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U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno Keynotes Sayonara Banquet



California Assemblyman Mike Honda greets Sayonara Banquet keynote speaker U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

MONTEREY, Calif.—U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno keynoted JACL's Sayonara Banquet July 1, capping off a distinguished week in which former Congressman Norman Mineta's nomination for U.S. secretary of commerce was confirmed, 20 Japanese American veterans of World War II were awarded the Medal of Honor, and conventioners from all over the country gathered for the close of the 36th biennium.

Reno, along with guest speakers Mineta, Lon Hatamiya, secretary of the California Trade and Commerce Agency, and Paul Igaasaki, vice chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), attended the event to share words of appreciation and wisdom.

Democracy, Reno said in her keynote address, as we have learned from those "who care so much, who fought so hard, who put their lives on the line," is a frail and fragile institution.

"We cannot forget that in the lifetime of many of us," she said, "the government of the United States etched one awful scar across the face of liberty and interned more than 120,000 Japanese Americans in what has been rightly called one

of the most sweeping and complete deprivation of rights in the 20th century.

"The Japanese American internment stands as a symbol that we cannot take democracy for granted," she said. "We must use the creativity, the energy, the intellect for patriotism in this room to nurture and protect our democracy as never before."

While the attorney general emphasized learning from the past in order to act for the future, Hatamiya spoke about the lessons he learned and later utilized from working for the JACL as a young man.

"It was 20 years ago that I had the great opportunity to intern for the JACL national headquarters," he said. "I know there are many people in younger levels of leadership, and if I can say anything to you, I hope your service in JACL inspires you to public service as much as it has inspired me."

California Assemblyman Mike Honda, D-San Jose, one of three recipients of the JA of the Biennium Award, also acknowledged JACL's role in shaping the goals he has strived for and the work he has done.

"JACL has been the practice ground for people like myself. And I see the young people here this

evening who are using JACL as a forum for practicing democratic principles and learning the democratic process," said Honda, who has long championed the causes of Japanese and Asian Pacific Americans in the field of politics and public affairs.

Honda was instrumental in sponsoring such legislation as AB 1915, the California Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, AJR 26, the reaffirmation that APAs not be falsely characterized, stereotyped or unfairly scrutinized in light of the Wen Ho Lee case, and AJR 27, which asked the Japanese government to issue an apology to former Korean sex slaves.

The second recipient of the JA of the Biennium Award was Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, who works in the field of education/humanities as a

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JA of the Biennium Kawata Continues Fight Against AIDS

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

MONTEREY, Calif.—The 36th biennial JACL national convention was not only a time to celebrate achievements and advancement in the last two years, it was also a time to reflect on the work still needed to be done, as Paul Kawata, one of three recipients of the JA of the Biennium Award, reminded the audience in an emotional acceptance speech at the Sayonara Banquet July 1.

Along with Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi and California Assemblyman Mike Honda, who were honored in their respective fields of education/humanities and politics/public affairs, Kawata was named JA of the Biennium for his contributions to the field of medicine, specifically for promoting awareness among gay and lesbian Asian Pacific Islanders in the fight

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Ross Hopkins, Ken Inouye, Seattle Chapter Honored at Awards Luncheon

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

MONTEREY, Calif.—At the 36th biennial awards luncheon June 30, JACL honored a number of individuals and groups who, within the past two years, have made significant contributions to the organization and the Japanese American and Asian American community at large.

Among those honored at the luncheon, which was emceed by veter-

an Bay Area television journalist and book author Jan Yanehiro, were Ross Hopkins, Ken Inouye and the Seattle chapter JACL.

Although he could not attend the event in person, Hopkins was this biennium's recipient of the Edison Uno Civil Rights Award for his dedication and perseverance as the superintendent of the Manzanar National Historic Site (MNHS).

Hopkins, who is currently retired in Tucson, Ariz., was instrumental in developing the MNHS project in 1992 when there was no



Helen Kawagoe introduces Ken Inouye as the JACLer of the Biennium at the Awards Luncheon.

staff, no budget, and the land for the site had not yet been acquired by the federal government.

Rose Ochi, with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., accepted the award on Hopkins' behalf, saying, "It's with a deep sense of privilege that I accept this award."

"He very much appreciates this recognition, but he is uncomfortable with the attention," she explained. While shepherding the MNHS project, Hopkins and his family were targets of numerous verbal and written attacks by those opposed to the creation of Manzanar as a national historic site.

Ken Inouye, of the SE-LANOCO chapter, was named

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Legacy Fund Distribution Staves Off Dues Increase

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

The national JACL council's decision to adopt a moderate distribution policy for the JACL Legacy Fund prevented membership dues from increasing as originally proposed in the 2001-2002 budget.

The national council came to its decision on the Legacy Fund distribution policy following more than two hours of debate and examining three separate proposals.

It opted to adopt an amended version of a national board distribution policy as proposed by Alan Teruya from the Tri-Valley chapter, seconded by Alan Nishi of the French Camp chapter. The national council passed the motion with 75 yeas, 28 nays, and one split vote.

The decision freed up roughly \$180,000 to go towards JACL's operating budget under an income distribution formula adopted by a prior national council.

At issue was how to distribute roughly \$3 million in capital gains from the Legacy Fund.

The Legacy Fund is roughly val-

ued at \$8 million. Of that \$8 million, about \$5 million is restricted because it is the total historic amount collected from donors. The remaining \$3 million is the net appreciation of the fund, consisting mostly of capital gains.

Most recently, the national board retained the services of the law firm of Silk, Adler & Colvin, which found that the \$3 million in capital gains is in fact considered "income" under California State law and should be distributed because fund solicitation materials had stated that earnings would be used to support JACL activities.

The national council was thus presented with three proposals on how to distribute the capital gains. In very simple terms, the three proposals were as follows:

1) National JACL board policy, which was recommended by the national JACL investment policy committee. This plan recommended that JACL let the fund reach the \$10 million mark before distributing the capital gains under the

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National Council Adds Aging Issues to Program for Action

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

National JACL's Program for Action (PFA) 2000-2002, which guides the organization until the next biennium convention, sailed through the national council with little debate during their Saturday, July 1, session.

The national council accepted the current PFA committee's recommendation to create a standing PFA committee, and added a handful of priority issues under Section IV of JACL's goal to recognize the changing dynamics within the Japanese American community.

The motion to accept the PFA as rewritten was made by John Yamada from the Eden Township chapter, seconded by David Masuo from the Alaska chapter. The motion carried, with all chapters voting in favor of the motion except for three that voted against it and one split chapter.

Yamada was among those who advocated that JACL make the topic of aging a top priority under Section IV. "There's nothing in the PFA for older JACL members," said Yamada.

He presented an amendment

which would "mandate that committees be formed in each district dedicated to the issues of aging, and that this mandate be carried out at the chapter level."

Pat Okura, past national president and supported Yamada, saying that "demographics show there is a need." According to him, JACL had, at one time, a national committee that tackled aging and that the committee did not eat into the budget since they were able to receive funding from such organizations as AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) and the National Institute on Health.

Other issues that were added under Section IV included an outreach and education effort to people of multiple races, and stronger support of JACL's U.S.-Japan relations committee.

