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Gen. Shinseki Nomination Approved by Congress

Congress has approved President Clinton's nomination of Gen. Eric Shinseki, a second-generation Japanese American, for Army chief of staff, the highest

rank U.S. in the Army. He is the first JA to attain the highest military rank-

ing. Shinseki, 33-year Army veteran, has served as the vice chief of Shinseki



seki is a graduate of West Point and Duke University. His 33 years of Army service include two

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combat tours in Vietnam, where he was seriously injured, and 10 years in Europe, part of the time as the top Army general and com-mander of NATO-led peacekeeping forces in Bosnia-Herzogovina. He was the first JA to be promoted to four-star general.

Shinseki's decorations include Sninsears decorations include the Purple Heart, Defense Dis-tinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritori-ous Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal and Parachutist Badge.

His appointment comes at a time when more Asian Pacific Americans are assuming higher Americans are assuming higher positions of power in government. At Shinseki's nomination, CPC. May 7-20, 1999) Bob Sakaniwa, who was then JACL's Washington, D.C., representative, said, "...(This is one of the most American of American positions, one that Gen. MacArthur and Gen. Marshall have held. It has a long history, and it goes to and Gen. Marshan have held to has a long history, and it goes to show that Asian Americans are very much part of the American fabric."

'Hey You Guys!' Takes a Closer Look at the Youth of JACL's Future

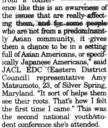
BY TRACY UBA

IRVINE, Calif.-Who are we today? What will be our role to-morrow? How can we learn from

our past?
These were the fundamental questions occupying the minds of approximately 85 people, mainly approximately 85 people, mainly students ranging in age from 15 to 23, as they converged upon the University of California, Irvine campus to at-tend the 1999 JACL National Youth/Student

Conference, an event held every other year to in troduce new and veteran crops of teenagers twentysome things to their peers as well as to discuss tonics relevant to both the JACL and the Asian American community

at large.
"I think what [the youth] gain from a confer-



dent conference snes attended.
Rose Ochi, director of the Community Relations Service at the Department of Justice in Washington D.C., welcomed young people like Matsumoto in her opening keynote address, saying

that in looking towards the future it is useful to reflect upon our past to realize how yester-day's events affect today's issues.

day's events affect today's issues.

"What I'm talking about is yesterday," Ochi told the Pacific Citizen, "and I think that for students of this generation, they izen, "and I think that for stu-dents of this generation, they think, What's in it for me? How does it affect my life?"

"But the fact that they're up on a Saturday and are here," she said, is an encouraging sign. "[I

Intermountain District spearheaded the youth movement. Hiromi Ueha, National Youth

Council president, noted that this year's conference saw more at-tendees from outside California Groups and individuals from Ari-zona, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Ohio, Illinois, Mary-land and New York among others came to participate in interactive workshops and roundtable dis-cussions led by several JACL

leaders, community tivists and aca demicians

Workshops offered includ-ed the "ABCs of College Life." in which talked about college experiences; the "Asian American Movement: Past, Present and Future," which explored the communiment



spoke today] because hopefully there are a few folks in the audience that are going to go on to be-come the next haren Narasaki (executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium) or the next Daphne Kwok (executive director of the Organization of Chinese Americans)... and if I can inspire a couple, that would be great

Though the number of atten-Though the number of atten-dees was down from previous years, those who participated in the June 25-27 weekend-long conference, aptly titled "Hey You Guys! ... Take a Closer Look," represented every JACL district except Mountain Plains, making it perhaps the most geographical-ly diverse group since the conference's inception in 1961 when the

fight for social justice; Beyond the Degree: Success Skills for Your Future," which dealt with As improving leadership and communication skills both in communication skills both in school and in the workplace, "Erasing the Hate," in which hate crimes as well as how to prevent them were discussed, "Hopas: Exploring Our Identity," which opened dialogue on concepts of "Sitting in" and multiraciality, "The Family Legacy," in which one family organized a family reunion to learn more about their history, "Stand Upand Bo Camited," which provided about their history; "Stand Up and Be Counted," which provided information about the Census 2000: "Taste of Little Tokyo." which explored the roots of the

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been selected for funding for their first year of operation beginning June 1, 1999. CCLPEP, established earlier this year, was created by legislation introduced by Assembly-member Mike Honda of San Jose, Calif. The legislation, commonly referred to as AB1915, authorizes the California State Li-

The California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP) announced the names of the 27 recipients who have

brarian to award competitive grants to individuals, organiza-tions and units of government who are interested in creating projects regarding the incarcera-tion of Japanese Americans dur-ing World War II. CCLPEP is authorized to conduct a grant pro-gram for three years. This year was the first year of operation.

The grant recipients awarded funding by CCLPEP met on June 18 at the California State Library in Sacramento to review recording and accounting procedures required of all state funded grant

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recipients and to meet Dr. Kevin Starr, the California State Lihrarian

The following is a list in alpha-tical order of the 1999 betical order of the 1999 CCLPEP grant recipients: 1. Brenda Wong Aoki — Uncle

Gunjiro's Girlfriend

2. Before Columbus Foundation (Frank Abe) — Conscience &

the Constitution

Clapperstick Institute — Internment Anthology
 Kari Coughlin — The Man-

zanar Identification Card Project
5. Eric Fournier — Fred Kore-

matsu Story 6. Friends of the Eastern California Museum — Nomura Ex-

7. Robert Fuchigami — Amache Information Distribution Project

Omura Memoir Project 9. Kimi Kodani Hill — Chiura Obata's Art

10. Joanne Iritani — Florin

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the JACL and the Japanese the JACL and the Japanese American Service Committee co-sponsored a "Townhall Meeting on Hate Crimes Against Asian Americans" on June 15 at the CBS television studios in Chica-

More than 200 people turned out to the event which was organized mainly in response to the April 5 shooting death of Naoki

April 5 shooting death of Naoki Kamijima of Crystal City, Ill. Kamijima was shot to death on April 5 at a Crystal Lake general store, allegedly by Douglas Vi-taioli, who had earlier walked into another general store and asked the owners what ethnicity they were. Crystal Lake is about 50 miles from Chicago. The forum was divided into

two panels; the first panel dis-cussed the Kamijima murder cussed the namilima murder case, Gary Pack, the state's attor-ney from McHenry County who is investigating the Kamijima case, gave an update and assured audience members that this case will be treated as a racially-moti-

vated hate crime murder case
Bill Yoshino, JACL Midv
District regional director, prair

the state's attorney's office for their sensitivity to the nature of hate crimes and for aggressively pursuing the Kamijima case as a hate-motivated crime.

Asian Americans' Attracts More Than 200 Participants

Chicago 'Townhall Meeting on Hate Crimes Against

Kamijima's wife, Cindy, and father-in-law, Art Smock, also par-ticipated in the panel and thanked community members for

their generous support.

The second panel consisted of The second panel consisted of yoshino; Roxanne Volkmann, a hate crime survivor; Patricia Spedale, Civil Rights Unit of the Chicago Police Department; Richard Devine, Cook County State's Attorney's Office; and Harlan Loeb, Midwest regional counsel for the Anti-Defamation League.

Yoshino spoke on the ma causes of hate crimes and dis-cussed why hate crimes should be treated differently than other crimes. He noted that hate comes are, by nature, insidious because victims are targeted simply for who they are, and this, in turn, makes the targeted victim's community vulnerable, increas-

ing racial tension.

He detailed the 1982 Vincent Chin murder ca

curred during the height of Japan bashing by Americans due to the country's economic reces-sion, particularly in the automobile industry. He noted that cases such as the Chin murder not only affects Chinese Americans but all

While the Chin case was an obvious hate crime, Spedale noted vious hate crime, Spedale noted that hate crimes say, oftentimes difficult to prove. However, she encouraged victims to report the crimes to the police.

Loeb praised Cook County for strongly enforcing their hate crime laws and credited the cul-

tural diversity of the community

for its enforcement.

In describing the townhall meeting afterwards, Yoshino said, I think this was a good op-portunity to convey how hate crimes affect the Asian American community because oftentimes when people speak of hate crimes, they tend to think of oth-er communities like the African American, the Jewish American nd more the gay community as the ones victimized, so not enough attention is given to Asian Americans in this area."

