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JACL Calendar

National

Fri-Sun, Sept. 3-5—8th National JACL Singles Convention: Radisson Miyako Hotel, San Francisco; Registration \$150 before July 15, \$180 after. Golf, bowling, workshops, mixer, banquet, dance, brunch, trips. Co-sponsored by San Francisco Bay Area Nikkei Singles and Greater Los Angeles Singles. Info: Georgeann Maeda, 415/753-3340; Gale Kondo, 415/337-9981; website: htp://home.earthlink.net/~gmaeda/99 convention.

Midwest

CHICAGO

Fri, July 30—Golf Tournament & Fund Raiser; tee times begin at 9 a.m.; Pinecrest, Algonquin Rd., Huntley, Ill. \$65 includes cart, lunch, beverages on the course. Everyone welcomed. Info: 773/728-7170 or Kay Iwata, 847/825-3029.

CINCINNATI

Sun, Aug. 15—Annual Potluck Dinner; 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 Ave.; speaker, mushroom grower Matt Madison.

WISCONSIN

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

1404.

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

Intermountain

POCATELLO-BLACKFOOT

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

Pacific Northwest

OLYMPIA

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.

RENO

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

Sat, Aug. 21—A Day with the (San Jose) 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 Kaku, Sequoia JACL 408/968-2747, or Alan Mikuni (Fremont JACL), 510/791-8628.

WATSONVILLE

Sun, Aug. 8—Annual JACL community 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 Singles tour of the Winchester Mystery House; lunch and social. Info: Richard Seguchi, 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.; Kangie, 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, Aug. 6—Thirteenth August Women'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. 6—World War II video discussion series and exhibit of handmade decorative items made by JAs interned in detention camps; Central Library, 828 "J" Street. Info: 916/264-2770.

SAN FRANCISCO

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

Sat, Sept. 25—The Japanese American National Library's 30th anniversary celebration, "Legacy for the Future"; 7 p.m., Radisson Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St.; Calif. Assemblymember Mike Honda, keynote speaker. Tickets \$50. Info: Karl Matsushita, 415/567-5006.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

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

Sun, July 18—"A Musical Storybook" children's concert: "The Chinese Siamen Cat" narrated by Amy Tan; "Peter and the Wolf" and "Winnie-the-Pooh" on screen; 7:30 p.m., Hollywood Bowl; pre-performance entertainment; children under 12 half price. Info: 323/850-2000.

Sun, July 25—Nisei Week Baby Show; 8 a.m., Japanese Theater, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Mail-in applications \$40 by July 17; walk-in registration on July 25, \$50. Info, applications: 213/687-7193 ext. 349.

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

Sat, July 24—Maryknoll Japanese Catholic Center "High Sales Bingo"; 6 p.m., 222 S. Hewitt St.; only 200 tickets sold at \$100 for grand prizes, dinner and one card for seven-game \$100-250 pots; silent auction; dinner

Park.

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat, Aug. 28—District Council quarterly meeting; proposed location, Merced College.

Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun, Aug. 29—District Council Meeting; San Maria.

ARIZONA

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

Sat, July 17—Garage sale fund raiser for: Ernie or Jeanne Tsujimoto 310/320-3465.

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only \$25; info: MJCC 213/626-2279. Sat, July 24—UCLA APPEX Premier Performances by master artists from China, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam. 8 p.m. California Plaza Watercourt, downtown Los Angeles. Free. Info: Sue Fan, 310/206-1335.

Thurs., July 29—UCLA APPEX Premier Performances by master artists from China, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. 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 p.m., Space OJD, 2847 S. Robertson Blvd. Tickets: 310/839-0661.

Sat, Sat, July 30, Aug. 6, 7—One-man show, "The Rice Room: Scenes from a Bar" with Noel Alumi, director Deborah Nishimura; 8:30 p.m., Highways Performance Space, 1651 18th St., Santa Monica; RSVP: 310/315-1459.

Fri, 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 Web website at <http://www.members.aol.com/niseiweek/niseiweek.htm>.

