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## ANALYSIS A Look at JACL's Role During WWII, Stance on Resisters

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Confusion surrounding JACLs role during World War II has been cropping up during the current de-bate on whether or not national JACL should pass a resolution of reconciliation with the Nikkei reabution of sisters of conscience.

sisters of conscience. Some of the confusion stems from the fact that very little has been written about the resisters and their connection to JACL dur and their connection to ACL our-ing the war. This same question of JACLs role during WWII arose in 1988, the year the redress bill was passed, when JACL, at their 30th Biennial JACL national conven-Diennial JACL national conven-tion in Seattle, attempted to pass Resolution 7, which would have apologized to the "no-nos," a com-pletely separate group of month pletely separate group of people, and did not specifically indicate

the resisters. "Now therefore, be it resolved that the JACL recognize that a number of our community citi-zens were injured by persons act-ing individually and in the name of the JACL and that the JACL apologizes for their injuries, pain and injustices born by them.

'Further be it resolved that the JACL will do everything in its power to go forth to heal these wounds and to reach out to all of our community to encourage all to endeavor for the benefit of each of 116

Resolution 7 never passed, but a motion was approved to form a Presidential Select Committee to arch JACL's wartime role so resear that d that delegates may make an in-formed decision on Resolution 7 at the 31st Biennial in San Diego in 1990. mial Convention

The committee consisted of Creasey Nakagawa, Toaru Ishiya-ma, Lilian Kimura, Marilyn Hall Patel and Homer Yasu

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The Lim Report The JACL hired Deborah Lim, an attorney by training and an in-structor of Asian Studies at San Francisco State University, in June 1989 to conduct the re-search, according to the Report of the Presidential Select Commit-tee on Resolution No. 7 to the JACL National Council" submit-ted at the San Diego biennial con-

The report noted that Lim had access to the Pacific Citizen; about 15 bozes of JACL archives from 15 bores of JACL archives from national headquarters; two boxes of JACL files from Salt Lake City and Idaho Falls; Bancroft Library, including War Relocation Authority Records, the papers of attorney Wayne Collins, the Japanese Amer-ican Evacuation and Resettlement Study, and the papers of WRA so-cal worker Evelyn Whitehead Mc-Cool; Special Collections at the University Rese versity Research Library at UCLA, including the papers of Manzanar Project Director Ralph Merritt, the anese American Research Pro-collection; National Archives and Records Administration, cluding WRA records, Western De-fense Command Records, files of the Commission of Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians Operational Archives-Naval Histor-Operational Archives Netwa Inisor-ical Center in Washington, D.C., in-cluding Naval Intelligence Reports; the papers of James Y. Sakamoto on microfilm; oral history tapes of Saburo Kido, Mike Massoka, Togo Tanaka, Sally Slocum and Lee Mu-

In addition, Lim utilized about 14 books and articles, and contacted 28 people to complete the report.

d a 154 In 1990, Lim submitt In 1990, Lim submitted a 154-page report to the committee. Some of JACLs wartime activities that the report determined included the following: that JACL played an in-formant role before and during WWII; organized a unsuccessful Kibei survey abortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, support-ed evacuation if it was deemed a military necessity, suggested a sumilitary necessity; suggested a sui-cide battlion while holding Issei as hostages (the recommendation came from Mike Masaoka and is corroborated in his book, "They Call Me Moses Masaoka"; took certain action in connection with the re-sisters; and advocated the creation egregation camp to separate -called "loyals" from the "disof a s the se lovals

The committee did not approve the 154-page report, which has come to be known as the "Lim Report."

The researcher drew too many "The researcher drew too many conclusions, and we found that ob-jectionable because it was not her role to draw conclusions," said Ya-sui, the former governor of the JACL's Pacific Northwest District Council and a younger brother of oru Yas

Minoru Yasui. Cressey Nakagawa, then nation-al JACL president and chair of the President Select Committee, said Lim relied too heavily on secondary and tertiary sources and reported them as fact. He also felt Lim's re-

them as fact. He also felt Lim's re-search did not address the issues needed to resolve Resolution 7. Kimura declined to comment on the "Lim Report," but urged the younger generation to learn about Nikkei history through such av-ennes as the JACL Curriculum

Guide and other educational ma

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terials. In place of the 154-page Lim Re-port, the committee submitted a 22-page version to delegates at the 1990 convention. This report re-bied heavily on a book entitled. "Strangers From a Different Shore, written by Ronald Takaba, hear works book which hed not ource book which had not n

a resource book which had not been used by Lim. Among the points brought up by the 28-page report included a brief history of JACL and of the Nikkei in America through Taka-ki's book: JACL's contributions to social welfare activities; and JACL's position on the loyalty questionnaire, "no, nos," segrega-

tion and resisters. Ultimately, this 28-page report helped pass Resolution 13, which recognized but did not apologize to the resisters (there was no longer

reference to the "no, nos.") It read in part: "Now, therefore, be it resolved that the JACL recize that those Japanese Amer ican 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 sacrito uphold their beliefs of p triotism in a different form from those who sacrificed their lives on the battlefields; and that they, too, deserve a place of honor and re-spect in the history of Americans of Japanese ancestry...\* anese ancestry ... " au said he had mixed feel-

Yasın said ne had mixed item-ings about the current resolution being debated by the JACL dis-tricts. He did note, however, that there was a need to apologize to the resisters for all the negative the reasters for an the heght ve name calling that had occurred at the time, such as calling them "traitors" or "yellow-bellied coward

On the other hand, Yasui felt JACL had every right to disagree with the resisters' stand, saying public ceremony honoring the

Nakagawa was concerned that this was a one-way apology, al-though at this time he could not come up with any specifics he would like from the resisters. Instead, he hoped a pact of under-standing could be reached be-tween JACL and the resisters.

JACL's Stance on the Resisters

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## P.C. Weekly Campaign Surpasses Goal

Less than two months af-ter launching a fundraising campaign to return the Pa-cific Citizen to a weekly, the goal of \$40,000 has been sur-

In total, more than 1,500 contributed over \$70,000 to the weekly cam-

naign. The P.C. editorial board and staff would like to thank all those who contributed to the successful campaign. The support for a weekly

P.C. has been strong and the paper looks forward to the continued support of its read-

## Chicago Holds Funeral for Hate Crime Victim, Yoon, Following Weekend Shooting Spree by White Supremacist

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By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

As the nation came to grips with the recent hate-filled July Fourth weekend shooting spress in Illinois and Indiana, more than 400 mourners gathered to grieve the death of one of the vic-tims, Won-Joon Yoon, on July 8.

te student i at the University of Illin shot in the nois, was shot in the right leg while walk-ing home with his friends on July 3. He is currently in serious but stable condition.

Authorities say Smith's Fourth of July weekend rampage includ-ed shootings in Chicago, two of its suburbs, three other Illinois cities

"We must strengthen our resolve to combat hate crimes so that we can live in a more tolerant society." Stewart Kwoh, Executive Director, APALC

Yoon, a 26-year-old Korean Indiana University doctoral stu-dent, was shot to death outside his church by white supremacist Benjamin Nathaniel Smith on July 4, the third and final day of the shooting spree which saw Smith take his own life following a police chase. Over the three-day weekend,

Smith allegedly killed two people and wounded nine others — all all either Jews, blacks, or Asians in Indiana and Illinois, before his suicide on Sunday. The other Asian victim, Steven Kuo. 22. a

and Bloomington, Ind. In addition to Yoon, former Northwest ern University basketball coach Ricky Byrdsong was killed. This was the second fatal hate

crime against an Asian American since April. On April 5, a Japansince April on April 5, a sapan-ese American shopowner, Naoki Kamijinta, was shot to death in Crystal Lake, Ill. The gunman was allegedly searching stores for employees of certain ethnicities before shooting Kamijima. The gunman's actions indicat-

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## Honda Introduces Resolution on Japan's Wartime Atrocities

### By Pacific Citizen Staff

California Assemblyman Mike Honda (D-San Jose) has intro duced a resolution in the state's slature condemning Japan's legi military for its wartime atrocities

in the Asia-Pacific region before and during World Wor II Assembly Joint Resolution 27, to be voted on in

the Assembly in the next couple of weeks, calls on the

Japanese government to form ly apologize to its victims and us offer compensation to each of its apologize to its victims and to victims. The resolution also en-courages the State Senate to draw up a similar resolution and asks that the president of the United States help in bringing about an apology and redress from the Japanese government. Honda said he introduced AJR

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27 to "make sure that these kinds of atrocties are never committed again" and that the "wrongs com-mitted are righted." Added Honda, he hopes the resolution will help to bind the members of the community so that "we can go into the next cen-tury as a truly Asian American community" nity

community. The atrocities committed by the Japanese military in the Pa-cific region, especially the Nanking atrocities, have had in-Nanking atrocties, have had in-creased media exposure recently, especially since the widely publi-cized release of Iris Chang's book, "The Rape of Nanking." And indeed some have raised

cerns about a possible in-

crease in Japan bashing with the publicity sur recent ounding

Japan's wartime atrocities. Honda acknowledged this was a possibility and said, "We have to be careful this doesn't turn into Japan bashing." He added, "We have to make sure that internahave to make sure that interna-tional issues do not mess with do-mestic issues," acknowledging that it was a "sensitive issue." The issue also has the support

of a number of members of the JA community including past na-tional JACL president Clifford Uyeda, redress activist Sox Ki-tashima, and state Assembly candidate Carol Hayashino. In addition, the Northern Cali-

