

Judge encourages government to settle Japanese Latin Americans' redress case

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI
Assistant Editor

SAN FRANCISCO — The United States government should settle the Japanese Latin Americans' redress case, because it's the moral thing to do.

That was the order released by U.S. Court of Federal Claims Judge Loren Smith on March 19 in *Mochizuki et al. vs. the United States*. He states, "The court believes that this case is particularly suited to settlement because of

the moral issue involved."

Judge Smith also noted that if a settlement is not reached, and he is forced to make a ruling on the case, the strict wording of the 1988 Civil Liberties Act leaves him no choice but to rule in favor of the government. "While the parties have the power to do the right and moral thing, courts have the solemn duty to take the court of action the law requires. Sometimes, particularly in the case of affirmative acts, this falls

far short of the right or moral resolution. That is why this case should be settled."

On April 13, Judge Smith is scheduled to rule on the government's motion to dismiss the case and the plaintiffs' motion to certify the case as a class action lawsuit. At the same time, any outstanding discovery matters will be addressed.

Government lawyers had asked for a postponement in the decision of *Mochizuki et al.* on Feb.

13 in order to consider settlement, but as of press time no settlement offer has been put forward.

"There's no sense of which way the government is going to go on this," said JACL redress consultant John Tateishi, who gave an update on the Japanese Latin Americans' redress case at the March 27-29 National Board meeting. Since his hiring on Feb. 2, Tateishi has been working closely with JACL staff and Campaign for Justice, a coalition of or-

ganizations supporting the Japanese Latin Americans' redress case including the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRR), the Peruvian Oral History Project and JACL. "It hasn't been very encouraging," he said. "They haven't offered anything that looks like an equitable settlement."

Still, a court settlement is the best and easiest way to settle the Japanese Latin Americans' fight

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Oscar win for *Visas and Virtue*



PHOTO: Mario G. Reyes

The docudrama *Visas and Virtue* took home an Oscar for Best Live Action Short film at this year's Academy Awards, held at Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium on March 23. The film tells the heroic true story of Chino Sughara, the Japanese diplomat who, with the help of his wife, defied his government's orders in 1940 and issued lifesaving transit visas to thousands of Jewish refugees.

Accepting the award were the writer, director and star of the film, Chris Tashima (pictured left) and co-producer Chris Donahue (right). The film is based on Tim Toyama's (center) one-act play of the same title. "I hope we can begin to embrace every race," said Tashima during his acceptance speech. "Diversity is the genuine. She's the true American star. And she's ready for her close-up."

Visas and Virtue will have a limited engagement on April 4 and 5 at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Laemmle's Sunset 5 Theater, 8000 Sunset Blvd., in West Hollywood. For theater information, call 213/848-3500. For more information about the film, contact Cedar Grove Productions at 213/668-1018. ■

Washington's anti-affirmative action initiative worries AA community

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SAN FRANCISCO — Like a tidal wave, states across the nation are following in the wake of California's anti-affirmative action bill, Proposition 209, with Washington State readying to come on shore.

In January, supporters of Washington's anti-affirmative action bill, Initiative 200 or the "Civil Rights Initiative," garnered enough signatures, 100,000 more than the required 180,000, to place it before the state legislature. Two alternative measures had been put forward, one in the house and the other in the senate, but both failed to make it out of committee.

Although the legislature could have voted on the initiative, in which case Washington's Governor Locke would have been unable to veto the bill, they chose to allow the voters to make the deci-

sion on whether or not to abolish affirmative actions programs. Thus, I-200 will appear on the ballot in the upcoming November elections.

Seeking to prevent the use of gender and race preferences in public contracting, education, and employment, I-200 is worded much like California's Prop. 209. The initiative reads: "Shall government entities be prohibited from discriminating against or granting preferential treatment to individuals or groups based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin?"

"This is our most important issue this year in Washington State. But it's not just a Washington state issue," said Seattle Chapter president Janice Yee, who along with various representatives from the Pacific Northwest District attended the National Board meeting on March

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Convention features tour of Heart Mountain exhibit at Balch Museum

BY SUMI KOBAYASHI

PHILADELPHIA — An exhibit of paintings and photographs illustrating the travail of Japanese Americans during World War II will be on display at The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies during the JACL National Convention in

July.

Paintings by artist Roger Shimomura based on his grandmother's diaries during 1941-43 and photographs taken by two *Life* magazine photographers will tell the story of a time when wartime hysteria overrode the guarantees of the United States Constitution for persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast.

Roger Shimomura, a Sansei artist in Lawrence, Kan., has produced a series of 30 small new paintings that correspond to selected entries in his grandmother's diaries during 1941-43. Roger himself has early childhood memories of Camp Minidoka, Idaho. His earlier paintings were part of an exhibit at The Balch in 1985.

Complementing Shimomura's paintings will be a collection of 35 black-and-white photographs taken by a husband and wife team, Otto Hagel and Hansel Mieth, who were sent on assignment by *Life* magazine to take pictures at Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Wyo., in 1943. They completed their assignment, showing with compassion the evacuees

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Staff Report

TORRANCE, Calif. — With less than three months to go before the public casts their votes in the June primary, a full-blown assault of flashy television ads by the candidates, brightly colored campaign posters, and endless media interviews with the politicians is taking place.

Or maybe you hadn't noticed; never even gave it a moment's thought. For many in the Asian Pacific American community, this sadly seems to be the case. That's where the South Bay APA Voter Education Project comes in.

With its aim to get more APAs

involved in the political process, such as registering to vote, voting, and even running for political office, more than 30 individuals and representatives from various organizations including the JACL, the Korean American Coalition, Filipino Community of Carson, and the Organization of Chinese Americans attended the Voter Education Project's first non-partisan summit at the Torrance Airport Center on March 14. The event was sponsored by the above groups plus the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, the Asian Pacific American Legal

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Speakers at the South Bay APA Voter Education Summit on March 14 included (from left) Redondo Beach City Councilman Michael Gin, Attorney Angela Oh, and Torrance City Councilman George Nakano.

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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 1-5—35th biennial Nat'l JACL Convention, Sheraton Society Hill, Philadelphia. Registration deadline: May 7. JACL Convention room rates \$99 sgl/dbl occ. ITT/Starline 800/325-3535, same rate applicable three days before and three days after convention. Hotel & sales tax extra.

Wed. July 1—National Board meeting, Philadelphia.
WASHINGTON D.C.
Tue.-Wed., May 5-6—Ballet 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, 410/740-9956. **NOTE**—Choreographer, Marko; prima ballerina Jeanne Murakami-Houch, score by Maurice Jarre.

Midwest

CINCINNATI
Sat. May 2—Spring Yard Sale/Bake Sale, 2933 Madison Rd. (Oakley). Info: Jacqui Voudreux, 513/861-4860, Shiro Tanaka, 513/489-0799. **NOTE**—To benefit the NIA Memorial in Washington, D.C.

CLEVELAND
Sun. June 7—Scholarship luncheon, 1 p.m., Shinano's Restaurant, 5222 Wilson

COMMUNITY Calendar

(R) Reunions

East Coast

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y.
Through Apr. 15—NIAHS 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 YORK
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, (New York) 212/363-5801.

The Midwest

CHICAGO
Sun. Apr. 19—JA Service Committee benefit performance: Brenda Wong Aoki in *Random Acts of Kindness*, 3:30 p.m., reception 5-7 p.m. Field Museum pines Simpson Theater, Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore Dr. Info: 312/322-8854.

ST. LOUIS
Sun. Apr. 19—Oral Histories of St. Louis presentation, 1:30 p.m., McNally House at Mansville Univ., 1550 S. Grand St., West County. Info: Irma Yokota, 314/921-7933. **NOTE**—Dr. George Sato, presenter.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY
Coming April 20—Smithsonian Institution's "A More Perfect Union," Downtown Salt Lake Library. Info: Terry Nagata, 801/355-8040, Yas Tokita, 801/487-4567.

The Rockies

IDAHO-JACKPOT, NEV.
(R) Sat. Apr. 11 (Date Change)—2nd Tri-City Reunion of former residents of Pocatello, Blackfoot, Rexburg and Idaho Falls, Cactus Pete's Resort/Casino, Jackpot, Nev. Info: Sanaye Okamura 208/237-8101. Banquet reservations by April 6, \$16.50 (to Pocatello): Sanaye Okamura, 107 Turaco, Pocatello, ID 83201 or Mike Morimoto, 107 Bryan, Pocatello, ID 83201; (Idaho Falls): Sudu Morishita, 1131 Bannock Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83402 or Martha Sakaguchi, 1059 Redwood, Idaho Falls, ID 83401; (Rexburg): Miye Hikiida, 1038 N. Hill Rd., Rexburg, ID 83440.

The Northwest

PORTLAND
Fri.-Sat., Apr. 27-28—Ikebana International program; Fri. 10 a.m. demonstration, luncheon, entertainment; Sat. 9:30-11:30 a.m. workshop, Downtown Portland Athletic Club. Ticket, info: Harue Nishimura, 503/289-9607. **NOTE**—Demonstration by Ms. Kobai Naruse, Headmistress, Chiko School, Kobe.

Northern Cal

BERKELEY
Sat. Apr. 11—APA Issues Conference, UC Berkeley. Info: APASD office, 297 Chavez Student Center, Mary Lai, APASD Community Intern, 510/643-5947.

Sat. Apr. 11—JASEB Open House, Eden Issei Terrace, 200 Fagundes Ct. Info: 510/848-3560. **NOTE**—Afternoon workshop on housing options for seniors.

Sat. Apr. 11—Tomodachi Night at UC Berkeley. Info: Christina Nagao, 510/843-8826.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sun. Apr. 5—Nisei Widowed Group meeting, noon-4:30 p.m., 558 16th Ave.

Mills Rd. RSVP by May 3. Info: Joyce Tatem, 440/582-5443.

ST. LOUIS
Sat. Apr. 25—Potluck Dinner, 4-8 p.m., Kirkwood Middle School, 11387 Manchester Rd. Info: Irma Yokota, 314/921-7933

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
Wed. Aug. 5-12—Carnival "Fun Ship" Color of Fear, 7:30 p.m., East Bay Free Methodist Church, Richmond. Info: Ron Shiomoto, 510/527-6885. **NOTE**—After-film dialog. Dr. Ann Yabusaki facilitating. **LODI**

Sun. May 3—16th Minoru Yasui Oratorical Competition district finals. Info: Dennis Morita, 209/333-0740.

NC-WN-Pacific

NATIONAL BOARD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Sun. May 3—District Council Meeting, Lodi.

CONTRA COSTA
Fri. Apr. 17—Video presentation, The Color of Fear, 7:30 p.m., East Bay Free Methodist Church, Richmond. Info: Ron Shiomoto, 510/527-6885. **NOTE**—After-film dialog. Dr. Ann Yabusaki facilitating. **LODI**

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RENO
Sat. May 9—Reno Chapter's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Info: Cynthia Lu, 702/827-6185

SAN FRANCISCO

SAN JOSE
Info: Elise Uyeda Chung, 415/221-0268; Jacqui Yamamoto, 510/444-3911; Tetsu Iwata, 415/221-4568.

Through Apr. 12—Comedy performance, *I Remember Mapa*, 8:30 p.m., Magic Theater, Fort Mason Center. Info: 415/440-5545. **NOTE**—Thursdays thru Saturdays only.

Wed. Apr. 22—Japan Society of Northern California luncheon program, "Japan's Financial Crisis: Reform or Stagnation?" noon, ANA Hotel, 50 3rd St. RSVP: 415/986-4383, e-mail jsc@sanjapan.org.
Sat. May 2—JEMS 9th annual luncheon, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., San Lorenzo Japanese Christian church, 615 Lovell Blvd., San Leandro. RSVP: 510/483-9455. **NOTE**—Debby Shiroma Ross will share on miracles God performed though the brief life of their daughter who was afflicted with Trisomy 18, a chromosome abnormality.

THU. APR. 23—Yu-At Kai day trip to the Railroad Museum & Governor's Mansion in Sacramento, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. RSVP: 408/294-2505.

SAN MATEO
Sun. Apr. 5—Kabuki Group, 1:30 p.m., JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Info: 465/0343-2793. **NOTE**—Ibaraki, Kyokanaka Musume Dojoji, with brief English translation.

Wed. Apr. 22—"Shield 65 for JACL Members" meeting, 11:15-2:45 p.m., San Mateo JACL Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Info: 650/343-2793. **NOTE**—Non-members also welcome; light refreshments.

Sun. Apr. 26—Sakura Matsuri Cherry Blossom Festival Senior Appreciation brunch, 10 a.m., Miyako Hotel. Info & reservations: 650/343-2793. **NOTE**—learn & Roy Fujita to be honored.

STOCKTON
Sat. Apr. 25—Workshop, "Teaching About Internment of Japanese Americans," 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Stockton Unified School District Office, St. Mark's Plaza. Regs. & info: Lucy Harai, 510/559-6680, Roger Tom, 510/953-3171, Aeko Fenelon, 510/948-0966. **NOTE**—Experienced teachers to present strategies, materials; panel discussion to include Fred Korematsu, Mas Ishihara, Bernice Endow, Jim Kurata.

Central Cal

FRESNO
Sat. Sun., Apr. 4-5—M.I.S. NorCal & 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
Fri.-Sun., Apr. 3-5—Japanese American

Sat. Apr. 4—JACL "Women's Concerns Committee April program, "Japanese Families in Transition: Myth vs. Reality," 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Nihonmachi Terrace, 1615 Sutter St. Pat Oni, 415/924-7279. RSVP by May 3. Info: San Mateo JACL Center, 415 S. Claremont St.

