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TV 'Whitewashing' Concern on the Rise

By STEVEN TANAMACHI
Special to the Pacific Citizen

The television viewer who is hoping to see more Asian American faces in the fall line-up will be sorely disappointed.

One such individual is Daniel M. Mayeda, vice president/legal counsel for East West Players theater company in Los Angeles. Mayeda is not a concerned couch potato, but an inspired activist for the promotion of getting more ethnic and racial minorities on television.

On Aug. 13, he began circulating a mass e-mail which voiced his concern over the alleged "whitewashing" of the four major networks (ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox). When the networks recently announced their new shows in the fall line-up, there were no non-white leading characters.

"A lot of people are concerned, unhappy, frustrated," Mayeda said about the lack of minorities on TV. "We're tired of hearing network folks tell us they hear us but things don't get better, but worse."

The electronic statement makes three demands of the networks. The first is for a policy that actors of an ethnic minority be more commonly cast in roles that are not racially or ethnically specific. The second demand is that more people be hired who "exemplify diversity and who are

interested in integrating new perspectives in programming." The third is an urging that advertisers air their commercials only in conjunction with programs that reflect the nature of their goods and services.

Advocates of this electronic statement are asked to respond to him. Within a week, Mayeda had already received over 500 messages of support for the statement, which was written with the assistance of Ken Narasaki and Tim Dang of East West Players, Guy Aoki of Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANAA) and others who shared similar concern.

"Many people are writing essays of their own," Mayeda said. "It's really tapped a chord in the community."

One point in the statement is the effect TV programs can have on juvenile viewers' psyche. According to a study conducted in 1998, children most often associate white characters with wealth, education and achievement while ethnic minority characters are largely associated with being low income, law-breaking and "acting goofy."

Mayeda said he has been interested in the portrayal of AAs in the media since elementary school and is dumbfounded that not much has changed since

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Toys R Us CEO Nakasone Resigns

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK—Toys R Us Inc. chief executive officer Robert Nakasone, 51, abruptly resigned Aug. 26, effective immediately.

The Paramus, N.J.-based company named chairman Michael Goldstein as acting chief executive. Goldstein formerly served as the company's CEO.

Goldstein said in a statement that Nakasone's decision was based on "differing views regarding the direction of the company."

"All I want to say is it's amicable," Goldstein said in an interview. Nakasone has not said what he plans for his future, Goldstein added.

Nakasone was born in Chicago, where his Seattle-born parents settled after being released from the Minidoka, Idaho, World War II internment camp for

Americans of Japanese ancestry.

He grew up in California's San Fernando Valley, graduated from Verdugo Hills High School, then earned a bachelor of science degree in economics from Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, Calif., and an MBA from the University of Chicago Business School.

He worked for Osco Drugs and Jewel Foods Stores, then accepted the Toys R Us offer to join them as president in 1995.

With Nakasone as president, the toy store group expanded its operations internationally, including stores in Canada, Europe and the Far East, in January 1993, U.S. President George Bush cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony of the Toys R Us store in Japan.

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CCDC Rejects Nat'l JACL's Reconciliation Resolution With Resisters of Conscience

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

MERCED, Calif.—The long-running controversy over whether national JACL should apologize to the Nikkei resisters of conscience has come to a close, at least for now.

The Central California District Council (CCDC) of JACL at their third quarterly meeting held at Merced Community College on Aug. 29, rejected the national JACL resolution which

September to conduct a second vote. She was unsure how their district will vote but noted that three of the six chapters were adamantly opposed to the resolution.

Cary-Jeanne Murakami-Houch, MPDC governor, could not be reached for comment by press time but at the Utah tri-district conference in July, she had indicated that MPDC planned to introduce a separate resolution that would address the constitutional rights issue

that it was necessary for Japanese Americans to prove their loyalty to America if they hoped to be accepted into American society after the end of World War II.

"I believe this move by the Heart Mountain resisters was entirely uncalled for ... It was not the time and not the place for that kind of move. This was wartime, and wartime ignores a lot of so-called constitutional rights."

"We knew we had to get back into American society after the war and to get back into American society meant we should cooperate with this country in the war against Japan because Japan at the time was the enemy. By cooperation, I mean we should forget, for the time being, our constitutional rights."

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—Fred Hirasuna



that the resisters had taken up. If national JACL accepts MPDC's resolution, the entire voting process would begin again.

CCDC's decision on the national resolution followed a 30-minute discussion session where members and guests were allowed five minutes each to air their opinions. Other than a push by Fred Hirasuna, a Fresno chapter member, to extend each speaker's time period, the discussion ran smoothly.

Within CCDC, Hirasuna, 91, has been the most outspoken critic of any attempts to apologize to the resisters. He argued that it was within the United States government's right to suspend the constitutional rights of its citizens during times of war and

rights." Shim Hiraoka, a 442nd veteran and non-JACL member who spoke as a guest of Hirasuna, felt that the efforts of the resisters were pointless, saying all legal test cases prior to the resistance movement had failed and that "there was nothing to fight about — we had no constitutional rights."

Hiraoka urged JACL to remain steadfast in their original position or if compelled to pass a resolution, to cite the resisters as a "group of principled Americans who made the wrong decision at the time."

But Izumi "Izzy" Taniguchi, also a Fresno chapter member

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APAs Unite Nationally to Condemn Hate Crimes, Mourn Death of Ito

All across the United States, individuals and community organizations, including the JACL, joined together for national days of remembrances, conducted between Aug. 26-31, to speak out against hate crimes and to mourn the death of Joseph Santos Ito, the most recent Asian Pacific American to fall victim to a hate crime.

Ito, a Filipino American mail carrier in Southern California, was gunned down on Aug. 10 by Buford O. Furrow, Jr., a white supremacist who had made statements to arresting law officers that he had shot Ito simply because he was non-white and a government employee. Minutes before killing Ito, Furrow had fired shots at the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Los Angeles County, wounding five people.

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno joined the Ito family at a rally held on Aug. 28 in Southern California where the shooting

took place. The event also included California state Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa, Jeffrey Rouse from the North Valley Jewish Community Center, Joe Hicks from the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission and Karen Narasaki with the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium.

In recent months, APAs have fallen victim to several other high profile hate crimes including the murders of Won Joon Yoon, a Korean American graduate student who was gunned down in front of his church in Illinois; Naoki Kamijima, a Japanese American shop owner shot to death in Chicago; Mukesh Patel and Kanu Patel, two South Asian immigrants who were killed while working at a Dunkin' Donuts store in Maryland.

The National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA), an umbrella civil rights advocacy group, condemned these acts of hate and urged the swift passage

of the federal Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA).

"The disturbingly high number of deaths caused by bias violence over the past few months alone illustrates the need for the U.S. House of Representatives to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act quickly and unanimously when they return in September," said Lori Fujimoto, JACL's national vice president of public affairs and NCAPA board member.

Guy Fujimura, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance national president, also called for the quick passage of HCPA. "The passage of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act would send a strong message that hate-motivated crimes will not be tolerated and will be seriously prosecuted under federal law," said Fujimura. "All Americans should stand together at this crucial time so that tragedies such as the slaying of brother Ito do not happen

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National

NATIONAL BOARD

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 8-10—National Board Meeting, JACL Headquarters, San Francisco.

NATIONAL SINGLES

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, 415/373-3340; Gale Kondo, 415/337-9981; Web site: <http://home.stead.com/99nconv>.

Eastern

WASHINGTON

Sat., Sept. 11—Kero Kai Respect for the Elders Day, Potluck Dinner, 5 p.m.; Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Md. RSVP: Laura Nakatani, 701/519-9378.
Fri., Oct. 22—National Japanese American Memorial groundbreaking.
Info: NJAMF, 202/861-8845; fax 202/861-8848; e-mail: NJAMF@erols.com; www.njamf.org.

Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 24-26—District Council Meeting, Quality Inn, Plymouth, Michigan. Friday Night Mixer, 7:10 p.m.

CLEVELAND

Sun., Sept. 12—1999 Community Picnic; see Community Calendar. Info: Bill Sadatoki.

TWIN CITIES

Sun., Sept. 12—Headwaters Fund

Walk for Justice, 1 p.m. Sign-up, donation, info: Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, 612/25-2429.

Sun., Sept. 12—Akimatsuri; Normandale Community College.

Mountain Plains

NEW MEXICO

Sat., Sept. 26—Akimatsuri Potluck; setup 10 a.m., festivities 12 noon-5 p.m.; Courtyard of the Japanese Kitchen, 6521 Americas Pkwy. N.E.; dance, kendo, judo, karate, taiko, bunsai, ikebana, silent auction, raffle, arts & crafts, more. Info: Taty, 296-2392, Patti Fitzwater, 292-6319.

Pacific Northwest

LAKE WASHINGTON

Wed., Sept. 15—Lake Washington chapter-sponsored concert; see Community Calendar.

SEATTLE

Sat., Sept. 18—Fund-raising Fashion Show—see Community Calendar.

NC-WN-Pacific

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun., Nov. 7—District Council Meeting, Sacramento; special programs: Hate Crimes Workshop and introduction of Gov. Davis' Asian American appointees.

