of the clinical training program.

The decision came despite students who disrupted the meeting, imploring the board not to confirm the department's new chairwoman. Protests also erupted in front of about 10 students outside the president's office prompted two committee meetings to adjourn.

There were also faculty openings, and a popular lecturer was dismissed.

"We're not going anywhere until we get something in writing from President Richard McCormick," Melissa Lin told the regents.

A senior, Pariseh Knox, told the regents, "The reason I come here is not to go out of procedure or create a situation more than has already been done. But the

American Ethnic Studies is dying on this campus."

The Ethnic Studies Students Association, which worked since fall to force a department change, sought three primary demands:

(1) the appointment of Johnella Butler as chairwoman, or at least to control curriculum and hiring. As chair in the early 1990s, she developed a graduate program that was put on hold after she stepped down;

(2) a tenure track position for the former lecturer, Connie So, and

(3) a firm commitment to quickly hire four or five faculty.

President McCormick responded, "We're not going to make personnel decisions based on student protests," but added Butler is considering an offer to become the department's director of undergraduate studies; that administrators are discussing a one-year appointment for Connie So in the History department and also promised to quickly fill faculty positions.

Kieu-Anh King, president of the Ethnic Studies Students Association, said, "We're very disappointed Dr. Cauce was approved."

Board of Regents president Dan Evans asked for a progress report in October.

[At the PNW-IDC Bi-District Conference, the three Asian Americans named in this story, Connie So, Kieu-Anh King and Melissa Lin, served as panelists for the workshop on Inter-Asian affairs. At UW, some of their points included: American Indians are a part of Asian/American ethnic studies; Hapa students are being helped in their self-identity and esteem through AA studies; "hypocrisy of the academy" is evident on campus.—HKH] ■

Fujioka new president of Pacific Vascular

SEATTLE—Keith Fujioka became president and chief executive officer of Pacific Vascular, announced in July. Fujioka until recently held the position of technical director.

Pacific Vascular operates laboratories in 15 Puget Sound area hospitals and clinics, using diagnostic ultrasound to prevent stroke and other complications of vascular disease. ■

TRI-DISTRICT

'JACL not a West Coast thing'

(Continued from page 4)

error David Kawamoto, who flew in from San Diego with his wife Carol, chair of the education committee, to attend the conference.

"In my district we're L.A.-centric and chapters are just a phone call away," he said. But because of the large distances between the various chapters in the MDC, EDC and MPDC "this Tri-District is a lot different from the other districts." But "it's important for them to get together and discuss issues," said Kawamoto. "I think it's important for JACL, as a national entity, for

these districts to stay strong that way...if we want to move forward nationally, politically, and legislatively."

"I feel an upbeat tempo from the membership," said President Kawagoe. "People are thinking positively about JACL."

"Young and old, we need to continue supporting JACL," she said. "I just feel so good that we're not struggling at the bottom. We've gotten up from the gutter and we're on our way." ■

P.C. Bookshelf

Traveling with the Jim Houstons

In the Ring of Fire: a Pacific Rim Journey.

By James D. Houston. Mercury House, 785 Market St., Suite 1500, San Francisco, CA 94103 (1997), paper, 221pp, notes, 6"x9", \$14.95.

If you like to read the Sunday travel stories of your newspaper, James Houston's *Ring of Fire—the Pacific Rim* will be an enjoyable read. We were hooked by his book from the outset with his foray into the night life of Fukuoka [where my parents came from] as he writes, "Half the street noise comes from pachinko parlors crowded with rows of machines that sound like forty cathedral organs gone haywire."

There are more exquisite expressions sailing throughout—of Houston's feeling for the Big Island (Hawaii), Indonesia (Java), Northern Marianas (Saipan and Tinian), Okinawa and Iwojima, and the drive away from his home base (Monterey-Salinas, Los Padres and Tassajara). Here's a sample line describing the Zen Center at Tassajara Canyon: "At this early hour the jays are quiet. Sistras spill from the zendo in low-voiced Japanese. When the voices fade behind me, there is only the creek."

For visitors to the Japanese American National Museum this summer who will be seeing sumo "U.S. style" in its *artificial* [I know, it's not in the dictionary] array, Houston's record of this national pastime of Japan while at Fukuoka for the November tourney can be a ticket to a meaningful afternoon.

