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Branson Honors JA Vets



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Kow Ito, a 442nd veteran, gets serenaded by singer Barbara Fairchild.

BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

BRANSON, MO.—For the record, Elvis is alive and well. He's residing in the form of Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura who found a second calling as a rock 'n' roll singer.

Miyamura, who was in Branson, Mo., as part of a week-long tribute to Japanese American veterans, was propelled into the limelight during a Doug Gabriel show after the singer asked the Korean War veteran to join him on stage as the guest of honor.

Little did Miyamura know what

was in store for him as Gabriel handed him a pair of sunglasses, a silk scarf and sports jacket. But the normally mild-mannered and modest veteran took it all in stride. It wasn't long before Miyamura was shaking it loose and struttin' his stuff to the tune of "I'm All Shook Up."

"Now, that was the highlight of the whole week," laughed Kiyo Yamate, president of Southern California's 442nd/100th Veterans' group. "He really performed up there. That was the most memorable thing. He made that trip."

"I laughed so hard," said Eiko

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Over 2000 Turn Out For 'Go For Broke' Unveiling

BY MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

To Alton John Nakama, his late father, Alton Ichi Nakama, was everything a man should be — a caring father, a loving husband to his mother and a brave soldier who fought with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

To honor his father's memory, Nakama and his family came out

"It made me realize what a sacrifice everyone made and how difficult it must have been," said the tearful daughter. "No matter what hardship I have in my life, I don't think it'll compare to his."

"I know it was really hard for my father," continued Cecilia. "He lost a few aunts in the bombing of Hiroshima. It's very difficult to understand how someone could split their loyalty between family and

"I never got to meet him and vice versa," said Sato. "But this is such a nice tribute that I'm really touched. I'm ashamed to say I'm not familiar with the names of the people responsible for this memorial, but people like myself greatly appreciate their efforts."

U.S. Senator and 442nd veteran Daniel K. Inouye paid special tribute to men such as Alton Ichi Nakama and Shukichi Sato, say-



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

World War II 442nd veteran George Yamada, 84, places roses on the memorial while Shigeo Kawamoto (left), 82, prepares to do the same.

ing they belonged to a special brotherhood, one "banded in war, tested in war many, many times and forged in the blood of war."

Inouye recognized each Nisei unit, from the better known 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Mil-

tary Intelligence Service to the lesser known 522nd Field Ar-

tillery Unit and the 232nd and 1399th Engineering units.

In referring to the 232nd, he said, "The 232nd Engineering Company is a small unit, but it has the bloodiest casualty than many of the infantry companies. This is the brotherhood, and we gather this day to thank all of you for remembering us."

The contributions of the Nisei soldiers were not lost upon U.S. Congressman Robert Matsui, who thanked the veterans, saying he was a "product of your efforts."

"I would not be standing here

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From Bento to Mixed Plate to the Smithsonian

BY CATHY ASATO
Special to the Pacific Citizen

WASHINGTON—Visitors to the Smithsonian Institution Arts and Industries Building in Washington, D.C., can immerse themselves in the ideas, customs and histories of the Japanese, Hawaiian, and American cultures. The way these cultures and others came together in Hawaii inspired "From Bento to Mixed Plate: Americans of Japanese Ancestry in Multicultural Hawaii," an exhibit showcasing the 50th state's multiethnic makeup.

The exhibit, developed by the Los Angeles-based Japanese American National Museum, tells the story of Japanese Americans in Hawaii through the generations. It uses personal artifacts, family photographs, first person accounts of first, second, third, fourth, and fifth-generation JAs to explore the role of JAs in sports, labor, educa-

tion, religion, politics, and business in Hawaiian society.

"From Bento to Mixed Plate" begins in the late 1800s when the first wave of Japanese immigrants moved to Hawaii to labor in the sugar cane fields.

Mostly men immigrated as contract workers, but women traveled to Hawaii as well — some on their own and others as arranged "picture brides." When their work contracts expired, many Japanese stayed in Hawaii, started families, continued to farm or found work outside of the plantation. The exhibit documents this period, then moves visitors through time to World War II and the backlash surrounding Japan's bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, to statehood in 1959, to the present day.

"Is there one theme?" exhibition curator Arnold Hiura asked. "It's that we [Japanese Americans] feel

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despite the fact that more than 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry were imprisoned behind barbed wires in American concentration camps.

"It is such a sad story," said Nakama's mother, Guillermina Nakama, who met her husband in Mexico while he was on furlough. "To me, he was a great hero."

The Nakama children, who are of mixed heritage — part Mexican and part Japanese — understand the sting of racism but the oldest daughter, Cecilia, feels that nothing compares to what her father went through.

country. But this country does stand for great things. I think my father chose right."

As part of the tribute, the Nakama family wore "aloha" shirts which had originally belonged to their father, a former resident of Hawaii.

Stephen Sato, the son of another Hawaiian Nisei veteran, intently rubbed his father's name from the monument's surface onto a piece of paper. Unlike the Nakamas, Sato never knew his father, Shukichi Sato. He was born after his father had left Hawaii to join the 100th. His father was killed in action in Italy shortly after Sato's first birthday.

New York Post Cartoon Angers Asian Americans

Several Asian American organizations and individuals are upset over a New York Post cartoon that appeared on May 26.

The cartoon, which depicts a caricature of President Bill Clinton, the First Lady and several top officials as slanty-eyed Asians, is reminiscent of the National Review front cover which appeared at the height of the campaign finance scandal.

The JACL, the Organization for Chinese Americans, the Committee of 100 and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California are currently discussing how to handle this latest development. ■

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Fri-Sun, June 25-27—1999 National Youth Student Conference; University of California, Irvine. Info: Patricia Imai Tom, 559/486-6815, ccd@jaci.org or Hiromi Ueha, chair, huueha@uci.edu.
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, prizes, 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/99n 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, NYC. \$155/night, 888/833-3969. Regis. \$85 before June 1, \$100 after.

Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL
Thurs-Sun, July 1-4—Bi-District Conference, New York City (see EDC).

CHICAGO

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

ST. LOUIS

Sun, July 4—JACL picnic, noon: Eden Theological Seminary, 475 E. Lockwood, Webster Groves.

WISCONSIN

Sun, July 25—Annual JACL Golf Outing, 9 a.m. tee time; Brookfield Hills Golf Course, 16075 Pinehurst Dr. RSVP, info: Eddie Jonkichi, 414/691-1404.

Mountain Plains

COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

BURKE, VIRGINIA
Sat, June 26—Ballet/Concert by professionals from Tokyo and Honolulu; 12 noon. St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Rd. Shamisen, shakuhachi, dance.

NEW YORK

Wed, June 16—Japanese American Association Scholarship Dinner, 5:30; Righa Royal Hotel.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Through Nov. 30—Exhibit, "From Bento to Mixed Plate: Americans of Japanese Ancestry in Multicultural Hawaii"; Smithsonian Institution's Arts and Industries Bldg., 900 Jefferson Dr. S.W. Info: 202/537-2700.

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@jaci.org.

CAYLOR, MICHIGAN
Fri-Sun, July 9-11—Golf Caper at Tretoops Sylvan Resort. Info: Host Gerry Shimura, Detroit, 248/356-3089 or 553-0112.

The Northwest

PORTLAND, ORE.
Through Aug. 29—Exhibition "Oregon Nikkei Women: A Proud Legacy," Fri. & Sat., 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sun., noon-3 p.m. Free. Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 117 NW 2nd Ave. Info: Jose Arima Schumann, 503/224-1458.

Northern California

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

EAST BAY
Mon, June 21—East Bay Singles tour of Winchester Mystery House, lunch & social. Info: Richard Sekiguchi, 510/237-0218.

OAKLAND
Through June—Exhibit, "Creative Impressions" wood block prints, Asian

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" (IDC/PNWDC/MPDC); Workshops, JAYS events, bus trip to Wendover, golf, obon festival, Comfort Suites Hotel, 1150 W. 2150 S., Ogden, Utah; Wasatch Front North, sponsors.

Pacific Northwest

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

NC-WN-Pacific

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

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

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

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: Tom or Kelly Hoag, 209/552-1072. RSVP by July 11.

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

Pacific Southwest

Resource Gallery, 310 8th St. Info: Kanase, 510/869-6027, Akemi, 510/869-6084.

SAN JOSE
Fri, June 25—Silicon Valley fund-raiser 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, 805/352-0467.

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

Sat, June 19—JACL Community Center open house, to celebrate completion of the branch library; 415 S. Claremont St. Info: 650/343-2793.

