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JAs Re-create WWII Internment Experience

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATSONVILLE, Calif.—At noon on April 27, Japanese American men, women and children in fedoras and flowered dresses reported to a government building, attached tags with government-issued numbers to their suitcases and buttonholes, and rode a bus to a

place with fences and guard towers. The three-dozen participants reenacted what happened to their relatives in 1942, when 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry were forced into 10 U.S. internment camps on orders from President Franklin D. Roosevelt after the attack on Pearl

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PHOTO: HARRY HONDA

Watsonville's Re-Enactment 2002—Three "evacuees" board a 1941 vintage Greyhound bus after registering at the Veterans Memorial Building. In the foreground carrying the Torigoe box is David Kadotani, Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL president, who related the story of Ben Torigoe whose sporting goods store was shut down by the FBI because his store had hunting ammo; followed by Brandon Shimizu in a Cub Scout uniform, minus a 1938 baseball bat snatched away as contraband by officers (an incident long associated with Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta when preparing for evacuation 60 years ago) and Ken Tanimoto who, as wartime National JACL President Sab Kido, read the message that was telegraphed to President Roosevelt immediately after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Manzanar Pilgrimage 2002: Learning Yesterday's Lessons Today

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

MANZANAR, Calif.—Blink and you might miss it, as many people do on their way to Mammoth Mountain, a popular fishing, skiing and camping site among vacationers and tourists. At a glance, it's just one in a string of lonely desert towns along the Sierra Nevada's Highway 395 — if not for the history.

Over 500 people gathered April 27 to remember that history at the 33rd annual Manzanar pilgrimage, an event which commemorates the 120,000 Japanese Americans who

were unjustly incarcerated in 10 concentration camps during World War II.

This year, former internees joined with activists, politicians, teachers, students and others to honor survivors of the Heart Mountain and Rohwer internment camps, as well as Arab and Muslim Americans who are today suffering similar civil liberties violations by the U.S. government since last year's Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

It also marked the 10-year anniversary of Manzanar being des-

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APA Community Rallies Against Racist Abercrombie & Fitch T-Shirts

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

Although Abercrombie & Fitch has issued an apology and began recalling a controversial new line of T-shirts from their retail stores beginning April 18, Asian Pacific Americans across the nation are saying the company has not done enough.

"There's still a much broader issue that hasn't been addressed," said Daren Mooka, director of the Asian American Resource Center at Pomona College in Southern California.

"There's the question of what is the company going to do with the shirts once they've been pulled? Are they going to send them to second-hand stores and get them back into circulation? How are they going to educate their employees so that this doesn't happen in the future?"

"One of the comments from

their PR guy was that they thought Asians would love these shirts," added Mooka. "What would make them think we would love these shirts? There's got to be massive

particular, protestors say the shirts perpetuate the sentiment that APAs are inferior, servile and foreign; that they trivialize the historical struggle of APAs by portraying them in menial occupations that were forced upon them; and that the shirts insult the Buddhist religion.



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

More than 50 students from the Los Angeles area came out to protest in front of an A&F store in the Grove Mall, which was scheduled to hold a grand opening on April 23. The store, however, postponed their opening for three days due to alleged construction glitches.

education, from their top all the way down to their sales reps on the floor."

Mooka is part of a growing nationwide campaign, initiated by APA college students in mid-April, to bring public awareness to the offensiveness of the stereotypical caricatures resurrected by the A&F shirts and to hold the company accountable for their actions. In

National JACL is part of this campaign. "It is puzzling to us that there is so much insensitivity and ignorance in our major corporate executive offices and advertising firms that such

a blatant miscalculation could even occur," said Floyd Mori, national JACL president. "Making fun of ethnicity and characterizing stereotypical cartoons of any race should have been recognized long ago as taboo. This kind of oversight should not have happened in the

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National Board Proposes Plan for Redistricting and Restructuring of National Board

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—With less than two months to go before the national council convenes at the biennial JACL convention in Las Vegas, the JACL national board is proposing to make some major changes to the organization that include redistricting and restructuring of the board.

In a two-pronged proposal presented by National JACL President Floyd Mori at a board meeting April 20-21, the JACL looked at eliminating the Mountain Plains District (MPD) and reducing the number of seats

on the national board from the current 16 to 14.

The dissolution of MPD would decrease the number of districts from eight to seven and would thus reduce the number of district governor seats on the national board. To even out the number of board positions, one of the current youth positions would be eliminated.

"We're at a critical point in our organization," said Mori, who referred to the recent recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Committee as the starting point for the proposed changes. In order to sustain the viability of JACL for future generations, the organization needs to move forward with a redistricting and restructuring plan, he said. Mori added that the organization cannot afford to wait until 2010 to start implementing these changes.

In an almost unanimous vote, the JACL national board approved the dissolution of MPD. Thus, the six MPD chapters will move to the neighboring Intermountain and Midwest districts (MD). Omaha and Houston will join the Midwest; New Mexico, Mile-Hi, Fort Lupton, and Arkansas Valley will become a part of the Intermountain District (ID).

In effect, the large MP district will be split straight down the

middle with the states of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico joining ID, and North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas joining the Midwest.

(The redistricting motion was made by Ben Ezaki, MDC governor, and seconded by PNW District Governor David Masuo. Jeff Itami, vice governor of IDC, voted against the proposal and Matthew Nakata, national youth/student chair, abstained.)

"This proposal will be very controversial and will have a major impact on the Mountain Plains District. But in the end it will be helpful to the chapters in Mountain Plains," said Mori. "It's more beneficial for the chapters to be a part of a healthy district."

Current MPD Governor Reiko Yoshino also gave support to the proposal to eliminate the district saying, "Personally, I've been in favor of this for years. It's always been an option but it's never been put forward before."

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From the Director

John Tateishi, JACL National Executive Director

Las Vegas Countdown

Eight weeks and counting. What you'll read in this issue of the P.C. is that the national board, at its April meeting, approved a motion to submit a by-laws amendment proposal to restructure the national board.

The proposal reflects some of the changes taking place in the thinking of the organization by its leadership.

Early last year, National President Floyd Mori described to the board members how the JACL has been the premiere Asian American organization upholding the rights of all Asians in the United States for 73 years. He also described how the JACL has been doing business the same way for 73 years. But times have changed, challenges are different, and unless we change as an organization, this great institution won't be around much longer.

And he announced that he was creating the Blue Ribbon Committee to begin thinking about the JACL and to suggest, through recommendations, how best we can reorganize to be effective in the 21st century.

The board's action at this month's meeting was a first and extremely important step in that direction. Taking the Blue Ribbon Committee's recommendation to restructure the board, the final outcome of a long discussion resulted in a suggested change that chapters and districts will deliberate before coming to Las Vegas.

The new board, if the amendment is accepted by the national council, will consist of a president, one vice president, a secretary/treasurer, four at-large board members, and a youth representative, to be elected by the national council (rather than the youth council, as now practiced). In addition, there would be seven governors and a youth chair (voted by the youth council).

Yes, seven governors. Another change in the works. This again was the result of extended board deliberations that ultimately concluded that it would be more efficient to eliminate the Mountain Plains district and to merge the MP district council chapters with the Intermountain and Midwest districts (Colorado and New Mexico chapters to IDC and Omaha and Houston with MDC).

The dissolving of the Mountain Plains district and the restructuring of the national board — if the national council agrees to these changes — won't be effective until the 2004 biennium. These and similar changes will signify major

shifts in the organization's structure and operation, but quite honestly, they're long overdue.

There are other things in the works for this convention. Sign up now and make sure you don't miss what no doubt end up being a historic meeting of the organization. And oh, speaking of signing up, one note: as always, we have rooms blocked off at the Riviera Hotel at \$79 per night. Please make sure you sign up directly with the Riviera through their 800-number and mention that you're attending the JACL convention to ensure you get your room at our convention rate before we run out. This also helps us meet our guaranteed room numbers with the Riviera.

Don't miss this meeting of the council for what will prove to be an interesting discussion. That I can guarantee! ■

Letters to the Editor

A Call for Action

As May 11 approaches, the concerns raised over the past two years by the Nisei veterans over Resolution 3 remain unresolved. There may be negative consequences for JACL if attention of the national media is drawn to this divisive controversy reawakened by Resolution 3 in June 2000.

The tragic irony of this situation is that the crux of the problem, an apology by the JACL "for not acknowledging the resisters' stand of protesting the denial of Constitutional rights and for the pain and bitterness this caused," might have been avoided by a more clearly worded resolution specifying when these alleged wrongful actions took place. As written, this resolution is flawed.

Does it refer to a wrongful action of the wartime JACL in 1944? At that time they chose to deny support to draft resistance in the internment camps no matter what the moral or legal justifications. They decided to maintain their earlier stand taken in 1943, when they encouraged Nisei men to risk their lives in the 442nd, while their families remained imprisoned, accepting the premise that their actions would assure a future for their people in America after the war. This was a specific "either/or" choice for the JACL as for the individual young Nisei male, to resist or to join the military.

It is difficult to criticize a decision to continue to support men who were engaged in crucial battles at great cost to life and limb in France in 1944. An apology for this position does not seem appropriate.

On the other hand, if Resolution 3 refers to JACL's failure to recognize resisters after the war, failing to follow the lead of President Truman, who recognized the Nisei draft resisters in December 1947 with a pardon, that is an entirely different matter. The JACL leadership should clarify this ambiguity and attempt to mitigate its damage, even at this late date. It might have been caught earlier if they had entered into mediation with the veterans, which had been suggested to them several times.

A. Gorai
via e-mail

Nisei Vets' Group Oppose Apology

When America entered World War II, all able-bodied American males either volunteered for service or were conscripted. Those exempt from serving in the Armed Forces were sole surviving sons, farmers, or those who could not pass the physical examinations. Because of their religious belief, Conscientious Objectors tried to be exempt for military service but were conscripted and assigned to non-combat assignments. The "Resisters of Conscience" group did not fit any of the exempt categories and were considered draft dodgers.

Promoters of the May 11 JACL apology ceremony contend that the Resisters of Conscience took the right

and only proper action in refusing to serve in the Armed Forces until those interned were released and their constitutional rights restored. The promoters consider the resisters heroes and true martyrs. They also state that the JACL WWII leaders failed in their duties because: 1. The JACL leadership did not aggressively intercede, oppose and prevent the evacuation and internment; 2. The JACL Creed did not express the true sentiment and opinion of the organization and the Japanese American population; 3. The JACL leadership cooperated and assisted the government during the evacuation and internment and were not only "innocent" (dog) but served as spies and informants for the government; 4. The JACL encouraged the government to form a suicide combat unit so that JAs could prove their loyalty and patriotism and then recruited JAs to serve in that unit.

There are 19 Nisei veterans groups including a Nisei Disabled Veterans Group and many individuals on the mainland that accept recognition of the resisters but oppose any apology. Veterans groups in Hawaii support the recognition and apology but it is doubtful they are aware of the basis for the objection by veterans and older JA community members on the mainland.

When the 442nd started training at Camp Shelby, the Hawaii servicemen were disconcerted that more mainland Nisei had not volunteered. The Hawaii soldiers' visit to two concentration camps in Arkansas made them realize the difficult conditions faced by the mainland vets whose families were interned. Hopefully the two veterans' groups will be able to avoid further discussion and the relationship between JACL and the veterans' groups here will not deteriorate.

Leo Hosoda
Roseville, CA

Resisters Due An Apology From JACL

The P.C. April 5-18 issue is filled, yet again, with commentaries/letters about JACL's upcoming resisters' ceremony. Yet the article that struck me as the most germane was the front-page story about the Nisei who served with the Japanese military during WWII. In that sad story there is more truth about the real dilemma faced by real people during that miserable time. It surely will not be a point of pride for the Japanese American community to recognize that some American citizens of Japanese ancestry fought for the Emperor. Yet it really should come as no surprise. The attack on Pearl Harbor plunged all JAs, those in America as well as in Japan, into a sea of confusion and conflict. For some it may have surfaced as a clash with parents or siblings; for some as a clash of familiar cultures; for others as an identity crisis. And for some it was probably all of these things, a tumultuous jumble that even the most self-aware of the Nisei generation would find it impossible to sort out fully.

The point is that the war, and especially the U.S. government's racist and oppressive domestic response to it, created extraordinarily difficult problems

for the Nisei. You do not need to be an expert on human nature to know that humans will respond to difficulty in lots of different ways and for lots of different reasons.

But if you read the back-and-forth on the JACL's resister ceremony, you come away with the impression the right answers were clear and that everybody who made the same choice — whether it was resistance or compliance — made it for the same reasons.

Thus, Sus Satow tells us, in an account riddled with factual errors, that the resisters were all originally "No-No's" who switched their answers to "Yes-Yes" for purely "tactical" reasons. Floyd Mori stresses, on the other hand, that the men whom JACL is honoring and apologizing to on May 11 are all "resisters of conscience," comparable in motivation to Abe Lincoln and Martin Luther King.

After years of researching the resisters' story, I have concluded that neither of these caricatures of the resisters is true. Satow's wholesale denigration of the resisters' motives misses the true patriotism that motivated many resisters. Frank Yamasaki resisted the draft even though he knew full well that he would have failed his physical if he had shown up for it. Tak Hoshizaki resisted while incarcerated at Heart Mountain, but, once free, complied with the draft and served in the Korean War. And others, like Yosh Kuroyama and Mits Koshiyama, who served with their words — their thoughtful, intense, and persistent explanations of the decisions they made more than 50 years ago. I would defy any fair-minded person to engage these men in a conversation about their resistance and then question their patriotism, then or now.