THU. JUNE 25—Opening reception for Smithsonian traveling exhibit, "A More Perfect Union," San Francisco Main Library.

SAN JOSE
Sat. Apr. 25—San Jose JACL Scholarship Awards Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Wesley Methodist Church Social Hall, info: Sharon Uyeda, 408/295-1250.

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Sat. May 9—"The Human Race 1998" 5K & 10K benefit run, Coyote Point. Info: Toshi or Bob, 650/343-2793.

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL
Sun. May 17—Scholarship Luncheon, Quarterly Meeting & District Elections, Location TBA.
Sat. June 6—Pre-convention Rally.

FRESNO
Sun. May 31—Mark the date: Film showing, Beyond Barbed Wire, followed by a banquet, details TBA. Info: 209/486-6815

Pacific Southwest

YOUNG ADULT/STUDENT COUNCIL
Wed. Apr. 15—Speaker series, 7 p.m., CSU Northridge, details and reservations, Mike Yamamoto, speaker. Info: Kent Kawai, 760/744-7720, e-mail mikawai@pacbell.net. **THU. APR. 23**—UCSC, Debra Chung, executive director for Chinatown Service Center, &

Community Conference, "Ties That Bind," at various locations throughout Little Tokyo. Info: Bill Watanabe, 213/473-1600, Chris Ajiha, 213/628-2725. Paul Osaki 415/467-5505. **NOTE**—A statewide conference planned by the JACCC of Northern California and Little Tokyo Service Center; includes performances, Saturday lunch, directory of 50+ sponsoring organizations.

Sat. Apr. 4—Noah dance drama, 2 p.m., New Otani Hotel Ballroom, 120 S. Los Angeles St. Reservations: 213/626-3067. **NOTE**—Master Noh artist Fusataka Homma, National treasure of Japan.

Through Apr. 5—Photo exhibit, "Three Generations: Toyo Miyake Studio," noon-5 p.m. Tue.-Fri., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. weekends, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Info: 213/628-2725.

Tue. Apr. 7—Botanical tour, 10-11 a.m., Soka University Campus, 26800 W. Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas. Info: 818/878-3741. **NOTE**—Rain cancels.

Sat. Apr. 11—Origami birds workshop, 1-3 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo. RSVP: 213/625-0414. Free.

Sat. Apr. 11—Lecture, "Japanese immigrants and their descendants in Paraguay," 2 p.m., JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 203. Info: Prof. Yugi-Ichoka, 310/825-2974. **NOTE**—Small reception to follow lecture; speaker Emilia Yumi Kasamatsu is fluent in Spanish, Japanese and English; she is president of OIACA International Paragay.

Sat. Apr. 11—Fundraiser matinee, *Ghosts and Baggage*, 2 p.m., Los Angeles Theatre Center, 514 S. Spring St., downtown LA. RSVP info: Steve Eit, 310/538-0886, Joyce Shimazu, 213/687-7193. **NOTE**—To benefit upcoming Nisei Week Japanese Festival (Aug. 15-23).

Sat. Apr. 11—Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches (A3M) benefit, 7 p.m., Japan America Theater, Little Tokyo. Info: Sharon Sugiyama, 888/A3M-HOPE, Jennifer Sugimoto-Chan, 714/730-6811. **NOTE**—Tamlyn Tomita, Jude Narita, Russell Wong, other AA celebrities expected.

Sat. Apr. 11—Kabuki percussion music and dance performance, 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theater, 3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance. Tickets: 310/781-7171.

Sat. Apr. 11—Nikkei Singles April dance, 7:11-10 p.m., Ken Nakaoaka Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena. Info: Beaz, 213/935-8648. **NOTE**—Dance lesson at 7.

Thurs. Apr. 16—Meet the author (Dorine Kondo) of *About Face: Performing Race in Fashion and Theater*, 7:30 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414.

Through Apr. 12—Exhibit, "Finding Family Stories," Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414.

Diane Jiye-Matarazzo, Asian American Drug Abuse Program at USC, speakers. P. ARIZONA

Sat. Apr. 25—Scholarship Awards Banquet, noon, Beef Eaters Restaurant, 300 W. Camelback, Phoenix. RSVP by Apr. 21. Info: Peggy Matsuihshi 602/934-3340, Marilyn Inoshita-Tang, 602/861-2638.

GREAT L.A. SINGLES
Fri. Apr. 10—Program, 8 p.m., Gardena Valley YMCA, 1341 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena. Info: Louise Sakamoto, 310/327-3169. **NOTE**—Author/playwright Jon Shirota will speak of his writing experiences and his upcoming play, *Duty, Honor, Country: The Hiroshi Miyamura Story*.

Sat. June 26—South Bay Young Adults Career Planning Conference, "Nikkei for the Future," info: Monica Nakamine, chair, 310/324-4301, voice mail 310/960-5088.

RIVERSIDE

Sat. Apr. 4—Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck, 11 a.m., Canyon Crest Park, Cherry St. & Canyon Crest Dr., at UCR Student Housing. Info: Helen Yoshikawa, 909/735-8441.

Sun. May 17—Scholarship Awards Potluck Dinner, 5 p.m., University Club, 900 University Ave. Info: 909/784-7057.

DEADLINE FOR CALENDAR is the Friday before date of issue, on a space-available basis.

Please provide the time and place of the event, and name and phone number (including area code) of a contact person.

Fri.-Sun., Apr. 17-19—Play, *The Neighborhood Project*, 7 p.m., 2 p.m., Sat. & Sun., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414. **NOTE**—About multicultural Los Angeles.

Sat. Apr. 18—Western Nisei Norwalk Dance Club, 6:30-11 p.m., Southeast Japanese School & Community Center, 14615 S. Grider Rd., Norwalk. RSVP: Helen Hiki, 962-921-1017.

Sat.-Sun., Apr. 18-19—Bunka-Sai Japanese Cultural Festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Inver Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., Torrance. Info: Parks & Recreation Dept., 310/618-2930. **NOTE**—Presented by Torrance Sister City Association.

Fri.-Sat., Apr. 24-25—Jazz concert, Hiroshima, 8 p.m., Japan America Theatre, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. \$505. Info: 213/628-2725. **NOTE**—Fusion of toki & koto with smooth jazz plus rhythm & blues.

Arizona-Nevada

LAS VEGAS
Apr. 9—June 14—Exhibit, internment camp photo collages by Masumi Hayashi, Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. Info: Lisa Stamans, 702/229-4631. **NOTE**—Apr. 11, slide lecture 4 p.m., reception 5-6 p.m.

Through April 15—Exhibit, "A More Perfect Union," Sahara West Library & Fine Arts Museum, 9600 W. Sahara Ave., Library Gallery. Info: 702/382-4443. **NOTE**—Tues. Wed. 7, "Japanese Americans in WWII"; Wed. 8, "Rhythm of Japan"; Thu. 9, "After Assimilation"; Sat. Apr. 11, "Internment Art"; Wed. Apr. 15, Closing Ceremonies call for program time.

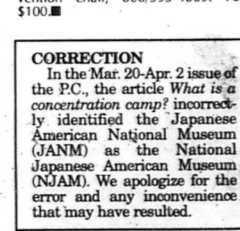
(R) Mon.-Wed., Apr. 20-22—Ft. Sam Houston AJA's Reunion, Fitzgerald Hotel. Info: Nora Hataye, 510/845-6878.

Hawaii

(R) Thu.-Sun. July 2-5—AJA Veterans national convention, new Hawaii Convention Center, Waikiki, Guy Koga, convention chair, 808/395-4869. Fee, \$100.

CORRECTION
 In the Mar. 20-Apr. 2 issue of the PC, the article "What is a concentration camp?" incorrectly identified the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) as the National Japanese American Museum (NJAM). We apologize for the error and any inconvenience that may have resulted.

Small kid time
 Soccer mom, working mom, piano mom, homework mom. IT JUST DEPENDS ON THE TIME OF DAY!



Small kid time

Gwen Muranaka

Washington's anti-affirmative action bill, I-200

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27-29 to ask National JACL's help in fighting I-200. "If this initiative passes it's going to be a trigger for more legislation. And we still have a really long way to go to educate people."

"It's better to put out the campfire than to wait for the forest fire," said Seattle Chapter president-elect Sharon Sobie. Colorado and Arizona are currently discussing similar anti-affirmative action legislation. "There's a sense of urgency," she said. "But as we talk, time moves on... and it's going to roll over us."

The PNW District passed a resolution opposing I-200 and helped form Asian Pacific Americans for Equality (APACE), a coalition of

"That the National Board submit a resolution to the national body at the Philadelphia convention, to allocate \$15,000 to the Pacific Northwest District to oppose I-200."

"This is a very symbolic gift. They're putting their money where their mouth is," said PNW Co-Governor Aaron Owada. "We were cognizant of the financial limitations but we were optimistic that [JACL] would step up to the plate. This will go a long way in helping to garner money from other sources."

But there is still much to do in the remaining seven months before I-200 goes to the ballot in November. According to a poll conducted by the No! 200 Campaign, if the state of Washington were to vote today, I-200 would pass by 65 percent if there was no alternative mea-

By the Board



By David Hayashi
National Secretary/Treasurer

A strong foundation for the future

IT IS my vision that JACL have a solid foundation to build on as we enter into the next century. In the past several years I have been working with the JACL staff and volunteers to ensure fiscal stabilization and in creating and strengthening the business systems for the financial operations of National JACL. Overall, the staff, national board and committee volunteers over the last biennium have contributed greatly to strengthening the infrastructure of our national organization.

There are two main topics which I am going to cover in this article, highlights of 1997 year end financials (unaudited), the investment committee and endowment portfolios, and preparation for the presentation of the next biennium budget. This will be the first in a series of articles to prepare for the budget review at the convention in Philadelphia.

In many ways 1997 was a great year for JACL and this is reflected in the bottom line. Here are some of the highlights (unaudited) for the year:

- Membership revenue reached an all time high at \$923,603 (10 percent over budget)

- Public Support was over \$13,000 more than what was budgeted (37 percent over budget)

- We received two unsolicited corporate grants for a total of \$15,000

- Our investment portfolio continued to perform well and investment income for operations was 6 percent better than anticipated

- Overall, total revenue, at over \$1.5 million; was about 10.4 percent more than what was budgeted. Our total expenses were kept fairly flat with only a 5 percent increase over what was budgeted. This resulted in an operating surplus for the year of around \$132,000. The surplus will go to towards continuing to rebuild our operating reserves.

The total value of our endow-

ment funds has grown to over \$9.5 million. As we approach the ten million-dollar milestone, the investment committee has recommended that we change the asset allocation of the portfolio to slow down the growth and invest in more income producing investments. This will make the portfolio less exposed to investment "risk" and create more annual investment income to supplement JACL operations.

We are also in the process of developing the Request for Proposals (RFP) to seek out a fund manager to oversee the entire portfolio. The RFP and the selection process will be designed to help find the right firm/person to serve our money management needs as an organization. Items such as current assets under management, historical performance, fee structure, and previous experience with JACL (or other similar non-profit organizations) and/or the JA community are all considerations we will review. It is important to recognize Arnold Miyamoto, as chair, and the other volunteer members of the Investment Committee (John Enomoto, Tom Hara, Hid Hasegawa, Helen Kawagoe, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Ted Tsukahara, Grace Uyebara,) for their outstanding commitment and contributions to the efforts at hand.

We are close to finalizing the 1998 revised, 1999 and 2000 budgets for presentation to the chapters. Here are some highlights of this process:

- The budget committee is comprised of the executive national board members (all elected officers, governors, caucus co-chairs, youth student council chair and youth student council representative)

- All program chairs were asked to prepare program budgets in a specific format including all resources/expenses (staff time, phone, travel, grant money, etc.). This will be the first time we will be presenting the budget in a pro-

gram format. The committee met over the last weekend in February and spent over 16 hours reviewing the compiled information for reasonability, making cuts and adjusting staff hours, etc. to align with the overall bigger picture strategies and resources available. This was not an easy task and I commend all that participated for their outstanding commitment and effort!

We then met for four hours on Friday before the national board meeting to review and discuss further adjustments (most of the governors sat in on this one). On Sunday, March 29, the national board spent an additional three hours discussing the necessary changes to the final numbers.

National Director Herb Yamanishi, Business Manager Clyde Izumi and I will do a final adjustment to the budgets in this next week based on the board discussion on Sunday. After a final review of the numbers for accuracy, we will then get final approval from the budget committee and the national board before sending out budget packets to all chapters for review on April 30.

In coming issues of the P.C. prior to the convention, I will be going over more detail on the budget process, the numbers, and the effects of the improvements we have made. I wish to commend Clyde Izumi for his contributions to the overall design of the process.

Also in upcoming P.C. articles, I will discuss the recommendations for constitutional change necessary to strengthen the foundation and our fiduciary responsibility. We need to create some flexibility within the constitution to allow the national board to act on extraordinary items unknown at the time the budget is approved. Examples are the CLPEF grant (\$40,000) or the MIS/100th/442 Foundation grant (\$200,000) both received for JACL education initiatives. ■



(From left) Sharon Sobie, Janice Yee, and Jeffrey Hattori attend the National Board Meeting in San Francisco on March 27-29 to ask for JACL's help in fighting Washington's anti-affirmative action initiative, I-200.

more than 50 Asian and Pacific Islander groups. Working closely with the No! 200 Campaign, a coalition of minority organizations, APACE is helping to educate the community about I-200 and their efforts to defeat the initiative. The PNW District has also donated more than \$5,500 to the campaign and are looking to double that with another \$5,500.