In addition, the Norman Can-fornia-Western Nevada-Pacific District of JACL passed a resolu-tion this past February support-ing victims of Japan's wartime atrocities. The resolution was atrocities. The resolution was sponsored by the Florin, Golden Gate, and Sequoia chapters. The issue of Japan's wartime atrocities and the need for an

apology and redress was also brought before the national JACL board at its May board meeting in San Francisco.

meeting in San Francisco. The statement prepared by JACL staff reads in part, "Based on JACLs history of fighting against discrimination and ille-gal degrivations of civil liberties and civil nights of eitizens in this nation, and JACL's concern for burnan rights and diguitise in general, JACL understands and ormes with the efforts of innoagrees with the efforts of inno-cent victims of Japan's wartime military atrocities to have their grievances resolved and further believes that the efforts and actions of those organizations working to bring closure for those SEE HONDA/page 8









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### Midwest

Fri, July 30-Golf Tournament Fund Raiser: tee times hosis of the & Fund Raiser, tee times begin at 9 a.m.; Pinecrest, Algonquin Rd., Huntley, III. \$65 includes cart, lunch, beverages on the course. Everyone welcomed. Info: the course. Everyone welcomed. Info 773/728-7170 or Roy Iwata, 847/825

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CINCINNATI Sun, Aug. 15—Annual Potluck Damer, 1:30 p.m. board meeting. 4 p.m. silent auction, 5 p.m. dinner, Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodists Park Hyde Park ker, mushroom gro or Mat ve.; sp ladisor

### 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-

COMMUNITY

Calendar

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 Maebon,

214/248-5544 (6/26-7/9, then 7/25-8/9)

WASHINGTON, D.C. Through Nov. 30—Exhibit, "From Bento to Mixed Plate: Americans of Japanese Ancestry in Multicultural Hawai'["; Smithsonian Institution's Arts

and Industries Bldg., 900 Jefferson Dr. S.W. Info: 202/357-2700.

East Coast

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The **Midwest** 

1404 Sun, Aug. 8-Annual JACL picnic, 11-a.m., St. Francis Memorial Park.

Intermountain POCATELLO-BLACKFOOT July 25—Annual Salmon Bake; en Grove Park; the Sister City del-ion will be attending. Info: Karl Sun., July 25-Jensen Grove egatio Endo.

## **Pacific Northwest**

OLYMPIC Fri-Sal, Aug. 6-7—Obon Odori; see

## NC-WN-Pacific

DISTRICT COUNCIL Sun, Aug. 1-District Council Meet-ing: hosted by Eden IACL. RENO

Sat., July 24—Fish and Pitch annual fishing derby; 7 a.m. registration, 8 a.m. start (fishing license required), contest 1 p.m.; Lahontan Resen noon potluck, horse shoe pitching

Aug. 21--"A Day with the (San Sat., Aug. 21—"A Day with the (san lose) Giants"; BBQ dinner at 3 p.m., game at 5 p.m.; San Jose Municipal Stadium; San Jose Giants vs. Lancaster Jethawks, Lenn Sakata coaching the Giants. RSVP BY Aug. 1: Mike (Sequoia JACL) 408/985-2747, or Kaku or Ala Mikuni (Fremont IACL), 510/791-8628

### WATSONVILLE

Sun, Aug. 8—Annual JACL commu-nity picnic; races, prizes, raffle, bingo, Taiko; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Aptos Village

Oak St. at 10th St. Free. Info: 415/431-5007 Wed., July 28-East Bay Nikkei

Wed, July 28—East Bay Niikkei Singles tour of the Winchester Mystery House, lunch and social. Info: Richard Sekiguchi, 510(237-0218. MOUNTAIN VIEW Sat-Sun, July 17-18—Obon Festival and Bazaar, Sat. 4-10 p.m., Sun. noon-10 p.m., Mountain View Buddhist Temple, 575 N. Shoreline Blvd; Kangi-e Hateubru service Javanese & Hateubru service. e, Hatsubon service, Japanese & Western foods, cultural exhibits, games, flowers & plants, books, crafts, cookbook, raffle, chidori band, bon odori dancing. Info: 650/964-9426. SACRAMENTO Fri.

SACRAMENTO Fri., Aug. 6—Thiteenth 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 discus sion series and exhibit of handmade decorative items made by JAs interned in detention camps; Central Library, 828 "I" Street. Info: 916/264-

### SAN FRANCISCO

July 24-Lecture and Book ing, "Achieving the Impossible Signi Signing, "Achieving the Impossible Dream: How Japanese Americans Achieved Redress"; See East Bay.

Achieved Redress<sup>2</sup>; See East Bay. Sat., Sept. 225—The Japanese Ameri-can National Library's 30th anniver-sary celebration, "Legacy for the Future"; 7 p.m., Radisson Miyako Hotel, 1625 Pos St.; Calif, Assem-

## Southern California

Sat., July 17.—"Imperial Valley Collection Day"; noon-4 - p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First Su, Little Tokyo, objects, photos, documents sought from that region. Info: Carla Tengan, 213/830-5619.

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Hood Schr, Bestantial Ce ellest Laimert, Children under 12 half price, Inic: 323/850-2000.
Sam, July 25.—Nissei Week, Baby Show, B a.m., Japan America Theater, 244 S. San Pedro St, Little Tokyo, Mail-in applications \$40 by July 17; walk-in registration on July 25; \$50. Info, ap-plications; 213/667-7193 ext; 349.
Sum, July 25.—Japan America Society Meet the Author series, "Ryoma: Life of a Renaissance Samural" by Romulus Hillsborough: 2-4 p.m., Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, ESVP by July 23: 213/627-6214 ext; 17.

Paiadena. *BSVP big July* 23: 213/627-6214 etc. 17. Sat., July 24—Marytenol Japanese Carholic Corner Heigh Stales Bingor; 6 pm., 222 5. Hewitt 3: convig 200 tich-ets sold at \$100 for grant pices, din-ner and one card. for grant pices, din-ner and one card. for given game \$100-250 pots; silent suction; dinner

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL Sat., Aug. 28—District Council quar-terly meeting: proposed location, Merced College.

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## Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL -District Council Meet Sun., Aug. 29-0 ing. Santa Maria.

## ARIZONA

ARIZONA Fri-Sun, Aug. 13-15—Nisei Wee Festival group tour of the Japanes American National Museum, Lo Angeles. Ino: Kathy Inoshita, 937 5434, Joe Aliman, 942-2832. -Nisei Week Los

SOUTH BAY Sat., July 47-Qarage sale fund raiser

Info: Ernie or Jeanne Tsujimoto 310/320-3465.

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310/206-1335. Thurs., July 29—UCLA APPEX Premier Performances by master artists from China, India, Indor Myanmar, Tailand and Vietnam; Indonesia, 7.30 p.m., UCLA Dance Building's Theater 200. Free admission, \$5 parking RSVP: 310/206-1335.

Fri.-Sun., July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 6, 7-Butoh dance performance, part three of The Cinema Trilogy, "A Glorious Day for an Unknown Woman,", 8 Day for an Unknown Woman, ", 8 p.m. Espace DbD, 2847 S. Robertson Blvd. Tickets: 310/839-0661.

Fri. & Sat., July 30, 31, Aug. 6, 7-Ope-man show, "The Rice Room One-man show, "The Rice Room: Scenes From a Bar" with Noel Alumit, director Deborah Nishimura; 8:30 p.m., Highways Performance Space, 1651 Joth St., Santa Monica; RSVP: Room 310/315-1459.

310/315-1459.
Fri., Aug. 13—Akimatsuri golf touma-ment; 1 p.m. shotgun start, California Country Club, 1509 S. Workman Mill Rd., Whittier, Info: Dr. Roy Takemura, 909/594-3600.

909/594-3600. Sat., Aug. 14-Sum., Aug. 22.—Nisei Week Japanese Festival. For informa-tion and to volunteer call 213/687-7193; for calendar of events visit Nisei Week website at http://www.members. aol.com/niseiweek/niseiweek.htm SAN DIFCO

Sun, July 25—Koto concert; 1 p.m., Don Powell Theater, San Diego State University; featuring guest artists from Japan. Info: Masazumi Mizuno, 619/ -Koto concert; 1 p.m., 465-7590.

### **ORANGE COUNTY**

Sat., July 24-Orange County Sansei Singles, "Summer Fun Nite" dinner/ Sing dance; 6:30 p.m.-1 a.m., Cherrystones Restaurant, 15501 S. Vermont Ave., Gardena; casual attire. RSVP by July 17: 626/568-1202.

### Corrections

The note s about Sachi Sa at the end of her editorial. w is the Time," in the July 9-15 issue should have stated that she is a member of the New York chapter, not the Salt Lake City chapter.

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**OLYMPIA** Fri., Aug. 6—Obon Odori practice; 7-9 p.m., 222 N. Columbia St.

ing starts at 7 p.m. Free. In 503/234-9456 or 503/254-9536. Info

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206/623-5124.

## EAST BAY

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

7-9 p.m., 222 N. Columbia St. Sat., Aug. 7s–Obon Odori; 5 p.m., Water Street at Capitol Lake. Info: Bob Nakamura, 360/413-9873, e-mail: sgmilehibob@earthlink.net. PORTIAND, ORE.

