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JACL Calendar

National

Mon., June 26-Sun., July 2—36th Biennial JACL National Convention: DoubleTree Inn, Monterey, Calif.; special rate for JACL conventioners. Reservations ASAP: 831/649-4511, <www.doubletreemonterey.com>.

Eastern

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Sat., May 20—Fifth Annual APA Spring Benefit: see Community Calendar.

Midwest

CINCINNATI
Sat., May 6 (rain date May 13)—Yard Sale, 2933 Madison Rd., Oakley; Info: Jacqui Vidourek, 861-4860, Shiro Tanaka, 489-9079.

CLEVELAND

Through May 5—The Education Committee working with the Speakers Bureau for planning involvement.
Sun., May 7 (tentative)—JACL Installation dinner.
Sun., May 21—Cherry Blossom Festival; see Community Calendar.

Intermountain

MOUNTAIN OLYMPUS
Tues., May 9—High School Senior Scholarship Dinner; 7 p.m., Joe Morley's, 106 West Center, Midvale. RSVP by April 30: Dick Mano, 972-6395.

COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Sat., May 20—Fifth Annual APA Spring Benefit: Omni Shoreham (Woodley Park Metro). Info, tickets: 703/522-4231 or chieko@aol.com.

The Midwest

CLEVELAND
Sun., May 21—Cherry Blossom Festival; MetroParks Zoo.

Pacific Northwest

PORTLAND
Through May 20—Exhibit, "The Heart Mountain Story," photos by Hansel Meeth and Otto Hagel taken for the Life magazine; Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 117 NW 2nd Ave.
Fri.-Sun., Aug. 11-13—Greater Portland Reunion; "Nikkei Futures 2000; DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel; mixer, banquet, tours, golf tournament, picnic, etc. Info: Kenzie Namba, 503/253-0848; 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.
Fri.-Sun., Sept. 15-17—Heart Mountain Reunion; SeaTac DoubleTree Hotel. Info: Toshi Terayama, registrar, 253/520-8005, e-mail: toshiter@ix.netcom.com.

April or May 2001—Minidoka Reunion at Las Vegas; if interested, forward name and address by this April 30 to Minidoka Reunion Committee, c/o Tak (Yokoyama) Todo, 15537 32nd Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA 98155-6530.

NC-WNPacific

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun., May 7—District Meeting and Oratorical Competition: Salinas.

Sat., June 3—NCWNP District's pre-convention meeting to review resolutions, the budget and to meet the candidates running for national office; 10 a.m.-3 p.m., JACL National Headquarters, San Francisco. Info: NCWNP Regional Director Patty Wada, 415/345-1075.

SAN MATEO

Sat., May 6—"Family Ties Picnic"; see Community Calendar.

WATSONVILLE

Mon.-Thurs., April 24-27—Senior Center Tour to Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, etc. Info: Carmel Kamigawachi, 831/722-1930; Ship Kizuka, 831/724-0116.
Thurs., April 27—Ainoru Yasui Oratorical Contest; 8 p.m., JACL Kizuka Hall. Info: Mas Hashimoto, 722-6859.

Central California

FOWLDER

Sun., April 30—Community Picnic. LIVINGSTON-MERCED
Sat., April 22—Livingston-Merced Golf Tournament.

Pacific Southwest

SAN DIEGO

Sun., May 7—JACL Scholarship Awards Dinner, Tom Ham's Light-house Restaurant on Harbor Island. Info: 619/230-0314, e-mail: sdjaci@juno.com.
SELANOCO
Sat., May 13—Guided tour of exhibit,

Northern California

BAY AREA

Sat.-Sun., April 29-30—17th Annual Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Memorial Park on Stevens Creek Blvd., across from DeAnza College; in honor of Cupertino sister-city Toyokawa, Japan, and its gift of 200 cherry blossom trees in 1978. Info: Margaret M. Abe, 650/941-9466.

MONTEREY

Fri., June 30—Veterans Tribute Dinner; 6 p.m. cocktail reception, 7 p.m. dinner, DoubleTree Hotel De Anza Ballroom; Gen. Eric Shinseki, keynote speaker; Hon. Robert J. Dole, invited, fund raiser for the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. RSVP ASAP: Judy Niizawa, 408/733-7692; e-mail: jniizawa@earthlink.net.

Thurs.-Sun., April 27-30—Nikkei 2000 Conference: Radisson Miyako Hotel, Japantown; join students, professionals, community organizers, politicians, others, to make a difference; Registration, \$65; students/low-income, \$40. Registration deadline extended to April 24. Info: JACCC, 415/567-5505; fax: 415/567-4222; e-mail: chrip@www.nikkei.org.

Thurs., April 27—Exhibit opening, "The Fabric of Strength & Diversity"; dress reception 8-9 p.m., National Japanese American Historical Society, 1684 Post St.; featuring the Threads of Remembrance quilt. Free. Info: 415/921-5007, www.njahs.org.

SAN JOSE

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.
Fri.-Sun., April 28-30—San Jose Taiko Annual Spring Concert; 8 p.m. Friday

"More Than a Game: Spotted in the Japanese American Community"; 12 noon lunch, 1 p.m. tour, Japanese American National Museum. RSVP by May 9: BJ Watanabe, 714/779-4140. ■

Resolutions

Reminder

All resolutions require an accompanying budget; those chapters needing assistance with their resolution budgets can contact national headquarters, 415/921-5225, and ask for Clyde Izumi.

Reminder

Credential Guidelines
Chapters in "Good Standing" are required to have the following: A minimum of 25 members; an elected set of officers and the 2000 Chapter Board Roster; paid all National and District dues, fees and assessments.
For assistance, call Tracie Uchino, membership coordinator, at 415/921-5225.

DEADLINE for Calendar is the Friday before date of issue, on a space-available basis.
Please provide the time and place of the event, and name and phone number (including area code) of a contact person.

& Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday: San Jose Repertory Theatre, 101 Paseo de San Antonio. Box Office: 408/291-2255.
Sat., April 29—Workshops, "Reflections of Nihonmachi," all day in the San Jose Japantown area. Info: Warren Hayashi, 408/241-0900, www.pgpgroup.com/NikkeiMatsuri.
Sun., April 30—Nikkei Matsuri; 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., San Jose Japantown area. Info: Warren Hayashi, 408/241-0900, www.pgpgroup.com/NikkeiMatsuri.

SAN MATEO
Sat., May 6—"Family Ties Picnic"; 2 p.m., San Mateo's Central Park, SW corner; arts and crafts, free toys for children under 10; pinatas, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, watermelon, drinks, raffles, all for \$5. RSVP ASAP: Wade Luo, 650/341-6036, Ted Yamagishi, 650/356-3332.

Central California

FRESNO

Sat., April 29—31st Annual Japanese Cultural Day; 9 a.m.-noon, Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple. Info: 432-1414.
Fri.-Sat., Oct. 13-14—Fifth Jerome Reunion; New Otani Hotel, Los Angeles. Info: Rose Masuda Okajima, 559/875-3878.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

Sat., April 22—Inaugural NAAU (Nisei Athletic Union) Reunion; reception 2-5 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; light refreshments; Aki Koma Memorial Awards. Info: 213/625-0414.
Sat., April 22—"Stargate Starbright" Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches (A3M) Fundraising Gala; 7 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/680-3700.
Sat., April 29—Panel Discussion, "The Forgotten War: The Impact of the Korean War on Japanese Americans and Their Community"; 1:30-3 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; RSVP: 213/625-0414, 800/461-5266.
Sat., April 29—Manzanar Pilgrimage; internment from Amache and Tule Lake to be honored. Info: 323/662-5102, fax: 323/666-5161.
Sat.-Sun., April 29-30—Boyle Heights Photo Duplication Day; Roosevelt High gymnasium, 456 S. Mathews St. Info, appointments: Japanese American National Museum, 213/625-0414, ext. 5717.
Fri.-Sat., Oct. 13-14—Fifth Jerome Reunion; New Otani Hotel, Los Angeles. Info: Helen Yoshimura Takata, 626/968-2966; Miyo Kunitake Kawamura, 714/961-1249; Dollie Nagai Fukawa, 310/323-9615; Rose Masuda Okajima, 559/875-3878.

