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Tribute Dinner Honors JA Veterans of All Wars



Gen. Eric Shinseki presents a Presidential Unit Citation recently awarded to the MIS to Marvin Utrats of MIS Northern California at the Veterans' Tribute Dinner held in Monterey on June 30.

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

MONTEREY, Calif.—Just one week after 22 Asian Americans were honored with the nation's highest military honor, more than 500 people gathered at a tribute dinner to pay homage to the thousands of men and women of Japanese ancestry who courageously served and continue to serve in America's Armed Forces.

A chance to renew old acquaintances, share war stories, and educate the younger generations, veterans from all wars including World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, came from across the country to attend the event.

Keynoting the dinner was Gen. Eric Shinseki, a Senator from Hawaii, who is the first AA to be appointed chief of staff of the U.S. Army.

"As I gaze out, the features are

older and there is less hair and the hair has gone white, but the eyes don't change. The eyes that look back are the eyes of the young Americans who we sent off to war," said Gen. Shinseki. "And it reminds me of all you for serving our nation and keeping it free."

Gen. Shinseki was humbled to be in a roomful of veterans of the heroic 442nd, 100th Battalion and the MIS, and of those who have served in more recent wars. The general spoke of the recent awarding of 22 Medals of Honor to WWII AA vets and pointedly read each of the soldiers' names.

"[You] proved a loyalty that needed no proving but in your doing so you allowed me and my generation and my children to live our lives without suspicion, to be able

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JACL Applauds Mineta Nomination for U.S. Secretary of Commerce

While JACLers were busy meeting in national council sessions on June 29, President Clinton named Norman Y. Mineta, former congressman from California and chairman of the White House Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, as his nominee to fill the position of secretary of commerce when Secretary William D. Daley steps down this month.

To recognize the importance of Mineta's nomination, the JACL passed an emergency resolution on July 1, in support of Mineta's confirmation to the post of secretary of commerce.

"We are thrilled that the President has nominated Norm for secretary of commerce," said Helen Kawagoe, during the convention as outgoing national JACL president. "Not only is he exceptionally well-qualified for the job, but he is held in the highest regard by the Asian Pacific American community as a capable leader."

"His track record and many accomplishments clearly demonstrate that Norm has the right combination of political experience and savvy for the position of secretary of commerce," said JACL national executive director John Tateishi. "We are confident that he will be a strong leader for the department."

Senator Art Torres, chairman of the California Democratic Party, also praised the President's nomination.

"Asian Americans can be especially proud today," said Torres.

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JACL National Council Approves Apology to Resisters of Conscience

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

MONTEREY, Calif.—Although JACL took a step towards healing a five-decade-old wound, it may have opened new ones when the national council voted to adopt a resolution recognizing and apologizing to the World War II Nisei resisters of conscience.

The debate, for the most part, split along generational lines with both sides giving impassioned arguments for and against the resolution. After using the full 20 minutes allotted to the issue, the national council passed the motion with 64 yeases, 32 nos and four split votes. The motion to adopt was

made by David Masuo from the Alaska chapter and seconded by Steve Kono from the Puysallup Valley chapter.

Masuo, a Vietnam veteran, urged the national council to reconsider the negative image of the WWII resisters of conscience, saying he also fought alongside a medic, who "was a resister of the draft."

"Many things have been said about their (resisters') loyalty based mostly on hearsay and rumor," said Masuo. "Misinformation from the same government that claimed JAs were fifth columnists or spies, a government that interned families just because of

their race, cannot be one whose word we should take as gospel. Remember that it was the government that used the JACL to push their agenda and to make sure our elders were removed from the JACL and placed in prisons away from their families. The government has attempted to right its wrong. We must do the same."

But Don Wakida, a Nisei member of VFW Post 8499 and a Fresno chapter member, said 13 Nisei VFW posts "vehemently oppose this resolution" and demanded an amendment if the resolution passed.

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JACL Supports National JA Memorial and Inclusion of Masaoka Quote

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

During the national convention, the national council, through the adoption of Emergency Resolution 7, and the national board, through the issuance of an official statement, gave strong endorsements to the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism project in Washington, D.C.

The resolution read in part: "Now, therefore be it resolved that the National Japanese American Citizens League affirms its support of decisions of the Secretary of the Interior, the Parks Service and the Commission of Fine Arts to approve the National Japanese

American Memorial to Patriotism as a lasting tribute to equal justice for all Americans, and

"go on record as again fully supporting the approved memorial, including a strong endorsement of the approved quotations which express the views of the Japanese Americans and the nation's leaders, and

"encourage all its members to individually support the educational outreach efforts so that all Americans will be informed about the tragic chapter of this nation's history so that what happened to Japanese Americans during World War II will never happen again to any individual in these United

States." The resolution passed with no debate, although David Forman with the Honolulu chapter made a motion to table the discussion to a later time because at the time it was brought up, ER7 had not been passed out to many of the delegates. He was voted down.

The motion to adopt ER7 was made by Mae Takahashi, a delegate from the Clovis chapter, and seconded by Travis Nishi, also a Clovis delegate, and proxies for the Farber and Selma chapters.

"The national council should give its 100 percent support because this memorial represents our

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Despite Failure of ER4, JACL Commits to Fight for Redress

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

Despite the failure of Emergency Resolution 4, which called for JACL's public support in getting unfinished redress business resolved, national JACL has made it clear that they are not abandoning the fight for redress.

As in the case of the resisters' resolution, the national council faced a difficult decision and even passed a motion to extend the debate beyond the 20 minutes allotted for the resolution. Although no card count was taken on the voting result, roughly two thirds of the national council voted against the resolution.

The resolution, introduced by Craig Osaki, PSW district governor and APAN chapter delegate, and seconded by John Yamada from the Eden Township chapter, called for JACL to publicly support unfinished redress matter and Congressman Xavier Becerra's Wartime Parity and Justice Act of 2000.

"I understand this is a very difficult decision for JACL," said Osaki. "My point in introducing this is that we have to address our credibility with the community. We are the Japanese American Citizens League. We are a civil rights organization. We should do the right

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Run-off Ends National Board Elections 2000

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

MONTEREY, Calif.—In a biennial election which saw only two contested races out of eight national JACL chapter positions, the most hotly anticipated came down to national president in a close run-off between candidates Floyd Mori, outgoing vice president of general operations, and Lori Fujimoto, outgoing vice president of public affairs.

Frank Sakamoto, of the Mile-Hi chapter, was the third candidate seeking presidential election at the 36th biennial JACL national convention.

After general polling on July 1, Mori, representing the Salt Lake chapter, emerged with 53 out of a possible 103 votes, while Fujimoto, representing the Sacramento chapter, had 43-1/2. Sakamoto came away with seven. In the run-off, Mori edged out Fujimoto by eight votes.

"Obviously, I'm relieved," Mori said of the outcome. "I think both Lori and Frank worked hard, and it's satisfying to know that there are enough people who have the confidence and faith in me to elect me as president."

