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HIGHWAY SIGN TO MINIDOKA: Northeast of Twin Falls, Idaho, is a highway sign headlined "Hunt" (the post office name for the Minidoka WRA internment camp), the campsite on the 1000 Club 50th Anniversary Reunion program to be visited by bus from Cactus Pete's on Oct. 10. Sign reads: "Excluded from their West Coast homes by military authorities, more than 9,000 Japanese Americans occupied Hunt Relocation Camp four miles north of here between 1942 & 1945."

"Until they could resettle in other places, they lived in wartime tarpaper barracks in a dusty desert, where they helped meet a local farm labor crisis, planting and harvesting crops. Finally, a 1945 Supreme Court decision held that U.S. citizens no longer could be confined that way, and their camp became Idaho's largest ghost town." (See story: 1000 CLUB/page 11)

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Action Alert

National JACL alerts chapters to support railroad mining families' claim for redress

SAN FRANCISCO—National Headquarters has alerted all JACL chapters to support the Japanese American railroad and mining workers who have been denied redress by the Office of Redress Administration (ORA). The chapters were urged to participate in a letter-writing campaign to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, Dept. of Justice Appellate Division, Chief David Flynn, and ORA Administrator DeDe Greene, urging that the "benefit of the doubt" clause contained in the Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992 be exercised in the railroad/mining workers' claims for redress.

The Office of Redress Administration has noted that the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 defines awardees as individuals of Japanese ancestry who were deprived of liberty and property as a result of federal government action.

The key for railroad and mining workers rests upon whether the federal government or private companies were responsible for their being terminated and being deprived of liberty and property. The ORA contends the federal government played no part.

The JACL has pointed to General DeWitt's Proclamation No. 2, March 16, 1942, and Public Law 503, March 21, which excluded all persons of Japanese ancestry from the vicinity of railroad companies.

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Feb. 11, 1942, list shows 191 Japanese with Union Pacific Railroad

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

A Union Pacific Railroad Company list, dated Feb. 11, 1942, at Omaha, Neb., of 191 Japanese employees, their date of hire, job and work place, a portion of a cover letter from D.M. Jeffers, president of Union Pacific Railroad, addressed to the area Army commander, and a telegram from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to Jeffers have been furnished by Michi Weglyn to the Pacific Citizen.

The FBI telegram dispatched from Hoover to Jeffers, when the War Department and Justice Department were concerned about

Japanese railroad workers in the weeks after Pearl Harbor, stated:

"I communicated with the Attorney General immediately following my conversation with you today [Feb. 11, 1942] and he assured me he would call you by phone relative to the matter we discussed. I assume by this time he has contacted you.—John Edgar Hoover"

The Jeffers letter to the commanding general, 7th Army (Service) Command, refers to an opinion of a division superintendent for Union Pacific, who feared the presence of Japanese section foremen in charge of high-speed track "where

they are in a position to be (illegally) a very serious embarrassment," and he advised "to remove these Japanese from all jobs where they are in a position to make trouble."

"Before deciding to take this action," the Jeffers letter continued, "I talked with Mr. Hoover of the FBI and subsequently talked with Attorney General Biddle and both were advised of the action I propose taking. I was given to understand that they saw no objection."

The list of Japanese employees appeared on pages 40 to 44 of the document, one line per name by UPRR company division.

Nat'l JACL financial books show \$150,000 surplus

SAN FRANCISCO—"Overall it's a generally positive picture," said National Director Herbert Yamaniishi about JACL's finances at the national board meeting on Aug. 8-10. With the ever-changing stock market it's been a week-to-week novel," he said. "A mystery novel of what's going to happen next."

It looks like JACL will stay within the 1997 budget set up by the National Council largely because of vacancies in some staff positions, said Yamaniishi. As of the end of June, financial statements show that JACL has a surplus of more than \$150,000. But he also noted that if all the staff positions are filled, the line item for salary expenditures will exceed what was budgeted for in 1998.

JACL's investments have performed remarkably well due to the stock market's positive performance, said Yamaniishi. To date,

the market value of the organization's investments is more than \$8 million.

National Headquarters recently purchased a new accounting and fund-raising management program and is planning to convert to the new system by the end of October. Deloitte & Touche's completed audit for 1996 and '97 was presented to the National Board for review and, upon the board's approval and any necessary changes, the audit will be published.

"If everything works out on target we should be in good shape," said Yamaniishi of membership. So far, membership revenues are \$50,000 over the same period in 1996. Increases in membership dues and the actual number of members contributed to JACL's overall positive financial situation, he said.

"We're trying to reduce the over-

all error rate in membership," added Yamaniishi. Membership renewals are now going out on a regular schedule and chapters are receiving membership rosters on a monthly basis. The Kenrick database system has been purchased but before membership data can be entered, staff is ensuring that all errors in the old system are corrected.

The National Board needs to prioritize the various issues of the organization so staff members will be better able to implement the appropriate actions, said Yamaniishi. There needs to be a collaborative discussion so staff and board can better work together, he said.

JACL has the same number of programs as it has had in the past but there are now fewer staff members to implement them, said Yamaniishi. But "we've been managing."

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JACL Legacy Fund gets major bequest, \$79,626, from Gladys Ishida Stone estate

MINNEAPOLIS—The JACL Legacy Fund has received the largest bequest since its inception in July 1990 with settlement of the trust estate of the late Dr. Gladys Ishida Stone, who passed away on Dec. 20, 1994, in Minneapolis, where she was an active Twin Cities JACLer.

Legacy Fund chair Grace K. Uyehara of Medford, N.J., revealed this past week the amount was \$79,626 for JACL. "The JACL Legacy Fund and the Twin Cities Chapter are most

grateful for this major bequest," Uyehara noted, "which not only adds a large contribution to help the national organization but also provides funds to the Twin Cities chapter."

Other beneficiaries of the Gladys I. Stone trust included the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council's commemorative fund, St. Paul (Minn.) Family Service, and the three universities where she had earned her degrees: Chicago, Michigan, and Washington University

School of Business Administration.

Gladys was born in Modesto, Calif., in 1923, eldest of three children whose parents hail from Ota prefecture.

The Ishida family operated the 180-acre Winfield Orchards Co. farm in partnership with the family lawyer, who deeded the land to him.

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Calif. Prop. 209 now in force

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

Assistant Editor
SAN FRANCISCO—After almost a year of emotionally charged legal and ethical debating, Proposition 209, California's anti-affirmative action bill, is now a reality.

A three-judge panel of the Federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on Aug. 26 found that California had the right to enforce Prop. 209, denying the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and other groups' request to stop the measure from taking effect until they had a chance to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. In addition, the ACLU and others had asked for an appeal to a full 11-judge panel but that request was also denied.

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JACL's redress story awaits OK

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

Assistant Editor

ITS time to tell the story of JACL's significant role in the decade-long campaign for redress, said members of JACL's Legislative Education Committee (LEC) at the National Board meeting in San Francisco Aug. 8-10. "If there's any significant thing [JACL] has done after post-World War II, it's redress," said former national JACL president and LEC member Denny Yasuhara. "I think that if we're going to have an impact in the future, we have to make the legacy of the redress campaign an enduring story."

The JACL-LEC wants to tell that story in a documentary book to be used in various schools and libraries throughout the United States. Interviews with key persons from the redress campaign are to be conducted, historical documents collected and catalogued, and information posted on a website that has already been created. The LEC estimates that the entire project would cost \$266,050.

For more than ten years, JACL See REDRESS STORY/page 7

Calif. revokes license plates with 'JAP'

MISSION VIEJO, Calif.—A chance spotting of a racially insensitive term on a California license plate has led to the revoking of all plates bearing the initials "JAP," the Associated Press reports.

Richard Petty of Mission Viejo argued before the Department of Motor Vehicles on Aug. 26 that his license plate "RAPNJAP" was not meant to be offensive to anyone but spells out the initials of his wife, Robin Annett Petty, and his daughter.

Attorney Harvey Horikawa complained to the DMV that a Japanese American client who works as a police officer saw the license plate while on patrol. Albert Muratsuchi, a spokesman for the Japanese American Citizens

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chapters, which no other Asian American organization can match, is in a strong position to impact communities throughout the United States. But, heretofore, minimal funding did not provide support to establish programs such as JACL's Curriculum Guidelines in Education.

Gladys Ishida Stone, who believed in education—as attested by her personal background and involvement in adding to the knowledge of the Japanese American history—is an outstanding example of support for JACL's mission.

With three prior contributions totaling \$3,280 to the Legacy Fund during the campaign before she passed away, she bequeathed \$79,626.33. Another check of \$108.10 was received last month in the closing of the Ishida Stone Trust, making her total contribution to the Legacy Fund \$83,014.03.

In 1996 the JACL Legacy Fund will mount the Major Donor Plaque in the community board room at the Headquarters' building. The plaque will be placed on a free-form Chaco walnut root from California, which will be done by Mira Nakashima Yarnall of New Hope, Pa.

Mira, who worked with her fa-

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Grace K. Uyehara

Nebraska Division (9)—Section foremen Ben Maniwa, Schuyler, Neb. 2-24-12; J.F. Sencicha, Chapman, Neb. 7-9-15; C. Kubota, Ebert, Wyo. 2-16-21; positions at North Platte—bolismaker helpers: G. Wieda, 5-20-17; I. Okamoto, 3-27-20; laborers: G. Fugimoto, 9-21-15; C. Kumatai (Kumate?), 7-1-09; T.T. Okamoto, 10-18-31; coal chute foreman in Yoder, Wyo., M. Sato, Yoder, 1-25-16.

Wyoming Division (79)—Section foremen in Wyoming: C. Ota, Cheyenne, 6-11-08; T. Tada, Corlett, 4-19-12; J. Iwatsuki, Hermosa, 9-3-14; K. Kawabata, Laramie, 4-24-12; S. Yuta, Howell, Dec 10; H. Iwasaki, Wyoming, 8-13-12; K. Kanai, Bozler, 10-19-26; K. Kumagai, Ridge, 1-19-27; G. Miyamoto, Medicine Bow, 9-1-08; R.S. Noda, Ramsey, 8-19-22; C. Fujii, Hanna, 11-19-14; S. Fujinami, Park, 7-19-25; K. Makita, Dana, 8-19-06; T. Endow, Ft. Steele, 11-25-25; H. Muta, Rock Springs, 3-6-08; S. Kishiyama, Encampment, 9-26-21; N. See UNION PACIFIC/page 10

PSW's Sept. 20 gala



TORRANCE—The two Asian American legislators (above) in the California Assembly share honors as keynote speakers at JACL's Pacific Southwest District awards dinner on Sept. 20, 6 p.m. at the Torrance Marriott Hotel. Proceeds from the \$100 per plate go toward JACL youth programs. Corporate support includes

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Word from Herb

By Herb Yamanishi

National Director's Report,

March 21-August 1, 1997

Establish control of JACL finances

The current year budget projections indicate that we will stay within the budget set by National Council, largely due to the delay in filling staff vacancies. The 1997 year should also meet the objective of adding to the reserve fund if all projections hold true. In addition, unexpected funds from investments could resolve other budgetary needs for 1998 without reducing program activities.

At the time, the outlook for the 1998 budget is very tight. Expenditures for salaries will grow as all staff positions are filled. For the past two years, authorized staff positions have been left vacant. By filling all positions at their authorized levels, the line item for personnel costs will begin to exceed the budgeted amounts as salary adjustments are made and benefits increase due to seniority.

The 1995 and 1996 audits will be finalized upon final review by the Board of Directors at the August meeting.

Revenues to-date are exceeding projections, particularly in the area of membership. The budget passed by National Council anticipated a loss in membership as a consequence of the dues increase. While membership numbers have been going up and down the last three months, membership revenues are \$50,000 over the same period in 1996. The overall picture indicates that membership is getting back on board with JACL.

Expenditures generally remain consistent with budget projections with expenses slightly (2-3%) lower than expected for the period.

Investments have performed beyond anyone's expectations due largely to the general growth in the stock market. The total market value of JACL investments now exceeds \$8 million.

Internal Control implementation has been an ongoing process. Further internal controls will be established based on the recommendations of the 1995 Audit. In addition, a new accounting and fund-raising management program has been purchased. The preliminary plan is to convert to the new system by the end of October, 1997.

Membership

Reduce Overall Error Rate of Membership Function

Steps taken during this period to resolve error problems include:

- orienting new Membership Administrator to procedures and processes of membership;
- establishing routine schedules for membership renewal notices;
- began mailing monthly Chapter membership rosters;
- outsourcing the mailings to allow staff to spend more time on membership functions;
- training for Membership Administrator on the new Kenick program;
- developing plans for the conversion to the new Kenick program;
- reinforcing the monitoring of membership data; and
- assigning Membership Administrator to meet with chapters having the most problems in the Pacific Northwest District.

Staffing. There have been no changes at National Headquarters or field offices. The Pacific Citizen hired a full-time production assistant.

Establish a system of fairness and equity for staffing and benefits; salary adjustments have been offered to staff who appeared to be out of line with current salary ranges.

Programs

Program for Action—Be the leading Asian American civil and human rights organization.

(a) Promote equal opportunity in all aspects of American life. During the period, JACL adopted a new policy regarding the multiracial category for the U.S. Census.

Staff has been participating in a series of meetings with editorial boards of newspapers and news media.

Staff has been involved in the monitoring of hearings on campaign finance reform.

JACL is also studying the filing of an amicus for a member who believes they have been discriminated against.

JACL organized a meeting with UPS to discuss charges of discrimination.

(b) Advocate for programs designed to reduce or properly respond to anti-Asian bias and hate crimes. One meeting was held to discuss the formation of a network on hate crimes.

A budget has been prepared and authorized for the rewrite of JACL's "Walk with Pride."

(c) Advocate for history curricula and other resources, including the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF), devoted to public education of the Japanese American experience.

The CLPEF has offered an award of \$40,000 to the JACL to conduct teacher training workshops and \$25,000 to develop the history of redress. The latter is being rejected and it is recommended that the former be accepted.

The National Education Committee has been reorganized during this period and a draft strategic plan has been developed. Three separate meetings of the committee have been held.

Initial meetings and plans have been developed to get the trainers together to develop a common training curriculum.

(d) Promote fair and accurate portrayals of Japanese Americans and their community affairs in the media.

The responsibility for this has been assumed largely by the vice president for public affairs. JACL staff has been providing information and input regarding the response to the issues and has been involved in responding to the *National Review*. Staff has also met with two newspaper editorial boards and the director of the Democratic National Committee to lodge a protest about the way Asian Americans were being characterized, which subsequently leads to stereotyping stories in the media.

(e) Advocate for redress payments for every eligible person.

Staff has been assigned to assist in advertising the list of persons who have not been found.

In addition, JACL has met with the Japanese Latin Americans regarding the formation of a Northern California branch and assisted them in making contacts in Washington, D.C.

The JACL staff has also met with railroad workers to hear their issues and gathered information that could help to verify their case that they were dismissed because of official U.S. government action.

(f) Pursue other civil and human rights initiatives as determined by the National Board and National Director.

The Board authorized the study of adding a multiracial category to the U.S. census. The study concluded in a baseline policy position of the JACL. The position was sent to the media.

Promote the political empowerment of the Japanese American community to work for social justice and prevent the reoccurrence of our experiences with restricted immigration, discriminatory laws, and the World War II Internment experience.

(a) Promote leadership training activities in each district. Since the first of the year the JACL has conducted the Washington, D.C., Leadership Conference; a California Leadership conference; issued the call for applications for the Mike Masaoka fellowship (2 awards are to be given); and worked with the Youth Council to organize a National Youth Conference.

(b) Conduct voter education and registration activities. There has been no activity in this area since there has been no national general election for the period.

(c) Advocate for the political appointments of individuals supportive of the Japanese American community. National JACL supported Dennis Hayashi for the directorship of the civil rights enforcement section of the Justice Department. JACL also worked in coalition with a number of other organizations to urge the appointment of more Asian Americans to federal jobs.

(d) Pursue other political empowerment initiatives. Plans for the general empowerment have yet to be developed.

As the leading organization dedicated to promoting and preserving the cultural heritage and values of Japanese Americans.

(1) Develop aggressive membership recruiting campaigns at all levels. Staff has been working with the VP of Membership to develop the "Member-Get-A-Member" campaign.

Membership services are in the process of being analyzed and new membership services are being developed.

During this period a new membership brochure was also issued.

(2) Support efforts to teach current and future generations of Japanese Americans our community's history and culture. This effort is being handled largely through the National Education Committee. The goals and objectives of the Committee are in the process of being developed.

(3) Pursue other cultural initiatives. Staff has recommended that a fellowship award should be created to reinforce the development of cultural initiatives. Members of the Eastern District have offered to assist in this regard.

Other Programs

Ensure convention operational success

Staff has met with Convention Committee members once. The Convention Committee has also met with the VP for Operations. National JACL has provided formats for a budget and requested a schedule for the convention. Staff is currently reviewing the solicitations documents to ensure that the convention does not unwittingly permanently restrict donations.

Develop campaign to increase membership... especially among youth.

Discussions have been held with the Youth Council leadership. They are currently working on organizing another youth conference in conjunction with the National Convention, developing a new membership brochure, and planning for other activities to enhance and enlarge the youth membership.

Square shots at the National Board & Staff

P.C. PHOTOS



HELEN'S DUCK—Tom Kometani, EDC governor, and National President Helen Kawagoe pause before the Aug. 2-3 meeting of the JACL board and staff at Headquarters. The duck was supposed to go to a member who "gooted" up.



CHECKING THE NUMBERS—National treasurer-secretary David Hayashi (left) and Clyde Izumi, Headquarters staff, review sheets with columns of figures, a draft of the 1995-96 financial statement.



THE 'EVACUATION' PYRAMID—A design of photographs and commentaries is a permanent exhibit at JACL Headquarters. In front are Denny Yasuhara, immediate past national president, and Mae Takahashi, PC Editorial Board chair.



PRESIDENTS' WALL OF FAME—Photographs of past national JACL presidents grace the west wall of JACL Headquarters conference room. In front is Washington JACL representative Bob Sakaniwa.

Promote affordable, accessible health care for all people. JACL staff has met with both Blue Shield of California staff and staff of the JACL Health Trust. Because of the positive report from Blue Shield, it is recommended that investigation of a new health insurance carrier be put on hold until information can be received in October.

Develop program to respond to incidents of anti-Asian sentiment and hate crimes. See above Program for Action.

Promote awareness and pride... celebrate the unique culture and history of Americans of Japanese ancestry. See above Program for Action.