Sun, Aug. 1—Annual Japanese An-cestral Society golf tournament; Colwood National Colf Course, Colwood National Golf Course, 7313 NE Columbia Bivd. Entry fee by July 19. Info: Taka Mizote, 503/234-3936, or Henry Leno, 503/253-3001, 503/872-8445. Sat., Aug. 7—Obonfest '99, taiko, dancing, food, exhibits, demonstra-tions and children's activities; 2-9 p.m., Oregon Buddhist, Temple, 3720 SE 34th Ave. & Powell; Obon danc-ine starts at 7 n.m. Fee. Info:

Through Aug. 29-Exhibit, "Oregon Nikkei Women: A Proud Legacy," Fri. & Sat., 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sun., 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.

Through April 2000—Exhibit, "A Different Battle: Stories of Asian Pacific American Veterans"; Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S. Info:

Northern California

d., July 21—East Bay Nikkei les field trip, "Kitchen Kut-Ups." Richard Sekiguchi, 510/237-

Sat.

blymember Mike Honda, keynote speaker. Tickets \$50. Info: Karl Matsushita, 415/567-5006.

## LOS ANGELES

Sun., July 18-"A Musical Storybook" children's concert: "The Chinese children's concert: "The Chinese Siamese Cat" narrated by Amy Tan; "Peter and the Wolf" and "Winnie-the-Pooh" on screen; 7:30 p.m., Holly-wood Bowl; pre-performance enter-tainment; children under 12 half price. Hot assister anon

## RESISTERS

(Continued from page 1)

irtime Pacific Citizen editori wartume receive curter curter can als, JACL correspondence and per-scual accounts clearly point to the fact that JACL actively opposed the resisters of conscience and finthe resisters of conscience and fin-gered the late James Omura, then English editor of the Rocky Shim as the person responsible for isguiding" the men through his editorials, an accusation some of the Heart Mountain resisters find amusing since none of them had ever met Omura before the trial.

ever met Omura before the trial. A good example of the type of ed-itorials appearing in the P.C. is one written by then Editor Larry Tajiri. The editorial, entitled "The Bitter Harvest," appeared in the April 8, 1944, edition and refers to the Heart Mountain Fair Play Con

mittee members who were sched-uled to go to trial. In it, Tajiri wrote in part: "This act of defiance by 41 young men is the result of a combination of cir cumstances, misguided leadershi and information, and strong pres sures and influences. Its effect may be that of negating the victory of loyal Japanese Americans in win by a bapanese American's in win-ning the reinstitution of the selec-tive service, and may retard the eventual full restoration to Japan-ese Americans of the privileges of freedom which are the birthright of every American. By their action, these young men and those who prompted their action, have in-jured the cause of loyal Japanese everywhere. The Heart Mountain Sentinel, edited by Haruo Imura, had harsh-er things to say about the resisters. Several editorials painted the re-sisters as "whimpering weaklings" and "wald-syed statements" and "acked both physical and moral courage. ning the reinstitution of the selec

moral courage." In both the "Lim Report" and th 28-page report, an April 3, 1944, letter written by Saburo Kido, then JACL national president, is cited. In the letter, Kido supported full presention of the resisters and cooperation with intelligence age

The letter read in part: "The group at Heart Mountain definite-ly should be charged with sedition, especially the leaders. The FBI has been studying the situation n studying the situation in the ers and we were asked to lo

them copies of the Rocky Shimpo." To stem the tide of draft resis-tance, leaders within JACL visited several resisters in jail in an effort to change their minds. These visit to change their minds. Inese visits were conducted by JACL regional representative Joe Grant Massoka and attorney Minoru Yasu, who ironically had challenged the U.S. government's curfew order passed n March 24, 1942.

Noboru Taguma, 76, a resister from the Amache Relocation Center (also known as Granada), re-membered the jailhouse visit. Taguna, who had answered "yes, yes," to the so-called "loyalty questionnaire," noted that he was one of 36 resisters from Amache.

The decision of the 36 resisters did not come lightly. At Amache, there had been a meeting where a Caucasian officer told internees that resisters faced up to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine, ac-

in prison and a \$10,000 nne, ac-cording to Taguma. "A lot of people got scared," re-called Taguma, who suspects, but has no proof, that the meeting had been organized by the IACL. "But I didn't get scared." While no evidence to date has

und to back up Taguma' been fo been found to back up tagumas claim, JACL correspondence cited in the Lim Report notes that the or-ganization had been quite con-cerned with the resisters' move-ment at Amache. According to the Lim Report, JACL even dispatched Yasui to an April 6, 1944, meeting at Amache where Hugh McBeth, an African American civil rights at-torney from Los Angeles, had met with families of the resisters. Folig this Yasni er mitted a fi page report to Kido, which Lim found in the JACL archives.

Lim cites other JACL letters and in the archives that indicat tomin in the archives that mincar-ed that the organization was keep-ing a watchful eye on Amache. JACL leaders had apparently sent copies of some correspondence re-garding the Amache situation to WRA National Director Billen My-WRA National Director Dillen My ers, and a letter of acknowledge nt from Myers to Kido, dated April 19, 1944, says in part: "It seems to me that the position of the JACL is clearly set forth in these m of the ers.

ro letters." Taguma said he was initially surprised" to be visited by Yasui in "surprised" to be visited by Yasu in jail. To Taguma, Yasu had been a hero for opposing the curfew. But to Taguma's shock, Yasui was now telling him he was fighting a losing battle and urging him to join the Army

nse, Taguma told them In response, laguna tola them he'd be willing to go into the Army if the government was willing to re-store the constitutional rights of his family. To him, the welfare of his family, particularly his Issee response to the priority

The name, paractury is issen parents, was priority. To Taguma's surprise, he says, Yasui countered the argument by saying that Taguma needn't worry about the Issei because they were having a good time in camp. Hear ing this, Taguma responded with a ing this, Taguma responded with a string of Japanese profamities that basically let the two know they were 'chicken shit' and that all they were concerned about was making themselves look good. For that outburst, Taguma, then 20 years ald, got hauled off to solitary

Yoshito "Yosh" Kuromiya, 76, a ember of the Heart Mountain member of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee who had an-swered 'yee-yes' to the 'loyalty questionnaire, 'also remembers be-ing visited by Joe Grant Masaoka and Yasui. Their meeting occurred on April 28, 1944. Like Taguma, Kuromiya's deci-sion wasn't made lightly. The ru-mor going around Heart Mountain at the time was that those who op-ored the dreft would be suited un

at the time was that those who op-posed the draft would be jailed up to 10 years, according to Kuromiya. "I was figuring on 10 years," said Kuromiya. "So I was kind of re-

d when we got three.

Kuromiya's meeting with Masaoka and Yasui lasted about 45 minutes, much of it involving the two men trying to convince Kuromiya to change his mind

Kuromiya's response was that 'it was grossly unfair for the govern-ment to hold back our civil rights and expect us to respond to the draft call." He pointed out to the two that the Nikkei community had, up until then, followed the government's many "ridiculous" or-ders, but with the draft call, he be-hand it is not a commensuous of the second second second here and the second se lieved it was not a governmental order but a request, and "felt it was an opportunity, therefore, an oblig-ation to express our feelings about this

And while Kuromiya has the ighest respect for the Nikkei veterans, he remembers bringing up the argument that if Japanese

the argument that if Japanese Americans were joining the Army to prove their loyality to America, it was the wrong reason to go. "That's not the reason the others were fighting in the war," said Kuromiya. Tithe reason the others had nothing to do with pathotism or serving one's country, the Japan-ese Americans were fighting a dif-ferent war? rent war."

nt war. according to Kuroiniya, the men ponded to this by telling him he a sound and logical argument that the resisters had no Am SEE RESISTERS/page 6

## EDITORIAL Resisters, No-No Issue, and the JACL By JIM YAMASAKI

Over the years I have read of the controversy surrounding the resistors but was somewhat shocked to find that the issue had risen to the level of the national convention, which tended in Seattle in 1990. ch I at

After all that the Nisei h gone through - giving up their pride and acquiescing to be draft-ed in spite of the incarceration, some to volunteer and give up their lives, others to humbly return to civilian life only to be ha-rassed in spite of their war record, many to be harassed by the anti-"Yes, Yes" while in camp — we are now told to open our d embrace the re tors, the "No No" boys, and others who, while we were in camp, had openly told us what fools we to cave in to the governwere

It is important to discuss what really started all the ruckus between the various factions of Japan

Japanese in camp. Initially, a questionnaire was proposed by the Army to determine eligibili-ty for military ervice and po ble work in the defense plants. The War Relocation Authority. which was study

ing how to start releasing eva uees, decided that a question-naire would be in order. They is sued an "Application for Leave Clearance" which included information that the Army wanted. Two questions caused the turmoil in camp - the infe mour #27 and #28

Answering "yes" to fors-ing loyalty to Hirohito fo was no problem in spite of the fact that the difficulty for us was that "forswearing" gives the con-notation that we had sworn before. I hadn't sworn in the first

Answering "yes" to whether I would serve in the armed forces of the United States was a problem. After much anguish I an-swered "yes" with a condition.

That condition was that the government first let me out of camp for a while before serving

worried that the condition response would prevent me from getting an FBI release to attend college. In spite of the potential problem that a conditional response would cause, I stood beind my resolve to voice my ob-ction to the incarceration.