"I think our campaign team did a wonderful job," said Fujimoto, who is unsure whether she will seek of

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Reno Keynotes JACL's Sayonara Banquet



Helen Kawagoe, outgoing JACL national president, and former Congressman Norman Mineta, a nominee for secretary of commerce, greet U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, keynote speaker at the JACL national convention's Sayonara Banquet on July 1.

Coverage of the 2000 JACL national convention will continue in the next issue of the P.C.

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NEW YORK

Sun, July 30—JACL outing to studio of award-winning potter Toshiko Takaezu and Hunterdon Museum of Art; 9 a.m. pick-up. \$25 includes lunch. RSVP by July 15: Lillian Kimura, 973/680-1441.

PHILADELPHIA

Sun, July 30—JACL chapter baseball outing, Phillies vs. Dodgers; 1:30 p.m., Veterans Stadium. RSVP by July 10: Mary Burke, 215/487-1678.

Midwest

CINCINNATI

Sun, Aug. 13—Annual Potluck dinner; 1:30 p.m. board meeting; 4 p.m. social hour, silent auction; 5 p.m. potluck dinner; 6 p.m. entertainment; Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Madison Rd. and Hyde Park Ave.
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CINCINNATI, DAYTON, HOOSIER

Sun, July 23—Annual JACL Picnic; Potluck/Checkout; 2-6 p.m., Shelter #1, Wilson Park West, Carrollton; food, games, taiko; hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, watermelon, tableware provided by Dayton chapter.

TWIN CITIES

Sun, July 16—Annual JACL Picnic; noon-5 p.m., Rosland Lake Cornelia Park Pavilion, Edina; Info: Gloria Kumagai, 763/737-5602.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY

Mon, July 24—Matsumoto Sister City Picnic; 12 noon-5 p.m., Jordan Park, 1000 S 900 W; lunch, dances, races, games, etc. RSVP: Larry Grant, 544-7975, Jeff Imani, 583-6789, Alice Kasai, 359-2902.

Pacific Northwest

GRESHAM-TROUTDALE

Fri-Sat, Sept. 8-9—Tulelake Reunion; Doubletree Hotel and Resort; Friday registration and gala mixer; Saturday Sayonara banquet. RSVP early: Tulelake Reunion, P.O. Box 22877, Sacramento, CA 95822.

San Francisco

Sun, Sept. 10—Greater Sacramento Valley-wide Reunion; Doubletree Hotel; 11 a.m. fellowship/mixer, 1 p.m. buffet lunch; keynote speaker Cherry Tsumidomi of the NJAMF; the historical book of the Sacramento region will be available. Info: Toko Fuji, 916/421-6968.

San Francisco

Sat, Oct. 28—Topaz High School Reunion, classes of '43 and '44, and others who wish to attend; 2-10 p.m., JACNC, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco; Info: Mas Kaviguchi, chairperson, 415/731-2658; Fumi Manabe Hayashi, secy, 510/524-1048.

San Jose

Sat, Aug. 19—Danuma 2000 23rd Danuma Festival; Saratoga Lanes parking lot; food, crafts, entertainment; children's games 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission. Info: www.pggborg.com/danumafestival.

San Mateo

Sat, July 29—Community Potluck; 5-8 p.m., San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas; food, games, prizes, door prizes, songfest, raffles; scholarship winners will be introduced. RSVP by July 21: JACL Community Center, 343-2793.

Central California

DELANO

Sat-Sun, July 15-16—10th Delano Nisei Reunion; Delano Elks Lodge. Info: Toshi Katano, 661/725-8660.

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

Sat, July 8—Book discussion, "From Hard Winters to Bountiful Harvests: The Journey of Japanese Americans"; 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Torrance. RSVP: Paula Weiner, 310/618-5950.

San Jose

Sat, July 8—"Up Close and Personal: Inside L.A.'s Locker Rooms," panel discussion and Q & A for the "More Than a Game Exhibition"; 1-3 p.m.; Featuring L.A. Times/Lakers sports writer Tim Kawakami and KABC sports anchor Rob Fukuzaki; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Free admission to the museum; no reservations necessary. Info: 213/625-0414.

San Jose

Sat-Sun, July 8-9—Nishi Hongwanji Obon Festival; obon dancing, food, produce, plants, games, karaoke contest, exhibits, taiko, judo, kendo demonstrations. Info: 213/680-9130.

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Sat-Sun, July 8-9—Zenshuji Soto Mission Obon Festival; noon-8 p.m.,

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SAN MATEO

Sat, July 29—Community Potluck; see Community Calendar.

WEST VALLEY/Next Generation

Sat, Aug. 19—Danuma 2000 23rd Danuma Festival; see Community calendar, Saratoga.

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JACL Asks for Due Process in Wen Ho Lee Case

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

Emergency Resolution 5 dealt with condemning racial profiling and advocating that Dr. Wen Ho Lee, who is currently facing charges of mishandling classified information, be given due process and equal protection under the law.

The motion was introduced by Sumi Koide from the New York chapter, seconded by Arlene Oki of the Seattle chapter. Following a brief debate, all but three chapters voted in favor of ER5.

Rollin Sugi from Riverside, who recently retired from working in counter intelligence, warned the national council from letting their "heart strings" influence their vote. He felt that there were many complex issues the layman could not understand and said "if you pass this resolution, what message do we, as JACL, send not only to our government but to other federal agencies?"

But Yvonne Kinoshita Ward from the White River Valley noted that the resolution was not determining whether Lee was guilty or not but focused on whether he was receiving equal protection and due process. She felt the available public documents indicated that Lee's civil

rights were in fact being violated. She pointed to the incident where although Lee had passed a polygraph test, he was told by investigators that he had failed.

"If you go to the Web site which has a partial transcript of his interrogation, they (government agents) keep telling him that he failed his polygraph test to try to get him to attest to crimes he didn't admit. That is a violation of due process," said Ward.

Alan Teruya from the Tri Valley chapter, who holds a high-level Q clearance at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the sister lab to the Los Alamos National Laboratory where Lee used to work, urged support of ER 5. He shared how Lee's case has had serious ramifications for Asian Americans working at Livermore, and as one example, he said the picture of a Chinese American working on one particular project was taken off a Web page for fear that his image would bring scrutiny to the project.

"If we cannot make a statement against this type of acts by the government, we are going to have further reaction from the rank and file of the various laboratories because we're all human, and we don't want to be harassed by security more than anyone else," said Teruya.

Helen Zia, who was a keynote speaker at the JACL youth luncheon, said she attended the June 26 court hearing for Lee in Albuquerque, N.M. At that hearing, Zia said the prosecution was unwilling to disclose what country in the world Lee is alleged to have assisted.

"Dr. Lee is not even allowed to know what country he is alleged to have assisted," said Zia. "The government is leaving that open to Hungary, Germany, France and a number of nations in Europe he has visited during his career. This is racial stereotyping. This is not allowing him to prepare for his defense and is a violation of his civil rights. Civil rights in our country, as written in our Constitution, says that we are innocent until proven guilty."

