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Controversy hits JACL president's Japan trip

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

JACL National President Cressey Nakagawa's recent trip to Japan and the comments he made there have been the focus of criticism by members of the JACL Japan Chapter. In a letter sent to Nakagawa June 9, Caroline Kawashima, Japan Chapter president, expressed "serious concern and disappointment" that chapter members were not notified of his visit or the nature of comments he made in a May 27 article to the *Japan Times*.

Nakagawa told *Pacific Citizen* he was in Japan on his

own—and not as JACL president—to speak before the U.S.-Japan Parliamentarians League, of which 400 are members of the Diet. The subject of his speech was race relations in the U.S. with the recent L.A. riots as a backdrop. In the same trip, Nakagawa spoke to *Japan Times* reporter Joy Tadaki, and in addition to speaking on hate crimes and Japan-bashing, he said he supported the move for Japan to pay reparations to other Asian countries for injustices committed during World War II. Criticism of the content of Nakagawa's interview is based on the belief by some that

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MEETING THE COMMISSIONER—Fay Vincent (foreground) recently met with Arizona Chapter, JACL, members to discuss the Mariner baseball issue. From left are Peggy Matsuishi, Joe Allman, chapter vice president; Madeline Ong-Sakata, Marian Miyamoto, Kathy Inoshita, Sandra Inoshita.

JACL news

Redress stalls in committee

By KAREN NARASAKI

Washington, D.C., representative The Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992, H.R. 4551, was voted out of the Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Affairs more than two months ago, but still has not been scheduled for a full Judiciary Committee vote. Sponsors of the bill have been actively seeking a committee vote.

Time is running short with few legislative weeks left in the session. The House has already begun its appropriations process. It is imperative that we get the bill out of committee soon. JACL members represented by congresspersons on that committee are asked to write or call them for their support to, in turn, ask committee chairman Jack Brooks (D-Texas) and Ranking Minority Member Hamilton Fish, Jr. (R-N.Y.) to move the bill as soon as possible.

Here are members of the committee:

Don Edwards (D-Calif.); John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.); Romano L. Mazzoli (D-Ky.); William J. Hughes (D-N.J.); Mike Synar (D-Okla.); Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.); Dan Glickman (D-Kan.); Barney Frank (D-Mass.); Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.); Edward Feighan (D-Ohio); Howard Berman (D-Calif.); Rick Boucher (D-Va.); Harley Staggers Jr. (D-W.Va.); John Bryant (D-Texas); Mel Levine (D-Calif.); George Sangmeister (D-Ill.); Craig Wash-

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Matsui against balanced budget amendment

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Cal.), a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, has voted against the Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment.

"The Balanced Budget Amendment is political avoidance and denial, pure and simple. It implies that difficult problems can be solved simply by issuing a proclamation for them to go away. That implication is fundamentally dishonest," said Matsui.

"It is not the Constitution that is lacking, it is our leadership in the White House and in Congress. But, tragically, instead of offering our constituents honesty and truth about our budget deficit, we are trying to snow them with the false promise of a Constitutional amendment..."

JACL applauds Seattle Mariners purchase

SAN FRANCISCO—The recent approval of the purchase of the Seattle Mariners baseball team by a group of investors headed by the chairman of Nintendo Co. Ltd. was welcomed by officials of the JACL.

"It is significant that the baseball owners committee earlier voted unanimously to approve the sale," said Cressey Nakagawa, JACL national president. "We agree with Commissioner Vincent that it was the 'right decision.' It appears that the interests of Seattle's residents were given the attention and priority they deserved. Hopefully our work as an organization on this issue had some positive impact on the outcome."

Hisami Yoshida, district governor of the JACL Pacific Northwest district, believes that the decision came about only because of strong public pressure and scrutiny. "While the outcome was positive, it is disappointing that the

process was long and drawn out and that the issue of certain foreign ownership seemed to be the overriding concern in deliberations," stated Yoshida. "The question of race needs to be looked at because it has not been addressed adequately."