Improve the governance and administration of JACL.

Recommendations have been made to form a constitution and by-laws committee to review a number of governance issues.

Provide programs to meet... needs of aging... members. This is an ongoing study.

Encourage Japanese American involvement in... U.S./Japan relations. The USJR Committee has completed its policy statement and a draft strategic plan has been prepared. Staff is reviewing the plan.

Other

The National Director has been in negotiations with staff regarding salary adjustments.

The National Director also attended the two Tri-District Conferences, the Bi-District Conference, and the Youth Conference.

The National Director has been acting as the Webmaster for the JACL website and has been working with chapters to bring them on-line through an e-mail forwarding system.

A variety of other issues and activities have come up from time to time:

- request for an amicus brief of a discrimination case;
- handling an offer of sides of Japanese culture from the turn of the century through the wartime period;
- studying an offer of wartime documents offered by a former reporter in New Jersey;

• participation in a committee to organize a National Day of Remembrance in Washington, D.C., for February 19, 1998;

• assigned Bill Yoshino to develop an Annual Report;

• assigned staff and volunteers to organize JACL historical photos;

• met with the Audit Committee twice (once via teleconference) to review the audits for JACL;

• met with Ann Akabori and Hiroki Sugihara about their activities;

• met with Cheryl Tsutsumida regarding the JACL resolution supporting the National Memorial;

• discussed with board members of the LEC regarding the CLPEF application;

• represented JACL at Memorial Day services in Colma, CA;

• attended the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Annual Dinner in Washington, D.C., during Asian Pacific Heritage month;

• attended the CAPACI Annual Dinner;

• spoke at the Korean Conference regarding organizing a national organization for Koreans;

• participated in a Washington, D.C., Leadership Summit strategy planning session to form a national umbrella organization;

• attended a luncheon meeting of the Anti-Defamation League to discuss JACL;

• reviewed proposals for voice mail and met with vendors;

• provided information and research to 15 different individuals and organizations;

• worked with Doug Urata regarding retreat planning;

• participated in a public radio call-in show regarding the *National Review*;

• interviewed with *Asian Week* regarding the Vincent Chin murder;

• interviewed with the *New York Times* regarding apologies;

• interviewed with *USA Today* regarding Clinton's race initiative;

• reviewed and approved promotional materials regarding long-term care insurance program by Wohlers Insurance and rejected promotion of Cancer Insurance program; and

• took a 1-1/2-week vacation to move family from apartment to a house.

For the next issue: Hiroshi Ueha and Nicole Inouye's By the Board, comments on the recent Youth/Student Conference in Irvine, California.



East Wind

Bill Marutani

Time marches on

OVER THE YEARS in this column, I've fondly referred to a small Methodist college located in Mitchell, S.D., by name of Dakota Wesleyan University (DWU). Fondly because that college, its faculty and student body—and for that matter, the community of Mitchell—provided a warm mid-west haven for college students such as myself during the turbulent period of 1942 and the uprooting and confinement behind barbed wire, Tule Lake in my instance, of Nisei and their parents residing in the Pacific Coast states. Dear friend Tom Semba, who had enlisted me to go with him to DWU, and I were the first to go there from the camps. This was in the fall of 1942. Tom's brother-in-law, the Reverend Shigeo Tanabe, had recommended the college.

As a precaution, Tom and I found ourselves initially housed in the university president's home.

THE RECOMMENDATION by Reverend Tanabe panned out to be a good one as far as I was concerned. My exposure to academia has included several, as they say, "institutions of higher learning," state university (U. of Washington), religious affiliated (DWU, where chapel attendance every Wednesday was required), private (U. of Chicago, including its law school). Among these schools, DWU occupies a special warm spot. Both the faculty and the student body were "real folks," if you know what I mean. Nothing ostentatious, no put-ons, just naturally genuine. As for academic fare and faculty, DWU might not be rated with so-called "ivy schools," but at no point did I find its resources lacking in academic challenge. I found I had to apply myself and work at it. Hard.

IN THE SUCCEEDING academic terms a number of Nikkei enrollees from the internment camps arrived on campus. Among them: Blanche (Kimoto) Baier, M.D. (BS 1946); Irene (Matsumoto) Hoshiyama, BA (1945); Oliver Takachi (BA 1947); Fumiko Yamashita; Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi (BA 1947); Akira Yokomichi (BA 1948); Minoru Yoshida (BA 1947). Among these enrollees were several from Tule Lake.

Oh, me? I received my degree in 1950. (It takes some people longer to get a degree.)

OVER THE YEARS at these Nikkei affairs—be it a camp reunion, JACL conference, Nikkei veterans' gathering—our respective paths have sporadically crossed with some of my DWU cohorts. At DWU reunions, I've met Irene and Fred Hoshiyama, also at various JACL affairs. Akira Yokomichi, Min Yoshida and his wife, Mary (also at veterans' gathering in Minneapolis a few years back). I belatedly learned that Min had passed away a few months ago. Min was a very congenial soul who was well-loved on the DWU campus—as I'm sure he was elsewhere in his life's travels.

Corny as it may sound, it's true: *Tempus fugit.* ■

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

Hollywood

A section of orange groves located between Beverly Hills and downtown Los Angeles, it was laid out and named in 1886 by Horace Wilcox, incorporated in 1903 and then annexed by Los Angeles in 1910. The movie business began at this time and within a decade the name became synonymous with the film industry. ■

1997 JACL Budget Update

Figures for 6 Months ended June 30, '97

By HERB YAMANISHI
JACL National Director

1997 Budget update

THE financial statements (see Table) are unaudited and reflect revenues and expenses for the first six months of 1997. While plans are underway to change from the current "line item reporting" format to one based on "functions and programs," which will conform with new audit and accounting standards, the current statement also includes some changes.

The most obvious is that we have included a "column" showing the first six months of revenues and expenses for 1996. This should make it easier to put the current year statement in context.

The other significant change is that Regional Office "allocations" are now distributed throughout the budget, to conform with accounting requirements, requiring the consolidation of the regional office expenditures with that of Headquarters. Only the expenditures of District Councils without staff or offices are under a separate line item.

Through the first six months of 1997, the budget has maintained a steady and balanced course, the two goals of a balanced budget and adding at least \$25,000 to the Reserve Fund, as passed by the National Council, should be achieved by the end of the year. At the end of June, the financial statement indicates a surplus of revenues over expenses of \$158,739.

Membership dues contribute the most to the revenues and it appears that they are coming in at a rate that is higher than was originally anticipated.

On the expense side, costs have been held in check and remain within the budget as anticipated at the National Council. However, compared to the 1996 budget, expenses have gone up, largely because staff vacancies are being filled and programs are being put back into operation.

The outlook for the last half of the year should continue the trend of the first six months with more revenues and expenses than in 1996.

Explanation of revenues and expenses

400-Membership Income through June is \$547,932 or 65.26% of the Membership income goal. This compares with \$489,500 (62.5%) collected for the same period last year. Based on the July membership renewal results, membership numbers are staying steady. The goal for 1997 is 16,909 memberships.

From January through June, 10,555

memberships were recorded. The month of July recorded 1,634 memberships, compared to 803 for July 1996. However, during the previous three months, April-June, there was a drop-off due, in part, to a lack of continuity because of changes in staff. The new Membership Administrator, Donna Ochoa, took over membership renewal responsibilities in March and the July numbers indicate that membership renewals are back on track.

Note: Memberships, in the context of the budget, are the payments received during the year. Life members and others who have paid their dues in the prior years are not shown in the current budget and likewise are not shown in the current year membership count. Other members of the completely family memberships are also excluded from the count.

420-Public Support are revenues from outside of general membership "fund drives" and "fund-raising activities." Most of the funds are unsolicited and unrestricted donations. The revenues are nearly double that of received for the same period last year.

430-Investment Income revenues are slightly ahead of projections. Most of the revenues are from the interest and dividends on investments.

440-Realized Gains/Losses. Because of changes in accounting standards, realized capital gains are now shown as income. In previous years, there was little or no capital gain and what there was not shown in the regular financial statements.

442-Unrealized Gains/Losses. This is a new revenue line item. It was added because of changes in accounting rules that now require showing "unrealized capital gains" as income. Caution should be used in interpreting the line item since it can fluctuate dramatically from month to month.

450-Pacific Citizen revenues are about what is normally expected, because the largest revenue source comes late in the year when the holiday issue is produced. This item includes income from advertisement, non-member subscriptions and holiday issue ads.

460-Book Sales revenues are largely from sales of the new JACL Curriculum and Resource Guide. At the time the budget was prepared for National Council, the publication of the Guide had not been included.

470-Grants. At the time the budget was prepared for National Council, no amount was calculated from grants. JACL has since applied for a Civil Liberties Public Education Fund grant which, when received, will amount to \$40,000 for the period ending June 1998.

480-Fund Raising revenues in this line item are from various fund-raising ac-

tivities of the JACL membership including "Annual Giving" and the "challenge" from the Sacramento Chapter to raise \$1,000 from each Chapter. Last year the fund raising included Board Member fund raising and other miscellaneous fund-raising efforts that have been incorporated in the year because of the increase in membership dues.

482-Conference Revenue is a new line item. Revenues may include Youth Conference registration fees, JACL/OCA Leadership Conference, the biennial conventions and other similar conferencing events.

490-Other Revenues are from a variety of sources including membership service sharing, such as the Sunlight Bank Visa card and Workers Insurance packages; fees from the sale of awards and certificates; the Biennial Sweepstakes fund-raiser and other miscellaneous revenues.

EXPENSES

501-Personnel Costs are lower than projected for the year but higher than the 1996 experience. As vacancies are filled, the line item will inevitably increase such as when the PC Editor/General Manager position is filled. Similarly, as staff gains seniority, certain benefits such as retirement charges will increase.

530-Contract Services reflects the use of outside sources for expert assistance including actuaries to calculate long-term health benefits and training assistance on the membership database. The charges for the Auditor are also in the line item.

542-Dues/Subscription/Periodicals now includes charges from Regional offices and the Pacific Citizen. As a consequence, expenses are higher than budgeted but are offset by reduced spending levels for the "allocation to districts." The item includes memberships for services that have resulted in substantial supply and equipment savings.

543-Equipment (expendable). Through a variety of cost saving measures, including the use of internal staff expertise and special membership services for nonprofit organizations (see above), equipment costs have been substantially reduced while improving overall equipment quality. With the exception of one office yet to be upgraded, all offices have substantially improved computing capacity including networked PCs, modems, hard disk drives, modems and state-of-the-art software. The Pacific Citizen and Headquarters also have new networks, computers, printers and scanner.

544-Postage and Delivery. While it includes charges of both National Headquarters and Regional offices, most of it is charged to Headquarters. Because of unused postage from the prior year, there has been a substantial savings for postage in the current year. As a result, the item appears to be substantially below what would normally be expected (see below: Postage for mailing the Pacific Citizen is a separate line item at 579-Circulation & Mailing).

545-Printing and Copying includes membership brochures and other miscellaneous printing and copying costs including lease payments for copiers. The charges to the item are high because of the recent publication of the new membership brochure.

546-Office supplies costs are higher than anticipated but lower than for the same period last year. The higher than anticipated costs are due to the inclusion of Regional office supplies. Because of accumulated supplies in 1996, National Headquarters has not had to buy as much in 1997 as was anticipated.

547-Telephone charges, including office long-distance and conference calls for all offices and the Pacific Citizen are included in the item. Changes to a lower cost long-distance service have helped keep costs down for the item, even though conference calls were not originally contemplated in the projection of the budget.

548-Books & Publications includes charges for newspapers and newsletters of all offices. The publications are used to keep current on such matters as changes in tax laws and accounting rules, the latest information on fund raising and viewpoints on advocacy issues such as hate crimes, etc.

550-Allocations to Districts. The expenses for Regional offices are now spread throughout other line items. This item includes only the allocation distributed to Districts without an office and therefore expenses are substantially lower than planned.

560-Meetings/Conferences. The majority of the expense is for staff travel that includes Board meetings. In the previous year, only a limited number of staff were authorized to attend Board meet-

ings. Expenses for the balance of the year should be close to the budgeted amount.

562-National Board Activity includes expenses for Board member and Committee travel and meeting charges. Because all Board meetings have been held in California and a majority of the Board lives in California, the charges to the account have been less than budgeted. Expenses, however, are more than in 1996 because the freeze on lodging, meals and ground transportation reimbursements has been lifted.

564-National Convention. No expenditures to date.

571-Books for Resale. No charges have been made against the item.

572-Commissions. The item is largely for refund payments to those who overpaid for ad space in the holiday issue of the Pacific Citizen.

576-Editorials. The Pacific Citizen (PC) pays for the authorship of certain columns, illustrations, photographs and reference materials. The difference between 1996 and 1997 reflects differences in the timing of billings.

577-Advertising. The PC prepares and sends out advertising kits to the chapters for the Holiday Issue. The difference between 1996 and 1997 is simply a reflection of the timing when the supplies for the kits were ordered.

578-Composition/Presswork is dedicated to the production of the PC. The difference in the line item from 1996 to 1997 is due to the timing of billings for the contractual work.

579-Circulation and Mailing is for the disk merging and 2nd class postage of the PC. The differences in the line item reflect the timing of billings.

581-Maintenance includes both building and equipment maintenance contracts and charges. Costs for the various offices of JACL are within expected ranges. National Headquarters costs for maintenance have been reduced since a changeover was made to a leased copier that includes maintenance charges.

582-Occupancy Costs reflect rental and lease charges for both office space and parking space of all leased space in Seattle, Fresno, Los Angeles, Monterey Park, Chicago and Washington, D.C. The cost of a leased space has increased during the latter part of the reporting period has resulted in the appearance of higher expenses for 1997 than for the same period in 1996.

583-Utilities. Charges for gas, water and electricity have gone up because of the consolidation of utility expenses for all offices. At National Headquarters, new energy efficient lighting was installed last year, which is helping to keep the utility charges within the budgeted amount.

590-Contributions. No contributions to date.

591-Insurance. The Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance was reevaluated upon renewal, resulting in a slight savings overall for insurance costs. However, other premiums will be coming due in the next few weeks which may not have in the same market pricing that is found in D&O insurance.

592-Interest Expense. No expenses to date.

593-Miscellaneous include various bank fees and charges, returned check charges and other miscellaneous charges or fees that may not logically fit in other line items.

594-Scholarship/Student Aid is a new line item for the spend charges for student interns.

597-Youth Program. The Youth Council was allocated a specific amount for youth program activities. Since the Youth Conference was the focus of the Youth Council during the first half of the year, the amount used for the line item has been minimal.

598-Direct Program Costs is used to cover the costs of a variety of programs including the Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference and the Youth Conference. The item includes the expenses of the Washington, D.C. Conference but not the Youth Conference that was conducted near the end of June 1997.

600-Personnel Recruitment. A modest amount was budgeted to pay for any costs associated with personnel recruitment including advertising, interviews, moving, etc. ■

San Benito County reunion calls former residents

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif.—The San Benito County reunion for former residents will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, here at a site to be announced. Co-chair Tak Obata announced. Reunion committee members have been designated and the fee is \$10 per person. On the committee are:

Joe & Edna Obata, Jack & Atsuko Obata, Mits & Satsuko Hane, Akira & Lily Yamashita, Haruyoshi Obata, Henry & Ada Uyeda, Min Nagareda, Al & Sally Nakai, Helen Matsura, Amy Nagareda, publicity: Carol Yamane, registration flyer: Tony Boch and San Benito County JACLers, barbecue: John Teshima, co-chair.

For information, Ed Matsumoto (Carson) 310/835-4454. ■

	1996	1997	Difference
400 Membership Income	\$839,596	\$547,932	\$291,664
420 Public Support	35,336	24,252	11,084
430 Investment Income	188,605	101,685	86,920
440 Realized Gains/Losses	0	6,242	0
442 Unrealized Gains/Losses	0	60,459	0
450 Pacific Citizen	179,728	5,788	173,940
460 Book Sales	0	0	0
470 Grants	0	13,110	0
480 Fund Raising	70,000	2,585	67,415
482 Conference Revenue	0	20,967	0
490 Other Revenue	57,834	783,020	725,186
	1,371,099	783,020	588,079
501 Personnel Costs	\$794,509	\$374,339	\$420,170
530 Contract Services	22,119	18,689	3,430
542 Dues/Subscription	1,187	1,164	23
543 Equipment/Expendable	15,823	7,844	7,979
544 Postage & Delivery	21,598	9,175	12,423
545 Printing & Copying	14,926	7,152	7,774
546 Office Supplies	8,246	7,813	433
547 Telephone	22,408	11,585	10,823
548 Books & Publications	223	790	567
550 Allocation to Districts	67,320	7,011	60,309
560 Meetings/Conf	21,477	10,429	11,048
562 Nat'l Board Activity	28,523	8,741	19,782
564 Nat'l Convention	9,850	283	9,567
571 Books for Resale	0	0	0
572 Commissions	2,000	1,065	935
576 Editorial	3,505	955	2,550
577 Advertising	993	100	893
578 Comp/Presswork	52,168	34,078	18,090
579 Circulation & Mailing	90,706	35,230	55,476
581 Maintenance	15,496	8,416	7,080
582 Occupancy Costs	45,937	32,842	13,095
583 Utilities	11,034	6,546	4,488
590 Contributions	0	0	0
591 Insurance	29,487	13,470	16,017
592 Interest Expense	0	0	0
593 Miscellaneous	14,889	7,311	7,578
594 Scholarship/Student Aid	0	360	0
597 Youth Program	6,228	5,542	786
598 Direct Program Costs	12,258	5,489	6,769
600 Personnel Recruitment	0	1,481	0
	1,481	1,094	387
Total Expenditures	\$1,314,445	\$624,281	\$690,164
Net Revenue Over Expenditures	\$56,654	\$158,739	\$102,085

- a) 1997 includes \$6,000 from the Sacramento Challenge.
b) 1996 includes \$29,100 from the Board Fund raising.
c) 1996 includes the 1996 Biennial Sweepstakes revenue of \$44,000 at 630/309.
d) The youth program was included in Direct Program Costs in 1996.



From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

The 'Evacuation' of Italian Americans

EARLY in August the *New York Times* published a long story by James Brooke which provides fuel for those still angry, after a half century, about the Evacuation. It pointed out that while the United States was at war with Germany, Italy and Japan, German Americans and Italian Americans were treated quite differently—from Japanese Americans.

Brooke pointed out that while all the interned Italians were citizens of Italy, about two-thirds of the interned Japanese were American citizens.