In total, the national council was presented with eight resolutions and eight emergency resolutions at the 36th biennial JACL national convention in Monterey, Calif.

Following two days of discussions, seven of the eight resolutions were adopted and six of the eight emergency resolutions passed.

In reflecting on the national council sessions, JACL national executive director John Tateishi said, "I think the national council took some pretty hard issues and pretty much faced them head on, with eyes wide open. There were some really thoughtful discussions. Some of the resolutions were difficult, and some were, I think, painful, but overall, they did very well. I thought it was an exciting convention."

Resolution 1, the Federal Recognition of Native Hawaiians, called for JACL to reaffirm their support for Hawaiian sovereignty, and urged chapters to contact their congressional representatives in support of federal recognition legislation and reconciliation with Native Hawaiians. David Forman from the

Honolulu chapter moved to adopt, seconded by David Masuo from the Alaska chapter. Following a slide show presented by the Hawaii chapter, R1 passed unanimously with no debate.

Resolution 2, the Filipino Veterans Benefit, called for JACL to fully support the Filipino WWII veterans and their fight for full military benefits. The resolution was introduced by Nelson Nagai from the Stockton chapter, seconded by Alan Teruya from the Berkeley chapter. The resolution passed unanimously with no debate.

Resolution 4, Religious Freedom for Minorities, called for the JACL to oppose all efforts to amend the First Amendment, which would reduce the separation of church and state. The motion to adopt was made by Lawrence Schectman from the Chicago chapter, seconded by Jeff Itami from the Salt Lake City chapter. The resolution garnered no debate and passed with one chapter opposing.

Resolution 5, Bill Lann Lee Nomination, called for the JACL to support Lee's appointment as assistant attorney general for civil rights during the congressional fall recess. David Forman from the Honolulu chapter moved to adopt, seconded by Miyako Kadogawa from the Greater L.A. Singles chapter. There was no debate, and all chapters voted for adoption except for one chapter which had a split vote.

Resolution 6, 35th biennial council, called for the JACL national board and staff to provide a status report on resolutions and other actions delegated by the 35th biennial convention council in Philadelphia. The motion was proposed by Lawrence Schectman from the Chicago chapter and seconded by Jeff Itami of the Salt Lake City chapter. The motion was adopted by consent.

Resolution 7, Jim Miyazaki Posthumous Recognition, called for the JACL to recognize the late Jim Miyazaki for his lifetime of leadership to the organization. The motion was made by Bill Suyama from the Wisconsin chapter and

seconded by Sue Hilde of the Florin chapter. The motion carried through consent.

Resolution 8, which dealt with policies regarding relations between the national office and chapters, was rejected by the Resolutions Committee and never presented before the national council for a vote.

ER1, Hate Crimes Support, called for JACL to continue their efforts in enhancing federal enforcement of hate crimes. Larry Grant, proxy for the Snake River chapter, moved to adopt, seconded by Jeff Itami of the Salt Lake City chapter. ER1 passed with no debate. All chapters, except one with a split vote, voted in favor.

ER2, which dealt with handgun safety, was rejected by the Resolutions Committee and never presented before the national council for a vote.

ER3, Support of Norman Mineta, called for the JACL to support Mineta's confirmation for U.S. Secretary of Commerce. Gary Mayeda from the APAN chapter moved to adopt ER3 with an amendment, Grace Kimoto from the Delano chapter seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no debate.

ER6, Support Philadelphia Chinatown, called for the JACL to oppose the placement of a baseball stadium in and adjacent to Philadelphia's Chinatown, and endorsed the "Stadium Out of Chinatown Coalition." The motion was introduced by Paul Uyehara from the Philadelphia chapter, seconded by Valerie Yasukochi from the Berkeley chapter. The resolution passed with four chapters voting in opposition and one split vote.

ER8, Support of Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients, called for the JACL to commend the actions of the Nisei veterans who served their country during WWII and who were recently upgraded to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. Mark Kobayashi from San Jose moved to adopt, seconded by Ken Kamei from the Gilroy chapter. The motion passed unanimously with no debate.

ELECTIONS

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face again at the next biennial.

"I am disappointed," she continued. "But I know that JACL is in good hands, and I'm committed to helping Floyd in any way I can. I think he's very committed to the mission and to fulfilling and setting very achievable goals for the organization. I'm confident that he'll place this organization in a strong advocacy role in the next two years."

Sakamoto, who ran as the underdog, said, "I thought I'd make it interesting by throwing my name into it. Why did I throw my hat into it? I didn't like the way things were going. ... But there's no bitterness that I lost. I congratulate Floyd because it's going to take a lot of work."

Candidates who went uncontested in this biennial's elections were David Kawamoto (PSW) for v.p. of general operations; Ryan Chin (PNW) for v.p. of public affairs; Karen-Liane Shiba (PSW) for v.p. of planning and development; Art Koga (NOWNP) for secretary/treasurer; Matthew Nakata (PNW) for national youth/student council chair; and Amy Matsumoto (EDC) for national youth/student council

representative.

Meanwhile, PSW's Gary Mayeda was elected v.p. of membership over MDC's Marie Matsumami.

As for the future, Mori talked of some of the changes JACL should expect in the next two years under his presidency. "First of all, you're going to see a stronger financial base. Having a strong financial base, we're going to be able to follow through on more programs than we have in the past."

"Secondly, you're going to see a much more visible, much more proactive organization in the civil rights arena. We're not going to wait for things to happen, we're going to make things happen," he said.

Mori also addressed an issue asked of him during the candidate forum regarding the Pacific Citizen and its editorial board. "The P.C. board meets once a year. My feeling is that there hasn't been enough preparation and training for our board to do as good a job as they would like to in governing the P.C., he said."

"I want them to have their independence, but maybe we need to look at revising and strengthening some of the functions and bylaws of that board so they understand more clearly what their bounds are and what they can do."

Election Vote Totals

• National President (run-off):	
Floyd Mori	58
Lori Fujimoto	50
(general election):	
Floyd Mori	53
Lori Fujimoto	43-1/2
Frank Sakamoto	7
• V.P. General Operations (uncontested):	
David Kawamoto	102-1/2
• V.P. Public Affairs (uncontested):	
Ryan Chin	88-1/2
• V.P. Planning and Development (uncontested):	
Karen-Liane Shiba	79-1/2
• V.P. 1000 Club/Membership:	
Gary Mayeda	56-1/2
Marie Matsumami	48
• Secretary/Treasurer (uncontested):	
Art Koga	95
• National Youth/Student Council Chair (uncontested):	
Matthew Nakata	8-1/2
• National Youth/Student Council Representative (uncontested):	
Amy Matsumoto	8-1/2



New Board Takes Oath—(from left): Floyd Mori, president; David Kawamoto, v.p. general operations; Ryan Chin, v.p. public affairs; Karen-Liane Shiba, v.p. planning and development; Gary Mayeda, v.p. membership; Amy Matsumoto, nat'l youth/student rep.; Matthew Nakata, nat'l youth/student chair; and Art Koga, secretary/treasurer.

