By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

TORRANCE, Calif.—Less than 300 people attended the 2002 JACL Pacific Southwest District Awards Dinner at the Torrance Marriott Sept. 21, a noticeably lower turnout than in years past, which caused speculation about possible community strife.

Many Nisei veterans representing the 442nd, 100th and Military Intelligence Service (MIS) groups as well as members of the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) were absent from the event despite the fact that former Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera gave the keynote address detailing the push to get Medal of Honor upgrades for 22 Asian American veterans, including 20 Nisei, in 2001.

"It didn't come to my attention and nobody pointed it out to me, so I really can't comment," said JACL National President Floyd Mori. "I know they had a hard time getting a lot of people out tonight."

Some lamented the possibility that the lack of attendance reflected lingering bitterness over the controversial 2000 JACL national convention in Monterey, Calif., in which the organization passed a resolution apologizing to the resisters for not acknowledging the stance they took during World War II. JACL, has since tried to work with various veterans groups to alleviate tensions over the resolution.

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PHOTO TRACY UBA

Keynote speaker Louis Caldera, former Secretary of the Army, and JACL National President Floyd Mori at the 2002 PSWD Awards Dinner, which faced a lower turnout of attendees than in past years.

MORI MEMO
Boosting Membership

After reading National Vice President of Membership Ryan Chin's article regarding membership being a family affair in the Sept. 20 issue of the Pacific Citizen, I have two words to say: right on.

We saw the continuing need for JACL and organizations like JACL during the aftermath of Sept. 11. Although national JACL will always be concerned with issues facing Japanese Americans generally, the local chapters of JACL should indeed place emphasis on family events which many chapters usually do. National JACL as well as local chapters have scholarships available which help to...

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### Non-white Voters Showing Increasing Political Clout ###

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

The growing strength of non-white voters in bellwether states such as California was the topic of discussion at the annual CAUSE Vision 21 political summit held on Sept. 28 at the Los Angeles County Public Library.

CAUSE Vision 21 is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to Asian Pacific American political empowerment.

To understand this trend, Mark Baldassare, director of research at the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), discussed voting patterns in California.

But this pattern is not exclusive to California, Baldassare said. He is seeing similar trends across the nation, particularly in larger states such as Texas, Florida and Illinois.

In California, Baldassare said the combined APA/Latino/African American vote in 1990 constituted 19 percent which rose to 29 percent in the 2000 election. "That's not a lot but it's enough to swing the state," said Baldassare.

Because non-white voters favor Democrats, Baldassare said, "If this trend continues, there is going to be a huge problem for the Republicans unless they make an effort to be more inclusive."
MINK
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as her spending priorities edu-
cation, housing and health care.
In a statement Robert Matsui, D-Calif., said: "With the passing of Paty Mink, the U.S. House of Representatives, the people of Hawaii, and the nation have lost a woman whose vision and inspira-
tion made her one of the most
respected leaders in Congress. Simply put, Paty Mink was a trailblazer. For Paty, no challenge was insurmountable, and no barri-
er was unbreakable. She was a
remarkable woman whose energy
and spirit opened doors for mil-
ions of others.
Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, on
Saturday said Mink would be sorely missed in Congress and repeated his call asking voters to
remember her career when voting in
November.
"I hope that the people of Hawaii will indicate at the polls their sense of gratitude to her and I think this is a good way to honor
her," said Inouye.
Mink believed one of her most
significant accomplishments in Congress was Title IX of the Education Act, which she helped author in 1972. The law, credited by many with changing the face of
women's sports and societal atti-
tudes about women, ban gender
discrimination in schools that
receive federal funding.
"To be frank," Mink said in 1997, the 25th anniversary of Title
IX, "I thought this was great, a
beginning statement of policy and
intent. At the moment we were
doing it, we didn't think it would
have this fantastic momentum and
the enforcement of the courts."

STATEMENT
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and Paty were special to the com-
onal folks like me as they had a
great personal touch in reaching
out to the people of Hawaii."
Noted Floyd Mort, JACL
national president, "Paty Mink was
not just the people of Hawaii or
Japanese Americans — but to
every American. We will miss her
greatly."

