



Rev. Jesse Jackson and civic leaders, including Lori Fujimoto, at the Save the Dream! march press conference in Sacramento.

## Asians parade in 'Save the Dream' with Rev. Jesse Jackson

SACRAMENTO—Twelve thousand marchers, including an estimated 1,000 Asian Americans (Chinese, Hmong, Japanese, East Indian and Korean), joined Rev. Jesse Jackson's "Save the Dream" march here this past week (Monday, Oct. 27), filling the west steps of the State Capitol for the rally to save the "dream" of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Marchers from across California descended upon Sacramento to denounce implementation of Proposition 209, hearing remarks from a panel of speakers including Jerry Enomoto, U.S. Marshal for Eastern

California, San Francisco county supervisor Mabel Tang, entertainer Steve Park and Lori Fujimoto, national JACL vice-president, public affairs.

A \$5,000 check from the greater Sacramento Asian Pacific community toward march expenses was presented during a breakfast hosted by Dymothy and Jerry Enomoto, Bill Wong (aide to Assemblyman Mike Honda) and Lori Fujimoto.

Rev. Jackson is leading an effort to request the Justice Department to investigate the deceitful initiative campaign by proponents of Proposition 209. —Lori Fujimoto ■

## P.C. PROFILES

### Pasadena's Shig Kawai played with Jackie Robinson

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

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LOS ANGELES—The first time 80-year-old Shig Kawai met the legendary baseball hall-of-famer Jackie Robinson, major league baseball had only white players and World War II was still years away.

It was 1936 and the place was, naturally, a baseball game. The two teens had been chosen to play in the annual high school "all-star" game, a match where only the best players from Southern California were invited.

"Even then, Jackie was pretty well known," recalled the Nisei resident of Pasadena. By the time they were introduced at the all-star game, Kawai had already heard about Robinson's skills not only in baseball, but also football, basketball, and track.

The two ended up playing on the same team that day, recalled Kawai, and Robinson was given a medal for the most stolen bases. And, he said with a smile, he beat out Robinson for second base. "He

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## Census 2000 adopts new ethnic categories, but not 'multiracial'

WASHINGTON—Native Hawaiians should remain in the racial category labeled Asian and Pacific Islanders in the next census, according to a recommendation of a task force for the Office of Management and Budget.

Only point made in July was to change the description, "Hawaiian" to "Native Hawaiian."

But in the final decision, which came forth this past week (Oct. 29), "native Hawaiians" were coupled with "other Pacific Islanders" as a new category.

Many groups, including National JACL, had opposed a separate

"multiracial" classification because it diluted the numbers of people who identify with a particular race (see July 18-31 P.C.). The JACL further emphasized the need for an accurate count but did not suggest how mixed-race individuals are to be tabulated.

Now, mixed-race Americans can check off more than one racial category for themselves. However, for purposes of the Voting Rights Act, which ensures that blacks and other minorities are represented, those who check "black" and another race "will be treated as African American," OMB administrator Sally

Katzen explained. (It was not known whether an Asian-Caucasian individual would be regarded as "a minority" or not for the same purpose.)

"We're allowing people to express that their racial heritage in whatever way they view themselves," OMB director Franklin Raines said.

Native Hawaiian leaders wanted to be counted in the American Indian/Alaska Native category, because "we are part of America and an indigenous population, no different than indigenous people in the other

## Congressmen urge Clinton to settle Japanese Peruvian appeal for redress

BY AL MURATSUCHI and HARRY K. HONDA

LOS ANGELES—All JACL chapters and members were alerted this week to support a national campaign for Japanese Latin American redress, i.e.—to lobby their congressional representatives to urge President Clinton to settle a class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of Peruvians of Japanese ancestry who were arrested during World War II at request of the U.S. Government and interned in the United States.

Meanwhile, 80 members of Congress urged the President to settle the lawsuit and grant redress. The effort was spearheaded by Reps. Patsy T. Mink (D-Hawaii) and Anna Eshoo (C-Calif.) in gathering their signatures, including the two Senators from Hawaii, Daniel Inouye and

Daniel Akaka, two House Republicans Tom Campbell (Calif.), Benjamin Gilman (N.Y.) and 76 House Democrats including Robert Matsui (Calif.) and Barney Frank (Mass.).

Though not addressed during the redress committee strategy meeting, National President Helen Kawagoe, in a timely observation, added, "While President Clinton has criticized China for being on the 'wrong side of history' with their human rights abuses, he should be reminded that our own great nation has some unfinished business to be redressed." During the eight-day visit (Oct. 26-Nov. 3) by China President Jiang Zemin, protestors were out in force criticizing China's human rights policies.

The congressional letters were triggered by the WWII Japanese

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## Supreme court lets Prop. 209 stand

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court Monday (Nov. 3) let stand without a dissenting vote a lower court ruling upholding California Proposition 209, clearing the way for Gov. Pete Wilson to dismantle state race-and-gender preference programs.

The proposition is an amendment to the state constitution that says state and local governments, about 6,000 entities, cannot discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin.

Undaunted, ACLU, which argued the case, asked the Supreme

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## ORA community meeting in Salt Lake City Nov. 22

SALT LAKE CITY—Office of Redress Administration is staging a community meeting on Saturday, Nov. 22, 1 p.m., at the Japanese Church of Christ, 268 W. 100 South, with staff from Washington on hand to explain the close-down process and answer questions.

Persons who have pending claims, i.e. railroad and mining workers, or who are interested were alerted by local JACL leaders.

The ORA reported the Japanese Latin American case was presented Oct. 8, providing an open forum for Justice Department representatives with Japanese Latin American advocates to discuss options available within the law governing the redress program. Present were Grace Shimizu, Julie Smith, Campaign for Justice, Bob Sakaniwa, JACL, Justice Department counsel Stuart Ishimaru and Lisselyn Jacobs, chief of staff, to the Assistant Attorney General.

"We appreciate the community's dedication to this cause," ORA administrator DeDe Greene remarked. "The meeting was positive and productive." (Current ORA update appears on page 9.) ■

## NCWNP District Council installs board officers; focus is on commitment

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI

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TURLOCK, Calif.—Now that San Jose Assistant Police Chief Tom Shigemasa has decided to retire from the department after more than 30 years, he's going to have some extra time.

But instead of plans for week-long golfing excursions or whiling away the days on a sunny beach in the Caribbean, he'd rather be spending his time serving on the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Executive Board.

"I feel this is a worthwhile endeavor," said the 52-year-old, one of five candidates who ran in board

elections held during the NCWNP District Council meeting at the Cortez JACL Hall on Nov. 2. "I have a lot of time now, besides bothering my wife," he joked.

Shigemasa will officially retire from the police department in January at which time he'll be able to devote all his energy to serving on the district board. "I enjoy the job, and still do," he said of his long and dedicated career in policing. "But because of some medical problems I've decided to hang it up."

Born and raised in Hawaii, Shigemasa came to California to attend San Jose State University. By

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## Last call issued to WW2 vets for names on monument

GARDENA—Chairman Young O. Kim of the 100/442 MIS World War II Memorial Foundation announced that names of eligible World War II Nisei veterans and their officers must be submitted to the Foundation by Feb. 27, 1998.

"The process of building the monument has begun," Kim said. "We've started negotiations for the granite, and the steel is being fabricated." Ground-breaking is tentatively scheduled for June of next year and the unveiling for 11 a.m., Oct. 17, 1998.

"We need to have all additional names or corrections submitted to our office by Feb. 27. Once the list is completed, the granite will be engraved with approximately 15,000 names and be ready for mounting on the vertical wall of the 40-foot diameter monument."

The current list of names of Nisei WWII veterans who served overseas will be published, as a part of the 1997 Holiday Issue of the Pacific Citizen.

Being that the MIS was a top-secret unit, only first initials were provided for the 6,000

names that were made available. The Foundation has identified over 5,000 first names but nearly 1,000 remain unidentified.

The Foundation further seeks other Nisei veterans who served overseas with other military units. CIC/OSS veterans are more difficult to identify, as they were a highly classified unit and their discharge papers lack details as to where and in what capacity the veteran served. The Foundation will accept a sworn statement of a fellow veteran for

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## Holiday Issue deadline 'around the corner' - Friday, Nov. 28 -

TO HELP dispel the notion the 1997 P.C. Holiday Issue deadline is still "weeks away," this is an Earnest Notice that the "absolute deadline" for all stories, contributions, greetings and advertising, traditionally at the end of this month, has been advanced to Friday, Nov. 28.

The Holiday Issue kits were distributed to all JACL chapters the first week of September, and chapters have organized solicitation teams. The advertising and one-line greeting rates have not been changed: \$7.50 per one-line individual greetings or \$16 per column inch for display advertising.

Pioneer solicitor Mack Yamaguchi was first this year, turning in Pasadena JACL's batch. Lillian Kimura turned in New York JACL's first batch over the Oct. 20 weekend.

Pioneer solicitor Smoky Sakurada has submitted the first batch of greetings for what hopefully will fill a pair of pages (as last year) or more for Chicago JACL. The "pioneer" rank designates these men have been hustling H.I. Ads as long I can remember — 40-plus years. Other "bulk rate" Chapters are requested to tell business manager Kerry Ting (800/966-6157) how many pages the chapter wants to reserve.

The current plans call for printing a 96-page tabloid, to be in the mail by Friday, Dec. 19. While there is no particular theme, contributors have been contacted this past month by assistant editor Caroline Aoyagi to consider topics of timely relevance — final redress push, hapas, Census 2000, etc.

The staff will then take a much-needed break, with a skeleton crew to handle post-Holiday Issue matters and then prepare the special New Year edition filled with JACL stories for the second Friday in January 1998.

— Harry K. Honda, Editor emeritus. ■





## Word from Herb



By Herb Yamanishi National Director

## Record-keeping at National updated

**SAN FRANCISCO—FINANCIAL AND MEMBERSHIP REPORTING**—Our conversion to a new integrated accounting, membership, and fund raising computer system has taken longer than anticipated. We hope to begin having the system operational by the first of 1998.

The new system should be more user-friendly and will help to reduce the possibility for errors and make the membership and accounting departments operate more efficiently.

Until about 1991 or 1992, membership was managed by hand. The 1994 audit recommended a computerized accounting system and so in 1995 JACL installed a separate accounting system. However, with a reduced staff and increasing demands and needs for better accountability, maintaining two incompatible database systems has become extraordinarily complex.

The following is a brief update of what has been done and what we are currently doing:

- Duplicate information and other errors in the membership database have been cleaned out in preparation for conversion to the new system.

- The current accounting system is being revised to include new accounts, programs, and cost centers.
- Staff members are undergoing a training regime that includes a series of exercises and mock report writing.

- Protocols for the networking of the new system are being organized so that information may be called up from several different workstations.

- Donor information, dating back to 1989, is being reviewed and analyzed to ensure that the donors are properly credited.

- An analysis of the current membership software program has been completed and a decision has been made to transfer its use to generate lists of former members who had not reviewed or lapsed their memberships.

The result of these time-consuming tasks should be a more efficient system that provides more detailed information, thereby providing for better accountability and internal control.

We will be providing more detailed financial information by programs so that everyone will be able to clearly see how the funds of the JACL are used. In practical terms, the new system also means more on-time chapter rebates, timelier

information about membership, timely and accurate acknowledgment of donations and contributions, and a clearer demonstration of how JACL spends its money.

To avoid making or repeating errors about membership has required evaluating the details of the information that was entered for each member and former member. With over 30,000 records in the membership database, it is an obvious time-consuming process. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

**REDRESS REMINDER**—The Redress program officially ends August 10, 1998. Railroad and mining workers who were terminated during World War II and Japanese Latin Americans brought to the United States during the War should be making application for redress. Should a decision be reached making those people eligi-

ble for redress, one will have a substantially better chance of getting redress on time.

**THE UNKNOWN**—The office of Redress Administration has made available to JACL, in electronic form, the list of 2,000 names of those incarcerated during World War II but whose whereabouts are unknown. JACL can provide the list via e-mail or on disk to anyone who wishes to receive a copy. Call the JACL at 415/921-5225 or e-mail us at JACL@JACL.org.

**WEB PAGE**—Have you seen it? It isn't pretty but JACL has a web page. It can be found at [www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org).

Herb Yamanishi is national JACL director and writes this column to inform the membership of major organizational projects and programs.