Arizona - Nevada
LAS VEGAS
Sat., May 6—Asian Pacific American Cultural Fair; 12-5 p.m., West Sahara Library; traditional clothing, foods, entertainment. Info: 382-3493. ■

Re: Gordon Hirobayashi Professorship

To support the Gordon Hirobayashi Professorship (April 7-13 issue of the Pacific Citizen), donations can be made by filling in the reply form below and mailing to: Hirabayashi Professorship, c/o UWAA, Box 354860, Seattle, WA 98105.

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Evidence Suggests Secrets Downloaded by Lee Were Not Classified

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA FE, N.M.—Weapons designs and related nuclear-blast simulations downloaded by a fired Los Alamos scientist were not classified as "restricted data" at the time he is accused of illegally copying them to unclassified computers and computer tapes.

According to prosecution evidence, most of the data Wen Ho Lee is accused of illegally mishandling was not labeled restricted, a designation the U.S. Department of Energy uses to categorize nuclear design information.

Records show most, if not all, of Lee's tapes were full of data designated as PARD, or protect as restricted data. Unlike restricted data, PARD is not a data classification. It is a set of rules for handling data.

Lee is accused of downloading classified information onto unsecured computers and computer tapes at Los Alamos National Laboratory, which has been at the center of an alleged Chinese espionage scandal. Lee is not charged with spying.

He is awaiting a Nov. 6 trial and is being held without bail because of security concerns. Lee faces life in prison if convicted of the charges.

The uncertainty over the classification of the data Lee is accused of mishandling could affect the prosecution's case against the 60-year-old scientist, said Steve Aftergood, a classification expert at the Federation of American Scientists.

"This is an indication of potentially lesser sensitivity," said Aftergood, whose Washington, D.C.-based organization was founded by former

Los Alamos weapons scientists. "It raises one more small question about the prosecution of this case."

The PARD designation was devised by the defunct Atomic Energy Commission so scientists would not have to classify and lock up reams of printouts in the early decades of weapons computing.

Under Energy Department guidelines, PARD information is to be handled as if it were classified as restricted data. But Los Alamos assigned PARD a lower level of computer security than restricted data at the time Lee allegedly downloaded the secrets.

Federal prosecutors argue that the more than 20 weapons designs and related nuclear-blast simulations Lee is accused of mishandling were extremely sensitive — the "crown jewels" of U.S. national defense.

Lee's attorneys contend the downloaded bomb secrets were not that secret and that Lee had legitimate reasons for copying them.

Neither side would comment on whether the PARD designation will play a role at trial.

"An argument can be made both ways, but the PARD designation is one step further removed from the 'crown jewels' category," said Aftergood.

Ray Holmer, director of operations for the DOE's Office of Cybersecurity and former DOE manager of classified computer security, said all data on the Los Alamos classified network are automatically viewed as secret restricted data.

In the late 1950s, weapons scientists had no desktop computers but designed nuclear

bombs on large mainframe computers using punch cards. The cards, code listings and printed outputs sometimes contained weapons secrets.

But the printouts were too voluminous to treat as secret and lock in office safes, said Bob Clark, a computational physicist who worked on weapons codes at LANL until 1995.

It was useless to handle all this stuff as secret because there was too much of it," he said. "PARD was a way to circumvent some laws we thought were too restrictive, to get some work done."

In time electronic data storage made punch cards and printouts obsolete and the lab expanded PARD to include electronic data files.

"The intent was for hard copy," he said. "Over time, some people migrated it inappropriately to magnetic media."

Still, under DOE rules, all data on a classified network should be considered classified until formally declassified, including the PARD downloaded by Lee, Holmer said.

"We know it's classified because it came out of a classified computer," he said. "It's classified until it's undergone a classification review to prove it's not classified."

President Clinton Signs Bill to Name Los Angeles Post Office After Hate Crime Victim Joseph Ito

President Clinton signed a bill on April 14 naming a Chino Hills post office after slain Filipino American postal worker, Joseph Ito.

Ito was shot to death on his postal route during an alleged shooting rampage by a white supremacist. The bill, introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., passed the House in November 1999 and the Senate in March 2000.

Ito, a former Chino Hills resident, was shot August 1999 along his postal route in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles. The alleged gunman is an acknowledged white supremacist, and has been charged with hate crimes and other federal violations involving Ito's shooting death and the shooting injuries of five people at the North Valley Jewish Community Center.

The defendant allegedly admitted to targeting Ito because he was not white and because he was wearing a federal uniform.

Ismael Ito, brother of Joseph Ito, said, "We are very pleased that Joseph Ito will be remembered for generations to come by naming the Chino Hills Post Office after him. The Ito family would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all those in the community, our Congress, and Presi-

dent Clinton for making this possible. In naming this post office after Joseph, I believe we are uniting to reaffirm our country's vigilance against hate and intolerance."

The following is the statement made by President Clinton:

"Today I signed legislation designating the United States Post Office located at 14701 Repton Drive in Chino Hills, California, as the 'Joseph Ito Post Office.' Joseph Ito was a Filipino American postal worker who was tragically murdered last year in a crime of hate. He was a dedicated public servant, killed simply because he was an Asian American who worked for his country's government. It is a fitting tribute to the life and memory of Mr. Ito that we name this post office in his honor."

"During the last year, we have all been shaken by violent acts like the murder of Joseph Ito, acts that strike at the very values that define us as a nation. Now is the time for us to take strong and decisive action to fight hate crimes, and I call on Congress, at long last, to pass strong hate crimes legislation. It is time for us all to raise our voices against intolerance and to build the One America that our hearts tell us we can be."

National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

□ Denny's Agrees to Nationwide Retraining

WASHINGTON—Denny's Inc. agreed April 10 to retrain its managers nationwide after allegations that a San Diego restaurant requested excessive documentation from immigrants applying for work, the Department of Justice (DOJ) said. To resolve the issue, the company also agreed to pay \$89,400 in civil penalties.

Managers of all 1,700 company-owned Denny's restaurants will be trained on how to verify that aliens are eligible to work under the Immigration and Reform and Control Act of 1986. John Trasvina, DOJ's special counsel for immigration-related unfair employment practices, praised the company's "cooperative spirit in resolving the matter."

Trasvina's office conducted an 18-month investigation of allegations that San Diego Denny's restaurants requested specific documents from newly hired noncitizen workers to prove they could legally work in this country. The law prohibits employers from demanding specific documents and allows new employees to choose which of several documents to produce to establish work eligibility.

In 1994, Denny's settled a \$46 million discrimination lawsuit filed by black Secret Service agents who said they were denied service at a restaurant in Annapolis.

In 1997, a group of Asian-American students accused a Syracuse Denny's of racial bias and also filed a suit. After being thrown out of the restaurant for complaining about the discrimination, they were assaulted in the parking lot by a group of white patrons.