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National

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5—8th National JACL Singles Convention; Radisson Miyako Hotel, San Francisco; Regis-tration \$150 before July 15, \$180 after. tration \$150 before July 15, \$180 after. Colf, bowling, workshops, mixer, ban-quet, dance, brunch, trips. Co-spon-sored by San Francisco Bay Area Nikkei Singles and Greater Los Angeles Singles. Info: Georgeann Maedo, 415/753-3340; Gale Kondo. 415/337-9981; website: http://ome-stead.com/99 convention.

Midwest

CINCINNATI

Sun., Aug. 15—Annual Potluck Din-ner; 1:30 p.m. board meeting, 4 p.m. silent auction, 5 p.m. dinner; Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Madison Rd. & Hyde Park -Annual Potluck Dinve.; speaker, mushroom grower Mati

WISCONSIN

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

Sun., Aug. 8—Annual JACL picnic, 11 a.m., St. Francis Memorial Park.

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 Genera-tions" (IDC/PNWDC/MPDC); Work-shops, JAYS events, bus trip to Wendover, golf, obon festival; Comfort Suites Hotel, 1150.W. 2150 Ogden, Utah; Wasatch Front

North, sponsors.
POCATELLO-BLACKFOOT

Sun., July 25—Annual Salmon Bake; Jensen Grove Park; the Sister City delegation will be attending. Info: Karl

Endo. SALT LAKE CITY

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Fin, July 16—"Rabbit in the Moon"
special screening, chapter fund-raiser; 7 p.m., University of Utah, Orson
Spencer Hall. Info: Sherrie Hayashi,
801/243-4180 or Alice Kasai, 801/ 359-2902

Pacific Northwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

Fri.-Sat., Aug. 6-7—Obon Odori; see Community Calendar.

NC-WN-Pacific

DISTRICT COUNCIL Sun., Aug. 1—District Council Meeting; hosted by Eden JACL.
CONTRA COSTA

Fri., July 9—George Yoshida will talk about popular American music and Japanese Americans in the 1930-40s; 7:30 p.m., East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito. Fri., July 16—Chapter sponsored baseball night; 7:35 p.m., Oakland Coliseum (Oakland A's vs. San Francisco Giants). Tickets: Esther

Takeuchi, 510/223-2258. WATSONVILLE

Sun., Aug. 6—Annual JACL communi ty picnic; races, prizes, raffle, bingo, Taiko: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Aptos Village Park

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat., Aug. 28—District Council quar-terly meeting; proposed location ced College

Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun., Aug. 29 District Council Meeting, Santa Maria.

ARIZONA

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 13-15-Nisei Week Fri.-Sun., Aug. 13-15—Nisei Week Festival group tour of the Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles. Info: Kathy Inoshita, 937-5434, Joe Allman, 942-2832. SOUTH BAY

SOUTH BAY
Sat., July 17—Garage sale fund raiser.
Info: Ernie or Jeanne Tsujimoto.
310/320-3465 after June 17.

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East Coast

NEW YORK

July 11—New York Buddhist h Obon; 1-4 p.m., Bryant Park. PHILADELPHIA

Mon., Aug. 9—Ball Game: Philies vs. Cardinals (with Mark McGwire); 7:35 p.m., Veterans Stadium. RSVP by July, 23, first come first served: Teresa Maehori

first come first served: Ieresa Maebon, 214/248-5544 (6/26-79, then 7/25-8/9. WASHINGTON, D.C. Through Nov. 30—Exhibit, "From Bento to Mixed Plate: Americans of Japanese Ancestry in Multicultural Hawaii"; Smithsoniag Institution's Arts and Industries Bldg., 900 S.W. Info: 202/357-2700 900 Jefferson Dr.

The Midwest

GAYLORD, MICHIGAN
Fri-Sun., July 9-11—Golf Caper at
Treetops Sylvan Resort. Info: Host
Gerry Shimoura, Detroit, 248/3563089 or 553-0112.
INDIANAFOLIS

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 17-19—Indianapolis Golf Caper; housing at Hampton Inn. RSVP by August 1. Info, reservations: Chuck Matsumoto, 317/888-8505.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE

Tues., July 6—Film, "Rabbit in the Moon"; on KUED-Channel 7 "Point of View" series.

The Northwest

OLYMPIA

OLYMPIA Fri., Aug. 6—Obon Odori practice; 7-9 p.m., 222 N. Columbia St. Sat., Aug. 7—Obon Odori; 5 p.m., Water Street at Capitol Lake. Info: Bob Nakamura, 360/413-9873, e-Bob Nakamura, 360/413-9873, mail: sgtmilehibob@earthlink.net.

Sun., Aug. 1—Annual Japanese Ancestral Society golf tournament; Colwood National Colf Course,

cestral society golf tournament; Colwood National Golf Course, 7313 NE Columbia Blvd. Entry fee by July 19. Info: Taka Mizote, 503/234-3936, or Henry Ueno, 503/253-3001, 503/872-8445. Sat., Aug. 7—Oboniest '99, taiko, dancing, food, exhibits, demonstrations and children's activities; 2-9 p.m., Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 SE 34th Ave. & Powell; Obon dancing starts at 7 p.m. Free. Info: 503/234-9456 or 503/254-9536. Through Aug. 29—Exhibit, '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: June Arima Schumann, 503/224-1458.

TACOMA Sun., July 13—Obon Odori; 5 p.m., Tacoma Buddhist Temple; practice, July 7, 8, 9 & 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Northern California

Sun., July 4—Eighth Annual El Cerrito Fourth of July Fair; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., El EAST BAY

Wed., July 21—East Bay Nikkei Singles field trip, "Kitchen Kut-Ups." Info: Riehard Sekiguchi, 510/237-

0218.
Wed., July 28—East Bay Nikkei Singles tour of the Winchester Mystery House, lunch and social. Info: Richard Sekiguchi, 510/237-0218. MONTERFY

Sun, July 11—Obon Festival; Fresno Guyo Taiko performs at 3:30 p.m.; Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple. SACRAMENTO

Fri., Aug. 6—Thirteenth August Wo-men's Peace Event. "Peace Begins at

Home" panel discussion; 6-8:30 p.m., at The Grand, 1215 "J" St. Info: 916/441-0764

Through Aug. 8—World War II video discussion series and exhibit of handdiscussion series and exhibit or handle made decorative items made by IAs in-terned in detention camps; Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento. Info: 916/264-2770. SAN FRANCISCO

SAN PRANCISCO
Through Aug. 15—Exhibit, "From the
Rainbow's Varied Hues: Textiles of the
Southern Philippines"; Asian Art
Museum, Golden Gate Park. Info: 415/379-8800.

-The Japanese Ameri-Sat., Sept. 25-Sat., sept. 25—The Japanese Amer-can National Library's 30th anniver-sary celebration, "Legacy for the Future"; 7 p.m., Radisson Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St.; Calif. Assem-blymember Mike Honda, keynote speaker. Tickets \$50. Info: Karl Watsushita, 415/567-5006.

SAN MATEO

SAN MATEO Sun., July 11—Kabuki Group film pre-sentation, Kanatehon Chushingura," Parts I & II; 1:30 p.m., San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Info: 416/343-2793.

Thurs.-Sat., July 8-10—Performance, "Heading East—The Musical"; Faye Spanos Concert Hall, University of the Pacific; Info, tickets: 209/464-0347

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELS
Wed, July 7—Tanabata Matsuri: Star Festiva; 6-8:30 -p.m., New Otani Hotel, 120 S.Los Angeles St., Little Tokyo, Info: Yoko Sugi, 21:3/253-9255.
Sat., July 10—Children's nature activity: 9:30-11 am., Sola University, 26:800. W. Mulholland Hwy, Calabasa: Info: 81:8/806-400.
Sat., July 10—"Showtime "99" 8th, Annual benefit concert for the Asian American Drug Abuse Program and the JACCC; 7 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 24:4 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Featuring Amy Hill, Jennifer

Paz, etc. Tickets: 213/680-3700. Tues., July 13—Botanical Center Tour; 10-11 a.m., Soka University, 26800 W. Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas. Info: 818/878-3741.

Mon., July 19—International Special Events Society 1999 Western Regional LA-la Awards; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo, Info: Wendy Fujihara Anderson, 626/683-8243.

