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JACL Districts to Look at Nat'l Resolution Recognizing and Apologizing to Draft Resisters

The national JACL board, at its second quarter meeting held in San Francisco on May 15, voted to accept into discussion a resolution of recognition and apology to the World War II Nikkei resisters of conscience.

The resolution has been disseminated to the governors to be discussed among each district, and is likely to be brought up at the upcoming bi- and tri-district conferences, according to JACL National Director Herb Yamashita.

The final vote of approval is expected by the national board in October.

The full text of the national JACL resolution, entitled "Recognition and Apology to the Nisei Resisters of Conscience (a/k/a 'Draft Resisters') of World War II" is as follows:

WHEREAS, the United States unjustly interned over 110,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II due to war hysteria, racial prejudice, and the failure of political leadership; and

WHEREAS, After December 7, 1941, the United States stopped in-

ducting Americans of Japanese ancestry into the U.S. armed forces; and

WHEREAS, because of JACL objections and other strong protests, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized the Army to accept volunteer Japanese Americans for military service on January 31, 1943; and

WHEREAS, The War Department called for volunteers for an all-Japanese American segregated combat team and directed the War Relocation Authority to determine evacuee loyalty by means of a questionnaire to all men of military age in the camps; and

WHEREAS, question No. 27 (that they would serve in the armed forces of the U.S.) and question No. 28 (that they swear unqualified allegiance to the U.S. and forewear allegiance to the emperor of Japan) presented a difficult dilemma to those unjustly imprisoned behind barbed wire without due process; and

WHEREAS, a total of more than 10,000 Japanese Americans did

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Former JA Gang Members Leave a Social Activist Legacy, Post 1968

BY TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

They had names like the Ministers, the Constituents, the Koshakus, the Black Juans, monikers which sound as imposing today as they were street-tough then.

For the Japanese American gangs which thrived during the early 1950s up to the mid and late

1960s, amidst social and political upheavals which would transform the nation — riots, student protests, political assassinations, the dawn of the Vietnam War — the names speak both of an idealism and of a harsh reality which was serious business to the young JA men that stood for and behind them.

For these JAs, smaller battles

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Clinton Signs \$15 Billion Bill Allocating \$4.3 Million in Redress Payments for JLA former WWII Internees

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Finally. After months of uncertainty surrounding redress payments for Japanese Latin Americans, the former World War II internees will at long last begin receiving their \$5,000 checks.

Included in a \$15 billion supplemental emergency appropriations bill signed by President Clinton on May 21 is a provision reallocating \$4.3 million in the Department of Justice budget toward redress payments for JLA's.

The money will replenish the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund and provides enough funds to pay approximately 500 payments of \$5,000 to JLA claimants and 79 payments of \$20,000 to Japanese American claimants.

The \$15 billion bill provides major funding for the war in Kosovo, aid for disaster victims, and aid for farmers. In addition, the bill includes a number of special interest allocations, including the JLA provision.

Spearheaded by Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) in the Senate and Reps. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii) and Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) in the House, the JLA allocation was an danger of being cut as late as mid-May. But in the end, with much help from Sen. Inouye, the House voted 269-158 to approve the bill on May 18 and the Senate gave its approval (64-36) on May 20.

JLAs became eligible for redress under the *Mochizuki vs. the United States* settlement agreement in June 1998, which provided a presidential apology and \$5,000 redress payment.

Up until that time JLAs had been denied inclusion in the 1988 Civil Liberties Act, legislation that provided \$20,000 and a presidential apology to JAs interned during WWII. Although JLAs suffered through the same in-

WWII.

Shortly after the *Mochizuki* settlement, the Office of Redress Administration announced that there were not enough funds to pay the JLAs their \$5,000 redress payments. Monies in the Civil Liberties Fund had depleted to a point that they could only pay 145 of the 730 JLA claims. Since that time the JACL has been working closely with the White House, the DOJ, and members of Congress to see if monies could be moved around in the DOJ budget so that those JLAs who had met the application deadline could receive their \$5,000 redress payments. In addition, Campaign for Justice sent several delegations to Washington, D.C., to lobby members of Congress to provide redress for JLAs.

"I don't know what this cost the senator in political capital, but make no mistake about this, gaining approval of this amendment came at considerable cost," said former JACL Washington, D.C. Representative Bob Sakanawa, who worked closely on the JLA issue. "For those who may have questioned Inouye's commitment to this particular issue and to Asian Pacific causes in general, obviously don't know much about Senator Inouye or his history with APAs."

"We appreciate [Sen. Inouye's] personal effort and commitment to help close the final chapter on the World War II internment," said Lori Fujimoto, JACL national vice president of public affairs. "We would like to

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Child Born After Camp Wins Redress Case

Carole Sano Song, a child of an internee who was initially denied redress, has won her lawsuit and is now eligible for redress.

The Department of Justice had initially argued that Song was not eligible for redress under the terms of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 because she had been born after Jan. 20, 1945, the date that the government supposedly rescinded all legal barriers to allow mixed Japanese Americans to return to the Military Exclusion Zones, an area encompassing the western half of Washington and Oregon, all of California and the southern half of Arizona.

But Judge Marian Blank, Head of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims ruled in favor of Song, who was born on June 6,

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ternment camps as JAs, they were denied the benefits of the '88 Act because of a provision requiring U.S. citizenship or legal permanent residency status at the time of their internment. In all, more than 2,000 JLAs were kidnapped and imprisoned in American concentration camps for the purpose of prisoner of war exchanges with Japan during



(From left): Ray Tasaki, Steve Nakajo, Mo Nishida and Ken Akinaka recently attended a panel discussion at JANM about Japanese American gang/youth culture and activism of the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s.

APAICS Inaugurates Two New Programs at Political Conference

BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

WASHINGTON—The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) inaugurated two new programs — the Daniel K. Inouye Fellowship and the Leadership Academy for Asian Pacific American Elected Officials — at a political education conference held at the J.W. Marriott Hotel from May 20-22.

Formed in 1995, APAICS was formerly known as the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Institute and is the only national, nonpartisan, pan-Asian Pacific American organization dedicated to increasing the participation of APAs in public policy and the political process.

Norman Mineta, APAICS chairman and vice president for special business initiatives at Lockheed Martin, noted that the organization was committed to encouraging APA elected officials to seek higher office on a nonpartisan basis.

"Really what this is all about is trying to make sure that we are able to participate at all levels of society, at all levels of public office, from the grassroots right up to the White House lawn," said Mineta. "We are very committed to focusing on things like developing and training community leaders about civic participation

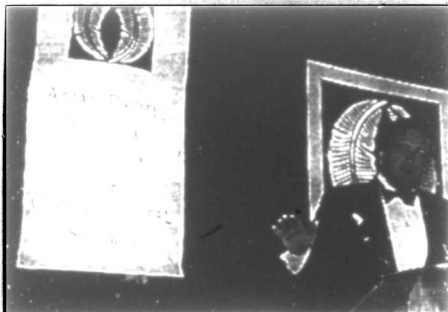


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U.S. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson assures APAICS attendees that there will be no racial profiling by his department in connection with the alleged espionage scandal at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

and about increasing young Asian Pacific Americans on local boards and commissions."

President Bill Clinton sent a special greeting to APAICS participants, saying in part: "... I stand with you in your efforts to increase the participation of Asian Pacific Americans in the formation of public policy, and I applaud your work to expand educational opportunities within the Asian Pacific American community. Our country's greatest strength has always been the community spirit of its people,

and the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies has upheld that tradition by striving to build a brighter future for all our children. ..."

Gala Banquet

The Daniel K. Inouye Fellowship program was announced at a black-tie banquet honoring the man whom the fellowship is named after.

More than 600 people turned out for the fifth annual APAICS

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JACL Calendar

National

Fri.-Sun., June 25-27—1999 National Youth Student Conference: University of California, Irvine. Info: Patricia Iai, 559/486-6815, ccc@uci.edu, or
Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5—8th National JACL Singles Convention: Radisson Miyako Hotel, San Francisco; Registration \$150 before July 15, \$180 after. Golf, bowling, workshops, mixer, banquet, dance, brunch, trips. Co-sponsored by San Francisco Bay Area Nikkei Singles and Greater Los Angeles Singles. Info: Georgeann Maeda, 415/753-3340; Gale Kondo, 415/337-9981; website: <http://home-stead.com/99/convention>.

