

THE 35TH BIENNIAL JACL NATIONAL CONVENTION

Redress History Project wins national council approval

BY CAROLINE Y. AOYAGI
Executive Editor

PHILADELPHIA—JACL is about to go down in history.

After much discussion and debate, the JACL Redress History Project won national council approval at the recent biennial national convention held here from June 30-July 5.

The project, which will tell the story of JACL's role in the historic redress movement of the 1980s, is expected to cost approximately \$323,000 over a period of three years. In January the national board gave their support to the re-

dress history project, making it an official JACL program.

"Redress would never have happened without JACL," said Tom Kometani, EDC Governor and a member of the redress history project committee. "We need to record this part of it."

To date, a number of books on the historic redress movement have been written, many by the various groups and organizations who played a role in winning reparations and an apology for tens of thousands of Japanese Americans interned in concentration camps during World War II.

But, there is yet to be a book written by the JACL.

"If you let someone else write your story they dictate what your story is," said Denny Yasuhara, former national JACL president and a member of the history project committee. "YOU should tell YOUR story."

Although the redress history project committee had submitted an emergency resolution about the project before the national council, it, along with a number of other resolutions, was rejected on the basis that it did not qualify as an emergency resolution. The re-

jection was accepted by the committee.

Instead, Lillian Kimura, former national president, proposed that the task of recording JACL's role in redress be made a part of the organization's Program for Action. The amendment to JACL's Program for Action was accepted and passed by the national council.

Most of the debate concerning the redress history project took place during the 1998 and 1999-2000 budgets discussion portion of the national council session. Although there was unanimous

support among the council members for telling JACL's redress story, a number of concerns were raised regarding the high cost of the project. The current projected cost of \$323,000 is higher than the \$260,500 proposed by the committee at the January national board meeting.

Various members also wanted clarification and assurance that JACL's entire redress story would be told, not only the story of JACL's Legislative Education Committee (LEC). JACL created

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The newest Shin-Issei

BY MIKA TANNER

Special to the Pacific Citizen

(Writer Mika Tanner continues her series on the Shin-Issei community)

"Yes, sometimes I think it might be easier to live in Japan," says Satomi Matsuura, a slim, young Shin-Issei living in Los Angeles. "You don't need to suffer from racism or worry about your

States. Having lived in Los Angeles for the last three years, Matsuura has a unique perspective on both Japanese and American society, sometimes finding herself in-between both.

Matsuura came to Los Angeles when her husband was transferred by his company to its American office. Known as *chuzain*, or transfer people, these Japanese workers and their families are often in a constant state of flux, moving from office to office, city to city as the company dictates. Matsuura, however, says she and her husband are thinking of becoming permanent residents of the United States, despite the fact that her husband's company could call them back to Japan at any time.

Like many immigrants, Matsuura and her husband are considering making their home in America for economic reasons. "Japan's economy is very bad right now," she explains. "Even if my husband goes back he doesn't know if he will have a job with the same security as before."

For Matsuura however, America holds more than the promise of economic security. She relates how her stay in America has opened her eyes to the restric-

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A 10th-anniversary celebration of the CLA includes a look towards the future

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PHILADELPHIA—For every American of Japanese ancestry, 1998 marks a significant moment in United States history. For many it's a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act; legislation that finally brought reparations to tens of thousands of Japanese Americans interned during World War II.

For others, including railroad and mine workers unjustly fired at the outset of the war, and Japanese Latin Americans kidnapped and interned by the U.S. government, 1998 marks the year in which they too were finally able to win their fight for redress.

So it was fitting that as hundreds of JACLers from across the country gathered for the 35th biennial national convention in Philadelphia from June 30 to July 5, a celebration of the redress movement, from its beginnings to current and future issues, took place. Even more fitting was the site of the celebration, the birthplace of democracy, 222 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



SAYONARA BANQUET—(l-r) Honorable Jim Wright, AT&T Representative, National Director Herb Yamanishi, Doris Matsui, and Rep. Bob Matsui.

that would provide an apology and a \$20,000 payment for more than 80,000 JAs who suffered through the American concentration camps of WWII.

"I've never been more proud to be an American than at that moment... and I've never been more proud to be JA than during the fight up until then," said Mineta at the convention's Sayonara

Banquet, where he and a number of individuals were honored for their role in redress—including Representative Robert Matsui, Senator Daniel Inouye, the late Senator Spark Matsunaga, and former Speaker of the House of Representatives Jim Wright.

Also honored were the Ameri-

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Satomi Matsuura at her home in Los Angeles.

identity. You're Japanese and you just do what everybody else is doing."

Even though Japan might seem at times a less complicated place to live, 32-year-old Matsuura feels that she would prefer to make her home in the United

States.

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A look back

When the Civil Liberties Act was signed on September 17, 1987, exactly 200 years after the U.S. Constitution was written, former congressman Norman Mineta was one of the handful of individuals who stood over President Ronald Reagan as he signed the historic legislation; an act

National officers reelected to offices

With most of the national board re-running for their current positions unopposed, the election went rather smoothly with few surprises. All of the officers running were re-elected with a generally high rate of approval.

The president, Helen Kawagoe, took in the highest number of votes, with 76 of a possible 82. Lori Fujimoto, vice president of public affairs received the second highest number of votes, with 75.5 of 82. Gary Mayeda, v.p. of planning and development, garnered 71 of 82 votes as did Karen-Liane Shiba, v.p. of membership. Treasurer/Secretary David

Hayashi earned 71.5 out of 82 possible votes. Hiroshi Ueha, national youth/student chair, earned six of the possible six votes from members of the national youth/student council, and Nicole Inouye, national youth/student representative, was given five of the possible six votes.

With v.p. of general operations Rick Uno's decision not to re-run for the office, president Helen Kawagoe is currently considering various individuals to fill the position. Uno's replacement is expected to be named at the next national board meeting, to be scheduled soon.

Aoyagi named new P.C. executive editor

After a two-year search, Caroline Aoyagi has been named the new Executive Editor of the Pacific Citizen newspaper, it was announced at the JACL biennial national convention in Philadelphia held June 30-July 5.

Aoyagi has been the acting executive editor of the P.C. for the past six months. Prior to that she was working as the assistant editor.



SWEARING IN—Doris Matsui swears in the new national board officers at the biennial national convention's Sayonara Banquet held on July 5.

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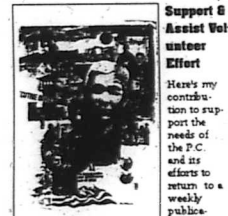
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Midwest

CLEVELAND
Sun. Aug. 9—Community picnic, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Brushwood Shelter, Furnace Run Park, Townsend Rd. West of Rt. 21, Richfield. Info: John Ochi, 216/442-6133. NOTE—Games, volleyball, prizes, fishing, bingo.

WISCONSIN
Sun. Aug. 23—Annual JACL Picnic, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Memorial Park, St.

COMMUNITY

Calendar

(R) Reunions

East Coast

NEW YORK
Thu. July 23—Presentation, "North America's Concentration Camps, U.S. vs. Canada," 1-3 p.m., Ellis Island Museum, 3rd floor conference room. Info: 212/363-5801. NOTE—Tom Komietani (Tule Lake) and Henry Morizuga, presenters.
Sat. July 25—Program comparing Japanese American and Japanese Canadian internment experiences, 1-3 p.m., Ellis Island Immigration Museum 3rd floor Conference Room. Info: 212/363-5801. NOTE—Tom Komietani, Henry Morizuga, speakers.
Sat. Aug. 22—Program, "Civil Liberties Act of 1988: Ten Years Later," 1-3 p.m., Ellis Island Immigration Museum 3rd floor Conference Room. Info: 212/363-5801. NOTE—Grayce Ueyehara, presenter.
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
Thu. July 26—Philippine Festival performances, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., The Field Museum, Roosevelt Rd. & Lake Shore. Info: 312/922-9410. NOTE—Courtship dances, fencing, paper lantern making.
Through Nov. 29—Exhibits, "Voyage of a Nation, The Philippines," and "Vanishing Treasures of the Philippine Rain Forest," The Field Museum, Roosevelt Rd. & Lake Shore. Info: 312/922-9410.
Fri.-Sun. Aug. 14-16—"Ginza Holiday," Japanese cultural festival, Midwest Buddhist Temple, 435 W. Menomonee. Info: 312/943-7801. NOTE—Outdoor stage program, indoor & outdoor exhibits, food, Edo craft traditions performed by the Waza craftspeople of Japan.

The Northwest

OLYMPIA
Sun. Aug. 1—Bon Odori, hosted by Olympia Chapter JACL, 5 p.m., Water St. at Capitol Lake. Info: Bob Nakamura, 360/413-9873, or Reiko Callner, 360/402-0810.
PORTLAND
Sat. Aug. 1—Obonfest '98, 7 p.m., Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3710 S.E. 34th Ave. & Powell. Info: 503/234-9456. NOTE—Taiko performances, cultural demonstrations, ethnic foods and gifts, children's corner, Obon dances.
SEATTLE
Sat. July 25—Luggage sale, Nisei Veterans Hall, 1212 S. King St. Info: Taryn Uyea, 206/522-4997. NOTE—To help pay for Nikkei Queen's Court goodwill tour to L.A., Hawaii, San Francisco.
Through Sept. 6—Exhibit, "P.I. Made in America: Filipino American Artists in the Pacific Northwest, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S. Info: Evdine Calderon Deiter, 206/623-5124x132.
Through Oct. 18—Exhibit, "Planting Seeds with Alan Lau," Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S. Info: 206/623-5124x114.

Northern Cal

BERKELEY
Thu. July 16—Japan America Society program, "Japan in Ferment: Discovering Traditional Culture Today," 6:30 p.m., Takara Sake Tasting Room, 708 Addison St. RSVP: 415/986-4383. NOTE—Japan travel tips, traditional-style sake tasting.
Sat. July 25—Berkeley Nikkei Singles

Francis. RSVP by August 16: April Goral, 414/482-9427, or Nancy Jonokuchi, 414/672-5544.

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Fri. July 31—Budweiser Brewery & Jelly Belly Factory tour, 12 noon at Jelly Belly. RSVP ASAP: Jane Ogawa, 501/299-1161. NOTE—Bento lunch at Jelly Belly.

SAN MATEO
Sat. July 18—Community Potluck/Dinner Fundraiser, 5-8 p.m., 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas. Info, raffle tickets, 650/343-2793. NOTE—Meet the 1988 Tomodachi & San Mateo JACL Scholarship winners; raffle drawing at 7:30 p.m.

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Sat. Aug. 15—21st Annual Daruma Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saratoga Lanes Bowling Center across from Westgate Mall, San Jose. Info: 408/296-8030.

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.

dance, 7-11:30 p.m., Ken Nakaoka Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena. Info: 213/935-8648. NOTE—Come early for dance lesson.

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Through Aug. 10—Exhibit, "Nirvana" by Mariko Mori, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, 5905 Wilshire Blvd. Info: 213/857-6000.

Sat. Aug. 15—Coronation Ball, Bonaventure Hotel, Info: Diane Tanaka, 213/934-0712.

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 15 & 16—1988 L.A. ToFu Festival, Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/473-1600, 213/628-2725. NOTE—Entertainment, health information & screening, recipes and samples, cooking demos, giveaway items.

