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JACL news

On the legislative fronts

By KAREN NARASAKI
Washington D.C., representative

In addition to the redress legislation and the Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act, JACL is supporting several bills as Congress begins its September rush to recess. The following is a summary of new items on JACL's September agenda. Please call your JACL regional office, or the JACL Washington D.C. office at 202/223-1240, if you want a sample letter or more information about any of these bills.

The Family and Medical Leave Act, S.5/H.R.2—At the JACL Convention in Denver, the delegates voted to support the "Family and Medical Leave Act" which provides up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave per year for the birth or adoption of a child, or the serious illness of the employee or an immediate family member. Small businesses are exempt and there are several eligibility requirements. The Senate-House Conference report is pending before the full House and action is expected in early September; the Senate voted to approve it before the August recess. The Administration is threatening a presidential veto so it is vitally important to increase the number of House supporters so that any veto can be overridden. JACL is urging members to call or write their Representatives and request support and also to call or write the President to urge him not to veto the legislation. The White House comment line is 202/456-1111.

Amendment to Immigration and Nationality Act, H.R. 5693—In 1990, JACL played a key role in passing the Immigration and Nationality Act. Section 701 of that Act, commonly called the "battered spouse waiver," waives the joint

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Hirabayashi video is now available

SAN FRANCISCO—A 30-minute videotape and teacher guide (grades 6-12), "A Personal Matter: Gordon Hirabayashi vs. the U.S.," is being offered through June 30, 1993, by San Francisco Chapter, JACL, at the promotional price of \$50, according to Greg Marutani, chapter board member.

The video, produced by Cross Current Media, focuses on the Hirabayashi case which tested the WWII curfew imposed on West Coast Japanese. It has been favorably reviewed by the San Francisco Unified School District and the National JACL Education Committee.

Dr. Les Hata, chapter president, announced use of its first-year allocation from the JACL Legacy Fund to pay the packing and shipping costs for the video.

The package lists at \$125. Flyers show a \$99 special price. The JACL promotional price is \$50, shipping and handling included. Information: Marutani (415/641-1697 evenings); for orders: "Constitution Video," San Francisco JACL, P.O. Box 22425, San Francisco, CA, 94122.



HIRABAYASHI

More convention seminars



LILY OKURA

PANELISTS—From left, Bill Hosokawa, Sen Nishiyama, Cressey Nakagawa, and Dick Yamashita at U.S.-Japan seminar at the 32nd biennial convention.

U.S.-Japan relations

Trying to uncomplicate the complicated

By HARRY HONDA
Editor emeritus

DENVER—It's one of those things you can argue forever. You can go on and on; there are seemingly as many opinions as there are people interested in the subject.

Nonetheless, tough as it is, a group of panelists tackled the broad and emotional spectrum of U.S.-Japan relations at a

seminar at the recent JACL national biennial convention in Denver.

It was a distinguished panel. Japanese Ambassador Takakazu Kuriyama opened

MORE ON U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS—Bill Hosokawa gives his thoughts on the panel discussion in his column on page 8.

the event by discussing a wide range of U.S.-Japan issues (see PC, Aug. 28, 1992 edition). "The time has come for the United States and Japan, the two largest industrial democracies, to assume major responsibilities for building a new international order," Kuriyama said, setting the

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Education key to coalitions, panelists say

By HARRY HONDA
Editor emeritus

Looking toward the final decade of the 20th Century and beyond 2000, participants from the black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American communities at the Aug. 7 JACL Convention workshop of Coalition Building saw education as the key ingredient to coalition building.

Passing along what he heard at the recent Urban League convention, National JACL Director Dennis Hayashi reminded that "we all came over on different boats, but now we are all in

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Understanding needs of bi-racial children

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

As more Japanese Americans marry non-Japanese Americans, what are the special needs of their bi-racial, bi-cultural children? How can a parent or a grandparent help a bi-racial child find their own unique identity? At the Aug. 7 JACL Convention workshop on bi-racial children, Dr. Jerry Hashimoto, a clinical psychologist at the Cherry Creek Public Schools in Denver and Dr. Richard Onizuka, a clinical psychologist with Kaiser

Permanente, helped the audience understand the unique difficulties bi-racial children have with society's desire to place people in categories.

According to Dr. Onizuka, there are a number of "ethnic dos and don'ts" that each child learns from their parents. Bi-racial, bi-cultural children, have to struggle with both these invisible cultural attributes of their upbringing and their visible physical characteristics. Increasingly, more families will

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Cultural taboos are tough on Asian gays

By FRED Y. HOSHIYAMA
Venice-Culver Chapter, JACL.

It's sometimes tough being an Asian. It's always tough being gay. And being both can really be traumatic.

That was part of the message at one of the JACL convention workshops on Aug. 7 that addressed the issues faced by the Japanese American community, and how traditional cultural taboos hinder the progress of personal growth, self-acceptance and the confidence of persons "coming out" and "being

out."

The three-member panel of Vicki Taniwaki, moderator, her mother, Marge Yamada Taniwaki, and Martin Hiraga, grass roots organizer of support groups for the Washington, D.C.-based National Gay/Lesbian Task Force, shared their own intimate feelings of experiences before an audience of

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Redress amendment effort gets helping hands

By KAREN NARASAKI
Washington, D.C. Representative

Many national religious and civil rights organizations have been assisting the advocacy efforts of JACL on the Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992, H.R. 4551/S.2553. The United Church of Christ, the National Council of Churches of Christ, the General Board of the Church of the Brethren, the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, the Presbyterian Church (USA), and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) recently sent letters of support to all of the Senators urging their support of S.2553.

Representatives from the American Jew-

ish Committee, Anti-Defamation League, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Organization of Chinese Americans, and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association are sending letters, making calls, and lending assistance to JACL's Washington, D.C. office.

Other supporters who have sent letters or signed onto the LCCR letters include American Baptist Churches USA, American Friends Service Committee, AFL-CIO, American Jewish Congress, Americans for Democratic Action, Asian Americans for Equality, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination

Committee, B'nai B'rith Women, Center for Women Policy Studies, Friends Committee on National Legislation, International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, National Committee on Repressive Legislation, National Congress of American Indians, National Council of Churches, National Council of Jewish Women, National Council of La Raza, Project Equality, Service Employees International Union, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

As we have learned in previous redress efforts, it will take a broad based support to win successful passage of the 1992 Amendments. Please encourage your local civic and religious groups to send in letters of support. ☐

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Calendar

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Twin Falls

Friday, Oct. 2, through Saturday, Oct. 3—Japanese American Internment, conference commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Minidoka Relocation Center at Hunt, Idaho, sponsored by College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls. Speakers: Cressey Nakagawa, Roger Shimomura, Bill Hosokawa, Lonny Kaneko, Dr. David Adler, Raymond S. Uno, and Dr. Robert Sims. Fee: \$10. Information: Hunt Conference attention: Dora Jones, PO Box 1238, Twin Falls ID 83301. Motels: Weston Plaza 800/333-7829 or Canyon Springs 800/727-5003.

Washington

Seattle

Wed., Sept. 9-Sun., Oct. 4—Take Hama's solo show, "Visual Impressions through Oils, Gouache and Acrylic, Charles and Emma Frye Art Museum, Terry at Cherry Streets, Seattle, 10 am.

Saturday, Sept. 19—Lake Washington JACL's annual golf tournament, Jefferson Park Golf Course, Seattle, 11 am. Dinner at South China Restaurant, Seattle, 6:30 pm. Entry: \$35. Dinner: \$12. Information: John Matsumoto, 232-0412; Don Maekawa, 746-3398; Shox Tokita, 641-6512.

California

San Francisco Area

Thursday, Sept. 10—San Jose and Sequoia JACL chapters' Forum on Hate Crimes, Wesley Methodist Church, 566 N. 5th St, 7:30 pm. Speakers include: Dennis Hayashi, Tom Shigemasa and Tak Takei. Information: Kay Ono 408/295-1250.

Saturday, Sept. 12—Long Term Care Insurance for Nursing Homes, 1-3 p.m. Nihonmachi Terrace Community Room, 1615 Sutter St., Japantown, San Francisco, CA, 94116. Free. Information: Jim Kajiwar, 415/731-2967.

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 12-13—East Bay, Sacramento, San Francisco and San Jose Nikkei singles groups are co-sponsoring a picnic at the beachfront property of the Tom Yuki family in Pescadero. Cost: \$4. Information: East Bay-Gloria Morita 510/524-0101; Sacramento-Anne Miyasaki 916/391-9252; San Francisco-Fran Chan 415/386-6872; San Jose-Karen Yamada 408/982-1111.

Fresno

Sunday, Sept. 20—7th annual Shin Zen Run at Woodward Park, Mountain View Shelter. Sponsored by Fresno JACL, Central Fish Co., and Pepsi. 1K run for kids, 7:15 am; 2 mile run and 2 mile walk, 7:30 am; 10K run, 8 am. Children's run and wheelchair divisions included. Fee: \$10 (\$5 for 1K kids run)

before Sept. 10, \$13 (\$7 for 1K kids run) thereafter. Information: 209/434-1264.

San Diego

Sunday, Sept. 13—"A Salute to Japan!" lawn program, with Japanese music and dance, International Cottages, Balboa Park, 2 pm. Admission: Free. Information: 619/699-2411.

Oxnard

Sunday, Sept. 20—Oxnard Buddhist Church Women's Association sponsoring a Kanojo "Fall Fashion Extravaganza", Oxnard Buddhist Church, 250 South H St, Oxnard, CA, 93030, 11 am. to 3 pm. Door prizes, refreshments. Free admission. Information: 805/987-1470.

Los Angeles area

Monday, Sept. 7—Up With People, presented by Toyota Corp., Marsee Auditorium, El Camino College The Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance. Tickets: \$10. Information: 310/781-7171.

Friday, Sept. 11—Fund-raising dinner for Oxnard, Calif., Mayor Nao Takasugi's campaign for the 37th State Assembly District, sponsored by the Japanese American Republicans. Guest speaker: Matt Fong, Fourth District representative of the State Board of Equalization since 1991. Event held at Stevens Steak House, 5332 Stevens Place, Commerce, Calif., \$75 per person. 6:30, social hour. RSVP by Sept. 4. Information: Alvin Kusumoto, 213/977-1796, Kei Higashi, 818/337-5707, or Norma Tazoi, 714/532-2635.

Sunday, Sept. 13—South Bay JACL chapter's luncheon meeting, Velvet Turtle Restaurant, 3210 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance. Speaker: Dr. Steve Kobayashi, psychologist. Cost: \$20. Information and reservations: Joe or Ruthie Sakamoto 310/328-6842.

Sunday, Sept. 13—Japan American Society beach party, Bolsa Chica State Beach, off PCH between Warner Ave and Golden West St, meet near life-guard station #20, noon-sunset. Cost: \$6 adults, \$4 children. Information: 310/590-0311.

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Sunday, Sept. 13—26th Annual Bazaar of the Sycamore Congregational Church, 1111 Navellier St., El Cerrito, noon to 6 p.m., Japanese and American food, craft. Information Jan Fabini, 510/237-0266.

Sunday, Sept. 13—"Why are Japanese Super Achievers," Dr. Steve Kobayashi, clinical psychologist, speaks

at luncheon, Velvet Turtle, 3210 W. Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance, CA, 12:30 p.m., sponsored by the Carson, Gardena, Greater L.A. Singles, Marina and South Bay Chapters, JACL. \$20 per person includes tax and tip. Make checks to South Bay, JACL, PO Box 4185, Torrance, CA, 90510. Deadline: Sept. 4, 1992. Information: Ed Mitoma, 310/541-6698.