Eastern

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thurs.-Sun., July 1-4—Bi-District Conference (EDC/MDC): "The Dream Continues: One America in the 21st Century." Angela Oh, keynote speaker; Roosevelt Hotel, 45th & Madison, New York City, \$155/night, 888/833-3969. Regs. \$85 before June 1, \$100 after.

Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thurs.-Sun., July 4-8—Bi-District Conference, New York City (see EDC).

CHICAGO

Sat., June 12—42nd Annual Chicago chapter scholarship luncheon, 12 noon; Wilmette Country Club, Wilmette. RSVP, Sponsor-A-Grad donations: 773/728-7170.

Tues., June 15—Town Hall Meeting on Hate Crime in the AA Community; see Community Calendar.

WISCONSIN

Sat.-Sun., June 11-12—Wisconsin chapter merchandise sales booth at the Asian Moon Festival; see Community Calendar.

COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

MARYLAND

Sun., June 6—Washington Toho Koto Society, Folklore Society of Greater Washington Folk Festival, 2 p.m., Adventure Theater, Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo.

NEW YORK

Wed., June 16—Japanese American Association Scholarship Dinner, \$90; Righa Royal Hotel.

The Midwest

CHICAGO

Tues., June 15—Town Hall Meeting on Hate Crime in the AA Community; Q&A session re Kamijima murder case and other hate crime issues, 6-8:30 p.m.; WBBM-TV CBS Studios, 630 N. McClurg Ct. Free. RSVP: Bill Yoshino, 773/278-7170, midwest@jacl.org.

MILWAUKEE

Sat.-Sun., June 11-12—Asian Moon Festival at Henry Maier Festival Park; classical dance, shamisen, talko, bonai workshops, sushi bar, merchandise, etc. Info, tickets: 414/821-9829.

Intermountain

JEROME, IDAHO

Mountain Plains

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thurs.-Sun., July 15-18—Tri-District Conference (see IDC), Ogden, Utah.

Intermountain

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thurs.-Sun., July 15-18—Tri-District Conference "Changing Generations" (IDCP/NWDC/MPDC); Workshops, JAYS events, bus trip to Wendover, golf, obon festival; Comfort Suites Hotel, 1150 W. 2150 S., Ogden, Utah; Wasatch Front 2010, sponsors.

Pacific Northwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thurs.-Sun., July 15-18—Tri-District Conference (see IDC), Ogden, Utah.
PUYALLUP VALLEY
Sat., June 5—Potluck dinner honoring Graduates, Scholarship Winner, New Members, plus Installation of Officers, 5:30 p.m.; Buddhist Temple "Sichai Hall," 1717 S. Fawcett Ave., Tacoma. Free audio tape of "Monstano, the Free audio tape to first 50 families. Info: Elsie Tanguchi, 206/824-2402.

NC-WN-Pacific

FLORIDA

Sat., June 5—New Members Welcome & Scholarship Awards Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.; Jiffy Restaurant, 2422 Thirteenth St. (off Broadway).

GILROY

Sun., June 27—Five-chapter barbecue dinner fund raiser; see Salinas Valley.

MONTREY PENINSULA

Sun., June 27—Five-chapter barbecue dinner fund raiser; see Salinas Valley.

RENO

Thurs., July 1—Deadline for Reno chapter scholarship applications. Info: Sheldon Ihara, scholarship chair, 747-3886.

SALINAS VALLEY

Sun., June 27—Five-chapter barbecue dinner fund raiser for the National Japanese American Memorial in Washington, D.C., 4-7 p.m.; Salinas Buddhist Temple Hall; George Takei,

Sat., June 12—"Live-History Days," ID Farm and Ranch Museum, Hwy. 94 at Hwy. 83; Minidoka barracks on display; Minidoka Internment to speak.

SALT LAKE CITY

Sat., June 12—Asian Festival.

Northern California

BERKELEY

Sat. & Sun., June 5 & 6, 12 & 13—Pro Arts Open Studio, Lewis Suzuki; 2240 Grant St. Info: 510/894-1427.

HAYWARD

Sun., June 6—Junior Olympics, Chabot College. Info: Steve Okamoto, 650/574-2641.

OAKLAND

Through June—Exhibit, "Creative Impressions" wood block prints, Asian Resource Gallery, 310 8th St. Info: Kanee, 510/869-6027, Akemi, 510/869-6084.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sun., June 6—Nikkei Widowed Group, 2 p.m. For meeting place, call: Tets Ihara, 415/221-4568, Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

SAN JOSE

Fri., June 25—Silicon Valley fund-raising dinner for National JA Memorial in Washington, D.C.; cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m.; Hyatt San Jose-Airport Hotel, 1740 N. First St. Business attire. \$150 per person. Info: Roger Minami,

keynote speaker.

SAN BENITO

Sun., June 27—Five-chapter barbecue dinner fund raiser; see Salinas Valley.
SAN FRANCISCO
Sat., June 12—Youth Fishing Derby at Lake Berryessa: For 8 to 12 year olds. Applications at Paper Tree in Japan-town or call chapter message center: 415/273-1015.

SELANCO

Sun., June 6—Bowling tournament. Tono No Kai vs. SELANCO JACL, 1 p.m.; Irvine Lanes, 3415 Michelson Dr., Irvine. Info: Eimi Tomimatsu, 949/466-5602.

SONOMA COUNTY

Sun., June 13—Scholarship luncheon.

STOCKTON

Sat., June 19—JACL bus trip to Monterey Bay Aquarium, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Info: Tami Kelly Hoang, 209/952-1072. RSVP by June 11.

WATSONVILLE

Sun., June 27—Five-chapter barbecue dinner fund raiser; see Salinas Valley.

Pacific Southwest

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

Sat., June 5—GLAS-Hana Uno Shepherd Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser. Dance, 7 p.m.; Ken Nakakoa Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena. Info: Louise Sakamoto, 310/327-3169.

Fri., June 11—Meeting/program, featured speaker Don Tokunaga, 8 p.m.; Gardena Valley YMCA, 1341 W. Gardena Blvd., Info: Louise Sakamoto, 310/327-3169.

SOUTH BAY

Sun., June 13—Scholarship Awards and Nisei Week Open Reception. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Ladera Linda Community Center, 32201 Forestal Rancho Palos Verdes. ■

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.

805/352-0467.

SAN MATEO

Sun., June 13—Movie matinee: "Aizen Katsur" and "The Life of Tanaka Kinryu" Part II, 1:30 p.m.; San Mateo JACL Community Center, 416 S. Claremont St. Info: 650/343-2793.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

Sat., June 5—WWII 100th/442nd/MIS "Go For Broke" monument unveiling ceremonies, 10 a.m.; Central Ave. bet. 1st & Temple, north of the Geffen MOCA. Info: 310/327-4193.

Fri.-Sat., June 11-12—Butoh-inspired dance theatre piece, "Blue" by Michael Sakamoto, 8:30 p.m., \$15 tickets.

Highways Performance Space, 1651 18th St., Santa Monica. Ticket info: 310/315-1459.

Sat., June 12—Discussion, "Shaping Communities through the Asian American Movement," 1 p.m.; JANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. RSVP: 312/625-1770.

Arizona

ARIZONA

7-18—Asian LEAD Academy for high school students, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Arizona State University. Info: Chuck Matsumoto, 602/973-3128, Kathy Inoshita, 623/937-5434, Marilyn Inoshita, 602/861-2638. ■

Editor's Note: Welcome

Welcome to Pacific Citizen's return to a weekly publication. Beginning with this June 4th issue, the P.C. is once again continuing a more than 50-year tradition. With a weekly publishing schedule, we will be able to bring you more news, features and stories on a timely basis. Up-to-date information on JACL's latest activities will also be more readily available.

Many of you may recall that P.C. was a weekly publication during the hard-fought redress campaign of the 1980s. Through the weekly issues, JACL was able to update its national membership on a timely basis and coordinate its efforts to win the redress battle. This same usefulness applies today to the numerous issues affecting our community, including the Japanese Latin American continuing fight for redress and the push for Bill Linn Lee's re-nomination

as assistant attorney general for our nation.

With the re-birth of the weekly format, P.C. will be bringing you added features and sections of interest in addition to new columns and new sections such as the traditional newswires section, we will be increasing our arts and entertainment and sports coverage.

