



Bill Lann Lee to keynote convention

Bill Lann Lee has accepted JACL's invitation to deliver the keynote speech at the first National Council session to open the biennial convention in Philadelphia on July 1-4. Scheduling the keynote speech at the opening of the convention instead of at the closing gala banquet is a major innovation.



The biennial convention sets the policies and Program for Action for JACL for the following two years. The keynote speech is the key to inspiring delegates, alternate delegates and boosters to make decisions which will reflect JACL's ability to carry out its mission.

President Clinton appointed Lee in December to serve as Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. He is now responsible for leading some 250 U.S. Justice Department attorneys in enforcing federal civil rights laws against discrimination in housing, voting, public accommodations and employment. In a controversial move, the president named Lee as an acting official in order to bypass the Senate Judiciary Committee after it botched the nomination.

Lee previously worked for 23 years as a civil rights lawyer, mostly with the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. He was born and grew up in New York City, the son of immigrants who operated a laundry.

Lee's agreement to address the National Council of JACL is a coup for the convention committee. He is one of the most prominent Asian Americans today, and is the top civil rights enforcer for the nation. His speech will draw members and guests to the convention and attract media attention. We can look forward to a more energized and focused convention after hearing from him. ■

Settlement discussions on Japanese Latin American redress case delays ruling

A telephonic status conference to discuss *Mochizuki v. the United States* — held on March 9 with Chief Judge Loren Smith of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, lawyers for Japanese Latin American former internees and U.S. Government attorneys — resulted in further postponement of a ruling on the redress case. To allow settlement discussions to continue, Judge Smith scheduled the next telephonic conference for March 18 at 4 p.m. EST. If no settlement can be reached by that date, Judge Smith will rule on the case one week later.

As of press time, March 17, the government has not offered a settlement. According to sources within the government, the Department of Justice may only be

willing to grant redress to former internees who are now or have been U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents. Based on estimates, this would result in redress for less than 6 percent of the total number of surviving Japanese Latin American former internees (roughly 70 people). Such a settlement would deny redress to all those 1765 Japanese Latin

Americans forcibly deported to Japan during and after the war, as well as more than 100 internees who were able to return to Latin America after the war, the majority of whom currently reside in Japan and Peru.

According to Grace Shimizu, daughter of a former internee and project director of the Japanese

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What is a concentration camp?

● Footnote explaining use of term in JA WWII exhibit helps quell controversy on East Coast

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI
Assistant Editor

For more than half a century, the Jewish American community on the East Coast have enjoyed an especially cordial relationship for obvious reasons: both communities know all too well the feelings of victimization during World War II.

But recently, this relationship was put to a test when a yet to be opened exhibit at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum in New York Harbor titled *America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience* raised concerns among some members of the Jewish American community and representatives of the museum.

Their problem was with the use of the words "concentration camps." Some Jewish groups feel that most Americans associate the phrase with the Nazi death camps and the use of the term in the JA exhibit would diminish the horror of the Holocaust.

But curators of the exhibit, See EXHIBIT/page 6



ASSEMBLY POINT - This spot in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo was an assembly point for Japanese Americans forced into concentration camps during WWII. The photo is part of the exhibit, *America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience*, at the Ellis Island Museum in New York.

An update from the ORA

By DeDe Greene
Administrator for Redress

The Office of Redress Administration (ORA) is continuing to review and verify the remaining redress claims. Recently it was announced that two additional groups are now eligible for redress.

Railroad claimants and families potentially eligible. Japanese American railroad and mine workers who were fired from companies during World War II are now potentially eligible to receive redress. The weight of all the evidence suggested that the federal government had a role in the firing of these workers solely because of their ancestry. This decision is based on years of research conducted in cooperation with numerous individuals and community organizations.

The family members of a dismissed employee are also potentially eligible as a result of their "constructive relocation." Generally, the nature of the work in the railroad and mining industries required that these workers, and their families, move to, and reside in, locations solely dictated by their employers' needs. As a result, when the railroad or mine worker was terminated, job prospects, in what often was a company town, were nonexistent, and the family was forced to relocate elsewhere to survive.

The railroad issue is unique and complex. Each case will be considered individually.

For each family, we will apply the new standard based on the

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Dr. Alan Nakanishi of Lodi makes a bid for state assembly

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI
Assistant Editor

As Dr. Alan Nakanishi celebrates his 58th birthday, he can look back on a successful and prosperous career as a longtime ophthalmologist in San Joaquin County, Calif. But looking back isn't something he's choosing to do. Instead, Nakanishi is looking towards the future and embarking on a new career: political office.

Nakanishi, a Republican, is making a bid for the 10th District State Assembly seat, an area considered to be a GOP stronghold, that includes Lodi and Morada in



is unable to run again.

It's a crowded field with 12 other candidates bidding for the seat, nine of whom, including the current mayor of Lodi, Phillip Penni-

no, are seeking the Republican nomination in the upcoming June primary.

But the large pool of candidates isn't shaking Nakanishi's confidence. "My chances are excellent," he said in a recent interview from his Stockton, Calif., office. "The more people [that run], the better chances I have." With his wide experience in the medical field, Nakanishi is already well-known in the area.

And besides, he said, "I'm standing out because I'm a physi-

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JACL Calendar

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

Eastern

NATIONAL
 July 15-5th biennial Nat'l JACL Convention, Sheraton Society Hill, Philadelphia. Registration deadline: May 7. JACL Convention room rates \$99 sg/dbl occ, ITI/Sheraton 800/325-3535, same rate applicable three days prior and three days after convention. Hotel & sales tax extra.
Wed. July 1-National Board Meeting, Philadelphia.
PHILADELPHIA
Sat. Mar. 28-Installation-Graduation Recognition dinner.
WASHINGTON D.C.
Tue.-Wed., May 5-6-Ballot performance, Winter War, 7:30 p.m., Eisenhower Theatre, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets at special JACL group rate for May 6: Barbara Teraji, 410/740-9556. NOTE-Choreographer, Mariko; prima ballerina Jeanne Murakami-Houck, score; by Maurice Jarre.
Midwest
CINCINNATI
Wed. April 1-Local scholarships application deadline, John Takeuchi scholarship chair, 513/759-2056.
Sat. May 2-Spring Yard Sale/Bake Sale, 2933 Madison Rd. (Oakley), Info: Jacqui Vodourek, 513/861-4860, Shiro Tanaka, 513/489-9079. NOTE: To benefit the NIA Memorial in Washington, D.C.
CLEVELAND
Sun. June 7-Scholarship luncheon, 1 p.m., Shinano's Restaurant, 5222 Wilson

Mills Rd; RSVP by May 3. Info: Joyce Treus, 440/582-5443.
DETROIT
Sun. Mar. 29-Detroit Chapter 52nd Annual Installation Banquet, 1-4 p.m., Peking House Restaurant, Royal Oak. Info: 734/482-3778. NOTE-Daphne Kwok, speaker; Mayor Dennis Archer & Maj. Gen. James M. McKoy of the NIA Memorial Foundation, special guests.
WISCONSIN
Sat. Mar. 28-JACL Cme Night, 5-9 p.m., Mill Valley Condominiums Club-house, Frontage Road, Milwaukee. Info: April Gorai, 414/482-9427.
Mountain Plains
HOUSTON
Sun.-Fri., Mar. 21-27-Houston Caper Invitational/Golf-Classic. Info: Mas Yamasaki, chair, 281/370-1503.
Intermountain
MOUNT OLYMPUS
Sat. Apr. 25-Annual Fund-A-Rama, 6 p.m., Cottonwood High School cafeteria, 5715 S. 1300 E. Info: Reid Tateoka, 801/278-7294.
SALT LAKE CITY
Sat. Mar. 28-JACL National Credit Union Annual Meeting, 6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. dinner, Little America Hotel. RSVP by 3/26: John Kikuchi, 801/355-8040, FAX 801/521-2101. NOTE-Families invited.
Wed. Aug. 5-12-Carnival "Fun Ship" Alaska cruise from Seattle. Info: Yas Tokita, 801/487-4567.

Pacific Northwest
PUYALLUP VALLEY
Sat. Jun. 6-Installation and scholarship banquet, location TBA.
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NATIONAL BOARD
Sat.-Sun., March 28-29-National Board meeting, San Francisco.
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Sun. May 3-District Council Meeting,

speakers.
Sun. Apr. 5-Nisei Widowed Group meeting, noon-4:30 p.m., 558 16th Ave. Info: Elsie Uyeda Chung, 415/221-0268; Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911; Tetsu Ihara, 415/221-4568.
AN MATEO
Wed. Apr. 15-Medicare Updates, 1 p.m., San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Info: 650/343-2793.
STOCKTON
Sat. Mar. 25-Workshop, "Teaching About Intermittent of Japanese Americans," 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Stockton Unified School District Office, St. Mark's Plaza. Regis. & info: Lucy Hamai, 510/559-6800, Roger Tom, 510/943-3171, Aeko Fenelon, 510/948-0966. NOTE-Experienced teachers to present strategies, materials; panel discussion includes Fred Korematsu, Mas Ishihara, Bernice Endow, Jim Kurata.

Central Cal
FRESNO
Sat. Mar. 21-Workshop, "Teaching About Intermittent of Japanese Americans," 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Fresno County Office of Education, 1111 Van Ness Ave. Info: Gary Ovacion, 209/265-3070. NOTE-Guest speakers, panel discussion, books, handouts, prize drawings.
Sun. Mar. 22-M.I.S. Club Luncheon & SoCal get-together, Ramada Inn, 324 E. Shaw Ave. Info: Dr. Frank Nishio, 209/439-8525, Cathy Tanaka, 213/626-0441 ASAP.
Southern Cal
LOS ANGELES
Sat. Mar. 21-Jazz concert, 8 p.m., JACC Japanese America Theater, 244 S. San Pedro St. Info: 628-2725. NOTE-Keiko Matsue, award-winning keyboard soloist & composer.
Sun. Mar. 22-M.I.S. Club Luncheon & SoCal get-together, Ramada Inn, 324 E. Shaw Ave. Info: Dr. Frank Nishio, 209/439-8525, Cathy Tanaka, 213/626-0441 ASAP.
Sun. Mar. 22-Poetry reading/book party, Nights of Fire, Nights of Rain by Janet Amy Dymatu, 1-3 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St. RSVP by 3/17: 213/625-0414.
Sat. Mar. 28-Children's Defense Fund community forum, "The President's Initiative on Race," 9 a.m., Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa St. Info: Sarah Howe, 202/662-3684. NOTE-Local middle & high school children discuss their thoughts on race & diversity; open to the public.

COMMUNITY

Calendar

(R) Reunions

East Coast

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y.
Through April 15-NJAA's traveling exhibit, "Diamonds in the Rough, Japanese Americans in Baseball." National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum, Main Street. Info: 209/222-5763, FAX 209/221-9303.
NEW BRITAIN, CONN.
Wed.-Fri., April 1-3-Asian film festival, Connecticut State University. Info: Asia Pacific Media Center, 213/743-1939, shayois@usc.edu.
NEW YORK
March 30 through 1999-Japanese American National Museum's exhibit, "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering" the Japanese American Experience. Ellis Island Immigration Museum, New York City. Info: JANM (Los Angeles) 213/625-0414.

The Midwest

CHICAGO

Mar. 21-29-Film series, Chicago Asian American Showcases. Art Institute of Chicago, Columbus at Jackson. Info and showtimes: The Film Center, 312/443-3733. NOTE-Films scheduled: *Hundred Percent*, *Fukin* (D. Finkel); *Kelly Loves Kelly*, etc.
Sun. Apr. 19-JACL Service Committee benefit performance: Brenda Wong Akoi in *Random Acts of Kindness*, 3:30 p.m., reception 5-7 p.m., Field Museum James Simpson Theater, Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore Dr. Info: 312/322-8854.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY

Coming April 30-Smithsonian Institution "A More Perfect Union," Downtown Salt Lake Library. Info: Terry Nagata, 801/355-8040, Yas Tokita, 801/487-4567. NOTE-Volunteers, docents, donations needed.
The Northwest

SEATTLE

Sat. Mar. 28-Rummage sale, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Multipurpose Family Center, 3001 24th Ave. SW.
Northern Cal

BERKELEY

Sat. Mar. 28-Postmark deadline, Cherry Blossom Scholarship applications. Info: Klara Ma, 415/776-4304 or Steve Hirabayashi 510/471-7324, co-chairs.
Sat. Apr. 11-APA Issues Conference, UC Berkeley. Info: APASD office, 297 Chavez Student Center, Mary Lai, APASD Community Intern, 510/645-5847.
Sat. Apr. 11-Tenshichi Night at UC Berkeley. Info: Christina Nagao, 510/843-8826.
OAKLAND
Sun. Mar. 29-JASEB benefit amateur karaoke contest, 1-4 p.m., Buddhist Church of Oakland, 825 Jackson St. Tickets: JASEB office, 2126 Channing Way, Berkeley, TAYOODO Record Shop, Japan Town. Info: 510/848-3560.
SAN FRANCISCO
Fri. Mar. 27-Asian Law Caucus dinner, theme: "26 Years in Defense of Civil Rights," 7 p.m., Grand Hyatt, 345 Stockton St. RSVP by 3/17: 415/391-1655x13. NOTE-Judge Robert M. Takasugi,

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By the Board



By David Kawamoto
Pacific Southwest District Governor

The redress story

BEING a member of the National Board of Directors for JACL, I am often reminded of the presence of JACL chapters in such places as Seabrook, NJ, and Eastern Oregon/Idaho. How did these pocket communities of Japanese Americans come into existence? Their origins are in the wartime relocation.