The turmoil in camp was im-mense. I wish I had recorded the various sad family scenarios that resulted from this questionnaire For some it meant forswearing America and going to Japan; for others it meant the splitting up of families

of families. Those incensed by the ques-tionnaire directed bad feelings at us for caving in to the question-naire. My "Yes maybe, Yes" was the compromise I took as a result of the pressure I got A. "Yes, Yes" would have been 'what would have been 'what would have cleared me for getting out to school. My conditional response was my way of straddling the fenon

I had to acknowledge the logic of those opposed to just caving in. Yet in my heart-of-hearts I just

could not oppose the only countr I knew. Whatever future I ha was in the United States. M was in the United States. My parents were gone (Mom died when I was 14; Dad died in camp). There were no ties to Japan for my family and me. I resented the pressure put on the young people who had no inkling of the implication of their nonmitted measures to the acce

committed response to the ques-tionnaire. Where was the sup-port group for those who were talked into answering "No, No"? What were they willing to do to assist them?

For me, with no mentor or a wise family elder, while the pres-sure to resist the government was intense, there was no way at I could turn my back on th United States and white America. Since I lived in a small town, outside the home, the Japanese minir I experience was al:

should say, near zero. Yet in 1939 my father con-vinced me that I should use the Japanese point of view when I Janaine

> "The turnoil in camp was immense. I wish I had recorded the various sad family scenarios that resulted from this questionnaire. For some it meant forswearing America and going to Japan; for others it meant the splitting up of families." Jim Yamasaki

wrote my high school term paper on "Japan, Southeast Asia and the Co-prosperity Era." The material came from the

Japanese Consulte in San Francisco. It was accepted by my English teacher and I was encourse to try out for the annu-couraged to try out for the annu-al oratorical contest. To my sur-prise, I was the only sophomore to be invited to the finals. I'm sure the unusualness of the sub-

It is to the English teachers credit that by my senior year they had turned me around and won that year's oratorical con-est with the speech entitled What Americanism Means to It is ironic and sad that a year later I was incarcerated in a relocation camp. My teachers had convinced me that this type of thing would never happen in America

Since all the controversy in-volves the JACL, let me tell you what the JACL meant to me. It was my "life line" as I moved from area to area all over the United States as job opportuni-ties arose — Salt Lake City, Les arose — Sait Lake City, Chicago, New York, Southern California, Northern California I graduated from Northwestern in Evanston, Illinois, with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering courtesy of the GI Bill, which financed me to go to this prestigious school, a benefit bestowed by the governat for faithful service.

In each of these places that I oved to I was able to instantly ioin a community of people of like background by simply showing up at a JACL meeting and askup at a JACL meeting and ask-ing for membership. Where the meeting places were too far, I en-joyed the nationally distributed newspaper, the *Pacific Citizer*, which assured me each week that all means and when that all was well with Nisei-dom. The local JACL chapter mem-

bers were available for advice

about the community, and one had the assurance that most of t was given was okay. wh

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ortable What a good and comfortable feeling it was to draw on this re-source. And what a relief to have instant friends for my family nbers.

How said for the Nisei who did not avail themselves of this great organization that has done much the Nisei. (Forget the controversy of the war years. Whatever right, wrong, blame, shoulda, coulda, etc. - it is past. The JACL should be forgiven for whatever perceived wrong that they might have done and praised for the good that they pra ave done since.)

I left camp after a ye ar. I can't imagine the wearing of one's soul ave spent three years in a re-tion camp not knowing toh location camp not knowing where they would land after the war. Those of us who left camp early can never know the agony of that period. There are el ments of truth in

the contention that the Nisei chauld have fought back, that the JACL should have led the way. But one must agree that society had a different attitude towards that kind of me solve. chances of suc-

cess of overcoming any disagreement with the government seem nil when viewed from that peri-od, never mind being in a war

with the country of our ancestors. As for the JACLers who are now of retirement age, how can you not forgive the resisters of consciences for their bitterness consciences for their nutterness and not apologize for any part that may have caused their prob-lem? They have suffered beyond anything we have endured — a lifetime of mental turmoil for

Interme of menual curmon for their decision years ago. I say this with ease now, but given my background I too had to go back and review what really mattered. It took the program "The Rabbit in the Moon," to make me spend enough time to really consider what they endured

While I was on Occupation duty in Japan for the U.S. Army in 1946, I ran into a young ac quaintance from camp who was younger than I. I was walking the streets of Kyoto like a tourist when I ran into this young man by chance

I asked what U.S. Army unit he was in. His, reply was that he and his family had repatriated to Japan during the war and he had become a Japanese citizen. His sisters were being forgiven under "duress" and they were returning to the United States. He unfortunately had been drafted into the Japanese army before the war ended and as a result the United States did not forgive his expatriation

I do not know if he was ever able to return to the United States and get his citizenship back. I never talked to him again. Such was the tragedy of incarcer ation and the answer to the ques-tions with a "No, No."

Jim Yamasaki is a Thousand Club Member of the JACL and an ex-GI



ject matter was the reason. Me

## **Remembering Rohwer**

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA

dward ESeizo had dog Jima nam Jimmy my. was a four-

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five-year-old bull dog mix. He had a tan and white cost, and a friendly disposition. Other than that, Matsui can't recall too that,

"It's all very vague," said Mat-sui, 67. "Maybe I blocked it out of my mind or maybe the test blurred my recollection of him. tears

To this day, Matsui wonders what happened to Jimmy, for Jimmy was the last thing he saw Jimmy was the last thing he saw as he and his family drove away from their Torrance, Calif., home to enter the Santa Anita Assembly Center and then onto the Rohwer Relocation Center in Arkansas, during World War II.

"Jimmy knew something was up," said Matsui. "He didn't run to the backyard or chase after us He just sat on the porch and watched us drive away. He looked so sad. I've often thought about him."

It was memories such as thes that Matsui, now a Maryland resident, shared with friends and family members when he attended the second Rohwer Reunion in April. More than 700 people showed up to the gala event that was held at the Torrance Marriott Hotel in Torrance.

This is a great opportunity to get together and share a common experience," said Matsui. "Just to be able to talk to everyone makes it worthwhile

Matsui had also attended the first Rohwer Reunion, which had -been held about 10 years ago at the Stouffer Hotel near the Los Angeles airport. At that time, Angeles arport. At that think, Matsuis mother, Tomi Tamura Matsui, had been alive, and the five Matsui siblings, spread throughout the United States, had used the Rohwer reunion to connect with each other. This time around, Matsui's son

Matthew, who lives in Chicago, was interested in attending the reunion with his wife and son

"I told my son he's not going to know anyone but still he wanted to come, so it was kind of neat of my son and his wife to want to e and meet the people," said Matsui

In summing up his reunion ex-perience, Matsui had nothing but praise for the organizers. Hats off to all the people who had to plan this," said Matsui. Tit was a really successful event and we're sort of getting a free ride. The people in Thrance, who did all the leg work, deserve the credit." But Matsui hoped that this was not going to be the final Rowher reunion. "Hopefully, the younger gener-ation will conte through and help out for the next one because this In summing up his reunion ex

out for the next one because this is only the second one," he said. 

S am Mibu, co-chair of the re-union, wasn't sure why ex-Rohwerites have held only two reunions. That first one was so good that I'm sure it was very intimidating to follow up with another one right away," said Mih

Mibu said he fell into the cochair position after trying to form a reunion committee. I was a temporary person, but you know how that goes," he laughed. "So I ended up just working with them. But most of the people from this committee were people from the first reunion committee so there is a lot of experience, a of talent. It just worked out well. rea

Mibu, in particular, commend-ed co-chair Betty Horikiri Oka for staying on top of everything. Oka, for her part, joked that Mibu was probably glad she was-n't his wife since she "kept nagging him."

dal where Asian Americans were singled out and the recent allega-tions of espionage by a Chinese American's scientist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Alamos National Laboratory. "All of this creates a broad brush that heightens racial teo-sion, racial stereotyping, harass-ment and hate crimes against Asian Americans," said Ochi. "There are days in Washington when I feel as I did when I was a when I agel as I and when I was a little girl going to school on (the anniversay of Pearl Harbor Day — very annious, burt and angry. It's guilt by association all over again. This is something every-one in this room understands."

In attendance also was Rosalie Gould, former mayor of McGe hee Ark. the town closest to the former relocation center. Gould referred to the history of the Ro-hwer camp as "a well-kept secret in Arkansas."

"Nobody really knew about it," said Gould, who had been a student at the University of Arkansas in 1943. In 1949, Gould married and moved to McGehee but was still unaware

about the camp's history. It was not until 1981, when former Rohwer Sam internee Yata asked then-McGehee Mayor Gould to organize luncheon to a commemorate the installation of the third Rohwer monument

"I kept trying to find out what they were talking about," said Gould. "I didn't know anything about the internment camps so I went to the li-braries and Ï called every but nowhere. body really knew anything about it. So I started doing research some Then the former internees started

spirit. That's how I got to collecting things

At one of the Rohwer gather-ings, Gould met Jamie Vogel, a former art teacher at Rohwer. tormer art teacher at honwer. When Mogel passed away in 1996, she willed to Gould a col-lection of paintings and autobi-ographies done by Nikkei stu-dents in camp. With hundreds of Pahrume componentificate now in

opening soon," said Gould with a loud sigh. "McGehee is a small town, all about 5,000 people, and we have about 15 to 16 people who have fought me doing this hem, they were Japane ans. But they don't wa

anything to do with the Japan-ese. So there's no sense in push-ing the issue because it'll tear up town when you have red the necks who don't want to listen." But Gould said she plans to

keep trying. If a Rohwer muse-um doesn't become a reality within her lifetime, Gould said she has asked her daughter to loan the material to various museums throughout the country such as the Japanese American National Muse

or Matsui, the reunion was F a homecoming of sorts Matsui was born in Tor rance and had lived on 190th St., across the Mobill oil refinery. He attended the now defunct Prairie Elementary School, and on Sat urdays went to Moneta Gakuen to learn the Japanese language. The six Matsui children were second-generation Moneta Gakuen students, since their mother, born in 1904, had also at tended the school.