David Kawamoto, PFA chair and newly elected national vice president of general operations, said the committee recommended a standing PFA committee so that the PFA proposals would become a "living document," and added that delegates can expect to receive the revised PFA within the next few months. ■

Constitution and Bylaw Amendments

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

The national council discussed amendments to JACL's Constitution and Bylaws during their June 29 session.

Amendments to JACL's Bylaws, Article IX, called for a new administrative structure, national board appointment of the national director and the duties of the national director (A1) and amendments to the Bylaws, Article IX related to the location of the JACL office (A2) were accepted by the committee on a conditional basis but were not presented before the national council at the national convention for lack of fiscal impact reports.

A3: An amendment to Bylaws, Article IX, Section 1 to include the immediate past president as a non-voting member of the national board. Dr. Jim Tsujimura from PNW said in the past the immediate past president had been part of the national board and felt it was time to revive that practice. John

Hayashi, NCWNP district governor, opposed the measure because he felt a newly elected president may feel restricted with the presence of the immediate past president. Jeff Itami from the Salt Lake City chapter also voiced concern over the fiscal impact to the smaller and poorer districts. The motion, to adopt was made by Yvonne Kinoshita Ward from the White River Valley chapter, seconded by Sharon Sobie Seymour from the Seattle chapter. The motion failed.

A4: This amendment to Bylaws, Article XI, Section 2 called for the immediate past president to serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the budget and finance committees. Since A3 failed to pass, the proposal was withdrawn.

A5: An amendment to Article I, Section 4 dealt with the clarification of nonprofit organization members as an independently incorporated 501(c)(3) tax exempt or-

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JACL Calendar

Eastern NEW YORK

Sun., July 30—Summer outing to the studio of Toshiko Takezumi in Quakerstown, N.J., and the Hunterdon Museum of Art: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. RSVP: Lillian Kimura, 973/680-1441.

Midwest

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

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; 7 p.m. door prizes; Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Madison Rd. and Hyde Park Ave.

DETROIT
Sun., Aug. 6—Detroit JACL Picnic; Parkland Shelter, Hines Park.

Intermountain

MOUNT OLYMPUS
Sat., Aug. 5—Annual August Outing: 6:30 p.m., Evergreen Park, 2230 E. Evergreen Ave. Info: Jeff Nakashima, 957-1107.

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 Itami, 583-6789, Alice Kasai, 359-2902.

COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Through Sept. 4—Exhibit, "An American Diary and Memories of Childhood" by Roger Shimomura; National Museum of American History, 12th & Constitution NW. Free. Info: 202/357-2700.

Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 9-11—National Memorial to Patriotism Dedication Ceremony. Pre-registration required: NIAVE, 800/607-8550. (Hotel reservations accepted up to Oct. 15.)

The Midwest

MILWAUKEE
Through July 30—Exhibit, "Currents 28: Hiroshi Sugimoto"; Milwaukee Art Museum, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. Info: 414/224-3200, <www.mam.org>.

Intermountain

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The Northwest

PORTLAND
July 27-Aug. 4—Portland-Sapporo Sister City Annual Youth and Women's Exchange. Cost approx. \$1100. Info: Jo Guyer, 222-2738, or Barbara Hall, 355-8391.
Sat., Aug. 5—"Obonfest 2000: A Gathering of Joy"; 2-9 p.m., Oregon Buddhist Temple: 3720 SE 34th Ave. and Powell; Info: 503/234-9456

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.

Through April 8, 2001—Exhibit, "Through Our Eyes: Twentieth Century Asian American Photography of the Pacific Northwest"; Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 S. 7th Ave. Info: 206/623-5124, <www.wingluke.org>.

Northern California

MOUNTAIN VIEW
Sat.-Sun., July 15-16—Obon Festival and Bazaar; Saturday 4-10 p.m., Sunday noon-9 p.m., Mountain View Buddhist Temple, 575 Shoreline Blvd.; food, games for children and adults, cultural exhibits and demonstrations, handmade gifts, flowers, cookbook, religious and cultural books, raffle, etc. Info: 650/964-9426.

SAN JOSE

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

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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 27: 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

Sun., July 16—Nikkei Parents Day Festival; 3 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; recognition of outstanding parents, speech contest, entertainment, art exhibit. Info: 213/628-2725.
Through July 16—Exhibit, "Diamonds in the Rough: Japanese Americans in Baseball"; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414.

Thurs., July 20—Book discussion series, "From Harsh Winters to Bountiful Harvests: The Journey of Japanese Americans" with Professor Mitch Maki; "Concentration Camps: North America" by Roger Daniels, and "Citizen 13660" by Mine Okubo; 12 noon-2 p.m.; bring your lunch; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Books available on loan. Info: 213/625-0414.
Thurs. July 20—Performance, "Cold Tofu Improv" comedy workshop; 7:30-9 p.m., Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414.
Sat., July 22—Dance Showcase, "From the Horse's Mouth, the Whole Story"; 8 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/680-3700.

Sun., July 23—Nisei Week Annual Kahaku Uta Gassen; 1 p.m., JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; karaoke concert. Info: Nisei Week Office, 213/687-7193.
Through July 23—Exhibit, "Contemporary Japanese Architecture: 1985-1996"; George Dozaki Gallery, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/628-2725.

Mon.-Sun., July 24-30—Annual Summer Taiko Institute; JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Workshops, discussions, lectures, demonstrations, etc. Info: Bryan Yamami, 213/628-2725.
Sat., July 29—Nisei Week Queen's Coronation; 7 p.m., JACCC Plaza, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: Nisei Week Office, 213/687-7193.

Sun., Aug. 6—Nisei Week Film Festival: "Snow Falling on Cedars," 11 a.m. & 4 p.m.; "The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas," 1:30 p.m.; Japan

NC-WN-Pacific

RENO

Sun., July 16—JACL Fish-N-Pitch; see Community Calendar.
Sat., July 29—Sierra Folklife Festival; see Community Calendar.

SAN MATEO

Sat., July 29—Community Potluck; see Community Calendar.
WEST VALLEY/Next Generation
Sat., Aug. 19—Dharma 2000 23rd Dharma Festival; see Community Calendar, San Jose. ■

DEADLINE for Calendar is the Friday before date of issue, on a space-available basis.

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

America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. special group rates available. Info: 213/680-3700.

Fri., Aug. 11—Third Annual Akimatsuri Golf Tournament; 1 p.m. shotgun start, California Country Club, 1509 S. Workman Mill Rd., Whittier. RSVP by July 26: East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 626/960-2566.

Sun., Sept. 24—63rd L.A. Roosevelt High School Class of 1937-36 Reunion; Montebello Country Club, 901 Via San Clemente; music by "The Time Machine," mariachi, Aztec dancers, TV coverage; cost \$50; send checks to Dave Brenner, 1000 Bagley, Los Angeles, CA 90035. Reserve early: 310/837-6582.

Mon.-Wed., Sept. 25-27—Manzanar H.S. Reunion; Fremont Hotel, downtown Las Vegas. RSVP by July 31: Sam Ono, 310/327-5568, Ray Onodera, 626/573-5279; Arnold Maeda, 310/ 398-5157; Kunio Maeda, 562/493-1838; Kazie Nagai, 213/60-2611.

