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Highlights from JACL meeting

SAN FRANCISCO—A number of programs, committees and personnel announcements were on the agenda at the March 16-17 National JACL board meeting. Here are highlights of board motions:

New executive director: Following the recent announcement that Bill Yoshino was stepping down as national director, an ad hoc committee was charged with developing a job description and announcement for a new executive director. The board voted unanimously the committee's recommendation to seek applications for a new executive director using a new salary range.

Civil Rights Committee: The national president's appointment of members to the national civil rights committee was confirmed. Serving will be Ron Wakabayashi as chairman and Peggy Nagae Lum, James Shimoura and Don Nakahata as members of the committee. Passed unanimously.

Renaming of National Oratorical Contest: Randolph Shibata, MPDC governor, proposed that the contest be renamed after, or include in its name, Minoru Yasui. Passed unanimously. This name change will be effective as of the 1992 national convention in Denver, Colo.

Reappointments: It was unanimously passed to re-

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JACL conference looks at issues of '90s

VISALIA, Calif.—Tulare County JACL staged an off-year "mini-convention" for some 130 members who went home from the March 22-24 Tri-District Conference at Holiday Inn here with a better understanding of three major issues confronting "JACL in the '90s." The issues—anti-Asian violence, lack of Japanese American material in social studies, and the Japanese American image in the media, are expected to be of-

fered at other JACL conferences this year.

Presented as 75-minute segments plus participant input, the workshops sought to define and specify direction and emphasis of "JACL in the '90s," which was the TDC theme.

With the redress process nearing its conclusion, host Central California Governor Ken Yokota said member involvement in these areas will help assure and continue

the strength of JACL.

Anti-Asian Violence

In the opening workshop on anti-Asian violence, JACL regional director Joy Morimoto reported national support to deal with this problem and urged chapter support of California Senate Bill 98 introduced by Sen. Bill Lockyer (D-Hayward), which adds criminal and civil law remedies.

In the packet, "A Decade of Hate Crimes," a definition of hate crimes

and 10 anti-Asian incidents were cited. Enclosed were copies of anti-racial postcards received at the PSW JACL office; photos of anti-Asian graffiti in Arizona; a sampling of anti-Japanese remarks in a teenagers' newsletter; the infamous March 3 clubbing of motorist Rodney King by L.A. police; and a U.S. map prepared by Klanwatch, a Southern Poverty Law Center project, showing anti-

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A good accounting Asians score high in 1990 census

By HARRY K. HONDA
Senior Editor

There are 7,273,662 Asian-Pacific Islanders in the 1990 census count, a whopping 107.8 percent growth increase over the 1980 count of 3,500,439.

The Census Bureau, in completing its tally March 11 for use in congressional, state and local redistricting to all the states, explained the 1980 number in the table is slightly different from the 1980 total because the "3,500,439 of Asians or Pacific Islanders based on 100% tabulations includes only the nine specific Asian or Pacific groups listed separately in the 1980 race item. The 1980 total of 3,726,440 Asians from sample tabulations is comparable to the 1990 count (as) these groups are not listed separately in the race item on the 1980 census form."

The Census Bureau eventually plans to publish a breakdown showing the individual Asian and Pacific Islander ethnic groups in the community.