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JACL Passes Resolution Recognizing Resisters

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"My feeling is this: if you pass this resolution, I want you to put an amendment in there that you will apologize to every Nisei soldiers' family who died for our country," said Wakida. "Remember now, they went to war for us, not only for America, but for the Japanese and for the JACL people."

Sensen Brian Niya, a member of the Honolulu JACL chapter, acknowledged that as someone who did not live through the camp experience, he may not fully grasp the reasons for the depth of the bitterness but felt that "this apology is the first step towards that reconciliation."

Niya also felt that while this resolution dealt with events close to 60 years ago, it was really about the future of JACL.

"I think this resolution is being closely watched from the outside as an indication of the future direction of the organization," said Niya. "And I think whatever the outcome, it will come to symbolize the current state of JACL."

But there was still some confusion about the facts surrounding the resisters. Vernon Yoshioka of San Diego alleged that at the Topaz War Relocation Authority camp, it was resisters who had beaten up his father, Giichi Yoshioka, a founding member of the Eden Township JACL chapter. But when pressed for more information about who and what had been said that led Yoshioka to believe this, he could provide no names or details. In addition, he did not know what year his father had been beaten, although he guessed it was in 1943, which would place the incident a year before the Selective Service Act had been instituted for the Nisei men.

Upon the resolution's passage, a contingent of veterans stormed out and a heated debate ensued outside the conference room. Among

the veterans was Tom Masamori, a longtime JACLer from Denver, who had ripped off his JACL name tag and stalked out of the room.

Later, during a break, Masamori, who had penned in "former JACL member" where his JACL name tag used to be, said he will most likely continue as a member.

"I was so angry that I took my tag off," said Masamori. "But well, I'm reconsidering it now. I've been with the JACL since 1946 so you don't just throw it away, but I just felt so angry that I did that just to show my immediate sentiments. But I will most likely remain a JACL member because I would have a voice then. If I vanish, then I will not have a voice."

Fred Hirasuna, 92, the oldest JACL member, was also disappointed that the resolution passed.

"They had the right to object to the draft for civil rights but if they were truly sincere for that reason, they should have come out at evacuation time and said, 'We won't go,'" said Hirasuna. "I think the timing was bad that they waited for the draft before coming out. They should have come out before. That's my objection to that."

George "Horse" Yoshinaga, a columnist for the *Rafu Shimpo* newspaper, who referred to the resisters as "draft dodgers," felt the pro-resister camp had waged too strong of a campaign.

"I think the resolution was sort of, maybe conspiracy is too strong a word, but pre-ordained to pass," said Yoshinaga. "They campaigned and brainwashed people."

The emotional and divisive nature of the resolution was not lost on the JACL leadership, and reconciliation with the opposing side was a topic of discussion during the first national board meeting of the newly-elected national board members on July 2. President Floyd Mori asked each board member to make a concerted one-on-one effort to mend the rifts.

John Tateishi, national executive director, said he expects some attrition in JACL membership in reaction to this resolution's passage but his biggest concern was the emotional impact this may have on the aging veterans.

"They did some difficult things in difficult times, as everyone did, but they need the past, the past is very important to them, and God knows I would never want to take that from them," said Tateishi. "I grew up always honoring the Nisei and the veterans, and I just feel badly for them that they feel we may have let them down. As I've said, I'm hoping that over time, this heals and that they will understand why that decision was made. Right or wrong, it was a decision that was the will of the national council."

Marvin Uratsu, president of the Military Intelligence Service Association of Northern California, was pleased with the adoption of R3.

"I'm glad this happened in the year 2000," said Uratsu, speaking from a personal perspective. "This is a good way to begin the millennium. ... But I feel sympathy for those hurt by this, and I would offer a conciliatory hand to them as well. We should reconcile with one another and move forward."

Within the last two years, the MIS of Northern California, which is the largest Nisei MIS organization on the continental United States, along with Club 100 of Hawaii and the Washington, D.C.-based Japanese American Veterans Association, had passed a resolution of reconciliation with the resisters of conscience. The Nikkei "Faith Intersect" group had also passed a resolution in April, asking for forgiveness from the resisters and urging JACL to do the same.

Gordon Hirabayashi, who was honored at the convention as one of three "Nikkei of the Bicentennial," was also encouraged to hear that R3 passed. During WWII, Hirabayashi

had spent prison time with Poston and Amache resisters at the Catalina Federal Honor Camp following his protest of evacuation, and prison time with the Heart Mountain resisters at McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary when he became a conscientious objector.

"I'm glad they did this," said Hirabayashi. "It's time they did this. We've all been educated that there are other ways to fight for your country so I think we've all learned from this experience."

Frank Emi, one of the leaders of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee, said, "I think the step that JACL took is a step in the right direction as befits a civil rights organization," said Emi. "After all, they are in good company. The U.S. government did what they thought was right during the war and they apologized. And although JACL vilified the resisters for taking a principled and constitutional stand against injustice during the war, for them to acknowledge this now will not mar their image. It will only make the organization stronger." ■

REDRESS

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and just thing, and take a principled stand."

Several other delegates voiced similar sentiments, and immediately following the vote, John Tateishi, national executive director, assured the national council that JACL would continue to fight for redress.

"We are committed to redress as an organization," said Tateishi. "I will direct our Washington representative to work this legislation on the Hill. We are not abandoning the Japanese Latin Americans or the Beerra bill. We are just not going to take a public stand on this. In some point in the future, I'm hoping we can."

Tateishi said the reason JACL could not take a public stand was due to promises the organization made to various government officials during the *Mochizuki vs. U.S.* settlement, which provided a \$5,000 redress settlement to Japanese Latin Americans. While Tateishi was aware that this was not a fair resolution, he said the only alternative they were offered was having the case dismissed. Tateishi characterized the moment as a "blood bath within the DOJ" where there were huge disagreements and several people were "hurt pretty badly for standing up."