Through May 1, 2001—Exhibit, "Re-Visioning Manzanar: Selections from the Permanent Collection; Legacy Center of the Historic Building, Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; featuring works by Ansel Adams, Robert Haasike, Masumi Hayashi, David Alan Yamamoto and others; JANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414; 800/461-5266; Web site: <http://www.janm.org>.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Mon., Sept. 11—annual Japan America Golf Classic; Yorba Linda Country Club, 19400 E. Mountain View Ave. RSVP by Aug. 25: 213/627-6217 ext. 207.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Mon., Aug. 28—Memorial Service at the Poston Relocation Camp by Nichiren Buddhist priests from Japan; 11 a.m. Info: Nichiren Buddhist Temple, 323/262-7886.
Mon.-Wed., Sept. 25-27—Manzanar H.S. Reunion; Fremont Hotel; see Southern California.

RENO

Sun., July 16—JACL Fish-N-Pitch Fishing Derby; Potluck lunch, Horseshoe Contest; Lahontan Reservoir; 7:30 a.m. registration; 7:30 a.m. fishing lesson. Info: Bud Fujii, 852-0559; Cary Yamamoto, 827-6385; Norm Okada, 747-7074.
Sat., July 29—Sierra Folklife Festival; 12 noon-6 p.m., Wingfield Park, downtown. Info: Mimi Strickler, 853-8850, Tracie Sasaki, 851-4004.

TEMPE

Permanent Exhibit—About Arizona during WWII, includes internment camps; Arizona Historical Society, Marley Center Museum, 1300 N. College, Tempe. Info: 480/929-0292; Tour info: Mike Steinberg, ext. 137. ■

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By Floyd Mori
National President

A Job Well Done

Another National JACL Biennial Convention is now behind us. Congratulations to Larry Oda and Edith Ichiji and all the people of the Monterey chapter and other chapters for putting on such an excellent convention. All the special events were outstanding, things ran quite smoothly, and everyone seemed to have a good time while working for the betterment of JACL. Beautiful Monterey was a great setting for the convention.

As the newly elected national JACL president, on behalf of JACL and all attendees at the various convention events, I want to thank everyone involved in planning and putting on the convention for an outstanding job. The delegates from the JACL chapters did an admirable job of moving forward on the issues concerning JACL at the present time. Committees performed their functions well to insure a successful convention. As a volunteer organization, it is nothing short of miraculous that the convention can be such a success. Of course, we must mention the efforts of our national headquarters staff who worked tirelessly many long hours to make sure the business of the convention was completed in a timely manner. Thanks to all who helped with every facet of the convention.

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve as national JACL president. I want to especially thank those who showed confidence in me by supporting my candidacy. I would like to compli-

ment all the ~~convention~~, who ran for national JACL board positions for their dedication and commitment to JACL. It is gratifying that JACL has many qualified individuals who are willing to serve the organization.

Our new board is ready to take action and strive to make this coming biennial one of forward thinking and innovative ideas and programs. I welcome input from JACL members everywhere on what we can do to improve our organization.

I pledge my support of JACL programs, the local chapters and especially the members. I am anxious to do what I can to help build the financial basis for the organization in order that we will be better able to strengthen our activities in legislative advocacy in Washington, D.C. and in the various states throughout the country. The new board and I will work hard during the next two years to ensure that JACL remains in the forefront of civil rights issues.

Although it is an honor to serve on the national board, the heart of JACL is its members. Thank you for your membership and in support of JACL. I urge each member to take stock of what he or she can do for JACL and to recommit to working harder for all of our goals and not to be discouraged with one issue that might be personally objectionable. There is much to be gained for our future generations as we work together as a united body. ■

Author Helen Zia Keynotes Youth Luncheon

By LYNDSAY SHINODA
Writer/Reporter

Conventioners enjoyed a chicken lunch, an intriguing keynote speaker and each other's company at the JACL 36th biennial convention youth luncheon on June 23.

Welcomed by EDC Youth Representative Michelle Amano, the luncheon was filled with the words of important youths in the JACL community. Youth director Jaclyn Kuwada, told the crowd about an exciting new program, the JACL e-mentoring program.

"One of our strengths is nationwide participants," Kuwada explained. "We're doing this over the Internet, placing people together based on their interests and career goals."

The program, which is set to launch this October, has been set up in the hopes of helping to bridge the gap between old and young. Interested parties can register by writing or calling the JACL office for an application or accessing the Web site: www.jacl.org.

The youth speaker for the lunch was Nicole Inouye, outgoing national youth council representative and Masaka fellow. Inouye spoke of her experiences as a child being involved in JACL and working in Congressman Patsy Mink's office, where she was able to see what the organization does on a national level. She also encouraged current JACLers to be a part of the quest to increase youth and student membership.

"As an organization, we need to remember that people will not come in droves; it needs to be done on an individual basis," said Inouye. "JACL needs to advocate student issues to make the organization relevant to students today. Then maybe they will get older and bring their children to JACL."



Author Helen Zia receives the Vision Award from Hiromi Ueha (left) and Nicole Inouye during the youth luncheon.

Author and journalist Helen Zia was the keynote speaker at the luncheon. She has contributed to many renowned publications, including the *Washington Post*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and is a columnist for *AsianWeek* magazine. She is also a former Asian American Journalist of the Year.

A second-generation Chinese American, Zia spoke of her childhood experiences growing up in New Jersey relating to her feelings of being accepted as an AA.

"I never knew anything about the contributions that APs have had in building this country," said Zia. "Being M.I.H. (Missing in History) was hard. I never saw myself in the world around me, which affected me as a young Asian American."

She said that when she wanted her voice to be heard, there wasn't an outlet for it. But going away to college at Princeton University and being active in civil rights, Zia found that outlet.

"In that first conscious act of raising my voice, I was transformed," said Zia. "Since those times, the Asian American community has

changed. Today there are more than 10 million of us covering over 30 ethnicities. We are everywhere, every issue in America is an Asian American issue."

Zia also commended JACL for being one of the only non-gay organizations that support same-sex marriages.

"The impact of JACL is heard around the world," said Zia. "JACL showed that Asian Americans could and would take a stand on any issue."

Zia received a standing ovation for her strong words. She was also presented with the Vision Award, which is given to APs who have made an impact in their respective fields. Hiromi Ueha, outgoing national youth council chair, and Inouye presented Zia with the award, which had the *kanji* for "vision" painted on it.

After the luncheon, Zia sold copies of her book, "Asian American Dreams," to conventioners, and signed the books with inspirational words, among them: "May your strong voice lead to your Asian American Dream!" ■

BANQUET

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professor of sociology at the University of Alberta in Canada.

Hirabayashi is well-known for his refusal to obey Executive Order 9066 during WWII and for his petition for a writ of error *coram nobis*, which overturned his 1943 wartime convictions in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Hirabayashi v. United States*.

"As a lifelong conscientious objector... I accept this honor as a personal reward," Hirabayashi said, meanwhile also acknowledging those who took a different path and served in the U.S. Armed Forces. "I have several relatives who were members of the 442nd, so I know something about their experiences, the battles they had, the issues they faced and the way they confronted them."

The third recipient of the JA of the Biennial award was Paul Kawata, whose work in the field of medicine as the executive director of the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) and as one of the founders of the National Association of People with AIDS has allowed him to speak nationwide before community-based and non-governmental organizations and to visit various parts of the world where the epidemic is most severe.