SAN DIEGO

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

ORANGE COUNTY

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

Corrections

The notes about Sach Sako at the end of her editorial, "Now 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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RESISTERS

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War-time Pacific Citizen editorials, JACL correspondence and personal accounts clearly point to the fact that JACL activists opposed the resisters of conscience and fingered the late James Omura, then-English editor of the *Rocky Shimpō*, as the person responsible for "misguiding" 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.

A good example of the type of editorials 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 Committee members who were scheduled 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 circumstances, misguided leadership and information, and strong pressures and influences. Its effect may be that of negating the victory of loyal Japanese Americans in winning the reinstatement of the selective service, and may retard the eventual full restoration to Japanese 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 injured the cause of loyal Japanese everywhere."

The *Heart Mountain Sentinel*, edited by Haruo Imura, had harsher things to say about the resisters. Several editorials painted the resisters as "whimpering weaklings" and "warped-minded members" who made "wild-eyed statements" and "lacked both physical and moral courage."

In both the "Lim Report" and the 28-page report, an April 3, 1944, letter written by Saburo Kido, then JACL national president, is cited. In the letter, Kido supported full prosecution of the resisters and co-operation with intelligence agencies.

The letter read in part: "The group at Heart Mountain definitely should be charged with sedition, especially the leaders. The FBI has been studying the situation in the centers and we were asked to loan them copies of the *Rocky Shimpō*."

To stem the tide of draft resistance, leaders within JACL visited several resisters in jail in an effort to change their minds. These visits were conducted by JACL regional representative Joe Grant Masakata and attorney Minoru Yasui, who ironically had challenged the U.S. government's curfew order passed on March 24, 1942.

Noboru Taguma, 76, a resister from the Amache Relocation Center (also known as Granada), remembered the jailhouse visit Taguma, 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, according to Taguma.

"A lot of people got scared," recalled Taguma, who suspects, but has no proof, that the meeting had been organized by the JACL. "But I didn't get scared."

While no evidence to date has been found to back up Taguma's claim, JACL correspondence cited in the Lim Report notes that the organization had been quite concerned with the resisters' movement 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 attorney from Los Angeles, had met with families of the resisters. Following this, Yasui submitted a five page report to Kido, which Lim found in the JACL archives.

Lim cites other JACL letters found in the archives that indicated that the organization was keeping a watchful eye on Amache. JACL leaders had apparently sent copies of some correspondence regarding the Amache situation to WRA National Director Dillon Myers, and a letter of acknowledgement 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 two letters."

Taguma said he was initially "surprised" to be visited by Yasui in jail. To Taguma, Yasui 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.

In response, Taguma told them he'd be willing to go into the Army if the government was willing to restore the constitutional rights of his family. To him, the welfare of his family, particularly his last parents, was priority.

To Taguma's surprise, he says, Yasui countered the argument by saying that Taguma needn't worry about the loss because they were having a good time in camp. Hearing this, Taguma responded with a string of Japanese profanities 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 old, got hauled off to solitary confinement.

Yoshito "Yosh" Kuromiya, 76, a member of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee who had answered "yes-yes" to the "loyalty questionnaire," also remembers being visited by Joe Grant Masakata and Yasui. Their meeting occurred on April 28, 1944.

Like Taguma, Kuromiya's decision wasn't made lightly. The rumor going around Heart Mountain at the time was that those who opposed 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 relieved when we got three."

Kuromiya's meeting with Masakata 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 government 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" orders, but with the draft call, he believed it was not a governmental order but a request, and "felt it was an opportunity, therefore, an obligation to express our feelings about this."

And while Kuromiya has the highest respect for the Nikkei veterans, he remembers bringing up the argument that if Japanese Americans were joining the Army to prove their loyalty to America, it was the wrong reason to go.

"That's not the reason the others were fighting in the war," said Kuromiya. "If the reason for joining had nothing to do with patriotism or serving one's country, the Japanese Americans were fighting a different war."

According to Kuromiya, the men responded to this by telling him he had a sound and logical argument but that the resisters had no

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EDITORIAL

Resisters, No-No Issue, and the JACL

By JIM YAMASAKI

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

After all that the Nisei had gone through—giving up their pride and acquiescing to be drafted in spite of the incarceration, some to volunteer and give up their lives, others to humbly return to civilian life only to be harassed 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 hearts and embrace the resisters, the "No No" boys, and others who, while we were in camp, had openly told us what fools we were to cave in to the government.

