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## Eyewitness Accounts Highlight Horror of Terrorist Attacks

By **MARTHA NAKAGAWA**  
Assistant Editor

If Ron Uba had kept his normal work schedule at the U.S. Census Bureau on Sept. 11, he would have been caught in the chaos of the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center. His office is just six blocks away from the two towers.

But a twist of fate had him making an 8 a.m. marketing presentation to Fortune 500 executives and media personnel at New York University a few miles away.

Around 8:30 a.m. Uba received a call on his cell phone from one of his co-workers. "Oh, my god. Oh, my god," repeated his colleague and Uba was told to look towards the direction of his office. As he did, he witnessed the second plane hit the south tower. Uba, whose office shares a building with the CIA, FBI, INS and Voice of America, knew then that this was a terrorist attack.

The blue sky suddenly turned black as if it were a solar eclipse, and Uba could see the chemical fire was so intense the metal from the two towers was "peeling off" and "dissolving."

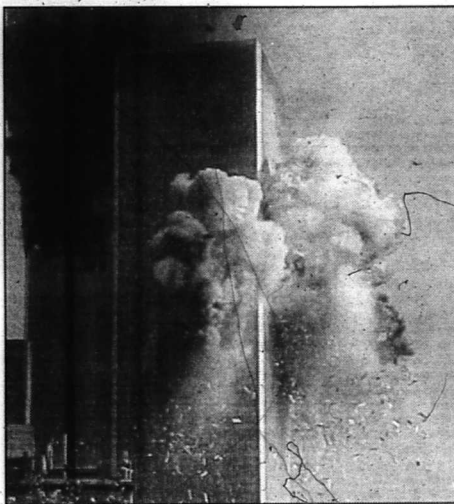
"I was just stunned," said Uba, over and over.

After everyone's initial shock, conference attendees held a mo-

ment of silence, and Uba cut short his presentation. By then, cell phones went dead with the exception of those who subscribed to a national plan.

Then came the dust. Uba said the entire area became enveloped in what felt like acid dust. "My eyes were just burning," said Uba. "There was just tons and tons of ash."

Normally, it takes Uba at most an hour to get home to his place in New Jersey across the river. That day, it took him eight. On the way, he saw people handing out water, bulldozers going through the streets, emergency crews carrying body bags, and a huge convergence of doc-



An explosion of debris falls to the ground seconds after United Airlines flight 175 hits the World Trade Center's south tower on Sept. 11.

tors, emergency workers and construction workers.

"I'd never seen so many ambulances in my whole life," said Uba.

Later, Uba would find out that several co-workers had been on the hijacked planes, including his supervisor.

Uba, a Pan American Nikkei Association (PANA) member who has also been active in the New York JACL chapter in the past, spoke to the *Pacific Citizen* two days after the attack. At that time, he was still getting his news via radio since all TV reception in his area was

down. He also added that the electricity had been turned off for fear of an explosion, the water had been turned off for fear of contamination, and dead bodies were being sent to Giant Stadium in New Jersey to prevent an epidemic.

The day the terrorists attacked New York had also been election day, and Scott Ito was in the Chinatown area, working on the political campaign of Margaret Chin, (Chinatown is next to the Wall Street area where the World Trade Center towers were located).

It was passing out flyers when he heard a thunderous boom. "It was the loudest noise I ever heard," said Ito. "I can't even explain it."

When Ito looked up at the World Trade Center building, he saw what he thought was silver confetti falling out of the building. His initial reaction was that this was some sort of political marketing ploy. But then he saw smoke coming out and realized this was something more serious. When the second plane hit, he knew this wasn't an accident, and the group shut down their campaign operations.

Ito described that moment as "confusing" and "scary" because he wasn't sure whether bombs were going to start going off all over the

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## Soka Gakkai Mourns Passing of Aoyama, Passenger on Hijacked Airplane



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

(From left): Machiko Aoyama mourns passing of her husband with daughter, Emily and son, George.

Soka Gakkai members around the world held memorial services on Sept. 15 for David Seima Aoyama, 48, a passenger aboard American Airlines Flight 11 which was the first hijacked plane to hit the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

Internationally, services were held in France, Israel, Japan and Peru. Services were held in the United States including: Chicago, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Memphis, Riverside, Calif., and Santa Monica, Calif.

"I know millions of people chanted for his life," said David Nagashima, Soka Gakkai International (SGI) USA director.

Nagashima said they established a scholarship in Aoyama's memory and donated \$10,000 to the American Red Cross to fund ongoing emergency relief efforts. In Japan, SGI planted several trees in honor of Aoyama.

Close to 1,600 people turned out to Aoyama's memorial service in Santa Monica, where he had worked at SGI-USA's national headquarters as Southern California Zone vice leader. Among the people who sent condolences were SGI President Daisaku Ikeda and U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer.

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## COMMENTARY An Arab American Interment?

By **ERIC L. MULLER**

This nation has just suffered a vicious surprise attack on its own soil, apparently by people of a different race and culture. We suffered a similar surprise attack 60 years ago, and so the comparisons to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor came immediately. A consensus quickly emerged that the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were the more terrifying - the victims were civilians rather than soldiers, the targets were symbolic rather than strategic, and the enemy kept his identity secret.

The Pearl Harbor attack led to the most massive government-sponsored human rights violation in the United States since the end of slavery. Within a few months of Pearl Harbor, the federal government uprooted all 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast, aliens and U.S. citizens alike, and jailed them for the duration of World War II in desolate camps in the U.S. interior. It was



MULLER

## Misplaced Anger: Proliferation of Anti-Arab American Hate Crimes

By **MARTHA NAKAGAWA**  
Assistant Editor

Paralleling the United States' preparation for war after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon seems to be an increase in hate crimes committed against those who are or resemble people of Middle Eastern descent.

Reports of hate crimes have been pouring in from across the United States and even in other countries such as Canada and Australia. Businesses have been vandalized or shot at; individuals have been verbally and/or physically assaulted; and fatal shootings have been reported in Arizona, New York and Texas.

Days after the attack, the family of Joseph Santos Ito, a Filipino American postal worker shot to death by a self-proclaimed white supremacist, called for calm to prevent further innocent lives from becoming casualties of the violence.

Referring to those perpetuating hate crimes, Ismael Ito, the brother of the slain postal worker, told the *Pacific Citizen*, "They need to stop and think rationally about what they're doing because they're basically doing what the terrorists are doing."

Ismael's wife, Deena, voiced similar sentiment. "If we are killing innocent people, we are not getting

anywhere," she said. "It's only going to get worse and worse. And what are we teaching our next generation? Let's go forward and make a positive impact instead of killing innocent people who have nothing to do with this."

Unlike the period following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, elected officials, starting with President Bush, to the media and community organizations have called for restraint against scapegoating people of Arab descent. Even Jewish American groups such as the Anti-Defamation League have issued statements urging that no one be singled out for hatred due to their ethnicity or religion.

National JACL, as well as several JACL chapters, urged all Americans not to rush to judgment, while at the same time urging others in mourning the loss of lives and condemning the acts of terrorism.

"We urge citizens not to release their anger on innocent American citizens simply because of their ethnic origin, in this case Americans of Arab ancestry," said JACL National President Floyd Mori. "While we deplore yesterday's acts, we must also protect the rights of citizens. Let us not make the same mistakes as a nation that were made in the hysteria of World War II following the attack at Pearl

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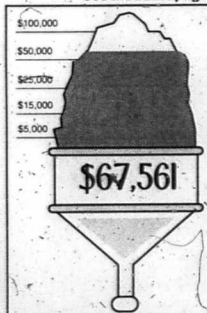
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**JACL-COMMUNITY Calendar**

**East Coast NEW YORK**  
**Thurs.-Sun., Sept. 6-30**—Play, "Wojan Killer" by Chiori Miyagawa; presented by Crossing Jamaica Avenue and HERE. Tickets: \$15. Info: 212/647-0202 or www.here.org

**Midwest MINNEAPOLIS**  
**Sat., Sept. 29**—Twin Cities JACL "Oral History 101" community forum; 1:30 p.m.; YWCA of Minneapolis-Children's Center, 2121 E. Lake St.; learn how to tell your family's history. Info and registration: Lyth Yamanaka, 615/731-6124.