Anoerson, 620/63/-8243.
Sun., July 25—Japan America Society
Meet the Author series, "Ryoma: Life of
a Renaissance Samurai" by Romulus
Hillsborough; 2-4 pm., Pacific Asia
Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave.,
Pasadena. RSVP by July 23: 213/627-6214 ext 17. 6214 ext. 17

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Sat., July 26—Maryknoll Japanese
Catholic Center "High Stakes Bingo";
6 tiches: Sold at \$100 for grand prizes,
dinner and one card for seven-game
\$100-250 pots; silent auction; dinner
only \$25; info: M/CC 213/626-2279. , Aug. 13—Akimatsuri golf tournament; 1 p.m. shotgun start, California Country Club, 1509 S. Workman Mill Rd., Whittier. Info: Dr. Roy Takemura,

909/594-3600 Sat., Aug. 14-Sun., Aug. 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.

Week website at http://www.members. aol.com/niseiweek/niseiweek.htm. SAN DIECO Sun., July 25—Koto concert: 1 p.m., Don Powell Theater, San Diego State University; featuring guest artists from Japan. Info: Masazumi Mizuno, 619/

ORANGE COUNTY

ORANGE COUNTY
Sat, Aug. 21—Orange County Sansei
Singles Nisei Week Dinner-Dance,
"Solid Gold.a Blast from the past!" 6
p.m.-1 a.m., New Otani Hotel, 120 S.
Los Angeles St., Los Angeles; dinner,
dancing, door prizes; music by The
Music Company with Mariko and
Howie, DJ by Fat Cat to benefit the National Japanese American Me-morial; \$40 by Aug. 10, \$45 after. RSVP: Stan Masumoto, 310/830-0321.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

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

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CT Study: Minorities More At-risk Than Whites for Many Health Problems

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HARTFORD, Conn.-Connecticut's racial minorities are more at-risk than whites for many health problems, including infectious diseases, low birth weights, asthma and diabetes, a new state study shows

At the same time, whites are more at-risk than some other races for heart disease, stroke injuries and some kinds of cancer, the Department of Public Health reported on June 22.

Results of the study will be used to tailor health programs used to tailor health programs for specific groups, using local leaders and agencies to get out the message, said Health Com-missioner Dr. Joxel Garcia.

This study is our first step in our plan to get a healthier Con-necticut, Garcia said. "Educa-tion and prevention will eliminate some of the disparities."

Dr Mark Mitchell a leader of the Multicultural Health Initiative, said community programs run by churches or other groups should use the study to inform people about health risks and preventing illness.

"It's very important and very exciting to have this data about Connecticut," said Mitchell. "We should be able to make a difference statewide." The study looked at major health problems of whites, blacks, Hispanics, Asians and American Indians. Because of small sample sizes, some data for Asians and American Indians were not available.

The study found that socioeconomic factors such as poverty, educational level and occupa-

tion are risk factors for disease. Minorities also are at higher risk because of stress, environmental pollution in the cities, decreased access to health care and lack of health information directed at their cultures, Mitchell said.

Of all racial and ethnic groups, blacks had the most isk and the most deaths from all health problems in the study, especially AIDS, homicide and diabetes. These ail-ments also hit the Hispanic population more than whites or Asians while diabetes risk remained high for American Indi-

The risk of infectious diseases such as tuberculosis and he-patitis and sexually transmitted diseases such as syphilis, gonorrhea and AIDS also hit black and Hispanic population

Asians were at higher risk of tuberculosis and hepatitis.

Carlos Toro, a project manag-er for Latinos Contra SIDA, said the group is trying to get an AIDS prevention message out to intravenous drug users, prostitutes and men who think they are too macho to use con-

Young Hispanic males also are at a higher risk of serious health problems from sexually transmitted diseases because they do not recognize the symps and do not seek medical help unless the situation gets worse, Toro said.

Little information about AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases is available in Spanish, he said.

Pregnancy and birth-related outcomes such as low birth weight, inadequate prenatal care and infant mortality were higher for all minority groups than for whites.

Whites had a greater risk of cancer, heart disease and stroke than most minority groups. White women had a higher risk of cancer than black or Hispanic women, with breast cancer the most common form of cancer among all racial groups.

Not enough data was available on cancer among Asians and American Indians.

W TOTAL BRIDGISH

NC Commissioner Uses Siur to Refer to Special Olympians From Japan

ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREENVILLE, N.C.-GREENVILLE, N.C.—A Pitt County commissioner used a dis-paraging term for Japanese when referring to Special Olympians from that nation arriving here on June 22, then defended the term even when told it was off

even wnen told it was offensive.
At a public meeting on June 21,
Commissioner Dave Hammond referred to the Japanese delegation
arriving for the Special Olympics
World Summer Games as "Japs." Greenville is a host community for

Special Olympians.

"How many Japs are coming?"
Hammond asked after a brief presentation.

Commission Chairman Eugene Commission Chairman Eugene James cautioned Hammond, "Don't say it like that."
"I said it liked want to say it, Mr. Chairman," Hammond replied.
When asked about his comment.

Hammond said he meant it as an "abbreviation," not an insult. He said he did not realize the term was offensive and had heard his uncle use the word.

"If somebody's got a problem with it, then I apologize and withdraw the statement," Hammond

Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines "Jap" as "Japanese — usually used dis-

"Japanese — usually used dis-paragingty."

Eileen Sexton, vice president of communications for the games, said it was important that athletes be treated respectfully, and that in-cluded referring to this delegation

ACTOR MANAGEMENT

as Japanese.
"It's one person," she said. "I
don't think it's a reflection on the
games. I don't think it's a reflection
on North Carolina."

on North Carolina."

The games officially opened in Raleigh on June 25 and run through July 4.

Herb Yamanishi, JACL director

through July 4.

Herb Yamanishi, JACL director said he would be upset if someone used the term to refer to him.

T think it's generally considered offensive, the reason being that it was used as a derogatory term just like 'nigger' was used during slav-ery times, 'Yamanishi said. 'It doesn't really define who the per-son is. What it does is conjure up a

stereotype.

He said the term originated dur-ing World War II "to stir up hyste-ria and feelings against people who look Japanese."

look Japanese."

Several commissioners said they thought Hammond, who is black, meant no harm. They said they wished he had not made the com-

"It's a sensitive issue when refer ring to one's ethnicity, and I was afraid that it might have sounded arraid that it might have sounced like to some that he was making fun of them," commission Vice Chairman Jeff Savage said. "I don't think that was his intent, but it may have had that sound to

some.

James said he asked Hammond to refrain from using the term because of public perception. "I don't think that was right, but I just think it was a figure of speech," he said.

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

☐ Arrest Made in Pipe Bomb Case

SHREWBERRY, Mass.—Po-lice recently arrested Chinh Vo. 20, on charges that he was building and storing 14 pipe

building, and storing 14 pape bounds.

Vo was arraigned on 28 counts of possessing explosives and an insernal mechanic and attempting to commit a crime. Authorities claimed he was not planning to use them locally but would not comment on his motives for allegedly building them.

The bombs, which had the destructive capacity of military greades, were found off a trail in the woods near Oak Street.

greates capacity of minusary greandes, were found off a trail in the woods near Oak Street, the first by a bicyclist and the others by investigators who found them in a waterproof container Anthorities said that any of the 14 devices were fully charged. All were safely detonated.

Merchants who sold gunpower of the to 'wo rould have prosecution, said Police Chief Wayne Sampson. There was no evidence, however, that 'wo built the bombs in his home, or that his bombs in his home, or that his borness. A pretrial hearing in the case is scheduled for July 16.

☐ Veteran Geisha Still Living in Queens

NEW YORK—Kiharu Maka-murs, 87, is a former Tokyo geisha who emigrated to the United States after World War II, where she continues to wear

National

ern clients, adding to her trying studies in dance and the shamisen shumiser.

She entertained leading offi-cule and famous visitors like Jean Cockeeu, who wrote a poem for her. But during WMI she could not cartinute to work and after her departures diplomat has-band died, she moved to New York in 1956.