Mon. Aug. 17—Nisei Week Scholarship Awards Dinner, New Otani Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles St., Little Tokyo. RSVP: 213/253-9221

(R) Fri.-Sun., Oct. 16-18—Jerome Relocation Reunion, bus to Doubletree Hotel in Fresno, boarding at 10 a.m., New Gardena Hotel, 1641 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena. RSVP for bus by Aug. 15: Sam Mibu, 618/532-9730, Bob Nakashima, 714/638-8889, Miyo Kawamura, 714/961-1249; New Gardena Hotel, 310/327-5757, parking \$2/night.

Arizona-Nevada

LAUGHIN
Sat.-Sat., Aug. 1-8—International UFO Congress summer seminar. Info: http://ufocongress.com/ NOTE—Theme, "Learning about Man's Place in the Cosmos," speaker Wado Kosaka, of Japan, researcher of "Takenuchi Documents."

LAS VEGAS
Sun.-Thu., Oct. 18-22—100/442/MIS 139th Engineers' post memorial celebration, "California Hotel. Info: Ben Tagami, 310/327-4193. NOTE—to follow Go For Broke monument dedication Oct. 17 in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

RENO
(R) Fri.-Sun., Sept. 11-13, Heart Mountain Class of '48 Reunion, Flamingo Hilton. Info: Alice Yamane, chairperson, 780 Santa Rita Ave., Los Altos, CA 94022.

Correction:

The Very truly Yours column in the July 3-16 should have placed the '92 convention in Denver and that of '94 in Salt Lake City.

JACL Legacy Grant deadline extended

The JACL Legacy Grant deadline has been extended to Friday, July 24. The Legacy Grant program was developed as a way to encourage JACL chapters to develop programs on a local level. Past programs include leadership development conferences, oral histories projects, and educational workshops, films and videos. This year there is nearly \$23,000 available, an increase from the previous year. For more information and applications, please contact Karen Yoshitomi at the Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 206/623-5088.

Holiday Issue

kits are coming

The Pacific Citizen is requesting that all chapters to call the office and submit the name of the person that holiday issue kits should be mailed to. Please call 800/966-6157.

Suzanne Itami of Utah wins Min Yasui Oratorical Contest

The winner of this year's Min Yasui Oratorical Contest, sponsored by United Parcel Service and Northwest Airlines, was Suzanne Itami. A member and co-

campaign finance scandal. Watanabe is an 18-year-old student at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., and is currently the chair of the Asian American



(from l-r) Hiromi Ueha, national youth council chair, Natsuhiko Watanabe, Michi Tsuda, Erin Inouye, Northwest Airlines representative, and Suzanne Itami.

youth representative of the Salt Lake City Chapter, Itami is a 16-year-old aspiring lawyer. The topic of her speech was the year 2000 census and its possible effects on the multicultural community. She received two round-trip air tickets to Japan.

The second-place winner was Nathan Watanabe, who spoke on the media's portrayal of Asian Americans in light of the recent

Student Association there. He was awarded two round-trip domestic air tickets.

Other participants included Erin Inouye, a 19-year-old Yonsei member, and Michi Tsuda, a 16-year-old junior at Kent Denver School in Englewood, Colo. All participants received certificates and cash prizes. ■

JA of the Biennium Awards

Every two years, three JA of the Biennium Awards are given out in the areas of business/industry/technology, education/humanities, and sports/all other fields. The JA of the Biennium Awards are given to those who have contributed more than a decade to public service.

This year's JA of the Biennium in the area of business/industry/technology is Shigeki "Shake" Ushio. An insurance agent for more than 38 years, he has been an active member of the South Cottonwood Community Council, a board member of the Mt. Olympus Chapter, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and a director of the board of the National JACL Credit Union, which he helped to found.

Ushio is a past member of the Topex Commemorative Committee and the Utah Endowment for the Humanities, and was chairman of the JACL national conventions in Salt Lake City during 1948 and 1978.

In the area of education/humanities, the JA of the Biennium was awarded posthumously to Aki Kurose, who passed away earlier this year. A teacher for more than 23 years, Kurose in 1997 was honored as a first citizen of Seattle by Mayor Norm Rice, who issued a proclamation declaring January "Aki Kurose Month."

A winner of a number of awards, Kurose has been honored twice with the Washington Teacher of the Year award, was one of the first re-

cipients of the Excellence in Teaching award given to ten outstanding educators in the nation, and received the Presidential Award from both Presidents Reagan and Bush.

For more than fifty years Kurose volunteered her time with such organizations as the American Friends Service Committee, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Fellowship of Reconciliation and various community groups. ■

Peter Westbrook is the recipient of the JA of the Biennium Award in the area of sports/all other fields. Westbrook is considered to be the greatest American fencer of the 20th century and is the first African American sabre champion. He is of mixed ancestry, born to a Japanese mother and African American father. It is his mother whom he credits as playing a prominent role in his upbringing.

Westbrook has devoted much of his time to helping youth, and in 1991 he founded the Peter Westbrook Foundation. Through this organization he is helping youth, especially inner-city youth, achieve and reach their life goals.

Westbrook holds 13 U.S. National Sabre Championships and has competed in both the Pan American Games and the Olympic Games six times. He holds both an Olympic gold individual medal and a silver team medal from the Los Angeles Olympics. He also has a number of gold and silver medals from the Pan American Games. ■

Allan Hida awarded JACler of the Biennium at the national convention's Awards Luncheon

The awards luncheon, held during the national JACL's biennial convention in Philadelphia from June 30-July 5 and sponsored by GTE, handed out several awards, including:

- **JACler of the Biennium:** Allan Hida, Wisconsin Chapter

Allan Hida was awarded the JACler of the Biennium award for his volunteer work to incorporate JACL's Curriculum and Resource Guide: A Lesson in American History, the Japanese American Experience, into Wisconsin's Social Studies Program. He is the Wisconsin JACL Education Chair and has also served as chapter president, district governor, and on the Wisconsin Governor's Council on Asian Affairs.

- **Edison Uno Memorial Civil Rights Award:** Susan Fay Strauss

Susan Fay Strauss is credited with persuading the Washington State Democratic Party to create an Asian American Caucus. She also demanded that the State's Democratic Party apologize for their retaliatory actions towards Spokane's Asian Americans. She filed a lawsuit against the party with the support of the Spokane JACL.

- **George Inagaki Chapter of**

- the Biennium Award: SELANOCO Chapter

The SELANOCO Chapter was awarded the George Inagaki Award for their outstanding development of leadership, especially among the youth. Currently there are three SELANOCO Chapter members serving on the national board. The chapter has also adopted successful student programs with two universities.

- **Redress Recognition Award - Public Staff:** Glenn Roberts

Glenn Roberts was a member of former congressman Norman Mineta's staff during the Redress Movement of the '80s. Much of the 1988 Civil Liberties Act was written by Roberts, including many of the most moving portions.

"If you're really lucky you get to work on a project like redress," said Roberts as he accepted the award. "You honor me by giving me this award ... to making history right."

- **Mike Masaoka Congressional**

- al Fellowship Award

a) Andrew Daisuke Stewart is a political science graduate from the University of Pennsylvania who will work with Congressman Bob Matsui in the fall.

b) Christina Nagao, an English graduate from UC Berkeley, will be in Congresswoman Patsy



Allan Hida accepts his JACler of the Biennium award at the national convention's Awards Luncheon.

Mink's office this fall.

- **Establishment of Internships**

a) The Grayce and Hiroshi Ueyahara Washington D.C. Internship is a 10-week summer internship program with an annual stipend of \$3,000.

b) The Harry Honda Internship is a summer internship program at the Pacific Citizen newspaper with a stipend of \$2,500. ■

A dialogue with past JACL national presidents

During the JACL's biennial convention in Philadelphia, a distinguished panel of past presidents gave their take on the future of the organization. Following are some of their thoughts

- "Youth and young people's involvement in [JACL], in my opinion, is critical."

Hank Tanaka (1972-74)

- "Since we're the oldest Asian organization in the country we're in a position to show leadership and help other Asian American groups."

Pat Okura (1962-64)

- "You can't superimpose a program on youth. Youth have to come up with it."

Pat Okura (1962-64)

- On the same-sex resolution that JACL passed during her tenure as national president: "I found it was a civil rights issue."

Lillian Kimura (1992-94)

- "We need to mandate travel and a budget for the national director"



A DISTINGUISHED PANEL (from l-r): Hank Tanaka, Helen Kawagoe, Cressy Nakagawa, Lillian Kimura, Pat Okura, Denny Yasuhara, Raymond Uno.

- ... get them to go around the country."

Denny Yasuhara (1994-96)

- On youth issues: "At the time, the liberal and conservative factions were in major conflict."

Raymond Uno (1970-72)

- "The past two years have shown we've come a long way. We feel

JACL is going in the right direction ... and we will continue to grow."

Helen Kawagoe (1996-present)

- On coalition building: "We alone aren't a block to be contended with, but together we can have a strong voice."

Helen Kawagoe (1996-present)

Ruby pin award recipients



Takahashi

Sakamoto



Hashimoto

Taniguchi

A HIGH HONOR —

The Ruby Pin, the highest honor bestowed by the JACL, is awarded to individuals who have given years of service to the organization.

At this year's biennial national convention in Philadelphia, Ruby Pins were awarded to Mae Takahashi, Clovis Chapter; Frank Sakamoto, Mile-Hi Chapter; Ruth Hashimoto, New Mexico Chapter; and Izumi Taniguchi, Fresno Chapter. ■

HIF honored at Youth Luncheon



YOUTH LUNCHEON — Rabbi Ed Rettig, Deputy Director, Jewish Communal Affairs, American Jewish Committee, gave the keynote address at the National Youth/Student Council Youth Luncheon held during the national JACL's biennial convention in Philadelphia. This year's winner of the Vision Award was Hapa Issues Forum, a national nonprofit organization working to give a voice to mixed-race Asian Americans. Accepting the award on behalf of HIF were board members Greg Mayeda and Sheila Chung (far left). Also pictured are Deirdre Howard (second from left), JACL Administrative Assistant and HIF board member, and national youth officers Hiromi Ueha (second from right) and Nicole Inouye.

Philadelphia convention resolutions

Resolution 1: Recognition of Chiune Sugihara

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the national council of the JACL to support efforts to recognize and honor Chiune Sugihara for his act of heroism and to remove any dishonor caused by his insubordination.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the national officers report the results or progress of this resolution at the year 2000 national convention of the JACL. -Approved.

Resolution 2: United Nations

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the national council of the JACL, that we support the aims, purposes and accomplishments of the United Nations and deem it vital to the national interest of the United States and all other states in the world, that it be able to function effectively.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: We are convinced that all member states must comply with the U.N. charter as a supreme treaty obligation. Therefore, we strongly urge Congress to immediately authorize and allocate payment of the back dues owed by the United States to the United Nations. -Approved.

Resolution 3: Bill Lann Lee nomination

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the national council of the JACL: We commend President Clinton for appointing Bill Lann Lee as acting assistant attorney general for civil rights and urge him to continue to press the Senate to allow his confirmation to the post on a permanent basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: We urge all members of the U.S. Senate, particularly members of the judiciary committee, to allow a vote by the full Senate on Bill Lann Lee's nomination promptly and to support his nomination. -Approved.

Resolution 4: Affirmative action in Washington state

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the national council of the JACL as part of their strong opposition to the "Washington State Civil Rights Initiative 200" designate an additional \$20,000 for the purpose of education to preserve affirmative action in Washington state. -Approved.