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Letters to the Editor

Keep P.C. interesting
I am delighted that the P.C. is getting so newsy! The Sept. 6-19 issue is a gem. Thank you for the thoughtful and informative article (page 7) as well as Bill Murata's East Wind (page 8). Keep P.C. interesting!

Yasuo Inahara
St. Louis, Mo.
Project to Document JA WWII Life at Rohwer and Jerome Camps

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Fearing the history of Arkansas' World War II Japanese American internment camps would be lost, Richard Yada's father, a former camp detainee, often purchased books on the subject and gave them to Arkansas libraries.

More than a decade after his father's death, the son, a Little Rock financial advisor, attended an announcement of a major project documenting the history of the two Arkansas Delta camps on Sept. 16. The Rohwer and Jerome internment camps were home to more than 16,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry. Most, including the Yada family, were forcibly relocated to Arkansas from California.

With nearly $3 million in various grants from the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, the Los Angeles-based Japanese American National Museum and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock will produce "Life Interrupted: The Internment of Japanese Americans in WWII Arkansas," a series of exhibitions, symposiums, videos and other projects telling the story of the two Arkansas camps.

Yada, who was born in one of the camps in 1943, said the project validates his father's quest to preserve the history.

"My father was a California farmer. The family was given three weeks to sell everything they owned and then were sent to Arkansas," Yada said.

When the war ended three years later, Sam Yada decided to stay in Arkansas to farm vegetables and raise his family.

"My parents never said a bad word about America or Arkansas. My father thought Arkansas would be a good place to live and raise his family," Richard Yada said.

Sybil Jordan Hampton, president of the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, began planning the project in 2000. The exhibits will be on display throughout the state in 2004.

Jordan Hampton said the work is about both history and social justice.

"It's a history lesson for our grandchildren. It's a reminder of what happened," she said.

Although planning began before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Jordan Hampton said the attacks and subsequent events give special meaning to the project.

"It has such immediacy and currency with Guantanamo and other war crimes cases," she said.

Johanna Miller Lewis, chair of the UA History Department, said the project will include a reunion of people detained in the camps and their families, "all ages, at all levels of understanding.""Our mission is to preserve the legacy of these camps and to raise the public's consciousness about them," she said.

The Arkansas camps were the only ones in the South. There were many complex racial issues.

"We want it to be home to families still living in Arkansas. The Arkansas project resonates with Hiroana because her grandfather, aunt and uncle were detained at the Rohwer camp.

Gov. Davis Signs Bill Creating First-ever Commission on APIA Affairs

California's Gov. Gray Davis has signed a bill establishing the first-ever Asian Pacific Islander Advisory Commission (APIAIC) in the state. Assembly Bill (AB) 116, authored by Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, passed its final hurdle when Davis signed the bill into law.

"California's Asian Pacific Islander community is growing and changing," said Davis. "This commission will help the state to better understand and serve this diverse community."

"I am truly impressed by the APIA community for their outreach and advocacy for this very important bill," Nakano said. "I applaud the governor for understanding how important the creation of this commission is," said Nakano. "This is the first such specific APIA community Legislature.

The advisory commission will address the wide range of needs and concerns affecting over 3.8 million APIAs in California, currently the fastest-growing community in the state. The APIAIC will help identify and develop outreach programs more effectively communicate with and respond to the needs of a growing Asian Pacific Islander community in California.

AB 116 will allow the delivery of state programs and services to underprivileged Asian Pacific Islander American groups. The commission established by this bill will provide input to help present many of the problems that place this community at risk, such as gang violence, hate crimes, teen pregnancy, and infectious disease.

"My goal is to reach out to the APIA community and in turn, ensure California government understands and works to address any identified needs," said Nakano. "It is also important for these communities and work to address any identified needs," said Nakano. "It is also important for these communities and work to address any identified needs," said Nakano. "It is also important for these communities and work to address any identified needs," said Nakano.

Bill Would Create Memorial at Bainbridge Island

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—Sixty years ago, 227 Japanese Americans were taken from their Bainbridge Island, Wash., homes at gunpoint and marched to the Eagledale Ferry Dock to begin their internment camps.

