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## COMMENTARY JACL Faces Shrinking Membership

By JOHN TATEISHI  
JACL Executive Director

At the October 2000 national board meeting, it was reported that we were facing a potential financial crisis because of shrinking revenues brought on by a variety of factors, the most significant of which is a decline in membership.



When I accepted the responsibility of the director's position, I knew that we were eventually going to experience a loss in membership numbers, and that this loss would result in a decrease in financial membership revenues. I also knew that this was further complicated by the fact that the members we would lose to attrition, the Nisei, constitute the core part of our membership. It's this part of our membership that is among the most generous and supportive when it comes to contributions to the organization.

To get a better handle on our membership demographics, I ordered a study to assess more accurately the age groupings of our members, and based on that study, we figured that we would have approximately three or four years to offset potential losses in membership due to attrition.

Approximately 55 percent of our base funding comes from membership dues, and the rest

comes from a mix of investment income, donations, fund raising, and various other sources. Of that 55 percent from membership, over half are Nisei with an average age of 75 years or older.

Given these numbers, I had figured that we would have a few years to change the formula of our base funding. The 55 percent we get from membership dues needs to be offset by other sources of funding if we're going to stay in business in the future. My strategy all along has been to raise funds primarily from corporate and foundation funding but also to recruit new members. I had figured we had three or four years to generate new revenue sources to offset the 55 percent membership revenue base.

Unexpectedly, we reached that critical point this year. Last year, in the first quarter, we were able to project certain losses in revenues and made adjustments accordingly. We cut the budget drastically and came in \$400,000 under budget, but we still fell short. Where we could anticipate losses, we trimmed expenses and costs, but it's what we couldn't anticipate that has contributed to our current problems.

Based on the recent pattern and history of membership renewals during the past several years, we projected a loss in membership numbers at 8 percent per year. Two years ago, that was the number we lost but there

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## Member-Get-A-Member

Long before I decided to run for national JACL president, I was given encouragement from Ruth Hashimoto of Albuquerque, New Mexico. After I had chaired the convention committee for the 33rd biennial national JACL convention held in Salt Lake City in 1994, Ruth wrote a letter to the

JACL, but Ruth wanted to donate to JACL in his honor. Thank you, Ruth — and thank you all those who donate to JACL.

As with many of our Nisei members, Ruth Hashimoto has long been an active and vital part of JACL. At the national JACL convention in Salt Lake City discussion was held regarding a dues increase, which did become effective. Ruth stood up on the convention floor and made an excellent suggestion. She said that a dues increase would not be necessary IF EVERY MEMBER GOT A MEMBER. That suggestion remains a good idea at this time.

As we are facing a crisis in JACL with a declining membership, this would be a good time to put into effect Ruth's suggestions. Every JACL member has

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By FLOYD MORI  
**Mori Memo**  
JACL National President

At the top of the front page of the blue JACL informational booklet is a picture of Ruth Hashimoto. She has been a stalwart in JACL for a long time. She was not at the last national JACL convention held in Monterey in 2000. She was greatly missed as it was the first convention she had not attended in many years.

Ever a strong supporter of JACL, Ruth recently made a generous donation to JACL in memory of her older brother, Dr. Kelly K. Yamada, who passed away last November in Seattle. Dr. Yamada was a member of JACL since the early 1930s and served as president in Seattle and Oakland. JACL has honored Dr. Yamada for his efforts on behalf of

## JACL Works to Keep National Monument Designation for Minidoka

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA  
Assistant Editor

With President-elect George W. Bush issuing a directive to place a moratorium on all last-minute actions taken by former President Bill Clinton, the JACL is monitoring the Minidoka War Relocation Center site in Idaho, which was named a national monument three days before Clinton left

under the 1906 Antiquities Act, would be affected, but the JACL and several elected officials are working to keep Minidoka protected.

"I've had some comments from the Idaho legislative and congressional staff that Minidoka will not be part of President Bush's moratorium on the actions taken by former President Clinton," said JACL National President

tary for Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, confirmed this, saying Simpson was prepared to introduce legislation to protect Minidoka if Bush decides to remove the site from becoming a national monument.

Simpson, who's district includes Minidoka, said in a written statement: "This is a significant part of both American and Idaho history. It is a dark part



(L-r): Floyd Mori, JACL national president; Lenna Aoki, former director, Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Department of Interior; Kristine Minami, JACL Washington, D.C., representative and director of public affairs; Secretary Norman Mineta, John Tateishi, JACL executive director; J. David Sakura; Daniel Sakura, former White House staff member, Council on Environmental Quality.

office. Bush's moratorium prevents any new rules from being printed in the Federal Register, which essentially blocks all of Clinton's eleventh-hour orders from being implemented since most rules cannot take effect until a certain time period has elapsed after being published in the Federal Register.

As of press time, it was unclear whether Minidoka, which became a national monument

Floyd Mori. But whether or not Bush reverses Clinton's action, the Idaho congressional team plans to take measures to keep Minidoka protected.

"One thing is clear," said JACL National Executive Director John Tateishi, "and that is that the Idaho congressional delegation — the two senators and two members of the House — support naming Minidoka and protecting it."

Lucinda Willits, press secretary

of our history that needs to be remembered and others need to learn from the mistakes we made. I will work with the delegation to provide additional funding for an interpretive center on the site so that the stories of those interned can be told to all those who visit."

Willits said Simpson plans to work with the entire Idaho delegation, which includes Rep. Butch Otter, Sen. Mike Crapo

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## JACL Leaders Meet with Veterans to Discuss Resisters Resolution

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA  
Assistant Editor

SACRAMENTO—The charge had a familiar ring; that the public was excluded from a rigged election. But this wasn't a debate in the Florida presidential battle.

The topic that attracted more than 70 participants to the Sacramento Nisei Memorial Hall on Jan. 14 was the passage of the controversial JACL resolution which apologizes to the Nisei resisters of conscience for not acknowledging their principled stand during World War II, and directs the organization to hold a public ceremony in their honor.

The issue of apologizing to the resisters of conscience — a group of Nisei men who refused to serve their country until their constitutional rights were restored to themselves and their families — has been an ongoing debate within JACL for more than 10 years, and last July, at JACL's 36th biennial national convention in Monterey, Calif., the national council moved to accept the resolution by a margin of 64 yes, 32 nos and four split votes.

The voting result angered a group of JACLers, mainly Nisei veterans, some of whom have since either resigned from the



JACL National President Floyd Mori (left) answers questions at the recent meeting with veterans, including those posed by WWII vet Harry Tanabe.

PHOTOS: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

JACL and/or are seeking ways to reverse the resolution's mandate. The January Sacramento meeting was arranged after National JACL President Floyd Mori extended a public invitation to the veterans to discuss the issue.

Both Mori and National JACL Executive Director John Tateishi faced difficult questioning as audience members made allega-

tions of voting discrepancies and behind-the-scenes maneuvering. "I was at Monterey, and Sus (Satow) said he thought the voting was stacked but I felt it was staged," said Yoshimi "Shim" Hiraoka, a Nisei veteran from Fresno, Calif. "I thought it was all predetermined as to how one was supposed to vote because it was

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## JACL COMMUNITY Calendar

### East Coast.

#### PHILADELPHIA

**Sat., Feb. 24**—Philadelphia chapter JACL general meeting featuring speaker Ninda Akamu, creator of the National Japanese American Memorial sculpture; 2-4 p.m., Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, 7th and Market; slides, discussion, refreshments. Free. Info: Joyce Horikawa, 856/427-9431, or Miiko Horikawa, 610/525-6620.

#### WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Fri.-Wed., March 31-April 4**—JACL/OCA Leadership Conference: Double-Tree Hotel. Applications can be obtained from JACL regional offices or from the JACL district governors. **Application deadline, February 12, 2002.** JACL Washington Office, 202/223-1240, Fax 202/296-8082; e-mail: dc@jacl.org.

### Intermountain

#### SALT LAKE CITY

**Sat., March 3**—National JACL/Credit Union's annual meeting and election of the board of directors; 5 p.m., Little America Hotel; youths and kids especially invited—gift certificates for youths and kids. **RSVP by Feb. 1:** 800/355-8040, Fax 801/521-2101, e-mail: sjacl@jclcu.com.

**Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2002**—Heart Mountain Reunion 2002; Info: Raymond Uno, 801/355-0284.

### Pacific Northwest

#### SEATTLE

**Sun., March 25**—Ceremony to honor PFC William K. Nakamura and TEC-5 James K. Okubo, posthumous recipients of the Medal of Honor; Mercer Arena, Seattle Center. Info: George Yamane, chair, 206/362-7302.  
**Mon., March 26**—Dedication ceremony naming the U.S. District Court-house in Seattle in honor of WWII Medal of Honor recipient PFC William K. Nakamura. Info: George Yamane, 206/362-7302.

### Northern California

#### BERKELEY

**Sun., Feb. 4**—Nikkei Widowed Group meeting; new members welcome; both men and women. Call M. Kusaba, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911, for time and place.

**Wed., Feb. 7**—Roundtable discussion, Legacy to Liberation: Politics and Culture of Revolutionary Asian Pacific America; 7 p.m., Revolution Books, 2425 Channing Way; panelists: activists Richard Aoki, Yui Kochiyama, Sun Lee, Dolly Veale. Info: 510/848-1196.

**Sat., Feb. 10**—Toru Saito in concert; 3-4:30 p.m., Northbrae Community Church Social Hall, 941 The Alameda; reception and raffle follows; to benefit Japanese Peruvians interned at Crystal City, Texas, during WWII. Tickets: Campaign for Justice, 510/528-7288.

#### LOS ANGELES

**Through February 28**—Exhibit, "The Heart Mountain Story"; Forbes Mill Museum of Regional History, 75 Church St.; featuring WWII photos by Hansel Meith and Otto Hagel, commissioned by Life Magazine. Info: 408/395-7375.

#### MOUNTAIN VIEW

**Sat., March 3**—Midori Kai 2nd Annual Asian Boutique; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mountain View Buddhist Temple, 575 N. Shoreline Blvd.; crafts, arts, edibles, clothing, accessories, T-shirts, hand-crafted furniture, art, pottery. Info: Erin Nishimura, 650/694-2229.

#### OAKLAND

**Sun., Feb. 11**—21st annual JASEB crab and spaghetti feast; 4:30-3 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m., Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388-9th St., 2nd floor; take-out also available; to benefit JASEB's seniors' programs. Info: JASEB, 510/848-3560.

**Sat., Feb. 24**—A multi-disciplinary evening of creative works; 8 p.m., Asia Pacific Cultural Center, 388 Ninth St., Suite 290; new film by Tatsu Aoki with live musical accompaniment; book release, literary readings. Info: Alliance of Emerging Creative Artists (AECA): 510/208-6088.

#### REDWOOD CITY

**Sun., Feb. 25**—Opening day ceremonies for exhibit, "A History of Japanese Americans in San Mateo County"; 1-4 p.m., San Mateo County Museum, 777 Hamilton St.; artifacts and memorabilia needed. Info: Karen Brey, 650-299-0104.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

**Thurs.-Sun., March 8-18**—19th An-

nual San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival. Info: Judy Ma, 415/863-0814 ext. 118, e-mail: smailtojudy@naatanet.org. Volunteers, sponsors wanted.

**Fri., March 23**—Asian Law Caucus 29th anniversary celebration; Grand Hyatt Hotel, Union Square. Info: 415/391-1655 ext. 13.

**Tues., April 26**—San Mateo JACL Community Center to attend Giants vs. Cincinnati Reds game at 12:35 p.m. at Pac Bell Park. **RSVP ASAP.** Info: Henry Hiraki, 415/343-2893.

#### SANTA ROSA

**Sun., Feb. 4**—NC-WN-P quarterly district meeting; hosted by Sonoma County JACL.

**WATSONVILLE/SANTA CRUZ**  
**Sun.-Mon., March 11-13**—Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL seniors trip to Reno. **RSVP ASAP.** Carmel Kamigawachi, 722-1930, or Shig Kizuka, 728-2693.

### Central California

#### FOWLER

**Sun., Feb. 25**—JACL Central California District Council quarterly meeting.

### Southern California

#### CALABASAS

**Sun., Feb. 25**—Wild Food Walk; 1-4 p.m., Soka University, 26800 W. Mulholland Hwy. Free. **RSVP:** 818/878-3763.

#### LA MIRADA

**Fri.-Sun., Feb. 16-18**—51st State Annual Nisei VW Reunion; Holiday Inn Select, 14299 Firestone Blvd.; keynote speaker VW Nat'l Commander in Chief John F. Gwizdak; banquets, awards, memorial service; golf, bowling, fishing tournaments, trip to Universal City, exhibits, hospitality rooms, etc. Registration: Noz Sadakane, 714/637-5536, or Robert Wada, 714/992-5461, fax 714/525-9761.

#### LOS ANGELES

**Fri., Feb. 9**—Greater L.A. Singles JACL meeting/program; 8 p.m., Gardena Valley YWCA, 1341 W. Gardena Blvd.; invited speaker Terry Terauchi, candidate for mayor of Gardena; the public is invited. Info: Louise Sakamoto, 310/327-3169.

**Fri., Feb. 9**—Opening night performance and reception, "Bobo Stories: Tales from the hereandnow Kitchen"; 8:30 p.m., Edison Performing Arts Center, East Los Angeles College, 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park; John Miyasaki, artistic director; show plays through March 4. **RSVP:** 213/628-7018.

**Sat., Feb. 10**—Little Tokyo walking tour; 10-11:30 a.m. **RSVP:** JANM, 213/625-0414.

**Sat.-Sun., Feb. 10-11**—Debut dance performance, "Stones Whirl Float,



Performers from "Bobo Stories: Tales from the hereandnow Kitchen," see Southern California, Los Angeles, Fri., Feb. 9.

Leaves Will Sink, Paths Will Cross" with Nobuko Miyamoto of Great Leap; 8 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Skirball Cultural Center, 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd. Tickets: 323/655-8587, www.skirball.org. Info: 310/440-4500.

**Sun., Feb. 11**—Second Sunday for Families, "Art on the Courtyard: Explore, Imagine, Create"; 1-4 p.m., JANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. **RSVP:** 213/625-0414.

**Through Feb. 11**—Exhibit, "Allen Say's Journey: The Art and Words of a Children's Book Author"; JANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414.