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

Japanese in camp. Initially, a questionnaire was proposed by the Army to determine eligibility for military service and possible work in the defense plants. The War Relocation Authority, which was studying

how to start releasing evacuees, decided that a questionnaire would be in order. They issued an "Application for Leave Clearance" which included information that the Army wanted. Two questions caused the turmoil in camp—the infamous #27 and #28.

Answering "yes" to forswearing loyalty to Hirohito for me was no problem in spite of the fact that the difficulty for us was that "forswearing" gives the connotation that we had sworn before. I hadn't sworn in the first place.

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

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

I worried that the conditional 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 behind my resolve to voice my objection to the incarceration.

The turmoil 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.

Those incensed by the questionnaire directed their feelings at us for serving in the questionnaire. 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 cleared me for getting out to school. My conditional response was my way of straddling the fence.

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 country I knew. Whatever future I had 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 committed response to the questionnaire. Where was the support 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 pressure to resist the government was intense, there was no way that I could turn my back on the United States and white America. Since I lived in a small town, outside the home, the Japanese experience was minimal; I should say, near zero.

Yet in 1939 my father convinced me that I should use the Japanese point of view when I

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

What a good and comfortable feeling it was to draw on this resource. And what a relief to have instant friends for my family-members.

How sad for the Nisei who did not avail themselves of this great organization that has done much for 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 have done since.)

I left camp after a year. I can't imagine the wearing of one's soul to have spent three years in a relocation 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 elements of truth in

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Jim Yamasaki

wrote my high school term paper on "Japan, Southeast Asia and the Co-Prosperity Era."

The material came from the Japanese Consulate in San Francisco. It was accepted by my English teacher and I was encouraged to try out for the annual oratorical contest. To my surprise, I was the only sophomore to be invited to the finals. I'm sure the unusualness of the subject matter was the reason.

It is to the English teachers' credit that by my senior year they had turned me around and I won that year's oratorical contest with the speech entitled, "What Americanism Means to Me." 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 involves 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 opportunities arose—Salt 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 government for faithful service.

In each of these places that I moved to I was able to instantly join a community of people of like background by simply showing up at a JACL meeting and asking for membership. Where the meeting places were too far, I enjoyed the nationally distributed newspaper, the *Pacific Citizen*, which assured me each week that all was well with Nisei-dom.

The local JACL chapter members were available for advice

the contention that the Nisei should 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 resolve.

The chances of success of overcoming any disagreement with the government seem nil when viewed from that period, 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 and not apologize for any part that may have caused their problem? They have suffered beyond anything we have endured—a lifetime of mental turmoil 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 acquaintance 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 incarceration and the answer to the questions with a "No, No."

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

8th NATIONAL JACL SINGLES CONVENTION

Labor Day Weekend — September 3-5, 1999

Radisson Miyako Hotel, Japantown, San Francisco, California

Information: 415/661-0413; website: www.homestead.com/99convention

*See June 25-July 1, page 4 Pacific Citizen for more details



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 scholarship awards program held earlier 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, Academy of Holy Angels; Amy Keneko, Tartan High School; Sara Komoto, Washburn High School; Christopher Matsumoto, Southwest High School; Sara Mizuhashi, 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; Corey Umeda, Apple Valley High School; Jennifer Wagner, New Prague High School; Jason Wong, Eden Prairie High School; Amy Yamaguchi, Spring Lake Park High School; Peter Yamashiro, Cretin Derham Hall; and Scott Yasukawa, Bloomington Jefferson High School.

The evening began with a buffet 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 ceremonies, and other members of the scholarship committee, Pam Ohno Dagoberg, Sylvia Farrells, Phyllis Ono Kimitch and Connie Tsuchiya, presented 14 scholarship awards totaling \$8,800.

Award recipients were evaluated on academic achievement, community service and essay responses on "The Value of Further Education."