Asking the national board to support their efforts to stop I-200, the PNW District challenged JACL to match their efforts with a \$20,000 donation. The request was put forward by the various PNW Chapters, with Washington State Representative Kip Tkuda, (37th District) signing on.

Although national JACL could allocate only the maximum amount of \$5,000 allowed by the constitutional bylaws, the National Board put forward a resolution asking the National Council to approve the allocation of the remaining \$15,000 when the council meets at the national convention in Philadelphia this July.

The resolution states: "That the National Board support the Pacific Northwest District's opposition to Initiative 200 which abolishes Affirmative Action."

"That the National Board allocate \$5,000 upon adoption of this motion to the Pacific Northwest District to support their efforts in opposing I-200, and;

sure. In the next two weeks the No! 200 Campaign must decide if they are going to mount a campaign to introduce a separate initiative to I-200, the "Citizens' Initiative." To do this, 180,000 signatures will be needed by July 3, 1998, and the total cost of the campaign is estimated at \$2.3 million. APACE is currently trying to raise \$250,000 to support this endeavor.

"This is a national issue and it's in our national program for action," said Jeffrey Hattori, past Seattle Chapter president. "And we should be acting on it. This is a time for us to be a truly nationwide organization."

"This is an extension of what Redress was all about," he added. "By acting on this we will be honoring our parents and grandparents and all they fought for. If we don't, we will fail our grandparents and parents."

"We learned our lesson with Proposition 209," said Hattori. "How many more wake-up calls do we need?" The PNW District is asking all JACL chapters to write to their various representatives opposing I-200. To make a donation to the No! 200 Campaign or APACE, send checks to P.O. Box 567, Seattle, Wash. 98111 or the PNW District Office at 671 South Jackson St., #206, Seattle, WA 98104. For more information, call the PNW District office at 206/623-5088. ■

PSWD Young Adult/Student Council announces speaker series

The newly formed Young Adult/Student Council of the Pacific Southwest District of the Japanese American Citizens League announces its first event of the biennium with a speaker series at four major universities in the Southern California area.

The tentative schedule for speakers and universities participating in this series is:

- Defense attorney Mike Yamamoto, at California State University, Northridge, on April 15;
- Debra Ching, executive director for the Chinatown Service Center, and Diane Ujive-Matrazzo of the Asian American Drug Abuse Program, at University of Southern California on April 23;
- Mike Matsuda, candidate for the 68th District State Assembly seat at California State University, Fullerton, on April 30;
- Warren Furutani, executive director of the Asian Pacific Community Fund, and Robin Tuma of the County of Los Angeles Commission on Human Rela-

tions, at University of California, Los Angeles, on May 14.

All speaking engagements at these sites are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Admission to attend each event is free.

It is the mission of the Young Adult/Student Council of PSWD-JACL to develop the programs that will carry the JACL into the next century with vigorous participation and enthusiasm from the young adult and student members of the JACL. As a first step towards that end, the purpose of the speaker series is to promote greater awareness by initiating dialogue and discussion on issues that affect all segments of our community.

For more information on the exact date, time, and location for the speaker series, or if your chapter would like to participate in this or any future events with the Young Adult/Student Council please call Kent Kawai at 760/744-7720 ext. 186, or email at mkawai@pacbell.net. ■

By the Board



By Larry Grant
Intermountain District Governor

Day of Remembrance — A celebration of America

ON FEBRUARY 19, a Day of Remembrance program was held in Salt Lake City. It was a particularly memorable occasion. It was the first Day of Remembrance program in Salt Lake City in recent memory and quite possibly the first ever.

Spearheaded by the energetic leadership of former IDC governor Yas Tokita, it was successful beyond the imagination of everyone except Yas. Yas' "never take no for an answer" attitude brought Bill Lann Lee to Salt Lake as the keynote speaker. This achievement is remarkable considering Utah Senator Hatch's opposition to Lee's appointment in the Justice Department.

The occasion was widely reported in the local press. All the local television stations and newspapers reported either the actual Day of Remembrance program or Mr. Lee's visit to the Topaz camp site, or ran stories on the internment camp experience.

The event and news coverage attracted much attention. The only negative comment published was an editorial opinion written by a former U.S. Army officer who was

imprisoned in a Japanese prisoner of war camp. His editorial used many old arguments pointing to the "military necessity" of the relocation. He made the irrelevant comparison of his POW camp experience with the relocation camp experience.

His closing statement, however, was most troubling. "Now that those living who were interned in the Justice Department internment camps, those who demonstrated against the United States in the Segregation Center and all the Japanese citizens (enemy aliens), as well as those who were relocated, have been paid \$20,000 tax free and given an apology, perhaps it is time to stop trashing the country and get on with life."

Far from viewing a Day of Remembrance program as "trashing the country," our program, as many others held around the country, was a celebration of the greatness of America. No other country offers the ideals of freedom and constitutional protections that America's Bill of Rights offers.

America is made greater when it recognizes past wrongs, issues

apologies, and offers restitution. Day of Remembrance programs help insure similar violations of civil rights never occur again.

I am eternally grateful that my grandfather left Japan, where he would have inherited the family farm, and came to America in search of a better life for his descendants. He lived a difficult, hard life and died poor, as to things of the world, at age 94. He left a legacy of over 50 descendants. He was proud to become an American citizen, more than fifty years after leaving Japan. I am proud to be his grandson and an American. I revel in the heritage left by my ancestors.

The heritage we have as Americans of Japanese ancestry has many common elements and many unique elements. Our stories are similar to and very different from stories that can be told by second, third and fourth generation European immigrants.

America is made greater by the diversity of her citizens. May we always believe in America, remember our history, and jealously guard the freedoms we enjoy. ■

APA voter education summit

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Center, APPCON, CAUSE, and the Filipino Civil Rights Advocates.

"People need to see how important it is to engage the APA population in politics," said George Nakano, a Torrance city councilman and current Democratic candidate for the 53rd State Assembly District seat. He was joined by fellow speakers Michael Gin, a Republican city councilman from Redondo Beach, and attorney Angela Oh, a member of President Clinton's advisory commission on race. "If you're not at the table to advise," said Nakano, "you won't be heard." Others in attendance included Mayor of Carson Peter Fajardo, and Warren Furutani, executive director of the Asian Pacific Community Fund and president and CEO of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council.

From Gardena to San Pedro, Carson to Redondo Beach, including the areas of Torrance and Rancho Palos Verdes, the South Bay area of Southern California has

been experiencing a steady increase in the number of APAs in recent years; numbers that could be translated into an effective political voice. In Torrance alone it's predicted that, by the year 2005, 53 percent of the city's population will be APAs.

Regionally and nationally, the number of APAs has also steadily increased. In the state of California, APAs represented 11.1 percent of the total population, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 1996 figures. And nationally, APAs made up 3.8 percent of the population in 1997, an increase of more than 25 percent from 1990.

"Slowly but surely we're becoming a significant political force," said Councilman Gin. Using the President's recent appointment of Bill Lann Lee to acting assistant attorney general for civil rights as an example, Gin highlighted the importance of the community's involvement in the political process. By sending numerous faxes and letters and making phone calls to their

representatives, APAs forced people to hear their voices. "It's important that as APAs we get involved in the political process," he said. "That the public begins seeing us as a community and seeing our contributions as APAs."

Still, there is much more work to be done in educating the community about the political process, agreed the panelists. In political circles APAs are known as the "sleeping giants" or "hidden electorate," said presidential advisor Oh. But with serious consideration currently being given to answering the question, "Where do APAs fit in to all of this?" the community must take advantage of the situation, she said.

The APA community needs to develop a comprehensive strategy, stressed Oh.

Locally and nationally the APA community's numbers have increased steadily over the years, but the percentages are not large enough to effect policy change. Instead, the community must focus

on specific issues such as healthcare or social welfare, she said.

And, although there have been and will be certain members of the community who are resistant to working as a coalition, she said, "to me, that's so short-sighted." Working in coalitions is one of the most effective ways of bringing the APA community's various concerns and issues forward, said Oh. "For all of these issues... we need to understand the importance of coalitions, of the need to work under an APA umbrella, yet still honoring and respecting our ethnic communities."

Joe Ahn, president of the Korean American Coalition, agreed with Oh. "[The APA community] has the power, we can make a difference, and we can elect APA officials," said "But we need to have a coalition effort."

Following a workshop on ways to encourage greater political participation in the APA community, the various attendees came up with a list of suggestions for an action plan. Holding an "APIA Vote! Day" to conduct a one-day voter registration, and sponsoring community education forums to learn about

the various candidates and relevant issues, were some of the suggestions. The group also discussed holding a South Bay APA community picnic for families to have some fun while learning about various community issues. Writing newspaper editorials and letters to the editors, and creating a fact sheet for community members, were also on the action plan list.

"There's a lot of feeling of family first, business first, and a tendency to think that other people will take care of things," said Florante Ibanez, a board member of Search to Involve Filipino Americans (SIPA). But "if we want to have our issues heard, we have to be present to put them forward."

The upcoming primary election is scheduled for June 3 and the general election will take place on November 3. The next meeting of the South Bay APA Voter Education Project will take place on April 4 at the Carson Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. For information, contact the PSW JACL office at 213/626-4471. ■

Heart Mountain camp exhibit at The Balch Institute

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copied with the hardships of camp life as best they could, but the editors of *Life* chose not to publish the photographs during the war.

Quite by accident, Minoru Inouye, a retired aerospace engineer who lives in Los Gatos, Calif., came upon the Heart Mountain photos in 1995 at a gallery in San Francisco where other photos by Mieth and Hagel were being exhibited. Inouye had been interned as a child with his family in Heart Mountain. Realizing the historical importance of these forgotten photographs, he made it his mission not to let the photos again sink into oblivion.

He was able to contact Hansel Mieth, then widowed, who lived in nearby Santa Rosa. With the wholehearted cooperation of Mieth, Inouye became guest curator of "The Heart Mountain Story," which completed its exhibition at the de Saisset Museum of Santa Clara University on March 15. Hansel Mieth died February 14 at the age of 88. The exhibitions full-

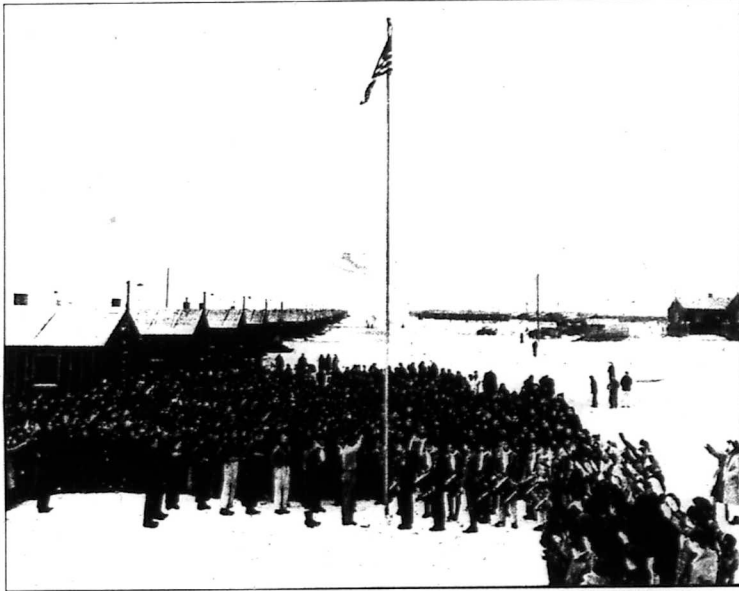
fill her wish "that a wider audience know about the story of Heart Mountain."

When Hagel and Mieth arrived at Heart Mountain in 1943, a young internee named Bill Hosokawa was assigned to guide them around the camp. As a result, the Hosokawa family is featured in several of the photographs.

The exhibition of paintings and photographs will open with a reception at The Balch on July 2 as part of the activities of the JACL National Convention; the paintings will remain at The Balch until September and the photographs will remain through Dec. 31, as educational vehicles for schools and the general public.

Note—The reception on July 2 will be available at no extra cost only to those who take advantage of the full convention package registration for the 1998 JACL National Convention.

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A FLAG SALUTE — A Hansel Mieth photo showing residents of the Heart Mountain World War II internment camp saluting the American flag.

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Non-Nikkei who helped Nikkei

BY FRANK IRTANI

Margaret Gunderson, Robert Coombs, Eada Silverthorne, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Ralph Carr, Emma Buckmaster — the list is surely a long one, of Non-Nikkei Caucasian people who helped and befriended Japanese Americans during their time of uncertainty and need in America's history.

The focus of the March 7 Florin JACL 16th Annual Time of Remembrance, held at the Florin YBA Hall, was "Unsung Heroes — Champions of Human Rights." The program this year was dedicated to the late Mary Tsukamoto (1915-1998) longtime JACLer, civil rights activist, educator and Methodist Church member.

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Dr. Yuzuru Takeshita (1915-1998)

Principal speaker Dr. Yuzuru John Takeshita, Professor Emeritus, University of Michigan, related how much help Margaret Gunderson was to him and to many others, especially the Kibei, at tumultuous Tule Lake Relocation Center.