"I get to do what I do because my father taught me when he was in the camp as a young man, when he was separated and living by himself away from his family, that we have to persevere, that we have to continue," said Kawata. "It is the courage in those difficult moments in our lives to tell the truth about who we are, to tell the truth about the work that we're doing, that makes a difference."

"In giving me this award, the JACL is really acknowledging the thousands of men and women everywhere who fight this [disease] and the millions of people around the world who are living with HIV/AIDS," he said. "I want to tell you how courageous this award is." ■

KAWATA

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against HIV/AIDS.

"This is an extraordinary honor, and it took great courage for the JACL to give me this award," Kawata said. "To be honest, it was an honor just to be nominated (by the New York chapter). I never expected it."

As an openly gay Sansei and a native of Seattle, Kawata initially

for people of color who are suffering from the deadly disease.

Kawata acknowledged that receiving this award is particularly meaningful considering JACL has at least until recently shied away from taking a strong stance on issues that are labeled "gay."

"I think that it was a real statement about changes and their willingness to begin to talk about other issues," he said. "For me, it is an honor and a responsibility. I hope [JACL] members absolutely see this as an acknowledgment of them and of making sure to embrace an important and difficult issue, as a civil rights organization needs to be doing."

Kawata, a graduate of the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., recently left for Africa on July 5 to visit an orphanage which houses infants with AIDS. On that continent alone, he said, there are 23 million people living with the virus.

"Things are much better now than they used to be. We have medication, we have treatment options, at least the people in the United States do. But people around the world are still having a very awful time," he said.

"Unfortunately, this epidemic is devastating parts of Asia as well as Africa. Less developed countries do not have the luxuries that we do as far as medicine or health care. What this experience has taught me is humility and courage and to be grateful for all that I have." ■



Paul Kawata receives his JA of the Biennial award from Ken Inouye.

became involved in HIV/AIDS activism in the early 1980s when he was asked by the mayor of Seattle to develop an AIDS policy for the city.

In 1989, he was named executive director of the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) and since then has worked with numerous government agencies and community-based organizations in an effort to secure funding and services

2000 Min Yasui Oratorical Contest



The winner of the 2000 Min Yasui Oratorical Competition, Brian Odama (right), receives his prize; other competitors were: Benjamin Akina, Karen Koto, Randy Nakagawa, Mayumi Namekata, Stewart Shimizu, and Steven Yano.

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Facts About the Resisters

(The P.C. staff regrets that we inadvertently omitted the publication of the Fact Sheet in last week's coverage of the resisters' resolution.)

Who are the Nisei Resisters of Conscience?

A group of over 300 Nisei men who answered "yes-yes" on the loyalty oath, with the qualification that they would willingly serve in the military if their families were first released from camp and given their full constitutional rights. When this was not done, they protested by refusing the draft, for which 315 were tried and 282 sentenced to federal prison. In 1947, President Truman granted them a full pardon and acknowledged their principled stand for civil rights. Many resisters later served in the U.S. military during the Korean War.

For what does this resolution specifically call?

1. The National JACL recognizes the Japanese American Resisters of Conscience as a group of principled Americans.

2. The National JACL "offers an apology for not acknowledging the resisters' stand of protesting the denial of constitutional rights and for the pain and bitterness this caused."

3. The National JACL "will recognize them at an appropriate public ceremony during the 2000-2002 biennium."

Why is this resolution being proposed?

1. Recognition of a principled stand taken in support of the constitutional rights of Japanese Americans.

2. Reconciliation between those in the Japanese American community who were forced to make unfair and different choices by the U.S. government's denial of constitutional rights.

3. Leadership today by the National JACL to heal past divisions in order to more effectively meet future civil and human rights challenges.

With whom are the Nisei Resisters of Conscience some-

times confused?

1. Pro-Japan elements who sometimes verbally and physically attacked those who supported military service.

2. "No-No boys" who answered "no" to loyalty to the U.S. and "no" to military service.

3. Conscientious objectors who objected to military service on religious or similar grounds.

Does this resolution place the Resisters above our Veterans who served in the military?

No. Nothing can change the respect the JACL will always have for those who served, sacrificed, and contributed to our community. The resolution recognizes another group that made a principled stand for our civil rights. The resolution does not say that all people should have been resisters.

Are the Resisters asking for this resolution?

No. This resolution was initiated by JACL members who thought that recognition of this constitutional stand, reconciliation in our community, and JACL leadership was important.

Why is an apology included?

An apology is important to reconcile various sides in our community and move forward. Though the JACL took a valid position for military service during the war, it did not also acknowledge the right of the resisters to disagree — to protest the violation of the Constitution. This contributed to the pain and bitterness felt by the resisters and their families due to ostracism and being labeled traitors. Wasn't this issue settled before?

No. In previous similar resolutions, no clear apology was made nor any recognition implemented by a public ceremony or other means.

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AMENDMENTS

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ganization, other than JACL chapters. No fiscal impact is expected. Ward moved to adopt, Scott Sakamoto from the Portland chapter seconded. Motion passed.

A6: Amendments to the Constitution, Article X, Section 2, Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2 called for a clause to read that the removal of appointive officers (legal counsel and P.C. editorial board chair) be subject to the approval of both the national president and the national board. A brief discussion was held to clarify the rationale for these amendments. The author of A6, Tsujimura said since legal counsel is appointed by the president and subject to approval by the board, legal counsel should be removed by the same process. Currently, legal counsel can be removed by the president. The change will not affect the P.C. editorial chair, and no fiscal impact is expected. The motion to adopt was made by Ward, seconded by Lillian Kimura, EDC district governor. It passed with 99 yeas, 4 nos and two split votes.

A7: An amendment to the Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1 called for the addition of a new subsection F in relation to the Nominations Committee functions. A lengthy debate ensued as to the relevancy of the proposed amendment. Itami spoke against the proposed amendment because he felt it was confusing and discouraged candidates from running from the floor. But Hugh Burleson, president of the Lake Washington chapter, spoke in favor, saying it would allow delegates to have the same type of information by the end of the first convention business day from floor nominated candidates as provided by the regular candidates. In response, Lillian Kimura, chair of the Nominations Committee, said there are already provisions to handle floor-nominated candidates. The motion to adopt was made by David Masuo from the Alaska chapter, seconded by Sakamoto. The motion failed to pass.

A8: An amendment to the Bylaws Article I, Section 6 called for adding

a new subsection G to allow the national board to recognize national supporting members "in any way that it determines to be appropriate, taking into account the nature of recognition to be provided and the cost to provide such recognition." Tsujimura said the change is meant to honor the general JACL supporters such as the 1000 Club members. Sharon Ishii Jordan from the Omaha chapter opposed the proposal on grounds that a fiscal impact was not taken into account. Argument was also made that it should be the national council and not the national board which should be given this authority. Ward moved to adopt, Masuo seconded. The motion failed for lack of garnering two-thirds of the votes (56 yeas, 31 nos, six splits).