Thursday, Sept. 17—Lewitzky Dance Company presents Bella Lewitzky Retrospective, 8 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 South San Pedro St., Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. Ticket information: 213/680-3700

Saturday, Sept. 19—Author Thelma Change autographs her book "I Can Never Forget: Men of the 100th/442nd," Kinokuniya Book Store, 123 Onizuka St., Los Angeles.

Sunday, Sept. 20—ABCC 4th Annual Reunion, Dojima An Japanese Restaurant, 23737 Hawthorne Blvd, Torrance, CA, 90505, noon. Reservations by Sept. 10. Call Dr. Y as Tatsuno, 310/327-6400; Frank Oshita, 818/281-4757; Hiro Takeda, 805/687-1712.

Monday, Sept. 21—Center for the Pacific-Asian Family first annual fund-raising event, Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, CA. Center is for battered non-English-speaking Pacific-Asian women and their children. Reception 6 p.m., dinner and awards 7:15 p.m. Information: Vickie Roddcharoen, 818/307-0444; Rica Burton, 213/654-8698; Julie Lee, 213/653-4045.

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petition requirement for permanent residency where an immigrant spouse can demonstrate that he or she entered into marriage with a U.S. citizen or resident in good faith and can establish through credible evidence that he or she was battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by that spouse. This provision recognizes that immigrant spouses are especially vulnerable to the exploitation, intimidation and control inherent to situations of domestic violence. This has long been a problem, although generally an unspoken one, in the Asian community.

Despite the extensive legislative history of this provision, the INS has issued restrictive regulations which require waiver applicants to have the abused verified by a licensed mental health professional. The vast majority of abused immigrant spouses are women. As Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (D-NY) testified before the House Subcommittee on International Law, Immigration and Refugees, "As anyone who works with the immigrant and battered populations will tell you, it is pure fantasy to expect that a battered foreign woman will have access to the services of such a licensed professional." H.R. 5693 would amend the Act to prevent the INS from restricting use of the waiver by requiring overly stringent proof of extreme cruelty.

H.R. 5693 is before the House Judiciary Committee. Concerned members should write to their Representatives and to the members of the Judiciary Committee and urge their support. ☐

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JACL convention seminars

Artists seek self-identity in their work

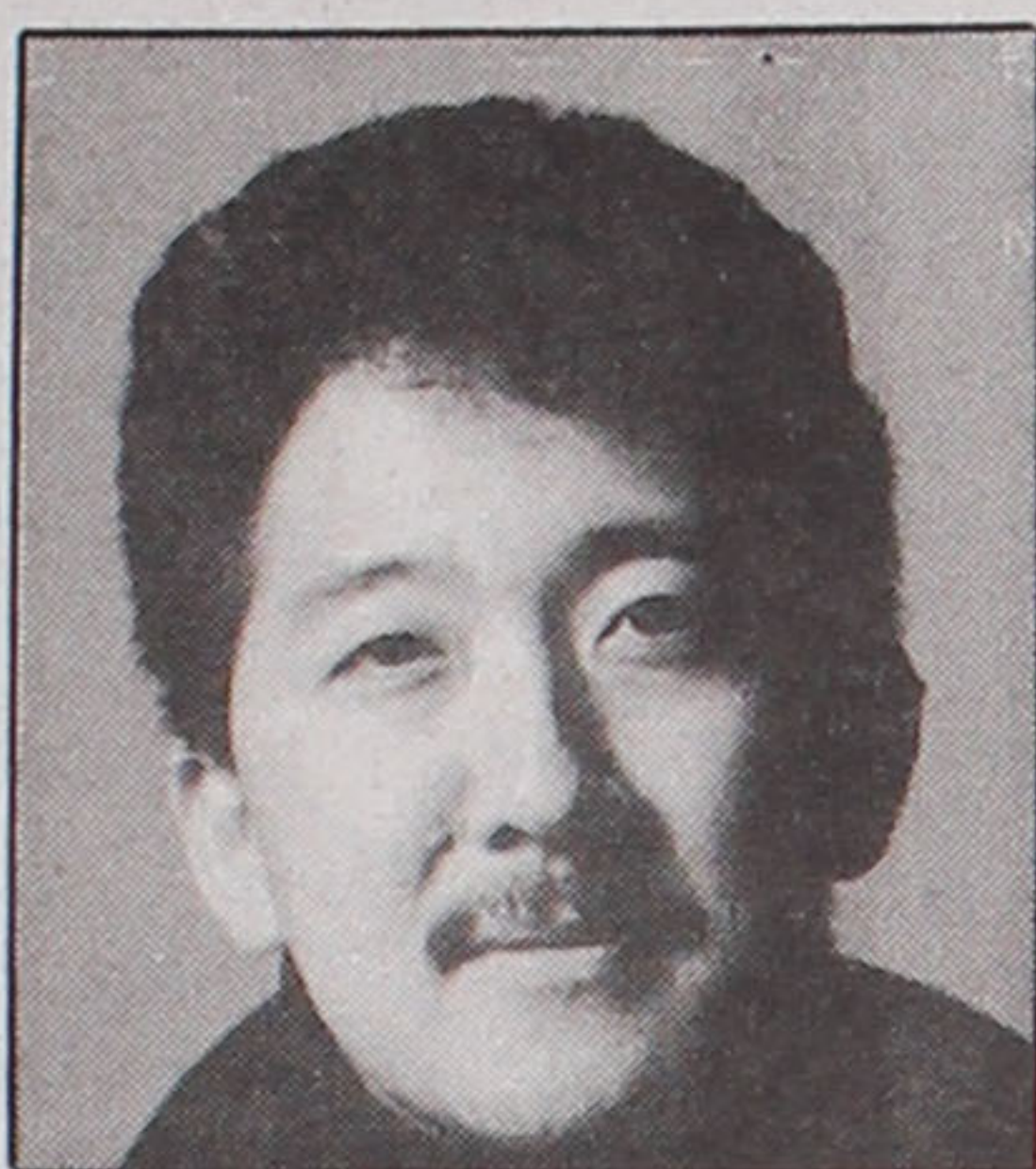
By KEN & ANN YABUSAKI
Berkeley Chapter, JACL Delegates

Three Sansei artists revealed to JACL members attending the seminar session at the national convention in Denver that their artistic forms of expression were part of their search for self-identity as a result in part to the prejudices of growing up Japanese American.

Both Philip Gotanda and Amy Hill shared their experiences of living in Japan and not being accepted as "Japanese." Here are some impressions of the Aug. 8 JACL Convention workshop, entitled: *Celebration of the Creative and Artistic Spirit in Japanese Americans*.

It was facilitated by Nancy Araki of the Japanese American National Museum. Panel members included Gotanda, well known playwright and director; Hill, a writer and actress; and Dr. Lawson Inada, professor of English, writer and poet from Southern Oregon University.

Philip Gotanda shared video excerpts that were clipped from the film version of his play, *The Wash*, and Wayne Wong's *Dim Sum*. He then read moving mono-



ARTISTS—Philip Gotanda and Amy Hill shared their creative experiences as Asian Americans involved in writing and theater.

logues by one of the characters in his play, *Fish Head Soup*.

Amy Hill started by sharing excerpts from her single act performance, *Tokyo Bound*. Hill ended by revealing why she created the production, *Tokyo Bound*.

Lawson Inada shared some of the poems Nisei wrote during their internment in the camps as well as his own poetry. He gave a very moving presentation by first giving the background of the poetry and then reading his poem that was inscribed in stone at a monu-



ment/park dedicated to the Japanese American internment experience in Portland, Oregon.

Lively discussion between the audience and panelists followed. One audience member asked the panelists if creative talent was innate.

Inada responded that "each of us has the skill to write."

Hill added, "It was taking risks to be yourself and speaking your own voice that interferes with our creative abilities." ☐

The psychological side of internment

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

Nisei, who were interned as young adults, are now seeking to learn the psychological impact of what occurred 50 years ago. At the Aug. 7 workshop devoted to the psychological impact of the camps, many of the panelists related similar experiences and feelings as they recalled the internment camp experience.

The well-attended workshop was moderated by Joyce Kobayashi, MD, associate professor in psychiatry at the University of Colorado Health Science and a director of the Out-patient Psychiatric Consultation Services. She commented that the anguish is there among many Nikkei. "But these stories still rankle and cannot be forgotten," she said.

Panelist Tom Masamori, then a 19-year-old Sansei attending San Jose State when Pearl Harbor was bombed, said his family was evacuated to Poston II. He was drafted in '44 and served with the 442nd Infantry in France and after the war stopped off in Denver and has been here since. Rather than dwell on what happened, he forged ahead and settled down with his life and family.

In sharing his experiences, Dr. M. Suzuki asked how many knew

! But these stories still rankle and cannot be forgotten!

—Joyce Kobayashi

that Japanese Americans were also detained at Ellis Island, N.Y., during WWII—a camp seldom cited on maps pinpointing where the concentration camps were. Only one hand was raised. A Mitsubishi company employee in New York, Suzuki recalled as many 300 Issei-Nisei were interned as dangerous enemy aliens at the well-known immigration station. Of his 30-month internment, Suzuki now views it as "a comedy of errors."

Of value was the Erik K. Yamamoto paper (Denver Journal of International Law and Policy, p. 223-242, 1992) discussing the social meanings of redress from a legal perspective. It was

available at the close of the workshop.

An associate professor of law at the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law, Yamamoto has noted critical views on redress payments emerging:

(a) The principal criticism is that the salutary views (one being that wrongs against a racial group can be made right) are often conveyed from mainstream America as a "societal victory." What may further the general interests of mainstream America and the governmental structure that supports redress/reparations "may in practical effect undermine the struggles and dreams of those outside the cultural mainstream" [citing Mari J. Matsuda, also a professor in law].

(b) Redress legislation has the potential of becoming civil rights law that at best delivers far less than it promises and that at worst creates illusions of progress, functioning as a hegemonic device to preserve the status quo.

In a review of attitudes toward Asian Americans, Yamamoto noted that redress limited to Japanese American internees "tends to highlight... a potential rift between Asian Americans and other minority groups." ☐

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have to deal with the special needs of bi-racial children. According to the 1990 Census, there are 52.3 million married couples in America and 799,000 interracial couples. Unfortunately, the Census Bureau doesn't keep information on bi-racial children, but in the Japanese American community 40%-60% of all marriages are interracial. In another interesting statistic, Asian women marry non-Asian men by a 2-1 ratio.

To the giggles of some in the audience, Hashimoto and Onizuka used footage from the *Oprah Winfrey Show* and the *Phil Donahue Show* to present the perspective of bi-racial children. In one segment, writer Velina Hasu Houston explained how her father encouraged her to revel in her multi-cultural identity. When she asked as a child what she her

identity was if her Native American/African American father was "chocolate" and her Japanese mother was "vanilla," Houston's father got a bowl of Neopolitan ice cream and mixed it up to show that Houston was a mix of many cultures.

The psychologists stressed that each child has to struggle with their cultural identity from a very early age. By the time a child is 3 years old, he or she can place a person in their proper ethnic category. By the ages of 7 or 9 years old, the process of forming attitudes about race is complete. Dr. Hashimoto, relating some of his work with school children, presented the case of a 7 year old girl who was having problems dealing with her bi-racial identity. Kids at school called her "snowball" because she was half-Japanese half-Caucasian. The girl didn't want to go to school and was unsure how she should behave to her

Japanese mother, who the girl thought was responsible for her predicament. In this case, Dr. Hashimoto said the important thing was to counsel the parents to help them deal with the problems the girl would inevitably face.