Who knows, I may be seeing Jim Houston's by-line in a Sunday travel section. His travel partner is wife Jeanne Wakatsuki of *Farwell to Manzanar* fame.—HKH ■

America's 'melting pot'

A quarter-million Irish came in the year 1851, almost all of them settling in New York or Boston. So effortlessly did the Irish settle into urban life, we forget they came from rural stock.—Maldwyn Jones, *American Immigration*. ■

Addendum enriches 'JA in Utah' original

Japanese Americans in Utah (with Addendum): 100 Years 1896-1996.

Editor, design & layout by Ted Nagata. JA Centennial Committee, c/o National JACL Credit Union, P.O. Box 1821, Salt Lake City, UT 84110 (800/544-8828) (1997), hard, 296pp, photos, \$45, shipping included.

THE ADDENDUM of 30 pages features a pictorial review of the JA Centennial Celebration held in August 1996 at the Red Butte Canyon picnic and at the Hilton Hotel where over 800 celebrants, many of them—a veritable who's who of the Japanese Americans in Utah—smiling at the roving photographer.

The captioning of L.J. "Izzie" Wagner, a name which has graced the P.C. Holiday Issue all these years and the JACL 1000 Club honor roll as a charter life member, reveals he "grew up with Mike Masaka," a connection we happily discovered perusing the pages of the Addendum.

More pioneer Issei stories, submitted from family members, usher in the Addendum. Alice Shiba and Jeanette Misaka have weaved a chapter with brief bios and photos of the Utah JA educators. It supplements the other reviews in the first edition of JAs in sports, government, business, the arts, medicine, legal and accounting professions. Jeanne Konishi and Ted Nagata have profiled JAs in the media, government and some interesting occupations.

Remarkable in the photo review was the numbering and identifying many faces in several group pictures: Ogden Japanese Union Church (1931), Nisei Conference in Idaho (1939), and further identifying people in the Missoula internees reunion photo (1944).

The talent, dedication and spirit of the JAs in Utah are elegantly embodied in this detailed and very visual history of 100 years.

The first edition was sold out or completely distributed inside a few weeks. So it was a monumental decision to republish it with the Addendum.

It's a proper addition to our library.—HKH ■

What the activists say about Hawai'i

Autobiography of Protest in Hawai'i

By Robert H. Mast and Anne B. Mast. University of Hawaii Press, 2840 Kolo-walu St., Honolulu, HI 96822 (1997), paper, 450pp, index, 6"x9", \$19.95.

AS HAWAII moves from its economic base of agriculture to tourism, besides the military presence, this collection of oral histories of 35 activists in Hawai'i, some of them JAs, explores the current social fabric in a one-to-one fashion with the co-authors, now teaching in Pennsylvania. Each was asked about their upbringing, what shaped their moral and political lives, and then delves into the serious side of their lives. They were also asked for personal assessments of where Hawai'i is today and speculations about its future.

Seven areas are covered: Hawai'i Today, Land and Environment, Human Rights and Free Speech, Standards of Living in Housing, Health & Welfare, Women's Struggles, Organized Labor, and Sovereignty.

The co-authors, who have studied activists in action in four cities (Pittsburgh, London, Detroit and Atlanta) think the future of Hawai'i "could be shaped by the sovereignty movement," which incidentally gained the attention of JACLers at the last convention in San Jose.

They leave a question and a sign of hope: "And when that is achieved, will it reach out to other exploited and oppressed peoples as equals...? Our profound hope [is] that this will be the case."—HKH ■

442nd docu-drama premieres at Paramount

LOS ANGELES—Assistant Secretary of Defense Frederick Pang will keynote the screening of 442: *For the Future* at Paramount Studios on Aug. 23 as part of Nisei Week celebrations, according to Elyse Kukunoi, 310/265-9501.

Patricia Kinaga, executive producer of the film, announced CBS-TV news anchor Tria Toyota, will emcee the program, being co-sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, UCLA Asian Pacific Americans, Japanese American Bar Association, 100th/442nd Veterans Club and the 100/442/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation. ■

Utah J.A. Centennial forum photographic art show ready

SALT LAKE CITY—In 1996, Salt Lake JACL applied for and was approved for a Salt Lake County Centennial Grant. The project has been completed for public display on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center.

Salt Lake County Commissioner Randy Horuchi will moderate a panel on the "Japanese Americans of Utah," comprised of Mas Hamada, Ogden; Yukus Inuyue, Highland; Jeanette Misaka (formerly of Albert and Richfield), Haruko Moriyasu, both of Salt Lake City; Jim Tazoi, Garland; and Mas Yamada, Syracuse, each representing geographic areas in Utah where Japanese Americans

have historically been concentrated.

The JACL chapters, IDC and local Japanese churches are co-sponsoring a reception to follow.