A9: An amendment to the Bylaws, Article XIV, Section 1 would affect the current operations of the JACL. It proposed an appropriations increase from the current "\$5,000 or more" to become "one percent of the total annual approved budget or more" to be the amount of unsubmitted expenditures, which will require a three-fourths approval of the chapters that voted at the national council session. Any unsubmitted expenditures under that amount can be used at the discretion of the national office.

The national council passed a

friendly amendment proposed by Alan Nishi from the French Camp chapter, seconded by Mike Doughty of Tri-Valley, which changed the original proposal of "two percent" down to "one percent" after delegates voiced concern that two percent was a significant amount in light of the fact that JACL's current approved annual budget was \$2.5 million.

Sami Nakazono from the Arkansas chapter spoke out against the amendment, saying that most JACL programs don't even have a budget as big as \$25,000 (one percent of \$2.5 million) and feared that these expenditures may take funds away from other programs that had been approved by the national council. But Itami, who supported the amendment, said there are times when the national JACL needs the financial flexibility to move quickly. He gave the example that during his service as a national board member, they were faced with an immediate need to hire a lawyer to save the organization.

The motion to adopt was made by Hayashi, outgoing national secretary/treasurer, seconded by Itami. The motion was first ruled to have passed following a card count, but a second roll call vote was held after Ward challenged the first ruling. The motion passed with 89 yeas, 12 nos and two split votes. ■

1000 Club Honorees



(From left, front row): Edith Ichijji, Monterey Peninsula; Dr. Tom Tamaki, Philadelphia; Gracye Uyebara, Philadelphia; Mack Yamaguchi, Pasadena; (back row): Barry Saiki, Stockton; George Baba, Stockton; Ron Shiozaki, Gardena; and Harry Honda, Downtown Los Angeles.

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Harry Honda at the U.S./Japan Relations workshop.



East Wind

By Bill Marutani

The Last Hurrah

MUCH PUBLICITY of late has arisen over the question of whether the so-called "Japanese American Creed" authored in 1940 by Mike M. Masaoka should be part of the inscriptions on the Nikkei memorial now under construction in our nation's capital. Those opposed to the creed and/or Mike's name appearing on the memorial wall contend that: (a) the thrust of the creed is obsequious and (b) that Mike allegedly collaborated with government authorities in the 1942 uprooting and confinement of Japanese Americans and their resident Issei parents. Not having any firsthand knowledge regarding the charge of "collaboration" (whatever that means), several months ago I got a copy of the 46-page so-called "Lim Report" ("Research Report Prepared for Presidential Select Committee on JACL Resolution #7" submitted in 1990 by Deborah K. Lim).

BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER, let me openly declare that I am a member of the board of directors of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation ("NJAMF"), that in 1989 at Mike's behest I became its first president, holding such position for five years until someone else assumed the presidency. Further, about 10 years ago I was involved in the establishment of the "Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund," preparing its by-laws, engaging in fund-raising, selecting the winning fellows who

then intern in the office of a U.S. senator or member of the House. Also, I should concede that at Mike's behest I participated in a program in Arlington Cemetery where I (proudly) read the creed. Perhaps sharing some vignettes vis-a-vis Mike may help to provide some perspective.

WHILE SERVING on the national JACL board, I had many occasions to interact with Mike. Our discussions were on a candid basis. For example, I once shared with Mike and Masao W. Setow (JACL's longtime workhorse as JACL national director) my observation that whenever we Nikkei have a dinner, we engage in the ceremony of pledging allegiance to the flag. There's nothing wrong with that; in fact, it's commendable. But I noted the practice was observed only when some non-member, such as the mayor and a few other politicians, were present. If it's only we Nikkei sitting down to eat, we don't bother with the pledge ceremony (unless, of course, it's a veterans' get-together). We don't need to reassure ourselves of our loyalty and commitment to this, our country. To salute the flag to assure outsiders of our loyalty was demeaning.

There was another facet of JACL practice that dealt with selection of the "Nisei of the Biennium." It dawned on me that the judges were, again, outsiders. Moreover, it was noted that all such outsiders were invariably white. I could not

recall any minority being invited to pass judgment upon us. Which brings us back to the creed.

IN THE COURSE of this epiphany, my focus dwelled upon the creed: a well-articulated, sensitively drafted, moving piece of writing which undoubtedly reflected the plight and aspirations of the Nikkei—at that point in our history. In the place of the word "Japanese," I substituted another racial group—say "Irish"—and read the creed again. The starkness of the thrust came in bold relief. While the creed eloquently reflected the Nisei's plight in the period pre- and post-1940, it was not the mantra for the future of Nikkei Americans. During one of my discussions with Mike, I sought to convey this sentiment to him. For me it was one of the most difficult discourses I ever engaged in with him. I never brought the subject up again; our relationship continued so that one of his last acts was inviting me to step into the presidency of the legal entity established to erect a JA memorial in Washington, D.C.

As he put it, "Our last Hurrah." In the next column, I hope to discuss Mike's expression of what he conceived to be the message of the memorial. ■

After leaving the bench, Bill Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia. His column appears regularly in the Pacific Citizen.

APA Community Pays Tribute to APA Medal Of Honor Heroes

By KRISTINE MINAMI
JACL Wash., D.C., Rep.

WASHINGTON—Following two days of ceremonies and events at the White House and Pentagon surrounding the awarding of the country's highest military accolade to 22 Asian Pacific American World War II heroes, the APA community gathered for a moving tribute to honor the men and their families.

Held at the Washington Hilton Hotel Crystal Ballroom, the June 22 event was attended by more than 600 family, friends and community members.

The evening began with remarks by the Hon. Norman Mineta, chair of the White House Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, who recognized special guests Sen. Daniel Akaka, Reps. Neil Abernethy, Xavier Becerra and Patsy Mink, Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera, and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki.

Sen. Akaka was responsible for introducing and shepherding the legislation that initiated the re-examination of the original recommendations for the citations and delivered the evening's keynote address. Akaka expressed his appreciation for the heroic efforts and accomplishments of all of the recipients, as well as his satisfaction in the last-minute passage of the bill which included medic James Okubo in the group of 22.

Emcee George Takei echoed the sentiment of gratitude, while Grant Hayashi gave an eloquent message of thanks on behalf of his father Shizuya. The room erupted with cries of "Banzai" as Hayashi toasted those who risked their lives. Family members spoke with modesty about their brothers, fathers and grandfathers, about their humility and devotion to duty, and about how they had said very little about their war experiences because of the pain of remembering.

Except for seven surviving veterans, most of the 22 medals were posthumous awards. And yet, Anita Korenaga, sister of Shinyei Nakamine, said, "I have felt their

presence all throughout these ceremonies." Added Glen Hajiro, nephew of Barney F. Hajiro, "I am humbled and in awe of what they went through."

Joseph Kuroda, noting that it took 50 years for this honor to be bestowed on his brother, Robert T. Kuroda, saw the positive side of the half-century delay, saying his grandchildren could experience this proud moment. Kuroda led the audience in singing the 442nd Infantry song, "Go For Broke."

Yukio Okutsu's grandson, Brent, elicited much laughter in affirming the obvious: "I, for one, am very glad he came home. Otherwise, I wouldn't be here."

Meanwhile, Sen. Daniel Inouye confessed to being at a loss for words as he reflected on the past and thought of friends no longer with him.

