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NPS Approves Inclusion of Masaoka Quote on Memorial

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

The controversial Mike Masaoka quote will be included as part of the inscriptions on the proposed \$11 million National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) monument, according to a decision made by the National Park Service (NPS) last week.

The much anticipated NPS's decision came amidst opposition from the public and a handful of NJAMF board members over the inclusion of Masaoka, JACL's wartime national director.

Masaoka is a controversial figure within the JA community. Supporters argue that Masaoka prevented violence against JAs by cooperating in the evacuation efforts. They further contend that Masaoka's support of reinstating the draft for incarcerated Nisei men was the only way JAs could prove their loyalty to America and be accepted back into mainstream society after their release from camps.

But detractors say Masaoka was a government informant who assisted the government in rounding up Issei leaders and advocated outrageous proposals such as holding Issei as hostages while Nisei men joined suicide battalions.

In a letter addressed to NJAMF Chair Melvin Chigioji, John G. Parsons, NPS associate regional director for lands, re-

sources and planning, justified his reason for including Masaoka by stating in part:

"We have received many letters from people expressing concern at the potential inclusion of any quotations from him (Masaoka), reference to the Japanese American Citizens League or words from the Japanese American Creed. Whether he is being mischaracterized for his actions or not, it is clear to us that the current controversy surrounding him is not going to be resolved if

best compromise."

Francis Sogi, NJAMF board member and financial contributor, said he was disappointed in Parsons' decision. At the February NJAMF board meeting, Sogi had raised the possibility of legal action if the controversial Masaoka quote was not taken off the monument.

"We are certainly disappointed and definitely do not agree with his (Parsons') statement that to take out Masaoka will not solve the problem," said Sogi. "That is

major hurdle before the NJAMF could go full steam into the construction of the memorial dedicated to JA patriotism during World War II.

In referring to NPS' decision Tsutsumida said, "We are happy about it. We hope history will show that the right decision was made. ... The most important thing is that we don't want people to think that we feel we won. We feel bad that people feel so strongly against Mike but the majority decision had to prevail."

Spring Granite Corp., a Minnesota-based company that is building the monument.

At the February board meeting, Chigioji had stated that it could cost NJAMF an extra \$200,000 if the inscriptions have to be engraved at the memorial site in Washington, D.C., rather than at the Minnesota company.

Scott Munter, Cold Spring project manager for the NJAMF memorial, said despite the missed March 1 deadline, there was still time to engrave the monument in Minnesota if all the paperwork on the final approved inscriptions is completed by the end of this week.

"It's all in the timing," said Munter. "If they can get it here soon, we can still work on it, but if not, it'll have to be done on site."

Munter said their company would not be doing the engraving if it has to be done in Washington, D.C. NJAMF will have to contract another company, most likely based closer to Washington, D.C., to complete any onsite engraving, said Munter, who declined to speculate on how much this might cost.

As of March 17, Tsutsumida said the inscriptions have been sent to the memorial construction company and that it was a matter of "just the placement of the letters and sizing."

The memorial is scheduled to be unveiled in Washington, D.C., this November. ■

"Whether he is being mischaracterized for his actions or not, it is clear to us that the current controversy surrounding him is not going to be resolved if his name is removed from the memorial. ... Thus, we believe that including his name and the words from the Japanese American Creed, but deleting the reference to it, is the best compromise."

John G. Parsons, NPS

his name is removed from the memorial. The memorial has simply heightened a debate which has been ongoing for many years and will continue into the future. Further, it is evident to us that no one would contest that Mr. Masaoka was an important national figure in this story. Thus, we believe that including his name and the words from the Japanese American Creed, but deleting the reference to it, is the

absolutely not true. It will unify the Japanese American community and will solve the problem."

Sogi refuted claims that the inscriptions were selected through a democratic process, saying that board bylaws were breached and questionable actions taken by the NJAMF leadership.

But Cherry Tsutsumida, NJAMF executive director, was relieved to receive NPS's approval since this was the final

The majority decision, however, should come as no surprise, according to Sogi, who pointed out that the NJAMF board was heavily dominated by JACL members. "In excess of 70 percent," said Sogi.

Meanwhile, although NJAMF now has NPS's final approval over the inscriptions, the decision comes three and a half weeks after the March 1 contractual deadline NJAMF had with Cold

Campaign for Justice Opens Northern Calif. Office, Awaits Redress Legislation

The Campaign for Justice, a coalition which since 1996 has sought redress for Japanese Latin Americans who were forcibly incarcerated by the United States during World War II, recently opened a Northern California chapter to help sustain its ongoing campaign.

While eligible Japanese American former internees had been awarded \$20,000 in compensation under the 1988 Civil Liberties Act, JLA's received only \$5,000 in the historic Mochizuki v. U.S. settlement.

Although they did not receive the equity they expected, the Mochizuki settlement did allow for further action by Congress to fund JLA redress, an avenue now being pursued by the Campaign for Justice, which includes the American Civil Liberties Union

of Southern California, the Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project and the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations.

Besides JLA's, others who were denied compensation due to legal technicalities and too narrow interpretations of the original redress legislation included dependent children of railroad and mine workers and those U.S. citizens of Japanese ancestry who were born inside the internment camps.

Because the government failed to invest the redress funds as required by the CLA of 1988, an estimated \$200 million was lost in interest. As a result, only \$5 million was spent for public education and research grants for a program which lasted only a year.

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How Wartime Statistical Data Affected JAs

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

Two scholars, who released a study on the U.S. Census Bureau's World War II role in the evacuation and detention of Japanese Americans, urged stronger legal safeguards and ethical training to prevent similar occurrences from happening, but at the same time, advocated the full cooperation of the general public in the 2000 census.

William Seltzer of Fordham University and Margo Anderson of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee noted that although the census has the potential of being misused as in the WWII situation, it is still a crucial democratic tool in gathering information for policy making.

But at the same time, the pair advocated stronger safeguards. Pointing to the 1942 War Powers Act which gave several government agencies access to census information in time of national emergency, Anderson said, "I'm

not a legal authority, but this needs to go before attorneys and public officials. It may be a simple answer, but we need to pose the question: Do you need additional safeguards?"

With added safeguards, Seltzer said abuse of statistical data could be prevented in emergency situations. "Can we anticipate where the danger will come from?" said Seltzer. "When we had the World Trade bombing, the mayor of New York City said we should round up the Arabs. ... I don't see an easy answer but the problem has to be investigated."

But Seltzer also emphasized that they are not advocating the elimination of the census. "We aren't saying don't collect data," said Seltzer. "But we're saying be careful so it's not misused."

Seltzer said it was important to strengthen ethical training and to educate federal workers on the census' history so as to avoid similar mistakes in the future. He noted that wartime senior managers at the Census Bureau were overly concerned with being "relevant in a wartime situation" in an effort to reap budgetary increases or other benefits. Seltzer saw similar patterns taken by the foreign statistical agencies heads in their cooperation with the Nazis. In France, Seltzer said the statistical agency leader proactively pushed the Gestapo for a population registration system even when he knew how the information was intended to be used.