FLORIDA

Sat., Sept. 11—Florin JACL 9th Annual Women's Day Forum; "Beyond the Picture Brides," 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; CSU Sacramento, 6000 J St., Japanese American Archival Collection Library, South Reading Room. Info: 916/422-2273, 916/427-6397, 916/422-8252.

RENO

Sun., Sept. 19—Fish Fry.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat., Sept. 12—Workday at the National AIDS Memorial Grove, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., east end of Golden Gate Park; sponsored by San Francisco chapter JACL. Info: John Handa,

Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S. Info: 206/623-5124.

COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

ATLANTA

Through Nov. 5—Exhibit Openings, "America's Concentration Camps: Remembering the Japanese American Experience," and "Witness: Our Brothers' Keepers"; The William Brewster Jewish Heritage Museum, 1440 Spring St. NW; both exhibits developed by the Japanese American National Museum. Info: hours: 404/873-1661.

The Midwest

CLEVELAND

Sun., Sept. 12—1999 Community Picnic, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Brushwood Shelter, Furnace Run Park, Summit County Metropolitan Parks. Info: John Ochi, 440/442-6211.

INDIANAPOLIS

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 17-19—Indianapolis Golf Caper; housing at Hampton Inn. Info: Chuck Matsumoto, 317/868-8505.

Intermountain

OGDEN, UTAH

Sat., Oct. 23—Box Elder County Japanese American Reunion; 9 a.m. registration; Marriott Hotel, 247 24th St.; breakfast buffet, raffles, door prizes, silent auction, Sane/Yousei poster contest, photo exhibits, taiko, entertainment, karaoke. Info: Bonnie Shires, 435/257-2139 or Frank Nishiguchi, 435/458-3737.

Pacific Northwest

BELLEVUE, WASH.

Wed., Sept. 15—Eastside Nihon Matsuri concert, "Conversations with the Moon," with shakuhachi master/composer John Kaizan Neptune and guitarist Takao Nao; Theater at Meydenbauer Center. Info: 425/861-9109; www.ENMA.org.

PORTLAND

Sun., Sept. 26—Fujinami-kai Fall performance, 1-3 p.m.; World Trade Center Auditorium. Info: Barbara Uyesugi, 503/282-2094.

SEATTLE

Sat., Sept. 18—Anne Namba Fashion Show and Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.; Asian Resource Center, 1025 S. King St.; unique creations using old kimono fabric. Tickets: 206/623-5088.

Through April 2000—Exhibit, "A Different Battle: Stories of Asian Pacific American Veterans"; Wing Luke Asian

415/282-8803.

Sun., Oct. 10—Golf tournament fund raiser; Skyview Golf Course, Hayward; sponsors and donors needed. Info: Vince Asai, 650/349-3590.

Central California

FRESNO

Sun., Sept. 19 (date correction)—Shinzen Run, Fresno; to benefit Woodward Park's Shinzen Gardens and the Central Calif. Nikkei Foundation. Sponsors wanted; call Bobbi Hanada, 559/434-1662; registration forms; Patricia Tsai Tom, 559/486-6815.

Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat., Sept. 18—PSW District Awards Dinner, Torrance; public is welcome—see Community Calendar. RSVP: 213/626-4471.

LAS VEGAS

Fri., Sept. 11 or 17—Fund-raising for PBS Channel 10, 8 p.m. Volunteers needed; call Lillian, 702/734-0508.

WEST LOS ANGELES
Sun., Sept. 12—Aki Matsuri; see Community Calendar. Info: Jean Ushijima, 310/390-6914. ■

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Center. Translation provided. Info: Karen Chomori Uyesawa, 213/894-3235.

Northern California

BERKELEY

Sun., Sept. 12—18th Asian American Jazz Festival, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Trustees' Auditorium, Asian Art Museum; performing Duke Ellington's Far East Suite. Tickets: 1-877-243-3774 toll free.

PACIFIC GROVE

Thurs.-Sun., Sept. 9-12—1999 Yuki Teikeru Haiku Retreat, Asilomar; walk, write, reflect, attend workshops; featuring Sosuke Kanda from Kyoto, Violet Kaze de Cristoforo, Kyoko Yokumoto; excursion to Big Sur with Claire Gallagher; Noh performance by Ellen Brooks; \$145/night, \$300/3 nights. RSVP: Mary Hill, 413 Ferne, Palo Alto, CA 94306; www.yukiteikei.org.

Sat., Sept. 4—12th Annual Asian Community Nursing Home fund-raising event, 6 p.m.; Ellis Lodge, 6446 Riverside Blvd.; Asian buffet, entertainment, dancing, art display. Tickets: 916/393-9026.

Sat., Sept. 11—Florin JACL 9th Annual Women's Day Forum, "Beyond the Picture Brides," 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; CSU Sacramento, 6000 J St., Japanese American Archival Collection Library, South Reading Room. Info: 916/422-2273, 916/427-6397, 916/422-8252.

SAN MATEO

Sun., Sept. 5—Kabuki Group film showing, "Sagi Musume" and "Yoshinogawa," 1:30 p.m.; brown bag lunch is recommended. San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Info: 415/343-2793.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

Wed., Sept. 8—Discussion and book signing, "Tokyo Underworld" with author Robert Whiting, 6:30-8 p.m.; Holiday Inn Torrance, 18800 S. Vermont Ave.; RSVP: Sept. 6; Japan American Society, 213/627-6217 ext. 17.

Sun., Sept. 11—Slide Show and Discussion on early 20th century Issei Marga (Japanese comic book) by authority Frederik L. Schodt, 1 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. RSVP: 213/625-0414.

Sat., Sept. 11—Annual Law Day program, 1-3 p.m.; Ken Nakakita Community Center, 1700 W. 162nd St., Gardena; sponsored by Gardena Pioneer Project, Japanese American Bar Association, Gardena Senior Citizens' Bureau, Asian Pacific American Legal

Center. Translation provided. Info: Karen Chomori Uyesawa, 213/894-3235.

Sun., Sept. 12—Aki Matsuri; 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr., West L.A.; designer clothing, jewelry, hand-made stationery, cookbooks, food, books for adults & children. Info: Jean Ushijima, 310/290-6914.

Sun., Sept. 12—Little Tokyo Walking Tour, 2 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. RSVP: 213/625-0414.

Sun., Sept. 12—Discussion & book signing, "Japanese Style Gardens of the Pacific West Coast" with author Dr. Kendall Brown, Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena; RSVP by Sept. 8; Japan American Society, 213/627-6217 ext. 17.

Mon., Sept. 13—Discussion & book signing, "A Gesture Life" with author Chang-Rae Lee, 7:30-9 p.m., Dutton's Brentwood Books, 11975 San Vicente Blvd. RSVP by Sept. 10; Japan American Society, 213/627-6217 ext. 17.

Sat., Sept. 18—PSW District Awards Dinner; 6 p.m. silent auction, 7 p.m. dinner; Norman Y. Mineta, speaker, Channel 7's David Ono, M.C.; Torrance Marriott Hotel, 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance. Tickets \$85; RSVP: 213/626-4471.

SAN DIEGO

Sun., Sept. 5—49th Annual Church Bazaar; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Ocean View United Church of Christ, 3541 Ocean View Blvd.; food, baked goods, koto, kendo, ikebana, games, drawing, plants/products/flowers, crafts, more. Info: 619/233-3620.

Arizona - Nevada

RENO

Thurs.-Sat., Sept. 23-25—Great Basin Book Festival; Mas Masumoto and author of "Epitaph for a Peach" and "Harvest Son: Planting Roots in American Soil" to speak at Harrah's on Sept. 24. Info: Nevada Humanities Committee, 775/784-6587. ■

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Nat'l JACL Will Attend Hate Crime Symposium

SAN FRANCISCO—The national JACL applauded the initiative by the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Eastern District to hold the first Western Regional Hate-Crimes Symposium, to be held Sept. 13-15 at the Hilton Hotel in Sacramento.

"With the recent escalation of hate crime violence, U.S. Attorney Paul Seave is undertaking a hate crimes training symposium for law enforcement, prosecutors, educators and community leaders," said Lori Fujimoto, national JACL vice president. "The symposium will include presentations on the critical element of effective coordination and communication between law enforcement and community leaders to address hate crimes. Seave will be exhibiting best practices with investigators, prosecutors and community leaders from Jasper, Texas, Laramie, Wyo. and Little

ton, Colo."

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno will open the symposium. "Both Attorney General Janet Reno and Acting Assistant Attorney General Bill Linn are displaying courageous leadership in addressing the recent rage of hate violence. It is clear that hate crimes are a top priority with the Department of Justice," said Helen Kawaguchi, national president. "I encourage our JACL chapter leaders and all community leaders to attend U.S. Attorney Paul Seave's symposium and acquire the tools to combat heinous hate crimes."

Other workshops will include hate on the Internet, victim survival through prosecution, victim trauma after an incident and many more. Contact 916/278-4960 or 800/858-7743 for more information. ■

Intelligence Officer Quits, Attacks IG Report

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—An Energy Department intelligence officer who raised suspicions of Chinese espionage at Los Alamos National Laboratory has resigned after an internal report did not back up his assertions.