With these changes, we hope to continue garnering the support of our dedicated readers and also expand our readership to include a wider spectrum of the various generations and Hapas in our community, and the broader Asian American community.

Although enough funds have already been collected to carry a weekly paper through the year 1999, we are currently raising funds for the year 2000. We have already begun to receive letters and support for our national fund-raising campaign for the year

2000. This will be a one-time campaign for the year 2000, only. Weekly P.C. in the years 2001 and beyond will be determined by the national JACL council at the upcoming national convention in Monterey, Calif.

Our goal in this national fund-raising campaign for the year 2000 is \$40,000. We have already begun receiving generous donations from our readership. As of May 31, we have raised over \$8,000 from 128 donors. This is a promising start for the weekly campaign and we hope that you will contribute to our goal.

The P.C. staff is working hard to bring you an informative, high quality paper and we appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,
Caroline Aoyagi
Executive Editor

JA Community Raising Funds for Sick Japanese Student

A trust fund has been set up to help cover medical expenses for a Japanese student who fell gravely ill after arriving in the United States.

Yumi Yamada, 18, of Osaka, Japan, had arrived in Fresno, Calif., on April 25 to study English for a year. But a few days after her arrival, Yamada slipped into a coma and is now hospitalized at the Saint Agnes Medical Center in Fresno, according to the Fresno Bee.

Doctors have diagnosed her with encephalitis. Dr. Robert Crooks, critical care director at Saint Agnes, said the prognosis for Yamada is poor. He believes that even if Yamada regains consciousness, she will likely have suffered brain damage.

Encephalitis, a rare disease, is an inflammation of the brain which is almost always caused by a virus. The source of Yamada's virus is unknown.

In some cases, insect bites can transmit the virus. Crooks speculated that if Yamada was recently exposed to the virus, it probably occurred in Japan since she fell ill a few days after arriving in the United States.

Yamada's father, Masami Yamada, 54, has flown in from Japan and watches over his daughter. The father, a cab driver in Japan, cannot afford the estimated \$100,000 to hire a special nurse, a respiratory therapist and a specially equipped plane to transport his daughter back to Japan.

Yamada's mother and sister,

who had also been visiting their daughter in America, returned home in an effort to raise funds.

Yamada, after arriving in America on April 25, called home a few days later, complaining of severe headaches. Worried over his daughters condition, the father flew to the United States to deliver over-the-counter headache medicine. The father chose not to mail it because it had been a three-day weekend in Japan and he feared the medicine would not get to his daughter on time.

The father arrived on May 2, and the following day Yamada was sent to the emergency room. She was then discharged and attended classes on May 4 at the International English Institute but became so ill during class that the teacher took her to the hospital. Upon arriving, doctors took a spinal fluid sample and hospitalized her. Three days later, Yamada lapsed into a coma.

Anyone interested in donating funds to help defray Yamada's medical expenses should send them to the Yumi Yamada Trust Fund, c/o Union Bank, 565 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93710.

Supporting Yamada are the Central California Nikkei Foundation board members and Nikkei Service Center staff, Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple Project Dana and the United Japanese Christian Church. ■

Judge Chang Ousts Trustees from Hawaii's Wealthiest Estate

HONOLULU—In a history-making decision, four out of five trustees of Hawaii's Bishop Estate, one of the state's wealthiest trusts, were removed by Probate Court Judge Kevin S.C. Chang after a four-year investigation for fund mismanagement allegations by the Internal Revenue Service and the state attorney general's office.

Bishop Estate is a \$6 billion trust that supports the Kamehameha Schools, its sole beneficiary.

Trustees Gerard Jervis, Lokelani Lindsey, Henry Peters and Richard "Dickie" Wong, who comprised the first all-Hawaiian board in the trust's 115-year history, were temporarily discharged pending a decision on permanent removal.

Wong and Peters, along with Wong's wife Mari Stone and her brother Jeff Stone, are accused of taking part in a real estate kickback scheme involving a Hawaii Kai condominium project built on estate land.

The Wongs were indicted on April 12 for receiving a \$115,800 kickback from Stone, a developer who bought the condo at a bargain-basement price. Peters faced similar criminal charges and was indicted in November for taking a \$192,500 kickback from Stone.

All four deny the allegations. Attorneys for the Wongs and Stone recently filed to have the grand jury indictments against them dismissed, after claiming that two expert witnesses on whom the attorney general relied lacked credibility.

Jervis, meanwhile, was found on March 2 to have been involved in a sex scandal with trust employee Rene Ojiri Kikao, who committed suicide the next day by inhaling carbon

monoxide. Jervis unsuccessfully tried to take his own life a week later by overdosing on sleeping pills.

Bishop Estate's fifth trustee, Oswald Stender, voluntarily tendered his resignation just hours before Judge Chang made his ruling. Stender, who had disagreed with several of the trustees over how to handle the trust and the IRS investigation, offered to step down after a six-hour hearing in which the trustees were asked to present before the court reasons why they should not be removed.

Stender's resignation and the judge's subsequent ruling both came after the IRS found evidence of questionable financial dealings and recommended the trustees step down or face revocation of the estate's tax-exempt status.

In the interim, a five-person panel has been appointed to the trusteeship. Rev. David Paul Coon, Francis Keala, Robert K.U. Kihune, Constance Lau and Ronald Libkuman. They plan to seek permanent removal of the incumbents.

A recent public opinion poll indicated that there is overwhelming support for the temporary removal of the five trustees. Nine out of 10 local residents surveyed by the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* and KHNL TV said they support the judge's decision.

The poll also found that more than half of those responding believe the controversy surrounding the Bishop Estate has tarnished the reputations of the state Democratic Party and the state Supreme Court, which had originally appointed the five removed trustees. ■

Associated Press contributed to this report.

Human Relations Commission Calls for Campaign to Curb Youth Hate Crime

BY TRACY UBA

Writer/Reporter

On the heels of tragic school shootings in places such as Jonesboro, Ark., Springfield, Ore., Conyers, Ga., and perhaps the worst case in recent history, at Columbine High School in Colorado, the country has been swept into a fervor over how to approach and prevent what is now being considered a national epidemic—youth hate crime.

For the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations (LACCHR), which oversees one of the most ethnically diverse cities in the world, issues of youth violence and hate crime have been ongoing and sadly "started long before Littleton," said Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors member Zev Yaroslavsky.

"It starts with us. It's not somebody else's problem. It's [ours]," Yaroslavsky said.

At a recent press conference held at the Japanese American National Museum, the commission called for an anti-hate crime media campaign directed at youth, after having held a series of hate crimes summit meetings from 1997 to 1998.

Panelists who spoke included Angela Oh, civil rights attorney and advisory board member for the President's Initiative on Race; Ron Wakabayashi, executive director of LACCHR; Gil Garcetti, L.A. County District Attorney; Carla Arranaga, of the D.A.'s Office Hate Crimes Unit; Lee Kramer, of L.A. County Sheriff's Department; Dominique Di Prima, L.A. Community Action Director at radio station KBBT-FM 92.3 "The Beat"; and Rev. Leonard Jackson, of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The hate crimes summit meetings, funded by the county's board of supervisors, were originally held to address the alarming increase of hate crimes committed by students at all school levels.

Disturbing statistics for 1998 showed that more than 50 percent of hate crime perpetrators prosecuted by the L.A. County D.A.'s office were juveniles. The county's annual hate crimes report also

found a 53 percent increase in racially-motivated hate crimes committed in schools.

"Right now," said R. Wakabayashi, "we have a lot of agencies collecting a lot of data, but there's no one clearinghouse or spot that deals with this data. What we need are the tools to predict under what circumstances hate crimes are likely to take place, where they're going to take place."

After convening on three different occasions in the cities of Carson, Whittier and Glendale, the hate crimes summit produced a report in which the primary recommendation was a media campaign that would include promoting diversity in schools, bolstering support services for hate crime victims, strengthening human relations education for teachers and students and aggressively prosecuting hate crime perpetrators.

"The message in [this report] is that we do live in L.A. County, but we're going to do better," said Wakabayashi, who added that although it's been a "tough birthing process," what has resulted is "a great deal of collaboration."

Indeed, the media campaign will be directed at and will depend on the cooperation of groups from both public and private sectors, including community social service, religious, media, corporate, small business, law enforcement and legal.