Both psychologists emphasized that the process of finding one's identity could be very painful, but stressed that the parents, grandparents and other relatives can do a lot to ease the socialization process. Inevitably, the child will decide his or her own identity. One audience member who is married to a German American related how among his three children, one thought of himself as Japanese American, another identified himself as German American and the third as a mix of the two cultures. For parents and grandparents of bi-racial children, it is important to support them and encourage them to explore all of their identities. ☐

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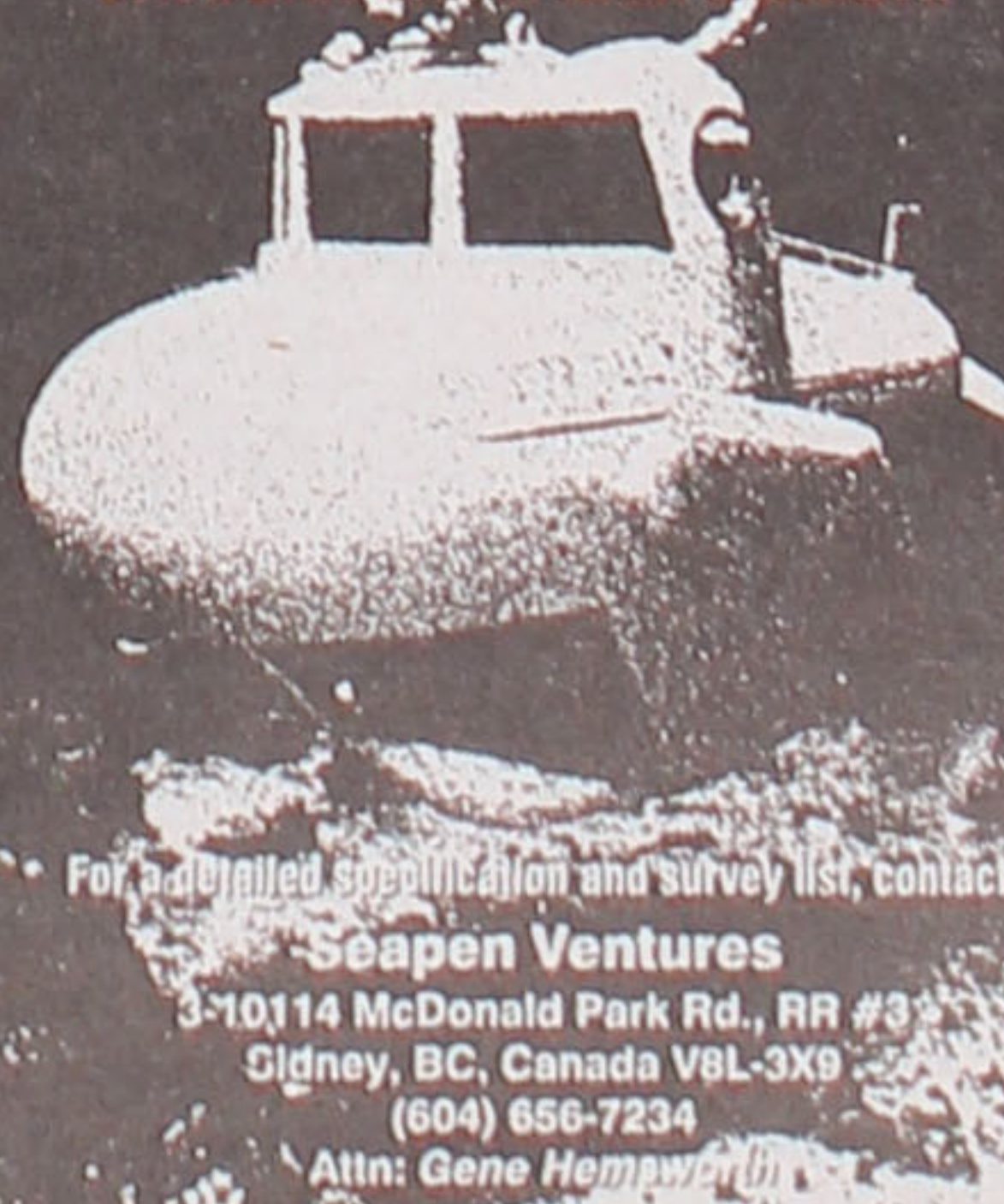
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More convention short takes

'94 Convention at Salt Lake City — Mt. Olympus JACler Shake Ushio, who was the leading light and co-founder of the National JACL Credit Union in 1942, is an old-hand with national JACL conventions in Salt Lake City — where more national JACL conventions have been staged. He said his role this time would be as an adviser, but he noticed and would report — for better participation and attendance — how senior JACLers at this convention were enjoying the all-day sightseeing trips the Convention had scheduled while the younger delegates handled business at the hectic council sessions. The place and date: Salt Lake City Marriott - Aug. 4-5-6, 1994.

About Proxy Voting — Pioneer JACler Fred Hirasuna, who represented Fresno JACL at the founding 1930 national convention at Seattle, was happy to see the anti-proxy resolution (New York) withdrawn from the Council floor. The urban chapters would quickly appreciate the proxy bylaw if a national convention were held in the winter — when the farming areas have more free time. Upon special introduction by toastmaster Bill Hosokawa at the Aug. 6 Awards and Recognitions Banquet, Hirasuna amazed the younger delegates when he said he was 84 years old. They remember him sitting through the National Council session as a Selma - Parlier delegate by proxy and engaging in discussions.

Convention Count — According to the convention registration co-chairs Karen Matsushima and Lorraine Hisamoto, the "sold out" sign was posted for the Aug. 8 Sayonara Banquet when the 550-plus mark was reached. It indicated the strong support the Mile-Hi chapter enjoys.

Convention Material — Less than 10% of the seats in back of the Council chamber were open for Convention "boosters," who were unaware but vitally interested in the debate or discussion on the floor. Mari (Sabusawa) Michener, wife of the famed author James and onetime National

Board member who attended the first postwar JACL Convention in Denver in 1946, suggested the material (if available) be shared with "those of us in the back row."

Convention Minutes — The 95-page bound minutes of the 1990 convention at San Diego was adopted with but two words corrected which Cherry Kinoshita detected in her report on page 22, line 8: "too many" grants should read "two other" grants. Phew! Copies are available at National Headquarters.

Council Officials — Paul Shinkawa, onetime Mountain-Plains district governor from Austin, Texas, was designated by the Board as the parliamentarian. However, there was no sergeant-at-arms, the official who would assure all delegates were summoned when a vote was pending or order had to be maintained on the council floor. The late Tak Kawagoe of Gardena Valley and the late Lefty Miyana of Salinas Valley were among the colorful sergeants-at-arms in the past.

Fresno Nihonmachi — Roy Takeno, retired Denver newspaperman who was born in Fresno, Calif., was invited by JACler Elisa Kamimoto, associate curator at the Fresno Metropolitan Museum, to an "Old Fresno Nihonmachi" reunion scheduled for Sept. 25-27 at the Holiday Inn Center Plaza. At the same time, the CSU-Fresno, the local JACL and the Museum have scheduled a teach-in on the Evacuation story in Nov. 20-21. "We can't wait for this story to appear in the textbooks," Kamimoto explained during a break at the National Council session.

Hearing Aids — It was Dr. James Taguchi (then of Dayton and now of Mile-Hi) who led the campaign for the "No Smoking" rule to be adopted for the National Council while in session [See Rule 24, Rules of Procedure]. "The time has come for the Council floor to have a special hearing-aid section," old-timer Clarence Nishizu of Selanoco JACL agreed with other delegates seen wear-

ing hearing-aids. "There should be no need to put this up as a rule of procedure."

In-Family Delegates — A prospect that keeps on growing at these JACL convention floor are the in-family Nisei-Sansei delegates. For 1992, prominent were West Los Angeles delegates Galen and Phyllis Murakawa and their daughter and delegate Trisha of the Asian Pacific Alliance Network, who went on to be elected national vice-president for planning & development.

Japan Chapter Plus — The P.C. chapter code for this chapter is TYO, or Tokyo, or numerically "130." Chapter president Caroline Kawashima, electrified by her first convention experience, envisions formation of at least three more chapters inside Japan to establish a new district council in the western Pacific. FUK, NGO, OKA, OSA, coming up? A new chapter needs only 25 members to start.

Yasui Stories — Doctoral candidate Barbara Upp in history at the University of Oregon is in her last year of researching the leadership and role of late Min Yasui. She was in Denver Aug. 7-8 at the JACL Convention exhibitors' area to hear from those who could recall his redress campaign philosophy, his leadership style and the WWII Yasui case. Gardena Valley JACler Ron Shiozaki, a pre-war resident of Portland, was among those remembering Min Yasui.

Youth/Student Issue — Besides trying to have youth involved in human and civil rights issues, one unresolved point dwelled on interpreting the JACL Bylaws for "students" and "youth". The youth covers members below age 18 or who are high school seniors. The students are those enrolled in a trade school, business college, college, university or other institution of higher learning at either the undergraduate or graduate level. The successful youth council candidate (Kerry Kaneichi) had called for an age limit of 25.

— HARRY K. HONDA

COALITIONS

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the same boat, so let's row together." One panelist, however, commented that Native Americans and Latinos might question that.

Asians seem "left out" whenever the black-white race problem comes up for discussion, Hayashi pointed out, when Asian Americans have shared in the history of discrimination. JACL can educate each other, he added, especially in the press through articles that breakdown misperceptions about Asian Americans.

Tom Jenkins, president of the Urban League of Metropolitan Denver, noted blacks know less about Asians today while the civil rights movement of the 1960s has made Asians know more about blacks. Education, he stressed, would address that issue and pro-

mote coalition building.

"More importantly, we need to prepare our children for when they enter the job markets around the year 2000—about the same time most of the children of immigrants today will be," he added.

Ron Wakabayashi, executive director of the Los Angeles City Human Rights Commission, emphasized the value of the *Pacific Citizen* in the education process, "especially by getting rid of the trivia." He said that Asian American groups are going through their growing-up process, through a complex of multicultural diversity, which begs for serious assessment rather than just talking about getting-together. As a front-line city official during the Los Angeles riots in wake of the Rodney King court case, he called the 50,000 people demonstrating on Olympic Boulevard in Los Angeles "the greatest Asian Ameri-

can demonstration in the country."

Dr. Audrey Alvarado, director of affirmative action at University of Colorado, Denver, urged coalition-building work along lines of commonality though cross-cultural communication was essential. "We have to accept diversity, though it's easier to be within our own," she said. "Let's not (however) fall into the trap of 'us vs. them.'"

A Navajo, Suzanne Benally of the Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education, noted the current infrastructure prevents true coalition-building in her campus work with Native Americans. She also remembered the WRA isolation camp at Leupp, Ariz.

Peggy Lore, director of the Asian American Student Services, University of Colorado-Denver, was facilitator. ☐

TABOOS

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about 25-30 conventioners.

The exchange between mother and daughter (like role-playing in front of the audience — only this was a real life situation) revealed that the traditional Japanese cultural reticence and fear of bringing shame (*haji*) to the family name prevented openness and made the daughter's "coming out of the closet" extremely difficult.

After Vicki told her mother of the long, painful and agonizing

struggle within herself to say that she was a lesbian, Marge Taniwaki responded by saying and said, "I know it."

Even in the Japanese American society and culture, open and frank communication is not only possible but should be encouraged, the panelists said.

While it seemed as if mothers may not want to admit that their daughter is "gay" but somehow come to accept it, telling a father is harder. In Vicki's case, divorce had separated her from her father so she hasn't confronted him.