□ Ling Responds to Old Navy Ad Criticism

DURHAM, N.C.—Lisa Ling, the 26-year-old co-host of ABC's daytime talk show "The

View," said she appeared in commercials for clothing company Old Navy because they offered her creative control.

As part of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Ling spoke at Duke University on April 7, saying she took the job to fight stereotypes. "I saw this commercial as empowering and pretty cool because it shows a minority woman in control and not submissive to a white man's needs," she said. "It says women can choose capri pants over hot guys if we want to."

But some in the AA community didn't see it that way. "The Asian American community saw it as being materialistic and selling out to Old Navy... I was even getting blasted in online chat rooms for not having an Asian man in the commercial."

In a perfect world, more AAs would be in the media, Ling told the 100 students in the audience. AAs represent about 13 percent of Duke's student body.

It was that lack of diversity which originally helped her land a gig on "The View." Formerly a news reporter for Channel One News, a program broadcast in schools, Ling was handpicked by Barbara Walters and company to represent youth.

□ Study Looks to Reduce Cancers Rates Among AAs

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Ohio State University will lead a five-year, \$7.6 million research program aimed at reducing cancer among the country's 10 million Asian Americans.

The study, funded by the National Cancer Institute, is part of \$60 million in grants to address cancer within certain ethnic and cultural groups in the United States.

Ohio State health professor Moon S. Chen and a team of researchers hope to overcome misperceptions about AA health, including the belief that AAs are at low risk for developing cancer.

"In comparing racial ethnic groups, Asian American women are the only group in which cancer is the leading cause of death.

Among others, heart disease is the leading cause," Chen said. Lung and colorectal cancers are the two leading killers in the AA populations. Liver cancer is third.

Smoking is another problem among AAs, according to Chen. If smoking rates drop, lung and breast cancer rates should follow.

Carla Hayden, director of the office of minority health at the Columbus Health Department, said health-care workers particularly run into hurdles when working with Asian women. "Language is always a problem," she said. "But there are cultural issues, too. For example, a lot of our providers are male, and Asian American women are more comfortable with females."

Besides Ohio State, the Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research and Training will include scientists from Harvard University, Columbia University, the University of Washington, UCSF and UCLA.

□ Minorities Still Lagging in Nation's Newsrooms

WASHINGTON—A nearly quarter-century effort to make newsrooms reflect America's racially diverse population has failed to narrow the gap between minorities in journalism and in society at large, a study has found.

The Freedom Forum said nearly half of the journalists hired by daily newspapers will have to be minorities over the next 25 years if the industry is to achieve a goal of racial and ethnic parity with the general population in that time.

Minorities make up about 12 percent of newsrooms but are over 28 percent of the population — a disparity that has remained unchanged from the mid-1970s.

The study also found that minority journalists were leaving their jobs at almost the same rate they were being hired. ■

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Royal Manaka: Training Partner of Heavy Weight Boxing Champion of World Joe Louis and Local Hero



By ROGER MINAMI

"Whatever you do, Louis, don't bring shame to the Japanese community. Do whatever you can."

Manaka family or don't bring shame to the Japanese community. Do whatever you can."

According to retired Monterey Peninsula College professor and author David Yamada in his book "The Japanese of the Monterey Peninsula," these words to Royal Louis Manaka from his father would leave a lasting impression on him for the rest of his life.

Manaka was working as a fisherman when he was inducted into the U.S. Army in November of 1941. While undergoing basic training in field artillery at Camp Roberts near San Luis Obispo, Calif., news arrived of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor. After that, Manaka's family was forced to look up their home and leave for Delano, Calif., on their way to the Poston, Ariz., internment camp.

Eventually, Manaka was sent to Fort Riley in Kansas where, in order to escape the mental tasks assigned to Japanese American soldiers at that time, he tried out for the boxing team.

"Not only did Royal make the Fort Riley team, he trained with Joe Louis, the reigning heavy-weight boxing champion of the world," said Yamada. "The all-black military unit was also training at Fort Riley. So, armed with pointers and advice from Joe Louis, Royal left to participate in the middleweight division of the all-Army Golden Gloves tournament. While in Omaha, Neb., ready to enter the tournament, Royal got orders to return immediately to Fort Riley for reassignment."

Manaka was sent to Camp Shelby, Miss., for basic training and eventually served as the first sergeant of the Service Company of the 442nd RCT. In 1944, his company served in Bruyeres, France, and saved what is known today as the "Lost Texas Battalion." The cost was extremely high however as out of 450 men sent to rescue the Lost Texas Battalion, only 35 to 40 survived.

At the conclusion of the campaign, the general of the 36th Division asked the 442nd to march in review so he could thank them for their role in rescuing the group. After the parade was over, the general bellowed angrily to the 442nd's commanding colonel, "I told you I wanted all of the 442nd to be present! Where are the rest of you men?" The colonel poignantly replied, "Sir, that's all we have left." Today, Manaka lives in Seaside, Calif., near Monterey, the site of this year's JACL national convention.

"It is so important that organizations such as JACL recognize and convey compelling stories such as Royal Manaka's so that future generations will know and come to appreciate their history. That is why we decided to hold the veteran's tribute event," said Larry Oda, co-chair of the upcoming JACL national convention.

The veteran's tribute event will



Courtesy of "The Japanese of the Monterey Peninsula" First Sgt. Royal Manaka receiving the Service Award of Merit from Capt. Roderick Matheson. The award was authorized by Lt. Gen. Truscott, Third Army, for Manaka's leadership with the 442nd RCT in coordinating supplies during the European campaign.

be held on June 30 at the Monterey DoubleTree Hotel and will recognize the achievements of JA veterans of all wars and conflicts. The featured speaker will be Gen. Eric Shinseki, chief of staff of the U.S. Army.

For more information on the veteran's tribute event, please contact the event's chairperson, Judy Niizawa, at jniizawa@earthlink.net.

Now Available: JACL National Convention Web Site

By ROGER MINAMI

Committee co-chairperson Kaz Matsuyama has just announced the formation of a Web site to provide information on the upcoming JACL national convention in Monterey.

The Web site address is <http://www.jacl.org/jac2000/>. "We are extremely pleased with how the Web site turned out," said Matsuyama. "We strongly encourage everyone to use the Web site in making hotel arrangements for the convention, communicating with convention hosts, and anything else pertaining to the JACL national convention."

The Web site contains the following information:

- Information on the speakers who will be taking part in the various workshops during the convention.
- Schedule of events during the convention.
- Registration and hotel information.
- Listing of sponsors.
- Latest changes on convention activities.
- General information on the convention and other related events.

If you have any questions about the Web site or the JACL national convention, please contact Larry Oda at tsuneo1@msn.com.

Sen. Inouye Keynote Speaker at Nikkei 2000 Conference Banquet

The upcoming Nikkei 2000 Conference will be honored with a rare Bay Area appearance by Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) as keynote speaker at its banquet, to be held April 28 at the Radisson Miyako Hotel, San Francisco.

Titled "Awakening of Our Community," the banquet promises to be one of the conference's highlights. In addition to the senator's speaking on diversity in the Nikkei community, guests will also be treated to live music performances from Johnny Mori of Hiroshima and Pan-Asian American percussion ensemble Asian Crisis. Jill Togawa of the Purple Moon Dance Project will dance hula.

Dinner tickets are \$50 each and are available by calling 415/567-5505, or by registering online at www.nikkei2000.org. Community Tables are also available at \$500.