"Given the fact that business in this country has become so interglobal, it is realistic that major league sports will also expand in this direction," observed Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director. "Because of that, civil rights organizations must continue to be aware of and address any signs of racial discrimination. Racial division in sports is inappropriate, both at the level of those who play the game and those who run the game."

The JACL's involvement in the Seattle Mariners controversy began in February after it was reported that Major League Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent

was opposed to the sale of the team to "investors outside the U.S. and Canada." Hayashi and Nakagawa immediately sent a letter to the Commissioner requesting a meeting and a clarification of the League's policy regarding foreign ownership. The JACL believed a racial double standard was in place given the Canadian ownership of two teams and the growing tide of resentment against Japan at the time.

An intensive letter-writing campaign to Major League baseball owners as well as meetings with owners was undertaken. "The work of our chapters was instrumental in making our concerns known to team owners, as was the assistance of organizations such as the American Jewish Committee and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance," added Hayashi.

Vincent met with Hayashi and Nakagawa in his New York office on April 23.

Asian American groups to honor memory of Vincent Chin

Asian American groups from around the country will gather to remember Vincent Chin on the 10th anniversary of the death of the 27-year-old Chinese American who was killed in a racially motivated incident in Detroit, Mich.

Chin died June 23, 1982, after a baseball bat beating by two white auto workers who mistook him for a Japanese and blamed him for the sagging American automobile industry. Chin's killers never spent a day in jail; his death sparked an Asian American civil rights movement.

Asian Americans in Detroit, Los Angeles,

New York, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and other places will organize on the 10th anniversary of Chin's death to protest the growing racial violence directed against Asian Americans in particular.

Heightened anti-Asian sentiment in recent years has led to thousands of racially motivated assaults and killings of Asian Americans, according to JACL and other organizations. Yet very few of these attacks have been investigated or prosecuted as hate crimes; many Asian Americans feel the criminal justice system has failed the Asian community. Highly publicized Japan-bashing, especially

following the 50th Pearl Harbor anniversary in December, in addition to pervasive stereotypes of Asian Americans as the "model minority," has led to increased racial antagonism and hostility directed against all Asian Americans, regardless of their national origin.

National Asian American groups participating in commemorative events include the Organization of Chinese Americans, National Network Against Anti-Asian Violence, Japanese American Citizens League, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, and the National

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Convention calls

JACL 32nd Biennial National Convention, "JACL: Solid as the Rockies," Aug. 3-8, Denver, Colo. General or registration information: Ruth Yamauchi, 303/237-9747, any time; Emilie Ito, 303/421-1302 (after 6 p.m.)



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Hawaii

Honolulu

Friday, July 10-Sunday, July 19—Japanese American National Museum presents "Canefields and Deserts: Japanese American Internment," Ala Moana Shopping Center. Free to the public. Information: Chris Komai 213/625-0414.

Washington

Seattle

Through Sunday, June 28—Northwest Asian American Theater's premiere of "Godzilla Comes to Little Tokyo," by Karen Tei Yamashita, Th-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 4 p.m., Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave., S. Tickets: \$6-\$12. Reservations: 206/340-1049.

Sunday, July 26—Seattle JACL and 1000 Club's annual golf tournament, Allenmore Golf Course in Tacoma, noon. Entry deadline: July 1. Entry fee: \$35. Information: Bob Mizukami 206/922-6135 or Reiko Tsubota 206/282-8978.

California

San Jose

July 4th weekend—Anime Expo '92, San Jose Red Lion Inn. A weekend of Japanese comic and animation art. Guests: Haruhiko Mikimoto, character designer of the new series "Macross II." Information: Anime Expo '92 2425 B Channing, Suite 684, Berkeley, CA 94704.

San Francisco area

Monday, June 22—East Bay Nikkei Singles Chapter, 7:30 p.m., Union Bank, 1750 Broadway, Oakland (parking lot on 19th St.). Speaker: Michael Nitake, pharmacist, on "Cholesterol and Your Health."