"That's something we need to protect ourselves from," said Seltzer. "Our own zeal as professionals sometimes go beyond what's proper."

Seltzer first became interested in the connection between human rights and the use and/or misuse of statistical data when he was asked by an international tribunal in 1996 to study how statistical data in Rwanda, which separated the Hutus from the Tutsis, was used to carry out mass genocide.

Two years later in 1998, Seltzer came out with a study which examined how the Nazis had used statistical data in Germany, Poland, France, -the

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Census Bureau Director Apologizes for Department's Wartime Activities

In response to the Asian American community's demand for an apology for the Census Bureau's wartime activities in the evacuation and detention of Japanese Americans, Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt released a second written statement on March 24, stating that they join the apology issued by the executive branch.

"The internment of Japanese Americans was a sad, shameful event in American history, for which President Clinton, on behalf of the entire federal government, has forthrightly apologized," said Prewitt. "The Census Bureau joins in that apology and ac-

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NATIONAL BOARD

Fri.-Sun., April 14-16—National Board Meeting: San Francisco.
Mon., June 26-Sun., July 2—66th Biennial JACL National Convention: DoubleTree Inn, Monterey, Calif.; special rate for JACL conventioners. Reservations ASAP: 831/649-4511, <www.doubletreemonterey.com>.

Eastern

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat., April 8—District Council Meeting: Medford Loas, N.J.; Philadelphia chapter, host. Lillian Kimura, 973/680-1441.

PHILADELPHIA

Sat., April 8—Annual Installation Dinner: cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m.; Vietnam Palace Restaurant, 222 N. 11th St., 215/592-9596; speaker, Kristine Minami, JACL Washington, D.C., representative. Info: Toshi Abe, 609/683-9489.

Midwest

CLEVELAND

Sat., April 8—Day of Remembrance

Program; see Community Calendar.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun., May 7—District Meeting and Oratorical Competition: Salinas.
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Sat., April 15—Teacher Education Workshop, "An American Story: From the Bill of Rights to Redress"; 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Pine Hollow Middle School, Concord; \$10 registration, lunch included. Info: Cheryl Yoshimura-Thompson, 925/939-2910, Eric Torngoe, 925/828-1076.

WATSONVILLE

Mon.-Thurs., April 24-27—Senior Center Tour to Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, etc. Info: Carmel Kamigawachi, 831/722-1930; Shig Kizuka, 831/724-0116.

Pacific Southwest

GREATER LA. SINGLES

Fri., April 14—Meeting/program; 8 p.m., Gardena Valley YWCA, 1341 W. Gardena Blvd., "Okinawa: Current Issues and Challenges" speaker, Martha Matsuo, Okinawa Peace network of L.A. Info: Louise Sakamoto, 310/327-3169.
LAS VEGAS

Sat., April 8—Friendship Potluck Picnic; see Community Calendar.

RIVERSIDE

Sat., April 8—Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck; see Community Calendar.

SOUTH BAY

Sat., April 1—"Spring Fling Swing Dance" benefit; see Community Calendar. ■

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BELLEVIEWE/NEWARK, N.J.

Sun., April 9—Essex County Cherry Blossom Festival; noon-5 p.m.; classical dancing, ikebana, origami, story time, antique shows, kendo, bonsai, etc. Info: Lillian Kimura, 973/680-1441.

NEW YORK CITY

Fri.-Sat., April 7-8—Asian/Pacific/American Studies Program & Institute FreeZone symposium, "Asians in America 2000"; NYU, 100 Washington Square East. Free, open to the public. Info: 212/998-3700, <www.apa.nyu.edu>; e-mail: apa.studies@nyu.edu.

Fri.-Sun., April 7-9—Performance, "Undesirable Elements" by Ping Chong & Co.; 8 p.m. except matinee on Sunday. Gene Frankel Theater, 24 Bond St. at Lafayette.

Tues., April 18—"An Evening With David Mura," poet, writer, critic, performance artist; 6 p.m., Friends Seminary Meeting House, 222 E. 16th St. Info: Julie Azuma, 212/807-8104.

The Midwest

CHICAGO

Sun., April 16—Caring Is Preparing workshop: "Gift and Estate Planning, Taxes, Wills/Living Trusts and Power of Attorney"; 2-4 p.m., Japanese American Service Committee, 4427 N. Clark St. RSVP: 773/725-7212.

CLEVELAND

Sat., April 8—"Histories Untold" documentary film and lecture; 2-4 p.m., Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Murch Auditorium, 1 Wade Oval Dr., University Circle; "An American History: Resettlement of Japanese Americans in Greater Cleveland." Free. Info: 216/623-0822, <www.mdcfilm.com>.

Pacific Northwest

KLAMATH FALLS, ORE.

Sat.-Tues., July 1-4—Tulelake Pilgrimage; accommodations at Oregon Institute of Technology; buses from Seattle, Portland and Eugene. Registration by April 1. Info: Janie Matsushima, 503/643-3007.

PORTLAND

Through May 20—Exhibit, "The Heart Mountain Story," photos by Hansel Mith and Otto Hagel taken for Life magazine; Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 117 NW 2nd Ave.
Fri.-Sun., Aug. 11-13—Greater Portland Reunion, "Nikkei Futures 2000; DoubleTree Lloyd Center JACL; mixer, banquet, tours, golf tournament, picnic, etc. Info: Kenzie Namba, 503/258-0848; Kurtis Inouye 503/682-3238.

SEATTLE

Through April—Exhibit, "A Different Battle: Stories of Asian Pacific American Veterans"; Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S. Info: 206/623-5124.

Sat.-Tues., July 1-4—Tulelake Pilgrimage; accommodations at Oregon Institute of Technology. Info: Stan Shikuma, 206/725-1676, e-mail: SNShikuma@aol.com.

Northern California

BAY AREA

Sun., April 2—Nikkei Widowed Group Meeting; 1 p.m.; men and women are welcome. For time and place, call: M. Kusaba, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

SAN FRANCISCO

Fri.-Sat., April 7-8—R. Zamora Linmark, author of "Rolling the R's"; presented by the Asian American Theater Company and API Cultural Center Theater Festival; JCCNC, 1840 Sutter St., Japantown. Info/RSVP: 415/440-5545.

Sun., April 9—Annual Morgan Hill Haru Matsuri & NorCal Taiko Expo 2000; Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center, 16450 Murphy Ave.; Asian Bone Marrow Registry booth;

to be lunch, traditional foods, festival 2000 shirts, festival taiko sauce, Asian artists, pokemon items, Japanese kites, fresh produce and flowers, etc.; Taiko Expo begins at 11 a.m. Info: 408/779-9009.

Thurs.-Sun., April 27-30—Nikkei 2000 Conference; Radisson Miyako Hotel, Japantown; joint students, professionals, community organizers, politicians; others, to make a difference; registration after March 24, \$100; students, low-income \$40. Info: JACCNC, 415/567-5505, e-mail: nikkei2000@jccnc.org.