■ Former Internees

Former Internees
Visit Heart Mountain
POWELL Wyo.—About 100
people recently visited Heart
Mountain the former internment camp where thousands of
Japanese Americans were forced
to stay during World War II.
U.S. Exp. Norman Mineta IDCalift, who was miscrated there as
a child slong with his family, led
a flower-laying covernous at Powell Cematery before the graves of
three interness, Ourshe Hatanata who died Dec. 26, 1942, at age
68, Tames incore who died Nov. 26,
1942, at 62.
Baron Sakstani, of the Heart
Mountain Wyoning Foundation
and a former internee, said, Thobody has ever done smything für
them before and this is something that's very important to
me.

Mineta also laid a wreath dur-Mineta also laid a wreath dur-ing a menorial for more than 20 internees who died while fighting in the U.S. military during WWI He said he placed the wreath not only in memory of those who died in war but of 'our I gas pursues who really sarri-ficed so much."

More than 750 internees at Heart Mountain sought in the war while their families were held in the same.

☐ Dig Uncovers 100-Year-Old Chinese

The entrystion was conducted inside the Pon Yam House, a store that belonged to Chinise merchant Pon Yam in the 1800s, and Shais Oegood, an archaeologist from Boise She said Yam sold imports, food, medicine and bothing to gold miners.

Last summer volunteers from the Idaho Archaeology Society of opports around the Pont Sheit Pon

director Greg Johns. And items we are finding have been found in any other arch-logical site in Idaho.

☐ Minority Admissions Fall at

Admissions Fall at UW Law School SEATTLE—The University of Washington Law School appears Leaded for its least diverse class in hire years next fall.

Admissions figures released June 18 show that only 41 minority students admitted to the school paid their deposit before the deadline, compared to 55 last year. The total class looks to be 178, including two blacks, five Hispanics, seven American Indians and 27 Asian Americans, including three Phinanes.

Law school disclass blamed the minority drops purity on 1-200.

race-driven admissions system Once that was struck down, the numbers changed."

S25,000 Reward for

Fire-Bombing Info
SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Gov.
Gray Davis offered a \$25,000 reward for information that solves
the case of the area fires which
claimed three Jewish evracopose
on the morning of June 18.
U.S. Housing and Urben Development Secretary Andrew
Commo also promised to bely the
three exceptations obtain low-

too all officials would not discuss specifies of their investiga-tion or possible suspects but John Millors, head of the U.S. Bursan of Alcohol, Tobecco and Frestme, said high quality evidence has been found and is currently being analyzed at the ATF lab in Wal-nut Creek.

Asian Crimes Task Force Office Opens

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INDUSTRY, Calif—A recent
erremony locked off the opening
of the new Asian Crimes Task
force office which was pushed
forward by Los Angeles County
Sheriff Lee Baca to crack down
on criminals who target LA's

pings for ransom and crimes committed by Asian gangs against Asian residents.

Asian Gangmember Gets Life Sentence

thorities, the killings we mitted to enhance the gr

☐ Cayetano Named Chair of Governor's Association HONOLULU-Gov.

HONOLULUE—Gow Es Cayetano assumed the chair manship of the Western Governor's Association, for a one-yes cerm, after recently attanding the organization's annual meeting in Woming. Cayetano had been serving a the vice chairman of the essociation, which includes 18 were states. Guam, the Norther Mariana Jalands and America.

1999 NATIONAL JACL YOUTH/STUDENT CONFERENCE A Closer Look at the Workshops

Hapas: Exploring Our Identity

With one of the highest outmarriage rates among any Asian American group, the issue of cul-tural identity among *Hapas*, those of half Japanese, or more broadly of half Asian descent, is broadly of half Asian descent, is becoming an integral part of the Japanese American community and for Asian America in general. Dr. Teresa Williams, assistant professor of Asian American

shown, which raised pertinent questions about racism, stereotypes, and the tendency to sepa-rate or categorize racial identity into two distinct halves.

into two distinct halves.
Williams then opened the dialogue up to participants in a roundtable discussion of what Hapa identity is and how we can redefine or de-fetishize popular myths of Hapas as "exotic" or ex-



"I don't think anyone really has to [alert] them to the fact that the communities are changing and they're changing rapidly, and we have to adapt to where our community is going."

Dr. Teresa Williams Assistant Professor at C.S.U. Northridge

Studies at California State Uni versity, Northridge, who herself was born to a Shin Issei mother and an European American fa-ther, led this discussion which focused on the idea of what it means to be Hapa and how one "fits in" among the Asian American community.

"Things like gay and lesbian issues, multiracial identity, inter-racial dating, gang violence and so on, these are areas in Asian American communities that have not been discussed really until re-cently," Williams told the P.C. "and more and more it's changing literally the faces of Japanese America and Asian America."

To illustrate that in fuller de-tail, Kip Fulbeck's eight-minute short film "Some Questions for Twenty Eight Kisses" was

ceptionally beautiful. Williams also posed the idea of how we can think of identity in terms of multiplicity rather than in terms of a divided self.

"It is true that Asian America has to wake up, and I think they have. I don't think anyone really has to [alert] them to the fact that the communities are changing and they're changing rapidly, and we have to adapt to where

our community is going.
"Just to hear what young peo ple are saying now [is important] because I think they're the ones who are going to guide us, push us into the next century," Williams said. "To hear what their concerns are and how they're going to shape and mold Asian America really interested

Womyn Activists

The first question asked in this roundtable discussion by Dr. Izumi Taniguchi, one of few Nisei in

mi languch, one of tew Nise in attendance and professor emeritus of economics at California State University, Fresno, was, "Why is womyn spelled with a 'y'."

The answer: Just as there are feminists who substitute "history" with "herstory" to reclaim a female form, some believe spelling women with an 'e' is a subtle appropriation of the fesubtle appropriation of the feabout working with the National Coalition for Redress/Repara-tions and her days as an affirmative action activist at UCLA. Hagihara also touched upon fem-inism in its multicultural form, one which is generally inclusive

Participants were asked what "activism" meant to them, which garnered responses such as someone who takes a stand for what they believe in and working with others

for a cause

Matsuoka believes that her audi-ence is at the perfect age to start questioning and thinkand ing beyond the scope of their immediate environment "Being 15, 17, that's a



Kei Nagao listens as Ayako Hagihara of NCRR leads the Womyn Activists workshop.

male form by the patriarchy; that is, the "men" is inscribed in the

"women."

Led by Ayako Hagihara, a community activist, and Martha Matsuoka, a Ph.D. student of urban planning at UCLA, this workshop covered the personal experiences of being an activist and studying a culture of female activism.

Specifically, Matsuota traveled to Okinswa to study urban development and planning, but what she discovered was a society of Okinswan wennyn who were fighting for social change against the American military, which had set up base on their island.

Hagihara, meanwhile, talked

17, that's a really critical age, it's really the best time for (the youth) to beer about these issues. I wish I had heard this stuff when I was 14, instead of having to negotiate all those gender issues in my early 20s.

sues in my early 20s."
For Hagihara, it was important to speak to the youth because "it's a group of people that I typically would not have access to talk to. And I really want to try to reach out and engage them in conversation because that would not only benefit or hopefully affect them in some way, but it affects me too ... I was lespecially glad that people were willing to share their experiences."

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Youth Conference Held at U.C. Irvine

last day of the conference.

(Continued from page 1)

JA community in Los Angeles; and "Womyn Activists," in which female community activists spoke about gender issues and their experiences in working for social change.

social change.

Workshop panelists included
Doug Urata, member of JACL,
Asian for Miracle Marrow
Matches (A3M) and Leadership Matches (A3M) and Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), Bill Yoshino, regional director for the JACL Midwest Office; Melissa Carr, attorney and director of the education programs in the Orange County regional office of the Anti-Defamation League; Dr. Teresa Williams, assistant professor in Asian American Studies at California State University, North-ridge; Steve and Patty Nagano, both members of the National Coalition for Redress/Repara Coalition for Redress/Repara-tions (NCRR) and teachers with the Long Beach Unified School District; Susan Ng, community partnership specialist for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; Brian Bureau of the Census; Bran Kito, third-generation owner of his family-run business Fuge-tsu-Do; Martha Matsuoka, doc-toral candidate at UCLA's De-partment of Urban Planning, School of Public Policy and Social Research; and Ayako Hagi-hara, member of NCRR, the Manzanar Committee, Asian-Left Forum, Gidra, Little Tokyo Service Genter-Community Development Corporation and formerly with the Asian Pacific Coalition and Affirmative Action Coalition at UCLA

The workshops were followed by the Vision Award Dinner in celebration of this year's recipient, athlete Dat Nguyen, an All-American football player at Texas A & M University who was recently drafted to the Dallas Cowboys. Nguyen is a lead-ing contender for the Butkus Award, given annually to the na-Award, given annually to the na-tion's top linebacker, and recent-ity set a 20-tackle record against UCLA, which earned him De-fensive Most Valuable Player honors in the Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl Classic.

ach conference, the Vision Award is an honor the National Youth Council bestows upon Asian Americans who have Asian Americans who have made a positive impact both in their field and on youth and stu-dents. Past recipients of the award include actress Tamlyn Tomita, Judge Lance Ito, Hapa Tomita, Judge Lance Ito, Hapa Issues Forum, former congress-man Norman Mineta and musi-cians Hiroshima.