One of the most distinguished leaders in the Japanese American community, Inouye enlisted in the U.S. Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team at the age of 18. After seeing action in Italy and France and receiving awards and medals, including the Bronze Star and Distinguished Service Cross, he earned his law degree at the George Washington University Law School.

In 1954, he was elected into the Territorial House of Representatives and in 1959, he won election to the U.S. House of Representatives as the state's first congressman as well as the first American of Japanese descent to serve in the House of Congress. In 1962, Inouye won election to the U.S. Senate.

Co-emceeding the evening's program will be actor Clyde Kusatsu

and local artist and activist Judith Nihei. Kusatsu's many television credits include "Kung Fu," "Magnum P.I.," "All in the Family," "Beverly Hills Cop," "The Untouchables," "The American Girl," playing Margaret Cho's affable father, "Family Matters," and "Star Trek: The Next Generation" as Admiral Nekeema. More recently Kusatsu has made guest appearances on "The Pretender," "Ally McBeal," "Dharma & Greg," and "The West Wing," as well as "Touched by an Angel," "Walker Texas Ranger," "Party of Five," and "The Practice."

A local product, Nihei has been deeply involved with the development of AA theatre for over 25 years. From 1993 to 1997, she was the artistic director of the Northwest Asian American Theatre in Seattle. She has directed at Asian American Theatre Company, San Francisco; Northwest Asian American Theatre, Seattle; and East West Players, Los Angeles.

She has been a member of the Theatre Department faculty of Comish College of the Arts, a consultant for the San Francisco Arts Commission, and an improviser with the National Theatre of the Deaf. She is currently project coordinator for the Japantown Planning, Preservation and Development Task Force in San Francisco.

The Nikkei 2000 Conference is expecting as many as 500 participants who will help actively develop an action plan for our changing community. The conference will be located at the Radisson Miyako in San Francisco's Japantown. Space is still available and the deadline to register is April 24.

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For information please contact: Nikkei 2000, c/o Japanese Cultural and Community Center, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco, phone 415/567-5505; fax 415/567-4222; or register online at <http://www.nikkei.org>.

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Memorial Foundation Seeks Public's Help to Assure Accuracy of Military List

Major Gen. James H. Mukoyama Jr., USAR (Ret.) appealed to the Japanese American community to assist in the process to ensure the accuracy of the list of over 800 names of military personnel who died in service during World War II to be inscribed on the Japanese American National Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, D.C.

Mukoyama has completed the review of the honor roll and has posted the list on the foundation Web site at www.njamf.org. The honor roll includes the names of individuals who died during WWII while a member of the U.S. armed forces. Persons listed must be of Japanese descent or must have served in one of the JA segregated units, including the Military Intelligence Service.

The honor roll is a collation of three major documents: the 442nd Archives and Learning Center List from Hawaii, the official 1946 War Department Honor Roll List, and the Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance List.

Because of his military background and his commitment to the memorial, Mukoyama volunteered to head this effort and worked for over two years to make it as complete as possible. NJAMF board director and WWII veteran Kelly Kuwayama

assisted the effort by going to the National Archives and obtaining one of the key documents, the War Department 1946 Honor Roll list from numerous states and the Pacific territories. James Yamashita from the AJA World War II Memorial Alliance in Los Angeles also played an important role in cross checking the list of names.

As a final check of the list, Mukoyama made corrections, additions, and deletions based on numerous e-mails and correspondence from the public in response to the foundation's Web site listing, which has been posted since late 1998. In order to evaluate a name for listing, numerous pieces of information were considered: family name, first name, middle initial, rank, serial number, unit, date of death, place of death, and place of burial.

If sufficient data was not available to justify listing, the name was placed in an unconfirmed list for possible future listing if the additional information becomes available. As of this date, the confirmed list contains a total of 810 names.

Anyone wishing to register a correction or submit additional information, please fax to the foundation at 202/861-8845 or e-mail to njamf@erols.com.

UCLA Announces Summer Program on Hawaii's API Communities

The UCLA Asian American Studies Center, in conjunction with the American Studies Department of the University of Hawaii, Manoa, will once again offer its Multicultural Summer Program in Honolulu for graduate, undergraduate, and high school students.

The award-winning program, which was inaugurated nearly a decade ago, provides an intensive, six-week immersion in Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in Hawaii through a multidisciplinary survey of their histories, cultures, and community issues.

Through classroom presentations, field trips, field studies, community internships, and independent research projects, stu-

dents will gain an understanding and appreciation for Hawaii's distinct nature as a diverse and dynamic API population.

Students earn eight quarter credits for the two required classes they must take, and have the option of earning four additional quarter credits through independent study.

Directed by Erin Wright and Roderick LaBrador of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, the program runs from Monday, July 3 to Friday, August 11, 2000.

For more information, please call UCLA summer session at 310/792-8340 or email (travel@summer.ucla.edu), as well as view the Web site (www.summer.ucla.edu/travel).

JAKWV to Host All-Veteran Reunion April 27-30

Marking the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, the Japanese American Korean War Veterans (JAKWV) are finalizing plans for an all-veteran reunion on April 27-30 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

In conjunction with the reunion, there will be a special tribute to honor Korean War hero Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura, the only living American of Japanese ancestry recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military honor.

Keynote speaker at the tribute dinner will be Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, himself a holder of the distinguished Service Cross and a veteran of E Company, 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II.

Families and relatives of those killed or missing in action, not only during the Korean War but during WWII, the Vietnam War and other conflicts, will also be recognized during the reunion.

Miyamura, who spent more than two years as a prisoner of war, was cited for his heroic action on the rainy night of April 24, 1951, near Taegon-ni. A member of H Company, Third Division, which had been ordered to withdraw in the face of a fierce enemy offensive which had cracked the United Nations line, Miyamura was positioned between a light and a heavy machine gun position. Hurling grenades and emptying his carbine, he aided two wounded GIs in the four-man, heavy-machine-gun position. Instructing them to cover him, he clamped his bayonet on his carbine and left the emplacement.

"...Wielding his bayonet in close, hand-to-hand combat, he killed approximately 10 of the enemy," his citation reads. Miyamura ran back up to the machine gun position and ordered the gunners and wounded riflemen to fall back while he covered them. "As another savage assault hit the line, he manned the machine gun and delivered withering fire until his ammunition was expended," the citation continues.

Miyamura prepared to withdraw, first destroying the machine gun. Running down the trench, he collided into a Chinese soldier. Both recoiled, but Miyamura was quicker. He shot and wounded his adversary, who threw a grenade in Miyamura's direction. Miyamura kicked it back, but got wounded in his leg.

He ran desperately toward an American tank staked to cover the withdrawal, but was caught in barbed wire. He managed to free himself and dropped into a



President Eisenhower confers the Congressional Medal of Honor and congratulates S/Sgt. "Hershey" Hiroshi Miyamura for heroic actions during the Korean Conflict at White House ceremonies on Oct. 27, 1953.

small shell hole, thudding with pain. He pretended to be dead, when a lone enemy soldier stopped beside him, leveling a U.S. Army 45-caliber pistol at his head and saying in English, "Get up! I know you're alive. We don't harm prisoners." Four days later, when a Third Division Task Force slashed its way back to the position last occupied by Miyamura, they found more than 50 enemy dead lying scattered on both sides of the slope.