**Through Feb. 18**—Exhibit, "More Than a Game: Sports in the Japanese American Community"; JANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414; 800/461-5266; Web site: <http://www.janm.org>.

**Sun., Feb. 18**—UCLA Nikkei Student Union's 15th Annual Cultural Night; 7 p.m., UCLA Royce Hall; drama, Kyoto Talk, odor, dance by NSU Modern; admission is free but tickets are required. Tickets: [cnikkei@ucla.edu](mailto:cnikkei@ucla.edu). Info: [www.studentgroups.ucla.edu/suninfo/](http://www.studentgroups.ucla.edu/suninfo/).

**Sun., Feb. 25**—Benefit fashion show, "2001: A Miracle Odyssey"; Regal Biltmore Hotel, 506 S. Grand Ave.; private boutique showing 10 a.m., luncheon 11:45 a.m.; trunk show and boutique 2 p.m.; fashions by Anne Namba and Tadashi; to benefit ASVP for Miracle Marrow Matches. **RSVP:** Chris Naito, 213/680-4039 or 323/256-0846. Info: ASJM, 213/473-1660.

**Sun., Feb. 25**—Installation dinner/program, Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California 2001 board of directors; 3-6:30 p.m., Sea Empress Seafood Restaurant, Gardena; Judge Lance Ito to preside; video, "Conscience and the Constitution." to be shown prior to 5 p.m. dinner. **RSVP by Feb. 17:** \$25 to

JAHSSC, P.O. Box 3164, Torrance, CA 90510-3164. Info: Iku Kiriya, 310/324-2875 evenings.

**Sat., March 3**—JANM 2001 annual dinner/dance, "A Sentimental Journey," at the historic Hollywood Palladium; music by George Yoshida and the J-Town Jazz Ensemble, food catered by Jozu Restaurant; Broadway star Pat Suzuki and film animator Iwao Takamoto to be honored. **RSVP ASAP:** 213/625-0414.

#### OXNARD

**Sun., Feb. 4**—Ventura County JACL installation luncheon; 12 noon-3 p.m., Casa Sirena Hotel, Channel Islands Harbor, 365 Peninsula Rd.; keynote speaker Sgt. Brian Moriguchi, L.A. County Sheriff's Dept. **RSVP:** Chuck Kuniyoshi, 805/484-0676, or Joanne Nakano, 818/991-0876.

#### PASADENA

**Mon., Feb. 26**—Book-signing and discussion, "Father of the Four Passages" with author Lois Ann Yamataka; 7:30 p.m., Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave. **RSVP:** 626/449-2742 ext. 20.

### Arizona - Nevada

#### RENO

**Sun., March 11**—Reno JACL annual teriyaki scholarship fund-raiser lunch/dinner; 12 noon-4 p.m., Washoe County Senior Center, 9th and Sutoro; Info: Bud Fujii, 852-0559.

**Fri.-Sun., April 20-22**—JACL Tri-District Conference: Central California, Pacific Southwest and Northern California; Western Nevada-Pacific districts; Peppermill Hotel and Casino; reservations: 800/648-6992. ■

### Correction

President Clinton's quote on page 8 of the Jan. 12 issue (Item #2921) should have read: "In the face of painful prejudice, they helped define America at its best."

## NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE PROGRAMS

**CHICAGO, Sun., Feb. 18**—2-3:30 p.m., "Forgotten/Can't Forget" Installation by Elaine Yoneoka; performances by Keith Uchima and Moto Makino, Midwest Buddhist Temple's Ho Etsu Daiko and Cheryl Hamada; Walt Disney Magnet School, Communication Art Center, 4140 N. Marine Dr. Info: Debbie Miekko Burns, 773/275-0097, ext. 22, e-mail: [jasc\\_chicago@yahoo.com](mailto:jasc_chicago@yahoo.com).

**CLOVIS, Calif., Sun., Feb. 18**—10:30 a.m., A Special Worship Experience at the United Japanese Christian Church, 186 N. Villa Ave.; Lawson F. Inada and Patricia Wakida will read from the anthology, "Only What We Could Carry: The Japanese American Internment Experience."

**LIVINGSTON, Calif., Sun., Feb. 18**—2-5 p.m., Pioneer Hall, Livingston United Methodist Church; speakers: Professor Roy Yasui on the Canadian aspects of his incarceration; Dan Ikemiyashiro, MD, on the Peruvian Japanese in U.S. war prisoners' camps; Sherman Kishi on his service in the WWII Military Intelligence Service; light refreshments; the public is cordially invited; sponsored by Livingston-Merced chapter JACL. Info: Grace Kimoto, 209/394-2456, e-mail: [Kifite@yahoo.com](mailto:Kifite@yahoo.com).

**LOS ANGELES, Sat., Feb. 17**—2-4 p.m., "Building a Stronger Community Through Civil Rights and Redress." JANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; keynote speaker Alberta Lee, daughter of Wen Ho Lee, will discuss her father's case; multimedia presentation; the Pacific Southwest District JACL joins the museum, Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress (NCR) and other community organizations. Free to the public. **RSVP:** JANM: 213/625-0414. Info: JACL, 626-4471, or NCR, 213/680-3484.

**NEW YORK CITY, Sat., March 3**—1-4 p.m., "Japanese American Liberation Poetry Festival" featuring Janice Mirikitani and other poets from the United States and Canada; Joseph Papp Public Theater, 425 Lafayette St.; co-sponsored by New York chapter JACL with support from N.Y. University and the Japanese American National Museum (JANM). Tickets: \$uya Yee, 212/387-8225. Free to seniors. Info: Mike Ishii, 718/857-2392.

**PHILADELPHIA, Thurs., Feb. 8**—Film, "Conscience and the Constitution"; 7 p.m., Pan-Asian American Community House (PAACH), at ARCH, 3601 Locust Walk, Univ. of Pennsylvania. **Thurs., Feb. 22**—7 p.m., Local Japanese Americans will speak about their wartime experiences. Q&A, discussion will follow; Pan-Asian American Community House (PAACH), at ARCH, 3601 Locust Walk, Univ. of Pennsylvania.

**SALINAS, Calif., Sun., Feb. 25**—1-30 p.m. at the Rodeo Grounds, beginning at the Salinas Assembly Center monument; multi-media presentation; projects by college and elementary school students; slide show of the memorial dedication in Washington, D.C.; hosted by the Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter JACL.

**SALT LAKE CITY, Mon., Feb. 19**—Salt Lake chapter JACL "Building America's Foundation: The Role of Asian Railroaders and Miners"; 5:30 reception for national JACL President Floyd Mori and Executive Director John Tateishi; 6:30 program, Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, Criminal Justice Bldg., 3365 S. 900 W.; photo display of railroading and mining experiences of Chinese and Japanese in Utah. Info: Diane Akiyama, 801/266-2248, e-mail: [g25@swest.net](mailto:g25@swest.net), or Larry Grant, 801/544-7975.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Sun., Feb. 18**—"Day of Remembrance 2001: The Spirit of Justice"; 3 p.m., AMC Kabuki Theatre, Japantown; featuring poet Janice Mirikitani, Asian Crisis, Corinne Nagata and Melody Takata; special appearances by activist Yui Kochiyama and Alberta Lee, daughter of Wen Ho Lee.

**SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Sun., Feb. 18**—"Day of Remembrance 2001, co-sponsored by Marin County chapter JACL"; 1 p.m., Marin Center Showcase Theater; featuring the film "Farewell to Manzanar"; members of the cast and crew will be in attendance; rare photos of Manzanar by Ansel Adams and Toyo Miyatake to be exhibited. Free. **RSVP ASAP** (by Feb. 5) for a 12 noon preview showing of the exhibit: 415/479-0534.

**WASHINGTON, D.C., Sun., Feb. 18**—D.C. chapter JACL sponsors "Distant Voices" performance and reception; 4:30-7 p.m.; Hirschorn Museum, Ring Auditorium, 7th and Independence Ave. SW. Free admission, first come, first served. Info: 202/357-2700.

# Mineta Confirmed as Transportation Secretary

## Labor Nominee Chao Likely to Join Him in Bush Cabinet

By Pacific Citizen Staff

In his second landmark appointment, outgoing commerce secretary Norman Mineta, the lone Democrat to be nominated to President George W. Bush's new administration, was unanimously approved by the Senate as Secretary of Transportation on Jan. 24.

Mineta's confirmation before the Senate came just minutes after approval from the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, which asked him questions such as how he will deal with overcrowding at airports, lack of air service to smaller markets, modernizing air traffic control systems, reducing highway deaths and the future of Amtrak.

The former U.S. congressman made history last year when he became the first Asian Pacific American ever to serve in the Cabinet under then-President Clinton.

"The JACL congratulates Norman Mineta on his confirmation to the President's Cabinet, this time with the extraordinary appointment to President Bush's Cabinet," said JACL National Executive Director John Tateishi.

"We're especially proud of Mineta, who has been a longtime JACLer and a strong supporter of the

JACL and Asian Pacific American causes. He has set a precedent as the first Asian American to sit on the Cabinet, and now one of the only persons in the history of this country to serve on two Cabinets. He has set the bar at a level that only few Americans can ever reach," Tateishi said.

"This nation is so fortunate to have an individual dedicate his career to public service," added Daphne Kwok, executive director of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA). "The Asian Pacific American community is so fortunate to have an individual named Norman Mineta who has a proven track record in public service as well as a proven track record in serving and improving the livelihood of Asian Pacific Americans."

Meanwhile, Secretary of Labor nominee Elaine Chao was expected to get Senate confirmation on Jan. 31. If approved, she would become the first APA woman to serve in a president's Cabinet.

Chao appeared before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee on Jan. 24 for her confirmation hearing. The former Deputy Transportation Secretary under the elder Bush's administration was asked questions pertaining to the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a federal minimum wage increase, workplace safety rules under the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Family and Medical Leave Act.

She said one of the labor depart-



Photo courtesy of Sam Chu Lin

Labor secretary nominee Elaine Chao addresses the crowd at the Republican National Convention last year in Philadelphia.

ment's challenges will be adapting to a changing economy and training American workers for high-tech jobs, many of which are now filled by highly skilled immigrants.

Chao also said a crucial part of her responsibility will be to "fully, fairly and evenly enforce the labor laws of this country."

While APA groups nationwide have applauded Bush's efforts to make his Cabinet reflect the diversity of America, many remain unsure about whether Chao will support the APA community on certain issues.

"She's an individual with impressive credentials and has proven herself as extremely capable. We have very strong differences with Ms. Chao on the issue of affirmative action, and some

reservations in this regard but I have no doubt we will be able to work with her," said Tateishi, who also extended his congratulations.

Prior to her confirmation hearing, the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC) sent a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee specifically citing the fact that Chao opposed Bill Lann Lee's appointment to assistant attorney general for civil rights because of his support of affirmative action programs.

"Unlike Ms. Chao, we do not believe in attacking a presidential nominee based solely on one issue; however, we are concerned about her statements attacking affirmative action programs," said Karen K. Narasaki, executive director of NAPALC.

"Contrary to Labor Secretary designee Chao's beliefs, Asian Pacific Americans need affirmative action programs to ensure equal opportunity to compete for federal contracts and jobs. That is why a majority of the APA community supports affirmative action," Narasaki said.

Chao, 47, is a former director of the Peace Corps and president and CEO of the United Way. She is currently a distinguished fellow at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank based in Washington, D.C.

Born in Taiwan, Chao is the daughter of immigrant parents who fled from mainland China in 1949 after the Communist takeover. She is married to Kentucky Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell.

Bush nominated her to the labor post after his first pick, Linda Chavez, withdrew following disclosures that she had once given shelter and money to an illegal immigrant who performed chores in her home.

Chao had also been on the Bush's short list of candidates for transportation secretary before losing out to Mineta.

Meanwhile, labor groups, who were vocal opponents of Chavez and her conservative views, said they don't know much about Chao since she has had limited experience dealing directly with labor issues. ■

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

## Update on JACL Resolutions

One of my responsibilities as JACL's national vice president of general operations is oversight of this biennium's national council resolutions. This article provides an update of the status of these resolutions.

Much work has been done, in public and behind the scenes, towards fulfillment of these resolutions. I'd like to note some of the parties working on these resolutions as well as JACL's wonderful grass-roots network that



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is hard at work on these and numerous other issues.

**Resolution #1** dealt with federal recognition of Native Hawaiians. JACL's Washington, D.C. representative, Kristine Minami, and NCWNP regional director, Patty Wada, have been monitoring the progress of this bill. The bill passed through the House of Representatives but unfortunately stalled in the Senate. The bill will need to be reintroduced before the new Congress. There was a report by the Departments of Interior and Justice supporting the reconciliation process between the federal government and the Native Hawaiian people.

**Resolution #2** addressed the federal benefits for Filipino veterans. D.C. Rep. Minami reported success as several bills were passed by Congress, expanding benefits to these veterans.

**Resolution #3** was JACL's apology to the Nisei resistors of conscience. Patty Wada and the NCWNP district leaders are working with national JACL to choose an appropriate site and time for the resolution's public ceremony.

**Resolution #4** dealt with religious freedom for minorities. Bill Yoshino, MDC regional director, has been monitoring the status of

several state initiatives and federal bills. This resolution is basically an affirmation of JACL's willingness to use its grass-roots network in fighting for civil and human rights.

**Resolution #5** urged the federal government to appoint Bill Lann Lee to the post of assistant attorney general for civil rights.

**Resolution #6** asked for the status of the last biennium's resolutions and a report was made during the last convention.

**Resolution #7** posthumously recognized Jim Miyazaki for his contributions to our organization.

**Emergency Resolution #1** resolved that JACL continue its efforts to enhance federal enforcement of hate crimes. D.C. Rep. Minami informed me that the Hate Crimes Bill passed the Senate but stalled in the House. Therefore, the bill will need to be reintroduced before the new Congress.

**Emergency Resolution #2** was rejected by the resolutions committee.

**Emergency Resolution #3** supported the confirmation of Norman Mineta to the commerce secretary post. Last year, Congress confirmed his appointment, making him the first Asian American cabinet member.

**Emergency Resolution #4** was voted down by the national council.

**Emergency Resolution #5** urged the investigation into the arrest and incarceration of Dr. Wen Ho Lee. Lee was eventually released.

**Emergency Resolution #6** addressed the city of Philadelphia's proposal to build a new baseball stadium in the Chinatown area. Paul Ueyehara of EDC reported that the city has changed its plans and will not disturb the Chinatown area.