Yet Mori's claim that all of the several hundred men whom the JACL is recognizing were "resisters of conscience" is also undoubtedly false. Even at Heart Mountain, the site of the most overtly patriotic of the resistance movements, not all of the resisters answered "Yes-Yes." At Minidoka, most of the resisters requested repatriation to Japan. So did resisters at other camps. Once the Heart Mountain resisters were convicted in district court, some opposed the idea of appealing their conviction, knowing that they were out of harm's way for the likely duration of the war. In short, there is ample reason to suspect that some of the men who will be honored on May 11 did not act in the spirit of Lincoln and King.

Because mixed motives are part of the human reaction to difficult circumstances, we can also assume something similar about the men who complied with the draft. Today we are told that they were all heroes and patriots. But what of the men who (though they would not now admit it) went into the army because it was the only way to leave camp, or who jumped at the draft as a way to get out of a difficult relationship with a parent or a girlfriend? What of the men who went into the service at a point when the war was all but won? What of the men who were overcome by fear or even fled in terror — as I think I might have done — when the shells began to fall and the bullets to fly?

Those who resisted the draft were not all patriots. Neither were all of those who complied with it. They were, instead, imperfect human beings, and young ones at that, trying their best to deal with an impossible set of circumstances not of their making. Neither group is honored by pretending that all were heroes or all were villains.

But if there is a "villain," it is the wartime leadership of the JACL. And their villainy was the specific actions they took to punish the resisters — actions they were under no duty to take. My book "Free to Die for their Country" demonstrates unequivocally that JACL leaders worked closely with federal government officials to jail the resisters and to demolish the career of a Nisei newspaperman who publicly supported "thrift." Documents in the WRA and Justice Department archives make clear that in 1944, Joe Grant Masaoka was working "hand in glove with the FBI" to "hang" Denver newspaperman James Omura. (That is a direct quotation from the WRA document.) Masaoka and Min Yasui also filed a report urging the federal government to place the Heart Mountain resisters in solitary confinement in order to break their spirit and get them to cooperate with the government in the prosecutions of the Heart Mountain FPC leadership. Delegates to the JACL's 1946 national convention also urged the organization to fire JACL attorney A.L. Wirth for having had the audacity to represent some of the resisters on his own time.

It is therefore ironic that many who oppose the May 11 ceremony grudgingly accept the idea of recognizing the resisters, but adamantly oppose the notion of apologizing to them. We cannot say for sure that every one of the several hundred resisters truly deserves the label "resister of conscience." But every one of them is due an apology from the JACL.

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National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff
and Associated Press

Trustees Meet on Campus Diversity Plan

STORRS, Conn.—The University of Connecticut's diversity action committee met April 16 to discuss the 127 recommendations for making the campus better reflect the state's current demographics.

Among the recommendations are proposals to hire 98 minority professors to balance the racial makeup of the faculty, and to create student housing "focused on academic, social and sexual identity interest."

Another recommendation would require undergraduates to take two diversity courses, anything from a women's studies class to a sociology, music or art history class that addresses diversity issues.

Minorities make up about 18 percent of the student population, according to university officials. The goal is to mirror the state's 21 to 22 percent balance.

Senate Confirms Yang as U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed Debra Yang April 22 as the chief federal prosecutor in Los Angeles. Yang, 42, is the first Asian American to serve as U.S. attorney in her native city.

She previously was a prosecutor in the office. For the past five years, Yang has been a judge in the Los Angeles Municipal and Superior courts.

"The U.S. attorney in Los Angeles is responsible for a seven-county area larger than many states," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. "It is an important post and I look forward to working with Judge Yang on the many law enforcement issues that are of great concern to Southern Californians."

President Bush nominated Yang in early April. She also had been considered for a federal judgeship, which is a lifetime appointment, but said she preferred the prosecutor's job.

Yang, the granddaughter of Chinese immigrants, graduated from Boston College Law School and has taught law courses at USC.

Kansas Elects First AA Student Body President

LAWRENCE, Kan.—A University of Kansas junior from Leawood was sworn in April 24 as the school's first Asian American student body president.

Jonathan Ng, 21, a Spanish and journalism major, said he wants to use his position to help increase ethnic

diversity on campus.

"It's a big deal when you're dealing with a first of that sort, whether it's the first woman student body president or the first minority faculty member in an area," he said. "It raises awareness and inspires people to pursue their interests and lets them know there isn't a glass ceiling."

One of his goals is to construct a new Multicultural Resource Center near the Kansas Union where stu-

be completed in a few years. Construction on the festival grounds and community center is scheduled to start in June.

Nakano's Anti-terrorism Bills Oked

SACRAMENTO—Two Assembly committees passed legislation April 23 authored by Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, aimed at protecting homeland security.

In a bipartisan vote, the Assembly Committee on Public Safety passed AB 1778, which would require the State Department of Justice to conduct background investigations for water treatment facility operator applicants. The bill would require determining whether an applicant had been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor relevant to security threats, tampering with a public water system or shown to be a risk to national security.

The Assembly Committee on Health unanimously passed AB 2067, which would require the state to supply potassium iodine tablets to residents within a 10-mile radius of a nuclear power plant. Potassium iodine has shown to be effective in reducing chances of thyroid cancer, a common illness that develops from radiation exposure.

The Assembly Committee on Health also passed AB 1745, which would require the Emergency Medical Services Authority to create a registry of physicians qualified to deal with medical emergencies involving infectious or contagious diseases. The registry would then be distributed to state agencies and county health departments.

All three bills are now headed to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Inouye Gets Award from West Point

HONOLULU—Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, has received the annual Thayer Award from the U.S. Military Academy.

The award was presented April 18 by the Association of Graduates in a ceremony at the academy at West Point.

The award is presented to a person who best exemplifies the academy's motto of "Duty, Honor, Country."

In 1943, Inouye enlisted in the 442nd Central Postal Directory. He returned to Hawaii in 1947 as a captain with numerous military awards. In 2000, his Distinguished Service Cross was upgraded to Medal of Honor.

Inouye was elected to the Senate in 1962 and is the Senate's fourth most senior member. He has been active in shaping U.S. defense policies and is chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. ■

L.A. Riots 10 Years Later



PHOTOS: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Los Angeles erupted in the worst riot in U.S. history on April 29, 1992 after four white LAPD officers were acquitted in the beating of black motorist Rodney King. The four-day chaos, that ignited entire blocks into flames, left 55 dead, an estimated 2,000 injured and more than \$1 billion in property damages due to fire and looting. Pictured above is a mini-mall caught up in flames in Compton on April 30, 1992, and the same block on April 29, 2002.

dent can learn about other cultures. Such a center has been housed in a temporary building since 1995. Ng said the current building is too small for the resource center to expand its services.

Currently, about \$60,000 in Endowment Association money goes toward the center's programming. Ng said he plans to work with Endowment Association officials to write a proposal for soliciting donations towards a new building.

West Valley City Shows Changing Complexion

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah—West Valley City is home to the nation's largest per capita population of Pacific Islanders outside Honolulu and will celebrate its growing diversity with a new community center designed to be a gathering place for the area's Vietnamese, Pacific Islanders and Latinos.

The \$10.4 million development is slated for an 80-acre field along the Jordan River. The center will have classrooms, festival grounds, outdoor amphitheater, studios, performing space, restaurants, offices and perhaps apartments.

Using \$1.5 million in federal grants and an \$8.9 million bond, Economic Development Director Bob Buchanan figures the \$10.4 million project can

Masaoka Fellowship Program Seeks Applicants

The JACL is now seeking candidates for its 13th Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship program, an annual program which places students in congressional offices to learn about public policy-making firsthand. Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, chair of the Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund, said this year's application deadline is June 1.

Eligible students must be in their third year of college or in graduate or professional programs and have American citizenship. Preference will be given to those with a demonstrated commitment to Asian Pacific American issues, particularly those affecting the Japanese American community.

The candidate will serve his or her fellowship in the office of a U.S. senator or member of the U.S. House of Representatives for three and a half months and receive a stipend of \$7,500 and round-trip airfare to Washington, D.C.

The fellowship period may be the fall term (September through December 2002) or spring term (February through May 2003) and will be arranged with the congressional office and the fellow. The fellow will be exposed to all facets of the work of the representative or senator and his/her staff.

The most recent Masaoka fellows

were Allison Kato of Santa Monica, Calif., who served in the office of Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Miho Takeshita, of San Francisco, who worked in the office of Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif.

The JACL established the fellowship fund in 1988 to honor Mike M. Masaoka (1915-1991) for a lifetime of public service in promoting justice, civil rights and human dignity.

Interested persons should visit the JACL website at www.jacl.org/masaoka.html for further information and an application, or contact the Washington, D.C., JACL office at 202/223-1240 or by email: dc@jacl.org. ■

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Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Randolph (Randy) Imai, environmental scientist with the California Department of Fish and Game, will be recognized with an Asian Pacific American Heritage Local Hero Award at a ceremony on May 7 at the KVIE Channel 6 public television studios in Sacramento. Imai, who studied wildlife and environmental conservation at Humboldt State University, was the recipient of the 2001 Cook-Hamilton Spirit Award, Employee of the Year and the National Silver Beaver Award for his involvement with the Boy Scouts. He served as president of the Sacramento JAACL in 1993 and is a member of the Nisei War Memorial Hall Board.

Samantha Nishimoto, 13, of Platteville, Colo., was named a U.S. National Award Winner in Honor Roll, a recognition less than 10 percent of all American high school students receive. Nishimoto, a seventh grader at South Valley Middle School, was nominated by her teacher Mrs. Duncan. Students are selected based on their academic performance, leadership qualities, enthusiasm for learning and cooperative spirit. Nishimoto will appear in the United

States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook.

Karl Ochi, a teacher at George Washington High School in San Francisco for 14 years, was chosen as the grand winner of this year's Nasdaq National Teaching Awards, which recognizes teachers for their originality, creativity and effectiveness in furthering students' awareness of financial markets. He received a cash award of \$25,000 for his entry "Revitalizing the Dismal Science Through Economic Metaphor and Analogy," which uses props and situations drawn from everyday life to impart economic concepts. Ochi beat four other regional winners from New York, Florida, Wisconsin and Missouri. He previously received the 1998 California Council on Economic Education's "Economics Teacher of the Year Award."

Vincent H. Okamoto, 58, of Torrance, Calif., was appointed by Gov. Davis as a judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Okamoto spent five years in the District Attorney's office prosecuting misdemeanor and felony cases,

including murder trials. He is a founder and former chairman and CEO of Pacific Heritage Bank, one of the largest minority-controlled financial institutions in the United States, and has served on the boards of Blue Cross of California, the California Endowment and the Japanese American Bar Association. He was



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Vincent Okamoto gets sworn in April 29 by California Gov. Gray Davis as a new Los Angeles Superior Court judge.

also a member of the Gardena City Council, including one year as mayor pro tem. Okamoto served as an officer in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1970 and became the most decorated Japanese American to survive the Vietnam War. He is now president of the Japanese American Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee. ■

Court Rejects DOJ's Decision to Deny Redress to Murakami

A U.S. Court of Federal Claims judge ruled on April 4 that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) must review a redress eligibility case it had previously denied.

Judge Francis M. Allegra rejected the Office of Redress Administration's decision to deny redress to Robert Murakami, who was born Aug. 23, 1945, in Chicago.

Under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, Murakami filed a redress claim in 1996 contending that he had been "deprived of liberty" by being born over 2,000 miles away from his parents' home in Los Angeles after the U.S. government wrongfully forced them into concentration camps dur-

ing World War II.

In June 1997, the ORA denied Murakami's application on the basis that he had not been "excluded by law" from returning to his parents' California home.

However, Judge Allegra found that the government's position "conflicts with that portion of the statute which provides that an individual is eligible [for] redress if otherwise deprived of liberty or property 'as a result of' the listed government laws or orders."

He said the government failed to examine whether Murakami might be eligible for redress under what he termed the "catch-all provision" in the DOJ's own regulations for the redress program.

The judge also criticized the U.S. government's attorney Steven Abelson for comments made during an oral argument last Dec. 5, in which he twice referred to the lifting of the exclusion order against

Japanese American citizens as a "benevolent act" in light of the fact that "the country was still at war with the Empire of Japan."

It is unclear whether the government will appeal the decision.

"This is a victory for Mr. Murakami," said Murakami's attorney John Ota, of Minami, Lew & Tamaki in San Francisco. "But I hope the Department of Justice takes to heart Judge Allegra's reasoning and his recognition that the redress program is not a 'garden-variety benefit program' but rather a unique and extraordinary program in which 'bureaucratic hair-splitting that would essentially ignore true deprivations of liberty ... is ill-placed.'"

Ota added, "Other unsuccessful redress applicants and their attorneys should review the Murakami decision to determine whether it can assist them in reopening their cases." ■

San Benito County Rescinds 1943 Anti-JA Resolution

San Benito County supervisors rescinded an anti-Japanese American resolution April 23, some 59 years after it was enacted to protest their return to the community from U.S. internment camps during World War II.

About 20 local JAs, friends and other community members attended the meeting to receive copies of the rescinding proclamation, which read in part: "WHEREAS, in 1943, when federal officials considered releasing Japanese-Americans from internment camps, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, in response to local attitudes and emotions, passed a resolution protesting that release ... NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the inappropriateness of that April 1, 1943 resolution and the reversal of national and local sentiment regarding that wartime action."

San Benito County's action follows that of several other counties, including Monterey, Santa Cruz and Fresno, which rescinded similar wartime resolutions protesting the federal government's decision to allow JA citizens to return to their homes following their incarceration.

