Conference on Resisters Opens Dialogue

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

Affirmative action foe Pennsylvania's recently launched a California ballot initiative to prohibit government agencies from computing racial data, much to the dismay of some groups who say they are reiving the horrors of Propostion 209.

Just as that measure ended affimative action statewide five years ago, Consworth's "Bailout Privacy Initiative" proposes to remove state restrictions on government forms and prevent most state and local agencies from maintaining such statistics.

Asian American, African American and Latino groups fear it will adversely impact the government's ability to ensure representation and access to programs and funding for underserved minorities.

"This is step two of Consworth's master plan to rid California of any semblance of an affirmative action program," said JACL national executive director John Tateishi.

"Unfortunately, this type of move is targeted at eliminating opportunities for those who have been the most victimized by racism and discrimination."

Along with JACL, those opposed to the initiative include the ACLU of Southern California, Asian Law Caucus, Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Los Angeles, Harper Center for Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund, Urban Institute for Asian American Affairs, the cities of Berkeley and Richmond, as well as several prominent state Democrats and Republicans.

Consworth, a University of California Regent, initially pushed to get the measure before state voters by March 2002 but had not raised enough money to gather the 760,000 signatures needed to qualify it.

"In one of the most racially and ethnically diverse places in the na...

A Great Story: The Japanese American Experience

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

CINCINNATI, Ohio—Do you want to hear a good story? It's about success, courage and adjustment, with a pretty happy ending.

It's the Japanese American story. Unfortunately, it's not told very oft en and there's still very few books and articles about it. So it's exciting that education and. science--everything the JACL story with the theme of the MCEP/DODMPC Tri-District Conference June 26-28.

"The Japanese American story is a part of the American story," said Dr. Roger Daniels, professor of history at the University of Cinncinatti, who spoke at an education panel during the conference.

"It's one of the most important stories of the whole story but it is a part of the story.

"It's about the history and how it relates to the-JACU community. Daniels was joined by JACL president Edwin Yamauchi, history professor at Miami University, Dr. Michael Carrerellas of Miami University, and moderator of the session, John Jordan of Creighton University.

Even in the year 2003 the story of JA in the U.S. is not widely told. Although it is no longer a rarity to hear passing mention about Japanese Americans during World War II, including evacuation and relocation, the many other stories from this community are still largely missing.

Whether it's stories about the pre- and post-war Japanese immigrants, the Kimos, the resisters of conscience, or the Hawaiian JAs, more needs to be known about these parts of JA history.

There is very little knowledge of or recognition of Japanese American history, although he has a Ph.D. in history, Daniels readily admits that it wasn't until his college days that he first learned of the JA experience.

Now as project director of the Collector's Circle of the University of Cincinnati, he has interpreted title story of JA in his project and is making sure that others like him also learn about the story. "There's a recognition that there's a lot to do but doing a...

Workshop Strives to Train the Teachers

CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

CINCINNATI, Ohio—Armed with an array of books, a variety of videos, and a couple of curriculum guides, a group of teacher workshop trainees may be coming to your area of town soon.

More than 40 people from the Midwest, Eastern and Mountain Plains districts took part in a workshop, on how to teach the trainees during the MCEP/EDC/ MDP Tri-District Conference held on June 28-July 1. During an intensive, six-hour session, participants learned the essentials of how to bring the story of Japanese Americans into America's schools.

"Everybody needs to get edu-

COMMENTARY

Working Together

By JOHN TATEISHI
JACL National Executive Director

Last month, we embarked on our semi-annual fund drive through the Paci

Citizen. Nor-

ally, we send out a letter a few times a year to ask for financial support, including the recent appeal at mid-

year. But this year we decided to initiate this ef- fort through the PAC.

Why? Because we want to appeal to everyon...

Racism — A Never-ending Struggle

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

CINCINNATI, Ohio—"Where are you from?"

"No, where are you really from?"

Ever been asked these ques-

tions? What about, "How do you like our country?" or statements like, "You speak English well."

Well if you aren't alone, almost every Asian American during his or her lifetime has been asked these questions by others several times over.

Frank Wu, a law professor at Howard University and a well- known commentator on Asian American issues, frequently finds himself answering these same questions, even though he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, grew up in Ann Arbor, Mich., and currently re-

sidies in Washington, D.C. "Oftentimes when this happens people are thinking about race without realizing it," said Wu. They are confusing the issues of race and citizenship, thinking that only Whites can be "American citizens."

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We would like to commend the National Board of Directors of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) for their courageous position not to accept corporate funding support from tobacco companies. The tobacco industry, led by the giant Philip Morris, your strong position is a clear signal that the public health professionals must continue to buy into our community.