Tuesday, June 30—Yu-Ai Kai's day trip to the California Marine Mammal Center, a group devoted to rescuing stranded marine mammals, group leaves from Yu-Ai Kai, 565 N. 5th St. at 9 a.m. No host lunch and browsing in Sausalito. Cost: \$24. Information: 408-294-2505.

Wednesday, July 1—San Mateo JACL Community Center goes to see Giants vs. Braves at Candlestick, open to all those interested. Information: 415/343-2793

Friday, July 5—The Nisei Widowed Group's monthly meeting, at the home of Stella Takahashi, 2-4 p.m. New members welcome. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung (S.F.) 415/221-0268 or Yuri Moriwaki (E.B.) 510/482-3280.

Thursday, July 9—San Mateo JACL Community Center sponsors trip to San Francisco's Fort Mason. Information: 415/343-2793.

Fresno

Friday, July 3-Sun., July 5—California Asian American Tennis Tournament, sponsored by Fresno Jay's JACL, benefit for Nikkei Foundation, at Roeding Park. A,B,C doubles and mixed. Deadline: June 26, 5 p.m.; \$20 per team. Applications: Russ Nakaguchi, 209/431-4135.

Los Angeles

Wednesday, June 24—JACCC 12th anniversary dinner, Winter Garden Ballroom at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Information: 213/628-2725.

Thursday, June 25—Asian Business League's 6th annual real estate forum on "Disney's \$4 billion commitment to California," Westin Bonaventure, 404 S. Figueroa St in downtown L.A., 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 ABL members, \$25 non-members, \$25 at door. Information: ABL

office 213/626-5387 or Marion Fong 310/277-0880.

Saturday, June 27—Greater LA Singles JACL's Scholarship and Fundraising Dance, 7:30-11:30pm, Ken Nakaoka Center, 1700 W 162nd St., Gardena, \$12 in advance, \$14 at door. Information/tickets: Bea 213/935-8648 or Janet 213/835-7568.

Thursday, July 2—Marina JACL 4th of July BBQ, 6:30 pm. Burton Chace Park, Marina Del Rey. Information: Alice 310/324-0582.

Through Sunday, July 5—Long Beach Museum of Art sponsors "Relocations and Revisions: The Japanese American Internment Reconsidered," 2300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach. A multimedia exhibition presenting contemporary perspectives on the internment experience. Museum hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Information: 310/439-2119.

Saturday, July 11—Marina JACL sunset horseback ride, Sunset Ranch, Hollywood, 5 p.m. Cost: \$30. Information: Isaac 213/653-7400 ext. 247 days, 818/225-8634 nights.

Oxnard

Saturday, July 18—Oxnard Buddhist Church's Obon Festival, 250 South H St., 2 to 9 p.m. Food, games, entertainment. Admission: free. Information: 805/483-5948.

Ventura

Sunday, June 28—Ventura JACL's Japanese cultural festival at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. in Ventura, 2-5 p.m. Featured will be the Kinnara Taiko group, demonstrations of kendo karate, ondo, tea ceremony and doll making. Admission: \$5 adults, \$2 children or seniors, \$10 families. Information: 805/656-6605.

San Diego

Sunday, June 28—The San Diego Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park presents the San Diego Kendo Dojo group in a display of martial arts, 1-3 p.m. Cost: \$2 adults, \$1 children and seniors, \$5 families. Information: Juli Takusagawa or Stacy Cole 232-2780.

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Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

In San Francisco, four events were scheduled to mark this anniversary. A community cultural program was scheduled June 20 at St. Mary's Chinese Catholic Center Auditorium, featuring a variety of performers.

Other scheduled events include:

Monday, June 22, at 6 p.m.: Justice Harry Low, national president of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (CACA), Thomas Ng, S.F. Fire commissioner, and Dennis Hayashi, national director of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), were scheduled speakers at a benefit dinner at the Cathay House, 718 California St. Proceeds go to the National Network Against Anti-Asian Asian Violence, which performs ongoing activities regarding hate crime awareness and education.