"We have many heroes," he said. "All the veterans who fought in the war." He was particularly grateful to the medics who risked their lives in battle. "We have been honored because we killed. We should also honor those who got killed trying to save lives."

Inouye also saluted the Filipino American community who have suffered much, and called on Congress, which has refused to recognize their contributions to WWII, to correct past transgressions. "Our country makes mistakes, but in the end it will come out and stand tall."

The only Filipino American veteran who was awarded the Medal of Honor was Rudy Davila, 84, of Vista, Calif. Although he was unable to attend the community reception, he asked his son Roland to speak on his behalf. The younger Davila spoke of his father's humility and his regret that his wife was not there to receive the award with him. She passed away last year. The other non-JA honoree was Francis Wai, a Chinese Hawaiian American who was killed in action in the Philippines. His brother, Robert, represented him at the ceremonies and the reception.

President Clinton personally awarded the medals, the highest

honor accorded to servicemen and women for valor in battle, at a White House ceremony on June 21. The next day at the Pentagon, Secretary Caldera and Chief of Staff Shinseki presided over a ceremony inducting the 22 Medal of Honor recipients, the largest conferring of medals in American history. Prior to this, only two APA veterans of WWII had been granted this honor.

The APA community's tribute was co-organized by the JACL and co-hosted by the Organization of Chinese Americans. "OCA is extremely honored to participate in this tribute," said executive director Daphne Kwok. "The valor and heroism of each honoree is so powerful. As APAs living in the 21st century, we need to be ever so thankful for the bravery of all men and women who have and are defending our nation."

Other organizations co-hosting the event were Go For Broke National Veterans Association, Japanese American National Museum, Japanese American Veterans Association, National Council of JJA Veterans, National Japanese American Historical Society, the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation and the National Federation of Filipino American Associations.

The reception was also sponsored by retired Rear Admiral Melvin H. Chigioji, retired Brig. Gen. and Mrs. David E. K. Cooper, Mrs. Chiyoiko D. Hoshida, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ichiji, retired Col. and Mrs. Phil S. Ishio, Mrs. Jean Kariya, Ms. Helen Kawagoe and Mr. John Tateishi, William (Mo) and Jean Marumoto, Warren Maruyama and Karen Chittenden, Mrs. Etsu Mineta Masaoka, Dr. and Mrs. Warren Minami, Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Minami, The Honorable and Mrs. Norman Mineta, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murakami, Dr. and Mrs. Ray Murakami, retired Col. and Mrs. Frank Nekoba, OCA Northern Virginia and OCA Greater Washington, D.C., Mr. and Mrs. K. Patrick Okura, Ms. Cherry Tsutsumida, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Yamada. ■



From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Getting on With Life

Feb. 19, 1942 — President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs Executive Order 9066 which authorizes the Army to remove without due process of law "all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien" from designated West Coast areas as a national security measure.

Feb. 3, 1942 — President Roosevelt, without reference to E.O. 9066, issues a statement endorsing Nisei military service: "The principle on which this country was founded and by which it has always been governed is that Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart. Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."

July 16, 1946 — President Harry Truman, presenting the 100th/442nd Regimental Central Postal Directory, its seventh Presidential Unit Citation: "You fought not only the enemy, you fought prejudice — and you won. Keep up that fight... continue to win — make this great republic stand for what the Constitution says it stands for: the welfare of all the people, all the time."

Feb. 19, 1976 — President Gerald R. Ford, in declaring E.O. 9066 officially terminated as of Dec. 31, 1946: "We now know what we should have known then — not only was that Evacuation wrong, but Japanese Americans were and are loyal Americans."

Aug. 10, 1988 — President Ronald Reagan, in signing the Redress bill: "What is most important in this bill has less to do

with property than with honor. For here we admit a wrong. Here we affirm our commitment as a nation to equal justice under the law."

Oct. 9, 1990 — President George Bush in his apology that accompanied Redress checks: "We can never fully right the wrongs of the past. But we can take a clear stand for justice and recognize that serious injustices were done to Japanese Americans during World War II."

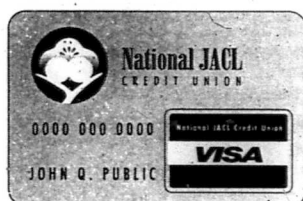
June 21, 2000 — President Bill Clinton in White House ceremonies honoring 20 Nisei war veterans whose Distinguished Service Cross awards for heroism in World War II were upgraded to the Medal of Honor. "Rarely has a nation been so well-served by a people it has so ill-treated." And to Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, one of the recipients: "If I may say so, sir, more than a half a century later, America owes an unrepayable debt to you and your colleagues."

Franklin D. Roosevelt made this extraordinary chain of presidential apologies — by six presidents — proper when he signed Executive Order 9066 out of ignorance and expediency nearly 60 years ago.

Six decades. When are some of us going to stop bitching about the injustice of the evacuation and get on with life. ■

Bill Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor for the Denver Post. His column will appear from time to time.

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Letters to the Editor

Veteran Angry Over Resister Resolution

By passing the Japanese American Resisters of Conscience resolution, JACL has insulted the veterans. The resolution states that these men answered "yes, yes" to both questions number 27 and 28. Question 27 clearly asks "would you be willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States." Having said yes, they later refused to serve, making them "draft dodgers."

For taking this stand many were imprisoned by the federal government. They were later granted a full pardon by President Truman. Wasn't that an apology? They received redress money and a letter of apology from President Reagan. Wasn't that an apology? Constitutional rights were denied to all of us at that time. So why is JACL being made to apologize over events in which JACL had no control?

JACL used the record of the veterans to see the passage of the 1988 Civil Liberties Act. The veterans don't care about recognition. We are more concerned that JACL seems to be ignoring the fact that over 850 young boys were killed serving this nation at the same time the resisters were staging their protests. The last sleep the soldiers had was in a cold, muddy foxhole and their last meal was most likely a tasteless "K" ration. The resisters slept on a bed, protected from the elements and given a warm meal. At least we veterans will never forget our fallen comrades, even if JACL does.

Those who chose not to serve made life in camp unbearable for families of those of us who served. Prior to being sent overseas I sent my mother a banner showing that she had sons serving this nation. As she hung it in the barrack window, these resisters made life so miserable for her she removed it.

If as proposed for the 2002 convention there is a public ceremony to recognize the resisters, don't count on my attendance or support from the veterans. I have been a staunch supporter of JACL since my return from serving this country, and have served in many capacities from the chapter level up. I have pins and plaques to prove it. However, I am ashamed to wear any of the pins that I once wore proudly and the plaques may end up in the trash.

Tom Masamori
Denver

Resister Resolution Needed More Debate

The resisters' issue was one of the most controversial issues confronting JACL members in a long time. It seemed to me such an emotionally charged issue should have been handled with greater care by explaining to the participants that the specifics for the request and explanation of issues were fundamentally different from the issues previously debated in the media.

The discussion was so highly charged that there was a long line of speakers, both standing and sitting, waiting to express their views when the chairperson, without any explanation, called for the vote and a decision on the controversy.

It is customary that resolutions be read before the voters are asked to vote on the issue. And I believe, many in the audience were not aware of the changes and qualifications incorporated in the new articles stated in the information sheet.

The chairperson also did not mention the permissible option for

an extension of the discussion time, even though speakers were lined up waiting to speak.