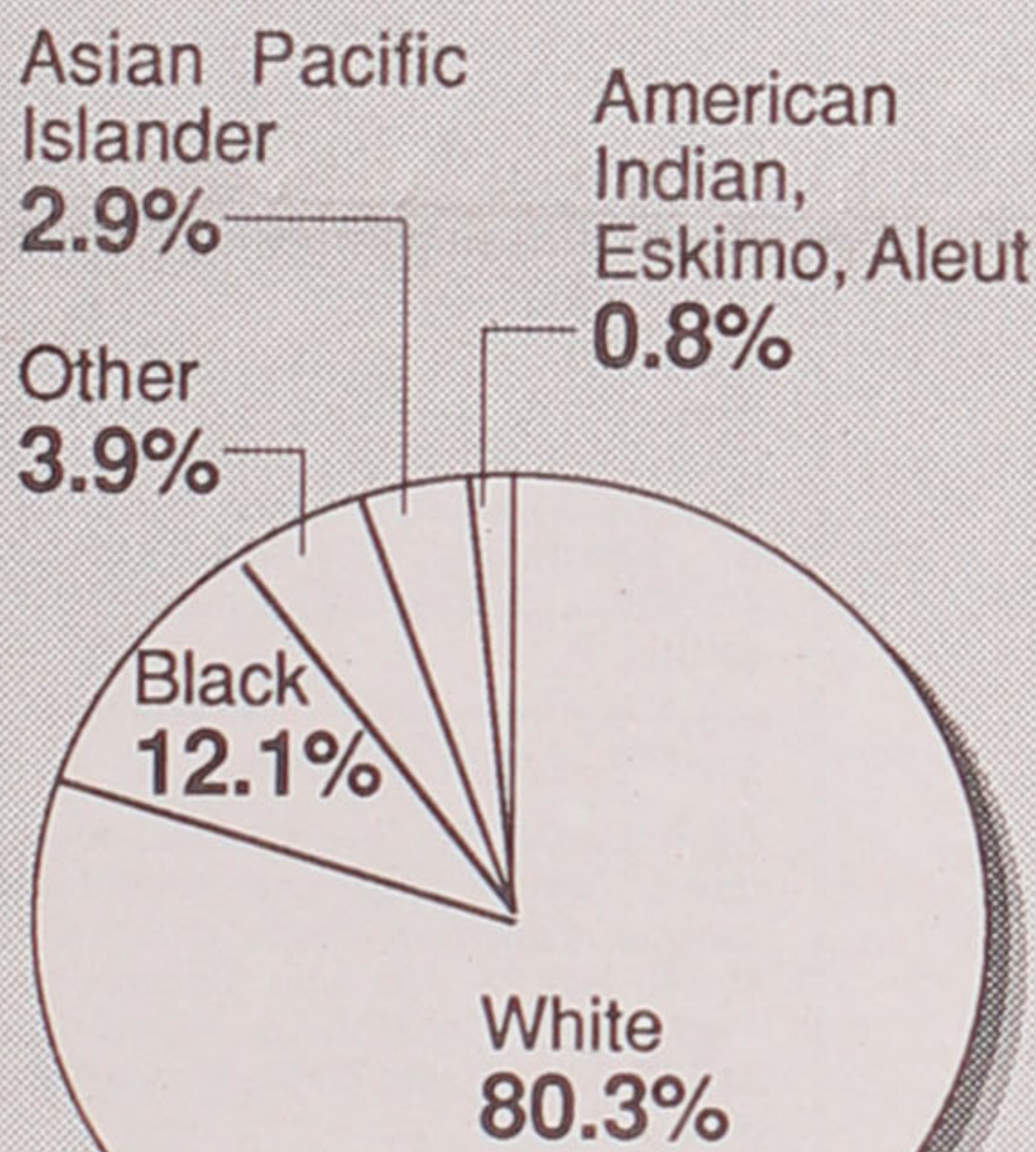
Increase in Immigration

A significant part of the population increase has been due to changes in immigration patterns. While the 1986 Immigration Reform & Control Act granted legal status to qualifying undocumented, it also expanded immigration quotas considerably - i.e., colonies limited to 600 immigrant visas per year were allowed 5,000; the national origins quota system was abolished by the 1965 Immigration Act and countries which were adversely affected (such as the Asian countries) were allowed an additional 5,000 nonpreference visas for 1987 and 1988.

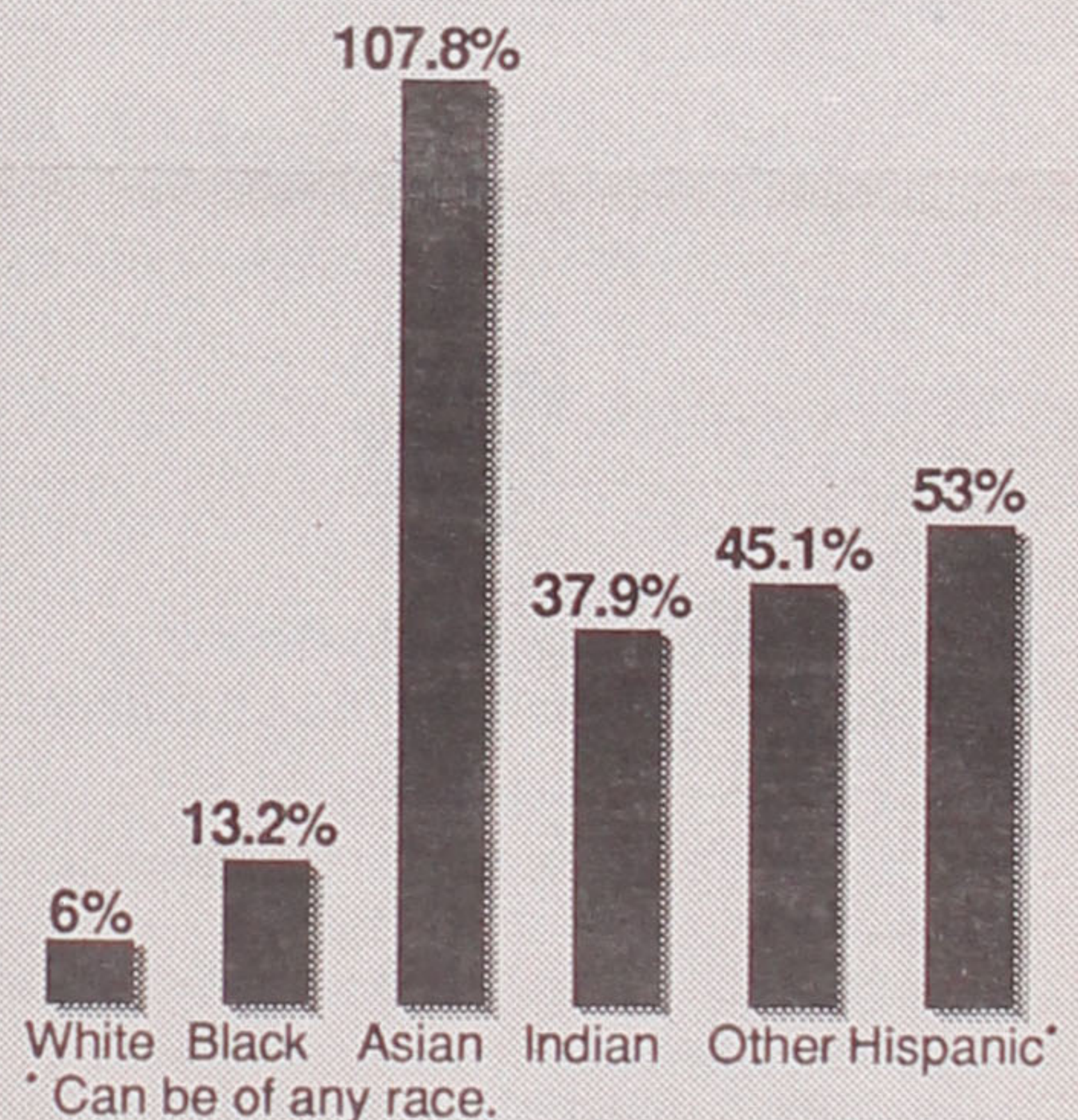
It is estimated 42% of the new immigrants of the 1980s are Asians—25% Vietnamese, 17% Filipino, 15% Chinese and 9% Korean.