The total collection of 70 photos was never publicly shown. "It would be a most appropriate time to publicize the historical production which is a consequence of the generous grant given by the Salt Lake County Centennial Committee," Judge Raymond Uno, declared.

Limited parking is available. RSVP by Aug. 25 with Alice Kasai 801/359-2902, National JACL Credit Union 801/355-8040, Yum Kojima 801/363-2487, Raymond Uno 801/355-0284. ■

Soka workshop on papermaking slated

CALABASAS, Calif.—Sei Hida, 32, a Santa Barbara abstract artist and environmentalist, leads a workshop on "Paper-Making with Recyclables" at the Soka University of America Botanical Research Center & Nursery on Saturday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m., 26800 N. Mulholland Highway. The event is free and open to the general public. Reservations are required: 818/878-3763.

Participants will learn how to make paper and create an "organic postcard" using empty milk cartons, and native plant fibers to dye and decorate the cards. Attendees are asked to bring their own empty half-gallon milk or juice cartons that have been soaked in water for at least 24 hours. ■

America's 'melting pot'

"Every immigrant who comes here should be required within five years to learn English or leave the country." (Theodore Roosevelt, 1918). In fact, almost all did except for the Chinese, Japanese and Koreans who were barred by law and the courts until 1952. ■

Japan entertainers to appear in Utah

OGDEN, Utah—Japanese Performing Group will be on stage at the famous Egyptian Theater here on Friday, August 22, 7:30 p.m., with the Wasatch Front North JACL and the Ogden Buddhist Temple as co-sponsors, it was announced by chapter president Marion Hori.

Program will consist of a dramatic play, "Yuzuru" (Evening Garden), presented by the Nonta Drama Performers from Japan, followed by classical dances of the Fujima Dance School and samisen numbers by the Mutsumi Group. The \$6 tickets are to pay for theater rental. ■

'Beyond Barbed Wire' to screen at Santa Monica

LOS ANGELES—The highly-acclaimed *Beyond Barbed Wire* (P.C. Aug. 1-14), with Nisei veterans relating their WWII experiences with the 100th, 442nd and MIS and how their Sansei relatives reacted, will be having a special two-day showing, Sept. 6 and 7, at 11 a.m., at Laemmle's Santa Monica Theater, it was announced this past week by Yukio Sumida, executive producer. ■

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West Valley JACL's Daruma Festival marking its 20th anniversary

BY PAM YOSHIDA

Special to the Pacific Citizen

SAN JOSE—What began as a fundraiser in the yard of the West Valley Japanese American Citizens League clubhouse has flourished into the 20th Daruma Festival, a cultural Nikkei party featuring food, fun and the arts.

Saturday, August 16, will mark this year's Daruma Festival. No longer confined to the grounds of the Clubhouse, it has moved across the street to the parking lot of the Saratoga Lanes Bowling Center, by Westgate Mall in San Jose.

Over the years, food booths with Japanese delicacies such as sushi, chicken teriyaki, tempura, yakisoba and udon, and several American favorites including strawberry shortcake, were added as well as a produce and cut flower market and performing arts. This year's performers include

the Akebono Dancing Group, Subaru band, the Emie Reyes karate demonstration and the San Jose Taiko.

The chapter's Next Generation group, which recently celebrated its fifth anniversary, has ushered in many new changes and additions to the festival, such as Japanese American arts, crafts and a children's craft area which appeals to a broad spectrum of the population. For the children's fun and games, it features face painting, spin art, fishing pond, sucker pull and T-shirt painting.

The 1997 festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., is free. Proceeds from the festival go to the WVJACL, Senior Club and the Next Generation.

The San Jose Mercury News and Communicator are proud sponsors of the 20th Daruma Festival. Co-chairpersons for this year's festival are John Kaku and Todd Yoshida. ■

An Asian sojourn includes visit of Beit Shalom in Kyoto

KYOTO—The Japan Christian Friends of Israel, a Protestant church group, has set up Beit Shalom (Houses of Peace) in Kyoto for free hostels in six Japanese cities, where Israelis and Diaspora Jews can enjoy lodging and breakfast. JCIFI was founded by the late Rev. Takeji Otsuki, or "Father Otsuki," after a divine vision he had in 1938 while serving as a clergyman in Manchuria.