At Supervisor Ruth Kesler's request, several Nikkei were asked to speak about the injustice they suffered at the supervisors' meeting and what it meant to them to be able to return to their rightful communities.

The old resolution will remain in the county's historical archives, but its racist sentiment has been taken officially off the books. ■

Ceremony to Fete Medal of Honor Recipient Nishimoto

A memorial dedication ceremony for Medal of Honor recipient Joe M. Nishimoto will take place on May 24 in Fresno, Calif.

Nishimoto, a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II, will receive full military honors for his heroism near Ila Houssiere, France on Nov. 7, 1944. After three days of trying to dislodge the enemy from a strongly defended ridge, Nishimoto, as squad leader, led a determined assault, destroying a machine gun nest, forcing another

machine gun crew from its position, and eventually forcing the enemy to withdraw from its sector. Nishimoto was Killed in Action on Nov. 13, 1944, in France.

The ceremony will include the dedication of the placing of a Medal of Honor headstone and will take place at the Washington Colony Cemetery, 7318 South Elm Street in Fresno. The services will begin at 11 a.m. For more information, contact Don Wakida, commander VFW Sierra Nisei Post 8499, at 559/291-6322. ■

JACL Wartime Leaders Tribute, June 28

As part of the national JACL biennial convention June 25-30 in Las Vegas, the Sacramento JACL and national JACL will sponsor a dinner event on June 28 at the Riviera Hotel and Casino to salute wartime national JACL leaders, including Mike Masaoka, Saburo Kido and George Inagaki.

This tribute is to recognize, honor and thank the three key national JACL wartime leaders, now deceased, for their dedication, vision and courage in serving the greater Japanese American community during the trying World War II period.

The efforts of Masaoka, Kido and Inagaki helped to resolve the problems and needs of the times and

paved the way for generations of JAs to find their place in mainstream America and to become "Better Americans in a Greater America."

The invited keynote speaker is U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta.

Remarks will also be extended by National JACL President Floyd Mori. Convention delegates, boosters and friends are encouraged to attend the event.

The cost of the tribute dinner is \$75. For reservations and information, contact the national JACL convention committee at 702/382-4443, e-mail: ljvjacl@juno.com; or contact Sacramento JACL at 916/447-0231, e-mail: saccustortours@aol.com. ■



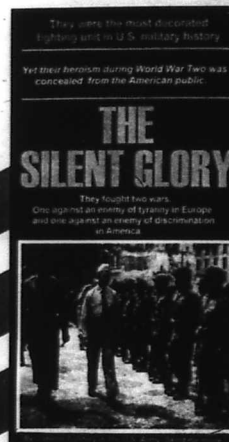
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Nat'l Board Members Discuss Budget, Abercrombie & Fitch, and Upcoming Convention at Quarterly Meeting

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—In addition to the hot topics of redistricting and restructuring the national board, the elected officers and governors of JACL gathered at the national headquarters' office April 20-21 to discuss finances, including the 2003-2004 biennial budget, recent public affairs issues such as JACL's response to racist Abercrombie & Fitch T-shirts and the upcoming national convention in Las Vegas. The following is a summary of actions taken at the meeting.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT — Art Koga

2002 Budget
"We're looking good on the budget," said Koga, who predicted a surplus of more than \$110,000 for the 2002 budget. An increase in membership monies over the past few months and the savings on three open staff positions were given as the main reasons for the surplus. Increased revenues will also be seen in June due to the recent membership dues increase, said Koga. The Las Vegas convention is also predicted to make a profit of \$30,000.

But Koga also emphasized that the figures are only from the first quarter of 2002 and that monies from fundraising and grants need to hold steady in order for JACL to come under budget for 2002. The goal for fundraising from April to December 2002 is \$180,000, and \$71,000 must also be realized in grant monies.

"The bottom line is that [the budget] is very fragile, but at least it's pointing in a positive direction," said Koga.

2003-2004 Budget

Koga presented a balanced biennial budget for the years 2003-2004. The total budget for 2003 is \$2,163,419 and \$2,419,250 for 2004. The major sources of revenue for JACL continue to be membership dues, general support, investment income, *Pacific Citizen*, grants, fundraising, and fees and registration. The programs for JACL's 2003-2004 budget include: general operations, membership, P.C., leadership, fundraising, education, public affairs and endowments.

Koga emphasized that the biennial 2003-2004 budgets are based on realistic revenue sources. For investment income, the budget committee went with a conservative figure of \$280,000 for both years, and any soft monies were also based on realistic numbers. The membership figures for both years, \$1,214,971 and \$1,230,264 for 2003

and 2004 respectively, reflect the recent dues increase and also account for an increase in membership numbers of 2000 each year.

The national board unanimously passed a motion to accept the 2003-2004 biennial budget (motion: Koga, second: Reiko Yoshino, MPDC governor).

Investment Policy Committee — Ted Tsukahara, Chair

The Investment Policy Committee is currently seeking Requests For Proposals (RFPs) from various portfolio managers to be considered for management of JACL's various funds. They are hoping to present a couple of final choices to the national board at the fall board meeting. The national board passed a motion to allow the investment committee to move forward with the RFPs (motion: Jeff Itami, IDC vice-governor, second: Yoshino).

The investment committee is also looking into the Legacy Fund Distribution Policy which expires at the upcoming JACL national convention in Las Vegas, June 25-30. The committee is in favor of letting the current policy lapse and developing an overall distribution policy for JACL. Currently, the cap for the legacy fund distribution is \$7.9 million and the fund as of March 31, 2002, is at \$5,330,623. The total value for all of JACL's investments as of March 31, 2002, is \$7,286,088.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS — Ryan Chin Abercrombie & Fitch Racist T-Shirts — John Tateishi, JACL Executive Director

Although Abercrombie & Fitch has now removed their racist T-shirts from their shelves, Tateishi is determined to pursue this issue with the corporation. "It's appalling," he said. "It shows the level of ignorance at this corporation." He also noted that the company demonstrated a lack of sensitivity to the Asian American community by producing the offensive shirts. The T-shirts included derogatory images and phrases including: "Wong Brothers Laundry Service: Two Wongs Can Make it White"; "Buddha Bash: Get Your Buddha on the Floor"; "Pizza Dojo: Eat In or Wok Out, You Love Long Time"; "Wok-n-Bowl: Chinese Food and Bowling"; "Tiki Golf"; and "Rick Shaw's Hoagies and Grinders — Good Meat, Quick Feet, Order By The Foot!"

Japanese Latin Americans — Gary Mayeda, V.P. of Membership

Mayeda has been working closely with Campaign for Justice to gather support for Sen. Daniel Inouye's bill S.1237. S.1237 seeks to include former

Japanese Latin American World War II internees in the 1988 Civil Liberties Act, legislation that provided redress and an apology to most Japanese American former internees but excluded the JLAS.

Religious Freedom Legislation — Tateishi

HJR81 proposes an amendment to the Constitution restoring religious freedom. The bill seeks to allow prayer and the recognition of religious beliefs on public property, including schools. The bill would allow a closer relationship between the government and churches, and JACL is opposed to such a move.

"This is significant legislation because it goes to the First Amendment," said Tateishi, who encouraged JACL chapter members to contact their representatives to ensure that they vote against the bill.

Bainbridge Island Legislation

Senate Bill 1959 and House Resolution 3747 proposes a study of Washington's Bainbridge Island, specifically the former Eagle Lake Ferry Dock, for possible inclusion in the National Park system.

Help Nicole

JACL continues to use its national network of chapters to spread the word about 4-year-old Nicole Howard, who needs a bone marrow transplant. Nicole was diagnosed in May 2001 with myeloid leukemia. She is Hapa and so a likely donor match will be someone who is also Hapa. For information or to help, call 206/367-LIFE or www.help-nicole.org.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Floyd Mori

Committees
Mori set up a committee to look into staggered term limits for members of JACL's various standing committees. Mori feels that various persons should be allowed to serve on the organization's committees in order to help develop new leaders within JACL. The committee assigned to look into term limits consists of: David Kawamoto, v.p. of general operations, Karen-Liane Shiba, v.p. of planning and development, and David Masuo, PNW governor. They will report their findings at the next national board meeting.

President's Council

Mori is currently working with members of the president's council to establish an endowment for the organization.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT — Tateishi

UC Merced — Lee Institute
UC Merced has established a partnership with the Ruth & Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art and they are looking for someone to develop a Japanese American collection. The Lee Institute currently has a Japanese art collection valued at \$20 million. JACL is one of the organizations that UC Merced is currently looking at for a possible partnership.

Kansha Project

Military historian Eric Saul is working on a project to thank those who helped Japanese Americans during World War II by establishing an "Avenue of the Righteous" on Angel Island. So far 1,500 names have been gathered. The national board voted unanimously to support the project (motion: Kawamoto, second: Masuo).

New Curriculum Guides

With a \$30,000 grant from Lowe's, JACL has revised its popular JACL Curriculum Guide. The guide now has a new look and new sections and will be distributed to all JACL chapters. The guide is priced at \$40 each, but for purchases of five or more the cost is \$20 plus \$5 for shipping.

GENERAL OPERATIONS — Kawamoto

Las Vegas National JACL Convention

Kawamoto encouraged JACL members to register for the upcoming convention June 25-30 in order to get the discounted rates. He also encouraged attendees to register at the Riviera Hotel, the site of the JACL convention. Hotel reservations should be made with the hotel directly since JACL will not get credit for online reservations (800/634-3420).

2004 Hawaii National JACL Convention

The dates have been set for the 2004 JACL National Convention in Hawaii. The convention will take place Aug. 3-8 at the Marmot Hotel in Honolulu. The cost of the hotel is \$139 per night.

MEMBERSHIP — Mayeda

Sawtooth Chapter
The JACL has increased its number of chapters by one to make a total of 113. The national board passed a resolution to accept the Sawtooth chapter in IDC as its newest chapter member (motion: Jeff Itami, IDC vice governor, second: Mayeda).

Japan Chapter Status — Alan Teruya, NCWNP District Governor

Teruya proposed a resolution to allow the Japan chapter to count local Japanese chapter members to meet the required number of 25 full members needed to be in good standing. Currently, the Japan chapter has 13 full nationally JACL members and approximately 17 local chapter members.

The resolution reads: "The national JACL grants to the Japan chapter a special charter exception that allows them to count local members in determining whether the Japan chapter has a sufficient number of members to be in good standing. Exception will expire on Dec. 31, 2003." (Motion: Teruya, second: Masuo) The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 5.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT — Karen-Liane Shiba

The JACL will once again be selling its Sweepstakes tickets, with the winner to be announced at the upcoming national convention in Las Vegas. The tickets are \$25 each and chapters that sell the most tickets will win cash prizes, with the top three chapters receiving \$500 each. The deadline for Sweepstakes is June 15.

Scholarships

JACL has already received 289 scholarship applications for its popular annual scholarship program. The winners will be chosen in June and the announcements will be made in July.

Legacy Grants

Legacy grant application notices have gone out and the application is available on the JACL website (www.jacl.org).

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT — Amy Matsumoto, JACL Youth Representative, and Tatsuo Nakata, JACL Youth Chair

The national youth council has set its schedule for the upcoming national JACL convention. The keynote speaker for the youth luncheon will be Patrick Reynolds of Tobaccofree.org. Reynolds is also this year's Vision Award winner. The youth council will be holding two workshops: "APA Entrepreneurs" with Kenny Yee, Wing Hing Noodle Company and "Easy Japanese Cooking," with invited speaker Tom Yamamoto. This year's oratorical contest grand prize winner will receive a laptop computer and the first-prize winner will take home a desktop computer. The youth council is currently coordinating the internship program for the convention. ■

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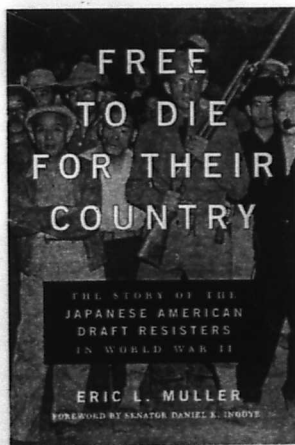
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Anti-tobacco Advocate Reynolds to Keynote 2002 Youth Luncheon

The JACL National Youth/Student Council recently announced that Patrick Reynolds will be the keynote speaker for the youth luncheon on June 27 during the 2002 JACL National Convention.

After seeing his father, oldest brother and other relatives die from cigarette-induced emphysema and lung cancer, Reynolds was the first tobacco industry figure to turn his back on the cigarette companies. A grandson of tobacco company founder RJ Reynolds, he first spoke publicly in 1986 at a congressional hearing, in favor of a ban on all cigarette advertising.

Since first speaking out, his advocacy work, motivational talks to youth and appearances in the national press have made him a nationally known and respected champion of a smoke-free society. Former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said, "Patrick Reynolds is one of the nation's most influential advocates of a smoke-free America. His testimony is invaluable to our society."

In the early years of his campaign, Reynolds spoke before dozens of municipal and state legislatures in support of proposed smoking ordinances, which would become law. In the early 1990s, he became one of the first advocates to publicly name campaign finance reform as a primary key to the future success in the tobacco control movement. He has also campaigned for numerous state cigarette tax increases and vending machine bans, and approached members of Congress about the aggressive advertising of U.S. brands in the Third World and Asia. In 1989, Reynolds founded the Foundation for a Smoke-free America.