Mon, June 21—Senior conference, "Saying in Charge—Managing Health Care Options"; 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City. Free. Register early. Info: 650/343-2793.

Sun, June 27—Movie matinee, "The Wedding Banquet"; 1:30 p.m., San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Info: 650/343-2793.

STOCKTON
Sun, June 27—Stockton Sesquicentennial Celebration. Info: Aeko Fenelon, 209/948-0966.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES
Fri-Sat, June 11-12—Butch-inspired dance theater, "Blue" by Michael Salomonte, 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, info: 213/625-1770.

Sat, June 12—Benefit screening, "When We Were Warriors" with Lane Nishikawa and Victor Talmadge; 7 p.m.; Japan America Theater, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/680-3700.

Thurs, June 17—Storytime children's program, 10 a.m.; JANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. For ages 3 to 5. Free. RSVP, info: 213/625-1770.

Tues, June 22—"A Grain of Sand" reunion concert; 7 p.m., the Union Center Cafe, 116 Judge John Ato St., Little Tokyo. Free. Info: Evelyn Yoshimura, 213/473-1690.

Thurs, June 24—Comedy improviza-

LAS VEGAS

Thurs-Sun, June 26—Singles BBQ, 11:30 a.m. Info: Rhea Fujimoto, 702/254-8060.

Fri, July 23—JACL picnic potluck; Lee Canyon, Unit 2. Bus leaves from Clark High School at 10 a.m.

ORANGE COUNTY

Fri-Sun, June 25-27—1999 National Youth Student Conference; University of California, Irvine. Info: Patricia Imai Tom, 559/486-6815, ccd@jaci.org or Hiromi Ueha, chair, huueha@uci.edu.

RIVERSIDE

Sun, June 27—Annual Japanese Community Picnic; Sylvan Park, Redlands, 11 a.m. "Grand Buffet" potluck lunch, bingo, volleyball, games, big raffle. Bring family and friends. Info: Melko Inaba, 909/682-8116.

SAN DIEGO

Sun, June 27—San Diego JACL Community Picnic, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; East Crown Point, North Beach. Info: Yemi Yoshioaka, 619/230-0314.

SEBASTO

Mon-Fri, July 26-30—Chibi-Nogakyo youth program, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Orange County Buddhist Church, Anaheim; Application by June 23. Info: Kelly Katayama-Johnson, 562/690-5667, or Gayle Goya, 714/995-2283.

SOUTH BAY

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

VENTURA COUNTY

Sat, June 12—Annual cooking demonstration, "The Art of Tempura"; 1-3 p.m., Oxnard Buddhist Temple, 250 S. 'H' St., Oxnard. Info: Ellen Matsuo, 805/987-1470.

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.

Reservations by Cold Tofu; 7:30 p.m., JANM, 369 E. First St. RSVP: 213/625-0414.

Thurs-Sat, June 24-26—International Nikkei Research Project Symposium. Info: <http://www.niseiweb.org>

Sat, June 26—Japanese American Bar Association annual "Know Your Rights" seminar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Century United Methodist Church, 300 S. Central Ave., Little Tokyo. Free. Japanese translation provided; lawyers available to answer questions. Info: Janette Hasegawa, 213/473-1602, or Julia Harumi Mass, 626/796-7555.

Sat, June 26—Film presentation and discussion, "Overstay" by director Ann Kaneko; 1 p.m., JANM, 369 E. First St. RSVP: 213/625-0414.

Sat, June 26—Panel discussion, "Nikkei Communities and Cultures in the Global Arena"; 3-5 p.m., JANM, 369 E. First St. RSVP: 213/625-0414.

Through July 3—Play: "Bonzo and Jaded Pinoy/Finay Style." East Los Angeles College Auditorium, 1301 E. Caesar Chavez, Monterey Park. Info, tickets: 323/256-2810, artists@blackdava.net.

Sat-Sun, Aug. 14-22—Nisei Week Japanese Festival. For information and to volunteer call 213/687-7193; for calendar of events visit Nisei Week website at <http://www.members.aol.com/niseiweek/niseiweek.htm>.

ORANGE COUNTY
Sat, June 26—Orange County Nikkei Coordinating Council (OCCNC) community service awards luncheon. Info: Ken Inouye, 714/968-0934.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS
Through June 27 (except Sundays)—Exhibit, "Trace of Time" by Seiko Tachibana; Reed Whipple Cultural Center Gallery, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. North. Info: 702/229-6211.

Sat, July 10—Award-winning documentary, "Rabbit in the Moon," about Poston Relocation Center; 11 p.m., PBS Channel 10.

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Japan OKs Birth Control Pill After Nine-Year Deliberation

Associated Press

TOKYO—After nine years of deliberation over a drug that has been available in the West for decades, the Japanese government has decided to allow limited sale of the birth control pill, health officials said on June 2.

The Health Ministry's Central Pharmaceutical Affairs Council submitted its recommendation to the ministry and formal approval will take place by the end of the month, said Toshiaki Hirai, director of the ministry's Pharmaceutical Safety Bureau.

The drug, which will require a doctor's prescription and will not be covered by public health insurance, is expected to become available in Japan by autumn, Hirai said.

The pill's approval comes just a few months after an uproar over the Japanese government's quick decision to allow the sale of the male impotence drug Viagra.

Given the go-ahead in January after a record-short six months, Viagra's approval drew cries of sexism from women's groups as well as criticism from the media.

The Health Ministry has been deliberating over the pill since 1990 and calls had been made for the drug to be available for contraceptive use long before that.

Hirai said that a recent surge of support for the drug enabled the government to finally approve it. "In the past, people's attitude toward the pill was quite negative," he said. "But the environment has changed recently as people come to view the drug favorably."

Medical opinion is also generally in favor of the drug, with recent studies finding no long-term ill effects.

More than 300 million women

worldwide have used the pill. In Japan, however, the pill had only been available for treatment of medical problems such as ovarian cancer.

In dragging out its approval, Tokyo cited fears about the destruction of the nation's morals, the risk of side effects and even environmental harm from the hormones.

Women's groups counter that doctors aren't eager for a reduction in the number of abortions, which are a lucrative business because national health insurance doesn't cover the procedure. There is no cap, therefore, on the fees doctors can charge.

Motoko Saitome, a Tokyo gynecologist who has written a book on contraception, said prejudice against women has been a major force preventing the pill's approval.

"As far as safety is concerned, if this weren't a pregnancy preventing drug, it would have been approved a long time ago," she said.

The most widely used contraceptive in Japan is the condom. Abortion is also common, with one in five pregnancies ending in that procedure.

"Until now, contraception was something that women had to ask men to do," said Saitome. "With the pill's approval, they'll be able to protect themselves on their own."

Still, Japanese women have been largely kept in the dark about the pill. A number of them, unsure of its side effects, say they don't want to use it.

"I won't use it," said Tomoko Takeda, a 21-year-old student shopping with her boyfriend in the Ginza district. "I'm not used to that type of thing, and really, I can do without it." ■

Resolution Honoring API Heritage Month Adopted by California State Assembly

As last month drew to a close, California's two Asian American Assemblymembers, George Nakano (D-Torrance) and Mike Honda (D-San Jose), introduced a resolution recognizing May as Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 59 commends Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their accomplishments and service to the State of California. It recognizes the critical role APIAs have played in the social, economic, and political development of California's history.

"The Asian and Pacific Islander community we refer to is comprised of many ethnicities, each with its own unique language, culture, history," said Assemblyman Nakano. "It consists of new immigrants as well as second, third and fourth generation Asian Americans. The Asian and Pacific Islander community is positively changing the face of the nation and our state."

He also reminded Assemblymembers that although APIAs have made great strides in this country, the community, like any other community, also has needs. It has the need for accessible healthcare, quality education, employment training, affordable childcare, adequate housing and business opportunities.

Other Assemblymembers joined to support the resolution and spoke of the contributions of the Asian and Pacific Islander community.

Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica) spoke of having served as an advisor to an AA stu-

dent organization at UCLA and being made an honorary AA. Assemblywoman Gloria Romero (D-Los Angeles) spoke of her San Gabriel Valley district with its large AA population and her appreciation for the increased diversity APIAs bring to the state. Newly elected assemblywoman Audie Book of the Green Party also spoke of the diversity in her Bay area district including the Chinatown section of Oakland.

The Assembly unanimously adopted ACR 59 with 69 members signing on as co-authors.

The following is the full text of Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 59 relative to Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month.