Unfortunately, Nguyen was not able to accept his award in person due to a timing conflict. Nor were members of his family person due to a turning connect. Nor were members of his family able to accept the award on his behalf, but National Youth Council representative Nicole Inouye assured, "He was very gracious. He feels a huge responsibility as a role model not only to Asian Americans but especially to Vietnamese Americans. He was very said that he couldn't [be here] today. He said that he would have loved to have come to Irvine to see us and thank us for the award." Inouye added that Nguyen was in the process of being drafted and so could only send his heartfelt regards to the youth council and to the conference participants.

Ueha noted that while the

gards to the youth council and to the conference participants. Ueha noted that while the conference experienced other minor glitches such as the tem-porary halting of the hip-hop night, featuring female Dis from Exquisite Sounds and a spoken word contest, and the unintentional delayed arrival of some workshop panelists, oversome workshop panelists, over all "it went pretty smoothly this

Highlights included the showing of the film "Remembering Our Past, Knowing Our History" which kicked off the conference, and an entertaining per-formance by Cold Tofu, the Asian American and multieth nic improvisation comedy troupe, which rounded out the

Marin Chapter President Carole Hayashino, a veteran com-munity and civil rights activist who recently announced her offi who recently announced her our-cial candidacy for a California Assembly seat, delivered the conference's closing keynote speech in which she talked about her impending campaign as one based on "diversity, inclusion and the acceptance of many people." And while her candidacy has taken her on "a new path" personally, she said, it is also "an opportunity for Japanese Americans and Asian Americans to have [greater representation] in the state legislature."

Hayashino continued by pass-ing on fitting lessons that she learned:

learn your family history; don't forget your roots
2) find your own voice; define

ourself before others define you 3) always dream, never lose

sight of your vision and passion 4) take risks, or take the path

seldom taken 5) don't be afraid of change

6) ask for help and be inclu sive in the asking 7) develop relationships with others; find common ground

with both individuals and com 8) remain loval to vour values

principles and friends

9) if you've endured, help oth

overcome hardship and adversity

10) see challenges as opportu nities

She also urged her audience to fight complacency and to tran scend the limits that we often place on ourselves, a message that is particularly important to instill into the consciences of the youth.

"I have tremendous faith in our young people," Hayashino said to the PC. "I have tremendous faith in the next generation, and I want to encourage that continuing community in volvement. I am quite happy to pass the torch on to the next generation — to the Yonsei and to the next generation of com-

"Also, I just get a lot of energy talking to and engaging in dis-cussion with students. It keeps what I do and why I do it in per spective."



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Women in Military Service for America Memorial Holds Mannequins of Democracy' Panel

BY MIWAKO YANAMOTO

WASHINGTON-Three Nisei women veterans, Kathleen Iseri of Arlington, Va., Atsuko Moriuchi of San Jose, Calif., and Miwako Yanamoto of Los Angeles, were invited by the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation. Arlington National Cemetery, to appear on a panel on June 15

The topic of the panel discus-ion was "Mannequins of sion was "Mannequins of Democracy," a slogan used in a newspaper article which ap-peared in the St. Paul Dispatch

on Jan. 18, 1946, describing Fort Snelling, Minn., Women Army Corps members (WACs) leaving for service in Japan. Af-ter the WAC was opened up for enlistment to Nisei women, enlistment to Nisei women, over 300 served in the WAC and the Army Nurse Corps.

The three Nisei women on the panel were WACs who graduated from the Military Intelligence Service Language School (MISLS) at Fort Snelling. Iseri was assigned to Camp Ritchie, Md., following graduation, while Moriuchi and Yanamoto were sent overseas to Tokyo.

Welcoming the audience was



Army. The group left shortly to receive basic training at a mainland post. (Circa 1946)

retired Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught, USAF, president of the Women's Memorial Foundation. Also present for the panel was retired Lt. Col. Marion Nestor, USA, who had been the commander of the WAC Detachment at Fort Snelling. Moderator for the panel was Cmdr. Frances Omori, USN, a fifth-generation Japanese American who is currently as signed as branch chief to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and in August will be-come the negotiator for the Comprehensive Test

The following tribute was included in the program notes:

Among the thousands of Japanese Americans moved to internment camps during WWII were some 47 Nisei (second-generation Japanese Americans) who, in September 1943, proudly and eagerly raised their right hands and pledged to support and defend the Constitution of the United States as members of the Women's Army Corps. During WWII and in the immediate postwar period, over three hundred Nisei served in the WACs and the Army Nurse Corps. and the Army Nurse Corps. Like so many others, the story of the Nisei WACs is another buried fragment of the rich and varied history of miliary

women

The panel discussion took place in the auditorium of the Women's Memorial which, unlike other memorials, is a build-ing with an auditorium and an exhibit area, gift shop, conference room, and a computer room where the records of all servicewomen who have registered can be brought up.

For information about the Women's Memorial, write to Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation. Arlington National Cemetery, Dept. 560, Washington, DC 20042-0560; phone 800/222-2294; e-mail: wimsa@aol.com.

From left: Miwako Yanamoto, Kathleen Iseri and Atsuko Moriuchi, members of the Womens Army Corps during World War II, were special guests at the "Mannequins of Democracy" panel in Washington,

Chicago JACL Holds 42nd Annual Scholarship Luncheon

BY KATHY SUZUKI is to the Pacific Cit

The 42nd annual Chicago JACL scholarship luncheon was recently held to honor gradu-ates and to celebrate their successes and contributions to the community. Ron Yoshino was master of ceremonies at the luncheon held June 12 at the Ter-race Garden Restaurant in Wilmette, III.

The George Matsumoto Me-morial Scholarship was estab-lished in accordance with Dr. Matsumoto's philosophy that "anybody who sought an education should be given the oppor-tunity." This scholarship is awarded to students who have a passion for continuing their education with a balance of acade

mics and service.

This year's recipient is Torazo
Aaron Okada. Okada is the son Aaron Okada. Okada is the son of Yasushi and Joyce Okada and a graduate of Niles Senior High School in Niles, Mich. Okada plans to pursue his interests in computers and business at Ferris State University in Michi-

The Mas Nakagawa Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who has an arts back-ground and an interest in pursuing the arts. Mas Nakagawa graphic artist who donated his time and creative talent to community organizations and community events.

This year's recipient is Katherine Chiyeko Naka, the daughter of Dennis and Linda Naka. Naka is a graduate of Niles West High School and has shown exceptional ability in theater arts including acting, di-recting and writing. She plans to continue her education with a focus on dramatic performance at DePaul University.

The New Horizon Scholarship was established by the New

Horizon organization, a non-sectarian, nonprofit organization for single, widowed, legally sep-arated or divorced adults for social support, education, advoca-cy and service. This award is given to an outstanding individual who demonstrates the attributes of leadership, academics and social service.

