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JACL Denounces Pittsburgh Shootings

By Associated Press and Pacific Citizen Staff

McKEES ROCKS, Pa.—A white man opened fire in several suburban Pittsburgh communities on April 28, killing five people and critically wounding a sixth in what police called a racially motivated shooting spree. The man has been apprehended and charged.

The shootings took place within a 20-mile range through suburbs surrounding Pittsburgh during about an hour span. The gunman fatally shot a person of Indian descent at an Indian grocery store, two employees at a Chinese restaurant and a black man at a martial arts school. A Jewish woman who lived next door to the suspect's parents was found dead in her home.

In response, JACL issued a statement condemning the racially motivated shootings. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families, friends, and residents of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania," said Helen Kawagoe, JACL national president. "We must all come together to stop these senseless acts of violence on our communities."

Lori Fujimoto, JACL vice president of public affairs and the point person on hate crime matters, responded by alerting the Philadelphia JACL chapter to monitor the shootings and offered JACL's assistance.

"We continue to be outraged by this type of senseless violence and abhor such racially motivated attacks on innocent victims," said Fujimoto. "The JACL will continue its commitment against these types of racially motivated actions against people of color in this country."

John Tateishi, JACL executive director, added, "This is yet another hate crimes rampage that has left in its wake a tragedy not only for the families and friends of the victims, but all ethnic minorities. We become more vulnerable each time this kind of racist attack takes place."

The suspect, Richard Baumhammers, 34, smirked at onlookers as he was led into a magistrate's office in Beaver Falls on April 28 wearing a bulletproof vest. Baumhammers, a lawyer from Mount Lebanon, was charged with criminal

homicide and reckless endangerment in the martial arts school shooting. He was being held without bail.

The shooting spree was the second of its kind in the region since March, when a black man allegedly yelled racial epithets and killed three white men.

"Not again. Those are the first words that come to mind. Not again," Gov. Tom Ridge said on April 28 in Pebble Beach, Calif., where he was speaking to a Republican group. "Across Pennsylvania, and particularly in southwestern Pennsylvania, we are struggling to make sense of what appears to be yet another brutal racist rampage."

Witnesses described the shooter as appearing calm as he climbed into a Jeep to drive from place to place.

Paul Wolf, acting Allegheny County police superintendent, said Baumhammers had a gun and several rounds of ammunition with him when he was stopped. He did not offer any resistance when he was arrested, he said.

"We are taking a tack of ethnic intimidation — a hate crime," Wolf said.

Baumhammers was armed with a .357-caliber handgun, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported April 29.

An arraignment was pending on the other slayings, which occurred in adjacent Allegheny County.

Baumhammers passed the Georgia bar exam in 1993 and belonged to the Georgia Bar Association. He was listed as a legal reference for immigration matters on the Web page for an attorney in Latvia. His parents, Inese and Andrejs, are both dentists and his father taught at the University of Pittsburgh.

"This racist rampage demonstrates the need to strengthen the hate crimes statutes," said Fujimoto. "Hate crimes terrorize not only the victim, but also entire ethnic communities who live within the victim's community."

Congress is taking active steps to address hate crimes. Senate Bill 622, the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, has been reintroduced in Congress.

The JACL is actively lobbying to seek passage of the legislation. ■

N2K Conference Apologizes to Resisters, Asks JACL to Do Same

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA Assistant Editor

Mitsuru "Mite" Koshiyama, 75, a devout United Methodist before World War II, completely lost faith in the Christian church after hostilities broke out. He saw no spiritual leader fight for the constitutional or human rights of Japanese Americans and found himself further alienated from the church after becoming one of 85 Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee members, men who spent time in a federal penitentiary for refusing to fight in the U.S. Army until they and their families were released from concentration camps and their civil rights restored.

Today, Koshiyama has hope. At the Nikkei 2000 Conference in San Francisco on April 30, an interfaith coalition passed a resolution publicly apologizing to the resisters of

conscience and further asking the JACL to do the same at their June national convention in Monterey, Calif.

Of the 85 participants at the conference's final session, 82 people voted for the resolution with three abstentions.

"I think the religious groups are finally realizing that the dissidents in camp had every right to protest," said Koshiyama. "We were all victims of racism. We all suffered."

The interfaith resolution comes three weeks before "Conscience and the Constitution," Frank Abe's documentary on the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee, is set to premiere in Los Angeles, and eight weeks before the national JACL convention.

At the JACL convention, the national council is expected to vote on a new resisters' resolution, which is being sponsored by the Pacific Northwest District,

Florin chapter, Sequoia chapter, Golden Gate chapter and the Honolulu chapter.

"I'm glad to see that a resolution will be presented at the JACL convention this year because I think it's important that the dialogue on the dissenters' issue take place," said John Tateishi, national JACL director. "I can't predict what the JACL's decision might be, but I'm hoping we can begin the process of healing through dialogue."

Koshiyama is encouraged by this latest gesture from the interfaith group.

"I really thought the spiritual leaders should have been the first ones to fight for our constitutional rights," said Koshiyama. "I think they had a moral obligation to do so. Today, I am very pleased. It's great that

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Planning for the Future at Nikkei 2000

By LYNDSEY SHINODA Writer/Reporter

SAN FRANCISCO—Members of the Nikkei community throughout the United States and as far away as Europe, Japan, and South America came together for the Nikkei 2000 Conference April 27-30 at the Radisson Miyako Hotel in Japantown.

The theme of the conference was "Empowering Our Community for the 21st Century." The conference boasted a number of prominent speakers, symposiums, and break-out sessions, all in an effort to establish the current state of the community, as well as planning for the future as we head into the millennium.

In the imperial ballroom of



PHOTO: LYNDSEY SHINODA Participants attend the Nikkei 2000 banquet at the Radisson Miyako Hotel in San Francisco on April 28.

the hotel Friday morning, Jon Osaki, the executive director of the Japanese Community Youth Council, opened the conference's general session.

"Today, young JAs represent dreams," Osaki said in his speech. "We must realize that

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Anti-Asian Lyrics in Band's Song Causes Concern

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA Assistant Editor

A coalition of University of Maryland students are planning a non-violent rally during their annual Art Attack, a day-long campus-wide concert event, on May 5, to protest the inclusion of the Bloodhound Gang band, which they say promotes songs with harmful stereotypes.

"It's unbelievable that someone would recite such hate thoughts and sing it as a song," said Suparna Paul, vice president of communications for UMD's Asian American Student Union.

Paul said the coalition members — AASU, Black Student Union,

Latino Student Union, Jewish Student Union, Women's Circle and Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Alliance — take offense to several of the Bloodhound Gang's songs but Asian Pacific American students, in particular, are upset over the lyrics in "Yellow Fever."

The offensive lyrics include derogatory terms and sexual references. "Cause I ride my slant-eyed slope like a brand new Kawasaki" are only a sample of the questionable lyrics.

The Bloodhound Gang, currently hitting the charts with the song "The Bad Touch," released "Yellow Fever" on their second album, "One Fierce Beer Coaster," under the Republic Records label in September 1996. The song was removed when Geffen Records re-released the album in December 1996. But the Geffen Web site has lead vocalist Jimmy Pop Ali saying that there are plans to release "Yellow Fever" as a 7-inch, and the song's lyrics are readily available on the Internet.

UMD students are concerned that the band may perform the song during their live concert appearance. As a result, rather than attempt to censor the band by making a direct request not to play "Yellow Fever," the students have asked Art Attack organizers to pull the band, particularly since student fees are used to fund this event.

"We understand that people

have First Amendment rights but we don't want our Student Activities Fees to pay for this," said Paul. "SEE (Student Entertainment Enterprise) should bring a group that is representative of all students."

Art Attack, which attracts between 12-15,000 students, is organized by UMD's SEE, a part of the Student Government Association which receives its funding through the Student Activities Fees. This year, the Student Activities Fees provided \$280,000.

Jennifer Greenhalgh, president of SEE, said the Bloodhound Gang was selected after receiving student input and researching music trends. She was aware of "Yellow Fever" but also pointed out that the song has been dropped from their record label.

She voiced her regret over the controversy and explained that the decision to keep the band in Art Attack was made after careful consideration.

"After considering the many issues surrounding the band coming to campus, including holding a two-hour community meeting, the 24 executive members met and decided to keep Bloodhound Gang on the Art Attack line up," said Greenhalgh. "We sincerely apologize that bringing this band has offended some of our fellow students."