They were the first of nearly 120,000 Japanese Americans sent to Japanese internment camps during World War II. When they arrived, they had no idea what to expect or how long they would be there.

A national monument would "honor those who suffered, cherish the friends and families who stood beside them ... and inspire all to stand firm in the event our nation again succumbs to similar fears," Inslee said.

A House committee apparently agreed. Members of the Resources panel unanimously approved the bill Sept. 12, sending it to the House Floor.

The measure was prompted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's executive order of March 30, 1942. It ordered men, women and children of Japanese ancestry removed from their homes by the U.S. Army and marched down Taylor Avenue, as they boarded a ferry at the former Eagledale dock.

After arriving in Seattle, they were taken on a five-day train ride with the window blinds drawn shut and no word on where they were going.

The train finally stopped in Manzanar, a remote camp in the Mojave Desert of California. About a year later, most were transferred to the Minidoka Relocation Center in Idaho.

In all, nearly 13,000 Washington state residents were incarcerated without trial, an event Inslee called "tragic and frequently overlooked." The intent of a Bainbridge Island memorial is not to cast judgment from afar, he said, but to highlight an important episode in U.S. history. A memorial at the dock, a short ferry ride from Seattle, would serve as "a beacon to the future as we fight for external and sometimes internal 'fences' in the current war on terrorism," Inslee said.

Frank Kitanos, president of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community, supports the memorial.

For decades, he said, many JAs tried to forget the pain they endured.

"As we marched down (the road), we were in shock. We didn't know where we were going, how long we would be there or if we'd ever come back," he said.

In recent years, activists have decided to call attention to the injustice to make sure history doesn't repeat itself, Kitanos said.

The National Park Service has not taken a position on the bill but estimates a study would cost up to $300,000.
National Newsbytes
By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Inouye Caught Up In Senate Spot With Bush
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—Daniel Inouye emerged at the center of an impeachment, insurrection session, Sept. 25, with Democrats firing back at President Bush for accusing the Senate of not caring about national security.

Majority Leader Tom Daschle demanded that Bush apologize to Hawaii's senior Democrat and other war veterans in the Senate, Inouye followed with a rare, off-the-cuff Senate speech, declaring his concern for America, lamenting the possibility of war with Iraq and accusing Bush of being divisive.

Daschle is responding to a speech Bush recently made in Trenton, N.J. "The House responded, but the Senate is more interested in special interests in Washington and not interested in the security of the American people," Bush said.

Bush was referring to a debate, over a homeland security bill, but Daschle, Inouye and Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., all took it to apply to the possible invasion of Iraq as well.

"I'm concerned about the security of the vulnerable places outside this country," said Inouye, who added that he is concerned about what history will remember Bush for if he invades Iraq.

Bush's speech last Thursday came after the Senate voted down a Homeland Security Bill. The vote was 54-45, with Bush supporting the measure.

Daschle declared that the measure was more than an excuse to avoid a war with Iraq.

"I'm concerned about what history will remember Bush for if he invades Iraq," Daschle said. "I'm concerned about what history will remember Bush for if he invades Iraq."

Inouye praised the Senate for its recent action on the war in Iraq.

"The Senate is more interested in special interests in Washington and not interested in the security of the American people," Bush said.

The Senate Majority Leader Larry Pressler, R-Minn., criticized the Senate for its recent action on the war in Iraq.

"I'm concerned about what history will remember Bush for if he invades Iraq," Pressler said. "I'm concerned about what history will remember Bush for if he invades Iraq."
PSWD Holds Annual Awards Dinner

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sion, according to Mori. "Since the convention, since the end of the convention, there's been a lot of vets that expressed relief that it's over, that they have no worries anymore, so they are willing to work to support JACL, particularly some of the ones that were really red with anger. I think it's a conscious thing, nothing that I've heard of," he said.