This year's recipient is Kae Tomae Suzuki, the daughter of John and Kathy Suzuki. Suzuki is a graduate of Francis Parker School who has excelled in her studies and carried on the family tradition of civil rights activism. She participated in the school's spring musicals and student government all four years. Suzuki plans to continue her education at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass

The Thomas Masuda Memorial Scholarship is given in mem-ory of the founder of the Chica-go-based law firm of Masuda Funai Eifert and Mitchell. Masuda was active in community organizations such as the JACL, the JACL Credit Union and the Uptown Commission. This scholarship is given to a student with a commitment to community service as well as to academics

This year's recipient is Stacy Tomiko Arima, the daughter of Steven and Susan Arima. Arima is a graduate of Reavis High School in Burbank, Ill. She excelled in all aspects of school, completing honors courses in math, science and English while maintaining an "A" average. maintaining an "A" average. Her extra-curricular activities include the National Honors So ciety, the Senior Class, Outdoors Club, and Photography Club. Arima is planning to continue her studies with a focus on math and general studies, and is in the process of making a fi-nal decision on her university

The Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe

Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student who has made a significant and lasting contribution to his or her school contribution to mis of her school through active participation and personal leadership. This scholarship is named for Dr. Yatabe, the "Grandfather of JACL," who was a founding member of the JACL and was the first actived provides the first participal transfer of the school and the school active of the the first national president in

This year's recipient is Masayuki Karl Mizuuichi. He is the son of Yasuo and Etsuko Mizuuichi, and a graduate of Lane Technical High School. Mizuuichi is a lifelong resident of Chicago who has excelled in his studies and has demonstrated commitment to his school and community. He at-tended the Chicago Futabakai Japanese School for 13 years and has attained the rank of first degree black belt in kendo. He plans to continue his education at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Snake River Valley Chapter Holds **Annual Graduation Banquet**



The JACL Snake River Valley Chapter held its annual graduation banquet on May 7 where local high school seniors were awarded scholar ships and grants. The awards are funded by the Snake River chapter энрэ аги угана. The awards are turbood by the Shakke Hiver Chapter. (daho-Cregon hilde@inited, and an endowment from Sig and Mitsuko Murakami. Pictured from left to right are scholarship recipients David Edirect, Justin Edned; keynote speaker Michelle Hicks, news anchor for KTVB Channel 7; and scholarship winner Matt Ogawa. III



as "blood" goes. And yet, most of

them seemed at least aware of their Japanese American roots and a good number seemed quite interested if some of their

ctivities were any indication.

And I think that provides a

clue as to what's changed in the last 10 years or so. Much of the

sense of impending extinction I got from many of the Nisei of 10

years ago centered on the as-sumption that their kids who

were marrying hakujin were somehow going to cease being Japanese American themselves and that their mixed race

grandchildren were going to be even less Japanese American.

In the last decade or two, that kind of talk has seemed to slow-

ly die down. Events such as this

one have proven such thoughts

to be wrong. The largely hapa

graduates were no less Japan-

ese American than their "pure'

counterparts of years past. The culture isn't tied to "blood."

pleasantly surprising to me on the whole. I enjoyed meeting both the older and younger gen-erations. And I'm confident that

when I come back again, hope

fully in less than 10 years, there will still be a vibrant Japanese

American community there.

So this trip to Colorado was

Return to Colorado

a little over 10 years ago that I paid my first visit to Colorado. Then as now I was working for the Japanese merican National Museum, American National Museum, and we went there to look for prewar objects which we presumed were lost in the West Coast states during the war. Since Colorado had the largest prewar Japanese population of any state off the Coast, we figured our chances of finding stuff there was good.

stuff there was good.

While for various reasons that didn't turn out to be the case, the trip was interesting and productive in other ways.
One observation I made at the time was that in many places we went, there a sense of impending extinction one got from talking to Nisei there that was wholly absent in Los Angeles or Hawaii. So many Colorade Nisei seemed resigned to the fact that their communities were on their last legs, since their children were moving away and mostly marrying hakujin to

Returning 10 years later, I expected to find more of the same. But instead, I found a vibrant, active community, with a core of young leaders in the Denver area. These younger folks and their high school and college-age children seem to insure that this community isn't

going anywhere anytime soon.
So what changed? Well, a good part of it may not have good part of it may not have changed at all. I spent the first trip mostly in farming areas and the second trip mostly in the city Clearly, this had some-thing to do with my percep-tions, since Sansei have been leaving family farms in large numbers for the last 30 years or so. It is no doubt true that Japanese American communities in small farming towns are dying out all over the country. Many of those Sansei and Yonsei move to the closest major town, in this case Denver. Indeed, many of the young lead-ers I met in Denver hailed from farming communities in other parts of the state.

But even though the ur-ban/rural thing explains some of the difference, I think there is something else as well. One of the clues came at a community graduation celebration young Japanese Americans in the Denver area. I was privileged enough to speak at this

I was very impressed by this event on a number of levels. One of the main purposes of the event is to award the various scholarships Japanese Ameri-can community organizations give to graduating seniors heading off to college. The sheer number of such awards - I lost count after about 25 - is extremely impressive, as is the range of organizations awarding them.

Also impressive is the range of people who attended this event. I was especially surprised to see many older Nise attend, whom I assumed were there to see their grandchildren receive this or that award. But many of these folks were there just to be there. Among those attending were fellow P.C. columnists Bill Hosokawa and Gil Asakawa, whom I was pleased to meet and chat with

Perhaps most impressive were the graduates themselves. It seemed like all of them combined Advance Placement courses and other academic achievements with sports, com-munity work and other activities. I'm sure I wasn't the only one who was thinking how badly I would have fared against this group were I still in high

But you know what struck me about the group? It was that almost all of them it seemed were hapa; a few seemed to be either 1/4 Japanese or not Japanese at all, at least as far

CCLPEP By Brian Niiya

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Oral History Project
11. Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego — The Day the Devil Wept

12. Japanese American National Museum — America's Concentra-Museum — Americas Concentra-tion Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Exhibition and Related Programming 13. Japanese American Resource Center/Museum — Completing the Story: A Community Remembers

14. Japanese American Services of the East Bay — Quilt Project 15. Kaleigh Komatsu-Aiko —

The Child in America's Stradow
16. Los Angeles Unified School
District — Building Connection
17. MISNORCAL — Patriotism

& Civil Liberties 18. Momo Nagano — 30th Street

Wall Hanging

19. Jude Narita — When I Awoke, I Was Climbing

San Francisco State University — Consortia

21. Stanford University SPICE Program — Teaching About Japan e America Curriculum

22. Stockton — San Joaquin County Public Library/Stockton JACL — Citizens for Life 23. Rita Takahashi — Voluntary

24. Diane Take and Philip Gotanda — Bola & Chiz 25. UCLA Asian American Stud-

ies Center - Once Upon a Camp 26. VFW Nisei Post 8985 -Lessons of Our Lifetime

27. Visual Communications and National Coalition of Redress and Reparations — Stand Up for Jus-

Very Truly Yours

By Harry K. Honda

Our Well Recorded Generation, Thanks to the 'Fryer'

BOUT A HALF-year ago,
University Press of Colorado published Bill
Hosokawa's latest book, "Out of
the Frying Pan: Reflections of a
Japanese American" — a sequel
to his 1978 book, "35 Years in the
Frying Pan." His latest book contains pieces since 1978, which
prompted Sachi Seko to call it, "a
recording of our collective history." She said it confirms that "he recording of our confective histo-ry." She said, it confirms that "he is the foremost Nisei journalist of this century That he achieved this without lapsing into literary bathos and accords our remark able American journey the dignity it deserves."

Pete Hironaka was "disconcerted, for as I read his passages, my ed, for as I read his passages, my memory bank kept interrupting with recalls of personal experi-ences during the same time frame." Calling it great reading, Hironaka remembered telling Bill Marutani during his visit to Day-ton a few years ago, "that I was madder now than when all that stuff hannened to us [at Poston]."

happened to us [at Poston]."

Washington, D.C., JACLer
George Wakiji found "Bill did a great job of capturing the life of the Nisei in America. He brought back a lot of good and bad memories. He's essentially one of the best teachers of our history in

Noting that Fresno JACL has sold hardcover copies for Hosokawa in Central Cal, Fred

Hosokawa in Central Cal, Fred Hirasuna knew parts of Hosokawa's past history, "but this was complete." And Fred adds, "We appreciate the part Bill played in JACL history."

Japan chapter founder Barry Saiki, now of Stockton, met Hosokawa through his columns and predicts, "biographical books isuch as "Out of the Frying Pan" are important in that these may

become the only tangible re-minders of evacuation and relocation, along with a few monu-ments."

Sachi Seko adds. "In a time when revisionist history is popu-larized, this book provides an essential sense of balance. Hosokawa, both observer and participant, revives for those of us who were also there — the why and where and how. And perhaps even those most critical of some of the judgments of JACL leadership during the wartime years will gain an appreciation of how it was in a different political world in a difficult time."