Martin Hiraga moved away

3,000 miles to live his life. He feels that Asian Americans have a double burden in being gay in their society. He said it was very difficult to find gay partners. All lesbians and gays need support groups. "Japanese Americans need support groups in a strong sense because of the racism we have in society with relation to others and the cultural taboos in the Japanese American society," he pointed out.

In any large city where the Japanese American population exists, the homosexual population is es-

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Mental health leaders to meet in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Ten potential leaders in the Asian Pacific American community were recently chosen to go to the nation's capitol Sept. 13-19 in the 2nd annual "Week in Washington" seminar. Sponsored by the Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation, the "Week in Washington program" encourages Asian Pacific American leadership in the fields of mental health and social work.

The finalists were: Frances

Mika Inouye, doctoral candidate-psychology, Colorado State University; Russell Mark Jeung, doctoral candidate-sociology, UC Berkeley; Helen M. Kim, project coordinator, Korean Youth Center, Los Angeles; Kerrily J. Kitano, doctoral candidate, social welfare, UC Berkeley; Helen H. Kyoman, fellow in geropsychiatry, McLean Hospital, Belmont, Mass.; Halaevale Ofahengaue, MSW candidate-social work, University of Hawaii-Manoa; Walter E.

Schulze, program director, Japanese Community Youth Council, San Francisco; Dung Kim Tran, assistant program director, National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse, Los Angeles; Emi Mizuki Yamasaki, program analyst, King County Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Service, Seattle and Mieko Yoshihama, LCSW, ACSW, project coordinator, Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Center, Culver City, Calif. ☐

Illinois amendment gives aid to Asian American students

CHICAGO—Asian American and Native American students will receive scholarship assistance under an amendment to the Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Aid Program recently signed into law by Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar.

Previously, Asian Americans and Native Americans were not included in the definition of minority students for state funded

teacher scholarships in Illinois.

"It is hoped that this amendment to the Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Aid Program will diminish financial barriers that might otherwise prevent Asian American and Native American students from pursuing teaching degrees," said Robert Hatch, co-chair of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Chicago Area's (AABA)

legislative and judicial development committee.

AABA launched a campaign to include the updated amendment in the minority teachers legislation.

Under the new amendment, students will now be able to receive up to \$5,000 annually and must agree to teach for one year for each year of assistance.

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Q&A Session

Besides immediate questions at Yamashita to explain "paradigm shift" in simple terms, Hosokawa reported how the state of Colorado and other state governments are attracting Japanese investments. Nishiyama explained non-verbal communication in Japan, which he said might "even be the inflection of the voice" or sitting

with both knees together indicating non-uptight behavior.

When asked where Japanese investments might increase in the U.S., Yamashita felt they would be in telecommunications, information, multimedia and computers. Sogo said they probably would be with smaller and medium-sized companies.

Following up, Nakagawa asked the panelists if they thought the Americans of Japanese ancestry might see a decrease in Japan-bashing with a decrease in Japa-

nese investments. Nishiyama said that the thrust of Japanese corporations is to become good corporate citizens in the community where they are investing. Companies such as Nintendo and the Seattle Mariners might be the trend, he said. "We in Japan need to learn more of (these kinds of enterprises)."

A 30-year Sony Corporation employee in New York, Chris Wada, said he was not as optimistic as the panelists were over Japan-bashing because of the U.S.-Japan trade imbalance. It's "a sore point (that) I don't think will go away soon." Now working for American Electronics Association, he felt since U.S. firms are losing their defense business, they will look at the business of the Japanese market in the U.S. The JACL should be aware of what is coming, he advised.

Role of Concerned JAs

Observing so many in attendance, Hosokawa said it "indicates you are very concerned about what we as Japanese Americans can do to help improve the situation" and added that much of the information out there is not being absorbed or is imbalanced. "It is very important we understand what our role should be. If anybody has any ideas on how we can do that, I am willing to listen."

Referring to his Quantum Culture and paradigm shift, Yamashita saw one answer: "We have to think in terms of Adam Smith"—the 18th century Scottish economist. Sogo said: "What can Japanese do to contribute to both countries?" and repeated the Japanese role of good corporate citizenship to stimulate and facilitate understanding.

Nishiyama won applause when he suggested to have JACL increase its membership and "to support JACL in ameliorating the Japan-bashing load" through its alert network and to have members in key places defusing what appears in the press.

Hosokawa responded, "That was a great commercial." He remembered the prewar situation when the Nisei accepted the propaganda from Japan, of the failure of Nisei to cry out against Japanese militarism in 1941, and now that he is honorary consul general of Japan giving talks to various civic groups on U.S.-Japan relations, he is known as "that provocative Nisei" for having criticized Japanese policies at the annual meetings in Washington.

"I want to add to what Bill (Hosokawa) said about being critical of Japan," Nishiyama said. "I agree... but when you are critical and get out to the public and press, make darn sure you are on target. Because a lot of things said here in the U.S. that appear in the Japanese press are off target." ☐

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Personally speaking

APPOINTMENTS

● **Kelly Shintaku**, a sophomore at the University of Southern California majoring in English, has been named an intern in the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich.

● **Wayne K. Tanda** has been promoted to the position of San Jose director of Streets and Traffic, responsible for traffic engineering, parking and maintenance of streets, sewers and streetscape functions. Tanda is a registered civil engineer, and is a board member of the San Jose Chapter, JACL. He is currently committee chair for the chapter's 70th anniversary celebration scheduled for 1993.

RETIREMENT

● **Reggie Okamura**, 56, has retired from the Hawaii Volcano Observatory staff where he has been an employee since 1958. He was chief of operations, the radio voice informing the public on the ongoing Kilauea eruptions. His younger brother, Arnold, who followed him in 1961, is succeeding him as operations chief.

● **Kei Kokubun**, retiring director of the Los Angeles County Department of Community and Senior Citizens Service Center in Gardena, was recently honored in for his two decades of service, "helping thousands of people in need, for his compassion and commitment . . . and as a great role model," County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn declared in his scroll of commendation.

MEDICINE

● **Marie Kurihara**, graduate of Cornell University, New York Hospital School of Nursing, was honored with the 1992 Distinguished Alumnus Award at the school's recent annual luncheon. She was recognized for her many accomplishments and contributions to the nursing profession, patient, and health care. She is chief of nursing service, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San Francisco.

● The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, has awarded the 1992 Visiting Professor Award named after **Dr. W.W. Sutow** [1912-1981] to Dr. Joseph Fraumeni Jr., director of the epidemiology and biostatistics program at the National Cancer Institute. Sutow, who began his medical career just after World War II, was director of pediatric research for the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission until 1954. He settled in Houston to form the pediatrics section at Anderson Hospital with his ABCC colleagues. A lifelong JACL supporter, Sutow's findings in pediatric oncology are in medical textbooks. While making the rounds, he often decorated the hands or feet of his young patients with pen-drawn butterfly or a flower.

EDUCATION

● **Marilyn Schlieff** of Garden City, Mich., was recently honored with the 1992 Christa McAuliffe Educator by the National Foundation for the Improvement of Education and its Christa McAuliffe Institute for Educational Pioneering.

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The 23-year classroom veteran, who serves as teacher-consultant for foreign language and K-8 social studies classes, teaches Japanese and guides students in learning projects that incorporate advanced technologies. "Telecommunications will help prepare students for a world that's a system of integrated communities," she says.

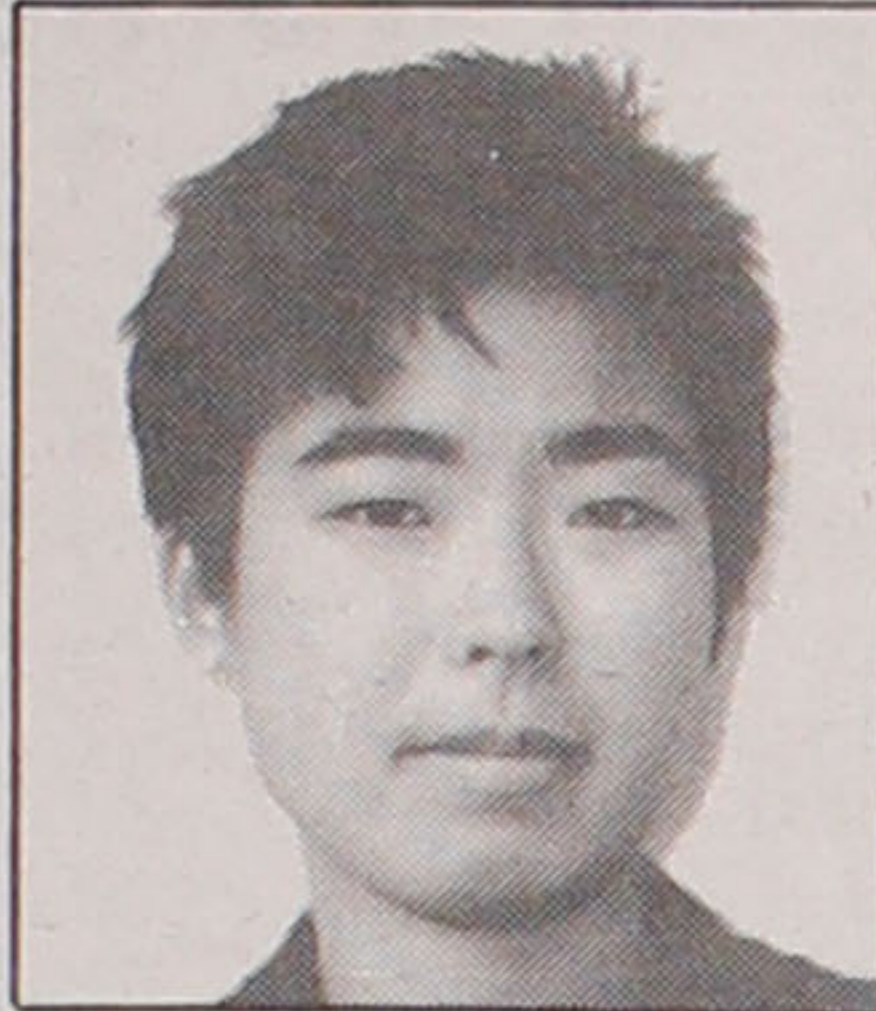
● **Akiko Kurose**, a first-grade

L.A. writer wins Clavell award

Denise Uyebara, a Los Angeles writer and performer, won the 14th annual Japanese Clavell American-Japanese Literary Award.

Uyebara, 26, won the \$1,000 prize for her short story, "Chasing Airplanes," a story about a family dealing with the repercussions of a grandmother's suicide.

At UC, Irvine, Uyebara edited



DENISE UYEBARA

East West Ties, an Asian American news magazine, and *Points*

West, the campus literary journal. She has also written, directed and performed at Highways Perfor-

mance Space in Santa Monica, Calif.; for Jude Narita's "Tiger on the Right, Dragon on the Left"; in the Asian American Theater Project at the Los Angeles Theater Center; and at the Lee Strasberg Theater Institute in Hollywood for the Fringe Festival.

teacher at Laurelhurst Elementary School in the Seattle area, was honored with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching and as a member of the President's Advisory Council on Education for Underprivileged Children

● Voters in Hawaii will be asked this November to amend the state constitution to have either the state board of education or the governor appoint the school superintendent. Currently, **Charles Toguchi** has been retained by the board for another year. Appointed in 1987, he has pushed to restructure the department so that more resources and decision-making powers go to individual schools.

● **Yori Wada**, who served 15 years as regent to the University of California, was recognized by the regents at his recent retirement event, and was also awarded a UC, San Francisco, Medical School Medal at its Founders Day dinner. The medal is for outstanding service in the field of civil rights and affirmative action.