Comments from Geffen could not be obtained by press time. ■

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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 PHILADELPHIA

Sat., May 13—Dramatic Musical Reading, "Distant Voices"; 3 p.m., MainLine Unitarian Church, Devon Penn.; based on Hiroaki Nishimura's internment diaries; see Community Calendar.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sat., May 20—Fifth Annual APA Spring Benefit; see Community Calendar.

Midwest WISCONSIN

Sun., May 21—Recognition Dinner; 1 p.m. dinner, 2 p.m. program, Tam's Chop Suey, 68th & Layton Ave., Greendale. **RSVP by May 14:** Sherr Fujihira, 414/423-1408; Margaret Igowski, 414/643-5999.

NC-WN-Pacific 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.

DISTRICT EVENT

Sun., June 4—48th Annual Junior Olympics. **Entry deadline:** May 12; Contact nearest NCWNP chapter.

BERKELEY

Sun., May 21—Scholarship Awards

Luncheon; 12:30-3 p.m., Silver Dragon Restaurant, 835 Webster St., Oakland; speaker, Lindsay Kagawa, Stanford Student/Athlete. **RSVP by May 10:** Ron Tanaka 925/932-7947.

SAN MATEO

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

Sat., May 13—"The Human Race" fund-raising walkathon; Coyote Point. Registration: 343-2793.

WATSONVILLE

Thurs., May 18—Senior Day Trip to the state Capitol in Sacramento. Info: Shig Kizuka, 724/2116; Carmel Kamigawachi, 722-1950.

Pacific Southwest PSW DISTRICT

Wed., June 28—A chartered bus will leave for the national convention in Monterey (July 2 return); pick-up points in Los Angeles: Little Tokyo and West Los Angeles; cost \$100 or less, according to number of passengers. **RSVP ASAP:** 213/626-4471.

ARIZONA

Sat., Sun., May 6-7—Play, "Gila River"; see Community Calendar.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

Fri., May 12—Meeting/program; see Community Calendar.

RIVERSIDE

Sun., May 21—Y2K Scholarship Awards Potluck Dinner; 5 p.m., Lakeside Room at Fairmount Park, 2624 Fairmount Blvd.

SAN DIEGO

Sun., May 7—JACL Scholarship Awards Dinner, Tom Ham's Light-house Restaurant on Harbor Island. Info: 619/230-0314, e-mail: sdjact@juno.com.

SELANOCO

Sat., May 13—Guided tour of exhibit, "More Than a Game: Sport 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.

WEST LOS ANGELES

Mon., May 15—Scholarship Dinner; 6 p.m., San Geronimo Pasta Cafe and Bar,

9543 Culver Blvd., Culver City. Info: Satoshi Nita, 310/828-7857, Teri Ito, 310/826-0976. ■

2000 JACL Sweepstakes

Chapters can now buy 2000 JACL sweepstakes tickets:

Last year's sweepstakes raised over \$40,000 and benefited JACL programs.

For a donation of \$40, members will have a chance to win various prizes, including grand prize: \$3,000; 2nd prize: \$1,000 (two winners); 3rd prize: \$500 (10 winners); Seaworld Fun Packs are courtesy of Seaworld California and San Diego, one of the Arheuser Busch Adventure Parks.

Winners will be announced at the national convention in Monterey at the Sayonara Banquet on July 2, and you don't need to be present to win. If you haven't bought tickets yet, please contact your local chapter president. ■

Correction

Gerald Kato — PSW, Progressive Westside Los Angeles chapter, should have been included in the list of participants at the 2000 JACL/OCA Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. (April 21-27 issue, page 6). Also, Daniel Ichinose — is a member of the East Los Angeles chapter, not the Progressive Westside Los Angeles chapter.

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Please provide the time and place of the event, and name and phone number (including area code) of a contact person.

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Calendar

East Coast PHILADELPHIA

Sat., May 13—Dramatic Musical Reading, "Distant Voices"; 3 p.m., MainLine Unitarian Church, Devon Penn.; based on Hiroaki Nishimura's internment diaries; suitable for middle school and older students as well as adults. Info: Hiro Nishikawa, 610/896-0538, Carrie DeClerque 610/649-9574.

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.
Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 9-11—National Memorial to Patriotism Dedication Ceremony; Registration, information: NJAMF, 800/607-8550.

Pacific Northwest PORTLAND

Sat., May 6—Epworth United Methodist Church Annual Spring Bazaar; 1-3 p.m.; food, baked goods, plants & flowers, etc. Info: 232-5253.

SEATTLE

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 15-17—Heart Mountain Reunion; SeaTac DoubleTree Hotel. Info: Toshi Terayama, registrar, 253/520-8005, e-mail: toshiter@ix.netcom.com.

Northern California BAY AREA

Sat., May 13—CARP Health Matters IV, "Emergency Services for Independent Living"; 1:30-3 p.m., East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito. Info: June Kodani, 510/548-4104, or Sara Kakihira, 510/845-6553.

EAST BAY

Sun., May 7—JASEB 13th Annual Bowl-A-Thon; 1:30 p.m., Albany Bowl. Info: JASEB, 510/858-3560.
Sat., May 20—Memorial Service for 100th, 442nd, MIS and all WWII veterans; 11 a.m., by the 442nd RCT Redwood Tree at Roberts Park in Joaquin Miller Park. Info: Lawson Sakai, 408/842-3718.

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:** Judy

Niizawa, 408/733-7692; e-mail: jniizawa@earthlink.net.

PAJO ALTO

Sat., May 6—Spring Bazaar; 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 4243 Manuela Ave.; sushi, teriyaki chicken, manju, pickled vegetables, handmade clothes, accessories, collectibles, craft items, toys, plants, etc. Info: 650/948-6806.

Central California FRESNO

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., May 6—Exhibit Opening, Panel Discussion, "Diamonds in the Rough: Japanese Americans in Baseball"; 2 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. **RSVP:** 213/625-0414, 800/461-5266.

Fri., May 12—Greater L.A. Singles program; 8 p.m., Gardena Valley YWCA, 1341 W. Gardena Blvd.; a representative from the Little Tokyo Service Center will speak. Info: Louise Sakamoto, 310/327-3169.

Sat., May 13—East Meets West Jam Fest; 1 p.m.-1 a.m., Los Angeles County Museum of Art; live entertainment, ethnic food, film; jam with members of the entertainment industry and the L.A. Asian American community. Info: <www.AsianAvenue.com/jamfest>

Saturday, May 13—Book discussion, "From Harsh Winters to Bountiful Harvests — The Journey of Japanese Americans"; 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Henderson Branch, Torrance Public Library. **RSVP:** Paula Weiner, 310/618-5950.

Arizona - Nevada LAS VEGAS

Thurs., May 11—Poetry reading with piano accompaniment, "One Man's Poetry, One Woman's Calligraphy"; 7 p.m., Clark County Library, E. Flamingo. Info: 382-3493.

PHOENIX

Sat.-Sun., May 6-7—Play, "Gila River"; examining the cultural exchange between the reservation Indians and the Gila internees; 7 p.m., Gila River Arts & Crafts Center, I-10 Exit, Casa Blanca Rd. exit. Info: 480/965-3434.

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Asian Pacific American Media Coalition Applauds Continued Efforts to Monitor Diversity in Network Television

The National Asian Pacific American Media Coalition commended Labor Secretary Alexis M. Herman for meeting with network executives and key Hollywood unions on April 26 and discussing the issue of diversity and the entertainment industry.

Executives from ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, the Screen Actors Guild, Writers Guild, the Directors Guild and other industry leaders attended the meeting. The APA Media Coalition, in partnership with the NAACP, National Latino Media Council and American Indians in Film, have been working with the networks to ensure that their programming and internal operations accurately reflect America's rich diversity.

The fall 1999 schedule of the four major television networks — ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX — revealed a startling lack of diversity in its casts. Only one of the 26 new prime-time shows featured a minority in a lead role, and none cast an APA. Of the dozens of returning shows, only four roles were played by Asian Americans. Moreover, few behind-the-scenes roles — writers, directors and producers — were held by APAs.

"We are pleased that Secretary Herman is working to ensure that all Americans have an equal opportunity to work in our entertainment industry," said Norman Mineta, chair of the APA Media Coalition. "We look forward to working with her, the guilds

and other leaders in Hollywood to improve the industry's efforts."