Speaking to a capacity audience in the YBA Recreational Hall, he explained how he met Gunderson and the positive influence she was most of his adult life.

When he was eight years old, Takeshita and his older brother

were sent to Japan to live with maternal grandparents, because his parents felt it would be better for them to obtain some Japanese education in view of the severe depression in America. After six years in Japan he returned to the U.S. because of the fear of war.

After Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and all West Coast Japanese were forced to move inland, the Takeshita family were incarcerated in Topaz, Utah. Soon after his 17th birthday, Takeshita was asked to register with the selective service and he answered "no-no" to questions 27 and 28 and thus was transferred to Tule Lake, designated a "Segregation Center."

Tule Lake was a very tension-ridden and at times violent camp. There was a stockade within the camp as well as the presence of army tanks. Tension existed between Kibei, Issei, Nisei, JACL

groups and even between family members.

"Ironically my transfer to Tule Lake was my salvation," Takeshita confessed. There he met Gunderson as a student in her English and American History classes. He re-

presented a magna cum laude, and then to University of Michigan for a Ph.D. in sociology. "There were times when I languished in self-pity and alienation and even lost contact with Gunderson," he said.

"While on assignments in Taiwan, Korea and Malaysia, people there would say 'your people' (meaning the Japanese) had done terrible things to them during Japan's sweep through their countries. I would tell them that I was really an 'American' as an escape."

"During some of these assignments, I would think of Margaret Gunderson and her husband Martin, who acted on their own conviction and suffered ostracism from the community as 'Jap lovers' and 'traitors' and were even denied services. Margaret, to the end, insisted she was only doing what she believed was the right thing to do."

"Having gained some confidence through my travels and work in Asia, I could reach out to people at the human level in spite of our differences. I resolved then to dedicate my life to seeking reconciliation among people who were adversaries in a war that tore us apart, internationally and domestically (as in the case of our internment)," said Takeshita, "and by so doing give meaning to the senseless deaths of the many unavoidably involved."

Among Non-Nikkei friends in attendance were Robert Coombs, a Stanford graduate and Sacramento native who had set up an educational program at Minidoka camp; Mr. & Mrs. Bob Fletcher of the Florin community and Florin Historical Society who were recognized

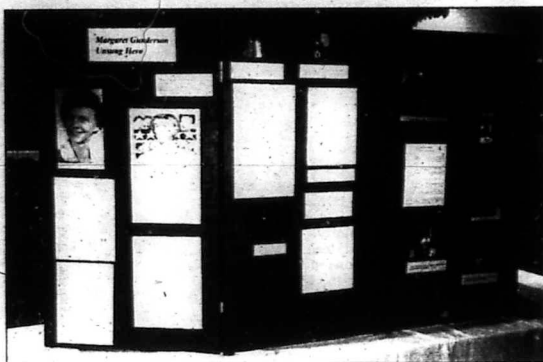
and presented a daruma doll by Marielle Tsukamoto, Mary Tsukamoto's daughter, and Dave Gordon, Superintendent of the Elk Grove Unified School District to whom Christine Umeda, coordinator of the program, also presented a daruma doll.

Oral History books were presented to Anne Rudin, former mayor and city council member of Sacramento. An Oral History had been completed for Gunderson and her daughter Margery Field; a statement from Field, unable to attend for health reasons, was read by Frank Irtani. Another former student of Gunderson's who submitted a testimonial for her Oral History was Harry Kajihara of Oxnard, Calif., professor at Ventura College and a former National JACL president. Twelve other Oral History interviewees were recognized and presented with their copies by the various interviewers and coordinator Marion Kanemoto.

These "Unsung Heroes" were also recognized via special historical exhibits curated by Joanne Irtani, Georgiana White and the staff at CSUS Library Japanese American Archival Collections and VFW Nisei Post 8985. The exhibits featured Margaret Gunderson, Robert Coombs, Eada Silverthorne, the Fletchers, Ralph Carr — former Governor of Colorado who welcomed the Japanese Americans from the West Coast — and Emma Buckmaster, a Bakersfield Methodist Church member who helped Kern county internees at Poston camp in so many ways.

An interesting and different feature for this year was the "walk-through barrack replica" set up at the entrance to the YBA Hall by Ted Kobata and his faithful volunteer crew. The rooms contained a dresser, table, chairs, clothes dryer, desks, and a trunk — all made from scrap lumber by the internees. A single light bulb hangs from the ceiling and a small pot-bellied stove complete with chimney pipes sits at one end of the small room. The whole scene suggested very little privacy, very cramped quarters and very little insulation from temperature extremes — very trying conditions to live under, not for several months but for several long years!

The exhibits were open for public viewing Saturday and Sunday mornings as well as during the main evening program. *L.A. Times* writer Evelyn Irtani's book, *An Ocean Between Us*, was available, with the proceeds going to the Florin JACL-Gunderson Scholarship Fund. A Japanese Koto Ensemble dressed in Kimonos, consisting of Kaie Bernier, Ruth Nakashima, Sakae Takabayashi and Chiyo Kobayashi, entertained midway through the evening. ■



A portion of the Margaret Gunderson exhibit curated by C.S.U.S. Library Japanese American Archives.

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calls her words: "You shouldn't be here and I shouldn't be here. Your incarceration that brings you here is a violation of the Constitution that we will be studying in this class. My husband (Martin) and I gave up our jobs in Alameda county to protest the decision by President Roosevelt to put you behind these barbed wire fences. What I want you to understand, however, is that this is a failure of political leadership and the public that supports it, and not the failure of our Constitution."

"I saw in this teacher," Takeshita continued, "an embodiment of what democracy was all about that I had been trying to understand ever since returning to the U.S. in 1940." She continued to encourage Takeshita and other students to not give up on America. Later, she wrote in his autobiography book, "If you were my son, I would be so proud of you that I would burst with joy!" By the end of the year, she had succeeded in transforming her cynicism and despair into hope and optimism for the future.

After the war ended and the camps closed, Takeshita went off to



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Pacific Citizen opens summer internship

LOS ANGELES—The Pacific Citizen newspaper, the official publication of the Japanese American Citizens League, is currently looking for a part-time summer intern for its Monterey Park, Calif., office.

The intern will work approximately three days a week, including some weekends. The various duties include reporting, research, rewriting of press releases, and production duties. Knowledge of the Asian American community and the JACL is a plus.

High school or college students currently majoring in English or Journalism preferred, but not a requirement. Applicants should also have a California driver's license.

Please send a resume and a sample of writing to the Pacific Citizen, 7 Cupania Circle, Monterey Park, CA 91755, fax: 213/725-0064, e-mail: PacCit@aol.com, attention: Caroline Aoyagi. The deadline for applications is May 15. ■

Summary of March 27-29 National Board Meeting Motions

1. Agenda item: Pacific Citizen Report

a. Motion: For the finance committee to address the budget to include Pacific Citizen Board meetings per biennium and joint P.C. Board and National Board meetings. It then might be taken to the budget committee. Made by: David Hayashi, Seconded by: Tom Kometsani, Seconded by: Owada. Vote: unanimous

b. Motion: To discuss the hiring of a headhunter in the Pacific Citizen's search for an executive editor. Made by: Hayashi, Seconded by: Aaron Owada. Vote: unanimous

c. Motion: To table the issue of hiring a headhunter until Sunday (Mar. 29) to look at the cost estimates. Made by: Grace Kimoto, Seconded by: Rick Uno. Vote: unanimous

d. Motion: To receive the Pacific Citizen report. Made by: Uno, Seconded by: Kimoto. Vote: unanimous

2. Agenda item: Convention Committee Report

a. Motion: To pay for round-trip airfare and two nights' lodging for all District Governors and round-trip airfare and all nights' lodging for all elected officers, to attend the national convention in Philadelphia. Made by: Lori Fujimoto, Seconded by: Kimoto. Vote: unanimous

b. Motion: To receive Grace Uyehara's convention committee report. Made by: Uno, Seconded by: Fujimoto. Vote: unanimous

c. Motion: To authorize the youth representatives to use their discretion in deciding whether to adopt the awards ribbon fundraiser idea. Made by: Owada, Seconded by: Fujimoto. Vote: unanimous

d. Motion: To approve the contract for convention co-ordinator, not to exceed \$7,500. Made by: Owada, Seconded by: Fujimoto. Vote: unanimous

3. Agenda item: Committee Appointments

Motion: To approve Andy Hamano as head of Programs for Action. Made by: Kometsani, Seconded by: Marie Matsunami. Vote: unanimous

4. Agenda item: Nominations Committee

a. The Candidate's Forum for the election of national officers in contested races shall be conducted as follows:
1) A moderator/facilitator shall be appointed from the Nominations Committee to preside over the Forum to ensure that the proceedings run smoothly and efficiently.
2) Prior to the Forum, the moderator, with the assistance of the Nominations Committee, shall prepare and elicit questions from the general body to ask of each candidate.
3) The moderator will ask each candidate to respond to each question. Candidates shall alternate as to who answers first.
4) Candidates will be given opportunity to respond and comment on responses provided by an opponent.

Be it further resolved, that the National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League opposes Proposition 227 and urges California's voters to vote "no" on the initiative in the June 2, 1998, ballot; and
Be it further resolved, that the National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League urges its California

b. Motion: Candidates for uncontested races shall appear at the Candidate's Forum, where members of the general body or the moderator may ask the candidate questions about the candidate's qualifications to run for national office. Made by: Owada, Seconded by: Kawamoto. Vote: unanimous

5. Agenda item: 2000 Convention Motion: To consider holding the 2000 Convention during the first two weeks in July. Made by: Alan Nishi, Seconded by: Karen-Liane Shiba. Vote: unanimous

6. Agenda item: National Director's Report

Motion: To accept the National Director's Report. Made by: Uno, Seconded by: Larry Grant. Vote: unanimous

7. Agenda item: Youth Council Report

Motion: To accept the Youth Council's report. Made by: Uno, Seconded by: Larry Grant. Vote: unanimous

8. Agenda item: Legal Counsel's Report

Motion: To accept legal counsel's report. Vote: unanimous

9. Agenda item: Washington D.C. Report

a. Motion: For the national board to write a letter to support Paul Igarashi in an appointment as vice chair of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Made by: Hayashi, Seconded by: Owada. Vote: unanimous

b. Motion: To accept the Washington D.C. Report.

Made by: Uno, Seconded by: Fujimoto. Vote: unanimous

10. Agenda item: Proposition 227, the Unz Initiative (English only)

Motion: Now therefore be it resolved, that the National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League concludes that Proposition 227 would be detrimental to California's children,

parents, and schools; and
Be it further resolved, that the National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League opposes Proposition 227 and urges California's voters to vote "no" on the initiative in the June 2, 1998, ballot; and
Be it further resolved, that the National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League urges its California



National board members attend the quarterly meeting in San Francisco on the March 27-29 weekend at National Headquarters.

Districts to adopt similar resolutions and encourage each Chapter to educate its members on Proposition 227 and its impact. Made by: Kawamoto, Seconded by: Hayashi. Vote: unanimous

11. Agenda item: Anti-affirmative action initiative, Initiative-200

Motion: That the National Board support the JACL Pacific Northwest District's opposition to Initiative 200 which abolishes Affirmative Action; That the National Board allocate \$5,000 upon adoption of this motion to the PNW District to support their efforts in opposing I-200; That the National Board submit a resolution to the national body at the Philadelphia convention, to allocate \$15,000 to the PNW District to oppose I-200. Made by: Aaron Owada, Seconded by: David Kawamoto. Vote: unanimous

12. Agenda item: AB1915, California's Civil Liberties Public Education Board (CLPEB)

Motion: To support the California state legislation that supports the creation of a Calif. CLPEB. Now therefore be it resolved that the National Japanese American Citizens League will support such legislation in the following manner:
1) Encourage 100 percent of our California Chapters to adopt similar resolutions in support of AB1915.

2) Encourage our California Chapters to actively advocate with the California Legislature to adopt AB1915.

3) Encourage our National JACL Council to adopt a convention resolution in support of AB1915.