Japanese Americans furloughed out of America's Concentration Camps to work in local industries. They chose life in unfamiliar settings to life behind barbed wire. I know my mother and her family furloughed out to Denver, CO. After the war, her family returned to San Diego. There were others who feared the continuing overt prejudice in the western regions from which they had been removed. But, many others realized that their wartime community had become their home. The total story of these communities cannot be contained in this column. My point is these communities exist because of the greatest deprivation of civil rights of United States' citizens in the history of our country.

What choice was there for our community? To remain in camp with the dust and the heat, and

the wind and the cold, was not a reasonable alternative to this opportunity to work outside the penal setting. When considering the hardships endured by the World War II evacuees, the redress and apology can never truly compensate for their ordeal.

At the last JACL National Board meeting, the Board moved to encourage the National Council to budget the LEC project to obtain oral histories of the redress movement. I urge all of the member chapters to fully support this project when we gather in Philadelphia this summer. Let the story of our hard work and grassroots efforts be told. Time is of the essence, so let's document the story now.

The fact that constitutional redress was obtained is truly significant. The work of JACL and LEC's role in this monumental task is noteworthy. It is a story that must be told... and it must be told now! The foremost accomplishment of our organization must be preserved for posterity. The aforementioned JACL chapters will serve as a constant reminder of the internment. The documentation of the story of redress must also be available. ■

Bill Lann Lee visits Utah for Day of Remembrance

BY YAS TOKITA

SALT LAKE CITY—It was a whirlwind visit. But taxpayers would be gratified to hear that they received a lot for the visit to Utah by Bill Lann Lee, assistant attorney general for civil rights, and Stuart Ishimaru, Lee's legal counsel. The two flew into Salt Lake City late Feb. 18

met with Governor Leavitt and other political leaders from the Utah Legislature.

In the evening, Lee was the keynote speaker for the Day of Remembrance program at Cottonwood High School, attended by about 700. Lee's speech traced the path of civil rights since the abrogation of the civil



Bill Lann Lee, acting assistant attorney general for civil rights, received a standing ovation before and after the completion of his keynote address at Utah's Day of Remembrance. Yas Tokita, emcee, on left.

and were up early the next morning for a trip to the Topaz Concentration Camp site near Delta, Utah.

The visit with various dignitaries of Delta followed by the drive to the Topaz Monument allowed Lee to experience the desolation of the campsite. It allowed Ishimaru to walk the ground where his mother's barracks was located during the war; his parents, not yet married at the time, had been incarcerated and assigned to different blocks at Topaz.

After the Topaz visit, it was back to Salt Lake City for a meeting with Utah civil rights leaders. Lee later gave a brief address to students at the Law School auditorium on the University of Utah campus, followed by a reception. He also

rights of Japanese Americans in 1942 to the present day.

Prominent Utah JACLer Floyd Mori introduced Palmer DePaulis, former Salt Lake City Mayor, who read a proclamation signed by Governor Leavitt commemorating Feb. 19 as a Day of Remembrance of the day 56 years earlier that President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed E.O. 9066, which threw 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry into ten WWII concentration camps. And Jane Beckwith, Delta High School history teacher and member of the Topaz Museum Board, presented DePaulis with the book *The Price of Prejudice*, which documents the Topaz internment experience and will be donated to Utah schools and libraries. ■

By the Board



By Karen-Liane Shiba
National V.P. of membership

Supporting youth at the nat'l convention

JUST another reminder to be sure that your Chapter is in "Good Standing" by May 1 to qualify for credentialing to vote at the National Convention in Philadelphia, July 1-4!

When filling out your convention registration form, don't forget to also sign up for the Youth Luncheon on July 2! This luncheon is called the "Youth Luncheon" because the National Youth/Student Council (NYSC) hosts it, NOT because only youths and students are invited! If you really want to see the NYSC in action, this is the place to start. Another place to see the NYSC is Saturday morning, July 4, at their "ID 4" event. This event will mark a first for the NYSC. "ID 4" is the first time that events are being geared specifically to encourage the Y/S contingent of JACL to participate at a National Convention. Please bring your family members to this convention; there really will be something for everybody!

Speaking of "new" programs for this convention, there is also an internship program being coordinated by the NYSC and CCDC Regional Director, Patricia Tsai-Tom. The basic idea is to get Youth and Student members involved in the convention not just by watching, but by hands-on and behind-the-scenes experience! Interns will be asked to

work a few hours alongside National Staff in the National Convention Office and on the National Convention floor. These interns will gain a unique perspective and understanding of how the JACL works that will awaken and excite them!

Please individually donate to the Convention Intern Program or sponsor an intern or ask your Chapter and/or District to donate or sponsor. If you have questions about the Convention Intern Program, please contact Patricia Tsai-Tom at the CCDC Office (209) 486-6815, Hiromi Ueha at YC-Challenge@JACL.org, or Nicole Inouye at YC-Rep@JACL.org.

Now, with so many of the usual things and several new things going on, don't miss out on your opportunity to reunite with old friends, make new friends and participate in the JACL National Convention in the historic city of Philadelphia during the very appropriate time of the week of the Fourth of July! This is really going to be a convention to remember! Send in your convention registration and reserve your hotel rooms now—rooms are going FAST!

Speaking of things historic, 1997 marked not only the first ever "National Board Traveling Show" where the National Board Officers traveled to the different Bi-District and Tri-District conferences (not at JACL expense),

but also marked a 100 percent donation participation to the Annual Giving Fund by the National Board! Although it is 1998, it is NOT too late to donate to the Annual Giving Fund! If you can't relocate the special envelope that was mailed out, just mark "Annual Giving Fund" in the memo section of your check and mail it in to National Headquarters — your donation will be recorded toward the Annual Giving Fund.

As this biennium comes closer to its end (I can't believe how fast the time has passed), I want to be sure to thank all of you for your support of, and belief in, what the JACL is! To those who have stayed with us through the years, thank you for seeing that JACL is a viable organization that has a future to look forward to. To those who are new to JACL, thank you for believing in what JACL has done and what it can do. To everyone who has been, is and will be JACL members, thank you for recognizing that the work of the JACL is a continuing mission to securing human and civil rights for all and to educate all about the Japanese American experience, thereby furthering the understanding of what it means to be an American of color(s). It has been a pleasure and an education serving you and I hope to see many of you at the Philadelphia Convention! ■

Nominations committee: "We want you!"

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

IN SEARCH OF: Americans of Japanese descent interested in service to the community, travel, and meeting new people. Must have some previous involvement in local, regional, or national JACL activities. Demonstration of leadership and/or expertise in field helpful, but not necessary (for most positions).

Have you been active in JACL at any level? Do you think it might be interesting to serve at the national level, but just aren't quite sure what that entails? Do you already have other demands on your time and energy?

Well, serving on the National Board does take some time and energy, but it is also very rewarding. Taking on the responsibility of national office also enables you to expand your scope of involvement in JACL. You will be able to influence and shape the policy of the national organization. As a member of the National Board, you will have the opportunity to attend Board meetings, usually held at JACL headquarters in San Francisco, and to attend and possibly speak at local and regional JACL meetings and events throughout the country.

Through these activities, you will get to meet active JACLers across America, practice your speaking skills, and perhaps act as an installing officer for JACL chapters. You may also be asked to serve as a representative and/or speaker on behalf of the National JACL board at civic functions, again giving you the chance to meet new and interesting people and to serve the mission of the JACL.

Each board member's duties may also include overseeing specific National JACL Committees, giving guidance and support to assist each committee to fulfill its responsibilities, and serving in an advisory capacity to chapters and district councils to encourage and strengthen our entire organization. And, of

course, our board members strive to improve JACL by suggestions, innovation, and methods to make the organization progressive and responsible in carrying out its goals.

So... are you enthused about serving on the national board? Well, the following officers will be elected at the National Convention in Philadelphia, July 1-5, 1998: President, Vice President for General



Operations, V.P. for Public Affairs, V.P. for Planning and Development, V.P. for 1000 Club and Membership Services, Secretary/Treasurer, National Youth/Student Council, and National Youth/Student Representative.

There are not very many requirements for any of these positions; as noted above, you must have had some participation in JACL activities, but there is no expectation that you have served as an officer at any level or were active at higher than the local/chapter level. What JACL needs in its officers are members who are enthusiastic about protecting civil rights and serving the organization and the people of JACL.

It should be noted that some of the positions do require or prefer some experience in the field, such as the offices of President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Vice President

for General Operations. Further, candidates for youth/student officer must meet the youth/student criteria specified in the bylaws and must be a youth/student member in good standing. For more information on the specific duties for each office, you can contact either the incumbent officer through the National Headquarters at 415/921-5225 or the Nominations Committee through the Midwest District Office (773/728-7170) or e-mail: jacmro@aol.com).

So... now you know which office you want to run for. What do you do now? First, you must send in an official nomination form, postmarked by April 1, 1998. The forms have been distributed to chapter presidents, so contact your local chapter or National Headquarters. Once you've sent in your nomination, you can campaign nationwide until the National Convention. You MUST be able to attend the National Convention in Philadelphia, July 1-5, and participate in relevant business sessions there, including the candidates' forum. For further information on nominating and campaign guidelines, which were published in the February 6-19 issue of the *Pacific Citizen*, contact the Midwest District Office.

Still not sure... need to think about it a little more? Well, nominations can be taken from the council floor, but must have the signature of the chapter president or delegate, and that limits the amount of campaigning and advertising in the PC you can do.

We, the members of the nominations committee, encourage all active members of the JACL to consider running for national office. While it will require some commitment in terms of time and effort, it can be a wonderful two years of serving your community and enjoying new opportunities and people. See you in Philadelphia! ■

National Convention update

BY HERB HORIKAWA

Convention chair

In approximately four months the National Convention will be put into motion. The preparations for making the arrangements for this major event continue. One of the important breakthroughs has been the acceptance by Bill Lann Lee to be our keynote speaker. We are proud to have him included in our program.

An innovative event is the homecoming celebration which will welcome many of the Nisei who once lived in the Delaware Valley. It will be an opportunity for all of us to renew contacts which meant so much to us in the mid-and later 1940s.

Philadelphia has much to offer to those who have never been here. The convention will provide the opportunity to see Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Betsy Ross's home, as well as the various evidences of Benjamin Franklin's legacy.

It is timely to be in Philadelphia during Independence week where the celebration is elaborate. The richness of the convention will be enhanced by the week-long celebration the city organizes for the 4th of July. It was precisely for this reason that the hotel selected is in the heart of the historical district.

The committee hopes that our members will encourage friends from across the country to come to the convention to see these national treasures which are essential aspects of our history.

Reiko Gaspar has been working hard to offer various tours for the boosters. Trips to Bucks County to see the George Nakashima operation and the Michener and Mercer Museums, a tour of the Amish country in Lancaster County, the pre-convention trip to the Wheaton Village and the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center as part of the golf tournament, as well as the casinos in Atlantic City, are in the offing.

The convention committee continues to grow. Committee members now include: Toshi Abe, Tom Nakayama, Don Kajioka, Akira Yoshida, George Ikeda, Sumi Kobayashi, Louise Maehara, Chiyo Koivai, and Hiro Nishikawa. James Kawano has become a most valuable addition. His knowledge and competence in matters ranging from use of computers to effective approaches in soliciting corporate support have been critical.

In addition to our Philadelphia members we have received active support from Lillian Kimura, Tom and Janet Kometani from New York; John and Setsu Fuyume and Jim Taniguchi from Seabrook, and from Amy Matsumoto (Youth Activities) from Washington, D.C. We continue to need more people to assist us during the convention. All interested in joining this group need only to call me at 610/525-6620. ■

Sacramento Day of Remembrance

BY TOKO FUJII

"Day of Remembrance-1998" was observed by the people of Sacramento on Feb. 28 at the Sacramento to Japanese Methodist Church.