"Although the four networks have committed themselves to improving their record of diversity, it will take a concerted effort by all groups to ensure that a long-lasting change is implemented at ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX so that our nation's entertainment industry will reflect our nation's great diversity," said Karen K. Narasaki, executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium.

"Labor Secretary Herman brought together the most powerful group of television executives into one room I have ever seen in my 30 years of advocacy for diversity in the media," added Sumi Hari, first vice president of the Screen Actors Guild. "A very frank dialogue was begun, not only about our desire for diversity, but also about the importance of our presence in the media and the possible increased audience of consumers who would like to see themselves reflected on their television screens. If we are able to continue this dialogue, perhaps meaningful change will occur."

The APA Media Coalition is a group of 18 organizations working to ensure that APAs are accurately portrayed on network television and that APAs have fair and equal access to program development, writing opportunities, management positions and casting.

Arizona Memorial Film Trimmed to Remove Offensive Scene

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU—In response to concerns expressed by the Japanese American community, a film shown at the Arizona Memorial depicting the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor has been revised.

The film, viewed by an estimated 1.4 million visitors annually, is shown before visitors board launches to the memorial, which is about 100 yards offshore.

A segment depicting a suspicious-looking Japanese sugarcane field worker who glances at a moving ship in Pearl Harbor and the accompanying narrative have been deleted from the film.

The audio portion accompanying the segment said, "General Short believed the great danger was not air attack, but sabotage amid Hawaii's large Japanese population."

The change was made in response to complaints from JAs who contended the segment unfairly portrayed them during World War

II. Retired U.S. Army Col. Iwao Yokoyuki, a member of the 442nd Infantry Battalion unit which served in Europe, said there were no acts of sabotage or espionage by JAs.

"The real history: There were no acts of sabotage or espionage by Japanese Americans before, during, or after the war. The Arizona Memorial film perpetuated the myth that local Japanese were going to commit sabotage," he said.

"What if they portrayed a Spanish, German or Italian person that way?"

In reaching a solution, the National Park Service, which oversees the memorial, agreed to digitally erase the field worker and narration.

"We're quite happy with that," said James Tanabe, who began the move to correct the film. "It made us feel very hopeful that if you made an effort, some things can be corrected."

"We feel quite good about it."

The edited film did not meet their original request for a disclaimer that no JA sabotage occurred, he said, but it removed the offensive footage of implied disloyalty.

Tanabe said when he and his wife Yoshie visited the memorial more than a year ago, volunteers said they heard tourists say after viewing the film, "that's why they put the Japs in the camps."

"Because this film is shown to so many people and perpetuated through time, we felt this was something we had to do," said Tanabe.

Kathleen Billings, memorial superintendent, said most people favored the change.

"It was a good experience for us and the community to resolve a difference of perception," she said.

"It's our job to keep and tell America's history. America's history is interpreted many different ways. We learned from the people we serve."

Lee Gets Clearance to Review Evidence

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—The federal government has restored the security clearance of Wen Ho Lee, who is being prosecuted for alleged security breaches at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The release, Lee needs to be able to assist in his defense.

The government has restored Lee's top-secret "Q clearance" and is allowing him to travel to secure work areas at the lab, which fired him last year, and at the federal courthouse in Albuquerque. He is always transported in the custody of federal marshals, who keep him in leg restraints.

Prosecutors last week delivered about a dozen boxes of information and evidence, including classified documents, to Lee's attorneys in Albuquerque.

And defense attorney John Cline

said there's no way he and co-counsel Mark Holscher and Nancy Holander could conduct a defense without Lee's active participation.

"Absolutely not," Cline said.

Both sides have until May 8 to iron out disputes over what evidence they should be allowed to look at before Lee's scheduled Nov. 6 trial. He is charged with 59 counts alleging he transferred protected data from secure to unsecure computers and to computer tapes.

Prosecutors have said the material was the "crown jewels" of U.S. science, but the defense said it wasn't even classified until after Lee was fired in March 1999. Defense lawyers said most of the material is readily available to the public.

The 60-year-old scientist could face life in prison if convicted.

"The last couple of weeks have been our first opportunity to review the evidence in the case in depth

with Dr. Lee and that's an essential part of defending any case," Cline said.

Lee's leg shackles will stay on Lee during his Los Alamos outings, but they take off his handcuffs, Cline said. He is still not allowed visitors other than family and lawyers in his Santa Fe jail cell, the attorney said.

Lee had a four-hour session at Los Alamos last week. It was conducted in a secure room that had a stand-alone computer with a "read only" function, Cline said.

Federal marshals posted outside keep watch on video monitors.

But there is no audio, so Lee can talk privately with his attorneys.

A third-floor federal courthouse room is similarly equipped with video surveillance, Cline said, and meetings there have averaged five to six hours.

White House Marks APA Heritage Month

The following is a proclamation by President Clinton commemorating Asian Pacific American heritage month.

"Over the last two centuries, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have contributed immeasurably to the richness of our dynamic, multicultural society. Whether recent immigrants or descendants of families who have been here for generations, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders embody many of our Nation's core values, including devotion to family, commitment to hard work, and pride in their heritage.

"The people of this diverse and rapidly growing community have contributed to every aspect of our national life — from engineering and computer science to government, the arts, and sports. For example, Vinod Dahm helped to revolutionize computer technology through the invention of the pentium chip. Governors Benjamin Cayetano of Hawaii and Gary Locke of Washington have devoted their lives to public service. The talents of novelist Amy Tan have delighted readers across our Nation, while architect and sculptor Maya Lin's stirring memorials to the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights Movement have uplifted and inspired all who have experienced them. And diver Greg Louganis and football star Junior Seau have thrilled sports fans everywhere with their skill and athleticism.

"While many Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders today are thriving, others are still struggling to overcome obstacles. Because of oppression in their countries of origin, some new immigrants have arrived without having completed their education; once here, some have encountered language and cultural barriers and discrimination. Pacific Islanders, too, must overcome barriers to opportunity caused by their geographic isolation and the consequences of West-

ern influences on their unique culture. For these and other reasons, too many Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders face low-paying jobs, inadequate health care, and lack of educational opportunity.

"To assist this community in meeting these challenges, last June I signed an Executive Order establishing the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Let us use this month to reflect on the many gifts Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have brought to our nation and embrace the contributions that Americans of all backgrounds make to our increasingly multicultural society.

"To honor the accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and to recognize their many contributions to our Nation, the Congress, by Public Law 102-450, has designated the month of May as 'Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.'

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 2000 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this occasion with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

"IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-fourth."

Racial Discrimination Suit Filed Against Nippon Express

The Japanese wife of a South Korean man filed a racial discrimination lawsuit against a Japanese package delivery company on April 27, in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles.

Juniko Matsubara Lee, 36, filed the case on behalf of her deceased husband, Myungsub "Mike" Lee, 39, against her husband's employer Nippon Express U.S.A. Inc. and supervisor at the time of his death. The lawsuit contends that Lee, who worked in the Nippon Express office in Torrance, Calif., committed suicide in October after undergoing repeated racial harassment from his boss at work.

The wife had initially told Nippon Express that she would not sue if the company offered an apology and agreed to eliminate discriminatory practices in the workplace. Nippon Express responded by filing a case against the wife for bringing the matter up.

According to the Committee for Justice for M.S. Lee, Nippon Express retaliated against Lee after he testified in a racial discrimination lawsuit brought against Nippon Express by another Korean and Latina. Earlier in May 1999, Nippon Express had promoted Lee, but Lee supporters say after he testified in the other case, the company made claims that Lee threatened workplace violence and had him arrested and fired.

Lee then allegedly became dependent after "losing face" and committed suicide.

But Edward Temple, senior counsel for Nippon Express U.S.A., called the lawsuit "baseless and not justified by law, common sense or any other rational standard."

Temple claimed that the Lee family was "attempting to punish this company for the historic sins of the Japanese government against the Korean people."

A Nippon Express U.S.A. official alleged that Lee had, in fact, made a threat against a company executive.

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JACL NATIONAL CONVENTION

Harry Fukuhara, War Hero and 'Survivor' Serves as Honorary Co-Chair of Veteran's Tribute Event.



By **ROGER MINAMI**

Harry Fukuhara's father passed away when he was

13 and his family was living in Seattle. Shortly afterwards, his mother decided to move the family back to their family home in Hiroshima.

Later, he returned to the United States to attend college, something he had promised his father. He worked in whatever jobs he could find. At one time "I was a bum," he recalled. "In fact, Fukuhara was a survivor.