## By the Board

By David Kawamoto  
PSWDC Governor

## Role models

**M**Y two teenage sons and I were watching the U.S. Open Golf Championships this year. The talk everywhere is about that noted Asian American, Tiger Woods. While we watched the second-round highlights on Friday, my sons asked me who I thought might win the championship. I jokingly told them I was cheering for Hideki Kase (I know PC: readership have no problem pronouncing this name correctly). Actually, I'm sure the boys were seeing if I was also cheering the odds-on favorite, Tiger Woods. Actually, I was cheering for Woods and pleased to see an Asian American occupying the position of the favorite.

Similarly, I recently found my younger son, Keith, watching a baseball game. I was somewhat surprised to discover it was a Dodger game. Being a native San Diegan, I take great pride in pointing out to my PSW brethren that I'm from the home of the National League Western Division Champion Padres. Keith is quite a sports fan and I thought I had taught him which teams are the good guys and which are the bad! So, here I find him cheering as the Dodger pitcher is striking out the competition (who happened to be the Anaheim Angels). That pitcher was Hideo Nomo. Oddly enough the opposing pitcher was Shig Hasegawa. (I'm

beginning to think the Padres are the only team without a Japanese pitcher!) I found myself feeling a sense of ethnic pride in the accomplishments of Nomo. I asked Keith if he shared this feeling and he immediately responded affirmatively.

Our society, and its media, places sports figures in the spotlight. Who hasn't seen Tiger Woods on television or on the cover of a magazine? I can remember watching the world television broadcast of the Winter Olympics when Kristi Yamaguchi won the gold medal in figure skating. People like this are placed in that spotlight and how they react to it will (like it or not) influence our youth.

To date, Tiger Woods has taken the time to personally hold golf clinics for underprivileged youth, and I recently noticed that Kristi Yamaguchi serves on the 100th/442nd/MIS World War II Memorial Foundation.

Kids aspire to be like their heroes but there is so much more to these heroes than their sizable athletic skills. Thankfully, these two individuals and many more have shown me that they accept that responsibility, provide community service and truly serve as positive role models. ■

David Kawamoto, PSWDC governor, writes from San Diego.

## Stockton JACLers views 'Children of the Camps'

**STOCKTON Calif.**—Filmmakers of *Children of the Camps*, a video dealing with the psychological trauma experienced as a result of internment, met with Stockton JACLers at their board meeting Oct. 14 at the Buddhist Church. A trailer of the film was shown. The project is still in the works and is in need of funds to complete editing; the chapter was told during the preview.

Audrey Kasho-Wells, executive producer, Diva Media, has hopes to hold a series of events in conjunction with the video "as part of a process that reaches the community and enlightens us to the intern-

ment camp experience. It's a story that, through the eyes of children, is something we can all relate to," she said.

Dr. Satsuki Ina, family counselor and CSU Sacramento faculty member, called the film "a celebration of healing ... to acknowledge the experience and to provide an educational opportunity for all of us together. There's no more shame for those of us who were interned."

Tule Lake-born Dr. Ina conducts group workshops in which Japanese Americans who were children in the camps recognize the impact their wartime experience had on their lives. ■

## Photos and story by YAS TOKITA

**JACKPOT**, Nev.—Every time Jackpot was mentioned at National Board meetings in the year leading up to the 1000 Club reunion October 9-12, there would be laughter,



Hid Hasegawa

snickering and questions, such as "Why not in Reno?" or "How about Las Vegas?" Well, the answer was that it was the brainchild of Idaho Falls Chapter and specifically Hid Hasegawa.

They came by plane and car, and as they left they were in agreement—it was worth the trip for a very memorable weekend.

On Friday there was a bus excursion to the Minidoka campsite sponsored by the Pocatello-Blackfoot Chapter. Hero Shiozaki and Masa Tsukamoto were the tour leaders for a group that numbered around 50 people. This was covered by television and media from Twin Falls and Jerome, Idaho. The group visited Shoshone Falls, which is the tallest of the waterfalls in the U.S.

The Welcome Reception was conducted by Frank Sakamoto, former

## JACL Chapter reports welcome for New Year's

It is a PC: Tradition to carry "year-end reports" from JACL chapters of events that have appeal, pictures, and how it was carried off—so that other chapters might find cues and inspiration. These reports should be prepared now for insertion in the New Year edition, which will highlight JACL references—one being an update of the roster of JACL Chapter Presidents, which last appeared in the 1985 New Year issue.

Deadline for all New Year edition articles is Friday, Dec. 19. The issue will be off the press Jan. 6. Because of the extra workload for this year's Holiday Issue, which is scheduled to be mailed by Friday, Dec. 19, the PC: Office will be staffed by a minimum crew through Dec. 31.

## St. Louis workshop to examine extremists

**ST. LOUIS, Mo.**—The American Jewish Committee and Washington University School of Law community-wide program will examine the agenda of extremist organizations in Missouri and America on Friday, Nov. 12 at the law school's Bryan Cave Moot Court Room, Forsyth & Olympian Way.

Among the supporting organizations are the St. Louis JACL, St. Louis OCA, Islamic Foundation, Hispanic Leaders Group and NAACP. ■

1000 Club Chairman. Frank awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals to various 1000 Clubbers. On Saturday, Keno and Slot tour-nambers produced these winners:

Keno—(1) Frank Sakamoto, (2) Mar. Hironaka, (3) Yoshiko Uno. Slot—(1) Thelma Yasuhara, (2) Martha Hirai, (3) Lucy Adachi.

Nikki Nojima's troupe of six came from Seattle to present an abbreviated version of "Breaking the Silence." It was presented at 12:30 in the Sunflower Room. This was followed by a pilgrimage to Minidoka, where three members of the troupe had been imprisoned in 1942-1945. A short ceremony had been planned for the Minidoka site but high winds made that impractical. It was held instead at the Jerome library. Then it was a high speed commute back to Jackpot for the Saturday evening banquet. The troupe presented its slide show which normally accompanies the full length version of "Breaking the Silence."

At the banquet, 15 certificates of recognition and appreciation were awarded to 1000 Clubbers. Three

JACL past presidents, Lillian Kimura, Judge Raymond Uno and Denny Yasuhara, gave brief addresses. The ever-bullient Yukus

Inouye gave a history of the 1000 Club. Herb Yamanishi, who lost the lower half of one of his admittedly not-so-favorite ties, gave a report on the "state of the union" of the JACL.

The Reunion was smooth and without glitches, thanks to the tireless, behind-the-scenes work of Hid Hasegawa and Donna Okubo from National Headquarters. All of the participants

are going to receive a souvenir Reunion booklet to help them recall a most memorable weekend.

P.S. An alert was received last week from Hid that the Reunion souvenir booklet has many spaces open for sponsors and greetings. The rates begin at \$27.50 per one-eighth page and go to \$200 full-page. Information: Seichi Haya-shida, 208/466-7226. ■

## 1000 Club traditions



PHOTOS BY RANDY HARANO

Above—National Director Herb Yamanishi, about to deliver remarks at the 1000 Club 50th anniversary reunion, is interrupted by scissor-wielding Dr. Frank Sakamoto, snipping his long tie in half. Tradition calls for 1000er-men to wear bow ties.

Below—Left: Be-medaled among the pioneer 1000 Clubbers, posing on the podium are (from left) Sud Morishita (Idaho Falls), Joe Saito (Snake River) and Clarence Nishizu (Selanoco). Right: Seichi Hayashida (Boise Valley), new Life member Ron Yamamoto (Reno) and Sam Sakaguchi (Idaho Falls).





## East Wind

By Bill Marutani

## Little iron men

**THE BOOK** is entitled *Go For Broke - A Pictorial History of the Japanese American 100th Infantry Battalion, and the 442d Central Postal Directory Company*. Authored by Chester ("Chet") Tanaka, a volunteer from St. Louis, Missouri, who served in "K" Company of the 442d, the book's 172 pages contain some 240 photographs culled from 4,000 shots. Interspersed with excerpts from contemporary diaries, letters home, and oral histories, the resulting composition presents personal perspectives that make up the broad picture.

**AT THE OUTSET**, in the introductory section of the book, after pointing out that the men of the 100th/442d bled and acted like any other American dogface (infantryman), the author points out there were some differences: "They liked rice. Three times a day ... They had strange sounding names ... almond eyes ... dark hair ... and brown skin. They were short. Their average height was 5'4" and their average weight was 125 pounds, even soaking wet. Many were a Quartermaster's nightmare: They wore shirts with 13-1/2 necks and 27" sleeves; pants with 26" waist and 25" inseams. And then there were the shoes - would you believe 2-1/2 EEE?" (The book quotes from an item appearing in the *Honolulu Star Bulletin*: "All 49" of PFC Takeshi Kazumura ... is a peck of headaches ... The regiment ... had to give [him] 10 days' leave to travel from France ... to Naples where the Quartermaster had two pair of shoes specially tailored for him. And at that still a half size too big. When Kazumura was wounded ... he was hospitalized for six weeks." When asked how the nurses treated him, he answered "just like a baby.") There are other tid-bits of little known facts about the 100th/442d.

**FOR EXAMPLE**, the episode of 28 men from the Hawaii 100th Battalion being whisked out of Camp McCoy (Wisconsin) on a hush-hush mission to Cat Island located due south of Gulfport at the mouth of the Mississippi River. There, dogs were being

trained for military service - messenger, scouting, sentry, attack, trailer. So why a contingent of Japanese American soldiers? "Some rear-echelon commando decided that the Japanese soldier smelled differently and that the Japanese American soldiers must give off a similar smell. It was a great idea, but it didn't work. Somebody forgot to tell the dogs."

**OTHER INGNOMINIOUS** affronts. A Nisei soldier in uniform visiting friends in a "relocation" center recounts his experience: "We checked in at the barbed-wire gate when - whom - this guy pulls out his bayonet and mounts it on his gun and says 'Okay Corporal, march.... I turned around and said, 'Corporal, take that bayonet off and put 'um back in your scabbage.' He said 'No, I have to follow you with this bayonet right in back of you.' So I said, 'You know I am in American uniform.' He said, 'Yes, I know that, but these are my orders.' So I took a swing at him. Then Miyamoto and the other guy held me back."

**THERE FOLLOW** the exploits of the 100th/442d, concluding with President Harry S. Truman personally receiving and reviewing the men of this famed regiment, and in pinning the 7th Presidential Unit Citation on the regimental colors, declared: "You fought ... not only the enemy. You fought prejudice - and won. Keep up that fight ... continue to win - make this great Republic stand for what the Constitution says it stands for: the welfare of all the people, all the time."

"Little Iron Men?" That was one of the labels by which the men of the 100th/442d were called by the people in Europe. Another was "gentlemen soldiers."

**THIS BOOK** belongs in every family's home, particularly Nikkei Americans'. Fortunately, it recently had a second printing and is again available. Presidio Press, 505-B San Martin Drive, #300, Novato, CA 94945-01340. \$39.95.

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

## Colo.'s Sogo Way promotes U.S.-Japan understanding

**DENVER**-Sogo Way, established here in 1992 to increase mutual understanding between U.S. and Japan at the people level through educational activities, seminars and workshops, has published its first book, *Old Man Thunder: Father of the Bullet Train* by Bill Hosokawa, and a 7-1/2 hour unabridged audio book.

The first in a series of biographies of Japanese in English, it documents the life of Shinji Sogo (1884-1981), a railroad builder from the 1900s, who was called from near-retirement to lead the JNR (Japanese National Railway) in 1956 and with right-hand man Hideo Shima committed his nation to build the "bullet train" system.

Sogo Way is currently developing a program to assist U.S. teachers in teaching about Japan "to let children know that learning is fun and

that there are many things to learn in the world," according to executive director Jane Page of the Gakko School Project (303/292-3001). ■

## Judge Lance Ito to address JASC's 51st fete

**CHICAGO**-Judge Lance Ito will deliver the keynote address at the Japanese American Service Committee (JASC) Fuji Festival on Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Chicago Marriott Hotel. The Los Angeles County judge, who presided over the O.J. Simpson criminal trial, is being recognized for his accomplishments and support of the Japanese American community. The reception for Judge Ito begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7. This is JASC's 51st anniversary.

For information or tickets, call the JASC 773/275-7212. ■

## Camp experience propels U.S. Assistant Attorney General Takayo Ochi's commitment to race relations

By CAROLINE AOYAGI

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**LOS ANGELES**-When U.S. Assistant Attorney General Rose Ochi was born, she was given the Japanese name "Takayo," meaning "a child with high ideals."

But in an internment camp during World War II, it was changed to the American name "Rose" by some well-intentioned Japanese American women.

Since then, Ochi's gone by Rose, but after more than fifty years she'd like to start using the name Takayo again.