**Pacific Northwest OLYMPIA**  
**Sat., Sept. 29**—Reunion with pre-1942 students of Southbay Elementary School; trying to locate former Nikkei students. Info: Joan, 360/459-2449 or e-mail: olysugarbear@aol.com.

**PORTLAND**  
**Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 4-7**—Exhibit, "Hidden Places, Silent Spaces: Japanese American and Japanese Canadian Concentration Camps" by Masumi Hayashi; Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center; opening reception, Thu. 6-8 p.m.; Hayashi lecture, Sun. 2-4 p.m.; Exhibit hours: Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sun. 12 noon-3 p.m.; free admission; exhibit through Jan. 12, 2002.

**Sun., Oct. 7**—Oregon Buddhist Temple Sukiyaki Bazaar; 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; 3720 SE 34th Ave.; sukiyaki or teriyaki chicken \$5.50; chow mein \$4; baked goods, fresh produce, gifts. Info: 503/254-9536.

**Sat.-Sun., Oct. 20-21**—Ikebana exhibition; Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 12 noon-5 p.m.; Portland Art Museum North Wing, 1119 SW Park; \$5 general, children under 8 free. Info: Helen Chadsey, 503/227-6155 or Judy Jensen, 503/292-3994.

**SEATTLE**  
**Fri.-Sun., Sept. 21-23**—Aki Matsun 2001; Bellevue Community College; karaoke contest, video showing of "JACL Eastside Japanese American History" project; sponsored by Eastside Nihon Matsun Assn. Info: 425/861-9109 or www.enma.org.

**Sat.-Sun., Sept. 22-23**—Saga Goryu School of Ikebana floral exhibit; 12 noon-5 p.m.; demonstrations 2 p.m.,

St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Free. Info: Nobuko Ohgi, 206/232-8736 or Mary Shigaya, 206/271-0875.  
**Wed., Sept. 26**—Book launching, "Born in Seattle: The Campaign for Japanese American Redress" by Robert Shimabukuro; 5:30-6:15 p.m.; Northwest Asian American Theatre; reception and book signing follow at Wing Luke Asian Museum; 6:15-7:30 p.m. Info: 206/623-5124 ext. 114.

**Northwest Oregon BERKELEY**  
**Sun., Oct. 7**—Nikkei Widowed Group monthly meeting; Info: Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

**CONTRA COSTA**  
**Fri., Sept. 28**—"College Planning" seminar; 7:30 p.m.; East Bay Free Methodist Church. Info: Contra Costa JACL co-presidents James Oshima, 234-8437 or Esther Takeuchi, 223-2258.

**FLORIDA**  
**Sat., Sept. 29**—25th anniversary celebration for Florin Buddhist Church; 1:30 p.m.; guest speaker TV newscaster Sharon Ito. Info: Myrtle Funakawa, 916/383-0116 or Teri Mizusaka, 916/381-0849.

**OAKLAND**  
**Sat., Oct. 6**—Nihonmachi Legal Outreach's 26th Anniversary Celebration; Hawaiian Island Cuisine with Sam Choy; Dunsuir House & Gardens; 12960 Peralfa Oaks Court; Polynesian attire recommended. RSVP by Sept. 21.

**Sun., Oct. 7**—Book reading, "Free to Die for Your Country" by Eric Muller; 12 noon; Northern California Independent Booksellers Assn. Convention.

**SAN FRANCISCO**  
**Thurs., Oct. 4**—25 Years: Sharing Stories of Courage & Vision, benefit for Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation; 6-9 p.m.; Gabbiano's Restaurant; \$125 per person; reception, silent auction, dinner program and awards presentation. Info: Laurie J. Earp & Company, 510/532-7700.

**Sat., Oct. 6**—Book reading, "Free to Die for Your Country" by Eric Muller; 2 p.m.; Japanese American National Library. Info: 415/567-5006.

**SAN MATEO**  
**Sun., Sept. 23**—Movie screening, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" directed by Ang Lee; 1:30 p.m.; JACL Community Center.

**SUNNYVALE**  
**Mon., Oct. 1**—Documentary, "Conscience and the Constitution"; Sunnyvale Public Library. Program

Room, 665 W. Olive Ave.; discussion to follow screening. Free. Info: 408/730-7300.

**Southern California CARMARILLO**  
**Sun., Oct. 14**—Cultural Festival: Carmarillo Community Center.

**LOS ANGELES**  
**Fri.-Sun., Sept. 21-23**—API Festival at E.A. County Fair; cultural entertainment, free health screening, crafts, food, representing 15 Asian countries. Discount tickets: \$8 adults, \$5 children ages 6-12. Ticket outlets: East West Bank, 888/468-6392; Golden San Gabriel Optometric Vision Center, 626/288-8023; Marukai Markets, 310/660-6300 (Garden), 626/430-0900 (West Covina); Info: The Titan Group, 626/279-7979.

**Sat., Sept. 29**—Hanayui, Special KomeKome Festival Event; 8 p.m.; Japan America Theatre; Tickets: \$18 served seating. Info: JAT box office, 213/680-3700.

**Sat., Sept. 29**—UCLA Asian American Studies Center all-day teach-in, "Asian Americans: The Movement and the Moment"; James West Alumni Center; 325 Westwood Plaza.

**Sun., Sept. 30**—Inekari Harvest Celebration; 1 p.m.; JACC Plaza; Asian Pacific Folk Dance Festival; omanju demonstration and workshop, 2-3 p.m.

**Sun., Sept. 30**—Aki Matsuri Boutique; 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr.; designer clothing, art work, hand-made cards, jewelry, food; sponsored by WLA JACL Auxiliary. Info: Jean Ushijima, 310/924-6914 or e-mail: msnj@earthlink.net.

**Sun., Sept. 30**—Inekari Harvest Celebration; blessing of rice by Konkō Church, classical dancing, Japanese demonstration; 1 p.m.; JACC Plaza. Free admission. Info: 213/628-2725.

**Sat., Oct. 6**—UCLA Asian American Studies Center dinner, "Millennium Legacies & Tributes"; 5 p.m.; UCLA Faculty Center; reception and silent auction.

**Thurs., Oct. 11**—Book reading, "Free to Die for Your Country" by Eric Muller; 7:30 p.m.; Midnight Special Bookstore, 1318 Third Street Promenade.

**MONTEREY PARK**  
**Sat., Sept. 29**—Pacific Asian American Women Writers West and the Bruggemeyer Memorial Library present "Moving the Mountain," dramatic reading, conversation panel, author

book signing; 3 p.m.; Monterey Park City Hall Council Chamber. Free. Info: 626/307-1368 or www.paawww.org.  
**PASADENA**  
**Through Sept. 30**—Exhibits, "The Nature of the Beast: Portrayals of Animals in Japanese Paintings" and "Paintings, Prints and Drawings by Hokusai"; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave. RSVP: 626/449-2742 ext. 12.

**RIVERSIDE**  
**Through Mon., Oct. 1**—Exhibits by Yoshio C. Nakamura (painting and graphics) and Gary Cominotto (contemporary raku ceramics); Wild Wine Fine Art Gallery, "Oakwood," 54425 North Circle Dr., #3, Idyllwild. Info: 909/659-6040.

**TORRANCE**  
**Tues.-Mon., Sept. 19-24**—Tomihoro in L.A. Inspirational Art Exhibit; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Community Hall, 3333 Civic Center Dr.; \$7 adults, \$5 children under 12. Info: www.hoshinotomihoro.org or Mikko Haggott-Henson, 310/378-3550. E-mail: mhaggott@aol.com.

**Fri.-Sun., Oct. 26-28**—Rohwer Reunion III; Torrance Marriott Hotel. **Registration deadline:** Sept. 30. Info, Southern California: Betty Horikiri Oka, 714/636-8207; Tochi Kusumoto, 213/382-5712; Peggy Hayashino-Tsuruta, 310/323-6337; Helen Yoshimura Takata, 626/968-2966; or Jikko (Kimoto) Sato, 323/733-3435. Northern California: Lillian Uyeda Inouye, 510/235-6042; Asako Horimoto Mayeda, 910/832-2275; Yone Kimura Asai, 925/828-2086; Gary Shiota, 916/381-2081; Beni Nagatani, 661/725-0483; or Miyako Kosaka Tsunekawa, 209/462-1124.