As a result of this courageous action, the tobacco industry continues to market tobacco products in our communities, often to the exclusion of tobacco-free products. We call on the JACL to continue its efforts to educate Asian Americans about tobacco-free options.

JACL's Non-action Wise

Stan Kanzaki (P.C., May 4-17) comments in his column that JACL's position "is not to take action on issues like tobacco, because we are too concerned" with "issues independent, proactive." We are concerned because tobacco is a major factor in the health problems of our communities. It is a major issue for groups such as JACL to take a stand against these products that produce profound effects that kill thousands of people annually.

The importance of your board's action cannot be emphasized enough, especially in light of such a courageous stance. I trust that your leadership will encourage your membership to support our efforts in our community to follow your lead.

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Awards Hirabayashi and Korematsu

The American Civil Liberties Union awarded its 2001 Roger N. Baldwin Medal of Liberty to Gordon Hirabayashi and Louis S. Mtumwanga, two Japanese Americans who challenged the U.S. government’s evacuation and internment of over 120,000 Japans during World War II. The awards were presented on June 15 at a special ceremony held during the ACLU's National Conference in Miami.

The Medal of Liberty award, which the ACLU presents every two years, honors individuals who have made lifetime contributions to the advancement of civil liberties. The medal, named for ACLU founder Roger N. Baldwin, comes with a cash award of $25,000, which Hirabayashi and Korematsu will share.

In a press release, the ACLU said, “It is my honor to have been a part of the team of lawyers that successfully represented Gordon Hirabayashi and Louis Mtumwanga in their court cases.”

Support Needed to Rename ‘Chinococks Peak’

Public support is needed when the Idaho Geographic Names Advisory Council addresses the issue of changing the name of “Chinococks Peak” to “Chin Peak.” According to Idaho JACL, the council decided to rename the peak in response to a petition that was signed by over 400 people.

The council will examine re-naming landmarks which include “squaw” and “pussbutter.” But the Idaho legislature has already voted once to remove “squaw” names from Idaho landmarks. In other words, the County has agreed to remove the name of a community that was often associated with derogatory terms.

JACL Urges Ban on Internet Hate Items

JACL recently urged e-com-merce leaders to prohibit the sale of hate items on their websites. In a letter addressed to Amazon.com, the world's largest e-commerce companies, JACL President of Public Affairs Ryan Chin said, “Over the past few years, we have witnessed the tremendous growth of the Internet, and unfortu-nately, along with it, a huge number of sites that promote and perpetuate hate speech.”

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When the unexpected happens...
JACL Corner

Fremont Hosts Scholarship Luncheon
The Fremont JACL honored this year's high school graduates in Newark. They are: Stephanie An, particularly in the health sciences, where culturally and linguistically appropriate medical and social services are crucial.

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[This initiative] takes away our ability to assess the needs of the community and our ability to react to them," said Victor Hwang, managing attorney of the Asian Law Caucus. "It's not grounded in the needs of the community. It's pure theory."

Moreover, the initiative will hurt AAs particularly in the health sciences, where culturally and linguistically appropriate medical and social services are crucial.

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Dr. Ina to Keynote at PNW-IC District Luncheon
Dr. Satomi Ina, producer/project director of "Children of the Camps" will keynote the awards luncheon on July 13 during the PNW-IC Bi-Annual Conference in Seattle.

In keeping with the conference theme of "Himatsui-Tsune Hata," Ina's presentation, "Healing with Courage and Compassion," will fo-cus on the emotional and spiritual consequences of the World War II concentration camp experience and the journey to healing from the woundsof racism. She will address the personal and intergenerational impact of the internment experience.

Currently a professor emerita at California State University, Sacramento, she also has a private psychotherapy practice where her pri-mary focus is teaching those who have suffered trauma.

On the 14th, the plenary session will include a keynote address by JACL National Executive Director John Tatsuzaki, followed by an edu-cational forum on the question of formally admit discrimination during the war. Panelists will include Bill Hasegawa, former editorial page editor of the Denver Post, long-time columnist for the Pacific Citi-zens and author of several books, Fred Shinsako, 442nd veteran, Po-hoove, producer/director of "Cognizance and the Causes," and Myung Lee, a Heart Mountain rescuer.

The Saturday luncheon will in-clude a "national board dialogue" where members can interact with the board officers. Workshops will follow two tracks. The first will focus on "Preserving/Fighting Against Older Abuse," with sessions for Family Caregivers, "Health Insur-ance/Long Term Care," and "Pre-vention," with the education track will include: "Interment Camp Preservation and Strategic Planning (Missed) National History Project," working with Courage and Compassion.