"Please call me 'Takayo,'" said Ochi, as she shared her camp experience during an emotional speech at the second annual Alliance of Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) awards ceremony. She was being honored with the Government Advocate Award at the event held at the Westside Pavilion on Oct. 10.

Like more than 110,000 JAs, Ochi and her family were forced to leave their home in Los Angeles, and herded by the United States government into an internment camp in Rohwer, Ark., where they lived until the end of the war. Recently, Ochi had a chance to revisit the old site.

It was difficult to go back, she said. "I still have not processed all my feelings, but I'm working through them."

And although her memories are painful, she said, it's the experience of being unjustly interned that continues to propel her commitment to bettering America's race relations and to ensuring the civil rights of all Americans are upheld.

Ochi is currently the highest ranking Asian American woman at the White House and is the first AA woman to hold the position of assistant attorney general. She was recently named Director of the U.S. Department of Justice's Community Relations Service (CRS), a division responsible for evaluating race relations and establishing constructive dialogue between the various ethnic groups.

During the '80s as a national JACL vice president, Ochi played an important role in the Redress movement and witnessed the signing of the Civil Liberties Act, a bill that finally brought reparations to thousands of former JA internees. And as pro bono counsel to the Manzanar Committee, she helped convince the government to declare the former internment camp a national historical site.

Choosing Ochi for the award was an easy decision, said Rica Burton, co-founder of AWE, a non-profit organization that helps provide education and support services for women entrepreneurs. "We always look for people with a long track record," she said, "and Ochi has an incredible 'bio,' advocating for women and her strong commitment to inter-ethnic dialogue."

In addition to Ochi, the other awardees were: Nilza R. Serrano of Serrano & Associates, Corporate Leader Award; Pamela J. Willis, Vice President of the Boeing Company, Corporate Advocate Award; Louise K. Garside, LKG-CMC Inc., Small Business Owner & Community Advocate Award; and the Ex-



Assistant Attorney General Rose Ochi (left) with Alliance of Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) co-founder Rica Burton at the 2nd annual awards ceremony.

cellence Award was presented to the Los Angeles Sparks of the Women's National Basketball Association.

In her speech, Ochi talked about the "social bombs" that are currently exploding onto American society, issues like California's Prop 209, anti-immigrant bashing and the "frenzy around campaign finance reform," that are straining America's race relations. "All of these high-level racial tension and conflicts," she said, "but it's at times like this that America needs to come together and work through the problems."

And, she added, she has confidence in America's future. If a girl who was once unconstitutionally interned by her own country can go on to work for Redress and serve the President and America's people, "I have a good reason to be hopeful," she said.

As one of the few AA role models in government today, Ochi knows the importance of encouraging the community to become more politically active. "It's important for women and AAs to succeed," she said in an interview with *Pacific Citizen*, "because unfortunately, if we don't, then a whole group is viewed as unqualified."

## AARP picks Hawaii Nisei as its retired educator of '97

**HONOLULU**-Takeshi Fujita of Hanapepe, Kauai was named 1997 National Retired Educator of the Year by AARP's National Retired Teachers Association, as reported in the bimonthly magazine, *Modern Maturity*, September-October.

Since retiring after 30 years of teaching, Fujita continues to work every day to strengthen and preserve the structure of family, community and education.

He uses the beauty of his environment to teach about nature to the area's children, taking them onto some of the island's breathtaking locations: Salt Pond Beach Park, Koke'e State Park, Kanaelehulu Meadow and the National Tropical Botanical Gardens.

After Hurricane Iniki devastated Kauai in 1992, Fujita and students replanted delicate flora on the beaches, cleaned out the reef areas and restocked the tidepools with rocks and corals.

He conducts craft workshops,

raises funds for the local library and heads up a project designed to help people who are sick and have disabilities. And he is active with the Hongwanji Mission Temple.

For spare time, he said he grows orchids: "My grandfather brought his orchids to the island from Japan. I've been fascinated with them ever since I was a teenager." ■

## National LCRR to meet Nov. 15-16

**WASHINGTON**-The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights will hold a national meeting, "Affirmative Action at the Crossroads: Call to Action," Nov. 15-16 at the AFL-CIO's George Meany Center for Labor Studies, 10000 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Md.

A coherent national strategy to fight statewide anti-affirmative action initiatives and pending federal legislation is to be discussed. Info: LCRR, 202/466-3311. ■



**FIRE STATION AT MINIDOKA**-Images by Kenjiro Nomura, a Seattle Issei artist who was interned at Hunt, Idaho, during WWII, are on exhibit through Jan. 11 at the Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles. This and other paintings of daily life in camp and the stark semi-desert landscapes comprise the new exhibit. ■





## From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

### Sakaye and George Aratani

For causes he believes in, Nisei philanthropist George Aratani gives generously of his wealth, but what is more important, his time as well.

Recently it was announced that Aratani and his wife, Sakaye, had given the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation a half million dollars to jump-start the drive to raise the \$8.6 million needed to build a memorial in Washington, D.C. After writing the check, figuring his duty done, he could have gone off to play golf. Instead he is joining directors of the Foundation in meeting with other potential donors to explain the purpose of the memorial, and ask their support.

"It's very important to use this opportunity to educate all Americans about the contribution Japanese Americans have made to the greatness of our country," he said recently. "Many Americans know nothing about us. They don't know anything about the way our own government mistreated us during World War II, nor about the way we demonstrated our loyalty to America and ultimately caused the government to apologize."

"Now Congress has given us a plot of land not far from the Capitol where we can tell our story to all Americans, today and into the far future. The memorial provides an opportunity to educate our fellow Americans so that nothing like the experience we had will ever be inflicted on others. What a great opportunity for us to contribute toward the creation of a better America. Shame on us if we don't get it done."

The idea for the memorial came from Go for Broke, an organization of Nisei veterans, and the Foundation was established to make it a reality. Its chairman is Melvin Chiogioji, a retired rear admiral in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Aratani is well-known to Southern Californians where he has given generously to such projects as Keiro Services, the Japanese Retirement Home, the

National Japanese American Museum, the Boy Scouts, and numerous university and church groups. His generosity is legend.

Born in Los Angeles, George grew up in the Guadalupe area where his father, Setsuo, was a prosperous vegetable farmer and shipper. George went to Japan after high school, studied the language and enrolled at Keio University. His father's illness brought him back to America in 1939 to take over the business.

Evacuated to the Gila River WRA camp in Arizona, he volunteered as a Japanese language teacher at the Military Intelligence School at Camp Savage, Minn. Meanwhile, his family's giant Guadalupe Produce Co., mismanaged by the trustees, had become virtually worthless.

Aratani came back through business acumen and courage. He began to import Japanese dinnerware, which he called Mikasa. A few years later he was importing superior hi-fi equipment under the Kenwood name. Both companies prospered. Eventually Aratani sold them, remained as chairman emeritus, and he and Sakaye set about supporting good causes.

They have two daughters, Donna Kwee in Singapore, and Linda Kimura in Torrance, and seven grandchildren.

Substantial gifts like Aratani's can get the fund drive started. But the memorial is the kind of endeavor that deserves broad popular support, the \$10, \$25, \$100, \$500 and even larger gifts from a wide cross-section of Japanese Americans. George and Sakaye Aratani are simply leading the way.

(The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation's address is 2445 M Street N.W., Suite 250, Washington, D.C. 20037.)

Hosokawa is the former editorial page director of the Denver Post. His columns have appeared regularly in the Pacific Citizen since 1942.

# Funds sought for National Japanese American Memorial

DENVER—Nearly 50 leaders of Colorado's Japanese American community attended a dinner at the Wellshire Inn on Wednesday, Oct. 15, to learn of the nationwide drive to raise funds for the proposed National Japanese American Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Mel Chiogioji, retired U.S. Naval Reserve rear admiral and chairman of the committee formed to build the memorial, told the group that the goal of \$8.6 million must be met by the end of 1998 or the land provided by Congress will revert to the federal government.

Chiogioji said the memorial will tell the story of Japanese Americans, their mistreatment during World War II, the patriotic response, and the ultimate triumph of democracy when the government admitted through the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 that it had been wrong.

"It will not be a war memorial," he said, "but permanent recognition of the contribution of all Japanese Americans toward making ours a better country."

Sketches of the proposed monument, drawn up by Davis Buckley

## Veteran's Day service at Parkview Cemetery

STOCKTON—In 1951, the Nisei Veterans Club of Stockton placed a monument to honor Stockton-area Nisei KIAs in the courtyard of the Stockton Buddhist Church on Washington St. In 1962, the monument was moved to Parkview Cemetery in French Camp, where the chapter will hold its annual Memorial Service at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11.

A luncheon will follow at the Buddhist Church multi-purpose room immediately after the service. RSVP with George Baba (478-8917), Ted Saiki (465-8107) or Ruby Dobana (957-1801). Wendy Hanamura's documentary *Honor Bound: A Personal Journey*, about her father, Sgt. Hal Hanamura, and the men of Co. L, 442nd, will also be shown.

Inscribed on the monument are the names of nine Nisei who were killed in action during WWII, two Nikkei in Vietnam, and 41 veterans who have died. The Stockton JACL veterans' affairs committee announced 23 more names are to be inscribed. ■

### Adami's monument

A monument stands at the mouth of Okawa River near Ito on Izu Peninsula, where Will Adams (1564-1620) set up his shipyard, constructing European-style ships in 1605 and 1610 that crossed the Pacific to Mexico. —*Japan: Official Guide* ■



Photograph of National Japanese American Memorial Foundation model in Washington.

of Washington, were on display. The monument will be on a triangular plot, about one-third of an acre in area, a short distance from the Capitol.

Bob Sakata of Brighton, co-chairman of the national fund drive, said one of the first donors was George Aratani of Los Angeles, who has given \$500,000. The fund drive is being conducted in every community where there are numbers of Japanese Americans.

The Colorado area, Sakata said, has been given a quota of \$200,000. Major donors already are Sakata and his family, the Colorado Japanese Association, the Japanese American Association of Brighton,

Dr. James Taguchi, and the Sushi Den restaurant.

Sakata said contributions of all amounts are necessary if the quota is to be met. "No donation is too big or too small," he said.

The dinner was donated by Leo Goto, owner of the Wellshire Inn.

Information on donating to the Memorial Fund is available from Bob Sakata, 303/659-1559, or Tom Masamori, 303/237-3041. Donations may be sent directly to the National Japanese American Memorial Fund, 2445 M Street N.W., Suite 250, Washington, D.C. 20037. Cherry Tsutsumida is executive director, 202/861-8845. ■

## Black voter coalition honors OCA's role in APA sign up

WASHINGTON—The Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), received the Spirit of Democracy Award from the National Coalition on Black Voter Participation (NCBVP) on Oct. 9 for "outstanding service in promoting democracy through increasing civic participation in the Asian Pacific American communities."

The first national effort to register Asian Pacific Americans involved 19 national Asian Pacific American (APA) organizations. More than 75,000 APAs were registered nationwide, the OCA said.

Bob Sakaniwa, Washington Representative of JACL, one of OCA's partner organizations in the voter registration campaign, said, "The 1996 election cycle was a coming-out party for APA political participation. Thanks to OCA and the registration drive, more APAs got involved in the political process and made our community's voice heard." ■

## 'Nisei for Wallace' study near conclusion

FULLERTON, Calif.—Individuals and organizations who can help with interviews or help document the formation of "Nisei for Wallace" and the greater Nisei Progressive movement are encouraged to contact the CSU Fullerton Oral History Program, Tim Carpenter, 714/558-3329. He is in the final months of a two-year project tracing the growth and development of the Nisei Progressive Movement from 1940-1952.

While the study concentrates on the Los Angeles Nisei Progressives, it is not limited to that area. Interviewed thus far include Sue Kunitomi Embrey, Sakae (Saki) Ishihara and Arthur (Art) Takei. The project will also include photos and materials. ■

## Video offer for JACLers ends Jan. 31

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco JACL and Farallon Films are making available, for a limited time, Steven Okazaki's Academy Award winning film *Days of Waiting* and his Academy Award nominated *Unfinished Business* on VHS video format at a special price to JACL members.

*Unfinished Business* tells the stories of Fred Korematsu, Gordon Hirabayashi, and Minoru Yasui, three Japanese Americans who resisted the internment and were separately convicted and imprisoned for violating Executive Order 9066.

*Days of Waiting* tells the story of the hakujin artist Estelle Ishigo who refused to be separated from her San Francisco-born Nisei husband Arthur, when he was sent to the Heart Mountain concentration camp.

"Both films tell stories that need to be shared, remembered, and passed on to the next generation," said Okazaki.