Human relations commissioner and chair of the hate crimes sum-

mits Donna Bojarsky stressed the need for these groups to work together, "to be proactive" not just in dissecting a crime after it has happened but in learning about young people and examining the social,

cultural and economic environments from which they come.

Angela Oh spoke about a multi-tactical approach in presenting ideas of tolerance to youth and, more broadly, to a diverse general public: "While the campaign needs to be conscious of what we know about what's happening with youth, this is an issue that goes way beyond just the youth."

"The youth are being highlighted right now for many reasons, but I think we need to understand also that there are ways to communicate our society's general lack of acceptance," Oh said. "I think there's a way to communicate that through visuals that will overcome language barriers, through music that will overcome cultural barriers and, yes, through the information in text as well."

Oh particularly stressed the need for public information to be made available at schools where children can have easy access to it. Already, she said, many schools have adjusted their curricula to provide that information in the classroom, and now it is up to the different organizations and the county to provide the funds for more extensive implementation.

"Kids know," concluded Bojarsky, "when we're serious about something and when we're not. They know whether we're really putting support, and effort, and money and resources behind something." ■

Nikkei Man Charged With Hate Crime

A Japanese American man from Los Angeles, charged under a federal hate crime law, was scheduled to be arraigned in federal court on June 1.

Takashi Yasuhara, 57, was charged on May 26 with one count of a hate crime and faces a maximum sentence of one year in prison and up to \$100,000 in fines, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Gennaco.

Yasuhara allegedly sent an anonymous letter in January to Deborah Stokeler, 26, a white woman who is married to an African American. The letter claimed to be from an organization called "Citizens Against Blacks," and demanded that Stokeler leave her husband or "we will have to terminate him and cut off his sexual organs and mail it to you."

Gennaco said there is no such group as "Citizens Against Blacks" and that Yasuhara "made it up."

Yasuhara allegedly used a stenciling kit and wore rubber gloves when drafting the letter so as to leave no fingerprints. Police were able to trace the letter to Yasuhara after he confronted Stokeler at her job site in March.

Yasuhara had apparently told Stokeler that two men were looking for her because she had not complied with the letter's warning. Yasuhara, a retiree, had gotten to know Stokeler because she works in the service industry, said Gennaco.

Gennaco said he had no reason to believe that the man is mentally unstable. Yasuhara is believed to have no other criminal record. ■

Congressmen Wu and Campbell Introduce Resolution of Concern Over Recent Spy Allegations

WASHINGTON—Congressmen David Wu (D-Ore.) and Tom Campbell (R-Calif.) introduced a concurrent resolution on March 27 expressing the sense of the Congress relating to the recent espionage allegations and the campaign finance issue and the questioning of Asian Pacific American loyalty to the United States.

The concurrent resolution is as follows:

Whereas the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are truths we hold as self-evident;

Whereas, all Americans are entitled to the equal protection of the law;

Whereas, Americans of Asian ancestry have made profound contributions to American life, including the arts, our economy, education, the sciences, technology, politics and sports, among others;

Whereas, Americans of Asian ancestry have demonstrated their patriotism by honorably serving to defend the United States in times of armed conflict, from the Civil War to the present;

Whereas, due to recent allegations of espionage and illegal campaign financing, the loyalty and probity of Americans of Asian ancestry have been questioned;

Now be it resolved by the United States House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that it is the sense of the Congress that—

1) No member of Congress or any other American should generalize or stereotype the actions of an individual to an entire group of people.

2) Americans of Asian ancestry are entitled to all rights and privileges afforded to all Americans.

3) The Attorney General, the Secretary of Energy and the Commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission should, within their respective jurisdictions, vigorously enforce security in America's national laboratories and investigate all allegations of discrimination in public or private work places.

Organization of Chinese Americans National President George M. Ong stated, "For the past several years, the Chinese American community has been battered by allegations of allegiance to foreign countries. We are frustrated and hurt that we, as a group, are constantly having to prove that we are Americans. What else do we have to do to prove our 'Americanness'?"

"For over 200 years, Chinese Americans have demonstrated true loyalty to this country by giving our lives as we fought as Americans for the United States since the Civil War. Our numerous contributions to this country from the building of the transcontinental railroad to developing the cesium [atomic] clock have all prospered as this nation is focused on the alleged actions of a few Chinese American individuals. We have also been subject to this nation's inability to distinguish whether we are Chinese Americans or Chinese nationals."

Ong continued, "OCA commends the work that Congressman David Wu and Congressman Tom Campbell have initiated in defending the 10 million Asian Pacific Americans. We hope and expect all 535 members of Congress to fully embrace and act upon this resolution." ■

Troubled in Paradise

By Brian Niya

Fighting the Good Fight

I recently attended a celebration at UCLA commemorating the 10th anniversary of Professor Don Nakanishi being granted tenure there.

If you weren't around back then, Nakanishi, a professor in the graduate school of education and the director of UCLA's Asian American Studies Center, was involved in a long and intense battle with UCLA administration over his being denied tenure. Despite his strong teaching and publication record and his work with students and the community, he found himself effectively fired by the university.

The three-year fight which ensued involved lawsuits, student activism, community pressure, and, ultimately, the California state legislature. As his lead attorney Dale Minami noted, the campaign was a metaphorical battle over the future of California, with Nakanishi representing that future face. Ultimately, Nakanishi was granted tenure by then chancellor Charles Young, ten years ago.

I was a graduate student in AA studies at the time and Nakanishi was one of my advisors and mentors. I was involved in organizing some of the early rallies and other student actions; like many of the other students who were involved, it was the first time I had done such things and it taught me much about what I could do.

Also like at least one other couple, my future wife and I got to know each other by working on the Nakanishi tenure case, so he is indirectly responsible for our marriage and our daughter.

The celebration was fun and

was like a mini reunion. Minami spoke, as did student organizers Mary Katayama and Ed Pai. A succession of others paid tribute and/or roasted Nakanishi, though I seemed to be the only one who did any roasting. (I wasn't going to, but when I saw him grimace as I walked up to speak, I just had to say something.)

There was also a lot of discussion about the impact of his tenure case on the university, on AA studies as a whole, and on the community. As Pai pointed out in his speech, many highly qualified AA faculty continue to be denied tenure by what is still largely a white male club. Ethnic studies are still marginalized at many universities, as the recent episode at Berkeley shows us. So in the long run, did the Nakanishi case have any real lasting impact?

Of course the answer is yes. On an individual level, the fight had a huge impact on the lives of those of us who were involved in it, as noted above in my case. There are many others who have similar stories.

At UCLA, Nakanishi's tenure and subsequent leadership as director of the AA Studies Center has transformed the campus. A cursory glance at the numbers of AA faculty in the humanities and social science now versus ten years ago will reveal a dramatic difference. The number of AA studies classes has increased two or three fold and the number of AA students has skyrocketed.

And there has also been a substantial impact on the community. One of the reasons AA studies came into being thirty years ago was the feeling that the universi-

ty curricula of the time was not relevant to many living as part of ethnic communities. Thus, at AA programs at UCLA and elsewhere, graduating students who had the skills and the desire to help their communities became one of the main goals.

In Los Angeles, Nakanishi's students are seemingly ubiquitous in AA community organizations as well as in both ethnic and mainstream educational institutions. His students are particularly numerous in JA organizations such as the Japanese American National Museum and even the JACL, where the newly appointed Pacific Southwest Regional director is one.

Perhaps the most valuable potential legacy of the Nakanishi tenure battle is the same one that came out of the redress movement. It is the sense that you couldn't push us AAs/JAs around anymore, not after this ultimately victorious battle against a powerful opponent. Having survived this battle made Nakanishi a powerful figure on campus and gave the AA community the sense that there was much it could do.

So it was fun to reminisce and visit with old friends. But the message to come out of this celebration was clear: there is still a lot of work to do with whatever newfound power and influence we've gained over the last decade. That work may or may not be on behalf of other JAs or other AAs. But we owe it to people like Nakanishi to fight the good fight regardless. ■

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Very Truly Yours

By Harry K. Honda

Matters for Asian American Heritage Month Just Passed

PERHAPS IT might be seen as a White House way to launch the celebration of Asian American Heritage month with a glittering state dinner for Japan's Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi the first Monday in May. Of course, it was not. Obuchi's schedule began four days earlier (April 29) in Los Angeles at Little Tokyo's Japanese American National Museum. There was also a stop in Long Beach to see the Queen Mary. Obuchi first arrived in the United States on the legendary ship as a graduate student enroute home on a 'round-the-world' trip from England in 1963.