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

The Min Yoshida Memorial 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 Savitt, Aaron Aoki, Jason Wong, Corey Umeda, Shinano Katagiri, Amy Yamaguchi, Dayna Shimizu, Ryan Dean, Jessica 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 the Susan Matsumoto Memorial Scholarship, presented by Helen

Tsuchiya (mother) was awarded to Jessica Tani and Kristine Ugai.

Graduating seniors receive a one-year JACL student membership as a gift from the TC chapter. ■

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 Tomimatsu; Dr. Garrett Wade, president; Judge Ito, Neal Murata; Eric Ota; Marie Choi.

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West Los Angeles JACL, Auxiliary Awards 1999 Scholarships

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 Okita, a University High School graduate, who plans to attend UCLA as a communications major; Joyce Minakami, a Harvard-Westlake High School graduate, who plans to attend Stanford University; and Blake Van Noy, a Santa Monica High School graduate, planning to attend Stanford University as a computer science major.

Scholarship recipients for the WLA JACL Auxiliary went to the following: The Tye 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 Auxiliary scholarship recipients are (from left to right): Lisa Kobashi, Blake Van Noy, Lesley 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 recommended Lisa Kobashi, Joyce Minakami and Blake Van Noy to the national JACL for consideration in the national scholarship program.

Scholarship committee chairs were Stella Kishi and Ayako Tagashira; committee members 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 Takeuchi, 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 Admirals Club, and the National Honor Society. Her school activities include Interact Club, varsity tennis team, link crew, and a leadership role in peer counseling.

In addition, Leah is a volunteer at the Santa Cruz County Community Foundation, the Youth Task force, the Watsonville Rotary Club, and assists Dr. Miguel Vasquez' Peru project, packaging medicine and equipment to send to underprivileged medical clinics in Peru. She is also the vice president of the Watsonville Young Buddhist Association.

Leah's essay on The Day of Remembrance emphasized the

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

"I cannot even fathom what it must have been like for them to see their 'American dream' 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 positive stereotype for me. I am fully aware that because of them, I do not have to fight in order to overcome a stereotype. I need to live up to it.'"

Traci, daughter of Mark and Patt Telesuchi, will be attending Cabrillo College, majoring in business administration.

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

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

Her school activities include Earth Club, Interact Club, Yearbook Club (business manager), volleyball team, swim team, link crew leader and camp counselor. In addition, Traci is a volunteer student aide at Amesti Elementary School and Kokoro no Gakko, a Japanese summer cultural school in Watsonville.

Traci's essay about the Day of Remembrance emphasized her "respect for the hardship and bravery that the Japanese Americans faced. Because of people like my Grandma and Grandpa—who sacrificed so much, I am able to live my life with trust from other individuals who treat us just as any other person."

"She concluded saying, 'The Day of Remembrance helps me to 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 because of their race or ethnicity.' ■

HATE CRIMES

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

"We are saddened by the tragedy of loss of human life, and grief for the families who lost their loved one," said Stewart Kwok, executive director of the Asian Pacific American 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 participants sang hymns in Korean and English at the same time. The 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 services, said of the service. "It was very bit as beautiful as it would have been if it were sung in one language or another."

The Korean Methodist Church was filled with flowers donated by well-wishers, including some who had never met the victim.

"You could hear sniffing around the room," Rogers said. "Just looking around you could see people were weeping openly, Koreans as well as Americans."

University president Myles Brand announced the establishment of the Won-Joo Yoon scholarship, to be given to any student "who has demonstrated — through

a history of public service — tolerance and understanding across racial and religious lines."

Brand spoke of his sorrow over the loss and also made a vow to work toward establishing a more safe and tolerant university community. "In the coming months and years, Indiana University will intensify its ongoing efforts to make the ideal of civility a reality for our world," he said. "Won-Joo's memory will continue to inspire us as we work to realize that dream."

In the continuing investigation of white supremacist Smith, police on July 9 found a journal inside his car filled with white supremacist views apparently written by the alleged suspect.

Stokely Police Sgt. Michael Ruth, spokesman for the task force overseeing the case, said investigators have not determined if the journal 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 writings."