**WEST COVINA**  
**Sat., Oct. 6**—Aki Matsuri Fall Festival; 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 V. Puente Ave.

**Arizona - Nevada LAS VEGAS**  
**Sat., Oct. 6**—Las Vegas JACL Hawaiian Luau; 12 noon-4 p.m.; Spring Meadows Presbyterian Church. Tickets: \$10 general, \$5 children 8-12, under 7 free. Info: Betty Atkins, 702/221-0414.

**Mon.-Wed., Sept. 24-26**—Manzanar High School Reunion; banquet dedicated to the late Shiro Nomura. RSVP ASAP: Kazie Nagai, 212/380-2611; Sam Ono, 310/327-5568; Ray Orin, 626/ 573-5279; or Arnold Maeda, 213/398-5157. ■

**Letters to the Editor**

**Let Our Voices Be Heard**

This is a call to all who have felt the sting of wrongly directed hate throes to rally around the cause of tolerance on behalf of Muslims and those who are of Middle East descent.

This is a call specifically to those Japanese-Americans whose parents, brothers and sisters felt that same hatred from hardened hearts at the beginning of the war with Japan. Those of you should be especially sensitive to how few stood up for us, and should now redeem that wrong by doing right.

Stand up and be heard on the side of tolerance. Let our individual

and community voices be heard to call out for tolerance and work towards letting the Islamic community know they are not alone, and there are those who understand.

*Mark Watanabe*  
Fullerton, Calif.

**Americans Must Come Together**

Our nation has been forever changed by this senseless, cowardly assault on our people. It is important that we all take time to remember in our thoughts and prayers the victims and their families, the emergency workers on the scene, our service men and women on alert and all our fellow Americans during this time of great sorrow. In this time of mourning and recovery, we must pull together as Americans, first.

I know you will join me in providing support for our president, and the nation's leaders as they move forward and take the actions they

deem necessary to respond to this grave act of terrorism on our fellow citizens, bring those responsible to justice and begin the healing process in our nation.

In the aftermath of this tragic terrorist attack on our country, here are some helpful general information numbers and website addresses should you want to contribute to the emergency response, relief and recovery effort or have tips for law enforcement:

American Red Cross, 800/HELPLESS; America's Blood Centers, 888/BLOOD-88; Salvation Army, 800/SAL-ARMY; FBI Tip Website, www.icefbi.gov; United Way of New York Website, www.uwnyc.org.

*Philip J. Endrus*  
Florida State Rep.  
District 108

**Reader Supports Renaming of Airport**

I am getting impatient with people who want the City of San Jose's

name on everything, everywhere! Why? Is our inferiority complex to the point where we have to see our name everywhere?

San Jose International Airport should be renamed and I congratulate Mayor Gonzales for his proposal to name the airport after San Jose's greatest public servant, Norman Y. Mineta.

The renaming should be done as soon as possible, and no one should fear people will forget the existence of San Jose. Let's remember Dulles, Reagan, John Wayne, Charles DeGaulle, La Guardia, McCarran, Heathrow and Lindberg are airfields in some of the world's greatest urbanized areas.

Let's do what's right, and let's do it now! I support our new name for the San Jose International Airport be changed to the Norman Y. Mineta International Airport!

*Jack Warner*  
via e-mail

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# National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

**Senate Won't Oppose POW Lawsuits Against Japanese Firm**  
**WASHINGTON**—The Senate voted to bar the administration from opposing lawsuits filed by former American POWs against Japanese corporations that enslaved them during World War II.

The amendment to the spending bill, sponsored by Sens. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Bob Smith, R-N.H., passed the Senate 58-34 on Sept. 10. The vote came two days after Secretary of State Colin Powell, in San Francisco to mark the 50th anniversary of the treaty that officially ended the Pacific War, stressed that under the terms of that treaty, the allied powers could not sue Japan for reparations.

But lawmakers differed with that reading of the document, pointing to a 1951 letter that was recently made public in which the Japanese foreign minister told his Dutch counterpart that lawsuits against Japanese citizens and cor-

porations were allowed under the treaty.

**Man Questioned in Shooting of Sikh**  
**MESA, Ariz.**—A man was questioned by police Sept. 16 in connection with the shooting death of a gas station owner, an Indian Sikh immigrant.

Authorities are also investigating two other shootings that took place Sept. 15, involving a man who fits the same description. The victim was identified as Balbir Singh Sodhi, believed to be 52. Sodhi had received a verbal threat earlier that week from a man who walked into his store. He reported it to police. Mesa Police Sgt. Mike Goulet said a white male in a pickup truck described as a Chevrolet S-10 drove into a Chevron station parking lot, fired several shots with a handgun from the truck and then sped away. Sodhi was struck by at least one bullet and pronounced dead at the scene. He is survived by his wife and three adult children. Police said several shots were

fired 20 minutes later from a vehicle at a Mobil station, whose owners are Arabic. No one was hit. Ten minutes later shots were fired at a third location.

Sikhs are not Muslims but have been mistaken for them because of their turbans and beards, much like those donned by Osama bin Laden, an Islamic militant who is suspected of masterminding the recent terrorist attacks.

**Nakano's API Anti-Hate Crime Program Approved**

**SACRAMENTO**—AB 1312 by George Nakano, D-Turquoise, which establishes the Asian Pacific Islander Anti-Hate Crime Program was approved by the Legislature and has been sent to the governor.

The bill provides \$250,000 to the state Department of Justice to assist in educating API communities on the impact of hate crimes, how to report them and the best way for communities to handle them. AB 1312 was one of several civil rights bills sponsored by California Attorney General Bill Lockyer. ■

## Council Votes to Name San Jose's Airport After Mineta

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SAN JOSE, Calif.**—San Jose City Council members voted unanimously Sept. 4 to name the city's international airport after U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norm Mineta, who also served as mayor of San Jose from 1971 to 1974.

Mineta was the first Asian American to serve on the U.S. Cabinet when he was named secretary of commerce by President Clinton.

"Norm Mineta has provided exemplary service to San Jose, and this (dedication) is to respect his many years of work for the city,"

said David Vossprink, of the San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales's office. "As a Japanese American, he has broken many rice barriers at every level of public office he has held."

Gonzales announced the name proposal, when Mineta was visiting San Jose International Airport for a runway dedication. The city council's staff will take over procedures regarding the renaming with the Federal Aviation Administration and the San Jose Airport Commission. That process could take about a month, Vossprink said. The city council will take a final vote to grant approval for the change. ■

## Idaho Mountain Officially Renamed 'Chinese Peak'

After a three-year effort by the JAACL and other Asian American organizations, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (USBGN) approved the name change for a 5,000-foot mountain in Idaho from "Chinks Peak" to "Chinese Peak."

"The vote was an exhilarating surprise," said Micki Kawakami, a Pocatello-Blackfoot JAACL member who led the three-year effort headed up by the Concerned Citizens of Pocatello, a coalition group that had sought the name change. "At times it seemed so tough... to stay the course over the years and to get through all of the administrative hoops at the state and federal levels."

The mountain located five miles from Pocatello was named in honor of the historic contributions of the early Chinese pioneers in Idaho and in recognition of their integral role in American history. But Karen Yoshitomi, PNW regional director, points out that the word "Chink" serves to dehumanize ethnic Chinese and perpetuates a stereotype of Asians as foreigners.

Most members of the USBGN agreed with the need to make the name change. "In advocating for the elimination of hatred and promotion of racial justice, my city along with a number of other Idaho cities supports the name change," said Greg Anderson, mayor of Pocatello. "We, the mayors of Idaho Cities, are firmly committed to and supportive of changing geographic place names considered to be offensive and derogatory by Idaho's cultural and ethnic groups — to those which honor and respect all Idaho citizens."

But Jeff Ford, chairman of the Idaho Geographic Names Advisory Council, voiced opposition to the name change, saying this will "set a dangerous precedent." ■

## Sac'to VFW Proposes to Rescind JAACL's Apology to Resisters of Conscience

The following was submitted by the Post 8985 Resolution Committee: Leo Hosoda, Tom Fujimoto, Barry Sakai, James Lee, Gary Shiota, Tom Kashiozabara, and Sus Satou.