The numbers were overwhelmingly different, too. Somewhere around 115,000 Japanese Americans were interned out of about 127,000 in the continental U.S. There were about 600,000 Italians who, although eligible for naturalization, had not become U.S. citizens. About 2,000 of them were investigated and only about 300 of them were interned. They were kept at Fort Missoula, Mont., together with 1,300 other Italians who were visitors who had been picked up, and the crews of Italian ships which had been seized in American ports.

Brooke reports that about 10,000 Italian Americans were forced to move from their homes in California coastal communities. They went, not to relocation camps, but to homes inland. Curfews were imposed on non-citizen Italians and items like cameras and guns confiscated.

"With no evidence of Italian sabotage or spying," Brooke reports, "the measures came to be seen as counterproductive because President Franklin D. Roosevelt was seeking the full support of Italian Americans for the invasion of Italy. The curfew was lifted in October, 1942, on Columbus Day."

It is well to remember that while the danger of Japan invading the West Coast—if it ex-

isted at all—had vanished by late 1942 and early 1943, making the argument of "military necessity" irrelevant. There was no point in continuing to deny Japanese Americans the right to go home. But, the record shows, Franklin Roosevelt was preparing to run for a fourth term as president and his advisers decided it was politically more expedient to keep the Japanese Americans away from their West Coast homes. The exclusion order remained in force.

Fort Missoula, where the Italians were interned along with some Japanese and a few Germans, was called "Bella Vista," or "Beautiful View," and that was not a sardonic nickname. Brooke reports the camp was "situated at a bend on the Bitterroot River where wide-flowing carpet meadows that stretch toward snow-capped mountains... While beef, sugar and butter were rationed in (the city of) Missoula, these staples were plentiful at the camp."

The camps where Japanese Americans were detained were, almost without exception, in deserts surrounded by little other than sagebrush.

Brooke tells us that two New York representatives and a senator have introduced bills that call for declassification of documents on the internment, for a government study "detailing injustices suffered by Italian Americans during World War II and a formal acknowledgment of such injustices by the President."

A complete disclosure of everything having to do with the U.S. internment program is long overdue. Brooke's report makes it clear that even within the so-called security measures, there was racial discrimination. We are entitled to know more about it. ■

Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor for the *Denver Post*. His column appears regularly in the *Pacific Citizen*.

'Redress summit' hosted by UCLA attracting major participants

LOS ANGELES—The "Voices of Japanese American Redress" Conference hosted by the UCLA School of Public Policy and Social Research and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center will take place at the UCLA Sunset Village Conference Center on Sept. 11-13.

The workshops on Thurs., Sept. 11, include "Redress: The Early Years," with speakers Roger Daniels, Sue Kunitomi Embrey, Henry Miyatake, and Clifford Uyeda. "The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians" workshop will feature panel speakers Joan Bernstein, Angus Macbeth, William Murviani, Bert Nakano, and John Tateishi. Ellen Carson, Aiko Herzog-Yoshinaga, William Hohri, Peter Irons and Dale Minami will be the panel speakers at "The Judicial Battles: NCJAR and Coram Nobis" discussion.

The Friday workshops will feature Alan Nishio, Priscilla Ouchida, Chiye Tomihiro, and Ron Wakabayashi on "Transformation of a Community and a Nation." The "Transformation of a Government: The Process of Lobbying the Congress and the President" panel will include speakers Mervyn Dymally, Miya Iwatsuki, Mike Lowry and Grayce Uyehara.

The conference dinner, "A Salute to the Community," with entertain-

ment by the Sanko Trio and Lane Nishikawa, will wrap up the day's events.

On Sat., Sept. 13, Rep. Robert Matsui, the Hon. Norman Mineta and Grant Ujifusa will be the speakers at the panel, "How H.R. 442 Passed the Congress, Obtained President Reagan's Support, and the Fight for Appropriations."

Three sets of workshops are scheduled to follow. The first set includes "Immigration and Welfare," "Hawaiian Sovereignty," and "Same Sex Marriage: A Quest for Justice."

The second set of workshops includes "Gems from the National Archives: Japanese American Camp Experience," "Redress in the 1990s—the Struggle Continues: Court Cases, Japanese Latin American, Railroad Workers, and Others," and "Remembering Senator Masayuki 'Spark' Matsunaga."

The final set of workshops are entitled, "The Emergence of Draft Resisters in the Redress Movement," "Japanese Latin American Internment and Redress," "Building Coalitions for Lobbying Congress," and "Winning Redress and Righting the Wrongs of Today."

The conference fee is \$20 per day including lunch, and \$40 for the dinner on Friday evening. Information: Mitchell Maki, 310/825-1297.—Caroline Aoyagi ■

JACL Legacy Fund gets major bequest

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self instead of Gladys on pretext of avoiding of the 1913 Alien Land Law after her father passed away in 1940. When the state began to return exchequer monies, and the trial court ruled against the claim by Ishida, National JACL submitted an amicus curiae brief in support of her appeal in 1957.

The American Friends Service Committee of Philadelphia organized the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council in 1942, making it possible for Nisei college students to leave the camps to continue their education during the war. Gladys was able to do so at Washington University in St. Louis, where she received her business administration degree in 1944.

She proceeded to the University of Chicago for her master's degree in international relations, despite a matriculation delay occasioned by that school's secret work on the atomic bomb, which denied her access to certain buildings on campus.

Gladys received her degree in 1946, remained in Chicago with her mother, and worked as a research assistant for the University of Chicago Committee to Frame a World Constitution. In 1949, she returned to graduate school in Far Eastern studies at the University of Michigan plus a one-year fellowship to interview Japanese American renunciants in Okinawa-ken.

She enjoyed a succession of academic appointments in the 30 years that followed, at the University of Wisconsin Steven Points, UCLA, Augsburg College, the University of Minnesota, and retired as professor emerita in sociology at UW-River Falls.

In 1962 she married Gregory P. Stone; they lived in Minneapolis.

Between 1962 and '65, the Stones worked as research sociologists with the JACL Japanese American Research Project and conducted an in-depth survey of the Issei generation. Because of the bilingual requirements for such a project, Gladys

trained volunteer interviewers at JACL functions. She described this as "exhilarating," despite the heavy travel schedule.

Before her death, she contributed a chapter in *Reflections: Memoirs of Japanese American Women in Minnesota*, edited by John N. Tsuchida (Pacific Asia Press, 1994.)

The Legacy Fund was established at the 1990 National JACL Convention at San Diego to carry on and ensure JACL's civil and human rights work for future generations, explained then-National President Cressey Nakagawa.

Grateful beneficiaries of JACL's successful congressional campaign for passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 were the immediate contributors to the JACL Legacy Fund, which had a \$10 million goal to be raised in three-year's time. JACL chapters benefited from the Fund through receipt of 20 percent of its earnings proportionate to the amount

raised by the chapters, for the life of the Fund, and another 10 percent of the earnings available for chapter and district programs for the life of the fund.

The current division of earnings, revised in 1994, is 60 percent to National, 20 percent to chapters based on their contributions, 10 percent to chapter and district grant programs, while 10 percent is retained for growth of principal, Uyehara explained. ■

UYEHARA

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ther, George Nakashima, has been carrying on the woodworking at the Nakashima Studio. The Registry of all contributors will be placed on a dictionary stand designed by her.

A report on the donor projects was presented to the National Board on Aug. 9 for approval. ■

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Honorable Norman Mineta

* Limited advance registration is available for pre-conference sessions. Call (310) 825-1297 for more information.

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Directions to UCLA's Sunset Village Conference Center: 405 freeway, exit Sunset Blvd. east. Turn right on Bellagio. Follow road to De Neve (first stop sign), make a left and turn right into parking lot.

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Florin JACL awards three scholarships to freshmen

SACRAMENTO—Florin JACL awarded three scholarships at the 11th annual scholarship and new members luncheon on June 21 at the Florin Buddhist Church. The recipients are:

Brandon Muranaka, a graduate of Kennedy High School, will attend UC Davis in the fall. He is the son of Gerald and Diane Muranaka.

Kia Wang, daughter of Harry and Janice Nakashima Wang, is a graduate of Sacramento Adventist Academy. She will attend Pacific Union College.

Reid Yoshimura, a Sacramento City College student, will attend UCLA. He is

the son of Ted and Sharon Yoshimura.

Chapter President Joanne Iritani welcomed members and guests to the informal event—chaired by Irene Uno, chapter vice president. Tom Kushi, membership chair, welcomed 44 new members to the chapter. Committee members who gave updates on chapter endeavors included Mary Tsukamoto, redress; Marielle Tsukamoto, Women's Peace Event; James Abe, fundraising; Marion Kanemoto, oral history; and Utako Kimura, Women's Forum. ■



FLORIN JACL SCHOLARSHIPS—Pictured are (from left) James Abe and George Furukawa, fundraising chairs; scholarship recipients Kia Wang, Reid Yoshimura, and Brandon Muranaka; Twila Tomita, scholarship chair.

South Bay JACL awards tenth annual Egashira scholarships

RANCHO PALOS VERDES, Calif.—A South Bay JACL co-founder, Tom Shigekuni, was guest speaker at the annual South Bay JACL scholarship and queen's reception on Sunday, July 20, at the Ladera Linda Community Center. Instrumental in establishing the Kichi Egashira memorial scholarship in 1987, he spoke of its purpose and commended the chapter for successfully maintaining the program.

The Egashira awards are designated for deserving undergraduate and graduate students majoring in the mathematics, engineering, computer, biological and physical sciences. The awards have ranged from \$500 to \$2,150 per year, administered by the chapter scholarship committee for Ichio Egashira of Homeland (Riverside County), Calif., in memory of his brother, Kichi, who was an engineer. Kichi was born in Los Angeles, attended McKinley School, Enterprise

Junior High and Compton High prior, was interned during WWII at Gila River, resumed his studies at Illinois Institute of Technology and graduated in engineering from the University of Southern California. He served in the Air Force during the Korean conflict, was employed in aerospace and with TRW. The Egashiras lived in Gardena, where they raised vegetables on the acreage surrounding their home, generously distributing their prize harvest to friends.

The chapter revealed Ichio Egashira has donated supplemental amounts from the earnings of the trust to assure the awards would be upwards of \$5,000 each year.

The program opened with Kathy Kan, last year's South Bay queen, introducing Lynki Matsumoto, the 1997 chapter queen. A buffet prepared by members concluded the program. More than 50 persons attended. ■



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South Bay JACL scholarship winners who received the Kichi Egashira awards are (from left): Chad Shimazaki, Paul Murata, the parents of Ryan Haishi (Katsuo and Runko), Mariko Masuda, and the mother of Lauren Williams (Leila Kawahara Williams). At right are Kimberly Medeiros and the parents of Imraan Ahmed (Syed and Toshie)—the two National JACL scholarship finalists nominated by the chapter—and Christine Ige, chapter scholarship chair and chapter co-president.

Salinas JACL-Gatanaga memorial scholarship winner named

SALINAS—Aaron Tatsuyoshi Umetani, son of Larry and Eileen Umetani, was awarded the \$1,000 Salinas Valley JACL/Kunihiro and Noriko Gatanaga Memorial Scholarship.

Aaron, a graduate of Palma High, is a National Merit Scholar, a member of California Scholarship Federation and a "Who's Who Among American High School Students." His extracurricular



Aaron Umetani

activities included the school newspaper, yearbook, ASB secretary and class treasurer, and he will attend UC Berkeley, majoring in computer science.

The Gatanaga Memorial Scholarship was created in 1986 in memory of two York School students, Noriko and Kunihiro Gatanaga, victims of a tragic automobile accident in December 1985. ■—Fred Oshima.

Mile-Hi / Denver Japanese American community graduates celebrate at 42nd annual awards night



TOM MASAMORI PHOTO

What began in 1956 with the single Mile-Hi JACL/Harry Sakata Memorial scholarship has grown to a Japanese American community-wide program honoring nearly 50 high school seniors of Japanese American ancestry. Awardees recognized this year on the June 14 program at Sheraton Denver West Hotel are (from left): back row—Alexander Hanaoka, Seiji Yamamoto, Ryan Nitta, Aaron Horiuchi, Paul Namura, Ryan Lantz, Justin Watada, Steve Boatright, Gavin Higashi, Joel Cooper, Stuart Ota; seated—Jennifer Wanifuchi, Mychale Inagaki, Amanda Michalski, Christine Arnold, Tempe Minaga, Aimee Miyazawa, Emmy Yamamoto, Lisa Okamoto (97 Mile-Hi JACL/Sakata awardee), Janel Uyeda, Kristi Miller, Sally Umsted and Kersten Plink.

DENVER—The Japanese American Community Graduation Program of Denver held its 42nd annual banquet for graduating high school seniors of Japanese American ancestry June 14 at the Sheraton Denver West. The program presented more than 33 community awards and approximately 12 individual organization and memorial awards.

Students applying for community awards complete an application process which includes an essay about their identity as Japanese Americans and an interview with a panel of judges. The individual organizations and memorial awards are judged according to the criteria established by each individual organization or family.

The Japanese American Community Graduation Program began in 1956 with the presentation of a scholarship in memory of Harry Sakata, president of the JACL Mile-Hi Chapter. This initial scholarship laid the foundation for the greater Denver Japanese American Community Scholarship program that exists today.

Although Harry Sakata's primary Japanese American community involvement was through the JACL, he was also concerned with matters in the entire Japanese American community on both local and national levels. Throughout his life, he maintained unlimited faith in Japanese American youth as a bright hope for the future.

This year the winner of the Mile-Hi JACL/Harry Sakata Memorial Plaque and award was Lisa Okamoto, daughter of the Rev. Kanya and Judy Okamoto.

Other winners included: Aaron Horiuchi, JACGP Committee Award; Ryan Nitta, Ellison Onizuka Memorial Trust Award; Lisa Okamoto, Fresh Vegetable Packaging Company (Ida Family) Award; Aimee Miyazawa, Sun Financial Group Award; Justin Watada, Ichio Uyeno-Takashi Mayeda Memorial Award; Jason Reitz, Mile-Hi JACL Award; Amanda Michalski, Caroline Tagawa Memorial Award; Alexander Hanaoka, Nisei Post #185 Award; Ryan Lantz, Nisei Post War memorial Award; Paul Namura, Nisei Post-Rupert Arar Memorial Award; Kersten Plink, Emmy Yamamoto and Jennifer Wanifuchi, the Colorado Japanese Association Awards.

Gavin Higashi, Brighton JAA Award; Kristi Miller, Dr. Takeshi Ito Memorial Award; Janel Uyeda, Bob Kiya Tanaka Memorial Award; Kyle Horiuchi, Denver Central Op-

timist Club Award.

The Japanese American Community Graduation Program Committee also presented merit awards to Christi Arnold, Stanley Doda, Jr., Sally Umsted, Stuart Ota, Joel Cooper, and Ryan Kamada. The community service award was presented to Mychale Inagaki.

Simpson United Methodist Church awards were presented to Janel Uyeda, Stuart Ota and Paul Namura.

The Denver Buddhist and Tri State Buddhist Temples awards were presented to Alex Hanaoka, Jennifer Wanifuchi, Emmy Yamamoto, and Ryan Nitta.

The Denver Bowling Association Award was presented to Kimberly Wada.

Organizations and individuals

that provide funds for Community scholarships and awards are:

Brighton Japanese American Association, Denver Buddhist Temple, Denver Central Optimist Club, Denver Nisei Bowling Association, Fort Lupton Chapter Japanese American Citizens League, Fresh Vegetable Package Company (Ida Family), Gary Lee Higa.

Scholarship judges were Geanne Moroye, Denver Deputy District Attorney; Dr. Frank Sakamoto, president of the Mile-Hi Chapter, JACL; William Takamatsu Thompson, University of Colorado-College Springs faculty member; and Sandy Tsubokawa Whittall, instructor at Arapahoe Community College. —Carolyn Takeshita and Kathy Namura ■

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Utah chapters sponsor scholarship golf tourney

SALT LAKE CITY—The second annual Utah JACL Autumn Golf Classic, a tournament to provide scholarships to high school graduates, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, at Riverbend, tee time at 8 a.m. for a full slate of 144 golfers. The \$40 entry fee, payable to Mt. Olympus JACL, includes cart and snacks. Entries were due Sept. 1, according to Floyd Mori, 801/572-2287. ■

Basic Information

Redress and You

How the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 impacts you

Complete text of the current Info sheet from the ORA, P.O. Box 66260, Washington, D.C. 20035

Introduction

The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 authorizes compensation of \$20,000 to eligible persons of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated, relocated, or interned during World War II. The Act became law on Aug. 10, 1988, and the Attorney General was authorized to implement the Act. The Office of Redress Administration (ORA) was created as a new organization within the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice specifically to carry out the redress provisions of the Act.

ORA is able to verify that an individual was evacuated, relocated, interned, or otherwise deprived of liberty or property as a result of specific federal government action during World War II by using a variety of historical records collected from the National Archives, as well as documentation which has been provided by an individual. To date, ORA has made payment to over 79,000 eligible individuals. It is important to note that the redress program will be concluding on Aug. 10, 1998. No cases may be opened or payments made after that date.

I hope that this will answer some of your questions regarding the redress program. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact ORA.

Administrator for Redress

Who is eligible?

All eligible individuals must:

- Be of Japanese ancestry, or be the spouse or parent of a person of Japanese ancestry;
- Have been in the United States citizen or permanent resident alien during the internment period, from Dec. 7, 1941, through June 30, 1946; and
- Having been living on Aug. 10,

1988. Beyond that, most, but not all, eligible individuals may fall into one of the following categories:

- Those who were interned in Assembly Centers and/or Relocation Centers; or were interned by the Army in Hawaii; or were interned by the Department of Justice in any of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Camps.
- Those who filed change of Residence Cards.
- Those who moved from prohibited zones on or after March 23, 1942.
- Those who were ordered to leave Bainbridge Island or Terminal Island.
- Those who were in the U.S. Military during the internment period and never spent time in camps, but lost property as a result of government action because their homes were in prohibited zones, or were prohibited by government regulations from visiting their interned families or were subject to undue restrictions prior to arrival.
- Those who were born in Assembly Centers, Relocation Centers, or Internment Camps, including those born to parents from Latin America who were interned in the United States.
- Those who were born after or both parents were evacuated and interned from the prohibited military zones on the West Coast and released from an internment camp during the war period.
- Those who were born after or both parents evacuated pursuant to federal government action from the prohibited military zones on the West Coast and relocated to

- another area during World War II.
- Those who were forcibly brought to the United States from Latin America for internment, and later acquired a change in immigration status to permanent residence, retroactive to the internment period.
- Those who spent the internment in institutions, such as sanitariums, under the administrative authority of the War Relocation Authority.
- Those who suffered a termination of a significant, pre-existing relationship as a result of the creation of a prohibited zone in Arizona.
- Those who, as unemancipated minors, were relocated from the United States to Japan during World War II.