Notra Trulock, the department's deputy director of intelligence, attacked a report by the agency's inspector general that failed to support him and to hold Clinton administration officials liable for security failures, the *Washington Post* and *New York Times* reported in their Aug. 24 editions.

Department spokeswoman Brooke Anderson issued a statement saying Secretary Bill Richardson was disappointed by Trulock's decision but added Richardson stands by the findings of the inspector general's report.

Trulock had come under criticism as two government reports and other intelligence and security officials questioned whether he should have made Wen Ho Lee, the prime espionage suspect. Others participating in the investigation have said they believe Trulock and the FBI singled out Lee mainly because of his ethnicity. Lee, a Taiwanese-born nuclear physicist and U.S. citizen, has denied the espionage allegations and has not been charged with any crime.

At least three other Energy Department employees have filed grievances against Trulock for alleged discrimination.

Trulock was demoted to deputy director last year after serving as the Energy Department's intelligence director for four years. In the *Post* interview, Trulock denied focusing on Lee because he was Chinese. ■

California Gov. Davis Announces Panel to Combat 'Hate Groups'

SACRAMENTO—Gov. Gray Davis on Aug. 26 named former U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and former Gov. George Deukmejian to head a blue ribbon committee that will conduct a comprehensive study of current and potential laws relating to combating "hate groups" and paramilitary organizations operating in California.

"Hate groups that preach intolerance and transform their venom into violence are a threat to civilized society," Davis said. "The proliferation of these groups, especially those with paramilitary intentions, strikes at the heart of this state's ideals."

"I am asking Secretary Christopher and Governor Deukmejian to suggest ways the state can lawfully curtail the unlawful acts of these dangerous bigots."

In a mission statement for the panel, the governor said: "Groups, associations and organizations whose principal activities or purposes are to foster hatred or incite violent acts towards any segment of the population are a danger to our society."

"This danger is most critical when such hate groups actually act out, or incite others to act out, their hatred with violence on ethnic minorities, racial or religious groups, people of a specific gender or sexual orientation, or towards other segments of our population."

"The vile rhetoric of these hate groups may also incite violent acts against law enforcement officers, the judiciary, civic and

government officials."

Davis' directive calls on Christopher and Deukmejian to conduct a comprehensive study and prepare a report that examines existing laws relating to possible criminal or civil liability of hate groups, their leaders and members.

It also asks Christopher and Deukmejian to look at laws that



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could be enacted or implemented, within the constraints of the constitution, to minimize or eliminate entirely the harm done by the hate groups.

"I am very pleased that Governor Deukmejian and former Secretary of State Christopher have agreed to head up the effort of this extraordinarily important panel," continued Davis.

Both Christopher and Deukmejian are authorized to seek the advice of any experts in constitutional law, law enforcement or any other relevant field that they deem necessary to complete their study.

Davis also announced that

Stanford University Law School Dean Kathleen Sullivan, a renowned constitutional scholar, has agreed to serve on the committee.

Other committee members will be named in the coming weeks.

In addition, Davis announced the establishment of a civil rights Internet site by the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH).

DFEH is the civil rights agency for the State of California. Its responsibilities are to accept, investigate, conciliate and litigate complaints of discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations and bias-related hate violence.

The department enforces the Fair Employment and Housing Act, the Unruh Civil Rights Act and the Ralph Civil Rights Act. The Ralph Civil Rights Act provides protection from hate crimes. It prohibits violence or threats of violence based on race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, political affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, or position in a labor dispute.

The DFEH Web site contains information about the laws enforced by DFEH, the complaint process, office locations, how to file a complaint, pre-complaint questionnaires, DFEH's most frequently asked questions, procedures for obtaining DFEH publication, and employment opportunity bulletins.

DFEH's Web site is located at <www.dfeh.ca.gov>.

DFEH also has a toll-free number, 800/684-1684. ■

By Susan Chien Staff
and Associated Press

Racial Attack Prompts Civil Rights Complaint

BRUNSWICK, Maine—The state attorney general's office is bringing civil rights complaints against two white men charged with assaulting two men of Vietnamese descent in an Aug. 1 brawl outside a convenience store.

During the incident, one of the victims was kicked, spat upon and had bottles thrown at him while he was unconscious, the complaint said. Meanwhile, a group of about 40 people gathered, several yelling racial taunts to the victims and encouragement to the alleged assailants.

The attorney general's office contends Ryan Swinn, 24, of Topsham, and some friends instigated the attack in the convenience store parking lot by taunting a man with racial slurs while his wife sat in a car. Another man was attacked after leaving the convenience store.

Swinn and Richard Douglas Flynn, 20, of Bowdoin, were arrested and charged with assault.

Illegal Tiger Bone Sold In Chinatown

NEW YORK—Despite a ban on the import and sale of tiger bone products, medicines claiming to contain the illegal substance remain widely available in stores in Chinatown.

Among the most common products being sold are Ginseng Antler Tiger Bone Pills and Li Shih Brand Tiger Bone Pills, said to treat arthritis, rheumatism and other ailments. More than 150,000 over-

the-counter traditional Chinese medicines claiming to contain parts from critically endangered species are sold in the United States each year, according to a 1996-1997 study by the World Wildlife Fund, the Wildlife Conservation Society and the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

The world's tiger population has been cut by 95 percent since the turn of the century, and a quarter of wild tigers have been killed in the last decade to support the black market trade in tiger products, reported the WWF.

Legislation passed this year meant to slow or reverse the decline of the 6,000 tigers left in the wild imposes up to \$10,000 in fines and six months in prison for importers or sellers of products claiming to contain tiger. Previous legislation only banned products scientifically proven to contain tiger bone, making violations much more difficult and expensive to prosecute.

However, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says that it doesn't have enough resources to stop the brisk trade of such products.

Cemetery Tracks Earliest St. Louis Chinese Community

ST. LOUIS—In the city's Valhalla Cemetery lie about 100 graves and granite tombstones engraved in Chinese calligraphy, evidence of a century-and-a-half-old Chinese community that had emigrated to St. Louis as early as the mid-1800s.

The oldest stones tell the story of several men who came from villages in the Guangdong province to work as laborers on the Trans-Continental Railroad, said University of Hawaii an-

thropology professor and St. Louis native, Fred Blake. While white Americans were moving west hoping to find prosperity, the Chinese were moving east, he said.

Through the early 1900s, some Chinese were able to move their families to the area but could only open laundries and restaurants. Most were poor and targets of discrimination. The local Chinatown, also known as "Hop Alley," was the hub of that population during the first half of the century.

Today, fewer Chinese Americans are burying their loved ones in Valhalla Cemetery because they lack historical ties to the first St. Louis Chinese, although there are still some like Wing Leong, 74, and James Leong, 75, who have parents and family buried there.

Bataan Survivors May Get Chance to Sue

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Minnesotans who survived the Bataan Death March in World War II may get a chance to sue for compensation for the suffering they endured as slave laborers in Japan.

Sen. Jim Metzger, chairman of the Minnesota Senate Governmental Operations and Veterans Affairs Committee, plans to review a California law that allows lawsuits against companies that benefited from slave labor and will consider introducing similar legislation in Minnesota. He stressed a sense of urgency because the claimants are elderly.

The California law focuses on victims of Nazi persecution during WWII, but it extends to allies of the German regime, including Japan, and has triggered a law-

suit by a retired California professor who, like the remaining men of the Minnesota National Guard's 194th Tank Battalion, was forced to work in coal mines operated by Mitsui & Co. Ltd.

After the Japanese attacked the Philippines during the war, they pushed U.S. forces onto the Bataan Peninsula of the island of Luzon. They then captured Bataan and thousands of Americans, including about 80 members of the 194th Tank Battalion's A Company.

Japanese soldiers then took 10,000 Americans and an estimated 27,000 Philippine soldiers with them on the brutal 90-mile Bataan Death March. When it ended, nearly 17,000 men had died. Five of the survivors currently live in Minnesota.

Neo-Nazi Cancel Labor Day March Plans

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho—The white supremacy group Aryan Nations has canceled a planned Labor Day weekend march scheduled for Sept. 4.

Richard Butler, founder of the neo-Nazi sect Aryan Nations, said in a prepared statement, "In view of the tragedy that has occurred in Los Angeles and the attempt of various media to link Butler's group to our church, we feel it would be unwise to host a march at this time."

Furrow, a former Aryan Nations security guard, is charged with murder and attempted murder stemming from the Aug. 10 fatal shooting of Filipino American postman Joseph S. Ito and wounding of five people at the Jewish Community Center in Los Angeles.

The Aryan Nations is the political arm of Butler's Church of Je-

sus Christ-Christian, a Christian Identity sect that promotes anti-Semitism and racial separation.

An earlier July 10 Aryan march was cut short by human rights demonstrators who sat in the middle of the city's main street, forcing the Aryans to take a detour to finish their parade. Butler then applied for a permit "to finish the parade aborted by police due to anti-Christian protesters." The permit was granted for the Sept. 4 march.

Upon hearing of its cancellation, however, Mayor Steve Judy said, "We're glad they're not going to be marching in our streets."