The opening passage of the journal reads, "Anyone who knows the history of this plague upon humanity will know why I have acted." The police said the writings run about three or four pages long.

Ruth would not release the journal to the media or discuss the writings 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-Semitic."

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 Thurus 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, showing Smith spending the money to print literature from the World Church of the Creator, an East-Pennsylvania-based white supremacist organization to which he belonged.

Meanwhile, the leader of the racist World Church of the Creator, Matt Hale, said he received a certified letter from Smith on June 7. It was postmarked from Wilmette, Ill., on July 2, the day the shootings began.

According to Hale, the thought-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 resolution of values."

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

In other areas of the investigation, federal agents are looking into whether a man, who admitted selling Smith the pistols used on his deadly rampage, supplied guns to other racist extremists.

Donald Fiesinger, 64, was charged on July 7 with selling weapons without a federal firearms permit. He could face more serious charges if evidence is uncovered linking him with hate groups. Smith is believed to have used the two handguns bought illegally from Fiesinger on the three-day shooting spree.

In the wake of the hate-inspired shooting spree, the American Jewish 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 discussed how minority communities can respond to hate crimes. ■

In the report, Masaoka and Yasui devoted a section to meeting with Carl I. Sackett, the U.S. attorney for the District of Wyoming who prosecuted the Heart Mountain resisters. The report indicates that there were attempts by Masaoka and Yasui to convince Sackett that the resisters were "victims of misinformation and incorrect advice."

Although Sackett was not swayed by Masaoka's and Yasui's argument, he allowed them to visit the jail because the report states in part: "Mr. Sackett was not averse to our visiting the Niisei committed to the Cheyenne Jail. He observed that others, especially from the center, had approached him as to visits to the boys, but that he refused permission."

The Masaoka/Yasui report drew several conclusions. Among the suggestions were as follows: The resisters be put into separate cells so that "individual cells would allow considerable introspection and self-analysis. It would supplement individual decision for group pressure"; allow the resisters to "read newspapers and magazines — it would give them a more balanced perspective" (it is important to note that at this time, the *Rocky Shinto*, headed by Omura, was the only Nikkei paper supporting the resisters); and encourage them to meet with their lawyer so that "the might more forcefully show them how futile their gesture will be."

In addition, today, some current JACL members have brought up the argument that the resisters were pro-Japan. However, it states in part: "None of the boys have signed expatriation papers. They continue to express a willingness to enter the Army, if their concepts of equality of treatment and citizenship are fulfilled."

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 counseling others to violate the Selective Service Act.

Today, while the resisters welcome an apology from JACL, several have noted that true reconciliation could not happen unless JACL acknowledges their past activities, which not only affected the resisters' movement but the Nikkei community in general. A good place to start, according to them, is the publication of the 154-page "Lim Report."

This is not to say the resisters do not support the JACL of today. "There is a need for a good political representative organization for Japanese Americans and for all Asian Americans," said Kuromiya, a former JACL member who had contributed to Yasui's legal defense fund when Yasui's case was reopened during the 1980s. "I think JACL can fulfill that role than anything else existing right now." ■

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chance of winning their case and that it would only cause bad public relations with the general population.

In addition, he says he was told he was "naïve" and "unrealistic," and did not understand how crucial the future of the Japanese American community hinged upon how white society viewed the Nikkei.

Kuromiya continued disagreeing with the two men, saying he felt 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 agenda of trying to convict the leaders," said Kuromiya.

Masaoka/Yasui Report

Masaoka and Yasui, shortly after their visit with the Heart Mountain resisters, submitted a report titled, "Visit to Cheyenne County Jail." This report is available in the JACL archives and the National Archives. During the war, JACL sent a copy of this report to the FBI.

Wall Will Honor Japanese Canadians Removed From West Coast

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

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

graved onto the wall.

"It has taken over 50 years for our community to rebuild," said George Oikawa, NNHCS 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 provinces, 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 places for sharing culture in

Steveston, Kamloops, New Denver, Vernon, and re-opened language schools, churches and other meeting places. The building of the NNHCS is a vision 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 interested in coming to see the wall and to look for the names of their family members." ■

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By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Giant Panda Embryo Cloned

BEIJING—Scientists have taken a step toward the first-ever cloning of a giant panda by growing an embryo that contains a dead animal's genes—a development hailed as a possible breakthrough in efforts to save the endangered species.