In May of 1942, Fukuhara, his sister who was living in the United States at the time, and her child were forced into the Tulare Assembly Center and then to the Gila River Relocation Center in Arizona. In 1942 he volunteered for the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Language School at Camp Savage in Minnesota. Fukuhara soon found that his first-hand knowledge of Japan and it's culture from his earlier years was a significant help to him.

In May of 1943, he was assigned to the Allied Translator and Interpreter Section (ATIS) in Brisbane, Australia. From June 1943 to August of 1945, Fukuhara served in battle areas of the Southwest Pacific and in the Philippines as an interpreter and interrogator of Japanese prisoners of war and translator of captured documents. Fukuhara won promotions to master sergeant, became a Language Team leader, and in 1945 received a direct field commission as a 2nd lieutenant, Infantry.

Soon after the Hiroshima atom bombing and surrender of Japan, his division commander, knowing of Fukuhara's family in Hiroshima, told him to go find his family. Fukuhara received access to a jeep and whatever food and clothes he could find. From Kobe, where he was stationed at the time, it took days of driving on bombed-out routes to reach his home. He found it although it was partially destroyed.

As he entered, he saw two elderly women, both looking extremely sickly. He called out, "Okaasama, Harry desu!" It slowly dawned on one of the women, unbelieving, that it was the voice of her son.



"A very emotional moment for both of us," said Fukuhara, "especially for her, to see me again after seven years, and in an American uniform." The other lady was an aunt. He later found out that two brothers had been drafted into the Japanese Army. An older third brother had died of radiation poisoning.

Fukuhara went on to serve 29 years in intelligence work, retiring in October of 1971 as colonel, Foreign Liaison Detachment, 500th Military Intelligence Group, in Japan. Continuing in the same position as a Department of Army civilian, on his second retirement in October 1990 he ended a 48-year career in Army intelligence.

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JACL National Convention to Feature Award-winning Author Helen Zia During Youth Luncheon

By **ROGER MINAMI**

The youth luncheon during the JACL national convention in Monterey, Calif., on June 29 will feature award-winning author Helen Zia.

Zia is a journalist and contributing editor to *Ms. Magazine*, where she was formerly executive editor. Her articles, essays and reviews have appeared in *Ms.*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Nation*, *Esquire*, *San Francisco Focus*, *A Magazine*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and many other publications. In 1999, Zia was named one of the most influential Asian Americans of the decade by *A Magazine*.

The Organization of Chinese Americans designated her as the Chinese American Journalist of the Year in 1998. She has received numerous awards for writing and editing, including the Asian American Journalists Association, the National Women's Political Caucus, the Detroit Press Club, and other organiza-

tions.

A second-generation Chinese American, Zia has been a long-time activist for social justice on issues ranging from civil rights and peace to women's rights and countering hate violence. In 1997 she testified before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on the impact of the campaign finance hearings on AAs, and helped author a complaint to the commission against Congress, the Democratic and Republican National Committees and the news media for racially discriminatory treatment of AAs.

Zia traveled to Beijing in 1995 to the U.N. Fourth World Congress on Women as part of a journalist of color delegation. Her work on the AA landmark civil rights case of anti-Asian violence is documented in the Academy Award-nominated film, "Who Killed Vincent Chin?"

For information on the luncheon, contact Jackie Kuwada, JACL national youth director, at 415/922-5225.



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By Kristine Minami
JAACL Wash., D.C. Rep.

Supporting the Hate Crimes Prevention Act

As you know, pushing for stronger hate crimes legislation is an important part of the JACL civil rights agenda. Currently, there are two versions of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA) on the Hill — one in the House and one in the Senate. JACL is working in coalition with a number of civil rights organizations to build momentum behind the Senate bill (S. 622). Towards that end, we are coordinating lobbying visits to Senate offices and also implementing a month of activism.

Each coalition member — including organizations like the Anti-Defamation League, the OCA, the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, the Human Rights Campaign and dozens more — have committed to organizing a grassroots letter-writing campaign so that for every workday in May, the full Senate will receive letters from the community urging their support of this legislation.

The JACL day is May 19th. Please send a general letter of support for S. 622 (see attached sample, edit as necessary) to EVERY Senator, dated May 19th. We are hoping to deluge the Senate with community interest such that it cannot ignore this legislation.

These letters can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed, but it is vitally important that we coordinate the JACL response dated for May 19th. I urge every chapter board to send 100 letters and encourage individuals to do so as well.

Sensors can be reached using the following address: The Honorable (Senator's full name), United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

Thank you for adding your voice to the dialogue.

(sample letter)

May 19, 2000

Dear Senator:

As a member of the Japanese American Citizens League, the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the United States, I am writing to urge you to support the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1999 (HCPA), S. 622. This bipartisan bill would strengthen existing hate crime laws by including in its definition bias crimes against victims because of real or perceived sexual orientation, gender or disability and by removing overly restrictive jurisdictional obstacles to federal involvement.

Currently, the majority of hate crime cases which are prosecuted are handled by state and local authorities, and this practice will continue under the HCPA. However, by providing authority for involvement, the HCPA would allow the federal government to work in partnership with state and local authorities where needed. Further, the HCPA would provide federal jurisdiction to address bias-motivated crimes in states where the law is inadequate.

Searing headlines about the hate crimes in Jasper, Texas, Laramie, Wyoming, and the shooting rampage through Illinois and Indiana in 1999 by a white supremacist are but the most recent and heinous examples of victims being targeted and murdered because of who they are. Hate crimes are particularly insidious because they deliver a message of intolerance to the entire community. As a country that embraces diversity and believes in justice, we cannot allow bigots to wield such power. We must give prosecutors the tools to fully prosecute these cases.

I urge you to support this critical civil rights legislation that will go a long way towards protecting those who are all too often the targets of bias crimes.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register before APRIL 30, 2000 to take advantage of reduced registration fees and discounts on special events. Please indicate your choice of package and/or individual and special events. Amounts listed will be available during the convention at the registration and hospitality tables.

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The Regular-Convention Package admits registered badge holders to all National Council business sessions, workshops, oratorical competition, Welcome Mixer, Awards Luncheon and Savoriana Banquet. The Youth Package includes the above plus the Youth Luncheon. The Regular & Youth Luncheon Package is the Regular Package plus the Youth Luncheon.

Individual Event Registration
Registration is available for those interested in attending only specific convention events. A registration fee of \$20 is required for admission to exhibits, business sessions or workshops on a per-day basis. Badges must be worn.

Cancellation Policy
Written cancellation requests received by May 31 will be refunded in full. Cancellations received after that date will be denied and residual amount will become a charitable contribution to JACL. There will be no partial refunds if a registrant does not attend all functions.

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A block of rooms have been reserved for the convention. Reserve early to ensure a room and the convention rates. Call the DoubleTree Hotel directly at (831) 649-4511 for reservations. Be sure to mention that you are attending the JACL National Convention. Reservations must be made by May 31, 2000 to reserve the rates. Convention room rates are:

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Rental cars are available at airports. Use your JACL Hertz Car Rental card for a discount.

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Taxi service is available for transportation from the Monterey Peninsula Airport to the hotel. Transportation from San Francisco Airport or San Jose Airport is available through Monterey-Salinas Airport, at a cost of about \$30 per person, lower for large groups. Call (831) 883-2871 for details and scheduled times.

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Diablo Valley/Tri-Valley Chapters Host Teacher Training Workshop

By **CHERYL YOSHIMURA-THOMPSON**

Teachers gathered at Pine Hollow Middle School in Concord, Calif., on April 15 for a workshop titled "An American Story: From the Bill of Rights to Redress," to learn about the Japanese American experience in the United States.

The workshop, sponsored by the Diablo Valley and Tri-Valley JACL chapters, was made possible through the 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation and the state of California.

The purpose of the workshop was to assist teachers in developing their own lesson plans to include the JA experience in their multicultural classrooms. The major focus was the internment of JAs in concentration camps during World War II.

The teachers also learned of the racist atmosphere JAs faced prior to and during the war including denial of citizenship and ownership of land. And they also learned of the community's struggle for redress and the ultimate passage of the Civil Liberties Act in 1988.