Sacramento Nisei VFW Post 8985 has developed a resolution opposing national JAACL's Resolution #2 which purports to forgive, honor, and formally apologize to the Nisei Draft Resisters of World War II. Members of the Sacramento Nisei VFW Post 8985 are in strong opposition to any apology of an apology to the draft resisters.

For the Nisei veterans to remain silent would be tantamount to betraying the 830 Nisei comrades Killed in Action (KIA) on the battlefield and the many who were maimed and scarred for life. That is far too great a sacrifice to put aside in order to appease the Nisei

draft resisters of WWII.

During WWII our ideological differences were miles apart. Fears of violence and sleeping with a baseball bat by the bedside were real. Physical attack of JAACL leaders who advocated service to country was real. Somehow history has been revised to make the draft resisters not a part of that violation.

It would also be a betrayal of the wartime JAACL leaders who recognized that "service to country" was a means to refute the evacuation order and get back into the mainstream of American life. How true this is when one considers today's many "success stories" of JAs, including many in high governmental positions. I submit to you this would not have been possible without the heroic stories of the WWII Nisei soldiers and other wars that followed. ■

### Sacramento Nisei VFW Post 8985 Resolution:

"WHEREAS, the delegates at the National Japanese American Citizens League's (JAACL) Biennial Convention held in Monterey, California in July year 2000 had adopted a resolution to forgive, honor, and formally apologize to the Draft Resisters (aka Resisters of Conscience) of the World War II period, and

"WHEREAS, during that World War period, the Draft Resisters not only harassed, but on occasion physically attacked the then wartime JAACL leaders, and additionally antagonized other Japanese Americans who advocated and supported patriotic service in the Armed Forces of the United States, and

"WHEREAS, in consonance with the Draft Resisters we agree that the United States Government erroneously abrogated our Constitutional rights as American citizens by the internment of all Japanese Americans residing along the West Coast throughout World War II. However, it is our carefully studied judgement that it was a critical period in our history where a negative demonstration on our part would have had negative results and that the better course of action at that time was to comply with the Executive mandate and to display our patriotism through honorable service in the United States Armed Forces, and

"WHEREAS, through the wisdom, leadership, and visions of the JAACL Board members of World War II who encouraged all patriotic Japanese Americans to embrace the JAACL credo, and thus to demonstrate our patriotism and loyalty beyond a shadow of doubt, and with the conviction that these records of loyalty will be a matter of pride as well as honor for Japanese Americans for future generations to come, and

"WHEREAS, following the then JAACL credo, more than 30,000 Japanese Americans served in the United States Armed Forces with honor, bravery, and great distinction during World War II, most noteworthy being the achievements of the famous 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe, and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) in the Pacific, and

"WHEREAS, in recognition of these exemplary military services by the Nisei veterans, the grateful nation has in the ensuing decades seen fit to award deserved Presidential, Congressional, and Military honors to the Japanese American soldiers, culminating in an 'Apology and Redress' to the Evacuees and a pardon for the 'Draft Resisters' by the President of the United States, all of which have elevated the social standing of all Japanese Americans to a high plateau in American post war society, and

"WHEREAS, if the wartime JAACL leadership had instead adopted the negative stance of the Draft Resisters, in the darkened atmosphere of public anger and widespread fear, the Japanese American participation in, and accomplishments during World War II, would not have been recorded and recognized, and would have been replaced by the probability of many thousands of additional Nisei being confined in the Federal penitentiary, leaving a legacy which would have required untold generations of Japanese Americans to overcome, and

"WHEREAS, while the Nisei veterans do recognize the legitimacy of the right of the Draft Resisters to take their position of refusal to enter the United States military service in World War II on moral grounds, and suffering the consequences of their actions (as did all those who resisted the draft); now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, that the Sacramento Nisei Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8985 be on record that: We vigorously oppose JAACL's extension of an official apology to the Nisei Draft Resisters of World War II, which would be tantamount to disclaiming the Supreme Sacrifices of the 830 Japanese Americans 'Killed in Action' and the accomplishments of the Nisei World War II veterans; and be it further

"RESOLVED, that this Resolution be forwarded to other Nisei VFW Posts of California and other Nisei veterans organizations throughout the United States requesting their concurrence and support." ■

This resolution was discussed and approved by the members of the Sacramento Nisei VFW Post 8985 at their meeting June 8, 2001. Cosigners of the resolution include: Club 100, SoCal; Monterey Peninsula Nisei Post 1629; 100th/442nd Veterans Association; Sierra Nisei VFW Post 8499; MIS SoCal; Gardena Nisei Post 1904; Asian Pacific Post 4851; San Jose Nisei Post 9970; Nisei Liberty VFW Post 5969; and Golden Gate Nisei Memorial Post 9879.



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# JACL National Board Sets Date for Resisters Ceremony, Looks at Florida and Opposes Charitable Choice Legislation

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL national board held their quarterly meeting at national headquarters Aug. 18-19. Below is a summary of the various actions taken.

### Nat'l President's Report

**Blue Ribbon Committee** - The Blue Ribbon Committee held several focus groups last month including San Francisco and Philadelphia. The groups were comprised of several JACL members and the committee is looking to form some focus groups with non-members also.

NCWNPD Governor Alan Teruya said that his district recently passed a resolution seeking more information about the costs surrounding the Blue Ribbon Committee.

John Tateishi, JACL national executive director, said he will work on getting more information about the committee to the district.

Floyd Mori, national president, reminded the board that the Blue Ribbon Committee members are volunteering their time and their efforts are strictly pro-bono. He also added that the committee is a work in progress. The committee will present a report at the upcoming national board meeting in November.

**Programs for Youth** - Mori proposed two new programs for youth: an internment camp experience and a student exchange program.

The internment camp experience would involve a group of youth, college age and older, spending several days at one of the former World War II camps. They would be driven in Army trucks to the camp, live in barracks, eat the type of food that would have been served, and listen to the stories of former internees. Currently, further discussion is taking place on this proposed program.

The student exchange program would involve JACL chapters sending individuals to Japan. The students would be expected to report back on what they learned. In turn, the Japanese students would also learn about JA culture. This program could also include younger high school students.

**Resisters of Conscience Ceremony** - The public ceremony recognizing the WWII resisters of

conscience has been scheduled for Feb. 10, 2002, in San Francisco. Details of the event will be announced at a later date.

Mori has spent much of his presidency talking to various veterans' groups and resisters of conscience. He is encouraged by the dialogue that has taken place and hopes to continue the talks at the upcoming 2002 JACL national convention in Las Vegas.

"There is a lot more reason today than there has been," he said, adding that both sides are starting to see each other's viewpoints. "As they hear each other we want to bring these people together for more and more dialogue."

It was also revealed that the Sacramento VFW is planning to present a resolution at the upcoming 2002 convention to nullify the resolution of apology to the resisters of conscience passed at the 2000 JACL convention in Monterey.

### National Executive Director's Report

**'Pearl Harbor'** - Tateishi reported that he has interviewed more than 150 times about the recent Disney movie "Pearl Harbor" and the concerns of the Asian American community. As a result, JACL got a lot of press attention and Tateishi continues to receive a number of media calls regarding various AA issues.

**'Banzi' and 'Politically Incorrect'** - A letter was sent to the president of USA Networks expressing JACL's concern about the network's "Banzi" TV series. Some of the concerns include voiceovers by non-Asian actors mimicking Japanese characters on the show. Tateishi is to speak with the president of the network. In addition, Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANAA) President Guy Aoki took on comedian Sarah Silverman on "Politically Incorrect" to discuss the comic's use of the derogatory term "chink" in her act.

**Florida** - Tateishi is scheduled to speak in Florida this month and hopes to gather interest in starting a JACL Florida chapter. Several letters have been mailed to JAs living in the state, including several who are already members of the organization. According to the 2000 Census there are currently about 10,000 JAs residing in the state of Florida.

**'Jap Road'** - The JACL Houston chapter is working to change the names of "Jap Road" in Jefferson County and "Jap Lane" in Orange County. "Jap Lane" was named in honor of Kichimatsu Kishi who founded an agricultural colony in 1908 and whose descen-

dants continue to sponsor Japanese cultural events. "Jap Road" was named in recognition of Yasuo Mayumi, another pioneer farmer. The Houston chapter suggests renaming the roads "Japanese Road," "Mayumi Road," or "Kishi Lane." In support of the local chapter's efforts, the JACL national board passed a resolution commendation.