4) Encourage our JACL Districts external to California to propose similar legislation in their states. Made by: Fujimoto, Seconded by: Uno. Vote: unanimous

13. Agenda item: NISEI work-shops

Motion: To accept JACL's grant proposal to the 100th/442nd WWII MIS Foundation to continue to conduct the NISEI project. Made by: Fujimoto, Seconded by: Hayashi. Vote: unanimous

14. Agenda item: Redress

Motion: To direct all JACL Chapters to write a letter to President Clinton in support of the Japanese Latin Americans, care of the Pacific Southwest District office by April 15, 1998, and for the Regional Directors or appointed persons to follow up with the Chapters to ensure that a letter was written. Made by: Tom Kometsani, Seconded by: Aaron Owada. Vote: unanimous

15. Agenda item: Ruby Pins

Motion: That we refer to the membership chair to define the nominations process for the Ruby Pin (JACL's highest award) and send out the guidelines and recommendations to the national board for approval. The current nominations and guidelines will then be deferred to the Awards and Recognitions Committee for recommendations for final approval of the recipients at the convention's first national board meeting. Made by: Hayashi, Seconded by: Kimoto. Vote: unanimous

16. Agenda item: Scholarships

Motion: That the Education Committee work with Deirdre Howard, JACL Administrative Assistant, to evaluate scholarship application forms and standardized criteria to update the criteria in light of homeschooling or other alternative non-traditional education where students may not have grades. Revised criteria, if any, shall become effective in the 1999 selection process. Made by: Owada, Seconded by: Kimoto. Vote: unanimous

Vote: unanimous

17. Agenda item: Management Letter

Motion: To defer the Management Letter to the Finance Committee in order to develop an action plan to implement suggestions in accounting procedures. Made by: Fujimoto, Seconded by: Owada. Vote: unanimous

18. Agenda item: Budget

a. Motion: To add \$5,000 in the 1998 Budget for the anti-I-200 effort under the line item for contributions, with the understanding that it would not create a deficit budget. Made by: Owada, Seconded by: Kawamoto. Vote: Fujimoto and Shiba voting no

b. Motion: To table the discussion on the proposal to hire a PSW youth coordinator. Made by: Hayashi, Seconded by: Kometsani. Vote: Kawamoto, Shiba, abstaining; Nicole Inouye voting no.

c. Motion: To untangle the discussion on the PSW proposal to hire a youth coordinator for PSW. Made by: Owada, Seconded by: Kawamoto. Vote: unanimous

d. Motion: That the national board adopt PSW's proposal regarding a youth director provided:

1) The national director review the staffing proposal, taking into account all legal, fiscal, and managerial consideration associated with this proposal.
2) The national director meet with PSW to discuss any concerns he may have.
3) All discussions will include the vice president of general operations.
4) The national director, v.p. of general operations, and PSW all agree that the proposal is in the best interests of JACL. Made by: Owada, Seconded by: Kawamoto.

e. Motion: To authorize \$10,000 to be added to the proposed 1998 budget to be used for the position of Education Coordinator to oversee the NISEI Project and the MIS/100/422 Grant Project. Made by: Hayashi, Seconded by: Kometsani. Vote: Nishi, and Emilie Kutsuma voting no.

f. Motion: To adopt the 1998 proposed budget as amended. Made by: Hayashi, Seconded by: Grant. Vote: unanimous

g. Motion: To adopt the 1999-2000 proposed budget. Deferred

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The JACL seeks a person to be Executive Editor of the Pacific Citizen, a newspaper located in Monterey Park, Calif. The executive editor will be in charge of overseeing and supervising the semi-monthly publication with a readership of 25,000 and a staff of from four to eight people, depending on the season. The successful candidate will want to build the semi-monthly tabloid to a weekly publication.

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A Bridge Across the Pacific

By Emily Murase

An interview with a Japanese American screenwriter

LAST week, the Hollywood film industry and much of the country was focused on the Academy Awards. Have you ever wondered about the paucity of Asian Americans in the film industry? Why is it that so many media portrayals of Asian Americans are negative? Does it have something to do with the stereotypes of the screenwriters?

I recently caught up with a good friend, Jin Ishimoto, who left his promising career as an executive with AT&T in order to pursue his true dream to become a filmmaker, of an unconventional sort.

Murase: What got you interested in film?

Ishimoto: I lived in India when I was very young. My mother was a freelance photographer and my father was away on an expedition to Antarctica. So I wasn't exposed to moving pictures until we returned to Japan, when I was 4 years old. I fell in love with Japanese animation, Japanese television shows, and especially the American films that aired on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

M: Where did you receive your training?

I was the first Japanese to be admitted to the Peter Stark Producers Program at the University of Southern California film school. Graduates include John Wells, producer of *ER*, and George Huang who directed *Swimming with Sharks*. The program is widely considered to be the best training for the Hollywood film industry.

M: Why did you decide to target Hollywood as opposed to independent filmmaking?

I wanted to make films that everyone would watch. Here is a medium that can influence people everywhere. With independent films, the audience is much smaller. My favorite films are all Hollywood films, like *Casablanca*, *The Godfather*, and *Star Wars*.

M: What types of films would you like to be making?

I want to make films like the early years of Kurosawa, *Yojimbo* and *Seven Samurai*. These films are very Japanese, but they inspired many Western filmmakers. My goal is to make Japanese films that people will come to see and inspire others. For example, the Disney production of *Lion King* was based on the animated series *Leo the White Lion* by Osamu Tezuka, the godfather of Japanese animation. I want to take Japanese stories and put them into Hollywood environments.

M: What is it that distinguishes

you as an Asian American screenwriter from other screenwriters?

I consciously make an effort to write Asian American roles into my screenplays. The reason is that Hollywood producers always say they can't cast Asian Americans because no roles have been written for them.

M: What are some of the obstacles you face as an Asian American screenwriter?

I just completed a screenplay for Jackie Chan in which he plays an immigrant railroad worker at the end of the 19th century who wants to be a cowboy in a comedy/Western. So far, the response has been that if Jackie Chan says no, then the script is useless. Had I written the screenplay for an African American star, say Will Smith, and he said no, I could conceivably take the script to Chris Tucker. So producers ask me if I can change the screenplay to target an African American star. But that would change the story completely. Unfortunately, in terms of Asian American stars, there aren't many alternatives to Jackie.

Also, there is no support network among Asian American filmmakers. Mostly, young filmmakers are quite competitive. But it is good to see the popularity of works by Asian American filmmakers like Ang Lee and John Woo. I figure if they can do it, so can I.

M: How do you explain the pervasive negative media portrayals of Asian Americans?

I: There are not many people who are familiar with Asian American culture, so all you get are stereotypes. But also, ethnically conscious people don't want minorities to play negative roles. I think Asian characters can and should play villains. I've had enough of the stereotypical Korean grocer in today's movies.

In order to break stereotypes, I think it is important to create villains for actors to show their faces first. Since you can't always portray people as villains, especially in the face of a public backlash, these actors will eventually land roles as heroes. But somebody has to write them into the script in the first place. I very much see that as part of my contribution.

Jin and other graduates of the USC film school will be debuting their films April 4-9 at USC and the Director's Guild. For more information and reservations, call 213/740-1153. ■

Murase serves on the boards of the San Francisco chapter and the NCAWP District Council.



Very Truly Yours

By Harry K. Honda

A frantic search: More on first MISLS graduates

THE NAME "Titanic" has been in headlines since the epic film made its debut several months ago. We shall also call the effort of David W. Swift Jr. "titanic" as defined in the dictionary. A professor in sociology at the University of Hawaii, Dr. Swift seeks facts, photos and anecdotes for what he wants to be a "reference book" about the first class of MISLS graduates from the Presidio of San Francisco in June, 1942.

The urgency of his mission is obvious for on the list of 42 who graduated, 24 are deceased, including his father who, with Dr. John Burden, were the two Hakuin in that class. This was the only group to finish the Army course in San Francisco, the MIS Language School, instructors and students, before relocated to Camp Savage, Minn.

"Information is particularly needed about the deceased staff and students, but material on the minority who are still living will also be helpful," said Swift. He seeks documents, reminiscences, addresses of family or friends. "Nothing is too trivial; we don't even know the birthplaces of some graduates. Indirect leads to other sources are welcome: for example, 'My aunt... has a picture of Uncle... just before he went into the Army'."

This may be (and it's a good one) the working title to his book: "Don't shoot—I am an American!"

He says that while funds will be needed for timely completion of a "source book," documenting the achievements of the first class of Americans of Japanese ancestry who served as Military Intelligence Service language specialists in World War II, the priority is to collect the data. Please contact: David W. Swift, Jr., Fortues Hall 247, 2424 Male Way, Honolulu, HI 96822; 808/956-8722 (o), fax 808/956-3707; 808/373-4922 (r).

Swift's roster, as of March 2, 1998, of the first MIS class graduates and faculty follows: (* = deceased):

Jim Masaru Ariyasu, John Burden, James Fujimura, William Hirashima, Yoshio Hotta*, Gary T. Kadani, Arthur M. Kaneko, David Kato*, Kazuo Kawaguchi, Kazuo Kozaki*, Takashi Kubo, Takeo Kubo, Issa Kumada*, Paul Kuyama*, Joe Maesuda*, Masao Matsumoto, James Matsumura*, Masami Mayeda, Masanori Minamoto*, Yoshio Morio

Miyaoi, Tateshi Miyasaka*,

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Instructors—John Aiso* (1988 book: *John Aiso and the MIS*), Tetsu Imagawa*, Shigeo Kihara, Aki Oshida*, Tom Tanimoto, Paul Tekawa*, Toshio Tsukishira, Tad Yamada.

NISEI in MIS performed invaluable services during World War II, yet reports of their contributions are little known and in danger of being irretrievably lost. "This would be a loss for society as well as for the ethnic group involved," Swift says. "Their activities remain largely unknown, even to their own children, grandchildren and other Americans of Japanese ancestry. Military secrecy ordering them not to talk remained in effect for over thirty years until the late 1970s."

In the months preceding the Pearl Harbor attack and as U.S. relations with Japan deteriorated, the Army concerned so few Americans spoke or read Japanese or could translate captured documents or interrogate prisoners, hastily canvassed its ranks. Sixty men, mostly Nisei and Kibei Nisei, were brought to the Presidio in November 1941 for an intensive refresher course in Japanese military terminology. Three-quarters graduated.

Swift's narrative continues:

"Yet this first class also labored under the greatest obstacles. Makeshift facilities, shortage of teaching materials, and housing in an old aircraft hangar, were visible handicaps. Less apparent but extremely disturbing was the atmosphere of anti-Japanese hysteria following the Pearl Harbor attack: California was not a comfortable place for Nisei to be. Students at the Presidio had to concentrate on a difficult language, preparing for a secret mission, while their families were interned behind barbed wire."

In addition, as one veteran recalled, "We in the first class faced blunt discrimination within the Army. Promised promotions were not received, and Caucasian GIs, un-

familiar with people of an Asian ancestry, taunted the first Nisei translators with racial epithets. And, like all MIS Nisei, they had to come to terms with the fact that they were battling their own ancestral culture, the nation from which their parents had come; some MIS had brothers and other relatives serving in the Japanese armed forces, and even met them on the field of battle."

"American officers recognized these cross-references, so when recruiting later students in the relocation camps, the officers held the interviews after midnight so the candidate could avoid the anger of other internees who viewed the MIS as traitors." (And their leaving for induction, was before sunrise, to avoid trouble-makers.)

Swift is concentrating on first-person accounts. Any and all types of information about this first class should be preserved. He explains, "Memories fade, biases intrude into personal reports, but printed sources can also be wrong... For example, [my father], his name and his parents' occupations have been wrong in every mention of him, going back to 1946."

"Another mistake concerns a photograph in the files of the NIAHS in San Francisco. Although it is captioned ATIS, two veterans who were actually stationed there said it was not ATIS, and gave detailed reasons to support their judgments, including architecture, the presence of female soldiers, advanced ratings on the soldiers' uniforms, etc."

"Such errors and uncertainties may not seem important in themselves, but they raise questions concerning the accuracy of other information about the MIS, and indicate the desirability of rechecking existing documents and photographs in public archives."

FUNDING on this venture has been a weak point. "An example of a lead I haven't had the time or money to follow up myself was provided by Dr. McNaughton (command historian at the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey), who found a 1942 questionnaire with 'thousands of Army Nisei names' in the new National Archives branch at College Park, Md. I need funds for time—to be gained by buying out of some teaching responsibilities—and for travel to the U.S. mainland, telephone, copying and similar expenses. "He's had no success seeking help through friends in Congress, Heritage Foundation and various organizations."

In conclusion, Swift says, "I need more than suggestions about possible funding sources. Time is running out. Half of the first class are deceased, the survivors are in their late 70s or 80s—and I am not far behind."

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Heart Mountain memories

BACON Sakatani of West Covina, Calif., who probably knows more about the Heart Mountain WRA camp in Wyoming than anybody, has sent me a photograph that is nine inches tall and four feet, ten inches wide. It takes a man and a half to unroll it and hold it up for viewing.

The photograph is of the Heart Mountain camp in its stark entirety. It is a product of an old-fashioned camera and contemporary computer technology, about which I know nothing. The photograph shows a view of the entire camp stretching 58 inches from left to right — dozens and dozens

and dozens of barracks buildings in orderly rows with the stark beauty of a gargantuan pig farm where 100,600 hogs at a time were fattened to eating size.

Bacon explains that his friend George S. Iwanaga climbed a low hill one day in the fall of 1943 and took five photographs of the camp, moving from left to right to get overlapping pictures of the entire panorama. The negatives were located not long ago and a wizard with a computer put them all together in a single picture without distortion or overlapping. Iwanaga must have taken his pictures very early in the morning because there is no sign of human

activity, not even smoke from the mess hall chimneys.

The Heart Mountain camp at the time had about 10,000 internees, which made it the third most populous city in Wyoming. The largest building in town was the high school in the center of the photo. Iwanaga's picture shows, as nothing else can, the desolation, the ugliness, the inhuman regimentation that characterized the camps. You can get a copy of the photo by sending \$8 to Heart Mountain Reunion VI, 210 Shadydale Ave., West Covina, CA 91790-2245.

The photograph started me

rummaging through some Heart Mountain mementoes. Among other things I found two cardboard plaques autographed by former Heart Mountain Sentinel staffers at our one and only reunion on July 28, 1973. It was organized by Florence Uba aboard the S.S. Princess Louise tied up in Los Angeles Harbor. That was a quarter of a century ago, and as I examined the signatures I found many who are no longer with us, many who worked on the Sentinel after I left. For old times' sake I will list the signatures I can make out. If I misspell some names you can blame it on lousy handwriting characteristic of good reporters.