Mollie Fujioka and Jack Nakashima, both of Walnut Creek and members of the Diablo Valley JACL, spoke of being 17 years old when the Dec. 7, 1941, bombing of Pearl Harbor occurred and led to President Roosevelt issuing Executive Or-

der 9066. They were torn from the lives they knew in the state of Washington, herded into trains and buses and taken to unfamiliar and hostile camps. They shared similar experiences of feeling angry and hurt as three years of their lives were taken away from them.

Panelists Nobu Yoshimura of Rossmore in Walnut Creek, Harry Fukuhara of San Jose and Marvin Uratsu of Richmond talked about their experiences in the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) during WWII. All three served in the Pacific as part of the U.S. government's highly secretive group of Nisei who spoke Japanese and English. Their contributions were highly classified until the 1960s and they never spoke of their work in the Pacific, interrogating Japanese prisoners, translating documents and aiding in the recovery of Japan after the war.

The commonality among the three men was their fierce loyalty to the United States and their knowledge of the Japanese language and customs.

Yoshimura said the contributions of the Nisei Military Intelligence Service helped shorten WWII by two years and saved one million lives.

Greg Marutani was the facilitator of the workshop and the event was co-chaired by Eric Torigoe and Cheryl Yoshimura-Thompson. ■

Winners of Judge Robert M. Takasugi Fellowships Announced

The fellowship committee of the Judge Robert M. Takasugi Fellowship recently announced the establishment of the Judge Robert M. Takasugi Public Interest Law Fellowship. The fellowships are being awarded to support summer public interest positions and are given to law students who best exemplify the spirit of U.S. District Court Judge Robert M. Takasugi, the person for whom the fellowships are named.

While the committee had originally intended to grant two \$5,000 fellowships, an additional \$2,500 fellowship will be awarded as a result of a successful fund raising campaign and in recognition of the large number of well-qualified applicants.

The fellowships will be given every year and will be administered by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Law Foundation, a foundation created by NAPABA to support legal education and service in the Asian Pacific American community. "We are proud to be associated with Judge Takasugi and all he represents," said Parkin Lee, president of the foundation.



Judge Takasugi

San Francisco public defender, Edwin Prather, a former law clerk of Judge Takasugi's from 1987-98 and a member of the committee, said the Takasugi Fellowship was created to honor the Federal District Court judge for the past 24 years of service.

"Judge Takasugi's vision of justice for all, his independence, his courage, his demand that women and minorities be accorded the same treatment as others, have influenced a generation of attorneys," said Prather.

Takasugi, who was born in Tacoma and interned at the age of 12 along with 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II, later became a municipal court judge in 1973 after a successful private practice, which included acting as the JACL's legal counsel. He was elevated to the superior court in 1975 and selected for the U.S. district court in 1976.

The fellowship was started by former externs and friends of Judge Takasugi, including Edwin Prather, Dolly Gee, Mona Soo Hoo, Victor Hwang, Judge Jon Mayeda, Craig Takenaka and Dale Minami. It was initially administered by the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area.

"By creating the fellowships, the committee hopes to encourage future generations of lawyers to follow the example of Judge Takasugi's selfless commitment and lead-

ership to public service and equal justice for all," said Minami, a co-founder of the Asian Law Caucus, Inc. and a partner with Minami, Lew & Tamaki in San Francisco.

The first award winners were recognized at a reception on April 28 at the Japanese American National Museum, co-sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Bar Association, the Japanese American Bar Association, the Filipino American Bar Association and the Southern California Chinese Lawyers' Association.

The awardees include:

• De Kim, first-year student at UCLA School of Law. He will be working at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund on projects including fighting racial profiling by the Los Angeles Police Department and increasing police officer accountability.

• Rebecca Yee, second-year student at UCLA School of Law. She will be working at the CWLC, the California Women's Legal Center, creating policy that will protect the civil rights of parenting and pregnant teens in high schools across California.

• Hayne Yoon, second-year student at New York University School of Law. She will be working at the Asian Law Caucus, providing research, counseling and litigation services to defend the legal rights of low-income minority populations. ■

'Beyond Barbed Wire' to Have Encore National PBS Airing

An encore national airing of "Beyond Barbed Wire" has been scheduled by PBS in May during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

The film by Terri DeBono and Steve Rosen, profiles the bravery and heroism of the Japanese American soldiers of World War II who chose to fight for a country that had stripped them of their civil rights.

Through emotion-filled interviews with JA veterans, the documentary tells the exploits of various JA military units — the 442nd, the 100th and the MIS. Narrated by actor Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, "Beyond Barbed Wire" helps break the half-century of silence that has existed among these families and the larger community.

The *Hollywood Reporter's* television review stated, "The contributions of minorities — most prominently Japanese Americans — to the World War II victory are in stunning contrast to the prejudice they experienced on the home front. It is a gripping hour that portrays many subjects talking with difficulty about their experiences. In one interview, a

wife listened earnestly to her husband as he tearfully recalled the terrible fox-hole death of one of his buddies; she had never heard the story after all these years."

The Library of Congress Asian American Association has booked screenings in their Mary Pickford Theater in Washington, D.C., on May 12 and May 17, and educational videos are available at NAAATA (National Asian Ameri-

can Telecommunications Association).

PBS will broadcast the 56-minute version of "Beyond Barbed Wire." Air dates and times will vary in different markets throughout May. Check local television listings or call local PBS stations for the May dates and times.

The uncut 88-minute version can be ordered by calling 831/646-9532. ■



(From left): Marvin Uratsu, Eric Torigoe, Mollie Fujioka, Harry Fukuhara, Nobu Yoshimura, Jack Nakashima and Cheryl Yoshimura-Thompson.



Noriyuki "Pat" Morita narrates the critically acclaimed documentary, "Beyond Barbed Wire," with producer Terri DeBono and director Steve Rosen.

Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga to Keynote Gila River Reunion

Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga, the Nisei woman whose research made significant corrections in World War II evacuation history, will be the keynote speaker at the 2000 Gila River Reunion June 2-3 in Las Vegas.

Herzig-Yoshinaga's important discoveries of primary documents in U.S. government archives accounted for major contributions to the publication of "Personal Justice Denied: Report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC)" in 1983.

Her work helped to bring out the racial bias that underlay the evacuation and gave impetus to the government's acknowledgment of its error and the eventual granting of redress to all evacuees.

Hy Shishino, Gila River Reunion committee chairman, announced that Herzig-Yoshinaga's appearance at the reunion banquet on Saturday night will be an opportunity for the Gila evacuees to acknowledge their appreciation to her for her major contri-

but ion to the redress movement. The reunion events will be held at Jackie Gaughan's Plaza Hotel and Casino.

Herzig-Yoshinaga was a Los Angeles high school senior when she was incarcerated in three relocation camps — Manzanar, Calif.; Jerome, Ark.; and Rohwer, Ark. In 1981 she went to work in Washington, D.C., for CWRIC and began months of research.

In addition, Herzig-Yoshinaga has been a consultant and/or researcher for the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Office of Redress Administration, and for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History exhibit, "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the United States Constitution," in Washington, D.C. She has served as evidentiary

documentation researcher for four major law cases challenging the evacuation: *William Hohri v. U.S.*, Washington, D.C.; and in writ of *error coram nobis* cases, *Fred Toyosaburo Korematsu v. U.S.*, San Francisco; *Gordon K. Hirabayashi v. U.S.*, Seattle; and *Minoru Yasui v. U.S.*, Portland, Ore.

Shishino also announced that two exhibits will be on display at the Gila River Reunion. Relics found on the sites of the Butte and Canal camps at Gila River, Ariz., will be displayed.

There will also be an exhibit of the journal written by James N. Yamasaki, who relocated from Tracy, Calif., to Gila River in 1942-43, then moved to Salt Lake City and Chicago. He was 19 years old when WWII broke out, and his journal gives insight into the thoughts, hopes and anxieties of a young man going through the camp experience.

For information about the 2000 Gila River Reunion, contact Shishino at 16031 Sugarpine Lane, Cerritos, CA 90703, 562/926-8159. ■

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Very Truly Yours

By Harry Honda

Army's Chief of Staff General 'Ric' Shinseki is in the News; so was President Fujimori

BY THE time this column is in print, it may be "old news" about the Army's scramble for funds to modernize its manpower and matériel. *The Wall Street Journal* (April 18) rightly described the dilemma facing Army Chief of Staff, General Eric "Ric" Shinseki, in the opening paragraphs but his name is at the ninth paragraph — about 10 inches down the page.