Growth of Ethnic Groups in the US

Population makeup



Growth since 1980



About 75% of the Asian growth in the 1980s is also due to immigration.

William O'Hare of Population Reference Bureau, says growth among Asians will continue because immigration laws favor keeping families together and give priority to individuals with needed work skills.

Beginning in 1992, immigration quotas will be boosted 40% more under provisions of the 1990 Immigration Act, signed by the president last November. Another two million can be expected from Latin America and the Pacific Rim nations.

Where Asians Reside

Most of the Asian-Pacific Islanders live in six urban areas—Honolulu, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Chicago and San Jose.

Amazingly, *USA TODAY* spotted one community (Buras-Triumph, La.—about 40 miles southeast of New Orleans down the Mississippi delta, where shrimpers abound) where its Asian population rocketed from less than 1% to 8,633% to 262.

And in Box Elder County, S.D. (adjacent to Ellsworth AFB and east of Rapid City and Mt. Rushmore), the Asian population increased 166% to 106 while the overall population dropped 15% since 1980.

1980 Ethnic Breakdown

The 1980 Census breakdown of the total Asian-Pacific Islanders (3,726,440 or 1.6% of the total U.S. population) shows the ethnic variations percentage of foreign-born and percentage to the total U.S. population.

Short takes

● **ACCOUNTABILITY**—Los Angeles City Councilman Michael Woo recently called for severe punishment of city employees who use public property to transmit racist messages. Responding to the racist messages sent by L.A. Police Department officers on their computers, Woo said, "It is very revealing that these officers felt safe in sending such derisive message over their computers. It shows us that we have not done enough to tell city employees that racism will not be tolerated in any way, shape, or form." The motion requests the Civil Service Commission to report back to the council with recommendations on adopting strict accountability for racism as well as sexism.

● **PILGRIMAGE**—The 22nd annual Pilgrimage to Manzanar is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, according to Manzanar Committee spokespersons. Program begins with self-guided tours for early arrivals; potluck lunch at noon at cemetery area. Open to the public. Buses will depart from three separate areas, San Fernando Valley, Little Tokyo and Gardena. A non-refundable fee of \$10 is requested for a seat reservation. Information: Write to Manzanar Committee, 1566 Curran St., Los Angeles, or call 213/662-5102.

Census provides broader picture of minorities

In 1989, the U.S. Census Bureau began to identify Asians and Pacific Islanders as a separate group in the supplement of the March 1990 Current Population Survey (CPS), a national survey of some 55,000 households—thus adding a more complete and up-to-date picture of these communities. Heretofore, policy makers and researchers had only the de-

cennial census records.

As a consequence, the report released by the Population Reference Bureau Feb. 27 in Washington, documents the changes experienced by "Asian Americans: America's Fastest Growing Minority Group," (same title of the study available as a 17-page pamphlet from the Population Reference Bureau, Inc., P.O. Box 96152, Wash-

ington, D.C. 20090, \$5). The study shows:

1. Their numbers in the U.S. grew by 80% between 1980 and 1989, from 3.8 million to 6.9 million.

Prospects of increasing number of immigrants from Southeast Asia are expected to add to the diversity and growth of the Asian-Pacific Island population, comprised

of some two dozen different countries. "They do not share a common language, a common religion or a common cultural background," co-authors William P. O'Hare and Judy C. Felt pointed out.