### Pacific Citizen

Ken Inouye, P.C. editorial board chairperson, received clarification of the editorial board's role, specifically that the editorial board does not exercise any financial function over the newspaper, only editorial oversight.

Inouye asked the national board to reinstate the 10 percent cut to the P.C.'s allocation, about \$24,000, that was made at the May board meeting. The national board passed a resolution to reinstate the 10 percent or \$24,000 cut from P.C.'s allocation if and when funds become available.

Tateishi reported that the archives from P.C., national headquarters, and the PSW District office have now been moved to the Japanese American National Museum. Jessica Silver from JANM will now be collecting the archives from the other district offices and hopes to complete all transfers by Spring 2002.

### Youth Council Report

The national board passed a resolution in support of the national youth/student council which stated that "... members of the JACL National Board do hereby recognize the tremendous efforts and commitment of the National Youth/Student Council in continuing to focus vast amounts of undying energy in getting young people further involved and empowered within the Japanese American Citizens League and in the United States of America."

The national youth/student council recently held its national youth conference in Seattle. Matthew Nakata, national youth/student chair, reported the conference was a tremendous success with 116 participants from all across the country, representing 31 different chapters. The national youth/student retreat will be held Oct 5-7 in Salt Lake City.

### General Operations

**Liability Insurance** - There are still a number of chapters who have not responded to a letter from national headquarters regarding liability insurance. Currently, headquarters is being charged between \$100-\$200 annually per chapter for their activities. If chapters do not respond to headquarters' inquiry regarding their various activities,

JACL is charged \$200 for each non-response regardless.

Currently, JACL is paying about \$15,000 per year for this liability insurance. David Kawamoto, vice president of general operations, submitted a motion to ask the chapters to pay for their individual liability insurance payments but it was defeated.

An alternate motion submitted by Art Koga, national treasurer/secretary, to have headquarters pay the \$15,000 for the liability insurance and to bill those chapters who do not respond to their request to list their various activities was passed instead.

**Website policy** - Motion to adopt the National JACL Website Policy was passed.

The policy states that the content of the JACL Website is to be consistent with the constitution and bylaws and with the policies and programs of the national organization. All press releases from national JACL will be posted on the Website. Other press releases, including those from chapters or districts, may be posted at the discretion of the executive director of the national board.

### Public Affairs

**Federal Funding of Faith Based Organizations** - A resolution was passed against charitable choice legislation. It stated in part: "... the JACL strongly urges the U.S. Congress to reject any legislation that provides federal funding of faith-based organizations." Recently, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation allowing the U.S. government to use federal money to fund activities of faith-based organizations or religious non-profit groups.

**Resolutions in Support of JAs** - U.S. Sen. Patty Murray will mark the 60th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 that sent 120,000 JAs to concentration camps by introducing two resolutions. One will be to honor those who were interned and to have Congress mark the 60th anniversary of the Day of Remembrance. A second resolution will ask the U.S. Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp to mark the

### Membership

As of July 2001 the membership count is 21,516 members. Some of the chapters that saw an increase in their numbers include: Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley, Clovis, Pasadena, Alaska, Portland, Idaho Falls, Arkansas Valley, Twin Cities, and Southeast.

**Same-Sex Benefits** - Blue Shield of California will begin offering same-sex partner benefits starting Jan. 1, 2002. In addition to the health insurance, JACL is looking into providing same-sex member benefits in other service areas also.

**Chapters in Good Standing** - Gary Mayeda, vice president of membership, asked the district governors to look at their chapters to see which are not in good standing. JACL needs to see what they can do about chapters that are not in good standing.

### Planning and Development

**Legacy Grants** - The legacy fund committee is currently looking at how to deal with partial grant awards since oftentimes they are not able to fund the entire amount that an applicant requests. Karen-Liane Shiba, vice president of planning and development, wants to ask governors to implement rotating appointments to the committee.

**Education** - Reprinting of the JACL curriculum guide, with funding from Lowe's, was scheduled to be completed by the end of August. The education committee is looking to host a "Tribe Teachers" workshop at the upcoming national convention. They will also be hosting a number of workshops in California in conjunction with the Go For Broke Foundation. The Education Website is now up and running on the JACL site at www.jacl.org.

**Scholarships** - The national board passed a resolution to have all national scholarship applications go through the chapters first and then to national headquarters postmarked no later than the April 1 deadline.

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## U.S. and Japan Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Peace Treaty

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

On opposite ends of the Pacific, in San Francisco and in Tokyo, dignitaries gathered Sept. 8 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the peace treaty that officially ended World War II and promised future cooperation between the United States and Japan.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and Japanese Foreign Minister Makiko Tanaka spent the morning reaffirming ties between the two countries during a ceremony at a former San Francisco military base.

"A strong alliance with Japan is essential," Powell said, toasting both American and Japanese delegates.

In Tokyo, JACL national president Floyd Mori was a special guest at a ceremony attended by Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and about 800 other government officials, diplomats, scholars, businesspeople and citizens.

Mori was one of four Americans, including former vice president Dan Quayle, to be honored. JACL was recognized for the contributions made by Japanese Americans to assist in Japan's post-war recovery.

"It is very significant that the Japanese have acknowledged the role of Japanese Americans in the rebuilding of Japan," Mori said. "Many JAs in the military and private sector helped Japanese business adapt to the U.S. economic machine which contributed to the post-war economic recovery of Japan."

"The JACL has always recognized U.S./Japan relations to be an important element of our organization," he said. "Our heritage is tied to Japan, and the policy routes they choose often have significant impact upon how we are perceived in the American public. Our task is to understand that

heritage and apply JACL principles to maximize their positive influence while at the same time work to mitigate any negative impact Japan policy has in our communities."

On Sept. 8, 1951, delegates gathered at the Presidio Army base to sign a treaty which cemented a defense pact that remains a cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy. Powell and Tanaka attended a second ceremony at the War Memorial Opera House, where 50 years ago representatives from both countries signed the San Francisco Peace Treaty, which gave Japan political independence.

During the San Francisco ceremony, Tanaka expressed remorse and sympathy to American prisoners of war forced into labor by Japanese companies.

The event was met by some protest however, including those who don't believe Japan will take responsibility for its atrocities against American POWs as well as Chinese whose families were slaughtered and Asian women forced into sexual slavery during the occupation.

Hundreds of protestors thronged outside the Opera House, chanting and holding signs for Japanese apologies and reparations.

Under the San Francisco Peace Treaty, Japan was not required to apologize for wartime acts, much less compensate the victims of its march across Asia. American negotiators agreed to those terms because they wanted Japan to become an ally against communism in East Asia.

The State Department has argued in U.S. courts that the treaty prevents Japan from compensating American POWs. Powell said he understood the suffering of the prisoners, but said "the treaty dealt with this matter 50 years ago."

Until recently, trade spats were

## Nisei Vets Honor Former Army Secretary Caldera

Former Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera, 45, was warmly applauded by 250 Nisei veterans and friends at an appreciation luncheon hosted by the Go For Broke Educational Foundation, 100th/442nd Veterans Association, MIS Club of Southern California and MIS Association of Northern California on Sept. 8, at the Four Points Sheraton.

Sally Hamamoto, sister of Medal of Honor recipient Kiyoshi Muranaga, recalled her personal experiences when the call came from Washington that her brother was among the 20 Nisei veterans who were to be decorated last year. The hospitality shown the honored families was unbelievable and unforgettable, she emphasized.

Col. Young Oak Kim (retired) and Col. Harry Fukuhara (retired) extended remarks on behalf of the 100th-442nd and Military Intelligence Service veterans, respectively.

Kim, who met Caldera about 12 years ago as state assemblyman from the Central L.A. District including Little Tokyo, recounted Caldera's support in creating the Go For Broke Monument. Fukuhara related some of the high points of the Nisei in military intelligence.

Caldera was appointed by President Clinton as Secretary of the Army and served from 1998-2001. He is currently vice chancellor for the University Advancement of the California State University System, the largest four-year university system in the country. ■

the only major source of friction between the allies. Even so, Japan has become an important U.S. export market and America's third-largest trading partner, with \$212 billion in exchanges last year, according to the Census Bureau. Despite a prolonged recession, Japanese firms have invested heavily in the United States. ■

## JACL Corner

### Livingston-Merced Chapter Builds Ties with Southeast Asian Community

After receiving \$2,000 from the JACL Legacy Fund Grant this year, the Livingston-Merced JACL will once again offer its mentor program, which was first launched two years ago as a way to build ties between JACL members and members of the local Southeast Asian community.