In the *Nikkei* press, his name would run in the opening paragraph and as succinctly as possible. Maybe it will when this critical defense problem is on its way to resolution — hopefully, before the end of June so as not to interfere with the invitation to address the *Nikkei* Veterans Tribute June 30 at the national JACL convention at Monterey, Calif. It'll be an "all-star" evening, literally speaking, starting with four, actually eight on General Shinseki's uniform.

Because Japanese American families, at least we of the Nisei generation, are ever curious about fellow *Nikkei* appointments and contributions to society, Gen. Shinseki's confirmation as the first Asian American as a four-star general, in August 1997, was great news. As Army chief of staff in July 1999, that truly ranked him among the leader of leaders. A retired Army

colonel, Hank Wakabayashi, was jubilant: "The post of chief of staff of the United States Army is about as American as you can get!"

Point of our piece here is to weigh the order his boss, Defense Secretary William Cohen, made last spring when the Kosovo campaign sputtered. He ordered: "Get lighter, faster and more mobile. Make it happen quickly." The helicopters couldn't get off the ground nor were the heavy tanks ready to combat. Three months were to pass before the 'copters touched Serbian soil.

While the FY 2001 budget has risen to about \$300 billion for national security, it is paying for high-priced Cold War weapons, according to the *Journal*. The impasse has invigorated the question: which old programs to cut to modernize.

Gen. Shinseki, last October, declared: "Instead of taking three months to get to the fight, the new, lighter Army would be able to move a brigade into place in 96 hours and a division in just five days." His speech drew praise from Secretary Cohen and Congress. The details were still vague, however, when the plan was delivered in mid-December, the *Journal* article added.

One Pentagon official noted

there was still a problem. Different branches inside the Army — armor, artillery and aviation — couldn't agree on where to cut. The Kauai Sansei asked Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera and Secretary Cohen about their choices. They were for cutting the "Wolverine," a mobile assault bridge designed to carry the 70-ton Abrams tank across rivers, and the "Grizzly," a heavy piece to tear through mine fields. Though proven performers in the past, defense officials involved in the "negotiations to cut" had to also approve, the article noted.

In desperation, Secretary of Army Caldera turned to Congress for more funds. Gen. Shinseki asked Congress to put money back into the budget for the Grizzly and Wolverine programs he just cut.

Oh, the headaches that Kosovo has spawned. It also shows what this man, Gen. Shinseki, is made of. No "Japanese American of the Biennium" has ever had to tangle with such numbers.

My Reading of Peru's Primary

President Fujimori knows what it takes to campaign. He's been there before. In the 1990 April primaries, the heavily favored novelist Mario Vargas

Llosa had secured 27.6 percent, and the unknown college rector Fujimori 24.6 percent in a field of five candidates. Two months later, it was a decisive victory — Fujimori, 56.5 percent; Vargas Llosa, 34 percent. We also remember the Peruvian Nisei majority wasn't too excited about a little-known Nisei aspiring to be president of his country. They were, in fact, being lobbied by Vargas Llosa's party to help demonstrate diversity as a desirable representation.

In 1995, despite frequent criticism of being authoritarian, Fujimori was re-elected by a 64 percent majority in the primaries over the well-known Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the Peruvian diplomat who sat for a decade as United Nations secretary general. Fujimori's inaugural slogan, "Honesty, Technology and Jobs," continued to work.

Last month, in his bid for a second term under the Constitution of 1992, Fujimori fell a trite short of his goal for an outright primary victory, 49.84 primary, to runner-up Alejandro Toledo's 40.31 primary in a four-way race.

Fujimori engineered what no other democracy in Latin America has been able to tame inside

a decade. He stabilized Peru with progress against terrorism, narco-trafficking and runaway inflation. He settled a lingering war with its northern neighbor Ecuador over their disputed Amazon jungle border — hardly news in the United States but a tremendous event in Peru. (It was visible to us *Américanos* heading home from the 1995 PANA convention in Lima where the crowd at the airport cheered and danced on hearing the news over the loud-speakers that the war was over. And after the 1991 PANA convention in Paraguay, many were wary of a stopover in Lima because of the cholera breakout in Peru until our PANA colleagues from Peru assured us that health measures, initiated by Secretary of Health Dr. Victor Yamamoto, were working and not to fear.)

This Andean republic is blessed with abundant natural resources. To extract them through "jobs," the third component of his original campaign slogan, can truly show he is a man of his words. ■

Note—Peru will hold a presidential runoff May 28 between incumbent Alberto Fujimori and ex-World Bank economist Alejandro Toledo.



Troubled in Paradise

By Brian Niya

Invisible Again

One of the big news stories here in Hawaii is the filming of a new movie-titled "Pearl Harbor." This new Jerry Bruckheimer/Disney production is reputed to have a \$145 million budget, making it potentially the most expensive movie ever. It is supposed to be a love story set against the backdrop of a certain famous historical event, not unlike the hugely successful "Titanic." The male leads are played by Ben Affleck and Josh Hartnett, the female lead by Kate Beckinsale.

There has naturally been some concern in the Japanese American community about how JAs will be portrayed in the movie. In response to such concern, the studio has allowed some members of the community — including a representative of the JACL — to see versions of the script. While I haven't seen the script myself, I'm told that it isn't too bad considering what it could have been.

However, while the absence of JA spies and saboteurs can be considered the good news, the bad news is that Japanese Americans seem to be almost entirely absent. This is hardly a new thing when it comes to Hawaii of course. How many Japanese Americans were on "Hawaii Five-O" or "Magnum P.I.?" But that doesn't make it a good thing, particularly when one considers that some 40 percent of the population of Hawaii was JA at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack.

There are many possible ways a JA angle might have been worked into a movie on the Pearl Harbor attack. I can think of at least two very good ones.

One is a story of tragedy. Lost among the 2,400 American mil-

itary personnel who were killed in the attack is the story of the civilians who were killed. Seventy-two ordinary people in Hawaii were also killed on Dec. 7, 1941. Thirty-two of them were JA (or at least have Japanese surnames). All were killed by shrapnel from American anti-aircraft fire.

There was a group of young Nisei men from the Big Island who died when shrapnel fell on a store on the corner of Kukui and Nuuanu where they were eating saimin and playing pinball. With the threat of war on the horizon, many relatively lucrative defense related jobs had opened up on Oahu and these young men no doubt left home to seek their fortunes in the big city. One of them, had arrived in Honolulu just four days earlier.

A young presumably Nisei woman and mother of three young children was killed when anti-aircraft shell fragments fell through the wall of her apartment on McCully Street. (This address is just a few blocks from where I'm writing this.) While packing in anticipation of an evacuation of some sort, the shell tore through the apartment and exploded, one fragment breaking her leg. Miraculously, neither her husband, nor her three children, all of whom were at home at the time, were injured. She was rushed to the hospital by her husband and neighbors, but died from loss of blood en route. In the meantime, their house burned down to the ground.

There are a lot of other stories like this, each filled with varying degrees of irony.

The other story is one of bravery and heroism. It is also little known. Many Nisei were part of the Hawaii Territorial Guard in

the months before the attack. In the chaotic hours and days after the attack, these Nisei were issued World War I era rifles and sent on patrol to various outposts in the Honolulu area to guard against enemy attack. Despite being severely under-equipped, they gamely took their stations not knowing if they would come face-to-face with invading enemy soldiers. There is something inherently cinematic about this story of JA soldiers in the immediate aftermath of the attack.

Despite their bravery and exemplary service in the five weeks after the attack, all the Nisei members of the Guard were unceremoniously booted out on Jan. 19, 1942, as anti-Japanese sentiment rose. These men who had come forward when they were needed most now could not be trusted.

Eventually, these men overcame their disappointment to form a group known as the Varsity Victory Volunteers and spent the next six months doing construction and manual labor work. Many eventually joined the 442nd Central Postal Directory, and many became prominent figures in postwar Hawaii. It is a fascinating story which is the subject of a forthcoming book by Franklin Odo of the Smithsonian Institute.

There are undoubtedly many other interesting-stories among the 160 something thousand JAs in Hawaii at the time of the attack. It is unfortunate — but hardly surprising — that none of them are apparently going to find their way into this blockbuster film. But that's been the history when Hollywood comes to Hawaii. ■

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RESOLUTION

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the spiritual leaders, without any prodding from anybody, passed this resolution."

Koshiyama further commended the group for addressing the failure of the Christian leadership in remaining silent while Buddhist leaders and Issei were rounded up by the FBI and incarcerated at Department of Justice camps.