2. "While a large segment of this population is financially well off, many are poor," they showed. Poverty rate among

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Letters

She writes in praise of this country

May I express my thoughts on some of the things that I feel strong about? I don't necessarily mean in the Pacific Citizen. Because I do enjoy reading the articles of Bill Hosokawa and Bill Muratani. But most media and reporters want to always emphasize the negative happenings and feelings of the few individuals who are vocal in this country of ours.

I understand there are people who look for the negative sides of every situation but why not look for the positive and emphasize it? Perhaps not newsworthy? . . . Now that the war of Desert Storm is over, do we feel justified in going to war? Many do not. I for one feel that we hadn't gotten in any too early. I feel that as soon as Iraq overtook Kuwait and claimed the country as her own, and mistreating the people there, (It was such terrible mistreatment.) we should have stopped them. Many say we should not have stopped them. Many say we should not have gone to war. But can the

Americans who stand for rights of individuals look on and let that type of mistreatment of our friends go without doing anything? . . .

U.S.A has always stood for the good over evil, and I am proud to be an American. Living alone—and in poor health all my adult life and now in my late 60s, I have managed somehow without any government assistance. There were times when the struggle was not easy. But when we look to God and ourselves for our strength and wisdom, somehow there always seems to be a clear way out in managing our lives. In this country of ours, that is possible. If I can do it, anyone can. Especially for a healthy person. I am sure a little hardship gives us more strength of character, and we need not be quick to ask our government for help. When we see or read of how the people of the third countries with their struggles for survival, and their strife of civil wars, I cannot but feel grateful for, and love my country. Surely we have many problems to deal with, and with millions of people to please it can't be easy. Even in my neighborhood there are families with childrens on welfare. But they are not going hungry and have a good roof over their heads. I love the saying "He who lives in a glass house should never invite over, he who is without

sin." Thank you for letting me express myself.

Chiyoko Kawamura
Homeland, Calif.

Paying tribute to Mike Masaoka

I know, I do not subscribe to your Pacific Citizen because of lack of funds. But would like to say a few words to Mike Masaoka. Okay?

Mike Masaoka, I had some differences about him. But now, after thinking it over very carefully, I want to thank him now, for all he has done for us Japanese Americans, and Japan, America Relationship.

During the War II, it was something he just had to do against all odds. Rough.

I heard, he is real sick right now. So I pray for his speedy recovering so he can still countenance his good work for all of us. Which he has been doing all his life.

Us old timers gotta carry on. You know, the kind?

Sorry I never read your book, Mike, but hope to some day.

God bless you, Mike.

A Pineapple from Hawaii,

Fumio Yoshida
Gardena, Calif.

Calendar

Items for the Calendar must be submitted at least THREE WEEKS in advance of the day of event. Include day or night phone numbers for further information.

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY

Sept. 27-29—Third YSBC (Yuba, Sutter Butte and Colusa Counties) Nikkei Reunion. Newsletter, registration info: Mazie Sasaki, 938 Chestnut St., Yuba City, CA 95991.

SACRAMENTO

April 20—Off-Broadway Dance Club dinner-dance, 6-11 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, 2001 Point West Way; Fred Morgan, Famous Foursome, dance band, info: Bill Kashiwagi 916/635-2815 ore 427-2960. (Tickets will not be sold at the door.)

SAN FRANCISCO AREA

April 6—Contra Costa JACL potluck dinner honoring seniors, scholarship awardees and new members, 5-8 p.m., Maple Hall, 1 Alvarado Square, San Pablo; RSVP by Mar. 25, Natsuko Irei 415/237-8730 bwtw 7-10 a.m. or after 10 p.m.

April 7—Nisei Widowed Group, 2-4 p.m. Elsie Uyeda Chung's home, new members welcome; info: Elsie 415/221-0268 or Yuri Moriwaki 415/482-3280.

ARIZONA

May 5-11—Japan - Arizona Conference on Womens Issues, Crescent Hotel, Phoenix. Info: Global Interactions, Inc.,

3332 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85017, 602/272-3438, FAX 602/272-2260.

SEATTLE

Present-June 30—Wing Luke Asian Museum, History of Sagamiya Confectionery, 407 7th Ave. S., Adm \$2.50 adults, \$1 srs/students. Info: 206/623-5124.

Aug. 21-24—Asian American Journalists Assn. National convention, Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Seattle.

TULE LAKE

Sept. 27-29—Tule Lake Pilgrimage. Tour of Tule Lake Campsite, Abalone Hill & Castle Rock Tour Workshops. Memorial Service, cultural program. Info: San Francisco: Julie Hana 415/221-2608 (eve), East Bay: Stephanie Miyahiro 415/524-2624, San Jose: Tom Izu 408/292-6938, Sacramento: Diane Tomoda 916/443-6917.

CONTRA COSTA

April 6—Annual Senior Appreciation/Scholarship/New Members Dinner, 5 to 8 p.m., Maple Hall, 1 Alvarado Square, San Pablo. Potluck dinner, awards and entertainment. For those age 75 and over, RSVP to Natsuko Irei, 415/237-8730.