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have played a critical role in the social, economic, and political development of California throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans are one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in California; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans represent over 11 percent of California's population and represent ancestries that include Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, East Indian, Filipino, Guamanian, Hawaiian, Hmong, Indonesian, Iu-Mien, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Singaporean, Thai, Tongan, Vietnamese; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American entrepreneurs have led many of California's businesses to the pinnacle of their

respective industries; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American communities throughout California actively promote their cultural heritage and promote cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans will continue to be an important part of California's diverse tapestry of cultures and ideas; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American immigrants have contributed greatly to California's economic success, rural growth, and urban development; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American refugees have revitalized many of California's communities, while bringing in new ideas and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American immigrants and refugees had to overcome tremendous odds and cultural barriers to establish a better life for their families; and

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have a proud legacy of service and dedication to the State of California and to the United States of America; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature commends Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and outstanding service to the State of California, and recognizes the month of May 1999 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution. ■

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

10-Year Tiananmen Commemoration

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Chinese dissidents and exiled students recently met at Harvard University on June 2 to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre, the largest such reunion since the tragedy.

Hundreds, most of them students, were killed in the Chinese military crackdown that ended seven weeks of pro-democracy demonstrations on June 4, 1989. After the massacre, many student leaders were killed while others hid or fled the country leaving behind family and friends.

The dissidents, now in their late 20s and 30s, are no longer students but computer engineers, businessmen, academics and reporters, many of whom continue to stay in contact through Boston universities or the Internet. They are now scattered across the United States as well as in Europe and Asia. Almost all are blacklisted in China and face arrest if they attempt to return.

AA Boom in Boston

BEANTOWN—By the year 2005, the city's minority populations are expected to increase, especially among Asian Americans and Hispanics, according to a study conducted at the University of Massachusetts.

The study projected 35 percent more AA and 50 percent more Hispanic residents will be living in the city, in addition to an expected 10 percent increase in the black population. The number of white residents is expected to decrease by 15 percent. The projected breakdown by

2006 is 45 percent white, 27 percent black, 19 percent Hispanic and 9 percent AA and American Indian. Figures for 1996 revealed the population was then 64 percent white, 25 percent black, 13 percent Hispanic and 6 percent AA.

The survey used federal birth, death and immigration rates collected in 1995 to make the predictions, not taking into account factors such as housing prices and employment levels which could affect population levels over the next five years.

Helping Hmong Students

EAU CLAIRE, Wis.—A community support program to help teens, particularly Hmong American students who have been expelled from school, has been frustrated by school confidentiality rules and unresponsive parents, organizers say.

Yong Kay Moua, a police department liaison to Hmong immigrants, organized New Beginnings after 10 Hmong students were expelled from two high schools following a gang fight and reports that the number of expulsions in Wisconsin has tripled in the last six years.

The program includes two hours a day of education, hands-on mental health, math, grammar, science and social studies taught by retired and volunteer teachers.

Only two students showed up for the first class in January. The program expired after three months partly because organizers were not allowed to learn the identities of the students so that their parents could be contacted. School officials mailed notices to parents, but few responded.

New Beginnings now making a second start, this time for six

middle school students who were expelled in March for distributing a prescription drug. Educators and local city officials say the legislature should consider offering the program financial assistance.

Saving the Barracks

GODY, Wyo.—A local group called the Heart & Mountain Wyoming Foundation has begun a preservation project to save remnants from the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, including some 25 barracks that still remain in the area.

The foundation's goal is to educate the public about the World War II internment of Japanese Americans by eventually establishing an historical information and visitor center at the former camp site. The foundation contracted with Gody historians to inventory the barracks, several of which are being used today as barns, garages and even homes. Others have crumbled or been destroyed over time.

A map of the camp drawn up by the federal War Relocation Authority and now part of the Park County Historical Society shows the date June 18, 1941, evicted that the government had planned the camp at Heart Mountain even before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and the U.S. entered the war in December 1941.

AA-Owned Business Spurt

DENVER—Growth in Denver's Asian American community is spurring the economy and attracting new business owners, according to a survey of ethnic business owners. The survey found that the Asian American market is a booming 27,000 square-foot home, four times the size of its original owner.

The success of the market is attributed to the fact that the

AA population has been the fastest growing ethnic group in the state, increasing 43 percent between 1990 and 1997, statistics show.

The U.S. Census Bureau reported that the number of businesses owned by Asians, Pacific Islanders and American Indians rose 61 percent in Colorado between 1987 and 1992.

ObaChine Closes

SEATTLE—Wolfgang Puck's pan-Asian restaurant ObaChine, which came under fire last year for a vintage poster which depicted a meek-looking Chinese man wearing a servant's jacket, closed down on May 31 after just one year in business.

Protests over the poster initially prompted manager Barbara Lazaroff, wife of chef Puck, to say that it would be removed, but she then changed her mind and the poster remained up. The Asian American community called for a boycott.

Frank Gundert, head of Wolfgang Puck Food Co., claims that dwindling profits was the main factor in the Seattle restaurant's shutdown, not the controversy over the poster, even though there had been talk of its impending closure throughout the year.

Another ObaChine also closed in Phoenix, while a third still operates in Los Angeles.

Sweatshop Manufacturers Fined

SAN FRANCISCO—Federal labor officials recently fined a Salinas garment manufacturer \$336,000 for not paying hundreds of workers for as long as 12 weeks at a time.

It is the second time the U.S. Department of Labor discovered that Microsatin Garment Manu-

facturing Inc.-Diorva Saipan Limited, which makes clothes for Cutter and Buck of Seattle and Jones Apparel Group USA, Inc., of Bristol, Penn., was not paying its employees.

The company has already paid \$866,661 to 336 workers, settling charges that it intentionally failed to record and pay overtime hours. On April 22, officials said they recovered \$36,000 in back wages for 4 workers at the same factory.

Lawuits were already filed earlier this year in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York, claiming that Asian workers in Saipan faced verbal and physical abuse, vermin-infested quarters, poor and unpaid wages, barred wire and armed guards while making clothes for well-known American retail companies. Labor officials say they continue to investigate complaints of poor working conditions at the MGM company barracks where the workers live.

Aloha, Japan!

HONOLULU—Gov. Ben Cayetano, along with three mayors from neighboring islands, tourism officials and a troupe of musicians and dancers, recently embarked upon a week-long "Ohana Mission" to Osaka and Tokyo to promote Hawaii.

The Hawaii delegation met with Japanese national and municipal officials and top executives of several major corporations, according to the Hawaii Visitor and Convention Bureau, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary of marketing in Japan.

Part of the effort will be to target Japan's film and video production industry to get new products to be shot on location in Hawaii, and to promote Hawaii's regional cuisine, aloha apparel, cultural festivals and other aspects of island life, the governor's office said. ■

National

Wasatch Front North to Host IDC/PNWDC/MPDC Tri-District

On July 16-18 in Ogden, Utah, the Wasatch Front North chapter will host the Tri-District Conference of the Intermountain, Pacific Northwest and Mountain Plains districts. Everyone is invited to attend the conference.

Many activities have been planned for your enjoyment beginning with a social mixer on Thursday evening. The conference will be held at the Comfort Suites hotel in Ogden. Business meetings will be held Friday and Saturday mornings.

Fun activities are planned for Friday afternoon, featuring a casino trip to Wendover, Nevada, sight-seeing, shopping, and a trip to the Topaz Relocation Camp site.

Other area activities include museums, amusement

parks, hiking, bowling, tours and many more activities.

Following a luncheon on Saturday afternoon there will be several workshops. Subjects will include the story of the evacuation from the point of view of the producers of the film, "Rabbit in the Moon," taking JACL into the new millennium, coping with the aging Nisei phenomenon, and getting more youth involved in JACL.

The conference will conclude with a golf tournament on Sunday.

Please register early and drive, fly, run or do whatever is necessary to attend.

If you have any questions, please call Gerald Nisogi, 801/773-7814, Marion Hori, 801/451-9542, or Larry Grant, 801/544-7975. ■

Illinois Gov. Ryan Names Yoshino to Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Gov. George H. Ryan announced on May 21 the names of 40 members of his Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes, including Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest District regional director.

"Recent events in this state and around the country are sad reminders that hate crimes are an issue that deserves serious attention and immediate action," Ryan said. "I believe the newly-appointed members of the Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes are abundantly qualified to take a leadership role in eliminating these cowardly acts," he said.

In April, a Japanese American owner of a Crystal Lake, Ill., convenience store was gunned down, apparently a victim of a hate crime. His accused killer is currently awaiting trial.

