COMMENTS

JACL Faces Shrinking Membership

By JOHN TATEISH JACL Director

At the October 2000 national board meeting, it was reported that we have figured that we have a financial crisis because of shrink- ing overall membership and the varying numbers, the most significant of which is a decrease in membership November to December. When I accepted the responsibility of the director's position, I knew that we were eventually going to experience a loss in membership in his office. And that this loss would result in a decrease in... [text cut off]

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 national membership committee for the 33rd biennial national JACL convention held in Salt Lake City in 1984, Ruth wrote a letter to the members suggesting that I run for national JACL president. Though I was not consider- ing running at that time, I appreciated her support.

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 among the important speakers at the last national JACL convention held in Montery in 2000. She was greatly appreciated by the convention that she had not attended in many years. She was a strong supporter of JACL. Ruth recently made a gen- erous contribution to the memorial fund of her older brother, Dr. Kelly K. Yamada, who passed away in Seattle. Dr. Yama- da was a member of JACL, and the city of Seattle and Oakland, JACL has honored Dr. Yamada for his contributions to the... [text cut off]
Mineta Confirmed as Transportation Secretary

Labor Nominee Cho Likely to Join Him in Bush Cabinet

By Pacific Citizen Staff

In his second landmark appointment, outgoing Secretary Norman Mineta, the lone Democratic member of the Senate, was nominated to become Secretary of Transportation. The nomination will be followed by a full Senate vote, which is expected to be held within the next few days.

Labor secretary nominee Elaine Chao addresses a crowd at the Republican National Convention last year. Her confirmation challenges will be adapting to a changing economy and training American workers for high-tech, job-ready means of which many are now filled by highly skilled immigrants.

Chao also said a crucial part of her responsibility will be "to fully, fairly and equitably 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, particularly with her successful experience with Ms. Qiao on the issue of affirmative action," said Karen K. Narasaki, executive director of NAPALC.

Update on JACL Resolutions

Of my responsibilities as JACL's national vice president of general operations is overseeing the organization's national council resolutions. This article provides a brief overview of each of these resolutions as of March 2001.

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By the Board

JACL V.P. Public Affairs

The website, www.jacl.org, makes it easier for JACL to be able to forcefully advocate for its position, with a message of unity and equality echoed in the "big picture" rather than the smaller, individual aspects. The beauty of the website is that it is a forum for everyone, permanent and anything can be changed. To express any concerns you have about the website, e-mail jvpp@jACL.org, or visit the website: develop@jACL.org.

The new site reflects not only the need for information but also the need for a greater sense of connection and understanding. It has a vision of what the future looks like for the JACL, and it is that vision that the new site is focused on. In this new space, users can click on links to websites, view the new website's design, and navigate through the site.

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JACL, the leading voice
of Japanese Americans

[Text about the JACL and its mission to represent Japanese American interests.

Fund Raising Begins for
Santa Fe DoJ Camp

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

Joe Ando, SFICMC 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 Orta 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 his-
tory 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 is planning to develop a plaque in the Palace of the Governors, State Library a repository for historical 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 resi-
dents of Japanese ancestry were interned from U.S. citizens. The camp was established in 1942 in the Department of Justice Internment Camp from March 1942 to April 1946. During World War II, the United States government was concerned that Japanese ancestry might be dialogulated to American war efforts. Many of the men held here without due process were political leaders, fishermen, businessmen, farmers, and others removed from their communities on the West Coast and Hawaii."

Yet, many of the interned 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 valu-
able teacher only if we do not for-get our past."

Information about this camp may be found at the Press Angelico

[Text about the importance of remembering history and the role of the Press Angelico in commemorating the past.]

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APAs in the News
Awards, Appointments, Announcements

State Assembly Accepting Applications for Assembly Fellowship Program

State Assembly member George Nakano (39th District) recently announced that the California State Assembly is accepting applications for the 2001-2002 Jesse M. Urushih 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 capital office. They also engage in weekly academic seminars with legislators, senior staff members, journalists, lobbyists, and inter-governmental state organization officials. Fellows receive a monthly stipend of $1,882 as well as full health, dental, and vision benefits.

The Assembly Fellowship Program provides a rare opportunity for college graduates to participate in the legislative process.

Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 28, 2001. Final selections will be made in May 2001.