Kay Kushino, George and Louise Kinoshita, Ricky Washizaki, Kay Masuda, Kara Matsushita Kondo, John Yamamoto, Estelle Ishigo, Florence Funakoshi Uba, Toru Hirose, Emi Kuroki, Fuji and Leroy Takachi, Haruo Imura, Masako Imura, Kats Hiraoka Kunitatsu, George Yoshinaga, Kaoru Sugita, Yasuko Amano Kojima, Roy Yamashira,

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These plaques are too important to hide away among my souvenirs. I'm sending them to Bacon Sakatani for his collection. ■

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

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East Wind

By Bill Marutani

Concentration camps

THE ISSEI FOLKS referred to them as *shu-yo-sho*, the barbed-wire camps into which they and their citizen offspring were herded from the spring of 1942. Wondering how the term was written in *nihongo*, I had turned to my *jiten's* (dictionaries) and I shared my findings in this column. That was about ten or so years ago; I conducted a cursory check of Vicki's collection of this column, but I couldn't locate that particular rendering.

So here we go, all over again. From scratch.

THE TERM is composed of three *kanji* (Chinese) characters: *shu* ("income"), *yo* ("place into" "put into") and *sho* ("place"). The three characters combined mean, among other things, "housing, custody, camps, asylum." Thus, replacing the third character *sho*

("place") with *mono* ("person") the resulting term — *shu-yo-sha* — means an "innmate." Which begins to provide some flavor of the core meaning.

LOOKING NEXT for the term "concentration camp" in *Random House Webster's College Dictionary* (p. 251, 1995 ed.) the following appears: "n. a guarded compound for the confinement of political prisoners, minorities, etc.; esp. any of the camps established by the Nazis for the internment and persecution of prisoners [1900-05, applied orig. to camps where non-combatants were confined during the Boer War]." In the same source, at page 704, the term "intern" is defined as "to confine within prescribed limits, as prisoners of war or enemy aliens; to impound until the termination of war, as a ship of a belligerent;

an internee."

THE TERMINOLOGY adopted by government officials reflected almost a benign cover for the *shu-yo-sho's*. "Assembly Centers" and "Relocation Camps" conjured up visions of a prelude to some joyful summer outing. The first "assembly center" that I saw was the one at the Puyallup (Wash.) fair grounds: with its horse-stable housing for its Nikkei inmates, I was flabbergasted that the place was called "Camp Harmony." The two places in which I served time were "Pinedale" (near Fresno, Calif.) which had no trees or other vegetation but lots of dust; and "Tule Lake" (Newell, Calif.) which had no lake but, again, lots of dust — and scorpions. The Poston (Ariz.) camp apparently consisted physically of three sites which the inmates sardonically referred to

as "Poston, Roastin' and Toastin'."

"PERSONAL JUSTICE DENIED," the December 1982 report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) early addressed the question of the word to be used in referring to the camps in which the Nikkei were confined. In a footnote on the first page of the first chapter appeared the following: "There is a continuing controversy over the contention that the camps were 'concentration camps' and that any other term is a euphemism. The government documents of the time frequently use the term 'concentration camps,' but after World War II, with full realization of the atrocities committed by the Nazis in the death camps of Europe, that phrase came to have a very different meaning. The American relocation centers were bleak and bare, and life in them had many hardships, but they were not extermination camps, nor did the American government embrace a policy of torture or liquidation of the ethnic Japanese. To use the phrase 'concentration camps' summons up images and ideas which are inaccu-

rate and unfair. The Commission has used 'relocation centers' and 'relocation camps,' the usual term used during the war, not to gloss over the hardships of the camps, but in an effort to find a historically fair and accurate phrase."

THE CWRIC was early alerted to the diabolical twisting of the English language, starting with the perverted invention of the term "non-alien" in referring to Americans of Japanese ancestry (AJA); "evacuees" in forcibly uprooting and confining this same group, applying race as the sole standard; "voluntary evacuation" when some members of this racial group departed under threat of imminent forcible uprooting and confinement; labeling it "repatriation" (to Japan) rather than "expatriation" of AJAs, their only homeland ("patria") being the U.S. And the list goes on.

I wonder what the Issei's view was as to all this governmental machination? ■

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



Voice of a Sansei

By Akemi Kayleng

She said what?

WAY back when I first began writing this column, I knew in the back of my mind that someday this would happen. I would be writing to clarify myself, following an adverse reader reaction to an earlier column. Our communication process isn't perfect, and when the subject matter is the sensitive topic of race and culture, strange messages can be inadvertently transmitted.

An earlier publication in this column, *The Dollhouses* (March 6-19, '98), described a certain type of highly successful WASP man who turned out to be little more than a cheap paper image. When the system which protected him crumbled, he had so little genuine substance of his own that he disintegrated into a dismal pile of substance abuse, nervous breakdowns, and sometimes suicide. Towards the end I also added that these persons harbored racist/sexist attitudes towards me, an Asian female.

Some readers objected to *The Dollhouses* on the grounds it was a racist essay. Here I was, taking an entire sociological group, and portraying them in a harshly negative, stereotypical manner.

What was not explicitly stated was that these people made up only a tiny fraction of all the upper middle class, highly educated WASP men I have known. In fact, I have known numerous others who, upon losing their jobs, reacted in very constructive manners. For example, they became deeply involved in community work, or formed their own companies.

My wrath was directed at a small minority of Caucasian males. These feelings are no different from my critical feelings for those few of us who commit white collar crimes. I don't believe all of us are white collar criminals, and I don't believe all white men are "dollhouses."

I define a racist as one whose thinking is rigidly polarized in a

manner which only sees good things about one's own race and culture, and only bad things about another. I've certainly come down hard on some of us as I came down on certain Anglo men in *The Dollhouses*.

I openly criticized JAs who want to bask in the glow of past achievements, while neglecting present day issues, in *On Stagnant Water*.

I stated that today we are becoming increasingly responsible for our own problems, and can no longer blame whites, in *Abandoned Belongings*.

I wasn't shy about confronting our own botched attempts at upward mobility, back in the early days of our movement. I aimed the same nasty tone which some readers objected to in *The Dollhouses*, at our Nikkei community in *Confessions of a Shibui Doll*. And I ridiculed JA false heroes in *Mr. Todd's Ride Lurks in the Magic Kingdom*, just as I ridiculed Anglo men in *The Doll-*

houses.

As I criticized us, I also indicated that in some ways I favor the mainstream culture over our own. This is especially true regarding the emotionally charged topics of academic achievement and making it in the American Dream. *Quantum Physics and the Middle Aged Sansei*, *You're Okay, Kid*, and *Beer Gone Flat* said it all. Expect to see more in this vein, in the future.

And please keep in mind, I'm happily outmarried into a mainstream family. Steve Knight and I have been together for over twenty years. I've described my happy relationship with his extended family in *The Building and the Ice Cream Machine*, and *The Lost Satellite*.

After reading *The Dollhouses* over, I could understand how a reader could assume that this represents all of my opinions on the white and Japanese races. I hope this column I'm writing now is conveying that in fact, I am critical of the self-defeating behaviors which all races have. I acknowledge the fact that in *The Dollhouses* I was speaking in gross generalizations. I should have used qualifying statements like "some" or "a few." I was so intent on making my point that I took for granted that my husband, who is white, would automatically assume I was not re-

ferring to him, nor was I referring to any of the other decent whites who have in their own ways contributed to our community.

The city of Los Angeles is an incredibly complex place. Some of the best opportunities and finest achievements ever created by the human race are right here in this city. So are some of the most sickening problems of humanity. Those who state both very good and very bad things about L.A. are not confused. They are simply comprehending, with great accuracy, what L.A. is all about.

The JA community is like L.A. So is the white mainstream. That's why I've said complimentary and critical things, about both groups. A racist would not see this dual nature in the two races and cultures. Each article appearing in this column is like a piece in a mosaic — certainly a part of, but not indicative of, the entire picture. To say that any one article about whites or Japanese represents my total perception is like saying, one bit of tile is the entire picture.

As we move into the future, our challenge is to acquire the information management skills necessary to blend two worlds, neither of which was ever all good or all bad, into our new community of the 21st century. ■

Groundbreaking ceremony for 'Go For Broke' Monument set for April 5

LOS ANGELES—A groundbreaking celebration and reception for the "Go For Broke" Monument will be held on April 5 at 12:30 p.m. in the open space between the Japanese American National Museum, 369 East First St., and the Gelfen Contemporary at MOCA, 110 South Central Ave., Little Tokyo.

The monument commemorates the heroics of the 100th/442nd MIS World War II Nisei veterans, and serves as a reminder that civil liberties belong to all Americans of all races and ethnic backgrounds.

"These brave soldiers showed all Americans that patriotism is a matter of heart and mind, not of race or ancestry," said co-chair Norman

Ogawa. "This monument is the first of its kind in the United States, and a permanent reminder that no American should ever again be denied civil liberties because of ancestry or race."

Representatives of Nisei veterans' posts from throughout the country will participate in the ceremony. Those gathered to celebrate the event will include veterans recruited from internment camps, who served bravely in battle while their families and loved ones remained confined, veterans who fought in the last Italian Campaign, Nisei women who were in the camps during WWII, and many others. ■

Buses Chartered for Manzanar Pilgrimage

Two air conditioned buses have been chartered for transporting interested participants to the 29th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage scheduled for April 25.

The theme of this year's pilgrimage is "Unfinished Business: Justice for All" in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 granting redress to the internees. Representatives from Campaign for Justice: Redress for Japanese Latin Americans are expected to attend.

The Manzanar Committee is sponsoring a bus leaving from Little Tokyo in Los Angeles at 244 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, in front of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center. A non-re-

fundable, prepaid fee of \$17 will reserve a seat. No telephone reservations will be accepted; checks should be made payable to the Manzanar Committee and sent to: 12610 Presnell Street, Los Angeles, CA 90066. Call Phyllis at 310/822-7470 for information on the Little Tokyo bus. A second bus will depart from the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, at 12953 Branford Street in Pacoima. For this bus, SFVJACC is accepting donations toward their Community Fund. To reserve a seat on the SFV bus, call Nancy at 818/899-4237.

Both buses will be at their departure point at 6:30 a.m. The pilgrimage is free and open to the public. ■

HIF establishes base in So. Cal.

LOS ANGELES—Hapa Issues Forum, a nonprofit community organization that celebrates the diversity of multiracial Asian American experiences, has received a grant award of \$3000 from the JACL Pacific Southwest District which will allow the group to establish a permanent base in the Southern California area.

HIF was founded on the University of California, Berkeley campus in 1992, where it has been working to develop the political and community presence of multiracial Asian Americans through sponsoring and participating in community programs and events, political action, academic conferences, and publications.

In the past year, HIF has been expanding into the Southern California region, where, rather than being a campus-based presence, the organization is attempting to bring together a widely dispersed community of multiracial Asian Americans.

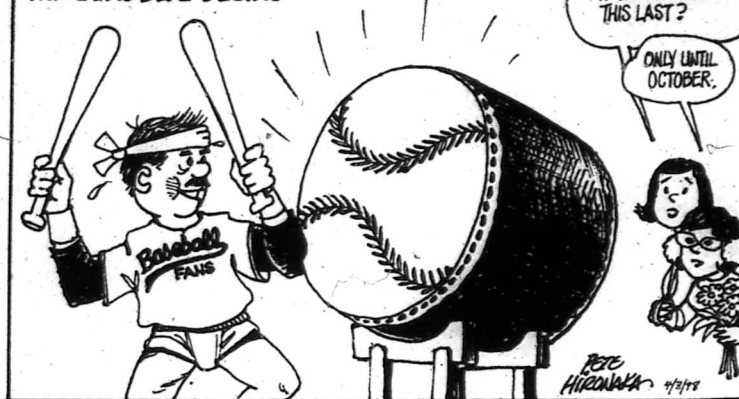
With the JACL grant funds, HIF will be able to set up a Los Angeles office and establish a Southern Cal-

ifornia chapter which will host events and programming that explore and educate self, family, and community on the diversity and complexity of multiracial experiences. JACL hopes that the grant monies will help HIF to get through their first year of operations and solidify the group's presence in Southern California.

"With the changing dynamics of the Japanese American community, mixed-race issues are definitely something that the JACL wants to support and address," said David Kawamoto, PSWD Governor. "HIF has been a real asset in Northern California, so we're happy to see the group is extending itself into the Southern California area as well. JACL recognizes that helping to establish them here can only benefit and strengthen the community as a whole."

For further information about HIF and their future programs and events, or if you would like to be involved with their Southern California efforts, please contact Mika Tanner at 213/694-0286. ■

THE TAIKO BEAT BEGINS



Letters to the Editor

Thank-you, says daughter of railroad worker

After battling six long years with Office of Redress Administration and Department of Justice, the verdict came in! We won our apology and reparations. Everything we had been telling them was true and correct. Our fathers, brothers, and husbands have been vindicated. Banzai!

It is time now for all railroad and mining families to give themselves a big pat on the back for a job well done! We all worked hard and long to bring this issue to a close. Unfortunately, ORA and DOJ attorneys were not going to rule favorably for us. It took more than our fighting! We could not have done this alone.

If it were not for the strong leadership and compassion of a fine Acting Assistant Attorney General Bill Lann Lee and his ability to make the correct decision we would still be in limbo and fighting! Let us now continue our battle—but instead of an apology—let us fight to get Congress to confirm Bill Lann Lee's appointment as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division.