According to Washington Post reporters, it was a clear spring night, a bit chilly, as 340 guests made their way to a candle-lit, tented pavilion on the south lawn that was left over from the NATO summit.

It was "one of the largest official dinners of the Clinton administration" and among the few famous faces recognized by the reporters was Robert Nakasone, head of Toys "R" Us, a name which appeared in Mo Marumoto's 1993 informal survey of Asian Americans in the corporate world at the board and top levels. Nakasone then was a v.p. with the Paramus, N.J., firm.

In small print was the complete list of White House dinner guests. Here are some other names I found of interest:

California Assemblyman Mike M. Honda, Cherry Tsutsumida (National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, Washington), Sen. Daniel Inouye, Federal Judge Anthony and Jeanette Ishii (Fresno), Acting Assistant Attorney General Bill Linn Lee, Rep. Robert and Doris Matsui, Rep. Patzy T. and John Mink, Tomio Moriguchi (Uwajimaya Inc.), Jane Nishita (public policy manager, U.S. West), Japanese astronaut Chiaki Mukai, Charlie and Toshiko Nagatani, California Assemblyman George Nakano, Karen Nakasaki (National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium), Rose Ochi (Dept. of Justice), Darlene Kuba (Kuba Assoc., Washington), Scott and Laurie Oki (Oki Foundation), K. Patrick and Lily Okura (Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation), Beth Renge (California Office of State) and Nancy Hatamiya (Office of Personnel Management), Francis Y. Sog (Japanese American National Museum) and Sarah Sogi, George Tsukei (U.S. Japan Friendship Commission).

[Note: Pat Okura is convalescing at home after a triple heart bypass operation May 14 and "doing remarkably well," says his wife Lily.]

Two 'Asides' on Arizona

Our recent venture to Scottsdale, Ariz., for the JACL (PSW-CC-NWNP) Tri-District Conference in late April and the post-conference tour of the Gila River WRA campsite brings up two interesting "asides" as an archivist might classify.

(1) We learned there was a stretch of Interstate 10 in Arizona dedicated as "Pearl Harbor Memorial Highway." It's understandable when you remember the Battleship Arizona lies at the bottom of Pearl Harbor. We saw that roadside sign at the Maricopa-Pinal county line enroute to the Gila River campsite.

(2) Selanoco JACler Clarence Nishizu sent us a newspaper story: "45 Japanese Americans lent muscles to build highway," from the *Arizona Daily Star*, Tucson, dated Aug. 31, 1998. Certainly not the Kookkia highway in Idaho that Bill Hosokawa had written about in his Oct. 2, 1998, "Fryer," I thought.

The article said, most of these men were the "Amache resisters," but also resisters from other camps and one who had evaded the curfew and camp, Gordon Hirabayashi. After being sentenced in Seattle — 30 days for curfew violation, another 30 days for violation of the exclusion order — he was free on bail while his case was being appealed. He was told to complete his sentence at a road camp.

The U.S. marshal at Spokane couldn't send him to the nearest federal road camp in Tacoma, since it was a "prohibited" area, and told him to report to one in Tucson. Since no transportation funds were available, Gordon decided to hike-hike from Spokane to Salt Lake City, bought his own bus ticket in southern Utah to Las Vegas, and two weeks later reported to the U.S. marshal in Tucson, who wasn't expecting him.

Gordon was told to take in a movie while things were being checked out. Gordon reported after supper; the marshal had located the papers and Gordon completed his sentence. He got a bus ticket to return to Spokane.

"Ironically, I found out later that Tucson was also in the prohibited area," Gordon recalled during a PSWDC Day of Remembrance event in 1996.

This road camp for men who built the 25-mile Catalina Highway was in the Santa Catalina Mountains northeast of Tucson. The completed project took 27 years (1933-1961), involving more than 8,000 federal prisoners. The road camp was razed in 1970 but the U.S. Forest Service is considering naming the proposed prison camp road campground after Gordon Hirabayashi.

[Note: Arizona JACler Joe Allman has sent us the Internet pages from www.azstarnet.com of both parts.]

A Phone Number Correction

One reader wondered about a telephone number in our last column for David Swift Jr. of Hawaii who is finishing his book, *MIS Origins* (a working title), of the 40 Nisei graduates from WWII's first MISLS class. While regrets are in order, I'm glad it was a disconnected number. The correct number is 808/956-8722.

The reader confirmed that one of the seven graduates whom Swift wants to contact through relative or friend, Paul Y. Kuyama, was from San Diego, active in the JACL chapter. Kuyama passed away in 1998 — on Feb. 26 as recorded in the P.C. Necrology. The 75-year-old San Francisco-born MIS veteran from the first class at the Presidio of San Francisco had compiled a history from Japanese military data, was past commander of the VFW Post 4851, past president of Kiku Gardens, and a 30-year title-search officer. ■

JACL Nat'l Council Ponders Draft Resisters Resolution

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volunteer and 30,000 served with unprecedented bravery, in the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team (the most highly decorated unit of its size in World War II), the Military Intelligence Service, and other units, and their sacrifices are justly honored; and

WHEREAS, The Selective Service reopened the draft to all qualified Japanese Americans on November 24, 1946; and

WHEREAS, About 315 Japanese Americans, including the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee and others, refused to be inducted while their government violated their constitutional rights as citizens by imprisoning them and their families in concentration camps as "enemy aliens" and blatantly discriminated against them solely on the basis of their racial ancestry; and

WHEREAS, those resisters of conscience (a/k/a "draft resisters") who clearly declared their loyalty but upheld America's fundamental constitutional principles were convicted of violating the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, and many served federal prison terms and were later pardoned by president Truman in 1947 for their civil rights stand; and

WHEREAS, many Nisei resisters of conscience (a/k/a "draft resisters") and their families have suffered over the decades from ostracism in the community for their stand; and

WHEREAS, the United States, with the passing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, has begun the healing process to remedy the gross injustice against Americans of Japanese ancestry perpetrated by the mass incarceration in detention camps in 1942; and

WHEREAS, the National JACL in 1990 recognized the Japanese American resisters of conscience (a/k/a "draft resisters") of World War II who declared their loyalty to their country, but who were also dedicated to the principle of defending their civil rights, were willing to make significant sacrifices to uphold their belief in patriotism in a different form from those who sacrificed their lives on the battlefields; and they, too, deserve a place of honor and respect in the history of Americans of Japanese ancestry; and

WHEREAS, the 1990 recognition stops short of an apology to the Japanese American resisters of conscience (a/k/a "draft resisters") of World War II; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Southwest District Council JACL, in 1995, recognized the Japanese American resisters of conscience (a/k/a "draft resisters"), and later called for an apology by the National JACL for any pain or bitterness caused by its failure to recognize this group of patriotic Americans; and

Sen. Inouye Urges Reconciliation

At the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies' gala banquet last month, the *Pacific Citizen* asked Sen. Daniel Inouye, a decorated 442nd World War II veteran from Hawaii, about his thoughts on the resisters of conscience issue.

"I concur with that," said Inouye, referring to the Hawaii 442nd Club's decision to pass a resolution of reconciliation recently. "It's about time we got together as friends. I've always thought it's time for reconciliation."

cans; and

WHEREAS, a number of veterans, including the 442nd Veterans Club of Hawaii in 1998, recognize the Heart Mountain Resisters for their effort to uphold the Constitution of the U.S. And urge all other Japanese American veterans to extend their hand of friendship; and

WHEREAS, many of our Nisei generation, including many resisters of conscience (a/k/a "draft resisters"), have already passed away, making the need to more fully resolve this issue an urgent matter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National JACL also recognizes the Japanese American resisters of conscience (a/k/a "draft resisters") as a group of principled Americans and that by this recognition it strives to continue to actively promote and nurture via educational means, the healing process of an issue that has divided our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that national JACL, subject to the approval by the Pacific Northwest, Intermountain, Mountain Plains, Midwest, Eastern, Central California, and Pacific Southwest Districts at their Tri-district, Bi-District or other meetings, apologizes for not recognizing the Japanese American resisters of conscience (a/k/a "draft resisters") for their principled stand, and will honor them at an appropriate public ceremony. At the same time, we fully recognize and honor the 30,000 Japanese Americans who served in our armed forces during World War II for their demonstrated loyalty to the United States. ■

Passed by the National JACL Board at its Second Quarter Meeting on Saturday, May 15, 1999, in San Francisco, California.