Others named to the commission include: Attorney General Jim Ryan, state Sen. Kathleen Parker of Northbrook; state Rep. Larry McKoon of Chicago; Patricia Mendoza of Chicago, Mexican American Legal Defense Fund; and Rev. Johnny Scott of East St. Louis, NAACP.

"To his credit, Governor Ryan recognizes that indifference to discrimination and hate crimes only add to the problem," said Yoshino. "In creating this commission, the governor is signaling that he wants to confront issues of intolerance head on. For my part, people need to understand the long history of intolerance directed at Asian Americans and that it continues to persist today."

In February, Ryan named attorney Howard Kaplan of Highland Park to lead the new panel.

Kaplan, a certified public accountant and managing partner of Kaplan Partners, has been the chairperson of Cook County State's Attorney's Hate Crimes

Prosecution Council for the past eight years. Kaplan said the commission, created in Executive Order 4, will hold its first meeting sometime in June.

"Tolerance and respect for individual beliefs and cultures are not merely options that people can choose to ignore because of their own prejudices. Tolerance and respect are requirements for law and order in a civilized society," Kaplan said. "It is inherently unfair to the people of this state and unconscionable for compassionate people to hear about discrimination and yet not try to do something to stop it."

During last year's campaign for governor, Ryan pledged to create the commission as a way to help calm tensions created by discrimination and reduce hate-related violence against individuals or groups.

As part of its charge, the commission will submit an annual report to the governor and the General Assembly on December 1. The commission also will work with law enforcement, the courts, religious leaders, schools, community organizations and social service agencies to foster acceptance and tolerance, and will work to educate people on ways they can fight discrimination and hate-motivated violence. ■



Bill Yoshino

National JACL Board Motions, May 15-16

Saturday, May 15, 1999

1. MOTION by Marie Matsunami, second by Lori Fujimoto, to adopt the agenda. CARRIED.

2. MOTION by Fujimoto, second by David Hayashi, to accept the appointments to the audit committee. CARRIED.

3. MOTION by Lillian Kimura, second by Matsunami, to accept secretary/treasurer's report. CARRIED.

4. MOTION by D. Hayashi, second by Grace Kimoto, to accept the audit report. CARRIED.

5. MOTION by D. Hayashi, second by Floyd Mori, to congratulate Bob Sakunawa on his new job and recognize his work and contributions to JACL. CARRIED.

6. MOTION by Fujimoto, second by Larry Grant, to hold the executive session today before day's end. WITHDRAWN.

7. MOTION by Kimura, second by Mori, to accept the 1999 program plans set forth by David Hayashi. WITHDRAWN.

8. MOTION by D. Hayashi, second by Mori, to refer drafting of the legacy fund distribution policy (as recommended by the Silk, Adler & Colvin opinion) to the National JACL Investment Policy Committee. In addition, include Lori Fujimoto and Gary Mayeda in the development meeting. A final draft is to be provided by the end of August, 1999. The draft is to be approved by the national board and presented to the national council. CARRIED.

9. MOTION by Fujimoto, second by D. Hayashi, to adopt the NCWNP resolution regarding "resisters of conscience." Amendment in paragraph six to read "and other units" and the last paragraph BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED should reflect the national JACL rather than NCWNP district council. CARRIED.

RIED.

10. MOTION by Mori, second by Elaine Akagi, to have the 2002 convention in Las Vegas. Nays (Kimura and John Hayashi); abstentions (Nicole Inouye, Karen Liane Shiba, D. Hayashi). CARRIED.

11. MOTION by Shiba, second by Fujimoto, to approve the Ruby Pin nomination submitted by EDC. CARRIED.

12. Gary Mayeda was asked to prepare a proposal for JACL archives to be presented in the next board meeting.

13. A subcommittee (Herb Yamanishi, Beth Au, and Larry Grant) was assigned to look at JACL staff salary schedules and report to the personnel committee by the October board meeting.

14. A subcommittee was formed (Helen Kawagoe, Hiromi Ueha, Elaine Akagi, Marie Matsunami, an NCWNP representative, CCDC representative, and Beth Au) to study the feasibility of moving the national director to Washington, D.C.

15. A fiscal impact was requested of recommendations with regard to changes in staff benefits presented by the personnel committee. The study is to be presented at the October board meeting.

Sunday, May 16, 1999

1. MOTION by Hiromi Ueha and Nicole Inouye, second by Mori, to write a letter to UC Berkeley protesting the proposed elimination of ethnic studies. CARRIED.

2. D. Hayashi, Yamanishi and Clyde Izumi were asked to rearrange program assignments so that elected officers would over-

see/coordinate programs as refined in the constitution/bylaws and committee chairs; where possible, would be established as program managers. Staff as staff associates could be assigned to their respective programs.

3. Hiro Shiosaki was appointed by the president to be a member of the education committee, representing the Intermountain District.

4. MOTION by D. Hayashi, second by Kimura, to authorize the following names: Herbert Yamanishi, Lori Fujimoto, Helen Kawagoe, Floyd Mori, and Hawaii chapter president to be the decision-makers to review and assess JACL's involvement level and take appropriate action as necessary. This includes evaluation/impact of signing on as supporters of an amicus brief along with the power to do so. Any evaluation should be done with consultation and agreement with the Hawaii congressional delegation and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. CARRIED.

5. MOTION by Kimura, second by Grant, to adopt the staff report regarding Nanking issues and to encourage members to involve themselves to the extent that they are willing. CARRIED.

6. MOTION by Shiba, second by David Kawamoto, to approve the February minutes as amended. CARRIED.

7. It was agreed to vote on the release of the audit by conference call. The conference will be scheduled following the finding of documents representing legacy donations prior to January 1990.

8. It was agreed to hold a strategic planning meeting for those who can attend, July 24 and 25 in Los Angeles. ■

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From the Frying Pan

Putting Your Money Where the Cause Is

By Bill Hosokawa

I cannot recall any time in our history when Japanese Americans were being asked to support so many good causes with their dollars.

You probably get the generic, everybody-included pleas every week to send checks to help fund research on cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's; to send kids to Easter Camp or make their wishes come true; support hospitals and shelters for the deprived; feed and clothe youngsters on Indian reservations and benighted nations around the world; to preserve open space and save all manner of wild creatures including turtles and owls and whales and sea otters and humpbacked chubs.

And then you get specialized requests to support a variety of specialized causes in your community, most of them commendable. Your church. The Scouts. The mentally disabled. Shelters for the elderly.

Finally, you get requests from a variety of worthy programs within the JA community — an amazing array of memorials, scholarships and similarly commendable efforts.

How can you contribute funds to all of them? You can't. You just do your best.

At the risk of offending some, let me tell you about four very deserving fund-raising projects.

The largest is the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, which already has

done an astonishingly successful job of creating an institution that commemorates the JA experience. It has just dedicated a splendid new building in which to display its priceless collections and carry on a vast range of educational programs. Their needs are in the millions. Their goal is an endowment fund of \$50 million by the year 2010 to produce 25 percent of the museum's operating costs. The museum's members and donors number approximately 50,000. They would welcome more. The address is 369 East First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The needs of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) are far more modest but much more urgent. In addition to what it has received so far in donations, NJAMF must raise approximately \$5 million by next October to begin work on a memorial to the JA experience. It will be built on a prime site provided by Congress not far from the Capitol in Washington, D.C. This is not a war memorial although the World War II sacrifice of JAs will be featured and the names of the nearly 900 Nisei war dead are to be listed. The memorial will celebrate the faith in their country demonstrated by JAs and the richness of the democratic system. Once the memorial is constructed, the National Park Service will assume its maintenance. NJAMF's offices are at 1920 N Street NW, Suite

660, Washington, DC 20036.

During WWII some 4,000 young Nisei men and women were able to leave the detention camps and attend universities with the help of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council made up of concerned citizens, mostly Quakers. In appreciation for that help, a number of former students organized 18 years ago what was called the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund. Its purpose is to provide scholarships for college students within the Southeast Asian refugee communities. To date the fund, run entirely by volunteers, has awarded 230 scholarships totaling nearly \$150,000. The more money it raises, the more scholarships it can provide. NSRC Fund's address is 19 Scenic Drive, Portland, CT 06490.