Sponsored by the Sacramento JACL, the event drew about 250 Nikkei and friends and combined the observance of the Day of Remembrance (DOR) with Senior Appreciation Day.

Jerry Enomoto, two-time National JACL president, gave a short but meaningful message on the meaning of the observance of the DOR. A message from Congressman Robert T. Matsui was read by his longtime

aide, Reiko Kawakami. Representing elected officials in the area, Supervisor Ila Collin, a supporter of redress from the outset, also spoke to the crowd.

The executive producer of the documentary video project "Children of the Camps," Audrey Kasho-Wells, was in attendance. Singer Toru Saito entertained the crowd with selections from the 1940s and '50s. Local karaoke performers Henry Mizushima and Peter Shima sang Japanese and American songs for the attendees. And Seniors of 80 years and older received special gifts from the Sacramento JACL. ■



Jerry Enomoto, former two-time national JACL president, gives his message at Sacramento's Day of Remembrance event.

Japanese Latin Americans seek redress

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Peruvian Oral History Project. "At the end of World War II, the U.S. Government did not invite Japanese Latin American internees to remain in the U.S. and become permanent residents and citizens. In fact, the government issued deportation orders against them." Shimizu, who has been researching the Japanese Latin American internment experience for over 13 years, explained that "Despite having been forcibly brought to this country by the U.S. government, Japanese Latin Americans were labeled as illegal entrants and subject to detention and deportation under U.S. law. Those who succeeded in staying in the U.S. following WWII fought deportation orders through the courts, and it took them over ten years to resolve their illegal status."

"The Campaign for Justice con-

siders the government's position on limiting reparations in this way illogical and indefensible," states Campaign for Justice co-chair Julie Small. "One of the purposes of the Civil Liberties Act is to make the U.S. credible in the eyes of the world on human rights issues. By continuing to deny re-

dress to over 90 percent of the survivors, the U.S. Government shirks its responsibility. The U.S. government must remedy the war crimes it committed against these innocent civilians and provide full redress to all Japanese Latin American former internees." ■

Statistics on Japanese Latin American internees of WWII

# of JLA's apprehended and imprisoned in U.S.	2264
# of JLA's forcibly exchanged to Japan during WWII	885
# of JLA's forcibly deported to Japan following WWII	900
# of JLA's able to return to Peru	100

Leaves:

# of JLA's believed to have established residence in the U.S.	335
# of JLA's who became U.S. citizens after 1948 and therefore potentially eligible for the Civil Liberties Act (based on life expectancy formula of 2/3 of internees surviving in 1988)	220
# of JLA's who are U.S. citizens who received redress	148
Estimated # remaining who would receive redress if U.S. citizens only	70

(Source: Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project, 510/528-7288)

An update from the ORA

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specific circumstances surrounding the termination and the family's relocation experience. ORA estimates that at least 15 former employees and 155 family members may be eligible for redress.

Puunene claimants potentially eligible. ORA determined that claimants of Japanese ancestry who were relocated from a Maui plantation camp in Puunene, Hawaii, may be potentially eligible for redress. This eligibility decision was based on historical evidence and witness statements that suggested that the United States military was involved with the relocation of persons of Japanese ancestry. ORA estimates that this decision will affect approximately 60 claimants.

Prompt response is crucial to payment. ORA is currently preparing for a payment tape in April. Several potentially eligible claimants will be contacted over the next few weeks for additional information. It is extremely important that claimants respond to all information requests from ORA as soon as possible. Otherwise, payment will be delayed.

In a recent press conference, Attorney General Janet Reno reminded the public of the sunset date for the redress program. Potential claimants are urged to file claims by April 10, 1996, to allow

for a thorough review of each claim. Generally, ORA takes approximately 6-8 weeks to make a determination once a claim is fully documented. ORA requests that individuals provide the following information, if known: full name, name used during the internment period, date of birth, place of internment, relocation or evacuation, current address and telephone number.

Japanese Latin Americans. Contrary to a recently published

Outreach update. Since 1988, ORA has located, verified, and paid over 98 percent of all individuals who have submitted a claim. However, we will continue with a vigorous community outreach effort until the sunset date. ORA may host workshops in the Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Salt Lake City areas in May. Additional details will follow. Further, new redress brochures are now available.

Please call the ORA Helpline at 1-888-219-6900 to request the brochures. The ORA Helpline is only toll-free within the United States. Persons calling from outside the United States may contact ORA by calling 1-202-219-6900.

Commemoration ceremony. The landmark Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the Japanese American redress program will be commemorated with a special Department of Justice ceremony tentatively scheduled for September 10, 1998, in Washington, D.C. Specific information will follow in future community updates.

With less than six months remaining, ORA remains solid in its commitment to identify, verify and pay those individuals who may qualify for redress compensation. Claimants should be aware that prompt responses expedite this process. As always, we welcome any suggestions or comments from the public. ■

ORA Statistics as of March 1996

Number of cases paid:	81,278
Unknown historical records:	2,111
Total ineligible:	1,741

article, the eligibility of many Japanese Latin Americans has not been resolved. On February 2-8, 1996, a newspaper based in Japan, the *Yomiuri Shinbun*, published an article suggesting that these claimants would be eligible for redress. However this is not true. The resolution of this matter is still before the United States Court of Federal Claims.

August 10, 1988, threshold requirement. In response to several inquiries, ORA would like to remind the public that claimants must have been living on August 10, 1988, the date that the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 was signed into law. A spouse, children or parents may qualify as an heir for payment purposes only if the primary claimant meets all eligibility requirements.

National DOR in Arizona

BY JOE ALLMAN

On Feb. 19, as a National Day of Remembrance activity, Arizona State University West, the Arizona Humanities Council, the Scottsdale Center for the Arts, and the Arizona Chapter of JACL sponsored a dramatic reading of the play *Gila River* by Lane Nishikawa. *Gila River* is a play about the impact of World War II on an American family of Japanese ancestry.

Prior to the reading, a brief program was hosted by ASU West faculty member Russell Ohta. Guest speakers included Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Brian Ishikawa and Acting Dean of Instruction at Phoenix College Marian Tadano-Shee.

A letter from Arizona Attorney General Grant Woods concerning the National Day of Remembrance was read to the group. In it, Woods congratulated the sponsoring orga-

nizations "for having events like this which strengthen the bonds among people of the State of Arizona and across the nation. It is my hope that the lessons learned from the incarceration will assure that similar violations of civil rights will never happen again."

Rick Noguchi, Coordinator for the Arizona Humanities Council, gave a summary of President Franklin Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066, issued on Feb. 19, 1942, which resulted in the internment of 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry and their Japanese immigrant parents.

Funding for the event was provided by the US West Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, Arizona State University West, and the JACL Arizona Chapter. ■

Utah celebrates its first DOR



Utah Governor Michael O. Leavitt signs a proclamation declaring February 19 Utah's first Day of Remembrance.

THEY HAVE NOT SEEN

By Dr. Mitsuo Miura

I see those desert wastelands, unfriendly and intensely hot;
I see those forsaken barracks which were closely guarded within the desert lot.
I see the forbidding presence of those countless forlorn, moving slowly to and fro;
I see not one guard who would dare to say when and where they could be permitted to go.
I see that group who once had thought that they were surely free;
But I was forced to live their cherished dreams, so shattered, that all was not for me to see.
I see, from what was happening, that their meaning must have gone astray;
For I see that their inalienable rights, which once they had held so dear, remained so fearfully silent in the U.S. of A.

Around the NATION

Wilson kills affirmative action in state contracts

On March 11, Gov. Pete Wilson abolished an affirmative action program that has given billions of dollars in state contracts to companies owned by women and minorities, believing that such programs give an unfair advantage to some people in California based on gender and race.

Last fall, a federal court ruled unconstitutional a law that requires state contractors to give some of their work to women and minority subcontractors. On March 9, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals rejected a request to reconsider the ruling, paving the way for Wilson's executive order.

The Governor's order ends a decade long effort to boost women and minority participation in state contracts. The value of state contracts in 1994-95 was \$2.7 billion. Of that total, 11 percent went to minorities and 7.5 percent to women.

Wilson has also filed a lawsuit to abolish four more state affirmative action programs. The next case is scheduled to be heard in June in Sacramento County Superior Court. ■

Senate rejects attempt to kill federal affirmative action program

The Senate on March 6 rejected a Republican-led bid to kill a 15-year-old program that helps women and minorities win highway construction contracts.

In a vote of 58-37, 15 Republicans joined Democrats in a vote against an amendment by Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) to drop the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program from a bill reauthorizing projects for the next few years.

Most Republicans argued that such affirmative action programs are against public opinion and that they are unfair and unconstitutional. Its defenders say that such programs are not only constitutional but they are needed to overcome a long history of discrimination in the construction industry. ■

Chung pleads guilty in deal with government

Former Democratic Party fundraiser Johnny Chung pleads guilty on March 16 in a Los Angeles federal court on charges of making illegal campaign contributions.

The 43-year-old Taiwan-born businessman is facing charges that include funneling \$20,000 in illegal contributions to the Clinton-Gore 1996 re-election campaign.

Various media outlets have reported that Chung agreed to plead guilty in a plea bargain arranged by his lawyer and federal prosecutors.

And in another recent development, Rep. Jay Kim (R-Calif.) was sentenced on March 9 in Los Angeles to two months of home confinement, given a fine of \$5,000, and placed on one-year probation for accepting \$239,000 in illegal campaign contributions. In August he had pled guilty to misdemeanor charges.

Kim has announced that he will seek re-election but the House could decide to expel him from office. ■

Arizona debates affirmative action

The battle over affirmative action is heating up in the state of Arizona.

On Feb. 3, the state's Senate Committee on Government Reform voted 4 to 3 to support a bill that would eliminate the use of racial and gender preferences in public education, employment and contracting.

The Republican majority committee will now send the bill before the full senate. If the bill is approved by both houses, the bill will be placed on the November general election ballot for the people of Arizona to make the final decision.

Supporters of bill SCR 1005, authored by Sen. Scott Bundgaard, R-Glendale, say that the measure is a principled stand against discrimination. Those opposed to the bill say it will destroy efforts to encourage minority hiring and contracting and to diversify university enrollments. ■

Community NEWS

'Go for Broke' theme attracts 300 at gala

GARDENA, Calif.—It was "Go for Broke" night, all right, at the Nikkei for the Monument fundraiser Jan. 24 at the Los Angeles Renaissance Hotel, where 300 sat down for dinner, enjoyed the entertainment, the display of WWII artifacts, and the presentation honoring the WWII Nisei veterans, all coordinated by The Bridge, a young Nikkei professional social and community service organization, culminating with a casino fare of craps, roulette and blackjack.

A total of \$20,000 after expenses was raised for the "Go for Broke" monument, announced Debra Nishinaka-Skelton of the 100-442-MIS WWII Memorial Foundation.

Among the celebrities who donated their time as blackjack dealers were newscasters Frank Buckley (KCAL-9), Susan Hirasuna, Tricia Takasugi and Jane Yamamoto (all of Fox News-11), Denise Kumagai (Night Court), Yuji Okamoto (Karate Kid II), and Robin Shou (Mortal Kombat). Evening emcee Rodney Kageyama, in a terrific "Monty Hall" style, gave away goodies and prizes donated by community supporters.



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CASINO NIGHT 'PAY-OFF'—Nikkei for the Monument, a young professionals' group in Greater Los Angeles, gather behind a mock-up \$20,000 check, representing funds raised at their casino night in January at a hotel near LAX. Showing off the check are recipients Debra Nishinaka-Skelton (left), and Col. Young Oak Kim, chairman of the 100-442-MIS WWII Memorial Foundation, which is now preparing for an April 5 groundbreaking at noon on Central Avenue north of the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo.

The group's next goal will focus on the Foundation's oral history project. Further volunteer assistance is being sought, according to Christine Sato, 310/327-4193—the 100-442-MIS WWII Memorial Foundation telephone number. ■

So. Cal. Nikkei leaders meet with NJAMF

By HARRY K. HONDA

TORRANCE, Calif. — A cross-section of the Japanese American leadership in greater Los Angeles was hosted by another cross-section of movers and shakers who comprise the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation board of directors at a community reception on Feb. 27 at the Torrance Holiday Inn.

The Foundation board members, who meet four times a year around the country at their own personal expense, came to emphasize their mission "to tell our story to our fellow Americans," exclaimed board chair Rear Admiral Melvin H. Chiojioji (USN ret.) of Silver Spring, Md., with "the National Memorial to Patriotism."