During the fall and spring, he goes on the road, speaking nationally at middle schools, high schools and colleges, presenting his unique talk for youth, which combines motivational speaking with tobacco education. Reynolds has now presented his live talk to over 100,000 students. In 2000, Reynolds released an educational video of a live talk before 1,000 ninth graders, "The Truth About Tobacco". Illustrated with award-winning TV spots, film clips and anti-smoking graphics, the video sends an empowering message to youth about cigarette advertising, smoking in films and the addictiveness of nicotine. The video has now been purchased by over 2,500 schools and health departments, and will be seen by an estimated one million students in grades 7-12.

The luncheon will take place on June 27 at 12 noon in Grande "B" at the Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Last May, the JACL national board resolved not to accept tobacco money from the Philip Morris companies. The organization received praise throughout the Asian Pacific American community for their stance.

"This was a controversial decision by the board, but knowing that youth are prime targets for tobacco advertisement the board made the right decision. We are fortunate to have Patrick Reynolds speak to the youth to highlight the ills of the tobacco industry," said Gerald Kato, JACL PSWD youth coordinator.

"As a civil rights organization committed to youth, this reaffirms JACL's position to not accept tobacco money," said JACL Youth/Student Chair, Tatsuo Nakata. ■



JACL Announces Candidates for National Office

Ten candidates have submitted their applications to run for national JACL offices, according to Dr. Jim Tsujimura, chairman of the nominations committee. The candidates include three incumbents and contested races for vice president for public affairs, vice president for 1000 Club, membership and services and secretary/treasurer. No candidate filed for the position of national youth chair.

The candidates are — President: Floyd Mori, Mt. Olympus chapter; Vice President for General Operations: David Kawamoto, San Diego chapter; Vice President for Public Affairs: David Forman, Honolulu chapter and Kenneth Inouye, SELANOCO chapter; Vice President for Planning and Development: David Hayashi, Lake Washington chapter; Vice President for 1000 Club, Membership and Services: Ratsun Chin, Seattle chapter and Ronald Katsuyama, Dayton chapter; Secretary/Treasurer: Arthur Koga, Honolulu chapter and Isaac Yamagata, San Francisco chapter; National Youth Representative: Joshua Mizutani Spry, Mt. Olympus chapter; National Youth Chair: no candidate.

The deadline for submitting nominations was March 28. The nominations will reopen during the first business session of the national council on June 27. Those who intend to run from the floor can request a form from Bill Yoshino at the JACL Midwest Office, 773/728-7170 or by email at midwest@jacl.org. The forms must be received in the mail by the nominations committee by June 24 or may be given to the committee at the convention by 12 noon on June 26 in Las Vegas.

The members of the committee are Lillian Kimura, EDC; Rick Ishiyama, MLC; Jeff Nakashima, IDC; Scott Sakamoto, PNW; Steve Okamoto, NCWNP; Debbie Ikeda, CCCC; Gary Mayeda, PSW; and Matthew Nakata, National Youth/Student Council.

President

S. Floyd Mori

JACL Background: Mt. Olympus chapter; national president, 2000-02; national v.p. for general operations, national v.p. for public affairs; four years as chapter president; 18 years as chapter board member. Former member of Eden Town-ship and Tri-Valley chapters; 1000 Club member and JACL Life Trust member.

Community Service: Utah State Governor's Asian Advisory Council; Rotary Club; Chamber of Commerce; JACL Credit Union board member; church missionary two years full-time and two years part-time in inner city service.

Personal Background: Born and raised in Utah. BA and MA, Brigham Young University. International business consultant and golf shop co-owner. Former California State Assemblyman and former mayor of Pleasanton, Calif.

Definition of Leadership and Role of National Board: The ability to lead, to work with a team, to listen to others and to get things done for the betterment of people and organizations. Leadership is critical during this time of organizational stress in JACL. The leaders must first listen to the concerns expressed by chapters and members. Leaders must then develop a strategy to accomplish new objectives and yet maintain the core values and mission of JACL. The most important aspect of leadership in the near future will be the ability to develop new ways to increase the financial viability of JACL.

Qualifications: During the past biennium I have served as the national president. During this time we have faced probably the most critical financial times in the history of the organization. The appointment and work of the Blue Ribbon Committee has been a major tool in helping the national board to approach new ideas in the governance and future financing of JACL. My business background and legislative experience have been very valuable in exercising my duties as national president. I feel it would be a privilege to continue to serve and carry through important programs for JACL.

Carrying out Program for Action: The national president and national board must do more to focus upon a

more narrow target in implementing a program for action. Leaders must support an ongoing process to create, revise and implement a more realistic program for action that includes elements expressed in the basic mission statement of JACL. I would provide leadership by study and direction in helping everyone to fulfill his or her responsibility as a leader and work together to produce good results for JACL.

Vice President for General Operations

David Kawamoto

JACL Background: San Diego chapter, v.p. for general operations, 2000-02; Pacific Southwest District governor, 1995-99; San Diego chapter president, 1990-93; San Diego board member, 1974 to present; delegate to several conventions; 2000 Program for Action Committee chair; JACL Personnel Committee.

Community Service: Founding board member, San Diego Alliance for Asian Pacific Islander Americans, which was created to advocate for the rights and empowerment of the APIA community. District liaison and Western Region vice president, Federal Probation and Pretrial Officers Association.

Personal Background: Born and raised in San Diego. BS, San Diego State University and JD, Western State University. Supervisor with U.S. Pretrial Services, U.S. District Court.

Definition of Leadership and Role of National Board: I feel the role of the JACL national board is the governance of the organization. Each biennium, the national council approves a budget and a program for action. It is the duty of the national board to prioritize the wishes of the council and implement the programs. Leadership within the JACL is a matter of determining the available resources and applying them to maintain the effective operation of our organization.

Qualifications: I am running for reelection to the position of v.p. for general operations so I have experienced the needs of this position. It has been my pleasure to have served the JACL in various capacities for more than 30 years. Included in my service were terms as chapter president and district governor. My long-standing experience with the JACL at all levels has given me the insight needed to appreciate the work performed at different levels within the JACL. From the grassroots work of our chapters to the political lobbying and press releases from our national offices, the JACL is fulfilling its mission to protect the civil and human rights of our community.

Carrying out the Program for Action: The last biennium brought difficult times to the JACL. The poor performance of the stock market limited the financial resources of our organization. This meant drastic cuts in the programs and services. There were no easy decisions and the support of the membership in these difficult times was gratifying. I've long felt that the JACL is strong because of the cooperative leadership of all of our members. Working together, there is so much we can accomplish... Being a national organization, we have the presence needed to carry out our mission. I am committed to working hard for the organization. I will continue to seek out the input and feelings from the membership and make learned decisions in prioritizing the JACL's functions.

Vice President for Public Affairs

David Forman

JACL Background: Honolulu chapter, Honolulu chapter secretary since 1996; convention delegate; chapter Day of Remembrance program; chapter advisor on civil rights issues facing Native Hawaiians; worked on friend of court brief in *Rice v. Cayetano* which argued that redressing the impacts caused by loss of Hawaiian sovereignty is distinct from ordinary civil rights remedies....

Community Service: I have been involved with many organizations including: the Honolulu JACL, the Hawaii Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the Committee on Unbundling Legal Services, State of Hawaii Judiciary,

Delivery of Legal Services to the Public Committee, Hawaii's Sate Bar Association and the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board.

Personal Background: BA, Harvard College and JD, University of Hawaii. Associate attorney at Alston Hunt Flood & Ing. Executive director for the Hawaii Appellate Public Interest Law Center. Served as a legislative aide for U.S. Senator John Braun.

Definition of Leadership and Role of National Board:

A leader argues forcefully for/against positions about which he or she believes/disagrees, but works diligently to implement all lawful decisions that are reached — whether or not the ultimate resolution is consistent with his or her own personal beliefs. This definition applies both to initiatives that are generated by the general membership as well as issues that arise without the benefit of input from the membership. The JACL national board must be responsive to the membership while, at the same time and where necessary, playing a proactive role to assure the organization's continued survival and relevance within the larger community.

Qualifications: My established writing skills, experience with local/state national politics, as well as both my training and ongoing work as an advocate, provide the tools necessary for my service as your v.p. for public affairs. I am also able to draw upon five years of service as executive director of a non-profit agency. In addition, as a member of the Hawaii Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and as a matter of general interest and commitment throughout my life, I am well-informed about both civil rights issues generally and those facing Asian Pacific Americans in particular.

Carrying out the Program for Action: I will monitor issues affecting JACL and its members, using my knowledge and expertise to ensure the continued fulfillment of our mission to protect the civil and human rights of all Americans and preserve the cultural heritage of Japanese Americans. I will work with other JACL officers and the membership to address the organization's current financial crisis in a proactive rather than reactive manner. A key component of this effort will involve revitalizing and expanding our membership so that we do not end up relying too heavily upon outside sources of support....

Kenneth Inouye

JACL Background: SELANOCO chapter; chair, Pacific Citizen editorial board, 2000-02; JACL finance committee, 2002; former governor, Pacific Southwest District Council, former co-chair of the Civil Rights Caucus; current PSW district council treasurer; former president (three different terms) SELANOCO chapter; current co-chair of programs for SELANOCO chapter.

Community Service: City of Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force (appointed by mayor as founding chair); Orange County Human Relations Commission, chairman; California Association of Human Relations Organizations, president; South East Youth Organization, board of directors; Pan-Asian Basketball League in Orange County, commissioner; Ethics in Sports Committee of the California Interscholastic Federation; Southern California Affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union, board member.

Personal Background: Born in Alamosa, Colo. and raised in California. BS, California State University at Los Angeles. Began professional career with CPA firm of Arthur Young and co-founded CPA firm of Inouye, Shively and Longtin.

Definition of Leadership and Role of National Board: I believe that a member of the national board of JACL must be willing to do all that he or she can do in order to accomplish the goals that have been adopted by the national council as evidenced by the program for action. In addition, I believe that every board member must always remember that the core mission of JACL is to secure and maintain the civil rights of JAs and all others who are victimized by injustice and prejudice.

Qualifications: I believe that my many years of both JACL and non-JACL community work have given me a unique perspective on how JACL would work with other community groups on issues which would have an impact on the human and civil rights of JAs and all others who might be victimized by injustice and prejudice.

Vice President for Planning and Development

David Hayashi

JACL Background: Lake Washington chapter; JACL program for action committee chair, 2002; JACL national budget committee, 1998-2002; national secretary/treasurer, 1996-2000; personnel committee, 1994-96; governor, Midwest district council, 1992-96; president, Twin Cities chapter, 1991-93; Twin Cities education committee.

Community Service: CFO, Theater Mu, board of directors; CFO/founding board member, Asian American Renaissance; community relations officer/founding board member, East West Exchange; board member, Walker Art Center Community Outreach board; President's Advisory Council, University of Minnesota.

Personal Background: BS, University of Minnesota. director of Business Operations, Pacific Northwest Market Group, American Express Financial Advisors. Outstanding Leadership Award, State Council of Pacific Asian American Minnesotans, 1994.

Definition of Leadership and the Role of the National Board:

My definition of leadership is having great visionary skills and the ability to inspire others to join in working towards a common goal. Qualities that are pertinent to good leaders include self-awareness of strengths and weaknesses, dynamic people skills, good communication skills, high integrity, the ability to bounce back after disappointment, the ability to stay focused during times of turmoil and change, good at inspiring trust, and being a good listener. The leadership of the national board needs to be cognizant of the many facets of JACL as they consider any decision....

Qualifications: I have a passion for planning and development. I also feel that I am qualified to perform the duties of this job for the following reasons. First, I have an in-depth understanding of the program budgeting process and overall operations. I have been involved in strategic planning and organizational planning at work and in my other volunteer organizations for over 10 years. I have experience with fundraising and have been a strong proponent of fund development for JACL, corporate and foundation relationships, grant-writing, and to stop putting so much energy in cost-cutting, and more energy into developing revenues to help further develop the organization....

Carrying out the Program for Action: Since I am chair of the program for action committee, I will know it well. I believe that I can help the next board and staff be effective and efficient in moving the organization forward. I will see that visioning and strategic planning is understood and a priority for the board. I will then guide them in development of an operational plan which is really the "how-to" get to where you would like to go. I will help the board set up the accountability of who is responsible for what, and a tracking system to hold those parties responsible for completion of the tasks at hand....

Vice President for 1000 Club, Membership and Services

Ryan Chin

JACL Background: Seattle chapter; vice president for public affairs, 2000-02; constitution and bylaws committee, 2000; Pacific Northwest district council youth representative, 1999-2000.

Community Service: Kin On Nursing Home, board member, 1999-present; Seattle Asian Sports Club, assistant coach, 1998-2000; Chinese Information and Service Center, tutor, 1997; Dunlap Elementary School, tutor, 1993.

Personal Background: BS, University of Washington. Manage-

ment consultant for Accenture.

Definition of Leadership and Role of National Board:

Leadership is the skill and ability to motivate individuals to execute a specific vision or mission. While the results of a successful leader can be summed up so concisely, the methods used to produce such ends vary widely. Inspiration could occur through charisma, intelligence, leading by example.

The role of the national board is to execute the vision that they have for the organization. Using various methods, the role of the national board is to guide the organization towards a mission envisioned by the board members. This vision should be one that serves the membership, the organization, and the society to the fullest means given the resources at hand....

Qualifications: Although I have never served as a membership chair at the district or chapter level, I believe that I have the qualifications to successfully fill the role of v.p. of membership. While experience may aid in the execution of a role, I believe that the most important traits are contained within things that may seem less tangible to individuals. I believe that the energy, dedication, and work ethics that I bear are the most vital qualifications I can offer.