In 1980 the husband and wife team of Pat and Lily Okura founded a nonprofit organization called the Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation, Inc. Its purpose was to promote education, research and services in the field of mental health and human services for promising Asian Pacific American professionals and students. So far, 70 Okura fellows have been provided a week in Washington, D.C., meeting with government officials and conferring with national authorities in their fields. Since 1995 the foundation has sponsored a five-month-long White House Fellowship Court, Bethesda, MD 20817. They need all the help they can get. ■

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

East Wind

By Bill Marutani

Twenty-Five and Thriving

I DON'T RECALL just how I became involved in the mid-1970's in the founding of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund ("AALDEF," 99 Hudson St., 12th Fl., NYC, 10013). A charitable organization dedicated to promoting and preserving the rights of Asian Americans — whether it be halting police brutality against Asians, the Immigration & Naturalization Service's mistreatment of immigrants, challenging sweatshops, short-changing of restaurant workers, anti-Asian violence, and, yes, actively supporting the Japanese American redress project — AALDEF has been involved. This year it celebrates its 25th anniversary of its founding.

INITIALLY HOUSED in a modest walk-up (three flights up as I recall) on Canal Street in the heart of New York's Chinatown, today AALDEF has settled into its quarters on Hudson Street, with a staff of eleven, including six lawyers. Consistent with its ecumenical view, AALDEF has forged associations with the Asian Law Caucus (San Francisco) and Asian Pacific American Legal Center (Los Angeles). By such amalgamations, this trio has established a common presence in Washington, D.C., under the designation "National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium."

AN AALDEF alumnus whose name has recently been in the news is Bill Lann Lee, the acting assistant attorney general for civil rights, U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Lee served from 1979-1980. Confirmation of Mr. Lee as assistant attorney general is pending before the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. Senate.

IT IS HOPED that by the time this column appears in the Pacific Citizen, U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), chairman of the Judiciary Committee, will have permitted the nomination to proceed to the Senate floor for vote. There is no challenge as to the nominee's qualifications or competence. This being a "first" for AAs, it would be unfortunate that our future hopes are discouraged by a rejection based not on qualification.

OVER THE YEARS AALDEF awards, known as "Justice in Action," have been given to some 36 individuals. It is of some interest that of this number, no less than one-third happen to be Nisei (alphabetically: Gordon Hirabayashi [Challenger to constitutionality of restrictions imposed by race], Midori Shimomochi-Leiderer [community activist], Robert Matsui [congressman], William Marutani [Midori (well-known designer), Norman Mineta (congressman), Patsy T. Mink (congresswoman), Pat Morita (actor), George Takei (television actor and activist), Gracely K. Ueyehara (lobbyist), Aiko Herzog-Yoshinaga (archives researcher) and Michi Weglyn (historian)).

Other awardees whose names will be familiar to you include: Connie Chung (television personality), Bill Lann Lee (see above), Maya Lin (Vietnam Memorial), Yoko Ono (Mrs. John Lennon). The "head honcho" of the AALDEF operation is counselor Margaret Fung. Margaret has been in the forefront from the very beginning.

The project can always use additional volunteers. And, of course, financial. ■

After leaving the bench, Bill Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia. His column appears regularly in the PC.

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fortunate to be raised in Hawai'i. Its multiethnic culture let us grow up different than our relatives on the U.S. mainland."

The showing in Washington offers a tremendous opportunity for the 2,000 to 3,000 people who visit the Arts and Industries Building daily to learn about the contributions of JAs to Hawai'i's rich cultural mix. The exhibit opened on May 23 during Asian Pacific Islander Heritage month and will run through November 30.

"We're hopeful that we can meet the interest of this marketplace from the point of view of interest in Hawai'i and also generate interest in multiculturalism and diversity," Hiura said.

Using opening-day visitor comments as an early indicator, the exhibit is meeting Hiura's expectations. "Thanks for reminding me that we all are so much alike, no matter where we live," a visitor from North Carolina said.

"From Bento to Mixed Plate" uses food as metaphor for the shared lifestyle elements of the many cultures present in Hawai'i. Bento makes reference to the lunches Japanese immigrants carried into the fields. They filled the bottom portion of sturdy metal containers with rice and placed other food, such as tofu and pickled vegetables, in a separate container placed on top.

They shared the food on top with workers of other ethnic backgrounds, who in turn shared their food, marking the beginning of the mixed plate, according to exhibit organizers.

In addition to food, immigrants from places as diverse as Japan,



Arnold Hiura gives a tour of the "From Bento to Mixed Plate" exhibit.

China, Philippines, Portugal and Puerto Rico, and Hawaiian natives exchanged other cultural elements including language, clothing, music, religion, and sports. They co-existed and learned from and shared with each other, creating the "local" lifestyle that encompasses the many ethnic groups living in Hawai'i.

"This exhibit is rich in social detail, describing the journey from immigrant community to partnership in a multiethnic society in which no one group is dominant," said J. Dennis O'Connor, provost of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Smithsonian added a couple of its own touches to enhance the exhibit. It replaced all the plants in the rotunda of the building with plants found in Hawai'i, including pineapples, palms, taro, leaf plants, sugar cane, and orchids. The museum also moved one of its own artifacts, a 19th century steam train, from the National Museum of American History into the exhibition hall. The train, named Olomana, was used

on the Waimanalo plantation in the late 1800s and early 1900s and will be on view for the duration of the Smithsonian leg of the exhibit.

Exhibition planners look to open a Hawaiian-style lunch wagon in the building's atrium, serving authentic mixed plate lunches which reflect the shared meals of immigrant plantation workers. Hiura noted. Instead of grabbing a hotdog out on the mall or turkey sandwich from the Smithsonian cafeteria, future visitors may have the opportunity to try a mixed plate of teriyaki chicken, white rice, pickled vegetables, and macaroni salad.

Exhibit organizers have recruited and trained 100 volunteers from the D.C. area with ties to Hawai'i to staff the exhibit during its stay at the Smithsonian. For these volunteers and other former Hawai'i residents, the exhibit brings back fond memories. "Now I'm homesick for Hawai'i," said a former resident who now teaches in D.C. For her it brought back memories of "the Aloha that Hawaiians share."

This traveling exhibition debuted in Honolulu at the Princess Pauahi Bishop Museum in 1997. In 1998 it moved to the JANM in Los Angeles. Just prior to its Smithsonian run, the exhibit was on display on the island of Kauai. After leaving Washington "Bento" will visit the Hawaiian islands of Hawai'i and Maui, before heading to Japan in 2000.

"From Bento to Mixed Plate" will be on view in the Smithsonian Institution Arts and Industries Building through November 30. The museum is located at 900 Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington, D.C. 20560. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day. For more information, call 202/357-2700. ■

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Yamamoto with Chase Travel, the travel agency that organized the tribute. "And I looked over at Colonel Kim and Admiral Chiochio, and they were doubled over ... Hershey was really going. He was right on the beat and twisting his shoulders. And you know with those dark glasses and his collar pulled up, he's quite handsome."

Myamoto's stage debut was one of many spontaneous episodes that took place during the May 17-23 Branson Tribute where 12 bus loads, carrying more than 500 veterans, their families and friends from all across the contiguous United States and Hawaii, came out to be a part of the City of Branson's tribute to the Japanese American soldiers, particularly the 442nd/100th MIS.

The tribute included a welcoming reception from Branson city officials, a widow's tea, a gala dinner, a ceremony at the Wall of Patches and an endless string of entertainment shows, during which time each show host recognized the Nikkei veterans.

At the Yakov Smirnoff comedy show, Tom Takahashi, a 442nd veteran from Livermore, Calif., also emerged as another promising entertainer. He got to host the Smirnoff show a la Johnny Carson style after the entire theater voted him as the best joke teller during the audience participation session.

Never one to miss an educational opportunity, Takahashi used the occasion to tell the public about the exploits of the 442nd/100th MIS soldiers. Yamamoto noted that Takahashi was such a natural on stage that many guests thought it had been rehearsed.

At the gala dinner, Dan Lennon of the Lennon Brothers Swing Band gave a private performance where he thanked the Nikkei soldiers.

"What shameful days in our history you've had to live through and what profoundly heroic ways have you redeemed those days," he said. "On behalf of our grateful nation, as someone born five years after the end of that war, let me act upon this small expression of gratitude — thank you."

There wasn't a dry eye around at the Barbara Fairchild show as the singer apologized to the Nikkei vet-

erans on behalf of the country.

"I'd just like to say, 'I'm sorry,' said a tearful Fairchild. "I'm sorry for what you and your family had to go through. I wasn't even alive when that happened, but I'm thankful to God that I could be a part of the people who says this to you. I'm sorry for what you've been through." She continued, "I hope that every one of you will receive the healing and appreciation that you so deserve. I just want to say, I love you all, and I'm honored that you were at my show today. I look forward to seeing more of you."