San Francisco JACL officer Greg Marutani said, "We are very grateful to Steven and Farallon Films for making these two videos available to JACL members because both are valuable educational tools and can be used in the classroom."

Although the videos normally retail for \$175, until Jan. 31, 1998 each video can be purchased for \$45 and includes shipping.

Information, call the Chapter's message center, 415/273-1015. ■

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A program to offer the films to members of the Japanese American National Museum in Washington, D.C. is also available. Contact the Museum at 202/331-1015.

## Congressmen urge Clinton to settle Japanese Peruvian appeal for redress

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Peruvian internees and their advocates who visited Washington October 6-10 under the banner of "Campaign for Justice," including representatives from JACL, ACLU of Southern California, Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project and the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations.

The JACL "action alert" expected members to review the "A" List (see below) to see if their congressional representatives have signed on or signed the let-

ter addressed to Mr. Clinton. If they have, they should be thanked for supporting redress for Japanese Latin Americans; if not, they should be encouraged to sign on or write to the President.

On the strategy committee were members of the National JACL Board, JACL-LEC (Legislative Education Committee) and staff. Information: Washington, D.C. 20223-1240; PSW regional director Al Muratsuchi 213/626-4471. ■

### Text: Congressional letter to President Clinton

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
Oct. 8, 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington DC 20500  
Dear Mr. President:

We write to request your assistance in correcting a terrible injustice committed against individuals of Japanese ancestry from Latin America who were interned in the United States during World War II. These individuals, targeted as potential "enemies" of the United States, were arrested and forcibly transported to U.S. internment camps as part of a United States-led plan to use them as bounty for the return of U.S. hostages. After the war, their home countries rejected their return. Some were forcibly sent to Japan; many remained in the United States.

Unlike other Japanese Americans interned during World War II, they have received no apology from the U.S. Government and have been denied redress under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

The Civil Liberties Act specifically identified the class of persons eligible for reparations as those who were U.S. Citizens or legal residents at the time of internment. Technically, the Japanese Latin Americans did not fit the requirement. However, they were present in the United States under color of law, since they were brought here against their will by the Government of the United States, and therefore should be eligible for redress.

The Justice Department adjusted the status of over 100 of these Japanese Latin Americans in the 1950s by granting them retroactive status as legal residents. Accordingly, this group of Japanese Latin Americans was able to receive reparations under the redress law of 1988. However, hundreds who were not made aware of the ability to change their status, or who did not have a lawyer to pursue this avenue, were left out.

We believe justice requires that all individuals in this class should have

the same apology and remedies for their suffering at the hand of the U.S. Government during World War II. This matter is of the utmost urgency as the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 will sunset next year.

We respectfully request your assistance in adjusting the status of these Japanese Latin Americans by Executive Order so that they may receive justice.

Signed by ("A" List):

Arizona—Ed Pastor.  
California—Xavier Becerra, Howard Berman, George Brown, Jr., Tom Campbell, Ron Dellums, Julian Dixon, Calvin M. Doorey, Anna Eschew, Sam Farr, Bob Filner, Jane Harman, Tom Lantos, Zoe Lofgren, Matthew Martinez, Robert Matsui, Juanita Millender-McDonald, George Miller, Nancy Pelosi, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Loretta Sanchez, Brad Sherman, Forney "Pete" Stark, Esteban E. Torres, Maxine Waters, Henry A. Waxman, Lynn C. Woolsey ("Rep. Corp").  
Colorado—Dianne DeGette.  
Connecticut—Samuel Genderson.  
Florida—Aloee L. Hastings.  
Georgia—John Lewis, Cynthia McKinney.  
Guam—Robert A. Underwood.  
Hawaii—Sen. Daniel Akaka, Sen. Daniel Inouye, Rep. Neil Abernethy, Patsy T. Mink.  
Illinois—Luis V. Gutierrez, Bobby L. Rush, Sidney R. Yates.  
Indiana—Tim Roemer, Julia Carson.  
Louisiana—William J. Jefferson.  
Maryland—Steny H. Hoyer, Albert R. Wynn.  
Massachusetts—Barney Frank, John J. Moakley, John W. Over, John F. Tierney.  
Michigan—Lynn N. Rivers, John Conyers, Jr., David E. Bonior.  
Minnesota—Bruce F. Vento.  
Mississippi—Bernie Thompson.  
New Jersey—Robert E. Andrews, Robert Menendez, Frank Pallone, Jr., Donald M. Payne.  
New York—Gary L. Ackerman, Benjamin A. Gilman, Maurice D. Hinchey, Nydia M. Velazquez, Major R. Owens, Louise McIntosh Slaughter, Jose E. Serrano, Charles Rangel, Carolyn McCaffrey ("Republican").  
North Carolina—Melvin L. Watt.  
Ohio—Louis Stokes.  
Oregon—Peter A. DeFazio, Elizabeth Furse, Darlene Hooley.  
Pennsylvania—Paul E. Kanjorski, Chaka Fattah.  
Puerto Rico—Carlos Romero-Barcelo.  
Texas—Ruben Hinojosa, Solomon P. Ortiz, Silvestre Reyes, Ciro Rodriguez.  
Virginia—Robert C. (Bobby) Scott.  
Washington—Jim McDermott.  
Wisconsin—Ron Kind.

### P.C. PROFILES

## Pasadena's Shig Kawai played with Jackie Robinson

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was a second baseman and I was a second baseman, so kiddingly I say I even beat Jackie Robinson on my high school days."

Eleven years later, Robinson went on to make history by breaking professional baseball's color line. And as America celebrates the 50th anniversary of the legend's historic accomplishment, Kawai shared his memories of the young man he once knew.

**"He was a champion"**

"Regardless of whether [Jackie] was playing marbles or shooting craps, he was a champion," said Kawai, who was reacquainted with Robinson at Pasadena Junior College, where they shared a couple of classes and played together on the football team. "One thing I give him credit for is, he never did use any swear words ... even playing sports," he said with a chuckle.

"The closest thing to a cuss word was dagnabbit."

A love of sports, most of the time at the expense of their studies, was something Kawai and Robinson shared in common. "When you're an athlete, you're spending so much time out on the football field, by the

time you get back to do your homework you're too tired," he laughed. "I think at that time we both had a hard time with passing grades." Even today, Kawai's six-foot frame is lean and trim and he looks years younger than his age.

But the athletes shared something else in common: they dealt with discrimination and prejudice everyday, simply because of their skin color. Kawai recalled how he, along with the rest of the players from the all-star baseball game, were contacted by the major league teams to try out, something that was done each year. But, "at that time, major league baseball was strictly White," he said. And "being Japanese and of course Jackie Robinson being Black, no matter what your talent was, they wouldn't sign any minorities."

That's why Kawai never answered the letter he received from the Los Angeles Angels. He figured they wouldn't seriously consider him for the team anyway he said. "There was so much prejudice before WWII ... a lot of anti-Japanese [sentiment]," said Kawai. So "know-

## Last call issued to WW2 vets for names on monument

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CIC/OSS candidates.

Veterans who did not come home from the war, as well as those killed in action, will be identified in the published list with an asterisk. On the monument, which will have 15,000 names placed at random, a star will precede these names. As part of the educational program, a kiosk will have a directory for locating a name on the monument and will include information on some of the major battles.

**Proper Name**

February 27 is also the deadline for submitting the way a veteran or his family wants his/her name to be engraved.

Vice chairman Hank Yoshitake, said, "Ten years ago, when the Go-for-Broke monument was only a dream, how one's name is engraved was not important. Now that it will become a reality and a permanent part of history for the future generations, a veteran needs to consider one's first name that allows for his grandchildren's children to be able to connect with him or her. Most U.S. military records have the veteran's Japanese first name, some veterans prefer their "nick-name," while others will want their proper English first name. It is up to each veteran how he or she wants to be remembered, but they only have until Feb. 27 to inform the Foundation of their decision. Otherwise, the Foundation will engrave as appearing in the *Pacific Citizen*."

All names submitted must meet the criteria established by the Foundation's Name Criteria Selection Committee, and acceptance is based on the following:

(a) All Japanese Americans who served with the 100 Battalion, 442 Regimental Combat Team, MIS and in any unit in the ETO, MTO, PTO between Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945.

(b) Japanese Americans who between Dec. 7, 1941, to Sept. 2, 1945, served a period of 365 days with the MIS in a significant or material way training in the intelligence classes of Japanese Americans that resulted in their effective contribution to the war efforts.

(c) Non-Japanese Americans who between Dec. 7, 1941, to Sept. 2, 1945, participated in combat for at least 90 days with the 100 Battalion and/or 442 Regimental Combat Team, or received the Purple Heart while serving with the 100 Battalion

and/or 442 Regimental Combat Team. They served bravely with us, regardless of our own country's doubts about our loyalty.

(d) Non-Japanese Americans who between Dec. 7, 1941 and Sept. 2, 1945, participated with the MIS need to be nominated by an eligible MIS WWII member.

(e) Documents (i.e. discharge papers), as exhibit "A" to verify the information offered as correct.

This is the final time the list will be published before the unveiling. The Feb. 27 deadline is also the last opportunity to request the deletion of your name.

Kiyo Yamate, president of the 100/442 Veterans Association and a Foundation board member, has indicated that "the Foundation honors the requests of veterans who do not wish to have their name on the Go-for-Broke monument. Deletion can be accomplished by sending a notarized letter or by stating your objection in a public forum, utilizing newspaper or newsletter media." As of September 1997, only one person wrote to the Foundation requesting omission, and 10 other names will not be on the monument due to their public declaration.

**Educational Goal**

Debra Mshinaka-Skelton, Foundation executive director, says "Although monuments have meaning for those today, a monument's true value will be how it is perceived tomorrow, especially once all who are directly related to the monument are gone. The Foundation has allocated \$1,000,000 toward an educational/maintenance endowment fund that will, in perpetuity, educate future generations about civil liberties.

"The CLPEF believes that the

monument itself would be an educational tool and allowed the \$50,000 grant to be used towards the construction of the monument.

"The State of California believes in the value of the educational programs currently in development, as they approved giving the foundation \$500,000 in the 1997/98 educational budget. We have achieved more than half the original \$2.5 million dollar fundraising goal, thanks to individuals who believe that the Go-for-Broke monument will tell the story that must never be forgotten."

Another way to permanently honor someone is the Foundation's donor recognition wall adjacent to the Go-for-Broke monument. For a minimum \$3,000 contribution that can be made in many ways, (i.e. cash, pledges over a three year period, family/group gifts, securities, real estate, planned gifts, in-kind and corporate matching gifts), one can permanently honor someone with 40 characters of text/spaces. Ground-breaking for the donor wall will follow after the October 17 monument unveiling.

There will be specific information and necessary forms that will be inserted in the 1997 Holiday issue of the *Pacific Citizen* regarding adding or changing a name on the Go-for-Broke monument. For information on the Go-for-Broke monument or its educational programs, phone 310/327-4193 or write to 100-442 MIS WWII Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 2590, Gardena, CA 90247. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. ■

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## Census 2000 adopts new ethnic categories

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49 states," Clayton Hee, board chairman of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, declared. Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii) countered the comparisons were "void of any sense of justice and that the (task force's) basis is purely political."

The term "Alaska native," replacing Aleut and Eskimo, is connected with "American Indian" instead.

Other elements in the new policy show "black" clarified as "black or African American," and "American Indian" should not be changed to "native American."

OMB's chief statistician Katharine Wallman said the Native Hawaiian position switching from one category to the other had presented a problem. "If they were moved to the American Indian category, they would in many ways dominate the category, given the numbers of people." When social and economic indicators were compared, the task force found Native Hawaiians closer to Asian Pacific Islanders in most instances.

Outcome now puts native Hawaiians dominant over Pacific Islanders, who are no longer a part of the Asian Pacific Islander category of 1990.

"Asians" are one of the seven individual categories that Census 2000 forms will show.

A category for Arab or Middle Easterners was not added, though the Clinton government decided to give the idea further study.

The media anticipate considerable debate lies ahead as the administration plans to release firm guidelines by next spring on how the data should be counted. Civil rights groups monitoring access in housing, education, employment and other areas vulnerable to discrimination have expressed caution. "The key is tabulation now," according to Eric Rodriguez, analyst for the National Council of La Raza. A legal fellow at the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium wondered, "Who will advocate for the 'multiple race' category? What civil rights organization is out there protecting their rights?"

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## NCWNP District Council installs board officers; focus is on commitment

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the time he graduated, he was already working for the police department.

Over the years, he has slowly risen up the ranks. As an Asian American, Shigemasa has had the privilege of being many firsts, including the first lieutenant, captain, and deputy police chief.