Sat.-Tues., July 1-4—Tulelake Pilgrimage; bus provided from the Bay Area. Registration by April 1. Forms, info: Stephanie Miyashiro, 510/524-2624; Fran Ellis, 408/730-9974; Jimi Yamauchi, 408/26909458; Lori Tomita, 916/455-3120.

SAN JOSE

Fri.-Sat., April 7-8—Play, "Paper Son"; Byron Yee; 8 p.m., at The San Jose Stage. Info: Contemporary Asian Theatre Scene (CATS), 408/298-2287, e-mail: catscene@yahoo.com.

Sat., April 22—Nikkei Matsuri luncheon, to honor local centenarians, "Our Living Treasures"; 11:30 a.m., DoubleTree Hotel. Info, tickets: Warren Hayashi, 408/241-0900, or www.pgpgroup.com/NikkeiMatsuri.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

Sat., April 1—"Spring Fling Swing Dance," all ages welcome; 8:30-midnight, Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall, 1964 W. 162nd St., Gardena; group dance lesson begins at 7:30. Info, tickets (\$10): Diane Tanaka, 213/489-8251.

Sun., April 16—Concert, "A Decade of Discovery" with Kaya-manan Ng Lahi; 7:30 p.m., Japan American Theatre, Little Tokyo. RSVP: 213/680-3700.

Sat., April 22—Inaugural NAA (Nisei Athletic Union) Reunion; reception 2-5 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; light refreshments, Aki Komai Memorial Awards. Info: 213/625-0414.

RIVERSIDE

Sat., April 8—Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck; 11 a.m., Canyon Crest Park, UCR campus on Cherry St.; hot dogs, chili, table service will be provided. Info: Helen Yoshikawa, 909/735-8441.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Sat., April 8—Friendship Potluck Picnic; 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Floyd Lamb State Park Picnic Area #5; hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, paper goods provided; fishing, games, prizes. Please RSVP number in your party to: 382-4443.

Sat.-Tues., July 1-4—Tulelake Pilgrimage; accommodations at Oregon Institute of Technology. Registration by April 1. Forms, info: Las Vegas JACL, 702/381-4443.

TEMPE

Sat., April 8—Teacher's Seminar; 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Arizona Historical Society Museum, 1300 N. College. Info: Joe Allman, 602/942-2832. ■

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Newsrooms Still Lack Minorities

COLUMBIA, S.C.—The nation's newsrooms need to do more to recruit and retain journalists of color, National Association of Black Journalists president William Sutton said March 24.

Speaking before a group of aspiring journalists and college students in Columbia, Sutton said the lack of minority reporters affects coverage and does not appropriately reflect diversity. While minority representation is increasing in newsrooms, 40 percent of the nation's daily newspapers still have no minorities, he reported.

City Official Questions King's Accomplishments

MELBOURNE, Fla.—A city councilwoman was quoted as saying she opposed renaming a street after the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., because she questioned whether his renown lives up to his actual accomplishments.

The newspaper *Florida Today* quoted Pat Poole on March 20 as saying, "I wonder if he really accomplished things, or if he just stirred people up and caused a lot of riots." Poole said that renaming the street after the slain civil rights leader would tarnish Melbourne's image because "the one thing it says to a lot of people is it's a bad section to go to because it's usually

in a section that's all black."

Board Member Apologizes for 'Jew' Remark

HOUSTON—A member of the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority board apologized March 24 for inadvertently making a remark deemed offensive to Jews while speaking at a business luncheon.

Honey Leveen, a Jewish attendee at a March 23 luncheon, said Diana L. Ruhtenberg, born and educated in the Philippines, said the city "jewed them down" when negotiating the price of stadium contracts.

Ruhtenberg issued a statement which said, "I used a term I have heard frequently. After I used the phrase, I immediately apologized to the group."

Rally Marks 100th Day of Wen Ho Lee's Jailing

SAN FRANCISCO—Recalling the internment of Japanese Americans 58 years ago, Asian Americans rallied outside the federal building to mark former Los Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee's 100th day in jail on charges of mishandling classified information.

"Our government is committing exactly what they did in Manzanar," said San Francisco Supervisor Mabel Teng.

She and others at the rally asked why no similar charges had been filed against former CIA Director John Deutch, who downloaded clas-

sified material into his unsecured home computer before leaving his job in December 1996. Deutch was stripped of his security clearance but, unlike Lee, has not been prosecuted. Officials say the two cases are different because Lee allegedly downgraded classified files with the intent to aid a foreign country, but he has not been charged with espionage.

Lee's daughter, Alberta, attended the rally, along with about 75 others, many from the AA community. Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson mentioned the black community is also following Lee's case, saying, "Racial profiling crosses all of our ethnic lines."

AA Scientists Leaving Labs, Few Coming In

SAN FRANCISCO—Some Asian American scientists are leaving national nuclear labs and fewer appear to be applying for postdoctoral fellowships as fallout from the Wen Ho Lee controversy unfolds.

Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, where Lee was formerly employed, not one Chinese American graduate student applied for the 10 most prestigious fellowships this year. Overall, the number of AA postdoctoral appointments at the lab dropped from 70 to 55 because of a decline in the number applying, said lab spokesperson Jim Danneberg.

At Livermore National Laboratory, which like Los Alamos is run by the University of California, a physicist who spoke on condition of anonymity said he knows of about 10 AA scientists who have left in recent months.

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knowledges its role in the internment.

Prewitt admitted that the "Census Bureau staff proactively cooperated with the internment, and that census tabulations were directly implicated in the denial of civil rights to citizens of the United States who happened also to be of Japanese ancestry."

Prewitt further stated: "I would also like to state clearly that for many years, the Census Bureau was less than forthcoming in publicly acknowledging its role in the internment process. Silence was not the worst offense, for at various times the Census Bureau has described its role in such manner as to obfuscate its role in internment. Worst yet, some Census Bureau documents would lead the reader to believe that the Census Bureau behaved in a manner as to have actually protected the civil rights of Japanese Americans. This distortion of the historical record is being corrected."

The move towards historical accuracy received a push when a March 25 *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* article found that the Bureau recently expunged training material for Census 2000 employees because some new recruits were being taught that the wartime Census Bureau's refusal to provide data on JAs was an example of how adamant the bureau was in keeping materials confidential.

But Prewitt reassured the public that several safeguards have been instituted so as to prevent a recurrence of what occurred during the 1940s.

"In the post-war period, important safeguards to protect against the misuse of census tabulations have been instituted, notably stronger legal provisions to protect data confidentiality and the Census Bureau's introduction of disclosure avoidance techniques," said Prewitt. "Adherence to these safeguards preclude a repeat of the 1941/42 behavior."

John F. Long, the Census Bureau's chief of the Population Division, underscored Prewitt's comments. "The law is much, much stronger now," said Long. "There were some exceptions made in the '40s but that no longer exists."

In addition, Long noted that the Census Bureau created a Disclosure Review Board, whose job it is to ensure that confidential information is not misused. ■

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Netherlands and Norway to target the Jewish population for mass genocide. Thus, studying the U.S. Census Bureau's wartime role was a natural progression for Seltzer, who then contacted Anderson. Anderson for her part had been corresponding with Roger Daniels, a pioneering scholar on JA history, for almost 10 years and had intermittently been researching the subject as a side project.