Andrew Russell—we owe you such great kudos for your research, help, and guidance in our efforts. You have been so humble and just so great. You are still researching our efforts even after the verdict came in. Here's to you and your doctorate dissertation! May we be as much help to you as you have been to us. Someday soon we will get the opportunity to meet. Certainly your master's thesis was scrutinized by many attorneys from Los Angeles to San Francisco to Washington, D.C. I certainly hope you will put this into book form for everybody to read—with the last chapter in closing—Victory for all railroad and mining families! You are our hero. Had you not written this thesis, we may still have been in limbo.

Thanks to Michi Weglyn. Without your guidance, help, research, letter writing, and perseverance I would not have continued my search and found Andrew Russell. You worked so hard and put so much time in researching the archives and elsewhere to bring this case to justice. You called us all and sent us many articles to help in our crusade. We owe you so much gratitude. Domo Arigato Gozaimasu!

Thanks to Patty Wada of JACL for organizing our families this past July and making us aware of each other and our plight. We felt so alone until then. You kept us communicating and helped us with our letter writing campaign to ORA, DOJ, Janet Reno, etc. Also, thanks to Al Muratsuchi for his help and guidance in Washington, D.C., and in Los Angeles.

Let us not forget our newspaper media. Kenji Taguma and all the other Japanese newspapers for printing our articles and letters, as well as your own columns in support of our efforts. You helped keep our plight in the spotlight for everyone to know. We were a little-known case and now we have acclaimed

national attention because of you.

Last but not least, we need to thank Kay Ochi and all the wonderful friends I found in the members of NCR. Thank you all for the support you have given us. Without that support, we could not have gone to Washington, D.C., to meet with Acting Assistant Attorney General Bill Lann Lee. (NCR is a non-profit organization that relies on donations.) They were willing to meet with Janet Reno, and take our case to court if necessary. Thankfully, Bill Lann Lee did his job successfully. NCR wrote many newspaper articles to support our efforts, made phone calls, kept us informed, called press conferences, sent press releases, and spent countless hours behind the scenes helping us. NCR brought us Lisa Ikemoto, a Loyola Law professor. Lisa journeyed to Washington, D.C., to legally represent us. She prepared our briefs and gave countless hours meeting with us. Thank you again NCR and Lisa for your countless hours of work. You are to be appreciated and applauded.

Without everyone's support and help we would not have brought justice to this case. Thank you again one and all.

This battle for apologies and reparations has not ended. We must keep working writing letters and help the Campaign for Justice bring their case to a successful close. We must all find "justice" in order to say mission accomplished. The Latin Americans and Peruvians have been ignored by Congress and ORA. Hopefully, Bill Lann Lee will again step forward, assert his leadership and grant apologies and reparations for them. We cannot close this chapter yet. We want "JUSTICE FOR ALL" and that includes the Latin Americans and Peruvians. They have certainly suffered more than any other category due to our government's actions. ■

Fumie Shimada
Sacramento, CA

Family of railroad worker says thank-you

I want to say thank you to everyone who brought the railroad/mining workers' appeal for redress to fruition. With some of you I have had the privilege of personal contact—some I haven't—but to all I extend my deepest gratitude not only from myself but on behalf of my family. We are so grateful that our father's status as a proud and loyal American has finally been restored.

When I felt that I had reached the end of my resources and energy and all I had left was prayer, you all undauntedly and courageously pushed forward on our behalf, regardless of personal gain, in the name of justice.

Fumie Shimada; Patty Wada, NCR/NPD Regional Director; Kay Ochi, NCR; rallying support from everyday folks of church and community, Loomis Town Council; Andy Russell, for his research

work; Assistant Attorney General Bill Lann Lee; News Reporters—never will I underestimate the power of the media.

Above all, Michi Weglyn, who kept sending me mountains of material, leads to pursue, many, many phone calls, and who was the catalyst in my involvement.

Throughout this ordeal
You pushed and pulled and encouraged
and treated me
with love
and with respect.
I was wondering, Michi—are you an angel?

Isla Olani
Rocklin, CA

An overdue thank you

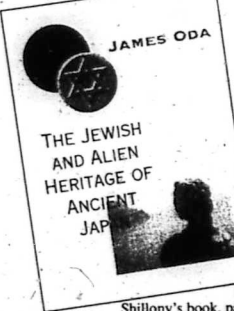
I wish to give sincere thanks for the invaluable help extended by Japanese American vernaculars—to editors, reporters and others—in playing an important role in the railroad and mine workers finally being granted the right to redress. You enabled their cries to be heard by decision makers in the Justice Department. They could no longer be easily dismissed and ignored by the powerful.

It surely is a "thank you" long overdue, when one considers the incredible deadlines all have had to meet, and for all the services the vernaculars have provided throughout our more-than-ten-year struggle for redress.

And now the fight for redress must continue until every last Japanese Latin American spirited to mainland concentration camps as barter bait is given an apology and redress for their awful losses and sufferings.

A number of railroad workers have told me that they have started subscribing to certain vernaculars out of gratitude, and that is how it should be. At a time when subscriptions are down, we should help to keep our few vernaculars alive and healthy.

Michi Nishimura Weglyn
New York, N.Y.



Pertinent excerpts from James Oda's book

"In December 1940, foreign minister Yosuke Matsuoka met with Lew Zikman, a Jewish sugar manufacturer from Manchukuo and confided to him that not only he but the emperor himself strongly opposed the persecution of Jews. Matsuoka added that if Germany ever demanded that Japan persecute Jews, he would rather tear up the Axis Alliance than submit to such a demand." (Quotation from Shillony's book, page 184)

It is ironic that Chiune Sugihara, Japanese consul in Kaunas, Lithuania in 1940, was reprimanded and dismissed for issuing visas to thousands of Jewish refugees enabling them to travel to Vladivostok and to sail from there to the Japanese port of Tsushima. It might be due to the fact that Sugihara's immediate superior was ignorant of the intention of the imperial family or that Masaoka was a Jekyll and Hyde personality.

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Florin JACL Shares Internment Story with Students

BY TWILA TOMITA

Saddened by the recent loss of educator Mary Tsukamoto but determined to carry on her legacy, dozens of Nisei and Sansei Florin JACL members came forward to teach the annual lessons on internment that Mary taught to Elk Grove schoolchildren.

Since 1983 the Florin JACL and Elk Grove School District partnership have offered over thirteen thousand fifth graders the opportunity to learn about the World War II internment of Japanese Americans. For fifteen years an extensive exhibit, including a model of a barracks, was set up in the school district headquarters. For two weeks classes would tour the exhibit as Mary Tsukamoto gave a personal account of the internment experience

tioning the government for redress and the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 was explained.

The Elk Grove coordinator for the project was Gayle Moore. Volunteer speakers included Marielle Tsukamoto, Joanne Irtani, Georgianna White, Hiroko Tsuda, Reiko Nagumo, Heidi Sakazaki, Vi Hatano, Utako Kimura, Hach Yasumura, Doris Kobayashi, Janie Matsumoto-Low, Harriet Taniguchi, Karen Kurasaki, Carol Seo, and Twila Tomita. Ted Kobata constructed the barracks. Veterans who spoke were Kinya Noguchi, Yosh Matsuhara, Gary Shiota, Jim Tanaka, Roy Sato, Tom Sasaki, and Post 8985 Commander George Kihara. ■

Japanese Latin Americans fight for redress

(Continued from page 1)

to finally see redress. "I think our best chance is the lawsuit. But it's hard to assess. We won't know until April 13," said Tateishi. "But we're fighting for this all the way to get the case settled for Japanese Latin Americans."

From 1941-43, more than 2,000 Japanese Latin Americans were kidnapped from their native homes and forced into U.S. concentration camps for the duration of World War II. Unlike their fellow Japanese American internmentees, Japanese Latin Americans were used in exchanges for American citizens trapped in Japanese-controlled war zones.

In August of 1996, Japanese Latin Americans filed a lawsuit seeking inclusion in the 1988 Civil Liberties Act, legislation that has brought more than 81,000 former Japanese American WWII internmentees an apology and compensation. So far, Japanese Latin Americans have been excluded from the benefits of the act because of a technicality requiring that a person must have been a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident at the time of their internment.

Now, there are less than five months remaining in the Japanese Latin Americans' fight to finally see redress, for on Aug. 10, 1998, the Office of Redress Administration closes its doors forever. For *Mochizuki et al.*, the next three weeks are going to be critical.

In their effort to help the plight of the Japanese Latin Americans, JACL is asking all of its Chapters and their members to take part in a massive letter-writing campaign. All letters must be sent to the Pacific Southwest District Office in Los Angeles by April 15, at which time they will be sent to President Clinton.

Part of the sample letter reads: "... we are asking for your leadership to rectify this terrible injustice for the victims, who were ineligible for redress along with Japanese Americans because they were denied legal status in this country when forced into American-style concentration camps. We are seeking justice for the 2,265 men, women, and children for the violation of their rights as human beings."

"Providing redress for Japanese Latin Americans is the moral thing to do."

JACL is also encouraging its members to seek the support and endorsement of non-members by speaking to their various representatives and members of governing bodies such as city council members and boards of supervisors.

With a month remaining before Judge Smith is scheduled to rule on *Mochizuki et al.*, the question has arisen as to what kind of settlement the Japanese Latin Americans would be willing to accept. Many have already indicated that they are not asking for a large monetary sum; the material

compensation is secondary. But they are adamant that they receive an apology from the United States government, just as their fellow JA internmentees did in 1988.

The fight to get redress for Japanese Latin Americans is reminiscent of the early days of the redress movement, said Tateishi, who served as JACL's Redress Chair during the '80s. "It's going to be interesting to see how much heart there is to fight for this small segment of our community," he said. "It's going to test JACL as a civil rights organization and it will challenge our sense of what's right and what's wrong."

"There are a lot of people who gave a lot of sweat and tears in the fight for redress, and we need your help again," said Tateishi. "The sooner we get this done the better." ■

APA Roundtable to explore 'identity'

LOS ANGELES—The ninth annual Asian Pacific American Community Research Roundtable, to be held at USC on Friday, April 17, will explore the diversity ("identities") of the respective Asian American communities in their call for presentation outlines by persons wishing to address the forum. Especially encouraged are non-academics, professionals, campus and community groups, who must adhere to a Jan. 30 deadline. The outlines should be addressed to the USC-APA Student Services, University Park Student Union 410, Los Angeles, CA 90089-4851, (fax: 213/740-5284) or email: yuli@stuafl.usc.edu.

For the presentation proposal guidelines and information: Yuli Liu or Jeff Murakami, APASS, 213/740-4999. ■



Marielle Tsukamoto of the Florin JACL teaches Elk Grove 5th Graders about the Japanese American WWII internment experience.

and marveled at both the strength and the failure of the U.S. Constitution. Encouraging the young students to become knowledgeable citizens and defenders of the Constitution was Mary's goal. If successful, she believed that no other group would suffer as the Japanese Americans did during their years in relocation camps.

Following Mary's death this January, new lessons were prepared to meet the February 24 starting date for the annual exhibit, visited this year by more than 1,000 students. This sixteenth year the lessons were taught by Mary's daughter, Marielle Tsukamoto, and many volunteers whose friendship with Mary inspired them to share their personal experiences during the bleak war years. An historical overview of the period was given in a slide show written by Andy Noguchi. Veterans from Nisei VFW Post #8985 gave first-hand accounts of their desire to prove their loyalty to a country which had imprisoned their families in desolate internment camps because of their ancestry. The heroism of the 100th battalion and the 442nd regimental combat team were discussed. The process of pe-



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OBITUARIES

Jin Konomi, 94, our 'Moshi Moshi' columnist

Jinnosuke "Gene" Konomi, 94, conductor of the "Moshi Moshi" columns in the *Pacific Citizen* since 1978, died on March 15. His seven columns in the fall of 1980 were devoted to reforming the Hepburn System (*Hebon shiki*) of rendering Japanese words in *romaji*. Another foil to an editor was his *samurai*, the "u" being a swallowed sound and thus omitted. He is survived by his wife, a public health nurse by profession, who is now in a nursing home.



Jin Konomi (1989)

The Konomis were postwar San Francisco East Bay residents in Richmond/Albany, where he was a gardener and edited a Japanese gardeners association publication. Konomi also contributed articles in Nihongo to the Japanese vernaculars.

The Fukuoka-born writer was a graduate in English from the University of Southern California in the '20s, and worked on Issei-owned farms in Guadalupe and Santa Barbara. He had graduated from Santa Maria High School. His non-physical jobs were the six years (1934-1940) at the *Rafu Shimpō* Japanese section, translating English copy and writing occasional staff editorials, and a year (1933) at the *Kashu Mainichi*, where he became well acquainted with English section editor Larry Tajiri.

In 1940-41 he worked with a Japanese commercial agency in New York. WWII shut down that office and he later joined the OSS "Project Green" staff, a WWII psychological warfare unit stationed

outside Washington, D.C.

His first column, "Ramen or Lamen" (April 5, 1978), explored how "ra" is uttered in Tokyo and pronounced "la" in southern Kyushu. The column was christened, "Moshi Moshi" because Konomi happened to be P.C.'s first Issei contributor on a regular basis; he then proceeded to explain its meaning. It doesn't mean, "if, if," but it's akin to an Englishman's "I say." In feudal Japan, a man called the attention of another, a stranger, with *Mono mosu* or, calling at another's house, *O tanomi mosu*, which was abbreviated to *tanomou*, which meant "I beseech you." The Japanese expression, in turn, was shortened to *moshi* or *mōshi*.