Resolution 5: Affirmative action

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED by the national council of the JACL to support the Equal Educational Opportunity Initiative scheduled for the November 2000 ballot that states:

In order to provide equal opportunity, promote diversity, and combat discrimination in public education, the state may consider the economic background, race, sex, ethnicity and national origin of qualified individuals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the national JACL work with the chapters to develop strategies to support the initiative, ranging from signature collecting, financial support, public education, and other activities. -Approved

Resolution 6: Opposition to the religious freedom amendment, HJ 78

A resolution of the national council of the JACL relating to opposition to the religious freedom amendment; HJ 78

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the national council of the JACL, actively op-

poses all efforts to pass the Religious Freedom Amendment, HJ 78; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the JACL through its staff, particularly the Washington, D.C. office and its network of district councils and chapters will advocate, monitor and report on Congressional activity related to the Religious Freedom Amendment, HJ 78; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the JACL will join with and solicit the support of other organizations to oppose the Religious Freedom Amendment, HJ 78; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the JACL will educate their membership to the issues raised by the Religious Freedom Amendment, HJ 78, through the *Pacific Citizen*, chapter newsletters and other vehicles of communication at the disposal of the district councils and chapters. -Approved.

Emergency Resolution 1: Chapter rebates

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the national council of the JACL that the national JACL rebate to each chapter, \$10 for each new national memberships (single, couple, thousand club, and century club only) the chapter signs up between January 1, 1999, and December 31, 1999. The definition of a new member being anyone who has not been a member of national JACL, since December 31, 1996.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this special rebate be given at the same time as the regular chapter rebate is sent. -Approved.

Emergency Resolution 4: Equitable chapter treatment and member rights, privileges, and benefits

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the national council of the JACL that the national board appoint a committee consisting of one or more representatives from the national board and the Japan chapter, and such other person or persons as the national board shall deem necessary and appropriate, whose purposes shall be to:

- (1) study the possible elimination or reduction of the mailing assessment fee for receiving the *Pacific Citizen* currently imposed upon Japan chapter members, in light of the circumstances described in the premises above;
- (2) develop methods for ensuring timely delivery of the *Pacific Citizen* to members of the Japan chapter in light of the circumstances described in the premises above; and
- (3) take all action as the committee may deem necessary or appropriate in connection with the foregoing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this committee shall be appointed by the national board no later than September 1, 1998, and that this committee shall conclude its activities and submit its report and recommendations to the national board concerning the foregoing no later than December 1, 1998, to ensure timely attention to this situation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, following due deliberation concerning the report and recommendations of the aforementioned committee, the national board shall be and hereby is empowered to take such actions as it deems necessary or appropriate to implement and effectuate the report and recommendations of such committee. -Approved.

Emergency Resolution 7: Ethnic studies

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the national council of the JACL, that the JACL urges our universities to support its ethnic studies or Asian American studies department by maintaining or creating full-time tenured positions with specialty on Japanese American culture history, heritage, and other related interests;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the national council of the JACL unanimously supports the continuation of ethnic studies in the public education system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the national council of the JACL encourages all districts and chapters to communicate their concerns regarding this issue to the officials and affiliated organizations as mentioned within this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the national president, on behalf of the national council of the JACL, shall request the appropriate government agency to investigate whether the abolishment of ethnic studies violates federal civil rights laws resulting in the loss of federal funding to public education systems; and report to the national JACL board at its last board meeting of the calendar year 1998;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, copies of this resolution be sent to the president of applicable universities, the regents of applicable universities, and the deans of applicable colleges, including the University of Hawaii at Manoa. -Approved.

Emergency Resolution 8: Civil rights activism

A resolution of the national council of the JACL relating to the promotion and broad exercise of civil rights activism

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the national council of the JACL: that we shall promote and broadly exercise civil rights activism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that all chapters and

district councils take an active role in the promotion of civil rights issues relating to or leading to the elimination of discrimination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that every member of the JACL consider actively responding to issues of discrimination arising in the local media, community, or state through appropriate means, to and including editorials, letters, press releases, press conferences, and memorandums.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the budget shall reflect the JACL's commitment to public education and public advocacy of civil rights issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the budget be allocated in a manner consistent with fulfilling those recommendations forwarded by the Strategic Policy Planning Task Force. -Approved.

Emergency Resolution 11: Finance

A resolution of the national council of the JACL relating to the projected revenues in the proposed 1999-2000 JACL budget, protecting the organization's assets, and preserving its tax exempt status

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the national council direct the national board and staff, as a matter of policy, to continually examine all feasible alternatives for protecting the organization's assets, while at the same time preserving its tax exempt status.

Emergency Resolution 12: Obachine restaurant

A resolution of the national council of the JACL to boycott all Wolfgang Puck restaurants, products, and specifically Obachine

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the national council, districts and chapters of the JACL boycott all Obachine and Wolfgang Puck Restaurants and products until such time that the poster is removed from Obachine;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the national JACL and local chapters inform and publicize

such action in the *Pacific Citizen* and in communities where Lazaroff and Puck operate businesses or market their products;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the national JACL write a letter to Lazaroff and Puck of our action;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the national JACL encourage other civil rights organizations to take similar action. -Approved. ■

Amendment to JACL By-Law

Article XIV. Budget and Finance

Section 1. Current Operations:

a. The national secretary/treasurer together with the president and national director shall prepare and present to the national council for approval a budget which shall contain all items of general or special expense for the period in question.

1. Said budget shall be presented to all district councils and chapters not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date it is to be voted upon by the national council.

2. An appropriation of \$5,000 or more not so submitted shall require the approval of three-fourths of the chapters voting at the national council session.

3. The national budget may be amended by the national board after its adoption by the national council only if additional funds become available through other sources, including but not limited to grants and donations, not originally anticipated at the time of the adoption of the national budget. -Approved. ■

JACL's Program for Action, 1998-2000

I. JACL protects civil and human rights for all Americans.

Consistent with this vision, the JACL will:

A. Work to eliminate stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination based upon race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, physical disability, age and/or sexual orientation.

B. Develop a national strategy for countering anti-affirmative action legislative initiatives and work at the national, district and chapter levels to vigorously oppose such initiatives.

C. Promote an understanding and appreciation of the unique experiences and contributions of Japanese Americans, including their World War II evacuation, internment, and subsequent successful redress campaign.

D. Advocate for revised census procedures such as statistical sampling, that will ensure a more accurate representation of urban and rural populations and of multicultural individuals.

E. Advocate for a census data tabulation method that allows multicultural individuals of the community to be recognized as full members of the Japanese American community without negatively impacting overall civil rights objectives.

F. Promote fair and accurate portrayals of Japanese Ameri-

cans and all ethnic/racial groups in the media. Toward this end, JACL will monitor effects of the campaign finance controversies on the Asian Pacific American community, especially as it affects their participation in political processes.

G. Pursue other civil and human rights initiatives as determined by the national board and national director.

II. JACL develops future leaders for social and political change.

Consistent with this vision, the JACL will:

A. Develop membership recruiting campaigns aimed at youth, students, young adults, multicultural individuals and their multicultural families.

B. Provide and develop educational programs for youth, students, young adults, multicultural individuals and their multicultural families related to civil rights, cultural preservation and leadership development.

C. Recognize the importance of developing its future generations of leaders by encouraging the participation of students and young adults interested in its mission and by encouraging mentorship opportunities.

D. Develop or support programs that will help enable its

current and future leaders to become effective agents for desirable social change.

E. Pursue other youth and political empowerment initiatives as determined by the national youth/student council, national board and national director.

III. JACL preserves the cultural heritage of Japanese Americans.

Consistent with this vision, the JACL will:

A. Promote knowledge about the Japanese American community's history and culture in an effort to help individuals develop a sense of identity and promote an understanding and appreciation of the rich diversity that can strengthen American society.

B. Support and advocate the establishment, perpetuation, and enrichment in educational institutions' curricula promoting and preserving the history and heritage of Japanese Americans and Asian Pacific Islanders.

C. Preserve and defend the availability of public education funding and scholarships for students in multicultural studies programs.

D. Pursue other cultural initiatives as determined by the national board and the national director. ■

A celebration of redress at the Philadelphia national convention

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can Friends Service Committee, the only organization to oppose the internment of JAs during WWII, and the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, a group that helped thousands of JA students further their education during the war.

There were many individuals who took part in the struggle to win reparations, said Mineta, but the true heroes are those JAs who had the courage to tell their stories of internment during the cross-country hearings held by the Commission of Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. The heroes are "those JAs from all walks of life throughout the country who spoke at the hearings to bring the matter to everyone's attention. To claim the justice promised by our constitution."

For many in the JA community, said Representative Matsui, the discussion on redress has often focused on the issue of who should get credit for the historic movement. Should it be the 442nd regimental combat team? The No-No Boys? Or should it be the JACL? But who or which groups did the most for redress is not nearly as significant as the historic act of the U.S. government apologizing for a wrong committed against its citizens. "[The question] diminishes the historic passage of the [redress] legislation," said Matsui. The fact is "many groups played a significant role. It was one of the few times our government apologized for a wrong committed against its people."

Many of the JACLers attending the Sanyo Banquet were touched by the presence of former speaker Wright, the lead signer of the historic Civil Liberties Act. During the 1980s Wright, congressman from Texas, was the

Democratic majority leader in the House of Representatives and immediately agreed to support the Act when approached by the various JA legislators.

"There are so many others who deserve this more than I," said Wright humbly as he was honored by the JACL. "They did the legwork," he said, as he gave credit to Matsui, Mineta, Inouye, and Matsunaga. "All I did was join as a co-sponsor."

"While a member of the U.S. Air Force during the 1940s I knew even then that it was constitutionally wrong to incarcerate U.S. citizens on only their ancestry," said Wright, the Civil Liberties Act was "morally right."

Recent developments

Even as many turned their thoughts towards the past during the five-day national JACL convention, equally as frequent were the discussions on the recent redress developments and on future issues for the JA community.

The most recent chapter in the history of redress was the settlement of the Japanese Latin American former internees' lawsuit against the U.S. government. The settlement provides an apology and \$5,000 payment for every living JLA or their closest relative who suffered through the indignities of being kidnapped and forced into American concentration camps during WWII — much less than the nominal \$20,000 received by many JAs since the signing of the Civil Liberties Act. Many former JLA internees have expressed their disappointment with the low amount but acknowledge that the apology is what is most significant.

"The question had always been there about the amount [of

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Redress history project aims to tell JACL story

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the LEC in the '80s to be its lobbying arm in the fight to win redress and is separately incorporated. Addressing the concerns of the national council, "LEC" was stricken from the title of the project and it will now be called the "JACL Redress History Project."

In the 1998 budget, an allocation of \$10,000 for the initial phase of the redress history project was approved by the national council. In the 1999 and 2000 year budgets \$156,108 and \$156,926 are allocated under the grants and fundraising sections of the budget respectively. But in order for the redress history project to work, the funds in the 1999 and 2000 budgets will need to be raised through grants and various other fundraising efforts.

Although the funds allocated to the project in the 1998 budget were easily approved, various members of the national council proposed motions to remove either part or all of the monies allocated to the project in the 1999 and 2000 year budgets.