The vow — "This will be built!" — by George Aratani of Hollywood, one of nine Southern Californians on the NJAMF board, was repeated by Chiojioji, who said Aratani was in Japan raising funds for the memorial. "We cannot fail," one of

the few Japanese American flag officers in the Navy continued. "It would be a shame not to tell our story to our fellow Americans."

Momentum for a memorial in the Nation's Capital stirred when President Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which recognized the error of the U.S. Government

of the Nisei who volunteered for military service.

Gardena Valley JACL's contribution of \$1,000 toward the foundation was presented by Helen Kawagoe. Also addressing the 200 Southlanders were Don S. Tokunaga, Los Angeles; Cressley Nakagawa, San Francisco; and Robert Y. Sakata, Brighton, Colo., who warned that the Japanese American story "will be forgotten unless this memorial is built."

As a memorial to the Japanese American community, Nakagawa pictured it will be in concrete and in perpetuity in the Nation's Capital to be viewed by thousands of school children and visitors who visit Washington. Film-TV star George Takei was emcee.

The "National Memorial to Patriotism," to be erected on federal land about 600 yards north of the U.S. Capitol, has been illustrated in a four-page color "insert" that appeared with the Feb. 6-19 Pacific Citizen. ■



NJAMF Board Members: (from left) Melvin Chiojioji, Dr. Raymond Murakami, Shiro Shiraga, and General James Mukoyama Jr.

interning some 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry. As a consequence, an apology to some 81,000 survivors was made, accompanied with a \$20,000 check in reparation. The story being cast also tells the journey of Japanese Americans within American culture and valor

Nisei VFW endorses new Alliance WWII Memorial Wall

At the 48th Annual Nisei VFW Reunion, hosted by San Jose Post #9970, 12 of the 13 California Nisei Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts endorsed the proposed new American of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance Memorial Wall.

With only the Sacramento Post #8985 abstaining, the near-unanimous positive vote by the Nisei VFW Reunion participants gave strong approval to the AJAWWIMA. The proposal has also been approved by the Japanese American Korean War and Vietnam War Veterans and the NVCC (Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council of Southern California).

This Memorial Wall will list only the Japanese American men who were killed in action during WWII. It will honor 773 men from the 100th/442nd Central Postal Directory and the Military Intelligence Service. Included in this group will be non-Japanese ancestry officers

who made the supreme sacrifice while commanding the AJAs of the 100th/442nd/MIS. Thirty-six AJAs who lost their lives while serving in other units and branches of the United States Armed Forces will also be added.

Completion and dedication of the memorial is scheduled for Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 1998. Fundraising efforts have been initiated and are in progress. The new WWII Memorial Wall is slated to be added to the Veterans Memorial Court adjacent to the existing Japanese American Korean War and Vietnam War Memorial Walls located at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles.

Memorial Alliance meetings are held every second and fourth Saturdays of the month beginning at 10 a.m. at the JACCC, and everyone is welcome. For further information, call Kats Kunitzugu at the JACCC: 213/628-2725, fax 213/617-8576. ■

Honda introduces DOR resolution

Assemblyman Mike Honda (D-San Jose) introduced a resolution, ACR 90, in the California Legislature on Feb. 4 that would declare Feb. 19, 1998, as the Day of Remembrance.

The measure was introduced by Honda to increase awareness of and educate the public in the events surrounding the internment of tens of thousands of Japanese Americans by the United States government during World War II.

Part of resolution ACR 90 reads: "Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring: That the Legislature of the State of California declares Feb. 19, 1998, as a Day of Remembrance in this state in order to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II ...

"That the Legislature encourages the annual observance of this day in the future years ... [and that] the chief clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the governor of the State of California." ■

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Nisei Baseball at Cooperstown's Hall of Fame

BY STANLEY KANZAKI

The National Baseball Hall of Fame was founded in Cooperstown, N.Y., in 1939 and since then has had many ceremonies. But on Feb. 17, 1998, a very unique ceremony was held which even Abner Doubleday, inventor of baseball, could never have envisioned. For on that date, 15 Nisei baseball pioneers reached the end of the long "road to Cooperstown." In a moving ceremony held in the auditorium, the Nisei, dressed in their commemorative baseball jackets, were honored with presentations of certificates and Hall of Fame caps.

This took place at the culmination of the tour of "Diamonds in the Rough: Japanese Americans in Baseball" exhibit, a joint effort by three Nikkei organizations. The various memorabilia on exhibit came from the Nisei Baseball Research Project located in Fresno, Calif. The project's director, Kerry Yo Nakagawa, is the foremost historian on the subject. He comes from a family of Nisei greats, including his uncle, Johnny Nakagawa, known as the Nisei "Babe Ruth." In an emotional speech he praised the Nisei players of the past and honored his father by naming him to his All Star Nisei Team. The video *Road To Cooperstown*, produced by Nakagawa, had its world premiere at the Hall.

The National Japanese American Historical Society planned the tour from its inception. Rosalyn Tsonai, executive director, was called the "godmother" for nurturing the project all the way

to its successful finish. Curator Gary Otake was the pen of the project with his excellent writings on the subject. Coordinating and organizing the program was Chris Hirano of the Japanese American Community and Cultural Center of North America.

And a word about the Nisei wives of the veteran players — what a beautiful team. Their undying love and support on and off the field must have been for real throughout their lives.

As for my part, it was minor league. One night in the hotel lobby I helped get the legends to sign 200 baseballs that were later given out. Although I struck out in getting one; it was awesome to be among the stars.

I even got to know some of them, some with fascinating backstories.

As a kid in Topaz I remember Henry "Lefty" Honda of the San Jose Asahis. Drafted by the Cleveland Indians, he was an All Army All Star.

I didn't know there were Nisei back then in Cheyenne, Wyo., but Minol "Doc" Ota played for the Nisei teams there in the '30s. He played semi-pro in all positions including coach and manager. In 1948 he was voted All Star Wyoming State. Unlike most nicknamed "Doc," he is a real doctor. A graduate of Texas A&M in 1942, he was the first Japanese American veterinarian. In 1962

he became the president of the Wyoming Veterinarian Medical Association. His honors and community and charitable involvements are too numerous to list.

Certainly the most colorful veteran was Takeo "Babe" Utsumi of the Stockton Yamatos. He began his playing days with the Cherokee Indians in the '30s. An expert extemporaneous raconteur, and at times a little too long to get to the punch line stand-up humorist, he attracted crowds. He also writes a popular column for the *Hokubei Mainichi*. The Babe

claimed that he was not a great baseball player but great in basketball, despite his size. A success in the bakery business, he quit claiming he "couldn't make any dough." "Everybody's lovable guy," he told us his wife packed his bag for the trip. When he opened it at the hotel he was overjoyed to find a Valentine's Day card. On it was a somewhat subtle romantic message from his wife, "Don't drink too much." The Babe was slightly confused, claiming he didn't drink that much.

The "takara" of the group was none other than Alice Hinaga Taketa. This octogenarian was a real babe: In her era, Nisei girls stayed home, helped mother, studied and learned the cultural aspects of Japan to become an *ojosan* (princess). But this was not for her, and baseball became the way. There being no Nisei women leagues, she played on *hakujin* teams. Despite her size, she was the pitcher and must have been a ninja on the mound. She also excelled in basketball, golf and bowling, raising two children along the way. But all this did not deter her from becoming an *ojosan*. During a NHK TV interview, her perfect Japanese and conduct were all "ojosan."

There were two other Nisei women of her time who took the same road. One was a teammate, Asaye Sakamoto. The other a

longtime great catcher, Nance Ito, enshrined in the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. I'm sure they were proudly watching from the "Diamond Stadium in the Sky." These women warriors were way ahead of their time; true icons for the generations of Japanese American women to follow.

I was fortunate to have hitched on with the touring exhibit and onto the road to Cooperstown. There were many things unknown to me about Japanese American baseball. Invented in 1839 in Cooperstown, it was adopted in Japan in the 1870s Meiji Era. The Issei brought it back to Honolulu in 1899, organizing the Excelsiors. The San Francisco Fujis were the first Issei team on the mainland in 1903. There were also the Tijuana Nippons, and teams in Vancouver, B.C., but not much is known about them. By 1910 there were teams all along the West Coast with organized leagues. It was hoped that the mutual love of this American game would mean inclusion into the white society, but that was not to be.

The 1920-30s were the greatest decades for Nisei players. They played exhibitions in Japan and Korea. Some played with and against major league players. In 1924 the Nisei All Stars defeated the Pacific Coast League team, Salt Lake Bees, 6-4. On the Bees' roster were future Hall of Famers Tony Lazzari and Lefty O'Doul. Nisei players such as Kenichi Zenimura, "Dean of

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The Issei called it "bésuoru" or "yakyu." No matter what it's called, this is an all-American game played around the world.

was a sensation during an interview with Nippon TV, in Japanese with some English thrown in here and there. It was obvious that the Japanese woman interviewer really enjoyed it.

The interview showed Babe to be an all-around guy with some minor contradictions. He claimed his Japanese was not good but spoke it like an Issei. When asked about the origin of "Babe" he prefaced the reply by stating nobody knows his real name. He continued, his first *hakujin* coach couldn't pronounce his name and so it became Babe ever since. However, I heard from the guys that it was because of his size and baby face at the time. He also

Use of term "concentration camps" in exhibit sparks debate

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the National Japanese American Museum (NJAM) in Los Angeles, argued that "concentration camps" is a historically accurate description of the barbed wired encampments more than 110,000 JAs were forced to live in by order of the United States government.

To help resolve the issue, a meeting with various members of the Jewish American and JA communities was held on March 9, hosted by the Jewish American Committee at their Manhattan office. Representatives from 25 organizations attended the discussion, including the NJAM, the New York Advisory Committee of the NJAM, JACL, the American Jewish Congress, and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Senator Daniel Inouye and former Congressman Norman Mineta flew in from Washington, D.C., to take part.

By the end of the two-hour meeting, which both groups agreed was cordial, a compromise was reached: a footnote would be added to the exhibit explaining the term "concentration camp" and the differences between the Nazis camps and those in America.

When the exhibit opens on April 3, program pamphlets and a panel at the entrance will read: "A concentration camp is a place where people are imprisoned not because of any crimes they have committed, but simply because of who they are."

The footnote continues, "Nazi camps were places of torture, barbarous medical experiments and summary executions; some were extermination centers with gas chambers."

"All had one thing in common: the people in power decided to remove a minority group from the general population, and the rest of society let it happen."

Using home movies taken by former internees, family photos, various mementos and an actual barrack from the Heart Mountain camp, *America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese-American experience* tells the story of how tens of thousands of JAs, most of them citizens, were forcibly imprisoned for the duration of the war simply because of their ancestry. The Ellis Island Museum exhibit runs until next January.

The purpose of the exhibit was not to equate the horrors of the Holocaust with the JA internment, said officials of the NJAM. But the use of "concentration camp" is accurate for that is the term used by then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt, government officials, and the Supreme Court. Roosevelt used the term "concentration camp" in a 1936 memo when he gave the O.K. to intern JAs.

"We decided on the title as being the most appropriate and most correct," said Karen Ishizuka, senior curator of the exhibit, who consulted with close to 20 experts on the JA internment before launching the exhibit in Los Angeles in 1994-95. "It was important to all of us to call it what it was. Not to continue the use of government euphemisms which have distanced us from the mag-

nitude of the event."

Prior to the exhibit's opening in L.A., members of the Jewish community were asked to give their impressions, said Chris Koma, NJAM Public Information Manager. And just as it has happened in New York, members of the L.A. Jewish American community did not agree with the use of the term. In 1994 it was not made into an issue. But, said Koma, he hopes that once people visit the exhibit in New York "they will see that our intent is to tell our own story ... [and get] a

of the AJC.

But although various media outlets have tried to portray the incident between the two communities as being confrontational, "we weren't against each other," he said. The meeting was called to gain a better understanding of both sides and to come to an amicable resolution.

"Nazis defined a whole new term for 'concentration camp,'" said Harris. When JAs hear the words concentration camps they remember the internment camps, but when Jews hear the term, they refer to the Nazi death camps. But "this is not an issue of competing victimization," he said. "Those targeted by victimization need to stand together for tolerance and against bigotry."

Harris emphasized the close relationship the two communities have enjoyed over the years and noted that the American Jewish Committee fought alongside JAs in their quest to win redress during the 80s.

"We welcome the printed material in the exhibit," he said. "We hope this puts the issue behind us. We want people to visit the exhibit and understand a sad chapter in our history and learn from

it."

George Yuzawa, a member of the NJAM's New York Advisory Board and the JACL New York Chapter, was 22 years old when he, his wife, and his family were sent to the Amache camp in Colorado. He feels that the term "concentration camps" accurately describes his painful experience during WWII.