SAN MATEO

April 13—Community Family Potluck, 5 to 8 p.m., San Mateo Buddhist church, Social Hall, 2 South Claremont St., San Mateo. RSVP by April 5, JACL Community Center, 415/343-2793.

SAN JOSE

Through Apr. 10—Yu-Ai Kai Japanese American Senior Center tree tax help,

provided by city-sponsored VITA for seniors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: 408/294-2505.

Apr. 14—YU-Ai Kai Fashion Show, 12 noon, Red Lion Inn, San Jose, \$35-Info: 408/294-2505.

April 28—Nikkei Matsuri/Benefit 8K Nihonmachi Run, 9 a.m., start/finish Jackson St. btwn 6th-7th Sts., \$12 entry fee, by C.O.D.Y. Productions of Cupertino, info: Yu Ai Kai, 565 N. 5th St., San Jose, 95112, 408/294-2505.

April 10—Plaque dedication to Katherine Maurer, Methodist deaconess who served Japanese and Chinese immigrants at the prewar immigration station on Angel Island, 1:30 p.m., Angel Island. [Ferries from Tiburon, 10 a.m.]

April 10—Stanford University's Asian American Speakers Series: Emerald Yeh, Ch. 4 news anchor (tentative), 12n., Asian American Activities Center, Old Union Clubhouse info: Don Fujino 415/497-6250 or Ed Morimoto 497-1172.

WATSONVILLE

April 17—Stanford University's Asian American Speakers Series: "Japanese American Amerasian Multi-Ethnic Identity!" Velina Hasu Houston, writer, artist, 8 p.m., Asian American Activities Center, Old Union Clubhouse, info: Don Fujino 415/497-6250 or Ed Morimoto 497-1172.

April 24—Stanford University's Asian American Speakers Series: "Hate Crime on the Rise?" Dr. Alan Seidd (APACC), Dennis Hayashi (Asian Law Caucus), Chuong Chung (UC-Berkeley, SF State), 8 p.m., Asian American Activities Center, Old Union Clubhouse; info: Don Fujino 415/497-6250 or Ed Morimoto 497-1172.

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appoint Bruce Asakawa and Tom Arima to the 1000 Club Life membership Committee for a new four-year term, beginning July 1, 1991.

Education projects: Dale Shimasaki, chair of the JACL's national education committee, presented an Instructional Materials Project Proposed Plan of Action that would: 1. Include the Japanese American internment experience in K-12 instructional materials, and 2. Portray the internment experience as a violation of human rights (and not as an act of military necessity). The plan focuses on conducting an assessment of textbook adoption processes and working with textbook publishers. The board voted to adopt Shimasaki's proposal with amendments suggested by board members. Passed unanimously.

In a related issue, Greg Marutani of the San Francisco JACL chapter made a presentation on the chapter's involvement in developing a "Day of Remem-

brance" teacher and resource guide (in draft form) for the San Francisco Unified School District. The framework for this guide could be adapted for use in other districts and chapters. The board voted unanimously to endorse the concept of the guide as a draft/set of guidelines for chapters. It will be reviewed by the JACL national education committee.

National Marrow Donor Program: Yukio Shimomura of San Diego, a guest of PSW governor J.D. Hokoyama, made a presentation on the need to have more Asian Americans in the registry. He described the plight of Nick Susuki and Brian Tanaka, both of whom are in desperate need of bone marrow transplants.

The board voted unanimously to endorse the National Marrow Donor Program Bone Marrow drive, particularly in the Japanese American community, and have district governors and their respective districts and chapters sponsor bone marrow drives in their communities.

Senate Bill 353: The board unanimously voted to support

and endorse the California bill recently introduced by Sen. Patrick Johnston (D-Stockton) and would, among other measures, ensure that the state cannot claim any portion of redress payments by restricting public assistance benefits.

National youth: Trisha Murakawa, national youth chairwoman, reported that a national youth conference is tentatively planned for the fall. The youth council will be meeting in June.

Yamashita case update: Bill Kaneko, vice president of planning and development, gave an update on the Bruce Yamashita case. Strong support, particularly from Hawaii legislators, has been shown Yamashita. The case was reopened by the U.S. Marine Corps.

Pearl Harbor 50th anniversary: Kaneko noted the possibility of a Hawaii state-sponsored ceremony in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor this year. Board members discussed the significance of the date and the need for JACL to take
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JACL

Philadelphia

The chapter is planning the Tri-District Convention set for Aug. 22-25. Also being planned is the Sayonara Banquet to be held at the Hershey Hotel Saturday, Aug. 24. Music and dancing will be featured.

Currently, members are seeking a keynote speaker, organizing the convention booklet and other providing for other details. Information: Herb Horikawa, 215/525-5520, Teresa Maebori, 215/848-8840 or Masao Nishi, 215/642-5055.