When he was promoted to assistant police chief in 1985, Shigemasa became the highest ranking Asian American in the department and the first AA to hold the position. Currently, one of his two daughters is also a police officer in the agency.

"I'm pleased I was the first, but we've got a lot of qualified people," said Shigemasa. "For AAs to rise in the ranks, in leadership positions, I just hope that people in back of me never have to be tagged as the 'first AA,' but just the 'first person.'" he said. "We've got to get away from tagging people."

When Shigemasa joined the JACL in 1988, part of the reason why he became a member, he said, can be traced back to his roots in Hawaii. Having grown up on an island where AAs comprise the largest ethnic group, discrimination wasn't something that he had to always deal with. But when he moved to San Jose and suddenly became a part of the minority, he was forced to face new and sometimes difficult issues.

California also introduced Shigemasa to the internment experience. Although most JAs on the mainland have been affected by the internment camps of World War II, JAs in Hawaii have not. For him, the camps simply weren't a part of his background.

"Coming and understanding the JA community in San Jose, I realized that even JAs are different," he said. "And then I learned about the internment and I felt there was something I could do to help. The natural extension was to get involved in JACL." He added, "Equality for all — that's what JACL's all about."

During his years in JACL, Shigemasa has served as a San Jose Chapter vice president, presi-



National V.P. of Public Affairs Lori Fujimoto installs '97-98 NCWNP board members. (From left): Ted Yamagishi, Tom Shigemasa, Claire Omura, Alan Nishi, Fred Okimoto, Emily Murase, Alan Teruya, Kimi Yoshino and John Hayashi.

dent, and delegate, and is currently a board member. From 1992-95 he served on the district executive board but stepped down when his promotion to assistant police chief took up most of his time. And in 1996, Shigemasa played an active role in bringing the JACL National Convention to the city of San Jose. "I feel there's much more to be done and I feel that JACL's a worthwhile organization," he said. "And now I have the time."

Sansei Emily Murase is running for the NCWNP District board because she wants to give something back to JACL. "Because of the investment they've made in me, I felt that when the opportunity opened up I would help out in a leadership position," she said. Recently, she was one of the individuals sponsored to attend the JACL Sacramento leadership conference. Murase joined the JACL in 1991 but admitted that up until then, she'd been "one of those cynical Sanseis." For years, she had felt that JACL sold-out the JAs during WWII.

Her cynicism towards JACL changed when she met some members of the Japan Chapter during her stay there in the early '90s. "There were a lot of young JAs who were non-traditional," she said. "And they embraced JA culture rather than rejecting it."

She soon found herself serving as the chapter's vice-president and president and even after she

moved to Washington D.C., Murase joined the local chapter and served as a vice-president. Currently, she's a member of the San Francisco Chapter and is a Ph.D. candidate of communications at Stanford University.

Joining JACL has offered a lot of positives, she said, which includes meeting her husband, Neal Taniguchi, at the National JACL convention in Salt Lake City in 1994. They were married in 1996.

JACL's an organization that's an important part of the community "because it's really a training ground for leadership skills," said Murase. "How to participate in civic issues. That's the citizenship part of JACL."

Although it's still a struggle to get young people interested in the organization, she said, "it's good to see that all of the Youth Representative positions are being filled."

Joining Shigemasa and Murase in their bid to serve on the NCWNP District Board were Edwin Endow (Stockton), John Hayashi (Golden Gate), and Fred Okimoto (Marysville). All were unanimously approved.

Members of 1997-98 NCWNP board are:

Alan Nishi, governor; John Hayashi, vice-governor; Yosh Nakashima, past governor; Fred Okimoto, treasurer; Alan Teruya, secretary; Edwin Endow; Claire Omura; Ted Yamagishi; Kimi Yoshino; Tom Shigemasa; Emily Murase; and Suzanne Sasaki, youth representative.

## Students at Arcadia High to keep Apache mascot

ARCADIA, Calif.—When a Native American group urged Arcadia High School to stop using the Apache as a sports symbol, the school board made it an educational issue to be studied and decided on by its student council, which met Oct. 28 over the issue. Student and school leaders announced Apache will remain.

Principal Martin Plourde said, "We're trying to hold up the Apache as a symbol of what our students should become. We hope there will be a lot more education about the Apaches." Student council president Oliver Chi said, "We felt this was in the best interest of Arcadia High School."

The students further asked the board to create an oversight committee to monitor future use of the Apache, to include reviewing and monitoring all uses of the Apache name and logo for sensitivity and accuracy, continuing research on Apache traditions and its insertion in the parent-student handbook, and working with faculty to prepare material for the school curriculum.

Plourde also indicated a possible "sister school" partnership with a high school on an Apache reservation.

Sonny Skyhawk, who had spoken against Indian mascots at before the Los Angeles and Arcadia school boards, said efforts of the students are commendable. Students had attempted unsuccessfully to meet with Apache elders in Arizona to discuss the significance of their people in history.

"We're trying to remain open-minded about this," student council president Oliver Chi said. At one of the student forums, a majority of 300 argued in favor of retaining the

Apache warrior, who has been presiding over high school football games and pep rallies for decades.

Skyhawk, a Lakota Sioux, is a member of the two-year-old Arcadia Committee of Native American Rights.

"Just because something is a tradition doesn't make it right," he related to *Los Angeles Times* writer Susan Abram. "It's about teaching children not to make fun of a person who is of a different color. No race of people should be reduced to a caricature to be ridiculed."

The Military Intelligence Service Nisei veterans of WWII at their recent reunion in Denver (see Sept. 19-Oct. 2, P.C.) put to rest their logo, the Minnesota gopher wearing a Plains Indian headdress, and adopted an emblem bearing the MIS initials and a six-sided shield. The change was in wake of a request from the American Indian Movement director Fern Mathias for Southern California.

## 'Beyond Barbed Wire' up for video honors

MONTEREY, Calif.—Mac and Ava Motion Pictures Productions' *Beyond Barbed Wire* was nominated in the ABC-News Video Source category at the 13th annual Independent Documentary Association to be shown this weekend at the Hawaii International Film Festival.

The documentary, combining WWII footage and interviews of veterans of the 100442MIS and their families (see Aug. 1-14 P.C.), will have its Idaho premiere on Feb. 19 at Pocatello under auspices of the Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL. Info: John Harris 408/646-9532.



## Very Truly Yours

By Harry K. Honda

### Meeting Michener: a Life 1000 Clubber

**I**N mid-October on a Monday was an item reporting that 90-year-old James Michener decided he wanted to die and had taken himself off life-sustaining kidney dialysis and that he was resting at home in Austin. By Michener (1965)



the end of the week, the media around country announced he had died Thursday (Oct. 16) and devoted pages and pictures to his accomplishments, his wanderings around the world, the titles to all of his epics, the honors and extent of his philanthropy. There were comments, too.

That leaves the P.C., at least, to add some JACL perspectives. The "mugshot" in this space dates from the EDC-MDC joint district convention over the Labor Day holidays in 1965 at the Philadelphia Marriott. It was the first time we met. His late wife, Mari (Sabusawa), explained "Mich" as she called him — will talk before any JACL gathering if he's around," so this turned out to be that rare treat.

The week after the EDC-MDC convention, he suffered a heart attack at his farm home in Bucks County and was hospitalized. He made the P.C. front page two issues in a row. But here's the essence of his keynote address at the Philadelphia joint EDC-MDC convention.

He challenged the Nisei and Sansei (and we paraphrase here) "to project the best of their cultural heritage to the American way of life. Among the most fundamental concepts of value were that of Japanese feudalism, the philosophy of life as engendered during the years when the Issei were children, the family patterns and personal honor."

He said JACL can also contribute to the history of heritage of America, to see that Americans are allowed to adopt the best of our cultural heritage rather than pointing the Japanese Americans to the "cheapest of the general consensus of America." He noted that America has the saving

grace of being able to adopt the best of other cultures which have been introduced by its newcomers over the years.

Ellen Nakamura (Seabrook) called Michener "a friend of mankind" in compiling her convention follow-up story for the P.C. [Ah, those were the days when Nisei correspondents in JACL chapters didn't have to be asked to cover important events in their neighborhood. They instinctively knew what P.C. subscribers would read. The reward was seeing their by-line, story and photo.]

She reported that past national president Shig Wakamatsu was there at the meeting. Mari Sabusawa, had arranged for the author, who was interviewing for a Life magazine feature on Japanese war brides. That's how Jim and Mari met.

Ellen must have taped his speech here. "History emphasized central consensus and the pressure on non-conformity was far greater than what is written in our history books. Tyranny of the majority which has worked hardship on immigrant groups—all who came to this shore were subjected to it and the success of the immigrants was measured by their conformity," as he recalled the arrival of the Issei and other immigrants to the USA.

"We did, however, develop a collateral virtue which has probably saved the issue. As we ridiculed, we also praised their virtues. This was our salvation when we borrowed the good points from all countries."

The Michener name (Jim and Mari) appeared annually in the P.C. when National JACL scholarship winners were announced. They contributed one of the top prizes to deserving high school graduates. And in small print, their names were on the P.C. Holiday Issue Honor Roll as JACL 1000 Club Life members of the Philadelphia chapter. Their names should be perpetuated on the Honor Roll as "Life Contributors."

When Jim and Mari were married in 1955 in Chicago some speculated whether it might last, since it was Jim's third and Mari's first—but it was an idle bit of envy... So much for small talk. ■



## Letters

### Thank you, Susan

I was cleaning out my closet and found these items stashed away in a box. I am getting up in my years (75) and after I am gone, these items may be lost in the shuffle, thrown away in the trash barrel or even burned. I didn't know what to do with them and did not want to throw them away after all these years. Aloha.

Susan Y. Matsumoto

Kalaheo, Kauai

Some of them are "new" for the P.C. Archives, bearing the signature of Yoshiko Kainguchi, 29-2-F. Rohwer, Arc. Received here:

**WRA pamphlets and forms:**  
(1) The Relocation Program (May 1943) 16p.; (2) Relocation Program, all Japanese (May 1943), 18p.; (3) Application for Leave Clearance (expires 7-31-43); (4) Style Manual—for Stenographers (July 3, 1943) 18p.; (5) Segregation of Persons of Japanese Ancestry in Relocation Centers (Aug. 1943) 15p.

**Rohwer Camp publications:**  
(1) Rohwer Outpost, "One Year in a Relocation Center" (Dec. 1943), 28p.; (2) Rohwer Jiho, "Year-End Edition," all Japanese (Dec. 1943), 66p.; (3) Rohwer Outpost, The Post (11-6-43), 62p.

**Santa Anita Assembly publications:**  
(1) Pacemaker, 9-25-42, 4p.; (2) P. 9-26-42, 4p.; (3) Pacemaker Presents 1942 (Oct.) 24p.

### Educator in Tokyo offers assistance to students

My name is Tsuyoshi (Ted) Koizumi. I am a P.C. reader wanting to encourage and help young members of JACL who want to study at a graduate school in Japan. The world is becoming smaller and smaller based on development of transportation and telecommunication. We have to know each other at the peoples' level. I think this will lead to world peace.

This thought is based on my education at American colleges, for which I am so grateful. My dream was to study at an American graduate school while I was young. It came true when I went to Maui Community College in fall 1973. I took English and other subjects for two semesters. I took TOEFL (English test for foreign students) again and applied at UC Santa Barbara, University of Oregon, and California State, San Jose. I was accepted by two, UCSB and Oregon. I chose Oregon and went to Eugene, in the fall 1974. I continued to have much trouble about English; however, I studied very hard. Luckily, I could finish MA in economics with five quarters. I still remember the great commencement.

Then I went to University of Hawaii at Manoa to pursue my doctorate in economics in fall 1976. I still had a problem about English.

At UHM many professors asked me to help their researches because they needed Japanese data. The late professor Paul Chung asked me to teach introductory economics courses at the College of Business Administration one day. It was very challenging. I taught for three years. I finished my proposal in 1982. Luckily, I got a teaching job in Japan in early 1984 and went back to Japan.

While we were in Hawaii, many

Japanese Americans helped us. Before I went to Hawaii, I got married with my wife in 1976. We had four children in Hawaii. We are always grateful to many Japanese American friends in Hawaii. I, of course, am grateful to my teacher, many professors and many staffs at the University. I am also thankful to the USA. Five years ago I sent my first published book to President Bush for thanks.

After I came back to Japan, we, especially our children, had culture shock. So I set up World Rainbow Cross-Cultural Institute (WRCCI) in 1987 to teach English and cross-culture to Japanese children because I thought Japan was a closed society. Some newspapers reported my activity; so, people here have gradually understood my activity.