Beit Shalom hospitality includes a video presentation on the hotel chain, a history of Father Otsuki and the JCIFI. Visitors experience a mixture of Japanese and Jewish cultures while they sleep on tatami mattresses and eat Israeli-style breakfasts, sometimes with kosher foods. The decor of the Beit Shalom church's sanctuary is that of a synagogue with menorahs and Hebrew inscriptions on the walls. Thus far 400 Israelis and Jews have enjoyed visits at Beit Shalom since its founding in 1971.

Father Otsuki's vision, which led him to found the JCIFI in

1946, was that of God telling him to pray for the independence of Israel, spiritual reconstruction of Israel, peace in Jerusalem, and for the coming of the Messiah. Afterwards he spoke out against the Nazi Germans and Japan's alliance with that party, and narrowly escaped arrest several times for it.

JCIFI was founded January 5, 1946, after the recovery of religious freedom in Japan. The JCIFI now has 102 churches and 10,000 members. The JCIFI not only handles the Beit Shalom lodgings but also:

- (1) has a world touring kimonos-clad choir which sings in Hebrew;
- (2) helped initiate a Bible study institute at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem that is named for Rev. Otsuki;
- (3) grants the Otsuki Peace Scholarship for Israeli students studying in Japan;
- (4) operates a seminary in Fukuyama city in Hiroshima-ken;
- (5) and operates the small Holocaust Education Center, also in Fukuyama.

The center is geared towards children and so far has hosted 20,000 children to learn about the Holocaust, the history of Israel, and Jewish culture. Its slogan is "small hands create peace."

Father Otsuki believed that Christians and Jews should work together and make friendships between Gentile and Jew to bring peace to the world. His vision continues to be carried forward by his son, president of the JCIFI, Rev. Masaru Otsuki.—by Donald Harrison, *Heritage* (Los Angeles). ■

Cincinnati JACler wins Distinguished Alumna Award

CINCINNATI—JACL chapter president, Marie Matsumoto is the recipient of the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing and Health "Distinguished Alumna Award." On May 17 she was recognized for her outstanding contributions to nursing and society.

Last year Marie retired from her long-term position as staff nurse at the Roseland-Condor School where she cared for the multiple needs of the special children there. For many years she also served older adults, holding a staff position at Hillebrand Nursing Center. During the recent floods, if her capacity as Red Cross nurse she was found in most communities affected.

Marie successfully reared three accomplished children, fostering in them knowledge and appreciation of their American Hawaiian Japanese ancestry.

When a call goes out for volunteers, Marie responds and by example stimulates others to join her. She can be found at the Hoxworth Blood Bank, the Free Store Health Center, the NCCJ diversity training program, Tall Stacks, Octoberfest and ushering at the Aronoff Center.

Ann Carson, Asst. Professor of Nursing at Miami University, introduced Marie for the award by saying, "She embodies the quiet determination of most nurses to make mini impacts on her clients, co-workers and the community. It is the force of her collective impact over the years that has made a difference. If only we could clone Marie and have her in all of our nursing classrooms. We could show students what nursing is all about—making a difference in the lives we touch. She is truly a very distinguished alumna!" ■

Sansei education professor heads UC Berkeley Alumni Association

BERKELEY, Calif.—Child development specialist Irene Miura, 56, is only the second woman and the first Asian to head the 85,000-member alumni association of the University of California, Berkeley, as of July 1.

She chairs the San Jose State Department of Child Development. Her most recent work focuses on how cognitive and language differences help shape the differing performances in mathematics between Asians and non-Asians.

"Asian" is not a term, Miura likes. "I have a real bias against the lumping of Asians together," she says. "I think you have to look at the immigration status of different peoples from Asia. The reasons that Chinese or Japanese or Koreans or Vietnamese came here, and the experiences each group has had in this country, make each of them very different groups," the Los Angeles-based Business Wire reported.

Miura does not set a different focus for the California Alumni Association during her presidency, despite the fact that she is its first Asian president and that the Asia population at UC Berkeley has grown to nearly 40 percent of the undergraduate body. "We certainly need to diversify our membership to match the changing composition of graduating classes. But I think the common theme has to remain love of the University."

Comparing the UCB campus of the 1950s with the '90s, Miura says:

"In my day on campus, assimilation was the model. You wanted to be like the mainstream. There were barriers to that when I was an undergraduate, but the more like the mainstream you were, the more you felt you had an identity."

"That has changed in recent generations of Cal graduates. You see a proliferation of ethnic clubs and special interest clubs among alumni. In the past, you were in an Asian club because that's where you felt most comfortable; now, you join such a club because you want to. I think the California Alumni Association, as we approach the 21st century, has

to be a place where everyone feels comfortable."