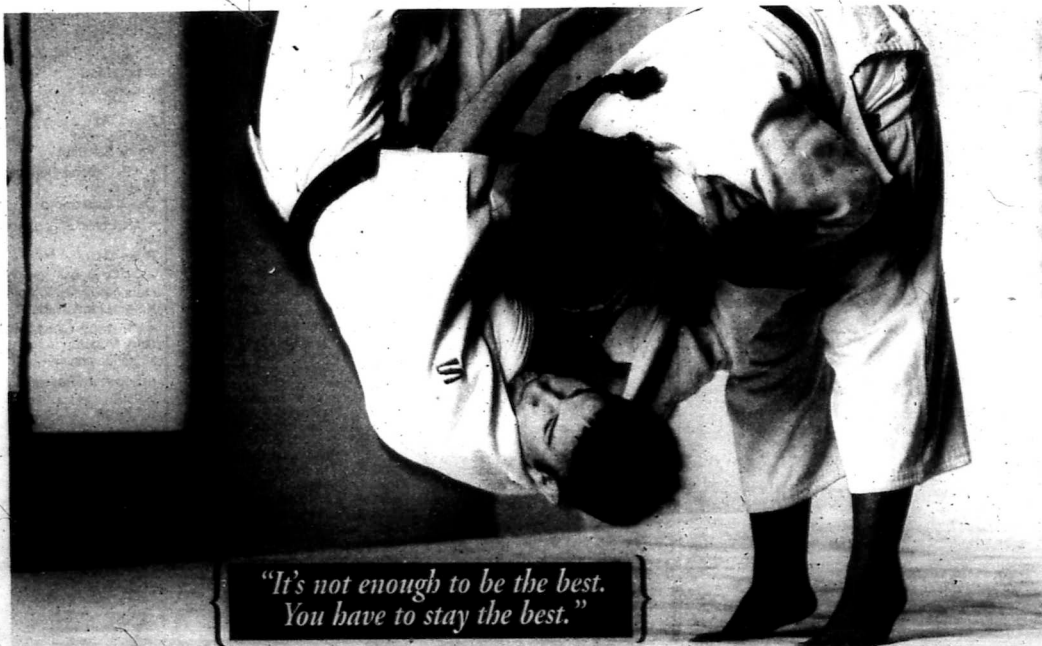
By requesting a settlement in the *Mochizuki* case, Tateishi said the JACL made a promise to the DOJ and to members in the House and the Senate that the organization would stand by any settlement agreed upon.

He noted that Beerra was well aware of JACL's situation after he had two lengthy conversations with the congressman.

Tateishi also explained this to members of Campaign for Justice and was surprised to see this emergency resolution introduced. "I thought we had an agreement," said Tateishi. "I thought there was an understanding so when the resolution came up, that did surprise me a bit."

Al Muratsuchi, president of the South Bay chapter, supported Tateishi's stand, saying "I want to make sure this discussion in no way is questioning John Tateishi's commitment in fighting for redress" and suggested that the authors of the resolution rework the wording.

"My suggestion is that the proponents of the resolution have closer discussion with the staff so that national council does not put the staff in a compromising position," said Muratsuchi. "For them to come up with a smarter, more well developed proposal that would acknowledge the principles that we all in this room stand for, the principles of redress for all those who have yet to see redress, and yet would not burn bridges." ■



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Very Truly Yours

By Harry Honda

Answers to Questions for the Archivist in His First Report to the National Convention

Our 10-page report presented to the national JACL and P.C. editorial boards basically accounts how Very Truly Yours spent his time this past biennium.

The afternoons are spent doing "grunt" work — searching the P.C. pages for captions to old photos that are absolutely useless otherwise, sifting through clippings (or trimming old newspapers) to file in one of 14 cabinets (five general subject, three JACL, two P.C., one evacuation, one Japan/ports, one Hawaii/Canada/China, one letters/miscellaneous). Then there are milk-carton style files for pictures, newsletters, to-be-filed and indexing.

This past biennium began with a focus on marking JACL's 70th anniversary in 1999, gathering historic rosters, etc. Somehow the project was shelved though not forgotten. The "save" on diskettes can be updated for a possible JACL almanac when JACL celebrates its diamond jubilee, the 75th, in 2004.

A major component will be "The Millennium: a History of the Past 1,000 Years for Japanese Americans," which appeared in the 1996 and 1997 Holiday Issues. It stemmed from a U.S. Nisei perspective that sought a North-South dimension of Nikkei background and experiences in North and South America. An index has been completed, and in process are the post-World War II years of a half century covering election of the first Peruvian Ni-

sei, Alberto Fujimori, in 1990.

I think it significant to identify the non-Japanese friends who were recognized by national JACL because they came to the defense of and aided the Japanese during the evacuation era. There is a list of these people in an old P.C. Holiday Issue by name only and when they were honored. Today's activist generation may not know the roles Clarence Pickett, John Thomas, Ruth Kingman, for example, played for upholding principles of democracy when it took courage in midst of prejudice and anti-Japanese discrimination.

Gordon Hirabayashi, cited the Japanese American of the biennium, unexpectedly came over to my table at the Sayonara Ball to say: "They were all my friends," and how much he appreciated that I had mentioned them in acknowledging a beautiful world traveler's clock from president Helen Kawagoe.

The list that was headlined Certificates of Appreciation or Scrolls of Appreciation has been augmented with JA names who were engaged in legislative and political activities where JACL played decisive roles in immigration, alien land laws, Issei voting, etc. Each certificate or scroll and accompanying text was personally inscribed in cursive text with additional flourishes by the late Mas Satow, national JACL director. Those who joined the JACL Thousand Club in the '50s and '60s, I hope, still have them on

their office wall of honor. The one designed to honor Mas Satow for his 25 continuous years was executed by another calligraphy master, the late Kango Kunit-sugu.

1996 Operational Highlights

✓ In August, Saneisi TV documentary Bill Kubota from Detroit, having discovered the story of a Nisei publisher in central Michigan with a fabulous WWII record, was permitted/invoiced to copy some old photos and P.C. headlines about Ben Kuroki before videotaping him the next day at his home in Ojai, Calif., where he lives in retirement.

✓ In October, JACL-staffers met with Japanese American National Museum's archival staff to explore the mechanics of what's required to establish a JACL archive. I also wanted to see how JANM's staff managed their resource center. Incidentally, their ongoing exhibit, "Common Ground: the Heart of the Community," has the manual typewriter that served Larry Tajiri during his editorship (1942-52). The item identifies the wartime years of the JA press after the evacuation had silenced the West Coast papers.

✓ I asked headquarters about a JACL plaque that was returned after USS Sadao Munemori was decommissioned in 1970. No one there has seen it. ... Of course, the present JACL headquarters was not yet built.

✓ In December, we responded

to Herb Yamanishi's query about the "JACL logs." Not mentioned was the "hubbub" Dave Ushio, as director in 1972-73, raised when he creatively but unilaterally replaced the JACL eagle and shield logo on JACL stationery.

✓ Petra Davidson (grant313@sprintmail.com) asked for more information about a James K. Sasaki, a WWII war criminal who was convicted, about Sugamo Prison, Ofuna Interrogation Camp and about his family. We suggested contacting MIS Nor-Cal for help.

1996 Operational Highlights

✓ For March/April, search resumed for more info. about "JACL's Wartime National Sponsors." Six pages long, it's part of my Editor Emeritus Papers for February 2000.

✓ In July/August, "Important Dates in History," a U.S.-Japan chronology (1841-1988—many without actual dates) was expanded, showing a date. This 16-page piece was part of Editor Emeritus Papers for the February 2000 P.C. board meeting.

✓ "Honoring 70 Years of JACL Service" was also expanded to 10 pages and placed in my Editor Emeritus Papers for the February 2000 P.C. board meeting.

✓ In September, Mae Takahashi reminded me to work up JACL redress history material by sorting what was in the files, in preparation for a redress history committee meeting in October in San Francisco. It was good to refresh my own mind of what we have on file.