HONORS

● California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, President **Bob Suzuki** was named an honorary member of the Golden Key National Honor Society. The organization was created to unite diverse individuals while nurturing and rewarding the efforts of top students in all disciplines. Suzuki was named president of the college in May, 1991.

● **Tom Ogawa** of Idaho Falls, Idaho, was recently nominated for the John Justin Standard of the West Award, a prestigious award made only to committee chairman of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. The organization's Rodeo Committee will vote for the most outstanding volunteer at the end of the year. Ogawa has been chairman of the local PRCA for the last 13 years. He is also first vice president of the Idaho Falls Chapter, JACL.

● The 1991 Hawaii Award for Literature went to Lahaina-born **Milton Murayama**, 69, who established a beachhead for Asian American writers with his 1959 short story, "I'll Crack Your Head Kotsun" (Arizona Quarterly), which was later expanded into a novel, "All I Asking For Is My Body" (1975). An MIS veteran with a BA in English (1947) University of Hawaii, Manoa, and MA in Asian Studies (1950) from Columbia, is a retired U.S. Customs Service employee living in San Francisco, and recently said he wants to be remembered as "a distinctive voice who created a truthful portrait of a certain time and place." His 1975 novel describes life of a Japanese American family on a Hawaii sugar plantation during the 1930s.

● **Jonathan Kaji** was recently elected president of the board of

directors of the Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society, the first Asian American president in the 86-year history of the organization. The society serves 134 congregations and more than 35,000 members in the Los Angeles area.

● **Malia Yoshida** of Portland's Wilson High School was chosen the 1992 "Roseria" queen for the annual Rose Festival. She was the first Japanese American to be selected. A number of them in the past have been princesses at their respective schools.

● **Drs. Takao Shishino, Donald Matsumoto, and Randall Yumori** of the Pacific Eyecare Center in Culver City, Calif., were featured on a cable television talk show, "Vision and You," sponsored by the Southern California College of Optometry. They are all graduates of the University of California, Berkeley, School of Optometry. Four honorees cited at the 1992 Downtown L.A. Chapter, JACL/ Nanka Fujinkai annual Women of the Year luncheon were **Sachiko Tengan**, Hawaiian-born Pacific War widow of an Okinawan physician who singlehandedly raised two daughters, promoted Okinawa letters, arts and poetry while working until her retirement from Savon Corp. in 1983. Kumamoto-born **Haruko Shida**, a seamstress trained in making kimonos and a long active member of Union Church of Los Angeles, where she was ordained a deacon; Boyle Heights native and Manzanar resident **Rose Etsuko Honda**, now of West L.A., who pioneered the first public preschool PTA and established the Lab Center programs for preparing childhood education teachers; and Salinas-born **Anna Mae Tamaki**, a Japanese Community Pioneer Center board member and volunteer responsible for its bridge club and an assistant instructor for Kansuma-Kai.

COURTROOM

● The Hawaii state senate unanimously confirmed in late April Honolulu lawyers **Gail C. Nakatani**, 43, and **Paula A. Nakayama**, 38, as judges on the Oahu circuit court. They have a 10-year term. Also appointed by Gov. John Waihee were family court judge **Frances Wong** to the Oahu circuit court and deputy attorney general **Corinne Watanabe** to the three-member state intermediate court of appeals.

ORGANIZATIONS

● Peace Corps director **Elaine Chao**, 39, of Alexandria, Va., was named Aug. 26 to head the United Way of America as president and CEO, a \$195,000 a year position. Her predecessor, William Aramony, was ousted in February amid charges of financial mismanagement and lavish spending. He

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

JACL's provocative U.S.-Japan workshop

At the recent national JACL convention in Denver the workshop on U.S.-Japan relations drew a large and attentive audience. Obviously the "myths, perceptions and realities" that stand in the way of smooth relations between the two countries weigh heavily on the minds of thoughtful Japanese Americans.

If the workshop provided few answers, it provoked much thought.

At the end, panelist Sen Nishiyama made a very important statement that may have been missed by many in the audience because of the confusion at the time. I'd like to discuss it a bit in this space.

Sen's remarks were in reference to something I had said earlier. Back in the 1930s, I said, we Nisei were so young and so naive that we accepted as truth almost everything that came out of Japan. We failed to speak up in condemnation of Japanese aggression. In 1941 and 1942, when war came, there were Americans who questioned why we had been silent about the Japanese

attack on China and they wanted to know whose side we were on.

I went on to say that our failure to understand what the Japanese military was doing, our failure to take a stand and speak out, had much to do with what happened to us in 1942. And now at the present point in history, I said, we should try to understand reasons for friction between the two countries and be outspoken where necessary, including criticism of Japan when we believe Japan to be wrong.

Nishiyama's point was that while there was nothing wrong with being critical, we must know what we're talking about. "Make sure you know what Japan is doing," he said, "what the situation is in Japan, and then speak as an American talking about a sovereign nation."

But making sure we know what we're talking about is not easy. Newspaper reports are usually incomplete and sometimes unbalanced. Magazines may be less than objective. And the subjects at issue

may be so complex that they defy understanding by all but specialists.

This last point was underscored by Glen Fukushima, formerly Japan trade specialist in the U.S. Trade Representative's office and currently director of public policy and business development for AT&T Japan. Fukushima happened to be in Denver a few days after the JACL convention.

Trade experts, he said, can study Japan-U.S. trade matters for years, agree on the facts, and yet disagree completely on their meaning. In other words, it is not easy to determine truth. That's not reassuring for those of us who are likely to be confused by shades of gray between the black and white areas.

If the workshop didn't provide easy answers, and it didn't, it served its purpose by illuminating the difficulties inherent in the issues. I came away with the suspicion that the bashers on both sides of the ocean don't really know what they're talking about. ☐

Letters

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Takes exception to logic of Lillian Baker

I wish to thank *Pacific Citizen* for publishing my recent letter. Its publication has provided me the opportunity to learn about Mrs. Lillian Baker and Mr. Ralph Willis, whom I was previously unaware of. Mrs. Lillian Baker, I have learned, is a former hatpin cataloguer now living in Gardena. Mr. Willis lives in Hemet. Both responded to my *Pacific Citizen* (July 3rd) letter in lengthy arguments. In return I have replied in rebuttal. Copies of our correspondence can be viewed by computer-modem accessing the Correspondence (COR) Wing of the Japanese American World War II Electronic Library.

After detailed assessment of Mrs. Baker's weak arguments I have been forced to conclude that Mrs. Baker is neither an historian or a revelationist, but rather an unqualified, yet devoted, semanticist. Mrs. Baker's circular pursuit to define and redefine the terminology associated with the Japanese American World War II experience, and overflowing her study into that history itself, has sadly resulted in her endless endeavor to revise history to submit to her narrowly focused definition of it. Therefore she nor her arguments can be considered resources of credible debate or revelation.

Mrs. Baker's obscure, former profession of inspecting and cataloging the minute details and differences between hatpins could well have provided the psychological basis for her current obsession with semantics. Simply put, the abrupt extinction of hat-wearing forced Mrs. Baker to run out of hatpins to analyze. Her new devotion, the semantic study of the Japanese American internment, is self-perpetuating because she refuses to acknowledge historical facts that powerfully contradict her. However, I have no doubt that if women's fashion designers suddenly re-incorporated hats into their ensembles, and the need for hatpins re-emerged, we should see Mrs. Baker quickly disappear from the Japanese American WWII discussion.

Those of us engaged in serious, credible historic investigation should not be distracted by arm-chair revisionists like Mrs. Baker and her associates. Their arguments are nothing more than a nuisance factor which unfortunately provides an entry level for deeply-rooted racists and anti-Asian elements to express their prejudices.

Phill Coleman

Senior Librarian
Japanese American WWII Electronic Library
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Republicans declare war on minorities

Did anyone else notice the Republican Party's declaration of cultural and religious war against Asians, Africans, Arabs and others who do not belong to the Judeo-Christian tradition of Pat Buchanan. Did you notice the cheers and wild applause this declaration evoked? Why haven't the Republican candidates issued a denial? With "ethnic cleansing" on the evening news, their silence is telling.

Instead, the Republicans now proudly tout "family values," their code word for religious exclusion. Preacher Pat Robertson ringingly declares that family values come from Almighty God. Really? The Confucian-Asian tradition of family and filial piety has been around a lot longer than Christianity.

What Pugilist Pat and Preacher Pat don't get is that their elevation of a religious requirement in a presidential campaign contravenes the constitutional rule: "but now religious test shall ever be required" for public office.

What I don't get is how those who would thus subvert the Constitution and foster religious "cleansing" are able to pass as patriots and conservatives.

William Hohri

Chicago, Ill.



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Tokyo (Imperial) University

IT'S KNOWN AS "Todai" (Toh-dai) in Nippon, short for "Tokyo Dai-gaku" (university), the *creme de la creme* of higher education in the Land of the Rising Sun. None of the elite institutions of higher learning in the U.S.—Harvard, Princeton or Yale, to name a few—has a comparable rating in our country such as *Todai* enjoys in Japan. Depending on the source of the opinion, in the U.S. the surmise is that graduates from Ivy League universities predominate in positions of influence in our government. (As a non-Ivy Leaguer, my retort might be: "That explains the mess we're in.") In Japan, a graduate of *Todai* is assured of a position of his/her choice, the best, for several reasons: the screening process is so rigid that only the best are accepted and graduates from such a prestigious institution are deemed, without more, to be the best; those making the selection are themselves often alumni of *Todai* and the "old boy network" very much comes into operation.

Just as it does here in the U.S.

OVER THE YEARS the pattern of *Todai* graduates continuously is becoming ensconced in prestigious and powerful positions—for example, current Prime Minis-

ter Kiichi Miyazawa is a graduate from the law faculty of *Todai*—has been deemed unhealthy, that a continuous incestuous perpetuation of powerbrokers coming from the same school must be severed; that many bright graduates from lesser but excellent universities are discouraged from even applying to the more desirable power slots such as the Ministry of Finance, Home Affairs, and the National Police Agency. So influential are these bureaucrats that it is said that the government of Japan is actually run and controlled by them, not by the elected politicians. This assessment must be true because the elected politicians are heard to so complain.