I hope that my accomplishments and contributions during this term have been beneficial to the organization. Prior to this term as the v.p. of public affairs, I had never served as even a vice president at a chapter or district level. In fact, prior to my term as the v.p. of public affairs, I had never written a press release, yet during my term I wrote 16 of them for national JACL (a number that I feel is not too bad considering the v.p. of public affairs is not suppose to write the press releases, but only to control the policy of the organization). The most important thing is not necessarily experience, but heart....

Carrying out the Program for Action:

I would provide leadership for executing the program for action during the next biennium by continuing to dedicate myself to executing the vision that I have for a successful JACL. I would continue to provide the work ethic that I have demonstrated during this term, along with innovative ideas that I think will help the organization, even if they are unpopular. I would look for ways to further the organization through an increase in membership, especially younger members who could ensure that the work invested in the JACL prospers for years to come.

Ronald Katsuyama

JACL Background: Dayton chapter; president, Dayton chapter, 1996 to present; Dayton JACL 50th anniversary, chair; secured grant and coordinated education programs for showing of Smithsonian exhibit, "Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution"; founder of Dayton JACL Daruma awards to recognize school children for courage and perseverance; coordinator, Japan Booth, Dayton International Festival.

Community Service: City of Kettering Community Relations Board, member; DayMont Behavior Health Service, and Human Race Theatre Company, current trustee; Montgomery County Science Day, judge; University of Dayton Human Relations Committee, Committee on Racism, member; Asian American Council of Dayton, founding member and president; Asian American Coalition of Ohio, Dayton representative; Federation Against Intolerance and Racism Task Force, co-founder and chair.

Personal Background: BA, University of California at Berkeley; Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. Associate professor, University of Dayton.

Definition of Leadership and Role of National Board:

I believe that JACL can continue to be a leader in creating opportunities for positive social change. Through creative, proactive, carefully selected initiatives, JACL can retain its standing as a leading voice advocating fair treatment and equal opportunities for all Americans. And in collaboration with other groups whose members share common pur-

poses, JAACL can augment its influence, becoming a powerful force that belies the size of its membership.

JAACL must adopt a "pragmatic" approach in addressing current issues. While the reality of limited resources might preclude some strategies from being effectively employed, this situation can also encourage greater resourcefulness and "coalition building" with other organizations, potentially resulting in more pervasive effects than would likely have occurred had a single organization acted alone.

Qualifications: I have served as the principal investigator for over 25 funded research studies. ... These have included investigations of racial attitudes and experiences in the Dayton area, evaluations of school prejudice reduction programs, analyses of criminal justice systems of three Ohio counties, a study of the UDayton Campus climate with respect to attitudes toward diversity, and evaluations of school character education programs throughout the State of Ohio. ...

Carrying out the Program for Action: I will propose options for membership renewal. For example, incentives can be offered to encourage individuals to renew for more than one year. More specifically, I will propose a plan that permits members of a chapter to renew for the remainder of a given calendar year and all of the next year, thereby switching to a calendar-year membership, which is often easier for individuals and chapter to keep track of. The incentive would be an immediate increase in revenues and an easier procedure to identify and contact individuals whose memberships have lapsed. Further, this would preclude a cumbersome process of checking on lapsed memberships on a monthly basis throughout the year. It might be a couple of months after the fact that chapters make contacts with lapsed members. Meanwhile, revenues are lost. ...

Secretary/Treasurer

Arthur Koga
JACL Background: Honolulu chapter; JACL secretary/treasurer, 2000-02; chapter treasurer since 1994.
Community Service: Waianae Military Civilian Advisory Council; Queen Kiiuokalani Children's Center Advisory Council; Hawaii Children's Museum; State Educational Policy Seminar, state coordinator; Hawaii Association for Supervision and

Curriculum Development; Council for Exceptional Children; Hawaii State Teachers Association; Hawaii Government Employees Association; Ho'ala School, board member; Hawaii Dental Education Center; Newtown Estates Community Association.
Personal Background: BA, MA, Michigan State University, Doctoral Candidate, University of Hawaii. Director of Information Technology Projects for the Pacific Telehealth and Telemedicine Hui, Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense. Former National Policy Fellow in the U.S. Department of Education. Former executive director, Hawaii Information Network Corporation.

Definition of Leadership and Role of National Board: Its purposes rather than its attributes best define leadership. As we enter the 21st century, the broad purposes of leadership are to create a supportive environment where people can thrive, grow and live in peace with one another; and create communities that recognize and acknowledge differences by working towards unity and harmony. To achieve these purposes, leadership is based on knowing who you are and possessing the "Kan" or intuitive perception of the situation and where people are.

The role of the national board is to provide leadership that is defined by its purposes. The national board, collectively and individually, needs to forward the general purposes of the organization — the protection of the rights of JAS, upholding civil and human rights for all people, preserving the culture and values of JAS, developing understanding between all social and ethnic groups and upholding the Constitution and the laws of the United States.

Qualifications: Two years as your secretary/treasurer have been added to the 25 years of public service with the Hawaii state government, the four years of non-profit organization management and six years of private-sector business management experience that provide the organizational and structural experiences to qualify me for the office of national secretary/treasurer. Specific experiences to qualify include departmental budget formulation and implementation, budget analysis, utilization of the program planning and budget system, acquisition and contract management, and financial management.

Carrying out the Program for Action: ... the appropriate use of the "tools" of the office is how leadership will be provided in carrying out the program for action and the recommendations to the Blue Ribbon Committee. As stated, leadership is best defined by its purposes rather than its attributes. The secretary/treasurer is endowed with "tools" to exercise its purposes. The available "tools" include the budget formulation and implementation process, fiscal oversight, and the management and use of our investments. The structure within the organization — national board, investment policy committee and finance committee — provide wisdom and guidance.

Isaac Yamagata

JACL Background: San Francisco chapter; San Francisco chapter, board member; NCWNP district delegate; chapter delegate to 2002 national council; director and organizer of the San Francisco JACL Pro-Am golf fund raising tournament; organizing a San Francisco city-wide student/youth council to represent the San Francisco JACL youth movement; organizing bone marrow drive on behalf of Nicole Howard.

Community Service: The bulk of my past activities are based around my activities with the JACL, but through my involvement in JACL, I have discovered the pleasure of giving back to the community and helping others. Non-paid intern in the office of Congressman Tom Lantos; volunteered on Jeff Adachi's campaign for San Francisco Public Defender; volunteer coordinator on Leland Yee's primary campaign for California State Assembly.

Personal Background: Born in Pocatello, Idaho and raised in Walnut Creek, Calif. BA, San Francisco State University and MBA, Finance, Golden Gate University. Traveled the West Coast playing professional golf on various mini-tours. Research assistant, JPMorganH&Q.

Definition of Leadership and Role of National Board: Leadership is the heart of any organization. Leaders must understand all aspects of the organization. Leaders create and maintain relationships with leaders of other groups. Leaders stand up for those who can't do so for themselves. Leaders remain calm and confident in all situations. Leaders are humble. Leaders accept responsibility for their mistakes and decline praise. Leaders

do not force power upon others.

The national board is accountable for the reputation, operations, and in times of transition, the survival of the organization. The JACL is traditionally looked upon as the role model for all Asian American organizations and it is the responsibility of the board to maintain that image. As the organization continues to navigate through difficult times, the need for strong leadership and management becomes the focus for survival. The leadership must be dedicated to the task at hand, because the districts and chapters will be turning to the national board for their advice and leadership now more than ever. The national board needs to understand the key relationships between operations, membership, finance and development as the organization faces a do-or-die transition into the new biennium. ...

Qualifications: When an organization enters into a critical transition phase qualified leaders become the focus, especially when many of the problems are centered on finances. As a research analyst at JPMorganH&Q, one of my responsibilities was to review corporation's top-and-bottom line financial performances. More importantly one of my key responsibilities was evaluating new business models for the investment bank division. This process included meeting with and evaluating the capabilities of the management team, examining the company's business processes and examining the stability of profit margins. As I see it, the JACL is entering into a critical time financially as they fight to dig themselves out of a monetary deficit and the national board should have a financial professional such as myself to help lead the organization back to positive numbers. ...

Carrying out the Program for Action: As a member of the national board, I will use the influence of the JACL and the position held to generate funding to support JACL activities and programs. As the secretary/treasurer, I feel my first responsibility would be to generate understandable financial reports to keep the general membership informed on the financial stability of the organization. I feel if the membership is more informed relative to the financial situation of the organization members would better understand their need to support the JACL's program for action. Secondly, I would like to focus my efforts on generating additional funding to re-

staff the organization, freeing up key personnel to work on critical programs. ...

National Youth Representative
Joshua Mizutani Spry

JACL Background: I began my relationship with the JACL in 1999. I served as a general local youth representative in the Salt Lake City area. Part of those responsibilities included serving on the Day of Remembrance 2000 committee. In February 2000, I was nominated for the position of Intermountain District Council representative, a position I hold today. Other work in the JACL includes chair of the workshop committee for the NY/SC Youth Conference 2001 and Day of Remembrance committee, 2001.

Community Service: I currently play with the Ogden Buddhist taiko group and do a lot of work with the Ogden Junior Young Buddhist Association.

Personal Background: I am a senior at Judge Memorial High School in Salt Lake City where I've lived for 18 years. Next year I will attend Washington University in St. Louis where I have been named an Olin Scholar at the Olin School of Business. I love playing taiko, and having the best of times with friends.

Definition of Leadership: Leadership is the ability to push other people into responsibility and experience. The JACL national board should be responsible for pushing new members or members who never took an active role to get more involved in JACL and their community.

Qualifications: I have been on the National Youth/Student Council for two years. I have been a part of the planning process for the national student conference as well as NY/SC activities at national convention. With this experience, I hope to lead the council through those two specific goals of conference and convention as well as our general goals of greater youth participation in the JACL.

Carrying out the Program for Action: I think that we need to push the NY/SC to do more than plan the conference and convention. Council members should be more active in involving their youth members in each of their districts. Those youth members are many untapped resources for the organization and for its program for action. ■

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| Youth Luncheon | \$25 | \$35 |
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10:15 Session
 APA Leadership
 Social Security Administration
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When registering please specify which workshops you are attending.

Registration Information
 Register before May 16, 2002, to take advantage of reduced registration fees and discounts on special events. Please indicate your choice of package and/or individual and special events. Amounts listed are per person.

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 The Regular Convention Package admits registered badge holders to all National Council business sessions, workshops, exhibits, oratorical competition, Welcome Mixer, Awards Luncheon and Sayonara Banquet. The Regular and Youth Luncheon Package is the Regular Package plus the Youth Luncheon. The Youth package is the same as the above, discounted for Youth members.

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 Registration is available for those interested in attending only specific convention events. A registration fee of \$20 (\$25 at the door, space permitting) is required for admission to exhibits, business sessions or workshops on a per-day basis. Badges must be worn.

Cancellation Policy
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denied and residual amount will become a charitable contribution to JACL. There will be no partial refunds if a registrant does not attend all functions.

Hotel Registration
 A block of rooms at a special rate has been set aside at the Riviera for JACL members. Contact the Riviera Hotel directly and be sure to mention that you are attending the JACL National Convention to get the special rate. Reservations must be made by May 24, 2002. There is limited availability, so book your rooms early. Convention room rates are:
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REMINDER:

Advertisements for the 2002 convention booklet are now being accepted. Deadline for ad submission is May 1, 2002. For more information, email Roy Suzuki at: lvjacl@juno.com.

East Wind



IN THE PREVIOUS column in this space, I wrote about profiling, describing my encounter with the U.S. immigration at Buffalo, N.Y., when returning from a trip into Canada. I mentioned how others returnees, such as a matronly blonde woman, cleared the checkpoint, hardly slowing down. On the other hand, when I reach the same checkpoint, I am stopped, subjected to a demeaning process of hostile questioning propounded in a bullying manner, ordered to produce proof of residency, and a search of my vehicle trunk. The search yielded nothing, and the officer slams the trunk lid with such force that my vehicle shudders. He grunts passage.

Welcome home to America.

IN THAT COLUMN, I alluded to the fact that profiling was a two-edged sword, both edges being antithetical to basic constitutional principles: one, that all components of a targeted ethnic group are presumed guilty unless proved otherwise; second, the corollary thereof, namely all others are presumed non-culpable and thus are not subjected to selective screening.

I concluded with the observation that "that isn't the way 'equal protection' of the law is supposed to work."

THAT DOUBLE-EDGED sword cuts two ways: coming and

going. Unfortunately, in whichever direction the blade cuts into the ethnic group. For this American, returning to my homeland from a trip beyond the borders, I get tense and defensive as I approach the U.S. immigration checkpoint. At a moment of what should be a joyous return to one's homeland, it is downright tragic that a citizen's innards become knotted, anticipating another degrading incident of racial profiling. The thought that my tax dollars are subsidizing this "clown's" racist behavior is grating. The Pooh-bahs in charge down in Washington, D.C., must know what has been going on for decades. Yet they don't take steps to curb the degradation being inflicted daily by their minions programmed to bark at darker shaded people, including bona fide, true blue Americans.

NOW, SOME DISMISS much of this as bitching over a minor matter. We are at war, and the idea in a war is to win. To effectively carry on the war against the abominable terrorists, some Americans seek to limit the attorney-client privilege (with rare exceptions attorney-client communications are privileged and may be kept confidential); others would permit continued detention, without bail, of accused individuals. "After all," the contention goes, "if they're not guilty or have nothing to hide, there's no need to worry about right to bail and so on."