GANGS

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were being fought in their own communities and homes, against each other and within themselves.

Predominantly formed and operated in surrounding areas of Los Angeles, in districts like Crenshaw, Silver Lake, Boyle Heights, East L.A. and South Central L.A., JA gangs, or "clubs" as they were called, began as social groups and sports teams.

A former member of the Crenshaw-based "Constituents," Mo Nishida, recalls as a 16-year-old high school student what generally went on at these socials. "We'd be at a dance, standing against the wall giving each other hard looks. Some older guy would ask the girls to dance and we'd be going, 'Oh, man, that guy's dancing with my girl.'"

The Constituents were active roughly from 1952 to 1958 and their main rivals at the time were the Koshakus of the East L.A. area, many of whom attended Roosevelt High School from 1954 to 1958.

Divided along geographic lines, gangs from the "Eastside" generally competed with those from the "Westside." But unlike contemporary Asian gangs, violence came mainly in the form of fist-to-fist combat as a means of establishing turf and asserting identity. For others, it was a class issue. Kids from the poorer areas would pick fights with those from the richer areas or vice versa.

"In those days, it was a phenomenon, a Japanese American phenomenon," said Steve Nakajo, the executive director of San Francisco-based Kimochi, a support group for senior citizens. Back then, Nakajo, though he was living in Northern California, used to come down to L.A. as an affiliate and younger follower of the older JA gang members.

"It was countercultural," he said. "At one time or another, a lot of us, weren't fitting into a mold. This movement was a pure alternative."

Indeed, most of the teenagers who got involved in gangs of this era felt that they did not or could not fit the "model minority" mold, confirmed Nick Nagatani, of Yellow Brotherhood, a community youth outreach group which grew out of the JA gangs in the late 1960s and lasted until the mid 1970s. Disillusionment with bourgeois values was the general consensus as many parents tried to groom their children to become white-collar professionals.

"I come from Issei, from that

whole generation where the parents were working for whatever they could get," said Nakajo.

In many cases, while the parents were busy trying to make money for their children's education, the kids were dropping out of school to hang out with friends. Some got into so much trouble that they were sent either to juvenile hall or to jail.

Besides fighting amongst themselves, some JA gangs fought against other ethnic gangs depending on where they lived. Ken Akinaka's family was dispersed throughout Los Angeles both on the east and the west. "My aunt's family lived in East L.A. and they had gang fights right there in the street with Mexicans. And my other cousins lived in West L.A., in Crenshaw, and [those] were African American neighborhoods."

Eventually, as the JA gangs grew into a bigger family network, they afforded physical protection and mobilized a power-in-numbers mentality to combat racism and anti-Asian sentiments still rampant in mainstream society at the time.

As these gangs began absorbing quasi-political convictions and rhetoric, using terms such as "revolution," "unity" and "brotherhood" to describe their plight, drug use was gaining in popularity.

For JA gang members in those days, "red devils," or Lilly F-40s, were the narcotics of choice, barbiturates which produced a fast, cheap high. Others sniffed glue and other stimulants, said Nagatani.

But by late 1968, the tide had turned. Guns had entered the scene and a greater influx of drugs led to an increase in subsequent overdoses and deaths in the community. Those in the military, like Nishida, for instance, were returning home from the service. It marked the beginning of a new era for JA gang members and their disciples who were turning from a life of adolescent delinquency often spent in a drug-induced haze of street brawls and anti-authority attitudes, to a life of community and social service as drug prevention advocates and mentors for gang youth.

Offshoot groups like the Yellow Brotherhood and Asian American Hardcore were largely comprised of the protégés and younger followers of the original JA gangs. But an ideological shift had occurred partly because of changes in the broader social and political spectrum.

Protests against the Vietnam War underscored the growing consciousness among some JAs who were beginning to take their cues

from other minority "radical" groups such as the Black Panthers.

The Yellow Brotherhood (YB) was started in February of 1969 by Gary Asamura, Laurence Lee, Victor Shibata, Mike Yamaki and Dave Yanagi — five concerned ex-gang members who had witnessed, with growing alarm, drugs claim the lives and well-being of many of their friends and acquaintances.

As a grassroots, community drug abuse organization which was sustained primarily through fundraisers and donations, the YB attempted to recruit younger up-and-coming gang members from third-generation gangs such as the Ministers III, until much of their membership was broken up and reabsorbed into the YB.

"I still was actually a gang member [at the time] and we used the gangs that were coming up behind us," said Asamura, a former member of the original Ministers and a graduate of Dorsey High School. "We knew the only way that this would ever break down was we had to approach the gang members and we had to break them into [smaller] groups."

On more than one occasion, Asamura remembers having to resort to force in dealing with violent gang members which the YB had brought in for drug intervention.

"We went down to the basement and somebody got beat up. Let's face it, gang members only know one thing, and that's how to deal with things in the street. They don't care about what you can teach them, you have to be on their level. They're not going to come up to your level, you have to go down to their level. So you have to approach them and you have to fight them, unfortunately."

I know I had to break one guy's leg and his arm," said Asamura. "I didn't want to do that, but when they try to hit you with chains, what else are you going to do but protect yourself?"

Nagatani, who in addition to the YB has also worked with Japanese American Community Services (JACS), recalls seeing these fights where "brothers [were] being tied up and handcuffed in the basement."

Nagatani and Ray Tsaki of Asian American Hardcore, another community youth outreach group which emerged from the JA gangs, spoke at a recent panel discussion on gang and youth culture of the 1960s, 1960s and 1970s sponsored

by the Japanese American National Museum.

"These are things happening in my own backyard," Nagatani told the Pacific Cityzen of the drug abuse which he witnessed firsthand.

Nagatani grew up in the same Crenshaw district out of which the original Ministers sprung. And although he was a few years younger than those members, he shared their streetwise mentality and carried that into his activities with the YB.

An abandoned house on Crenshaw Boulevard, north of Pico, was used as the YB facility, where drug-addicted youth and gang members came for "rehabilitation," he said. There, they also participated in group "rap" sessions where they could talk about their experiences and organized benefit dinners, car washes and dances.

"I envisioned it at one time, I wanted to create a little army," said Nagatani. "But at this point [the YB's purpose] is to help mold people with a warrior-like outlook, to help them stand up for what they believe is wrong, to help them see things in a different way other than what the media or even the education system tells us."

Tsaki, who has worked similarly with gang youth, feels that hashing out issues of identity is important for young people, which is why it is crucial that ethnic studies programs continue to help kids figure that out.

Current incarnations of the YB and Asian American Hardcore are more loosely based than they once were. Today, says Nagatani, former YB members are parents trying to introduce their children to that network through basketball games and barbecues with other YB families.

The legacy has also been kept alive with the emergence of federally-funded and community-supported organizations such as the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP), which began in the mid 1970s as the YB began to die down.

And although facilities like the notorious YB House, where the infant if crude stage of drug intervention for JA gang youth began, are no longer around to provide a central site, the commitment to community activism remains in the hearts of people like Nagatani, Tsaki, Asamura and others once close to this unique subcultural slice. ■

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■ JOB OPENING

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Are you a soon-to-be graduating or a recent college graduate interested in working for a non-profit organization? The Japanese American Citizens League is looking for an energetic, organized and creative person to be Youth Coordinator for the Pacific Southwest District office in Los Angeles.

The Youth Coordinator is a one year full-time position with full health benefits that include vision and dental health. The Youth Coordinator will primarily concentrate on recruiting college-aged students to the organization and work with the National Youth/Student Council of JACL on youth oriented issues.

Application requirements: College graduate in social science or liberal arts with experience working with the Asian Pacific American community preferred, traveling required. To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and three references. Specify in your cover letter why you would like to work with the JACL. Send your application to: Beth Au, Regional Director, Japanese American Citizens League, 244 South San Pedro Street, #507, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Position is open until filled. No taxes or e-mails will be accepted. Call 213/626-4471 if you have any questions. Salary: \$22,000-\$24,000 with full health insurance.