The Matsui family farmed the land on 190th St., growing asparagus and sweet peas. The Matsui family also owned

a succession of dogs named Jim-my. Jimmy #1 died after someone ad poisoned him and set the Matsui house on fire. Jimmy #2 was adopted shortly after, but just as soon, the Matsui family had to abandon him when the family was forced to evacuate to the Santa Anita Assembly Center Since that time, Matsui has nev-er had another dog named Jimmy er nad another dog named Jimmy or even owned a dog.

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Matsui's father, Masanaka Matsui, did not enter Rohwer with the family. He was picked up by the FBI shortly after the by the FBI shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and sent to a Justice Department intern-ment camp in Santa Fe, N.M. Matsui's oldest brother, Victor Masao, then 19, took on the du Masao, then 15, took on the du-ties of their father in his absence Since Matsui was only 11 years old at the time, he said he did not

feel the brunt of internment. He recalled fond memories of sneak recause tops memories of sneak-ing out of camp to go skinny dip-ping at a nearby bayou. Only once did things turn deadly when a lo-cal farmer found the Nikkei children and came after them with a shotgun. As Matsui recalled, one boy was shot.

Decades later, Matsui exam-ined his War Relocation Author-ty files at the National Archives In it, he was surprised to find an autobiography which had been assigned to his 7th grade class in camp to write.

camp to write. T always had an inkling that the autobiography was used to see if there was anything subver sive being done by the parents said Matsui. "This just proves it" Currently, Matsui is gathering material there is found

material to pull together a family history book to leave for his chil dren and grandchildren.





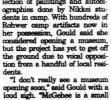
PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA Martha Suzuki shows off her Rohwer spirit.

A honus for reunion attendees was a special message from Pres-ident Clinton, former governor of is was m ade pos Arkans as. Th ble by Shizuko Yamaguchi Uragami, banquet chair. Uraga-mi said she wrote to Clinton be-

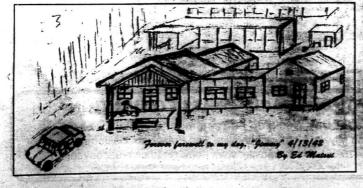
mi said ahe wrote to Clinton be-cause "I thought this might be the last time we get together. Like Miba, she did not know why Rohwer internees had not organized: more reunions. "Maybe because we're kind of stretched out all over the place," she said.

she said. Keynote speaker for the event was Rose Matsui Ochi, former Rohwer internee and director of community relations services for the U.S. Department of Justice. Ochi shared about the current

atmosphere towards Asian Americans in our nation's capi-tal. She pointed to the anii-effi-mative action initiatives being passed throughout the nation, the passage of anti-immigrant laws, the campaign fine-



who have togent me doing this because they say, arcuse my Eng-lish, but they say things like They're Japs,' to which I keep telling them, they were Japanese



## **Twin Cities JACL Honors Graduates**

By PAM OHNO DAGOBERG, CHERYL HIRATA-DULAS

The Twin Cities JACL honored the class of 1999 high school seniors at their 36th annual schol-arship awards program held ear-lier this year at the University of Minnesota's Campus Club.

The recipients of the awards are as follows: Aaron Aoki, Eden Prairie High School; Derek Bastin, Lakeville High School; Ryan Dean, Kennedy High School: Shinano Katagiri, Acade-School; Shinano Katagiri, Acade-my of Holy Angels; Amy Keneko, Tartan High School; Sara Komo-to, Washburn High School; Christopher Matsumoto, South west High School; Sara Mizuha ta, Montrose High School; Jacob Nakasone, St. Thomas Academy; Mariko Savitt, Hopkins High School; Dayna Shimizu, Hastings High School; Jessica Tani, Roseville Area Schools; Kristine Ugai, Woodbury High School; Carey Umeda, Apple Valley High School; Jennifer Wagner, New Prague High School; Jason Wong, Eden Prairie High School; Away Warasuchi School; Jason Amy Yamaguchi, Spring Lake Park High School; Peter Ya-mashiro, Cretin Derham Hall; and Scott Yasukawa, Bloomington Jefferson High School.

The evening began with a buf-fet dinner, followed by a welcome by board representative Cheryl Hirata-Dulas and an informative historical overview of the scholarship program by committee chair Kimi Hara. Fred Tsuchiya, the evening's master of cere-monies, and other members of the scholarship committee, Pam Ohno Dagoberg, Sylvia Farrells, Phyllis Ono Kimitch and Connie Tsuchiya, presented 14 scholar-ship awards totaling \$8,800. Awardees were evaluated on aca rement, community service and essay responses on "The Value of Further Educa-

Recipients of awards from the general scholarship fund were Derek Bastin, Shinano Katagiri, Christopher Matsumoto, Mariko Savitt, Dayna Shimizu and Jason Wong. Amy Yamaguchi re-ceived the Alice Matsumoto Memorial Scholarship, presented by Yoshio Matsumoto (husband)

The Min Yoshida Mem Scholarship, presented by Mary (wife) and Mark Yoshida (son), was awarded to Sara Komoto

Jennifer Wagner received the Earl Tanbara Memorial Scholarship, presented by Ruth Tanbara (wife).

Ryan Dean was the recipient of the Ken Tanaka Memorial



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Twin Cities area 1999 high school graduates (from left): Kristine Ugai, Mariko Saviti, Aaron Aoki, Jason Wong, Corey Umeda, Shi-nano Katagiri, Amy Yamaguchi, Dayna Shimizu, Ryan Dean, Jessi-ca Tani, Christopher Matsumoto and Jennifer Wagner. Not pictured are Derek Bastin and Sara Komoto.

Scholarship, presented by May Tanaka (wife).

The Reverend Andrew Otani Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Corey Umeda, and umoto Merr the Susan Mats rial Scholarship, presented by Helen

West Los Angeles JACL, Auxiliary

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Tsuchiya (mother) was awarded to Jessica Tani and Kristine

Ugai. Graduating seniors receive a one-year JACL student memberter.

## Judge Ito Addresses Graduates at Suburban Youth Recognition Night

Scholarship recipients with keynote speaker Judge Lance Ito at the Suburban Optimist Club's 33rd Annual Youth Recognition Night, (from left): Sayuri Terashima; Steve Okamura, past president; Brent Morita, Naomi Tomimastu; Dr. Garnett Wada, president; Judge Ito, Neal Mu-rata; Eric Ota; Marle Choi.

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The West Los Angeles JACL and West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary held a scholarship dinner on June 8 at the San Gennaro restaurant in Culver City, Calif. The WLA JACL scholarship recipients were: Brandon Oki-

ta, a University High School graduate, who plans to attend UCLA as a communications Winekami a Harmajor, Joyce Minakami, a Har-vard/Westlake High School graduate, who plans to attend Stanford University; and Blake Van Noy, a Santa Monica High School graduate, plan ing to attend Stanford University as a computer science major.

Scholarship recipients for the WLA JACL Auxiliary, went to the following: The Taye Isono Scholarship was awarded to Lisa Kobashi, a Culver City High School graduate, who plans to attend UC Berkeley as an integrated biology major, and the Dr. Milton Inouye Scholarship was presented to Lesley Sunoo, a Marborough High School graduate, who plans to enter the University of Pennsylvania as a biological science major." Kiyoshi Yamazaki, a past



The West Los Angeles JACL and West Los Angeles JACL Audiliary schol-arship recipients are (from left to right): Lisa Kobashi, Blake Van Noy, Les-ley Sunoo, Brandon Okita and Joyce Minakami.

scholarship recipient, was one of the speakers during the dinner. He pointed out to students that their summer out of high school is a special time and urged them to treasure the moment so that they could prepare for the -challenges awaiting them in college.

Sunoo spoke on behalf of the recipients. She described the generational relationships within her family and with the outside world with optimism.

The scholarship committee ended Lis a Kobashi, recom Joyce Minakami and Blake Van Noy to the national JACL for con ideration in the national

scholarship program. Scholarship committee chairs were Stella Kishi and Ayako Tagashira; committee mem bers were Satoshi Nitta and Terry Ito. WLA JACL president Jean Shigematsu and WLA JACL Auxiliary chair Jean Ushijima participated in the program.

### Watsonville Chapter Awards Scholarship

The JACL Watsonville chapter recently announced that Leah Kondo and Traci akeuchi, both of Aptos High School, are recipients of the 1999 Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarships. Each will receive \$1.000.