Bill Marutani

Quick Fixes

THERE'S SOME APPEAL to this syllogism. For example, when we read about criminal elements killing each other in gang warfare, we law-abiding citizens can be unconcerned — so long as the killings themselves do not take place in our backyard. In fact, we might even applaud the acts; they save us time, expense and trouble of clearing the streets of these elements.

Also, there are "known criminals" that we read about regularly. Why not simply "take them out" with hit squads as at least one South American government reputedly does with secret squads of police performing nightly executions? It's clean, efficient and gets the job done.

RUNNING A GOVERNMENT as a democracy is ponderous, frustrating and inefficient. But it's also been said that any other system is worse. If, in the name of "efficiency," we permit our rights to be taken away or eroded, that's the beginning of the end. It's puzzling how those who claim to be patriots seem to have so little faith in our American system of government and like some medicine men try to sell us on some "quick-fix" answers to today's problems. ■

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

San Jose JACL to Co-Sponsor 'Internment Evacuation Awareness March' on May 18

To mark the 60th anniversary of the evacuation and internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, the San Jose JACL is sponsoring the "Internment Evacuation Awareness March" on Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m., starting from San Jose State University. Admission is free and open to the public.

The program will begin at SJSU's San Carlos Plaza (campus west entrance, beneath the Boccardo Arch at 4th St. and San Carlos).

The first part of the program will take place a few feet from the gymnasium where local JA families were required to report prior to evacuation. Former camp internees John Hayakawa, Jimi Yamauchi and Dr. Joseph Yasutake will recount their personal experiences.

The group will then march to the federal building and reassemble in front of the Ruth Asawa memorial, which salutes the history of JAs in the

Bay Area.

At the memorial, Congressman Mike Honda will discuss the importance of the political and legal battles waged by the JA community and its supporters to achieve redress from the U.S. government.

Another invited guest speaker will be Helei Omeira, executive director of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) of Northern California. Omeira will focus on the backlash against the Arab, Muslim and Islamic communities reminiscent of what occurred to JAs after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

This program is co-sponsored by the San Jose JACL, Office of Congressman Mike Honda, Santa Clara County Office of Human Relations, SJSU, CAIR and the Japanese American Resource Center.

For more information, call San Jose JACL at 408/295-1250 or e-mail sanjosejACL@netzero.net. ■

Livingston-Merced Chapter Receives Volunteer Recognition Award



The Livingston-Merced JACL chapter was awarded the Merced County Volunteer Recognition Award on April 23 by the Merced County Board of Supervisors and by the offices of Congressman Gary Condit, Sen. Dick Monteth and Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza.

The chapter was honored for their work in mentoring Hmong students from the sixth grade up to college. The mentorship program is a collaborative effort between the JACL chapter, UC Merced, and the Southeast Asian community. The program is now in its third year.

Pictured (l-r): Board of Supervisor Chairman Joe Rivero presents the volunteer recognition award to Grace Kimoto and Steve Teranishi who accepted the award on behalf of the chapter. ■

By the Board

Ryan Chin, V.P. Public Affairs



Get Ready to Bid!

Check out the items that JACL will be auctioning off at this year's convention in Las Vegas on the Internet by visiting national's website (www.jacl.org/auction). We have some great goods and services that have been donated and there is something for everyone!

Even for those who for some reason or another will be unable to join us in Las Vegas, make sure you take a look at what is going to be auctioned during the Sayonara Banquet. If you are not present, you could still have someone else bid on behalf of you. Whether it is a friend, chapter delegate, or district governor, there is someone who can represent you during the auction. Simply tell them the items you are interested in and the maximum amount you are willing to bid.

Maybe some people think they could not use any of the items up for bid — and that may in fact be true. However, I would encourage you to expand your horizons and think about others whom you could be buying gifts for, such as family and friends. Think about birthdays, anniversaries, or even — yes it's never too early — Christmas.

I would also like to encourage you to think about items that could benefit your chapter or district. In fact, there are some items that are out there that were donated to specifically target chapters and districts. For example, your chap-

ter or district can bid on the creation of a website, a new membership brochure (by a professional graphics designer), or a logo. How often do you have the opportunity to simultaneously: receive one of these services at a reasonable amount, benefit your chapter/district, and help national?

Please be sure to discuss the purchase of these items at your next chapter and district meetings (chapter presidents and district governors mark your calendars). We also have recreational items that chapters or districts might be interested in such as the suite at Edison Field graciously donated by the Anaheim Angels (against the Seattle Mariners).

Keep in mind that the proceeds of this auction will not only benefit national, but also chapters, districts, the Pacific Citizen, and regional offices. National has paid all the expenses in regard to running the auction, but the proceeds will be spread to various parts of the organization. Items with proceeds going to places aside from national will be clearly denoted, as these were products donated by someone who would like the part of the revenue to go to a district, regional office, or chapter.

The auction is a clear win-win situation for the organization. Please make sure that you take this opportunity to help "build a brighter future" for the JACL and our society. ■

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first place."

National Executive Director John Tateishi said, "It's clear to me that the corporate climate at Abercrombie & Fitch is one which has little or no understanding of, or sensitivity to Asian Pacifics. What they did is endemic in corporate America, a kind of mindless discounting of Asians until they're roundly criticized. But I'm not convinced that pulling the shirts and apologizing in this particular case is nearly enough, because of the crassness of the T-shirts. It seems to me that the corporate leaders of Abercrombie & Fitch need to recognize just how racist they've been."

He added, "I think it's going to take continued pressure to ensure that they don't ever do anything like this again to Asians. How we respond now can serve as a wake-up call to other companies. We won't be cast aside on this issue. We can't afford to be."

Campaign organizers last week issued a set of demands that included having A&F CEO Michael Jeffries publish a public apology in major mainstream newspapers, permanently remove the controversial shirts, implement diversity training among A&F employees, and increase philanthropy and investment within the APA community. Unless A&F responds to the demands, organizers are calling for an economic boycott of A&F.

In response, Hampton Carney, who is with the New York-based public relations firm PaulWilmot Communications and the spokesperson for A&F, reiterated that the company has issued an apology and that they had also pulled the shirts from the stores.

The apology Carney referred to reads: "It is not and never has been our intention to offend anyone.

These graphic T-shirts were designed with the sole purpose of adding humor and levity to our fashion line. However, as an act of contrition, we are pulling these shirts from our stores and sending a message to our customers that we are indeed sorry if anyone was offended by their content."

Although the statement does not specifically indicate that it is from CEO Jeffries, Carney said the statement comes from the entire A&F corporation, which includes Jeffries. He also added that he himself has issued verbal apologies, which have appeared in the Associated Press and various TV outlets.

"We've apologized," said Carney. "We take this very, very seriously."

When asked about the fate of the controversial shirts, Carney said the company was still in the process of bringing the shirts back to headquarters and that plans for their disposal were not yet discussed. But he emphasized that unlike other retailers such as Ralph Lauren or Tommy Hilfinger, who sell their products in various outlets, A&F products are sold only in A&F stores, making it unlikely that the shirts will appear in second-hand stores.

"We have total control over our products," said Carney.

Regarding diversity training, Carney responded that A&F had a diverse workforce, racially and gender-wise, and that this was "never meant to offend anyone."

Half a dozen phone calls to A&F's corporate headquarters in Ohio by the *Pacific Citizen* were never returned.

The controversial shirts, which retail for \$24.50, began appearing in stores April 12 and depict various Asian caricatures such as men with slant-eyes in conical hats. Wordings on some of the shirts

include: "Wong Brothers Laundry Service: Two Wongs Can Make it White"; "Buddha Bash: Get Your Buddha on the Floor!"; "Pizza Dojo: Eat In or Wok Out. You Love Long Time"; "Wok-n-Bowl: Chinese Food and Bowling!"; "Tiki Golf!"; and "Rick Shaw's Hoagies and Grinders — Good Meat, Quick Feet. Order By the Foot!"

Complaints began pouring into A&F's Ohio corporate headquarters following a flurry of national e-mail activity beginning April 17.

This was followed by nationwide protests in Berkeley, Calif.; San Francisco; Los Angeles; Seattle; Chicago; Boston; Providence, R.I.; and Columbus, Ohio.

Some of the campuses that participated in the protests include Amherst, Boston College, Boston University, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, Harvard, Indiana University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northeastern, Northwestern, Ohio State, Pomona College, Rochester, Skidmore, Stanford, Tufts, Wellesley, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Riverside, University of Maryland, University of Michigan and University of Pennsylvania.

The Los Angeles protest was to have coincided with the grand opening of an A&F store in a new upscale complex called the Grove Mall. But a man, who identified himself as a construction manager and who declined to give his name, told the P.C. that "construction glitches" had postponed the grand opening for three days. About an hour into the rally, protesters were asked to leave on threat of arrest by the Los Angeles Police Department. Protesters were told that they were obstructing A&F business although the store was not open.

Among the people who signed petitions at the Los Angeles rally were an African American couple, Charlie and Ramona Harris, who said this was the first time they had

heard of the shirts. "I signed on because it was the right thing to do," said Charlie. "There's no room for racism in America. It's got to stop somewhere."

S.B. Woo, former lieutenant governor of Delaware and co-founder of the political action committee 80-20 Initiative, said that when he was bombarded with e-mail on April 17 from APA students from Northwestern, Harvard, Stanford and Cornell, he had 80-20 immediately research the company.

What they found was that other organizations had unsuccessfully called for a boycott of A&F products. Just last year, a number of women's organizations and elected officials protested A&F's ads for scantily clad models in sexually suggestive poses. Mothers Against Drunk Driving had also protested A&F for including drinking tips in their catalogs. But Woo pointed out that unlike those offended by the Asian T-shirts, none of the boycotting groups in the past fell into the 18-22 age range, which A&F markets to.

"Abercrombie & Fitch knows which group they can offend without hurting profits and which group to stay 'very cool' with to maintain profits," said Woo.

The following day, Woo left a message with Jeffries, asking the company to pull the shirts off the market. Woo let it be known that 80-20 had an e-mail capacity to reach 430,000 APA households in one day, including many young APAs. "Politics depends on numbers," said Woo.

Woo requested a phone call back, saying that a lack of response from A&F would also send a message to 80-20. Two hours later, Woo received a call from an executive, telling him that A&F had made the decision to pull the shirts. As of press time, Woo said they were satisfied with A&F's response and would most likely not press the issue further.

Some of the other organizations that have come out in support of the national campaign to hold A&F accountable (as of press time) include: JACL, Organization of Chinese Americans, Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, Asian American Legal Defense Fund — New York City, Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, Chinese for Affirmative Action, Asian American Renaissance — Minnesota, Wu Yee Children Services, Chinese Progressive Association, Common Roots, Korean Youth & Community Center, Chinatown Community Development Center and Human Services Alliance.

Online auction company eBay also pulled the shirts from their sites on April 19. Bids for one shirt went as high as \$162 before being pulled.

"This issue is definitely not over," said Charlene Wang, a student at Wellesley College in Boston. "The fact that A&F could even get this through and marketed shows the complete ignorance of the corporation."

Wang said students on campus and even professors were "all riled up" over this issue. But as late as April 23, she'd seen shirts being sold that read "Crazy Kung Fu Clinic: Wise Man Say Smash You Face."

"We're going to keep on rallying until they at least come to the table to talk to us about these issues," said Wang.

Similar sentiment could be heard on the West Coast. Bryant Yang, co-chair of the Asian Pacific Council at UC Berkeley, said they plan to organize an economic boycott until A&F responds to their demands.

"We want to make our point clear," said Yang. "We want people to know what they're buying, and to make sure that they're not buying racism." ■

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East Coast

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Sun., May 5—23rd Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Festival; 12 noon-6 p.m.; Union Square Park North.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sun., May 5—Book reading and lecture, "Garbante: A Nisei's Story" with author Janus Y. Kurahara; 2-4 p.m.; Smithsonian Institution, S. Dillon Ripley Center, Room 3111; 1100 Jefferson Dr. SW. Free. Info: Noriko Sandfujii, Asian Pacific American Program, www.apa.si.edu.

Sun., May 12—Play, "The Ballad of Yoshiko" by Philip Kan Gotanda; 2 p.m.; Bethesda Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda; presented by Washington, D.C. JACL and Tsunami Theatre. Tickets: 202/223-1240.

Midwest

CLEVELAND

Sun., May 5—Cleveland JACL installation of officers; 2-5 p.m.; Willowick Shoregate United Methodist Church, 30500 Bayridge Blvd., Willowick; keynote speaker Iris Choi, regional director of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission.

Sun., May 19—7th Cherry Blossom Festival; 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Cleveland Metroparks/Brookside Reservation. Info: Diane Asamoto Grant, dasagrnt@hotmail.com, or JACL VM, 216/556-2277.

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL

Thurs., May 9—Twin Cities JACL Scholarship Banquet. Info: Pam Ohno Dagoberg, 763/557-2946.

Thurs., May 16—Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota Memorial Service; 11 a.m.; Fort Snelling National Cemetery, 7601 36th Ave. S., shelter #7; lunch follows at New Century Buffet 7827, Portland Ave. S., Bloomington. Info: Kathy Ohama Koch, 952/884-1560, or Sam Honda, 651/429-3410.

Fri., May 17—Annual APA Heritage Month dinner and dance; Nicolet Island Pavilion, Minneapolis. Info: CAPM, 651-296-0538.

Sat., May 18—Asian American Festival; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Unidale Mall, University and Dale, St. Paul; Twin Cities JACL to participate in the parade and sponsor a display/info booth. Info: Cheryl Hirata-Dulaks, 952/925-2429, or Karen Tanaka Lucas, 952/431-1740.