Tuesday, June 23, noon: As part of the national day of remembrance for Chin, a rally and commemoration ceremony will be held at Portsmouth Square, in San Francisco's Chinatown. Theme: "Remember Vincent Chin: The Struggle for Justice Lives On." Tentative speakers are: Eva Paterson, chairwoman, Coalition for Civil Rights; Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director; Mike Wong, Break the Silence—Coalition Against Anti-Asian Violence; and Low, Low.

Tuesday, June 23, 7 p.m.: An educational forum titled "Sharing Histories—Building Bridges," a town meeting on hate violence and inter-community relations, takes place at Jones United Methodist Church, 1975 Post St., S.F. Information: Janice Yee, 415/982-2959.

Further information on these events, call: the Bay Area Vincent Chin Remembrance Committee at (415) 982-4618 (Yvonne Lee) or 415/921-5225 (Patty Wada).

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Carlos Moorhead (R-Calif.); Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.); Jim Sensenbrenner Jr. (R-Wis.); Bill McCollum (R-Fla.); George Gekas (R-Pa.); Howard Coble (R-N.C.); Lamar Smith (R-Texas); Craig James (R-Fla.); Tom Campbell (R-Calif.); Steven Schiff (R-N.M.); Jim Ramstad (R-Minn.); and George Allen (R-Va.)

Address: U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., 20515. The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee is scheduled to mark up the Senate Version, S. 2553, on June 25.

Sweepstakes announced

National JACL invites all to participate in the 1992 Sweepstakes which offers one grand prize of two round-trip airline tickets within the continental U.S., plus \$1,500 in cash. The contest is held in conjunction with the organization's national biennial convention.

Five runner-up cash awards of \$1,000 each will also be offered. A \$25 contribution to the JACL support fund entitles the contributor to one entry. No more than 2,000 entries will be sold. Winners will be drawn at the Sayonara Banquet, Aug. 8, at the Denver convention. Winners need not be present.

A tax-deductible contribution to the National Support Fund will benefit the national programs and services of the JACL.

Contract local chapters for purchasing tickets or national headquarters at 415/921-5225.

Volleyball tourney set for convention

A coed volleyball tournament will be held Aug. 4-5 during the JACL national convention, according to the Miled-Hi Chapter. Four-person teams from chapters and districts will compete in a round-robin format. Teams may consist of two males and two females or one male and three females. Game is to 15 points and United States Volleyball Association rules apply.

Entry fee is \$80 per per team

with several prizes to be awarded. Both competitive and recreational levels of play will be offered.

Volleyball courts are located in a park near the convention site.

Legacy Fund grant proposals submitted

Nine districts or chapters have submitted proposals for use of Legacy Fund grants.

"We are very impressed with the programs and the creativity captured in each of the proposals," said Bill Kaneko, chairman of the Grants Committee for the Legacy Fund Grants Distribution Program. "The response to the initial distribution is very encouraging—it clearly demonstrates the need for programmatic funding at the chapter level."

The submissions were made by Contra Cost-NCWNP; San Mateo-NCWNP; Seattle-PNW; Lake Washington-PNW; Philadelphia-EDC; Detroit-MDC; Chicago-MDC; SELANOCO-PSW; and Asian Pacific American Network-PSW.

Selection of the programs for

funding will take place no later than July 20, 1992, by the Grants Committee, comprised of Cherry Kinoshita, PNW District; Joanne Mukai, NCWNP District; John Hayashi, PSW District; and Kaneko, national vice president planning and development.

The Legacy Fund Grants Distribution Program is made possible by contributions to the JACL: Legacy Fund. Contributions are put into a permanent endowment and 10 percent of the earnings are set aside in a program pool for application by districts and chapters. As of Dec. 31, 1991, \$7,814 was made available through this process.

The program provides a funding source for chapter and district council programs that might otherwise remain unrealized. It represents the first occasion where the JACL will have the opportunity to provide substantial funding for individual chapter and district council projects on an annual basis. The maximum grant allocation per project is \$2,500. Proposals must be consistent with the JACL Program for Action.

Information: JACL national headquarters, 415/921-5225.