Miyamura's citation, dated Dec. 21, 1951, was kept a classified top secret for 19 months until his release for fear that the enemy would learn of Sgt. Miyamura's "kills" and take revenge. When the POWs were returned to Freedom Village after the armistice in late July 1953, an astonished Miyamura learned that he had received the nation's top military honor. He was formally presented the medal in White House ceremonies on October 27, 1953, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Miyamura operated a service station in Gallup, N.M., after the war until he retired in 1984. He sent his three children to college and enjoys visiting his grandchildren and fishing. A member of the Gallup Lions Club, he often visits schools to talk to students, asking them to remember the sacrifices of the men and women who served when duty called, some of whom never came back. As a member of the elite Medal of Honor Society, he has been invited to presidential inaugurations many times, and he also attends reunions and conventions of veterans whenever he can.

The all-veterans reunion will also be holding a fund-raising for a new memorial being built at

Injin-Gak, Paju City, South Korea, which will list the names of the 247 JAs who died in Korea during the war. Ed Nakata and Min Tunai, Korea monument co-chairs, visited Korea in October last year to conclude negotiations with government officials and the monument builder. The memorial is slated to be completed by April 25 of this year.

Reunion chair Sam Shimoguchi announced other activities of the reunion, which include a golf tournament on Friday, April 28, at Whittier Narrows Golf Course, a reception and business meeting Friday night at the Hyatt Regency, and tours of the Japanese American National Museum on Saturday morning. A panel discussion featuring Hershey Miyamura and the Korean war veterans will be held at JANM on Saturday afternoon.

Another highlight will be the United Korean War, Vietnam War and WWII Memorial Exhibit in the George J. Doiasaki Gallery of the JACCC on April 28-30.

There will also be a \$100-a-plate tribute dinner Saturday night. Festivities will close on Sunday with a combined memorial service for the JA soldiers killed or missing in action from WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Services will be held in the War Memorial Court of the JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., in the Little Tokyo area of Los Angeles.

The reunion is open to veterans of all wars, families and guests, stated Shimoguchi. For further information, contact Victor Muraoka, 818/997-1533; Sam Shimoguchi, 310/822-6688, or Robert Wada, 714/992-5461, e-mail: rwadec@earthlink.net.

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Twin Cities Holds Annual Meeting and Installation Banquet

The Twin Cities JACL chapter recently held its 53rd annual meeting and installation banquet with special guests Bill and Carol Yoshino. The presentation of colors was made by Toshio Abe and Sam Honda, representing the Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota. MDC Regional Director Bill Yoshino was the keynote speaker. Yoshino, who currently serves on the Asian American Advisory Council to the Chicago Commission on Human Relations and the Illinois Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes, detailed the high-profile hate crimes against Asian Pacific Americans that occurred in 1999. He also discussed the current role of the JACL, including the continuing importance of JACL to be involved in civil rights issues and education. Past-President Chris Sajdberg was Master of Ceremonies.

The annual meeting was conducted by Jamie Ishio Cork. The chapter's activities were summa-



Twin Cities chapter board (l-r)—Gloria Kumagai, Lellani Savitt, Carolyn Masami Sandberg, Jamie Ishio Cork, Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, Liz Hara, Bill Yoshino (keynote speaker), and Jay Yamashiro. (Not pictured: Ben A. Ezaki III and John Nakasone).

rized and event chairpersons were acknowledged, including banquet organizers Kathy Ohama Koch and May Tanaka. Cheryl Hirata-Dulas presented outgoing board member Christine Murakami Noonan with an inscribed clock in recognition of 11 years of service on the board.

Yoshino installed the following board members and officers: Ben A. Ezaki III (pres.), Jamie Ishio Cork (vp.), Cheryl Hirata-Dulas (sec.), Elizabeth Hara (MDC youth rep.), Lellani Savitt (youth rep.), Gloria Kumagai, John Nakasone, Carolyn Masami Sandberg, and Jay Yamashiro.

COMMENTARY

Reflections: JACL/OCA Leadership Conference

By SUSAN HIGASHI RUMBERG

Only now, a few days after participating in the whirlwind Washington, D.C., leadership conference, am I able to take a moment to reflect on what the conference meant to me as a participant, as an Asian Pacific American and as someone involved in the community.

Originally started in 1983 by the JACL, jointly sponsored by the JACL and the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) since 1994, and generously underwritten by State Farm Insurance this year, the purpose of the prestigious leadership conference is "to enhance the leadership abilities of those who wish to play a stronger role in the community."

Fifteen-hour days, 30 participants, 23 presentations, 38 speakers. We were 30 APAs who came together to improve our leadership

Acting Assistant Attorney General Bill Linn Lee; Paul Igasaki (commissioner and vice chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission); Jeremy Wu (ambassador for the U.S. Department of Energy); presidential appointee Jeannette Takamura (assistant secretary for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services); Ed Fujimoto (deputy director, Office of Public Affairs, Department of Education); Les Jin (general counsel, Broadcasting Board of Governors); Malcolm Lee (special assistant to the president and senior director, International Trade & Economic Policy, the White House); Laura Eford (deputy assistant to the president and deputy director of Public Liaison, the White House); Shamima Singh (executive director, White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders); Robert Gee (assistant secretary for Fossil Energy, Department of Energy); author/activist Helen Zia,



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During the annual JACL/OCA D.C. Leadership Conference, the EDC sponsors and the Okuras hosted a dinner for the JACL participants. Pictured are (l-r): former JACL National President and D.C. board member Patrick Okura, Susan Higashi Rumberg, former JACL National Vice President and D.C. board member Lily Okura and Paul Uyehara EDC P.C. board member and Philadelphia chapter board member.

skills to benefit our communities. The 15 JACL participants from all regions were selected through a competitive application process.

We are lawyers, scientists, educators, entrepreneurs, police officers, students, and activists. We crossed generational lines and ranged in age from the 20s to the 60s. But the conference was much more than statistics. I went home exhausted every night, but also excited, stimulated, and energized. And with a little time to digest it all, several themes from the sessions resonated with me.

The conference was about camaraderie. Peppered with much laughter, humor and head-nodding, we developed strong bonds over the four days. We were united by shared concerns about issues affecting the APA community and commonality of experience. We shared in gratitude to OCA Executive Director Daphne Kwok and her staff, and JACL Washington, D.C., Representative Kristine Minami, for their efforts in arranging such an impressive agenda.

The conference was about learning. The off-the-record sessions and candid exchanges increased my understanding of national issues, such as the pervasiveness of racial profiling, efforts to pass stronger hate crimes legislation, the Wen Ho Lee case's impact on the APA community, and the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. I also gained a better appreciation of my OCA counterparts' unique heritage and the prejudice and discrimination that they, too, experienced as immigrants.

The conference was about inspiration. Interacting with APA role models and mentors was both eye-opening and humbling. I was awed by their willingness to give up a beautiful Saturday afternoon, to speak to us, join us at a rainy Sunday night dinner, or rise at dawn. I was touched by their enthusiastic commitment to the conference, to the community and to us. I was also amazed at the different paths speakers took to achieve what they have, but it was obvious that determination, hard work, and commitment were keys to their success.

Among those APA leaders were Sens. Daniel Inouye and Daniel Akaka; Congressmen Robert Matsui and Bob Underwood; former Congressman Norman Mineta;

and many others.

The conference was also about empowerment and commitment. I left with a renewed sense of purpose and a commitment to myself to stay active in my community. The speakers' experiences confirmed for me that we can make a difference by developing a firm set of ideals, principles, and beliefs to ground us, by building effective coalitions and networks, and by taking risks. Empowerment is also about confronting stereotypes and moving beyond our respective comfort zones. As one speaker so eloquently reminded us, we owe something to our communities, we need to broaden our horizons, take pride in our ancestry, and participate actively in our minority and majority communities.