Leah, daughter of Patricia Suda and Dr. Gerald Kondo, DDS, will be attending UCLA, majoring in business economics. Leah maintained a 4.1 GPA

and has received many awards, including Life Membership in the California Scholarship Federation, Aptos Admiral's Club, and the National Honor Society. Her school activities include In-teract Club, varsity tennis m, link crew, and a leader-

ship role in peer counseling. In addition, Leah is a volum see at the Santa Crur County Community Foundation, the fouth Task force, the Wat-cerville Rotary Club, and as-ists Dr. Migual Vasquer Peru mysict, packaging medicine and quipment to send to underpriv-leged medical clinics in Peru. The is also the vice president of he Watsonville Young Buddhist twoorintion. Leah's essay on The Day of Remembrance emphasized the at the Santa Cruz County

impact of Executive Order 9066 impact of Executive Order 3000 stating, "What is terrifying about this police action was that many of the Japanese were American citizens, and they were imprisoned without due were imprisoned without due process. Many people of my grandparents' and great grand-parents' age were in the prime of their lives, starting business-es, families, working 'side by side with fellow Americans' and earching for the 'American Droom

"I cannot even fathom what it must have been like for them to see their 'American dream' crushed so suddenly and so completely"

crushed so suddenly and so completely." "She concludes, "Generally, I do not agree with stereotypes of any kind, but I am proud that my ancestors established a pos-tive stereotype for me. I am ful-hy aware that because of them, I do not have to fight in order to overcome a stereotype. I much to live up to it." "Theid daughter of Mark and

live up to it." Traci, daughter of Mark and Patt Takeuchi, will be attending Cabrillo College, majoring in Cabrillo College, m business administrat ma

Traci maintained a 3.8 GPA and has received many awards including the United States Na-tional Leadership Award, Schol-

ar Athlete for 1997 and 1998, Academic Excellence Award. Golden State Examinationgeometry and algebra, and Life Membership in the California Scholarship Federation.

Her school activities include Club, Interact Club, Year-Earth book Club (business manager), volleyball team, swim team, link crew leader and camp counlink crow leader and camp coun-selor. In addition, Traci is a vol-unteer student aide at Amesti Elementary School and Kokoro no Gakko, a Separase Lummer cultural school in Wetscowille. Tracis comy shout his Day of Remembranes emphasized her "respect for the hardenip and however that the dispance Americans faced. Because of works with the set dispance

Americans faced. Because of people like my Grandpa and Grandma who sacrificed so much, I am able to live my life with Frust from other attividu-als who treet my just as any oth-

er person." She concluded enying, Day of Remembrance her Lay of Remember each and every year that a battle was won. Not necessarily just for the rights of Japanese Americans, but for all the people who have suffered e of their race or ethi

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### HATE CRIMES (Continued from page 1)

ed that he intentionally targeted racial minorities," and Joe Lucero, encutive director of the Asian Law Cancus, about the alleged murder-er Smith. "He waited for members of the Korieen United Methodist Church in Bleomington, Indiana, to exit the building, and then fired into the erwed. The murder of 26-year-old Won-Joo Yoon, ... was a hate crime." hate crime

"We are saidened by the tragedy of loss of human life, and grieve for the families who lost their loved " said Stewart Kwoh, executive one one," said Stewart Kwoh, executive director of the Asian Pacific Ameri-can Legal Center. "We must strengthen our resolve to combat hate crimes so that we can live in a more tolerant society." The service in Bloomington for Yoon was dominated by music, and particiments mane hymos in Koresan

participants sang hymns in Korean and English at the same time. The group consisted of church members, group consisted of church members friends of the victim, and university officials

"It was really very uplifting," Kenneth Rogers, IU associate dean and director of international serand director of international ser-vices, said of the service. "It was every bit as beautiful as it would have been if it was sung in one lan-

have been if it was sung in one lan-guage or another." The Korean Methodist Church was filled with flowers donated by well-wishers, including some who had never met the victim.

and nover met the victim. "You could hear sniffling around the room," Rogers said. "Just look-ing around you could see people were weaping openly, Koreans as well as Americans."

University president Myles Brand announced the establish-ment of the Won-Joon Yoon scholarship, to be given to any student

a history of public service — toler-ance and understanding across racial and religious lines." Brand spoke of his sorrwe over the loss and also made a vow to work toward establishing a more safe and tolerant university com-munity. In the coming months and years, Indiana University will in-tensity its ongoing efforts to make the ideal of civility a reality for our world, he said. "Won-Joon's memo-ry will continue to inspire us as we work to realize that dream." In the continuing investigation of July 9 found a journal inside his car filled with white supremacist years

filled with white supremacist view apparently written by the allege

was written during last weekend's shooting spree. "We don't know when he wrote this," Ruth said: "There is nothing to date any of the

will know why I have acted." The police said the writings run about

police said the writings run about three or four pages long. Ruth would not release the jour-nal to the media or discuss the writ-ings in detail, but said there is nothing in them that specifically refers to any of Smith's victims. He said the words that follow are "very caustic and venomous anti-Semit

ic." In addition, Ruth said authorities recovered a "bullet-proof vest and military-type bullet-proof helmet' in the car. He said police found a substantial amount of cash in the Taurus used in the shooting spree, but he did not know how much. He said that police have learned that

he recently took about \$17,000 from his bank accounts in Chicago North Shore suburbs. Police also have recovered a \$6,100 receipt dated June 15, show-ing Smith spending the money to print literature from the World Church of the Creator, an East Peo-ria-based white surgement area.

Church of the Oreanor, an Less Pred-ria-based white supremacist arga-mization to which he belonged. Meanwhile, the leader of the maint World Church of the Creator, Matt Hale, said he received a certi-fied letter from Smith on June 7. It was postnarized from Wilmette, III, a Loko 2 the Januth Antonio Linetics. on July 2, the day the shootings be-

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gan. According to Hale, the hand-printed letter said that though Smith had already cut ties with the church in April, he was making a formal break "because I am unable and unwilling to follow a legal revo-lution of values."

The note did not indicate Smith anned a shooting spree or reveal a motive, Hale said.

In other areas of the investiga-tion, federal agents are looking into whether a man, who admitted sellwhether a man, who admitted sell-ing Smith the pistols used on his deadly rampage, supplied guns to other racist extremists.

other maist extremists. Danald Freesinger, 64, was charged on July 7 with selling weapons without a federal firearms permit. He could face more serious charges if evidence is unovered linking him with hate groupe. Smith is believed to have used the two handgums bought lingeally from Freesinger on the three-day shoot-ing some.

Fressinger on the three-day shoot-ing spree. In the wake of the hate-inspired shooting spree, the American Jew-iah Committee in Chicago held a workshop on extremist hate groups on July 15. The program analyzed hate groups, including the World Church of the Creator, and dis-cussed how minority communities can respond to hate crimes.

## RESISTERS

### (Continued from page-3)

chance of winning their case and that it would only cause bad pub-lic relations with the general pop-

ulation. In addition, he says he was told he was "naive" and "unrealistic," and did not understand how cru-cial the future of the Japanese American community hinged upon how white society viewed the Nikhes the Nikkei.

Kuromiya continued disagree-ing with the two men, saying he felt the Japanese Americans had telt the Japanese Americans had ended up in camp in the first place because they had not fought and stood up for their rights. After it became clear that

Kuromiya had no intentions of changing his mind, he said the two men switched their line of questioning and began asking him about the members of the Fair Play Committee and James Omura

"They had a not so secret agen-da of trying to convict the lead-ers," said Kuromiya.

Massoka/Yasui Report Massoka and Yasui, shortly af-ter their visit with the Heart Mountain resisters, submitted a report titled, "Visit to Cheyenne County Jail" This report is avail-able in the JACL archives. During the war, JACL sent a copy of this report to the FBL

In the report, Masaoka and Ya-sui devoted a section to meeting with Carl L. Sackett, the U.S. at-torney for the District of Wyoming who prosecuted the Heart Mountain resisters. The re-port indicates that there were at-tempts by Masaoka and Yasui to convince Sackett that the re-sisters were "victims of misinforsisters were "victims of misinfor-

sisters were "victims of misinfor-mation and incorrect advice." Although Sackett was not swayed by Masaoka's and Yasu's argument, he allowed them to visit the jail because the report states in part: "Mr. Sackett was not averse to our visiting the Ni-sei committed to the Cheyenne Jail. He observed that others, es-pecially from the center, had ap-proached him as to visits to the boxs. but that he refused nermised boys, but that he refused permis

The Masaoka/Yasui report drew several conclusions. Among the suggestions were as follows: the suggestions were as follows: that the resisters be put into sep-arate cells so that 'individual cells would allow considerable in-trospection and self-analysis. It would supplant individual deciwould supplant individual deci-sion for group pressure, allow the resisters to 'read newspapers and magazines — it would give them a more balanced perspec-tive' (It is important to note that at this time, the *Rocky Shimpo*, headed by Omura, was the only bible on a more than the star headed by Omura, was the only Nikkei paper supporting the re-sisters); and encourage them to meet with their lawyer so that "he might more forcefully show em how futile their gesture will

In addition, today, some cur-In addition, today, some cur-rent JACL members have brought up the argument that the resisters were pro-Japan. However, in the Massacka/Yasui report, it states in part. None of the bow house simple correcting in report, if states in part: None or the boys have signed expatriation papers. They continue to express a willingness to enter the Army, if their concepts of equality of treat-ment and citizenship are ful-filled."

come an apology from JACL, sev-eral have noted that true reconfected the resisten but the Nikkei comm unity in gen

iya, a former JACL n Auromys, a former JACL mem-ber who had contributed to Ya-su's legal defense fund when Ya-su's case was reopened during the 1980s. "I think JACL can ful-fill that role than anything else existing right now."