MIS remembers Twin Cities

By HARRY HONDA
Editor emeritus

MINNEAPOLIS — The 50th anniversary of the MISLS (Military Intelligence Service Language School) to teach Japanese at Camp Savage was highlighted at the recent "Sentimental Journey" reunion here at the Radisson Plaza Hotel and at the Camp Savage site.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), an MI officer in the Korean War who retired as a major, was the featured speaker at the banquet. The event also honored the three cities, Savage Minneapolis and St. Paul, for their wartime hospitality to the Nisei.

Selection of Camp Savage - Fort Snelling in the Twin Cities has an interesting history, MIS-Southern California veteran George Kanegai of West Los Angeles and reunion co-chair, recalled.

After Dec. 7, 1941, the War Department surveyed various met-

ropolitan areas within the continental U.S. to determine the acceptance or reaction of local residents toward a group of Japanese Americans in U.S. military uniform mingling with the local population.

"In short, the Twin Cities people displayed the least negative attitude toward such a social phenomenon," Kanegai said. "Even the friends and relative who left the concentration camps during the war were assisted in finding jobs and housing. They will never forget the pure and simple kindness and consideration extended to them."

When the first contingent of 175 Nisei reported in May, 1942, at Camp Savage, it had been an abandoned shelter for indigent men. "Actually, they were stinking barns for horses," an old timer remembered. As more Nisei, many from the WRA camps, entered MISLS, it was moved to spacious and historic Fort Snelling. ☐

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Embrey co-founded in the Manzanar Committee in 1971. Born and raised in Los Angeles and interned in Manzanar Embrey has spent much of her life educating the public about the Japanese American experience in camps. She helped plan the first Manzanar Pilgrimage in 1969 and has coordinated successive hips since 1971. The honoree has also been instrumental in the drive to have the government recognize Manzanar as a national historic site, a goal achieved in March of this year.

Fukai, born in Gardena, Calif., in 1927, was interned at Gila River Relocation Center in Arizona.

Fukai was self-employed in the auto repair business from 1949-62, then joined the Wada, Asato Insurance Agency. He was elected to the Gardena City Council in 1974 and has served continuously since then. In 1975, he joined Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's staff, and is now chief deputy to Hahn.

Manaka has also been active in fund-raising efforts such as the JACCC AutumnFest and the Japanese Retirement Home Fundraising Committee.

Every Christmas, Manaka helps the Little Tokyo Service Center to collect food for needy families, to provide financial assistance to destitute clients, to gather toys for children; to collect clothing from friends for distribution, and to encourage others to participate in these efforts.

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JACL has a policy of not commenting on the affairs of foreign governments.

Kawashima questioned the nature of Nakagawa's visit, whether he was there in an official JACL capacity as the organization's national president and if his comments to the *Japan Times* were made in this light. In her letter Kawashima said, "If you were indeed acting on behalf of JACL, I would have expected that you inform us prior to such a major presentation and press interview, even if you did not consider your remarks to be of a controversial nature."

Nakagawa, responding to Kawashima, explained to the *Pacific Citizen* that he went to Japan as a private citizen, and not as president of JACL.

His comments to the *Japan Times*, he emphasized, were not made as JACL national president. "This is a problem of perception. I framed (the *Japan Times* interview) as an individual response, I can't tell reporters every time every admonition," said Nakagawa.

Answering questions of protocol, the JACL national president said that he had informed members of the JACL executive committee of his trip to Japan. He

also stated that the trip was paid for out of his own pocket and added that trips he made as national president were at no expense to the national organization.

Speaking to *Pacific Citizen*, Kawashima said that chapter members were "outraged" by Nakagawa's comments and the fact that he didn't contact them. "We live here and this doesn't help us at all. If anything could be learned, it is for JACL to realize that it can't handle U.S.-Japan relations in a cavalier manner. We play a role," said Kawashima.

Nakagawa noted that he has gone to Japan in an official capacity three times during his term and met with Japan chapter officials. However he said that this trip was not taken on an official basis to meet with Japan chapter members. "If I'm not going there in an official basis as JACL president, why would I be consulting the Japan chapter?" said Nakagawa.