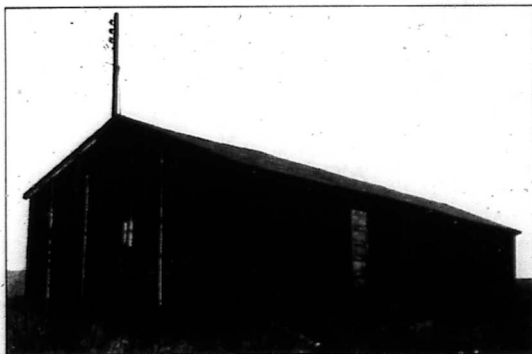
"That's what it was," said Yuzawa, now 83. "It was so stated by the government and the then president." But, Yuzawa emphasized, neither he nor those involved with the exhibit are trying to equate it with the horrors of the Holocaust. "In no way are we stating that," he said. "There's no comparison."

"I think it's the perfect term to use," said Tom Kometani, JACL Eastern District Governor. That's the way the dictionary defines it, he said, and when he looked up the term in his encyclopedia, the JA WWII camps were cited as an example.

Part of the reason that some members of the Jewish community are against the use of the term "concentration camp" in the exhibit, said Kometani, is because they do not fully understand the experience of JAs during the war. "They still see us as foreigners. But in our case, our government took its own citizens and scapegoated them."

"With any group, when the terms Holocaust or concentration camp are used, they get uncomfortable," said Bob Sakaniwa, JACL Washington, D.C., Representative. "If you see the words concentration camp you're going to react no matter what community you come from."

"The fact that dialogue is going on between the Jewish and JA groups is good," he said, "Just knowing where we're coming from."



An authentic barrack from the Heart Mountain, Wyoming, camp that will be part of the Ellis Island Museum exhibit, *America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American experience*, from April 3 to Jan. 8.



Voice of a Sansei

By Akemi Kayleng

A Hapa Yonsei story

STEVE and I have a real problem on our hands. We can't go on vacations. We work very hard and would love to just get out of L.A. for a week or so. Maybe go to Death Valley or up to San Francisco.

However, we have a kid problem. Not a real Hapa Yonsei problem, for we are a childless two-carer couple. One of our cats, Nano, simply cannot adjust to being in a kennel. He refuses to eat and goes through a cat version of a nervous breakdown. We cannot take extended trips out of town together. Somebody has to stay home and parent the pussycat.

We keep remarking to each other, thank God, they're only cats. If cats are this much trouble, what would real kids be like? We agree on one thing: if they were human, Nano would still be a much easier kid to handle. The real problem would be Brigitte.

We think of Nano as Nisei Nano. Doesn't like confrontation or controversy. Has trouble expressing his feelings directly. Has extreme respect for authority. In summary, an easy cat to handle.

Brigitte's another story. She's strong-willed and focused about what she wants, and if the humans in the house have other ideas, she's not timid about telling us off. If she were human, I know we'd be fighting constantly. Whether we would fight isn't the question. The question is, what would we fight over? I have two scenarios in my mind. I call them, the good fight and the bad fight.

The good fight: Brigitte is just entering the job market. I'm very nervous about the problems I fear she will encounter. I fear the employer is hiring her only because of pressure to hire women and minorities. The work is not suited for her, so she performs poorly. They fear discussing her job performance freely with her because they fear being accused of discrimination. You can imagine the rest. I fear the employer assumes that as an Asian, she won't speak up if mistreated. Or that, as an "Oriental girl," she will

experience sexual harassment. Or that, as an "Asian whiz kid," she won't get any training support, "because Asians are so smart."

I see the contempt and disdain on Brigitte's face. "Mom, you're living in the past. Get with the times, old lady."

The bad fight: Brigitte is a spoiled and materialistic party girl. She's drifting and unfocused and will never have any real goals. She never developed any professional skills and has no character. She goes what she wants through good looks and charm. And she's racking up a horrendous credit card debt, with no sense at all of financial responsibility. I'm furious at her.

I see the arrogant defiance on Brigitte's face. "Mom, this isn't feudal Japan. What you call *shibai* is the good American way. Get with the times, old lady."

The first fight would be a good one, for it would mean that times have truly changed for the better. I entered the work force in the spirit of the '60s, in the throes of the emerging civil and women's rights movements. I was like a child of divorce, caught in a horrifying battle between two sides trying to express their mutual enmity through me. The first fight would mean Brigitte's annoyed with me, because the scenes I lived through will never occur in her life, because times have changed for the better.

The second fight would be a bad one. It would indicate Brigitte has assimilated in the worst possible way. The nice things about the Nisei, the *gaman* and *gambare*, have been trashed and replaced with *shibai* and financial irresponsibility.

We never had children, so I'll never know what our fights would have been over. I just hope that in Sansei households which do have kids, most fights are like the first one, not the second.

As for Steve and me, we just keep remarking to each other, Thank God, they're only cats.

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Very Truly Yours

By Harry K. Honda

The Nisei strandedees in Japan: coming of age in the '30 and '40s

ON the front cover of UCLA's current *Amerasia Journal* (Winter 1997-98) is a photo of "Buddy" George K. Uno and his younger brother, Stanley, taken in May 1941 at Shanghai. Buddy in Japanese military dress with a sword dangling on his left side and wearing knee-high boots, and Stanley in an American double-breasted

Yuji Ichioka, guest editor.
Beyond National Boundaries: the Complexity of Japanese-American History. *Amerasia Journal*, Vol. 23, No. 3 (Winter 1997-1998). UCLA Asian American Studies Center, 3230 Campbell Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1546, 299pp, 6"x9", \$15 includes handling. (Check payable to Regent of Univ. of Calif.)

all four historical studies and five autobiographies in the *Journal* open to what I have long held to be the missing chapter of Japanese American history.

In the opening chapter, history professor John J. Stephan at the University of Hawaii explores the trials and triumphs of the Nisei, U.S. and Canadian-born, who had worked in (or visited) Manchukuo before and during the war. He says it's a preliminary attempt but certainly to be welcomed by English-speaking buffs of Japanese American history. His line-up of Nisei names includes two baseball players who stayed, T. Iwahashi of Alameda and Shiro Kawakami of Fresno who played in the Kono All-Stars from Alameda, which had exhibition matches in Dairen and who signed contracts with a local team — an item gleaned from the *Rafu Shimpo* 8/8/37, San Francisco *Nichihei Shimbun* 7/22/38 and 10/14/17/38, and *Hawaii Hoki* 7/12/38. Scholarship knows no bounds and Stephan's impressive work shows.

Yuji Ichioka's "The Meaning of Loyalty: the Case of Kazumaro Buddy Uno," says Russell C. Leong, *Amerasia Journal* editor, could not have been published earlier for fear of derailing the Redress and Reparations movement, which stressed the loyalty and patriotism of Japanese Americans. While replete with names of Nisei that many pushing

or past 80 will immediately recognize, Ichioka, in conclusion, questions, "How can white America justifiably classify any Nisei as disloyal?"

Incidentally, this is also the Uno family of five sons and five daughters, whose lives are briefly sketched in Ichioka's full-flavored footnotes — certainly informative for its detailed information.

English and American, Studies Professor at Nagoya's Sugiyama Jogakuen Eriko Yamamoto discovers Miya Sannomiya Kikuchi, described as "a modern woman, well ahead of her time," remembered for her "Aunt Mia" columns in the pre-war years, her Japan years with the Society for International Cultural Relations, and during the war years as head of the family relations department at Manzanar while her husband Dr. Yoriyuki Kikuchi was chief of the dental clinic, and then teaching Japanese conversation at Columbia. In JACL history, she was a co-founder from

Stockton of National JACL in 1929. A minor point: in that photo (p. 83), the "stenography" machine beside her is actually the first model of a manually-operated Japanese typewriter with hundreds of foundry type.

PERSONAL stories add to the lure of the *Journal* as well as lore of Nisei Americans in wartime Japan.

Sen Nishiyama of Tokyo is driven by the debt "that we in Japan owe" to the history of Japanese Americans.

Retired bank official Frank Hirata, one Kibei who was stranded in Japan and now of West Los Angeles, identifies himself as being "molded" in prewar Okayama.

Retired librarian Mary Tomita, author of *Dear Miyu: Letters Home from Japan, 1939-1946*, who was aboard the last ship out of Yokohama, NYK's *Tatsuta Maru*, on Dec. 2, 1941, which reversed its course upon news of the attack on Pearl Harbor, felt then "for the first time, I was all on my own."

Tacoma-born Nobuyuki Yamane tells of her constant fear of the police, who were suspicious of the Nisei, even in rural Oshima, Yamaguchi-ken. Her American upbringing enabled her to endure and overcome the war years.

Career journalist in Japan Kay Tateishi (whose recollections of Heishikan appeared in the 1997 P.C. Holiday Issue) looks back some 50 years with "streaks of my Nisei identity and sensibility." His role in getting Army occupation release of the first official photograph of the Emperor and General MacArthur is among exploits that crackle through his "first-person" account that seldom made print.

Thank UCLA Center for Japanese Studies for bringing alive this issue. ■

Only chance to have name in Cooperstown says Yonamine

HONOLULU—Less than two years shy of 100 years after the Rev. Takie Okumura formed the first AJA baseball team with students from his Hawaii Chuo Gakuin, his legacy has blossomed to a place at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Advertiser columnist Ferd Lewis, who has reported on sports in Hawaii for two decades, writes that Wally Yonamine, 72, a star in the Pacific Coast League and in Japan's major leagues, having been selected to Japan's Baseball Hall of Fame, said the current exhibit at the museum "was the only chance to get my name in Cooperstown."

One of the poignant items in the exhibit is the photo of former McKinley High star Joe Takata in a baseball uniform, probably one of the last pictures of him. He was a sergeant with the 100th Infantry marching north from Salerno on Sept. 29, 1943. As he moved toward a clearing near a bend on the road, the Germans opened fire and was hit in the

head; as he lay dying he pointed out the machine gun emplacement to his platoon, and they finally silenced the gun. Takata was the first Nisei to die in combat in Europe.

The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, 2454 S. Beretania (707/945-7633), is celebrating its AJA baseball history with an exhibit through July 31. ■



WALLY YONAMINE—Japan Hall of Famer Wally Yonamine of Maui, showing a magazine front-cover of himself in a Tokyo Giants uniform in 1953 when he became the first foreigner to play in Japanese professional baseball, was guest of honor at the Japan JACL reception in July 1997 at the Foreign Correspondent's Club. [Full story from chapter president James Minamoto appeared in the Nov. 21, 1997, P.C.]

Nisei baseball at Cooperstown

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Nisei Baseball, "played on teams led by Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig in 1937 in Fresno. Masao 'Lefty' Nishijima recalled pitching to Jackie Robinson in 1937. He described Robinson as an exceptional hitter and smilingly credits himself for launching him onto stardom.

Then came World War II with 120,000 Japanese Americans excluded from the West Coast and into America's ten concentration camps. This was traumatic but did not deter the Nisei from the love of America's game. It was moved from the open green fields and wooden stadium fences to the closed barren desert waste and barbed wire fences of the camps, but despite all this baseball bloomed with hundreds of players, teams, leagues and fans, just like any other outside American cities. From there, many of the players went on to serve their country, some never coming back.

After WWII, many Japanese Americans returned to their former communities. Baseball leagues were formed, but not to the levels of pre-war days. One of the main reasons was socio-economic. Like all other Americans, they too were seeking the post-war American dream. They moved to other communities busily seeking new opportunities that had never existed before. Most Sansei grew up in these communities participating in sports with other groups. To

them, in most cases, Nisei baseball leagues were something vague from the past.

The Issei called it "besuboru" or "yakyu." No matter what it's called, this is an all-American game played around the world. Henry "Tar" Shiraichi, the 90-year-old former player, called it "the greatest game of Japanese ancestry." Though none of the 15 present were on Nakagawa's All Star Nisei Team, they represented the finest of the past. Raised in the best of two worlds, the Nisei not only were successful on the ball fields but also later in the game of life.

Their appearance at the Hall of Fame was one of the greatest moments of their lives. We were all happy to see them walk up on the stage to be honored, but there was some sadness, for we were also witnessing the end of a great era. But this does not have to be so. We have our Nisei Baseball Research Project to support. There, our Japanese American baseball greats can be immortalized. And for the "seis" to come, it would be an inspiration. Wherever they are, on whatever diamond field, whenever they come to bat or field a ball, they can do so with the knowledge that they have a great American tradition to follow, on the same road taken by their past "seis." ■

Stanley Kanzaki is a member of the New York Chapter of JACL.