"There are a lot of important projects and this is one of them. But we have a fiduciary responsibility," said Bill Kaneko of the Honolulu Chapter. "There's a lot of advocacy work also." Kaneko commented that there was not enough information provided to the national council to make a decision on such a costly project. Information such as a specific timeline for the project, the various processes that would be involved, and a detailed outline of the outcomes of the project are needed, he commented.

Because of these concerns Kaneko proposed that the amount allocated to the history project be limited to the funds already approved in the 1998 budget. If enough money can be raised using these funds, then the redress history project would be implemented. Kaneko also suggested putting a cap on the amount that is to be spent on the project. His motion was voted down by a close vote of 43 to 32.

Al Muratsuchi of the South Bay Chapter, agreeing with Kaneko, said that although writing JACL's redress story was important, the amount allocated for the project was simply too excessive. "It's important to document [our] role in redress history. However ... there's not enough detail to the project." Muratsuchi proposed a motion to remove the amount allocated to the project from the 2000 year budget but the motion was defeated.

A motion put forward by Mikko Sawamura of the Sacramento Chapter to remove the project from the 1999-2000 budgets also failed to win national council approval.

So after a great deal of back-and-forth debate, the 1998 and 1999-2000 budgets were passed by the national council, giving approval to the monies allocated to the redress history project.

In addition to the budgetary concerns, Neal Taniguchi of the Berkeley Chapter reminded the national council that past publishing ventures taken on by the JACL have largely been failures. He cited the book, *JACL in Quest for Justice*, written by Bill Hosokawa, as an example in which JACL was unable to break even on the project.

Pat Orr of the Marin County Chapter also voiced her concerns that the JACL redress history project will be redundant. Currently, a number of books on redress are being written that plan to include a portion on JACL's role in redress. She cited the work of Professors Harry Kitano and Mitch Maki of UCLA as an example.

The important question is not whether to do the project but how and how much money, said Prof. Maki, a vice president of the East Los Angeles Chapter, who has been consulting with the redress history project committee. "I think it's very important to tell JACL's story." But, he acknowledged, "It is a very expensive project."

Maki believes that the cost of the project can be substantially reduced by using currently available resources. "We don't need to re-invent the wheel," he said.

What we have to think about, said Maki, is "How to make a commitment to tell the entire story of redress. I believe strongly that the JACL's role in redress should be the focus of the project, not the role of the LEC only."

"We can preserve the legacy of redress with this project." ■

July 1 Nat'l Board Meeting Motions

1. **MOTION:** To extend Tateishi's contract through the settlement of the Japanese Latin American suit (on a month to month basis, \$5,000 per month), pending review by the Finance Committee. Fujimoto/Uno - Carried.

2. **MOTION:** To recognize the commitment and professionalism of the members of the Education Committee (Carol Kawamoto, Greg Marutani, Izumi Taniguchi, Danny Teraguchi, Sharon Ishii-Jordan, Elaine Akagi, Teresa Maebori, David Hayashi) in their efforts to promote the awareness of the Japanese American internment experience. Hayashi/Fujimoto - Carried.

3. **MOTION:** To approve the recommendation for a National Strategic Policy Planning Task Force. Committee should include representatives from all districts, possibly the Governors themselves. Hayashi/Shiba - Carried.

4. **MOTION:** To accept the Financial Report for 1998 (through May 31), previously sent in Board packet. Uno/Kutsuma - Carried.

5. **MOTION:** To receive and file the Audit Committee Report. Kutsuma/Matsunami - Carried.

6. **MOTION:** To move into Executive Session. Hayashi/Kutsuma - Carried.

7. **MOTION:** To accept and file

the report by Cressy Nakagawa. Kutsuma/Shiba - Carried.

8. **MOTION:** To support the emergency resolution as revised. Kometsani/Hayashi - No: Fujimoto, Shiba, Okimoto, Mayeda; Abstained: Grant.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the JACL affirms its support to make the redress history project a priority project for the next three years; and

That the JACL's projected support revenues and expenses for the Redress History Project be reduced by \$30,000 for 1999 and another \$30,000 for 2000; and

That the JACL re-allocate \$10,000 from the balance of the 1998 budget to begin the project in 1998.

9. **MOTION:** To accept the revisions to the National JACL pin guidelines. Kawamoto/Hayashi - Carried.

10. **MOTION:** To ratify the selection of Caroline Aoyagi as P.C. Executive Officer. Takahashi/Uno - Carried.

11. **MOTION:** To accept revised agenda of National Convention. Hayashi/Akagi - Carried.

12. **MOTIONS:** To have a new deadline for emergency resolutions moved from July 1 to noon Thursday. Uno/Hayashi - Carried. ■

July 5 Nat'l Board Meeting Motions

1. **MOTION:** To begin discussion regarding the disposition of the LEC. Kometsani - Carried.

2. **MOTION:** To postpone the discussion on the LEC. Fujimoto/Kawamoto - Carried.

3. **MOTION:** To confirm Gil Asakawa as the MPDC representative on the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board. Kutsuma/Kawamoto - Carried.

4. **MOTION:** To thank Emily Kutsuma for her service on the Board. Hayashi/Shiba - Carried.

5. **MOTION:** To issue a proclamation extending appreciation to the mayor, Brian O'Neal, Maryann Thiel, Gus Baxter, Alexander Talmadge and relevant others who assisted with the convention and to direct Herb Yamanishi to carry this out. Owada/Gardner - Carried.

6. **MOTION:** To recommend

Floyd Mori to the president as a candidate for the position of vice president of general operations. Kometsani/Grant - Carried; Abstained: Inouye, Mayeda.

7. **MOTION:** To thank the Philadelphia chapter, the Eastern District Council, national staff, P.C. staff and the convention interns by courtesy resolution for their work on the 1998 convention. Grant/Hayashi - Carried.

8. **MOTION:** To confirm Michael Yamashita as Legal Counsel and Geri Shida as deputy Legal Counsel. Hayashi/Grant - Carried.

9. **MOTION:** To contribute \$2,500 to sponsor an event in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the ten-year anniversary of redress. Kometsani/Hayashi - Carried.

10. **MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Owada/Fujimoto - Carried. ■

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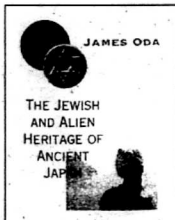
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From the desk of author James Oda



It is stated in my book (pg. 36) that excavation has been conducted by different groups for the past 100 years or so for King Solomon's treasures or Moses's Ark of the Covenant said to be buried in the interior of Mt. Tsurugi in Shikoku. It is even speculated that the whole mountain of Tsurugi, 1955 meters high, might have been man-made.

Hiroshi Osugi recently published a book titled 'Tennoko no Daihimitsu Seisaku, or Shocking Deception by the Imperial Family' in which he elaborated a theory that the Lost Tribe first came to Shikoku and established a small kingdom on the plateau surrounding Mt. Tsurugi and gradually expanded its sphere of influence to Awaji-shima, then to the western part of Honshu and finally to the central part of Japan.

Emperor Temmu (673-689) who was often annoyed by remarks by the indigenous people that his imperial ancestors are aborigines from remote mountains, promulgated a drastic decree to prohibit any mention of the imperial family's past in Shikoku, thus opening the way for a newly devised mythological history filled with omissions and fabrications.

Hiroshi Osugi is supported by another well known historian Masami Uno. Uno once expressed his bias against Jews, but now he seems to be on the bandwagon for the Lost Tribe. The title of his latest book is 'Coming of Jewish Kingdom in Japan.'

What is the implication here? Is Japan's emperor, destined to play a

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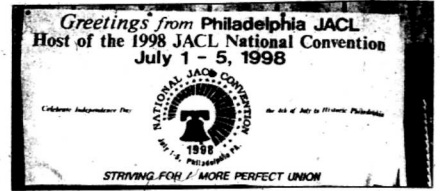


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Attendees do their morning stretch

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Getting down with the famous Mummies



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Helen Kawagoe and her goslings



"Are the rainbow sprinkles back there?"

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Mike Honda (center) poses with JACLers at the awards luncheon



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JACLers feast on sushi at the Balch Institute



Lily and Pat Okura



Dr. Jim Taguchi, Grayce Uyehara, Bob Bratt, Clarence



Helen Kawagoe and Mae Takahashi



Youth Rep. Kei Nagao (left) mingles with convention interns



JACLers register and receive their free bag of goodies



The Mummies perform at the welcome mixer



Rick Uno, Lori Fujimoto, and Emilie Kutsuma



Delegates cast their vote at a national council session



JACLers pose at the Philadelphia homecoming reunion luncheon



MIXED MESSAGES

By Mika Tanner

Mentors, where can you be?

A friend of mine recently told me that I found to be very alarming. Young, talented, and accomplished, this friend was put into a leadership position well within her range of capabilities. It was an exciting prospect for her, and not only was she grateful for the opportunity, but she was determined to do great things.

Unfortunately for my friend, the group of old-timers she had recently replaced were more than upset by this "drastic change." In their eyes, young people — especially young women — did not know what they were doing, not only did they not have the experience, they did not have the wisdom to do the job the way it needed to be done. So, rather than become mentors to her, teaching her what they knew about the business so the transition would be made easier for everyone, it seemed they decided to make life as difficult as possible for this young person impertinent enough to think she could be a success.

This is a sad story for a number of reasons, but primarily because it is one that I have heard many times within the JA community. As we all know, the community is also undergoing drastic change, and many of the old leaders are having to pass along, or at least share, the torch with a younger generation. It's something that is discussed and everyone agrees needs to be done, but when it comes to actually taking action, many old-timers are found clucking that torch with a white-knuckled iron grip.

Many times I have heard comments about how "young people aren't doing their share" or how youth are letting JA traditions and customs fall by the wayside. There are many, though not all, older folks who see youth as delinquent, inept and uninspired.

Everyone is entitled to their

opinion, of course. But I find it strange that given their keen insight, these older folks — largely Nisei — don't find a more constructive way to use it by mentoring these people they have the time to *monku* so much about. Not only would they be providing them with a connection to the past, but by participating in their growth and training, they can be assured that respect for the old ways are valued, that things will be done competently, and they themselves can feel a part of the community's future.

Instead, what I see happening quite often is that older people do not respect the perspective that young JAs have to offer, and demonstrate this resentment by taking an "us versus them" stance. This, more often than not, puts young people on the defensive, making them resentful of the old-timers and discouraging them from listening to what real insight they may have to offer.

Observing this, I often wonder what the older folks are trying to accomplish. Is this their way of demonstrating respect? Is it a form of "fraternity-like" hazing? Is it just a sign of bruised egos and not wanting to let go? Or are they hoping that the young person in question will get so distraught that they will quit, leaving the old-timers to nod their heads at the folly of youth and stay in action for a little while longer?

Meanwhile, young people are left completely disillusioned about that warm, fuzzy "community feeling," decide that working in mainstream is a hundred times easier, and leave for greener, more supportive pastures. I'm not ruling out the fact that young people are capable of being insensitive to themselves, and that an ongoing dialogue needs to take place between the generations. And of course I know that as a young person in the community, it is important to realize the contributions and sacrifices made by previous generations of

JAs. Hopefully anybody who wants to work in the community will pay tribute to the achievements of these people.

Before I get too many people mad at me, I have to say that there have been a number of Nisei who have given me invaluable help and support, and they are one of the reasons that I continue to be active in the community.