Mentors from the chapter are paired with a Southeast Asian student to whom they will provide support and guidance through monthly group outings and frequent phone contact until graduation from high school.

The mentors, with help from UC Scholars, an outreach program, will ensure that students take the courses needed to meet the rigorous admissions standards of University of California schools.

A tenth UC campus is scheduled to be completed in Merced by

2004 with an enrollment of 1,000 students. About 800 students will be added annually until enrollment reaches 25,000.

For more information about the mentor program, contact Karen Philson at kphilson@ckinsur.com or Bob Taniguchi at taniguchir@merced.ca.us.

### San Francisco Presents Kay Okamoto Volunteer Award

Ikebana teacher and taiko player, Susumu Saiki, received the 2001 Kay Okamoto Volunteer Award from the San Francisco JACL. Saiki teaches *shigin* at Hamilton Senior Center and has served for over 50 years on the board of the Buddhist Church of San Francisco, where he has participated in over 40 Obon festivals.

He was awarded \$1,000, which he requested be shared between Hamilton Senior Center and the Buddhist Church of San Francisco. ■

### Over 300 Attend National JACL Singles Convention



PHOTO: PAUL BANNAI

More than 300 people attended the ninth annual National JACL Singles Convention held over Labor Day weekend in Torrance, Calif. Pictured are (l-r): Warren Furutani, who spoke at the Sunday brunch, Miyako Kadogawa, convention co-chair, and Terry Terachi, City of Gardena mayor.

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## Visit to Cuba

"The watermelon was out of this world," said Haru Kuromiya, referring to her recent visit to a cooperative organic farm which is run by four families in Cuba. Kuromiya was part of an 18-member delegation



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raved about was descended from watermelon seeds which came from the United States. Aside from the watermelon, Kuromiya said she was also struck by how much life on the Cuban farm reminded her of her childhood in the United States. She commented that "the tractors and trucks are old but well-maintained (in Cuba), and there is a lot of cooperation and sharing, similar to how the Issei (in the United States) farmed."

In addition to the organic farm, members of the NCCR-sponsored delegation visited an ecological village, an alternative health clinic and many historic sites in Havana. The group met with ECAP (an international friendship organization), People's Power (neighborhood-based governing body in Cuba) and Mitsuo Mabuchi, the Japanese ambassador to Cuba, who invited the delegation to dinner. During the trip, members of the delegation were able to split into small groups in order to meet Cuban families and distribute

packages of American over-the-counter medicines, which are difficult to obtain in Cuba due to the U.S. trade embargo.

The heart of the trip to Cuba, however, was a visit to the "Isla de la Juventud" (Island of Youth) to celebrate Obon and to commemorate the wrongful imprisonment of Cuban Nikkei men during World War II. Under the influence of the United States, Fulgencio Batista ordered the internment of all Cuban men of Japanese ancestry. Approximately 300 Nikkei men were imprisoned on the Isle of Youth, formerly named the Island of Pines, while Nikkei women and children were left to fend for themselves from 1942 to 1946. After Nikkei men were released from the prison, Nikkei families quickly scattered across Cuba seeking work. Today, the Nikkei population in Cuba is still dispersed, and Cuban Nikkei have lost many of their Japanese traditions.

Francisco Miyasaka, a Nisei who participated in the Cuban revolution and who currently serves as the president of the Japanese Cuban Society, invited the JA delegation to teach Cuban Nikkei about some of the traditions of their American counterparts. Nobuko Miyamoto, a well-known JA performer and longtime community activist, went to Cuba to lead the delegation in teaching Obon dances on the Isle of Youth. About 25 Cuban Nikkei bravely joined in the Obon dancing, one of the lost traditions in Cuba.

Members of the delegation noted that JAs have a lot to learn from their Cuban counterparts. Delegate Suzy Katsuda said, "[Cubans] eat less and live longer [than Americans]," referring to the fact that the average life expectancy for Cubans is one year longer than for Americans despite occasional food shortages in Cuba. Other delegates were impressed by the fact that Cuban Nikkei are trying to teach themselves how to speak Japanese. Delegates also noticed that the Japanese tradition of reverence for the elderly is still practiced in Cuba. The delegation was introduced to Mr. Shinazu, the oldest living Cuban Nikkei, who is 95 years old. On Sept. 30, members of the del-

## EYEWITNESS

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city. And each time a building went down, Ito said he heard a collective cry of people screaming.

Then people completely covered in gray dust started coming through Chinatown. "I thought I was seeing zombies," Ito said.

Many were distraught and crying. One woman was so emotionally upset that Ito went over to the complete stranger and hugged her.

Ito, who works for Asian Americans for Equality, said New York like every other major city has had its share of hate crimes connected to this tragedy. To prevent further violence, he urged everyone across the nation to hold educational forums where the public can learn about the Arab American community.

Immediately after the attack, Lillian Kimura with the New York JACL chapter coordinated efforts to ensure that JACLers who worked in the lower Manhattan area were safe. Her periodic e-mail updates provided names and eyewitness accounts. At the time P.C. spoke with Kimura, she, like others who live in the outlying New York and New Jersey areas, could only get TV reception on one channel.

Attorney Francis Sogi, who commutes between New York and Hawaii, had just flown out of New York two days before the attack. "I don't feel like traveling right now. I think I'll stay put for a while," said Sogi from his home in Hawaii.

Between 1959 and 1973, Sogi's law firm had an office on Wall Street and Broadway where he watched the construction of the

WTC. Sogi said he will report on their experiences in Cuba. The report-back, which will feature a multimedia slide presentation and question-and-answer session, will take place at 2 p.m. at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in L.A.'s Little Tokyo. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information about the event, call 213/680-3484.

Christina Shigemura is a Hapa Yorsei and a member of NCCR.

World Trade Center. This July, he had taken his granddaughter up to the top of one of the towers during a break in the PANA convention. "To see it go down like a piece of toy is just so amazing," said Sogi.

In Washington, D.C., Clyde Nishimura, EDC district governor whose office is about three miles from the Pentagon, was driving to work when he caught sight of smoke rising. When he got into work, he was notified that the Pentagon had been hit, and the employees were told to go home. Nishimura said that moment was chaotic with some 2,000 people from his building trying to get out. He resigned himself to remain at his office rather than try to fight the mass congestion.

Lucy Kishiu, national JACL membership coordinator, had flown into D.C. on Sept. 9 to participate in a LEAP leadership conference. She and a colleague were driving on the freeway when they heard over the car radio that the World Trade Center and the Pentagon had been hit. By that time, traffic had become so congested they couldn't get off at an off-ramp to turn around. The snail-like pace of the traffic flow took them by the Pentagon 20 minutes after it had been hit.

Since the Pentagon had been hit on the south side, and Kishiu was on the north side, she said all she could see were plumes of smoke. Understandably, the LEAP conference was cut short, and participants scrambled to get home. As of Sept. 17, Kishiu was still stuck on the East Coast, but another LEAP leader and JACLer, Doug Urate, was able to make it home to Los Angeles after being stranded in Kansas for a few days.

JACL Washington, D.C., representative Kristine Mimami was home when she heard about the World Trade Center attacks. When she heard the Pentagon had also been hit, she decided not to go into work. She said her initial reaction was of "shock and extreme sorrow."

"For several days following, I was very anxious and stressed," she said.

But on a more encouraging note, Mimami said there is a spirit of cooperation among elected officials.

"I've never seen such a show of unity," she said. "Too bad it took this to get everyone on the same page."

Those who were contacted for this article urged the public to donate blood. Monetary contributions are also welcome. But most importantly, they urged educational forums in order to prevent the proliferation of hate crimes in retaliation for the Sept. 11 tragedy. ■

## AOYAMA

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During the service, Aoyama's two children — Emily, 18, and George, 16 — gave tearful eulogies, recounting the happy times with their father. Aoyama's wife, Machiko, gave brief words of appreciation. She declined to make a public statement to the *Pacific Citizen*, saying she was not ready at this time.