"That's been brewing for a long time, and I'm really sorry about that because it shouldn't be a personal thing," said Wilbur Sato, a longtime political and community activist and one of this year's PSWD honorees. "JACL is not anti-veteran. They supported the veterans for years and just because they recognized the resisters, the veterans got upset. But it has nothing to do with them. So I'm really sorry that they're not here. I don't see it as a slight. I'm just sorry that they can't see what we're doing with other groups no matter what we have because we have a lot of things that we have to work together for.

Fellow honoree Joe Allman, a longtime friend of the late director of district 2 in California, told the Pacific that he was a 1940s and 1950s veteran for the U.S. Army, from 1940 to 1946, formerly held a position as paymaster and was a postmaster for the military.

Visual Communications Announces Call for Entries for 2003 VC FilmFest

Visual Communications, the nation's premier Asian Pacific American media arts center, is now accepting entries for this year's 8th edition of VC FILM FEST: The Visual Communications Los Angeles Asian Pacific American Video Festival, set for May 1,4, 2003, at the Directors Guild of America, David Henry Hwang Theatre and Ararat/Japan America Theatre. The festival, presented by VC, was established in 1993 to promote and present the best in Asian Pacific cinema. The 2002 edition of VC FILM FEST opened with a sea change in both the quality of works presented and the emergence of newer generations of APA filmmakers, highlighted by the local premiers of Justin Lin's "Better Luck Tomorrow," the first Asian American feature film to find commercial distribution when it was signed by MTV Films in February; Greg Pak's sneak-preview screening of "Robots" and Bertha Bay-sa Pan's debut feature "Face," the festival's slate of film screenings and events included works by the new crop of APA and multicultural acting and filmmaking talents.

In attendance were the likes of actors John Cho, Bai Ling, Suzie Nakamura, Ken Takakoto, Jason Toback, Tamyra Gray, filmers Ernest Dickerson, George Haung, Rita Hsiao, and many others. Academy Award-winning documentary filmmaker Freida Lee Mock ("Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision") was feted with special spotlight program and seminar hosted by the DGA. The event honored the Community Service Award given to Grace Lee's "Barbie Device" and Gene Rhee received the PSWD Director's Award for his directional debut, "The Quest for Longevity."}

Just last September, prior to the war in Iraq, Caldera was honored at an appreciation lunch given by the Go For Broke Educational Foundation, 100th/442nd Veterans Association, MIS Club of Los Angeles, Japanese American Society of Northern California.

As the evening's guest speaker, Caldera was expected to be a draw for veterans, and particularly for young veterans, said Kato.

"It's just circumstances," said Ken Inouye, JACL vice president of public affairs. "We support each other. A number of us, like David Kawamoto (JACL v.p. of general operations) and I, are on the board of Go For Broke. So, today, the lack of veterans is not a statement."

"There was no reason," said Florence Ochi, the sole representative from JANN to attend the dinner. "It's just that our board and our board of trustees and governors are in Washington, D.C. right now. Every now and then we have board meetings outside of L.A. It just happened to coincide with this event."

"People that normally come like George Takei and others, we knew that once this date was in D.C. we couldn't change it because it has people on the board that come from parts of the United States," said Ochi, who is also a member of the Venice-Culver JACL.

2002 PSWD Awards Dinner honorees (from left) Wayne Shimohara of Union Bank of California, Wilbur Sato, Amy Tambara of Holiday Cheer, and Joe Allman are joined by PSWD District Governor Irene Urata.

Citizen, adding that he was not offended by any lack of attention by veterans or others. He attributed it partly to the fact that it's simply a dying generation: "Sadly, every year there are fewer and fewer of the Nisei veterans who are with us just because the passage of time is diminishing the ranks of veterans of World War II, and that's part of why it's so important to capture their stories today for the benefit of future generations."

Caldera, who said he was "honored" to be asked to speak, is a graduate of West Point and is currently the vice chancellor for the University Advancement of the California State University system. "I'm not in the public life in the same way anymore, but I've always thought that people who are in public life have an obligation from receiving the military's highest honor just after the war. "There was an accurate belief that wartime hysteria and racism and prejudice had played a part in not fully recognizing the valor of Nisei soldiers," he said.