The second annual Wine and Cheese Party will be held at the home of Masao and Wendy Nishi Saturday, May 4, at 7 p.m.

The 1991 Installation and Graduate Recognition Dinner was scheduled for Saturday, March 30. The keynote speech was made by Dean Matthews Hamabata.

The chapter officially announces its officers for 1991-92. They are: Tarynn Yokomizo, president; Nancy Fukuyama, vice president; Julie Nishimura, secretary; and Hiroshi Uyehara, treasurer.

Board members include: Teresa Maebori, George Ikeda, Donald Kajioaka, John Volkmar and Kazuko Volkmar.

Contra Costa

Sponsored by the Contra Costa JACL 1000 Club Group, a major presentation is scheduled for April 19. "A Redress Retrospective" will feature the long-awaited JACL video documenting the JACL involvement in the redress campaign. It will be followed by an important talk on why the evacuation trag-

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racial incidents of White Supremacist Groups this past year.

Textbook Campaign

Another topic of discussion was the San Francisco JACL chapter project initiative called "Textbooks: To Accurately Portray the Japanese American Historical Experience." Presented by Greg Marutani, the project is being considered for incorporation into the broad national education program.

Grayce Uyehara, an interested observer from the Philadelphia chapter, commented the next day, prior to her report on the JACL Legacy Fund and discussion on the campaign to raise \$10 million, that this textbook campaign could have an impact similar to the redress campaign. She pointed out the need to document nationwide the lack of material in the primary and secondary textbooks relating the Japanese American experience, especially the Issei contributions, the World War II era. She said people need to know why redress was necessary and that JACL needs to approach the curriculum directors who are responsible in the purchase of material. And finally, she asked: "Where's all the money coming from to underwrite this much needed effort?"

During the luncheon, National President Cressey Nakagawa, reviewed, in family-talk, straightforward fashion, JACL accomplishments, where JACL is headed, especially through coalition-building, and hailed the people involved.

Nakagawa recognized the "spirit of the Sansei" to carry on JACL, which was clearly evident by their eloquence and presence in and out the conference room. He also hoped an Asian American "summit" with leaders to talk through common problems can be called later this year. He closed by echoing the forthcoming motto of the 1992 National JACL Convention,

Food for thought



At a recent meeting of the Greater Los Angeles Singles, JACL, President Janet Okubo (second from left) presents a check for \$569 to Emi Yamaki, director of Koreisha Chushoku Kai, to support its nutrition program for the elderly. The money was raised from the chapter's holiday fund-raiser. Also present were Meriko Mori (left), vice president, legislative, and Chris Ishida, recording secretary and scholarship chairwoman.

edy needs to be told. The presentation will also include a brief update on the ORA check distribution program pertaining to the distribution slated for this coming October.

The event will run from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero, El Cerrito, Calif.

The video chronicles the redress movement from the time of Edison Uno, John Tateishi and others who led the National JACL Redress Committee and continues through the signing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. It concludes with redress checks being presented by U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh. Flashbacks of the See AGENDA/page 5

Aug. 6-8 at Scanticon-Denver, in assuring "JACL: (is as) solid as the Rockies." He also urged chapters to begin considering individuals with commitment be nominated for the national presidency and other offices. He continued to stress "commitment."

Japanese American Image
In the afternoon session, headed by David Mas Masumoto, on "the Japanese American Image in the media," a composite "ideal" from delegates of the three district councils (NCWNP, CC and PSW) revealed an image showing someone who was articulate, confident, intelligent, creative, positive and compassionate (in that order).

Of the public relations hazard facing JACL at the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, it was suggested that a pro-active consensus be included in a media kit. Another wondered if "we might join them (the survivors of Pearl Harbor) and remember as well." The Honolulu Chapter plans to be ready, the workshop was advised.

In round-up remarks Sunday, Governor Yokota, the Fresno Office Union Bank manager, said JACL is "a huge, vital network which can be used to great advantage" and added he continues to be amazed by the dynamics of the JACL national organization.

Convention chair Larry Ishimoto of Visalia and his committee were roundly applauded for not only a good time, the well-planned schedule and arrangements but also the convivial air and welcome, and making available the Nikkei Service Center's newly acquired van with a wheelchair lift for June Uejima, a long-time San Gabriel Valley JACLer who has been accompanying her husband Deni, the chapter president, to JACL functions that have access for the physically-handicapped.

Ishimoto reported 48 Japanese Americans registered for the bone marrow donor program during the TDC, and had to drive the screening unit to Fresno after they had barely missed the 3:30 return flight from Visalia to Los Angeles.—HKH

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PC editorial

In support of the arts

Filmmaker Steven Okazaki, born of the L.A.-Hollywood film tradition and now working in the Bay Area, showed his best stuff to the world and won an Academy Award for it Monday.

Not many Japanese have the distinction of embracing the Oscar on stage before a global audience.

Not many Japanese have the chance to succeed in the arts.

In this political climate, education and the arts are co-sufferers. Money, power and oil talk. Even the environment gets more glitz than the arts.