World's Deepest-Diving Sub Visits Hawaii

HONOLULU—A Japanese submarine touted as the world's deepest-diving manned submersible is in Hawaiian waters for a research project.

The Shinkai 6500 will be used to study landslides on the ocean floor around the islands. University of Hawaii geologist Julia Morgan said.

Major areas of study include giant debris fields northeast of Oahu. They were caused by a Nuanetsi Palu landslide that dates back more than one million years. The submersible, which can reach a depth of 18,000 feet (5,400 meters), will also be used to study hydrothermal vents on Kilauea, the underwater volcano of the Big Island, Morgan said.

About 30 dives are to be completed by Sept. 24, sponsored by the Japan Marine Science and Technology Center, with help from University of Hawaii and U.S. Geological Survey researchers and Japanese scientists. ■

New Book on UCLA's Historical Treasure: Japanese American Research Project Collection

The UCLA Asian American Studies Center announced the release of a new book which documents the extensive historical archive of primary resource materials on Japanese immigration history and the Japanese American experience of the UCLA Japanese American Research Project (JARP) collection. The archive, which was initiated in 1962, is the largest and most significant one on the JA experience in the world.

UCLA historian Yuji Ichioka and doctoral student Eiichiro Azuma compiled the 156-page work, "A Buried Past II: A Sequel to the Annotated Bibliography of the Japanese American Research Project Collection, 1973-1998." It provides detailed descriptions of personal and family papers, Japanese vernacular newspapers, organization records, and other materials that have been added to the JARP collection during the past 25 years. The development of the collection has been part of the research mission of the UCLA AA Studies Center, which was founded in 1969.

According to Dan Nakamichi, the director of the AA Studies Center, Ichioka deserves full credit for developing the archive. "Professor Ichioka, who is clearly the preeminent scholar on Japanese immigration history, has provided extraordinary intellectual leadership, vision, and commitment to this wonderful collection. It will rank as one of the most enduring and influential scholarly achievements of the

field of Asian American Studies."

The materials of the JARP collection, which are used continuously by researchers, students, writers, and interested members of the general public from across the nation and around the world, can be requested and viewed at UCLA's Department of Special Collection, which is located at the Charles E. Young Research Library at the university. The collection has provided historical information for hundreds of scholarly and popular books, articles, dissertations, theses, films and exhibits since its establishment in 1962.

The extensive collection, which has over 707 document boxes, over 500 oral history tapes and 23 record carts — totaling 338 linear feet — is physically housed at the Southern Regional Library Facility (SRLF), an on-campus, state-of-the-art, 220,000-square-foot shelving and storage structure.

Among the over 100 personal and family papers in the JARP collection are those of San Francisco community leaders Kiyutaro and Yonako Akiko, labor activist Karl Yoneda, civil rights advocate Edwina Uno, Issei poet Akira Tagawa, researcher Charles Kikuchi, Kibei writer Akira Fujita, and businessman Yoneo Arai.

A large collection of paintings and other art works which were created during the World War II incarceration of JAs are also part of the JARP collection. Many of these works were used in a pioneering

exhibit of concentration camp art titled, "Views From Within," which was developed by the UCLA AA Studies Center and the JA National Museum. Paintings by Estelle Ishigo, a Caucasian woman who was incarcerated during WWII with her JA husband, were used in the Academy-award winning documentary, "Days of Waiting," by Steven Okazaki.

In recent years, the UCLA AA Studies Center has acquired other major archival collections, including those of the East-West Players, the oldest AA theater group in the United States; the extensive personal papers of New York human rights leader Yuri Kichiyama; the Hei Sop Chin and Hyung-ju Ahn collections on Korean Americans; the Curtis Choy Film and Video Collection; and the Asian American Movement Collection of Steve Louie of San Francisco.

"A Buried Past II" is available for \$20 (plus shipping) and handling of \$3 for the first copy and \$1 for each additional copy plus sales tax (8.25 percent Los Angeles County residents; 7.75 percent for California residents). Special bulk order prices also are available. Make checks payable to the "UC Regents," and send to UCLA Asian American Studies Center Press, 3230 Campbell Hall, P.O. Box 951546, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1546.

For more information, please call 310/825-2968, 825-2974, or e-mail ku@ucla.edu. ■

JACL Awards Dinner Honors Community, Organizational Heroes

The JACL Pacific Southwest District's annual awards dinner on September 18 will honor several people for their contributions to the community and celebrate JACL's 70th anniversary as a civil and human rights organization. The keynote speaker is former United States Congressman Norman Y. Mineta.

• Between the two of them, George and Toy Kanagaki have led decades worth of functions in the West Los Angeles Japanese American community and between them served the West Los Angeles JACL chapter for seven presidential terms.

• Before her recent passing, Frances Kitagawa was a charter member of the Venice Culver JACL chapter and worked closely with many of the JACL's leaders over the years, served her chapter and supported the senior lunch program at the Venice Japanese Community Center.

• Judge Robert Takasugi testified for the successful repeal of Title II of the Emergency Detention Act and legally analyzed the U.S. Supreme Court decisions on the exclusion cases. He has also been honored repeatedly as a district judge in the U.S. District Court, Central District of California.

• George Takei's contributions

to the community and his visibility as a positive media image for Asian Americans has drawn attention to the many needs and concerns of the community. His leadership has benefitted the various organizational boards on which he serves.

• A well-known local pediatrician, Dr. James Yamazaki has also spent a lifetime studying the effects of radiation from atomic bombs. He received the Third Order of the Sacred Treasure, the highest award given to a foreigner by the Japanese Government.

• Mable Yoshizaki was active in the JACL for several decades. She received this posthumous award for her years as a board member of Little Tokyo Towers, Nisei Week Festival's Queen's chairperson, and Assistant State Director for AARP.

Dinner proceeds will support the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation which will establish a memorial in Washington, D.C., honoring JA patriotism during World War II. Proceeds will also assist in JACL's efforts to recruit and train young AAs to become future community leaders.

Tickets are \$85 for the general public. For more information or to reserve tickets, please contact the JACL office at 213/626-4471. ■

Eden Township JACL Awards Scholarships

The 1999 Eden Township JACL scholarship awards were presented at an awards dinner with chapter scholarship chairman, Bob Sakai, presiding.

The recipients were Lori Taniguchi from Mt. Eden High School, daughter of Gary and Teresa Taniguchi, the Eden JACL award; Jason Wong from Alameda High School, the Eden Japanese Community Center; Tan, Kitayama Jr. Memorial awards; Dan

Fukuchi, Alameda High School, son of Ron and Bev Fukuchi, the California Trust & Bank-Hayward Branch and the Union Bank-San Leandro Branch awards.

Christine Kawabata, San Lorenzo High School, daughter of Gary and Nancy Kawabata, was the recipient of the extracurricular chapter/community award.

Guest speaker for the event was Dr. Dale Shimasaki. ■

Silicon Valley Holds Fund-raiser for NJAMF

By JUDY NIZAWA
Special to the Pacific Citizen

Nearly 400 people found their way to host city San Jose recently to attend a fund-raising event which raised approximately \$263,000 for the National Japanese American Memorial to be built in Washington, D.C.

Members of the foundation came from all points of the country to meet. Those who attended the dinner included: William Marutani, chairman emeritus (Media, Pa.), retired Rear Admiral Melvin Chigogji, chairman (Silver Springs, Md.), Ray Murakami, secretary (Washington, D.C.), Mike Shimizu, treasurer (Culver City, Calif.), Tomio Morikuchi (Seattle), Shiro Shiraga (Chicago), Henry Datz (Rye, N.Y.), Harry Fukuhara (San Jose), Bill Hosokawa (Denver), Phil Ishio (Silver Springs, Md.), Kelly Koyama (D.C.), Norman Mineta (Va.), Jun Mori (L.A.), James Mukoyama (Chicago), Don Nakamichi (L.A.), Peter Okada (Kirkwood, Wash.), Kaz Oishi (Banning, Calif.), Dennis Otsubi (San Diego), Robert Sakata (Denver), Mae Takahashi (Fresno), Rita Takahashi (Berkeley), Karen Tani (Carlsbad, Calif.), Paul Terasaki (L.A.), Elizabeth Yamada (San Diego), Yosh Uchida (Saratoga, Calif.) and Grant Ujifusa (Chappaqua, N.Y.).

Roger Minami (Santa Maria, Calif.) coordinated the San Jose fund-raising event. He received cross-generational support from both the honorary and working committees of local supporters. The honorary co-chairs were retired Col. Harry Fukuhara and veteran and businessman Yosh Uchida.

Veterans besides Fukuhara and

Uchida serving on the honorary dinner committee included: Sam Araki, George Hinoiki, Ken Iwakagi, Hon. Wayne Kanemoto, Hon. Norman Y. Mineta, Peter Nakahara, Hon. Tak Tukei, and Rudy Tokuwa. Other members were Ruben Barral, Hon. Tom Campbell, Gordon Chan, Hon. Michael Chang, Hon. Anna Echio, Mike Fox Sr., Steve Fujita, Hon. Ron Gonzales, Carl Guardino, Jay Harris, Roy and P.J. Hirabayashi, Katie Hironaka, Hon. Mike Honda, Agnes Idemoto, Hon. Zoe Lofgren, Shiguo Masunaga, James P. McIntee, Aiko Nakahara, George Nakano, Hon. Rudy Okamura, Robert S. Okamoto, Richard Onishi, Eiichi Sakayue, Hon. George Shirakawa, Sumi Tanabe, Hon. Richard Tanaka, Dave Tatum and Stanley Tunita.