And when it came time for the 2001 ceremony in which those veterans were recognized, President Clinton in Washington, D.C., Caldera recalled, "it certainly made clear the magnitude of their sacrifice when you see that there were only a dozen and those who were reprented by family members who came to accept the award for them. All those long years ago, they said farewell to their loved ones and never saw them come back."

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BASKETBALL

Fate of Top NBA Draft Pick Yao to Be Decided After Asian Games

BEIJING—Questions remain over when, No. 1 NBA draft pick Yao Ming will make his professional debut in the United States, and won’t be resolved until after the Asian Games competition, said a top Chinese sports official on Sept. 29. Quoted by the official Xinhua News Agency, Li Furong said Yao’s fast would not be affected by the controversy over Wang Zhizhi, who angered Chinese sports officials by not reporting for training with the national team.

“Matters concerning Yao’s playing in the NBA will be made clear after the Asian Games,” Li was quoted telling reporters in Busan, South Korea, where the Asian Games are being held through Oct. 14.

Li, a deputy director of the State General Administration of Sports, said “important issues remain to be worked out.”

Yao, 22, is expected to join the Houston Rockets immediately after the Games. However, Xinhua said he is awaiting approval from the Chinese Basketball Association before signing a contract with the team.

Chinese basketball officials have said they want a written agreement from the Rockets making Yao available for the national team. It wasn’t immediately clear whether such a document has been agreed to.

Wang, who joined the Dallas Mavericks last year as the first Chinese basketball player to play in the NBA, is not currently playing with the national team. The rift prompted speculation that China would hold off on sending Yao, its biggest star, to play in the United States.

Li said the issues weren’t connected and won’t affect each other. Yao and Meng Batte, 27, of the Denver Nuggets led China to a 78-75 victory in the team’s last game, setting up a game against the United States on Sept. 27. The tournament’s top three teams will face each other in the quarterfinals.

VOLLEYBALL

Tom Leads Help Stanford in Pac-10 Play

The No. 4 ranked Stanford women’s volleyball team (7-1, 4-0 Pac-10) continued its underdog league campaign, defeating Oregon State (5-6, 0-4 Pac-10) and Oregon (9-0, 0-4) on Sept. 29. Junior middle blocker Sara McCrhee had a match-high 10 kills as the Cardinal swept Oregon, while sophomore outside hitter Tami and American Ogona Nwamini notched a match-high 14 kills to sweep Oregon.

Senior outside hitter Logan Tom extended the lead against the Ducks to 6-0 after her match point in the first game, 30-17.

Outside hitter Lindsay Yamasaki, who is back for a second season of volleyball after a three-year absence, served up an ace in a Cardinal seven-point run in game two, which ended at 30-9. In game three, she gave Stanford game and match point on a kill. A Naumann kill ended the final game at 30-21. Yamasaki is currently averaging 2.83 kills and 1.61 digs per game. As freshman starter in 1999, she averaged 2.54 kills and 2.04 digs per Stanford.

Tom, the 6-foot-1 2001 AVCA National Player of the Year and Pac-10 Player of the Year, recently had her season and match-high 15 kills against Cal on Sept. 20 in another Stanford sweep, 30-26, 30-25, 30-27.

She moved into 28th place on the Pac-10’s career leader lists with 1,484. She is currently averaging 4.85 kills and 2.38 digs per game with Stanford.

Earlier in September, Tom helped the U.S. National Team to a silver medal at the FIVB World Championships in Germany. The three-time All-American reached sixth in the world in total scoring and sixth in serving.

FILM

Miyazaki’s ‘Spirted Away’ Released in U.S. by Disney

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese film "Spirited Away" ("Sen to Chihiro no Kamikakushi," the English title of which means "spirited into the spirit world") opened in U.S. theaters Sept. 20, becoming the first animated film produced by Studio Ghibli to be released under the Walt Disney Pictures banner as well as the first film not released by the studio’s own family fare.

"Spirited Away" tells an "Alice in Wonderland"-style story about a 10-year-old girl who becomes trapped in a world of nature spirits and must escape to rescue her parents and get her back to the world from which she was transported into pigs.