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gala dinner on May 20, where Inouye was awarded the organization's achievement award and the first Daniel K. Inouye fellow was announced — Julianna Lee, a 1999 graduate of Wellesley College with a dual major in economics and Japanese Studies.

Inouye, the third most senior member of the United States Senate, has represented the State of Hawaii in Congress for 40 years. During his tenure, Inouye fought for redress on behalf of Nikkei internees, improved education for all children, better health care for Hawaiians and was instrumental in engineering the return of the Island of Kahoolawe to the Hawaiian people.

Inouye is also a decorated World War II veteran, who served with the celebrated 442nd Central Postal Directory. During his tour of duty, Inouye's right arm was shattered by a German rifle grenade and he spent 20 months recovering from his injuries. He was discharged as an Army captain with a Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart with clusters and 12 other medals and citations.

In accepting the award, Inouye asked attendees to take up a special challenge. He urged fellow Asian Americans to work towards educating non-Asians about the culture and lifestyle of Asia and the Pacific Rim.

"Why do I say this?" Inouye asked rhetorically. "Not too long ago, we had some campaign contribution problems. Although I said so in just that we all look alike, we do look alike. Very few can differentiate between a Chinese and a Japanese or a Korean and a Chinese or a Filipino or a Japanese."



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Oregon State Congressman David Wu chats with Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Bill Lann Lee.

"It might be tempting for those of Japanese ancestry to sit back and snicker when they see the Chinese in trouble or vice versa. I still remember those placards [during World War II] that people would that said, 'I'm not Japanese.' But whether we like it or not, we're in it together."

"The years ahead of us, the months ahead of us, may be trying for us. What we see in the spy situation is just one instance. What will be the next one?"

To empower the APA community, Inouye encouraged partici-



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA
U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye (left) was awarded APAICS' achievement award from Norm Mineta, APAICS chair and former U.S. Congressman.

pants to seek public service. "I know it [public service] doesn't make money," he said. "I know that you will be cursed and criticized and maligned. But let me assure you that at the end of the day, most of us get home with a good feeling that we had done our best... Ask I think it is imperative that our presence be made known and our voices heard."

"The challenge may sound simple but it requires some sacrifice. Knowing you, I'm certain you will look back to the sacrifices made by your grandparents and great grandparents. I think the time has come for us to make those sacrifices."

Keynote speaker for the event was U.S. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson, who has been meeting with various APA organizations about espionage allegations surfaced at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Richardson, the highest ranking Hispanic in the Clinton Administration, is well aware that this latest development could cast suspicion over all APAs and promised attendees that "racial profiling will not be tolerated."

"On this, you have my word," he said. "I encourage all Americans to pursue their career aspirations without regard to race or creed. Over the past two months, I have met with a number of leaders in the Asian Pacific American community, and I have met with representatives of the Asian Pacific American scientists working in my labs."

"I have tried to convey President Clinton's and my personal stance on this issue. I have told the senior managers at the Department — my assistant secretaries and senior staff — that the actions of one are not a reflection of the community at large."

In terms of specific plans, Richardson told the Pacific Citizen that he plans to meet with APA scientists at three national nuclear laboratories — Lawrence Livermore, Los Alamos National Laboratory and Sandia National

Laboratory.

"We're going to rectify this situation," said Richardson. "I'm going to visit all three labs within the next 60 days. It's a matter of scheduling, but we have Livermore scheduled for the next month. I will personally meet with the Asian American scientists and let them know that their work is important and that I won't tolerate discrimination or racial profiling and this incident is not going to affect their outstanding work at the labs."

Leadership Academy

At the center of the three-day political education conference was the Leadership Academy for Asian Pacific American Elected Officials, a first-ever training program where APA elected officials are given an opportunity to develop skills needed to prepare for higher office.

It was co-sponsored by APAICS and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, and underwritten by Bell Atlantic.

The idea for this innovative program came from Don Nakanishi, director of UCLA's Asian American Studies Center. Nakanishi, who has been monitoring APA elected and appointed officials for more than 20 years, said he saw a need for an institutionalized program that would increase APA representation.

"When I first started compiling a list for a political almanac in 1975, there were so few Asian American elected officials that you could literally staple the list on the top corner," said Nakanishi. "While in recent years it's grown to be over 2,000 Asian American elected and major appointed officials, I still think we could do a lot more and do so systematically. So this particular program is designed for people who currently hold local or state office, and are interested and aspiring for higher office."

Thirteen elected officials were selected to participate in the inaugural Leadership Academy, which consisted of intensive sessions with current and former elected officials, Congressional staffers, political and public relations consultants, fundraisers, print and broadcast journalists and other political experts.

The selected participants are as follows: Jon Amores - West Virginia House of Delegates (D); Kumar P. Barve - Maryland House of Delegates (D); Mike Gin - mayor pro tem for Redondo Beach, Calif. (R); Solomon P. Kabohalahala - Hawaii House of Representatives (D); Conrad Lee - city councilmember for Bellevue, Wash. (R); Joaquin Lim - mayor pro tem for Walnut, Calif. (R); Karyl Matsumoto - vice mayor of South San Francisco (D); Hermina Morita - Hawaii House of Representatives (D); Michael Park - deputy mayor for Federal Way, Wash. (Independent); Amy Mah Sanglelo - alderman-at-large for Newton, Mass. (D); Paul Shin - Washington State Senate (D); Benjamin S. Wong - city councilmember for West Covina, Calif. (D); and Martha J. Wong - city councilmember for Houston, Texas (R). ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Hata, Frank Fumio, 80, Loomis, May 17, survived by wife Tamiko; son Marvin and wife Katie; 2 g.; brother Jimmy and wife Sachiko; sisters Tomie Hamada and husband Teruo, Matsumi Kawada, Kiyomi Kato, Yuriko Fujii and husband Dave Kazuo.

Inaseko, Harumi, 83, Los Angeles, May 17, Compton-born; survived by wife Sachiko Mary; son Harry Masao; daughter Patsy Chiyeko Duncan and husband Mark; brother Hakaru (Japan).

Kita, Kazuo Fred, 81, Torrance, May 17, Laguna Beach-born; survived by wife Rosalie; sons Edward and wife Norine, Ronald and wife Evelyn; daughter Janice Kawagoe; brothers Tom and wife Yoshimi, Bill and wife Marian; 6 g.; 2 g.; sister Mary Kobayashi.

Kita, Kazuo Fred, 81, Torrance, May 17, Laguna Beach-born; survived by wife Rosalie; sons Edward and wife Norine, Ronald and wife Evelyn; daughter Janice Kawagoe; brothers Tom and wife Yoshimi, Bill and wife Marian; 6 g.; 2 g.; sister Mary Kobayashi.

Kitagawa, Frances Chizu, 85, Marina Del Rey, May 18, survived by daughter Janet Yamanaka and husband Randall (Thousand Oaks); sisters Mary Wakamatsu (Marina Del Rey), Ann Sugimoto (Culver City); brother Jack Wakamatsu (Venice); predeceased by daughter Julian.

Kurima, Tadashi Mac, 89, Downey, May 11, 1911, born; survived by wife Fusaye; sons Walter; daughters Frances, Jeanne; 6 g.; 3 g.; brothers Dick, Wilbert.

Mitsuhishi, Thomas, 75, Las Vegas, May 18, San Bernardino-born; survived by son Gregory Steven and wife Roseanne (New York); daughter Debra Susan Applebury and husband James (Big Bear Lake); 4 g.; sisters Kikuyo Maye (Westminster), Lillian Kawana and husband Richard.

Nakamura, Roy Susumu, 71, Buena Park, May 3, Concord-born; Tule Lake and Mánzanar internee; U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Fumi; sons David and wife Lisa, Terry, Bill, John and wife Carla; 6 g.; brothers Jimmy, Kiyoshi, Tom, Teru, Min, Mas, Nob; sister Hatsumi Osajima.

Nanjio, Yoneko, 93, San Francisco, May 16, San Francisco-born; survived by sons Henry and wife Frances, Tuzomo Ben and wife Motoko, James and wife Yumiko; 6 g.; 5 g.

Nishihira, Shiruko, 85, Mountain View, Hawaii, April 25, Wai-anne, Hawaii-born; survived by sons Thomas (Newark), Dennis (Kaneohe, Hawaii), Howard (Kaneohe, Hawaii); daughters Daisy Sakai (Huntington Beach), Setsuko Eto (Orange), Mitsuko Lau (Kauai, Hawaii), Akiko Ushijima (San Francisco), Myrtle Raposa (Mountain View, Hawaii); 19 g.; 10 g.; brother Yuken Akawaza (Hilo, Hawaii); predeceased by husband Sushin.