DAVID AOYAMA

William Roe, one of Aoyama's best friends, had this to say: "To have someone who is so close to lose their life that way just tore half of me out. On the other hand, I have kind of taken what we did together and determined myself to work even harder in my own endeavors for the sake of other human beings."

Aoyama was born in Hokkaido, Japan in 1953. He came to the United States in 1977 and managed restaurants in Dallas and Memphis before becoming a member of the Buddhist association's staff in 1983. Since 1995 he worked at the organization's national headquarters in Santa Monica after serving in its Chicago, Philadelphia and Kansas City regional offices. Aoyama had been returning home from official business in Boston when his plane was hijacked.

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mass punishment without trial for people whose only crime was their race.

With well more than a million people of Arab descent living in America, we must now ask ourselves: Could it happen again?

The early indications are worrisome. Mosques have been defaced. Arab-owned businesses have been shot at and burned. Arab Americans have faced verbal and physical abuse in the streets. Internet chatrooms and message boards burst with anti-Arab and anti-Muslim slogans and threats.

To his credit, Attorney General John Ashcroft has clearly condemned this wave of violence and harassment. "Such reports of violence and threats," he said, "are in direct opposition to the very principles and laws of the United States and will not be tolerated."

These are welcome words, but they do not wipe away the worry that we might be lurching toward a replay of 1942, an Arab American internment in this century to match the Japanese American internment of the last. After all, in the immediate wake of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Attorney General Francis Biddle came to the defense of Japanese America, arguing publicly and courageously that "the Bill of Rights protects not only American citizens but all human beings who live on our American soil, under our American flag." His words did not prevent the wholesale incarceration of JAs just a few months later.

Is the recent rash of anti-Arab and anti-Muslim violence the first step along a path to a civil rights violation of tragic proportions?

The risks of tragedy are clear: In the public's mind, today's enemy is not so different from the enemy of 60 years ago. His religion and his cause are foreign, we tell ourselves. His devotion to them is

fanatical, even suicidal. He is servile. He is barbaric. His skin is of a different color. And so on.

Yet the situations of JAs in 1941 and Arab Americans in 2001 are different in important, and hopeful, ways. The oppression of JAs during World War II came from more than just military fears and racial hatred. Its main engine was, in fact, economic. The historical record now clearly shows that the loudest and most effective advocates for evicting and incarcerating the West Coast's JAs were their white business competitors, especially in agriculture.

Arab Americans, while above the national median in levels of income and education, do not stand as a unified economic target. Unlike JAs in 1941, who were overwhelmingly concentrated in agriculture and in certain retail and service industries, Arab Americans today spread themselves across a broader range of the labor force, in both blue- and white-collar work.

Arab America is also more broadly dispersed across the country than Japanese America in 1941. At that time, nearly 90 percent of all people of Japanese ancestry in America lived in California, Washington and Oregon, where they made, an especially easy target for those frightened of a Japanese assault on the West Coast. Today, Arab Americans live all over the country. While they are mostly city-dwellers, the cities where they live in greatest numbers are in the West (Los Angeles), the Midwest (Chicago and Detroit) and the East (New York and Washington, D.C.).

Unlike JAs in 1941, Arab Americans walk the corridors of American political power. Two of President Bush's cabinet secretaries are of Arab descent: Spencer Abraham, secretary of energy, and Mitchell E. Daniels, director of the Office of Management and Budget. Donna Shalala, President Clinton's secretary of Health and Human Services, is

also of Arab ancestry. Spencer Abraham served as a U.S. Senator, and several Arab Americans, such as West Virginia's Nick Rahall, serve in the House of Representatives.

Perhaps most importantly, the law protects Arab Americans today in a way that the law did not protect JAs in 1941. What we today take as commonplace, namely that the government may not take race or ethnic origin into account in its dealings with individuals, had not yet been established at the outset of American involvement in WWII. Our courts today have nearly 60 years of precedent to rely upon in condemning race-based government action. And, what's more, nearly all of our current Supreme Court justices have condemned the JA internment as unconstitutional, and the 1944 Supreme Court's opinion to the contrary as the colossal mistake.

Sadly, the anti-Arab and anti-Muslim incidents of the last few days have shown that Americans are no less susceptible to racist fear in the wake of the World Trade Center horror than we were after the tragedy at Pearl Harbor. The situation of Arab Americans is, however, different from that of the JAs during WWII, and we live in a different legal world as well. Let us hope that we are in a better position to hear, and to heed, our attorney general's sensible words of restraint today than we were in 1941. ■

*Eric L. Muller is a Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and author of "Free to Die for Your Country."*

**Obituaries**

All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Arita, Tommy Tatsuo, 85,** Alhambra, July 27; San Fernando-born Nisei; survived by wife, Anna; daughters, Ardell Furuta, Jean (Carl) Kato; brothers, Harry (Gail), Tony (Kay) and Ted Arita; 2 gc.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

**Fujii, Teruyuki, 75,** Rancho Palos Verdes, July 28; Los Angeles-born Nisei; survived by wife, Hana; sister, Amy (Mikio) Fujino; 2 gc.; nieces and nephews.

**Miwa, Masao Terry, 67,** Torrance, July 19; San Francisco-born; Heart Mountain internee; survived by wife, Kimiko; son, John; daughter, Julie; sisters, Jean (Tad) Ushijima and Kay (Tom) Okino.

**Miyagawa, Richard, 81,** Madison, Wis., Sept. 3; Maui-born; Gila River internee; survived by wife, Marion; sons, John (Tm Gervasi) and Rick (Marsha Oliva); daughter, Judy (Dana) McCarthy; brother, Dave (Mary); 6 gc.; many nieces and nephews; predeceased by brothers, Stanley and Johnny.

**Nomura, Sam Jiro, 84,** July 26; Everett, Wash.-born; survived by wife, Masayo; sons, George (Cynthia) and Jon (Jacqueline); brothers, Carl and James (Margaret); sisters, Yoshiko Hasegawa and Ayako (Edward) Machida; sister-in-law, Mikako Nomura; 2 gc.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

**Ozawa, Gerald H., 71,** July 27; survived by wife, Harrienne; sons, Walter, Paul (Eleanor) and William (Elaine); daughters, Stephani (Tony) White, Christine (Robert) Ichikawa and Doris (Sidney) Sakamoto; 2 gc.

**Sakamoto, Kyoaki, 88,** Duarte, July 23; San Gabriel-born Nisei; survived by wife, Kiyono; son, Takeshi; daughter, Michiko (Koji) Ishii; brother Noboru (Toki); nieces, nephews and other relatives.

**Sakurada, Hiroshi, 74,** Los Angeles, July 28; Terminal Island-born Nisei; survived by wife, Kazuo; son, Robert (Jacqueline); daughters, Kiyoko (Vic) and Denise (Steve) Shiroma; 3 gc.

**Shibata, Walter D., 86,** Albuquerque, N.M., Sept. 10; WWII 442nd veteran; survived by wife, Anne; sons, Ronald (Lisa) and Randolph; brother, Tom; sister, Mary Shigenaka; 2 gc.

**Takiguchi, Wilbur Y., 89,** Palo Alto, survived by wife Lilly; sons, Gerard and Roger; 2 gc.

**Tanaka, Eiko, 58,** Whittier, July 23; Tule Lake-born Sansu; survived by parents, Henry and Florence; son, Dennis; daughter, Tiffany (Brent) Ikari; brother, Takao (Diane) Shiohama; 3 gc.; many nieces and nephews.

**Tsunekawa, Grace Miyeko, 76,** San Francisco, July 22; Sacramento-born; survived by husband, Toshio; sons, Andy (Sandy) and Michael (Laura); daughters, Carol (Alfred) Wilbon and Nancy (Gary) Loo; 11 gc.; 3 ggc.