"When you see a film, you’re amazed at how compelling these visions you’ve never seen before," said Mark Levinson, a writer-director who has worked on several Disney animated features. "They’re outstanding and beautiful." In New York City, 2,000 people had reserved tickets for the premiere.

"Spirited Away" or "Sen to Chihiro no Kamikakushi" became Japan’s highest-grossing movie ever last year, topping the American film "Titanic" by earning approximately $824 million.

Disney released Miyazaki’s "Kiki’s Delivery Service" (1989) on the Japanese market in 1995; and in 1999 the corporation’s Miyazaki’s "Princess Mononoke" (1997) received a theatrical release for his battle epic "Princess Mononoke" (1997) about an animal revolt against development. Lasseter said the English-language script for "Spirited Away" includes extra dialogue explaining the myths to Western moviegoers who may be unfamiliar with them.

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OPTIONAL HANDHELD DEVICES
In discussing the U.S. Supreme Court decisions on racial discrimination and confinement of Americans of Japanese ancestry, we pointed out that in "In re Nikkei, Inc., U.S. 81 (June 21, 1943), the court had before it the question of the constitutionality of two orders: One by Gen. John L. DeWitt, namely: (1) the curfew order and (2) the exclusion order. These orders applied only to persons of Japanese race; American citizenship was not a shield against this openly race-based encroachment. In formulating its decision, the court bypassed "ducks" (dolphins, the vernacular) the exclusion question and used the curfew restriction in weighing the gravity of this race-based act as being "an appropriate measure to meet the dangers of espionage and sabotage." (320 U.S. at 104).

EIGHTEEN MONTHS LATER, in Korematsu, 323 U.S. 121 (1944), the Supreme Court decided the exclusion question which might be posited as fallacious: May the government "execute a "cordon" type of program, designating solely by race ("Japanese"), including specifically the "Japanese American" draftees, as a military necessity, who have not been charged with or convicted of any crime — similarly confined?" The court's answer was: "The military authorities assert a "military necessity" for such action.

In a decision of 6-3, the Supreme Court sustained the criminal conviction of Mr. Korematsu, designating his compliance with the exclusion order. In writing for the majority, Justice Black concluded that the exclusion question was governed by the court's earlier decision on the curfew question: "In light of the principle we announced in the Hirabayashi case, we are unable to conclude that it was beyond the war power of Congress and the Executive to exclude those of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast ...." (323 U.S. at 217-218). Such rote application of the "test of "reasonable precaution" might be akin to judging whether a rape took place by focusing upon the victim's (a pre-tested victim) kissing and concluding that the kissing was a result of some "misunderstanding," there was no assault. Simply stated in the vernacular: "If the kissing portion was deemed excusable, so must the raping ensue." To dispel any notion that race prejudice might have played a role in what befell these folks labeled "Japanese," Black instructs us that "[t]hose cast in the same mold exemplifie racial prejudice, without references to the real military dangers which they were presumed, merely excuses the issue. Korematsu was not excluded from the Military Area because of his race. He was excluded because we are now at war with the Japanese Empire ...." (323 U.S. at 223; court's emphasis).

Korematsu was excluded because of his race. (And, of course, that's the issue.)

THE DISSENTERS in Korematsu — Roberts, Murphy and Jackson (apparently Justice Douglas had not reached the Road to Tokyo) — were the first to call into a-la-crying "4-4"-see the exclusion order as an "openly race" opening salvo and simple charade. He characterized the entire case as one of "convicting a citizen as a punishment for not submitting to an inquisition camp, based on his ancestry, without evidence or inquiry concerning his loyalty and good disposition towards the United States." (323 U.S. at 226).

Chronicling the steps taken by the government including a pair of orcs issued by Lt. Gen. DeWitt, Roberts bluntly questions the very "loyalty" and "disloyalty" government authorities: "The two conflicting orders, one of which commanded him [Korematsu] to stay and the other which commanded him to go, were nothing but a cleverly devised trap to accomplish the real purpose of this military authority, which was to lock him up in a concentration camp." (323 U.S. at 223).