Anderson said she and Seltzer began full archival research about a year and a half ago.

When questioned about the timing of the report's release, the pair said they were a part of a larger project, which recently released their findings that examined the role of statistical data on human rights.

"Should we have decided while we were nearly done with our paper that we should withdraw it from a professional association meeting?" asked Seltzer. "No, I don't think so."

The pair also pointed out that information on the Bureau's wartime role is not new. In fact, the issue had been publicly discussed during the redress campaign of the 1980s when the late Calvert Dedrick, the Census Bureau's wartime statistician, testified before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC).

Since the hearings focused on disproving any military necessity to evacuate and detain persons of Japanese ancestry, Anderson felt the Bureau's activities became a "side issue" and "put on the back burner."

Transcripts from the commission hearing has Dedrick testifying that after June 8, 1942, he was an employee of the War Department, working out of the office of Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy and later reassigned to the Provost Marshal General's office.

Although Dedrick noted that individual information, such as addresses were not released to the War Department, he said that for some cities they provided statistical information narrowed down to blocks so that the War Department knew that a certain number of JAs lived on a certain block.

He acknowledged he was fully aware that the information he was providing was going to be used by the WCCA (War-time Civilian Control Agency) to round up and intern people of Japanese ancestry.

"Well, that was my duty to try to use it," said Dedrick.

Dedrick further stated: "I knew that the relocation was going on. I knew that. I sat in confidential staff meetings with General Ben-

detzen and his staff. I knew of the decision to evacuate the Japanese racial group from the west coast, certain west coast areas, and I knew that the President of the United States had signed an Executive Order."

In discussing the 1942 War Powers Act, Dedrick said "the administration and War Production and other economic statistic agencies and regulatory agencies—were given power by the Congress to collect and compile statistics which the Bureau of the Census was already collecting and compiling."

In discussing their findings, Seltzer said, "With respect to internment, the Census Bureau was more involved than many of us had previously realized. ... I didn't expect certain findings that we found about what happened in 1940, '41 and '42. Certainly, I didn't expect the population registry proposal."

But Seltzer added that solid evidence on whether or not the Census Bureau provided micro data such as individual addresses, sex, age, etc., is still "indeterminate."

Anderson said she was surprised to learn of the War Powers Act, which allowed Congress to abrogate certain rights in times of national emergency.

The pair also found that two days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the Census Bureau came out with a special report on people of Japanese ancestry. Subsequently, on Dec. 12, 1940, the Census Bureau issued a special report on Germans and Italians. But Seltzer pointed out that the Italian/German special report focused only on the foreign born while a total of four special reports on the Japanese were based on race, regardless of citizenship status.

By February 1942, the Census Bureau had put together a 35-page report detailing the requirements of establishing a population registration system to monitor the movement of people. The report, however, included a paragraph where it pointed out the dangers of establishing such a system, calling it an infringement of civil liberties and creating a Gestapo-type procedure. The report was not endorsed by the Population Association of America at the time.

Reaction to the Seltzer/Anderson paper has been "complicated," according to Anderson. They have ranged from "we knew it all along" to "real shock" to criticism of the timing of the report's release, said Anderson.

In a surprising development, Seltzer said many inquiries regarding the paper are coming from overseas, "from countries that may be concerned with related issues" such as human rights. ■

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A Letter From the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board

Dear Mr. Hosokawa,

The *Pacific Citizen* Editorial Board was saddened and surprised to learn of your recent decision to discontinue the P.C. column, "From the Frying Pan" (P.C. March 10-16). For many years, "From the Frying Pan" has been an important voice providing the Nisei perspective on many issues affecting Japanese Americans, and the column will certainly be missed by many.

We sincerely regret that a former P.C. Board had sent an impersonal letter to you on Sept. 3, 1998, announcing a change in policy that affected the frequency of your column. The P.C. Board fully supports the recent letter sent to you by Caroline Aoyagi, P.C. Editor, asking that you reconsider your decision.

Even if you decide to discontinue the column, we hope you will occasionally provide articles to the P.C. The P.C. Board and staff would welcome your thought-provoking articles.

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your 58 years of service to the P.C. and hope to see articles by you in the future. We wish you well in your retirement years.

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JACL NATIONAL CONVENTION

Nat'l Convention Workshops Scheduled



government and business policies impact Japanese Americans.

The workshop titled "Japan Acts, and Japanese Americans: Experience the Repercussions" will be presented by Glen Fukushima, who has served as the assistant secretary of state for Japan affairs.

"Unfortunately, it seems to many Americans that little distinction exists between those that live in Japan and Japanese Americans," said Kaz Matsuyama, JACL national convention co-chairperson. "The convention is pleased that Mr. Fukushima has agreed to conduct this workshop to further explore how America's feelings towards the government of Japan and/or Japanese businesses may affect the Japanese American community. Hopefully, through the workshop we will be able to come up with some solutions as to how the Japanese American community and JACL may be able to bring about a solution to this persistent problem."

In addition, Ford Kuramoto, national director of the National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse in Los Angeles, and Steve Nakajo of Kimochi Inc. in San Francisco, will

present a workshop on the various concerns regarding the care of Japanese American elders by the younger generations. Kimochi is a program that facilitates the needs of JA senior citizens in the San Francisco area.

Topics to be discussed at the workshop titled "Let's All Focus on Aging: Saneel, Yonsei, Gosei—Taking Care of Their Elders" are coping with caring for your parents; substance abuse; and/or how parents are now taking care of their grandchildren. Senior citizen advocate Patrick Okura will address the topic of aging and retirement and will present a historical perspective of this issue. Also participating in the workshop will be John Yamada, Ann Yabusaki, Ken Yabusaki and Joan Aoki.

Another topic included in the workshop is the issue of Social Security and health care financing. Administrators from both the Health Care Financing and Social Security Administrations will discuss Medicare, Medicaid, Medi-Cal (for residents of California), Social Security, and the effect of benefits on taxes and pensions.

The panel will address: what happens when a spouse passes away; the various benefits available to a survivor; and other resources that can be tapped into above and beyond Social Security during retirement.

For more information on the workshops, contact Larry Oda at tsunoel@msn.com. ■

Other Nat'l Convention Workshops

The workshops will take place Friday, June 30, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

- LEAP! APA Leadership in the 21st Century (Youth Session), 8 a.m. only.

- LEAP! APA Leadership in the 21st Century (Delegate Session), 10 a.m. only.

- How to Start a Japanese Cultural Heritage Program for Your Community: A Guide to Success, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

- Japan Acts, and Japanese Americans Experience the Repercussions, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

- How to Get Your School District to Implement "An American Story: The Japanese American Experience," 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

- Community Strategies in Addressing Hate Crimes, 8 a.m. and

10 a.m.

- The Story Behind the Redress Movement, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

- Discrimination in the Workplace, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

- How Do You Find a Career in the New Economy, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

- Let's All Focus on Aging: Saneel, Yonsei, Gosei—Taking Care of Their Elders, combined with Social Security: How it Relates to You, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

- Planned Giving... Act Today, Give Forever, 10 a.m.