Oka, Tadashi Ted, May 1, 442nd Central Postal Team veteran; survived by brothers Harley, Hide; sisters Mary Etow and husband Ken, Haruka Hattori; sister-in-law Betty Oka.

Omori, Rei, 76, Chicago, May 7, survived by husband George; sister June Ota (Sacramento); daughters Judy Otagard and husband Greg, Lydia Sahli and husband Greg, Mary Samson and husband Steve; son Casey and wife Lisa; 1 g.

Omori, Toheiko, 77, Los Angeles, May 16, Kumamoto-born; survived by husband Seichi; sons Edward K. Henry and wife Sue, Hiroshi and wife Diane; 6 g.; 1 g.

Ozawa, James Hiroshi, 88, Los Angeles, May 16, Seattle-born; survived by wife Eiko; sons Kenny, Michael and wife Kathy; daughters Kayo Kanemoto and husband Gary, son Kanemoto and husband Gary; 5 g.

Sagawa, Makoto Paul, 77, May 16, survived by wife Yukeko; son Wes and wife Edith; daughter Patti; 2 g.; brother Burt and wife

Lauretta, Scott and wife Yong, James and wife Karen; sisters Midori Hirahara and husband Kazumi (Japan), Kyoko Babe and husband Harry, Mary Shelton, Kazuko Mizumoto.

Sekuma, Nellie T., 90, Marietta, Ga., May 31; formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, and San Mateo; interned at Topaz; survived by daughter Marian Furukawa and husband Ron; son Paul and wife Doree; 5 g.; sisters-in-law Kyo Endo, Yoshiko Furuyama, Akiko Furuyama.

Shimizu, Frank Kiyoshi, 86, Los Altos, May 12, Okazaki Prefecture-born; survived by wife Michiko; son John and wife Kathleen, daughters Fumiko Manness and husband Walker, Kay Sasaki and husband Go; grandchildren; brother Tsuneo and wife Miso.

Togawa, Raymond Masao, 54, Montebello, May 18, survived by wife Sally Reiko; daughter Renee Gil De Montes and husband Victor; 2 g.; son Russell; mother Momoyo; brothers Alan, Larry and wife Lynn; sister Jane Fukunaga and husband Norio (San Diego); brothers-in-law Dennis and James Izumigawa.

Takenaka, Roy Tadao, 74, Irvine, May 15, Waipahu, Hawaii-born; survived by daughters Carol A., Gwen Y. Yokoyama and husband David R.; 2 g.; brother Yoshikazu (Hawaii); sisters-in-law Ayako (Hawaii), Mary Teruya and husband Jits; brother-in-law Katsuo Endo.

Yamamoto, Kenneth Shigeo, 52, So. San Francisco, Jan. 20; longtime JACLer; manager of Events, Etc.; survived by partner Barbara Falkema (Menlo Park); parents Shigeru and Nancy (Oakland); brothers Bruce and wife Cindy (Pleasanton) and Alan (Boulder, Colo.).

Yamamoto, Nao, 105, Los Angeles, May 17, Yamaguchi-ken-born; survived by son Lloyd and wife Molly; daughters Theresa Kushi, Shizuko Hayashibara and husband Reynold; daughter-in-law Ritsuko Yamamoto; 10 g.; 1 g.

Yokoyama, Hifume Jayne, May 16, Hilo, Hawaii-born; survived by sons Stan and wife Dawn, Eric and wife Sheri, Wayne and wife Diane; 3 g.; sisters Ruth and husband Walter, Betty and husband Taiji, Eleanor; brothers Glenn and wife Yukimi, Robert. ■

DEATH NOTICE

MABLE HATSUKO YOSHIZAKI

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Mable Hatsuko Yoshizaki, 84, passed away May 24. Mable was a Ft. Lupton, Colo. born. Nisei. She is survived by her husband Frank Minoru Yoshizaki, sister Gracie (Ted) Ikari, sisters-in-law Ruth and Sadako Hayashida, Fumi and Alice Yoshizaki, Heleen Terawasa, Vera Aoki, Dorothy Shibayama and Sue Wong, many nephews and nieces and relatives. Funeral services will be held Friday, June 4, from 7:30 p.m. at Houta Hwangwaji Buddhist Temple, 815 E. 1st St., Los Angeles, under the direction of Fukui Mortuary.

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CAROLE SONG

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1945, in Bridgeton, N.J., after her parents had relocated from the Jerome and Rowher concentration camps to Seabrook Farms.

Horn, in a 38-page decision, ruled that the federal government had maintained an effective barrier that prevented the Sano family from returning to California.

Horn found that the U.S. government's resettlement policies encouraged JAs to move east on indefinite leave from the camps and that when Public Proclamation 21 had been issued, the government failed to provide adequate notice to the Sano family, telling them that the family could return to their former home on the West Coast. The Sano family, at the time, were living in government-owned housing at Seabrook Farms in New Jersey.

Horn further ruled that in the Sano family's case, the statutory date of Jan. 20, 1945, which had been selected by the Office of Redress Administration in the revised regulations, was "incongruous" with the date of June 30, 1946, that Congress had identified in the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

In referring to the ruling, Song said, "I was definitely surprised and happy. I wanted to pursue

the lawsuit for my uncle, who was active early in the redress struggle through the JACL, but who died prior to the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988."

Song's case was filed by attorney Lisa Ikemoto, who was part of a pro bono team of lawyers coordinated by the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCR) and Alex Fukui, president of the Japanese American Bar Association.

Richard Katsuda, NCR president, praised Horn's ruling. "We applaud Judge Horn's courage in awarding redress to Carole Song. She thoroughly researched the historical documents and legal precedents applicable to this case and reached a just decision."

The issue of redress eligibility for individuals born outside of camp is not new. In the 1995 landmark Ishida/Conso case at the U.S. Court of Appeals, a three-judge panel ruled that Douglas Ishida and Linda Yae Kayabe Conso, both children of "voluntary evacuees," had been deprived of liberty because their families had been prevented by federal action from returning to their parents' original residence.

The DOJ had then instructed the ORA to redress all eligible claimants who fell under the same category as "Conso/Ishida." The ORA, however, chose a narrow interpretation of the appellate court ruling and redressed only those born prior to

Jan. 21, 1945.

The DOJ has 60 days in which to file an appeal to the Song decision.

Fukui and the pro bono legal team will be following the Song case closely.

"At this point, the ORA is no longer functioning and the funds appropriated by the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 are supposedly depleted," said Fukui. "For now, we're waiting for the government to decide whether it's going to appeal, and if it does, we will prepare a vigorous defense of the summary judgement. If ultimately, the Song ruling is upheld, we will urge Congress to appropriate more money and reconstitute the ORA."

For more information, leave a message on the NCR answering machine at 213/680-3484. ■

JLAs

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extend our appreciation to Congress members Matsui and Mink for their leadership in gaining approval in the House where our major opposition occurred."

Julie Small, co-chair of Campaign for Justice, said, "We appreciate Senator Inouye and Representative Mink and Pelosi for working so diligently to ensure the approval of this provision," She added, "We look forward to

continuing to work with them to resolve all the remaining redress issues for both Japanese Americans and Japanese Latin Americans."

Small cautioned that while the \$4.3 million will provide redress to the majority of claimants, there are still hundreds of JLAs and JA claimants who will not be paid under the provision, including 17 JLA applicants believed to be eligible for the Mochizuki settlement but who did not learn of the agreement in time to file by the Aug. 10, 1999, deadline. There are also 11 JLA applicants who filed claims on time but have since moved and thus their mail has been returned to the DOJ marked "undeliverable."

Small added, "There is still the question of lost interest monies, and challenges to officials still in the courts and remaining issues under the Mochizuki settlement." In total, 17 JLAs have opted out of the settlement, a provision allowed for under the agreement.

Attorneys for JLAs filed a motion in February of this year to enforce the settlement. Among the charges, the attorneys for the JLAs accused the government of burdening former internees with unnecessary and repeated requests for information. Judge Loren Smith of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims is scheduled to rule on the motion soon. ■

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