Contacting ORA

You may reach ORA by contacting the ORA Help Line, toll free, at:

1-888-219-6900
(202) 219-4710 TDD (Telephone Device for the Deaf)

You may also send written inquiries

Office of Redress Administration
P.O. Box 66260
Washington, DC 20035-6260

When writing to ORA, please include your current name, name during the internment period, current address, Social Security number, date of birth, and a brief summary regarding your experiences during the internment period—Dec. 7, 1941, through June 30, 1946.

It is very important that you reply to ORA correspondence as soon as possible.

ORA has a "sunset date" of Aug. 10, 1998, and it will be unable to process or make payment on any cases after that date. ■

REDRESS STORY

JACL's redress story awaits nod from National Board

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played a key role in the campaign for redress. It was largely due to their efforts that the Civil Liberties Act became a reality in 1988; a bill that brought reparations to more than 80,000 JAs interned in camps during WWII.

The JACL-LEC became the organization's lobbying arm in 1985 when the national board decided to reactivate the committee, originally formed in 1982, to aid its redress campaign. With the LEC, its national network of 115 Chapters, and the help of Nisei legislators such as Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga and Reps. Norman Mineta, Robert Matsui and Patsy Mink, the JACL was able to raise \$1 million for its redress efforts, lobby congress, and educate not only the JA community but all Americans on the cause for redress.

The committee had originally applied for a \$250,000 Civil Liberties Public Education Fund grant, but their proposal to tell the full story of redress was rejected.

On appeal, the LEC received \$25,000 but committee members decided to decline the grant. "Members of our board were shocked when our proposal was [initially] rejected," said Jerry Enomoto, chair of the LEC and past JACL national president. "After painful discussions and consideration we rejected the [\$25,000] grant."

Now the committee is looking towards the National Board to help make the redress project a reality. "We're the only ones that can tell this story," said Enomoto, referring to JACL's collection of historical material and knowledge of the redress campaign. "It was redressed by grassroots efforts, but the JACL-LEC was the most significant part of the redress movement and that needs to be told."

There's no doubt other individuals and JA groups contributed to the successful redress campaign, said Enomoto, referring to the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCR) and the National Council for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR). But "JACL should not be bashful," he said. Without JACL bringing the various issues to the forefront, redress would not have become a reality.

With many key figures from the redress campaign having already passed away, there's an urgency to record the story while those who can tell it are still alive. "Many of the people who led the campaign [for redress] are getting old now...and this story will die," said past JACL-LEC Executive Director Grayce Uyehara. "For historical purposes and for the sake of JACL we do have to tell the story."

But for many JAs, the campaign for redress still isn't over. Japanese Latin Americans brought to the U.S. and placed in camps during WWII are still waiting for reparations. JA railroad and mining workers dismissed at the outset of the war because of their ancestry are still seeking justice. These and other JA groups must press their cases before the Office of Redress Administration closes its doors on Aug. 10, 1998, at which time re-

dress for WWII evacuees and internees will forever become a part of American history.

"For those who haven't gotten reparations it's still justice denied, and that should be [JACL's] first priority," said national vice president of planning and development Gary Mayeda. "LEC's project has a lot of merit and I understand that there are time constraints too. But right now I feel that the outstanding cases of redress have even more time constraints."

For over a year now Mayeda has been working closely with Campaign for Justice, a coalition group lobbying on behalf of the hundreds of Japanese Latin Americans seeking reparations. He still remembers the day his Nisei father received his redress check and how he was overcome with emotion. "...that's what I want for every person that deserves redress," said Mayeda, "that the government did their job and brought them justice."

The National Board would ideally like to work in both areas, said Mayeda, but unfortunately, JACL has limited resources. "As the national board, our challenge is to decide how to use those limited resources," he said. "It's not to say that we can't work on all [the issues] but we have to prioritize them based on the issues of the organization."

LEC secretary Mollie Fujioka was involved in the redress campaign from its beginnings in the late '70s. She's not encouraged by the "current outstanding redress cases." "I guess I'm tired," she said. "Twelve years is a long time to be working on it."

"They have as much right as the original [people who received redress]," she continued, "but too bad the timing isn't right."

Congress today is much more conservative than it was in the '80s, she said. And many of the legislators who supported the redress bill are no longer in government.

"That's not a mutually exclusive issue," said Yasuhara of those groups still seeking redress. "There's no reason why we can't do both. What if [the outstanding redress cases] don't get resolved for ten years?" he said. "What if the people to be interviewed [for the history book] are dying? There's a real urgency in getting that record written."

"This is not an either/or proposition," said Enomoto, "but the bottom line is money, unfortunately. Leadership is forced to set priorities and that's what [the National Board] is going to have to do," he said. But "all these things are important."

The National Board passed a motion to form an ad hoc committee composed of representatives from the LEC, JACL National Board, staff, the education committee, and the finance committee that will investigate available resources to initiate the JACL-LEC legacy proposal and prioritize expenses, if any. The ad hoc committee will present their recommendations at the November national board meeting in San Francisco at which time some difficult decisions will have to be made. ■

LICENSE PLATE

Calif. revokes license plates with 'JAP'

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League in Southern California — who was consulted after the complaint — said the term "Jap" is as offensive to Japanese Americans as the "n-word" is to African Americans.

Robin Petty expressed dismay that his license plate would turn into a "PC (political correctness) crusade."

Since the complaint was filed, the Petty's research has found at least 54 other license plates which use the initials "JAP." The DMV has now declared all license plates bearing the initials be revoked. They said some unacceptable license plates do slip by screeners.

If Judy Petty loses her case, she said, she wants to put the "DMV Stinks" on her license plate.

Gov. Reagan signed legislation July 13, 1973, authorizing the DMV to recall personalized license plates already issued but found by the DMV to "carry connotation offensive to good taste and decency."

National JACL supported the bill, introduced by Assemblyman Robert Badham (R-Newport Beach) and Sen. Milton Marks (R-San Francisco), empowering the DMV.

Administrative Law Judge Jerry Mitchell will hand down his decision on the Petty's license plate in approximately one month. ■

Syracuse U. students sue Denny's

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

Assistant Editor

The group of seven Syracuse University students—six Asian and Asian Americans, and one Caucasian—who were allegedly assaulted in a Denny's parking lot after being denied service at the Syracuse, N.Y., restaurant, (see P.C., June 20-July 3) filed a civil lawsuit in federal court in late August.

The lawsuit followed the findings of an independent, federally appointed Civil Rights Monitor's determination that the employees of the Denny's Restaurant had discriminated against the students.

Last April 11, Li Feng Chiu, Toshiko Tatenami, Kyoko Hiraoka, Yoshika Kusada, Yuya Hasegawa, Sean Dugan and Arnold Lizardo had been waiting several minutes at the Denny's franchise owned by NDI Foods, Inc., when they decided to place their names on a waiting list. Noticing several empty tables, and groups of white males who had arrived later being seated ahead of them, the students complained to the hostess. They were then asked to leave the restaurant and were escorted out by two of Denny's security guards, Douglas Paninski and Kenneth Adams, who are also off-duty Onondaga County sheriff deputies.

Once they reached the parking lot, the students allege in their lawsuit, Adams pushed Lizardo and then proceeded to shove Dugan when he tried to help his friend.

Just then a group of approximately 20 white males came out of Denny's shouting racist remarks, and assaulted Hasegawa. When the other students tried to come to his aid they were also attacked.

The assault ceased only when two African American students left the restaurant and came to the students' aid, but by then two of the students had been beaten unconscious and another two had suffered injuries.

The seven students allege that when they pleaded with the two security guards to help their

friends, Adams and Paninski simply stood by and watched.

The security guards have maintained that they did not attempt to assist the students because they feared causing injury to not only themselves but to the others. Instead, they chose to call for back-up and wait for police officers to arrive.

The students also allege that Adams and Paninski lied to police officers who later arrived on the scene by telling them the fight had been between two groups of people who'd been drinking. When the students denied being drunk—the police who later questioned them at the hospital—they were prohibited from taking any blood-alcohol level tests.

The Onondaga County District Attorney's Office is still investigating the incident; so far, no arrests have been made.

The lawsuit against Denny's, Inc., NDI Foods, Inc., Onondaga County, the two security guards, and the manager of the restaurant seeks damages and a clarification of Denny's hiring policy of off-duty sheriffs as security guards.

The two African Americans who came to the aid of the students and who also claim they were denied service at the Denny's Restaurant recently announced their decision to join the lawsuit.

The Civil Rights Monitor, Sharon Lybeck Hartmann, has recommended that the manager of the Syracuse Denny's who ejected the students be fired and the two security guards, who are no longer employees of the Denny's franchise, should not be rehired. She also recommended the hostess who ignored the students' complaints be suspended for two weeks without pay and reprimanded and that all the employees of the Syracuse Denny's have live, day-long special non-discrimination training.

The Office of the Civil Rights Monitor was created by the Justice Department in May

1994 as the result of a prior suit that cited racial discrimination against African Americans by Denny's. As part of that settlement, Denny's is required to notify the Civil Rights Monitor whenever an allegation of discrimination arises. All of Denny's corporate and franchise employees are also to have had non-discrimination training. But the Civil Rights Monitor noted that many of the NDI, Inc., employees had not received the required training.

Denny's Inc., announced they would follow the recommendations of the Civil Rights Monitor and, to avoid any future similar complaints, have also agreed to implement system-wide policies such as the development of a video-based non-discrimination training program for their security guards. In addition, all of Denny's Inc.'s, managers-in-training will no longer work late night shifts without supervision until they've completed live non-discrimination training. Denny's Inc., will also closely audit its system for monitoring corporate and franchise training.

"We deeply regret the treatment the Syracuse University students experienced at the Denny's franchise in Syracuse, N.Y., on April 11," said Denny's president John Romanetti in a prepared statement. "We are disappointed, however, that the students have chosen to file a lawsuit knowing the franchisee, NDI Foods, Inc., and Denny's, Inc., are aggressively implementing all the recommendations made by the Office of the Civil Rights Monitor after its investigation into the incident."

"We are making good-faith efforts to ensure the treatment that occurred at this franchise restaurant never happens again at any Denny's restaurant," he said. "Denny's has zero tolerance for discrimination of any kind, under any circumstance."

Romanetti added that he had personally sent letters of apology to all of the students and that

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Congratulations 1997 JACL Scholarship Winners

GRADUATE LEVEL

Chiyo and Thomas Shimazaki Scholarship

Winner: Kenji Asakura
Philadelphia JACL
School Attending: Johns Hopkins
School of Medicine
Field of Study: Medicine

Biographical Information:

This future doctor has already put many hours into the local Baltimore community as a sign of his dedication to public health care and reform. He has already published articles and collaborated for a book chapter, as only a second-year medical student. In addition he has assisted in the development and passage of health-related legislation while he was a health policy fellow with Senator Orrin Hatch. (R-Utah).

Essay Excerpt:

"Physicians will play an active role in shaping [our] health care system. I have been devoted to teaching my colleagues the importance of getting involved in the health policy debate. Recently, I was asked to share my experience in Washington at the eleventh national meeting of the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation. As we make changes in our health care system, we must keep in mind the important role of the physician as advocates of underserved populations whose unique needs have often been ignored."

Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarship

Winner: Michael F. Furukawa
Southeast JACL
School Attending: Georgia Institute of Technology
Field of Study: Public Policy/
Industrial Engineering

Biographical Information:



Member of the JACL Southeast Chapter has had a career in the health care industry which he hopes to take to the next level in his graduate school program. Michael would like to see the harmony of emerging medical technology and the pace of keeping with accessible and ethical health care.

Essay Excerpt:

"There is no barbed wire in my world. I may never endure such hardship as the internment of Japanese Americans and my family. For this, I am thankful, as this understanding and grace must not be taken for granted. Our story is one of racism, rights and redemption—telling reminder of what we have, as much as what we lost—and a sounding board for new directions. Family, friends and the JACL have helped develop my character based on a strong work ethic, perseverance and integrity. As a young leader strengthened by my heritage and aware of our continuing struggles, I strive to prepare myself to join my peers in wrestling with the compelling issues of our time—to become a better American in a greater America."

UNDERGRADUATE

Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Creative Arts Scholarship

Winner: Lauren M.K. Niimi
Chicago JACL
School Attending: The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Field of Study: Art Education

Biographical Information:

This Golden Key National Honor Society member graduated this past May, earning a B.F.A. in Metals from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She will be attending the Graduate School of the Art Institute of Chicago, with an Art Education focus. Lauren was quite active in her undergraduate tenure at U of I. She was vice president of the Kerner Art Museum Student Association, Editor of Moon—An Asian American Literary and Visual Arts magazine, and member of the Asian American Artists Collective. She was also a volunteer art teacher for a 2nd grade class at a local elementary school.

Nisaburo Aibara Scholarship

Winner: Noeli F. Schwartz
Japan JACL
School Attending: London School of Economics and Political Science, England
Field of Study: History of International Relations

Biographical Information:



An international woman, both by ethnic definition and life experience, having lived and studied in the U.S., Japan, France and India, Noeli has accomplished fluency in three languages—Japanese, French and English—which she will use to her advantage as she pursues her interests in international journalism.

Essay Excerpt:

"Growing up in America, I always felt that I was balanced precariously between both worlds; at times it seemed that within the walls of our house the culture was Japanese while the world outside was American. It wasn't until years later, while living and working in Japan for the JET Program, that I realized that in growing up in this atmosphere I had acquired a useful skill. Having developed an interest in communication through writing and journalism at home, I dedicated much of my time to them in Japan. In today's international and intercultural climate the ability to shift or translate from one culture to another is useful and at times paramount. I would like to make the most of the unique perspective I have gained through my bicultural and international experiences by pursuing social change through a career in journalism."

Minoru Yasui Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Nami Carrie Kuroda
Sacramento JACL
School Attending: CSU Sacramento
Field of Study: Teaching Credential

Biographical Information:

Nami, a JET program alumnae, is bilingual in English and Japanese, which she has used to her advantage when communicating with the older generation. She has also volunteered at the VA Hospital, the Salvation Army Food Drive and the Northwalk Community Center. In addition, she was active at UC San Diego in organizing the Japanese American Student group with the San Diego JACL.

Essay Excerpt:

"Being a fourth-generation Japanese American, I find numerous changes in 'culture' between my grandparents' generation and my own generation. I look upon these changes positively but I do try to find commonality among the generations. Being bilingual, I can communicate across all three generations—my grandparents, my parents and my own."

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Essay Excerpt:

"I look at the world today through a meshing of many different peoples. I see things as a woman, a young adult, a student, a hapa, and an artist. No matter which one of these roles acts more in my vision today, I remain a devoted human

Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarship

Winner: Belle M. Nishio
Seattle JACL
School Attending: Antioch
Field of Study: Psychology/
Counseling

Biographical Information:



Belle, a member of the Honorary Society of Phi Beta Kappa, is also a longtime member of the JACL, having served a few terms on the Seattle Chapter Board and assisted in local events. Belle also has a record of community service assisting immigrants, and fighting against English-only legislation. She hopes to apply her academics to her practice of supporting the community in the area of counseling and social services.

Essay Excerpt:

"I have chosen the field of social services to further my interest in supporting and advocating for young people of color. As a counselor in the schools and the broader community, I will provide and advocate for culturally relevant and culturally sensitive services, which are severely lacking. In addition, I will continue to advocate for student to ensure that they are treated fairly within the school system, which happens inconsistently for minority youth. Thus, through the field of social services, I will continue to work toward the mission of the JACL by advocating for social justice and equal opportunity for people of color."

Magoichi and Shizuko Kato Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Jeremy Kenji Kuniyoshi
San Jose JACL
School Attending: University of Chicago-School of Medicine
Field of Study: Medicine

Biographical Information:



A former Bruin, Jeremy is already the co-owner of a U.S. patent for MRI technology and is pursuing a career in medicine with hopes to be a leader and innovator in the field. In addition, Jeremy is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and has done various community service projects with the Nikkei Student Union, JACL, Stanford University Free Clinic and the International Oldman Festival.

Essay Excerpt:

"The world continues to amaze with its depth and diversity. As a child of a Japanese father and a Jewish mother, I am living proof of that diversity. By living in Japan, as well as traveling throughout North America, Europe, the Middle East and South East Asia, I have always tried to expose myself to new situations and ideas. Through my experiences I have gained a better perspective on my surroundings, my Japanese cultural identity and myself. This perspective will help me better to interact with the rapidly diversifying patients, physicians, and Japanese American community of the future."

being. Using the world's most devoted describes my current state of mind. I am devoted to a quest for knowledge, a search for a peace that comes from introspection and external creativity. The tools and the outlets for this forever come from art."

JACL graduate scholarships will continue in the next issue.

Two scholarship awards added to Entering Freshmen group

In the 51st year of the JACL National Scholarship and Awards Program, there were 102 applicants who competed for 15 "Entering Freshman" awards. The applicants spanned all eight districts from Honolulu, down to Clovis, onto San Diego, over to White River, to Fort Lupton, on to Cincinnati and down to Atlanta. In addition, the freshman category benefited this year from two additional awards, the Patricia and Gail Ishimoto Memorial Scholarship, and the Yutaka Nakazawa Memorial Scholarship.

The 1997 Entering Freshman Selection Committee was chaired by Gary Mayeda, VP Planning and Development, and included Hiromi Ueha, National Stu-

dent/Youth Council Chair; Ken Inouye, Selanoco JACL; Nicole Inouye, National Student/Youth Representative; Karen-Liane Shiba, VP Membership.

Mayeda commented that, "This year's recipients have shown outstanding talent and academics as well as strong involvement in their school and community. This reflects key personal elements JACL has always believed makes for better Americans for a greater America. As all these applicants and awardees are members of JACL, I would like to see their respective chapters better involve these young people and fully appreciate their talents on a chapter level."

