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. Lillian Baker undermines Tacoma Day of Remembrance

By GWEN MURANAKA Assistant editor

TACOMA, Wash.—In an attempt to disrupt Day of Remembrance activities at the University of Puget Sound, Lillian opponent of redress, recently conducted a letter-writing campaign pressuring one of the corporate sponsors to withdraw its support.

In a letter to the company, Baker called the internment a "complete misnomer," saying, "the only Japanese Americans 'interned' were those who RENOUNCED their birthright, American citizenship."

Other letters sent to the corporation allege that the event is an "anti-America project" and that redress money is something "that they do not have coming." Another Baker, the Gardena, Calif. -based letter cited a statistic about the number of American POW's who survived Japanese POW camps and said, "We remember and we will not forget."

Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, reacting strongly to Baker's latest actions, said, "It is disturbing that Lillian Baker and others find it necessary to resort to threats and lies to silence public discussions of the internment. It certainly raises questions about her credibility. This smear campaign being undertaken in Seattle is completely reprehensible."

University of Puget Sound, (UPS) together with JACL, is scheduled to have a number of activities Feb. 17-19 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 including a jazz concert, opening program with Gordon Hirabayashi, and a series of lectures with Miyo Uchiyama, Robert Mizukami, Bill Marutani, and Prof. Ronald Takaki.

The corporation in question pulled out as a sponsor of the UPS program although a spokesman for the sponsor speaking to the Seattle Times said that the letters had no effect on their decision, rather the company didn't want to draw attention away from the event itself.

Roger Shimizu, acting regional director of the Pacific Northwest district of JACL, said that the corporation had long standing support of the Japanese American community, which has been sup-

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ROBERT MIZUKAMI Trying to ignore her

JACL involved with Mariner baseball issue

SAN FRANCISCO—Addressing opposition to the purchase of the Seattle Mariners by Nintendo, JACL called for a meeting with Major League Baseball Commissioner Faye Vincent.

The call came in a letter sent to Vincent by JACL National Director Dennis Hayashi and National President Cressey Nakagawa on Feb. 6. In the letter, Hayashi refutes Vincent's opposition to Nintendo's bid because of a ban on foreign ownership of major league franchises.

"We are concerned that a racial double standard exists when judging transactions involving Japan, or other countries from Asia. We must ask why the issue of foreign ownership is being raised now, when Canada has two baseball teams," said Hayashi.

Citing a "racial double standard," the letter went on saying, "It appears that the basis for opposition now is premised on race."

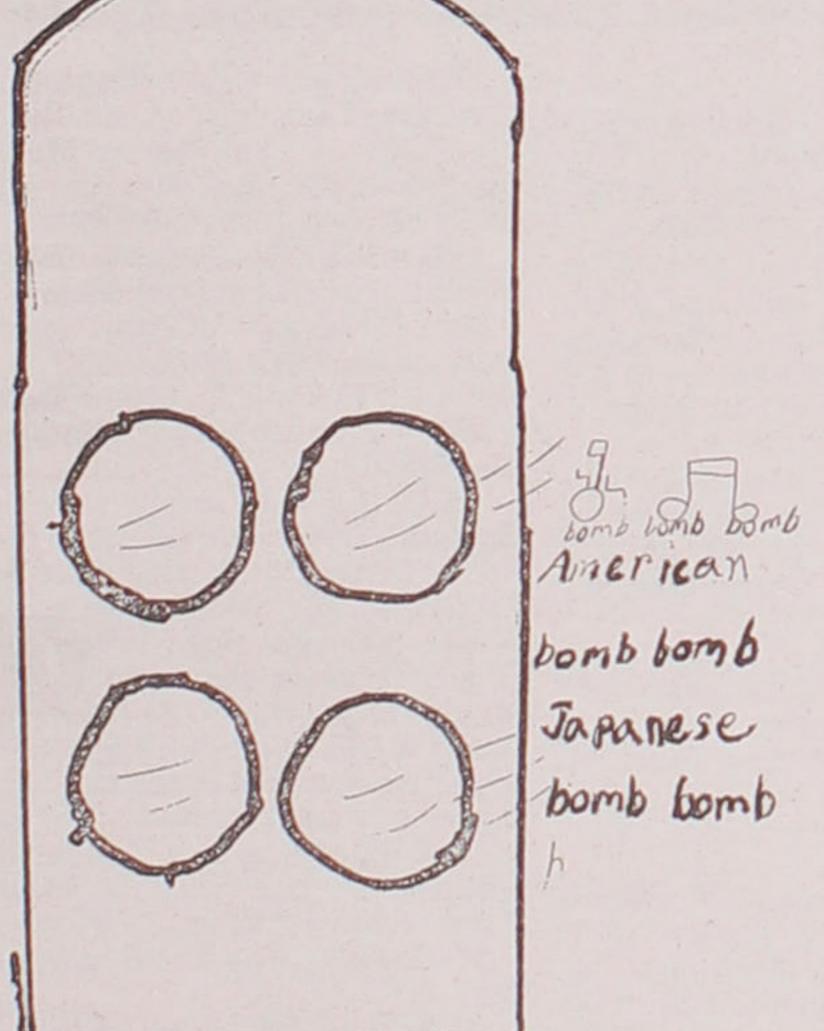
The \$125 million bid for the Seattle Mariners by the Japanese video game company would, if accepted, keep the Mariners in Seattle. But the bid has had opposition from Major League Baseball Commissioner Faye Vincent.