ROCKFORD, Ill.

Sat., May 18—Gardening talk: "The Nature-inspired Gardens of Japan"; 2-4 p.m.; Anderson Japanese Garden; speaker Douglas Roth, publisher of the *Journal of Japanese Gardening*. Info: 815/229-9390, www.andersongardens.com.speaker

Intermountain

POTATELLO, Idaho

Sat., May 11—JACL IDC Min Yasui Oratorical Contest; 10 a.m.; at Bannock County Historical Museum, Upper Ross Park; awards luncheon to follow at Evergreen Japanese Buffet. Info: Josh Spry, youth representative, 801/547-9284; Micki Kawakami, 208/234-1654 or 241-3215.

Sat., May 11—Special U.S. Postal Service cancellation commemorating the 60th anniversary of internment camps; 12 noon; Bannock County Historical Museum; Upper Ross Park. Info: Micki Kawakami, 208/234-1654 or 241-3215.

Sat., May 11—Exhibit Opening: "Japanese American Internment"; 3 p.m.; Bannock County Historical Museum, Upper Ross Park; Kenjiro Nomura's paintings of Minidoka while in camp, with walk-through lecture by George and Betty Nomura. Info: Micki Kawakami, 208/234-1654 or 241-3215. Exhibit runs through May 31.

SALT LAKE CITY

Fri., May 17—Mount Olympus JACL bonsai workshop; Info: Diane Akiyama, 801/277-6115.

Pacific Northwest

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore

Thurs.-Sun., July 4-7—2002 Tule Lake Pilgrimage: Oregon Institute of Technology. *RSVP by June 1 for accommodations at the institute:* Stan Shikuma, 206/721-1128; e-mail: SKTaiko@aol.com. Info: www.tule-lake.org.

SEATTLE

Sun., May 5—Civil Liberties Celebration; 12 noon-5 p.m.; Seattle Central Community College; statewide high school art and essay contest winners, art exhibits, films; guest speakers include U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye.

May 10-19—World premiere performance, "Monkey, Woman, and Kabuki Joe" by Byron Au Yong and Lee Sze Keong;

Sat., May 11—Blaine Memorial UMC Spring Arts & Craft Fair and Silent Auction; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; 3001-24th Ave. South. Info: Kim Oki, 206/725-3303.

Northern California

HAYWARD

Sun., June 2—50th Annual JACL Junior Olympics; Chabot College. Entry forms and info: Jim Duff, 510/272-8286; Al Satake, 510/528-1900; or Valerie Yasukochi, 510/336-3371; e-mail: Berkeley@JACL.org.

SACRAMENTO

Sun., May 5—NCWNP District

Council Meeting; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; University Union, California State University Sacramento. Info: 916/278-7465.

Tues., May 7—APA Heritage Month Local Hero Awards; 5:30 reception, 6 p.m. ceremony and performances; KVIE Channel 6 Studios, 2595 Capitol Oaks Drive; Randy Imai of Sacramento JACL to be included among those honored. Info: 916/641-3561.

Sat., May 11—"Preserving Locke for the Next Century"; 12 noon-3 p.m., Main Street in Locke; celebrating the transfer of land ownership of Locke to the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency; signed editions of "Bitter Melon—Inside America's Last Rural Chinese Town" will be available for purchase. Info: Seann Rooney, 916/456-4964.

Sat., June 1—Florin JACL Scholarship and New Member Luncheon; 1-3 p.m.; Holiday Villa Restaurant, 7007 S. Land Park Drive (off Florin Blvd. behind Belair Market); sumptuous Chinese menu and slide presentation of breathtaking adventures by Dr. Kevin Tatsugawa, Dept. of Recreation and Leisure Studies at CSU Sacramento. *RSVP by May 15:* Janie Low, 916/278-7465; e-mail: lowj@csus.edu.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat., May 11—National JACL Resisters of Conscience Ceremony; 1:30 p.m.; JCCCNC; Congressman Mike Honda, keynote speaker. Info: Alan Teruya, NCWNPgov@cs.com, or Andy Noguchi, AndyNoguchi@worldnet.att.net.

Sun., May 12—Panel discussion on Japanese Brazilians; 2 p.m.; Union Bank Hospitality Room, Japantown; with research scholars from Emory University, UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz; presented by the Japanese American National Library; part of "Global and Local Dimensions of Asian America: An International Conference on Asian Diasporas," May 10-12 at the Radisson Miyako Hotel.

SAN JOSE

Sat., May 4—West Valley JACL Next Generation's Tenth Anniversary celebration; 6 p.m. cocktails, 8 p.m. dinner; M.C.'s TV newscasters Robert and Arlene Handa; fashion show by Nikkei Traditions; silent auction; dancing; recognition of members of the West Valley JACL, Senior Club and Next Generation who have contributed to the organization. Tickets: Nikkei Traditions or Jim Nagareda, 408/971-6456; Yuli Tachibana, 408/621-7715; Pam Yoshida, 408/293-4432.

Fri., May 10—Third Annual Ed Iwasaki Memorial Fund Scholarship Reception; 6 p.m. BBQ & reception; JACL Issei Memorial Building, 565 N. Fifth St., Japantown; honoring the scholarship recipients, contributors, supporters, friends and family; *RSVP by May 8:* Fax: 408/298-7554; e-mail: Adele Iwasaki at masamichan@aol.com; Joyce Iwasaki at joyce@sig-imura.com.

SAN MATEO

Thurs., May 16—SF Giants face the Atlanta Braves; 12:30 p.m. at Pac Bell Park. Tickets and train schedule: San Mateo JACL Community Center, 650/343-2793.

SEBASTOPOLE

Sun., May 5—Sonoma County JACL's Annual Spring Breakfast; 8 a.m.-noon; Enmanji Memorial Hall.

Central California

FRESNO

Tues., May 7—Fresno JACL Nikkei Service Center Annual Japanese Obento Benefit; raffle; free movie classics shown at 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Obento tickets must be purchased in advance. Info: 559/237-4006.

Southern California

LONG BEACH

Fri., May 3—Documentary video viewing, "Inside Pol Pot's Secret Prison: Tuol Sleng"; 6-8 p.m.; Cal State Long Beach, 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Lecture Hall 150; presented by the Center for Southeast Asian Studies and the Cambodian Student Society; panel discussion to follow. Free. Info: 562/985-5454; www.csulb.edu/mediacxperts.

LOS ANGELES

Fri., May 3—CV 21 Ninth Annual Dinner; 6 p.m. VIP reception, 7 p.m. dinner; Omni Hotel; emceed Ted Chen and Sonya Crawford, KNBC News; Dr. Kevin Starr, Calif. State Librarian will speak on the role of APAs in California. Info: 626/356-9838.

Mon., May 6—PSW District board meeting; PSWD Office, Little Tokyo. Info: Carol Saito, 213/626-4471 or office@jacplpsw.org.

Wed., May 8—A Tribute to Composer Toru Takemitsu by the Los Angeles Philharmonic; 8 p.m.; Royce Hall at UCLA; Esa-Pekka Salonen conducting. Tickets, info: 310/825-2101; www.uclalive.com/.

Sat., May 11—Toyota Symphony for Youth: "Shall We Dance?"; 10 a.m. pre-concert activities, 11 a.m. concert; Dorothy Chandler Pavilion; for ages 5-11; Yasuo Shinozaki conducting. Tickets: 213/365-3500 or www.laphil.com. Info: 323/850-2000.

Sat., May 11—Free Seminar: The Law and You; 10 a.m.-12 noon; Centenary United Methodist Church, 300 S. Central Ave., Little Tokyo; covering long-term care, identity theft; Japanese translation provided. Info: Asian Pacific American Legal Center, 213/977-7500.

Sat.-Sun., May 11-12—Mothers Day Weekend; JACC Plaza, San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; Chibi-K: Kids for Kids Fun Run mini-marathon; Asian Pacific Arts & Crafts Faire; Hawaiian entertainment, cultural arts and crafts; Luau-style food menu. Schedules, info: JACCC, 213/628-2725, www.jacc.org.

Sun., May 12—Amy Hanaiali'i in

Concert; 4 p.m.; The George & Sakaye Aratani/Japan American Theatre, 233 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; award-winning diva from Hawaii. Box Office: 213/680-3700.

Mon., May 27—Memorial Day Services to be held jointly by the JA Korean War Veterans, the JA Vietnam War Veterans and the Americans of Japanese Ancestry WWII Memorial Alliance; 1 p.m. at the National Japanese American Memorial Court, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; flowers will be provided to be placed on the memorial; family members of MOH recipients and KIVs are requested to call to say they will attend. Info: Yoram Wada, 714/992-5461; Thomi Yamamoto, 213/387-9033; Victor Murakoa, 818/897-1533.

RIVERSIDE

Sat., May 3—Reading and slide presentation, "The Wartime Diaries of George Fumimoto, Jr.: Japanese Americans in Riverside"; 3 p.m.; Main Library, 3582 Mission Inn Ave., on Orange St. Free. Info: 909/826-5369.

Sun., May 19—Riverside JACL Scholarship/Graduation Potluck Dinner; 5 p.m. no-host social hour, 5:30 dinner; First Christian Church, Jurupa and Brockton.

TORRANCE

Thurs., May 16—Japanese American WWII Veterans panel discussion; guest speaker Dr. Mitchell Maki, professor and author; 4-6 p.m.; Katy Geisert Torrance Main Public Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd. at Madrona Ave.; presented by the Go For Broke Educational Foundation. Info: 310/328-0907 or www.GoForBroke.org.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Tues.-Sun., June 25-30—National JACL Biennial Convention. Info: www.jacl.org; Betty Atkins, 702/221-0414; Las Vegas JACL, 702/382-4443.

Fri., June 28—Tribute Dinner to salute JACL wartime national leaders; 6 p.m. no-host reception, 7 p.m. dinner and program; sponsored by Sacramento JACL and national JACL. *RSVP:* Info: Convention Committee, 702/382-4443, e-mail: lvjac@juno.com; or Sacramento JACL, 916/447-0231, e-mail: saccustour@aol.com.

PHOENIX

Sun., May 5—Arizona JACL 2002 Picnic; fishing clinic 8-11 a.m., picnic 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Desert Breeze Railroad Park, Chandler; softball, volleyball, races, games, rides, kids' crafts, storytelling folk dancing, taiko. ■

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NATIONAL BOARD

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Yoshino also added that several of the current MPD chapters have wanted to move over to the stronger, larger Midwest and Intermountain districts. Although she thinks most of the chapters will be in favor of the change, the largest chapter, the Mile-Hi chapter in Denver, will likely resist the move to eliminate the district. "Denver has been the mainstay of the Mountain Plains," she said.

Both the Midwest and Intermountain district representatives showed their approval for the proposed changes. "MDC is more than happy to take on new chapters," said Ezaki.

Larry Grant, former IDC governor, said, "Redistricting would be very good. It would be good to give chapters more support, to give balance on the national board." But he also added that with the districts adding more chapters, he would like to see more allocation monies going to ID and MD.

Although the vote to redistrict passed without much discussion, the proposal to restructure the national board ignited much debate. Many of the board members expressed their displeasure with the idea of eliminating one of the youth positions on the board.

Currently, a national youth representative and chair sit on the national board along with the president, secretary/treasurer, vice presidents of general operations, membership, public affairs, and planning and development, with eight governors. With the elimination of MPD the new board would be comprised of: the president, vice president, secretary/treasurer, three at-large board members, an at-large youth board member, and seven district governors.

Youth Chair Nakata objected to the elimination of a youth position on the board. "It's important that we continue to have two voices on the board," he said. "We need to have our voice at the table. It's unjust to look at eliminating one youth position." Although the current national

board has been very supportive of youth concerns, future boards may not be as receptive, he said.

Nakata also pointed out that the proposed change had not been discussed with the youth board members prior to the board meeting and that other options needed to be explored.

Many board members expressed their support of keeping the two youth positions, including Ken Inouye, Pacific Citizen board chair. "This is a big step backward," he said. "The youth are 100 percent of our future."

But Mori, who has often publicly expressed support of the youth, defended his proposed change to the board structure. "No one is more supportive of youth than I am," he said, but with the reduction of a governor's seat, balance must be maintained on the board. "I think it's fair and equitable. It's not about taking power away," said Mori, who encouraged the youth to run for one of the at-large board member seats.

But in the end, with the majority of board members expressing support for keeping the two youth seats, they settled on a compromise: keep the two youth positions on the national board and add a fourth at-large board member to balance the number of members to 16. In addition, the eight-member youth council will still elect the youth chair but the youth representative position will now be elected by the entire national council — similar to the rest of the elected members on the national board.

Thus, the new board will be comprised of: president, vice president, secretary/treasurer, four at-large board members, one youth at-large board member (voted by national council), seven district governors, and a youth chair elected by the youth council. (The motion was made by Itami and seconded by Masuo, Clyde Nishimura, EDC governor, and Alan Teruya, NCWNP governor, voted against the resolution.)

The vice president position will assume the general operations duties and the at-large board members would collectively perform the various v.p. duties of public affairs,

membership, and planning and development.

Both the redistricting and board restructuring proposals will involve amendments to JACL's by-laws and constitution and will need to be approved by the national council at this year's biennial convention in Las Vegas June 25-30. If the national council passes the proposals, the changes would take effect in 2004.