Masaoka Fellowship Fund makes last call for candidates

The Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund is making its last call for applicants for its seventh Mike M. Masaoka Congressional Fellowship Program for the 1998-1999 term. The selected candidate will serve his or her fellowship in the office of a U.S. House of Representative.

The fellowship of approximately three and a half months includes a stipend of \$7,500 funded by the Fund. The appointment term will be either for the period for fall (September through December of 1998) or spring (February through May of 1999). The choice of fall or spring term will be arranged by the Member of Congress and the awardee. The deadline for applications is May 1, 1998.

Candidates must be American citizens, who are in at least their third year of college or in graduate or professional programs. Preference will be given to those having demonstrated commitment to Asian American issues, particularly those affecting the Japanese American community. Communications skills, both written and verbal, are important.

The Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund honors the late Mike M. Masaoka for a lifetime of outstanding public service promoting justice, civil rights and human dignity. The major goal of the Fund, which will continue in perpetuity, is to encourage public service, granting awards to educate or train recipients for leadership in public service.

Interested parties should contact the National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Calif., 94115, 415/921-5225 or fax 415/931-4671, for information or application forms. ■



From the Frying Pan

Bookmarks

I HAVE been corresponding now and again with Joe Svith of Edmonds, Wash., who has an unusual hobby. He is researching the history of professional art amateur judo, wrestling and boxing among Japanese Americans in the Pacific Northwest. With astonishing tenacity he has pored through the files of the metropolitan dailies as well as the *Japanese American Courier* and the English sections of the Japanese language dailies. And what he has found, to judge by several chapters of the manuscript he is preparing, is a treasure trove.

For example, he discovered that Lonnie Austin, who was the trainer for Hal Hoshino, the Pendleton, Ore., professional in the 1930s, was involved with Japanese American boxers as far back as 1912. And in 1913 Fred T. Yamada became the first Japanese American to earn a varsity letter as a wrestler at the University of Washington. Yamada was followed by many others. Svith would enjoy correspondence at 18312 73rd Ave. West, Edmonds, WA 98026-5519.

Regarding the column on treatment of Italian Americans in World War II (Sept. 5-18 P.C.), George Kitazawa of Monroeville, Penn., calls my attention to a book by Stephen

Fox titled *The Unknown Internment*. It was issued by Twayne Publishers, Boston, in 1990.

Kitazawa writes: "The book deals with the oral histories of a number of Italian Americans who went through the ordeals of relocation. Of course, the book notes that in no way did the Italian American experiences compare to the experiences of Japanese Americans."

Another book that has come to my attention lately is *1,000 Days in Siberia* by Iwao Peter Sano, (University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln.) Sano is a retired architect who lives in Palo Alto, California-born, in boyhood he was sent to Japan to be adopted by relatives.

He was drafted into the Japanese army, sent to Manchuria, and captured by the Russians at war's end. The book is a revealing account of nearly three miserable years in POW camp in Siberia. He was repatriated to Japan and returned to the U.S. in 1952.

Still another book—*The Heart Mountain Story* by Mamoru Inouye with an essay by Grace Schaub. This volume was published in conjunction with an exhibit of 35 photographs taken by Hansel Mieth and Otto Hagel for, but never pub-

lished by *Life* magazine. The exhibit, at de Saisset Museum at Santa Clara University in California, ran through March 15.

Inouye spent his boyhood years in the Heart Mountain camp and is retired after 40 years as an aerospace research scientist.

A recent column about a new book on the Chinese in frontier Idaho recalled by Tad Muraoka of San Jose, Calif., that there is a major mountain near Banff, Alberta, Canada called Chinaman's Peak. The story is that a Chinese cook named Ha Ling working in the town of Canmore in 1886 made a solo first ascent of the mountain on a \$50 bet that he could reach the summit and return within 10 hours. He did it in six hours, leaving a flag on the peak as proof. When he wasn't believed, he led the doubters to the top the next day.

Muraoka learned the provincial Historic Review Board is considering changing the mountain's name to Ha Ling Peak, a proposal first made in 1896. It is said Asians are very patient. ■

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

Honda Introduces AB 1915 to create Calif. Civil Liberties Public Education Board

In an effort to continue the mission and functions of the federal Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF), California Assemblyman Mike Honda (D-San Jose) introduced AB 1915, which would create a California Civil Liberties Public Education Board (CA CLPEB) to fund projects in the K-14 public schools and provide an appropriation of \$5 million annually.

"This legislation is an effort to utilize the K-12 schools, county offices of education and community colleges as a vehicle to teach the lessons learned from the incarceration," said Honda.

"Because the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) will sunset on Aug. 10, 1998, this legislation is a golden opportunity for the State of California to continue the legacy of teaching the lessons learned from the incarceration,"

said CLPEF Board member Don Nakanishi.

The legislation would create a five-member board for which three appointees would be made by the governor, one by the Speaker of the Assembly and one by the Senate Rules Committee.

The board would be empowered to fulfill its mission through the establishment of a K-12 Schools and Community College competitive grant program. It would make awards to K-12 schools, county offices of education and community colleges for proposals which best fit the criteria established by the legislation. These local education agencies will be encouraged to work in consortiums with nonprofit organizations, community based organizations and other individuals knowledgeable about the incarceration, in securing funds for worthy projects. ■

NAATA releases video and curriculum package on DOR

Rediscovering Our Histories: Japanese American Internment Experience, a comprehensive video and curriculum module developed by the National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA), was released on February 19, the Day of Remembrance (DOR).

The module addresses the incarceration of more than 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States during World War II. It is designed to meet the needs of secondary school teachers who care about engaging their students actively in learning how history applies to current issues, especially in regard to the constitution and human rights.

Funded by the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, this teaching module includes three award-winning video programs with ac-

companying study guides: *Days of Waiting* (Academy Award winner) by Steven Okazaki; *Family Gathering* (Academy Award nominee) by Lise Yasu and Ann Tegnell; and *A Personal Matter: Gordon Hirabayashi vs. United States* (Silver Gavel Award, the American Bar Assoc.) by John de Graaf and The Constitution Project. Also included is the comprehensive *Teacher's Guide: The Bill of Rights and the Japanese American World War II Experience*, published by the National Japanese American Historical Society and the San Francisco Unified School District's Department of Integration Staff Development.

For information call NAATA at 415/863-0814, fax 415/863-7428, e-mail: naata@naatanet.org, or visit the web site at <http://www.naatanet.org>. ■



East Wind

The 'A3M' Shield

LAST YEAR in this space, I wrote about the numbing news that leukemia had struck our eleven-year old granddaughter Brenna. Among the treatments to combat this plague is bone marrow transplant. However, critical to this process is a marrow match between the donor and the recipient. This is not easy, even close blood relatives such as parents or siblings seldom possess the requisite match. And if the prospective recipient is a Hapa, as our Brenna is, the matching can become even more complex. There is also the added problem that the match must be timely made, for pernicious leukemia is unrelenting in its erosion of the body.

But what joyous relief it must be when a life-saving match is found!

TO NARROW this void, in Southern California, there was formed in 1991, the "Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches" (A3M), a nonprofit organization dedicated to "the improvement of the health and welfare of all people by providing education and assistance to facilitate prompt access to potential donors... to offer hope to the thousands suffering from diseases which are treatable by marrow do-

nations." Toward these ends, this past year A3M conducted a community drive recruiting potential donors. Including the use of long-time supporter Dr. Takeo Susuki's motorhome, at nine sites a record 500 signups were realized. Altogether, A3M thus far has a registry of 37,000 Asian Pacific Islanders (API), including registrants from Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Filipino, South Asian and Vietnamese communities. From the Los Angeles area alone, some 20 matches have been realized. At the national level, through the National Marrow Donor Program — with which A3M maintains contact — over 100 API patients have received life-saving marrow transplants.

ENCOURAGING AS THESE statistics may be, in its annual report, A3M reports that API patients, compared to non-minorities, have about a third less chance of finding a donor match. This is attributed to lack of a larger pool of API potential donors enrolled in the registry. I don't know whether there are age barriers but if the marrow program can use marrow from this geezer, I'm game. (However, a transfusion from this wreck, rather than resulting in recovery may well

result in instant expiration of the recipient.) Those desiring information, or willing to contribute the all-essential material support, can write or phone: A3M, 231 E. Third St., Los Angeles, CA 90013, 213/473-1660; also 15355 Brookhurst St., #315, Westminster, CA 92683, 714/775-1688. There's also a toll-free line: 800/236-4763.

SOME OF YOU readers have kindly inquired about how Brenna was coming along in her battle. We're most grateful to be able to report that after undergoing a grueling regimen, including chemotherapy, Brenna has bounced back. Seeking bone marrow transplant was not necessary. Her blood count and white cells are back to normal and holding steady. She not only returned to playing softball but has added basketball. Kid sister Casey composed a song in support of Brenna. The many prayers, including those from readers, have been answered.

I can't tell you how profoundly thankful we grandparents are. ■

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



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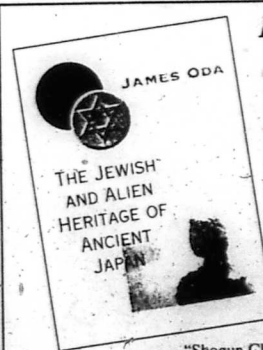
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WWII AJA WALL—All-out effort to memorialize some 800 Japanese American KIAs and MIAs of World War II is underway at Los Angeles Little Tokyo's Japanese American Cultural and Community Center veterans memorial court, where the Korean War and Vietnam War memorial walls listing Japanese American war dead from those conflicts are located. On the committee are (from left): seated—Mits Kunihiro, Ken Yamaki, Jim Yamashita, Roy Machida (pres.), Kats Kunitzugu, Jane Yasukochi, Bob Hayamizu; standing—Shuji Taketomo, Joe Kawata, Dick Shinjo, Thoni Yamamoto, Sam Shimoguchi, Harold Harada, Fred Yasukochi and Roy Shiraga. In addition to the memorial, there will be a data preserving project using CD-ROM technology. Formerly known as the AJA War Memorial Coalition, the Americans of Japanese Ancestry WWII Memorial Alliance is based at JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., #506, Los Angeles, CA 90012, 213/628-2725.

Sharon Matsumoto assumes leadership of key D.A. Bureaus and Operations

Assistant District Attorney Sharon J. Matsumoto, an 18-year veteran of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, has taken over responsibility of the Bureau of Family Support Operations, the Victim-Witness Assistance Program, and the Bureau of

"Sharon Matsumoto's management experience in the office enables her to hit the ground running, ensuring that the important work of the office continues without interruption," said District Attorney Gil Garcetti in making the appointment last year.



District Attorney Gil Garcetti welcomes newly appointed Assistant District Attorney Sharon J. Matsumoto.

Crime Prevention and Youth Services. Her duties also include oversight of the Trial Support Division and the Bureau of Management and Budget.

Matsumoto is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of San Fernando Valley College of Law. She was selected as "Attorney of the Year" by both the Constitutional Rights Foundation and the Los Angeles County Bar Association in 1989. She resides in West Los Angeles with her husband Ron Rose, a deputy public defender for Los Angeles County. They have three children.

"The Bureau of Family Support remains a top priority of my office."

The District Attorney's Bureau of Family Support is the largest enforcement program in the nation. Last year the Bureau collected more than \$232 million and filed criminal charges against 6,800 parents who failed to pay child support.

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Letters to the Editor

Peter Irons says book quoted out of context

I was appalled to learn recently that Bill Hosokawa cited and quoted from my work on the wartime internment cases to launch a mean-spirited attack on Fred Korematsu. Hosokawa suggested in his *Pacific Citizen* column (Jan. 23-Feb. 5) that Korematsu did not deserve the Presidential Medal of Freedom bestowed upon him in January by President Clinton.

I was honored to be invited to the award ceremony in the White House, and moved by the President's words: "A man of quiet bravery, Fred Korematsu deserves our respect and thanks for his patient pursuit to preserve the civil liberties we hold dear." I was proud to be his lawyer, and am more proud to be his friend. And since Fred is a quiet man, who speaks through his deeds, I will answer Bill Hosokawa's assault on him.

What I found most repugnant about Hosokawa's column was that he violated a cardinal rule of journalism, by quoting my writing out of context, to support a position I never took. Hosokawa quoted a sentence from my book, *Justice at War*, in which I wrote that — in contrast to Min Yasui and Gordon Hirabayashi — Fred Korematsu "seemed to be motivated solely by personal interest" in his decision not to report for evacuation.

This sentence appears on page 98 of my book. The most important word in that sentence is "seemed." But what "seemed" to be Fred's motivation did not tell the whole story, the story Hosokawa did not mention in his column (but must have read in my book). "There is considerable evidence," I continued, "that this shy young man shared with Yasui and Hirabayashi an equal devotion to constitutional principle in offering himself as a test case challenger."