For information, contact the Pacific-IC District at (503) 262-5088 or e-mail at provic@pnwicl.org.
JA STORY
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does a lot," he said.

The JA community also plays a role in the telling of the bigger story. Although the evacuation and internment forever affected the JA community, the many other stories must not be forgotten. Much of what has been written about JA history has to do with the events surrounding WW2, yet almost nothing has been written on the time period after from the war to the present day.

"The events of 1941 and 1946 have really dominated Japanese history, understandably, but to the almost disregard of everything else," said Daniels.

The stories of the early Japanese immigrant pioneers who faced much hardship and discrimination have been largely ignored. Ishii-Jordan, whose ancestors first settled in the Omahe area, believes more study needs to be done in this area.

Little is known about the Kibe family in the JA community. Just prior to WW2, many JA families sent their children to Japan to live with relatives and attend school. Their experiences, different from those JAs who remained here, also need to be explored.

Although much has been documented about the JA community, the history of JAs in Hawaii still needs to be explored. "Interesting things have happened in Hawaii that are very different from those in the mainland," said Yamashita, a native of Hilo.

Large numbers of Japanese immigrants to Hawaii prior to the war, eventually becoming the largest group on the islands. Many worked on the sugar plantations and when WW2 happened, few experienced the trauma of the concentrations camps, unlike their counterparts on the mainland. Hawaii was also the seat of the rising political power for JAs that continues to this day.

A rarely discussed topic in the past, recent documents have started to tell the story of the resistance of JA community. Currently, Daniels is featured in Frank Freuchen's book "The Japanese Nation and the Constitution" which explores the thoughts and motivations of this group of men who refused to serve in the U.S. Army until their constitutional rights were restored.

The issue of [the resisters] still divides many people of that generation," said Daniels.

JAs are not as morally correct," he said, but added that if the majority of JAs makes at that time had done the same thing, there would be a very different JA community today. Still, he believes "they were politically correct not only in the short run but in the long run." The present-day JA community is undergoing dramatic changes and the future stories of the JA community will likely be quite different from those in the past.

The recent Census showed a decrease in the number of American Asians at more than 10 million, but the JA community saw a decrease in its numbers to 800,000, making its numbers smaller than those for Americans of Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Filipino ancestry.

"The community is going to be very different from the JAs of the past," said Daniels.

Educating the American public about the JA experience starts from within the community. For many of the Sansei and Yonsei, there's a desire to learn about their ancestral roots and commun- ity, said Ishii-Jordan. She's hopeful that organizations like JACL can help them find some of the answers and begin to pass on the legacy of the JA community. "JACL may be able to give them their roots," she said.

"Education is a part of life and one hopes that this lifelong proposition," said Daniels. Still, "we can only give them the information and we are a long way from knowing about everything." 

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and the rest are "fresh off the boat."

We spoke at the MOC/EDC/ MPPC Tri-District Conference's banquet dinner sponsored by Toyota and AARP on June 30, and discussed the issue of race, a topic he says he never tires of.

"This is a struggle which never ends, the way that no struggle which is truly worth the struggle never ends," said Wu. "This will forever be the struggle."" Growth up in Michigan, Wu added that the trip was made to passage the Canadian border to visit Windsor, Ontario, for some good Dim Sum. During these many trips he would often ponder why it was that he was greeted with friendliness by the Canadian border agents while he was greeted with hostility and rejection by his own country on the American side. On his next trip to Hawaii, he plans to take a trip to Japan to visit his mother. We asked him if he was concerned that the American government might try to prevent him from coming to the U.S. He said no, because he believes that the American government will not try to prevent him from returning to the country of his birth. He also said that he would not be deterred from visiting his mother if the American government tried to prevent him from coming. We asked him if he had any other plans for the future. He said that he had a few plans, including writing a book about his experiences in the United States and Japan. He also said that he planned to visit Japan again in the future.

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By Eric Paul Fournier

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Fred Korematus was probably never more American than when he resisted, and then demeaned in court, the forced internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

WHAT HAPPENED TO HER? AND THE STRAWBERRY FIELDS

By Rea Tajiri

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By BRIAN NIYA

Troubled in Paradise

Even though she's showing more signs of being inclined towards basketball, it would still be wise for her to be exposed to that part of her cultural heritage.

One of the new items that greeted me here was a story in the local LA newspaper about the ongoing struggle between the Vietnamese American community and a local Vietnamese American community center in Little Tokyo in downtown Los Angeles. The story highlights the challenges faced by this community center as it navigates the complex issues of identity and cultural preservation.

By BRIAN NIYA

Very True Yours

R.C. — especially since their new National Heritage Center opened its door a year ago.