**Emergency Resolutions #7 and #8** supported the National Japanese American Memorial in Washington, D.C., and the honoring of 22 Asian American World War II veterans who were upgraded to Congressional Medals of Honor.

Please excuse the brevity of this report. I hope the membership can see that JACL has accomplished much in moving issues, supporting causes and recognizing accomplishments. I thank everyone for their efforts. If there are any questions or concerns, I may be reached via e-mail at [Dhikawamoto@aol.com](mailto:Dhikawamoto@aol.com). ■

## e-JACL: Organization Launches New Website

With goals of recruiting new members, disseminating information more quickly and automating some general operations, the JACL has launched its new website. The new site encompasses a lot more features and information than its predecessor. Similar to the JACL, the new website contains something for everybody. Here you will find information on the organization, program details, fund-raising opportunities and tools to help JACLers advocate pertinent issues.

While JACL's previous website contained brief information on the organization, the new site provides much more detail and depth about the organization. Visitors can now find an events calendar, press releases and background information



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on JACL. Sometimes it seems that some JACLers feel they are not valued by national JACL. A big reason for this is because communication is not always smooth between national and membership. People are not always aware of what programs the JACL is undertaking. Now, by visiting the JACL website, you can find information on the programs and how to apply (if applicable).

While creating this site, we realized that our supporters do not have endless pockets to donate from. Taking that into consideration, we elected to try an innovative approach to fund-raising. On the new website, there is a section where users can click on links which take them to various online stores. When users shop from these, a percentage of the sales goes to JACL. This kills two birds with one stone by allowing our supporters to make purchases they would make anyway while a cut goes to the organization. NO AD-



DITIONAL CHARGES are made to the consumer.

I did my Christmas shopping this way and earned the JACL \$35. While that does not sound like much, I am only one person. Imagine if just 1,000 supporters shopped from here throughout the year. That would amount to at least \$35,000 more for the organization. Money like that instantly nullifies any talk of membership dues increases. While the portion from the purchase given to the JACL is not tax-deductible, it is also not any more money than the supporter would have spent anyway. Check it out today, as I am sure that you will be shocked to find the wide variety of products you can purchase while supporting JACL.

Many changes have been made to the website; however the main goal remains the same: to fight discrimination. As such, we have incorporated software that allows members and those interested in fighting for equality to follow issues and federal legislation important to the JACL. Users can see how their elected officials stand on legislation, follow the voting record of their congresspeople and instantly have letters written to their legislators with several clicks of the mouse. With the incorporation of these tools, there is no excuse for people not to contact their elected officials.

By utilizing these features of the

website, it makes it easier for JACL to be able to forcefully advocate for legislation that promotes equality and honors Japanese Americans. Users will find that this level of advocacy online is unique to the JACL. By implementing this, the JACL has taken a leadership role in the new wave of lobbying. I encourage you not only to use this feature weekly but also to e-mail friends about this feature.

Feedback regarding the website is encouraged. Similar to feedback regarding pieces of writing, the best feedback centers around the "big picture" rather than the smaller, individual aspects. The beauty of a website is that nothing is permanent and anything can be changed. To express any concerns you have about the website, e-mail Beth Au (website program manager) at [psw@jacl.org](mailto:psw@jacl.org) or (website developer/programmer) at [vppublicaffairs@jacl.org](mailto:vppublicaffairs@jacl.org).

The new site reflects not only what this organization has accomplished up to now but a vision of the future of the JACL. Portrayed is an image of an organization that is energetic, vibrant and young. In an era where people now favor e-mail over a phone call and where individuals prefer reading news via the Internet rather than a newspaper, the JACL has proven it can adjust to the times. Visit [www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org) today to experience e-JACL. ■

## JACL Education Committee Plans Aggressive Program for 2001-2002

Intent on acting swiftly to initiate its new biennial program, the JACL education committee met in San Francisco on Jan. 5-7 to finalize plans for implementing the 2001-2002 educational program for JACL.

The committee members who attended the meeting were its chairperson, Elaine Akagi (PNW), Allan Hida (MDC), Sharon Ishii-Jordan (MPDC), Carol Kawamoto (PSW), Teresa Maebori (EDC), Greg Marutani (NCWNP), Hero Shiosaki (IDC) and Izumi Taniguchi (CDC).

The committee focused its discussion on plans to carry out three projects which include: revising the JACL Curriculum and Resource Guide, convening teacher training workshops in the JACL districts outside of California and developing an education webpage for the JACL website.

The committee agreed that there was an urgent need to update the curriculum guide in order to provide the most current information and materials to teachers.

The guide was first published in the early 1990s and was later revised in 1996. Through the years, this highly acclaimed resource has been distributed to hundreds of teachers across the United States at education conferences and at teacher training workshops.

The committee intends to review and update the chronology of historical dates to make it more current, and they will review and expand the story of the Nisei veterans. In order to broaden its appeal to teachers, additional lesson plans

and resource materials will be added.

JACL President Floyd Mori, who attended the meeting, told the committee members that he thought the curriculum guide was the single most valuable product the JACL had produced in recent years.

Revising and reprinting the guide is dependent on funds in the JACL budget that will be approved by the national board at its Feb. 9-11 meeting. During its meeting, the education committee received assurances that funding for this project remained in the budget. Greg Marutani emphasized the urgency of this project by reminding the committee that only 150 copies of the guide remain in stock.

The committee's second major project will be to conduct a series of teacher training workshops, with some already scheduled in Houston, Boise, Wisconsin, Minneapolis and Cincinnati.

In summarizing the importance of these workshops, Elaine Akagi said, "The workshops must remain as a top priority of the national JACL because they are critical for instructing teachers in the use of the curriculum guide." Akagi went on to say, "The workshops convey an important message about civil rights vigilance which is at the core of the JACL mission."

The JACL budget currently provides \$10,000 for teacher workshops outside of California, where a great need exists to include the Japanese American experience as part of school curriculums. The committee will urge the national

board to retain this item in the budget because it is one of the few JACL programs that has a proven record of effectiveness and because it is national in scope.

As its third major project, the committee outlined a plan to develop a webpage to be used as an educational resource by teachers and others who may be interested in obtaining information on JA history.

The California Civil Liberties Public Education Program has provided funds to complete this project during 2001. The webpage will contain sample lesson plans, a resource center which will list books and videos on JA history, and sample materials from the curriculum guide. The project will also produce a CD ROM for use as a marketing tool to promote the webpage.

The committee would like to develop a speaker's bureau and resource centers at the national and regional levels as a way of making the education efforts more effective. In addition, the committee discussed the need to expand the curriculum materials to include Asian and Pacific Islander experiences. The committee believes this type of program could be coordinated with JACL efforts on hate crimes by developing workshops on tolerance training.

Others participating in the meeting were Karen-Liane Shiba, JACL national vice president for planning and development; John Tateishi, executive director; Bill Yoshino, Midwest director, and Jack Fujimoto. ■

## Fund Raising Begins for Former Santa Fe DOJ Camp

The Santa Fe Internment Camp Marker Committee (SFCMC) is asking the public's help in raising more than \$15,000 to place a historic marker at the former World War II Department of Justice camp at Santa Fe, N.M., and to maintain an archival collection at the Palace of the Governors, a history museum for the State of New Mexico.

Joe Ando, SFCMC co-chair, said the city has already allocated land for a marker, and that they are now in the process of acquiring a contractor and creating a design. The Santa Fe City Council approved a site in Ortiz Park, which overlooks the former camp site.

"The Santa Fe Internment Camp Historical Marker is a positive move towards recognizing a dark period in our American history in New Mexico," said Ando. "A group of prominent citizens in Santa Fe became interested in learning more about the internment camp, researching and preserving the truth for future generations. There was a perception that the Santa Fe internment camp was a Japanese POW camp."

In addition to the marker, the committee has established within the Palace of the Governors State Library a repository for documents, photographs and memorabilia from the former DOJ camp.

The proposed marker inscription will read: "At this site, due

east and below the hill, 4,555 United States citizens and residents of Japanese ancestry were incarcerated in a Department of Justice Internment Camp from March 1942 to April 1946.

"During World War II, the United States government was concerned that people of Japanese ancestry might be disloyal to American war efforts. Many of the men held here without due process were religious leaders, fishermen, businessmen, farmers, and others removed from their communities on the West Coast and Hawaii.

"Yet, many of the internees had relatives who served with distinction in the American Armed Forces in Europe and the Pacific.

"This marker is placed here as a reminder that history is a valuable teacher only if we do not forget our past.

"Information about this camp may be found at the Fray Angelico Chavez History Library and Photographic Archives of the Palace of the Governors Museum or the New Mexico State Library."

To make a tax-deductible donation, checks should be made payable to "Museum of New Mexico Foundation" and mailed to Palace of the Governors, Museum of New Mexico Foundation, P.O. Box 2065, Santa Fe, NM 87504-2065; or call 505/982-6366. Ando can be reached by e-mail at jkmtand@aol.com. ■

## JACL Corner

### Arizona Chapter

The Japanese American Senior Center held its monthly meeting on Jan. 17, at the Arizona JACL Hall in Glendale, Ariz. There were 61 members who participated in the luncheon and cash bingo event. Guest speaker was Ralph Magrison of the Area Agency on Aging Region One, who spoke on elder abuse and fraud. Prior to lunch, a video on the exploits of the Japanese American soldiers was shown.

The Japanese Senior Center meets on the third Wednesday of each month and is a joint operation of the Arizona JACL chapter, Area Agency on Aging Region One and the Young Women's Christian Association. Active JACLers include Mary Tadano, Helen Suda, Marian Miyamoto, Michiko Tadano, Kaye Minato, Gladys Sallas, Barbara Ishida, Helen Y. Tamita and Moyo Ariza.

### Fremont Chapter

The Fremont chapter board appreciation/installation dinner was held at the Rose Garden restaurant in Union City on Dec. 14. This event not only installs next year's board, but also recognizes various people who have helped the chapter. Ted Inouye, the evening's master of ceremony, introduced special guest Alan Teruya, governor of NCWNPJ chapter, who installed the 2001 board of directors. They are: Alan Mikuni, president; Diane Inouye, vice president; Diane

Endo, vice president of activities; Eleanore Toi, treasurer and activities; Frank Nakasako, recording secretary; June Handa, historian; Mas Yamasaki, education chair; Gail Tomita, scholarship chair; Mary Kasama, correspondence secretary; Al Kuwata, membership chair; and Jim Yamaguchi, Blue Shield chair.

### French Camp Chapter

Celebrating its 53rd year, the French Camp chapter held its annual installation and New Year's party on Jan. 20, at the Japanese Community Hall on French Camp Road. More than 50 people attended the event, which was organized by Chairperson Hiroshi Shinmoto.

John Tateishi, JACL national executive director, led the installation ceremony of new officers. They are: Dean Komure, president; David Morinaka, vice president; Katy Komure, recording secretary; Tom Miyasaki, corresponding secretary; Fumiko Asano, treasurer; Nancy Natsuhara, publicity; Kimi Morinaka, historian; Alan Nishi, official delegate; and Helen Honda, alternate delegate.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Marcia Isakari of the San Joaquin General Hospital's Department of Family Practice. A native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, Isakari spoke on the Brazilian Japanese experience and on healthcare issues unique to people of Japanese descent.

The French Camp chapter in-

visits local residents, particularly those living in the growing communities of Tracy-Manteca-Lathrop to join in chapter activities. Meetings are held on the second Friday of the month from 7 p.m., at the Japanese Community Hall, 170 East French Camp Road, French Camp. Application for this year's chapter scholarship are also available for members and their immediate family by contacting frenchcampjacc@yahoo.com.

### New Mexico Chapter

The New Mexico chapter's 2001 board are: Sei Tokuda, president; Calvin Kobayashi and Steve Tugami, vice presidents of operations; Cheryl Tugami, vice president of culture; Lois Kennedy, vice president of membership; Esther Churchwell, secretary; Stan Hamamoto, treasurer; and Corey Jean Murakami-Houk, former MPDC governor.

### Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter held their installation dinner on Jan. 26, at the San Juan Oaks Golf Lodge in Hollister. Keynote speaker was Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge Kathleen Akao, who talked about the new role the courts may play in the presidential electoral process.

The new officers include: Marcia Hashimoto, president; David Kadotani, first vice president; Lester Aoki, second vice president; Mark Mitani, secretary; Stuart Yamamoto, treasurer; Glen Nagamine and Alan Ujematsu, auditors; April Gora and Mas Hashimoto, official delegates; Brian Arao and Kenji Mitani, youth reps; and Carmel Kamigawachi, Shig Kuzuka and Iwao Yamashita, senior center reps.

The new board of directors are: Jerry Arao, Sandy Crosser, Dennis Eguchi, Jennifer Ura Gavin, Paul Kaneko, Takeshi Kaneko, Gerald Kondo, Rodney Misaki, Jeff Sumida, Mark Takeuchi, Rosie Terasaki, Ben Umeda and Willie Yahiro.

### Santa Maria Valley Chapter

The Santa Maria Valley chapter held their installation dinner on Dec. 2, at the Santa Maria Airport Regency Hotel in Santa Maria, Floyd Mori, national JACL president, was the keynote speaker. ■

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FREMONT OFFICERS—(From left): Ted Inouye, June Handa, Diane Endo, Frank Nakasako, Eleanore Toi, Mas Yamasaki, Alan Teruya, D. Mikuni and Gail Tomita.

# Guilty Plea in Ito Murder

LOS ANGELES—White supremacist Buford Furrow Jr. pleaded guilty Jan. 24 to murder and hate crimes charges for killing Joseph Ito, a Filipino American postal worker, and for the shootings at a Jewish community center where three boys, a teenage girl and a woman were wounded in 1999.

The plea agreement will result in life in prison for Furrow without the possibility of parole, as well as relinquishment of all appeals and any financial profits from the crimes.

"The entire family misses Joseph very dearly," Ito's brother Ismael said in a statement. "We are relieved that there is closure to this case and would like to thank the U.S. Attorney's Office and all the agencies that worked on this case for their dedication and diligence in bringing about justice. The Ito family will now be able to direct our full attention to rebuilding our lives and educating communities about the need to work against hate crimes."