Strong rhetoric, perhaps, especially as it does, from the sedate halls of the Highest Court of the Land. But justified? It's difficult to conclude otherwise.

JUSTICE MURPHY also did not want to call a spade a spade. In the opening words of his dissent he declared that "Such exclusion goes over the very landmarks of constitutional legalism into the falls into the ugly abyss of racism --" (323 U.S. at 223). He extensively refers to DeWitt's "Final Report," noting at the outset that while the "report was dated June 4, 1943, [it] was not made public until January 24, 1944" (323 U.S. 236, in 1), an unexplained gap of some seven months between its preparation and the fact that the experts expose DeWitt's racial attitudes, pointing out that "the exclusion order necessarily must rely for its reasonableness upon the assumption that all persons of Japanese ancestry may have a dangerous tendency to commit sabotage and espionage and to add to our Japanese enemy in other ways." (323 U.S. at 235). In footnote, Murphy cites two evidences of DeWitt's objectivity and impartiality. He chronicles DeWitt's "suitable testimony of April 13, 1943, before the House Naval Affairs Committee (in part): "I don't know any of them (persons of Japanese ancestry) here. They are a dangerous element. There is no way to determine their loyalty .... The danger of the Japanese was, and is now — if they are permitted to come back — espionage and sabotage. It makes no differ- ence whether he is an American citizen, he is still Japanese American. Citizenship does not necessarily determine loyalty. But we must worry about the Japanese all the time until he is wiped off the map." (323 U.S. at 236, fn 2, emphasis added).

Murphy also alludes to DeWitt's "amazing statement" wherein DeWitt takes advantage of criminal conduct as confirmation of guilt. "The very fact that no sabotage has taken place to this disturbing and confirming indication that such action will be taken." (323 U.S. at 241, fn 15). By contrast, Murphy points to "the fact that no one person of Japanese ancestry was accused of espionage or sabotage after Pearl Harbor while they were still here." (323 U.S. at 241, footnote continued).

The same records, documents, "Final Report" that justice Murphy referred to surely can be made available to the six justices who voted to uphold exclusion's schizophrenic posture. It is stipulating to conclude that justice Murphy not only did not, did not, perceive the perverted, uncontrolled racial hatred opening season that had held the fate of these 115,000 hapless souls in his clutches. It is profoundly disturbing to consider that maybe some of the justices did perceive it.
Veteran Harry Fukuhara to Be Honored at San Jose JACL Dinner

Harry Fukuhara’s military career spans an impressive four decades. Born in Seattle in 1920, at the age of 13 he joined the Army and later flew free of charge, returning to the United States until after high school. He later worked as a housepainter, a职 as a housepainter, and a housepainter. He was in the military during World War II and worked as a housepainter. He joined the Army in 1942 and served in the 442nd Infantry Regiment. He earned several medals and was eventually discharged in 1945.

Fukuhara was sent to Gila River, one of ten concentration camps set up by the U.S. government to imprison 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry. He was from this desolate camp that Fukuhara would make the decision that changed the rest of his life. In 1964, he enlisted in the U.S. Army.

“I volunteered when it was not the popular thing to do within the confines of an internment camp,” he said. “I felt it was the time when I must make a decision for or for worse, and to back up on my decision with action.”

Fukuhara is one of the local WWII heroes who will be honored at the San Jose JACL Annual Recognition Dinner on Nov. 16. Along with Harry Fukuhara, 100th Memorial VFW Post 9970, the chapter will be honoring members of the Santa Clara Valley, 4042nd, and MIS.

Fukuhara’s parents had immigrated to the United States from Hiroshima, raising five children. When his father passed away in 1933, his mother decided to bring the family back to Japan. Now alone in a U.S. concentration camp while his family was still in Japan, Fukuhara and his father Nisso from Gila River marched into the enlistment office on Nov. 23, 1942, and filled out their names to serve.

Fluent in Japanese, Fukuhara immediately was accepted to train at the Military Language School at Camp Savage, Minn. Three months later, the war worsened and he left Minnesota for the South Pacific with the Military Intelligence Service (MIS), where he served as interpreter, interrogator and translator with combat units fighting the Japanese Imperial Army.