As you know, the site of PANAMA conventions alternates biannually in the odd-numbered years from North and South. — The United States, Canada and Mexico; in the even years, Colombia, Peru, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay and the Eastern Hemisphere of South America; Bolivia, Colombia, and the Republics of the Western Hemisphere. In 2001, we hear they might need to be postponed.

The past weekend (June 28-July 1) during the JACL tri-distric conference at El Cajon, California, many hats, former national president Lillian Kimura of New York, and COPANI XI planning committee members, hand-carried what I envision "help make [you] visit to the Big Apple a pleasant one." I'm sure it's still time to join the PANA crowd.

2001 JACL Youth Conference to be Held in Seattle July 13-15


The youth council chose to host this conference in Seattle because they want to showcase Seattle's rich Asian-Pacific American community and highlight its contributions.

The conference is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, July 10, with the opening ceremony. Various speakers will share their perspectives on Asian Pacific American community issues.

The conference will also feature an array of workshops, including talks on cultural diversity, social justice, and leadership.

For more information, contact Jeff Kato at 210-810-3345 or e-mail him at jeff.kato@lindbergh.k12.ca.us. Visit the NYSC conference website at www.jaclyouth.org.

Weather and What to Wear: New York City in July can be hot and humid outside and cool inside where most places are air-conditioned. With the exception of the opening dinner on Thursday at the convention hotel, the Roosevelt at 45th St. and Madison Ave., and the Friday reception at the United Nations, dress casually - we expect that you pack a sweater or, if the weather permits, a shawl for the air conditioning. No event requires formal dress.

By HARRY HONDA

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B.C. — especially since their new National Heritage Center opened its door a year ago.

As you know, the site of PANAMA conventions alternates biannually in the odd-numbered years from North and South. — The United States, Canada and Mexico; in the even years, Colombia, Peru, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay and the Eastern Hemisphere of South America; Bolivia, Colombia, and the Republics of the Western Hemisphere. In 2001, we hear they might need to be postponed.

The past weekend (June 28-July 1) during the JACL tri-distric conference at El Cajon, California, many hats, former national president Lillian Kimura of New York, and COPANI XI planning committee members, hand-carried what I envision "help make [you] visit to the Big Apple a pleasant one." I'm sure it's still time to join the PANA crowd.

2001 JACL Youth Conference to be Held in Seattle July 13-15


The youth council chose to host this conference in Seattle because they want to showcase Seattle's rich Asian-Pacific American community and highlight its contributions.

The conference is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, July 10, with the opening ceremony. Various speakers will share their perspectives on Asian Pacific American community issues.

The conference will also feature an array of workshops, including talks on cultural diversity, social justice, and leadership.

For more information, contact Jeff Kato at 210-810-3345 or e-mail him at jeff.kato@lindbergh.k12.ca.us. Visit the NYSC conference website at www.jaclyouth.org.

We're really looking forward to welcoming everyone to New York City on July 25th for the opening session of the convention. We will have a light supper, music and dancing while the boat goes past the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. On our return we will see the skyline of Manhattan and New Jersey.

Other Conference Features:

- Scheduled speakers include Sen. Daniel Inouye, Carl Louis U.S. Senate (R), and the Nickerson-Nichol-Niknikas-Kawasaki-Yano of the International Nikkiei Research Project, and Tats Ota, the director of the Nikkiei economy in Peru. We will be able to hear Dr. Ota's perspective on the economy of Peru.

- Many of the events will be held in the Nikkiei World Congress in the United States and Canada, a special session of the American Association for the Advancement of the Japanese American Community.

Final Request: We must make reservations for an inordinate amount of meals. I'm sure the boat will be detained.
RESISTERS

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For the past year, Mori has been meeting with various Nieuw veterans' groups to address concerns following the release of the Nieuw National JACL convention. Immediate action by the Veterans' Committee of the Nieuw from the prosecution of veterans threatened by the Nieuw. The JACL history with the Nieuw veterans has been a controversial one, with several JACL leaders, including the president, finding themselves in conflict with the Nieuw's strong anti-Japanese stance. The tensions have been further fueled by the Nieuw's recent efforts to gain recognition and organizing for the Nieuw's own historical society.

The conference on getting more interested in personal attacks is known as the "Nieuw Resisters' Conference," a group of veterans who have faced discrimination and attacks. Mr. Mori said they stayed focused on their goals.

"We need to come at it as emotionally important and to say this is a real issue. We have to continue to reach out and understand the real resisters and everyone who has been victims of the Nieuw," Mr. Mori said.

But the conference also had to deal with the growing concern about the political situation.

"We're not going to give up," Mr. Mori said. "But we're going to continue to work hard and try to find a solution that's good for everyone."