If young members of JACL are interested in teaching here and want to go to a graduate school in Japan, write to me. I would like to help them.

I encouraged Japanese children to go to the USA and study. My first child, Tsumoyu, is studying at UHM. I want to send other children to the USA and study. I want to "ongashi" to USA. Let's know each other more.

Tsuyoshi Koizumi

President

World Rainbow Cross-Cultural Institute, 716-13 Higashi-Futami, Futami-cho, Akashi, Hyogo 674 Japan  
Fax 078/941-1571

### Copy of Original sent

Regarding "Feb. 11, 1942, List Shows 191 Japanese with Union Pacific Railroad" (P.C. Sept. 5), H. Kusaba, Cokevill, Wash., should be Cokevill, "Wyo."

I don't know if the error was on the original or if it was a typographical error when reproduced.

I appreciate the interest and support of JACL regarding the reparation for former Railroad employees.

Micko K. Hashimoto

Salt Lake City

The error appears in the original U.P. letter. Copy has been sent to Mrs. Hashimoto.

### The Issei poster

Thank you very much for the beautiful lithograph, "The Issei," by Pete Hirakawa. It will be prominently displayed in our Chapter meeting room for all to see. It captures so well the story of the Issei, who came from Japan to start a new life, the trials and tribulations they endured because of the internment, and their steadfast loyalty to their new country in spite of it. The poster will serve as a reminder of how much we owe to that first generation for their bravery, perseverance, and sacrifices.

It was our pleasure to make a donation to the Pacific Citizen in appreciation for all the excellent coverage we received in publicizing the '96 JACL National Convention. Our thanks to all the Pacific Citizen staff for their fine work!

Mark Kobayashi  
Chapter President  
San Jose JACL

### 'Spaced Out'

I read with great interest the recent article titled "Enigma of the Takeuchi Document" (Sept. 19-Oct. 2 P.C.). Why in the world would you print an article so packed with ideas that are so clearly out of this world?

I'm not just talking about the assertion that prehistoric space men visited the earth from the Pleiades. Do you really think Jesus Christ preached in Japan for 70 years, that Moses went to Japan for religious training, or that a prehistoric civilization was brought down by "widespread nuclear war explosion"?

Please note that the Pleiades is an open star cluster in the constellation Taurus. I strongly suggest that like Taurus, the article on the Takeuchi Document is a big bunch of bull.

Gordon Hamachi  
Mountain View, Calif.

### Add: 'Takeuchi Document'

As for "space ships" used by prehistoric people (Sept. 19-Oct. 2 Pacific Citizen), allow me to add that Japanese Christians associated with the Holiness Church (they have five or six branches in America) believe that outer space people are gods, and ancient Japanese mingled with them by using space-ships—*Amo no Toribune*.

In ancient literature it was mentioned as *Amo no Ukiyune*. Are these fantasies or religious beliefs?

In this connection, Japanese scholars have proof now that the Japanese originated from the Turkistan, Samarkand and Tashkent regions in central Asia. The Hata clan originated from Kung-yueh, Turkistan. These are not fantasies but historical facts now.

Jim Oda

Northridge, Calif.

Jim Oda, a retiree who continues to delve into "prehistoric Japan" as gleaned from *tales in the Japanese language*, has entertained many who don't read the language and appreciate his skill in presenting these topics to our P.C. readers. Unfortunately, we don't have the capability to show the words in Japanese characters.

## Letters

### 'Who are the Kibei?'

In response to Yutaka Yamagata's letter, "Who are the Kibei?" (10-18/11-6 P.C.), "Kibei" means "return to America." It is a contracted form of *Kibei Nikkei shinin* (American citizen of Japanese descent who returned to America), or the "Kibei Nisei."

The "Kibei Nisei" is differentiated from the "Nisei," born and reared in America. I am a typical Kibei, born in Oregon, taken to Japan in infancy, educated in Japan, after which I returned to the United States.

Our counterpart in Canada is known as the "Kika Nisei," meaning Nisei who returned to Canada.

When the Issei emigrated to America, they were said to "tobei," meaning to "travel to America,"

when they returned to Japan, they were said to "kikoku," meaning to "return to their country." The terms "tobei" and "kikoku" were used exclusively in connection with the Issei or Japanese nationals.

The Nisei or the Sansei visiting Japan for a few years would not be classified as "Kibei." I believe the difference lies in what segment of life was spent in Japan. As a rule, the Kibei's mother tongue is Japanese, and their English as a second language has a Japanese accent.

Takashi Matsui

Seattle

Mishima, Shizuoka-ken

About 75 miles from Tokyo, Mishima (sister city of Pasadena, Calif.) serves as another entrance to Fuji Hakone National Park and Izu Peninsula, where Shimoda is near its southern tip.—Japan: Official Guide ■





## Voice of a Sansei

BY AKEMI KAYLENG

### The new civil rights movement

**W**E had a lovely time. The Pacific Southwest District Awards Dinner at the Torrance Marriott had all the festive signatures of a gala extravaganza. It was time to leave the mundane, get out our nice clothes, and sit beneath the chandeliers.

Beneath the surface glitter there was a serious intent. We wanted to showcase JACL, and increase our visibility with the general public. Entertainment aside, this was a serious public relations marketing effort.

I agree completely with this goal. In a larger sense, I'm all for a business management philosophy of leadership which I will explain. I can just feel the adverse knee-jerk reactions in some people. "Business management... that's the modus operandi of the bad guys." The very words "corporate management" conjures up an image of coldly cynical, profits over people, arrogant elitists who only concern themselves with executive perks.

I maintain that business management skills are like money. Money, per se, has no moral value. Money's significance comes only from how people use it. We can use it to finance a humanitarian mission, or we can use it to operate a drug ring. In the hands of a '90s style leader, which still maintains the goals of the '60s, business skills are wonderful.

Let's take a look at some of the classic leadership styles of the '60s. There was the militant spewing rage at the Establishment. There was the wretched of the earth, speaking for his people. And there were the almost religiously charismatic saints of the movement.

As Bob Stoneham puts it, those methods were fine for getting things started, but they cannot sustain our movement. Their nature was highly emotional, inherent and had little structured planning. I see the exasperated look on Bob's face. "So we had Uncle Tom, what good did that do us? So then we had the Black Militant, what good did that do us? After the fires died down and

the rhetoric was silent, we were right back where we started. Those guys didn't have a plan.... The grassroots community organizer succeeded in convincing his people they weren't going to live that way, but where was his plan? The religious icon works only with followers with a childlike mentality, who won't actively upgrade themselves because they get all self-esteem from a parental figure. Parental leaders don't give their people plans, because plans are for adults.

We are now many years past the inception of the Civil Rights Movement. The adolescent passions which started us on our journey have, I hope, been replaced by a more matured and worldlier perception. In the New Civil Rights Movement, I want to see less emotion, and more structured planning.

Good, solid business administration skills can do so much for any civil rights group. As we did at the Torrance Marriott, we can increase the mainstream's awareness of us through marketing efforts. We can invest our financial assets for large gains, and fund projects. We can reorganize our conflicts and lead organizations through transition periods using the same methods mainstream companies use to solve their problems.

A friend of mine, Rica Burton of Choice Professionals, suggested I apply for a training program run by the USC School of Business Administration. I've done so, and look forward to acquiring business skills. The '60s were times of raw emotion and basic survival concerns. We are now in the '90s, much further along, with impressive achievements behind us. As we change, so must our methods. The passions of the '60s have not died. We are still expressing them, in the style of the '90s, as business administrators with a social conscience. ■

Akemi Knight is currently the president of the San Fernando Valley JACL chapter. The PSWD award dinner was covered in the Oct. 3 P.C.

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### Manzanar Hospital workers hold reunion

**LOS ANGELES**—Some 100 former Manzanar Hospital staff held their first reunion last Saturday (Oct. 18) with luncheon at Hotel New Otani. In recalling those days at Manzanar, then-hospital administrator Frank Chuman said the hospital was established on March 21, 1942, as the first group of evacuees arrived.

Dr. John Bowden, representing the U.S. Public Health Service, appointed Little Tokyo physician-surgeon Dr. James Goto as chief of medical services, Fumiko Gohata, RN, for nursing services, and future National JACL president Chuman (60-62) as administrator for the 250-bed Army base hospital.

Over 300 evacuees were recruited

to serve as doctor's assistants, nurse's aides, orderlies, medical stenographers, clerks, typists, receptionists, ambulance drivers, dentists, pharmacists, X-ray technicians, warehousemen, personnel for the boiler room, laundry room and in the kitchen preparing regular and special meals for patients, and around-the-clock meals and staffing for 24-hour care.

Manzanar, some 230 miles north of Los Angeles, was the first of the 10 evacuation centers which ultimately housed some 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry—men, women, children, citizen or alien—during World War II. California registered the campsite as a historical landmark in April 14, 1973. ■

words from Matsuda and a certificate to his family from Torrance Councilman George Nakano-Akira Loveridge-Sanbonmatsu, Robert Wada and Atsushi "Archie" Miyamoto presented their "Memories of a Journey" program. Bill Manaka chaired the dinner program, Haruo "Fozzie" Fujisawa and his band entertained, and Akiko Yagi, Fusae Nishina and Mary Higashi were in charge of the banquet.

Photos of Poston and the building of the monument and kiosk were exhibited. Richard Shindo was in charge of the exhibit room, Takako Nishizawa, the souvenir booklet. ■

## Redress and you

### Updating ORA's projects

BY DEDE GREENE

Administrator for Redress

**WASHINGTON**—The countdown has begun. In accordance with the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, ORA will officially cease operations on Aug. 10, 1998. Since my last update, the Office of Redress Administration (ORA) has been working on several claims and projects to ensure a successful close-down in approximately one year.

**California Community Meetings.** Last August, we focused our outreach efforts on a series of community meetings in Los Angeles and San Francisco. ORA Director Joanne Chiedi, Senior Operations Manager Lisa Johnson, and Attorney Emi Kuboyama provided attendees a detailed update on current ORA activities and projections for the future. The meetings provided an excellent opportunity for members of the community to make suggestions and share concerns.

**Ishida Update.** This payment in September included those individuals who were notified of their eligibility under the Ishida regulations.

**October Payment.** Over 900 claimants have been found eligible and have submitted necessary paperwork. Checks and apology letter should be received by Nov. 15.

**Railroad Research.** ORA staff continues to research the firing of persons of Japanese ancestry from railroad positions in World War II. Historian Michi Weglyn has graciously offered suggestions and guidance on this issue.

**Puunene Claims.** We have recently received claims for redress from several individuals who resided in Puunene, Maui, during World War II. An ORA representative will travel to Hawaii to conduct historical research and interview Puunene claimants in late November.

**Outreach.** ORA is looking for new outreach opportunities, and we need your assistance. We would like to send representatives to conventions, camp reunions, and community meetings that concern redress.

If you know of any such events, please notify Emi Kuboyama (Help line: 1-888-219-6900, or Fax: 202/219-9314) of any events that may help us.

**Ineligibility Review.** ORA staff has been reviewing over 1,800 claims that have been found ineligible over the course of the program. Claims that may be affected by recent changes in administrative policy, appellate reversals, and/or court cases will be carefully reconsidered. ORA will contact claimants if they are determined to be eligible, or if ORA requires additional information to complete its review. Claimants do not need to write or call for reconsideration, as each claim will be reviewed automatically.

**Search for the Unknowns.** The search continues for individuals who may be eligible for redress. With help from the Social Security Administration and the Internet, ORA staff has successfully accounted for several persons listed on the List of Unknown Historical Records.

**New Applications.** Although ORA will be open until Aug. 10, 1998, we would appreciate having all new claims well before the end of the program. Please encourage those who are interested in redress to submit their information by January 1998. We must receive all new cases by this date to ensure that a determination can be made before the end of the program. We would like the opportunity to give each claim a thorough, individual review.

**ORA Statistics as of October 1997**

Number of cases paid	80,351
Number scheduled for payment	927
Unknown historical records	2,253
Total ineligible	1,848

### Loomis Town Council supports redress for railroaders, miners

**LOOMIS** (Placer County), Calif.—The five members of the Loomis town council on Aug. 12 unanimously adopted a resolution, signed by Mayor Gary Gade in support of extending the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 to Japanese American railroad and mining workers.

The resolution urged "that these two groups of people should be found eligible for apology and redress compensation" and further directed the resolution be sent to Washington, D.C., to the attention of David Flynn of the appellate division, Department of Justice, as well as to Placer County and its cities with request for similar consideration.