The interfaith resolution of reconciliation was the brainchild of Rev. Lloyd K. Wake, 78, a retired clergy from Northern California.

"The dissenters took a very principled stand in resisting but they have not been fully affirmed and recognized," said Wake. "We felt it was important to take action rather than talk in a general way. This resolution was a concrete way to take action."

Wake, a former Poston III internee, admitted that he was a "naive teenager" during the war years who paid little attention to political issues. It was not until he left camp and entered the Christian ministry in 1948 that his social consciousness was raised, he said.

While he had always heard of the resisters, he was not fully aware of their experiences until he attended a Tule Lake pilgrimage in 1998. There he met a Tule Lake resister, in addition to no nos and renuncians.

He credited Frank Iritani, 79, of Sacramento, for planting the seed to draw up an interfaith resolution.

Iritani, a longtime JACLer, MIS veteran and a member of the Centennial Methodist Church, had been in contact with Wake during last year's failed attempt by the national JACL to pass a resolution apologizing to the resisters.

He noted that this divisive issue has been brought up at every JACL national convention since the 1988 Seattle convention and that he personally knew a handful of people who vehemently opposed any offer of an apology to the resisters.

In an effort to bring about reconciliation, Iritani said, "To my mind, we needed to raise it to a spiritual level, a theological level, and bring more understanding, compassion and forgiveness to bring about peace. ... We needed to get different religions involved to try to reason it out and bring this to a higher level of thinking."

Marvin Uratsu, 75, an MIS vet-

eran and member of the Berkeley Methodist United Church, also had a hand in drafting the interfaith resolution. During Uratsu's tenure as president of the MIS Association of Northern California, the largest MIS group in the continental United States, the veterans unanimously passed a resolution of reconciliation with the resisters on Jan. 28, 1999.

"I think this is a wonderful step for the interfaith group to make," said Uratsu. "They're not just preaching from the pulpit, saying do this or do that. They're doing something about it with this reso-

lution. And I think they're taking a step to reconcile the split with the resisters of conscience, the JACL and the community in general."

It is Uratsu's hope that the JACL will do the same in June. "Hopefully, they [JACL] will take this into consideration and pass a resolution reconciling the two groups," said Uratsu. "It's about time."

Wake said they plan to send the resolution to the national JACL convention where he hopes JACL will "extend an apology to the resisters." ■

The following is the resolution from the interreligious event titled "Faith Intersections" which was passed at the recent Nikkei 2000 gathering.

"Today, we reflect on the lasting impact of World War II on the Japanese American people and community. We continue to suffer one of the painful consequences of Executive Order 9066, namely the pitting of one group of Japanese Americans against another. We continue to suffer the unhealed wound caused by the ostracism of those who were 'resisters of conscience' by some in the Japanese American community, including veterans who served in the armed forces in World War II. For over one-half century this wound remains unhealed.

"The convictions and beliefs which led some to 'resisters' are well documented — there is no need to repeat them. We affirm and commend the attempts of the Japanese American Citizens League, veterans groups such as the Military Intelligence Service Association of Northern California, Hawaii Japanese American Veterans groups, Japanese American Veterans Association in Washington, D.C., other groups and individuals to bring about greater understanding of, and dialogue with the resisters.

"As we, the interfaith community, reflect on this wound, we conscientiously ask ourselves, who among us have been marginalized and have not had the affirmation to claim full participation in the community. It is our belief that they are the 'resisters of conscience.' This is confirmed by the resolution adopted by the National JACL Convention of 1990 which states: 'Be it ... resolved that the JACL regrets any pain

or bitterness caused by its failure to recognize this group (i.e., draft resisters) of patriotic Americans and further resolves to educate our own community and the public that loyalty is not necessarily demonstrated in any singular form that can be manifested in other praiseworthy and admirable acts, and that by this recognition the JACL strives to promote and nurture the healing process of an issue that has divided our community."

"We, the interfaith community, further acknowledge that we are not beyond blame for perpetuating the wound. We, too, are in need of forgiveness. Therefore, in the spirit of our respective faith traditions by which we are challenged to be compassionate, forgiving, humble, peace-loving, and just, we

"1. ask forgiveness if in any way, by action or inaction, we have perpetuated the pain and anguish of the resisters of conscience and members of their families;

"2. affirm the efforts of the JACL and other concerned groups and persons who have taken steps to bring about healing;

"3. urge the National Convention of 2000 to promote and nurture the healing process by offering an apology for not acknowledging the 'resisters' stand as one valid form of protesting the denial of constitutional rights and for the pain and bitterness this helped to cause;

"4. commit ourselves to continue to work through our respective faith ministries to bring healing and wholeness to our community, and to engage in the continuing efforts to protect the civil and constitutional rights of all."

Resisters Documentary Nearing Completion

It has taken eight years, but the first program to tell the complete story of the largest organized resistance to wartime incarceration is nearly ready for delivery to public television.

"When we started production in 1992 we were breaking new ground," said Frank Abe, producer/director of the forthcoming documentary, "Conscience and The Constitution." "Our ceremonial homecomings in San Jose and Los Angeles restored the resisters to the Nikkei consciousness. Now you can't pick up a vernacular newspaper without reading letters still arguing the merits of their stand."

Full details on the production can be found on the "Conscience and the Constitution" Web site at www.resisters.com.

Abe produced "Conscience and the Constitution" for the Independent Television Service (ITVS), with funding provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Additional funding was provided by the federal Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, the Motoda foundation, the Anheuser-Busch Companies, and 45 Friends of the Fair Play Committee.

The one-hour program features Mits Koshiyama of San Jose, Yosh Kurohaya of Alhambra, and the late Dave Kawamoto of Cupertino, three of the 85 Nisei who refused to

be drafted out of the concentration camp at Heart Mountain, Wyo. They were ready to fight for their country, but not before the government restored their rights as U.S. citizens and released their parents from camp. It was the largest organized resistance to incarceration, leading to the largest trial for draft resistance in U.S. history.

The government prosecuted them as criminals, and Japanese American leaders ostracized them as traitors. The resisters served two years in prison, and for the next 50 years were written out of the popular history of Japanese America. Through their eyes we see into the heart of the JA conscience and a public debate that is still alive today.

Providing leadership for the organized resistance was Frank Emi of San Gabriel, one of the two surviving leaders of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee, and the late James Omura, the journalist who supported their principled stand and who was wrongly indicted with Emi for conspiring to counsel draft evasion. They are interviewed on screen, along with Gloria Kubota and Grace Kubota Ybarra of San Jose, wife and daughter of Guntaro Kubota, the only Issei member of the resistance leadership.

Historical perspective is provided

by professors Roger Daniels and Art Hansen, and by the late Michi Weylyn, author of "Years of Infamy."

The program is narrated by poet Lawson Fusao Inada of Southern Oregon State College, with actor voices contributed by George Takei ("Star Trek") and Academy Award nominee Mako ("The Sand Pebbles," "East/West Players").

Composer Alan Koshiyama of Rocklin, near Sacramento, Calif., has just completed the original score, creating more than half an hour of dramatic music to underline the story. Millions have heard Koshiyama's music in feature film, television movies for ABC-TV, documentaries, and numerous commercials, movie trailers, and video games.

"We found Alan after a nationwide search. Only then did we discover that he is the nephew of Heart Mountain resister Mits Koshiyama," said Abe.

Abe is now developing an on-line Internet and CD-ROM study guide that shares the research that went into production of the documentary. This high technology project is supported by a grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program, created in 1999 by the California State Legislature and administered by the California State Library. ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Araki, Kikuye, 89, San Francisco, April 7; survived by sons Kay, George; 8 g.; predeceased by husband Frank M.

Furukawa, Miyeko, Los Angeles, March 29 service; survived by husband Richard; daughter Arleen, Michiko Pavan and husband Donald (Oceanside); sons David Isao and wife Eugenia, Robert Taashi and wife Beverly, Cedric Hisashi and wife Christy; 7 g.; 1 ggc.; brothers-in-law Ted Ishisaka, Louis Furukawa (Mich.), George, John; sister-in-law Rita Furukawa (Mich.).

Gunther, Ryan Lewis Kazuo, 11, Rowland Heights, March 30; survived by parents Harry Lewis and Christine Gail, brother Aron; Harry; uncle Steve Yano and wife Susan; aunts Leslie Maeda and husband Elie, Janet Gunther (Va.).