Scientists from the government-funded Chinese Academy of Sciences grew the embryo by introducing cells from a dead female panda into the egg cells of a Japanese white rabbit, the Xinhua News Agency said.

The embryo was nurtured for 10 months and scientists are now trying to implant it in a host animal's uterus. Although they have cloned other large animals, this particular cloning has required repeated efforts, with many failed pregnancies.

Only about 1,000 pandas live in the wild, with another 100 in zoos. Experts have warned that the animal could become extinct in 25 years.

McDonald's to Sell Promo Hello Kittys

HONG KONG—Eight months after a McDonald's Snoopy toy promotion got so big that it spurred fast-food chains to launch a new campaign featuring popular cartoon character, Hello Kitty.

Last year's wildly successful campaign which featured a plastic Snoopy doll led to long lines, fights

and even inflated black market sales. The Snoopy dolls cost just 75 cents at McDonald's but private dealers were asking up to \$20. Some entrepreneurs traveled to China—where five Snoopy could be bought at a time—and returned to Hong Kong to sell them.

McDonald's spokeswoman, Mayme Tung said that the Hello Kitty dolls are the largest order of promotional toys purchased by the Hong Kong stores. The toys will sell for \$2.30 each with \$1.90 of food purchases.

Philippines to Promote Birth Control

MANILA, Philippines—The Philippine government has decided to actively promote birth control, including contraceptive use, to curb rapid growth of the country's population which could double in 25 years, Health Secretary Alberto Roa said.

Roa said that birth control services will be included in a package of health services the government will offer to families. This family planning program supports a policy made by the country's economic officials, encouraging Filipinos to limit family size.

The decision could revive a conflict with leaders of the dominant Catholic Church, who vigorously opposed previous attempts to encourage artificial birth control, such as condoms, birth control pills and intrauterine devices. But many church leaders say that a ban is needed to regulate the country's population growth.

President Joseph Estrada, who initially opposed family planning

but many of his cabinet members are in favor of it.

Where's the Beef?

TOKYO—Unusually hot beef steaks have been on the market in Japan since early 1997, the government announced.

A ministry industry report said that 30 dead cattle were found at four government and breeding centers over the past two years in an effort to raise previously superior cattle at a lower cost. At least 18 of those have been sold and marked in Tokyo grocery stores, which has caused several consumer groups to threaten a boycott if the meat is not introduced.

Ministry officials said that beef from cloned cows and that from cloned cows and their offspring should be sold separately.

The technique to produce the clones is a process called somatic cell nuclear transfer. The South Korean government is the world's first to market cloned Japanese steaks, but an embryonic call and inserted it into an egg whose nucleus has been removed. The two are fused by electric shock, then the egg is inserted into a cow's uterus where it develops into a calf and carries to term.

Cloned vegetables and fish have already been marketed and sold unmarked in Japan with little national debate over cloning ethics and safety.

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Ando, Yoshikazu George, 64, Los Angeles, June 30; San Francisco-born; survived by wife Esther Shinobu; son Ronald and wife Andrew; daughters Patricia Ando-Nakashima, Nadine and husband Mickey Shintaku; 5 g.; 3 ggc.

Aoki, Tneko, 69, San Jose, June 28; survived by husband Marvin H.; daughters Alice Kei Hopkins and husband David, Laura Miki Aoki Clark and husband Lance, Susan Naomi Aoki Clark and husband Craig; 3 g.; brother Koichi Fujima; sister Tamako Murakami.

Ariki, Kate K., 74, Las Vegas, May 23; Hood River, Ore.-born; survived by husband Joe and son Mark (both Las Vegas); daughter Sandy Fukunaga (Aurora, Colo.); brothers Mas Kyono (Oakland), Bill Kyono (San Francisco); Sus Kyono (Fremont), Ray Kyono (Yuba City); 2 g.