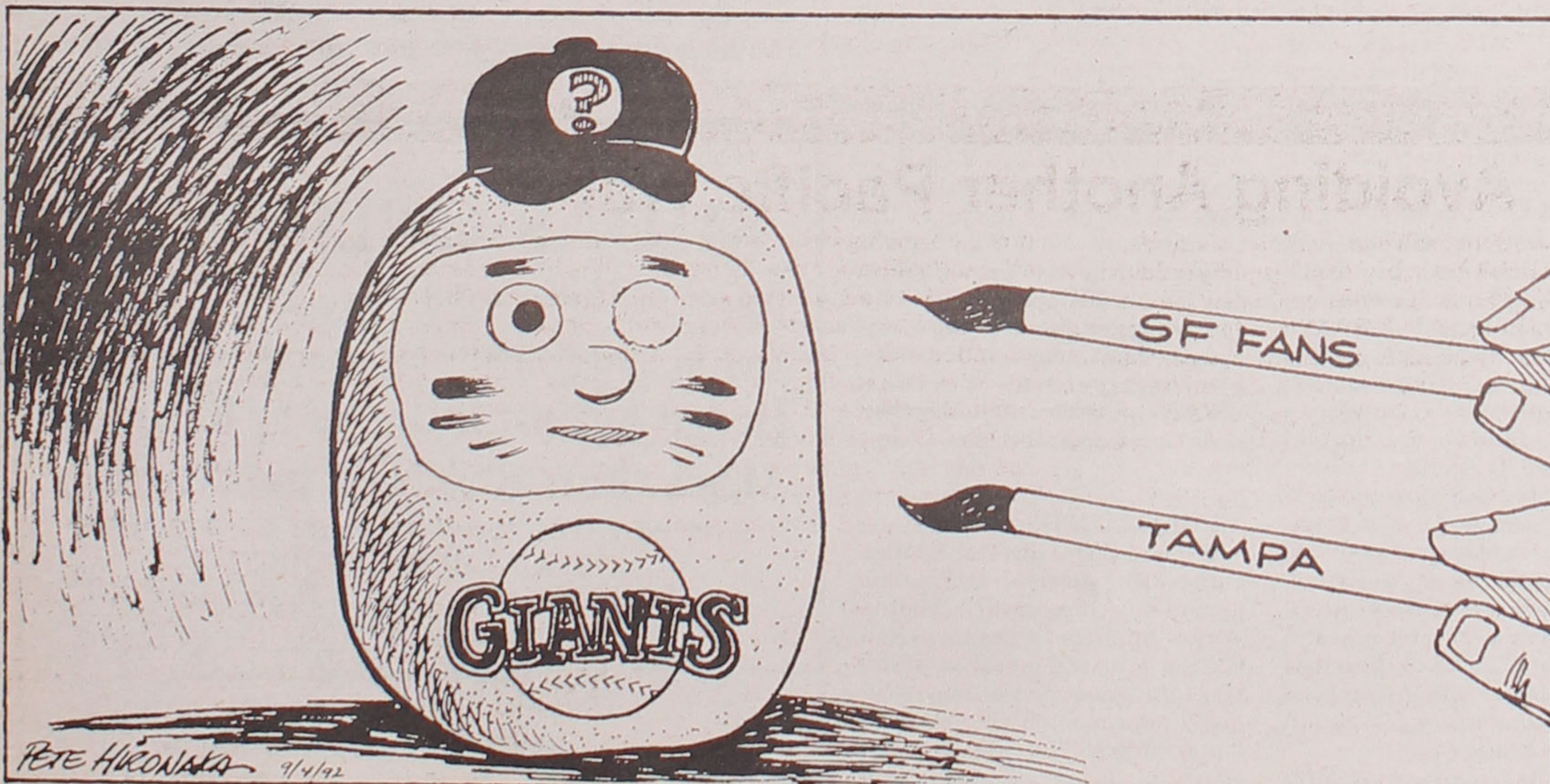
But back to *Todai*.

TOKYO (IMPERIAL) UNIVERSITY, *Todai*, was established about a century ago, precisely to train government bureaucrats for emerging Japan's entry into the modern world, its graduates going into the highest levels of government and commerce. Indeed, this base is often credited with Japan's current economic success and position on the world scene. So successful has been the effort that some of the Government's more prestigious agencies' ranks are saturated by 70% by *Todai* people,

some as high as 80-90%. For example, in this year's hiring by the Ministry of Finance of 24 graduates, 22, or more than 90%, were from *Todai*.

THE PRIME MINISTER, who, as mentioned before, is himself a product of *Todai*, allowed that this presented an unhealthy situation overall and declared that the percentage must be lowered. On the heels of Prime Minister Miyazawa's declaration, Chief Cabinet Secretary Koichi Kato—yes, you guessed, himself also a *Todai* alumnus—set out a declared limit of 50% to be achieved over the next five years. There apparently is grumbling within the public, it being pointed out that government scandals—such as the Recruit Cosmos stock scandal in which a number of elected officials were involved, resulting in the resignation of the then-Prime Minister Takeshita: the banking scandal wherein a high-operating restaurateur managed to borrow billions of yen without comparable resources—that such scandals took place while these bright whiz-kids from *Todai* were keeping watch.

Which only proves that cerebral agility is by no means confined to some Ivy-League Japanese institution. ☐



PETE HIRONAKA 9/4/92

IN-SIGHT

Working at the 'Y'

By LILLIAN C. KIMURA
National President, JACL

I want to share with you some of my career experience because I think it has relevance to the JACL. One of the main reasons I decided to work at the YWCA of the USA was because the organization had as part of its mission, "to thrust our collective power toward the elimination of racism wherever it exists and by any means necessary."

At each triennial convention, our delegates gather to take action around the critical issues of the time. In 1970, the YWCA recommended work on seven issues. They were: "eliminate poverty, combat racial injustice, end war/build peace, reshape the quality of the environment, involve youth intentionally in leadership and decision making, revolutionize society's expectation of women and their own self perception and risk involvement, driven by the barrier breaking love of God."

Prior to that convention 500 black women of the YWCA met to discuss these issues and they concluded that combatting racial injustice was inherent in all of the above objectives. Thus the thrust for the triennial became the elimination of racism.

To implement the actions of the conven-

tion, the National Board of the YWCA undertook a process of organizational renewal. Primarily a white middle class women's movement, the National Board adopted an affirmative action stance to be more inclusive on the Board and staff levels. It was at this point I became a program consultant for the organization in the Chicago regional office.

Since that time I have been given increasingly more responsibility. I became a director of a regional office, executive director of the Field Services operations, assistant executive director and finally one of two Associate National Executive Directors. The units or divisions that provide services to our 400 local YWCAs came under my supervision. These services included model program development, health promotion, U.S. Olympic Committee relation-

LILLIAN KIMURA
'Y' experiences crosses over

ships, management training for executive director and mission/stewardship training for volunteers, a training program for women who want to run for public office, resource material development, and ongoing and regular communications plan with associations.

I have been the staff associate to the committee which determines the criteria for being a YWCA and monitors the health and strength of the movement by conducting an evaluating process. I worked with the Board on a new governance procedure and with the constitution and bylaws committee. The National Nominating Committee and the Board Nominating Committee have been in my portfolio as we try to identify women who will lead us into the 21st century. I worked on all aspects of our conventions and related meetings which

help to determine the convention agenda.

As of Nov. 1, I will be taking early retirement, but I will continue to work on special projects as an executive consultant for the YWCA. One of these projects will be the 1994 YWCA convention.

My career with the YWCA has given me insight into many aspects concerning the operations of a nonprofit organization. As in many associations, JACL and the YWCA share many similarities in organization purpose, structure, governance, and fulfilling affiliate and membership needs. They are also two very different organizations with different histories and traditions and serving different constituencies. I hope that I can take some of what I have learned from my staff experience at the YWCA and combine it with my volunteer experience in JACL and other nonprofit management groups to advance this organization for the betterment of our members. ☐

JACL National President Lillian Kimura's IN-SIGHT column appears regularly in Pacific Citizen.

Voices

Political correctness and censorship of the U.S.-Japan relationship

By STEVEN C. CLEMONS

Executive Director, Japan America Society of Southern California

When Michael Crichton published his recent bestselling work, *Rising Sun*, hardly did he expect to trigger such an assault from the brotherhood of American 'Japan-handlers.' Crichton has been vilified as a seething, vicious racist; as a person who treats Japanese the same way in his fiction that an anti-Semitic author might denigrate Jews. In a manner that is becoming all too common, Crichton has been quickly discredited as a "Japan-basher," his critics believe that *Rising Sun's* pop culture treatment of U.S.-Japan affairs can be shrouded as morally reprehensible and thus ignored. The phenomenon is not extraordinary.

Those individuals, the very few whom there are, who have challenged politically correct perspectives about Japan; who have pondered the consequences of Japan's emerging economic might as well as America's diminishing economic base; and argued for rethinking the Japan-American relationship because of an undeniably different world, have also been labeled Japan-bashers. This process serves neither nation's interests. The strained state of affairs between Japan and the United States is a signal of the need for inspection, recalibration and adjustment of the relationship.

More than a decade has past since former ambassador to Japan Mike Mansfield crafted the 'Japan-Handler's Slogan.' He stated, of course, that the U.S.-Japan relationship was the "single most important bilateral relationship in the world, bar none."

And since then, most Japan-watchers have extended him the sort of infallibility enjoyed by Pope John Paul II in the Roman Catholic Church. Those who have dared to deal with taboo subjects that venture beyond accepted doctrine on U.S.-Japan relations have been cast out as heretics. Another word for heretic in this business is revisionist.

The so-called godfather of revisionists, Chalmers Johnson, one of America's leading scholars on China as well as Japan, wrote his most famous work on Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI). He illustrated how industrial policy can work in a nation, in fact, how it did work in Japan. In subsequent remarks, Johnson has committed the heresy of inquiring about the consequences to the American economy if Japan's highly tuned, competitive government-business partnership continues to thrive against the less successful "keystone cops" approach to national economic policy in Washington. He argues that in the absence of policy direction from Capitol Hill, Japan and other nations are free to devour market share in this country and fillet alive the U.S. manu-



CLEMONS

facturing base. This is not racist; this is not Japan-bashing. This shows Japan's health and America's poor sense. Johnson is not advocating change in Japan; he is arguing that our government-industry relationship is deplorable and needful of serious restructuring. Maybe when the American manufacturing base has completely disappeared, Johnson will be credited for his foresight. That is the Washington way.

What is Japan-bashing? When does one see it? What does one not? When does one cross the line from being a well-meaning critic into the territory of Japan-bashing? Former Prime Minister Nakasone stated that Japan-bashing is "something caused by bad feeling when important American cultural or national properties are bought by Japanese companies." A former Japanese Foreign Ministry official more candidly states that "Japan-bashing is racism, pure and simple." What is evident in these remarks is the disturbing readiness to throw the Chalmers Johnsons of the world into the same pot as those who would vandalize a Buddhist temple or commit hate crimes against people of Japanese descent. The concept of Japan-bashing has been manipulated to invalidate those Americans who have run against politically correct concepts of U.S.-Japan affairs.

To set the record straight, Michael Crichton's message in *Rising Sun* is that a healthy, long-term U.S.-Japan relationship is impossible if the United States is perpetually weak and dependent on Japan. The Japanese have been telling their Ameri-

can counterparts for more than a decade of the importance of correcting huge government deficits, promoting savings, inspiring corporations to think long-term, and investing more in basic research. Crichton, a pop-culture revisionist, agrees and argues that we must recognize the cause of American decline and learn lessons from Japan's success. We must then adjust ourselves and reemerge in a position of strength, or at minimum, healthy mutual dependence. As Crichton writes: "The Japanese are not our saviors. They are our competitors. We should not forget it." While politically correct Japan handlers view these lines as anti-Japanese, those with enlightened perspective sense that his view is healthy, based in competitive spirit, good for both nations, and at least what we used to believe was the American way.

What is essential to resolving many of the difficulties troubling the U.S.-Japan relationship is to obliterate the term "Japan-basher" from our lexicon. Let racists be described as what they are, and give critics the attention that the relationship deserves. Uncensored candor is what both nations need now. Rather than serving as instruments of thought control on U.S.-Japan affairs, defenders of the faith like Japan America societies, academics, businesspeople and others intimate with Japan should promote new questions and perspectives about U.S.-Japan relations. Political correctness only keeps us from hearing the wake-up call that Crichton has issued and keeps Americans shrouded in ignorance. ☐

Guest editorial

Avoiding Another Pacific War

The trade imbalance continues to be a focus of resentment between the U.S. and Japan. An economist for the Nihon Keizai Shimbun argues in this editorial that Japan must endorse the free-trade system and make common cause with the U.S. on human rights and democratic changes in East Asia. Partnership, not confrontation, must be Tokyo's goal.

By NAOKI TANAKA, economist

From Washington's perspective, Japan seems to be masterminding a regional plot to dominate world markets at the expense of American jobs and living standards. Not content to run up a huge surplus with the United States, this country has also unleashed other Asian "tigers" to prey on American markets. While their exports intensify U.S. trade woes, Japan rings up

additional sales to its Asian disciples.