"It was not an attempt to disregard them," said Nakagawa. "I was there last August and spoke to (then Chapter President Clay) West for the purpose of talking about Japan chapter's role. It's not like they've been shunted aside."

But aside from the protocol issue, much of the concern revolves

on what some consider potentially damaging remarks. From Japan, Glen Fukushima, director of public policy and business development at AT&T Japan, said in a letter to *Pacific Citizen*, "Japanese Americans need to become more knowledgeable about international affairs and more aware of why the kinds of statements quoted in the *Japan Times* article are likely to engender needless antagonism."

Nakagawa disagreed, saying that he believed his comments would not cause antagonism against Japanese Americans. Japanese Americans need to address the fact that they are affected by what happens in Japan and not be afraid to comment or even criticize when it is appropriate, he said. "There are issues that ought to be discussed frankly, not just in the rarefied air of government officials. We have a right to be heard. Not saying anything doesn't do the community any good," said Nakagawa.

Calling the controversy an "amazing amount of fuss and fury," Nakagawa said the entire episode could have been resolved quickly if someone had come to him and asked him to clarify the newspaper article. "Before they react in this fashion, they should have telephoned me, I would have told them I was speaking as a private citizen."

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HIGH SCHOOL HONOREES—Scholarship winners from the Fresno Chapter (from left) are Kathy Nishikawa, Susan Kato, Amy Miyoshi, Tamon Norimoto, and David Yokota.

Fresno Chapter, JACL recipients for 1992

● Susan Sugako Kato, recipient of the Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Memorial Scholarship (\$400). Kato, a senior at Roosevelt High School, her college major is humanities.

● Akiko Nakatani, recipient of the Dr. Izumi and Barbara Taniguchi Scholarship (\$400). Senior class president at Edison Computech, Nakatani hopes to attend UC, San Diego, majoring in either chemistry or biochemistry.

● The Dr. Henry H. Kazato Memorial scholarship (\$500). Yokota will be attending Fresno City College after graduation from Hoover High School.

● Kathy Momoko Nishikawa, recipient of the Kent Kusakai/Miyahara Family Memorial Scholarship (\$500). Class valedictorian

and senior class treasurer at Central Union High School. Nishikawa will be attending CSU Fresno in the fall and plans to major in pharmacy.

● Tamon Norimoto, recipient of the F.Y. Hirasuna Scholarship (\$650). A senior at Edison Computech, Norimoto hopes to attend UCLA and become a research scientist

● Amy Miyoshi received the Hana and Masao Kimura Memorial Scholarship (\$500). Miyoshi is student body vice president and newspaper editor at Washington Union High School. She plans to major in biology at UCLA.

The recipients were honored at the 1992 scholarship dinner held May 17.

San Mateo Chapter, JACL, 1992 high school senior scholarships

● Tomodachi Club Scholarship (\$500)—Audrey Rei Mimoto,

Carlmont High School; Mark Atsushi Yoshimoto, San Mateo High School; Jennifer Rei Kishimoto Wing, Crystal Springs Upland School. Tomodachi Club is a volunteer women's group which raises money through a holiday boutique sale at the San Mateo JACL Community Center.

● San Mateo JACL Chapter Award (\$500)—Gregory Chew Chung Sue, senior at St. Ignatius College Preparatory. His application is being forwarded to national headquarters for further consideration.