New England JACL Co-sponsors 'After Pearl Harbor and 9/11' Forum

Almost 200 people attended a recent forum which brought together Japanese Americans, Arab Americans, Sikh Americans and others to share their personal experiences of discrimination and detention as well as responses to violations of civil rights following the events of Sept. 11.

The forum, "After Pearl Harbor and 9/11: Civil Liberties Under Threat," was held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was co-sponsored by the New England JACL, Arab American Anti-Discrimination Committee, Asian American Resource Workshop, Islamic Society of Boston, New England Sikh Study Circle, and the Sikh Coalition and the Program on Human Rights and Justice at the MIT Center for International Studies.

Four panels were held on such issues as loyalty, the effects of discrimination, distancing and support and legal and political strategies.

Speakers included JACLer May Takayanagi, who spoke about challenging violations of her civil rights while in an internment camp, and husband Tetsuo Takayanagi, who told of volunteering as an interpreter with the MIS to prove his loyalty. Susumu Ito, a JACL member and veteran of the 442nd RCT, described his wartime combat experiences.

Aamir Rehman, with the Islamic Society of Boston, discussed the ongoing dialogue with the Islamic community over government freezes, detentions and interrogations, while Mariam Arena, an American-born convert to Islam, spoke about why she converted and her experiences after Sept. 11.

OBITUARY

Henri Takahashi, 87, San Francisco Businessman and Philanthropist

Henri Hiroyuki Takahashi, one of the founders and owners of the Takahashi Trading Corporation and local philanthropist, died April 16 at his home in San Francisco at the age of 87 of a heart ailment.

Born in Tokyo, Takahashi moved with his family to Hawaii at age 3, where his father was a Congregational Church minister. The family also moved to Oakland and Riverside, Calif., as the father was transferred. They later moved back to Japan, while Takahashi chose to remain in the United States and entered Pomona College.

Soon after his marriage to Tomoye Nozawa, the war with Japan broke out and he and his wife were interned in Topaz, Utah, where he became editor of the camp newspaper, the *Topaz Times*.

After returning to the West Coast in 1945, Takahashi and his

wife started a small store in San Francisco's Japan Town, at first helping local residents send care packages back to Japan and later importing goods for distribution and sale. The business grew with Takahashi designing wares such as the Genji Screen, Kabuki Lamp and Moku Moku Salad Bowl, which became popular items of the day.

In later years, Takahashi along with his wife and sister-in-law, Martha Suzuki, started the Henri & Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation and donated generously to support a variety of local service, cultural and education institutions.

He is survived by his wife, his children Masako Cohan and Norman Takahashi, sister-in-law Martha Suzuki, sisters Helen Akaki and Julia Takahashi, and several nieces and nephews.

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Higa, Fumi, 100, Los Angeles, Jan. 25; survived by sons George and wife Dora, Frank, Toshio, Minoru and wife Joanne, Dennis and wife Evelyn; daughters May Nakagawa (Cleveland), Kiyoko Shiroma and husband Louie; 19 gc., 12 ggc., 1 gggc.; sister Tsuruko Asato (Okinawa).

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Ikuta, Louise, Cleveland, Feb. 5; survived by husband George; sisters Thelma Ichiyama, Fumiko Evelyn Sakamoto; sisters-in-law Pearl Yamashita, Alice Scholz, Teruko Ikuta, Matsuko Ikuta.

Kanemasu, Kingo Francis, 78, Walla Walla, Wash., April 8; Hood River, Ore.-born; Tulelake internee; survived by sister Dorothy Tanaka (Walla Walla); sister-in-law Mary Kanemasu (Hood River); brother George (Lakewood, Colo.); special niece and friend Helen Kaye Tanaka and Gary Price (Walla Walla); predeceased by parents, brother Wataru and sister Helen Kanemasu.

Kawata, Dr. Nobuyuki, 81, Los Angeles, March 27; California-born; WWII internee; U.S. Army Medical Corp veteran (1952-53); cardiologist and clinical professor of medicine; he helped develop the heart transplant program at UCLA; survived by wife Elaine Albanese; daughters Diane Watanabe, Dr. Carol Kawata; 5 gc.; brothers Teruo, Sakae; sister Miyeko Uriu; predeceased by his first wife Chiyoko.

Kimura, Nobuko Uchiyama, Cleveland, March 23; survived by daughters Lynce, Lori; son Eric and wife Adrienne; 2 gc.; brothers George, Joe, Roy, John; sister-in-law Chiyeko Kimura.

Kosha, Shigeru, 73, Oceanside, March 20; Bell-born; survived by sons Steve Shigemii (San Diego), Kevin Takichi (Oceanside); daughter Victoria Akemi Kosha (Rancho Cordova); 2 gc.; brothers Ich and wife Hatsuiko (Oceanside), Tak; sister Hatsy Sakaguchi and husband Lou (Las Vegas).

Nishimoto, Mac Masaki, Seattle, Feb. 14; WWII veteran (442nd RCT, 522nd Field Artillery, Battery C); survived by brother Hero (Seattle); niece Arlene Hee and husband Edmund (Livermore).

Ogata, Kazuo "Jack," 92, Rosemead, March 26; Okinawa-born; survived by wife Kiyo; son

Ken Shigeo and wife Jeri; 6 gc.; brothers in Japan.

Shimizu, Masaru, 87, Indio, March 26; Glendale-born; survived by wife Mary; sons Glen, Jerry; sisters Tatsuko Shiraki and husband Toru, Mitsuko Kinoshita, Grace Okumura; brothers Manabu, Bob, Roy and wife Miyo.

Tanaka, Chris Chopper, 82, Santa Ana, March 18; Hopper, Utah-born; survived by son Glenn and wife Shirley; daughters Terry Tanaka, Eileen, Minami and husband Norio, 3 gc.; brother Joe Yamashita and wife Nobuko; sister Hisako Uto.

Tamaki, Hana T., 101, Los Angeles, March 27; Okinawa-born; survived by daughters Sachi Kane-shiro, Aki Nosaka and husband Raymond, Mary Karatsu and husband George, Dorothy Kuwaye; sons George and wife Kuni, Paul and wife Kay; 13 gc., 13 ggc.

Watanabe, David Juko, 81, Sonoma, April 5; Denver-born; WWII MIS U.S. Army veteran; as a research chemist he developed a process that improved oil well production, called "Unibeeds"; survived by wife Meriko; daughters Katharine, Carolyn Barbucesco and husband Noel; 5 gc.

Yasui, Kimi, 85, Los Angeles, March 23; survived by daughters Elaine Nakasone and husband Warren, Linda Yasui Lotshaw and husband David, Kathleen Der and husband Channing, Patricia Wong and husband Larry; son John and wife Kathy; 9 gc.; 3 sisters and one brother.

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igned a National Historic Site, according to Manzanar Committee Chairperson Sue Embrey.

"I for one remember how it felt to get on the train as we were leaving from our village and then to go into the assembly camp," said Marjorie Matsushita-Spring, a former internee at Heart Mountain in Wyoming. "The very vivid memory that I hold is knowing the gate clanging shut and hear-

ment's racial profiling and detention of members of the Arab and Muslim communities.

"We now have about 1,200 Arab and Muslim Americans being held in U.S. jails under the Patriot Act," he said. "The evidence against these civilians is sealed. It cannot be seen, it cannot be analyzed, it cannot be challenged."

"I feel that Arab and Muslim Americans have a lot to learn from you," Hakim told the audience. "You set an example and a role model for us to follow. We admire your struggle to reclaim your place in society. We

RE-ENACTMENT

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Harbor.

"It will bring back a lot of bad memories and things that we forgot," said Chiyoko Yagi before the reenactment. Yagi was 21 when she was sent to a camp in Poston, Arizona. "I want to see it to kind of remember it again."

But, more important, the reenactment could help others "see what we went through," said Yagi, 81. "It could happen to anybody. We have to make people realize that something like this could happen in a hysteria."

The re-enactment was a production of the JACL Watsonville-Santa Cruz. While internees hold reunions, and others make annual trips to internment camps, this event may be the first re-enactment, said JACL national executive director John Tateishi.

More than 1,000 people attended the event in Watsonville, a coastal town about 50 miles south of San Jose.

Those taking part in the re-enactment assembled outside a government building on a downtown

street that had such 1940s details as a Greyhound bus on loan from a museum and an antique police car.

The actors, wearing vintage clothing, told their stories to the crowd, and were then put on a bus and rode to a theater down the street that represented an internment center in the desert. There were also cyclone fences in the lobby and paintings of guard towers flanking the stage.

The \$35,000 production, called "Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty," was supported by donors from around the country.

The tales that were told include those of a father who was taken by the FBI and sent to a camp apart from his family; a high school student who could not graduate; a little girl who had to leave her dog behind; and little Norman Mineta, now U.S. transportation secretary, whose baseball bat was taken by a guard before he left for camp.

The event also honored JAs who served in the U.S. Military Intelligence Service and the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Some say the re-enactment is a bad idea.

"It doesn't solve anything," said

City Councilwoman Judy Doering-Nielsen, the sole member to vote against a resolution supporting the re-enactment. "It doesn't do anything other than to bring back old memories and re-create something that was a very sad thing in our history."

In the 1940s, local politicians passed resolutions opposing the return of internees from the camps. But those who disagreed, and helped the JAs, were honored at the event.

Among them: the late Oscar and Opal Marshall, who greeted returning internees at the train station, helped them find jobs and bought food when they heard markets would not sell to JAs.

Watsonville artist Howard Ikemoto, who was interned at Tule Lake in Northern California when he was 3, has been telling his family's stories through the 10-foot (3-meter) paintings of guard towers that were at the event.

"It's the kind of incarceration that is still happening and can happen at any time to any group. Right now it's focused on Arabs," Ikemoto said. "It's not about feeling sorry for oneself. It's about making sure that it doesn't happen again." ■



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Clockwise: Original Manzanar fire truck (slight modification with ladder), later used by the City of Bishop, currently on display in the Manzanar auditorium; Taro O'Sullivan, pilgrimage keynote; Archie Miyatake at a reception for his father's Toyo Miyatake photo exhibit on display at the Eastern California Museum in Independence.

ing that we were now incarcerated and our future was uncertain."

"I think because of our internment experience," added former Rohwer internee Rose Ochi, "it places Japanese Americans in a special role of responsibility that when our government, in the interest of national security, does not balance civil liberties, it is incumbent on us to speak out."

Speaking out is especially important today as we find ourselves "in the middle of a war again," said keynote speaker Taro O'Sullivan, a political activist and writer from Portland, Ore. "We still live in a country where we Japanese Americans are not American enough for many people."

O'Sullivan, the first executive director for the State Commission on Asian Affairs in Oregon, previously served as a facilitator for a "Dialogue for Peace" event between the JACL, American Muslim Alliance and the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee at the Oregon Buddhist Temple in Portland last October. He said he was humbled by the opportunity to speak at Manzanar this year.

"I'm not qualified. I felt so inadequate," he told the *Pacific Citizen*. "I felt that this should really be about Sue, it should be about her work, it should be about the folks who have been here. I'm not young, I'm 43, but in our culture I am young, and I think my obligation is to try to motivate people who are younger than me, to say why this history is important."

Sam Hakim, of the Muslim Public Affairs Council, offered the audience a current perspective on how that history is so apt in light of the U.S. govern-

ment's racial profiling and ancestry, and we admire your efforts which have consistently proved that your heritage doesn't threaten, but enrich, this land we all love."

Crestwood Elementary School teacher Michelle Lim, who attended the pilgrimage with a group of educators from the Los Angeles Unified School District, said she was moved by the experience. "We basically came here to learn about Manzanar. A lot of my friends are Japanese Americans from Southern California, and they have parents who were here."

"I always try to incorporate this kind of thing [in the classroom] because as Asian Americans you have to deal with being treated as different just because of the way you look. I hope the other teachers do too, but it depends on how much you personalize the experience," she said.

More first-time visitors like Lim are expected as the new interpretive center, which had its groundbreaking ceremony April 26 at the historic Manzanar High School auditorium, begins construction this week. It is expected to open late next summer, according to Frank R. Hays, superintendent of the Manzanar National Historic Site.

He also said that Inyo County is donating an original Manzanar mess hall, currently at the Bishop Airport, to the National Park Service, and that they've received funding to reconstruct one of the large guard watch towers.

Nearly 47,000 people visited Manzanar last year. Through March of this year, he said, the number of visitors was already up 60 percent. ■

JACL Chapters Fund-raise for Topaz Memorial Marker

Three Utah JACL chapters are asking for contributions as part of its fundraising campaign to restore the Topaz Memorial marker in Delta, Utah.

On the 60th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066, and in lieu of a formal "Day of Remembrance" program, the Salt Lake City, Mt. Olympus and Wasatch Front chapters have taken on the task of rebuilding a new memorial marker, which had fallen into disrepair after years of vandalism.

The original marker was put in place 26 years ago as a tribute to the 120,000 Japanese Americans who were sent to U.S. concentration camps during World War II. The Topaz camp was closed in October 1945.

The new memorial will be a low-

lying, horizontal structure, standing less than 4 feet tall. Photographs will be etched into metal, including an aerial panoramic image of Topaz and others depicting camp life. An American flag will also fly nearby to discourage further vandalism.

Construction on the memorial is scheduled to begin this summer.

The committee is also seeking to make Topaz a state historic site and later a federally-designated site similar to Minidoka. These designations will help to preserve the site for future generations.

If you are interested in making a donation, make checks out to Topaz Memorial Marker Fund and send to Topaz Memorial Marker Fund, c/o National JACL Credit Union, P.O. Box 1721, Salt Lake City, UT 84111. ■



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