Price for the workshops is \$20 if you register before April 30 and \$25 thereafter.

Convention attendees are asked to fill out a separate form when choosing the workshops. For more information, contact Larry Oda at tsunoel@msn.com. ■

DNCC Announces Business Opportunities During 2000 Democratic National Convention

The Democratic National Convention Committee (DNCC) announced that many business and contract opportunities are available, stemming from the 2000 Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles.

The DNCC has created a specific department dedicated to working with local businesses. The Business Development Department works with the DNCC's Community Outreach Department, and is responsible for building and maintaining solid working relationships with the Los Angeles business community, with particular emphasis on small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses.

"The DNCC is working hand-in-hand with local businesses so that they can access the business opportunities that will arise from this

convention," said DNCC CEO Lydia Canarrillo. "The Democratic Party is about inclusion and opportunity, and the DNCC will leave no stone unturned to ensure that local businesses are included and have the opportunity to share in the economic benefits from this convention."

Business opportunities from the convention are two-fold. First, contract opportunities will be available directly from the DNCC. Second, during the convention, other entities such as party caucuses and/or state delegations will organize events that will require local services such as transportation, catering, printing and entertainment.

The 2000 Democratic National Convention is expected to draw between 30,000 and 35,000 attendees to Los Angeles.

While the DNCC has no control as to how outside groups will choose their vendors, conventioners will have access to a business database through the DNCC's Web site. They will also receive a minority business directory booklet. In order to be a part of the directory, businesses need to contact the DNCC to complete an information form.

The deadline for submitting this form is March 31, but even if businesses miss the deadline, they will still be added to the central business database available through the DNCC Web site.

The DNCC can be contacted by phone at 213/362-2092; or write to 515 S. Flower St., 42nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071; or visit the Web site at www.dems 2000.com. ■

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	National Committee Meetings 1:00pm-5:00pm Bonsai Hall III	Youth Luncheon 12:30pm-2:00pm De Anza Ballroom	Awards Luncheon 12:00pm-2:00pm De Anza Ballroom	National Council IV 1:00pm-4:00pm De Anza Classrooms	National Youth Council 11:00am-1:00pm Portola Room
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	Welcome Mixer 7:00pm-11:00pm Monterey Bay Aquarium	Candidates Forum 7:00pm-9:00pm Steinbeck Forum	District Caucus 7:00pm-9:00pm District Suites	Sayonara Banquet 7:00pm-12:00am Serra Ballroom	
		District Caucus 9:00pm-10:00pm District Suites	Veterans' Tribute 7:00pm-10:00pm De Anza Ballroom		

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Jack Hirose Donates \$50,000 Toward Documentary on the Military Intelligence Service

The Military Intelligence Service Association of Northern California (MISNorCal) documentary project got a huge boost in its fund-raising efforts by a \$50,000 gift from Jack Hirose, a Military Intelligence Service veteran and prominent businessman who resides in San Francisco.

MISNorCal will produce a 60-minute television documentary on the story of some 6,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in the Pacific and other intelligence posts throughout the world during World War II and during the occupation of Japan.

"This gift puts us over the 75 percent mark, and so just 25 percent is needed to reach our goal of \$370,000. We are truly grateful to Jack Hirose for his generosity. Jack's donation just about assures the production of this important documentary, which is shaping up to be an outstanding one," said Marvin Uratsu, president of MISNorCal.

The documentary project received a generous grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (COLPEP), and must be completed by June 30. Organizers hope the fund raising will also be completed by that time.

Others who have generously contributed include the Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foun-



PHOTO COURTESY OF MISNorCal ASSOCIATION

(l-r): Marvin Uratsu, president of Military Intelligence Service Association of Northern California; Rosalyn Tonal, executive director of the National Japanese American Historical Society; Jack Hirose; Joseph Kurata, board member of MISNorCal; and Ken Kashiwahara, formerly with ABC TV News. In the background is a map of the world showing where MIS veterans served.

dation, George Aratani of Southern California, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California, Mr. And Mrs. James Satake, the Ninomiya Family, Kingston Technology Company and the Gila River Reunion Committee.

The documentary, titled "Uncommon Courage," is being produced by Gayle Yamada, who has more than 22 years of experience in television production.

The documentary will be narrated by Ken Kashiwahara, formerly with ABC TV News.

Music will be provided by Dan

Kuramoto and his band "Hiroshima."

Upon completion, the documentary will be presented by public television station KVIE-Channel 6, Sacramento, and throughout the public broadcast system.

Videotape copies will be distributed by the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS), 415/921-5007, fax: 415/921-5087.

To donate to the production contact: NJAHS or Marvin Uratsu at 510/233-3822 or fax: 510/233-2350. Donations are tax-deductible. ■

JACCC Presents 10th Annual 'Fresh Tracks' Performance Series

Fresh Tracks, the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center's annual performance series, returns to its home at the David Henry Hwang Theater April 14-16.

Since its inception in 1990, Fresh Tracks has supported and presented new and emerging Japanese American and Asian Pacific American artists. The series continues to cultivate the next generation of fresh new work from the APA performance community.

"I'm thrilled about this year's Fresh Tracks," said veteran performance artist Denise Uyehara, who served as last year's guest curator. "It is important to our community that the JACCC continues to support innovative work that pushes the envelope on what it means to be Asian American."

Friday night's performance features Kennedy Kabasara, Traci Kato-Kiriyama and Edren Sumagayay in "zero 3." They share the stage with Pete Lee, Sharon N. Lewis, Erin O'Brien, Jose "Flipchild" Saenz and Mao's Kids, all presenting new individual and collaborative works dealing with issues of sexuality and gender, image and re-

ality and mass media stereotypes.

Saturday night's performance features the Los Angeles premiere of Alisot De La Cruz's one-woman show, "Sungka." Recounting the tumultuous terrain of growing up Filipina American, De La Cruz mixes spoken word and storytelling, exploring familial and societal expectations around ethnicity, culture and space.

Sunday night's performance features Leilani Chan, Justin Chin and Michael Sakamoto. Chan will perform a new work, titled "1898/2000 Jungle Stories," exploring contemporary Hawaiian issues of censorship, multicultural identity and oppression. Chin will perform excerpts from his "Advice for Tragic Queens at Home and Abroad." Sakamoto will perform a solo work "Amal (Sweet)," a satirical take on Japanese pop culture stereotypes.

Fresh Tracks performances will be at the David Henry Hwang Theater at 120 N. Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo, downtown Los Angeles. Tickets are \$12 general admission, \$10 JACCC members, students, seniors with I.D. and group sales. Call the Japan America Theater at 213/680-3700, noon-5 p.m. ■



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Fresh tracks.00 brings together some of the hottest, young, over-the-edge Asian Pacific American spoken word and performance artists for three nights of new work at the David Henry Hwang Theatre in Little Tokyo from Friday through Sunday, April 14-16, 8 p.m.