Konomi's command of English was far superior to what we were accustomed to; as he sprinkled words, we had to consult the unabridged dictionary for spelling and meaning. For example:

Americans and Englishman understandably snicker over these Japanese gaucheries with their language. (*Daiva*=diagram; *tarento*=talent, or a performer, talented or not; the acronym *masukomi*=mass communication). But actually, these are no more than one class of malapropism, he assured in his April 10, 1981, column. He remembered another malapropism of the young German poet who became enamored with the English word "carnative" and never actually knew its meaning until he found it meant *windtreibend*!

Konomi once proposed that a P.C. survey be conducted on whether the readers would follow the practice on how Japanese names should be carried in the paper — surnames first as in the Japanese way. The survey was never attempted. That practice has become trendy in recent years.—HKH ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Aihara, Nobuo H., 77, Oroville, Feb. 25; Saga-born, survived by wife Chiko, son Jiro, daughter Marj.

Hameda, Taugio, 76, Chalfont, Pa., Mar. 1; Kingsburg-born WWII veteran; pharmacist; chemist, v.p. Cooper Laboratories, inventor of Quinaglute, the first sustained heart medicine, survived by wife Mary (Tanaka), sons Graydon (Mar. 1), daughter Paula Summi (Rochester, N.Y.), Rhoda Georgias (Mahopac, N.Y.), 7 gc., 2 brothers, 3 sisters.

Hatakeyama, Rosa T., 80, Los Angeles, Feb. 19; no living relatives, survived by friends.

Hirata, Shigeru, 72, Alhambra, Mar. 6; Honohina, Hawaii-born, veteran of Korean Conflict, survived by wife Shigeko, sons Michael, Darryl, Patrick, brothers Dick, Yoshio, sisters Ayako Okubo, Jane Morok.

Hoshiyama, William Shiro, 78, Novato, Feb. 16; Livingston-born, long-time resident of San Francisco, survived by wife Fumiko, daughter Gail Nanbu, son William, 3 gc.

Kinuya, Richard Leigh, 43, Studio City, Feb. 4; San Fernando-born, survived by wife Leslie Wong, mother Jane Kinuya, parents-in-law Mr. and Mrs. G. Wong, mother-in-law Therese Wong, sister-in-law Gigi Durr, brothers-in-law Greg, Michael Wong.

Kozasa, Shigeru, 82, Los Angeles, Mar. 9; World War II veteran, survived by wife Miyoko "Midge", son Robert, daughter Carolyn, 2 gc., sisters Kikue Kobayashi, Michiko Tsutsumi, Kay Kunitake, sister-in-law Betty Kusaka, brother-in-law Minoru Yoshida.

Kuba, Edna Shigeno, 77, Temple City, Feb. 24; Hawaii-born, survived by husband David, daughter Keiko Downey, son Jon, 3 gc., sister and brother.

Kubota, Eiichi Ed, 71, Fresno, Mar. 6; survived by sons Robert, Glen, Gary, Scott, daughters Emi Mizuno, Naomi Kumagai, 7 gc., brothers Hideo, Mitsuo, sister Michie Kubota, brothers-in-law John Yamada, Henry Yamada.

Kyono, Jordan, El Cerrito, Feb. 25; survived by wife Kay.

Matsuda, Yoshito Roy, 74, Laguna Niguel, Mar. 3; Perris-born, veteran of Korean Conflict, survived by wife Michiko, son Craig, daughter Sandra Shirozono, 4 gc., brothers Kaz, Handy, Bobby, sister Haru Takeoka, brothers-in-law George, Ben Nakahara, sister-in-law Masako Kawata.

Metzuka, Hiroshi, 72, Rosemead, Mar. 3; San Francisco-born, survived by sons Robert, Ted, daughter Sandy Yoshima.

Nakashima, Lester, 57, Chicago, Feb. 3; Sacramento-born, survived by parents Percy and Aileen Nakashima, daughter Leslie Veronik, Tracy Borgardner, 3 gc., brother Larry, sister Sharon Wells.

Nakata, Thomas M., 77, Santa Fe Springs, Feb. 10; Seattle-born, World War II veteran, survived by wife Sylvia, sons Richard, Andrew, daughter Elaine Watanabe, 7 gc., brother Victor.

Nitake, Harry, Los Angeles, Feb. 19; survived by wife Mari, daughters Linda Yasunaga, Suzanne Sakata, Patty Healy, Marsha Takamiya, 5 gc., brothers Toyoo, Herb, sisters Betty Murata, Mary Masukawa.

Nogami, Henry, 77, Dallas, Texas, Feb. 13; formerly resided in Denver, Colo., survived by wife Yunko, sons Jim, Doug, 5 gc., sister Sachi Goto, brother Justin Kitsuata.

Nomura, Miki F., 87, Gardena, Mar. 1; Berkeley-born, survived by husband Neal Junichi, daughters Julie, Jane Funn, Christine Masuzumi, son Herbert, 2 gc.

Ogawa, Grace, Oakland, Feb. 23; survived by son Alan, sisters Julia Kitano, Alice Nakano, brother Joe Kitano, 2 gc.

Ogawa, Anne Misao, 90, Los Angeles, Feb. 18; Hawaii-born, survived by sons Don, Paul (both of Orange County), Dale, daughters Amy Watada (Washington D.C.), Ruby Sumida (Orange County), 14 gc., 5 ggc., sister Ethel Masatani (Ventura County), sister-in-law Shizuko Ohta.

Okada, Florence Y., 71, Las Vegas, Feb. 12; Hawaii-born, survived by 4 brothers, 2 sisters.

Okamoto, Nara, 72, Los Angeles Mar. 3; Florence, Italy-born, survived by husband Sakato, brother Silmo Tutini

(Florence, Italy), sisters-in-law Noby, Hanuye (Seattle), Ann Okamoto (Fresno).

Okamoto, Rose Harumi, 85, San Jose, Feb. 25; Los Angeles-born, survived by brothers Hiro, Ray.

Okumura, Albert Hideo, 57, West Los Angeles, Feb. 26; Rosemead-born, survived by stepmother Hanakazu Okumura, brother David, stepbrother Tom Nakahara, sister-in-law Lily Okumura.

Sakahara, Shigenobu, 82, West Los Angeles, Feb. 26; Fresno-born, survived by son Jerry, 2 gc., brother Takeo (San Jose), sister Haruko Morimoto (Pennyryn), brothers-in-law Masaru Sunada, Shigeru Sunada (Parker), sister-in-law Grace Sakahara, Alice Umeda.

Sera, Frank Ritsuo, 77, Los Angeles, Feb. 21; Fresno-born, survived by sister Marion Okumura (Ontario).

Shigemura, Jerry Hiroshi, 63, Walnut, Feb. 22; survived by wife Jane, children Diana, Gary, Phil, 5 gc.

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Shimazu, Mitsuo, 76, Los Angeles, Feb. 23 service; survived by daughters Cynthia Kiku Stroud, Eileen Fumiko Wheatley (Ogden, Utah), 3 gc., 1 ggc., brothers Thomas, Ben, sister Jean Tanaka, sister-in-law Bertha Shimazu.

Shishido, Mitsuo, 67, Fullerton, Feb. 22; Santa Maria-born, survived by sisters Yukiko Ono, Shizuko Nakata, brother Toshio Shishido, sister-in-law Yoshiko Shishido.

Suzuki, Kaneyo, 89, Cerritos, Feb. 19; Okayama-born, survived by sons Narumi, Hiroshi, daughters Kimiko Williams, Mieko Yuasa, Keiko Kivritz, 4 gc.

Takade, Kazuo Michio, 76, Long Beach, Mar. 8; Terminal Island-born, survived by wife Martha Takade, sons Dennis, Michael, John Takade, daughters Maureen Stockdale, Melissa Takade, 6 gc., brother Michio Takade.

Takesaki, Hatsuie, 92, San Francisco, Feb. 28; Sacramento-born, survived by sons James, Shigeru Matsuno, daughter Toshiyue Hando, 8 gc., 10 ggc.

Taketani, Frank Toshiro, 88, North Hollywood, Mar. 1; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Chiyoiko Taketani, son Michael, gc.; sister Kiyoko Taketani (Japan).

Tamura, Jerome Curtis, 45, Huntington Beach, Feb. 23; survived by mother Betty, brothers Michael, Russell, Victor, sister Delora Tamura.

Tamura, Saburo, 98, Palo Alto, Feb. 22; Shimane-born, survived by wife Isoye, daughters Teruyo Mitsuyoshi, Chiyoie Adachi, Tomoye Kumagai, gc., ggc.

Toma, Chieno, 97, Long Beach, Feb. 22; Wakayama-born, survived by sons Hideo, Tsutomu, daughters K-miyu Nakamura, Meriko Toma, 5 gc., 4 ggc.

Tsuna, Shoji, 70, Las Vegas, Feb. 13; Hawaii-born, veteran of the Korean Conflict, survived by wife Flora, sons Wayne, Bruce, Clyde, daughter Faye Williams, 8 gc., brothers James, Walter, Thomas, sisters Irene Sawai, Mary Hirata, Ethel Higashihara.

Wakino, Ayako, 92, La Puente, Mar. 7; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Yosh, Tadashi, 3 gc., 6 ggc.

Washizu, Takayasu, 87, Sacramento, Feb. 27; survived by daughters Miyoko Omoto, Nobuko Yoshimura, 5 gc., 3 ggc., sister Tsugi Yagi (Japan).

Watanabe, Saburo, 67, Gardena, Feb. 24; Torrance-born, survived by wife Lily, daughters Audrey Hodges, Mae Higa, 2 gc., brothers Hisashi, Tadashi, Yoshio.

Yahiko, Tokio "Toki", 77, Los Angeles, Mar. 7; survived by wife Yasuko "Amy", son Karl, sisters, brothers. Yamaguchi, James, 78, San Mateo, Mar. 8; World War II veteran, survived by wife Sach, son Wayne, 4 gc., sister-in-law Sanzi Tabata, brother-in-law Kunio Yamaguchi.

Yamaguchi, Blanche, 76, Long Beach, Mar. 10; Sanger-born, prede-

ceased by husband Saburo.

Yamasaki, Kimi, 82, Sacramento, Feb. 26; survived by daughters Alice Watanabe, Jean Ota, 8 gc., gc., brother George Kaneko, sister Lisa Matsumoto.

Yamashiro, Tommy, 61, La Palma, Feb. 24; Brawley-born, survived by brothers Masao "Rusty", Masayoshi "Swede", Mas, sisters Hatsuy Inouye, Mary Akita, Grace Terauchi.

Yamashita, Dick Nakato, 83, Turlock, Feb. 20; survived by wife Eiko, sons Edward, Ron, Thomas, Richard, daughters Darlene Uyeda, Emmy Young, 7 gc., 1 brother, 6 sisters.

Yamashita, Dick Nakato, 83, Turlock, Feb. 20; survived by wife Eiko, sons Edward, Ron, Thomas, Richard, daughters Darlene Uyeda, Emmy Young, 7 gc., 1 brother, 6 sisters.

Yamashita, Michio, 71, Salinas, Mar. 7; survived by wife Noriko, son Tsutomu, daughter Mariko Mathew.

Yanagi, Motochi "Mo", 74, San Lorenzo, Mar. 5; Oakland-born, survived by wife Dorothy, son Glen, daughters Amy Ann, Gayle Yanagi, sister-in-law Mishi Nojima, brother-in-law James Fujimoto.

Yasutaki, Ruth Sonoko (Tahara), 74, Evanston, Ill., Mar. 23; retired Evanston school teacher and member, Chicago JACL Board of Directors, survived by husband, the Rev. S. Michael Yasutake, sons David Michael, Gregory Chad, daughter Sandra Corners, 7 gc.

Yorimitsu, Shizuko, 81, Montebello, Feb. 27; Lodi-born, survived by sons Seiji, Harvey, daughter Susan, 5 gc., 3 ggc. sister Barbara Mura.

DEATH NOTICE

YONEO "BONES" BEPP

BERKELEY, Calif.—Yoneo "Bones" Bepp, 92, died March 18. Loving father of daughters Celia, Christine, and Ellen, grandfather of Drew, great-grandfather of Noah and Eli. Friends are invited to attend a memorial service on Sat., April 4 at 11 a.m. at the Scottish Rite Center, 2455 Masonic Drive, San Jose. For directions, call 510/548-8554. Do not call the Scottish Rite Center; the family requests that any donations be sent in his memory to the Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012 or to the VNA & Hospice Foundation, 1900 Powell St., Suite 300, Emeryville, CA 94608.

DEATH NOTICE

RUTH SONOKO YASUTAKE

EVANSTON, Ill.—Ruth Sonoko Yasutake, 74, a Nisei originally from Seattle, Wa. died March 23. Was a retired Evanston District 65 teacher and nurse for 29 years. She is survived by her husband Rev. S. Michael Yasutake, sons David Michael, Gregory Chad, daughter Sandra Yasutake Connors, seven grandchildren, sisters Mary H. Okazaki, Dorothy Handa, brothers Willie H. Tahara and Dante T. Tahara. Services were held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Evanston. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be mailed to the Hospice of the Great Lakes or to Great Lakes ACTS earmarked for POC (Interfaith Prisoners of Conscience Project Endowment Fund) and mailed to Mr. Charles Carney, IPOC Treasurer, 2120 Lincoln St., Evanston, IL 60201.

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