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

Fujikawa, William Masanori, 74, Ashland, Ore., June 12; Burbank-born WWII veteran; survived by wife Sachie; sons David (Walnut Creek, Calif.) (Escondido); brother Masao (Sacramento); sisters Fujie Kato (Solvang), Kay Yokoyama, (Newport Beach), Chizuko Sanford (Berkeley); 4 g.

Ichimura, Michael Yoshitaka, 73, San Carlos, June 24; survived by wife Lillian Yuriko; sons Russ and wife Bon (Kilauea, Maui), Tim and wife Wendy (Fremont), Scott and wife Nicole (Elk Grove); daughters Lynn Gillespie and husband Don (Wasilla, Alaska), Cindy Kosen and husband Steve (Bozeman City, La.); 9 g.; mother Asako (San Jose); predeceased by father Kakuzo Ichimaru, founder and former president 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 g.

Katayama, Teru, 98, Los Angeles, July 2; Kagoshima-born; survived by sons Shig and wife Hana, Arthur and wife Mie, Tetsuo and wife Tomiko; daughter Kinu Koga and husband George; 4 g.; 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 Kempeki (San Jose); sister June Welsh (Penn.); 1 g.

Nakamura, Tak Yutaka, 81, Pacoima, July 5; Glendale-born; survived by wife Harumi; sons Dennis, John and wife Ariene, David; daughter Carolyn Newby; 5 g.; brothers Paul and wife Susie, Masachi; sister Yaeiko Tanaka.

Nishikawa, Mollie Shigeiko, 65, Gardena, July 6; Acampo-born; survived by husband Toshio; daughters Susan Tuguchi and husband Dennis, Sharon Landry and husband Paul, Lori; 2 g.; brother John Fukumoto and wife Rosalie, Mutsu Fukumoto, Tom Fukumoto; sisters June Nimi, Masae Matsuno, Holly Fukano and husband Fred; brothers-in-law Noboru and wife Mary, Mas and wife Peggy, Kei and wife Linda; sisters-in-law Tomi Watari, Sue Fukuda and husband Ken, Sumayo Nishikawa.

Nishikawa, Marie S., 81, Chicago, June 21; Sacramento-born; survived by sons John and wife Carol, Frank; daughters Susan, Annabelle; 5 g.; 3 ggc.; brothers John and wife Helen, Fred and wife Matsue, Toshi, Kiyo; sister Sumiko.

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

Winters; survived by son Harvey and wife Tina; daughters JoAnn Sperlinki and husband John, Jane; 3 g.; brothers Mas Arit, Taky Nakamoto and wife Peggy; predeceased by parents Tokujiro and Masami Yasui; husband James; sister Kay Kato.

Okamoto, Sono, 92, Cypress, June 25; survived by wife Fusayo; daughters Joyce Seippel, Amy Taniguchi; 2 g.

Sasaki, Hisako, 66, Torrance, June 25; Tokyo-born; survived by sons Douglas and wife Ilka, Michael and wife Hissa, Gordon and wife Cecilia (Hawaii); daughter Kathleen Plummer and husband Gregg (Walnut Creek); 4 g.; 2 brothers, 2 sister (all Japan).

Sato, Makoto, 78, Seattle, services held June 24; survived by wife Sarah; son Gerard and wife Brenda, Richard and wife Anita, Stephen; 6 g.; sisters Hisako Tanishi, Tomiko Amemiya; predeceased by brother Tadashi.

Suzuki, Tokinori, 76, Foster City, July 5; Kagoshima prefecture-born; survived by wife Kei; sons Shuji and wife Takako, Katsuyoshi and wife Setsuko, Tsuneyoshi and wife Masami, Kazuori and wife Michiko; daughters Rikyoku Matsuyama and husband Tomoko, Riko Kawabata and husband Norihito; 16 g.; brother Norio and wife Ei (Japan).

Uda, Chiyeiko, 64, Sacramento, March 7; survived by husband Roy T., son Randy C. and wife Suzanne; daughters Rene Uda Fong and husband Elliott, Rochelle Uda-Quillen and husband Rodney; 8 g.; brother Kay Tanaka and wife Lois; sisters Kikuyo Makishima, Tano Ogawa, Yaye Higashiochi and husband George.