In short, for me, the four days were about being motivated to follow in the footsteps of those APAs who have already contributed so much and to forge new paths for ourselves and our communities. ■

Susan Higashi Rumberg is with the Washington, D.C., chapter.

The D.C. Leadership conference is held annually in the spring. For more information, contact your district governor or Kristine Minami, Washington, D.C., representative, JACL, 1001 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 704, Washington, D.C. 20036 (Tel: 202/223-1240; fax: 202/296-8082; e-mail: dcrep@worldnet.att.net).

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Three Degrees of Separation

By Naomi Hirahara

Ode to the Gardener

When we think of role models, we often point to political leaders, sports stars or philanthropists, but we rarely give credit to those who have worked on the ground level, specifically Japanese American gardeners who tended lawns and cut shrubs and hedges.

Being a gardener's daughter myself, I knew of their contributions intuitively. Yet now editing and compiling a book on the history of JA gardeners in Southern California, I have come across a wealth of information that has confirmed my suspicions: gardeners, at least within the big cities of California, Oregon, Washington and even Canada, have been the backbone of our ethnic community.

Gardeners, in general, are a tough breed with an independent spirit but also have the propensity to organize. Japanese immigrants first entered the profession in the early 1900s, when Italians apparently dominated the market. At that time, instead of pickup trucks and vans, gardeners rode on bicycles, their tools carefully attached or pulled along. Just like today, many worked six or seven days a week. On New Year's Day, academicians tell us, they were suits with tails as they traveled their routes.

By the 1920s and '30s, Issei and Nisei had already organized multiple social, economic and political organizations, including the JACL, and the gardeners were no exception. In terms of Southern California, an association of gardeners had formed in Riverside, and later a larger one in Los Angeles.

Informally supporting such associations were a network of boarding houses in neighborhoods outside of Little Tokyo, which essentially proved to be a

training ground for new gardeners. As men, many of them bachelors, entered the boarding house, older ones essentially taught them the ins-and-outs of garden maintenance. Used vehicles and equipment were sometimes passed from one gardener to another, while the boarding house was also the place to pick up helpers. Most of these helpers inevitably went on to assume their own routes.

After the war, gardening became the sure-fire way for Issei, Kibei and Nisei to work and rebuild their lives and the greater JA community. Among those in the same profession were decorated 442nd veterans, no-no boys, and even those who had "repatriated" to Japan and returned to the United States. They included those who had graduated from UCLA, attended Meiji University in Tokyo, or perhaps never progressed beyond a high school education. Many could not speak English well and needed a profession with no language fluency requirements.

And, of course, the jobs were also available to them. It was the postwar boom, and new homes were being constructed everywhere. New homes needed landscaping and lawn maintenance. JA gardeners had had a good reputation before the war, which carried them through the 1950s and

maybe even today. For the mainstream culture, JAs fit the stereotype of having a special understanding of nature. In reality, it was a drive to survive economically in a discriminatory society that pushed these men and some women to enter the profession by the thousands.

Labor issues eventually led to the creation of the Southern California Gardeners' Federation and others like them all along the West Coast. Established unions were using extreme measures to force gardeners to join their ranks. These tactics backfired, and the JA gardeners rallied to create their own professional associations, which eventually provided education, mutual aid, insurance and political clout.

With money they earned from hakuji and other non-Japanese customers, these gardeners invested in the JA community. Not only did they use local banks and shopped in Japantowns, they also helped to build credit unions, Japanese schools, and community centers. Most of all, they invested in their children's education. By sacrificing material possessions and luxuries, they were preparing for the future.

As the term "entrepreneur" is the catch phrase of this high-tech era, I must give credit to our community's ultimate independent businessman. With only a lawnmower, edger and some hand tools, the gardener could only rely on his inner determination and physical effort to ensure a bright future for himself and his family. Let me be the first to tell you, job well done. ■

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Letters to the Editor

Japanese American Memorial Needs to Correct Errors

On March 21, 2000, John G. Parsons of the National Park Service (NPS) issued a letter approving the proposed inscriptions for the Japanese American national memorial in Washington, D.C. Despite his knowledge that errors remain in the text, he signed off and gave his stamp of approval.

Many persons wrote to Mr. Parsons, advising him of the errors and calling attention to inscription problems because historical accuracy is the NPS's responsibility. Unfortunately, despite repeated contacts and communications to both the NPS and the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation's (NJAMF) board chairman and executive director, many errors were not corrected.

Among the errors and problems remaining on the memorial include:

- Inaccurate names or types attributed to the camps (e.g., incorrectly calling Crystal City an isolation camp).

- Distortion of facts: The presently worded text is misleading. It does not clearly state that 10,000 men who volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army's 442nd Central Postal Directory Battalion during WWII were from Hawaii. The conscripts who formed the 100th Infantry Battalion were also from Hawaii.

- Misquote of quotation; changed wording in so-called quotation.

- Omission of content, such as leaving out names of important camps (e.g., Santa Fe Internment Camp), ignoring experiences outside of incarceration, and demonstrating gender inequality.

- Inclusion of a quotation by a controversial private individual, which served to splinter rather than unify the community.

A small group of NJAMF board members have been clamoring for historical accuracy and demanding that changes be made. Despite repeated and ongoing attempts to make these and other changes, those with the authority to make changes and responsibility to ensure accuracy failed to follow through.

Looking at this issue from the surface, one might wonder why this small group of board members cannot accept the will of the "majority" and just go along. The reason is that this group firmly believes it is wrong to ignore these problems when each of us is on notice that they exist. It is also wrong to ignore improper and unfair procedures and

processes that were used in carefully controlled decision-making maneuvers. By no means can one say that the processes were fair, just, and equitable. What information was given to the board, when, and by whom were carefully orchestrated. Many very important decisions were made by administrative fiat.

To level the playing field and to bring the debate into a more impartial, objective, and unbiased arena, some board members considered filing a lawsuit. This action was proposed to rectify problem areas and to promote accuracy and inclusiveness, certainly not to obstruct or delay construction. It is this group's desire to see that construction continues on schedule, and to ensure that changes be made for historical accuracy, appropriateness, and inclusiveness. All our past and future actions are singularly aimed toward this goal. ■

Rita Takahashi

Francis Sogi

Yieichi (Kelly) Kawayama
Via e-mail

Re: Hate E-mail

I find that the most disturbing thing about this type of hate mail is that we must always defend ourselves by indicating that we are Asian American.

My question is: Does that mean all Japanese, Chinese, non-Americans are "bad" people and we need to differentiate us from them in order to be accepted in this country? How about respecting all people? ■

Mike Kawamoto
Cerritos, Calif.

Draft Resisters Resolution

The national JACL council in 1990 at the JACL 31st biennial national convention adopted resolution 13, titled "Recognition of Draft Resisters."

On May 15, 1999, the national JACL board at its second quarter meeting on Saturday, May 15, 1999, passed a national JACL resolution titled, "Recognition of an Apology to the Nisei Resisters of Conscience (a/k/a 'Draft Resisters') of World War II."

Under Article IX, National Board, Section 2 Powers, subsection b, IMPLEMENTATION in the national JACL Constitution & Bylaws, the national board shall implement the resolutions and decisions of the national council. It does not say may but SHALL.

What authority for the national

board to fail to implement the 1990 national council adopted resolution 13 as submitted by the Seattle chapter of JACL? Therefore, passage of the May 15, 1999, new unabridged version passed by the national JACL board?