Edwin Imamura, 76, a 442nd veteran from Hawaii, was touched by Fairchild's gesture. "The tears really came out," he admitted. "I was so surprised when they paid tribute to us and recognized us. I'm

Williams, despite a stroke that has left him wheelchair-bound and speech impaired, made the 80 mile drive from Arkansas to Branson to see his former soldiers.

"They're the best men I've ever commanded," said Williams.

Williams admitted that when he first learned he was to command a group of Nikkei soldiers during World War II, he was "puzzled." "But you know, it turned out to be the greatest thing," he said. "I love them like brothers."

In attendance were also three members from the 141st Regiment of the 36th Division. It was the 1st Battalion of the 141st Regiment that became known as the "Lost Battalion." The 100th/442nd suffered more than 800 casualties to save 211 men of the "Lost Battalion."



Former H Company commander Maurice Williams (center) with his men: (from left) Duke Ogawa, George Nishinaka, Ted Ohira and Kozo Yamane.

really happy to be here in Branson.

Shigeru "Shig" Kizuka, 75, a 442nd veteran from Watsonville, Calif., was also moved by Fairchild's actions. "It brought tears to my eyes," said Kizuka. "I guess she really felt it also. That was a real good thing for us."

Marvin Uratsu, 74, president of the Northern California MIS, felt Fairchild's show was the highlight of the whole week. "I thought Barbara Fairchild really did some research on our whole story, and it brought tears to a lot of the guys there," he said. "It was very touching, and it set the pattern for the week."

"You know, with 500 people, they could have felt like there was an Asian invasion, but I felt comfortable and proud to be a part of the group," said his wife. "... We should learn from the hospitality of the Southern people. We need to love one another and help one another to make a better United States for all."

A visibly emotional George Nishinaka personally thanked Fairchild. "This is what it's all about," said the 442nd veteran.

Nishinaka and three other 442nd veterans from "H" company were in for another pleasant surprise when they saw their former company commander Maurice Williams, 84, show up at the welcoming luncheon.

James Robinson, 82, who had been with the 2nd Battalion, still gets choked up when he talks about that battle.

"My company was trapped and we got wiped out," said Robinson, fighting back tears. "I'm one of the lucky ones, but sometimes I wish I hadn't come back. You know, most of the time, it doesn't bother you."

■ JOB REOPENING Program Director-Education

Under the general direction of the National Director, operates and manages the JACL Education Program and projects out of the San Francisco office, performing a wide variety of duties to ensure the development and quality performance of the JACL's national education programs and goals. Travel and work on weekends and evenings required. College graduate with a major in education policy, or general education, preferred. Should have one to five years of progressively more responsible work experience in developing programs and policies in human services civil rights education. Must be experienced in the use of computer technology and e-mail.

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■ JOB OPENING Youth Coordinator

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 requirement: 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 faxes or e-mails will be accepted. Call 213/625-4671 if you have any questions. Salary: \$22,000-24,000 with full health insurance.

But Robinson is grateful for what the Nikkei soldiers did. "We owe so much to the 442nd. You have no idea the amount of respect we have for them. The others couldn't rescue us. They were the best company we ever had. But they're never recognized, which is the sad part. They were given every dirty duty in Europe."

Ted Rodriguez, 76, another 2nd Battalion member, has been very active with 442nd activities and was one of the first from his division to make a trek out to Hawaii during the 1970s to personally thank them. In the early 1990s, Rodriguez even organized a barbeque at his own expense at his Texas ranch for close to 130 Nikkei veterans.

"My family and my boys, we really feel closer to the 442nd than the 36th Division," said Rodriguez.

Equally poignant was the widow's tea, where tribute organizers decided, rather than have a guest speaker, they'd have the widows share their stories. Each widow identified her late husband, what he had done and how long they had been married.

"It was so much better than having a speaker," said Yamamoto. "Hearing the stories brought tears to my eyes."

Before the Nikkei veterans left, they became honorary citizens of Branson at a ceremony held at the Wall of Patches. Veteran Henry Ikemoto called out the names of each Nikkei veteran, both from WWII and the Korean War, as the men went up to receive a certificate of recognition.

The emblem of the 442nd, 100th and MIS will also be on permanent display at Branson's Wall of Patches. Branson officials felt that the story behind the Nikkei soldiers was so unique that these three patches are the only ones with a historical text attached to them.

"Many stories have been told about your effectiveness," said Branson Mayor Louis Schaeffer in his address to the Nikkei veterans. "We appreciate all the honor you have brought to America. ... Our goal here in Branson is not only to

honor those who served but also the Japanese American internees."

Some of the Nikkei veterans got an added bonus as their flight home on a United Airlines plane when one of the stewardesses, after finding out about the group, informed the pilot, who then made a brief tribute over the speakers and offered a bottle of wine to all the Nikkei veterans.

The tribute, more than a year and a half in the planning, had been the brainchild of Phyllis Anesetti of Chase Travel, Yamamoto and Hayao "Hy" Shishino. Together they put together a dedicated group of volunteers who worked behind the scenes to ensure that the veterans received the recognition they deserved and that the public was educated on the contributions of the Nikkei veterans.

"I'd do it again," laughed Anesetti, who averaged only about three or four hours of sleep each night during the tribute. "I was so thrilled. No matter what the cost, the time or energy, it was well worth it."

"It was all worth it," said Yamate, a committee member. "I'm glad I was able to be a part of it. I think most people really enjoyed the trip. ... It took a lot of coordination on Phyllis' and Eiko's part to work out the scheduling of all the buses."

"What happened here is going to last long after we're gone," said Shishino. "It's educated a lot of people. A lot of *hakujin*, who were in the audience, told me, 'We never knew about the Japanese American soldiers.' But that's because the American government hushed it up for 50 years. ... But I think this really made it worthwhile. We've laid the groundwork so that these people will have more respect for what the Japanese American veterans and the Japanese Americans went through." ■

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Under the general direction of the National Director, performs a wide variety of duties to ensure the development and maintenance of the JACL's youth and student programs and goals. Travel and work on weekends and evenings required. Graduate of a four-year accredited college or university in behavioral or social science. Should have three to five years of progressively more responsible work experience in developing youth programs and policies preferred. Must be experienced in the use of computer technology and e-mail. Fund-raising experience a plus.

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Under the general direction of the National Director, operates and manages the JACL's Washington, D.C. office and performs a wide variety of duties to ensure the development and maintenance of the JACL's programs and goals at the federal level.

Must have experience with the political process either at a state or federal level. College graduate with a law degree or a Masters degree in political science, community organization, public policy, or related area. Professional experience in public affairs preferred. Should have one to five years of progressively more responsible work experience in developing programs and policies that address civil and human rights issues and concerns. Must be familiar with Asian Pacific American issues and concerns. Should have excellent analytical, speaking and writing skills. Must be experienced in the use of computer technology and e-mail. Written exam required.

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Letters to the Editor

Michi Weglyn Coverage

I appreciated very much your coverage of the late Michi Weglyn (P.C., May 7-20). Michi's timeline was very useful to me to know her better.

But especially the eulogy by Sachiko Seko, which I thought was perfect. I got to know her even more and appreciated the character of her lifestyle.

I liked especially the words: "You are either a giver or taker for life." And Michi's life goal was to be a "giver."

George Aki
Claremont, Calif.

The Real Crusader

Goodbye to Michi Nishinara Weglyn. We were in Gila River Class of '44. A beautiful young lady with terrific drive, who stood head and shoulders above all others; a real genius. My wife and I had the pleasure in August of 1998 to have lunch with her after 54 years. We talked about old times as well as her current activities. She visited the Roosevelt Library every day to look up more concrete evidence so the railroad workers could get their redress.

What a loss! A one-woman crusader, a "Joan of Arc." We will miss her very much. A lady who aspired to a better way of life for all.

Dr. Frank J. Sakamoto
Friend and classmate

A Monument to Patriotism

Prior to and after the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, many people have said to me that those who most deserved redress had passed away.

As former internees received their redress payment, the question put to them was, "What are you going to do with your money?"

Most of the Issei and older Nisei I had talked to said they were going to use the money for their grandchildren's education and maybe for their church.

For those of us who received our redress payment during the second- and third-year payment and who felt that our departed parents more richly deserved the apology and redress payment, there is still an opportunity to honor our parents.

A permanent monument honoring the patriotism of the Issei, the Nisei soldiers of World War II and a community that fought for redress is planned for construction in our nation's capital, near the Smithsonian Mall.

The only thing stopping this monument is insufficient funds. There are only a few more months left to raise those funds. Let us not lose this monument.