Yamagami, Glenn Masaru, 50, Los Angeles, July 15; survived by fiancée Cynthia Wong; brothers 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 VPW Nisei Post 8895. Was also a member of JACL, SJUMC and others. Preceded in death by wife Sue. Survived by daughters Kathie Lawrence and Wendy Notakuneh (Walter Akizawa), son Wesley Sakai, grandsons Anthony and Curtis Notakuneh, and Aayno Lawrence, sister and brothers Grace Tdane, Mary Ishii, Joe Iwata and Florence Iwata. Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 24 at the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church.

Letters to the Editor

Re: Draft Resisters

Mr. Gerald T. Horiuchi vigorously implies that there are no gradients of loyalty and patriotism (P.C. June 25-July 1). He is the true samurai and seems incapable of revelations, at least of the role of the 1943 draft resisters. He appears not to understand that they were necessary in the context of dissent, in the framework of American democracy 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, darkness of the future, and the knowing that our families and communities were essentially hostages.

Perhaps Mr. Horiuchi is aware that the 442 RCT club of Honolulu recently recognized the resisters as an important and vital part of the totality of that time. Furthermore, we should remember that the majority of Hawaiian 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 infantryman, all wars are unpopular and evil.

Eiji Sugawara
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 resisters.

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 proper place in society. As a result of our stand, the Heart Mountain resisters spent two years in a federal penitentiary.

The younger resisters like myself 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 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 bit of history has never been highly publicized and I hope this letter will present information that will help heal the rift within the Japanese American community.

Takashi Hoshigaki,
Ph.D.
Los Angeles

When I see our great President so piously laying a wreath to our honored veterans, it turns my stomach! All I can think of is his

lies and draft dodging!

I can understand conscientious objectors for their religious reasons 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 less. I 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 quickly fade away.

Tom H. Takahashi
442nd Veteran
Livermore, Calif.

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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 following the apology controversy

Resolution Introduced by Honda Deals With Japan's Wartime Atrocities

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victims is a just and commendable cause."

The national board voted to accept the staff report regarding 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 introduced by Assemblymember Honda follows:

WHEREAS, During World War II, the Governments of Japan and Germany flagrantly violated the Geneva and Hague Conventions and committed atrocious crimes against humanity; and

WHEREAS, The Government of Germany has formally apologized to the victims of the Holocaust and gone to great lengths to provide financial compensation to victims and to provide for their needs and recovery; 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 those crimes; and

WHEREAS, 33,587 members of the United States Armed Forces and 13,966 American civilians were captured by the Japanese military in the Pacific Theater during World War II, many of whom were current or former residents of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Many of the United States military and civilian prisoners of the Japanese military during World War II were confined in inhumane prison camps and subjected to forced labor and died unmen-

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 20,000 women; and

WHEREAS, The people of Guam and the Marshall Islands, during the Japanese occupation from 1941-1944, were subjected to unintentionable 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 Fort 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 Islands, 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 prisoners, including many Californians, believed to have been held at Mukden, Manchuria, died during the first winter of their imprisonment and many of the 300 living survivors of Mukden

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

WHEREAS, The Japanese military enslaved millions of Koreans, Chinese, Filipinos, and citizens from other occupied 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 organization (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 "comfort 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-Pacific District of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the board approved a resolution, cosponsored by the Florin, Golden Gate, and Sequoia JACL Chapters, that supported reparations for, and

a clear apology to, the innocent civilian victims of Japan's wartime atrocities; and

WHEREAS, At the March 1999 meeting of the Sacramento Jewish Community Relations Council, a service of the Sacramento Jewish Federation, the council approved a resolution supporting reparations for, and a clear apology to, the innocent civilian victims of Japan's wartime atrocities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED By the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California urges the Government of Japan to do both of the following:

1) Formally issue a clear and unambiguous apology for the atrocious war crimes committed by the Japanese military during World War II.

2) Immediately pay reparations 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

sexual slavery and known by the Japanese military as "comfort women"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislature 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 victims of its war crimes during World War II; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That the Legislature 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 Government 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 Speaker of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each California Member of the Senate and the United States House of Representatives. ■

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