It was while he was stationed in the jungles of the South Pacific that Fukuhara was shocked to recognize one of the Japanese prisoners his unit had interrogating. He was from his neighborhood back in Hiroshima and they had attended high school together. Fukuhara had even gone to see him off when his neighbor had volunteered for the Japanese Army.

“When the war ended I went to Hiroshima to look for my family, and I found the family of that Japanese prisoner. I told them I’d seen him alive a year and a half ago and they didn’t believe me,” he said. They said his whole unit had been arrested and wouldn’t believe me when I told them I’d recently talked to his boy for 30 minutes.

In 1989 I visited their family grave and I found the prisoner there alive! He survived and after 45 years later I saw him. Now I hear from him every year regularly.”

When the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, Fukuhara had already taken part in three enemy landings and five military operations in New Britain, New Guinea, Morotai and Luzon. He was suffering from battle fatigue and had been hospitalized several times with malaria, physically and emotionally he was exhausted.

“When given the choice between going home or going to Japan with the 3rd Division as part of the Occupation Forces, I was torn,” said Fukuhara. “I feared, the futility of looking for my family, and I feared that hatred I found could make me very bitter.”

But despite his misgivings, Fukuhara was one of the original officers sent from the occupation forces to witness the atomic bomb’s aftereffects. What he found was staggering.

“It was astounding at what I saw. Standing on the Hiroshima Chil- dron platform, I could see all the way across to the other side of the city, a devastation of some 6 miles,” he said. “It was eerie and lethal. There was not movement or noise. When they arrived in his family’s house, he found his moth- er, an aunt and his older brother Victor. Although Victor was too close to death of radiation sickness, he learned they two young men. It was just returned safely home from the Japanese Army.

The family of MIS soldiers earned the title “America’s secret weapon in WWII.” These same ling- uists went on to contribute to the success of the occupation and recovery of Japan. The MIS sol- diers are in their twilight years now, but as holding San Jose JACL chapter’s annual dinner at 5:00 p.m. at the individual’s 835 San Jose Hyatt Hotel. Tickets and information are available at the JACL office at (408) 292-1525, or contact Harry Fukuhara at 408/286-3658 or Rudy Tokaiya at 408/733-7692.

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**ATLANTA**

*Dec. 8—Southeast AJC Holiday Dinner and Dance*; 5:30 p.m.; Sam's Town. Info: Rose Osten; 707-904-1361.

**NEW ORLEANS**


**PHOENIX**

*Nov. 20—Asian Pacific Night with the Phoenix Suns; 8:30 p.m.; American West Arena; Phoenix Suns vs. Houston Rockets. Info: Phoenix Suns Game Center at Phoenix Suns Arena; 602-598-8888.

**RENO**

*Dec. 18—ReNO/JAC Holiday Dinner*; 5:30 p.m.; Reno Grand Theater. Info: 775-322-2757.

**HAWAII**

*Fri., Nov. 8—Special Travel round trip to Los Angeles to Honolulu includes “Evening of Aloha” dinner ticket (see No. 9) and three nights plus meals at the California Hotel in Los Angeles. Info: Jan Jeffers in Los Angeles, 310-782-7100.

**FLORIDA**

*Sat. Nov. 9—Go! For Broke Educational Foundation Inaugural Gala Dinner*; “An Evening of Aloha” at Cali- fornia Tower; 6 p.m.; 130 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles; featuring H. Rex Benesh, CEO, California Tower; and Lanaii Cunliffe, President and CEO of the Go! For Broke Educational Foundation. Info: 949-474-0680.

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**Correction**

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Democrats. Among women voters, Davis leads Simon by 11 per- centage points.

At last year's political summit, conducted by the Cali- fornia Peace and Freedom Party, a panel observed that APAs lacked a Richard Polanco, so this year California Assemblyman Ed Chau of Los Angeles, was an invited speak- er. Polanco is credited for creating a groundbreaking California law that motivates and assists Latinos to get elected to office.

"The strength of Latino politi- cians are now in power because of help from Richard," said Chau, who is the current director of CAUSE- Vision 21.

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