Brisk growth in Asia's rapidly industrializing economies has expanded their trade with Japan. In 1980, 22% of Japan's exports went to Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan and the member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)—Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

In a few years' time, East Asia is likely to absorb a third of Japan's total export volume. Meanwhile, the share sold to the U.S. market has been dwindling—from 39 percent in 1986 to 31 percent in 1990.

Reflecting this shift, more Japanese politicians and pundits have called for a reordering of Tokyo's policy priorities. Such rhetoric is sure to arouse American alarm and suspicion.

In the long run, ASEAN may well prove more effective than the European Commu-

nity in bringing cohesion and order to an ethnically diverse area. Meanwhile, Washington has steadily lost clout in the region.

Washington has used foreign aid to prop up allies in key trouble spots. A frequent result of this strategy is that as Japanese influence swells, the American presence recedes. Despite this pattern, Japan's sudden rise to preeminence in East Asia seems to have caught the United States offguard.

Japan aroused American wrath in 1941 by attempting to impose its own order on a politically and economically immature East Asia. Today, the Bush administration watches with apprehension as an increasingly strong and mature East Asia willingly strengthens ties with Japan, leaving the United States out in the cold.

Faced with the prospect of a plummeting standard of living, Americans are susceptible to demagoguery. Rabble-rousers can

find all the evidence they need in East Asia to concoct a Japanese conspiracy to impoverish America.

Japan must head off a U.S. backlash by demonstrating in concrete terms, through major concessions, its support for the free trade.

The Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) is a crucial test of Tokyo's commitment. Washington has offered to liberalize imports of sugar and peanuts, currently covered by GATT waiver clauses. Japan must respond by agreeing to partial opening of its rice market. ☐

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was paid \$390,000 a year.

SPORTS

● **Nicole Okino, 19**, 5 ft.-2 freshman at University of Hawaii, Manoa, upset the two top seeds in the recent NCAA judo championships at Texas A&M to win a gold medal and the 106-pound title. With no judo team at UH, Okino has been a student of the sport for the past eight years at Shobukan Judo Club, under the eye of its head instructor **Lloyd Migita**, whom she credits for much of her success that includes six junior national titles.

● Gymnast **Richard Ikeda, 17**, recently won the British Columbia junior men's competition and was headed for the nationals at Laval, Quebec.

● Internationally recognized judo coach and San Jose State associate professor **Yosh Uchida** was recently honored at the University's annual Tower Award dinner for distinguished service to the university, which dates from 1946, while a senior in biological sciences, when he coached the SJSU judo team. He coached the U.S. Olympic judo team for the 1964 Tokyo Games, has mentored 10 Olympians including two silver medalists and two Olympic coaches. SJSU teams have won 27 NCAA tournaments. In 1986, he was decorated by Japan with the Order of Sacred Treasure; by the National Council of Christians and Jews with Martin Luther King Jr. Good Neighbor Award and by national JACL with its "Nisei of the Biennium" silver medallion.

COMMUNITY

● The Southern California Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Glendale, honored **Yukiyasu Togo**, board chairman of Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc., for his support of MS campaigns and as a leader among corporate philanthropists at a recent "dinner of champions" event in Beverly Hills.

● As part of the 100-year history of volunteerism, the Family Service of Greater Saint Paul, Minn., designated its top award to recognize direct service volunteers, the **Ruth Tanbara Diamond Award**, which was recently presented to a volunteer, Sylvia Carty, who has donated more than 900 hours providing information and referrals. Tanbara, a long-time Twin Cities JACler and Family Service board member, and her husband Earl moved to St. Paul in 1942, to assist evacuee families.

● Remnants of the two Manzanar Camp's entrance guard shacks in need of repair—the roof was in disrepair, the interior reeked of urine, the doors and windows were long gone. In late May, **John Cox, 16**, of Northridge led a group of 20 Scouts from Troop 99, their parents and National Park Service employees for a weekend camping trip to patch the roof, clean out the interior, nail plywood to the doors and plastic sheets in the windows and clean-up the camp area as a community service for his Eagle Scout badge. Besides the cemetery cenotaph, the auditorium being used by the Inyo County road maintenance crew is the only other building standing since the camp was closed in October, 1945.

BUSINESS

● Recently elected president of the Asian Business League of San Francisco, **Cynthia Futa Maslanik**, president/managing director of Hemisphere Marketing, San Francisco, received the 1992 Small Business of the Year award for her company, in the category of 25 employees or less, on its financial performance, unique nature of business and contribution to the

community. A full-service advertising and marketing firm dealing with the Pacific Rim, the company began in 1986 and now has billings in the seven-figure range. Clients include the *Asian Wall Street Journal Weekly*, United Nations, McGraw-Hill, the Canadian government and Institutional Investor. She is the Sansei daughter of the **Tom Futas** of Cheyenne, Wyo.

● Making the Circle of Achievement at the *Sacramento Bee* were two Nikkei employees among the 21 for outstanding performances this year: **Randall Ishida**, circulation for the past five years; and **Debbie Shizuko Cunningham**, city home delivery. Award includes a \$250 check, certificate and a set of etched C of A glasses.

● The Manhattan Japanese clothing store on Fifth Avenue near 20th St., **Matsuda, USA Inc.**, was used as a site of the Paramount film, "Boomerang," where Eddie Murphy and two other black actors enter the store and are treated shabbily by a white salesman who assumes they can't afford the merchandise. The Matsuda executives, after reading the script, agreed to the filming: "We pride ourselves on the ethnic diversity of staff and clientele. We are aware that the sort of discrimination portrayed in the scene is a contemporary issue in America. With our participation in this project, we are recognizing and raising the awareness of this problem," the *New York Times* reported.

GOVERNMENT

● **Clayton S. Fong** is the new White House deputy assistant for public liaison, coming from a year-long stint at Health and Human Services, where he was deputy director for consumer affairs. Fong previously served the White House as deputy associate director of presidential personnel (1989-1991).

● **Dr. Terry Yamauchi, 50**, of Little Rock, recently resigned as the director of Arkansas Department of Human Services after 29 months on the job. The Sansei surgeon said he will pursue other career opportunities. ☐

TABOOS

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timated at 10%, which is par with the mainstream population. Hiraga indicated that cities such as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco have each seen nearly 75 to 85 full blown AIDS victims who are Asian American.

Hiraga devotes full time energies to assisting those who are HIV-positive. He provides information, assistance in organizing support groups for homosexuals, lectures and writes. He also assists the heterosexual community to better understand gays, lesbians, and bisexuals who want to be accepted with the same love and care all human beings need and want.

Ten years ago, many would agree that this kind of discussion would not have happened at a JACL event, but this event showed that times have changed.

The openness of Vicki and Martin helped members better understand and perhaps lend support to gays, lesbians, and bisexuals.

Each member of the panel, including Mrs. Taniwaki, made a special plea for assistance to the Japanese American homosexuals.

A pamphlet is available to any interested reader who wants to learn more about and have a better understanding of the homosexual community. "Can We Understand?"—a guide for parents prepared by the New York City Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—costs \$1 (or 10 copies for \$5), by writing to PFLAG Family and Chapter Support Office, P.O. Box 27605, Washington, D.C. 20038. ☐

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Obituaries

Abiko, Sada, 98, Los Angeles, March 24; Shizuoka-born, survived by daughter Yorko Julia Abiko.

Aoki, Michio M, 70, Salt Lake City, May 13 in Torrance, survived by wife Ruth, son Wayne, daughter Sharon Carmichael (Barbados, BWI), grandchild, sisters Yoshiko Maruyama, Hisako Kumagai, Kiyo Tomomatsu, Carol Labaune.

Chapple, Gene, 72, Cool, Calif., June 1; longtime Placer County JACLer, retired U.S. Congressman (R), state Assemblyman, and El Dorado County supervisor.

Edeguchi, Tsuneo, 90, Santa Monica, June 16; Japan-born, survived by sons Mike, Torao, daughters Dorothy Kusaba, Chiyo Nakagawa, 7 gc., 1 great-gc.

Fujikawa, Dr. Fred Y, 81, Seal Beach, May 25; San Francisco-born thoracic surgeon, longtime JACL 1000er who maintained an active practice prewar in Terminal Island, postwar in Los Angeles and Long Beach, survived by wife Alice, son Denon, Ronald (Santa Monica), daughter Carol Hammer, 4 gc., sister Gyo (New York).

Fujikawa, Yasu, 94, Clovis, April 28; Hiroshima-born, survived by her son Kunito.

Fukiage, Harry S., 71, Ontario, Ore., May 23; Yakima-born WWII MIS veteran, farmed with brothers in Vale area until his retirement in 1987, treasurer of Malheur Onion Growers Association for several years; survived by wife Audrey (Okamoto), 2 brothers Shoji, Ken (Vale), 4 sisters Mitsu Fujihira (Roslyn, NY), Fumi Mita (Payette), Sachie Tanaka (Cleveland - brother-in-law Henry, National JACL president 1972-74), Fuki Motoyama (Hempstead, NY).

Fujiu, Rev. Victor T, Chicago, April 5 (funeral); Methodist preacher, survived by wife Kiyoko, son David, Jonathan, daughter Jean, father Torazo, brother Hobi, sister Miyeko Takaya.

Hara, Ito, 86, Hayward, April 23; Fukuoka-born, survived by sons Bill, Kay, Mike, Greg, daughter Rose Nakamura, Betty Sato, Vivian Hersh, Jackie Hara, son-in-law Susumu Matsumoto, gc. and great-gc.

Hirata, Shingo E, Spokane, May 18; Seattle-born, survived by wife Motoko, daughter Lynora (Seattle), sister Michi Sakai, brother Sam.

Horiuchi, Seiji, 67, Brighton, Colo., April 12 from automobile accident March 18 at I-25 and 130th St., Denver; Auburn, Wash.-born but came to Adams County when a year old, Colorado House representative (R) in the

'60s, active in Junior Chamber of Commerce; survived by wife Kay, sons Paul (Laguna Beach, Calif.), John, James (Honolulu), brothers Shogo, Kenzo, Eigo (all of Brighton), Takenobu (Westminster), sisters Mitsu Stokely (San Pablo), Hisa Horiuchi (Aurora), Yaeko Kishiyama (Aurora), grandchildren.

Ide, Sada Abe, 92, Arlington, Va., May 29 of cancer; naturalized U.S. citizen (1954), Tokyo-born artist, designer; was the first woman postmaster in Kyushu, Japan, prewar resident in Vancouver, B.C., Los Angeles, evacuated to Gila River, postwar in Chicago, New York City and Washington, among first ten recipients of redress at a Justice Dept. ceremony in October 1990; survived by daughter Hiro (Washington), son Jun Thomas (New York). A painting of her, "Sada Memories: Thoughts on Justice," by her artist daughter was added last February to the Smithsonian Institution's exhibition, "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution." Memorial contributions: 1900 S. Eads St., #1214, Arlington, VA 22202.

Igarashi, Chie, 90, San Francisco, May 29; Nagano-born, survived by sons James K, Joe K, daughter Mary S Okada, 2 gc.

Ikedo, Harry I., 88, San Mateo, April 20; Fukuoka-born, survived by wife Kimie, sons Tsuneo, Shoji, 5 gc.

Ikenaga, Tetsu, 87, Venice, June 23; Kumamoto-born, survived by daughter Kazuko Asao, 2 gc., 2 great-gc.

Iriki, Nori, 90, Berkeley, April 11; Kagoshima-born, survived by daughter Keiko, grandson, predeceased by husband Masaichi and daughter Yuri Ogi.