Federal prosecutors dropped a push for the death penalty because of evidence of past mental illness. U.S. Attorney Alejandro Mayorkas said evidence discovered by Furrow's lawyers showed he had sought psychiatric treatment for 10 years prior to the Aug. 10, 1999, shooting spree.

Furrow's lawyers had planned to make his mental condition an issue

at trial. However, Justice Department civil rights attorney Bobbi Bernstein said the government was not conceding that Furrow suffered from insanity at the time of his crimes. "He was not insane or suffering from any condition that prevented him from forming (the intent) for the crimes," she said.

The plea agreement disclosed that Furrow, who fled to Las Vegas, went through phone books in search of synagogues there "and considered continuing his crime spree" before deciding he had sent his message of hate and surrendered to the FBI.

Authorities said Furrow told them he wanted to send a "wake-up call to America to kill Jews." He shot Ito because he said the man appeared to be Hispanic or Asian.

The Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC), which just released their 1999 "Audit of Violence Against Asian Pacific Americans," reported on this alarming trend.

"Hate crimes have had a devastating effect on the entire APA community," said Kathay Fung, APALC project director and attorney. APALC joined the Ito family in calling on President George W. Bush to strengthen federal hate crimes laws.

Sentencing for Furrow was set for March 26.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

# National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

## Supreme Court Weighs Discrimination Law

WASHINGTON—Martha Sandoval, a limited-English-speaker from Mexico, wanted to take the Alabama driver's exam in 1996, in a state which had stopped offering the test in Spanish because of a 1990 "English only" law.

The Supreme Court heard from her lawyers Jan. 16 to settle whether private individuals such as Sandoval can sue under the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which bars state recipients of federal money from discriminating based on race, color or national origin.

Sandoval won a federal class-action suit scrapping the English language rule for driver's exams, and the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed. The lower courts said the policy violated the federal anti-bias law, and ordered the state to offer the tests in other languages. Both courts also rejected the state's argument that the relevant portion of the 1964 law does not allow suits by private individuals.

Sandoval's lawyers urged the Supreme Court, which has never spoken definitively on the issue, to focus on her right to sue, while the state has argued that a private right to sue would undermine state authority.

## Minorities Expected to be Majority in Texas by 2005

DALLAS—Thirty years ago, Texas was about 70 percent white. But in four years, minorities could become the state's majority population, said Steve Murdock, a demographic expert at Texas A&M University.

Led by the Hispanic population, minorities are projected to account for more than 90 percent of the state's growth between now and 2030, Murdock said.

The same may apply to the United States as a whole: by 2050, demographers project whites will be the minority nationwide. California, Hawaii and New Mexico already have such populations.

However, Murdock said Texas' minorities have not achieved the education and income levels of the state's white population. He cited discrimination, lack of opportunity and poverty as some of the reasons. Officials said these socioeco-

omic trends could be reversed with major investments such as early-childhood programs, high school retention programs and language training for immigrants.

Murdock said the demographic changes were happening faster than earlier projections, which forecast minorities becoming the majority in Texas no sooner than 2008.

## Report Released on Koreatown Restaurant Workers

LOS ANGELES—Korean Immigrant Workers Advocates (KIWA) released a study which polled 100 restaurant workers in Koreatown about violations of minimum wage laws and other legal safeguards.

The study found that more than half the workers surveyed said they worked 40 to 60 hours a week. More than one-quarter said they worked more than 60 hours a week. The survey said that overtime pay was rare and that few receive health care insurance or have access to workers' compensation. Forty percent said they had suffered backaches, burns, slips or other injuries.

Almost two-thirds reported earning at least minimum wage, currently \$5.75 an hour, whereas two years ago only one-third of these same workers reported earning the legal wage.

"In addition to showering verbal abuse on the workers, the employers often order their workers to do things that are clearly not included in any restaurant worker's job description: going out to buy a pack of cigarettes, babysitting employers' children on days off and sometimes even doing the employers' laundry," said Danny Park, a case manager at KIWA.

There are approximately 2,000 restaurant workers in Koreatown's 300 restaurants, most of which are nonunion. Koreatown restaurant workers are mostly Latino and Korean immigrants.

## Former Senator Accused of Money Laundering

HONOLULU—Former state Sen. Marshall Ige said he will plead "absolutely not guilty" to theft, attempted tax evasion and money laundering charges.

His arraignment was postponed Jan. 19 in District Court when he appeared without an attorney. Judge Christopher McKenzie continued the case for two weeks after Ige said he was having a difficult time finding legal counsel.

The five-count complaint by Attorney General Earl Anzai accuses Ige of taking \$30,000 in 1998 from a Beverly Hills couple in exchange for Ige's promise to pull strings and expunge their daughter's criminal record in Hawaii. The complaint alleges that Ige never expunged the record and never paid taxes on the money.

He also is accused of threatening a Vietnamese orchid farmer with eviction unless he paid him \$7,000.

Ige is scheduled to go on trial next month on seven unrelated misdemeanor campaign spending violations. Ige's attorney in that case, Michael McCarthy, called the latest charges a "whole series of civil claims they are painting as criminal claims."

Ige was defeated in his reelection bid in last fall's Democratic primary.

## Akaka, Inouye Reintroduce Hawaiian Recognition Bill

HONOLULU—U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka and fellow Hawaii Democratic Sen. Daniel Inouye reintroduced the Native Hawaiian recognition bill to the new Congress Jan. 22, with Akaka vowing to defend the measure against claims that it would establish, racial preferences for Hawaiians.

The bill would give Native Hawaiians the same federal status as most American Indian tribes, allowing them to set up a federally recognized system of self-governance.

Last year, it passed in the House and in the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, but never came to a vote in the full Senate.

Akaka said the bill would not circumvent last year's U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the *Rice v. Cayetano* case. That ruling overturned a state law barring non-Hawaiians from voting in Office of Hawaiian Affairs elections.

"This measure does not establish entitlements or special treatment for Native Hawaiians based on race," Akaka said. "This measure focuses on the political relationship afforded to Native Hawaiians based on the United States' recognition of Native Hawaiians as the aboriginal, indigenous peoples of Hawaii."

The measure is again before the Indian Affairs Committee, of which Inouye is the ranking Democrat and Akaka is a member.

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Special recognition was given to City Councilman Toru Miyoshi, who has served in the city and county government for 20 years, and has been a former Santa Maria Valley chapter president.

New chapter officers installed were: Kaz Oye, president; Jerry Namba, first vice president; Kaz Fujinami, second vice president; Irene Fujinami, corresponding secretary; Shige Toyohara, recording secretary; Peter Henmi, treasurer; Jerry Sakamoto, newsletter editor and scholarship chair; Jack Morishima, insurance commissioner; Shig Yamaguchi, publicity and historian; and board members Toru Miyoshi, Peter Ueyehara, Lily Furukawa and Roger Minami.

## Wisconsin Chapter

The Wisconsin chapter held an inaugural installation dinner on Jan. 21, at the Klemmer's Banquet Center in Milwaukee. Midwest Dis-

trict Gov. Marie Matsunami from Cincinnati installed the new officers. The keynote speaker was Dr. Franklin Odo with the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C.,

who spoke on the Smithsonian's Japanese American exhibits and the new National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism that was unveiled in November.



SANTÁ MARIA VALLEY INSTALLS OFFICERS—(Front row, from left): Lily Furukawa, Irene Fujinami, Kazuo Oye, Suzie Toyohara. (Back row, from left): Jerry Namba Esq., Toru Miyoshi, Peter Ueyehara, Shig Yamaguchi, Kazuo Fujinami, Jerry Sakamoto, Peter Henmi and National JA CL President Floyd Mori.

## APAs in the News

### Awards, Appointments, Announcements

#### AWARDS

##### Hawaii

**Derek Minakami**, Hawaii's Teacher of the Year, is a finalist in the National Teacher of the Year Program. He will travel to Washington in March for an interview by the selection committee. Other finalists include educators from Alabama, South Carolina and Vermont. President Bush is expected to announce the winner in April.

##### Los Angeles

Architect **Kirk Y. Shimazumi** was among four people and five rehabilitation projects to receive the 1999-2000 Historic Preservation Awards from the City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission. Shimazumi helped renovate the Vermont Square Library, the oldest existing library in Los Angeles.

#### POLITICS/APPOINTMENTS

##### Colorado

**Sen. Stan Matsunaka**, D-Love-land, made Colorado history on Jan. 10 as the first Democratic senator and first APA to be sworn in as president of the Colorado state Senate. The Akron, Colo., native has been a member of the Senate for six years, beginning in 1995 when he unseated Sen. Jim Roberts, a staunch anti-abortion and anti-regulation Republican. Although Matsunaka faces term limits in two years, he may consider a future bid for governor or U.S. Congress. His father, Harry, was a member of the 442nd RCT during World War II.

##### California

**Dr. March Fong Eu**, prompted by the presidential balloting fiasco in Florida, announced Jan. 11 she is forming an exploratory committee as the first step towards running for California Secretary of State next year, a post which she previously held for nearly two decades. The former California assemblywoman is currently a U.S. Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia. Her son, Republican Matt Fong, is the former state treasurer who lost a Senate bid in 1998. The primary elections are scheduled for March 5, 2002.

##### Carson, Calif.

**Helen Kawagoe**, immediate past national president of JACL and currently Carson city clerk, announced her candidacy for mayor of Carson.



KAWAGOE

is one of six candidates seeking the mayoral position, including former mayor **Michael Mitoma**. Also running will be councilman **Daryl Sweeney**, college instructor **James Peoples** and **Elito Santarina**.

##### Gardena, Calif.

**Terrence Terauchi**, a Gardena city councilman since 1999, announced he will run for mayor of Gardena. The Honolulu native is the immediate past president of



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Gardena JACL and has been on staff with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for 14 years. Challenging him for the mayoral post will be the city's Recreation and Human Resources Department manager, **Kelly Fujio**, who was the youngest candidate in the city council race two years ago. Others who filed papers for Gardena mayor are Councilman **Jim Cragin**, television production company president **Suleiman C. Edmondson**, and **Gualberto Maro**.

**Ron Ikejiri**, an attorney, announced he will run for the Gardena city council. Candidates in addition to Ikejiri are incumbent **Steven Bradford**, teacher **Paulette Francis**, political newcomer **Charles Funke**, and jewelry store owner **Oscar Medrano Jr.** They are seeking two open city council seats.

**Ingrid Tsukiyama**, Gardena's deputy city treasurer, announced her candidacy for city treasurer. She will challenge incumbent **Lorenzo Ybarra**. Tsukiyama, a business owner, has 20 years of financial experience, and will host a fund-raising dance on Feb. 10 at the Normandie Casino in Gardena from 8 p.m.-midnight to help support her campaign. For more information, call 310/768-3539 or e-mail [ingrid4treasurer@aol.com](mailto:ingrid4treasurer@aol.com). The Gardena city elections are scheduled to take place March 6.

##### San Diego, Calif.

**Dr. Mitsuo Tomita**, a longtime family practice physician at Kaiser Permanente and member of the San Diego JACL, was chosen by San Diego's new mayor **Dick Murphy** to chair the Asian American Advisory Board, a six-citizen board which will bring to the city's attention the issues and concerns of the local API community. Tomita, 52, is a Los Angeles native, having graduated from Dorsey High School, UCLA and UCSF medical school.

He is a past chair of the Union of Pan-Asian Communities (UPAC), a nonprofit social service organization.

##### San Francisco

**Jeff Adachi**, 41, a San Francisco public defender for 15 years, announced his intentions to run for the public defender's office at a campaign fundraiser on Jan. 31 in Japan.

He will face off **Kimiko Burton**, newly-appointed public defender who was named by San Francisco Mayor **Willie Brown** on Jan. 22 to head the office. Burton, a former public defender, is the daughter of California Senate Pro Tem President **John Burton** and **Brown's** goddaughter.

Critics have charged that Burton's appointment was politically motivated and is indicative of the close ties between **Brown** and Burton's family.

During Burton's first week in office, Adachi, who was on vacation, received a letter of termination on Jan. 26.

Prior to Burton's appointment, the public defender's office was headed by **Jeff Brown**, who was asked by **Gov. Gray Davis** recently to sit on the state Public Utilities Commission. Most considered Adachi to be **Jeff Brown's** hand-picked successor and assumed he would replace him.

##### VETERAN AFFAIRS

**Joe Hayashi**, who made history last year as one of 22 APA World War II veterans to be upgraded to the Medal of Honor, was given a posthumous letter of commendation from Mayor **Bill Bogard** at a Pasadena City Council meeting on Dec. 11. The letter was presented to Hayashi's sister, **Chiyu Watababe**. In addition, Councilman **Pat Little** proposed constructing a monument in honor of Hayashi and other Pasadena military heroes. Army Staff Sgt. Hayashi was killed in action in Tendola, Italy, on April 22, 1945. He was a member of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

**William Nakamura** and **James K. Okubo**, two Medal of Honor recipients who were also posthumously awarded the nation's top military honor last year, will be feted at a ceremony in their home state of Washington on March 25 at the Mercer Arakawa Seattle Center for their valor as members of the 100th/442nd RCT. Donations to help defray costs for the ceremony can be made out to the Nisei Veterans Committee, referenced to the Medal of Honor Committee, and sent to 1212 South King Street, Seattle, WA 98144.

A separate dedication ceremony, celebrating the recent naming of a federal courthouse after **Pic. Nakamura**, a rifleman in "G" Co., will take place in Seattle March 26.

## State Assembly Accepting Applications for Assembly Fellowship Program

Assemblymember **George Nakano** (53rd District) recently announced that the California State Assembly is accepting applications for the 2001-2002 **Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship Program**.

The program gives college graduates the opportunity to work as full-time assembly staff members while earning a stipend and 12 units of graduate course credit from California State University, Sacramento.

Fellows are assigned to work on a committee staff or in an assemblymember's capitol office. They also engage in weekly academic seminars with legislators, senior staffers, journalists, lobbyists and other state government officials. Fellows receive a monthly stipend of \$1,882 as

well as full health, dental, and vision benefits.

"The Assembly Fellowship Program is a rare opportunity for college graduates to participate in the legislative process," said Nakano. "The hands-on experience it provides can serve as a starting point for a recent graduate or a springboard for someone looking to change careers."

All applicants must have earned their undergraduate degree by October 2001. No specific major is required. Applications may be obtained by contacting **Angela Davison** at Assemblymember **Nakano's** District Office at 310/782-1553.