Some might say that no matter where you go, you will have to do battle with people, play the politics and negotiate the land mines. In fact even more so if you choose to work outside the community and in the mainstream world. That may be true, of course, but the purpose of a community, at least according to all the self-proclaimed rhetoric, is to have something different from that; a home where we can all participate and feel welcome.

I understand how change can be frightening or even threatening, and how it is a scary leap of faith to entrust a way of life to a new generation. And yet it must be recognized that change is inevitable, even the JA community and culture that the Nisei created and cherished is vastly different from that which was familiar to their Issei parents. What the Issei handed down to them was altered and adapted, and in turn owned and strengthened. And would Nisei say that was a bad thing?

So, the value of *kodomo no tame ni*, which is such a foundation stone for JA culture, is in need of some revisiting. Young people still need support and advice, and the involvement of previous generations who will mentor them in their growth is essential. As for my friend, you can bet she's going to grit her teeth and hang in there — young people know about *gamban* and *gambatte* too, you know. ■

Mika Tanner is a board member of Hapa Issues Forum.



From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver honors Min Yasui

NOT long ago the city and county of Denver acquired a 17-story building adjacent to City Hall and across the street from the U.S. mint to house the overflow of municipal offices.

Earlier this month, in his State of the City speech, Mayor Wellington Webb announced this extension of City Hall would be known as the Minoru Yasui Building in recognition of Yasui's contributions to Denver and the nation. These have been considerable.

Mayor Webb spent a substantial part of his speech talking about Yasui's deeply dedicated efforts on the national scene to win redress for Japanese American victims of wartime imprisonment. He noted that Yasui died in 1986, two years before Congress enacted the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Min's widow, True, was on the platform for the mayor's announcement which was roundly applauded.

Japanese Americans are, or should be, familiar with Yasui's story. Early in 1942, when the federal government ordered a curfew affecting all West Coast "Japanese," Yasui announced to the authorities that he would violate the order as a matter of principle and conscience. Instead of taking a false name and identity and going into hiding, he went to the police and asked to be arrested so that he could go to court and test the constitutionality of the curfew order affecting only persons of Japanese ancestry.

Of the three Nisei who were involved in the Supreme Court cases involving the legality of the Evacuation, Yasui was the only one who was imprisoned for any lengthy period. He spent nine months in solitary confinement in an Oregon county jail where he was allowed to shower and shave only once a month. The experience only stiffened his determination to improve social justice for all. In Denver he became a JACL leader, a founding

member of the Urban League, helped found the Latin American Research and Service Agency (LARASA) and was an adviser in the organization of Denver Native Americans United.

In 1959 he was appointed to the Denver Community Relations Commission. He served eight years, part of the time as chairman. He became the Commission's full-time executive director in 1967 and retired 16 years later. By city council resolution the Minoru Yasui Community Volunteer Award, through which community service is honored with a cash award provided by various businesses, was made official.

Yasui was particularly effective in Denver during the racial strife of the 1970s when angry demonstrators were burning large sections of cities like Los Angeles, Washington and Chicago. I believe that Min, with his contacts and influence in the various ethnic communities, was the one man most responsible for avoiding violence in Denver. "Let's pull together before we pull ourselves apart," he urged.

I do not know that any large public building in a city of Denver's size has been named for a Japanese American. The honor Denver paid Yasui may not be as prestigious as a Presidential Medal of Freedom. But those who respected his dedication, admired his continuing foresight and courage and idealism, and benefited from his tireless efforts know that in this case the recognition is deserved.

Incidentally, the July issue of *Colorado Lawyer*, the official publication of the Colorado Bar Association, profiles Yasui as among "Five of the Greatest" lawyers in Colorado history. The profile was written by Kerry S. Hada and Andrew S. Hamano, Sansei attorneys. ■

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Redress—past, present, and future

(Continued from page 5)

\$5,000), but it was there for the \$20,000 too," said John Tateishi, JACL redress consultant, who has been actively working to settle the remaining redress cases before the Office of Redress Administration closes its doors forever on August 10. "The critical issue was to get [JLAs] included in the CLA."

Still, some JLA former internees have chosen to opt out of the recent settlement in order to continue pursuing a lawsuit for the full amount awarded to JA former internees. Lawyers agree, their fight for justice will be a difficult one. "It makes me sad," said Tateishi, "because those who opt out may not even get an apology. To me an apology is extremely meaningful. Money is meaningful too. But I always felt that the apology is what began the healing process. The money helped get over the hump to deal with the past. I wish them all the best of luck trying to solve this through lawsuits," he said, "but I don't know if they can get better than the settlement."

"It was a good compromise," said Robert Bratt, former director of the ORA, of the JLA settlement. Bratt, who is currently an executive officer of the criminal division at the Department of Justice, was a speaker at the national convention. "We knew it was a difficult situation. In some ways the Peruvians' case was harsher... not to slight any of it. I'm glad to see something was worked out."

Any payment, whether it be

\$20,000 or \$5,000, is not enough for the suffering JAs and JLAs endured during WWII, said Bill Lann Lee, acting assistant attorney general for civil rights and keynote speaker at the national convention. "The end of the [redress] program resolves hard issues," said Lee who described the JLA situation as "heart-breaking and troubling." With the Civil Liberties Act, "Congress brought the interment full circle," he continued. As the August 10 date comes closer, "I hope you feel that it's been a success."

"The experience of JAs in our nation... belongs to everyone. It highlights the struggles of others... of hope and vindication."

Currently, there is no guarantee that every JLA will receive the \$5,000 payments, but Lee and the White House have already agreed to work to extend the Civil Liberties Act if the money runs out. Although the ORA is confident that enough funds exist, we don't feel as confident, said Tateishi. Thus, by mid-July if there is indication that there is not enough money in the Civil Liberties Fund the process of get-

ting more money for the JLAs will be initiated.

"My concern is to make sure that funds are available in a timely, efficient way," said Tateishi, noting that many of the JLAs are elderly. But getting more money isn't going to be



Representative Bob Matsui, Doris Matsui, and Grayce Uyehara

easy, especially considering the current atmosphere in Washington, D.C., where trying to get any money out of Congress is next to impossible. "My concern is that it's going to be extremely difficult."

Future issues - AB 1915

Although the redress program is officially scheduled to finish next month, California State Assemblyman Mike Honda (D-San Jose) has recently presented a bill, AB 1915, whose objective is to continue to educate the Amer-

ican public about the JA internment experience. A speaker at the Philadelphia convention, Honda encouraged JACL members to support the proposed bill.

AB 1915, or the California Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, will set aside \$5 million, or \$1 for every California student in grades K-12, to learn the lessons of the WWII internment. Using

all forms of communication, including the arts, fine arts and mass media, to tell the interment story, AB 1915 is intended to last as long as the legislature is willing to fund it.

"The JA experience is invaluable... for the entire community of this country. Everybody cannot go untouched by our experience," said Honda.

"AB 1915 is not just for Jas, it is for all Americans."

There are still too many Americans who have never heard of the internment story. If the issue of the Japanese Latin American former WWII internees had not been brought before the California Senate, many of the politicians would have never heard of their story, said Honda. And some, even after hearing of their tragedies, refuse to acknowledge that it happened. "[AB 1915] will

mean that we can use the funds to tell stories that haven't been told yet," said Honda. "This kind of lesson never needs to be presented again."

The bill has already passed through the Senate and Assembly and Honda is guarded in his expectations that AB 1915 will win final approval.

He encourages JACL members to call his office for more information and asked Republicans to write Governor Pete Wilson to let him know that they support AB 1915 and to ask for his support.

"If there is anything more important to do, it is to pass this," said Honda. "We have the greatest window of opportunity to extend the methods of outreach and communication through different means. It's the only way to get through to everybody."

In less than 30 days the historic redress movement will become a permanent fixture in American history. For many JAs, August 10 will be a time of reflection, of sadness, and a sense of hope for the future. Although redress will now be referred to in the past tense, the historic movement will always have its place of significance in the JA community and JACL.

"It really is like a sunset, fading into the past," said Tateishi. "It's a psychological milestone for everyone. It's a way of putting the past into perspective."

"I'm happy to see the sunset date come. JAs have started looking towards the future. We're great at dealing with the past but we have to look towards the future. We can play a great role, but we have to decide to do it." ■

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Letters to the Editor

Re: Shin-Issei series

I read the analytical article on Shin-Issei vs. JAs by Mika Tanner (June 19 issue) with deep interest. It has been my quandary for a long time. I am a Shin-Issei who came to Cleveland, Ohio, to attend Case-Western Reserve University graduate school in 1953 and married into a Nisei family upon my graduation in 1955. I am, therefore, intimately connected to the JA community and was, in fact, an officer of the Cleveland JACL chapter at one time.

I appreciate Ms. Tanner's candid description of the strained relationships between JA and Shin-Issei. I would, therefore, like to focus more attention on what we have more in common rather than what we do not have in common. Looking at the larger picture, Asians in the Midwest especially do not have the critical mass to effect the political picture in the large cities. African-Americans and to some extent Latinos, however, have achieved the critical mass in terms of population growth that does effect the political landscape.

I frequently experience this lack of Asian presence when I participate in multicultural events. It is even more apparent when Japanese representation is missing while European and African-American groups are actively participating. It is very important for us to join together especially when popular opinion turns against Japanese as it did during WWII. Or if the trade war turns ugly, all Japanese people in the United States will feel the unpleasant impact. We need to build unity with diversity among anyone who has a Japanese face, a Japanese name or a Japanese related business.

I believe that any organization that cannot focus its sights into the future (with respect to past history), or cannot act inclusively and change to accommodate changing demographics will perish because it loses reason for its existence. JAs need to take a lead and look to the present and to the future. It means to assess the current levels of social participation and cohesiveness of the JAs. What kind of contributions are JAs making in their professional arena or in community services? What kind of obstacles are they currently facing? What kind of privileges are they enjoying? JAs like many other ethnic groups suffer from obstacles to success but also enjoy the ease of upward mobility. It is well and good to dedicate so much space for the obituaries but do we hear about a

realistic study of future predictions based on a careful analysis of the current strength and weakness of the JA?

It is a bit of a problem to lump all kinds of people into one category called Shin-Issei, from war brides to recently arriving workers and their families from large Japanese corporations and universities. There are wide ranges of educational levels, lifestyles, and behavioral patterns within this so-called Shin-Issei. Personally, I believe that many Shin-Issei are looking for an anchor, a safe place in the United States, and the perceived absence of which makes this group stick together ever more tightly, and to cling to a Japanese version e-mail back to Japan rather than feeling confident enough to reach out to the JA community and to the community at large.

I became actively involved in organizing Japan-America Society in Northeast Ohio because I felt it might add one more avenue for Japanese people with diverse backgrounds to share their talents, interests and stories. I am also hoping that we can serve the larger community by educating the general public about Japanese culture by representing the people of Japan and JAs in the United States. I am even hoping that it will be our investment in our future to prevent Japan-bashing if such unfortunate events occur again.

My appreciation goes to Ms. Tanner for making me think more about JAs and Shin-Issei. I hope we can continue with this dialogue.

Yoshiko Noda, LISW
Lakewood, Ohio

The movie *Picture Bride* was considered pretty good but largely shown in art houses.

Obviously, there is a long way to go before AA films get into the mainstream. Ms. Tanner's film review of *hundred percent* had balance and fairness — I hope to see the film when it comes to Philadelphia.