Please send your donations to:

National Japanese American Memorial Foundation
1920 N. St., NW, Suite 660
Washington, DC 20036

John J. Sato
Former PSW Regional Director

Re: Marutani's Column "Red, Delicious"

I've been living in Tokyo for over 18 years and have enjoyed my life here immensely. However, as "white folk," I experience what columnist Bill Marutani calls racism on a daily basis.

The train seat next to me is the last to be taken, I'm not given a package of tissue at the station (and certainly never solicited by a cabaret hostess). I'm often asked if I can eat raw fish and people marvel at how well I use *chashu*, especially to eat *natto-maguro*. (I began using chopsticks in San Francisco's Chinatown around 1947.)

No, I no longer think such behavior represents racism. I am more inclined to think of it as ignorance. But I hope that through my behavior I can help bring the people of our diverse societies closer together.

I enjoy reading the *Pacific Citizen*, realizing that my point of view is a bit different from most of your readers.

Jim Frederick
Life Member, JACL 1000 Club
via email

In Response to Dr. Uyeda

I did not state that "...no redress for the Nanking Massacre should be considered until all wartime atrocities are considered at the same time...." I said that the resolution should be tempered by the mention of other wartime atrocities.

The following is my e-mail to Cliff Uyeda "...The Japanese military should be condemned for the Rape of Nanking, but I want to point out that JACL, to my knowledge, was never asked to make a resolution condemning the Chinese Government for the massacre of civil rights protesters in Tiananmen Square.... JACL was never asked to make a resolution condemning our own U.S. government for My Lai, the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the carpet bombings of Tokyo and Dresden." To my knowledge, Chinese Americans and Chinese American organizations never officially protested to the Chinese Government for the Tiananmen massacre.

Again, to my knowledge, there is no JACL precedent for such resolutions. The JACL resolution policy should be fairly and uniformly applied, not confined to one incident. There is a need to establish a uniform policy for such matters.

Fred Y. Hirasuna
Fresno, Calif.

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Amemiya, Takasori Thomas, 78, Los Angeles, May 21, Gardena-born; survived by son Mario and wife Winnie; daughter Naomi Woeizaki and husband Reid; brother Masahiro and wife Sumiyu; sisters Ayako Maruyama, Haruko Furuya.

Deguchi, Masao, 86, survived by brother Yasuhide Deguchi (Texas).

Hata, Frank Fumio, 80, Loomis, May 17; survived by wife Tamiko; son Marvin and wife Katie; daughter Arlene Yoko; 2 gc.; brother Jimmy and wife Sachiko; sisters Tomo Hamada and husband Teruo, Matsumi Kawada, Kiyomi Kato, Yuriko Fujii and husband Dave Kazuo; predeceased by daughter JoAnn Kyoko.

Hatakeyama, Momoyo Helen, 81, Morgan Hill, May 15 service; retired medical assistant.

Hinaga, Florence Shizu, 86, Monterey, April 24, Watsonville-born; survived by sons Jerry A. 1 gc.; brothers Sam Hanada and wife Ruth, Yoshio Hanada and wife Dorothy; sisters Helen Fujimoto.

Honda, Randal Tetsuya, 41, Los Angeles, May 20, Inglewood-born; survived by mother Alice Asako; sisters Terry Lynn Akiko Leon and husband Leo (Elk Grove), Cheryl Mitsuko Wilson and husband John (Sacramento), Jacqueline Miwako and Katherine Naomi; grandmother Emi Yoshida (Hawaii).

Kimura, Walter Shigemichi, 68, Gardena, May 15, Kawaiola-Hawaii-born; survived by wife Thelma T.; son Mark and wife Carol; 2 gc.; brothers Francis and wife Nancy (Hawaii), Earl and wife Eva, Arthur, Ray and wife Deenie (Hawaii); sisters Dorothy Matsumoto and husband Perry.

Manji, Lillian, 75, Yuba City, May 14; survived by brothers Billy T., Dr. Harry (Morga), Robert (Sacramento); sisters Chiyo Kobayashi, Masako Uyeda (both Sacramento), Grace Mitsutome (Walnut), June Oga (Lodi), Haruko Manji, Tatsuno Uchiyama (both Japan).

Masuda, Kazuko, 72, Los Angeles, May 24, Sapporo, Japan-born naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by husband Shiro; sons Sam and wife Betty, James and wife Martha, Thomas, David; 5 gc.

Matsuoka, Yasuo, 78, Los Angeles, May 28, Fukuoka-ken-born; survived by son Yas; daughters Micki, Susan Fujimoto and husband Stephen; 6 gc.; brothers in Japan.

Mayeda, Shizuko, 93, Reedley, June 1, Hiroshima Prefecture-born; survived by sons and wife Rikida, Takashi; daughters Mariko Higashiyama and husband Mitsukazu (Japan), Michiko Gozoe and husband Dan; 10 gc., 6 gc., 1 gc.

Minamoto, Haruo, 83, Oakland, June 1; survived by sons John and wife Linda, Edson and wife Mabel; daughter Gay Kaplan and husband Dr. Harvey (San Mateo), 6 gc., 1 gc.; predeceased by husband Toshio.

Minobe, Tugie, 85, Harbor City, May 29, La Puente-born; survived by sons Frank T. (Gardena), Norman H., Eugene S. and wife Beverly (Cerritos), Ronald M. and wife Aileen (Gardena), Darrell K.; daughter Kay Miyagawa and husband Yas; 10 gc., 2 gc.; sisters Setsu Eguchi (Carson), Ellie Natsumede (Gardena), Babe Deguchi (San Pedro).

Miya, Midori S., 76, Omaha, Neb., May 13, Seattle-born; survived by husband Dr. Tom Miya (former Dean of UNC School of Pharmacy); daughter Dr. Pamela Miya; brothers Dr. Peter Sakamoto, Moss Sakamoto (both Minnesota); sister Nobuko Geertsma (Rescue).

Mori, Kiyoto, 88, Saratoga, May 19, Fukuoka Prefecture-born; survived by wife Fusae; sons

Masashi; daughters Sue Kamimori and husband Tom, Kiyoko Sterritt and husband George, Reiko Yagi, Teruko Oki and husband Taro; 15 gc., 25 gc.; sisters-in-law Midori Kasai, Hidako Hirayama (both Japan).

Morihsige, Katsumi, 78, Sacramento, May 24, Stockton-born; survived by wife Kimiye; brothers Masaru (Placerville), Dick and wife Charlene (Wheatridge, Colo.), Sam and wife Nobuko (Roseville); brother-in-law Yoshi Nishimoto (Sacramento); sisters-in-law Kiyoko Kikunaga (Los Angeles), Hisako Betty Teukamoto (Chicago), Yoshiko Okamoto and husband Luther (Hawthorne), Emiko Mambu and husband Eichi (Hawthorne), Hidako Kuriyama (Gardena); predeceased by sister Teshiko Nishimoto.

Nakamura, George C., 76, Fremont, May 28; survived by wife Kay, son Gerry and wife Arlene; daughters Cheryl Ideta and husband Marty, Nadine Fong and husband Larry; 6 gc.; brothers Harry, James; sister Sakaye Sakaki (Fukuoka, Japan); predeceased

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by sister Hatsue Yamada.

Nakamura, Minoru "Min.", 78, Ontario, Ore., May 22, Tacoma, Wash.-born; survived by wife Mary; son Korey (Portland, Ore.); daughter Mary Ann (Shimojima) and husband Pat; sister Yoshihiro Hironaka and husband Shig.

Nakanishi, Shizuye, 82, Pasadena, May 21, La Puente-born; survived by son Kazuhiko and wife Kuniko; daughter Noriko Takarabe and husband Keisuke; 5 gc., 3 gc.; sisters Tomo Mary Okumoto and husband Charles Setuji, Junko One and husband Roy, Kimie Hayashi.

Nakashima, Keichi, 94, Los Angeles, May 24, Kagoshima-ken, Japan-born; survived by wife Martha; son Harry and wife Susan; daughter Sheryl Yamada and husband George; 3 gc.

Nanjo, Yoneko, 93, San Francisco, May 16; survived by sons Henry and wife Frances, Ben Tsutomu and wife Motoko, James and wife Yukiko; 6 gc., 5 gc.

Nishimura, Roy Yoshito, 86, Spokane, Wash., May 16, Tulare-born; served as first JACL president in Yakima, Wash.; survived by wife Maggie; sons Fred (Dillingham, Alaska), Robert (Santa Monica), Thomas (Vancouver, Wash.).