Applications must be post-marked by Feb. 28, 2001. Final selections will be made in May 2001.

## Writers Seeking Nisei U.S. Cadet Nurses

Writers **Thelma M. Robinson** and **Paulie M. Perry** are seeking to interview Nisei who participated in a government-sponsored scholarship program to train nurses from 1943 to 1945.

The two writers recently published "Cadet Nurse Stories: The Call for and Response of Women

During World War II." The book

may be purchased online at <[www.nursingsociety.org/catalog](http://www.nursingsociety.org/catalog)> or by calling 888/634-7575.

Nisei who were former cadet nurses can contact the authors by writing to Cadet Nurse Project, P.O. Box 471951, Aurora, CO 80047-1951.

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## 51st Annual Nisei VFW Reunion in Orange County

The 51st Annual Nisei Veterans of Foreign Wars Reunion will be held Feb. 16-18 at the Holiday Inn Select in La Mirada.

The annual reunion will be attended by members, wives, relatives and guests of the 13 Nisei posts throughout California. Post members registered to attend are from the Sacramento, San Francisco, Monterey, San Jose, Sierra, Hanford, San Fernando, Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, Gardena, Orange County, Vista and San Diego posts.

Events include a Friday evening welcome reception, Saturday night banquet, Sunday morning breakfast, memorial service and sayonara awards luncheon. Recreational events include a golf tournament on an optional Friday or Saturday, bowling and fishing tournaments on Saturday along with a sightseeing/shopping trip to Universal City.

The keynote speaker at the Saturday evening banquet will be the National Commander in Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, **John F. Gwizdak**. Also scheduled to attend the reunion are **Dept. of California Commander Arthur Harris Sr.**, **Dept. Senior Vice Commander Rocky Hockenull**, **Dept. Junior Vice Commander Gerald Anderson**,

Ladies Auxiliary President **Deborah Jacobs** and many district VFW officers.

Hospitality rooms hosted by each post following the Friday reception dinner and upon the conclusion of the Saturday night banquet are a highlight of the reunion.

"This 51st Annual Nisei VFW Reunion is being co-hosted by the **Kazuo Masuda Memorial VFW Post 3670** in Orange County, **John Yoshimura Memorial VFW Post 6945** in Vista and the **National City VFW Post 4851**," said **General Chairman Norio Ueyamatsu**. "With the memberships of all the Nisei VFW Posts diminishing in size, and hosting the reunion is a hardship on the few remaining active members. This may be the last reunion hosted by the local Orange County post."

There will also be an exhibit provided by the Japanese American Korean War and Vietnam War veterans; a display honoring Distinguished Service Cross recipient **Kazuo Masuda**, a presentation of the Japanese American Medal of Honor recipients, and souvenirs with literature of the Japanese American internment camps of World War II in conjunction with the "Day of Remembrance."

The scheduling of events on Saturday will allow time for many of the members and guests to attend the "Day of Remembrance" activities at the Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St. in the Little Tokyo section of downtown Los Angeles, from 2-4 p.m.

The theme of the Day of Remembrance event is "Building a Stronger Community Through Civil Rights and Redress." The event is held each year to commemorate the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President **Franklin D. Roosevelt** on Feb. 19, 1942, forcing the evacuation and incarceration of all persons of Japanese ancestry living on the West Coast of the United States.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is a national organization of veterans of all of America's wars and conflicts. The organization is seeking new members from the Korean and Vietnam Wars as well as Desert Storm and the Persian Gulf War.

For membership, the name of your local VFW post or reunion registration information, contact **Chairman Norio Ueyamatsu**, 714/281-1155, **Registration Chairman Ros Sadakane**, 714/637-5536 or **Commander Robert M. Wada**, 714/992-5461 or fax 714/523-9761.

## Veterans Host Q & A with JACL Leaders to Discuss Resisters Resolution

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unanimous or close to unanimous."

Mori refuted those claims, noting that the electoral process within the JACL was no different than any other election and required a certain amount of politicking. He shared about his own personal experiences in politics, saying how taking things for granted lost him some elections, while doing his "homework" and talking to delegates helped him win others.

"The vote was not fixed," said Mori. "It was not rigged. The vote, as I recall, came out to be about 64 to 32, so it was not a unanimous vote. But there were some people who did their homework, and I think, as you realize, that there were some people who failed to do their homework, and the votes turned out as it did."

In response to those who complained that there was not enough time at the national convention to voice their opposition during the resolution's debate, Mori advised them on the need to understand the rules of debating on the floor.

"A simple motion to suspend the rules and to allow more time, I think, would have been accepted by the chair of that particular day," said Mori. "But that motion was not made and probably people didn't understand how they could have extended the time of debate. This is done on many issues during the convention."

Mori also reassured community members like Frank Nishio, a Kibei from Fresno, who questioned whether JACL sponsored a veterans' tribute dinner during the national convention to appease the veterans.

"We recognize the role of the veterans, and the idea that we honored the veterans to appease them is not the case," said Mori. "Long before this issue was even an issue, it was decided that it would be a good time and place to honor veterans because of the Monterey (Military Intelligence Service) school and so forth."

But the 12 resolution opponents, who spoke at the three-and-a-half-hour meeting, repeatedly pointed out that there was no need for JACL to issue an apology to a group which they claimed were Japan sympathizers or hoodlums who beat up on others in camp.

To this, Mori responded that the resolution referred only to those resisters of conscience who fought in the courtrooms to have

their families and loved ones freed from the concentration camps and their constitutional rights restored.

"There were resisters of conscience, and I think that is why that point of 'conscience' is placed," said Mori. "This does not refer to hoodlums or those who were in gangs or sympathetic to Japan. ... I think we need to understand language as we go further in our discussion."

When faced with a statement that the resisters, unlike the veterans, did not risk "losing" anything, particularly their lives, Mori replied: "Someone said the resisters sat in jail and nothing happened to them. I don't know if you've been a convict or prisoner and have lost your freedom, but the stigma has stayed with these people up until today. There was a lot of pride and a lot of dignity that was lost by these people for making a stand on the Constitution. And to say that they experienced nothing, in my mind, is difficult to say. They experienced 40 years, 50 years of humiliation."

But Fred Hirasuna, JACL's oldest member, wasn't convinced. As in the past, he continued to voice his opposition to men he referred to as "draft dodgers," and emphasized that "we were at war, and under war conditions, there are certain things you have to give up and one of them might be constitutional rights as Americans."

In addition to the resisters resolution, some speakers spoke up in defense of the late Mike Masaoka, JACL's executive director during WWII.

### JACL Not Turning Its Back on Veterans

Despite facing, at times, harsh criticism, Mori and Tateishi repeatedly emphasized that the Nisei veterans held a special place within JACL and that the intent of the resolution was not meant to denigrate or offend them.

Through personal anecdotes, the two JACL leaders illustrated the level of respect they held for veterans and their commitment to them.

"As I look at my childhood, it was the war that developed a lot of the values that carried me throughout my life, and I highly value what all of you and my brothers did," said Mori, who had several brothers who served in the U.S. Army. Mori even became visibly emotional when he shared about one older brother who died in 1944 while

serving in the U.S. Army's Counter Intelligence Corp.

Tateishi recalled his childhood years at the Manzanar War Relocation Authority camp as he witnessed mothers placing gold stars in their windows signifying a lost son or of soldiers returning from battle, missing a limb.

In particular, Tateishi shared about the little lesson he received from one Nisei veteran who returned home minus an arm, a leg and a badly burned face.

"He was, in many ways, really grotesque, but he was a wonderful human being," recalled Tateishi. "I used to ask him how he survived all this and how he could go on. And he said, and I'll never forget this, he said, 'I go on because this is all I can give you.' And I knew what he meant, even as a kid. I knew he was sacrificing for us, that he symbolized the sacrifice of a whole generation. So we do honor the veterans. ... We're really proud of what you've done."

But at the same time, Mori and Tateishi said they have an obligation to carry out the mandates of the resolution, which they are in the process of doing.

According to Mori, he is currently gathering names of interested people to form a committee to carry out the resolution's directives. He has appointed Alan Teruya to head this committee and hopes to have a committee in place by the Feb. 9-11 national board meeting.

Both added, however, that they welcome further dialogue with the veterans.

"I am very sympathetic to what you're saying," said Mori. "If we can develop any kind of resolution that we can discuss at the next convention or even at a board meeting, I am open to discussion with you."

Tateishi voiced similar sentiment. "We welcome you at any time to call us back. We will talk to you, and in the process, we hope we'll be able to satisfy your needs and the vision you have for this organization and how you feel about the organization."

"We, who are among the leaders guiding this organization, aren't turning our backs on you. We will never turn our backs on you."

Nisei veteran Harry Tanabe plans to seize upon that invitation.

Tanabe, who resigned from the Florin JACL chapter, said this was "not a done deal" but in the same breath added that "I'm at a dilemma as to what our next step would be."

## JACL Membership Numbers Lower than Anticipated

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were enough reserves to handle that. In the past year, however, our membership losses doubled what we projected, reaching close to 16 percent.

It's difficult to know precisely why we experienced such an extraordinarily large decline in membership this past year, but whatever the reason, it's the major factor that has contributed to our current situation. Coupled with the membership decline were various other factors that have had an impact on our finances: our liability insurance doubling when our policy was up for renewal; a loss in income from not being able to complete a contract with the Veteran's Foundation; the loss of Legacy Fund distribution monies because the market dropped at the end of the year; advertising revenues for the PC not reaching the levels hoped for; not meeting the projected goals for fund-raising in the 1998-99 budget; our investment income dropping due to a fading market in the last half of the year.

The result of all this is that we're currently faced with a financial crisis.

To deal with this situation, we are making further cuts to the budget. I've frozen all travel and hirings, and am currently making further cuts to the budget — drastic cuts, leaving only the es-

sential operations and programs. If further adjustments are necessary, then hard choices will have to be made.

The preferred solution, obviously, is to find new resources and increase the ones we already have. At headquarters, we're working at finding new external funding (foundations and corporations) and will continue to seek out any and all possibilities for funding. We will be realigning staffing to accommodate an adjusted (i.e. reduced) budget and will work with chapters and district governors and regional directors to invigorate our membership campaign. Regional directors and district governors have already taken steps to boost memberships in their districts.

The bread-and-butter of our funding has always been membership. Throughout the 72 years of the JACL, we have operated on the support and generosity of our membership through their dues and contributions. As we struggle to meet the challenges of the current situation, we're calling on chapters to renew their efforts to bring in new members so that we can continue to do the great work this organization has done over the years.

I'm confident we will emerge from our current challenge with a stronger JACL and will continue to carry out the organization's mission to insure equality for all Americans. ■

## JACL Members Encouraged to 'Get-A-Member'

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friends or family members who are not in JACL who could benefit from JACL membership. Each of us can reach out to others and get someone to join JACL. Many Japanese Americans have had little or no involvement with JACL and may not have even heard of JACL. Many others who are familiar with JACL just need to be asked to join.

Although JACL now has many capable young leaders, our membership base is still mostly made up of the Nisei who are quickly getting older. It is absolutely es-


sential for JACL to recruit more younger members in order for the organization to flourish in the future. JACL appreciates your support and needs your help. Let's invite others to join JACL. We could even double our membership. Many of our older members are in a position to give a membership to children or grandchildren (or friends) by paying their dues to get them to join JACL. Hopefully, they will see the benefits of JACL and continue their membership for many years to come.

Let's all help JACL by getting a new member to join NOW. Thanks. ■

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# 'The Feeley Papers' Relocates from P.C. Archives

SOMETIME the end of February, you may find me tending to P.C. business back in Little Tokyo with the first transfer of national JACL archives to the Japanese American National Museum (JANM), specifically the Hirokazu National Resource Center. Several weeks ago, Nancy Araki, Cameron Trowbridge and Jessica Silver of the museum staff visited our office to see what to expect — correspondences, photos and newspaper clippings, mostly dating from 1952



By HARRY HONDA

with some documents from Salt Lake City

## Very Truly Yours

As and reported in the last regular issue (Nov. 17) before the Holiday Issue, the JACL papers will be catalogued and preserved at the recently established National Center for the Preservation of Democracy (NCPD) within the museum.

We expect our "Feeley Papers," now in 10 boxes, will comprise the first sizable lot to be "archived." Dr. Francis Feeley had dedicated many weeks and months during the late 1980s gathering hundreds of documents from different archives across the United States for his book on the Japanese

American internment, particularly the Pomona Assembly Center.

One paper in this lot that was unique for its candor was a history of the Temporary Community Council, Poston, Ariz., written by Dr. T.C. "Tep" Ishimaru, former TCC chairman, in November 1942. Formed in July to establish self-government, each block resident over age 18 voted for their representative to form this temporary council to serve as the legislative body at Poston. Election of officers by the body of 31 council members followed and "Tep," Nisei optometrist from Los Angeles, was chosen over San Francisco attorney Saburo Kido. While the WRA directives stipulated TCC members be citizens, the council recognized and wanted Nisei input from each block, they being older and more experienced in the way of life of the Japanese people. The WRA later changed their mind about the Issei.

The council, "Tep" said, was a "complaint department" at first and gradually managed to correct the "misunderstandings and misinformation" that circulated around the project and worked into and straightened out the "unregulated and misconceived departments." The TCC resigned as a body during the Poston incident (November 1942) under "unwieldy pressure by an over-zealous mob." Three months later, when calm was restored, a permanent community council was in place. His history then recalled some of the minor problems.

"The housing situation was ter-

rrible with overcrowded apartments of two and four families. What made it worse was the unavailability of partition material — the lack of privacy. The school building situation was absolutely shameful. Adobe may have been the essential material for such school buildings in this desert country, but were not completed the first year. So the next step was to use the recreation halls in the many Blocks, which scattered the school students all over the project (Camp I) without any central spot. [Camps] II and III were more fortunate in that they were not overcrowded, so were able to use one complete Block for schools.

"Officials in the WRA office in Washington cannot appreciate the life of Poston other than reading the many reports which were written. That psychologically they did not understand the Japanese has been a handicap. Thinking purely in the American mind is difficult in more ways than one."

And he wondered "why did not the WRA consider hiring of evacuee help under Civil Service rating [as] there are many capable men and women who can qualify. ... Doctors in the hospital" deserve better consideration than given. As we see the present relocation program, it is just depleting the staff and replacement is almost impossible because of the drain on

professional men for the war effort. ...