Did the writers of this resolution think the JACLers did not acknowledge the resisters' stand of protesting the denial of constitutional rights? We knew what they stood for.

The national JACL "will recognize them at an appropriate public ceremony during the 2001-2002 biennium." What for?

The fact sheet says the resisters are sometimes confused with pro-Japan elements who sometimes orally and physically attacked those who supported military service. Are you sure there was no one fitting that category among the resisters?

Can you swear there were no "no no boys" amongst the resisters? I have information that indicates there were, or did you disqualify the "no no boys" from the resisters?

What is important to me and many others is that the resisters selected their choice of action and the others selected theirs. Some selected to volunteer for the Army. Some selected to declare "no no" and gave up their U.S. citizenship and went to Japan. And, of course, there were the resisters who chose a path that led to incarceration. I believe in and respected each of the three choices. But each sacrificed some part of his future, in a different way. And each should have been prepared to accept the consequences of his choice.

What the JACLers who proposed this resolution don't seem to understand is that the resisters themselves claim they didn't ask for an apology. And the opponents are saying there is nothing to apologize for. What are the JACLers trying to do? Split the JACL on an issue that the resisters didn't ask for and the opponents claim they see no need for an apology? It would be wise for the JACLers, who didn't live through the difficult pre-World War II years, to reevaluate their inflation of a non-issue.

Frank Nishio
via e-mail

Reader Pleased With Passage of Resolution

I am glad that the resolution on the "Resisters of Conscience" was adopted, however painful it is for those who opposed its adoption. It is a fitting closure to a distressful event in our Japanese American history.

It is too bad that the old wounds had to be re-opened and cause much pain. But, it is like a piece of shrapnel in battle which gets imbedded into the flesh and must be removed, however painful it may be, before the healing process can take place.

I know that it is easy for me to say but it is time now to reach out to one another to reconcile and come together. With time and mutual understanding, the wound hopefully will heal and once again the JA community can together move forward in the years ahead.

Lastly, let us always remember, the basic causes of all of our pain were, as stated in the Report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians: racism, wartime hysteria and failure of political leadership. We must together continue to work to guard against those causes which can flare up again at any time.

Marcia T. Hatsu
Richmond, Calif.

A Thank-You From a Resister

The healing process within the Japanese American community took a giant step forward

when the JACL passed the resister resolution at their Monterey conference.

Paul Tsuneishi is to be commended for his initiative and multi-year effort to bring closure to the resister question. To JACL and to Paul, I say, "Thank you, thank you very much."

May JACL in its enviable position of being the sole organization within the JA community having the political capability and national network of chapters go forth and bring harmony and justice to our community and our nation.

To all members of JACL, God-speed and best wishes.

Dr. Takashi Hoshizaki
a Heart Mountain resister
and a Korean War draftee

Re: Barbie Dolls

The article, "We haven't Come a Long Way, Baby!" by Kristine Minami, hit an emotional cord with me. I am almost 16 years old and I outgrew my Barbie doll days long ago. Still, I find remnants of bitterness from my childhood.

I am Hapa. I find it particularly sad that when I was young I denied my Asian heritage and wished I could be the quintessential blond hair and blue eyed person that Barbie represents. As a teenager, I realized that I had been shutting out a very significant part of my life.

The article echoed all of my inner hostility that I was not able to accept in childhood. It makes me wonder about the state of our society. The images supplied to us are undoubtedly having a detrimental impact on the emotional stability and self-esteem of children.

On behalf of my family and friends, I took action in writing to the Mattel Corporation. No child should have to feel inadequacy because of a company's lack of racial sensitivity. If the Asian "Community has not expressed interest in a doll that reflects their ethnicity" then I am doing so now with the hope that my children and future generations can have images to identify with. Maybe one day a mixed ethnicity Barbie could be put into production.

On a related note, I read every issue of the *Pacific Citizen*. I find the varied viewpoints informative and intriguing. I often relate to what is written and I am very proud of my culture. I find writers like Minami to be very inspirational role models. THANK YOU.

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Chuman, Toshiko, 81, Gardena, June 17; Los Angeles-born; survived by husband, Sam Hayao; daughters Junko Thompson and husband Robert, Kay Ing and husband Richard, Amy Chuman, Mina Raymond and husband Merle, Canna Wisdom and husband James, Gale Sasano and husband Larry; sons Shunsuke and wife Christine, Wayne Chuman; 9 gc.; brothers Tatsuro Nakamura (Japan), Testuo Nakamura and wife Toshiko; sisters Ayako Okada, Mieke Nakamura (Japan), Chiyoko Kamikubo, Sachiko Yoshimi.

Fujino, Chester C., 90, St. Louis Park, Minn., June 11; founding member of the Normandale Japanese Garden; survived by wife June; son Kenneth and wife Arlene (Sequim, Wash.); daughter Kathy Hara and husband Edward (Golden Valley); 5 gc.

Hiramoto, Sidney Shiruto, 81, Los Altos, June 11; survived by wife Mary; sons Craig, Lloyd and wife Janis; 2 gc.; sister, Tomiko Aburamen.

Inouye, Kazuo, 94, San Francisco, May 28; survived by wife Yayoi; daughter Masako Inouye; relatives Mitsuiji and Kihisa Tsuyuki, Uiyichi Inouye.

Inouye, Sadako, 89, San Jose, June 15; San Jose-born; survived by sons Tak and wife Mabel, Fred and wife Jane; daughters Fumi and husband James Suyeishi, Aiko Kojima; 6 gc.; sister Rajji; brother George Santo; predeceased by husband Robert Torazo.

Ishihara, Sam Shunpei, 86, Los Angeles, June 17; Yokohama-born; survived by wife Rose Emiko; sons Thomas and wife Rumphia, Rev. Dr. John Yokota-Ishihara and wife Masako; daughter Pat Seto and husband Ken; 5 gc.; brothers Sakae, Rev. Roy Yoneo and wife Dorothy, Henry Norio and wife Isabel; sisters Tokiko Kawanami, Mitzi Tsujimoto and husband Richard.

Iwamoto, Agnes T., Fowler, May 27; Reedley-born; survived by daughter Jill and husband David Yasutake; son Troy and wife Pam; 3 gc.; brothers Jiro Kodama and wife Aya, Taro and Hachiro Kodama; sisters Lillian Choy, Patey Omata, Shinobu Maruyama and husband Frank, Haruko Shiraiishi, Katsuko Takameto, Kyoko Kodama, Susan Kodama; predeceased by husband Roy.

Kakutani, Tadako, 89, Parlier, June 4; survived by son Johnson and wife Cathlene; daughters Irene Blanchard and husband Bob, Minnie Koh, Frances Sakata and husband Kenneth; 11 gc.; 9 ggc.

Katz, Kazuo Nagai, 80, Fremont, May 31; Tokyo-born, first Japanese war bride to marry an American soldier with the sanction of the U.S. government; survived by daughters Alice Melillo and husband John, Linda Romo and husband Fred, Susan Peña and husband Rey, Laurie Morton and husband Jeff; son Fred Jr. and wife Annie; 13 gc.; predeceased by husband Fred.