**Yamashita, Yuriko, 87,** Berkeley, July 20; Oakland-born.

**Yoshida, Yoshio Henry, 81,** Monterey Park, July 29; Baldwin Park-born; survived by sons, Gilbert (Deborah) and Dave (Anabel Estrada); daughter, Diane Yoshida; sisters-in-law, Toshiiko Senmaru and Chieko (Mike) Miyake; 9 gc.; many cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives. ■

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Applications for "Operation Recognition" are available at the Placer County Office of Education, 360 Nevada Street, Auburn, CA; on the website: www.placercoe.k12.ca.us; or by calling Carolyn Taylor at 530/886-5812. ■

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**Fujii, Tautomu, 78,** Los Angeles, July 19; Terminal Island-born; survived by daughters, Chizue (Richard) Covarrubio and Kaoru (Kenneth) Sakamoto; 4 gc.; sisters, Kayoe (Kiyoto) Funaoka and Hisako (Yukio) Kawachi; brother, Yoshikazu (Miyoko); sister-in-law, Aki Fujii; and many relatives.

**Fujimoto, Ayako, 84,** Morgan Hill, Sept. 7; Seattle-born, Kushimoto Wakayama raised; Heart Mountain and Tule Lake internee; survived by sons, Isao (Christine) and Kazuya (Dorothy); daughters, Yoshiko (Tadao) Kajiko, Toyoko (Yoichiro) Ohmi, Motoko (Masao) Seto, Coleen (Mae) Salsbery, Janet (Jack) McCabe, Ann-Fujimoto, Shigeko (Anjo) Perryman and Tomiko (Pat) Franklin; sister, Yuko Nakao; 7 gc.; 2 ggc.; predeceased by husband, Taichi and children, Keiko, Shoko and Donald.

**Harada, Hisako, 80,** Mira Loma, July 22; Galt-born; survived by daughters, JoAnn Gunter, Donna Steele and Gloria Phelps; sons Bobby, Gordon and Leonard; brother, Isao Kameshige; sister, Tobjoko Saeki; 11 gc.; and 6 ggc.

**Hirano, Urano, 95,** Los Angeles, July 30; Nagoya City, Aichi-ken, Japan-born Issei; survived by son, Shigeo; daughter, Mitsuko (Ted) Nettler; son-in-law, Masami Yasuda; daughter-in-law, Kathy Hirano; 4-gc.; and many other relatives.

**Hiraoka, Rose, 74,** Torrance, July 21; Marysville-born; survived by nephews, Ted (Mieko) Tamamoto and Paul Hiraoka; niece Jean Ishikawa; great-nephews, Michael Ishikawa, Jonathan Ishikawa and David Ishikawa.

**Ishiyama, Dr. Toaru, 80,** Parma, Ohio, Aug. 15; WWII veteran; survived by wife, Miyako; sons, John (Marjorie Breining), Howard (Shannon Smithey), and Richard; daughter, Susan; sisters, Miyo (Ken) Schug and Tomie Ishiyama; brothers, Iwao, Kenji and Tetsuo; 3 gc.; many nieces and nephews; predeceased by sister Motoko Naritoku.

**Ishizawa, Yoshiko "Yo" (nee Yokoyama), 77,** Aug. 28; Seattle-born; Minidoka internee; survived by husband, Minoru; daughter, Sandra (Jon) Honda; sisters, Keiko (Takeshi) Sakanashi, Takeko (Jiro) Tado and Donna (Jack) Krivdo; 2 gc.; many nieces and nephews.

**Kanematsu, Mari Tokuno,** Torrance, July 21; Tokyo-born Issei; survived by daughter, Ai Tokuno; sisters, Makoto Varvel and Megumi Kanematsu; brother, Yutaka; many cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

**Kawasaki, George H., 76,** North Hills, July 28; Utah-born; survived by wife Margaret; sons, Dean, Bruce and Kirk; daughter, Lynne Dufresne; brother, Don; sister, Emiko Toyota; 8 gc.

**Minami, Clifford Yashio, 66,** Pomona, July 19; Santa Maria-born Sansu; survived by wife, Nancy; daughters, Audrey and Alison Minami; brothers, Masaru (Racquel), Norio (Eileen) and Susumu; sister, Amy (Genie) Chan; uncles, Isamu and Mitsugu (Fumiyo) Minami; aunt, Toshiko Iriyama; nieces and nephews.

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## HATE CRIMES

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Harbor."

As the support of JACLers across the nation continues to unfold in the coming weeks, some of the more immediate responses have been: Ted Namba, president of the Arizona chapter, went out letters of support to local Islamic organizations and temples and will be considering further action, particularly after the shooting death of Balbir Singh Sodhi, an Indian Sikh; Lillian Kimura with the New York chapter has been coordinating efforts to contact New York JACLers to make sure they are safe; Clyde Nishimura, EDC district governor, has been monitoring and responding to hate messages posted on local websites; Bill Yoshino, Midwest regional director, has been monitoring and participating in press conferences calling for restraint, particularly in light of a shooting incident against a business owner in his district; Beth Au, PSW regional director, has been involved in unity events; Kristine Minami, JACL Washington, D.C., representative,

participated in a candlelight vigil at the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism; and Ken Inouye, P.C. editorial chair who is with the Orange County Human-Relations Commission, has been involved in promoting better inter-ethnic relations during this tense-time.

The day after the attack, the Asian American Journalists Association urged the media to "continue responsible coverage on Arab American communities" and provided several resources.

Nishimura said what he found most disturbing were messages on the Internet of people saying Arab Americans need to prove their loyalty to America just as Japanese Americans did with the 442nd Regimental Central Team during World War II. Nishimura has been responding saying that JAs were good Americans long before America entered WWII and the 442nd was created.

Of JACL's eight districts, Yoshino's jurisdiction encompasses Michigan, in particular Detroit, which has the largest concentration of Arab Americans in the nation, although California has more overall. The day after the Sept. 11 attack, Yoshino was informed through the Chicago Commission on Human Relations that two Islamic schools received bomb threats, a Muslim woman of Lat-

in descent who was wearing a veil was physically attacked and a handful of people posted signs that read "I hate Arabs," "F--- the Arabs," and "Kill the Arabs."

In New York, where the most devastating terrorist attacks occurred, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) reported hate incidents targeting South Asians, particularly Sikh Indians, Bangladeshis, and Pakistanis. They urged victims or witnesses to report such incidents to AALDEF's Sivan Ling at 212/760-9110 or 212/966-5932 or e-mail at sling@aaldef.org. All information is kept confidential.

But such incidents were not limited to the Midwest. Robin Toma, executive director of the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, estimated that within two days of the attack, he received reports of between 10-15 hate crime incidents in Los Angeles County related to the tragedy. Some of the incidents included a freshly painted sign on Interstate 10 which read "Kill All Arabs", a teacher saying to a student, "Are you happy now?", high school students attacking another student because he was Arab American, and a Latino woman in a doctor's office who was forced to leave after a man harassed her by saying such things as "It's you people. You

foreigners who made this happen." Kathy Feng, with the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, said almost immediately after the tragedy, their office started getting hate crime reports from throughout the country. They ranged from a man in Chicago being dragged out of his car to local young college girls having their veils torn off.

As of press time, Feng said they had been too busy to count up the number of calls they had received but said "in every major city, we have heard of an attack in the form of harassment, physical attacks, verbal abuse and vandalism." Both Toma and Feng said attacks have been leveled against anyone who visually fits a certain stereotype. These include Pakistani, Latinos, South Asians and Indian Sikhs, who are neither Muslim nor Middle Eastern.

Inouye said Orange County, which has over two million people, has had its share of hate crime incidents related to the recent tragedy, including a case where elementary school students had been harassed. But he has been encouraged by the immediate response of community leaders after the tragedy including two of Orange County's top leaders — Orange County Supervisor Chief Cynthia P. Coag and Sheriff Chief

Michael Corona — proactively urging the public not to rush to judgment and not to scapegoat innocent people.

Inouye said he was also reassured because he has heard people cautioning others not to repeat what happened to JAs during WWII. "It shows we can learn from our mistakes," said Inouye.

The newly appointed members of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders also issued a call for tolerance.

"We call on all Americans to show solidarity, not against a particular religious or ethnic group, but against terror, itself, and against the specific organizations and individuals who bear responsibility for these tragedies," said Dr. John B. Tsu, chairman-designate of the commission.

Other APA organizations that have issued similar statements and/or are urging members to donate blood include: the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAAPA), the Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN), Chinese Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE), 80/20 political action committee; Filipino Civil Rights Advocates; Japanese American Religious Federation; and the Konkō Church of San Francisco. ■

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| JAPAN AUTUMN ADVENTURE (11 days)        | OCT 13  |

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