That's how it was in 1942 and the documents in all these files provide an "on-the-spot" look inside Poston and WRA camp administration overall.

A newcomer in San Diego after spending the 1970s teaching U.S. history in France for six years (including four semesters at the Sorbonne, the celebrated theological college founded in the 13th century), Dr. Feeley was introduced to a woman in 1942 that the Carlsbad City Library had received.

What grabbed his curiosity was that the letters were all written by Japanese Americans from a concentration camp in Los Angeles County — Pomona Assembly Center. To his delight, the recipient of these letters was willing to be interviewed — Mrs. Hazel Roberts, in her 80s, in Los Angeles. He also met with Nisei who recalled their camp experiences, searched the *Pomona Progress Bulletin* microfilms, read the camp newspaper *Center News* and found "most productive" the Carey McWilliams Collection at Claremont-Colleges' Honold Library.

The "Feeley Papers," as we tagged this special collection, totals 485 folders, five tapes, notes on index cards, spiral-bound booklets and the manuscript to (a) *A Strategy of Dominance: the History*

of an American Concentration Camp in Pomona, California, and (b) *The Uses of Social Science in America's Concentration Camps: The Japanese American Internment with Letters from a military detention center.*

JACL's first item, incidentally, was the late Lyle Kurisaki's black suitcase. Found were a copy of the 1936 JACL constitution, minutes of the final national council session and text of 11 resolutions of the JACL convention that year in Seattle. One committee recommended JACL have a song contest, separate prizes for the winning lyrics and the music. I have no idea whether there were any winners. But what has survived is the "JACL Hymn," words by Marion Taji and music by Marcel J. Tyrrel of Salt Lake City. It became an emotional rendition at the sayonara banquet at national conventions. The baritone voice of the late James Kasahara (Hollywood JACL president, 1966) with piano accompaniment by the late Ritsuko Kawakami (East LA. JACL president, 1966-67) still haunts me whenever I recall this almost sacred moment of a convention that has unforgettably faded into the past. ■

Anyone who discovers an old suitcase or cartons with JACL papers is encouraged to send them to the Pacific Citizen.

## An Interview With Outgoing and Incoming Chairs of JACL Nat'l U.S.-Japan Relations Committee: Mitoma and Toyoda

Just after the national convention this past summer, Edwin Mitoma (EYM), longtime chairperson of the National U.S.-Japan Relations Committee, stepped down from his position. Newly elected JACL national president Floyd Mori asked A. Maria Toyoda (AMT) to serve as the new chairperson and she accepted. Though no longer chairperson, Mitoma will continue to serve as a member of the committee. I had the opportunity to speak with both of them recently.



By EMILY MOTO MURASE

**E M M:** What motivates your interest in U.S.-Japan relations?

**AMT:** My doctoral dissertation was about the relationship between financial regula-

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tion and electoral politics in Japan. As part of my graduate work at Georgetown University, I had the opportunity to spend two years in Osaka and at Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo as a Monbusho fellow. After getting my degree, I joined the Stanford-Japan Center Research based in Kyoto as a researcher. Since then, I've been associate director of the Asia-Pacific Scholars Program, continue to be a research scholar at the Institute for International Studies, and will be a lecturer in the political science department at Stanford, where I continue to conduct research on Japan.

**EYM:** I have always felt that relations with Japan affected the well-being of Japanese Americans. What made me decide to become active is probably my family. You see, while I am Nisei, my wife is Kibei (born in the U.S. but raised in Japan). Also, my daughter married a Japanese man and is now living in Fuukuoka. In fact, I've just returned from visiting her in Japan.

**EMM:** How did you become involved in the U.S.-Japan Relations Committee?

**EYM:** We first began to discuss U.S.-Japan relations at the South Bay chapter in 1984. Then, in 1986, I joined the national committee under the leadership of Denny Yasuhara. I've served on the committee ever since.

**AMT:** Originally, Professor Daniel Okimoto was asked to speak at the national convention in Monterey. He was unable to attend, and since at Stanford we work closely together on research related to Japan, he suggested to the committee that I fill in.

**EMM:** Ed, what did you see as the main purpose of the committee?

**EYM:** Our goal was to monitor key events and issues in Japan, based on the belief that these things have an impact on JAs. I worked with a small group of folks who felt that U.S.-Japan relations were very important and I maintained a mailing list of about 60-70 people to whom I distributed relevant news items and analyses.

As you know, there really isn't much grassroots interest in Japan among JACL members. One of our key activities was to organize a workshop on U.S.-Japan issues for each of the national conventions. We started to hold these workshops at the 1988 Seattle convention and continued up until the 1998 Philadelphia convention, where, unfortunately, we did not have the support we needed to pull together a workshop. Floyd Mori was instrumental in organizing the workshop in Monterey this past summer.

**EMM:** Maria, what are some of the most pressing issues for the committee?

**AMT:** First, I would like to revisit the committee's mission statement. Building on the work Ed has put into the committee all these years, I want to make sure the committee's mission remains central and fit more tangentially to the civil rights mission of the JACL as a whole. At the same time, though, I'd like to narrow the focus of our mission to maximize our effectiveness.

For example, one of my goals is to expand the JA network with

Japanese folks. If you compare JAs with Chinese Americans, Korean Americans, and Indian Americans, our networks with our ancestral country are weak. I would like to see us strengthen our ties with the Japanese who are in the United States. I think that JAs have a lot to offer to the Japanese, and vice versa, in terms of information gathering and sharing, working towards common goals to improve relations, and open up mutually beneficial dialogue.

**EMM:** What are your near-term and long-term goals?

**AMT:** Creating a mission statement is my first goal. But I also need to think about the membership of the committee and recruitment.

**EYM:** Many members have not been active on the committee. Everyone should be asked if they wish to remain on the committee, but then you will need to recruit new members. It would be great to get more women and younger people involved. And it is important to get good geographic representation, from the East Coast to the West Coast, including Hawaii and the Japan chapter.

**AMT:** I'll be asking for nominations from all regions. In particular, I would like to see the committee work more closely with the Japan chapter. I travel to Japan a couple of times a year, so I am hoping to initiate a good relationship with the members there.

**EMM:** How can folks interested in the committee get information?

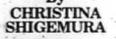
**AMT:** Those who are interested in the committee should send me an e-mail at atoyoda@eland.stanford.edu. I am hoping that we can put together a website that will be a link from the national JACL homepage, but for now, contacting me directly is the best way. ■

Murase has served on the National U.S.-Japan Relations Committee since 1984. This column is dedicated to the memory of Ted Shigeno, a very active member of the U.S.-Japan Relations Committee, a longtime Japan chapter board member, and the surrogate grandfather of young JACLers in the Japan chapter. He passed away on Sept. 26, 2000.

## We, the Jury

When I identify myself as a teacher, the first thing out of many people's mouths is, "It must be nice to have such long vacations." My response is usually, "Yes, it would be."

Since I became a teacher three and a half years ago, much of my "vacation" time has been spent working as a substitute teacher, taking Spanish language and other courses for teachers, planning lessons and preparing materials for my classroom. I spent my most recent vacation on-call for jury duty.



By CHRISTINA SHIGEMURA

Friends tell me that many

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courthouses require only one day from potential jurors. Under this type of system, all of the people who are not selected to be on a jury that day are sent home, and their jury duty is complete. I, however, was not summoned to such a courthouse. Instead, I had to report to the Hollywood Municipal Court, which requires two weeks of service or as long as the employer will pay. My employer, Los Angeles Unified School District, doesn't pay for any amount of jury service, which is why I had to serve during my vacation time. Teachers who serve during their vacation time are considered by the court as being able to serve on a jury for an unlimited amount of time, so I was stuck with the full two weeks. Bye, bye, vacation.

When I received the summons for jury duty, I didn't know quite what to expect. If I were chosen for a jury, would it be like the play, "Twelve Angry Men"? Of course, the jury would include women, and probably someone's cellular phone would ring during

the deliberations. Inevitably, some jurors would be faithful viewers of "Ally McBeal," "The Practice," or "Law and Order" and would expect both the prosecution and defense lawyers to do outrageous things. Instead of "Twelve Angry Men," a play about a modern jury might more accurately be called "Twelve Apathetic People Who Watch Too Much TV and Talk Constantly on Their Cell Phones." It doesn't have quite the same effect as the original title, but I'm sure it could be a highly successful movie if Julia Roberts played the lead.

On the first day of my jury service, an enormous man named Jeremy gave all of the potential jurors an orientation. This involved watching a videotape of several people who seemed to be extremely happy to be performing their jury service and listening as Jeremy explained what we would be expected to do if we were chosen as jurors or placed on call. Somehow, all of Jeremy's instructions to us sounded like questions.

"If you're going to be late, you need to call, okay? Because I need to know, okay?" Jeremy said. Even if I had wanted to, it didn't seem wise to argue with such a large man. I wondered how many people had tried.

At the end of our orientation, we had to wait around the courthouse for a few hours. When the judges had determined that no juries would be needed that day, we were all placed on-call and told to call an 800 number the following morning to see if we needed to come in the afternoon. I remained on-call for two weeks and only had to actually go to the courthouse a few times.

I wasn't chosen for a trial. I had to miss an out-of-town high school reunion because I was on-call, but otherwise it wasn't too bad. There were still some times to relax between Christmas shopping and The Bo and my quest for a semi-dwarf Fuyu persimmon tree for my mom's birthday.

All the same, I'm looking forward to my next vacation. I want to be wild and decadent; I want to sleep in till eight o'clock. ■

Christina Shigemura is a Hapa Yonsei.



# Advisory Commission Calls for Increased Protection of Civil Rights for AAPIs

Former President Clinton's Advisory Commission urged the federal government to take action on increasing cultural competency and protecting the civil rights of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The commission released an interim report with information gathered since their appointment by Clinton last May.

"A People Looking Forward" is the first of two reports to be submitted to the president and is based on information collected from meetings and briefings held throughout the country with community and business leaders. The commission has made several formal recommendations to the president contained in the interim report.

The commission has identified the protection of civil rights and equal opportunities for AAPIs as key priorities. Commission Chairperson Martha Choe used the Wen Ho Lee trial as an example of why AAPIs must be proactive and prepared to address issues that impact the community's right to fair treatment and due process.

"As commissioners and community leaders, we must remain vigilant if we are to successfully fight discrimination, racial profiling, hate crimes and other challenges that continue to plague our community to this day," said Choe.

The commission also stressed the need to have culturally competent material for AAPIs. Choe cited recent voting ballot irregularities in New York at six voting sites in Flushing, where Chinese-language ballots were translated incorrectly. The "Democratic" label was translated as "Republican" and "Republican" was labeled "Democratic" in state elections.

"This report is unprecedented," said Executive Director Shamima Singh. "It represents the months of hard work and research by the commission and members of the

community. I am optimistic that the new administration will use these findings to better serve the Asian American and Pacific Islander community."

The commission sent the Bush Administration a congratulatory letter and hopes to meet with him in the near future.

The 15 commissioners have a history of involvement with the APA community and have expertise in several fields. Dr. David Ho, director and chief executive officer of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York; Jacinta Titali Abbott, vice president and assistant general counsel for Tenet Healthcare Corporation in Philadelphia; Mukesh "Mike" Patel of Atlanta, founding member of the Asian American Hotel owners Association; and Gloria Castle of Virginia, special assistant to the president of the American Federal of State, County and Municipal Employees, are

but a few of the appointed commissioners. Martha Choe, director of the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development for the State of Washington, serves as commission chair.

The President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders was established by Executive Order 13125. The mandate of the executive order is to improve the quality of life of AAPIs by increasing participation in federal programs; fostering research and data collection for AAPI populations and sub-populations; and increasing public and private sector community involvement to improve the health and well-being of AAPIs nationwide.

Information about the President's Advisory Commission and the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is available at [www.aapi.gov](http://www.aapi.gov).

## UCLA Offers Summer Program on Hawai'i's AAPI Communities

The UCLA Asian American Studies Center, in conjunction with the American Studies Department of the University of Hawai'i, Manoa, will once again offer its multicultural summer program in Honolulu for graduate, undergraduate and high school students.

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will gain an understanding and appreciation for Hawai'i's distinct nature as a diverse and dynamic AAPI population.

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Directed by Erin Wright and Roderick LaBradford of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, the program runs from June 30 to Aug. 11, 2001.

For more information, call UCLA Summer Session at 310/794-8340 or e-mail [travel@summer.ucla.edu](mailto:travel@summer.ucla.edu). View the website at [www.summer.ucla.edu/travel](http://www.summer.ucla.edu/travel). Financial aid is available to qualified UCLA students; FAFSA is due by March 2. All other students should inquire about financial aid at their home institutions.

## BOOK REVIEW

# 'Growing Up Nisei' Captures Innovative Portrait of California Nisei

By DR. LANE HIRABAYASHI

Historian David K. Yoo has wrought a lively and innovative portrait of California's Nisei, the second-generation Japanese Americans.

Treating the decades between the passage of the 1924 Immigration Act and the 1949 trial of Iva Toguri, Yoo's account is knit together by a careful examination of Nisei discourses on identity that occurred in and around key community institutions: ethnic schools, churches and the vernacular press.



Culling quotes and biographical accounts from a wide range of primary sources, Yoo vividly illustrates how Nisei grappled with identity issues. Central to his account are the dynamics of intra-group variation among the Nisei generation, stemming from differing religious, political and gender standpoints. Even so, it is clear that the Nisei's opportunities were curtailed because they were phenotypically too distinct from Euro-Americans.

In Yoo's account, the issue of "race" looms large over many dimensions of Nisei life before the war. Yoo demonstrates, however, that the relatively

protected space of ethnic community organizations allowed the Nisei to respond creatively.

In sum, before the war, the Nisei utilized ethnic schools, churches and the vernacular press as sites in which they were able to discuss their situation. More importantly, the Nisei developed individual and collective responses to the prejudice and discrimination that curtailed their lives in America.