The evening's program commenced with the presentation of colors and pledge of allegiance carried out by Venture Crew 201 Boy Scouts honor guard, whose advisor is Wayne Adachi. Veterans in the audience were invited to come forward during the salute. They represented four wars: WWII-MIS and 442, Korea, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf. Chigogji, current chair of the NJAMF, welcomed the audience. Wendy Hanamura, formerly reporter for KPX television, and producer and writer of the video, "Honor Bound," served as mistress of ceremonies.

The keynote speaker was Secretary of Trade and Commerce Lon Hatamiya, first Asian American cabinet member in the state of California. Hatamiya is a native of Marysville and a member of a prominent agricultural family. He recognized the accomplishments of Nikkei who were his predecessors

and attributed his current stature to their good works before him.

Assemblyman Mike Honda (D-San Jose) and his wife Jeanne, and retired U.S. Congressman Norman Y. Mineta, deputy chair of the NJAMF, attended. Honda and Mineta both spoke, eloquently about the experience of being Japanese American and the need to preserve that legacy in the form a permanent memorial for the world to view. Mineta reminded us of the struggles the community went through to gain redress via HR 442, which then became the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

Numerous organizations which sponsored seats and tables included, but were not limited to: Selection Commission, the Japanese American Chapter of Commerce of Silicon Valley Japanese American Resource Center, K Company 442 RCT-Mainland, NJAMF Board, Next Generation, Nikkei Matsuri Committee, Nor Cal MIS, San Jose Buddhist Church, San Jose JACL, Nisei VFW Post 9970, Wesley United Methodist Church, West Valley JACL, YJA, Yu Ai Kai, National Japanese American Historical Society, and Communicant. Pledges were received that evening and following the event.

Committee members included: Joyce Iwasaki, Kathy Jio, Roger Minami, Jim Nagareda, Claire Omura, Todd Yoshida, Jeff Yoshioka, Jean Arase, Carl Fujita, Warren Hayashi, Bette Hayashida, Adele Hirose, Ed Ikeda, Supa Ikeda, Kenao Kimura, Karl Kinaga, Mark Kobayashi, Gordon Koo, Judy Nizawa, Randy Okamura, Joyce Oyama, Ken Sakamoto, Juli Tachibana, Denise Takao, Troy Takao, Kathy Takada, Kathleen Tanaka, Ada Yoshida, Sharon Uyeda, Fern Yoshida, Ben Yoshida.

The youngest member of the NJAMF board of directors, Olympic skate Kristi Yamaguchi, contributed her time to the evening in the form of a video prepared by Zoom Video Productions making an appeal for additional support. Members of the community who are interested in giving support to the memorial foundation may send their contributions to the San Jose JACL at 565 N. Fifth St., San Jose, CA 95112. Contributions may also be mailed directly to the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation at 1920 N. St. NW, Suite 660, Washington, DC 20036. ■



From left: Christine Kawabata, Jason Wong, Dan Taniguchi and Lori Taniguchi.

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Looking pleased with the success of the San Jose event are Bill Marutani (far left), Bill Hosokawa (center), and Judy Nizawa, Mike Honda and Karl Kinaga, three members of the San Jose JACL.

NAATA Announces Call for Entries to the 18th San Francisco Int'l AA Film Festival

The National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA) is seeking the best and most recent Asian American and Asian films and videos for the 18th annual San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival (SFIAAFF). The premiere showcase dedicated to the exhibition of Asian American and Asian cinema, this non-competitive festival will take place March 9-16, 2000, at several venues throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

The year 2000 also marks the 20th anniversary of NAATA. Panelists will be invited from across the world to participate in special workshops, panels and presentations about the future of independent filmmaking. Topics

may include media activism and literacy, digital media, and master classes. The 2000 SFIAAFF will be an important convening of filmmakers, industry and the public in celebration of AA and Asian culture.

To receive a copy of the call for entries electronically send e-mail to: festival@naatanet.org or visit their Web site at: <http://www.naatanet.org/festival>.

To receive a printed copy of the call for entries, mail, fax or e-mail a request to: NAATA/Call for Entries, 346 9th St., 2nd floor, San Francisco, CA 94103; fax: 415/863-7428; e-mail: festival@naatanet.org.

For more information visit <http://www.naatanet.org/festival>.

Guidelines for Film Festival Submissions

Deadlines:

Entry forms and preview tapes must arrive at NAATA by 5 p.m. (PST).

Early deadline: Friday, Sept. 17, 1999

Final deadline: Friday, Oct. 1, 1999

Entry Fees:

A check or money order issued through a U.S. banking institution payable to "NAATA" included with the entry form. (The entry fee is waived for new and continuing NAATA members. Contact NAATA for more information or visit <http://www.naatanet.org>.)

*USD20 (Early discount entry fee and application due 9/17/99)

*USD25 (Final deadline entry fee and application due 8/1/99)

All Genres Accepted

Short to feature-length narrative, documentary, experimental, animation and mixed.

Formats Accepted for Preview

NTSC U2, VHS and 3/4" video

Final Exhibition Formats

Film 35mm or 16mm
Video (NTSC): single-channel 3/4" or BETACAM SP

EDITORIAL

JACL and the Resisters of Conscience

By FRED OSHIMA

The thorny, irritating word in the highly charged controversial Japanese American resisters of conscience (aka "draft resisters") issue, without a doubt clearly points to a provocative, smoldering seven letter terminology — "APOLOGY." And for all intents and purposes, that's where the abrasive infrastructure argument and debate lies — smoldering away within the cozy confines of the Japanese American Citizens League's network across the country.

And of course to no surprise and you guessed it — the vocal, bleeding heart liberal segment of the league is again setting up their cynical free-wheeling irresponsible agenda — as if it were a game. They are now carelessly second guessing and accusing their very own wartime organizational leaders of allegedly picking on the draft resisters and for this untimely act — demand that JACL in no uncertain terms duly recognize and "apologize" and, get this — atone with a public ceremony to boot!

Nothing like a fearless Monday morning quarterback — any damn fool can second-guess. Incredible — intent on making this issue a two-bit cause celebre. Actually this issue was settled at the 1990 San Diego National JACL Biennial Convention. Reference: *Pacific Citizen*, July 2-8, 1999, edition, page 7.

We have no problem with the "recognition" portion. As a citizen, that's their personal prerogative — a God-given constitutional right. (After all, our Dear Mr. Morality, Slick Willie da president, clearly wormed his way out of the draft too.) But demanding JACL to "apologize?" Apologize for what?

The blooming activists are also claiming that this emotional problem has "divided the community" as well. Just where — what Nihon-machi? Rather, it appears that this cotton picking feud is splintering JACL internally — unfortunately

putting chapter against chapter and for good measure, a divisive generational broo-ha-ha between the Nisei and Sansei/Nisei stocks — a silly strife that this league can ill afford today.

To claim that JACL is "dividing the community" now, realistically is only wishful thinking. They could have at one time, but sad to say, not anymore! With a static, if not dwindling membership program of around 24,000 — numerically the group represents just a tiny, minority piece of the total U.S. JA population of some 750,000.

Worse yet, the contentious liberals have infiltrated and are taking over this historic ethnic civil rights organization that was originally organized as a nonpartisan political action assemblage to represent and to protect the Nikkei's lawful interest. Instead, they lean so far to the left that they are giving the great majority of the quiet, common sense moderated and conservative third and fourth generation JAs a disputable name and consequently they are staying away — avoid joining JACL like the plague!

Rather than have their own community at heart — like taking care of their own people's wellbeing first, they prefer to recklessly take off, half-cocked without expertise, into irrelevant areas like foreign affairs — demanding that Tokyo, and here we go again, "apologize" JACL's favorite word! To Nanking. Internationalism is none of JACL's business! With their very limited financial and human resources, national headquarters' operating priorities seems to be screwed-up again. They can't possibly be everything to everybody and provide a meaningful service to their mem-

bers — that is what's left.

On second thoughts, these misguided, generous members should be advising the resisters — that they be eternally grateful to the Nisei Civil Resisters' group — a rather untenable, sensitive position — appreciate and offer thanks to the vets for their unprecedented record-breaking performance through the battlefields of Europe, Asia and South Pacific.

It was strictly on the strength of the legendary 442nd and 100th Infantry Battalion, along with the unsung MIS gang's risky sacrifice, and nobody else, that made the \$20,000 redress check possible and in reality smoothly paved the way for the Japanese Americans to return back and regain with respectability into America's mainstream and a share of the promised dream, without a hitch.

Think! As reported in the Congressional Record of Dec. 21, 1987, are the words, in part, of California Congressman Don Edwards: "... I am certain that remedial legislation and litigation would not have been possible without the blood and war record with its unanswerable and indisputable evidence of loyalty and devotion to country. In practically all statutes which have been enacted for the specific benefit of those of Japanese ancestry, for example, the unique battle standards of the Nisei soldiers have been cited as the primary reason for favorable consideration. It is a record that cannot be discounted or ignored."