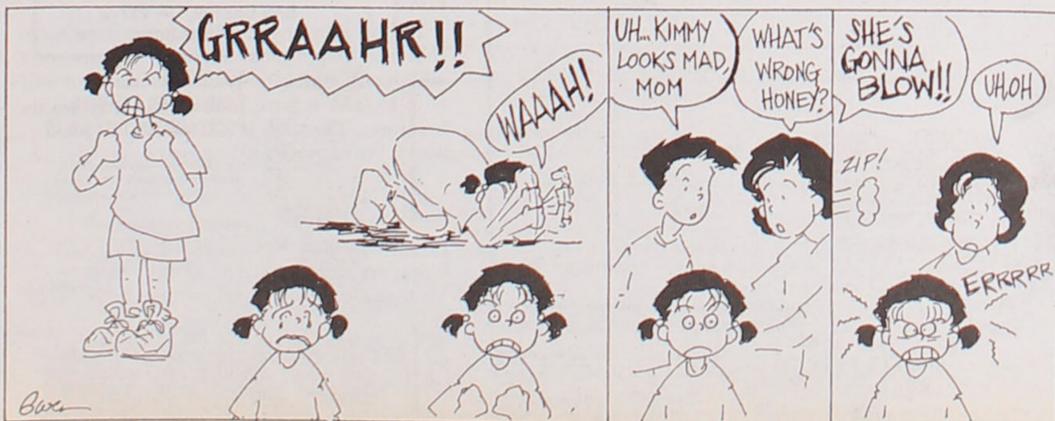
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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

On the comeback 'okagesama de'

Some readers have been kind enough to suggest that a column updating the story of my grandson, Jon Harveson, would be appropriate. I hope you won't mind if I do that.

You may recall that Jon was a strapping, athletic, outgoing 17-year-old last September when an X-ray showed an ominous shadow at the base of his skull. A few days later he was on his way to the operating room. "No tears," he told his parents with a grin. "And don't say goodbye. It's see you later."

We're seeing a good deal of Jon these days. One recent Saturday we went to his high school graduation ceremonies. He wanted very much to be graduated with his class, and he made it, thanks to some intense studying at home with a tutor the school district provided when Jon was still unsteady on his legs. Now those legs are strong enough to carry him up the stairs to the platform, and to stride purposefully across it to claim his diploma.

The next day his parents threw a party to thank the friends who had been so support-

ive during long weeks when Jon was fighting back from the effects of nine hours of delicate surgery to remove the tumor entangled in his spinal cord where it joins the brain, the infection that invaded his system, and finally the scarring of his lungs. I don't know how all this happened; it just did.

Jon still works out regularly with a therapist to strengthen his right hand. The nerves that control it were damaged somehow in the process of snipping away at the cancer that was tangled up in them, but day by day his coordination improves.

Last winter he turned out for the high school swimming team. He had been expected to be a star this season but of course his times weren't nearly what they had been. Nonetheless he persevered—working out in the water was good for him—and finished with enough points to win his letter. His teammates elected him their captain, and at the conference meet he was chosen swimmer of the year in recognition of his gutsy comeback.

The party was a happy affair with lots of stuff to eat, including a full-sized pigroasted

whole, and gallons of non-alcoholic beverages for adults and youths alike. Jon circulated from one group to another and long after the others were gone a small band of his closest friends remained to savor the day.

When, finally, only the family remained, Jon sat down to open gifts and cards. Many of the cards contained checks and greenbacks. Being a teenager with many material wants, Jon was interested in the money, of course. But I was pleased to see that Jon was interested even more in the handwritten notes and the printed goodwill messages. He read all of them carefully before he looked at the checks. Jon may never become a good businessman but that's okay if he treasures human relations.

When Jon went into surgery last fall, no one knew what the outcome would be. The tumor was not benign, but the malignancy was of a very low order and no further treatment was recommended. He is well on the road to complete recovery and to college. We think we have been fortunate, and thanks to all of you for your concern. As the Japanese would say, *okagesama de*. ☐

Letters

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Takes exception to Perot's comments

Is Perot a racist? In his May 29, 1992 interview on ABC's 20/20, Ross Perot made a comment on how the Japanese make a loan to Russia on the condition that the Russians buy Japanese products... while the United States makes a loan to Russia and it's "rot'sa ruck" on how the Russians spend the money.

Ross Perot saying "Japanese" and impulsively saying the "rot'sa ruck" phrase in the same subject matter should be placed in close scrutiny. Is this a strong indication of a habit of making racial jokes?

I believe the whole phrase was "rot'sa ruck Charlie." Although in fairness the comment was spoken too quickly for me to be sure. If so, is "Charlie" in reference to the Viet Cong or the Chinese? If so, does he mentally group all Asians together?

John Tanida
San Diego, Calif.