THE FIRST FOUR chapters detail Hosokawa's family memdetail Hosokawas family mem-bers, growing up in Seattle, news-papering in Singapore and Shanghai because his journalism adviser, after Hosokawa graduat-ed from the University of Wash-ington in '36, thought no newspaper publisher in the country would hire "a Japanese boy." Home just before Pearl Harbor and into the "frying pan" of camp, there followed 38 years at the Denver Post, teaching briefly, seven years as ombudsman at the Rocky Mountain News, and retiring in 1992. When our schedule for regular

When our schedule for regular columnists changed in the '90s, he found an outlet for his weekly musings, "Anything That Comes to Mind," in the local vernacular Rocky Mountain Jiho.

His P.C. columns in final chapters are retrofited by theme: "Matter of Ethnicity" (12 samplings), "Next Generation" (8), "Bicultural Diet" (7), "Japanese in Japanese American" (10), "Myths and Truths" (5), "In Closing" (4) with excerpts of Gwen Murane-

ka's interview in the 1993 Holiday

ka's interview in the 1993 Holiday Issue, and the "Epilogue."
While Hosokawa has written often about his four children growing up in the '40s and '50s, the pieces selected for "Next Gen-eration" featured his grandchil-dren, who have virtually no trace of Japonese culture. So to us the oren, who have virtually no trace of Japanese culture. So to us, the most impressive (Aug. 28, 1992) relates a trip with his three grandchildren exploring their roots in Japan. After returning from this 10-day trip, he asked what they remembered the most: The hustle and bustle of Tokyo, friendliness of folks in Yamagata, rrendiness of folks in Tamagata, ancient splendor of Kyoto, the speedy comfort of the bullet train, shabu-shabu dinner, hot springs bath, the subway rides, kamikaze taxi or getting lost at Tokyo Station? There was no liestiation—the visit to Hiroshima and learning about what happened the day the bomb fell."

In Chapter 7: "Meaning of America," his piece in wake of the film "Schindler's List" (Jan. 28, America, his piece in wake of the film "Schindler's List" (Jan. 28, 1994), noted a Roper Survey revealing more than half of the high school students didn't know the meaning of "Holocaust" and that over a third of Americans, '18 to 25, had no idea Auschwitz, Dachau or Treblinka were Nazi extermination camps.

Hosokawa's compelling comment: "If there is such widespread ignorance about this ghastly chapter in contemporary history, what can we expect Americans to know about the evacuation? Our efforts to perpetuate the memory of the evacuation may be like whistling into the wind."

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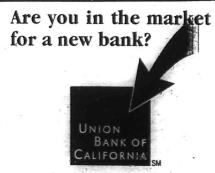
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EDITORIAL

Reexamining the Resisters' Resolution

Why Should We Support the Nisei Resisters of Conscience?

BY TWILA TOMITA

As members of a civil rights organization, we, in the JACL in 1999, have the opportunity to recognize a principled group of men who took a courageous stand when their constitutional vere denied during World War II. We can promote healing within our community on this issue which has divided us for over 50 years.

The resolution in support the resisters of conscience will help educate those who know about these men who chose a different path from their well known peers of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Serthe Military Intelligence Service. It is significant that in recent months, the 442nd Veterans Club of Hawaii and the Military Intelligence Service of Northern California have passed resolutions advantage. passed resolutions acknowledg-ing the resisters of conscience. Support has also been offered by Sen Daniel Inouye, the late Michi Weglyn, the Pacific Southwest District of the JACL, the Northern California-West ern Nevada-Pacific District of JACL and the national

JACL board

These resisters refused to be drafted from behind barbed wire until their citizenship rights were clarified and their families released from internment camps. Those who testified at their court trials stated their reasons. Sixty-three Nisei were tried in the largest mass trial for draft resistance in Wyoming's history. Eventually, 85 men from the Heart Mountain Relocation

Center resisted the draft.
Resisters from the various other camps received different judicial rulings. The judge in the Tule Lake draft resistance trial threw the case out, declaring it unconscionable for the govern-ment to defend constitutional rights and freedoms that the inernees were denied. Amache and Heart Mountain resisters were sent to federal penitentiaries in Tuscon, Ariz.; McNeil Island,

Wash, or Leavenworth, Kansas.

It is not widely known that a number of the resisters, after serving their prison term and after their families were released from camp, enlisted in the armed services and served in the Korean War. Perhaps knowing this will serve to dispel the misconception that they were disloyal. Wartime JACL leaders denounced them as "cowardly" or "deluded."

The resisters' stand is a model The resisters stand is a model of how to deal with the infringement of civil rights. This is what the JACL is about, and an example for the future. Members of the JACL understand what it means to be next of a minority. means to be part of a minority group, sometimes an unpopular group. Our history of intern-ment has taught us what happens when a group is denied their constitutional rights and no one stands with them to de-

fend them from injustice.

Many of the Nisei resisters have passed away. I have been fortunate enough to meet a number of these men and their families. They have lived with families. They have lived with the consequences of their wartime choice. In addition to the jail time many served, there was painful community ostracism. Recognition of their stand for their constitutional rights is long overdue. We need to heal the divisions within our community and stand together. et's pass this resolution, have a fitting public ceremony ac-knowledging their principled stand, and do so without further

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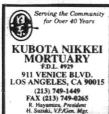
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Draft Resisters Recognized by National JACL in 1990

BY KEN NAKANO MAS FUKUHARA CHERRY KINOSHITA

Along with many other JA-CLers, we've often puzzled over what it is that JACL should apol-

rize for to the draft resisters.

The recent NCWNP District's action appears to shed some light on this question. Their resolution "recognizes the Japanese Ameri-can resisters of conscience (aka draft resisters) as a group of prin-cipled 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 the NCWNP District Council "asks the National JACL to similarly recognize the Japanese American isters of conscience, proffer an apology for not recognizing the Japanese American resisters of conscience for their principled stand, and honor them at an ap-

propriate public ceremony..."
Didn't the national JACL, by unanimous vote of its national council do just that — recognize and honor the draft resisters with Resolution 13 — at the San Diego national convention in

Resolution 13, submitted by

the Seattle JACL chapter, stated that "the National JACL recognize those Japanese American draft resisters of World War II, who declared their loyalty to their country, but who were also dedicated to the principle of de-fending their civil rights, were willing to make significant sacri fices to uphold their beliefs of patriotism in a different form from those who sacrificed their lives on the battlefields; and that they, too, deserve a place of honor and respect in the history of Ameri-

cans of Japanese ancestry..."
Resolution 13 continues: "The JACL regrets any pain or bitter-ness caused by its failure to rec-ognize this group of patriotic mericans and further resolves to educate our own community and the public that loyalty is not necessarily demonstrated in any singular form but can be mani fested in other praiseworthy and admirable acts, and that by this recognition the JACL strives to promote and nurture the healing process of an issue that has di vided our community...

Historical Background of Resolution 13

At the 1988 national convention, a Seattle JACL resolution (No. 7) attempted to address the

issue of recognizing draft re-sisters, but due to misunderstandings and controversy, was tabled for further study by a presidential select committee.

Shortly after the 1988 convention a study was also undertaken by a Seattle JACL ad hoc committee headed by Ken Nakan and then Commander of the Nisei Veterans Mas Fukuhara, which included members of the eterans group as well as Seattle JACL members.