On the other hand — what if the overwhelming majority of the internees in camp supported and followed the draft resisters' movement — refused to serve — what would the JA's image and their relationship with the public be like during the postwar period... today? Perish the thought! ■

Fred Oshima is a member of the Venice-Culver JACL chapter

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RESISTERS

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who spoke as an individual, felt JACL members should not hold it against the resisters for taking a different stand and made a call for acceptance because he felt different factors influenced each person's decision.

"While in the Gila camp, there were a lot of disturbances," recalled Teniguchi. "At that time, there were some bad things said about the JACL, that JACL sold us down the river, and people were getting beaten up. There were all kinds of pressures. My father was picked up by the FBI so there was no way he would have approved my brother or myself to volunteer for the Army. We had all kinds of other pressures as to what positions to take."

Dale Ikeda, a member of the Clovis chapter who had been a district governor back in 1989-1990 when JACL had approved Resolution 13, recommended that both sides—the resisters and the JACL—draw up a joint resolution.

"If I had my druthers, I would like to see the national president, the vice president of public affairs and a representative of JACL who can speak for the veterans meet with the Heart Mountain resisters about these issues and try to clear the air, reconcile, heal the wounds and move on," said Ikeda.

With 100 percent representation by all 10 chapters within CCDC, the final vote on the resolution was 9-3-3 to reject the resolution.

The Reedley chapter had initially abstained from voting, creating a 5-5 deadlock, and the four district board officers were asked to break the tie, which resulted in 14 votes cast. Reedley later changed their vote to oppose the resolution.

The final vote went as follows: chapters opposing the resolution included Fresno, Livingston-Merced, Parlier, Selma, Tulare and Reedley. CCDC officers opposing the resolution included Larry Ishimoto, second vice governor; Kathy Ishimoto, secretary; and Travis Nishi, treasurer.

Chapters supporting the resolution included Delano and Sanger. Ralph Kumano, from the Sanger chapter, pointed out that a survey conducted within their chapter revealed that Sanger members were four to one in favor of the resolution. First Vice Governor Bob Taniguchi also supported the measure.

Chapters abstaining from voting included Clovis and Fowler.

Andy Noguchi, a son of an MIS veteran and representative from the Florin Chapter, which was one of the three co-sponsoring chapters of the resolution, said he was "disappointed" by the result but not discouraged.

"This is just a temporary setback," said Noguchi. "I think the process has to continue. ... I had hoped we could have moved forward but considering where this issue was a year ago, compared to where it is now, I think there were a lot of steps that were made forward. I think the support from the majority of the districts, from the majority of chapters and from the majority of the membership on an issue like this is a real step forward."

"I think a lot has happened. More and more people understand the resisters' story, and I think there was a very good discussion process through the JACL. I believe a lot of people got educated."

Noguchi said it was too early to determine what their next step will be and noted he will be discussing the matter with representatives from the Golden Gate and Sequoia chapters, the other

two co-sponsoring chapters.

He added that the intent of the resolution was reconciliation as a means of strengthening the Nikkei community and was not intended to disrespect any other sector of the community.

Grace Kimoto, CCDC governor, felt that her district shot down the resolution not because members were opposed to it *per se* but "opposed to the wording of the resolution, to the word, 'apology.'"

Speaking as an individual, Kimoto said, "I really feel that we do need to get together, especially with the resisters. I'd like to see some reconciliation."

Herb Yamanishi, outgoing JACL national director, felt recognition of the resisters, rather than an apology, was more appropriate.

"I think what should happen is that they [JACL] need to recognize the resisters but they don't need to make any apologies because there is nothing to apologize for," said Yamanishi. "JACL, as an organization, did nothing intentionally wrong or tried to harm the resisters in any way."

Yamanishi said he has read through past JACL minutes and "nowhere is there evidence of wrongdoing or attempts to do harm by policy." He felt that those who criticize JACL's wartime past were misconstruing past individual opinions and actions for JACL policy.

What JACL should do, according to Yamanishi, is recognize the resisters through such vehicles as including the resisters' contributions in JACL-sponsored teacher training workshops and educational lesson plans. He also added that JACL's education committee needed to consider not only the resisters but the coram nobis and the Mitsuye Endo legal cases and many other issues to give a truer picture of camp life. ■



Very Truly Yours

By Harry Honda

'Alberto' for President: Fujimori or Andrade

While in Lima, a bunch of us (actually three: Jun Mori, Peter Okada and Very Truly Yours) got into conversation in Miraflores, a Lima suburb, with a couple of young Peruvians about how President Alberto Fujimori was coming along and whether they would vote for him in 2000. That one of them spoke fluent English rendered this chance encounter an exciting and memorable day after the PANA-Chile convention. The other young man enjoyed hearing us chatter away in English. "It's good for me to hear you speak," he said, pointing to his right ear.

Realizing we were Nihonjin, I started by saying, here was a native son of Peru of Japanese ancestry who was discriminated against before the war (*los sentimientos anti-japoneses*), — who 40 years later was elected the president of his country. No other Japanese person has ever been elected president of a nation. However, we gave no comment about Fujimori's governance. "Just being elected was fantastic," I added.

We felt the young Peruvian was frank and honest in telling us that Fujimori had "a lot of pluses but he could have done more." We inquired in what way and the answer was that he hoped he'd done "more for the poor people."

As we were wondering about what those pluses were, the young Peruvian — a seminarian who was finishing his first year for the Archdiocese — said he

was grateful that Fujimori had tamed hyperinflation (over 7,500 percent per year in 1990 when he assumed office and down to 7 percent last year), cleared the country of outright terrorism (namely, the Sendero Luminoso and Tupac Amaru), and stepped up the battle against narco-traffic. These steps are beneficial, but to the upper classes, he explained. The poor need jobs. (Our guide had mentioned the unemployment rate in Peru was about 19 percent. Are the pickpockets counted among the unemployed? Pick-pocketing is a highly skilled "work" — of a self-employed professional nature, if you ask me.)

We bluntly asked whom they wanted to see as the next president, and the thoughtful response came: "Alberto Andrade" — present mayor of Lima who was previously mayor of Miraflores. I remember Andrade had defeated Fujimori's hand-picked candidate — Jaime Yoshiyama, a Nisei and then president of the Congress, in the 1995 race for mayor.

Two gentlemen (Bob Watada from Hawaii and Ted Collins from Kansas) returned to Peru for the first time after 35 years, having spent the early '60s with the Peace Corps there in the Chiclayo area—about an hour's flight north of Lima. They wished they had brought more mementos to distribute to old friends still there and in Lima.

Bob heard about the PANA convention from his brother Alvaro

(now retired in Boulder, Colo.), who was told about it from Hank and Seiko Wakabayashi, long-time friends in Washington, D.C., and joined the PANA/USA-East group. About the Watada brothers, Bob was surprised to see his office mentioned in an article in the *Rafu Shimpo* that Clarence Nishizu had packed as reading matter aboard the flight from LAX to Santiago. It was about the Hawaii state office, where Bob is executive director, investigating alleged campaign finance abuses by the Bishop Estate. Alley, a plant biologist, was explaining his work inspecting grapes from Chile, which had to be quarantined upon arrival in the states one winter and ended with the entire shipment being dumped.

Nothing like a personal pitch to venture on a journey to South America and a PANA convention — Francis Sogi had urged Mori and Okada to meet him in Santiago. We now know Latin American Nikkei are eager to visit New York. Chatting this past week with another PANA-Chile participant, Stanley Kanzaki of New York, we thought a side tour might be to the *barrio* where Spanish is the dominant voice, and anticipated the surprised looks of New Yorkers hearing fluent Español from PANA Latin Americans.

Meanwhile, PANA International vice president Sogi is beckoning friends across the United States to New York in the summer of 2001, when the XI COPANI (PANA) convention will be held there. ■

60th Annual Nisei Week Festival Will be Held July 29-Aug. 6, 2000

Dates for the 60th Annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival have been set for July 29-Aug. 6, 2000, announced event organizers.

"We had to schedule the festival earlier because of the Democratic Convention," explained Tim Itatani, the 1999 Nisei Week general chair who will continue to lead the festival next year. The Democratic Convention will be held in Los Angeles in August of 2000. "We hope to make Nisei Week 2000 the best festival to date."

Nisei Week is the longest continuing Japanese cultural event in the mainland United States. Originally started by the Nisei in 1934 during the Great Depres-

sion, the festival was designed to attract business to the Little Tokyo area, as well as promote general goodwill. The forced removal of Japanese Americans from the West Coast during World War II led to the curtailment of the festival until 1949. The festival, featuring *ondo* (folk dancing), cultural exhibits, parade and queen pageant, has continued every year since.

Volunteers will be needed for Nisei Week 2000. For more information, call the Nisei Week Festival office at 213/687-7195 or fax 213/687-6510. The Nisei Week office is located at 244 South San Pedro Street, Suite 303, Los Angeles, Calif. 90012. ■



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Troubled in Paradise

By Brian Niiya

The Apology

To be honest, I have mixed feelings about the various proposals over the years suggesting that the JACL should apologize to the draft resisters.