ENTERING FRESHMEN

Mas and Maju Uyesugi Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Naomi Iwasaki
Venice-Culver JACL
School Attending: UC Berkeley
Field of Study: Psychology
Parents: Bruce Iwasaki and Evelyn Yoshimura



A true product of the Los Angeles Japanese American community, Naomi has volunteered for the Little Tokyo Service Center, Visual Communications, and the Rafu Shippo. She is also a skilled athlete, playing both varsity volleyball and basketball, through which she earned a spot on the North-South All-Star basketball team. Her mentor at the Rafu Shippo had this to comment, "Of all the qualities that I like the most about Naomi, the ones that I admire most are her willingness to learn, take chances and speak about what she feels is right."

Essay Excerpt:

"Growing up in the middle of the Japanese American community my whole life exposed me to a lot of different opportunities. Many of the activities outside of school that I participated in ever since I was young, whether it be trying to figure out exactly how to bat in T-ball or applying for an internship at the Rafu Shippo, have been connected with the Japanese American community. I have learned about my community and, most importantly, that I am an important part of something larger than myself."

South Park Japanese Community Scholarship

Winner: Kelli Makoto Wunder
Honolulu JACL
School Attending: Brigham Young University
Field of Study: Pre-Medicine
Parents: Arnold and Colleen Masako Wunder



Born and raised in Pukalani, Maui, Kelli will be attending BYU this fall to try his luck in Utah. Ranked 1st in his class and a member of both the Varsity basketball and volleyball teams, Kelli has managed to temper his academic excellence with sports. In addition, Kelli has donated his time to the March of

Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi Scholarship

Winner: Christine K. Andres
Southeast JACL
School Attending: Brown University
Field of Study: Chemical Engineering



Born in Saudi Arabia, raised in the Marshall Islands and now living in Mississippi, Christine is already a world traveler at the age of 18. She has taken her creativity and dedication and applied it to her academics—a 4.0 GPA; musical accomplishments—both the piano and the French horn; and multiple community service projects—Adult Literacy Program, Mississippi Clean-up, and Special Olympics to name a few.

Essay Excerpt:

"An open mind is a sure path to a wider view of the world, and during this age, diversity is essential. As one of the few Asian Americans in my area of Mississippi and the only one in my school, diversity is a great opportunity. However, being physically different from the majority of society is often difficult. Making the best of situations is one of my goals. Many times, I have been able to use my diverse background to my advantage. As an Asian American and a member of the JACL, I am proud to be diverse. I know that my success in life depends entirely on me."

Dimes, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Kula Hospital and the Salvation Army.

Essay Excerpt:

"Having been born to a Sansei mother and a German Hawaiian father and being raised in Hawaii, I have first-hand experience of living in the 'melting pot' of the Pacific. My circle of associates in school, work, and sports are from a wide array of nationalities and cultural backgrounds. My parents have taught me to appreciate the Japanese and Hawaiian traditions that are my heritage. I am grateful to live in a community of diverse cultures where an individual's talent, abilities and perseverance, not ethnic background, determine the doors that are open to you."

ENTERING FRESHMEN

Henry and Chipo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Dustin James Matsumori
Mt. Olympus JACL
School Attending: Stanford University
Field of Study: Political Science—Prelaw
Parents: James and Vicki Matsumori

Biographical Information:



Dustin is ranked 1st in his class of 452 at Murray High School in Murray, Utah. His academic record, community service and accomplishments have won him several awards and honors—1997 Coca

Cola Scholarship Finalist, 1997 Martin Luther King Youth Leadership Award, 1997 South Science Sterling Scholar, and Resolution R9703: Resolution of Commendation for Dustin Matsumori, by the Mayor and City Council of Murray—to name a few.

Essay Excerpt:

"As a young Japanese American student attending a school that lacks cultural diversity, I am in many aspects 'different' than everybody else: different in appearance, different in thought and different in action. While some may consider these 'differences' to be cumbersome or view them as difficulties to overcome, I have found that being different has allowed me more opportunities to truly make a difference. Because my family has always supported me in my activities both in and out of school, I have never been afraid of trying something new or sharing my opinion with others. My strong family background and pride in ancestral heritage has also encouraged me to take advantage of as many opportunities to serve in leadership positions in both my school and community."

Kenji Kasai Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Jeffrey Miyasaka
Ventura County JACL
School Attending: University of Southern California
Field of Study: Public Administration
Parents: Edward and Marcia Miyasaka

Biographical Information:



Jeffrey's troop leader recounts "Jeff addressed the troop" with a message about respect and courage. He reminded everyone that as they went out in the world they would come across others who had different ideas and beliefs than their own. He told them how important it was to respect the beliefs of others because diversity in thought might also pave the way to success. As a senior Patrol Warden, Jeffrey has taken his troop on numerous outdoor adventures. He has also been involved in student government, Varsity Tennis and Judo, where he has earned a black belt.

Essay Excerpt:

"I had limited opportunities to experience the friendship of an Asian American community because of my growing up in a predominantly white community. As a young boy, JACL provided unique experiences to interact with fellow Japanese Americans, but I still longed for my white friends. But, as I continued to grow, my views changed. Instead of 'dreading' a JACL function, I started to look forward to them and enjoyed helping with fundraisers, service projects and other events. It made me more interested in learning about Japanese culture and meeting other Japanese Americans. Thanks to my parents and the JACL, I was able to discover my true identity."

Gongoro Nakamura Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Erica Nishinaka
Reedley JACL
School Attending: St. Mary's Field of Study: Communications
Parents: Ronald and Katherine Nishinaka

Biographical Information:



Erica graduated with a 4.2 GPA, which was one of the factors that helped her to be named as one of the top 5 students in her graduating class of 330+ students. This past year she served as the president of the German Club, where she surely shared her experience of living abroad in Switzerland during her junior year. She is also a member of the California Scholarship Federation, as well as the Junior YGA. Erica's German teacher has this to add: "Erica has made good use of opportunities to develop and polish her leadership skills both at Reedley High School and in Switzerland. She balances her heavy academic schedule and her participation in extra-curricular and community activities with skill and grace."

Essay Excerpt:

"The United States is the 'Melting Pot' of the world and is a multi-cultural nation. It is my cultural heritage which gives me a strong sense of uniqueness and identity in this diverse country. The JACL Redress Movement made me, as well as the nation, more aware of the injustices committed not only to Japanese Americans, but other minorities as well."

Patricia and Gail Ishimoto Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Jane Liu
Seabrook JACL
School Attending: Princeton Univ.
Field of Study: Politics
Parents: Kindtoken and Emi Liu
Biographical Information:



Jane carried a heavy academic load combined with her involvement in the Park Ridge High School's Marching Band and Concert Band. Her musical talents include both the clarinet and the piano. Jane also excelled in the other arena's as well, competing in the Quiz Bowl, participating for four years on Student Council, and playing for the Varsity Tennis Team. She also has a strong record of community service, dedicating time to food drives, tutoring, and the Habitat for Humanity.

Essay Excerpt:

"Reading in a predominantly Caucasian community, I have seen how my views on the world are often different from those of my classmates. Many express anti-immigrant sentiment and condemn affirmative action policies. It would be easy for me to say nothing. It would be easy for me to feign concurrence with my peers. Yet, I am determined to endure the difficulties, speaking out in support of tolerance and respect among all the different peoples of the world. There is much beauty in the rainbow that now encompasses humanity. Admiring the richness of each color is the only way to capture the true radiance of the spectrum."

Union Bank of California Scholarship

Winner: Karyn Kyoko Okazaki
San Mateo JACL
School Attending: Claremont McKenna College
Field of Study: International Relations
Biographical Information:



This aquatic scholar athlete, competing in both water polo and swimming, has been recognized as the most inspirational athlete and as athlete of the week in the Central Coast Section Championships.

Yutaka Nakazawa Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Anne Mariko Fujimoto
Berkeley JACL
School Attending: Brown University
Field of Study: History or Biology
Parents: William and Judith Fujimoto

Biographical Information:



Not only is Anne a talented dancer and choreographer, but a classical Latin scholar, and a Junior Olympic-level water polo player as well. Anne has had an "interdisciplinary" high school experience, compounded by a rigorous academic schedule in which she has received high honors on the Golden State Exam and earned a lifetime membership to the California Scholarship Federation.

Essay Excerpt:

"I don't believe in the necessity of a homogenous society, but I do believe that we discover more about ourselves by learning about those that are 'different' from us. I credit the faith in my Japanese American ancestry for encouraging a high level of 'open-mindedness,' which I constantly apply to my daily life whether I am in Water Polo, Dance or even at church. My Japanese American identity is important to me, yet I also enjoy learning about different ethnic groups and cultures where I can give my perspective as an Asian American. As the 21st century draws near, we must reaffirm a strong pride in Japanese heritage and only then can we fully appreciate the beauty and diversity of being American."

Masao and Sumako Itano Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Kay Ann Kurashige
Lake Washington JACL
School Attending: Brown University
Field of Study: Business or International Relations
Parent: Rokuro Kurashige

Biographical Information:



Kay is an accomplished pianist who has won several honors in various local and statewide music competitions. In addition, she was the captain of her school's drill team which successfully qualified for the National Drill Team Competition. Along with her involvement with her school, she has also volunteered with the Humana Society, Bellevue Art Museum and the Overlake Hospital Medical Center.

Essay Excerpt:

"Although the many achievements have been made in the advancement in the rights of Japanese Americans, there are still many things that need to be done. Racial tension and stereotyping still widely exist in our country. In schools, differences in race are extremely evident. There is a trend of Asians associating with other Asians, African Americans with African Americans, and Caucasians with Caucasians. By understanding the cultures and beliefs of people of different races we will be able to see past differences and finally unite as one nation."

In addition, Karen is quite active in her church and serves as a representative to the National Asian Presbyterian Youth Council.

Essay Excerpt:

"The untiring efforts and dedication of such forefathers as Saburo Kido, Mike Masaoka, and Masao Satow paved the way to the rise of the Japanese American community to a people of proud heritage. I am a beneficiary of all of those achievements. It is why I can today hold my head high and say with humble pride, 'I am a Yonsei.' I accept the torch being passed on to my generation to continue transforming the struggles of those before me into stories of success. I strive to impact the world around me so that every day will be a 'Morning Glory' and never an 'Evening Shadow.'"

Henry and Chipo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Chad Shimazaki
South Bay JACL
School Attending: UC San Diego
Field of Study: Undeclared
Parents: Takao and Sharon Shimazaki

Biographical Information:



The Eagle Scout has a long record of dedication to his community. Various Scout projects have taken him to new locations and thereby new experiences as he helps to better his environment and surroundings. Chad has also been involved in Tennis, Cross Country and Basketball, both at school and with his church. Chad's guidance counselor comments, "He is also well-balanced, dynamic, charming and warm-hearted, which will ensure his personal success. I believe Chad will always give back to the community and others in the future."

Essay Excerpt:

"In the same way as the JACL has taken the initiative to lift up Japanese Americans, I too have been and will continue to do all that I can to make a positive difference in my community. As an Eagle Scout I have learned much about what it means to be a leader and how the most influential individuals are those who lead by example. To see changes occur in society I want to be a positive example. Putting others' need ahead of my own, forgiving, showing compassion and care, and taking a stand when wrong is being glorified are qualities for which I constantly strive."

Sumitomo Bank of California Scholarship

Winner: Derrick Ryan Gin
Tri-Valley JACL
School Attending: UC San Diego
Field of Study: Economics and Political Science
Parents: Frank and Susan Gin

Biographical Information:



"In seemingly countless ways he was our key leader—spending countless hours, doing innumerable tasks. During this past hectic year, Derrick coolly and cheerfully donated his time and efforts to organize, coach and inspire Cal High's 15-member Academic Decathlon team. Blessed with superior 'people skills' and an engaging personality, this model scholar-athlete made my administrative tasks fun and rewarding." Robert Sloan, Cal High

Essay Excerpt:

"My parents have always stressed the importance of striving to do my best in all of my endeavors. As a result, I place great value for the need and love of learning and why a formal education is important in my life. They have instilled great values which have changed the ways that I see the world and life itself. I have learned that many things in life are taken for granted and that everyone needs to 'chip in' to turn the world around."

Masao and Sumako Itano Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Thomas S. Koga
Reedley JACL
School Attending: UCLA
Field of Study: Chemical Engineering
Parents: Curtis and Cheryl Koga

Biographical Information:



This soccer-playing Valedictorian is not only on the field, but academically as well. He competed in the Academic Decathlon on the Division 1 Honor team, in the Science Olympiad, and is a member

Mitsuyuki Yonemura Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Kristy Nicole Shimosaka
San Mateo JACL
School Attending: UC Berkeley
Field of Study: Molecular Cell Biology
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shimosaka

Biographical Information:



Ranked 1st in her class at San Mateo High School, Kristy excelled in her academics while maintaining a steady load of extracurricular activities. She was an elected representative in student government, played both basketball and volleyball and volunteered as a candy stripper. In addition, she still had time to dedicate to the community by working at the Japanese Community Youth Council Day Camp, volunteering at the Nihonmachi Street Fair, and playing basketball for the San Francisco Ardenites.

Essay Excerpt:

"Becoming involved with the activities that I have, has given a sense of pride in my Japanese heritage, that I wouldn't have reached by reading a textbook. Japanese American community activities have filled me with knowledge that I could not have found elsewhere and they have sparked an interest to constantly learn more about my ancestry. In the past, JACL has helped me to obtain this knowledge and in the future I hope to continue to do so. I truly believe that I have grown to become a working part of the Japanese American community and I hope that someday my children will have the same opportunities."

Sam S. Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

Winner: Kristie Kimiko Nakamura
Ventura County JACL
School Attending: UC Irvine
Field of Study: Biology
Parents: Eiji Nakamura

Biographical Information:



This CIF Scholar Athlete of the Year will be showing her UC Irvine Anteater spirit as a member of the women's soccer team. Kristie has shown that she is tough mentally as well as physically, by maintaining the No. 1 ranking in her class of 513 seniors, being a lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation, and twice garnering high honors on the Golden State Exam. She balances her academic workload with assistant coaching an AYSO boys' soccer team and working with the Olympic Soccer Development program.

Essay Excerpt:

"I joined the Japanese American Citizens League because I respect what it stands for and I like the difference it's trying to make, hoping to make the connection which I felt was lacking. It has helped me to become more aware and appreciate my family history. It's sparked an interest in which I've learned how my grandparents lived, how my parents grew up and how things have changed. Joining the JACL was one way to prepare me for the future beyond high school."

of the California Scholarship Federation. Thomas is also a talented musician, holding the first seat in the violin section of his high school orchestra. As a Junior YGA officer, Thomas has assisted in the planning of various local and regional events as well as the statewide conference.

Essay Excerpt:

"Living in a largely rural area, my lifestyle may be substantially different from someone from a metropolitan area. Although some may consider small town views to be provincial, I believe that with my vision, I could contribute to a more complete picture of society. America is a melting pot of cultures. It is this diversity of people that I believe is our country's strongest asset. I believe that through cooperative interaction, we can better understand the diversity of humankind."

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Nat'l JAQL financial books show \$150,000 surplus

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ing with what we're trying to do. The staff have been really stepping up and getting things done."

Treasurer's Report

The increase in membership revenues and the rising stock market are the main factors contributing to the overall health of JAQL's financial situation, said National Treasurer/Secretary David Hayashi. But a number of implemented improvements have also contributed to the overall financial health of the organization, he said.

JAQL adopted a streamlined budget for the 1997-98 biennium, an investment and audit committee was formed, new accounting and membership software was purchased, the Planned Giving Program was started, and regular communication between the staff, board, and various committees has been established.

Deloitte & Touche's 1995-1996 audit has been completed and once the National Board approves the report, the final numbers will be released. Financial statements will also be published in JAQL's annual report.

The numbers in the audit report show a healthy organization for 1997, said NCWNP District Governor Alan Nishi. He also reminded board members that because the method of calculation in the audit is different from previous years, financial statements for 1995-1996 cannot be compared to earlier ones unless calculation conversions are made. "It's like comparing apples and oranges," he said.

The current membership numbers are respectable and will likely be even higher in the next quarter, said Karen-Liane Shiba, vice president of membership. There were 1,634 renewals in July of this year compared to last year's July figure of 803. She attributes this increase to consistency in renewal mail-outs, the fact that it's not a convention year, and that the renewals for the January-to-April lapsed memberships have been mailed out.

National headquarters is aiming at a fall target date for the installation of the new database, said Shiba. Chapters are being encouraged to clean up their membership rosters that are being sent out on a monthly basis. The names of deceased members should be deleted and any old addresses and phone numbers updated. According to Shiba, 60 percent of the members do not have a phone listing in the database, and of the 40 percent that do, many are incorrect. Any changes should be mailed or

phoned into National headquarters.

The "Member-Get-A-Member" program is being developed and will begin this fall and run till February. A new chapter program called "Sister Chapters," similar to Sister Cities, is also being considered. Under this program chapters from the various districts would adopt one another, facilitating the flow of ideas and information. The development of a "Membership Chair's Handbook" is another idea being considered.

General Operations

Nominating committee co-chair Kim Nakahara is forming a recruitment sub-committee in hopes of gathering a large pool of candidates for next year's national convention in Philadelphia, said Rick Uno, vice president of general operations.

Uno also presented a list of recommendations for the various committees: Yoshi Nakashima of the San Francisco Chapter for the by-laws and constitution committee, and Floyd Mori of the Mt. Olympus Chapter for co-chair of the chapter relations committee.

For the last several years the Washington, D.C., JAQL office has been eroding in its effectiveness and image because of a lack of funding, said EDC governor Tom Kometsani. Thus he presented a resolution at the board meeting to obtain a full-time administrative assistant for the office and enough funds for it to run efficiently. The motion was unanimous approval.

Although the Philadelphia Chapter has only 150 members, "we took on this challenge" of hosting the biennial convention because we thought it was healthy for the organization to be influenced by the East Coast, said convention committee member Grayce Uyehara.

Because the Philadelphia Chapter cannot afford to decrease the registration cost for youth and students, Uyehara encouraged the districts and chapters to help subsidize the students so they too can attend the national convention.

As of June 30, 1997, the JAQL Legacy Fund balance is more than \$6,300,000. Uyehara is currently working on the major donor plaque that will be showcased at national JAQL headquarters in San Francisco.

Planning and Development

There's approximately \$20,000 available for this year's legacy fund grants, said Gary Mayeda, vice president of planning and development. The maximum amount for

each grant is \$3,000. The deadline for application forms will be announced shortly.

The first draft of the 1996 annual JAQL report has been completed by Bill Yoshino, Midwest District regional director. He's currently awaiting some outstanding items and pieces. The annual report is to be inserted in an upcoming issue of the Pacific Citizen.