Steveston, Kamloops, New Denver, Vernon, and re-opened language schools, churches and other meeting places. The building of the NNHCS is a vi-sion come true."

building of the NNHCS is a vi-sion come true." Keiko 'Miki, president of NAJC, said, 'It is fitting that this wall will be located on the West Coast because this is where the dispersal originated. I think Japanese Canadians from across Canada will be in-terested in coming to see the wall and to look for the names of their family members."



## Wall Will Honor Japanese Canadians Removed From West Coast graved onto the wall. "It has taken over 50 ye for our community to rebui

said George Oikawa, NNHCS building chair. "The curtains

building chair. The curtains came down on us in 1942 Close to 21,000 people were uprooted from their homes, and since many left B.C. to establish new communities in other prov-inces, the effects have been long term. We've been fortunate that many of them returned to British Columbia. With new immigration, B.C. has rebuilt close for charing allows in the

igration, B.C. has rebuilt as for sharing culture in

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The National Nikkei Her age Centre Society (NNHCS) anounced last month that a announced last month that a memorial wall honoring close to 21,000 Japanese Canadians who had been forced out of their who had been forced out of thear-who had been forced out of thear-West Coast homes in 1942 will be constructed in Burnaby, B.C., according to "The New-Canadian."

Canadian.". The construction of the wall is a joint project, co-sponsored by NNHCS and the National Association of Japanese Cana-dians (NAJC). Names of those forcibly removed will be en-

suspect. Skokie Police Sgt. Michael Ruth, spokesman for the task force over-seeing the case, said investigators have not determined if the journal

writings." The opening passage of the jour-nal reads, "Anyone who knows the history of this plague upon human-ity who calls themselves the Jews

filled." Three months after Masaoka and Yasui had visited the Heart Mountain resisters in jail, the leaders of the Fair Play Committee and Omura were indicted on charges of conspiracy and coun-seling others to violate the Selec-tive Service Act.

ve Service Act. Today, while the resisters wel-

ciliation could not happen unless JACL acknowledges their war-time activities, which not only af-fected the resisters' movement

but the Nikkei community in gen-eral. A good place to start, accord-ing to them, is the publication of the 154-page Tim Report.<sup>\*</sup> This is not to say the resisters do not support the AACL of today. "There is a need for a good politi-cal representative organization for Japanese Americans and for all Asian Americans."

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## Embryo Cloned

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### Philippines to Promote Birth Control

MANILA, Philippines The Philippine government has decided to actively promote birth control, inof scholar promotions into the main and cluding contraspective uses, to camb rands growth of the country's peru-iation which could double in 25 years. Health Sacretary Alberto Ro-manides said. - Romander announced that birth

control services will be included in a package of health services the gov-ernment will offer to families. This

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## Letters to the Editor

## **Re: Draft Resisters**

Mr. Gerald T. Horiuchi vigor ously implies that there are no gradients of loyalty and patriotism (P.C. June 25-July 1). He is the true samural and seems in capable of revelations, at least of capable of revelations, at least of the role of the 1943 draft re-sisters. He appears not to under-stand that they were necessary in the context of dissent, in the work of American deinoc racy and resistance in the culture of the camps

Moreover, their actions took some of the pressures off the rest of us and especially those who went into the military. We were weighed with skepticism, dark ss of the future, and the know ing that our families and communities were essentially

hostages. Perhaps Mr. Horiuchi is aware that the 442 RCT club of Honolulu recently recognized the re-sisters as an important and vital part of the totality of that time. Furthermore, we should remem-ber that the majority of Hawai-ian Japanese Americans in the

ian Japanese Americans in the service were volunteers and the mainlanders, draftees. I am not sure what he means by an "unpopular war." From the perspective of this 442 infantry-men all were an uncorpula and n, all wars are unpopular and

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Thanks for the coverage of the drafter resisters resolution. To introduce myself, I am one of the 63 Heart Mountain resisters and naturally have been follow-ing the apology controversy

Etti Sugama Ft. Meade, S.D.

within the JACL for several years. One bit of history seems to be always left out in the writings and discussions about the re-

sisters As repeatedly stated by Emi, Koshiyama and others, we were willing to serve only if our constitutional rights were restored and our families removed from the barbed-wire concentration camps and restored to their prop-er place in society. As a result of our stand, the Heart Mountain resisters spent two years in a federal penitentiary.

The younger resisters like my-self were eligible for the draft during the Korean conflict. We were now free voting citizens (via Truman amnesty) living as other U.S. citizens with full equal constitutional rights. Several of us received our second draft notices and none that I know of refused to serve. At least six of us served during that time. (I am curious to

during that time. (I am curious to know how many of the resisters from other camps later served.) So not only did we stand up for our constitutional rights, we also served in the military. This is the of history has paper

This bit of history has never been highly publicized and I hope this letter will present informa-tion that will help heal the rift within the Japanese American community

> Takashi Hoshizaki. PK.D. Los Ange Ο,

When I see our great President o picusly laying a wreath to our anored veterans, it turns my tomach! All I can think of is his

### lies and draft dodging!

I can understand conscientious objectors for their religious re sons for not taking another life, but who so bravely served as medics, saving lives. Lew Ayres was an objector who served so bravely under fire. An actor, no would be very proud to shake his hands.

As for the Japanese American draft dodgers, I feel just as strongly as Gerald Horiuchi of Fresno, Calif. Gerald, I am sure there are many veterans who feel as we do. To honor them is a slap in the face of all the veterans who have served so bravely and mostly to those veterans who gave of their lives. The draft dodgers should quietly fade away.

70m 24. Takahashi 442nd Veteran Livermore, Calif.

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## Obituaries

Ando, Yoshikazu George, 84, os Angeles, June 30; San Francisco-born; survived by wife Es-ther Shinobu; son Ronald and wife Andres; daughters Patricia Ando-Nakashima, Nadine and husband Mickey Shintaku; 5 gc., 3 ggc.

Aoki, Taeko, 69, San Jose, June 26; survived by husband Marvin H.; daughters Alice Kei Hopkins and husband David, Laura Miki Aoki Clark and hus-band Lance, Susan Naomi Aoki Clark and husband Craig. 3 gc.; brother Koichi Fujima; eister Tamako Murakami

Jamasko sauracami. Ariki, Kate K., 74, Las Vegas, May 23; Hood River, Ore.-born; survived by husband Joe and son Mark (hoth las Vegas); daughter Sandy Fulumaga (Aurora, Colo.); bothers Mas Kyono (Oakland), Bill Kyono (San Francisco); Sus Kyono (Fremont (Yuba City); 2 gc. (Fremont), Ray Kyono

Doi, Isamu, 91, Chicago, June 16: Hiroshima-born.

Fujikawa, William Masa-nori, 74, Ashland, Ore, June 12; Burbank-born WWII veteran; survived by wife Sachi; sons David (Walnut Creek), Bill (Escondido); (Walnut Creek), bin (Escuring), brother Masao (Sacramento); sis-ters Fujie Kato (Solvang), Kay Yokoyama, (Newport Beach), Yokoyama, (Newport Beach) Chizuko Sanford (Berkeley); 4 gc.

Ichimura, Michael Yoshita ka, 73, San Carlos, June 24; survived by wife Lillian Yuriko; sons Russ and wife Bonnie (Kihei-Maui), Tom and wife Wendy (Fre-mont), Scott and wife Nicole (Elk Grove); daughters Lynn Gillespie and husband Don (Wasilla, Alaska), Cindy Kozen and husband Steve (Bossier City, La.); 9 gc.; mother Asako (San Jose); prede-ceased by father Kakuzo Ichimaru, founder and former presi dent of Hokubei Mainichi.

Kamo, May Satsuki, 74, Columbus, Ind., April 13; Seattle-born; survived by husband Roy; daughters Kathryn/ and husband David, Joanne; sons Lloyd and wife Sue, Richard and wife Carolyn; 3 gc.

Katavama, Teru, 98, Los An-Ratayama, Ieru, 86, Los An-geles, July 2; Kagoshima-ken-born; survived by sons Shig and wife Hana, Arthur and wife Mie, Tetsuo and wife Tomiko; daughter Kinu Koga and husband George; 4 gc., 2 ggc.; constant companion "Jiro."

Lindner, William Joseph, 74, Las Vegas, May 17; Penn-born WWII Navy veteran; survived by wife Akimi; son Joseph (both Las Vegas); daughter Tomiko Kemps-ki (San Jose); sister June Welsh (Dana b Lag) (Penn.); 1 gc.