In a short chapter on the war years, Yoo traces processes of racial formation through mass incarceration. Again, his focus is on education in the camps as well as religious life. Then, in one of the most interesting chapters, "Insiders on the Outside," Yoo focuses on Nisei journalists Larry and Guyo Tajiri and James Omura, and their analyses of the crises of the 1940s. Yoo's careful reading of editorial commentaries reveals, again, that the Nisei journalists played an active role in the generational task of conceptualizing and negotiating their identity as Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Through an analysis of the extended life histories collected in Chicago by the late Charles Kikuchi for the Japanese American Evacuation and Resettlement Study, Yoo traces the Nisei's resettlement back into the larger society during the 1940s. Yoo is able to draw from these interviews in a creative yet systematic fashion in order to document the Nisei's diverse and sometimes oppositional views in regard to race relations, identity and democracy.

In an epilogue re-examining the infamous "Tokyo Rose" trial of 1949, Yoo proposes that the postwar trajectory of the Nisei was still impacted by popular suspicions concerning their loyalty, even after the camps had been closed.

"Growing Up Nisei" effectively demonstrates that, despite the constraints they faced, Nisei developed strategies that would win them greater acceptance and equality within the larger society. Yoo also shows how and why community institutions were key resources in the process of identity formation for many Nisei, both before and immediately after the war.

Dr. Lane R. Hirabayashi is a professor of ethnic studies at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and is the author of "The Politics of Fieldwork: Research in an American Concentration Camp" (University of Arizona Press, 1999).

**Growing Up Nisei: Race, Generation, and Culture Among Japanese Americans of California, 1924-1949**  
By David K. Yoo  
University of Illinois Press  
244 pp., \$42.50 hardback, \$17.95 paper.

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**Against the Flood**  
By Ma Van Khang  
Curbstone Press  
306 pp., \$15.95 paperback



This book caused a sensation in Vietnam when it was published in 1999 because of its controversial description of sex and politics in contemporary Vietnamese society. The plot revolves around Khiem, a writer and editor of a publishing house who is attacked by a clique of more conformist writers, resulting in the banning of his book. His lover, Hoan, is slandered and fired from her job. Hoan leaves Hanoi, becomes involved in opium trafficking and is arrested. But after a long period of suffering, Khiem and Hoan are reunited.

**Phoenix Eyes**  
By Russell Charles Leong  
University of Washington Press  
208 pp., \$30 hardback, \$16.95 paperback

This collection of 14 short stories reveals the lives of characters linked and separated by their experiences as contemporary Asians and Asian Americans. A monk in Southern California searches for an artist capable of painting a traditional Bodhi tree, which distracts him from the difficulties of adjusting to a new country. A young teenager, sold into prostitution to finance her brothers' education, saves her hair trimmings — the one part of her body she controls — to burn once a year in a temple ritual. Divided into three sections, the book draws its characters from states of ignorance, desire and rebirth in the Buddhist tradition.

**The Barbarians Are Coming**  
By David Wong Louie  
Putnam  
384 pp., \$23.95 hardback, \$12.95 paperback

In his first novel, author and UCLA professor David Wong Louie depicts both the chasms and bonds within a Chinese American family in the late 1970s. Sterling Lung is an American-born son of immigrants who turns his back on his roots and becomes a gourmet chef at an affluent country club in Connecticut. In this humorous, sometimes poignant tale of assimilation, there are deaths, near deaths and plenty of food to keep the reader coming back for more.

**The Floating Girl**

By Sujata Massey  
Harper Collins  
293 pp., \$24 hardback



This is Sujata Massey's fourth novel in the Rei Shimura mystery series. This time around, Shimura is writing for a monthly magazine published in Tokyo and is assigned to profile a young comic artist. But when the artist turns up missing and his friend is found floating in the Sumida River, Shimura realizes there's more to this assignment than she had anticipated.

**The Essence of Camphor**  
By Naiyer Masud  
The New Press  
187 pp., \$21 hardback

Recently translated from Urdu, this collection of seven short stories brings India's literary and cultural tradition to North American audiences. The perfume in "Essence of Camphor" is driven to create a scent that captures memories of a longed-for childhood friend, while "Sheeha Ghat" tells of one boy's unusual transition into manhood, and "Ba's Mourners" delves into an unnamed character's pathological fear of brides. In each of his tales, Masud captures ordinary experiences with a lyrical mysticism and loving humanity.

**The Hand of Buddha**  
By Linda Watanabe McFerrin  
Coffee House Press  
192 pp., \$13.95 paperback

In Linda Watanabe McFerrin's latest collection of short stories, women from various ethnic backgrounds and regions find themselves in situations that are either slowly disintegrating or spinning wildly out of control. But throughout it all, her characters maintain a sense of humor. The title of the book refers to a green citrus fruit from Asia, which is shaped like a pair of hands in prayer.

**Stone Field, True Arrow**  
By Kyoko Mori  
Henry Holt  
279 pp., \$24 hardback

Kyoko Mori's first adult novel focuses on Maya Ishida, who, as a child, was torn from her artist father in Japan and raised by her ambitious mother in Minneapolis. As an adult, Ishida constructs a safe marriage and quiet life weaving clothes in a country studio. But after her father's death, Ishida questions her marriage and her decision not to pursue an artistic career.

**Life Isn't All Ha Ha Hee Hee**  
By Meera Syal  
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British actress and screenwriter Meera Syal tells a hilarious yet moving story about friendship, marriage and betrayal while delving into the lives of women over 30 and Asians in England today. Set amidst London's Indian population, three childhood friends — Chila, Sumita and Tania — navigate cultural, generational and gender differences in a novel which combines smart social satire and slapstick comedy.

## NonFiction

**Japanese Canadian Redress: The Toronto Story**  
By the Ad Hoc Committee for Japanese Canadian Redress: The Toronto Story  
HpF Press, 376 pp.

An ad hoc committee was formed from the Toronto chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadians to write this book, which recognizes the personal sacrifices made by many "un-



sung heroes of the Canadian redress movement in Toronto, and recounts the division within the community over the basic principle and direction of the campaign. It also outlines the intense political maneuvering that went on in the Toronto Japanese community in the years leading to the signing of the redress agreement.

**Modern Girls, Shining Stars, the Skies of Tokyo**  
By Phyllis Birnbaum  
Columbia University Press  
255 pp., \$14.95 paperback

This collection of biographical essays explores the lives of five women — two actresses, two writers and a painter — who did their best to stand up and cause more trouble than was considered proper in Japanese society. Their lives stretch across decades of explosive cultural and political transformations in Japan. The author draws on interviews, memoirs, newspaper reports and fictional accounts to reveal the lives of the women whose passions challenged the status quo and influenced attitudes of their day.

**John A. Burns: The Man and His Times**  
By Dan Boylan and T. Michael Holmes  
University of Hawaii Press  
362 pp., \$80 hardback, \$14.95 paperback

Many recognize the late John A. Burns as a significant figure in Hawaii's political life for the 30 years following the end of WWII. This period is even referred to as the "Burns Years," and U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye considers Burns his "political father." This biography follows Burns' life, from high school dropout to head of the

Honolulu Police Department's Espionage Bureau before WWII to governor of Hawaii.

**Words Matter: Conversations With Asian American Writers**  
Edited by King-Kok Cheung  
University of Hawaii Press  
392 pp., \$27.95

This compilation is the first collection of interviews with some of the best 20th century APA writers. Included are Jessica Hagedorn, Paul Stephen Lim, S.P. Sontow, Meena Alexander, Myung Mi Kim, Le Ly Hayslip, Junie Mirkintani, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, Al Robles, Philip Kan Gotanda, David Wong Louie, Gish Jen, Russell Leong, Amy Uyematsu, Li-Yung Lee, Wendy Law-Yone, Gary Pak, Karen Tei Yamashita, Hisaye Yamamoto and Wakako Yamauchi.

**Politics of Fieldwork: Research in an American Concentration Camp**  
By Lane Ryo Hirabayashi  
University of Arizona Press  
219 pp., \$35 hardback

This book examines the experiences of Japanese American field assistants, who conducted research within the WWII American concentration camps. In particular, Lane Hirabayashi focuses on the late Dr. Tamie Tsuchiyama, an advanced doctoral student in anthropology who had been hired in 1942 to conduct ethnographic fieldwork for the University of California at Berkeley's Japanese American Evacuation and Resettlement Study.

**Ganbatte**  
By-Jan Kurahara  
1st Books Library  
256 pp., \$15.55 paperback



This autobiography details the author's experience as a JA dealing with prejudice in Oregon during WWII, as he reflects upon the events and choices which shaped his and his family's life. The last chapter re-

veals the local county sheriff's discovery of files from 1937 to 1942, which document the hiring of 138 "Special Deputies" used to spy on JA residents prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

**Hayao Miyazaki: Master of Japanese Animation**  
By Helen McCarthy  
Stone Bridge Press  
240 pp., \$18.95 paperback

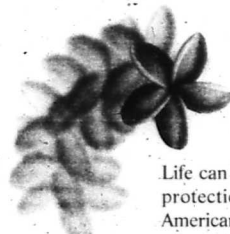


Hayao Miyazaki has set new standards for feature-length animation, and Helen McCarthy offers the first book in English to introduce Miyazaki's major works including "Princess Mononoke," "My Neighbor Totoro," "Kiki's Delivery Service," and many others. Interviews with Miyazaki are mixed with critical evaluations of art, plot, production, themes, character sketches, technical data and a complete filmography.

**Second Kinshi: Reflections on Tule Lake**  
By The Tule Lake Committee  
162 pp., \$32.95, plus \$3.95 shipping & handling and \$1 for each additional copy (San Francisco residents add 8.5% sales tax), paperback



New material and photographs are included in the second edition of the book, which is based on interviews conducted in 1978, 1979 and at Tule Lake pilgrimages in 1994 and 1996. The six-year effort was made possible through the help of John and Reiko Ross, a grant from the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund and individual donations. A portion of the sales from the book will be used to fund Tule Lake pilgrimages. Checks should be made to the Tule Lake Committee and sent to P.O. Box 170141, San Francisco, CA 94117.



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## Letters to the Editor

### Nisei Veterans Vis-a-vis Draft Resisters

After meeting with JACL National President Floyd Mori and JACL Executive Director John Tateishi in Sacramento to discuss the recently passed resolution of apology to the draft resisters of World War II, we veterans have not changed our opinion that there is no need to apologize.

We feel it is an ill-conceived idea fostered by the younger JACL leaders who did not experience the difficult and traumatic period during WWII. The justice system as we know it today did not exist during WWII. Why exacerbate the situation by being a draft resister and demonstrating a pro-peace stance? JACL leaders of that time were beaten and soldiers in the 100th/442nd, and the MIS were ridiculed and harassed. Where are the apologies for those actions?

To recognize and apologize to the draft resisters will smirch the integrity of the Nisei killed in action during WWII. They put their lives on the line to prove our loyalty to America so that we could have a better life.

George Shinji Saito, after his younger brother Calvin was killed in action said, "With the sacred duty that had been and yet to be made, this will allow the Japanese Americans to return to their homes along the West Coast with dignity and pride and indeed one day join the mainstream of American life." Four days later, in the Battle of Bruyeres, France, George Saito met his end.

Today, Saito's prophecies have come true. They took a "principled stand" which can never be matched by the draft resisters. There are many others of the same dedication who never came back; they cannot speak, but we can and we must.

The wartime JACL leaders of Mike Masakoa, Saburo Kido, Henry Shimizu, Min Yasui, Sim To-gasaki, Dr. Tom Yatabe, Fred Tayama, Rev. John Yamazaki and others set the course of the enviable position we find ourselves in today. Future JACL conventions should consider a resolution of support to these gentlemen of the past.

A point of contention made at the Sacramento forum was that things were already stacked against the veterans when the resister resolution was presented for discussion at the Monterey convention. We had no prior access to the delegates and we could not talk to anyone because we did not know who to talk to.

Approximately 70 veterans attended the forum with delegations from Fresno, San Jose/Monterey, and the San Francisco/Bay Area. We received telephone support from Denver and Hanford. We believe we have support of the entire Nisei population. They went through the wartime experience, they felt, and they saw.

James Iso  
Leo Hosoda  
Gary Shiota  
Tom Kashinabara  
Tom Fujimoto  
Sus Satou

### New Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism

Nov. 9, 2000, was a proud day and moment for Japanese American communities across the United States. After nearly a full generation of dreaming, a stunning memorial, the only one in Washington, D.C., to honor a single ethnic group, was dedicated.

Although construction of the memorial was not yet complete, the original dedication date set seven years earlier was kept. Postponing the date could have deprived many of the elder attendees from participating in the event.

Three thousand individuals took part in the three-day event. On the day of the dedication ceremony, the stage was decorated with banners, naming the War Relocation Authority internment camps. Stone panels had the camp names permanently carved into them and the inner walls listed quotes from elected Nikkei leaders and civil rights leader Mike Masakoa.

Participants in the dedication program included Attorney General Janet Reno, Undersecretary of Defense Rudy De Leon, Grant Ujifusa, co-author of "The American Almanac of Politics," Ann Curry, Emmy-winning newscaster from the "Today" show; NJAMF board chairman, retired Rear Admiral Melvin Chioigi; recently appointed Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta; U.S. Congressman Robert Matsui (D-Sacramento), NJAMF Executive Director Cherry Tsutsumida, and Rudy Tokiwa, 442nd veteran.

In order for the memorial to become meaningful in the general public's mind, we must continue to educate ourselves and others about our history and legacy. It was heartening to learn that the American History Museum of the Smithsonian Institution will be in part responsible for carrying out the educational portion of the memorial. The major portion of this job was granted to the National Japanese American Museum in Los Angeles.

The NJAMF board will continue to meet to assure the ongoing education of the memorial. The next meeting will be in Las Vegas, the second weekend in February.

Judy Nagawa  
via e-mail

### Chiropractic Care

Congratulations on your 2000 Holiday Issue. It was very informative, educational, and covered a broad spectrum of health issues and advice. I'm sure that it was a large undertaking for you and your staff. My wife and I have been JACL members for over 18 years and look forward to the Holiday Issue at the end of each year.

I was concerned while reading through the articles that the chiropractic care profession was omitted. I have been a practicing chiropractor for the past 19 years in the Selma area, 20 miles south of Fresno.

Chiropractic is the largest alternative or natural health care profession in the world. It has been growing rapidly due to the rise in alternative healing needs and the disdain for chemical/drug hazards that occur for many individuals.

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If there should be any future editions concerning health and wellness, please feel free to contact me or any doctors of chiropractic in our area. There are many outstanding chiropractors in the Northern California/Bay area who would be happy to be of assistance.

Randel M. Yano, D.C.  
Selma, Calif.