This was the first resolution of its kind coming to the attention of the JACL Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific regional office and JACL Headquarters. ■

### JANM forum on Salinas features localities

**SALINAS, Calif.**—The Japanese American National Museum hosted a community forum under the title "Japanese Americans of Salinas Valley and Neighboring Communities" last Sunday, Nov. 2, at the Buddhist Temple of Salinas, 14 California St.

Former mayor Henry K. Hibino, Kenny Gatanaga, Frank and Miya Oshita, George Sakata, George Tanimura and Tom Yuki, a Museum Trustee, were present. Museum President Irene Hirano gave an update on current Museum projects.

A reception followed, co-sponsored by the Buddhist Temple of Salinas, Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church, Union Bank of California, and the five local JACL chapters—Gilroy, Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley, San Benito County and Watsonville. ■

### Tule Lake reunion slated May 16-17

**SACRAMENTO**—Responding to dozens of phone calls and letters from across the country asking about the next Tule Lake Reunion, the organizing committee unanimously decided that it (possibly the "last" such gathering) will be on Saturday-Sunday, May 16-17, 1998, at Double Tree Hotel on Point West Way, across from Arden Fair in Sacramento.

With the management's cooperation and goodwill, the reunion should be as superb as in the past, said Tom Okubo of the organizing committee. More than 800 ex-Tuleans and friends enjoyed the last event, held in 1995.

Prospect of a reunion in Las Vegas was extensively researched, but suitable dates and accommodations could not be obtained, the organizing committee explained.

The Greater Sacramento Area Reunion, open to all former residents of the region, will follow as in prior years, on Monday, May 18, at the same hotel. ■

### JACCC announces prize winners

**LOS ANGELES**—Winners of the 1997 Japanese American Cultural and Community Center cultural sweepstakes were announced this past week as follows:

Masami Itano, Palos Verdes, grand prize, Japan Discovery for Two; Fred I. Wada, Los Angeles, Hawaii trip; Sadako Ajifu, Disneyworld; and Yvonne Koga, Torrance, Las Vegas. Early Birds: Elin Yoshida, Culver City; Gary Izumi, Alhambra; Jeannine Payne, Los Angeles; Bob Miyatake, South Pasadena; and Sumiko Miyata, Gardena. Sponsors included American Airlines, Hyatt Hotels, Kintetsu International Express and Disneyworld. ■



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## LITTLE TOKYO'S NEWEST TASTES:

## Tofu-coffee dessert, tofu patty with shiitake sauce

BY STEPHANIE LAI

Intern, Pacific Citizen

ANCIENT depictions of the preparation of tofu were found in China and dated as being carved nearly two thousand years ago. One wonders if these ancient Chinese knew that tofu would be the craze that it is today as approximately 18,000 people crowded the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center Plaza during two weekends in August at the second annual L.A. Tofu Festival.

The Tofu Festival was held in conjunction with Los Angeles' Nisei Week, an annual celebration of Japanese culture. Nisei Week is the oldest of its kind. It includes a parade, beauty pageant, ondo, a street arts festival, taiko performances, and film presentations.

The tofu celebration was in all aspects eclectic, with its 46 different representations of Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Thai, American, and Greek cuisine, all of which included tofu.

There were children's crafts, cultural entertainment, health facts about the benefits of tofu, and a tofu eating contest to round out the events. Young and old bobbed from booth to booth with their plates in hand and smiles on their faces.

Besides being a fun-filled activity, the fair was to benefit the Little Tokyo Service Center and the JAC-CC.

Tofu is generally known as "that

bland white stuff" that people eat because of its health value, and has been a well-kept secret of the Asian community. This festival proved tofu to be not only "good for you," but plain "good" as well.

Eighteen-year-old Pein Yu was caught enjoying a plateful of tofu ravioli and commented, "Tofu ravioli is da bomb! And I liked the foot-balls (inari) a lot."

Another favorite was the presently un-named tofu coffee dessert and the tofu patty with shiitake sauce.

Posters displayed at different food booths provided wellness facts. Eating soy products is linked to a reduced risk of cancer, cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, and reduced post-menopausal symptoms. Tofu is low in calories, a good source of protein, cholesterol free, vitamin rich, and has little sodium, easily making it the world's most perfect food.

Hinoichi Tofu, the California Wellness Foundation, and Farmers Insurance Group Inc. were among the sponsors that who this event possible. Food-providing sponsors included Aloha Food Factory, Tofut Brands Inc., Wild Oats Market, and more.

Among those providing health information were the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and the L.A. County Health Department. ■



"LITTLE TOKYO'S NEWEST TASTES"—Tofu enthusiasts at the Los Angeles Tofu Festival held in conjunction with Little Tokyo's Nisei Week.

## P.C. PROFILES

## Pasadena's Shig Kawai played with Jackie Robinson

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ing the situation at that time ... I didn't even bother to answer the letter." But, he admitted, "if things were different, naturally I would have tried out."

Kawai and Robinson were always treated as equals by their teammates, he said, but when they played their opponents, phrases like, "Get that Jap" or "Get that nigger," were common. But, he laughed, "We would go after them."

Unfortunately, things weren't so easily handled when they went out of town to play in tournaments. When the football team went to Arizona during the late '30s, Kawai's Black teammates weren't allowed to stay at the same hotel as the other athletes. They were told, "You niggers go to Nigger-town," he recalled, and there was even a sign attached to the reception desk that read, "Gentiles Only." At the time, "being Japanese and a minority, I was scared that they wouldn't let me stay there," said Kawai, but he was allowed to remain.

Lost touch after PJC

Eventually, the boys graduated from Pasadena Junior College, and with the coming of WWII they lost touch. Kawai and his family like hundreds of thousands of Japanese Americans, were forced to leave their home in Pasadena and sent to the Gila River concentration camp in Arizona. "I lost contact [with Robinson] as soon as I graduated from school," said Kawai. "Then the war broke out, and naturally we lost contact with all of our friends."

So when Jackie Robinson was drafted by the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, Kawai was just getting out of the camp, and like everybody else, he read about it in the local newspaper.

At first, "I was kind of skeptical and I think most of his friends were skeptical," he said. "Knowing Jackie as I did, he must have changed overnight, because he had been very bitter against the Caucasians ... in school and competition, also in everyday life, they would call us niggers or Japs, and so he was bitter in that respect," said Kawai.

He added, "It took a lot for him to be able to get into a Dodge uniform and he encountered a lot of anti-Negro [sentiment]." But "he bit his lip and kept his mouth shut, so he was

able to break the color line."

While Robinson was setting new records in baseball, Kawai and his family eventually made their way back to California. "It was kind of hard even coming back to Pasadena ... there was still that anti-Japanese feeling there," said Kawai. But

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Utah youngsters join Iwakuni entertainers on stage.

## Wasatch Front North JACL sponsors 'sellout' Japan Night stage show

OGDEN, Utah—Japanese artists from the Iwakuni Sister City of Everett, Wash., performed before a sellout crowd Aug. 22, at the famous Egyptian Theater here. The Wasatch Front North JACL Chapter made arrangements for the group to perform, with Dr. Dean Collingwood as emcee. The Nonta Drama Group staged the classic Japanese fable, "Evening Crane," with local children in the play. Participants were:

Morgan Doi, Crystalyn Hori, Andrew and Sean Sekino, Kristin Shimizu, Courtney Sugihara, Lindsay and Conner Yonetani.

The Himawari Shigin Group sang. The Fujima Dance School performed both traditional and modern dances, such as "Musume Dojoi," "Otemosan," "Kuroda Bushi," and "Moran Bushi." The Mutsumi Group presented an arrangement on the shamisen.

"It's about time the people of Ogden were given a chance to remember the culture of Japan ... 'It's the best show I've seen since I was in Japan' ... 'It brought tears to my eyes to remember talent from Japan' ... 'It was the most gorgeous show I've seen in a long time' ...

## 'More Perfect Union' exhibit at UCLA

LOS ANGELES—The Smithsonian-American Library Association national traveling exhibition "More Perfect Union" is on display at UCLA Powell Library from Oct. 30 to Dec. 22, which will be its only Los Angeles showing.

Full-day workshops exploring the Japanese American internment experience during World War II are scheduled for Nov. 1 and Nov. 8. Information: L.A. Unified School District, Asian Pacific American Commission, 213/625-6796. ■

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## OBITUARIES

## Kango Kunitsugu, 73, pioneer director of Little Tokyo CRA redevelopment

LOS ANGELES—Kango Kunitsugu, 73, who began his "public life" as a feisty (he was 5 ft. 2) sports columnist at Rohwer WRA Center, died Oct. 28 at his residence.

Final rites were held last week (Nov. 1) at Higashi Honganji. Surviving are wife Katsumi, daughter Claire Fant (Seattle), sons John (Seattle), Kent, five grandchildren, brothers Yoshimi and Jack.

A design engineer by profession, Kango's energy swirled tirelessly in community work after a WWII stint as an MIS linguist in the Philippines and Japan.

For JACL he was Southwest L.A. president in the heydays of 1957, Pacific Southwest District chair 1959-61, and P.C. Board chair in 1970.

In politics he headed the West Jefferson and Nisei Democrats in the late '50s, and was among 32 candidates (the lone Asian American) interviewed for appointment to a vacant 10th District seat on the Los Angeles City Council in 1961.

In and around Little Tokyo, he devoted his time, ideas, and talent with the Japanese American Community Services, precursor in the '60s, to Issei-Nisei welfare organizations and projects, and served as the first project manager to Community Redevelopment Agency's Little Tokyo office (1969-1974).

which etched the current looks of Little Tokyo, thanks to his comprehensive approach to neighborhood planning.

In the resettlement era of the 1950s, his "Benchwarmer" columns in the local Nisei weekly *Crossroads* pounded the need for more Nisei in politics as both the Nisei Democrats and Republicans organized.

It also worried him that "less than half of the Nisei even troubled themselves to register to vote, in order to avoid jury duty" (10-15-56). (Today, having a driver's license or state-issued ID card makes one open for a call.)

In another column (11-15-57) he confessed his "stomach turned" when he heard a Nisei, supposedly a leader, assert:

"I know there are some fine Negroes and some good Mexicans. But you and I know that most of them aren't ready to be accepted by the *hakujin* on the same basis as the Nisei." His comment re racial discrimination:

"As long as discrimination is practiced overtly or tacitly in this country, no minority group is safe from its sting." — HKH

## Okinajima, Fukushima-ken

Near Lake Inawashiro and Mt. Bandai is the birthplace of Dr. Hideyo Noguchi (1876-1928), world-famous bacteriologist with the Rockefeller Institute in New York, who discovered the yellow fever parasite and prepared a curative serum to combat the disease. His home is now preserved and the compound has been turned into a small park. — Japan: Official Guide

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Fujiwara, Tadashi, 75, Laguna Hills, Sept. 18; Vaccaville-born, survived by daughter Janet Wendy Anderson, sons Dennis, Ronald, 1 g., brother Kiyoshi, sisters Rina Yanaka (Japan), Miyuki Takeda, Michiko Kawahara, Fukuyue Matsumoto, Yasuko Westlake brother-in-law James Ogawa, sister-in-law Chiyeo Hino.

Fuji, Wayne, Chicago, Sept. 25 service; survived by wife Candace, son Nicholas, daughter Kathryn, brother Byron, sister Gayle Hannon.

Fujimoto, Mary H., 78, Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 5; Colorado-born, longtime resident of Canoga Park and Placentia, survived by husband Kyo, daughters Janet (Tucson), Joann Fukushima (Salinas), 4 g., siblings Sam Mayeda, Kyoko Iritani, Pal Hayashi (all of Denver).

Fukumoto, Joe Minoru, 83, Pasadena, Oct. 7; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Ritsuo, sons Dennis Katayoshi, Ernest Yoshitsugu, Stephen Kiyoshi, Robert Takayoshi, daughter Maye Ilium Ryan, 3 g., 2 step g.

Fujihiage, Yaeno, 84, Stockton, Sept. 29; survived by son Dr. David Fujihiage, daughters Eiko Adams, Yasuko Meissner, brother Yoshio Iida (Japan), sister Sakiko Kawahara, 2 g., 2 step g.

Gol, Shoji, 77, Florida, Sept. 26; Sacramento-born, longtime Southern California resident, WWII U.S. Army veteran, survived by wife Yaeo (Miami), daughter Rosanne Long, 1 g., brother Mitsuo Goh (Chicago), brothers and sisters in Japan.

Haashikuni, Samuel Satochi, 79, Sacramento, Oct. 1; survived by wife Sumiko, son Dennis, daughter Linda Yasumura, 3 g., sisters Masako Sotowa, Michiko Nakagawa, Yoshiko Nakagawa, Satsuki Yamamoto, brother-in-law Jitsui, Mike Furukawa, sister-in-law Ruby Shieko Altman.