Now it's not that the resisters aren't owed an apology from many of us. That they were ostracized by much of Japanese America for decades is a fact. In their efforts to be 110% "American," JACL leaders of the war years tried to present the "loyal" Nisei as the best face of the Japanese American community, as the "good guys." But "good guys" require "bad guys," and draft resisters — along with Kibei, "No Nos," renunciants, and dissidents of any stripe — filled that role. The philosophical bent espoused by the JACL, along with some overt actions which have been noted in many sources (including Martha Nakagawa's articles in this newspaper), clearly had a negative impact on the lives of the resisters and others.

My mixed feelings about this apology stem from other factors, which might best be summed up in two old maxims: "too little, too late" and "actions speak louder than words."

An apology somehow seems too easy. There seems to be the sense that once an apology happens, things will be okay. But really, an apology can only be a first step in bringing people like me into the JACL. A new openness to the history of the organization would be another step. The organization's reaching out to other "bad guys"

of the past and present would be helpful. The formulation of an activist civil right agenda pursued regardless of political expediency would be another. And there's a lot more.

We've also seen in the discussions in these pages over the past few weeks and really for the last twenty years or so, that any apology to the draft resisters issued by any part of this organization would be issued through the gritted teeth of many A JACL member and Nisei World War II veteran. One told me that "the draft resisters are every bit as much our enemy as the Nazis." While they may not be as extreme, I suspect he speaks for many others. Clearly, a great many members of this organization don't believe that the resisters are owed an apology at all and in fact hold them in dim regard. Some of them might well agree to an apology more for political reasons than out of actual contrition. And who needs that kind of apology?

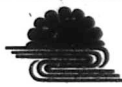
Now I'm not a draft resister, so I certainly can't speak for them. I'm sure that an apology from the JACL would be welcomed by some and not be of much consequence to others. But as far as I know, no one has polled any of them as to whether they would welcome an apology or not. If a good number of them would welcome an apology, then perhaps we should pursue it. But if not, then perhaps we should devote our time and resources to other matters.

Ultimately, the issue of apolo-

gizing to the draft resisters is about the future, not the past. Nisei who oppose the draft resisters and other dissidents aren't going to change in years they have left. The best thing we can do as an organization is to encourage the further study of the draft resisters and the reasons they did what they did. We once funded what was essentially a private research project on the JACL and the draft resisters which the general public never saw; why can't we fund research on the resisters and other WWII-era dissidents which would result in material for public consumption such as films, books, exhibits, etc.?

It is also to recognize the principled stand the resisters took during the war because they believed it was the right thing to do, regardless of peer pressure and opposition of organizations such as ours — and to strive to take the same kinds of principled stands on the issues which confront us today. While I'm not confident this is going to happen either — the organization's tepid response to efforts to secure redress for Japanese Latin Americans and the opposition in some quarters to efforts to uphold the rights of gays and lesbians come to mind as recent counter examples — it is still something to strive for.

Apologies are easy. Proving with actions that we have learned from our mistakes of the past is a lot harder. If an apology is the first step on that road, then I'm all for it. But if it is just so many words, then count me out. ■



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Letters to the Editor

A Need For Harmony

Bill Hosokawa suggests an apology from both sides regarding the "enduring and tiresome controversy" of the draft resisters in his Aug. 13-19 column.

In today's *Sacramento Bee* is a quarter article under the heading, "Should the JACL apologize to Japanese draft resisters?" (Note: the Non-Nikkei media too often confuse "Japanese Americans" and "Japanese.") The writer quotes Congressman Matsui as saying: "It is time the no-no boys were recognized for the principled stand they took."

I am reminded of the words of Abraham Lincoln just after the civil war as he tried to unite the North and South: "With malice toward none, with charity for all." I offer a little letter, specifically the Christian teaching of forgiveness and compassion. Everyone stands in need of forgiveness, however blameless his life may seem to him to be. I would suppose these elements of understanding, compassion and forgiveness to be an integral part of Buddhism and other viable religions in bringing harmony and peace in our relations with one another.

This we need to do now. The principals involved in the Heart Mountain men of conscience, the beleaguered veterans of WWII and staunch JACLers of that time are getting fewer and fewer.

Frank Nitani
Sacramento, Calif.

Time to Come Together

It is regrettable that the genesis of the split among the Nikkei was the denial of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness without due process..." This basic wrong engendered different reactions at the time, and in retrospect, the "majority" seems to have been more wrong than the few.

Our government was the original culprit in the face of hysteria, prejudice, greed, lies, misinformation, etc. Questions regarding loyalty, treason, informants, *shikatanai*, etc., followed. Conclusions based on the fallacy of "legal incarceration" have perpetuated the rift.

Let's call a truce and come together. Let's declare a mutual forgiveness and bury the hatchet, albeit a very difficult task. There is more to gain united than splintered to leave a positive legacy to all who will follow.

Yasuo Sato
Torrance, Calif.

A Response to Frank Chin's Editorial

We read Frank Chin's article in the *P.C.* of Aug. 13-19. In his usual style, he makes statements about JACL without substance. Shoukei Sasaki did make the statement in "Rabbit in the Moon" that JACL collaborated with the government in having leading Issei leaders picked up, leaving community organizations leaderless and having JACL become the spokesman for all Japanese Americans. He also states that JAs and aliens did not authorize JACL to be their spokesman and that JACL betrayed them by cooperating with the authorities in the evacuation.

As Y.R. "Shim" Hirooka, 442 veteran and retired lawyer, points out: "Can you get someone to ask Chin why the Chinese wore badges that stated 'I am Chinese' after Pearl Harbor? If JACL submitted to a white racist hysteria that did not exist, there was no reason for the Chinese to differentiate themselves..."

Frank Chin was asked this question at the UCLA conference. He was asked this question when he came to Fresno with Frank Abe to

interview me. He had no answer. He is so ready to criticize JAs for not standing up for their constitutional rights, but he has no explanation for the failure of Chinese Americans to stand up for the constitutional rights of the Japanese in America.

Fred Y. Hosokawa
Fresno, Calif.

An open letter to Those Who Went to War and Those Who Went to Jail

The issue between those "who went to war" and those "who went to jail" will not end with the oft-mentioned proposals (whereas... whereas...). This painful event that occurred 55-plus years ago cannot be fixed, so why lament over it for it will not raise nor lower anyone to another level.

However, by applying that learning from the past to create a historical and meaningful project now, we can ensure that all future (and present) generations will have something to remind them of the courage, pain and suffering as part of the great contributions that the Japanese Americans forever etched into the history of this nation.

Needless to say, there were others who felt greater pains but suffered in silence (for obvious reasons), and yet, when it came time to bid their sons a "final" farewell, they did it with great dignity as their sons went off "to war or to jail" — yes, they were the Issei parents.

At this late stage in my life, I look back in awe at our Issei parents, whose work ethics, whose positive outlook toward a new life, and whose ability to endure extreme hardships (before, during and after camp), served as a model for all of us.

So now, I do not ask that you forget those trying years, but instead, put all your energy into reinventing yourselves by bringing back the courage and feelings you displayed 55-plus years ago, and together, lead all of us in a project to build a monument to honor our immigrant parents.

Such a monument will be the first ever made by children of immigrant parents. Perhaps, the monument should include a small "bridge of hope" so that those who cross over the bridge can feel and reflect on all the learning that the Issei parents passed on to us.

Don Tsufuma
Woodside, N.Y.

Pulling Together More Important Than Apology

As a Heart Mountain volunteer, I'd like to set things straight. Many of us volunteers respected the resisters and pro-Japan elements. The *Bakudan San Yushi* were our heroes too. We too were indoctrinated on how the Western Powers ganged up on Japan in the 1890s. We didn't take any crap from the white kids either. So we're not a bunch of "loyal" pet dogs as some intimate. Our loyalty was to our people. Not the resisters. Nothing good came from their actions. Actually, we volunteers were a small minority, laughed at, shunned and ganged up on. No resisters were beaten up. Fortunately, the people in camp finally had the good sense to opt for yes-yes and a future in America.

No bad feelings, no need to apologize for beating up volunteers nor for ostracizing resisters after the war — both were cowardly actions. I was never beaten up. I say let's get together against the race haters today. They threaten the very children for whom we fought. We fought effectively for the Constitution. Others bitched about not having constitutional rights, but to my

knowledge, no one ever demanded those rights. We volunteers didn't vocally, but our deeds spoke louder than words. We got these rights for all of us. Resisters got nothing for any of us.

World War II was, albeit inconsistently, an anti-racist war in part. The Nazis were killing "non-Aryans." Hitler snubbed Jesse Owens, and Joe Louis supported the war. The Japanese militarists cleansed off cowardly, dishonorable, inferior peoples. Mexican American war heroes, the most decorated of all nationalities, advanced *La Causa* for all of us. The race riots in Los Angeles and Detroit were looked upon by civil rights advocates as a setback to the war effort. Yes, we volunteers fought racism. The resisters effectively did not. The original 100th and early MIS saved us from the tragic consequences of resister actions. The JACL helped. Some think they're a gutless lot, but give credit where credit is due. The Masaoka brothers fought and died for us.