Ochi, Ichiey, San Diego, May 28; survived by husband Akiji; daughters Jane Obayashi and husband Glenn, Kay, Carolyn Tsuda, Donna Simonds and husband Steve; 5 gc.

Ohmayer, Tamiye, 99, Bellflower, May 29, Wakayama-ken, Japan-born; survived by son Yoshio; daughter Ayako Rich and husband Warren; 1 gc.

Shimizu, Edward Shitoshi, 81, Los Angeles, May 29, Hiroshima-ken-born; survived by son Toshiyuki and wife Naomi; 2 gc.; brothers Ben and wife Mitoko, Kei and wife Mary.

Sugiyama, Masaki, 78, Anaheim, May 21, Garden Grove-born; survived by wife Kiyoko; sons Takashi "Tak," Pharm. D.; daughters Mary Mitsuko Beuchler and husband James, Ruth Haruko Ikeda, Ph.D. and husband Osamu; 3 gc.; brother Teshio and wife Misaiko (Japan).

Takahashi, Eugene Yui, 62, Los Angeles, May 26, Salinas-born; survived by wife Frances Kimi; sons Robert and wife Gail, Craig and wife Edlyn; daughter

Laura Pollock and husband Neil; 4 gc.; mother Mitsuko Helen; brothers Jiro and wife Shariene, Hajime and wife Ellen; sisters Keiko Grace Shoji, Helen Setsuko Yoshino and husband Jiro.

Takasugi, John H., 75, Oxnard, May 21; Ventura-born WWII 442nd RCT veteran, electronics technician at Pacific Missile Range in Point Mugu for 30 years; survived by brothers Herbert, Frank (both Oxnard), George (Gardena), Jim (Florida), Abe (Santa Barbara); sisters Ida Ross, Fran Johnson (both Los Angeles); brother-in-law Donald Ross (Los Angeles); sister-in-law Maudie (Ojai).

Tao, Fusako, 103, Gardena, May 23, Hiroshima-ken-born; survived by sons Katsumi and wife Evelyn (Ohio), Masayuki and wife Mitsuko; 3 gc., 3 gc.

Tokubo, Mariko, 84, San Joaquin Garden, May 17, Stockton-born; survived by sons Kiyoshi and wife Sachiko, Shinya, Shigetsu and wife Judy, Hiroshi; daughters Michiko Suzuki and husband Toshio, Sally Emoto and husband Russell, Nancy, 6 gc., 2 gc.

Toma, Masakazu, 69, Gardena, May 28, Terminal Island-born; survived by sons Michael Teshiki Tamura, Akihito Hotoda (Japan); daughter Chizuko Kamoshita and husband Osamu, Rikito Okamoto and husband Iwao, Setsuko Onozawa (Japan); 6 gc., 2 gc.; brothers Hiroshi and wife Fumiko, Masayuki and wife Harriet.

Tomito, Will Hideo, 75, Torrance, May 24, Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Take; son Koichi; daughter Yoko Maeda (Japan); 2 gc. (Japan); sister Toshiko Nakasaki.

Yagake, Henry Shigeru, 86, Pasadena, May 22, Hiroshima-born; survived by wife Betty Nobuko; son Mike Michio and wife Karen; daughter Helen Hiroshi Mastolski and husband Brian; 2 gc.

Yoshizato, Tsuneko, 99, Carmel, May 25, Hiroshima-born, lived in San Francisco, New York and Pasadena, operated the Tokyo Gift Shop in Carmel for 34 years; survived by son Satoru; daughter Eiko Ceremany (Las Vegas); 4 gc., 6 gc.

Whereabouts

ROY KANAZAWA

A fellow student in Nelson Grammar School in Butte County, Calif., is looking for Roy. Her name was Adeline Terrell. Records from the grammar school are no longer available and both were very young when WWII began. Please contact the *Pacific Citizen* with any information; 800/966-6157.

NAKAUCHI FAMILY

Tom Sakai is seeking members of the Nakauchi family who used to run a fruit stand in Seattle before WWII. Sakai has a family heirloom which he would like to return to them. Sakai, himself, did not know the Nakauchi family but was entrusted with the belongings after a friend of the Nakauchi family, G. Morimoto, fell ill and had asked Sakai to try to locate family members. The Nakauchi fruit stand had been located between Fourth and Fifth streets at the corner of Pike and Pine streets. Anyone with information is asked to contact Sakai at 1316 S. Edmunds St., Seattle, WA 98106-1865.

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GO FOR BROKE

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as a member of the United States Congress were it not for you," said Matsui.

U.S. Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera, who recommended the nomination of General Eric Shinseki to become the next chief of staff of the Army, recounted the celebrated history of the Nisei soldiers.

"With their selfless service, bravery and sacrifice, these men helped their fellow citizens realize that being an American is not a matter of where you come from but where your heart is," said Caldera. "... To these veterans who loved our nation and its ideals so well, I say on behalf of our grateful nation, your selfless service has made a profound impact on our Army and nation."

Inouye noted that when he presents Shinseki to the United States Senate for confirmation this week, he will "do so with special pride, knowing what we remember this day." He added that Shinseki, who was twice seriously wounded during the Vietnam War, is the nephew of two men, "both who fought in the brotherhood."

Los Angeles Councilwoman Rita Walters, who helped the Nisei veterans locate city property on which to build the monument, said, "This monument will be here as a testament not only to their loyalty beyond all belief,



Stephen Sato intently copies his late father's name, Shukichi Sato, from the monument onto a piece of paper.

but to their endurance, their perseverance, their determination to make those wrongs that had been terribly hoisted on them."

On this day of celebration, members of the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRR) also remembered the 315 resisters of conscience, who, like the veterans, fought to eliminate racism but in a different form.

"We firmly support those who put their lives on the line as the 100th, the 442nd and the MIS did," said Richard Katsuda, president of NCRR. "But we also support the draft resisters and others who took a stance for reasons of conscience. We want to show that during World War II, or during anytime of crisis, people show their courage in different forms."

of all people, people who don't have memorials, like the draft resisters, will continue."

The monument has been more than 10 years in the making. The idea to create a Nisei veterans' monument began in the early 1980s, but it wasn't until 1989 that the concept was solidified, according to Col. Young Oak Kim, foundation chair.

The 100th/442nd MIS World War II Memorial Foundation raised more than \$2.5 million to construct the solid black granite structure. About \$1 million of the \$2.5 million will go towards the maintenance of the memorial and for educational purposes, said Kim.

Hank Yoshitake, a 442nd veteran, said it was actually the City of Los Angeles that instigated the monument concept. Once, everyone was committed to the

project, Yoshitake said committee members have been meeting every Monday for close to 11 years. Yoshitake urged the younger generation and non-Japanese to take the time to read the monument's inscriptions.

"When you come to look at this monument, just spend the time reading and trying to understand the words because we spent an awful lot of time trying to get the words that mean a lot," said Yoshitake. "This is what the veterans hope for — that the young people will understand exactly what we're trying to say."

The monument was designed by Robert M. Yanagita, who received his inspiration for the monument's imagery through the book, "Go for Broke."

The concept came from the battles of the 442nd, and the design symbolizes the mountains and hills where most of them fought," said Yanagita. "There are numerous accounts of soldiers charging forward with sheer guts and heroism to take a hill — a banzai hill — shouting 'go for broke as their battle cry.'"

Over the course of 10 years, the monument, like the Nisei veterans, had to overcome several setbacks, the most serious one being a libel lawsuit filed in 1991, which charged that the monument should list the names of all Japanese American veterans of all wars who lost their lives while serving their country.

As it stands now, the monument lists 15,987 names of Nisei soldiers who fought during

WWII, both living and killed in action and also names of non-Jas who commanded or supported the segregated units. Included in the list are also 37 Nikkei women who had served.

With the monument completed, Kim said they will now focus on phase two of their mission. This entails sponsoring teacher training workshops, gathering oral history and producing a historic film trilogy.

The educational program will be in partnership with the 100th/442nd MIS WWII Memorial Foundation, the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) and JACL.

According to Kim, although they have \$1 million set aside for this purpose, he predicts they may need to raise more funds.

"We had planned to set aside \$1 million for education and maintenance of the memorial but this goal was set 10 years ago, and it's kind of naive to think you can accomplish all of this today with \$1 million," said Kim. "So we'll need to raise more money."

Herbert Yamanishi, JACL national director, noted that the teacher training portion was going well and that their immediate goal this year is to conduct workshops with 100 school districts.

"Once we get the teachers trained, we can get the students educated for many, many years thereafter," said Yamanishi. "That's the idea, to make sure the story is retained for a long time."

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