A. H. Nishikawa
Haverford, PA

Thank you Pacific Citizen

This is a fan letter.

Several years ago, I began to receive your publication as a result of becoming a member of JACL. After a couple of years I did not renew membership in JACL but continued as Non-Member to receive your publication.

In reading your paper diligently in my retirement years, I realized you are a forum for the writers and readers. You have run your ad for Editor wanted, from the time I became a subscriber, but I recall only one letter writer's dissatisfaction with the vacuum of strong ideology driven editorship.

Your paper is a mosaic of the differences of opinions/forces within the Nikkei culture. I enjoy the differences as a rare opportunity of who we are insight. I hope intelligent readers pause and reflect on our differences and guard the democracy at work among the Japanese Americans in furthering thoughtful independent expressions.

Kay Shomura
Stockton, Calif

Re: Tanner's review of *hundred percent* fair

I think Ms. Tanner should not worry about being honest in her film review appraisals. Her mea culpa bent over backwards and her review reflected a tone of disappointment rather than a 'lash and burn' approach that one can often find in mainstream film reviews.

Out here in Banana-land (anywhere in U.S. outside of West Coast and Hawaii) we generally are exposed to such highly opinionated reviews (good and bad) of AA activities, let alone film making, that one needs to read these pieces with some detachment.

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Very Truly Yours

A double header: Topaz Camp reunion and Fresno JACL's 75th anniversary

By Harry K. Honda

WHAT WAS, of yore, a Memorial Day weekend (May 29-30-31) happened this time to be a personal double-header, our joining the "last" Topaz Camp reunion in San Jose on Friday and Saturday, then driving on Sunday to Fresno JACL's 75th anniversary party honoring Peggy Sasashima Liggett, P.C. Board chair a decade ago (1986-90).

The Tule Lake reunion in Sacramento was another "last" gathering. And the Poston Camp III committee has announced not the "last," but a "hinh" reunion in Reno next year. The annual Manzanar Pilgrimage, on the other hand, has assumed a life of its own as a National Park Service National Historic Site, that beckons all for a study on Evacuation and life that followed in the ten American-style concentration camps. But Topaz Reunion chair Chuck Kubokawa came up with a "global" perspective with personal accounts about the WWII experiences of Japanese in Canada, Mexico, Peru, Australia and the U.S.

My offering was the forum opener — re: a background of Issei immigrants who had inherited the gloom and racism endured by the Chinese since the Gold Rush days, then an emphasis on the San Francisco school district's ac-

tion to segregate the Japanese students in the fall of 1906. I had some exact numbers:

Of the 25,000 school children, only 93 were persons of Japanese ancestry (Nikkei), [68 (73 percent) were Japanese-born, 25 (27 percent) were U.S.-born] — nowhere near the charge that the Japanese were "crowding out white children." As to the complaint that Japanese students were adults and a harmful influence was false: only two were over age 20, four over 19 and six over 18 for a total of 13 percent. Furthermore, none of the parents of white students had written any protests nor were any Japanese students ever suspected of immoral or disorderly behavior. This bit updates my 1906 entry in the 1996 Holiday Issue "Millennium" (p. B-59), the source being Dr. Moritoshi Fukuda's 1980 book, *Legal Problems of Japanese Americans*.

The Japanese students, instead, ignored the order and were tutored at private schools. The order was rescinded by the Gentlemen's Agreement negotiated between the U.S. and Japan in February 1907. Fukuda also believed that, at this time in history, "it was indeed probable that the United States court system would have approved a 'separate but equal' system of schooling if the case against the San Francisco school board had been continued by the federal government."

In pointing to the big question, "Can it (Evacuation) happen again?" I paraphrased Judge Lance Ito's answer to that question. He had recently posed, "We must first ask: How did it happen?" There was no time (we each had but ten minutes) to recite Issei contributions developing the West and keeping California green. We did note what has changed since 1941 — the record of the WWII Nisei soldier, repeal of the exclusion laws, Issei citizenship, election of Governor Ariyoshi in Hawaii, the Nisei senators and representatives, appointment of judges and of the hundreds of Nisei-Sansei in public life, Redress and reparations.

Dr. Midge Ayukawa of Victoria University, B.C., related the Canadian variations of the Evacuation — 22,000 (instead of U.S.'s 110,000) moved at least 100 miles inland from Vancouver, the men leaving first to build the tent camps or make over interior ghost towns. And what they had placed in government custody for the duration was auctioned off without their knowledge once they were all in camp (April 1942).

The same kind of order had 1,500 Japanese in Baja California and along the U.S. border moving inland by the end of January 1942. Many made a 2,000-mile

trek (covering expenses out of their own pocket!) to Mexico City, recalled Enrique Shibayama, who grew up in Mexicali. The Baja California colony occupied for the duration an abandoned hacienda in Temixco, a town on the main highway between Acapulco and Cuernavaca. The hacienda was returned to the city, embellished with swimming pools, play areas and landscaping. Unlike the anti-Japanese racism that scourged Canada, the United States and Peru, he added, the citizenry of Mexico City welcomed them: "We were not harassed like you were in America and Canada."

Peruvian-born Arturo Shibayama of San Jose, co-plaintiff in the Japanese Latin American "Mochizuki" redress case (which was settled out-of-court June 12), was 13 years old and described his harrowing ordeal aboard the U.S. Army transport ship to New Orleans. The government also revoked Peruvian-born Nisei of their citizenship in 1942. Shibayama's father, a textile importer, was among the initial group of Issei picked up after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Arturo (not related to Enrique) Shibayama was to serve in the Korean conflict to gain his U.S. citizenship.

Australian Sansei from Sydney, Evelyn (Yamashita) Suzuki, then 13, (and who won the prize for having traveled the farthest to the reunion) revealed she was from the Thursday Island, Queensland, Japanese pearl divers colony. They were interned some 2,000 miles away in Tatura, Victoria. Their white Australian employers had pleaded with the

government not to take them away. In 1940, public opinion was increasingly hostile to employers (not the employees) who were most responsible for so many Japanese aliens being in the country.

John Tateishi, national JACL's first redress legislative campaigner, summarized his work in making sure the idea of "redress" was taking hold around the country and in Congress. Looking back to 1988 he said, "We were lucky to get that legislation passed."

As wrap-up, doctoral candidate Karen Kobayashi from Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, described the cultural lives of the Nikkei, our racial identity, and wondered whether we are passing on all we've got from our parents and grandparents.

A NEW FACE and voice (for me) at Fresno was the dinner emcee, Stan Morita, public affairs producer with KJEO-TV (47), the CBS-affiliate. Our brief chat included names of people we knew in common — Frank Kwan, for instance, who used to host and produce the local KNBC (4) program in the early days of Asian American community on the air in the mid-70s. Other names of that era which come to mind now are Mario Machado (KNXT-2), Beverly Ann Lee (KNX-3), Sumi Haru (KTLA-5), Tricia Toyota (KNX radio, KNBC TV anchor) and Ken Woo (KFT news).

Those were the days when JACL was protesting the "cute" and "flaky" Asian stereotypes on TV commercials and constantly citing the lack of opportunity for Asian Americans in the electronic and print media. ■

1000 Club Membership Awards



HONOREES—(l-r) Ruth Haseimoto (copper medalion), Pat Okura (gold medalion), and Lily Okura (silver medalion) at the Philadelphia national convention.

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East Wind

By Bill Marutani

Constitution, Law & Justice

IN JULY 1942, Mitsuye Endo, a Sacramento native confined at the Tule Lake camp, filed in the federal court for Northern California a petition for a writ of habeas corpus. She sought to be discharged from the confines of the barbed-wire camp and have her right to liberty restored. In this legal quest, Endo was well represented by highly motivated, top-notch counsel: James C. Purcell and Wayne M. Collins, both from San Francisco. The habeas corpus action was one that the powers-that-be in Washington, D.C., were participating with some trepidation — as well they should. Among those "holding their breath" in anticipation was law-trained Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, one of the masterminds behind the "evacuation" program. A government memo dated July 13, 1942, uncovered during the investigation by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians reveals the reaction when Bendetsen and others "exhaled."

But, first, a brief explanation about this "writ of habeas corpus."

A LATIN TERM, "habeas corpus" literally translated means "have body." The writ is "directed to the person detaining another ... commanding him to produce the body of the prisoner ..." *Black's Law Dictionary*, 4th ed., p. 837.

Traditionally, the writ calls upon the authority — be it the monarchy or a republican government — to promptly give an accounting or show cause for the continued detention of the individual being held. This writ "is justly regarded as the great constitutional guarantee of personal liberty." *Id.* The U.S. Constitution is comprised of two parts adopted

some four years apart: (1) the main body adopted in 1787 (2) followed by the so-called "Bill of Rights" consisting of ten Amendments adopted in 1791. The main body essentially deals with administrative or functional matters relating to the three branches of the government. However, in that main body our founding fathers set forth three safeguards for the citizenry: "The Privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it. No Bill of Attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed. *Constitution*, Article I, section 9.

COMMENCING AT 5:15 p.m. on July 13, 1942, Bendetsen (probably from California, the Presidio, Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt's headquarters) initiated a series of phone calls to/from a Col. Ralph Tate (in Washington, D.C.). In part, the exchange was as follows:

(Bendetsen): Hello Ralph, hang on to your hat here we go.

Tate: What do you mean?
B: Well a Japanese [] American borne (sic) ... has just filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus ... in the District Court ... before ... Judge Roche; he will have to decide ... between now and tomorrow morning whether or not he will issue an order directed to the Commanding General ... DeWITT (sic) and to me to show cause why the writ should not be issued.

She alleges that she is being illegally detained contrary to her constitution [sic] rights under the Federal and State Constitutions. That of course brings up the whole question, the first time.
Tate: Well I better tell Mr. Mc-

Cloy he may want to get ahold of the Dept. of Justice.

B: I think it is pretty exciting, we really got the, well this is IT.

Tate: Yes, this is it, if you lose this, then you're thru.

B: What was Mr. McCloy's reaction Ralph?

Tate: Well he said I'm surprised they haven't got one before.

B: Well I am too. Everyone has been.

Tate: Yes, but it is quite a jolt when one does come.

B: Well I got kind of a thrill up my spine, kind of a hang on to our hat, hold your breath, here we go.

Tate: Well he said if they get this writ, you might just as well open the gates and let them out.

B: Oh yes, well this is it.

Well, Bendetsen need not have worried about hanging on to this hat, not at the pace in which the judiciary addressed the issue, which traditionally mandates promptitude. The district court judge didn't get around to deciding the issue until a year later, July 1943, when he denied Endo's plea for relief. The U.S. Supreme Court, in an opinion authored by Justice Douglas, reversed the district court ruling, magnanimously announcing "Mitsuye Endo was entitled to an unconditional release." *Ex Parte Endo*, 323 US 283, 304 (1944).

THIS PRONOUNCEMENT issued on December 18, 1944, came some 30 months after Mrs. Endo had been sent on May 15, 1942, to the Sacramento "Assembly Center." The law may have prevailed but justice did not. ■

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



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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Akiyama, Shizuo, 75, Irvine, May 16; Colon-born, survived by wife Betty, son Steven; daughter Susan Yoshinara, 3 g.c., brother Hidetoshi, sister Chiyo Sugiya.