Writers Seeking Nisei U.S. Cadet Nurses

Writers Thelma M. Robinson and Pauline M. Ferrer are seeking to interview Nisei who participated in a government-sponsored scholarship program to train nurses from 1943 to 1948.

The two writers recently published a book, "Nisei and America: 1941-1989."

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.

Events include a Friday evening welcome reception, Saturday night banquet, Sunday morning breakfast, and Sunday afternoon bowling and special awards luncheon. Recruiters from the 47th Annual VFW National Reunion are also scheduled to attend.

The keynotes speaker at the Saturday night banquet will be the National Commander in Chief of the Korean War VFW Post 4946, John E. O’Toole, with picket."
JACL Membership Numbers Lower than Anticipated

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

It’s difficult to know precisely why we experienced such an extraordinary leap 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. We are still feeling the repercussions of our decision to double our membership fees from $25 to $50, which was a significant increase.

In particular, Tashiba stated that the life lesson he received from his family was that of resilience. He said, "I think I am just like my grandfather. When I was a child, I learned to live by the rule that the world is not always fair, but we had to be strong and be resilient."

He noted that he has always lived by the belief that "If it's not going well, then you need to change the plan. If it's not working, then you need to try something different." This mindset has helped him throughout his life, and he believes it has helped the JACL in its current situation.

The JACL is working on various fronts to improve its membership numbers. They are also looking at potential new sources of funding, such as corporate sponsorship and partnerships with other organizations.

The JACL is committed to continuing its fight for civil rights and to ensuring that the voices of Asian Americans are heard. They are working hard to improve the organization’s finances and to strengthen its membership base.

JACL Members Encouraged to 'Get-A-Member'

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friends or family members who are not currently members of JACL. Many of them have family ties in Japan, and they are interested in learning more about the organization. They hope to have a member in their family who is already familiar with JACL. They are interested in learning more about the organization and are willing to support it financially.

The JACL is excited about this development and is looking forward to seeing the benefits of this growth in the future. JACL appreciates your support and encourages you to continue to be active in its efforts.

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Angeline Chen, who worked for the Florin JACL chapter, said she 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.

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

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And as reported in the last regular issue (Nov. 17) before the Holiday session at which the library will be cataloged and preserved at the recently established program for the Preservation of Democ-

by HARRY S. HONDA

narrative cippings from Salt Lake City

The ' Feeley Papers,' as we tagged this special collection, to- night in index cards, spiral-bound book-

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We, the Jury

When I identify myself as a teacher, the first thing people ask is if I am happy. To which I answer, "Yes, but only when I'm not teaching."

Because I became a teacher three

Stranger Than Fiction

courthouses require only one day from the potential jurors, there are a system of all the people who are not selected to be on a jury. The selection process to serve on a jury is simple: you take the day off work. A juror's career is complete. I, however, have a.</p>
Advisory Commission Calls for Increased Protection of Civil Rights for APIAs

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 on the implementation of its recommendations.

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This book marks the first time a Samoan woman has been published in the United States. Six Figiel has already made a mark in the international Samoan scene as a bestseller in New Zealand and a winner of the prestigious Commonwealth Literary Prize. Figiel uses the traditional Samoan story-telling technique of oral narrative to Western anthropological studies on topics such as women's clothing. The novel follows the search for identity and womanhood of a 15-year-old girl, Aiga, weaving an honest, sometimes brutal, cautionary story that contains poetry with humor to describe the ambiguities of adolescent desire. The book may be ordered through DAP distributors at 800/2238-BOOK or Kila Publishing at 212/943-9500.

The Essence of Camphor By Nguyen Mai 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 performers in "Essence of Camphor" recreate the scent of a city that captures memories of a long-dead childhood friend, while the book itself is a breath of unusual transition into manhood, and Ha's "Hand of Buddha" an unnamed character's pathetic love of a bride. In each of his tales, Maque's characters capture ordinary experiences with a lyrical mysticism that is hauntingly beautiful.

The Hand of Buddha By Nguyen Mai McFerrin Coffee House Press 192 pp., $13.95 paperback

In Linda Watanabe McFerrin's latest collection, she creates a series of women from various ethnic back- grounds. "Burns" captures a woman's own feelings in situations that are either slowly disintegrating or spinning wildly out of control. 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 handful of hands in prayer.