In defense of JACL national staff

The Select Committee on Organization Structure is to be commended for tackling an extremely difficult and important issue as we look into the '90s. Their thoughtful analysis and suggestions will help start the process of adapting and evolving JACL for the challenges that will occur in our future.

However, we must respectfully disagree with the implications and characterizations bestowed upon national staff in regards to its skills, professionalism, and career-mindedness. Certainly there is always room for improvement in any organization, but we must be careful that criticism be presented in a balanced manner. We, the membership are ultimately responsible for staff and the personnel policies. We are hopeful that the committee's recommendations will be a starting point for more guidance.

We are concerned about the statement "...JACL employment is a 'training ground' which can have the result of attracting the inexperienced and transient." The implication is that this is generally the case, but as presented in the report, seems to be based more on hearsay.

If we are to compare JACL to other national civil rights organizations, we must also look at our limited monetary resources.

Budgets of these other organizations are significantly larger with accordingly increased staff size. JACL is a unique organization, with a wonderfully active volunteer base, and relatively small staff. Because of what volunteers and staff have been able to accomplish, JACL has much to be proud of.

Both of us have worked closely with staff at National for almost a decade now and feel that they are a dedicated and hard-working group.

Lillian Kimura and her committee have taken to task a most difficult venture, one which will spark lively discussion, and will help to take a hard look at the way we do business. Through it all, we will move forward. We eagerly anticipate those debates.

Les Hata

President, San Francisco Chapter, JACL Legacy Fund Campaign Committee, Immediate past district governor, NCWNP

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BILL MARUTANI

Gai-jins and o-furo

VISITING JAPAN is regarded as a most enjoyable sojourn, and it is. However, *gaijins* (foreigners) who are long-term or permanent residents of Japan endure some disconcerting displacements and irksome irritations. For example, a mixed couple in Japan, one of whom is a foreigner, cannot have the non-Nipponese spouse's name registered in the *jumin-hyo* (resident's registration) under which Nippon-jins are listed pursuant to the Residents Registration Act. Now, that may not mean much (Who cares about a non-listing on some governmental record?), but if one is not so listed, it becomes difficult to obtain a bank loan. Some banks may refuse to loan money to *gaijins* who do not have *hanko*—one of those round seals bearing the family name used to impress upon documents in place of one's signature. Also, if the couple have children, since the *jumin-hyo* is used to register children for schools, the couple's child may be overlooked. Children attending an "international" junior high school, i.e. other than a traditional Japanese *gakko*

(school), are ineligible to take the entrance examination for entry into a Japanese high school.

There are yet other problems.

TOURISTS TO JAPAN of course go there to visit. On the other hand, if one is a *gaijin* resident gainfully or otherwise employed in Japan, (s)he is required to contribute into the government's pension plan—which sounds reasonable enough except that one does not become eligible for benefits therefrom unless one pays in for a minimum of 25 years. Short of that, no refunds. And we've all read or heard about landlords unwilling to lease apartments to *gaijins*—at times, I must say, not without reason, for apparently some of these foreign tenants can be ruthless when it comes to maintaining a modicum of cleanliness and care of the premises. Many landlords invoke an across-the-board ban on foreigners, to such an extent that enough stranded *gaijins* have registered complaints, causing the Japanese government to address the matter.

Which brings to mind a diverse thought about "Japanese cultural habits."

THE JAPANESE CULTURE handed down to us Nikkei includes the habit of a daily *o-furo* (hot bath). No matter how modest a family's material wealth or circumstances, no matter how clean or dirty one may be at day's end, before going to bed one had to have that *o-furo*. Nice, hot, soaking *o-furo* right to the shoulders. Recently, the M.I.S. (Military Intelligence Service) veterans' group, including a few Nikkei WACS (Women's Army Corps) bless 'em, had a 50th reunion up Twin Cities way, the R & R grounds for those who trained at Camp Savage and Ft. Snelling. The contingent and their spouses were housed at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Minneapolis for three days or so; the total appeared to number into several hundreds. I mused to myself what the hotel's hot water bill must have been for that three-day period.

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