I thought the national council was the highest authority within the national JACL.

Joe R. Allman

President, JACL Arizona chapter

Yabu Kentsu — Karate Pioneer

On April 2, 1919, Kentsu Yabu, one of Okinawa's greatest karate masters, arrived in San Francisco and set off to visit his son, Kenden Yabe, who lived in Los Angeles. Known as Yabu "Gunso" (Sergeant) because of his distinguished military career, he lived in California for eight years.

On the way back to Okinawa, he stopped in Hawaii and remained from March until December of 1927. His karate demonstrations in Hawaii are believed to be the first ever given in the United States. He was also very active in Okinawan sumo.

Did you know Yabu Sensei? I am writing a book about Hawaii's earliest karate teachers. Yabu Sensei taught many people here and I suspect that he must have taught in California as well. Any photographs or early newspaper articles about Yabu Sensei would be very helpful.

Please e-mail me at goodin@ava.net or write to me at 98-211 Pali Momi Street, Suite 640, Aiea, HI 96701. Mahalo!

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"I think we're very fortunate to have a man of John's caliber to join us at JACL," said Alan Nishi, former NCWNPD governor. "Plus, he has the additional advantage of being with JACL in the past so he knows the organization very well. I think he'll do a very good job as our national director."

Elaine Akagi, PNW district governor, said, "He's very proactive. He knows the community. He knows the advocacy groups. I think JACL is stepping in the right direction. We'll go far."

"I'm very pleased because I think he brings back a lot of knowledge and history of JACL that meshes really well with the newer, younger leadership so it's a good blend of old experience and new ideas," said Floyd Shimomura, JACL legal counsel.

Vice President of General Operations Floyd Mori, who is currently in Japan, could not be reached for comment by press time. ■

OBITUARY

A. Frank Reel, 92, Manila War Crimes Lawyer

A. Frank Reel, defense attorney for Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita in 1946 at the war crimes trial in Manila, died in his sleep April 4 in Norfolk, Va. He was 92.

The former Boston lawyer, a captain in the Army's claims division in the Pacific at the time of his assignment from Gen. MacArthur, recounted his experiences in the 1949 book, "The Case of General Yamashita." In the book, he discusses what has been regarded as the major "minor" trial, which considered alleged atrocities committed either in battle, during the military occupation or against prisoners of war.

Yamashita, who had conquered Malaya and was commander of most of the Japanese forces in the Philippines, surrendered in September 1945 in

Manila. The charges said that he "unlawfully disregarded and failed to discharge his duty as commander to control the operations of the members of his command, permitting them to commit brutal atrocities and other high crimes." The military court of five American generals, none of them trained in the law, found him guilty and sentenced him to hang. On appeal, the Philippine and U.S. supreme courts upheld the conviction 5-2.

Reel noted Yamashita had no connection with the specified atrocities, committed mostly by Japanese naval troops whose commander ignored General Yamashita's order. According to Reel, the admiral responsible went free because Yamashita had already been convicted in December and executed in February 1947. ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Fuji, Junko, 74, Los Angeles, March 25; Wakayama-ken-born; survived by husband Tututomo; daughters Chizuyo Covarrubio and husband Richard, Kaoru Sakamoto and husband Kenneth; 4 g.c.; brothers and sisters in Japan: Mitsuru Kaizuka and wife Kazuo, Kimioka Kaizuka, Takashi Kaizuka and wife Nobuko, Satomi Ebisu and husband Keizo; brother-in-law Yoshikazu Fuji and wife Miyoko; sisters-in-law Kayoko Funakoshi and husband Kyoto, Hisako Kawauchi and husband Yukio, Aki Fuji.

Hayashi, Yoko Mary, 80, Los Angeles, March 24; Seattle-born; survived by daughter Ruth Ann Seelye and husband Dirk; brothers George and wife Yuki, Jackson, Yoichi and Tsuichi Hayashi; sister Choko Tomosada.

Hirokata, Tokio, 90, Bellevue, Wash., March 3; Kirkland, Wash.-born; survived by wife Sumie; sister Mitsue Shigeo and husband Tom; sons Gary and wife Marjorie, Robert and wife Wendy; 4 g.c.

Ishizuka, Shizu, 82, Medford, Long Island, N.Y., April 14; Walnut Grove-born; survived by daughters Jean, Kay Sakasaki and husband Bart; 2 g.c.; brother Tom Fujisaki (Los Angeles); sisters Betty Kanagaki, Molly McGuinn (N.Y.); predeceased by husband Kan and brother Jack.

Itomura, Dick Kiyoshi, 67, Los Angeles, March 26; Brawley-born; survived by wife Shirley Amiko; sons Richard, Stephen, Kenneth and wife Terrie, Edison and wife Angelica, Douglas and wife Judy; daughters Judith and Stacey Itomura; 6 g.c.; sisters Michiko Miyada, Kazuko Angeles Nishinaka; brothers-in-law, Paul and wife Sachiko, Kay Matsuda.

Koyama, Jack, 84, Spokane, Wash., March 26; Ferry, Wash.-born; president of the Northwest Black Belt Judo Association and chairman of the National A.A.U.; survived by wife Kazuyuki; daughter Jackie Wheeler and husband Ken; granddaughter Jill Peterson Koyama; brother Spady Koyama and wife Miya; sister Hannah Miyake Howell; sister-in-law Toshiye Yamamoto Uehara.

Sakai, Tetsuma, 94, Hayward, March 17; Alviso-born, Rohrer internee; well-known wholesale grower of roses; survived by daughters Ann Farias (Hayward), Jean (Glendale), Patricia (Berkeley), Ellen Yano (Castro Valley), Gail (Modesto); sons David (San Diego), Robert (Hayward), William (Oakland), Kenneth (Mountain View); 10 g.c., 3 g.g.; predeceased by wife Kazuo.

Konishi, Toshio, 90, Oakland, March 28; Broderick-born, Japan-educated; survived by children Mitsui, Amy Hayashida, Gloria Nakamatsu; 3 g.c.; predeceased by wife Mitsue Sakata, son Toshimitsu Pat.

Teraji, Michi "Mickey," 83, Denver, March 6; Ogden, Utah-born; survived by son Cary (Scottsdale, Ariz.) daughter Shizuka (Denver); sisters Himeko Kariya (Ogden), Peggy Shimizu (Los Angeles), Homi Ushio and Dorothy Hashimoto (both of Salt Lake City); brother Gerald Mukai (Reston, Va.); predeceased by husband Shigeo.

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Tsuruda, Viola T., 91, Denver, March 8; survived by daughters Ann Okuno and husband Ted, Barbara Hamai and husband Tom; son Ronald and wife Aileen; 8 g.c., 10 g.g.

Yanari, Frank F., 87, St. Louis Park, Minn., March 23; survived by wife Kimi; son Dean and wife Maxine; daughters Emi Nobuhiro and husband Naoya, Toyo Lang and husband William, Gail Wong and husband Ben; 6 g.c.; brothers George and wife Shizue, Harry and wife Betty, Jim and wife Kimie, Sam and wife Aki; sisters Mary Miyazawa, Amy Tsuruma, Sally Sakamoto and husband Ken, sister-in-law Fumiye. ■

Tateishi New JACL National Director

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of youth.

"In the past six months, he's really pushed heavily to get youth programs off the ground," said Ueha. "That came in the form of his commitment in helping Jackie Kuwada get settled in the new national youth position. I think he constantly gives support to her, so I'm excited to see him on board."