Baba, Nancy Sadako, 95, Los Angeles, May 21; Hiroshima-born, survived by Masuo Shimomaya, Shinobu Shimomaya.

Fukuchi, Tokuyuki, 76, Los Angeles, May 23; Brawley-born, survived by brother Tokio, sister Mariko Kaneshiro (Japan).

Fukuhara, Jerry Isamu, Seattle, May 22 notice; survived by father George, brother Tom, sister Marsha Nakatani.

Fukute, Edward Masanori, 62, Hacienda Heights, May 19; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Nancy, daughters Francis Schlegel, Noreen, son Ronald; sisters June Morita, Naomi Tanaka, brother Eugene, elder-in-law Minoru Masuda, sisters-in-law Toki Okamura, Sekko Hattori.

Hanamura, Kiyo, 84, Torrance, May 19; long-time resident of Denver, Colo., survived by daughters Jeanne Higashi (Gardena), Gail Tameruchi (Torrance), David Tameruchi (Redondo Beach), Michael Higashi (Gardena), sisters Kimi Shironaka (Ordway, Colo.), Mary Taketa (Las Vegas).

Hirooka, Hirokazu, 107, Los Angeles, May 19; Hiroshima-born, survived by George, daughters Ritauko Tanaka, Yuri Kumai, g.c., g.g.c.

Honda, Kusuio, 81, Chicago, May 27; survived by wife Elko, children Kenneth, Jerry, Walter, Steven, 6 g.c.

Imai, Kiyoko, 106, Lodi, May 18; survived by son Ozzie, daughters Neil Nelson (North Carolina), Nobu Elizabeth Imai (Drubak), 4 g.c.

Ishida, Sam Itajiri, 74, Sacramento, May 20; World War I veteran, survived by brother Bill, sisters Emiko Ishida, Masako Ishida, Katherine Matsui.

Ishii, Tomozo, 94, Sacramento, May 27; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Kimyo, daughters Ida Kozumi, Nobuko Tamura, Tenko Kawamoto, Yasuko Kim, 13 g.c., g.g.c.

Ito, Kinuko, 99, Los Angeles, May 21; Hiroshima-born, survived by daughters Ann Tokiko Matsumoto, Rosemary Shizuko Sato, son-in-law Ken Maeshiro, 7 g.c., 10 g.g., 4 g.g.c.

Iwano, Jerry, 90, Los Angeles, May 26; Seattle-born, survived by brothers Saburo, Shiro (Seattle), sisters Helen Longzaga, Yoshi Hirai (Seattle), brother-in-law Tsugio Tanoue, sister-in-law Aiko Tanoue.

Kanashiro, Kiyoshi Kibo, 64, Monterey Park, May 29; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Doris Sumi, son Todd, son-in-law Bill Scott, mother Kame Kanashiro, brother John Isamu, sister Sachiko Capilla, brother-in-law Tokio Fukuchi.

Kashiwagi, Kiyo Esther, 85, Seattle, March 22; survived by husband John

Mitsuo, sons Brian, David, daughter Marilyn Robinson, 3 g.c., brother Dixon Miyuchi (Salt Lake City), sisters Martha Ito (Honolulu), Mary Kumagai (Port Orchard).

Kawaguchi, Hatsuiko, 82, Los Angeles, May 31; Ogden, Utah-born, survived by sons Ben, Martin, daughter Mutsumi Kawachi, 2 g.c., brothers Yasso Ohtata, Yasujiro Ohtata (Japan), Tamotsu Ohtata (Japan), Jyoti Tanaka (Japan), sisters Miyoko Okada (Fresno), Eiko Mizumoto (Japan).

Kido, Hiromi, Gardena, May 18; survived by husband Takagaki, son Victor, daughters Linda, Minko (Japan), 1 g.c., brother Harumi Omori (Japan), sister

Kimoto, Joan Tatsuko, 87, Belovoyd mother of John Jo; sister of Joe (Mitsuo) Matsushita of Vista, Alice (Jo) Hirabayashi and Sally C. (Tony) Nakazaki; many nieces and nephews.

Kobayashi, John, 76, Rupert, Idaho, April 28; Idaho Falls-born, survived by wife Sumi, daughter Susan Thomas, sons Gerry, Brent, brother George, Kono, Yoshio, 77, Carpinteria, June 11; Alhambra-born, survived by wife Barbara, daughters Patricia Honkawa, Susan Fukushima, sons Craig, Jonathan, 10 g.c.

Kodama, Takekichi, 95, Gardena, May 16; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Koji, daughters Jean Miyagata, Jane Kodama, 5 g.c., 2 g.g.c., brother-in-law Roy Tanimine.

Kubota, Etsuo Yoshiko, 88, Seattle, Wash., May 29 notice; survived by daughters Doris Fujii (Vancouver, Wash.), Irene Plosky (Union, N.J.), son Thomas (Seattle), 7 g.c., 1 g.g.c.

Kuramoto, Yoshimi, 87, Torrance, May 19; Alameda-born, survived by daughters June Imai, Sachiko Taniguchi, 5 g.c., brother Frank Masashi Ito, sisters Chiyo Sato, Naomi Kajiwara (both of Japan).

Kurosaka, Hisa, 86, Vancouver, Wash., Mar. 26, Seattle-born, survived by sisters, Yoshi Kurosaka (Seattle), Suze Hayashi and Ellen Sakaye (both of Chicago), Haru Eguchi (Vancouver, Wash.), nieces, nephews, g. nieces, g. nephews.

Kurose, Akiko, 73, Madrona, Wash., May 24; honored by Presidents Bush and Carter, the United Nations and several governors and Seattle mayors for her dedication to teaching, especially in the area of peace, survived by children,

Hugo, Ruthann Kurose-Rothman, Guy, Paul, Marie Kurose-Woo, predeceased by husband Juneko, son Roland.

Maeno, Miyoko, 82, Oxnard, May 18; Barstow-born, survived by sons Shigeo (Oxnard), Dr. Jim (Sunnyvale), daughters Hisayo Maeno, (Oxnard), Margaret Maeno, Alice Maeno (Los Angeles), brother Sumio-Sam Ishii (Los Angeles), sisters Toshiko Oshima, Michio Hiraseka (both of Wakayama), predeceased by husband Kumachi.

Matsuo, Helen Tatsuko, 73, Los Angeles, May 16; Stockton-born, survived by sister Sumi Nakamura, brother-in-law Yukio.

Mitamura, Akio M.D., 71, Orange County, May 27 service; Los Angeles-born, graduate of Imperial University of Kyoto, survived by wife Sababeh, sons Mark, John Mitamura, M.D. (New York), 4 g.c., sister Sadako (Italy).

Murakami, Shinichi, 67, Gardena, May 19; survived by wife Shirley Shimoke, daughter Denise Aiko Dunkel, sons Douglas, Dan, 1 g.c., sister Teiko Arai, 1 g.c., brother-in-law Heiko Arai, Lillian Ohara, Runiko Demand (Watsonville), brothers-in-law Hideo (Nanaimo, B.C., Canada), Joe, Robert Arai.

Nakasaki, Shigemori, 70, Temple City, May 16; Terminal Island-born, survived by wife Akiko, daughter Etsuko, son Linda Kiyomura, 2 g.c., sisters Kiyase Sato, Kae Kawazoe, sister-in-law Kazumi Nakasaki.

Nishijima, Hiroshi, 78, Gardena, May 18; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Aiko, daughters Yuki Masaki, Ellen Teruo, 1 g.c., brother-in-law Heiko Arai, Lillian Ohara, Runiko Demand (Watsonville), brothers-in-law Hideo (Nanaimo, B.C., Canada), Joe, Robert Arai.

Nishikawa, Hiroshi, 77, Los Angeles, May 25; San Francisco-born, survived by wife Yoko, daughters Masako, Shigeo, sisters-in-law Fumi Nishikawa, Hatsu Hishikawa, Tomiko Nada, Meko Shintani.

Ogata, Hitomi, 80, Costa Mesa, May 25; Long Beach-born, survived by wife Kiyoko, sons Alfred Satchi, Justin Hiroshi, John Akira, daughter Donna Izumi, brothers Hiromi Frank, Takaki, sister Teruko Uchiyama.

Okazaki, Sike, 82, Boise, Idaho, June 19; survived by wife May, daughters Penny Imamura, Ginny Buttkoff (both of Seattle, Wash.), son Stuart, Golden, Barry (both of Boise), g.c., brother Bill, sisters Machi Yamamoto, Lilly Mukai (all of Seattle), Kazuo Kazzie Matsumura (Ontario, Ore.), brother-in-law Jui Matsumura (Fruitland).

Otani, Sachii, 62, San Mateo, June 5; Kagoshima-born, survived by husband Takatoshi, daughter Yoshiko Wucherer, sons Tom, Gary, 5 g.c., Sakamoto, Shoji, Henry, 81, Hay-

ward, May 17; survived by daughters LaRene Nicovich, Mylene Sakamoto, Jerlyn Sakamoto (all of Fremont), sons Calvin (Castro Valley), Verne (Salinas), Dean (Oakland), Darin (Fremont), sisters Hisayo Nagasaki, Yui Yoshi, Mariyo Nakamura (all of El Cerrito), brother Hugh Muzana (Fairfield), 6 g.c., predeceased by wife Betty.

Sakazaki, Yoshio, 71, Hawthorne, June 2; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Ann, daughters Suzette Sakazaki, Lori New, 1 g.c., brothers Yoshiaki Gary (San Mateo), Yoshiharu Sakazaki, sisters Yoshiko Fujisaki, Akiko Yogi (both of Hawaii).

Shimada, Takuto, 86, Seattle, May 6.

Shimamura, Florence "Flo", 65, Garden Grove, June 4, Honolulu-born, survived by husband Muts, sons Lester Kurahira, Karl Shimamura.

Shiota, Toshii, 85, Los Angeles, May 16; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband Frank, sister-in-law Shizuko Shiota.

Shimura, Keiko, 79, West Covina, May 19; Oxnard-born, survived by sons Yasuo, Yui, Masaru, Jogi, Norio, daughters Setsuko Mayeda, Kinuko Haigo, g.c., g.g.c.

Taketa, Shinryo, 96, Parlier, May 30; survived by sons Fred Tatsuya, Marcel, Harry, Sumio, daughters Nobuko Gavin, Fumiko Hille, g.c., g.g.c.

Tanaka, Tsutoku, 86, 49, Fountain Valley, May 23; Kishimoto, Wakayama-born, survived by husband Shozo, son Kevin, daughter Karen, parents Shochi, Sadako Kusaka (Japan).

Tanoyu, Sumio, 86, Los Angeles, May 19; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Tayoko, son Brian, daughter Rosaline Yick, 1 g.c., brothers Naoyuki, Aiko Sam Tanoyu (both of Hawaii), sisters Shizuko Madge Kawabe, Kiyoko Kate Muranaka, Aiko Yoshinara (Hawaii).

Teruo, Mitsuyoshi, 85, Torrance, May 17; Arcadia-born, survived by wife Carolyn, son Kevin Nobuo, mother Shizuko Teruo, brother Earl (Hawaii), Eugene, Dr. Ernest, parents-in-law Jun, Tokiye Miyai, brothers-in-law Lamont Miya, Harvey Miya.

Tsugawa, Kayo, 95, San Francisco, May 21; Kumamoto-born, survived by niece Akiko Nakamura (Japan), and other nieces and nephews.