Maki, Yoneo, 78, Sacramento, May 31; survived by wife Fumiko; sister-in-law Harue Maki; nephews Jimmy, Paul and David Maki.

Matsumoto, William M. (Bill), 82, Sacramento, June 2; survived by daughters Patty Reiko Nishite, 1 gc.; 1 ggc.; brother George; sister Gladys Kazuki.

Morisawa, Hideo, 81, Sacramento, June 11; survived by sons Akio, Tadao, Takashi; 2 gc.; 1 ggc.; companion Kimiko Thompson; predeceased by son Shigeo.

Nagatomi, Masatoshi Shoshun, Cambridge, Mass., June 3; survived by wife Masumi (Kimura); children Aki E. Nagatomi,

Kiyo J. Shimizu, Aya C. Windle (all Calif.); 4 gc.; brother of Hideo D. Ashworth, Shirli S. Okabe, Jean S. Inoue (all Calif.).

Nakano, Hatsumi Harry, 70, Union City, May 31; survived by wife Fumiko Maureen; sisters Setsuko Ufeki and husband Chikara, Yoshie Mineishi and husband Manabu, Akiko Ichikawa, Natsue Foo Nakano and husband Richard; brother Yukiya and wife Laura; mother Yoshiko Nakano.

Oka, Sadao, 83, Morgan Hill,

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May 25; survived by wife Fumi; sons Rei and wife Tomiko, Satoru and wife Kimiko, Teru and wife Teruko, Naoki Sano and wife Gladys; daughters Hatsume Nakano, Junko Shinsei; 13 gc., 21 ggc.

Oyama, Joseph Tadashi, 88, Berkeley, June 19; Suisun-born editor at the *Santa Anita Pacemaker* at the Santa Anita Assembly Center and the *Denson Magnet* with his wife, Asami, at the Jerome Relocation Center; longtime postwar resident of New York City; frequent contributor to the *Pacific Citizen* and other Nikkei publications through his column, *Manhattan Echoes*; survived by brother George; sister Lili Sasaki; sons Joseph Robert, Richard; daughter Carrie.

Sasaki, Chris Kazuo, 79, Sacramento, June 6; survived by sons Jerry and wife Irene, Larry and wife Louise, Stanley and wife Suzie; daughters Sandra Karpaga and husband Lauri Jr., Priscilla Sasaki and husband Daniel Kane; 14 gc.; 6 ggc.; brother Wilbur; son-in-law Hermann Lum.

Shibata, Ray, 71, San Francisco, June 13; survived by wife Nancy; sons Richard and wife Alison, Timothy and wife Stephany; daughter Theresa Wong and husband Eddy; 3gc.; sisters-in-law Francis and Michiko Shibata.

Smith, Takao Yamamoto, 87, San Francisco, June 14; survived by husband Robert; sons Marshall and wife Ladonna, Martin, Marion Brown and wife Michelle.

Takeshima, Hitoye, 75, Los Angeles, June 21; survived by husband Stanley; daughter Amy Takeshima; son David and wife Downa.

Toda, Ayaka, Sacramento, May 30; San Francisco-born; survived by son Yas and wife Kathy; 6 gc.; brother Kenji Furuta and wife Eiko; sisters Nancy Kasamatsu and Mary Harada.

Watanabe, George Minoru, 77, Sacramento, June 21; survived by wife Sumiko; brother-in-law Fumihiro and wife Naoko (Japan); nephews and nieces. ■

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60%/20%/10%/10% distribution policy. The \$10 million figure was selected because this was the original fund-raising goal set in 1990. The investment policy committee expected the fund to reach this goal within the next two to three years.

2) Amendment to the national board policy, as proposed by Teruya, suggested that the fund be distributed once it reached the \$7.9 million mark and that this policy remain in effect until the 2002 biennial convention.

Mark Kobayashi from the San Jose chapter, who helped word the amendment, said, "This amendment is a compromise and what we're trying to do is something interim that allows us to fulfill what some would call the UMIFA (Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act) precedent which says you must distribute our capital gains, our interest, dividends... It's truly meant to be a compromise. It truly is meant to be interim."

3) Sami Nakazono from the Arkansas Valley chapter presented a policy that recommended that distribution of all the capital gains begin immediately and that the

amount distributed to national be restricted to the following: up to 1/3 may go towards operations, and at least 2/3 of the funds designated for distribution be placed as a source of "one-to-one" matching grants not to exceed \$250,000 for programs and projects approved by the national council. Membership dues and/or other investment income do not qualify for matching funds.

The Budget

Once the national council agreed upon a Legacy Fund distribution policy, passing the budget was a breeze.

National council delegates broke out in applause when outgoing National JACL Secretary/Treasurer David Hayashi announced that the adopted Legacy Fund policy freed up \$180,000 for operations, enough money to stave off membership increases for the 2001-2002 budget.

The formal motion to delete the \$3 membership dues increase line on the budget was made by Yvonne Kinoshita Ward from the White River Valley chapter and seconded by Alan Teruya from Tri-Valley.

Once delegates realized the added revenues from Legacy Fund income, several made an effort to increase the budget for various JACL programs, ranging from U.S.-Japan relations committee, education committee, redress his-

tory project to improving the current JACL Web site.

But Jeff Itami from the Salt Lake City chapter put the public lobbying efforts to a stop when he said, "The minute people see more money, they're spending the money. There's money that's soft money that's not realized yet, and we don't have that money to spend. We're already squandering the hard money."

The budget passed with no increased funding to any of the JACL programs. The motion to adopt the overall budget was made by Larry Grant, a proxy for the Snake River Valley chapter, seconded by Marie Matsumi, a proxy for the Hoosier chapter. The motion carried with all chapters voting in favor of the budget except for four chapters. ■

AWARDS

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the 1998-2000 JACLer of the Biennium for his outstanding service and contribution to the organization on the national, district and chapter levels. In addition to serving on both the national JACL strategic planning committee and the Program For Action committee, he is president of the

California Association of Human Relations.

Outgoing national president Helen Kawagoe described Inouye as one who "has worked tirelessly and totally without regard for himself on behalf of the JACL and the Asian Pacific Islander community."

"He has championed so many causes," Kawagoe said, "and not only puts his personal safety aside for the community but speaks out on issues even under threat of violence."

"Any work I've done in the community is because of my experience in JACL," said Inouye, in accepting the award. "The fact that we were victims of a very bad situation 50 years ago has inspired me to make sure that our community is there to make sure it doesn't happen to any other community."

Meanwhile, Inouye's daughter Nicole made it a family affair as she briefly spoke about her experience as one of two Mike Masaso-

ka congressional fellows. This year's fellowship allowed Inouye the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., to work as an intern in Rep. Patsy Mink's office.

The other Masaoka fellow, David Namura, who was unable to attend the luncheon, worked in Sen. Daniel Inouye's office.

The George Inagaki Chapter Citizens Award, which goes to the JACL chapter whose activities have helped to promote better citizenship, went to Seattle. They received a plaque and \$800.

A second-place award went to NCWNP's Florin chapter. The Inagaki award was sponsored and presented by the Venice-Culver chapter.

JACL also handed out Special Recognition Awards to the national JACL Credit Union and JACL Health Insurance, while national youth director Jackie Kuwada received a \$1,000 check from Blue Shield for her mentoring program. ■

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