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Dear Bill:

Guyo forwarded me copy of her letter dated April 22, 1981 regarding the PC.

I first became acquainted with Larry during the war years when the only news that I could get about the evacuation and the war in general as it effected the issei and the nissei was through the PC. I enjoyed Larry's columns and his excellent writing.

I spent the war years in the army finally winding up at Camp Savage, Fort Snelling, and overseas in Australia, Phillipines and Japan.

I finished law school in '47 and settled in the Bay Area. I joined JACL and went to Salt Lake City specifically to meet Larry for the first time. We had many common interests and to make a long story short, we became very close friends.

Larry was in San Francisco for the '52 Convention which was held at the Mark Hopkins. I didn't go to any of the meetings but Larry and Guyo suggested I join them for the Convention Banquet. I met Larry in the lobby of the hotel and he was very upset. The meeting of the PC Committee had just finished and Larry told me that the Committee decided to move the PC to Los Angeles notwithstanding the fact that national headquarters would be moving to San Francisco. What bothered Larry more than anything else was the fact that he was not invited to attend the Committee deliberations to state his case for retaining the PC at headquarters, to wait, San Francisco. Larry also told me that he made it clear that if the PC Los Angeles that he would have to resign as the Editor.

I met Sim Togasaki and Sab Kido shortly after I talked to Larry. In the meantime I had belted down a couple to martinis on an empty stomach. I recall that I had some harsh things to say to both Sab and Sim, and I

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focused on the fact that both of them were to chicken to let Larry have his day in court.

As a journalist and without taking anything away from Larry's successor, Harry Honda, you can draw your own conclusions and comparisons between the quality of PC before and after Larry.

In Guyo's recap of her years with Larry and the PC she was too modest in making only passing reference to the reporting she did in the Iva Toguri case. I followed Iva's case with more than casual interest because she was a contemporary of mine during undergraduate years at UCLA. Guyo's weekly articles on the case were outstanding and I consider them to be the best, a high compliment considering that the top reporters of the wire services and the Examiner and Chronicle were assigned to the case. There was, of course, no support for Iva by JACL at that time.

One of the things that has bothered me over the years about the PC is the singular absence of any report on the Issei History Project following two or three years of fanfare when the fundraising was going on. There's never been any accounting or reports of the History Project Committee, to my knowledge, and what has come out as a result has been too little, too late because most of the issei have passed on. I've called this conspiracy of silence to Harry Honda and other national officers and national directors in the past with no results.

In conclusion, I should disclose that if I appear to be biased about JACL and the PC, I probably am. I resigned from JACL about 15 years ago.

Sincerely  
Aron