Although a number of the youth representative positions on the National Youth/Student Council have yet to be filled, two new reps have joined the council: Liz Hara is the new rep for the Midwest District and Daniel Teraguchi will represent the Intermountain District.

For next year's national convention the Youth Council is looking into some workshops and other events for the youth. Other ideas the Youth Council is currently working on are updating the membership brochure and developing a district youth/student handbook with a section on recruitment. They would also like to see an increase in the budget for youth programs and possibly the establishment of a staff position to work solely on youth programs.

The costs that would be incurred if the current 12-page bi-monthly format of the Pacific Citizen was changed to a weekly or 24-page bi-monthly format were presented to the National Board. The varying scenarios will be voted on by the National Council at next year's convention in Philadelphia.

PSW GALA

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American Express and Pacific Bell, "platinum sponsors," AT&T and Southern California Edison, "silver sponsors," So. Cal. Gas Co., "support sponsors." Other firms sponsoring the dinner include American Airlines, Mikasa, West LA Travel and others which have donated items for the silent auction.

Being recognized are civil rights leader Stewart Kwoh of Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, Dr. Roy and Mrs. Alice Nishikawa for over 110 years of combined JAQL service, and to American Express Financial Advisors for working with JAQL to develop a charitable giving and estate planning program.

KNBC (4) news reporter Gordon Tokumatsu will emcee the dinner. Urvine's student talko drummers, Jodo-kaiko, will entertain. JAQL member tickets are \$75. Information and RSVPs: JAQL PSW regional office, 213/626-4471; e-mail psw@jaql.org

JAQL LEGACY FUND

Maximum for '97 grants raised up to \$3,000

SEATTLE—The National JAQL Legacy Fund Grants Committee has announced the commencement of the 1997 Legacy Fund Grants Program. Applications are now available by request through the JAQL Pacific Northwest District office.

The Legacy Fund was established in 1990 as a perpetual endowment, from which the earnings have been used to implement JAQL's mission, purpose, and biennial Program for Action. The purpose of the grants program is to encourage and assist JAQL chapters and/or districts carry out organizational goals set forth by the National Council.

Every year, 10 percent of the interest earned is made available for programs and activities which are consistent with the goals of the JAQL. This year nearly \$21,000 is available for distribution through the Grants Program. The maximum amount for a single grant has been increased from \$2,500 to \$3,000.

Last year, 15 grants were awarded totaling \$18,700. Projects which received funding included youth leadership development conferences, video and film projects, historical projects which focused on the Japanese American experience in the United

States, and documentation of oral histories.

The application review committee is comprised of a representative from each of the eight districts in JAQL. Gary Mayeda, National Vice President for Planning and Development, serves as committee chair.

Proposals for the Legacy Fund Grants must be consistent with the JAQL Program for Action. Applications must include: detailed information with regard to the local, state, and/or national implications or impact of the project; description of local chapter district needs; and must provide a budget and time line with a detailed implementation plan of the project. Grants are not awarded to capital projects.

Applications are available through the JAQL Pacific Northwest District office in Seattle, Wash., from Karen Yoshimoto or Nobu Sugai at 206/623-5088, or via e-mail at JAQLPN-WRO@msn.com.

Completed applications should be sent to the Legacy Fund Grants Committee, c/o JAQL Pacific Northwest District Office, 671 S. Jackson St., Suite 206, Seattle, WA 98104, by hand or postmarked by Friday, Oct. 17, 1997.

Minidoka campsite visit from 1000 Club reunion slated

JACKPOT, Nev.—Bus trips to the Minidoka campsite have been changed to a single trip for Friday, Oct. 10, first day of the 1000 Club 50th anniversary reunion, from Cactus Pete's Casino with a box lunch added and is included at no extra charge to the Reunion registration, it was announced by Hid Hasegawa, reunion chair.

The original visitor's house still remains at the entrance of the WWII internment center, which is about 75 miles northeast from Nevada-Idaho border city of Jackpot.

Practice and qualifying rounds Friday for the 1000 Club golf tournament Saturday at the Cactus Pete's course is dependent upon registration of at least 40 golfers, Hasegawa announced this week.

The gala program mixer on Friday is being chaired by Dr. Frank Sakamoto, former National 1000 Club chair, assisted by fellow Mile-Hi JAQL 1000ers Tom Masamori, Herb Okamoto and Dr. James Taguchi.

The "Tie & Garter" buffet-banquet Saturday evening, and get-away Sunday morning breakfast complete the 50th anniversary reunion pro-

gram. Registration covers the Friday bus trip to the Minidoka campsite, the mixer, Saturday banquet, Sunday breakfast, the souvenir program booklet and a second booklet with photographs, stories and comments to be mailed after the reunion.

"It is not necessary to be a 1000 Clubber to attend," Hasegawa added.

All fees (\$55 reunion registration, \$60 for golf tournament), payable to the "JAQL 1000 Club Reunion," should be mailed to Seiichi Hayashida, 231 Lone Star Rd., Nampa, ID 83651 by Sept. 15.

Room reservations should also be made by Sept. 15 with Cactus Pete's Casino (800/821-1103). Ask for the special JAQL reunion rate of \$58 per room, Hasegawa reminded.

For those traveling by air from Portland or Seattle should fly to Boise by Thursday, 2:30 p.m., notify Hayashida (208/466-7226 eve.). Ground transportation will be ready by notifying Hasegawa (208/529-1525) for the motor trip to Jackpot. Others are expected to fly to Twin Falls via Salt Lake City.

By a choice

A September update on the Kuan Kao killing

BY CAROL KAWASE

Sonoma County JAQL President

First, here is an update on the shooting of Kuan Chung Kao by the Rohnert Park (Calif.) police officer (see Basic Information: Aug. 15-Sept. 4, 1997, Pacific Citizen). Some interesting points have come to light since the initial news reports, making it imperative that a higher governmental office review this incident.

(1) Witnesses, including off-duty CHP officers, place the victim 7 to 12 feet away in a standing position with a pole parallel to the ground. He was not running with the pole above his head.

(2) Due to intoxication and the searchlight trained on his face, Kao may not have known that the officer (Shields) would shoot. According to witnesses, the officer did not verbally warn Kao that he would shoot.

(3) Kao hit the officers' vehicles because he felt threatened by their excessive tactic of screening both of their speeding vehicles to a halt a few feet in front of him.

(4) Officer Shields was instructed by the first officer on the scene (Lynch) to stay in his car and await back-up units.

(5) Kao was harassed by patrons at a Cotali bar for his ethnic background. In the ensuing fight,

Kao was held back and stabbed in the forehead with a dart. Cotali police officers declined to address Kao's complaints of harassment.

(6) Asian Law Caucus' factual summary found the Sheriff Department's investigation conducted in a one-directional manner, assuming the victim to be the major aggressor and the officer to be the victim.

(7) Based on the 1997 Sonoma County Grand Jury report, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights may investigate Sonoma County's Law Enforcement Department for civil rights violations.

(8) The NCWNP District Council has supported further investigative action. The [JAQL] National Board was presented with a similar motion. San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Chapters have all been instrumental in helping our chapter meet the commitments required for acting on this issue.

Because the question of diversity/sensitivity training in law enforcement was raised, I felt it necessary for our chapter to pursue and clarify this issue. Therefore, Sergeant Pinola of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Dept. has agreed to speak at our next board meeting (Sept. 5). Members are welcome to come to this informal talk, which

will take place before the board meeting, at 7 p.m.

Redress is not over—I have been told that "now that Redress is over, JAQL is looking for reactionary issues to get involved in." I'd like to respond by saying Redress is not over until August 1998. ORA is aggressively seeking what they believe to be over 2,000 eligible recipients.

Japanese Peruvians have been very active in trying to get their case reviewed by the Justice Dept. JAQL has been committed to this issue since the last convention.

Former Japanese-American railroad workers are trying to get their

case overruled by the Justice Dept. on a "reasonable doubt" clause. The government claims that the railroad employees were terminated by a private company, therefore not eligible. However, the families that were affected were confined to their homes and investigated by the FBI.

Welcome—Membership chair Jim Murakami reports a steady increase in Chapter membership, following the trend of the National organization. As of this month, membership stands at 251.—Sonoma County Grapevine

President's messages, columns and features appearing in JAQL chapter newsletters are being gleaned for this corner.—Editor

Part of life: Volunteering

BY HANK TANAKA

Cleveland JAQL Bulletin Editor

Volunteering is a regular part of the lifestyle of many Americans. Our own Cleveland JAQL chapter is among the many worthwhile services and causes which relies exclusively on volunteers to fulfill its mission. We have no paid staff. Volunteering is a personal commitment to a service or cause that we believe in and want to be a part of. We give of our time, energy, talents, skills and money.

For many of us, it's a choice that we make as to what organization to work for. The choice may depend on what we hope to benefit from volunteering.

Why work for JAQL? To meet and make new friends, to increase understanding and appreciation of our chapter members, to become more aware of and sensitive to others, to be challenged by new ventures, to work together in the pursuit of a common cause, to feel a sense of accomplishment when

a task is completed, and most importantly, to enjoy the socialization and camaraderie of doing things together.

Our chapter provides a wonderful opportunity for volunteering. Many of us already do such things as prepare and serve refreshments or food, make calls to promote attendance, or carry out planned activities.

Our chapter also needs persons who can help with planning and developing such programs as membership recruitment, curriculum, coalition-building, cultural awareness, legislative alerts, and fund raising. These programs are chaired by board members. But the need is also for persons to serve on the committees.

Planning and developing programs is one level of volunteering. Yes, it takes the commitment of time, energy, talents, and skills of volunteers on an ongoing basis. Your help is needed. Call or write to Scott Furukawa, Cleveland chapter president, 356 Manhattan Parkway, Painesville Twp., OH 44097-5064; 216/354-2856; e-mail SF916@msn.com

You may get a call for help. As a part of your lifestyle, give thoughtful consideration to volunteering at the planning and development level for our Cleveland JAQL Chapter. The benefits could be beyond your expectations.—Cleveland JAQL Bulletin, Aug./Sept. 1997



Very Truly Yours

By Harry Honda

Mayan Nikkei

TO students familiar with the Stone Age, the origins of American Indians crossing the Bering Straits—once a land mass before the Ice Age—from Asia to America is standard stuff. Anthropologists point to the native Americans as "all of Mongoloid racial stock" and say "there is no reason to think that there was an influx of peoples into pre-Columbian America from anywhere else but Asia." Undeniably, this Asian connection is fascinating to ponder. What brings this about is our trip to Yucatan following our ninth Pan American Nikkei Association convention, which was in Mexico City last July 25-29.

Columbus thought them to be natives of the East Indies. Conquistadors and Spanish missionaries in Mexico thought they were dealing with descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel, but one Jesuit priest wrote they resembled not the Jews but the peoples of Tartary and thus had migrated from Asia (known as the Acosta theory), but not knowing when or how.

And, too, there is the legend that white people had been in Americas long before Columbus. The Book of Mormon tells of migrations from the Holy Land to the New World.

Reading about the ancient lores of Chichen Itza, the Mayan capital of the North (Yucatan) brings up another theory: the natives were part of the continental mass that broke away and has been called Atlantis and Mu. "Let's not forget that the early world was a different place millions of years ago; the continents were not what they are today. America was joined to other land masses, both east and west, making it logical that if man was in Europe a million years ago, he was also in America." These quotes are by Adalberto Rivera A., "The Mysteries of Chichen Itza," 1995. You get the idea that some theorists are unwilling to allow to the American Indians that their great talent and native achievements have Asian connections.

Such speculations would have never dawned here had I skipped Cancun, Chichen Itza and Tulum (the only Mayan ruins by

the sea). It is said the Mayans produced bark paper similar to the manner found in Indonesia (Celebes and Moluccas). The Mayans had a symbol that looked like a seashell for the mathematical concept, "zero." The sacred Mayan calendar of 365 days is older than the Gregorian. The unique Mayan hieroglyphics, the pyramids and temples, widespread human sacrifice, agriculture and trade are part of the civilization that flourished in Mesoamerica-Middle America, where the Japanese immigrants had landed a hundred years ago, an event commemorated two months before the 1997 PANA convention.

The community history of the Japanese in Mexico dates from May 10, 1897, when 35 young men from Yokohama arrived at Puerto Madero in the state of Chiapas and established the Enomoto Colony, initially as coffee farms in Escuintla and Acaoyagua that failed but successfully with other crops several years later. They had married Mayan women whose descendants are now Gosei-fifth generation, some proudly bearing their Japanese surnames. Its members comprise the Enomoto Association, based in the city of Tapachula in Chiapas.

The 100th Anniversary celebration of Japanese immigration to Mexico was commemorated in Tapachula, Escuintla, Soconusco and Puerto Madero with visitations by Prince Akishino, the second son of Emperor Akihito, and his wife, accompanied by state officials and Nikkei leaders from Mexico City, among them Carlos Kasuga, Dr. Rene Tanaka and Enrique Shibayama. There were monuments dedicated, gravesites of pioneer colonists visited, trees planted, boulevards and schools named for the Japanese immigration centennial, fiestas and speeches.

(To Stone Ishimaru, photo-archivist of WRA camps and of his own MIS days who grew up in Imperial Valley and is now of Hollywood, this was a spot he and I often talked about and wanted to cover. Its coverage is featured in the June 1997 issue of *Boletin Informativo*, the bilingual AMJ newspaper.)

SUDDENLY IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN.



LETTERS:

The Outcome — Why JACL-LEC appealed, then refused CLPEF's grant

On July 20, 1970 at the National JACL Convention in Chicago, the National JACL Council adopted a resolution in principle calling for individual monetary compensation for evacuees. On July 1, 1972, at Washington, D.C., the National JACL Council reaffirmed the 1970 resolution for reparations. On Feb. 1, 1979, the JACL Redress Committee met formally for the first time with the Japanese American Congressional legislators to discuss redress strategies. On May 20, 1982, the National JACL Board established JACL/LEC as a nonprofit corporation to lobby for redress. On May 17, 1985, the National JACL Board assigned JACL/LEC full responsibility for redress lobbying.

On July 13-14, 1986, the JACL/LEC Executive Board and Project Committee met in San Mateo to discuss the feasibility and significance of creating a JACL project to tell the compelling story of how Japanese Americans, members of JACL, and friends of the Japanese American community raised over \$1 million and organized the educational program within JACL and out in the communities.

And JACL/LEC worked for more than 10 years to get the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 enacted. This story is about the JACL/LEC redress campaign and why the JACL took on the daunting challenge of making the United States Constitution come alive.

We used the right guaranteed in the Constitution—the right to petition our government to redress our grievances. It is also about working on behalf of the traumatized Japanese American community and an almost impossible grassroots project that turned into a healing process. When JACL was finally victorious, it brought back our pride and sense of empowerment and we were able to proclaim, "We did it!"

Even though, Redress is not officially over until Aug. 10, 1998, the JACL/LEC Board felt there was an immediate need to research and write this story because many of the individuals who worked so fervently to get the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 passed are elderly and in frail health. Their experiences, memories, and insights will be lost forever unless this project is undertaken now. We are in a race for time.

Therefore the JACL/LEC Board voted to recommend to the National JACL Board to approve the JACL/LEC and Project Committee to start the groundwork for the project.

At the August 1996 National JACL Convention in San Jose, the National JACL Board approved the recommendation by the JACL/LEC Executive Board to start the groundwork for the JACL Project, "Japanese-Americans: From Imprisonment During World War II to the Civil Liberties Act of 1988."

The JACL/LEC hired a staff person to coordinate the project with the JACL/LEC and Project Committee. The JACL/LEC and Project Committee volunteered their time and resources to draft a proposal to fund the project. The Proposal was

submitted to the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF).

As chair of the JACL/LEC, I feel it is my responsibility to inform the JACL members of the outcome of the "PROPOSAL."

The Executive Board of the Japanese American Citizens League/Legislative Education Committee (JACL/LEC) unanimously rejected the \$25,000 grant that the CLPEF awarded the JACL on appeal. This decision was reached after much thought and deliberation for the following reasons:

- JACL/LEC was the only Japanese American organization with a Washington, D.C., presence to lobby for redress. JACL created JACL/LEC as a lobbying arm to pursue redress. The lobbying arm was necessary for JACL to fund a full-time lobbying campaign. The JACL/LEC created a coalition that united the efforts of thousands of JACL members and non-members, Nisei and non-Nisei veterans, and numerous civil rights, religious and professional organizations in the campaign to secure redress.

- The JACL/LEC was the community organization that met and planned the redress campaign with Japanese American members of Congress and enjoyed the full support of these Congressional members and their staff.

- The CLPEF rejected the JACL/LEC's proposed project to tell the story of the efforts of thousands of JACL members and Nisei veterans to secure redress. The JACL/LEC played a key and essential role in getting the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 enacted and funded. The JACL/LEC raised and spent over \$1 million to lobby for redress. The JACL/LEC's success was ultimately responsible for creation of the CLPEF. Unfortunately, the CLPEF Board did not consider the history of this remarkable accomplishment worthy of initial grant funding.

- Apparently, CLPEF Board members, staff, and review panelists thought the JACL/LEC's proposed project was a story about "politics" and "political fundraising." That is simply not the case. The JACL project tells the story of democracy and how citizens of any ethnic background can work within the system to bring about needed legislative change. The constitution of the United States protects people's civil liberties but constitutional protections are meaningless if they are not upheld by the government. The very heart of this country's democracy is a system that is accessible to citizens and a legislative process that allows the government to right wrongs and correct injustices. That is the story the JACL proposed to tell.

- The CLPEF Board's initial decision not to fund the JACL's project was appealed by the JACL/LEC due to numerous scoring errors on the part of the review panelists. Points were deducted because the JACL's project "lacked a professional catalog or librarian" when it was clear the JACL/LEC collection would be in the custody and control of professional archivists at the

Japanese American National Library. Panelists didn't read and/or understand the JACL/LEC's budget narrative; the obvious need to provide some historical background to put the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 into context; or how easily the JACL/LEC's Web Internet home page can be linked to other groups' experiences.

- On appeal, the CLPEF awarded the JACL a nominal \$25,000.

- We cannot understand why the CLPEF Board initially rejected the JACL's proposal, then apologized for that rejection after the appeal, but only awarded a nominal \$25,000 grant. If the JACL/LEC's project was worthy of funding, surely it deserved more than 10% of the amount requested.

- \$25,000 is not adequate to tell the story of how thousands of Japanese Americans and fair-minded Americans across the United States, led by the JACL/LEC produced a victory in Congress and a signature in the White House more than 20 years after redress was first taken on by the JACL in 1968. For that story to be told properly, the National JACL Board on Aug. 9, 1997, voted to bring the project in-house and continue to seek other sources of funding.