Kamidori, Bob Sueo, 71, Torrance, June 29; Stockton-born WWII veteran, survived by son Bob Jr., daughters Sachiko Cedarstaff, Shizue Sanders, Chiyo Sauga, 3 gc., brothers Tadaji (Stockton), Tadaso, George (Michigan), sisters Chiyoko Kawamoto (Stockton), Shizuko Kishida (Lodi), Doris Oda, Mary Kamidori, Jean Ushiro, Joyce Shinoda (latter 4 of Michigan).

Kagawa, Kumakichi, 102, Lodi, March 10; survived by sons William, George, daughter Grace Nakagiri, 3 gc., 4 great-gc.

Kajikami, Minoru, 86, San Mateo, March 16; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Terumi, son Kunio, daughter Grace Kato.

Kasai, Umeyo, 92, Fremont, March 13; Hiroshima-born, survived by her 3 sons Fred, Tokio, Haruo, 6 daughters Asano Kuwatani, Aiko Oshima, Masako Miyakado, Hanako Kamada, Sasako Mayeda, Mitsuko Chinn.

Kawagoye, Ryu, 99, Los Angeles, June

7; Kagoshima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by grandson Aye Kawagoye, granddaughter Arlene Mataga (Lodi), two great-gc.

Kato, Florence N, Los Angeles, July 2 (service); Bakersfield-born survived by 6 sisters Ruth Munn, Lola Okazaki, Marlee Kametani, Gladys Kuwahara (Bakersfield), Lily Nunokawa (Chicago), Dorothy Nakagawa (Richmond), stepchildren Takashi Tsuji, Kazuo Fujii (Jpn).

Kikumoto, Sato, 91, Los Angeles, May 28; Yamaguchi-born, survived by sons Sam, daughter Fumiko Takeyama, 9 gc., 13 great-gc.

Kikuno, Kiwa, 99, Torrance, June 28; Kagoshima-born, survived by son Mamoru, daughter Masako J Nakatani, 6 gc., 5 great-gc., 2 great great-gc.

Kishi, Roy T., 89, Sacramento, May 11; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Helen, sons Richard, Dr. Donald, sisters Kiyoko Ogawa, Fujiu Tokoritsu (both Jpn).

Kishi, Tadashi R, 89, Sacramento, May 11; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Helen, sons Masami, Dr. Takeo D., gc., sisters Kiyoko Ogawa, Fujiu Tokoritsu (both Jpn).

Kishimoto, Toyojiro H, 91, Los Angeles, June 28; Fukuoka-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by wife Hiroko, sons David, Eddie, Victor, daughter Chiyeko Suo, 4 gc.

Kishimura, Hayame, 89, Gilroy, May 20; Hawaii-born, survived by sons George, Bob, daughters Evelyn Nakata, Emy, gc. and great-gc.

Kimura, Kikuno, 88, Chicago, March 18; Japan-born, survived by sons Lloyd, Mike, daughters Noriko Kato, Kazuo Fukumoto, 8 grandchildren.

Kumai, Hiro B, 74, Los Angeles, May 19; Seattle-born, survived by wife Yui, daughters Claudia Scott K. (Seattle), Emily Erickson K., 3 gc., sisters Toshi, Kay Mikami (Pleasanton), Toki Nitta.

Matsuda, Tsune, 94, Sebastopol, April 13; Yamaguchi-born, survived by son Minoru, daughter Tamie, 3 grandchildren.

Matsumoto, Fred M, 79, Los Angeles, May 11; Hollywood-born Little Tokyo businessman, survived by wife Kaoru, sons Douglas, Craig (Hawaii), John, daughter Barbara Sullivan, 8 gc., sisters Alma Watanabe (Hawaii), Yoshiko Kishi.

Matsumoto, Kawai, 94, Los Angeles, April 15; Hiroshima-born, survived by daughters Alice Yae Mizuno, Lily Chiye Nomura, 7 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, sister Kiyoko Sawahara (Jpn), brother Yuzo Arai (Jpn).

Mihara, Roy A, 71, Seattle, April 4; survived by wife Mitsuye, son Darrell, James, Richard, daughters Kathleen Cox, Patricia Utsunomiya, Betty Ann Prapasinkul, Mary Ann Damper, 11 gc., brother George (Texas).

Minami, Shizue, 76, Santa Maria, March 22; Guadalupine pioneer, survived by sons Yaichiro, Ya, Yasaburo, Kunihiko, daughters Namie Henmi, Sakae Fujii, grandchildren, sisters Eiko Tani, Mienko Kato.

Miura, Haruko Mary, 86, Los Angeles, April 11; Yokohama-born, survived by son Kenneth, daughter Yoshiko Suzuki, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandson.

Miyamoto, Takeo, 87, Loomis, March 15; Kumamoto-born, survived by his sons Tamotsu, Kenichi, daughters Yukiko Kashiwabara, Sumiko Koizaku, 7 gc., 11 great-gc., 1 great-great-gc.

Nakagiri, Mitsuyuki, 77, Culver City, April 29; Los Angeles-born Venice community leader, survived by wife Hisaye, sons Daniel, Thomas, daughters Elaine McCarthy, Karen Eguchi, 4 gc., 4 brothers Takao, Shigemi, Masaaki, Masaru, 6 sisters Yaeko Ishioka, Jean Waki, Betty Kato, Margie Morikawa, Jane Shintani, June Akioka.

Nakamura, A. Akira, 68, Los Angeles, May 26; Los Angeles-born, survived by mother Hisaye, brothers Dr. Robert, Rev. Hisahiro Nakatsumi, sister Mitsuko Sankey; father Gongo predeceased.

Naito, Masako, 88, Arcadia, May 30; Hawaii-born, survived by son Frank, daughters Dorothy Katayama, Sally Yamamoto, 5 gc., 2 great-gc.

Nakatani, Haruko, 88, Sacramento, April

14; survived by son Roy, 5 daughters Jean Yego, Esther Bunya, Betty Ozaki, Donna Okamoto, Doris Kuroko, 15 gc., sisters Misao Tanaka (Jpn), Yoshie Iwasaki, brother George, sister-in-law Yoshiko Takagi.

Nakashima, Jinpachi, 92, Torrance, April 19; Kumamoto-born, survived by sons Jason, Jerry, daughter Sachiko Akasaki (Hawaii), 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, sister Haruko Kimura (Hawaii).

Natsuhara, Kane, 91, Sacramento, March 25; Shiga-born, survived by her son Gichi, daughter Sue Ogata, 9 grandchildren, 3 great-gc., son-in-law Henry Natsuhara.

Nishimura, Asao, 96, Los Gatos, March 11; Hiroshima-born, survived by her son Joe, daughters Haruko Kawasaki, Fumie Fujiwara, Hideko Morishita, 15 gc., 17 great-gc.

Okada, Kise Y, 88, West Covina, May 18; Hiroshima-born, survived by daughters Lillian Ito, Emiko Kusano, Yukiko Okada, Terumi Wilson.

Okamoto, Paula Wachter, 70, Bethesda, Md., May 20; Munich-born Voice of America broadcaster and assistant to her late husband White House photographer Yoichi Okamoto (who predeceased her in 1985) for Lyndon B. Johnson.

Okazaki, Edward Yukio, Salt Lake City, March 20; Hawaii-born 442nd veteran, graduate in social work from University of Hawaii and University of Utah, Mt. Olympus JACLer, president of Japan Okinawa and Japan Central LDS Mission, regional representative of Quorum of Twelve to Japan and Taiwan, associate regional commissioner of HEW Administration on Aging, asst. regional director of HEW Office of Human Development, first director of Utah State Commission on Aging; survived by wife Chieko and family.

Osa, Koyono, 91, Los Angeles, March 9; Hiroshima-born, survived by 4 sons Kazuo, Masakazu, Shigeru, Hiromi, daughter Chiyoko Yamaguchi, 8 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren.

Sase, Ichi H, 93, Monterey Park, May 27; Fukushima-born, survived by sons Thomas Hanami, Hugo and Richard Sase, daughter Yuriko Sugita (Tokyo), 12 gc., 6 great-gc.

Shibuya, Takeshi, Seattle, April 8; WWII veteran (Co. B, 100th), active Seattle Bowling Assn. officer and bowler, survived by wife Alice, sons Dr. Grant (Renton), Jonathan, daughter Janet, 1 granddaughter, brothers Mas, Tad, Henry (Redmond), sister Chieko Shinagawa (Hanford, Calif.).

Shoji, Teruo T, 72, Laguna Hills, April 16; Upland-born WWII veteran and former San Fernando Valleyite, survived by wife Bernice T., sons Dr. Kent, Dr. Brent (Boston), daughter Janis Sakamoto (Orange), 7 grandchildren, brothers Carl (Upland), Hare Muguruma, Clark Shoji (both Jpn), sisters Kimiko Yano, Chiina Muguruma, Mariko Hida (all Jpn).

Sugimoto, Mitsuye, 91, Gardena, May 20; Fukuoka-born, survived by son Kazuo F., daughters Tayeko Torio, Emiko Nishio, Chieko Morinaka, 8 gc., 3 great-gc.

Sugimoto, Roy, Ph.D., 75, Houston, Tex., April 15; Los Angeles-born WWII veteran, doctorate in organic chemistry (Purdue), internationally recognized in fuel additives research, member: American Chemical Society (emeritus), Sigma Xi, Society of Automotive Engineers; survived by wife Katherine, son David (Austin), daughters Carol Zimmerman, Nancy Peters (Southfield, Mich.), sisters Rika Gurkey, Yori Morioka, brothers, Shinji and Mas (in Calif.) Memorial gifts to: JACL Legacy Fund, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115, or Purdue University Dept. of Chemistry, West Lafayette, IN 47907.

Tamizato, Tom S, 91, Los Angeles, May 27; Kumamoto-born, survived by wife Shigeko, sons Ted, Ken (Sacramento), daughter Jeanne, 1 gc.

Takagi, Haruko, 98, Chicago, Feb. 13; Nagano-born, survived by daughters Aiko, Sachi Suzuki, Lily Aono, 7 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren.

Tamura, Mitsuyo, 90, Park Ridge, Ill., Feb. 12; survived by sons Walter, daughters Nobuko, Marianne, Claire Sugimoto.

Tanaka, Takeyo, 93, Denver, April 27 (service), Japan-born prewar Rock Springs, Wyo., pioneer; survived by son Takayuki, daughter Satchiko Nakazono, Riya Nakazono, 12 gc., 16 great-gc.

Taniguchi, Ichitaro G, 89, Santa Maria, March 10; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Tamae, sons Mitsuo, Sumio, daughter Michiko Nishino, gc. and great-gc., sister Hane Yoshida (Jpn).

Tsujikawa, Miyo, 92, Seattle, March 26; survived by sons George, Ben, daughters Grace Boyd, Ida Zondrow-Konrad (Sacramento), 5 gc.

Tashima, Chiyoko, 72, Los Angeles, April 23; Brawley-born, first Nisei woman to bowl 300-game, survived by husband Roy T., daughter Terri Lynn Stolp, brother George Sugimoto, sisters Tsunako Tanda, Misao Inana.

Terazawa, Yukino, 98, Oakley, Calif., March 2; Yamaguchi-born, survived by her sons Tokio, Yoshio, daughters Mieko Kanagaki, Kikue Tagawa, Fusaye, gc. and great-gc.

Yoshii, Miki, 96, Los Angeles, March 2; Okayama-born, survived by son Shigehisa, daughters Mitsuko Matsushita, Mariko, Chieko Nakamura, Sachiko Kawasaki, 11 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren.

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