Hata, Jimmy C., 76, Seattle, Sept. 5; survived by wife Sach, son Brian, daughter Susan Hooper, 1 g. (all of Seattle), 4 g., 2 step g. (Fulton), sisters Tomya Hamada, Matsumi Kawada, Kiyomi Kato, Lilla Fuji.

Ikenoue, Kyo, 102, San Francisco, Sept. 29; survived by son George Kyotow, 1 g., 1 step g.

Inouye, Misa, 94, East Los Angeles, Sept. 29; Kagoshima-born, survived by sons Yoneo, Victor, daughter Frances Iwasaki, 10 g., 5 g.

Inouye, Shizue, 74, Los Angeles, Sept. 30; Penny-born, survived by husband Satochi Tom, sons Gary, Dennis, Joseph, daughters Nancy Adachi, Linda Puchalski, 4 g., sister Yoshiko Yomogida (Hawaii), brother-in-law Jimmy Seichi Inouye, sister-in-law Misa Igarai, Ida Kanasaki (Oakland), Haruo Somemichi (Japan).

Inouye, Tadao 'Lefty', 81, Ontario, Ore., Oct. 7; Mukilteo, Wash.-born, son Carl (Bellevue, Wash.), daughters Barbara Kanaka (Renton, Wash.), Cindy Shaler (Boise, Idaho), 6 g., brothers Jim (Fruitland), Yoshio (Sunnyvale), sisters Chizu (Los Altos), Chio (San Mateo), Mike (San City), May (Battencreek, Mich.), predeceased by brother Tadao.

Ishibashi, Hagiko 'Haggie', 75, Rosemead, Sept. 30; San Gabriel-born, survived by husband Bill Wily, daughter Eileen Kuramoto, son Richard, brothers Frank and Tom Ogino, sister Lillie Sumi, sister-in-law Sumi Nakamura.

Ishii, Kane, 93, Gardena, Sept. 22; Kanagawa-born, survived by sons Toshio, Takeshi, daughters Masaya Valerie Ya-

magata, Chizuko Minami, 7 g., 6 g., Iwaki, Chikayo, 94, Los Angeles, Oct. 2; Kumamoto-born, survived by son Toshimi, 3 g., 3 g.

Kageyama, Haruyo, 82, Sun Valley, Oct. 1; Los Angeles-born, survived by son Ken, daughters Jean Miyamoto, Lois Yae, 5 g., brother Koji Watanabe (Japan), sister-in-law Fumiko Watanabe, brothers-in-law Tetsu and Sei Kageyama.

Kageyama, Natsuko, 77, Seattle, Sept. 12; survived by daughter Judy (Casta Mesa), sons Arthur, David Paul, 2 g., predeceased by husband Noboru.

Katsyama, Paul, 80, Chicago, Aug. 30; survived by wife Satsuki, daughter Naomi Bright, son Kent Katsyama, 5 g., Kawasaki, Yasu, 74, San Francisco, Oct. 2; Aichi-born, survived by sister Kyo Morikawa (Japan).

Kikumoto, Tsune, 85, Gardena, Sept. 28; Yamaguchi-born, survived by daughters Sadano Ake, Michiko Tanaka, Etsuko Nakano, Yasuko Nakahara, Fusae Nishina, Shigeko Hirai, sons Ichiro, Hideo, 23 g., 27 g.

Kitayama, Lucy Miyeko, 77, Cypress, Oct. 9; Elk Grove-born, survived by daughter Linda Sachiko Miyazaki, 2 g., brothers Paul, Harris, Alfred, and Terrence, sisters Richard, Rolfe, Takeda, sisters Frances Ikeda (Hawaii), Lorraine Watanabe (Japan), brother-in-law Eddie Robinson (Kansas City, Kan.).

Koide, Tsune, 101, Berkeley, Oct. 1; survived by 2 daughters, 1 son, 9 g., 9 g.

Korematsu, Joe Junichi, 76, San Ramon, Oct. 1; Oakland-born, survived by wife Hisayo, daughters Joanne, Edith, Alie, Dorothy, brothers Hiroshi, Harry, Fred.

Kozuma, Reid, 23, Las Vegas, Sept. 30; Honolulu-born, survived by parents Herbert and Arlene Kozuma (Las Vegas), grandfather Albert Tenya (Honolulu).

Kuga, Frank, 80, Stockton, Oct. 3; survived by wife Erika, daughter Rebecca (Fairfax), 1 g.

Kuromiya, Sute, 83, Colorado, Sept. 15; Aichi-born.

Maltby, Erica Misa (Tatsumi), 53, Washington, Aug. 6; survived by husband Terrence, sons Richard, daughter Dayna, parents Kats and Kiku Tatsumi, grandmother Umeno Shirashi, sister Lisa Robbins (Gold Beach, Ore.), brother Garrett Tatsumi (Olympia, Wash.), 1 g., predeceased by son David.

Masuda, Shizuko Oscar, 54, Los Angeles, Oct. 7; Koloa, Hawaii-born, survived by brothers George, Hiroo, David, and sisters Naomi Sogai, Kiki Kodama (all of Hawaii).

Matsumoto, Hana Nagao, 101, Watsonville, Sept. 10; Honolulu-born, survived by son Anthony (San Francisco), 2 g., brother Kenichi Suoka (San Jose).

Matsumoto, Hiroo 'Matson', 81, July 26, WWII veteran, 442nd RCT, Co. F, survived by wife Yuki, son James Hiroo (Los Angeles), daughters Patricia Ann Bullock (Woodville), Marsha Anne Matsumoto (Seattle), 6 g., sister Ruth Toribara and brothers Sumio, Haru Harry (all of Spokane).

## DEATH NOTICE

HOWARD H. SAKATA  
GRANITE BAY, Calif.—Howard H. Sakata, 75, passed away on Sept. 28. Loomis-born, he is survived by brothers, George and Roy; sisters, Gloria Okamura, Jeanne Sakata and Dorothy Sugimoto.

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Mayeda, Junior Masaru, 56, Los Angeles, Oct. 4; Oregon-born, survived by mother Mary Yoshimoto, sisters Norma Jean Yamada, Susan Tus.  
Miyasaki, James Goro, 75, La Mirada; Salinas-born, survived by wife Irene Yaeo, son Michael James, daughter Joyce Lynn Inouye, 3 g., brothers Masaharu, Joe, Tom, sister Mary Kawauchi, brothers-in-law Tad, Syd Takahashi.  
Nakahiro, Tamiyo, 103, Dana Point, Sept. 25; Ehime-born, survived by sons George Yas, Terry, daughter Sumi Maruyama, sister Hisako Utsunomiya (Chicago), daughter-in-law Emi Nakahiro, 8 g., 9 g.

Nakaguchi, Tamaki Tami, 77, Monterey Park; Sept. 26; Los Angeles-born, survived by son Steven Nakaguchi, brother Hideo Nakaguchi, sisters Kay Teiko Koha, Akimi Nakaguchi.

Nakashima, Isao, 74, Los Angeles, Oct. 8; San Francisco-born, survived by wife Chizuko, brothers Jun, Masami.

Nakashima, Teruko, 84, Gardena, Oct. 3; Ariz. Grandmother, survived by son Arthur, (San Jose), daughters Kime Sugimura, Joyce Kunishima, 8 g., 1 g., brothers Fred Takagi (Seattle), Tsutomu Tsukuhara (Japan), sister Yukiko Takagi (Seattle), brother-in-law Joe Hirota (Seattle).

Nakasuji, Sunao Ralph, 91, Los Angeles, Sept. 30; Wakayama-born, prewar Little Tokyo garage proprietor, survived by son Paul, 4 g.

Nishimura, Fumiko (Hayashi), 79, Gardena, Oct. 7; Terminal Island-born, survived by husband Shigeru, son Dennis Toshio (Seattle), daughter Arjen Saanae Murray (Arizona), 6 g.

Okazaki, Yoshie, 92, Los Angeles, Sept. 28; Hiroshima-born, survived by daughters Miyoko Matsumoto, Helen Nishizaki, Jane Watanabe, Yuriko Iwasa, Grace Watanabe, daughter-in-law Haruko Okazaki-Onishi, sister Toshiko Yoshida (Japan), 16 g., 10 g.

Ozaki, Raymond Kazuyuki, 85, Gardena, Sept. 15; Hawaii-born, survived by son Donald, daughter Evelyn Araki, 4 g., Sakata, Sandra, 57, San Francisco, Sept. 21; Watsonville-born, owner of (Koko) boutique in San Francisco and New York, survived by mother Virginia Sakata (Watsonville), brother Matthew.

Tambora, Derrick K., 24, Los Angeles, Sept. 25; survived by Veronica, daughter Jordan, parents Thomas Tambora and Laurie Yokoyama, sister Ashley, grandmother Marion Katayama, great-grandmother Hisayo Kono.

Takato, Jitsuo, 77, Chicago, Sept. 22. Uchida, Jack, 82, Seattle, Aug. 10; in WWII MIS translator, member of Nisei Veterans Council, American Legion Cathay Post 166, survived by wife Dell, daughters Diana Coleman (Chicago), Joanna Smith (Kent, Wash.), son John (Portland), 2 g., sister Kiku Teubota, brother George (both of Seattle).

DEATH NOTICE  
MIKIE (KAGEYAMA) YASUI  
HOOD RIVER, Ore. — Mikie (Kageyama) Yasui, 80, passed away on Oct. 27; Hood River-born, she is survived by daughter, Joan Emerson; sons, R. Thomas and Joan Emerson; 5 grandchildren, all of Hood River; sisters, Molly Maeda (Seattle), Lena 'Charlie' Omeri (Hood River); predeceased by husband Ray T. 'Chop.'

DEATH NOTICE  
YONEO DEGUCHI  
PASADENA, Calif. — Yoneo Deguchi, 88, passed away at Arcadia Methodist Hospital on Oct. 7. He was active in the bowling circuit and a 50-year JACL 1000 Club member. The deceased is survived by his wife, Ruth; son, Daniel (Lyn) Deguchi of West Covina; also a brother, Yasuhiro Deguchi (Dallas, Texas), sisters, Masao Deguchi (Los Angeles), Michiko Deguchi (Japan), sisters-in-law, Louise Hoshimaya (Palos Verdes) and Estella Hoshimaya (San Francisco); nephews, Robert Lino, Steve (Laura) Ueyemura, Gunther (Nart Haba) Deguchi, Jose Deguchi, Michael (Lisa) Deguchi, Georg (Alida) Deguchi and nieces Caroline (Asao) Tokunaga, Marilyn (Alan) Nobori, Estella Paterson; also many grand nephews and grand nieces. Private service was held at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

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## Pasadena's Shig Kawai played with Jackie Robinson

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they were one of the lucky ones, for a trusted neighbor had looked after their home while they were interned.

Kawai was 28 by the time he got out of camp and says bitterly, "The best years of my life were spent in that camp." But, like many Japan-

ese Americans, he persevered and eventually went on to marry, have three children, and enjoy a successful career in the hearing aid business.

And although Kawai never joined Robinson in the major leagues, he continued to play the sport he loved when he got out of

camp. In the late '40s the JAs formed a "semi-pro baseball league of sorts," said Kawai, and teams like the "L.A. All Stars" and the "L.A. Nippons" from across California would play in front of crowds of about 3,000 people. "At the time there was no television, so it was the only form of entertainment for the JAs," he said.

## Ability counts, not color

When Jackie Robinson passed away in 1972 he left behind a legacy that continues to have an impact, said Kawai. "Today we have a lot of Blacks and Latinos playing baseball, but that's because Jackie Robinson broke the color line." He added, it's the diversity of baseball's players that makes the game great. "After all, they have the ability. They want someone in there who can hit home runs and steal bases like Jackie."

And with the recent addition of Asian players like Hideo Nomo and Chan Ho Park of the L.A. Dodgers and Shigetoshi Hasegawa of the Anaheim Angels, Kawai couldn't be happier. "I think it's wonderful," he said. "My wife is a rabid baseball fan, and she's a fan of the Dodgers. I never did care for the Dodgers because they were like the millionaire boys, they catered to them, they had their own plane at the time," he said. "But now that Nomo is pitching for the Dodgers, I'm a Dodger fan."

And the diversity in baseball is a trend that's going to continue, said Kawai. It started with Jackie Robinson and today's players are following his lead. ■



Shig-Kawai meets with Harry Honda on a recent visit to the Pacific Citizen.

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