✓ Devoted three hours with Kit Kurisaki (grandson of the late Lyle Kurisaki of Imperial Valley), Beth Au (assigned to the JACL Archive Project) and Martha Nakagawa (P.C. assistant editor). Kurisaki opened up his suitcase of 1930-era papers that his grandfather had. I found some JACL reports of 1935-36 and filled some missing points in our own files.

✓ In November, reformatted the "JACL National Convention Venue" report of 38 pages for use by the Monterey Peninsula convention booklet editors.

2000 Operational Highlights

✓ elle918@aol.com was having trouble writing her school paper on Japanese immigrants, about peak years, population and their contributions. Our response, as usual, cites resources that would help. Since it took several hours

to nail down the sources accurately, I thought P.C. could use this as an INFORMATION CORNER feature.

✓ A CSU-Hayward graduate student in history (Steve Goldman) wanted stories or any reactions from the local Japanese community that P.C. might have carried when the 1951 Japanese peace treaty was signed in San Francisco. He indicated visiting the two San Francisco Japanese vernaculars and copying pertinent articles. I suggested the Japanese sections of the vernaculars might have had more to say and with a different slant.

✓ In March, a woman, hofeck@aol.com, in Denver wanted to pick up on prewar Nisei tennis players and the only one I knew still around was Ruth Maeno in Los Angeles.

✓ For Nisei Week in mid-July, Archie Miyatake asked me to identify some of the people in a selection of prewar (1934-41) pictures for display at the JACCC. I suggested he take color photos from approximately the same spot for a "Then and Now" look. Should remember that prewar Nisei Week officials were mostly active L.A. JACLers in their 20s and 30s, like Mas Satow, Kay Sugahara, Pat Okura, his wife Lily when she was a princess, Ken Matsumoto and Fred Taya-ma. The festival helped pay the rent (and salary?) for the JACL office.

✓ In June, I completed an annotated 10-page draft of those accorded special recognitions at JACL conventions (1946-98), winners of JACL Chapter of Biennium, Masaoka Distinguished Public Service Awards (no longer being awarded since 1991) with brief identifications of the honoree, of the Masaoka Congressional Intern fellowships and of the JACLers of the Biennium and the Japanese Americans of the Biennium.

✓ A Ph.D. candidate (Ako Inuzuka: akoinuzka@net.bgsu.edu) wanted AJA views on Japan bashing (circa 1985-95) for her presentation before the National Communication Association summer conference. She said her paper critiques Lee Iacocca's speeches on Japan bashing. I steered her to check with Bill Yoshino, John Tateishi and Ed Mitoma (of U.S.-Japan Relations Committee) on the 1982 Vincent Chin case. She wanted to add a JA view in contrast to Iacocca's view. ■



Troubled in Paradise

By Brian Niiya

A New Era?

I have to admit, I never thought I'd see it happen. But at the just concluded JACL national convention in Monterey, a resolution calling for recognition of Nisei draft resisters, an apology for "not acknowledging the resisters' stand" and a public ceremony recognizing them was passed by the national council by a 2-1 margin. I think it's safe to say that this will be remembered as a historic day in the history of the JACL.

There were, no doubt, several reasons why this resolution passed. One is that the proponents of the resolution seemed to be extremely well organized and did a good job of building support among the chapters before and during the convention.

But I think more had to do with the passage of time and a changing of the guard among the leadership of the chapters. I think those of us born after the war, who learned about the internment in Asian American Studies courses, books, films and other secondary sources, have a different view of the internment period than those who lived through it. Of course there is much of that period we will never understand. We will never know the sting of being forced from our homes and businesses strictly on the basis of our ancestry. We will never know how cold it was at Heart Mountain, or how hot at Poston; we'll never know about desert dust storms or swamp mosquitoes, about parents who lost the will to live and friends and siblings killed in the war. On the other hand, those of us who weren't there sometimes can

see the larger picture more clearly. We don't carry with us the raw emotions of experience nor hold grudges for events that took place 55 years ago. These emotions, along with the passage of time, can distort recollections of those who lived through the internment.

Additionally, most of the literature on internment that has appeared in the last 20 or so years has covered the various responses to internment and made the general point that there was not a monolithic response by Japanese Americans. The story of the draft resisters, particularly the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee, is an important part of most of these books. We've learned that all of these responses are understandable, given the unique pressures of the situation. Given our own set of values and beliefs, we might be drawn to one set or another set of responses; however, most of us don't vilify those who took the opposite path.

So it is with the draft resisters. Some of us consider them heroic figures, while others view them as sincere but misguided. But I don't think any (or at least very few) Saneisi and Yoneisi hold the type of anger towards the resisters that many Nisei war veterans and others do.

I think those of us born after the war also want to try to heal some of the rifts in the community that stem from the war years, such as that between the JACL and the resisters. Thus, this resolution. The apology for actions taken by the JACL against the resisters in 1944-45 — and there are things the JACL should apol-

ogize for, as the Lim Report indicates — is a first step in what we hope will be a larger reconciliation in our community.

I suspect many of us who supported the resolution were also thinking about the future of the organization. Everyone talks about the need to attract more younger members and laments the passing of the Nisei generation. Understanding that people born after the war are more likely to have questions about the JACL's past and are more likely to have positive views of the resisters, a resolution such as this is one indication to someone who has resisted joining the JACL that perhaps it is a new era. Whether it really is a new era remains to be seen. There is much to be done and many questions remain about the organization's future. I still remain a bit skeptical that a specifically JA civil rights organization is viable in this day and age. But I've been wrong before.

I do hope that those who opposed the resolution won't be too put off by its passage. The resolution is not a repudiation of what the JACL has stood for in the past, nor is it meant to downplay the actions of JAs who served in World War II. The resolution is an acknowledgement that the JACL stepped on some toes during the war. It is also an attempt to heal deep divisions in the JA community and to increase the organization's appeal to younger JAs. I hope we can all work together to achieve these goals. ■

(Brian Niiya is a member of the Honolulu JACL chapter.)

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Delegates Raise Concern Over Questions Asked at Candidates Forum

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

MONTEREY, Calif.—Candidates running for eight national board positions at the 36th biennial JACL national convention convened before a packed house of delegates on June 29 to give their platforms and to offer their opinions on key issues.

But it was not the candidates' polemical stances so much as the format of the forum itself which became a subject of debate, as one Pacific Northwest District delegate, Yvonne Kinoshita Ward, of White River Valley, voiced a concern that the questions being asked of those seeking office were too "softball."

A committee of moderators including Deborah Ikeda, Rick Ishiyama, Jeff Nakashima, Steve Okamoto and Grayce Uyehara had compiled a handful of pre-selected formal questions to be asked of each candidate during the forum.

Delegates were also given the opportunity to submit questions prior to the forum, to be asked of a particular candidate by his or her respective moderator.

"The format provided an even playing field for all the candidates," said Nakashima, who moderated for Honolulu's Art Koga, the only

candidate running for the secretary-treasurer position.

But due to time constraints, certain questions submitted by the delegation were consolidated and edited according to the judgment of each moderator.

Ward felt that some of the important questions or aspects of questions were being omitted.