- Comparing the merits of different awards is probably not useful, but CLPEF funding decisions make it clear that the CLPEF Board members do not believe JACL/LEC story warrants support. If that's the case, the \$25,000 awarded on appeal can be better spent for proposals that are underfunded such as the National JACL "NISEI" project or other projects that will institutionalize the history of redress into the future.

The JACL story will be a historical case study for all organizations who seek redress and justice for the devastating wrong committed by their government with removal, exclusion and detention in relocation centers using military necessity as justification. The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians concluded that "the causes which shaped these decisions were race, prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership."

This story is about a major campaign to right the wrong for our people and JACL undertook the effort. The redress story is another milestone in the 70-year history of JACL as a human and civil rights organization which has during its long history looked after the general welfare of Americans of Japanese ancestry and all people.

The Project needs the support of the JACL members and it is my hope that the members will agree.

Jerry Enomoto
Chair, JACL/LEC

JACL/LEC Executive Board and Project Committee Members: Mollie Fujioka, secretary, Walnut Creek, Calif.; Cherry Kinoshita, vp. of operations, Seattle; Mae Takahashi, treasurer, Clovis, Calif.; Grant Ujifusa, legislative strategist, Chappaqua, N.Y.; Helen Kawagoe, National JACL President, Carson, Calif.; Denny Yasuhara, immediate past National JACL president, Spokane, Graye, Ureshara, past JACL/LEC executive director, Bedford, N.J.; Shig Wakamatsu, Chicago.

Action Alert

National JACL alerts chapters to support railroad, mining families claim for redress

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ny facilities and copper mines in designated military zones, "restricting the liberty of Japanese American railroad and mining workers in these zones and effectively preventing them from continuing their employment."

Furthermore, DeWitt's Proclamation No.3, March 24, restricted the travel of all persons of Japanese ancestry outside a five-mile radius of their residence "to seek any employment."

National Director, Herb Yamaniishi added the ORA "will not seek out these families so it is up to us to find out who and where they are." National JACL has been compiling a roster of railroad and mining worker families, their present residence, phone number, name of company and date of dismissal, followed by several questions about the claim:

- Applied to ORA for redress? (yes or no).
- Denied by ORA? (yes or no).
- Appealed to Appellate division? (yes or no).

- Still open at Appellate division? (yes or no).
- Appellate action on appeal? (denied or granted).

- Have you pursued suit in U.S. Court of Claims? (yes or no).
- If so, what is its status now? (explain).

The "action alert" questionnaire also cites the need for documentation or information to support the claim and for names of attorneys interested in these cases.

Likewise, chapters were alerted to encourage families of railroad and mining workers to file for redress as soon as possible.

The National JACL alert packet to the chapters included a three-page background, key issues and the personal story of Kimi Nomoto Yoshida, whose father Haruyoshi was a Santa Fe Railroad employee for 20 years, an update on the Emiko Kaneko claim before the U.S. appellate court in Washington, and the case of Sugi Takahashi, awaiting a decision from the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. ■



Voice of a Sansei

BY AKEMI KAYLENG

You're okay, kid

Ah, back to school time. The L.A. heat wave is cooling down, the autumn air is getting crisp, and the leaves are falling in New England, where all us JA top students will be attending Ivy League colleges on full scholarships.

At least, that's what we're supposed to believe. That's how the media portrays us, and that's what our culture wants.

I say the hell with it. I can just see the startled looks on the faces of many who know me well. If ever there was a walking cliché Asian Math Whiz Kid, it's yours truly, Akemi. How many people do you know who study physics as a HOBBY? With the same attitude Steve and I had about grad school? That's right, quoting Steve, our degrees in math and physics were "hobby degrees," something we just felt like doing as pure personal self-indulgence. So why am I saying the hell with it?

Let's clarify a few things. I'm not saying the hell with academic achievement or high tech. I'm not saying I regret having spent years in the business. I'm saying, some of us JAAs have just lost our perspective on things. Respect academic brains, but don't deify it. Value the good stuff math skills can bring, but see its limitations. And for God's sake, let's acknowledge that non-academic types have a valuable place in this world, too.

In any group of people, our interests and abilities will differ. There's nothing wrong with that, that's just how people are. Some of us are great in school, others only so-so. Just as some of us are great athletes, artists, leaders, or whatever, while others are not.

Our over-emphasis on academia is cruel to those who are guilty of nothing more than being part of the statistical description of humanity, which plainly indicates that people are different. Growing up Sansei, I remember watching peers who simply were

not the classroom type. Their lives would have been so much better realized elsewhere. But our community refused to acknowledge this. They were smashed into a mold not right for them, battered psychologically, accused by Issei and Nisei elders of "shaming the family." Is it any wonder that some of them turned to drug abuse?

And what about all those Nisei who really wanted to go to college, but who did not want to restrict themselves to the "right" choices like accounting, engineering, pre-med, or law? They bucked under the cruel dictates of our culture, and bypassed their true callings in other fields. They kept saying, someday I will adjust, someday I will do well. Instead, they spent years in careers which never quite worked out.

And what of those like myself? How can I ever articulate my frustrations over my own unmet needs, which others could never see, because they were blinded by my aura?

My brother-in-law, Stan Knight, was an average student who did not go to college. He repairs downed power lines during windstorms. Steve, his brainy brother, programs the computerized-controls for satellites. Not being JA, Stan was never rejected for his choices. The next time we're in a power blackout, let's be honest, who would we value more?

I say, let's retain our greater respect for education, which the mainstream lacks. But let's loosen up some, and value those who don't fit the ideal.

JACL's been having a real problem recruiting young people. I wonder if the vast majority of JA youth, who cannot fit our culturally dictated ideal, are put off by the uneasy feeling they will be pressured to be something they are not. "What these Yonsei need to hear is, 'You're okay, kid.'"

Akemi has spent over thirty years in mathematical applications.

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COMMENTARY:

A response to Yasuhara's commentary

BY DALE MINAMI

Chair, CLPEP

I am writing in response to Denny Yasuhara's Commentary (Aug. 1-14 PC). While I am hesitant to inflame further controversy on the issue of JACL/LEC's rejection of our grant, especially given their great contribution to the Redress effort and our interest in unifying rather than dividing our community, I do believe misperceptions may have resulted from his commentary, requiring a response as follows:

1. We did not initially reject the JACL/LEC proposal because "JACL/LEC was only a fund-raising operation" as Mr. Yasuhara states. There were multiple reasons for the initial rejection including the failure to identify the principal investigator or writer of the \$250,000 project, the desired qualifications of such personnel, the high personnel costs in relation to the other costs. (Personnel costs were \$138,000, fringe benefits were \$32,700 and contract costs were \$28,000, totaling \$198,700 out of the \$250,000 budget.)

Additionally, Board members thought that while the subject focus of the project was too narrow, the multi-faceted components were too ambitious to achieve. The Project Summary stated that the project would "...document how a small group of Japanese Americans raised \$1 million and worked for more than 10 years to get the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 passed," and on page 4, the "story of JACL's tenacious struggle for—and unbelievable success in—obtaining redress." Staff and Board pointed out that using federal funds to discuss how a political action committee raised money to lobby Congress on a particular issue may

not be appropriate, especially during a period when Asian American fund-raising activities are being scrutinized by Congress and since we had to justify all grants we awarded to a possibly hostile Congress.

Also, the Board chose not to award more than \$100,000 to any one project and thus requested those projects requesting \$250,000 to apply any grant awarded to one component of the project. In most instances, where the project requesting \$250,000 was multi-faceted, the Board made a recommendation on which component of the project to fund with the limited funds awarded.

2. We reconsidered our initial decision and an appeal awarded \$25,000 to JACL/LEC. Given the restricted amount of funds allocated to us for grants and the number of excellent proposals, the Board decided at the outset to fund as many projects as feasible with "seed money" so grantees would be encouraged to develop additional sources of funding. We felt a need to fund projects in many states, on different subjects, in varied media and fit diverse approaches to maximize education on the exclusion and detention of Japanese Americans. If the \$25,000 awarded was in the range of grants given to other projects. Of the 135 awards, no applicant received more than \$100,000. Only two of the 135 projects funded (1.4 percent) outside of the Candlelight category (less than \$25,000) received the full funding for their original request. The average grant awarded was approximately \$27,000.

3. We are not "ignorant" of the role JACL/LEC played in the heroic Redress movement as Mr. Yasuhara asserts. We recognize the enormous contribution made by the JACL and

the LEC to the success of Redress, but our guidelines did not permit awarding grants based on the magnitude of the contribution to Redress. We had to make our decisions based on the quality of the proposals submitted to us.

We are deeply disappointed that JACL/LEC chose to reject our grant but there was no discernible bias detected on the Board against JACL/LEC. In fact, JACL National and chapters received more grant money than any other organization. We funded 29 JACL projects and at least five projects purporting to tell the Redress story, including the LEC proposal and a proposal submitted by an LEC Board member from Seattle.

In addition, although we initially requested JACL/LEC to use the initial grant of \$25,000 to begin creation of an annotated bibliography to identify primary and secondary resources on redress (one of the proposed components of the JACL/LEC proposal), we decided to allocate a separate fund of \$25,000 to execute this task, thus freeing the initial grant of \$25,000 for another component of the JACL/LEC proposal. Thus in essence, a resource base of \$50,000 was created for JACL/LEC to begin several components of their proposal.

I am truly sorry about the bitter feelings the processing of the JACL/LEC grant has caused. Many of us worked hard for Redress and we truly appreciate the enormous contribution of the JACL/LEC. But given the constraints of the guidelines, the large number of requests for grants and the limited amount of our disposal, we felt we did the best we could. I do hope that we will find a way to tell the story of Redress with JACL/LEC's input and cooperation. ■

Voices

Comments and concerns over Akemi's article: A generation's passing

Akemi [Kayleng] gives us a very honest, moving description of her experience growing up Sansei in America (see PC Aug. 1-14). She felt extreme pressure to prove that even though the Nisei were treated as second-class citizens, she as a bright, articulate Sansei, could prove that she was an equal, ready to meet all challenges. Somewhere along her life path, she discovers that she is not prepared or willing to fight the Nisei battle and has to go away from her community to "take care of herself." She later comes back to the Nikkei Family with new respect and commitment to push the diversity agenda. She ends with a plea to back-off the younger generation, stop being so selfish, and

stop putting unfair pressure on the young people to right the wrongs of the past.

The legacy of severe and unjust racism against the Japanese in America is real and is something we all have to face as individuals and as a Community. Akemi is a very fortunate woman. Unlike most, her family shared their experiences of the U.S. concentration camps and their struggles to come back home after the war. Akemi had a whole family and community that supported and nurtured her; yet she laughs with sadistic pleasure at their suffering. Akemi took on for herself the task of undoing the wrongs of the past—clearly an impossible task. What we can do for our-

selves is to hear the stories of the Issei and Nisei, share their pain, and learn from it. We cannot undo or erase past hurts. Feeling the pain of our mothers and fathers is the only way to heal ourselves and our community, learn the lessons of the past, and become strong and wise advocates for the future.

Must we repeatedly learn that you can't make it solely on merit in America? Race and gender still matter. The Issei and Nisei pushed the myth that being smart and speaking "good" English makes you equal in white America. The reality is that simply acquiring language skills in no way gives you access to the halls of power nor does it prepare you to cope with cruel realities. This was proven by the Nisei where the exceptional talents of thousands were denied and are still denied today. How many Nisei gardeners, maids, and house-boys do you know that were college-educated professionals? Today, many talented Sansei are also unable to achieve their full potential because of racism, albeit at less pernicious level.

Finally, Akemi indirectly gives us a concrete illustration of the disappearance of the Japanese American community. Interracial marriage is the norm, childless couples are commonplace. As a result, Yonsei are becoming rare, and Gosei endangered. Sansei have internalized the melting-pot theories and have acted upon them. I often wonder if our drive to disappear is due to the need to become assimilated, or due to an unbearable legacy of self-hatred and shame.

I come away from Akemi's article with the conclusion that each person must fight the demons of the past in their own way, none of us can undo the past, sharing the pain of our parents is our privilege, hitting the wall of racism is still painful, and growing up is hard to do, especially in the shadow of such strong survivors as our parents.

I still struggle with these questions: How do we as Sansei continue the Nikkei legacy? What is our Sansei legacy? Are we ready and willing to be the bridge to future generations of Japanese Americans? Or are we better off melting away and disappearing into the multi-cultural pot? Actions speak louder than words, so maybe all of these questions are becoming moot as the U.S. Nikkei vanish.

Pet Skione
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Las Vegas Yonsei, Caracciolo, drafted by Montreal Expos

BY SALLY SKINNER

Las Vegas JACL News

LAS VEGAS—In today's world of rising young baseball athletes, one finds more frequently the appearance of those of Japanese descent. Here in our own valley, from Henderson another of our favorite sons is on his way to hopefully a career that is every young boy's dream: to play baseball in the big leagues.

On June 3, Anthony Caracciolo, 17-year-old grandson of the late George Miyama, was drafted by the Montreal Expos in the seventh round. Starting at Basic High School, he played shortstop and had been recognized as probably the best infielder in the city this season.

"I just wanted a fair deal in a round that I felt was fair," Anthony said. "I feel everything was handed well and I know that now is the time where all the hard work will really begin." Anthony was hitting .424 (39 for 92) in 26 games in his season with the Wolves. He hit nine home runs, had 33 RBIs and scored 30 runs.

Anthony spoke of his pride in his

Japanese heritage as well as his Italian background, but it is the Japanese part that may have given him a little edge.

Maternally, his great-grandfather, Matsuo Hakata played semi-pro ball for an Ogden, Utah, team for approximately six years, with a short stint for induction into the service during World War I. It looks as though Matsuo's adept pitching arm has filtered down through his descendants to a shortstop, seven inches taller than himself, at 6'1" and 175 pounds.

Through all of the attention and excitement, George remains calm and more focused than some young men in his position.

His coach, Anson Jones, portrays him as a role model whom he respects both as a ball player and an individual with a good attitude toward his position that will help him handle upcoming pressures.

Currently, Anthony is playing rookie ball in West Palm Beach, Fla., and recently hit another homer in the Expos' win over the Florida Marlins.

'Festival in the Garden' fundraiser set Sept. 21

VAN NUYS, Calif.—The 100-442-MIS Memorial Foundation's major fundraising event for 1997 will feature a day in Los Angeles' best-kept secret, the 6.5-acre Japanese Garden in Van Nuys in the San Fernando Valley designed by landscape architect Dr. Koichi Kawana, on Sunday, Sept. 21, with a catered luncheon from Obachine, entertainment by Hiroshima, and George Takei as program emcee.

The luncheon menu from Obachine, the newest Asian restaurant, by Wolfgang Puck of Spago,

fame, lists 17 items from soup to dessert, with a \$115 value. Hiroshima jazz musicians have been recording for 18-plus years, now under Quincy Jones' Qwest Records.

This RSVP event for 900 guests only will support the "Go for Broke" monument and its educational programs.

Tickets are available at \$150 per, \$50 discount to veterans, their wives, students and groups of 10, by calling the Foundation office, 310/327-4193. ■

Jazz singer-teacher comfortable on stage

HONOLULU—She goes by three names: (a) Sandy Tsukiyama, professional jazz singer on weekends, (b) Sandra de Oliveira, music teacher by day at Kalakaua Intermediate School, and (c) Sandra Tsukiyama de Oliveira, international language interpreter and translator before governmental agencies, the courts and hospitals. She said her audiences at Restaurant Row like her Brazilian and

salsa numbers but are surprised to learn she also plays the koto. Single mom of two boys, 15, 11, and a girl, 9, she and her husband of 11 years Carlos "Carlinho" de Oliveira, noted Brazilian percussionist, were divorced four years ago.

A University of Hawaii graduate in ethnomusicology in '75, Tsukiyama de Oliveira studied Spanish language, Mexican dance and guitar in Guadalajara, Brazilian folk music traditions in Rio de Janeiro, and is fluent in both Spanish and Portuguese. She is the daughter of attorney Ted Tsukiyama and mother of Tokyo (nee) Yokoyama. —AB ■

Smithsonian traveling exhibit comes to Santa Cruz

SANTA CRUZ, Calif.—The well-traveled Smithsonian Institution exhibit, "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution," opened Sept. 4 at the Santa Cruz City Library, 2124 Church St., with the Watsonville JACL as co-sponsors with the library.

Official opening and reception with local Nisei WWII veterans as special guests will be held Sept. 5. Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge Kathleen Akao will be guest speaker.

The library is open at 10 a.m. during the week and on Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Guest speakers during the exhibit's six-week stay include local author Franz Steidl this Sunday, 2 p.m., at the library on his book, *Lost Battalions: Going for Broke in the Vosges, Autumn 1944*.

There was also a "Lost Battalion" of Germans in the Vosges as well as the better-known Texans who were

rescued by the 442nd all-Nisei regiment.

Public lectures, 7-9 p.m., at the McPherson Center, 705 Front St., follow:

Sept. 12—Sandy Lydon, Cabrillo College, "It Did Happen Here: WWII and the Removal of the Japanese in the Monterey Bay Region."

Sept. 18—Filmmaker/writer Geoffrey Dunn, "Male Nissei: The Relocation of Santa Cruz Italians during WWII."

Oct. 3—Panelists: Author Jeanne Houston, artist Howard Ikemoto, Libia Yamamoto of the Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project, WWII camp physician-surgeon Dr. Masako Miura.

Final public lecture, Oct. 10, 4-5:30 p.m. at McHenry Library Foyer, UC Santa Cruz. Alice Yang Murray, assistant professor of history, "Silence No More: Japanese American Internment, Redress and His-

torical Memory."

Film series at The Nickelodeon Theater, 210 Lincoln St., will feature four films:

(1) Sept. 25, 7 p.m.—*Unfinished Business: The Japanese Internment Cases and Days of Waiting: The Life and Art of Estelle Ishigo*; (2) Sept. 26, 4 p.m., Terri deBono, Steven Rosen and Yukio Sumida's *Beyond Barbed Wire*, the recollections of 100-442-MIS veterans, wives and children; (3) Sept. 27, 4 p.m. with Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, *Farwell to Manzanar*, and Sept. 28, 4 p.m., *The Wash* with director Michael Ho.

Mini-exhibit of internment works of the 5th and 6th graders at the Watsonville summer cultural Japanese school, *Kokoro no Gakko*, has been added to the Library exhibit.