And for the Japanese community, we mustn't forget to give our attention, support and patronage to the talent that can in its own profound way lead a fight against stereotyping and racism.

Through the eyes of Japanese writers and actors and other artists, a worldwide audience can understand a culture, a people. A people who have been dehumanized by lack of insight can become real humans with real-life experiences. Cultural ways are demystified. Understanding follows.

Art often resides outside the real world in some people's minds. Yet out of imagination, fiction, canvas come truth and telling human values.

Okazaki won his Oscar for "Days of Waiting," a documentary on the life Estelle Ishigo, a Caucasian artist who was interned with her Nisei husband in the Heart Mountain, Wyo., camp.

It's a great story. There are many others out there, too. We can see how many people have come to know Native Americans better through Kevin Costner's "Dances With Wolves." He showed their dignity, their humor, their warmth.

We can appreciate the hard work wrought on legislative floors; rhetoric demands justice.

But art can define a people.

KRISTI'S BASKET



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Karaoke: An Opportunity to Perform/Entertain

For all their shyness and reserve, I didn't realize what big hams the Japanese are until I ran into that phenomenon called "karaoke." That's another one of those coined words that make the Japanese language such a rapidly changing tongue. "Kara" means empty, and "oke" is the first part of orchestra as the Japanese pronounce it; thus "karaoke" translates to "without an orchestra."

In essence a "karaoke" is an electronic machine that plays tapes of background music. They're installed mostly in bars where patrons, fortified by a few drinks, pick up a microphone and sing to the accompaniment of the taped music. There are few well-appointed watering spots anywhere in Japan without a karaoke machine where patrons can demonstrate their talent or the lack of same.

My father was not a performer—although he was an excellent raconteur—and I inherited his inability to sing, dance or make a fool of himself in public. (As I discovered to my sorrow after reaching adulthood, this is something of a handicap in Japan where guests, especially foreign guests, are expected to perform after the beer has flowed at dinner parties.)

What I am getting around to is explaining that talent for performing has appeared in the family after having been non-existent for four generations. I begin with my father, who was the first generation of non-performers. Then me, the second, followed by my children, the third. But one of my grandsons, Jon, has broken the chain. He played the third lead recently in

his high school's presentation of "Music Man."

You're familiar with the story, aren't you? There's this fast-talking traveling salesman who comes to River City, Iowa, and sells the local yokels on buying musical instruments and uniforms for a town band which he proposes to lead. Trouble is, the salesman is interested only in making the sale. He doesn't know anything about music.

Grandson Jon played the part of the loud, pompous, uninformed, gullible Mayor Shinn of River City. He was as utterly believable as any 16-year-old kid can be in that role. What's more, he had fun performing and he enjoyed the well-deserved applause.

I remember a long, long time ago I was cast, in absentia, in the role of Sir Galahad or some such pure-of-heart character in a church benefit program. The prospect was so mortifying that I quit the Sunday school. That probably did me more harm than it did the church or the play.

I cite this episode to illustrate how attitudes toward performing in public can change in a bloodline in the course of a few generations. Nor is this the only example. The opportunity to perform on the stage has for years been a major cultural attraction among Japanese Americans in California, and more power to them.

As for me, I wonder if I could ask Jon to coach me before my next trip to Japan so that I don't make a complete fool of myself when the karaoke microphone is thrust into the Reluctant American's face.



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Koseki

Japanese citizenship. A Justice Ministry official is reported to claim that no applications have been turned down.

IT IS APPARENT that a goodly number of permanent residents in Japan elect not to surrender their ethnicity; there are said to be some 646,900 permanent residents of which 95% are of Korean ancestry. I'm not conversant with the dynamics of these statistics, but it would present an interesting study, I'm sure. Whether the recent repeal (in part) of the so-called "Fingerprint Law" in Japan, which required Korean, and other, permanent residents to carry identification booklets, will have any impact will be interesting to watch. Frankly, cosmetic changes, important as they may be psychologically, will need to be supplemented by modifications of substance.

PERHAPS NOT UNLIKE a few other Nisei, I've sometimes wondered whether my name appears in the family registry (*koseki*) in Hiroshima. When visiting Hiroshima in 1946, I had occasion to visit the devastated city as well as the ancestral homestead out in the nearby village of Yasu-mura. But I never bothered to go down to the village or city offices (*shiyaku-sho*) to look. By no means am I ready to give up the precious citizenship I have, but just for curiosity's sake, the next time I'm in those parts, I think I'll take some time to check out the records.

Provided they survived the atomic blast.