The Santa Cruz-born, Sansei and her family, the Takeis, were interned in Poston during WWII and returned to Santa Cruz, where she finished high school and graduated from UC Berkeley in 1960, majoring in child development and earning a teaching credential.

Miura moved to San Mateo where she and her husband Earl still live. After 12 years as a housewife, she began teaching at St. Matthews Episcopal Day School where her three children attended and returned to academia for her master's at the College of Notre Dame and doctorate at Stanford. She joined the child development program at San Jose State in '84 while finishing her dissertation on individual differences in computer interest and use. ■

JACL-LEC Motions & Actions

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Motion: Limit single item presentations to 15 minutes (not including questions and answers), with extensions granted upon majority vote of the National Board until the end of the biennium.

Vote: carried (unanimous)
19. Convention workshop topics Made by Gary Mayeda; seconded by Lori Fujimoto

Motion: To approve workshops: a) Chapter Presidents 200 (include membership information)

b) Internet 101
c) Making the Media Work for You
d) Youth Program Development

Vote: carried (unanimous) ■

Sequoia JACL holds scholarship night

PALO ALTO—Four Sequoia JACL scholarship awards were presented June 10 at the scholarship night at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple's Issei Hall. The recipients: \$700 High School Scholastic Award—

Leo Jasmine Warrens (Mountain View Academy), to major in engineering at UC Berkeley.

\$500 Community College Community Involvement Award—Anthony Santa Ana (De Anza College, Cupertino), intercultural studies major; plans to receive AA degree, continue as an Ethnic Studies major at a Social Work major; she strongly believes in volunteerism, solving social problems, and wants to remain active in the community.

Tomoko Shirai (Foothill College, Los Altos Hills), will receive her AA in sociology and transfer to UC Berkeley as a Social Work major; she strongly believes in volunteerism, solving social problems, and wants to remain active in the community.

Alicia Godinez (Foothill College) will receive her AA degree in Individual Studies/Biology and transfer this fall as an Environmental/Ecology major at CSU Humboldt; plans to find a career in this field.

On the scholarship selection committee were: High School—Harry and Syd Hatasaka (chair), Tetsu Sumida, Bruce Hori, Setsu Daiki; Foothill College—Mike Kaku (chair), Ismael Gonzales, Victoria Taketa; De Anza College—Mike Kaku (chair), Tom Izu, Duane Kubo, Elaine Otani.

Comments, questions or participation on this committee are welcome. Call Kaku at 427-0000, cuncy.fhda.edu or call Kaku 408-985-2747 or Hatasaka 415/493-8932. ■

Obon Festival reveals Buddhist temple website

WEST COVINA, Calif.—The summer weekends of July and August in Japanese communities—such as observed July 5 at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center—are Obon Festival times. "A kind of memorial day," it was explained the Rev. Motohiro Kiyo of the West Covina Buddhist Temple, and we should be grateful to all living things and our ancestors." He hoped the event attracts newcomers to the temple, some of them being Hispanic and Caucasian, adding he'd like African Americans as well.

To reach potential members, the temple has embraced cyberspace [http://www.livingdharma.org], a website which younger members have created that went on Internet in March under guidance of Peter Hata, a temple member and former guitarist for the musical group Hiroshima. "We've gotten a lot of e-mail from Buddhists all over the world," Hata said. "It's almost like a cyber community of Buddhists being formed." —San Gabriel Valley Tribune ■

www.jacl.org

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. ■

1997 ESCORTED TANAKA TOURS

TAUCK COLORADO NATIONAL PARKS (9 days)	SEP 4
EUROPEAN INTERLUDE (12 days)	SEP 9
MAUI GOLF HOLIDAY (8 days)	SEP 22
TENNESSEE/BRANSON/KENTUCKY (Shoji Tabuchi Show, 9 days)	SEP 13
EAST COAST/FALL FOLIAGE (discovery)	OCT 5
JAPAN AUTUMN ADVENTURE (11 days)	OCT 13
PRINCESS PANAMA CANAL CRUISE (Early Booking Discount, 10 days)	NOV 15
1998 ESCORTED TANAKA TOURS	
TAUCK STEAMBOAT & BELLINGRATH GARDENS (8 days)	MAR/APR
JAPAN SPRING ADVENTURE (A Takayama Festival, 12 days)	APR 11
TAUCK NEW MEXICO & LAS VEGAS (10 days)	MAY
CANADIAN ROCKIES/VICTORIA (8 days)	JUNE 10
TAUCK CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS (7 days)	JULY
PRINCESS ALASKA CRUISE (8 days)	AUG
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