(Penn.); 1 gc. Nakamura, Tak Yutaka, 81, Pacoima, July 5; Giendale-born; survived by wife Harumi; sons Dennis, John and wife Arlene, David; daughter Carolyn Newby; 5 gc., brothers Paul and wife Susie, Masaichi; sister Yaeko Tanaka Tanaka

Tanaka. Nishikawa, Mollie Shigeko, 65, Gardena, July 6; Acampo-born; survived by husband Toshio; daughters Susan Taguchi and husband Dennis, Sharon Landry and husband Dennis, Sharon Landry husband Dennis, Sharon Landry and husband Paul, Lori; 2 gc; brothers Earl Fukumoto and wife Emi, John Fukumoto and wife Kosalie, Mutsu Fukumoto, Tom Fukumoto; sisters Jane Nimi, Masse Matsuno, Holly Fukano and husband Fred; brothers-in-law Noboru and wife Mary, Mas and wife Faggy, Kei and wife Lin-da; sisters-in-law Tomi Watari, Sue Fukuda and husband Ken, Sumyo Nishikawa. Nishikoka, Marie S., 61, Chica-go, June 21; Sacramento-born;

Nishioka, Marie S., Si, Chica-go, June 21; Sacramento-born; survived by sons John and wife Carol, Frank; daughters Susan, Annabelle; 5 gc., 3 ggc.; brothers John and wife Helen, Fred and wife Matsue, Toshi, Kiyo; sist Sumiko

Okada, Takiko M. (Yasui), 74. San Jose, June 30; native of

Winters; survived by son Harvey and wife Tina; daughters Johan Sperlinski and husband Joha, Jane; 3 gc.; brothers Mas Arii, Toby Nakamoto and wife Peggy, predecessed by parents Thenjiro predeceased by parents Toka and Masami Yasui; husb James; sister Kay Ka

Okamoto, Sozo, 92, Cypress, June 26; survived by wife Fusaye; daughters Joyce Seippel, Amy Taniguchi; 2 gc.

Tanguchi 2 gc. Sasaki, Hisako, 68, Torrance, June 25; Tokyo-born; survived by sons Douglas and wife Ilka, Michael and wife Hisae, Gordon and wife Cecelia (Hawaii); daugh-te Kethlen Busune and he ter Kathleen Plummer and hus-band Gregg (Walnut Creek); 4 gr.; 2 brothers, 2 sister (all Japan).

2 brothers, 2 sister (all Japan). Sato, Makoto, 78, Seattle, ser-vices held June 24; survived by wife Sarah; son Gerard and wife Brenda, Richard and wife Anita, Stephen; 6 gc.; sisters Hisako Tashiro, Tamiko Ameniya; prede-ceased by brother Tadashi.

Suruki, Tokinori, 76, Foster City, July 5; Kagoshima prefec-ture-born, survived by wife Kie; sons Shuji and wife Takako, Katsuyoshi and wife Setsuko, Tsuneyoshi and wife Masami, Kazunori and wife Missami, Kazunori and wife Michiko; daughters Riyoko Matsuyama and husband Tomoaki, Rieko Kawabata and husband Norihiro; 16 gc.: brother Norio and wife Ei apan)

Uda, Chiyeko, 64, Sa to, March 7; survived by husband Roy T.; son Randy C. and wife Suranne; daughters Thene Uda Fong and husband Elliott, Rochelle Uda-Quillen and husband Rodney, 8 gc.; brother Kay Tanaka and wife Lois; sisters Kikuye Makishima, Tano Ogawa, Yaye Higashioka and hus George.

Yamagami, Glenn Masaru, 50, Los Angeles, July 15; survived by fiancee Cynthia Wong; broth-ers Mark and wife Gail, Don A. and wife Shelley; sisters Shirlee, Julie Thompson and husband Terry. DEATH NOTICE

WILLIAM ICHIRO SAKAI SACRAMENTO, Calif.-William Ichiro Willie Sakai, 83, passed away June 20. Recruited and trained new 442nd recruits at Camp Shelby, Miss. Later fought in France and Italy. Co-owner of G.T. Sakai & Co. in Sacramento. Founding member of VFW Nisei Post 8985. Was also a member of JACL SJUMC and others. Preceded in death by SUGME and balants, recorded in death by wife Sue. Survived by daughters Kathie Lawrence and Wendy Notsinneh (Walter Akiyama), son Wesley Sakai grandsons Anthony and Curtis Notsinneh and Anthony and Curtis Notsinneh and Faron Lawrence, sister and brothers Grace Thedane, Mary Ishii, Joe Iwata and Florance Lecure. Forman Lecurity and Florence Inouye. Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 24 at the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church



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## **Resolution Introduced by Honda Deals With Japan's Wartime Atrocities**

### (Continued from page 1)

victims is a just and commend-

able cause." The national board voted to accept the staff report regard-ing Japan's wartime atrocities and encouraged its members to involve themselves to the

extent that they are willing." The full text of AJR 27 dealing with Japan's wartime atrocities infroduced by Assem-blymember Honda follows: WHEREAS, During World

War II, the Governments of Japan and Germany flagrantly violated the Geneva and Hague Conventions and com mitted atrocious crimes against humanity; and WHEREAS, The Govern-ment of Germany has formally

apologized to the vistims of the Holocaust and gone to great lengths to provide financial compensation to victims and to provide for their needs and re-

covery; and WHEREAS, By contrast, the Government of Japan has refused to fully acknowledge the crimes it committed during World War II and to provide reparations to the victims of

WHEREAS, 33,587 mem-bers of the United States Armed Forces and 13,966 American civilians were cap tured by the Japanese military in the Pacific Theater during World War II, many of whom were current or former resi-dents of the State of California; and

and WHEREAS, Many of the United States military and civilian prisoners of the Japan-ese military during World War II were confin prison camps a forced labor an

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tionable deaths; and WHEREAS, The Japanese military invaded Nanking, China, from December 1937 until February 1938, during the period known as the "Rape of Nanking," and brutally slaughtered more than 300,000 Chinese men, women, and children and raped more than of

20,000 women; and WHEREAS, The people of Guam and the Marshall Is-lands, during the Japanese occupation from 1941-1944, we subjected to unmentionable acts of violence, including forced labor and marches, and imprisonment by the Japanese military during its occupation of these islands, and WHEREAS, Three-fourths

of the population in Port Blair on Andamans Islands, India, were exterminated by Japanese troops between March 23, 1942, and the end of World War II; many were tortured to death or forced into sexual slavery at "comfort stations, and crimes beyond description were committed on families and young children, and WHEREAS, The Japanese

military terrorized Manila, the capital of the Philippine Is-lands, from December 23, 1943, until February 14, 1944, during a period known as the "Rape of Manila," and committed crimes that resulted in the deaths of over 100,000 Filipinos by torture, rape, and starvation; and

WHEREAS, At least 260 of the 1,500 United States prison-ers, including many Californians, believed to have been held at Mukden, Manchuria, died

claim to suffer from physical ailments resulting from their subjection to Japanese military chemical and biological experim

WHEREAS, The Japan military enslaved millions of Koreans, Chinese, Filipinoe, and citizens from other occu-pied or colonized territories during World War II, and forced hundreds of thousands of women into sexual slavery

for Japanese troops; and WHEREAS, Although the International Commission of Jurists, a nongovernmental or-ganization (NGO) in Geneva, Switzerland, ruled in 1993 that the Government of Japan should pay women who were forced to be sexual slaves of the Japanese military during World War II, known as "com-fort women," at least \$40,000 each as compensation for their "extreme pain and suffering," none of these women have been paid any compensation by the Government of Japan; and

WHEREAS, At the April 1999 meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada-California-Western Nevada-Pacific District of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the board approved a resolution, cosponsored by the Florin, Golden Gate, and Se-quoia JACL Chapters, that supported reparations for, and

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a clear apology to, the innocent civilian victims of Japan's wartime atrocities; and WHEREAS, At the March 1999 meeting of the Sacramen-to Jewish Community Rela-tione Community rela-

tions Council, a service of the Sacramento Jewish Federation, the council approved a resolution supporting repara-tions for, and a clear apology to, the innocent civilian victims of Japan's wartime atrocities;

ow, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the Assem-AUSOLIVED by the Assem-bly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of Cal-ifornia urges the Government of Japan to do both of the fol-

wing: 1) Formally issue a clear and unambiguous apology for the atrocious war crimes commit-ted by the Japanese military during World War II.

2) Immediately pay repara-tions to the victims of those crimes, including United States military and civilian prisoners of war, the people of Guam and the Marshall Islands, who were subjected to violence and imprisonment, the survivors of the "Rape of Nanking" from December 1937 until February 1938, and the women who were forced into

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sexual slavery and known by the Japanese military as "com-fort women"; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the Legis-lature of the State of California call upon the United States Congress to adopt a similar resolution that follows the spirit and letter of this resolution calling on the Government of Japan to issue a formal apology and pay reparations to the vic-tims of its war crimes during

tims of its war erimes ouring World War II; and be it further, RESOLVED, That the Legis-lature of the State of California requests that the President of the United States take all appropriate action to further bring about a formal apology and reparations by the Govern-ment of Japan to the victims of its war crimes during World War II; and be it further RESOLVED, That the Chief

Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Japanese Ambassador to the United States, the President of the United States, the Presi-dent of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representa-tives, and each California Member of the Senate and the United States House of Repre-

sentatives. EMPLOYMENT The Sonoma County Japanese American Citizen's League is look ing for a Senior Program Coordinator to provide and admin-ister a program of activities for the 50 to 70 members of the Japanese 50 to 70 members of the Japanese American community in Sonoma County, initially approximated at half time for one year. Based upon participation levels and accep-tance of the senior and intergenerational community, this could become along term, full-time posi-tion. For more information contact Jim Murakami 707/824-8665 or Judith Whitman 707/763-3011 or submit resumes to P.O. Box 1915, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. The dead-

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