Ueno, Margaret, 85, Holywood, May 19; survived by husband Mitsuo, sons Bryan, Warren, Norman, 3 g.c.

Uyeno, Margaret Shizu, 85, Holy-

wood, May 27; Kagoshima-born, survived by brother Yoshio Maeda (Japan), nephews Tomomi, Junzo and Masahiro Uyeno, Sumitoshi Kawanabe, Hideo Sata, sister-in-law Kimiko Uyeno.

Watanabe, Mary, 82, Las Vegas, May 22; survived by daughters Linda (Las Vegas), Joan, Doris (both Los Angeles), 2 g.c., brother Toshio (San Mateo), sisters Ayako, Uryiko (both Japan).

Watanabe, Frank Kunio, 98, Redlands, May 31; Shimanaka-born, survived by sons Wesley K. (Chicago), Joseph K. (Highland), daughters-in-law Madoka and Patti, 5 g.c., 1 g.c.

Watanabe, Robert Masayoshi, 69, Sacramento, April 27; survived by wife Lynette, son Wesley, daughter Rose, mother Ruriko, sister Sandy Lau, parents-in-law Hiro and Pat Nishimura, brother-in-law Craig Nishimura, sister-in-law Nathalie Fujino, grandmother-in-law Hatsu Nishimura.

Watanabe, Gary Morio, 41, Gardena, April 22; Hawaii-born, survived by wife Lynette, son Wesley, daughter Rose, mother Ruriko, sister Sandy Lau, parents-in-law Hiro and Pat Nishimura, brother-in-law Craig Nishimura, sister-in-law Nathalie Fujino, grandmother-in-law Hatsu Nishimura.

Yamada, Harry Shigeo "Jiggs", 99, San Mateo, Mar. 31; Kurihara-born, member of the original San Jose Japs. Baseball team, survived by daughters May Yamada, Yurika Utsumi, Martha Ito (San Mateo), Naomi Iida (San Jose), 10 g.c., 20 g.g., 8 g.g.g., brothers Chick, Mike, Nick (San Jose).

Yamakawa, George Masato, 81, Sacramento, April 22; Hawaii-born, survived by daughters Arlene Yamakawa, Gayle Ishihara, Donna Yamakawa, 1 g.c., sister Masami Tsuda, brother M. Yamakawa.

Yamashita, Taiguo, 84, Clovis, May 16; Kaul, Hawaii-born, survived by sister Emiko, brother Yoshio Ichimasa, Michiko Nishita, Hanako Akiyoshi.

Yamashita, Koichi, 35, Coyote, April 27; Fukushima-born, survived by parents Masayoshi and Naoko Yamashita, sister Michie Shiroma, brother Akira Yamashita.

Yamashita, George Akira, 79, South San Gabriel, May 11; Seattle-born, survived by wife Miyoko, sons Thomas, Robert, Michael, daughters Carol Ferguson, 6 g.c.

Yokota, Shigeo, 97, Woodland, May 18; survived by daughters Emi Ojima, Sadako Yokota (San Mateo), 6 g.c., 15 g.c., g.g.c.

DEATH NOTICE

NELLIE HATSUKO FURUBAYASHI

REEDLEY, Calif.—Nellie Hatsuko Furubayashi, 86, died on June 10, 1998 in Tulare and a resident since 1950. She was a retired elementary school teacher at the United Methodist Fellowship Church for 30 years and a volunteer at the Fresno Rescue Mission and Street Light Ministries in Reedley.

Survived by brothers, Don, John Kurihara (both of Orosi), Walter (Dinuba), sisters, Marie, Velma Kurihara and Betty Ozawa (all of San Francisco); brother-in-law Masato Furubayashi (Salt Lake City); nephews Benjamin and Norman Kamada (both of Orange Cove).

Remembrances may be made to United Methodist Fellowship Church, 1506 12th St., Reedley, CA 93654 or Street Light Ministries, 1024 G St., Reedley 93654.

DEATH NOTICE

RONALD HATSUO TAKEUCHI

RICHMOND, Calif.—Ronald Hatsu Takeuchi, 59, died May 29. The Reno native lived in Richmond for 28 years. Was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, Herms District Sakai Scout Exchange, Contra Costa JACL and Berkeley Methodist United Church.

Survived by his wife of 35 years, Esther, son Kevin (Richmond, CA), daughter Mary (Richmond), and sister Carol Nobori (Piedmont, CA).

Gifts can be sent to Berkeley Methodist United Church, 1710 Carleton St., Berkeley, CA 94703 or Boy Scouts Silverado, Mt. Diablo Council, P.O. Box 23204, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

DEATH NOTICE

GEORGE EIICHI KONDO

STATE COLLEGE, Penn.—George Eichi Kondo, 84, passed away June 6. Born in Berkeley, Calif., was a graduate of Berkeley High School and UC Berkeley. He was a founder and trustee of the California Japanese American Alumni Association and member of the Oakland Rotary Club. As Regional Director of JACL's NCWNP, he was instrumental in the fight for redress.

Survived by his wife Chie, daughter Jean Kondo Weig, son-in-law Bruce Weig, grandchildren Andrew and Hanh Weig (all of State College); sisters Fumi Kondo and Etsuko Kondo (both of Berkeley). Memorial service will be 3:00 p.m. Sept. 5 at the Higashi Honganji Temple, 1524 Oregon Street, Berkeley, Calif.

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tiveness of Japanese life, something she is not sure she wants to return to. "I like Japanese culture very much, but I don't like the constraints of Japanese society. Everyone has to do the same thing, think the same way."

These constraints are more often than not directed towards women, another reason Matsuura is reluctant to return. "In Japan there is a lot of discrimination for women over 30, like, it's hard to get a job. There are many limitations based on age, such as when you're this age you need to do this, but you can't do that."

In Japan, also, work comes before everything," Matsuura continues. "That is, the outside society is more important than yourself, your own family. I began to question what happiness meant to me. I know that in Japan, it's very materialistic, it's about buying things. But living here in America I began to think about what else is there."

For Matsuura, happiness seems to mean the freedom to pursue interests and activities that will provide her with a sense of accomplishment and purpose. Currently she works as a Los Angeles correspondent for a Japanese publishing company that provides U.S. travel information to potential visitors. She also volunteers at the Japanese American National Museum, translating exhibit text panels and helping to attract a Japanese audience to Museum exhibits and programs.

Initially, however, Matsuura's impression of the U.S. was not favorable at all, it being un-

like anything she had expected. "I really didn't know too much about the U.S. before I came here," she admits. "Everything I knew was from the media and Hollywood. I was like most Japanese who, if you asked them what an American was, they would say white, with blond hair and blue eyes, and that they eat a lot of steak. We only know all of the stereotypes."

"So when I got here I was really surprised. My rough impression of Los Angeles was that everything was burned — there was nothing green and all the trees looked yellow and like they were dying."

Matsuura also remembers that things were difficult because, unlike her husband who had his job, she had no outward sources of support. She had been completely cut off from her old way of life in Japan, where being employed made her feel independent and self-confident. "When I came here I couldn't work because of my visa situation, and of course I had no friends. I couldn't drive, so I stayed in the house all day. Even if I wanted to watch TV I couldn't understand anything. I felt like I had lost my identity and that the only thing I had was my husband. For two years I was miserable and very depressed."

After that initial period of adjustment, Matsuura decided she wanted to make the best of things and create a life for herself. She learned to drive and began volunteering her time at a Japanese language newspaper. She also took English classes to improve her communication skills and gradually began to forge friendships with other people.

Matsuura says that although she made some American friends, most of her new acquaintances were other Shin-Issei. She stressed that there is a distinct difference between Shin-Issei and *chuzain*, saying, "Chuzain think of their time in America as more of a vacation — they don't try and set down roots here because it's too hard when they have to uproot them. So they take care of their children, play golf, and are friends with other transfer families. Personally, I identified more with the Shin-Issei side, because I need to put down roots where I live."

Matsuura observes that the Japanese community in America is quite complex, explaining that in addition to the difference between *chuzain* and Shin-Issei, there is even a hierarchy within the Shin-Issei community itself. "I've found that there is status based on who came here first. Maybe it's because of competition in business, I don't know, but older immigrants don't really seem to want to reach out and help the newer ones. Even with *nikkei-jun* [Japanese Americans] there is a sense of status. The Japanese Americans think they are superior to the Shin-Issei and the Shin-Issei think they are superior to the Japanese Americans." Matsuura laughs, "I think it must be something about the Japanese psyche."

Despite the intricacies of learning the dynamics within the community, Matsuura still thinks she may prefer to stay in America, especially when she considers starting a family. "Japan is so expensive it's very hard to live there. And there are a lot of issues in Japan as far as raising children. I know that in the States there are problems like drugs and gangs, but there is so much pressure placed on children in Japan. There's too much emphasis on studying and cram school, and now there's a rise in teenage crime and *jime* [bullying] maybe because of that. Also, if I stay here, even if I have kids I can still do things for myself

like go to school or work. In Japan, what you can do after you have kids is very limited — everything becomes for the children."

Although Matsuura can envision herself living in America for the rest of her life, she does-

n't know if she'll ever be able to think of herself as a full-fledged American. "It might be too late for me to think that, just like most first generation immigrants. But if I have children here, they will be Americans of course."

CLPEF to publish annotated bibliography

When the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) terminates on August 10, an annotated bibliography of Japanese American redress sources will be submitted for publication and dissemination to the public. It will include a wide range of items, including those which exist in private and public collections across the country says its author, Dr. Rita Takahashi, who is a professor at San Francisco State University.

In addition, she will list and describe what kinds of materials are available in various public collections, such as the National Archives, Smithsonian Institution, Japanese American National Museum, Japanese American National Library, and National Japanese American Historical Society.

"The most interesting — and probably the most valuable — part of the bibliography will be the descriptions of redress items that exist in individual collections," said Takahashi. "Most people will be amazed to learn what various individuals have in their private collections."

She said it is important to describe what is in as many private collections as possible, because this will benefit all parties. For example, it will be a helpful source when a specific item is sought by such institutions as museums and historical societies. It is also beneficial when one wants to let the public know what one has available, for instance, an artist's painting, an author's article, or a political activist's action plan.

"I am asking the public to inventory the Japanese American redress items they have and to briefly describe them," Takahashi said. With approval from the private individuals, she will edit and incorporate what is sub-

mitted to her. She emphasized that one need not have a substantial Japanese American redress collection to respond to this call; even if individuals have a few redress items, they are encouraged to let her know.

In describing what is in one's collection, Takahashi asks that people organize items using categories, such as: (1.) unpublished documents (articles, correspondence, pamphlets, programs, announcements and poems); (2.) published materials (books, monographs, periodicals and newspapers); (3.) audio tapes (cassettes); (4.) moving visuals (8 mm, VHS, and betacam videotapes and films); (5.) photographs; (6.) art forms (paintings, sculptures, and etchings); (7.) artifacts (objects that are connected to or relevant to redress); (8.) other.

According to Takahashi, published sources such as books, monographs, periodicals, and articles in journals, newsletters, and newspapers are relatively easy to gain access to, especially in this age of electronic technology. She will list and briefly describe the sources available. In addition, she will list and describe what kinds of materials are available in various public collections, such as the National Archives, Smithsonian Institution, Japanese American National Museum, Japanese American National Library, and National Japanese American Historical Society.

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