Over a period of 18 months, the ad hoc committee researched the issue, perused historical records examined documents at the Sandpoint U.S. Government archives, and sponsored a forum

inviting draft resisters to speak. inviting draft resisters to speak.
As a result there were not only
"no-no's," but "no-yes," "yes-no,"
and even "yes-yes" respondents
who defied their draft orders.
Aside from the divisiveness
caused by the loyalty question
naire, the reasons for resisting
the draft were many and varied.
The conclusion resched by the

The conclusion reached by the Seattle ad hoc committee were fortuitously similar to the findings independently reached by the select committee appointed by the National President

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Resolution 13

BY SEATTLE JACL CHAPTER

(The following is the text of Resolution 13, which was adopted at the 1990 San Diego JACL

Whereas, the United States has made a significant and symbolic gesture serving to be-gin the healing process of gin the healing process of deeply felt injuries caused by the gross injustice perpetrated against Americans of Japanese ancestry in 1942 with the mass incarceration of those people in detention camps by the passing of the Civil Liberties Act of

1988; and Whereas Whereas, after December 7, 1941, the United States stopped inducting Americans of Japanese ancestry into the U.S. Armed

Whereas, the Selective Ser ice reclassified all qualified Americans of Japanese ancestry to Class 4-F, then to Class 4-C, further degrading and humiliat-

ing the Japanese Americans; and Whereas, because of JACL objections and other strong protests to such reclassification, President Franklin Roosevelt authorized only the Army to accept volunteer Japanese Americans for military

service on January 31, 1943; and
Whereas, the War Department issued a call for volunteers ment issued a call for volunteers for an all-Japanese American segregated combat team and ac-tively recruited all those of mil-tary age in the camps, and to car-ry out this program the War De-partment directed the War Relo-cation Authority to determine evacues loyalty by means of a questionnaire to all males of

military age in the camps; and Whereas, the specific ques-tions No. 27 and No. 28 pre-sented an unresolvable dilemsented an unresolvable dilem-ma to both Issei and Nisei, causing irreparable psychologi-cal and emotional damage to in-

whereas, a total of 3,500
JAs did volunteer and served
with unprecedented valor and bravery on the battlefields in the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, earning fame as the most highly decorated unit erican military of its size in American military history; and in all 33,000 Amernistory; and in all 33,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry served in WWII, including those of the Military Intelli-gence Service in the Pacific the-ater, and their sacrifices and

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RESISTERS

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Cressey Nakagawa. Both studies found that there had been no JACL policy at any time aimed at demeaning or ostracizing the draft resisters Both studies rec ognized that a certain group of resisters (such as the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee) acted on the principle of upholding their constitutional rights and were deserving of respect. The draft of what was to be-

come Resolution 13 was supported by members of the Seattle Nisei veterans group. Their support was important as they had previ-ously strongly opposed Resolu-tion 7 so it was vital that their voices be heard. With the approval of the Seattle JACL board and their withdrawal of Resolu-tion 7, the new Resolution 13 was submitted to the national council in San Diego in 1990. Resolution 13 received no opposition, all who spoke were in favor, and it passed unanimously.

Response From Draft Re-

Although there was no re sponse from the draft resisters group, our understanding was that Resolution 13 resolved the matter amicably on all sides. If there was dissatisfaction advice to the JACL from, say the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee would have been appropriate But to the best of our knowledge, there were no dissenting voices from the draft resisters group.

So from whence comes this ur-gency for an apology to the draft resisters from JACL for failing to take an action that was already

taken nine years ago?
Consider this. In February
1995, the PSW District, "after a
long and heated debate" voted to grant an apology to the draft re-

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sisters by a less than overwhelming vote: 12 yes, 6 no, 3 absten-

In a rele ase referring to this action in the Pacific Citizen of March 17-April 6, 1995, a leading member of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee, Frank Emi, is quoted as stating: "First of all, the Fair Play committee never re-ally asked for an apology. This all came internally from so bers of JACL — especially the younger members."

appears, then, that some well-meaning members within the JACL are intent on making this issue a cause celebre — when

Veterans Deserving of Honor
One last point. If as the
NCWNP District resolution states, that the national JACL should "honor them (resisters of snould honor them (resisters of conscience) at an appropriate public ceremony," then JACL members should insist that at the same time, the 33,000 Japanese Americans who served in the armed forces during World War II, many of whom gave their lives be recognized and honored — for it was on the strength of the bloody sacrifices they made, the exemplary record of valor they demonstrated, that redress was possible, and that we are today continuing to reap the benefits in society of the heroic legacy they

As reported in the Congression-al Record of Dec. 21, 1987, are the words, in part, of California Con-gressman Don Edwards: "...I am certain that remedial legislation and litigation would not have sible without the bloody war record with its unanswerable and undisputable evidence of loy-alty and devotion to country. In practically all statutes which have been enacted for the specific benefit of those of Japanese an-cestry, for example, the unique battle standards of the Nisei soldiers have been cited as the pri-mary reason for favorable consideration. It is a record that cannot be discounted or ignored..."

TOYMujatake

committee (JASC) has received a \$48,626, two-year grant from the Retirement Research Foundation for the Community Assessment Project, designed to gather specific information on seniors and their caregivers. Through this project, the JASC seeks to understand the extent of demographic and socio-economic changes in the community and leave these charges in the community and leave the charges in the community and leave the charges in ty and how these changes impact

the JASC's services and programs.
The grant was one of fourteen grants announced in March as part of the foundation's new Organiza-tional Capacity Building Initiative (OCB), a program designed to improve the manage nent and gov nance of nonprofit organizations serving the elderly in Lake, Cook, and DuPage counties in Illinois. A total of \$350,000 was granted in the first year of the OCB initiative, which has been under development for about eighteen months.

According to JASC Executive Director, Jean Fujiu, "We deeply appreciate the support of the Retirement Research Foundation." ment Research Foundation. The Needs Assessment and Resource Project will have a far-reaching impact on the Nikkei community in

In announcing the grants, Foundation President Marilyn Hennessy noted, "It has been our experience that quality services are de livered by solid organizations, and it makes good sense to invest in or ganizations that we know provide this level of service to keep them healthy for the long run."

The JASC is the only JA social

Japanese American Service Committee Receives

\$48,626 Grant From Retirement Research Foundation

service agency in the Chicago area if not in the Midwest. For the last three years JASC has been rebuilding its infrastructure and resources to stabilize longstanding social service programs. In order to direct agency efforts more effectiveboth on a short and long term basis, the JASC needs specific in-formation about the community; and other current and future needs. Both qualitative and quantitative information is necessary to direct future planning and development efforts.
The JASC wants to address both

elderly issues and ethnic issues in a needs and resources assessment. In addition to learning more about how to address current needs of se-niors more effectively, the JASC wants to anticipate and plan for

the needs of current caregivers as they age. Also, the JASC antico-pates that there will always be a need for Nikkei (Americans of Japanese ancestry) to connect with their ethnic identity as individuals

in families and with groups A project team consisting of JA researchers, a qualitative research consultant, and JASC staff members will implement and direct the project. Data collection will make use of a variety of techniques such as individual interviews, focus groups, a written survey, telephone interviews, and community meet

Information about the project and results from the project will be disseminated throughout the community with the cooperation of local JA and Japanese national organiza-

The Retirement Research Foun dation is the nation's largest private foundation devoted solely to issues of concern to older adults. Each year it makes between \$8 and \$9 million in grants that fund programs, research, education and training, and public policy studies to improve the quality of life for older Americans.

RESOLUTION 13

(Continued from page 7) services are deservedly honored

with great distinction and highaise; and

Whereas, the Selective Service reopened the draft to all qualified JAs on Nov. 24, 1943;

whereas, the principal rea-son of a number of the several hundred JAs was their strong conviction that they did not have an obligation to submit to military service under a government that had violated their constitutional rights as citizens by imtional rights as citizens by im-prisoning them in concentration camps as "enemy aliens" and that had blatantly discriminated against them solely on the basis of their racial ancestry; and Whereas, those draft re-

sisters who declared their lovalty but who acted out of their be-lief that America's fundamental principles based on constitution al rights deserved to be upheld, were convicted of violating the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, and many were sen-tenced to federal prison terms,

Now, therefore, be it re-olved that the JACL recognize that those Japanese American draft resisters of World War II, who declared their loyalty to their country, but who were also their country, but who were also dedicated to the principle of defending their civil rights, were willing to make significant sacrifices to uphold their beliefs of patriotism in a different form from those who sacrificed their lives on the bettings of their beliefs of their principles. on the battlefields; and that they, too, deserve a place of hon-or and respect in the history of Americans of Japanese ancestry;

Be it further resolved that the JACL regrets any pain or bitterness caused by its failure to recognize this group of patr-otic Americans and further resolves to educate our own com-munity and the public that loy alty is not necessarily demonarty is not necessarily demonstrated in any singular form but can be manifested in other praiseworthy and admirable acts, and that by this recognition the JACL strives to promote and nurture the healing process of an issue that has divided our munity, and hat coupled with its ac-

That knowledgement is a reminder that we were all victims of a knowledgement is a reminder that we were all victims of a shameful racist policy perpetrat-ed by the U.S. Government — a government which nearly 50 years later has acknowledged its grievous error and has pledged to make amends for the injus-tices which it caused.



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