Texas Battalion Pays Tribute to Hawaii Nisei Vets

It is a bond unlike any other — forged in blood and frozen in the cold, dense forests of the Vosges mountains in France more than 55 years ago. On March 25, four survivors from a Texas battalion surrounded by enemy forces during World War II journeyed to Hawaii to be reunited with the Nisei veterans of Hawaii's famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team (RCT), who paid a heavy sacrifice in rescuing the stranded men.

So miraculous was the feat, so intense the fighting, so heavy the toll, that a painting depicting the historic battle now hangs in the Pentagon. Commonly referred to as "The Rescue of the 'Lost Battalion,'" the U.S. Department of Defense has designated that action as one of the most significant battles ever fought by the U.S. Army since the Revolutionary War.

Hawaii veterans of the 442nd RCT, including the renowned 100th

Infantry Battalion, paid tribute to their fallen comrades at an annual memorial service held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

Four survivors of the 1st Battalion, 141st Regiment, 36th Division of the U.S. Army paid their respects to those who had sacrificed themselves in order to save theirs. Leading the men from Texas was the battalion's captain, Marty Higgins, who delivered the keynote address at the memorial service.

Following the tribute, more than 500 veterans, family members and guests gathered at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel to commemorate the 57th anniversary of the formation of the 442nd RCT.

The luncheon program included remarks by Higgins, while the keynote speaker was Ben Kuroki, a highly decorated war hero from the state of Nebraska. ■

San Diego JACL Installation



PHOTO: JIM LEW

The San Diego JACL installed their newly elected board of directors on March 18. Pictured are (l-r) front row: Dr. Miyoshi Ikeda; Joseph Horiye; Marleen Kawahara; Agnes Nishikawa, treasurer; Carol Kawamoto, president; back row: Vernon Yoshioka, executive director; Masato Asakawa, Donald Estes; Robert Ito, secretary; Yukio Kawamoto, vice president; David Kawamoto, installing officer. ■

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COMMENTARY

Manzanar Committee Questions Population Figures

The following letter was sent by the Manzanar Committee to NJAMF on March 15.

"Dear Admiral Melvin Chiogioji (Ret.), Chairman
"Ms. Cherry Tsutsumida, Executive Director
"National Japanese American Memorial Foundation
"1920 N Street, N.W., Suite 660
"Washington, D.C. 20036-4505

"Dear Admiral Chiogioji and Ms. Tsutsumida:

"The March 3-9, 2000 issue of the Pacific Citizen carried a news article on its front page, and reprinted the text of the NJAMF proposed inscriptions for the Memorial Wall.

"Our chief concern is what is proposed for Panels 13-19 and panels 22-28 on which the names of the ten War Relocation Authority (WRA) camp names are to be inscribed. The population figures you selected are not consistent with the population figures which have been cited in numerous government reports and publications, and which we have been using for more than 25 years. In particular, we are concerned with the discrepancy in the population numbers for the Manzanar National Historic Site and for the Jerome, ARK. camp. Manzanar's population was 10,046 compared to your figure of 6,233, and Jerome's 8,497 to your 2,095 figure.

"As a non-profit, educational, community-based organization, it is our mission to disseminate accurate information about the Japanese American experience.

At our 30th annual Pilgrimage to Manzanar in 1999, we raised the banner for the ten camps and the roll call numbers we used came from the following sources:

"Concentration Camps American Style" written by the late Edith Uno in the Holiday Issue of Pacific Citizen, December 1974.

"Americans of Japanese Ancestry and the U.S. Constitution, National Japanese American Historical society, 1987.

"Confinement and Ethnicity: An Overview of World War II Japanese American Relocations Sites, 1999.

"National Park Service's newest publication from the Western Archaeological and Conservation Center, Tucson, AZ. These are the official figures as far as our committee is concerned.

"At the last Manzanar Pilgrimage, ten banners were created to represent the ten camps. We lent your organization those banners

as background for our groundbreaking ceremony last October, through Nancy Yamada and Eiko Yamamoto. We have a standing request from them to use the banners again for your dedication ceremony in November. Unless the Memorial Wall adheres to historical accuracy by citing correct figures, we hereby withdraw our permission for use of the banners for that ceremony.

"Again, we question your selection of figures and request that you correct them before they are permanently inscribed on the panels. We ask that the numbers correlate with the enclosed list so that they will accurately reflect the monumental tragedy of our wartime experience."

Sincerely yours,

Sue Kunitomi Embrey
Chairperson
Manzanar Committee

War Relocation Authority Relocation Centers Population Figures*

WRA Camp Name	Population Figures
Gila River	13,348
Granada (Amache)	7,318
Heart Mountain	10,767
Jerome	8,497
Manzanar	10,046
Minidoka	9,397
Poston	17,814
Rohwer	8,475
Topaz	8,130
Tule Lake	18,789

* From "Confinement and Ethnicity: An Overview of World War II Japanese American Relocation Sites," 1999, Publications in Anthropology 74, Western Archaeological and Conservation Center, National Park Service, U.S. Department of Interior.

COMMENTARY

Santa Maria Valley JACL Offers Perspective on Masaoka

The Santa Maria Valley chapter of the JACL supports the inclusion of Mike Masaoka's quotes on the memorial wall.

Leadership even in good times is not always easy and during periods of crisis it can almost be impossible. Mike's leadership in the 1940s, given the tenor of the time, could only be considered outstanding.

It was an era of segregation in many parts of the country. Several States had laws against miscegenation. Japanese Americans, along with many other non-Anglos, were considered second-class citizens. After December 7, 1941, we were considered potential spies for Japan. It would be difficult if not impossible for those not present during that period to even imagine that these conditions prevailed.

We do not blame the resisters of conscience for being disapp-

pointed with the lack of support from the JACL. It was, however, the decision of the JACL at the time to cooperate with the authorities as the best policy to take on behalf of the majority of the Japanese community. That was one of the many difficult decisions the leadership had to make. Gen. Dewitt's racist remark, "a Jap is always a Jap," best describes the oppressive attitude of the authorities toward the Japanese community in the 1940s.

Out of hindsight and especially with our awareness of our civil rights today, it is simple to be critical of the JACL leadership of which Masaoka was an integral part. For the critics of Masaoka to take selective bits and pieces of his leadership actions and ignore the realities of that difficult period is to do damage to Japanese American Nisei history.

We should evaluate their leadership decisions based on the opportunities that prevail for JAs today. The outstanding accomplishments of many JAs today were achieved by their own individual efforts but the environment for their successes was enhanced by the contributions of Mike Masaoka.

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mation in order to finalize their case should have submitted all required documentation by March 31.

The DOJ's Civil Rights Division has stated that they will make one last payment in Spring 2000 to all claimants who have responded and returned appropriate paperwork by that date.

Claimants under the Mochizuki settlement with incomplete or pending cases who have not yet returned waiver forms to the DOJ are urged to do so immediately so that their attorneys can ensure proper processing of their cases.

Forward all correspondence to: Department of Justice - Civil Rights Division, P.O. Box 66260, Washington, D.C.

20035-6260, or call the DOJ Helpline at 202/219-6900.