### Holiday Issue 2000

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the Health and Wellness Holiday Issue 2000. The health articles were informative and appreciated. Thank you very much. In appreciation,

Keiko Nigoro  
San Diego, Calif.

### Congratulations Norman Mineta

I am thrilled that Norman Mineta has been selected for the Cabinet post of Transportation Secretary. And, watching him on TV, I am proud to hear words such as "strong," "heavyweight" and "an authentic Democrat" used in describing him.

Norman Mineta was in my Sunday School class in Heart Mountain back in the early days of camp. He was already bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. Our class of 11-12 year old boys called themselves "Trail Blazers." Little did he or I or anyone dream then that one day Norman would be destined to blaze important new trails for our country!

Congratulations, Norm Mineta — trail blazer in action and in deed!

Miwako Monica  
Olga Miya  
New York City

### Honoring the Issei

In June of 2000, an article regarding the "Issei" bronze statue dedicated at the White River Valley Museum was mentioned in an edition of the Pacific Citizen. I don't think there are very many full-size sculptures of Japanese Americans anywhere.

This work has brought a number of inquiries from former residents and friends. I have been able to reestablish contact with a number of former valley residents, giving some who left here as very young children information about their homes, and passing on family history to the museum.

This occasion was covered by the North American Post, Rafu Shimpo, local papers, as well as a Spanish language paper in Portland.

The P.C. and JACL have been a big part of my life as my oldest brother Tom Issei was very active in the JACL locally and nationally since its beginning. He served as the NCWNP district representative.

Thanks again.  
Mac (Ise) Yamada  
Kent, Wash.

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## Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Amemiya, Minoru**, 78, Ames, Iowa, Nov. 2, San Francisco-born; Topaz internee, veteran; survived by wife Grace; sons Michael, Robert and wife Pat; sisters Tuna Fune and husband Richi, Masako MacFarlane and husband John.

**Hojo, Rev. Ejitsu**, 89, San Jose, Jan. 18, Fukui-ken-born; Gila River internee; minister at the San Jose Buddhist Temple and formerly with the Salt Lake City and Stockton Buddhist Churches; survived by wife Yumiko; sons Testu (San Leandro), 1 g.

**Ishida, Dr. Itaru**, 83, Long Beach, Jan. 12, retired dentist; survived by wife Mable; daughters Shirley Wiley and husband Brian, Janet, and Dr. Kenneth, Wesley; 3 g.; 4 sisters, 5 brothers.

**Kayano, Kenneth**, 54, Spokane, Wash., Dec. 12, survived by mother Matsuye, brother Edward, sister Lynn Ferguson.

**Kitada, Masao B.**, 90, Detroit, Mich., Nov. 12, Bellflower-born; survived by sons Leland, Curtis; 5 g.; predeceased by wife Haruye Ikeya Kitada.

**Komoto, Joe Yoshio**, 84, Ontario, Ore., Nov. 17, Gardena-born; survived by wife Midori; daughters Judy Lum and husband James, Marcia Kusaka and husband Ron, Melanie Gilbert and husband Dr. Wayne, son Robert and wife Janet; 3 g.; brother Kazuo (Kab) and wife Dorothy; predeceased by parents and daughter Mary Jo.

**Konishi, Hank**, 81, Rocky Ford, Colo., WWII Army MIS veteran of the Philippines and postwar in Tokyo; survived by wife Amy; daughter Sandie Dell and husband John (Rocky) Ford, son Steve Konishi and wife Melinda (Visalia); 6 g.; 2 gcs; sisters Minnie Babamoto and husband Takeshi (Los Angeles), Tazu Shimoguchi (Mercer Island, Wash.).

**Kumagai, Dwight Eugene**, 53, Portland, Dec. 1; Caldwell, Idaho-born; survived by daughters Chandra, Kayla, son Jason; brothers Arnold, Dale; sister Laraine Sage.

**Matsumoto, Tsyeko**, Springfield, Va., Nov. 9, survived by son Richard; daughter Karen Dunphy and husband John; sister Yoneko Hayase; 2 g.

**McKuin, Molly (Fujisaki)**, 84, Queens, N.Y., Dec. 4; Walnut Grove-born; survived by brother Tom Fujisaki (Los Angeles); sister Betty Kanagaki (Queens); many nieces and nephews; predeceased by sister Shin, Ishizuka, brother Jack Fujisaki.

**Mizoguchi, Dorothy**, 80, Spokane, Wash., Nov. 16; Gresham, Ore.-born; survived by husband George, sons Dudley, Dwight, Duane; 4 g.; 1 ggc.

**Mizoguchi, June Ueda**, 79, Puyallup, Wash.-born R.N.; survived by daughters Caroline Diamond and husband Billy (Auburn, Wash.); Barbara Assara and husband David (Seattle); San Mark and wife Kimberly (Auburn); 4 g.; sisters Ruth Sugi and Sadie O'Leary (New York), Kiyo Hiatt, (Florida); brother Herbert Ueda (New Hampshire).

**Mori, Hideo**, 74, Woodland Hills; Wyo.-born; survived by wife Ann; sons Warren, Bruce; daughter Suzanne; sister Fujiko Marchant; brothers Shigemitsu, Nobuo; predeceased by parents Jinbei and Hayano; brother Charles Shigo.

**Mato, Michiko**, 92, Camarillo, Oct. 23; survived by daughters Lucille Tayama (Ohio), Katherine Moore and husband Dick (N.Y.), Marion Morioka and husband Eddie (Camarillo); two brothers; 4 g.

**Numata, Hannah H.**, 83, Spokane, Wash., Dec. 21; survived by sons Richard, Robert, Gerald, James; 10 g.; sister Helen; predeceased by husband George.

**Otsuji, George**, 83, Detroit, Jan. 20; Jerome, Ark., internee and WWII U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife June Ayako Miyama; sons Gary George, M.D. and wife Maryann Minetola, Robert Albert, Ph.D.; 9 g.; 2 ggc; predeceased by siblings Ted, Fumiko, Kay and Ben.

**Rokutani, George**, 88, Mound, Minn., Dec. 16, survived by wife Michiye; daughters Barbara Mizutachi and husband Jimmy, Joan Wagner and husband Kenneth; brother Sam and wife Jun; 4 g.; 7

**Sakaguchi, Martha M.**, 72, Idaho Falls, Idaho, Nov. 9, Idaho Falls-born; survived by husband Sam; daughter Patsy Komoda and husband Neil (Idaho Falls); sons Kent and wife Joy (Aiea, Hawaii), Ben (Idaho Falls), Wes and wife Karen (Kaneohe, Hawaii); 6 g.; brothers Frank Yamasaki and wife Margaret (Idaho Falls), Kazuo Yamasaki (Fukuoka, Japan), sisters Machi Fukui and husband Gene (Temon, Utah), Emory Ogawa and husband Takashi (Powell, Wyo.); sister-in-law Sally Yamasaki (Idaho Falls); predeceased by brothers Shinji and Sam Yamasaki.

**Shimizu, Michie**, 88, Chicago, Oct. 4; Long Beach-born; survived by sister Kazu Matsukuma and husband Kyoshi (Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii); brother George-Shimizu (Greenbrae).

**Suginoto, Ken**, 93, Mountain View, Jan. 19; Hiroshima-born; one of the earliest creators and teachers of bonsai in the United States; survived by wife Kinuyo; sons Tak (Palo Alto), Lou (Saratoaga), daughter June Noda (Denver); 6gc.

**Tanda, James**, 92, Salinas, Jan. 11; Salinas-born; survived by wife Marjorie; sons Wayne and wife Diane (Morgan Hill), daughter Jean Hirasaka and husband Bob (Gilroy); 2 g.; 2 brothers in Salinas; Henry and wife Margaret, Charles, and wife Grace.

**Tobo, Ayako**, 75, Oxnard, Dec. 3.

**Tokeshi, Kanako**, 99, Temple City, Dec. 30; Okinawa-born; survived by brother Ryohei Henzan.

**Uemura, Maye Mitsuyoshi**, 77, Minneapolis, Dec. 18; survived by husband Joseph; brother Tom Oye; son Wesley and wife Makiko; daughter Ghana.

**Wakabayashi, Masaru "Ben"**, 85, Denver, Dec. 19; Fresno-born; WWII Army veteran; survived by wife Yuki; son Dennis (Littleton, Colo.); daughter Mary Jane Wakabayashi-Green (Aurora, Colo.); 1 g.

**Wakasugi, Mary Yagami**, 82, Bakersfield, Nov. 15; Emmet, Idaho-born; longtime resident of Oregon Slope; survived by husband Mamoru; daughters Mary Ann Wight and husband Larry, Kathy Bowe and husband Darryl; son Scott; 3 g.; brother Manabu Yamada and wife Mary; sister Rina Fukuda and; sister-in-law Kimi Yamada.

**Wu, Li Yuh (Lee)**, 62, Oxnard, Oct. 27; Taipei, Taiwan-born; survived by son Johnny Wu; daughters Eddie Stassi, Susan Onizuka; 3 g.

**Yamauchi, George Kaoru**, 86, Pasadena, Wash., Nov. 6; Spokane, WWII veteran; survived by son Dr. Terry Yamauchi and wife Allison; daughters Pamela Torgerson and husband Jon, Patti Jo Yamauchi and husband Chuck Steury; 6 g.; predeceased by wife Mari, son Joel.

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# JACL Works to Preserve National Monument Designation for Minidoka

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Butch Otter, Sen. Mike Crapo and Sen. Larry Craig to preserve the site.

Crapo, in his statement, said, "Preserving this site is important as we note the hardships Japanese Americans faced during World War II and the lesson it provides for all Americans."

The offices of Reps. Robert Matsui, D-Calif., and Mike Honda, D-Calif., also indicated that they are closely watching the situation and will do what they can to ensure that the site remains protected.

On Jan. 29, Honda's office sent a letter to Bush, which read in part: "I am concerned that, in the process of reviewing actions taken during the final weeks of the Clinton administration, you may be reconsidering this decision. As a third-generation Japanese American who was interned with his family in Amache, Colorado, during World War II, I urge you to uphold this historic effort."

Meanwhile, Denver-based Mountain States Legal Foundation filed a lawsuit on Jan. 26, questioning the constitutionality of the Antiquities Act of 1906 under which Clinton established 18 new national monument sites, including Minidoka, and expanded two others. The lawsuit aims to undo the designation of six monuments in the West, arguing that only Congress has the right to regulate public land use.

The Minidoka site was selected to come under federal protection when then-President Clinton signed an executive order on Jan. 17, under the Antiquities Act of 1906. Under this act, the president has authority to designate land to become a national monument if it holds historical or scientific significance.

It is the second highest level of protection a site can receive, following the placing of land under the National Park Service's

Quality. Sakura's efforts were also key in getting the president's initiative to preserve the WWII camps passed.

"Dan spearheaded this" said with Lenna Aoki [former director of Congressional and Legislative Affairs in the Department of the Interior]. And there were a lot of people in the background in the Interior who were working on this who gave some tremendous help."

On Dec. 29, Tateishi received a phone call from Sakura, who ex-

"We really had five days to get this done," said Tateishi. "And in view of the urgency of this, we wanted to go to the camp that had the clearest road. This happened to be Minidoka."

Once Minidoka was chosen, Mori flew out on a moments notice to meet Sakura at the Minidoka site where they surveyed the former camp site and talked with local officials and residents.

"Minidoka is a very important part of Japanese American history, and this was an opportu-

nitely the scenes," said Larry Grant, IDC governor. "Maya Hata Lemmon of Twin Falls, Idaho, should be singled out for special recognition. She began the move for preserving the camp site when there was nothing to indicate success such as this was even a dream. Micki Kawakami and other Idaho JACLers were also key players in leading the charge to preserve and remember the camp."

He added, "This is a giant step for America to continue to remember a dark page of civil rights history in order to ensure it is never to be repeated."

"I'm jubilant," said Micki Kawakami, IDC vice governor. "It was a courageous move by Clinton to utilize the Antiquities Act to make Minidoka a national historic site. I'm glad that this will bring recognition, historic significance, and hopefully funds to properly implement the honor."

Kawakami gave credit to those who worked to erect a national monument marker — Masa Tsukamoto, Hero Shiosaki, George Shiozawa and many of the senior Pocatello-Blackfoot chapter members. She also acknowledged Ralph Peters, Maya Hata Lemmon and other Jerome County Historical Society members, along with educators and historians like Eric Walze, Priscilla Wegars and Robert Sims.

As for Maya Hata Lemmon, a former Gila River camp internee, she provided a lengthy list of people to be thanked, which was best summed up by: "Our thanks goes to all of them. We look forward to continued support and partnerships."

Mori added that they hope to eventually get Minidoka protected under the NPS and to receive federal funding. ■

**"This is a giant step for America to continue to remember a dark page of civil rights history in order to ensure it is never to be repeated."**

Larry Grant, IDC Governor

(NPS) jurisdiction. Once a property is under NPS protection, it can never fall into private ownership. Land under the Antiquities Act is not guaranteed this level of protection, but there has been no precedent of an executive order being reversed.

The JACL, on both the national and chapter level, has been closely involved in getting Minidoka protected. In particular, Tateishi has been working closely with Daniel Sakura, who, until the recent transition of administrations, was working as a White House staff member on the Council on Environmental

planned to him that Clinton planned to protect half a dozen sites under the Antiquities Act of 1906 and that they hoped to add one of the camp sites onto this list. The only problem was that in order to do this they had to move fast since they had less than two weeks to formalize a proposal.

"I was in constant contact with Sakura through the whole process, almost literally day and night for both of us," said Tateishi. "This was his last major effort in the White House, as far as the camp episodes were concerned, and he did a tremendous job."

Tateishi said one of the first things he and Sakura did was go through the list of War Relocation Authority camps and start eliminating the sites that held too many obstacles.

ty to make it permanent," said Mori. "We've been trying to do this for the past three decades, and we felt it was important to work with Dan and the local people to make this into a national monument."

With the help of local JACL chapters, the process quickly came to fruition. The foundation was already set since several local JACLers were involved in the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum project, which is proposing to restore two original barracks from the Minidoka WRA camp. In 1998, Ralph Peters, director of the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum along with volunteer Maya Hata Lemmon, had made a presentation at a Utah JACL tri-district conference, asking for support.

"Credit for this achievement goes to many people, most of whom have worked for years be-

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