Sansei apology advocates must understand the inflammatory propaganda and hysteria generated at that time. The Nazis blitzkrieged Europe and drove the British into the sea. The Japanese militarists gutted Pearl Harbor and overran Southeast Asia. The powerful Associated Farmers, the Native Sons of the Golden West, the American Legion, the VFW, all the major newspapers, radio newscasters, and Hollywood movies drummed up hate and hysteria. Nisei in my high school stopped attending classes; they evacuated themselves. I busted up one racist attacker Roosevelt, in spite of losses incurred by evacuation, caved in to the West Coast powers and signed 9066.

Lucky we weren't expatriated altogether. We can thank the 100th, MIS, the 442 volunteers, and the JACL for that. Incidentally, Chinese Americans today are protesting the "spy" house. It's a realistic action, with no effective backlash. It would not be possible had we not volunteered.

Sansei anti-war activists must understand that WWII was a different kind of war. There were no big industrial strikes then. People suffered many shortages. Their sons were dying at a higher rate than in later wars. Yet there were no big protests. There was a dire need for maximum effort to win the war. Anti-racist activists supported it. Anything less was sabotage. The resisters did less. Their actions were potentially catastrophic, yet I did respect them. The Japanese and proud of it, and of them, in a way "Nuff said. Let's just get together to stop the racist child killers. Demanding apologies from each other is unrealistic and distracting, even harmful. Let's pull together *issho kenmei ni. Kodomo no tame ni*, for our Hapa grandchildren too. *Tonon masu. Domo*, thanks.

Don Matsuda
Honolulu, HI

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Arimoto, Ichiro Jack, San Francisco, Aug. 23; 442nd veteran; survived by wife Amy, daughter Lynn; son-in-law Charles Cooper; brothers Fred and wife Amy (Newark, Del.); Kenzo and wife Hiroko (Sacramento); Katsumi and wife Fuyo (West Hills).

Fujio-Kealey, Carleena Marie, 30, Dublin, Aug. 20; Gardena-born; survived by husband Paul; father Rich Fujio (Gardena); mother Patricia Bays (Visalia); brother Richard Fujio and wife Melissa (Cerritos); sister Kelly Fujio (Gardena); mother and father-in-law Nancy and Frank Kealey (Indiana); brothers-in-law Gary and wife Tina, Dan and wife Robin, Bruce and wife Shaun, Kris and wife Anita; sisters-in-law Coleen, Kathleen Creek and husband Mike.

Fukuhara, Terasu, 77, Anaheim, Aug. 20; Hiro-born, recipient of the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Ray with Rosette; survived by wife Emiko; son Glen; daughter Lillian; sisters Misako Hatami and husband Thoy, Yasuko Kawakami (both Hawaii); sister-in-law Kenko Suzuki (Japan); brother-in-law Yasunori Ueda and wife Yasuko (Japan).

Imamura, Yasuhiro, 99, Santa Maria, Aug. 21; Wakayama-ken-born; survived by wife Tokuko; sons Roy (Lakespur), Eiji (Santa Barbara); daughters Sachiko Kumagai, Gladys Kohatsu (Oxnard); 8 gc, 6 ggc.

Iwamoto, Miharu Sally, 75, Sacramento, July 24; Loomis-born; survived by husband Ray; daughter Christine Masami Owen and husband Norman; brother Senae Tom Tahara; sister Motoko Kato (Japan).

Kitahata, Roy Shigeru, (name correction), 75, Fullerton, July 6; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Kay; sons Gary and wife Ariene (San Francisco); Cory; daughter Jeanine (San Francisco); 2 gc.

Kitajima, Shirley Emiko Sunao, Oakland, Aug. 21; survived by sons Harold, Richard, Dr. Henry; daughters Katherine Hagwara, Irene Kawamoto; 10 gc, 2 ggc; predeceased by husband Kitao.

Matsushige, Takeko (Tak), 66, La Habra, Aug. 23; survived by son Kirk; daughter Sharon Crandall and husband Patrick; brother Donald Miyagi and wife Elaine; sisters May Sahara and husband George, Yoko Miyagi, Aki Tamura and husband Charles; brothers-in-law George and wife Elaine (Illinois); Robert; sisters-in-law Aki Miyagi, Jean (Hawaii).

Mizunaga, Frances Wakano, Henderson, Colo.; survived by husband Charles K.; sons Eddie Jodi; daughters John Kimura and husband Marc, Karen Matsushima and husband Randy; Joyce; 6 gc, 4 ggc.

Nakamura, Akiye Jane, 81, Denver, Colo.; Yamaguchi-born, Amache internee; survived by sons Richard, Dennis; Alan; daughter Vickie (Monte Vista); sister Kimiko Yamada; brothers Thomas, Kazuo, Edward, James, Thomas, Tadato Fujii.

Nakatsani, Norman Kiyoshi, 46, Yorba Linda, Aug. 20; Los Angeles-born; survived by son Richard D.; daughter Kaylee M.; mother Midori; brother Gary M. and wife Patti; sisters Peggy M. Kneekern and husband Elton, Molly Kiko Allen and husband Dennis, Lori Nielsen.

Ozaki, Yukio, 51, Los Angeles, Aug. 25; Wakayama-ken-born; survived by wife Michiyo; daughters Stephany and fiancé Curtis Nakamura, Kathy; father Takeichi; mother Takako (both Japan); father and mother-in-law Kageo and Setsue Ohura; sisters-in-law

Akimi Hosokawa and husband Hiroyoshi, Kinyo Norimoto and husband Masayasu; brother-in-law Tsuyoshi Ohara and wife Izumi.

Sako, Kazuyuki, 97, Whittier, Aug. 21; Fukuoka-ken-born; survived by sons Henry and wife Patricia, Kenneth and wife Debrah; daughter Karen Tadokoro and husband Alden; 4 gc.

Tashiro, Jane Miss, 90, Fountain Valley, Aug. 13; Oakland-born; survived by husband Ted; sons Stephen, David, Gerry, George; 8 gc.

Tsurumoto, Alice, 79, Hayward, Aug. 24; survived by husband James; son Dean; daughters Karen Kato and husband Keith (Fremont), Carol Henri and husband Philippe (Berkeley); 7 gc, 1 ggc; dear sister of Lu Kawa (Pasadena).

Utsunoi, Eureka, 77, San Jose, Aug. 18; survived by sons Doug and wife Martha, Gary and wife Patsy; daughters Marsha Reeves and husband John, Trudy Fujio and husband Ken, Darc Sakamoto and husband Mark; 10 gc, 4 ggc; sisters Martha Okita and husband Kaye, Naomi Lida, May Yamada; predeceased by husband Genji.

Yamada, Sachiko, 70, Canoga Park, Aug. 21; Gardena-born; survived by husband Kenichi Tam; sons Andy Kenichi and wife Joanne, Thomas Noboru; 3 gc, sisters Hatsumi Morita, Harumi Sugawara and husband Bill N., brother-in-law John.

Yamaguchi, Toyoko, 99, Sacramento, Aug. 23; survived by daughters Misa Iwasaki and husband Tatsumi, Fumiko Hotta and husband Wayne, Pat Okamoto and husband Tetsuo; grand children and great-grandchildren.

Yamanaka, Bob Manabu, 63, Mission Hills, Aug. 21; La Puente-born; survived by wife Kimiko; sons Alan, Wayne and wife Misa-yo; 4 gc; brother Yoshito and wife Yoko; sister Tsukuru Nishida (Japan); sisters-in-law Yuriko, Yotsuko.

Yamashita, Kiyoshi Ken, 74, Long Beach, Aug. 26; WWII veteran; survived by wife Miki; son Kelvin Takashi and wife Carolyn; daughter Dr. Naomi Yamashita-Morales; 4 gc; brothers Takashi and wife Molly, Sakon Sam and wife Etsuko, Shigeru, Tommy and wife Leiko; sisters Ritsuko Higo, Sumiko Sue Yamashita; brother-in-law Hiroyoshi Misumi and wife Takako; sisters-in-law Mino Mori-moto, Toku Homan and husband Shiro; the Hanada and Misumi families (both Japan).

Yasuhara, Kinji, 64, Montebello, Aug. 19; Los Angeles-born; survived by sister Yayeko; sister-in-law Sachiko Yasuhara.

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Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa, seen with Sean Connery as John Connor, is Eddie Sakamura in "Rising Sun" directed by Philip Kaufman.

George Wakiji, who represented JACL at the meeting, stated, "this meeting was termed 'historic,' I guess because it marks the first time all minority groups gathered together in an effort to meet head-on the problems of minority representation in televi-

"If you have ever been frustrated, if you want to be part of the solution," activist Guy Aoki said, "now is the time to stand up." ■



George Takei

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of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, voiced similar sentiment. "We intend to

"As a community, we are adding our voices to those of the Jewish, African American and larger civil rights community in demanding an end to white supremacy, hate groups and political initiatives that whip up racial hysteria," said Lillian Galedo, co-chair of FILCRA. ■

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