Stone Field, True Arrow By Kyoko Moro Henry Holt 279 pp., $24 hardback

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

Life Isn't All Ha Ha Hae Hae By Mona Menon The New Press 332 pp., $22.95 hardback

British actress and screenwriter Mona Menon tells a varia- ous yet moving story about friendship, marriage and betrayal, while delivering into the hands of women over 30 and Asians in England and Los Angeles and Lon- don's Indian population, three children's characters, and Tina navigates cultural, generational and gender differ- ences in a novel which becomes smart social satire and slapstick comedy.

Nonfiction

Japanese Canadian Redress By the Ad Hoc Committee for Japanese Canadian Redress

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By Suja Massey HarperCollins 290 pp., $24 hardback

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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 to and cause more trouble than was considered proper in Japanese society. Their lives stretch across the social and cultural political and social transformations in Japan. The authors draw from personal memoirs, newspaper reports and fictional accounts to reveal the lives of women whose physi- ques challenged the strict taboo and influenced attitudes of the day.

By John A. Burns The Man and His Times By Dan Boylan and T. Michael Holmes University of Hawaii Press 362 pp., $30 hardback, $14.95 paperback

Many recognize the late John A. Burns as one of Hawaii's most prominent figures 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 Traffic Enforcement Bureau before WWII to governor of Hawaii.

Words Matter: Conversations With Asian American Writers Edited by Kingsley Rok Choe

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This compilation is the first collection of interviews with some of the best 20th century APA writers and is an attempt to redefine the Asian American redress movement in Toronto, and recounts the division with the over the basic principle and direction of the campaign. It also outlines the in- tense 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 book examines the experiences of Japanese American field assistants, who conducted research within the WWII American concentration camps. In a parallel lineage, the book explores the role of the "Tokyo Times" in Japanese American Evacuation and Resettlement Project.

Gambate By Jan Kuharaha 1st Books Library 256 pp., $15.55 paperback

This autobiography details the author's expe- rience as a JA dealing with prejudice in Ore- gon 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 1957 to 1942, which document the hiring of a special agent to spy on JA residents prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

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

Haywo Miyazaki has set new stan- dards for creative animation, and Helen McCarthy of- fers the first book in Eng- lish to intro- duce Miyazaki's major works including "Princess Mononoke," "My Neighbor Totoro," "Deliverance 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 Kinenki: Reflections on Tule Lake By The Tule Lake Committee 162 pp., $32.95, plus $3.95 shipping & handling and for each additional cop y ($5.95 for California residents and $8.50 sales tax), paperback

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Chiropractic Care

Congratulations

Norman Mineta

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Norman Mineta was in my Sunday School class in Heart Mountain back in the early days of WWII. He was already bright- ened and house-tailed. Our class of 11-12 year old boys called themselves "The Little Guys." I didn't tell him or anyone else that the day in Nikolski would be declared a national holiday in our country.

Congratulations, dear Norm Mineta trail blazer in action and in deed:

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Chica Minove
New York City

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Congratulations on your 2000 Honors Program in Chiropractic, ed- ucational, and covered a broad spectrum of topics.

I am sure that it was a large undertaking for you and your staff. My wife and I have been Nikolski members for over 15 years and look forward to the Holiday Barbecue and educational experience at the end of each year.

I have been neck pain for many years. In fact, I went through the articles that the chiropractic care profession was omitted. It is my belief that we should have a chiropractic care team for the past 19 years in the Hel- mitz Chiropractic Center.

Chiropractic is the largest alter- native or natural health care pro- vider in the world. It has been growing rapidly in the rise of chronic diseases and need a division for chemical/drug hazards that affect the nutritional and physi- cal health of the human body.

Chiropractors care for not only musculo-skeletal conditions, but we also help people with other conditions, such as respiratory, diabetic, intestinal, and other organ system dysfunctions. The overall premise of chiropractic is one of wellness; prevention of disease and body dysfunction through the care of the nervous system and organ system imbalance.

This article has to the overwhelming efficacy and popularity of chiropractic, it is one of the most rapidly growing professional career choice in the world today. As a result, academic curricula and societal standards to compare those of any other health profession, and chiroprac- tics is respected as a national board state exams for licen- sure and professional recognition. If there should be any future editions concerning chiropractic care, I urge you to contact me or any doctors of chiropractic in our area. The most important fact is that chiropractors in the Northern Cali- fornia area are dedicated to be helpful to be of assistance.

Reed M. Yar, D.C.
"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." 

Lary Grant, IDC Governor