"I think with Mr. Tateishi's history and his experiences with this organization in the past, he will contribute a lot," said Inouye.

Grace Kimoto, COCD district governor, was impressed by Tateishi's enthusiasm for the organization.

"He's really enthusiastic about JACL," said Kimoto. "I think we can move forward really well with him as our leader. He has a good background, great connections and he's really, really enthusiastic about JACL."

"I'm happy that John, with his long history with this organization,

is able at this point in time to give back to the organization through his acceptance of this particular leadership position," said Lillian Kimura, EDC district governor, who added that she felt Tateishi's appointment "will stabilize the organization."

Marie Matsumami, MDC district governor, said she was thankful that Tateishi was willing to maintain a JACL presence both on the West as well as the East Coast.

"Initially, we were going to move the national director to Washington, D.C., but when we just couldn't work it out, John was willing to travel back and forth (from the West to East Coast)," said Matsumami. "I think that's really important. And John has a lot of good contacts in Washington, D.C."

"We need someone who already has advocacy experience and is well known," said Cory-Jeanne Murakami-Houck, MPDC governor. "I think he'll do a superb job. He's really well qualified."

Percentage Plan No Substitute for Affirmative Action Programs

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when the Hopwood ruling was implemented, but increased in 1999 due to innovative recruiting and retention programs.

But the report also found that while the number of minority applicants increased in recent years, the number of minorities admitted has decreased in comparison to pre-Hopwood data. In contrast, although the percentage of white students applying also increased, their admission rate remained the same.

The most drastic effect that the affirmative action ban had on both California and Texas, the report found, was at the graduate and professional school levels. Gathered data showed minority enrollment at the graduate level decreasing in almost all ethnic categories, except for certain Asian American groups.

Generally, Japanese and Chinese Americans are not ill affected by the elimination of affirmative action so discussion depends on which ethnic group within the Asian Pacific American community we're talking about," said Reynoso. "Asian Pacific American groups that are affected are the Filipino Americans and Southeast Asians. In California, Asian Americans are concerned that they are perceived as 'ideal minorities,' thereby ignoring the sufferings of Asian Pacific Americans by ending affirmative action."

Reynoso also acknowledged that percentage plans may be a "good way to capture" diversity in election-mandated California and court-ordered Texas, but he cautioned other states from voluntarily dismantling affirmative action in favor of percentage plans.

The commission report, in particular, focused on Gov. Jeb Bush's One Florida Plan, which would ban race and gender consideration in state contracting and university admissions. This comes one year before a Ward Connerly-instigated initiative was to go before Florida voters. Bush's proposal would require that state procurement officers actively outreach to qualified minority businesses in state contracts and that the top 20 percent of high school seniors be admitted to state universities. "We ought not to fool ourselves that the percentage plans are a substitution for affirmative action and that therefore, a state ought to voluntarily, on its own political will, do what Florida is doing," said Reynoso.

Tateishi recently flew out to Florida to discuss the One Florida Plan which has become an issue of concern for Florida's communities of color. Tateishi felt the percent-

age plan was exclusionary, particularly in relation to educational opportunities for minorities.

"I don't think it's going to work because there's a direct equation between poverty and disadvantaged kids and those who do well in school," said Tateishi.

The commission report supports Tateishi's assessment. In Florida, which ranks its public schools on an "A" to "F" system ("A" being the best), 65 schools ranked at the "D" and "F" levels had student bodies of 72 percent African American and Latino and 26 percent white. Of those students enrolled at the "D" and "F" schools, 70 percent of them came from low socioeconomic backgrounds.

In addition, the report noted that public schools in 25 Florida counties did not offer Advanced Placement (AP) courses, thereby placing students from low-performing, minority-dominated schools at a disadvantage. These students, because of inadequate curriculum offerings, may be missing up to 19 precollege credits required by the state university system.

The commission report concluded that the One Florida Plan failed to address the state's deteriorating K-12 educational system, made no provisions for "students who were qualified for (state university) admission but who are not in the top 20 percent of their class and completely ignored ensuring diversity at the graduate school level.

Similar disparities in educational opportunities were found in California and Texas.

But Bush, a Republican, publicly dismissed the Democrat-dominated commission report as a political move. Jeb Bush is the brother of George Bush, Jr., who is the governor of Texas and the leading candidate for the GOP's presidential nomination.

Bush sent a letter to Mary Frances Berry, chair of the commission, saying that he was "deeply troubled that the Commis-

sion would take a formal, official position against my Initiative without even seeking to contact any member of my administration."

Bush further noted that "It is hard to discern a non-political reason for such a hasty rush to judgment, or for the Commission to attack a positive plan like One Florida."

The partisan rift was evident in the commission report which included dissenting statements from the two Republican members of the eight-member commission. In it, Commissioners Carl A. Anderson and Russell G. Rodenbaugh referred to the report as "littered with inaccuracies and half-truths."

But Berry, commission chair, denied any political motivation.

"The commission decided by a vote of 6-2 that public discussion of percentage plans in higher education and inquiries concerning the commission's position had reached a level that an immediate analysis of the data generated in the states that have already adopted such plans would serve the public interest," said Berry. "Whether one believes in the use of gender and race-conscious remedies such as affirmative action or not, it is important to understand the role percentage plans play in achieving higher education opportunity for all Americans."

The report concluded that percentage plans were "good public relations strategy" but failed to promote diversity. The commission urged President Clinton and his administration to ensure percentage plans did not violate Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

"It's a tough political issue but the tough political issue should not remove the national government from their role in making sure that states abide by the federal civil rights law," said Reynoso. Added Tateishi, "If this comes up legislatively, we'll take a real close look at it."

Nishimoto Making an Impact at CSULB

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ways having to keep the highest mark. I'm crazy!" she said with a smile. "But my parents never pushed me. I just got in the habit of studying hard."

When her head isn't buried in a book, Nishimoto loves to spend time with her family. Her father, Mark, is a Sansei and her mother, Leelye, is English and Swedish. Both work as tax preparers and Mark also teaches math in high schools. Her oldest brother, Ryan, graduated from Pepperdine University with a bachelor degree in math, and is a high school teacher. Her brother Craig is going to bible college, and she sees him winding up in missionary work.

Nishimoto considers her mother to be her role model in everything. "I grew up learning from her. She's got to be the greatest mom ever," she said proudly.

Another large part of her life is her religion. A devoted Christian, Nishimoto lists her favorite book as the Bible, and regularly attends bible studies at church. She has travelled to Hungary, Slovakia and Poland on short-term missions. While most people her age long to visit places like the Bahamas or Europe, this humble person plans to do

otherwise.

"I'd like to see a third world country like Uganda or Sudan," she said. "It would open my eyes to the world."

This summer, Nishimoto is keeping busy as usual. In the first part of the summer, she has to have shoulder surgery and will have to deal with the rehabilitation that comes along with it.

Once healed, she hopes to play a lot of beach volleyball as well as club volleyball to gear up for the fall season. She also plans to coach kids at volleyball camps.

"I'd like to be a role model because kids are always looking for someone to look up to," she said.

Nishimoto admits to having a competitive streak and approaches everything with extreme intensity.

"After a week away from the court, I need to get back out there," she said. "I love the competition and being able to play at a higher level."

Nishimoto is currently finishing her third year of college at Long Beach and hopes to graduate in another year or so.

She isn't in a hurry though. With at least two more years of athletic eligibility left, no one is in a hurry to see her go. ■



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