Information: Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries, 408/429-3495. ■

PROP. 209 Now in force

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This decision allowed the anti-affirmative action initiative that prohibits preferential treatment based on race or gender in public employment, education and contracting to take effect on Aug. 28. Protesting the courts decision, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and thousands of affirmative action supporters marched across San Francisco's Golden Gate bridge the next day.

Last November, 54 percent of California's voters approved Prop. 209. Shortly afterwards a federal judge blocked the initiative, indicating there was a strong probability that the measure was unconstitutional. But that decision was overturned in April by the Ninth Circuit Court.

"[Proposition 209] could have a fairly broad effect on minorities in general," said National JACL Director Herb Yamashita, who joined the Rev. Jackson in the march. "For Japanese Americans it could also be a problem. We're reverting back to ways for the government to go back to an old-boy's network where who you know is what's important."

In Los Angeles, "For JACL members and the Asian American community, the largest im-

part will be on AAs who have been struggling to break that glass ceiling into levels of government, management positions, and securing their fair share of public contracting dollars," said Pacific Southwest Regional Director Al Muratsuchi.

California's affirmative action programs had generally required that 15 percent of contracts instigate jobs be awarded to minority business owners and 5 percent to those owned by women. These programs had

also required that ethnicity and gender be considered in the hiring process.

And although Prop. 209 has now been ruled constitutional, a number of state agencies and large cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco have indicated that they will not change their municipal policies.

The next step for the ACLU will be to ask the Supreme Court to stay the Ninth Circuit Court

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OBITUARIES

Journalist Richard Takeuchi, 78, at the Sun-Times

CHICAGO—Seattle-born Richard C. Takeuchi, 78, died Aug. 10 in Vancouver, B.C. A journalist who filled several editing posts at the Chicago Sun-Times, he retired in 1981 after 37 years with the newspaper, previously known as the Chicago Times, and moved to British Columbia in 1986.

He attended the University of Washington and worked for a year in Japan with the Tokyo Mainichi.

During WWII, he and his family were interned at Minidoka, Idaho, where he edited the camp newspaper.

Coach Soichi Sakamoto, 91, inspired greatness

HONOLULU—Coach Soichi Sakamoto [1906-1997] died Saturday, Aug. 2, of complications associated with pneumonia.

From humble beginnings in Maui, he went on to coach several of the best swimmers ever produced in Hawaii: Bill Smith, Keo Nakamura, Jose Balmore, Bunnei Nakamura, Halo Hirose, Bill Woolsey, Ford Konno and Evelyn Kawamoto, among others.

As a science teacher and swim coach at Puunene School on Maui, Sakamoto taught all his students to aim high. Smith, who won two Olympic gold medals, remarked: "Our motto was always: *Olympics first, Olympics always.*"

He made us believe that if you set your goals high enough, you

could achieve anything."

The Sakamoto legend became international when he was assistant U.S. Olympic swim team coach in the 1952 and 1956 Games, where nine of his swimmers competed and Yoshi Oyakawa, Konno and Woolsey won gold medals.

Former swimmer and journalist John Tsukano, 72, remembered his advice: "Don't drink, don't smoke. That stuff is no good."

To this date, "I don't drink or smoke," he told the *Honolulu Advertiser*.

Earlier this year, the War Memorial Complex in Waikiki was renamed after him.

He is survived by four children, 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. —AB

PROP. 209

Calif. Prop. 209 now in force

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of Appeals ruling.

They're confident the Supreme Court will hear the case because there are approximately 26 other states which are currently considering similar measures and Congress also has its own equivalent to Prop. 209 — H.R. 1909.

"As the ACLU and other lawyers prepare to challenge Prop. 209 in the U.S. Supreme Court, JACL members across the country should learn from the lessons of California's Prop.

209 and speak out against H.R. 1909," said Muratsuchi.

"As Prop. 209 continues to succeed in the courts, the momentum will pick up in other jurisdictions," said JACL Washington Representative Bob Sakaniwa, pointing to the number of similar initiatives being considered throughout the nation.

"The worst possible place to pick-up momentum is at the federal level," he said. "It's a scary prospect if it makes it all the way up there." ■

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Arai, Keizo, 72, Guelandale, Aug. 1: Fukuko-born, survived by husband Kazuyuki, sons Toshimichi, Yui, daughter Sachiko Onuma (Los Angeles), g.c., brother Yoshinori Ito, sisters Miyoko Meshima, Yoko Meshima (all of Japan).

Fujiehl, Alan, 72, Adrian, Ore., Aug. 6: Seattle-born WWII army veteran, 442nd Infantry Division, Bronze Star recipient, survived by wife Ite, daughter Leslie Schwartz (Alaska), sons Barry (Adrian), daughter Lynn V. Garrett, Annette Hiseko Falls, Ore.), g.c., sister Helen Masuda and brothers Mike, Jack, Tom, Ike (all of San Jose).

Hatanaka, Matsue, 86, Gardena, Aug. 6: survived by daughters May Sato, Aiko Gates, 10 g.c., 5 g.c.

Hedington, Christina Fujisawa, 42, Seattle, July 1: survived by husband Craig, son Brian, daughter Wendy, parents Mr. and Mrs. Daniso Gapsin, sister Catalina Gorman, brothers George, Naleo Gapsin.

Honda, Hiasehi "Bank", 77, Carlsbad, July 31: Huntington Beach-born, survived by wife Kyome, son Wayne Hiroshi, daughter Lynn V. Garrett, Annette Hiseko Mendez, Pauline Yuriko Honda (Las Vegas), 3 g.c., brothers Hiroshi, Toshio, Masaru (Mt. Shasta), sister Yoshiko Fukuda (Vista).

Honda, Lillian Kazuko, 68, Sacramento, July 30: survived by husband Katsuki Dexter, son Christopher, daughter Norene Nakashima, g.c., mother Shizue Tomita, brothers, sisters.

Hata, Mitsuo "Joe", 77, Portland, Ore., July 11: Barnston, Wash.-born, survived by wife Rose Takano, sisters Sumiko Ando (Gresham), Ayako Fujimura (Tokyo, Japan).

Inoguchi, Takeshi, George, 84, Hollister, July 25: survived by wife Ruth, son Dean, daughters Georgia Sakai, Aileen Kawasaki, 6 g.c.

Iwama, Toshimi, 83, Atherton, Aug. 3:

Whereabouts
Items are listed without charge on a space available basis.

53rd INFANTRY REG'T.

The 53rd Infantry will hold a WWII reunion, May 15-17, 1998, at Safari Resort, Scottsdale, Ariz. Reunion chair Joe Allman (Arizona JACL) of the Army 53rd Infantry Regt. Association is trying to locate any and all of the following Nisei GI who were members of the outfit while at Fort Ord before the war: Contact: Allman, 3243 W. Mercer Ln., Phoenix, AZ 85029-4204, tel/fax 602/942-4832.

HQ—Philip N. Ichino; Co. A—Hideo J. Iwaki, Eddie Kobayashi; Co. B—Henry Y. Yoshino; Co. C—Akira Masao Chomori; Jack K. Wakamatsu; Kenneth T. Masamitsu, Isao Nakano; Co. G—Fred S. Kitajima, Masashi Kusuda, Truman K. Oshima, Henry I. Tani, Ricki R. Yasui; Co. H—Tsunao Harada; Co. I—Roy I. Shioita, Takao Takai; Co. K—Robert S. Kobayashi, Kenji Kato, Toshi Ogawa; Co. L—Minori Nagata, Kan Tagami; Co. M—Jimmy S. Gozawa, Masao K. Hiroo; Akira Kanda, Makoto Mochizuki, John T. Narimatsu, Frank T. Tomita, Jack Y. Tsuchida, George T. Watanabe; Medic Det.—Tutomu H. Inouye, Toby M. Nishimoto, Horace H. Yonahiro. ■

PEGGY TANAKA

Her maiden name was Peggy Tanaka (Mrs. Arthur Misaki Sakaguchi), who used to live on Grizzly Road, Lawwood, Ohio. Write to: Rev. William Kobayashi, 441 Los Osos Valley Rd., Los Osos, CA 94032, 805/528-6026. ■

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survived by son Frank, 2 g.c., daughter-in-law Mitsuko Iwama, sister Satsuki Hirozawa, brothers Yon, Tom Yamagami, predeceased by husband Fumio, son Ken-ken Kazuyoshi.

Iwata, Kyoko, 96, Pasadena, July 31: Kanagawa-born, survived by daughter Lillian Newcomb, 3 g.c., 5 g.c.

Izui, Michi, 80, July 29 service: survived by husband Victor, daughter Tina Hill, son Richard, 2 g.c., siblings Jose Katagiri, David Katagiri.

Kariko, Chiyue, 94, Santa Maria, July 25: survived by daughters Tamiko Ono (San Jose), Hanako hwanima (Torrance), Itsumi Tanimura (Rowland Hills), Lity Yoshino (San Diego), son Toshio Kamo (Santa Maria), siblings Sakuyue Iwata (Cyprus), 12 g.c., 12 g.c.

Kato, Dane, 76, Oakland, Berkeley, July 25: Susan-born, WWII army veteran, survived by wife Mary, siblings Hatsu Nakamura, Peggy Fukuyama, Beverly Kato.

Kimura, May Hide, 79, Seattle, June 30:

Kosakura, Takao Henry, 99, Santa Ana, Aug. 7: Fukui-born, survived by wife Sorie, son Takashi, daughter Tamiko Sakimoto, 5 g.c., 7 g.c.

Kozuma, Tokiko, 93, Los Angeles, Aug. 3: Fukuko-born, survived by son Roger Tadashi, daughter Florence Emiko Kato, Kathleen Ayako Hirata, Lillian Reiko Kozumi, 7 g.c., 3 g.c.

Kuramoto, George N., 86, Las Vegas, longtime Cleveland, Ohio resident, June 28: Seattle-born, survived by sons Melvin, Gary, g.c. Julie Lynn, Beverly Kato.

Kuramoto, Satsuko, 77, Arcadia, July 23: Seattle-born, survived by sons Alan, Steven, daughter Teri Akishi, 5 g.c., brother George Shimoda.

Kurakawa, Kosei, 93, Los Angeles, Aug. 3: Ehime-born, survived by wife Hideko, son Bryan.

Kuwahara, Hide, 92, Los Angeles, July 31: Seattle-born, survived by daughters Flora Harumi Shinoda, Kay Yemiko Kame, step-daughter Masumi Hoshizaki (Chicago), 7 g.c., 8 g.c.

Kuwahara, Hiromi Louise, Gardena, July 15: Harbor City-born, survived by husband Takao, sons Mike (Torrance), Gary, Ken (Gardena), Ricky (Westminster), sisters Kimi Miyoshi (Gardena), Nobu Uchida (Long Beach), 2 g.c.

Lee, Taik M., 57, Hemet, Va., July 9: Seoul-born, listed in "Who's Who in the World 1982-79" and "International Who's Who of Intellectuals 1985," author of forthcoming book "Korean Families in the 21st Century," survived by wife Jane Sumo Nagata Lee, sons Jonathan, Russell, Mark, all of Los Angeles.

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Nitso, Kaname, 57, Orange, July 26: Kagoshima-born, survived by wife Setsuko, son Steve, daughter Heather Eni (Japan), brothers Yoshiaki, Masahito, (Japan), Toshiki, sisters Shigeko Hirano, Hiroye Matsuda (both of Japan).

Ohashi, Adai, 87, Washington, July 24: Kanagawa-born, survived by daughters Katsuko, Yoko (Walla Walla, Wash.), sister-in-law Sue Mercado (Walla Walla), 2 g.c., 2 g.c., predeceased by husband Keisaku, daughter Susan, grandson Kevin, brother Tadashi Matsuda.

Okada, Frank S., 81, Las Vegas, July 14: Redondo Beach-born, WWII army veteran, survived by wife Florence, sister Sue Kato, brothers Kai (Chicago), George.

Okamoto, Kiyono Unaldi, 85, Los Angeles, July 24: survived by daughters Toshiko Salzberg, Etsuko Lockhart, 3 g.c., 3 g.c.

Osugi, Taiji Fred, 78, Sunnyvale, July 15: Vacaville-born, survived by wife Ite, sons Alan, Dennis, Douglas, 8 g.c., 9 g.c., brother Ken.

Oyakawa, Yoshitsugu G., 88, Los Angeles, Aug. 8: Okinawa-born, survived by wife Yae, daughter Lynn Hiroko Matsumoto, 1 g.c., brother Yoshiharu, sisters Kazuko Matsuda (Japan), brothers-in-law Kei Toshimasa, Shigeki Miyagi (both of Japan), sister-in-law Hisako Uchi (Japan).

Yoshimasa, William K., 78, New York, April 19: Kingsburg-born, WWII army veteran, New York JACL chapter member in 1957, survived by wife Mary, sons Robert, Lynn, Eddie Alan, 7 g.c., 4 g.c.

Schmidt, Barbara Masuda, 80, Lincoln, July 21: survived by parents Masaki and Mary Hada, brothers Craig, David, sisters Marilyn Williamson, Maybelle Hada.

Shimamoto, Yui Isakue, 68, Larkspur, July 25: Seattle-born, survived by daughters Kanako, Deb, son Kevin, 6 g.c., sisters Kay, Irene Harada, Fumi Tatsuno, sister-in-law Joanne Tohei, brother-in-law Hiko Shimamoto, predeceased by husband Shoji.

Taketsuki, Takewo, 89, Los Angeles, July 25: Seattle-born, WWII instructor, survived by daughters Dr. Akemi Takekoshi (Michigan), Eileen Janice, 1 g.c., brothers Kumao, Shigeo, sisters Tami Takekoshi, Kimi Okane, Kazuko Asari (all five of Japan), sister-in-law Hase Takekoshi (Japan).

Takemura, Thomas Shoji, 77, Tacoma, Wash., July 26: Fife, Wash.-born, WWII army veteran, Puyallup JACL President in 1951, 1957, recipient of JACL Sapphire Service Award, survived by wife Myrtle, sons James, Robert, daughter Karen Midori Vali, 7 g.c., predeceased by son Thomas.

Takida, George M., 76, Las Vegas, July 6: Montrose-born, survived by husband Takeo, daughters Corey Huddy, Heidi Thompson, 5 g.c.

Teshima, Edna Nagano, 85, Oakland, Aug. 5: Salinas-born, survived by daughters Charles, Deb, son Ronald (San Diego), daughters Carolyn (San Francisco), Diane Hishi (Oakland), Nancy (Abany), sisters Tosh Tanouye (Chicago), Ida Endo (Skokie, Ill.), Mae Higuchi (San Jose), 5 g.c.

Tomita, Masajiro, 91, Los Angeles, July 28: Yokohama-born, survived by wife Miyako Kaneko, sons Dr. Mitsuo (San Diego), Masao, 5 g.c.

Urahama, Tokaji, 91, Gardena, Aug. 4: Japs-born, survived by daughters Maru Urahama (Gardena), Myrtle Ige (Kawato), Susan Kaneko (Torrance), 4 g.c.

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Budget bill restores some benefits for immigrants, but problems remain

WASHINGTON—President Clinton has signed the 1997 Balanced Budget Act, which contains important provisions related to immigrants and their benefits.

While the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium praised the bill as a significant victory in the fight to restore benefits for legal immigrants, it remains concerned over other provisions in the welfare law which will continue to deny immigrants access to critical benefits.

For example, nearly one million legal immigrants were expected to lose their food stamp benefits in August. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Asian Pacific Americans comprise only 3.3 percent of all Food Stamp recipients. However, nearly 20 percent of all legal immigrants receiving

Food Stamps are Asian Pacific Americans, or about 280,000. At least eight states so far will provide some form of state-funded food assistance; however, none will fully replace the amount of federal food stamps.

This budget bill restored Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid benefits for elderly and disabled legal immigrants who were receiving SSI as of Aug. 22, 1996, and who subsequently become blind or disabled. The bill also lengthened the SSI/Medicaid eligibility period for refugees, asylees, and persons granted withholding of deportation, from their first five years in the U.S. to their first seven years.

Another important provision grants special treatment for SSI recipients who applied for SSI

before Jan. 1, 1979. These recipients may continue receiving SSI and Medicaid unless the Social Security Administration possesses "clear and convincing evidence" the individual is ineligible for assistance due to immigration status.

Another provision continues SSI and Medicaid until Sept. 30, 1998, for the approximately 24,000 "not qualified" immigrants, otherwise known as "permanently residing under color of law" (PRUCOL), who were made ineligible for benefits under the welfare law.

More than half of those in the above category have resided in the U.S. continuously since before Jan. 1, 1972, and are eligible to adjust to legal permanent resident status but have not done so because of mental or physical disabilities.

The bill may extend the veteran definition to include Filipino Americans who served under U.S. military command in WWII, and encourages extending the definition to Hmong and Lao soldiers who fought under U.S. command in the

Sansei named Riverside baseball coach of the year

RIVERSIDE, Calif.—Paul Kumamoto was named Riverside County baseball coach of the year as his Jurupa Valley High School Jaguars won their first Mountain View League title since 1993 with 21 wins. He has been their only coach and has led his teams to a winning record each season. The team has also won the California Inter-scholastic Federation academic team honor.

The Riverside JACL will also honor Paul, the son of Katherine and Junji Kumamoto, charter members of the chapter with a "Recognition of Distinguished Achievement Award." Paul and his wife Lynette have two children, Lynlee and Thomas. ■

Vietnam conflict, which would exempt them from any cuts in benefits.

The Consortium is urging com-

munity groups and individuals across the country to continue their welfare advocacy efforts at both the state and federal level. ■

Racial insult part of Del Mar racing incident

DEL MAR, Calif.—Jockey Corey Nakatani has apologized for pushing apprentice Ryan Barber off his mount while the two were galloping out after the seventh race at Del Mar Sunday (Aug. 3). Nakatani was suspended through Sept. 10, the last day of Del Mar racing.

His trainer-attorney Darrell Vienna told the press Monday, "There was a mitigating circumstance that we considered. In the last three months, he's had 80% of his thyroid removed. That can cause an imbalance to your

endocrine system, which could affect behavior. But we've decided to accept the penalty and move on."

According to *Daily Racing Form* correspondent Steven Andersen, Nakatani testified that when he rode up alongside Barber he said, "Pick your head up," a reference to having to check in the stretch. Nakatani then testified that Barber responded, saying "F— you, Jap." Barber testified that when Nakatani galloped back to the unsaddling area the two exchanged additional epithets. ■



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