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Previous total: Active	519	(46)
Report No. 14: Mar 4-8, 1991	17	()
Current Total	536	(46)

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Previous total: Active	536	(46)
Report No. 15: Mar 11-15, 1991	137	(5)
Current Total	673	(51)

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 - Delano: 30-Jeff Fukawa*.
 - Diablo Valley: 16-Midori Wedemeyer.
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 - Florin: 7-George H Carter, 3-Minoru Namba, 1-Titus Toyama.
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 - Wasatch Front North: 37-Tomio Yamada.
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 - West Valley: 25-Rod Y Kobara.
 - National: 14-Ann Tsuda.
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 Misao Ohara (CnC), Harry Kawamoto (SD), Umeko Kawamoto (SD), Wendy Shigenaga (SD), Cecilia Tanabe (SD).
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ASIANS

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Asian Americans (17% in 1988, 14% in 1989) is roughly twice that of non-Hispanic Whites (8%). In 1979, Asians were 1.7% of the poverty population; by 1989, it was 3.0%.

Delving further, the study shows that the Asian poor (59%) is more likely than the non-Hispanic White counterpart (50%) to participate in at least one of the four major welfare programs: cash public assistance, Medicaid, food stamps or low-income energy assistance.

Citing a 1985 Univ. of Michigan study (Caplan, Whitmore, Bui), the co-authors noted virtually all Southeast Asian refugees arriving between 1978 and 1981 "begin their lives on welfare," one-third of all from Vietnam, one-half from Cambodian, and two-thirds from Laos.

The study consists of these sections: 1. Who are Asian Americans? 2. Immigration drives and population growth. 3. Where Asian Americans live. 4. Socio-economic status of Asian Americans. 5. Asian American income. 6. Education.

7. Economic returns on educational investment. 8. Income and family structure. 9. Labor force participation. 10. Occupation. 11. Home ownership. 12. Residential segregation and intermarriage. 13. Poverty among Asian Americans. 14. Policy implications (especially with immigration, finding jobs, college admissions.) 15. Conclusion: The study forecasts that "as their numbers grow, the various Asian American groups will gain a larger voice in the nation's economic, education and political system. In the 1990s, Asian Americans are likely to become a much more visible and active minority group."—HKH

1990 CENSUS:

Asians in the U.S.

In the coming issues, the Pacific Citizen will extract from 1990 Census reports for Asian-Pacific Islander data by STATES showing count and percentage of total.

ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDERS United States

Table with columns: Asian Pop. Rank, 1990 Pop., % Change, 1980 Pop. Rows include Total U.S., Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Calif., Colorado, Conn., Delaware, D.C., Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, N. Carolina, N. Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Penn., Rhode Isl., S. Carolina, S. Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wash., West Va., Wisconsin, Wyoming.

1990 population by states

The Census Bureau completed distributing final 1990 population counts to the governors and state legislatures on March 11 for use in redistricting. Being reproduced this week from the bureau is "Table 2: Resident Population Distribution for the United States, Regions and States by Race and Hispanic Origin." The ethnic breakdown of the Asian/Pacific Islander is expected to be released in April-May.

Descriptions of the remaining tables by Race and Hispanic Origin, which is available from the Census Bureau, Customer Services, Washington, D.C. 20233, (301) 763-4100, are:

1 United States, percentage of change from 1980 to 1990.

3 (Similar format to Table 2) Percent distribution of the Resident Population for the U.S., region and states. 4 Percent distribution for only the Region and States. 5 Total Resident Population by States: 1990 and 1980, number change and percentage change. 6 White resident population by states, 1990 and 1980, percent of total population, number change and percent change. 7 (Similar to Table 6)-Black population. 8 (Similar)-American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut. 9 (Similar)-Asian or Pacific Islander. 10 (Similar)-Hispanic. Persons of Hispanic origin can be of any race.

Large table with columns: Total, White, Black, Am. Ind., Eskimo or Aleut, Asian or Pacific Islander, Other Race, Hispanic Origin*. Rows include United States, Northeast, Midwest, South, West and various states.

AGENDA

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evacuation are also included. The talk following the video will be given by June Kodani, chapter education chairwoman and teacher at Kennedy High School, Richmond. She will focus on the importance of informing the wider general public of the evacuation tragedy.

She is also involved in the effort to have the Japanese American experience included in the state school curriculum. This objective, as a civil liberties and human rights issue, is one of the priorities of the national JACL.

A question and answer session will follow the program. Serving as emcee will be Joe Yasaki, Bay Area attorney. Others serving on the presentatin committee are: Tom Arima, scheduling and arrangements; Yoshiro Tokiwa, electronics; Emi Shinagawa, publicity and printed programs; and Esther Takeuchi, refreshments. Information: Tom Arima, 415/525-9615.

Florin

The chapter will again participate in the annual Asian Pacific Heritage Week, promoting and selling Japanese specialty dishes such as sushi and beef teriyaki, according to Curtis R. Namba, general chairman.

The event will take place at Sacramento City College located at Freeport Boulevard and Sutterville Road on May 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Assisting with the event are Bill Kashiwagi, Pearl Zarilla, Tommy Kushi, Henry Yui, Kern Kono, George Furukawa, Jim Murray, Richard K. Uno, Aileen Nakashima, Myrna Hitomi, Dorothy Kadokawa, Fumi Okamoto, Frances Kushi, Grace Kono, Etsu Yui and Tracy Uno.

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