I then quoted from an FBI report that Fred "believed that the statute under which he was imprisoned was wrong," and from a statement he gave to Ernest Besig of the ACLU, stating that loyal citizens and aliens "must be given fair trial and treatment! Fred Korematsu's Test Case may help." These statements offer clear evidence that Fred based his decision on constitutional grounds as well as "personal interest."

Let me ask Bill Hosokawa a couple of questions. Rosa Parks has been widely honored for her refusal in 1955 to obey a bus driver's order to give up her seat to a white person and stand on the bus. Her arrest for this act sparked the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott and propelled its leader, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., to national prominence. She later explained her motivation, "I was quite tired after spending a full day working. The driver made a demand and I just didn't feel like obeying his demand." Does Rosa Parks not deserve her honors because of her

"personal interest" in sitting down rather than standing on a crowded bus?

And what about Anne Frank in World War II? She and her family "evaded" the Nazis in Holland by hiding in an attic, until they were betrayed and later executed. Their "personal interest" was simply in staying alive, not in confronting and challenging the Nazis. Should the Franks have made a public statement of their reasons for evading the evacuation of Jews from Holland?

Does Bill Hosokawa believe that Fred Korematsu should not have wanted to stay with his girlfriend and live and work like other Americans? The Constitution gave him those rights, and Fred understood them as well as Min Yasui or Gordon Hirabayashi. It strikes me as the height of hypocrisy for Hosokawa — or anyone else, for that matter — to pass judgment on the acts of others, when their own acts did not reflect the courage and principle that Fred Korematsu exemplified in his quiet bravery.

I have never questioned the motivations of those Japanese Americans who decided, for "personal" or other reasons, to obey the wartime curfew and evacuation orders. Most of them, I am sure, wanted to stay with their families and feared the criminal penalties for violating the orders. By the same token, we should not question the motivation of those who decided, for whatever reasons, that they could not obey the military orders. Let me suggest, finally, that Bill Hosokawa ponder the words of Matthew: "Do not judge lest you be judged." ■

Peter Irons

Professor of political science
at UC San Diego,
Author of *Justice at War*

Hosokawa responds to Irons' Letter to the Editor

Columnist Bill Hosokawa, having read Prof. Peter Irons' Letter to the Editor in another JA, percolated, prepared the following statement.

Professor Peter Irons accuses me of launching "a mean spirited attack on Fred Korematsu" in my column of Jan. 23-Feb. 5 suggesting that "Korematsu did not deserve the Presidential Medal of Freedom."

If professor Irons will re-read my column, he will find that I cited briefly the records and reported motives of Minoru Yasui, Gordon Hirabayashi and Fred Korematsu, all of whom were involved in the Supreme Court cases challenging the evacuation. Then I asked why Korematsu alone was honored while the others were ignored, and how it came about.

These are not improper questions. They have not been answered.

Bill Hosokawa
Denver, Colo.

NJAMF, presenting a total patriotism

Regarding an advertisement in the Feb. 20-Mar. 5, 1998 issue of the P.C. entitled, "Are there too many Japanese American Monuments?" there is a major error in the description of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF). The statement, "It omits the story of the Nisei soldiers and the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team" is untrue.

In the brochure published by the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation entitled, *A National Memorial to Patriotism — The Japanese American Experience*, under the heading of "Proof in Blood," at least five paragraphs are dedicated to the heroics of the 100th Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service unit in the Asia-Pacific Theater of the war. The Memorial Foundation's desire is to present a total patriotism which came from the Japanese American community.

John J. Saito
Regional Coordinator NJAMF

Author James Oda sets the record straight

Yasumasa Kuroda's letter to the editor in the March 6-19, 1998, issue states that I presented Prof. Ben-Ami Shillony's view as if endorsing my viewpoint. I must state that the exact opposite is true.

In my book I stated as follows: "Unfortunately, Shillony's conclusion on this matter is negative. He writes that no serious historian has ever endorsed the theory that the Japanese are descended from the Lost Tribe of Israel, and that the linguistic similarities between Japanese and Hebrew continue to be raised by Jews who don't know Japanese and by Japanese who don't know Hebrew."

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Dr. Nakanishi makes a bid for state assembly

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cian, not a politician."

Nakanishi is the co-founder and president of the Delta Eye Medical Group, an association that serves the areas of Lodi, Stockton, and Tracy. He has served as Chief of Staff and by-laws chairperson at Dameron Hospital and is the president of Dameron Individual Physicians Association, a 300-member physician group.

A member of the San Joaquin Medical Legislative Committee, Nakanishi is also on the physician advisory to the San Joaquin Health Plan. He is a graduate of Loma Linda University's medical program and received a master's degree in Health Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia in 1991.

Nakanishi plans to apply his knowledge of the medical field to improving California's health-care system. "California is getting so bad, I think to myself, what can I do?" he said. "I decided I can't just sit back anymore."

"I'm frustrated with what's happening with healthcare and education," he continued. "With managed care, I'm not against it, but I can help make sense out of it."

Nakanishi wants to rebuild the doctor-patient relationship that once existed. He also wants laws that allow doctors to give full disclosure of the various treatment options to their patients.

Education is another area that Nakanishi wants to see improved. As a member of the board of Lodi Academy, a private high school, Nakanishi has seen firsthand the deterioration in the quality of education; he believes there needs to be more local control. "Less regulation and more local control," that's what his whole campaign is about, he said. He also believes that parents need to take responsibility for instilling motivation in their children and in giving them a struc-

tured home life.

Nakanishi, a Nisei, describes his life as the "American dream story." Born and raised in Sacramento, the third son of a family of three boys and one girl, he was only 4 years old when he and his entire family were shipped to the Tule Lake internment camp during WWII.

Although the family owned their own store before the war, when they returned to Sacramento after their release everything they had was gone. For years, the family worked hard to make ends meet and Nakanishi still remembers taking his first job as a newspaper boy to help out.

When he decided to further his education after his high school graduation, he knew there was no money. So to raise funds for his tuition to attend Pacific Union College, he worked during the summers and during the school year. He took all kinds of jobs including fruit picker, janitor, bus boy, dishwasher, and en-

gineer's aide. In the end he received a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry. The following year, Nakanishi was accepted into medical school.

He and his wife have three children, Pamela, a physician; Jennifer, an educator; and Jonathan, an attorney. He also has two grandchildren, Spencer Cooper and Caleigh Tsuchiya.

These days Nakanishi's full-time work schedule at his practice now includes an additional 3 or 4 hours of work on his campaign. In the evenings he's off to meet with various community members and organizations. "It's very hard on the family," he said. "But my wife and kids are very supportive."

He readily admits that as a freshman politician he has little experience running for public office, but his years of involvement and leadership in the community and various organizations have been a fertile training ground. He's volunteered his services in performing surgeries at clinics in

Baja California and has taught residents at a hospital in Monterey, Mexico. From 1969 to '71 he served in the U.S. Army, reaching the rank of major while stationed at Fort Eustis, Va., where he worked in the McDonald Army hospital. He is also a member of the Lodi Chapter of JACL.

He knows the importance of leading by example, said Nakanishi, because that's something he's done his whole life. And he plans to apply that philosophy in his bid for the State Assembly. "They get what they see," he said.

For more information about Nakanishi's campaign, call 209/369-1826, 209/478-9956, fax, 209/478-9958. ■

Honda elected to DNC Executive Committee

The Democratic National Committee (DNC) recently selected California Assemblyman Mike Honda (D-San Jose) to serve as an at-large DNC member and a member of the DNC's Executive Committee.

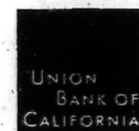
As a member of the DNC, Honda will be responsible for the general governance of the Democratic Party. As a member of the Executive Committee, he will be responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the Democratic Party between National Committee meetings.

"We are pleased that Mike is assuming these critical posts," said DNC National Chair Steve Grossman. "Strengthening and enhancing the Democratic Party's relationship with the Asian Pacific American community is one of our top priorities, and Mike will be instrumental in our outreach efforts." ■

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OBITUARIES

Hansel Mieth, 89, documentary photographer

SANTA ROSA, Calif.—Life magazine never published the photographs it had commissioned Hansel Mieth to take of the Heart Mountain internment camp for Japanese Americans during World War II. "I thought," she said in an interview last September with *San Jose Mercury News* reporter Tracey Kaplan, "what's the use of being in a prison and not showing that it is a prison?" Her photographs were on exhibit for the first time at de Saisset Museum on the Santa Clara University campus. The exhibit closed March 15.

Mieth focused her lens on a couple standing in the Wyoming snow near a barbed wire fence.

Robert B.W. Smith, 73, physician

BETHESDA, Md.—Robert B. W. Smith, MD, 73, died of heart failure on Jan. 30, survived by his wife Etsuko (née Yoshimura), four sons, three grandchildren and sister Alice Born (St. Louis). Born of missionary parents in Recife, Brazil, and a Washington D.C. JACler, and a Harvard graduate who graduated from Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1949, he was commissioned in the Air Force and completed his residency in inter-

nal medicine at Walter Reed Army Hospital in 1959. Among his assignments was that of chief of medicine at Johnson AFB near Tokyo and at Andrews AFB, Washington. Retiring from the Air Force in 1971, he entered private practice and also taught at George Washington University Hospital. He was medical director at the National Science Foundation 1985-89, an ornithologist and an accomplished painter of birds.—*Lily Okura* ■

J. Suzuki, 62, health director

ORLANDO, Fla.—James Suzuki, 62, who retired in 1985 as president-CEO for Hadley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C., died March 9 at his home. The Los Angeles-born administrator lived in the D.C. area from 1969-1989. He joined the Montgomery County, Md., government where he was associate health director from 1985-1989. For the past ten

years in Florida he worked for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations. His marriage to Marilyn Suzuki ended in divorce and he is survived by two daughters, Debra Walker (Taft, Calif.) and Linda (Gaithersburg, Md.) and three grandchildren, and companion Michael Hopkins. (Orlando)—*Washington Post*. ■

Frank H. Hiyama, 83, Caltrans highway engineer

SACRAMENTO—Longtime Caltrans senior bridge engineer Hiroshi "Frank" Hiyama, 83, died Feb. 28. He is remembered as a national expert on railroad grade-crossing safety. Caltrans spokesman Jim Drago said, "He was unbelievable." He wrote the book on the subject.

Hiyama became known as "Mr. Agreements" for having hammered out more than 1,000 agreements as the state constructed thousands of highway and railroad overpasses and underpasses. "He was the greatest negotiator around, knew how to negotiate with railroads (and) to negotiate in-house at Caltrans," added Richard Gonzales for Union Pacific Railroad, at his office in Colton.

Born in Herndon, Fresno County, Hiyama moved with his

family to Sacramento in his youth. After finishing pre-engineering courses at Sacramento Junior College, he joined the State Division of Highways (Caltrans) as an engineering aide in 1941. During WWII he was interned at Tule Lake and was soon relocated to Cleveland to work for the federal government, building homes for defense workers. He retired from Caltrans in 1989.

Hiyama's civic activities include serving as Sacramento JACL president in 1962 and as president of the Senator Lions. He also designed the educational hall for the Loomis Methodist Church. In a 1987 interview, Hiyama explained his philosophy: "Be honest, do everything within the rules, and feel good about what you are doing."—*Sacramento Bee* ■

'More Perfect Union' opens in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS—Smithsonian Institution's much-traveled exhibit, "More Perfect Union," opened at the Sahara West Library & Fine Arts Museum, 9600 W. Sahara Ave., on March 6 for a 40-day run, closing Wednesday, April 15, and will then continue on to Salt Lake City.

Originally shown at the Smithsonian for the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution in 1989, the exhibit concerns the constitutional rights of Japanese Americans during WWII. Local primary source materials, Issei camp art and Nisei providing first-hand accounts bring alive the military and camp experiences featured in the display. It is supported by generous grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National JACL Legacy Fund.

Volunteer docents and speak-

ers include onetime ORA director Paul Bannai, author Sue Embrey from Los Angeles, Fumi Hayashi from Seattle, Masumi Hayashi from Cleveland, Las Vegas JACLers, Nikkei residents, Kaminari Taiko group and JACL Ondo dancers. Special events on tap include:

March 24, 7 p.m., "Redress and Reparation," discussion by local JACL civil rights chair.
March 26, 7 p.m., Folk and Classic dances & lecture; March 31, 7 p.m., NJAHS video: *Strength and Diversity*; April 2, 7 p.m., "Camp Life, a Woman's Point of View" discussion by local Nisei women; April 7, 7 p.m., "Japanese Americans in WWII," memories related by Nevada residents; April 9, 7 p.m., "After Assimilation," Sansei discussion on how the war effected them socially; April 11, 4 p.m., "Internment Art," photographic art at the Charleston Heights Arts Center (702-229-6383; Wed. April 15, 7 p.m., Closing ceremonies. ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Aki, Nancy Kanani, 96, Bellevue, Wash., Feb. 12; Hawaii-born, survived by sons Jacob, Charles, Paul, Sam, Ben, daughters Gladys Naono, Grace Spray, 40 cc., 51 cc., 22 cc.