"The reason I stood up—and it's not just me but a lot of people I've talked to who know a lot of the history of the folks here—was I wanted to hear their questions, and I wanted the candidates to have to answer to everyone so people could make their own decisions," she said. "Sometimes the answers would have clarified misinformation that was going around through the rumor mill."

"Certainly, the delegates had a right to know the candidates' positions on the critical issues," she continued. "I knew that a lot of delegates from different chapters had some important questions to ask, and for the contested and the uncontested there were issues that needed to be addressed."

"We were shocked to find out that we could not ask these questions directly, but we accepted that," Ward said. "Then, it turns out the moderators weren't asking

all our questions. And on top of it, on one question that one chapter sent us, they edited out the important part. That's when we just went, 'you've got to be kidding me!'"

The panel of moderators convened after Ward voiced her complaint, but decided against changing the format to keep it fair for the remaining candidates.

"We'd already started the process, so we really couldn't change things in the middle of the forum," said Ikeda, who moderated for the v.p. of membership position between Gary Mayeda and Marie Matsunami. "We had to go forward with what we'd planned."

At that time, Lillian Kimura, former national president and chair of the nominations committee, told Ward that she could bring up specific questions in the district caucus which were to immediately follow.

Although Ward said her district caucus was "very helpful," she was dismayed that the entire delegation did not have the benefit of hearing the question-and-answer session.

"I'm curious as to what types of questions would've been asked in other district caucuses. When you

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DINNER

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to have the opportunity to compete in our chosen professions," said the general.

Former congressman Norman Mineta, who was recently nominated by President Clinton for the position of secretary of commerce, MC'd the evening's dinner, which took place during the week of

served in the Military Intelligence Service during World War II," said Uratsu. "My only regret tonight is that more of the deserving veterans are not here to join this celebration."

Following the presentation of the presidential citation, a trailer of the movie, "Uncommon Courage: Patriotism and Civil Liberties," currently being produced by MIS-NORCAL, was shown. The target date for the film is Sept. 30 and a

Stephanie Nishikawa of KOVR 13, with archival photo of the 100th, 442nd, MIS and their postwar activities in Japan, to the veterans of the Korean War, Vietnam War, and those who are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Following the slide show presentation a veteran from each of the wars was asked to speak to the audience.

Col. Toshiro Dunitz Aoyagi of the Korean War Army stated that the



Back row (l-r): Assistant to Secretary of Army Louis Caldera John Tagami; California State Assemblyman Mike Honda; Dee Devin; Former Congressman Norman Mineta; Outgoing JACL National President Helen Kawagoe. Front row (l-r): Jeanne Honda; Commandant of the Defense Language Inst. Col. Daniel Devin; Deneale Mineta; and Gen. Eric Shinseki.

JACL's 36th biennial convention.

"Many of us today are in positions only because of the valor and the dedication and the vision of those in this room as well as those who have gone on who were in the service during World War II," said Mineta. "There's no doubt in my mind that it is your dedication and valor that proved to the nation the loyalty of those whose loyalty was questioned."

"I will be eternally grateful to all of you for the records you set. So we say to you, job well done."

Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera sent a videotape greeting where he announced the awarding of a Presidential Unit Citation, the highest distinction of the U.S. military, to the heroic Nisei MIS of WWII, a group whose activities were kept classified long after the end of the war.

"I hope with this award the MIS will at least begin to receive the recognition that they deserve," said Caldera.

Gen. Shinseki made the presentation of the presidential citation to Marvin Uratsu of MIS Northern California (MISNORCAL). "We are correcting history tonight," said Shinseki.

"It is with the greatest feeling of humility and honor that I accept this prestigious Presidential Unit Citation for all of the men who

showing of the film will take place at the upcoming dedication of the Japanese American National Monument in Washington, D.C., this November.

Rudy Tokiwa, a 442nd vet and co-chair of the veteran's tribute dinner along with co-chair Col. Harry Fukushima, said he thought of his WWII buddies who fought so courageously in France and Italy when he was first approached to help organize the event.

Tokiwa recalled how JA men and women being held in WWII American concentration camps solely because of their ancestry answered the call to serve their country, only to face a second assault of prejudice on the front lines.

"I think we paid a very high price to prove ourselves," said Tokiwa. "To prove to everyone that it doesn't make a difference what you look like, what the color of your skin is. You are an American and this should never be forgotten."

Assemblyman Mike Honda, D-San Jose, who is currently running for the 15th Congressional District, brought greetings from the California State Assembly, where he and George Nakano, D-Turquoise, who was unable to attend, recently passed a resolution to honor JA vets by declaring June 30 "Japanese American Veterans' Day."

The tribute dinner also featured a slide presentation narrated by

scars of war still exists today. "The war left scars in our families that even today the pain and suffering still lingers."

But Aoyagi also celebrated the recent developments between North and South Korea and asked his fellow vets to actively support the reunification of the two Koreas.

Captain Gordon Nakagawa, a veteran of the Vietnam War and a former POW, believes that the veterans of this recent war have yet to receive acknowledgment from the United States.

"Unfortunately, with a few exceptions, America has not expressed a thank-you to these veterans of the Vietnam War that has long been over due," said Nakagawa. "Vietnam was unique. The prolonged agony of that war taxed the limit of this nation's resources and patience but the men and women who answered this nation's call served with great honor, dedication and skill. I believe that they contributed significantly to the end of the Cold War."

"Today, because of what the Nisei of World War II, Korean and Vietnam did for us, my generation and my son's generation are a lot better off," said John Tagami, assistant to Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera. "Thank you for being extraordinary so that we could just be ordinary."

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Araki, Edward Hajime, 63, Los Angeles, June 15; Hilo, Hawaii-born veteran of the Korean Conflict; survived by wife Jean Toshiye; daughter Lauren Yurijo; brothers Akira (Honolulu), Stanley and wife Claire (Maui), Robert and wife Edith (Honolulu); sisters Yuriko, Isabel (Honolulu), Mabel (Maui).

Hata, Bert Tsuyoshi, 83, Gardena, May 27; Japanese-born naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by daughter Christine Nakae; 2 gc.; predeceased by son Glenn.

Higuchi, Thomas Henry, 81, Gardena, June 12; Colo.-born; survived by wife Kiyoko; sons Donald and wife Karen (Lomita), Duane (Torrance); daughters Ellen Toma and husband Alvin (Arcadia), Nancy (Gardena); 6 gc.; 1 gc.; sisters Mary Yamada (Colo.), Edith Yamanishi (Torrance).

Hiramoto, Sidney Shizuo, 81, Los Altos, June 11; Fowler-born; survived by wife Mary; sons Craig, Lloyd and wife Janis; 2 gc.; sister Tomiko Aburaman.

Iwaka, Tacko, 83, Chicago, June 17; Tacoma, Wash.-born; survived by husband Joe; daughter Caryn Bastian and husband Bill; son Glenn; 2 gc.; sister Toshi Itoke and husband Ken (St. Louis).