For questions or assistance with claims, contact Ayako Hagihara (Japanese) at 310/344-1893 or Robin Toma (Spanish) at 213/974-7640.

For more information on the new legislation or to support the Campaign for Justice, contact Grace Shimizu (Northern California) at 510/528-7288 or Mariko Nakanishi (Southern California) at 323/549-9425. ■

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There are 42 pending JLA cases and 56 pending JA cases with the Department of Justice. Individuals who filed a timely claim for redress under the CLA of 1988 or the Mochizuki settlement and received a notice requesting additional infor-

Letters to the Editor

Re: Hosokawa's 'Finale'

The retirement last week of William Kumeji Hosokawa from the *Pacific Citizen* after almost sixty years was a sad and melancholy message as we, through his writings, became fond of his comments on the Nisei society and the messages to the Nikkei diaspora. Allow me to express the thanks of many of your readers to Bill Hosokawa the former columnist not only for his many years of devoted columns, but also for his swan-song article.

One period which Hosokawa did not write about in depth was the time spent in Shanghai in 1940-41. He lived in the Japanese sector of the International Settlement (Hongkou) where 5,000 or so Jews with the infamous transit visas issued by Chiune Sugihara ended up. Hosokawa once described eating at a Jewish restaurant near his residence. After World War II many of these Jews ended up in San Francisco and worked as architects or engineers alongside many Nikkei.

Bill always had a sense of humor and in his latest book, "Out of the Frying Pan," wrote the following:

"Probably it was back in the uncomplicated, innocent days when 'knock-knock' was the rage. Remember them?"

"You'd say 'knock-knock' and your friend asks, 'Who's there?'"

"Then you'd say something like 'Sam and Janet.'"

"Sam and Janet who? And your response would be:

"Sam and Janet Evening," even humming a bit, and if your P.C. readers didn't get it, you'd laugh like crazy."

Hosokawa reminded us that sometimes we have learned from and other times we have ignored the messages of the past. His retirement is a shocking realization that we are facing an unparalleled decline in numbers of known Nisei and the passage of that era.

William was one of the most creative and thoughtful writers of the Nisei era and he will be missed. Bill: A fond farewell and *Alechem sholem* (Peace unto you).

Takasumi Kojima
Berkeley, Calif.

The Issei immigrants brought with them many meaningful adages that contained profound meanings. One of those adages I recall was "Kusate-mo-tai." In the Japanese heritage, that fish was considered without reproach, the King of all Fish. Why the legacy, I do not know. A crude English translation is "Still number one, even when rotted!"

As a professional journalist of one of the nation's most respected leading newspapers, the *Denver Post*, you need not feel offended by any insensitive or boorish salutation from the *Pacific Citizen*. Your experience is above and beyond reproach.

It is my understanding that statistics show that World War II veterans are dying at the rate of 1,000 per day. Still there are many of us Nisei citizens left, who eagerly turn the pages of the newspaper to appreciate your worldly comments, which add much substance to the publication.

It is my request that you reconsider your decision to withdraw and continue your commentaries for our enjoyment.

Harry Nakata
Kingsburg, Calif.

I felt very said to read your farewell column in the March 10-16 *Pacific Citizen*.

Your column has meant a great deal to my husband and me over the years. It is far and beyond the best thing in the P.C., and we looked forward to it each time.

Your past anecdotes about your growing family have been heart-warming, and I always enjoyed your observations on life.

But your most important role has been to articulate what we Nisei feel about Japanese American issues. I read your column and then feel satisfied that you have expressed our thoughts in clear language that everyone can understand.

One recent example is your tribute to Larry Tajiri, who should have been chosen as the Nisei newspaperman of the century.

Your departure is our loss, and the P.C.'s loss. No one can replace you.

I think the JACL and the JA community should give you a unique tribute as an expression of thanks. And the P.C. should be open to you whenever you want to write publicly.

Azuko S. Kusuda
Madison, Wis.

As I read the "From the Frying Pan," P.C. March 10-16, I was indeed saddened by the sudden demise of Bill Hosokawa's articles. I believe this is my first letter to the P.C., and I have been a member of JACL for nearly 50 years. His columns have enriched my life for these many years. I do not know Bill personally, but I have met him at various functions in the past, and which JACLers haven't?

The other readable column in the P.C. is Bill Marutan's "East Wind." Without these two writers, I am not sure if P.C. has any real meaning to me, except for the obituaries so I can keep up with my many departing friends. Was Marutan also notified of the changes to come in the same haughty, disrespectful and insensitive manner?

Sadder still is to learn that the chairman of the editorial board who is responsible for this fiasco is a person who has no better judgment or human decency than to force Hosokawa to terminate his readership with his many readers in this abrupt manner.

The editor's note following Hosokawa's "sayonara" was better left unsaid. I can't find a single feeling of sincerity or regret that the editor wishes Bill "much happiness in his future endeavors." I am hoping Bill will reconsider and write to us occasionally with his thoughts of the moment. The solution is for the entire board to look at itself with serious introspection and apologize or resign.

Fred Nakagawa
Seattle

How sad to think that Bill Hosokawa was notified in such an impersonal manner after his many years of writing for the *Pacific Citizen*. I always looked forward to his column and felt something was missing when it didn't appear in each issue.

I am sure I am not alone to state the *Pacific Citizen*'s and its readership's loss that Bill Hosokawa's column will no longer be a part of your publication.

Louis Nakamura
Juneau, Alaska

Re: Miyazaki's Letter

Scott Miyazaki makes several errors in his defense of Mike Masaoka and characterization of the Japanese-American Memorial to Patriotism.

He states that the memorial is "for the Issei," while the inscriptions include: 1) Norman Mineta's "tribute-to the indomitable spirit of a citizenry," which excludes the Issei; 2) the narrative states, "the mass removal of Japanese Americans from the West Coast," which excludes the Issei; 3) the narrative states, "after the incarcerated citizens left the camps," and excludes the Issei; and 4) the narrative states, "mass imprisonment of Japanese Americans," which again excludes the Issei.

He limits the role of Hawaiian AJs in the 100th/442nd to the 100th, when, in fact, most of the JA volunteers in the 442nd RCT came from Hawaii.

He creates at least two straw man arguments. Mike Masaoka was not being criticized because he was not interned in a camp. Nisei resisters of conscience were non-violent, not violent.

Then there are the other factual errors. If the Masaoka creed "exactly" portrays the spirit of JAs during WWII, why did only 1,208 volunteer for military service from the camps while around 10,000 volunteered from Hawaii? The reasons why Mr. Masaoka is criticized as a collaborator is simply documented in "The Lim Report." The machinery of mass exclusion and detention was established in 1942; there may have been thoughts related to this in 1936, but no machinery. Morton Grodzin's "Americans Betrayed" contradicts the assertion, "The hatred against the Japanese on the West Coast was so great ... no amount of protesting by the Japanese community could have prevented the incarceration."