Fuji, Shizuma, 96, Stockton, Feb. 15; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Michael, Dick, Dr. Kenneth, 10 cc., 7 cc.

Fujimura, Sam Susumu, 82, Feb. 11; Fresno-born, survived by wife Fusayo, sons Calvin, Robert, daughters Sue, Carol, 3 cc.

Fukutome, Harry Chachiro, 72, Watsonville, Feb. 14; Colo-born, survived by wife Teruko, daughter Irene Fukutome, sons William, Michael, Andrew, sisters Hideko Nagamine, Ikuko Nagamine, brother Tatsuro, brothers in Japan.

Honda-Kelley, Mary, 73, Chicago, Jan. 30; Del Rey born, survived by son Kris, sister Sadako Wharton.

Futagaki, Michael Roy, 38, Los Angeles, Jan. 29; Oakland-born, former resident of San Leandro, survived by parents Shigeo and Chiyo Futagaki, brother Stan.

Hiramoto, Nobuo, 75, San Francisco, Feb. 19; survived by wife Natsuko, daughters Helen Hiramoto, Sachie Ng, 2 cc., sister Kyoko Fujitani, brothers-in-law Isamu Fujitani, George Hoshida.

Hiroshima, Misa, San Mateo, Feb. 10; Kure, 9 cc., brother Frank Hara.

Hori, Hayame, 98, Westminster, Feb. 13; Hawaii-born, survived by son Ray Michihira, daughters Kimie Kato, Hamayo Sato (Seattle), stepdaughter Mary Nakamura (Ontario), stepson Frank Hori (Seattle), 16 cc., 10 cc., son-in-law Yoshitsugu Nomura (Seattle), and brothers Toshio, Saburo (Seattle), and Morio (Japan) Morishima, sister Shigeno Kojima (Japan), daughters-in-law Sachir Hori, Chiyo Deguchi (Seattle).

Hoshiyama, William Shiro, 78, Novato, Feb. 16; Livingston-born, longtime resident of San Francisco, survived by wife Fumiko, daughter Gail Narbu, son William, 3 cc.

Hosokawa, Yoshi Yoshizawa, Orlando, Fla., Mar. 1; Milwaukee, Ore.-born, survived by husband Robert, son David (New York City), daughter Mary Sue Brown (Dallas), brother Arthur (Florida), sister Margie Muramatsu (Seattle).

Ichimura, Ruby K., 72, West Covina, Feb. 12; Shoshone, Idaho-born, survived by son Ricky Ichimura (Rosemead), daughters Joanne Lee (West Covina), Lori Ichimura (Gardena), 2 cc., Iguchi, Ryumel, 64, Mountain View, Feb. 4; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Michiko, sons Hideaki, Hiroaki.

Ikedo, Kin, 90, Alameda, Feb. 15; service; Yokohama-born, survived by daughters Marie Sugita, Pat Doami, 3 cc., 12 cc., sister Fumi Obata (Japan).

Ito, Ken, 71, Chino, Feb. 21; La Habra-born WWII veteran, survived by brothers Kow, James.

Kawasaki, Hanako, 91, Monterey Park, Feb. 13; Shizuoka-born survived by sons Junpei, Hiroshi, Kuniehi, 8 cc., 12 cc., brothers Hiroshi and Toshio (Japan) Hara, sister Miki Miura (Japan).

Kikuchi, Isamu, 85, Rock Spring, Wyo., Feb. 5; survived by wife, 4 children, 3 cc.

Kim, Scott Lee, 12, Colo., Jan. 15; survived by parents Tony and Mary Tschimoto, Kim, brother Daniel, grandparents Donn and Shirley Tschimoto, Stanley and Kyung Ja Kim, great-grandmothers Mikazu Tschimoto, Beey Kawakami, Soon Bok Chai (Seoul, Korea).

Kita, Chachiro, 87, Wheatridge, Colo.; Hilo-born WWII veteran of Camp Savage, New Guinea, Borneo, Philippines, Japan; survived by wife Kyoko, brother Saburo Chiuwa and sister Hatsuko Tamaruchi (both of Honolulu).

Kitada, Haruye (Ikuya), Detroit, Jan. 9; survived by husband Masao, sons Curtis (Almea) and Leland (Ann), mother Sae Ikuya, sister Junko, 5 cc.

Kodama, Frank Kazumasa, 94, Rowland Heights, Feb. 16; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Mable Yoshiko, sons Ernest, Hugh, daughter Penny Sakai, 2 cc., brother Henry (San Diego), sisters Masayo Ninomiya, Iyue Sugita (both of San Diego), Fujiye Nakagawa (Encinitas).

Maniwa, Lily Yukari, 72, Torrance, Feb. 12; Los Angeles-born, survived by son Chir R.Y., Randall, daughter Esther Kodama, 3 cc., sister Takako Alice Iwamoto.

Manabe, Tsunoyu, 84, Los Altos, Feb. 7; survived by sons Sadao, Yukio, daughters Emiko Moriguchi, Keiko Moriguchi, Sachiko Mizuno, cc., cc.

Mayoshi, Arlene Akiko, 64, Dallas, Texas, Feb. 14; survived by daughters Karen Knecht (Houston), Laura Miyoshi (Washington, D.C.), Leslie Miyoshi (Duncanville, Texas), sons Edward (Cleveland), Philip (Honolulu), Jimmy (Japan), mother Dorothy Kawasaki (Culver City), brothers John and Stephen Kawasaki, 16 cc., 1 cc.

Mizuno, Kiyoshi, 63, Sacramento, Feb. 13; Stockton-born, survived by

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brothers Frank, Takashi, sister-in-law Grace Mizuno.

Moriguchi, Jack Y., Torrance, Feb. 17; Sacramento-born, survived by wife Gertrude, brothers Eddie, Donald (San Francisco), sister Betty Takeshita (San Jose).

Murakami, Shizue Cecil, 87, Santa Monica, Feb. 16; Santa Clara-born, survived by sons Junichi James, Tensaki Jimmy, daughter Yuri Lily Joke, 7 cc., 4 cc., brothers Kay and George Yoshinaga, sister Millie Hamasaki.

Nakamura, Katsuko, 93, West Los Angeles, Feb. 10; Kumamoto-born, survived by sons John Matsuo Nitta, Takashi Nakamura, 3 cc., 6 cc., brother Munio, "Moon" Takata, sister Toyoko "Toy" Kanegai.

Naruo, Robert Takayuki, 80, Montebello, Feb. 14; survived by daughters Judith Jue, Kathryn Reed, son Randall, 7 cc., four brothers, two sisters.

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Nishi, Yasuguni, 99, La Mirada, Feb. 14; Yakima-born, longtime resident of San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles, survived by children Soichiro Nishi, George Nishi, Yukio Wakimoto, 6 cc., 8 cc.

Nishimura, Saburo, 86, Seattle, Jan. 22; past president of Seattle and Spokane JACL chapters, survived by wife Sumiko, son Ken, daughter Pat Ikegami, 5 cc., sister Mary Seike, brothers Ted, William.

Ogawa, George, 79, Torrance, Feb. 9; Sumner, Wash.-born, survived by wife Mary, sons James, Barry, Ronald, brothers Alfred, Clarence, Sam, sisters Betty Hansen, Elsie Koga, Julia Tokawa, Ohara, Toyoko, 79, San Jose, Feb. 10; survived by daughter Emilie Peace, 1 cc.

Ojubo, Nobu, 101, Selma, Feb. 21; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Minoru, Tom, Bob, daughter Betty Shiroyama, 9 cc., 4 cc.

Oshiro, Betty, 77, Las Vegas, Jan. 26; Hawaii-born, survived by husband Harry, son David, daughter Penny Baker, Osumi, Fred M., 80, Moses Lake, Wash., Feb. 11; Yakima-Wash.-born, World War II veteran, survived by wife Midori, daughter Gloria Vorhies, sister Aiko Omori.

Seto, Charles Kazuo, 70, Los Angeles, Feb. 12; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Ethel, son Neil, daughter Laura, sisters Cheko Higuchi, Kimiko Takahashi, Irene Sato, Janet Akahoshi, Sueko Araki, mother-in-law Hatsuko Yanaru, brother-in-law Herb Unio, sisters-in-law Dorothy Unio, Grace Kiyotake.

Takahashi, Sedyoshi, 93, Torrance, Feb. 12; Yakima-born, survived by wife Makiko, son Randall (San Jose), daughters-in-law Carollee, Betty Takahashi, 5 cc., 2 cc., brothers-in-law Dr. John, Richard Koyama, sisters-in-law Mitsuko Takahashi, Beau and Elmer Koyama.

Tamura, Hiroshi, 83, Albuquerque, N.M., Feb. 5; survived by wife, daughters, sons, brothers, sisters, in-law.

Tamura, Yelko Uyeno, 77, Palos

Vardes, Feb. 14; Sacramento-born, survived by husband Yoshiaki, sons Michael, Gregory, Jeffery, Douglas, brother Koichi Uyeno, sisters Tayako Takahashi, Nancy Yamamoto, Ayeko Nojiri (Japan), sister-in-law Dolly Uyeno.

Tanabe, Henry Teruo, 72, Rancho Cordova, Jan. 22; member VFW, American Legion, survived by wife Ruby, son Mark, daughter Karen, 1 cc., brothers Frank, Tom, sister Lois Tanuchi.

Tanoue, Hiroshi, 72, Watsonville, Feb. 15; Colo-born, survived by wife Michiko, son Ernest, daughters Linda and Alice Tanoue, Bonnie Killebrew, Roxanne Vogelgesang, sister Olive Yamaguchi.

Tsukamaki, Susumu "George," 77, Seattle, Jan. 20; survived by wife Yuriko, sons Takahashi, George, 3 cc., sister Mary Miyamoto, brother Frank.

Tsutsui, Robert M., 81, Gardena, Feb. 17; Los Angeles-born member, American Legion, survived by wife Margaret, son Robert, brother James, sisters Ruth, Ruby, Marion, 2 cc.

Waake, James Masaru, 52, Monterey Park, Feb. 18; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Ellen Chien, sons Bruce Hiroshi, Eric Hiroshi, daughters Myrtle Naomi Higa, Wendy Akio Waake, 5 cc., sisters Taiyo Tamayori (Hawaii), Kazumi Kam.

Yamaguchi, Edna, 74, Turlock, Feb. 6; Loomis-born, survived by son Lester, daughter Ginger Seligahama, sister June Yoshida, brother Ralph Masaki.

Yamashita, Abbot Kenko, 87, Atadena, Feb. 20; Giftu-born, sixth abbot of Daijiryu Temple of Japan, eighth abbot of Zenshuji Soto Mission of Los Angeles, recipient of the Sacred Treasure Gold and Silver Rays from the Japanese government, survived by son Teshu, daughters Reiko, Hiroi.

Yasuda, Ken Kenzo, 66, Sunnyvale, Feb. 11; survived by wife Nobuyo, sons Kenji, David, Paul, daughter Nancy Yasuda, cc.

Yasui, Rihachi, 93, San Jose, Feb. 3; survived by daughters Satomi Yasui, Natsumi Yagi, son Ken, 5 cc., 2 cc.

Yasutake, George Masaru, 63, Hacienda Heights, Feb. 17; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Eiko, son David, daughter Denise Ha, 3 cc., parents Henry and Yurie Yasutake, brothers Edward, Clifford, Paul, sisters Kathy Honda, Doris Kiyari.

Yoshida, Umeaki, 83, Pittsburg, Feb. 9; Fukuoka-born, survived by son Katsuko. ■

DEATH NOTICE

H. FRANK HIYAMA

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—H. Frank Hiyama, 83, passed away Feb. 28. He was a structural engineer with Caltrans for over 60 years; past president of Sacramento JACL and Senator Lions' Club; Eagle Scout Troop 41. He died peacefully thinking of family, friends, golf and RR's. He is survived by his loving wife Midori Makimoto; daughters Barbara Zweig of Sacramento, her children Jennifer and Benjamin; Joyce and David Glatt of Berkeley; Elizabeth Hiyama of Mountain View. Funeral services were held March 5 at the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church, with burial at Rockin Cemetery, Rockin.

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