Kimura, Masako, 86, Gardena, May 31; Tokyo-born naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by sons Frank T. and wife Norma, George M.; daughter Rose Y. Krumpas and husband Ron; 2 gc.; brother Yasuki Maeda (Nagoya), sister Fumiko Ishizaka (Tokyo); predeceased by husband James.

Kudow, Yukio, 77, Rosemead, June 14; Fukuoka-ken-born; survived by daughters Dianne Y. Odagawa and husband Richard; Cindy S. Nakamura and husband Makoto; 4 gc.; brother Isao Kudow; predeceased by wife Alice.

Miyoshi, Jean K., 82, Torrance, June 11; survived by husband George; son Wayne and wife Patricia; 2 gc.; brothers Yosh, Harry Tani; sisters Amy Glikberg, Jane Ota.

Morio, Hiroko, 81, Yorba Linda, June 17; San Diego-born; survived by sisters Kimiye K. Takayama, Kathy C. Nakata; many nieces and nephews.

Morisawa, Hideo, 81, North Highlands, June 11; Kochi Prefecture-born; survived by Kimiko Thompson; sons Akio, Tadao, Takashi; 2 gc.; 1 gc.; predeceased by son Shigeo.

Nakagawa, Rev. James T., 75, Oceanside, May 30; San Francisco-born; survived by wife Toshiyo; son Grant T. and wife Julia H.; daughter Dr. Karen L. Nakagawa; 3 gc.; brother Winslow and wife Leona (San Francisco); sisters Mary Murakita (San Francisco), Kay Weber (Washington); sisters-in-law Helen Sheriff (Honolulu), Nobuko Tada (Oceanside).

Nakamura, Harumi "Bobbie", 81, Pacoima, June 1; Sanger-born; survived by sons Dennis, John and wife Ariene, David; daughter Carolyn Newby; 6 gc.; brother Akira Nagai and wife Hanako; brothers-in-law Paul Nakamura and wife Susie, Masachi Nakamura; sisters-in-law Yaeiko Tanaka, Mildred Nakamura.

Sakata, Suze, 94, Los Angeles, June 10; Hiroshima-ken-born; survived by sons Hiroshi, John and wife Jerri, James, Kay and wife Vickie, Roy and wife Keiko, Terry; daughter's Mary Hombo and husband Kazuo, Suzie Terasawa, Betty Sakata and husband Frank; 19 gc., many gc.

Sasahara, Hama, 83, Gardena, June 12; Kumamoto-ken-born; survived by sons Harry and wife Barbara (Honolulu), Daniel and wife Patti; daughters Janet

Kakurai and husband Joe, Amie; 7 gc., 2 gc.

Sasaki, Frank Shizuo, 79, Monterey Park, June 14; Anaheim-born WWII veteran; survived by wife Chiyoiko; sons Mark, Gregory K. Oka and wife Irene; 2 gc.; sister Setsuko Takaoka and husband Hal.

Sewake, Minoru, 77, Inglewood, May 24; Hawaii-born WWII veteran; survived by wife Ruth; son Wayne and wife Kellie; 1 gc.; brother Pastor Lloyd and wife Amy.

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Shibata, Ray, 71, San Francisco, June 13; Sacramento-born; survived by wife Nancy; sons Richard and wife Alison, Timothy and wife Stephany; daughter Teresa Wong and husband Eddy; 3 gc.

Shibata, Yoeltio, 82, Monterey Park, June 10; Salinas-born; survived by wife Shizuko; daughters Eiko Sandy Kurihara, Kathy; 3 gc.; brother Tony and wife May.

Tanji, Nancy M., 60, Culver City, June 11; Hawaii-born; survived by sons Kevin, Gerald; daughter Kathleen.

Terrada, Frances Toshiko, 72, West Los Angeles, May 28; Whittier-born; survived by husband Tadaki; sons Kiyoji and wife Carolyn (Thousand Oaks), George, Richard Koji and wife Lori; daughter Juliana Logan and husband Raymond; 5 gc.; brother James Jonokuchi and wife Aiko (Simi Valley); sister Etanoko Akamura and husband Masayuki (Japan); brother-in-law, Ken Terrada and wife Haruko.

Teramura, Etsu, 99, Los Angeles, June 11; Shiga-ken-born; survived by son Kazuo and wife Sueko Florio; daughters Shizuye Yoshioka, Chiyoeko Adachi and husband Toshiro, Emiko Ajifu; 9 gc., many gc.

Usuda, Hida, 103, Hillsboro, Ore., June 14; Torrance-born; noted writer of *haiku* poetry; survived by daughter Mae Hada; 4 gc.

Watanabe, Kaye, 87, Cincinnati, June 3; Boston internee; survived by wife Marnelle; daughters Carol Starrett, Donna Watanabe (both Cincinnati); sons Wesley (Chicago), David (Cincinnati); 3 gc.; sister Leora Hamada (Calif.).

Yamagishi, Toki, 76, Pasadena, May 31; Calif.-born; survived by sisters Clara Hamasaki (Las Vegas), Dorothy Ikkan and husband Tom; many nieces and nephews.

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MINETA

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"Norm Mineta, who was shipped to an internment camp in Wyoming in a Cub Scout uniform, is now wearing the uniform of a U.S. cabinet member. President Clinton once again recognizes the importance of both California and its Asian American community." Mineta of Edgewater, Md., currently serves as vice president of special business initiatives at Lockheed Martin Corporation. Mineta is a former member of the House of Representatives and has more



than 40 years of public service, both as an appointee and an elected official. On the local and national level, Mineta has been a political pioneer — as the first APA to be elected mayor of a major metropolitan city of San Jose, Calif., and as the first APA to chair a major committee in Congress, the Committee on Public Works and Transportation. If confirmed to the secretary of commerce position, Mineta will again break ground to become the first APA cabinet member.

FORUM

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have people at the convention who are long-timers, then you have people who are new, the information needs to be spread out if it's pertinent," she said.

"The committee had already agreed on how we were going to

do the forum," said Kimura, "and we wanted to ask questions that would provide the delegates with a sense of the position that these folks wanted to hold. It was not a debate per se, but it was not a town hall. It was not a free-for-all. And we needed to control it to get the most mileage in the short space of time we had."

"(Ward) did have a right to her own opinion, but we didn't want to interrupt the process," she added.

As far as future candidate forums, Kimura said that the comment that was brought up would not likely affect the general format, although each biennium a different committee of moderators decides for itself what questions it sees fit to ask.

MEMORIAL

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history and our community, and the JACL has been part of that community," said Takahashi.

The JACL national board also issued the following statement, which was approved at the JACL national board meeting during the national convention.

"The national board of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) expresses its strong support of the decision by the board of directors of the National Japanese American Memorial to include the name of Mike M. Masaoka on the National Japanese American Memorial in Washington DC. Furthermore, the JACL national board affirms its conviction that Masaoka, a loyal JACLer

and a friend of the Japanese American community, demonstrated his lifelong commitment to the cause of civil and human rights through his many personal efforts to insure the well-being of the Japanese American community and others who suffer at the hands of social injustice."

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