Mr. Masaoka was articulate but said nothing like "resistance to the incarceration movement would be futile and dangerous." Before the Tolan Committee he said, "we believe that, as good American citizens, we ought to accept the word of those charged with the responsibility of national safety and that we should cooperate with them to the best of our abilities, trusting that our cooperation will inspire a reciprocal cooperation on the part of our government in the humane and reasonable treatment of our mutual problem."

The all-volunteer 442nd RCT was formed in early 1943. Conscription was reinstated in early 1944. Resistance to the draft in 1944 could not have affected the recruitment of volunteers in 1943. In addition, the decision to reinstate the draft was military. Mr. Masaoka had nothing to do with it.

William Hakei
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OBITUARY

Mas Imon, 80, Retired Newspaperman

Onetime English editor Mas F. Imon of Little Tokyo's *Shin Nichi Bei*, *New Japanese American News*, in the 1950s, died suddenly March 10 of aortic aneurysm. In recent years, he was a P.C. stringer covering southern Nevada. He was 80. Surviving are his wife Mary, sons Michael of Atlanta and Richard.

Los Angeles-born Imon was among the early MISLS graduates at Camp Savage, dispatched to Amchitka, Australia

and the Philippines. Upon discharge from the Army, he worked with Brother Theophane Walsh of Maryknoll Seminary in Chicago in the resettlement of Japanese American families from the wartime camps. He then worked in the composing department at the Los Angeles *Herald-Examiner* until it was closed, the *Gardena Valley News* and the *Whittier Daily*. Though retired, he and his wife, Mary, helped produce the P.C. in the late '70s and '80s. ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Asato, Seikichi Tom, 86, Monterey Park, March 6; Waipahu, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Tsuroku Marian; sons Harry and wife Evelyn, William; sister Emi Minobe; sisters-in-law Katsuko Kay Sogaki and husband Yoshimaro, Tome Okagaki and husband Warren (San Jose); Satsuki and Ku Kiyon.

Cobb, Alice Sachiko, 70, Los Angeles, March 6; survived by son John; stepdaughter Billy Joe; 4 gc.; sisters Chiyoiko Taniguchi and husband Shigeru, Mieko Fukui and husband Abe.

Gyotoku, Ethel Rose Fujie, 74, Las Vegas, Feb. 23; Kealia Kono, Hawaii-born; survived by sons Michael and Jay (both Hawaii); daughters Jacki Kittaka (Los Angeles) Robin Takara and Jill Auman (both Las Vegas); 7 gc.; 1 gg.; brothers Hiroshi, Tosiyo, Noboru, Tom and Hideo Aoyagi; sisters Dorothy Tanaka, Caroline Murro, Lillian Chang, Alfred Koger, Esther Hayashi, Marcia Drake.

Hamada, June Chizuko, 62, Las Vegas, Jan. 10; co-owner with husband Jay of the Hamada of Japan restaurants in Las Vegas.

Imatomi, Satoru, 95, Gardena, March 8; Kekaha, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Mae Yukiko; sons Howard and wife Sawako, Richard and wife Keiko, Eddie and wife Cheryl; 5 gc.; brother-in-law James Kamada and wife Sue; sister-in-law Aiko Kamada.

Ishizu, Beverly Fumi, 86, San Leandro, March 12; Oakland-born; survived by daughters Deanne Shimizu and husband Keiji; sons Byron and wife Judy, Gaylan and wife Lily; 8 gc.; sister Dorothy Wehara; predeceased by husband Charles.

Kawasaki, Glen G., 66, Los Angeles, March 5; survived by mother Utako Florence Kawasaki; brothers Victor, Ernest and wife Georgette (Mass.); sisters-in-law Virginia Kawasaki (Alaska), Denise Kawasaki.

Kikunaga, Noriyuki, 75, Los Angeles, March 9; Kagoshima-born; survived by son Makoto and wife Kazuo (Japan); brother Isamu and wife Yumi; (Japan); sisters Hanako Hamasaki and husband Masanori, Noriko Tsuchihashi and husband Yoshio (Japan), Teryuo Nomoto.

Mura, Katsuchige, 93, Gardena, March 8; Tottori-born, naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by sons Hideo and wife Miyoko, Tsuruyoshi and wife Mie, Isao and wife Carol; daughters Lily, Kiyomi Watanabe, Martha Keiko Kinoshita and husband Roy; 8 gc.; 8 gg.; brother Masao Mura and wife Chizuko (Colo.); brother-in-law Teshio Miyahara and wife Yukiko (San Diego); sisters-in-law Yaeiko Yashuhara, Emiko Sakihara and husband Yoshihiro.

Nii, Masako, 89, Gardena, March 6; Kahuku, Hawaii-born; owner of Star Electric in Little Tokyo; survived by husband Robert Isao; son Robert Hideo and wife Nancy (San Jose);

daughters Sumako Aileen Harvey and husband Herman (Hawaii), Jane Aiko Nii; 3 gc.; sister Yaeq Kobayashi (Japan).

Omori, Henry Keisaku, 50, Gardena, March 6; Kumamoto-born; survived by wife Sue Oda; daughters Dawn Rife, Lisa Ren; father Seichi; brothers Edward, Hiroshi and wife Diane.

Suzawa, Kazuhiko, 75, Los Angeles, March 6; Los Angeles-born; survived by son Glenn; daughter Karen Uchizono and husband Craig; 2 gc.; mother Tomika Suzawa; sisters Mary Hiyaake and husband Tsumao, Ichiko Kataoka and husband Pete; uncle Frank Suzawa and wife June.

Takeshima, Fuyuka, 76, Las Vegas, Feb. 22, Calif.-born; survived by husband Masaru; daughter Cheryl Valle (Las Vegas); son Dennis Takeshima (Hacienda Heights); 3 gc.; 1 brother, 6 sisters.

Tamura, Isoye, 91, Palo Alto, March 10; survived by daughters Teryuo Mitsuyoshi, Chiyoie Adachi and husband Eiichi, Tomoye Kumagai and husband Samuel; gc., gg.

Tamura, Miyako, 59, Gardena, March 6; Okinawa-born; survived by son Neil Ferrell; brothers Seiji Arakaki and wife Katsuko, Seikichi Arakaki and wife Hatsu, Seiki Arakaki and wife Shizu; sisters Mitsuko Arakaki, Masako Taira and husband Yasuhide.

Toyotomi, Trina Yuriko, 10, Mammoth Lake, March 5; Torrance-born, Riverside resident; survived by parents Alphon and Karen Gushiken Toyotome; brothers Matthew, Joseph, James; sister Trisha; grandparents Mitsuyoshi and Saeko Gushiken.

Tsuchimoto, Harushi, 85, Sunnyvale, Feb. 19; Honolulu-born; survived by wife Fumito; 3 daughters; 6 gc. ■

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SHIZUO "BILL" HONDA
Shizu lived near 7th Street and Gladys Ave. in Los Angeles in 1951. He also graduated from Poly High that same year. Served in the U.S. Army in Korea in 1952-53. Had three brothers, Tomio, Asao and last brother's name is unknown and one sister. Please contact Shuji "Bob" Miyasaki, 11834 Springdale Rd., San Diego, CA 92128 or 659/486-9126.

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