Hayashi, Masao, 74, Mountain View, March 31; Kukuuiua, Kauai, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Myrna Miesko; daughters Cyndy Sakuma and husband Nolan, Elinor Yamauchi and husband Eric; 4 g.; brother Wallace; sisters Hina Miyashiro, Matsue Furushima, Victoria Mukai; predeceased by brother Shigeru.

Higashi, Satoko, 73, Gardena, March 30; Franco-born; survived by husband Richard; sons Robert and wife Michelle, Steven and wife Jamie, Paul; daughter Joan Kanemaru and husband Byron; 6 g.; sisters Akiko Matsui and husband Nobu, Mitsue Hurlbert Jr., Sumiko Murashima and husband James.

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Inouye, Yoshio, 81, Los Angeles, March 28; Seattle-born; survived by wife Aiko; sons Dr. Kenneth Kenji and wife Karen, Edward Shigeru and wife Karen; daughter Jeanne Setsuko Goto and husband Robert; 3 g.

Ishii, Moomoo, 88, San Francisco, April 16; San Francisco-born; survived by wife Hatsumi; daughters Sharon Akiyama and husband Wayne, Suzanne Ishii and husband Scott Yokoi; 5 g.

Iwakoshi, Frances Toshiko, 81, Fountain Valley, April 10, Los Angeles-born; survived by brothers Victor Abe and wife Esther, Lewis Abe and wife Deana, Benjamin Abe, sister Florence Morimizu and husband Hiro; brothers-in-law Sho Iwakoshi and wife Marilyn, Setsu Iwakoshi and wife Misako, Wato Iwakoshi and wife Hiromi; sisters-in-law Iko Iwakoshi, Tsuyuko Inokuchi, Ruriko Kurihara and husband Kazuhiko.

Kano, Wilfred, 82, Redondo Beach, March 31; Hawaii-born; survived by wife Ruth; daughter June Kashima and husband Stanford; sons Clifford and wife Kay, Mark and wife Christina, Haruko and wife Kim; sisters Teruko Hirai and husband Ryu-zo, Gladys Tama and husband Yokichi; 6 g.; ggc.

Kato, Masaru, 83, Fountain Valley, April 5, Garden Grove-born; survived by wife Sakaye Suzie; sons Douglas and wife June, Bert; daughters Lillian Sasaki and husband Roy, Arlene Kurihara and husband Mike; 5 g.; brothers Hitoshi and wife Mari, Tsuetso and wife Eiko; sisters Yasuko Ohta and husband John, Harumi Mori; brother-in-law Victor Tanaka; sister-in-law Toshi Mori.

Kitachi, Masaichi, 77, Visalia, April 9; Selma-born; survived by wife Miesko; daughters Shirley Smith and husband Tom, Arlene Ward and husband

Charles; son Wallace; 4 g.; brother Shigenori and wife Mary.

Kiyomura, Mae, 68, Anaheim, March 29; Tokyo-born naturalized U.S. citizen; Montebello resident; survived by husband Kazuo Kiyomura; daughters Pearl Iizuka and husband Melvin, Patty Eastham and husband Kelly (Laguna Hills), Phyllis Sho Masumiya and husband Craig (Denver); 6 g.; 1 ggc.

Kusayanagi, Some, 97, Los Angeles; Kanagawa-ken-born; survived by sons Tom, Shig and wife Lk; daughter Kimiko Kimi Muranaka and husband Tad; 5 g.

Miyamoto, Sumi Kato, April 9 service; survived by daughters Jo Ann Lee and husband Michael, Carole Yasueda and husband William, Louise Jo and husband Richard; 7 g.; predeceased by husband Jo Takashi.

Nishitsuji, Tomiko, 77, Culver City, March 30; Nebraska-born; survived by son Gary; daughter Shirley Adachi and husband Pat; 2 g.; brothers Haig Hagihara and wife Ann (Nebraska), James Hagihara and wife Atsuko, and sister-in-law Alice Hagihara (Colorado).

Okumura, Yoshiko, 83, San Jose, April 13; survived by husband Minoru; brothers-in-law Kazuma and Hitoshi Roy Okumura; sister-in-law June Kosuta.

Okutsu, John Toshio, 86, Oakland, April 4; San Francisco-born, longtime Berkeley resident; survived by wife Jane; daughter Janice Kinoshita and husband Gerald; son Jim and wife Kazuko; 3 g.; sisters and a brother in Japan.

Sakanawa, Michio, 80, Los Angeles, March 30; Holtville-born; survived by sisters Teruko Tanaka, Shizuko Wachi and husband Hideo.

Sakuma, Masano, 95, Los Angeles, April 11; Mie, Japan-born; survived by daughters Minako Sakuma (Japan), Emiko Tsuyako Kudo, Akiko Janet Kozasa and husband Robert; 3 g.

Tomita, Miyako, 87, San Diego, April 11; Wainaku, Hawaii-born; survived by sons Mitsuo Tomita, M.D., Masao Tomita; 6 g.

Tomoto, Dale Ryo, 68, Los Angeles, April 7; Stockton-born; survived by wife Masako; sons Steve, Frank and wife Joyce, Phillip; 1 g.; sister Mariko Smoot; sister-in-law Sacha Tomoto.

Yago, Masao, 77, San Francisco, April 2; survived by wife Ayako; daughters Joyce Quan and husband John, Susan Baker and husband Stephen; 5 g.; brother Tetsuo Yago (Gardena); sister Miyo Nishimura (Los Angeles). ■

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these young people have the potential to be tremendous leaders."

Osaki used the example of the success and popularity of JA basketball leagues in the community as a catalyst for change.

"Why can't we put the same efforts forth to raise JA leaders?" he asked. "Is athletics the extent of our community's unity?"

With those closing remarks, conference attendees were whisked off to various rooms of the hotel, where they used Osaki's speech as a starting point to fuel their own discussions.

These break-out sessions consisted of small groups of people from completely different ends of the spectrum, whether in age, gender or generation. Session one was titled, "Multiple Lenses: Acknowledging Individual & Collective Views of Our Community."



Group members were first asked to identify themselves generationally. Each question was intended to spark discussion. People then discussed if generational terms are necessary in today's community.

One of the more prevalent questions was: "What keeps the community together today?" Answers included possessing shared cultural values, having the same heritage and history, and feeling a sense of connection and belonging with other JAs.

Chris Aihara is the community relations manager at the Japanese American Community and Cultural Center in Los Angeles. She was also a facilitator of one of the break-out groups in the imperial ball-

room. "I find it very heartening to hear the young people," Aihara said. "To say that community is still relevant is important to me."

"It is that sense of connecting with our people," she continued. "Being JA is very meaningful to me, it reflects my values."

The second break-out session was titled, "Diversity and Inclusion: Embracing a Changing Community."

Group members talked about the Nikkei society and its exclusiveness versus inclusiveness. Ideas were brought on the table as to how to implement change to make the community more inclusive.

One of the concerns of the group was to create connections between the old and young in the community.

A solution was to have an intergenerational mentorship program, wherein Issei and Ni-

sei share their wisdom, experiences and history with youths. The group aimed to find ways to train mentors and asked youths for their input on what they wanted to know from their older counterparts. The group also stressed that encouraging youth leadership is a vital part of unifying our community.

After a day of hearty discussion, conference-goers were treated to a banquet featuring Sen. Daniel Inouye, along with the sounds of live music from contemporary alternative musicians Visiting Violette and pan-Asian American percussion ensemble Asian Crisis.

Steven Yoda is a student from Stanford University, and one of the many youths who attended the conference. He believes that one of the most valuable activities of the weekend were the youth/student dialogues. The most pressing issue that they talked about was the re-examination of JA history.

"History is the thread that unifies the community as a

whole," Yoda explained. "The youth want to write history in words that they understand."

Yoda was excited about the passion of the youths, something that a lot of older JAs feel is lacking. From the turnout at the conference, opinions of the younger generation may be changing in the near future.

On Saturday, the break-out groups established a blueprint for what they'd been talking about in the previous day's discussions. This included mapping out exactly which steps would be needed to realistically meet these goals.

At the conference's end, it seemed apparent that with a lot of hard work and dedication, these plans can and will be achieved.

"If you can capture the hearts and minds of the young people, then things can start to change," Yoda said. "The conference reached its goals and raised consciousness about the problems in the Japanese American community." ■

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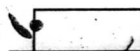
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