In an article in the Seattle Times, Vincent is quoted calling baseball a matter of "national trust." "We don't believe baseball should lightly view control of baseball franchises who may not understand, or who may not be sensitive about what is unique about baseball," said the baseball commissioner.

Calling for a meeting with Vincent, JACL said, "We do not believe that baseball, which is played in virtually every country, is well served by a restrictive ownership policy perceived to be a response to a growing tide of resentment against Japan, and secondarily, Americans of Japanese ancestry."

Contract to Americans





KID ART—Examples from a Los Angeles area school project asking children to write on a 'Buy America' theme.

Buy America controversy draws in school children By GWEN MURANAKA

Assistant editor LOS ANGELES-How is the recent flare-up in U.S.-Japan relations seen through a child's eyes? The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC) decided Jan. 22 to rescind the Sumitomo contract amid complaints that the American company, Morrison-Knudsen, came in with a lower bid. While the LACTC was deciding in January on whether to cancel the Metro Green Line contract with Sumitomo Corp., a sixth grade class wrote and sent letters to County Supervisor Gloria Molina, urging her to vote in favor of the American com-

Dated Jan. 6, many of the pictures depict positive images, including one showing a factory bustling with workers. In some of the letters the students urged the supervisor to reconsider, saying "American workers have excellent skills." But a number of the drawings reflect recent anti-Japanese sentiment common in the mainstream media. One drawing is of a person kicking someone with the caption "Japanesses (sic) 'no' " and two people holding a piece of paper with the caption "Americans 'yes.'

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L.A. proposal: 'Buy America'

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles City Council ordered the drafting of a City Charter amendment on Wednesday which would allow the city to give domestic firms bid preference on local contracts. Recommended by City Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky, the amendment would also establish a minimum domestic content requirement for city purchases and prohibit bidding specifications that favor foreign firms.

Yaroslavsky's proposal comes after the Los Angeles County Transportion Commission's decision to rescind its \$128 million contract with Sumitomo Corp. of America who would have built the driverless cars for the Metro Green Line. With the unemployment rate at 8.3 percent in Los Angeles County, the council's aim of the proposal is to encourage businesses to stay or locate in California by offering favored status on city projects.

However, a report by the city administrative officer cautioned that while the amendment may provide jobs, it must be balanced by the cost to implement additional procurement requirements of the proposal. For example, the amendment may necessitate for increased staffing to determine whether preferred bids would conflict with exisiting policies governing procurement of goods and services. This in turn, may result in costly delays.

Japanese car dealers in El Paso threatened

EL PASO-Striking a high noon attitude, General Crawford, a Buick GMC Truck dealer in El Paso Texas, said to Japanese car and truck dealers, "Y'all have until Wednesday, Jan. 29 to cease and desist the practice of selling Japanese Cars and Trucks in El Paso County, U.S.A."

The ad appeared in the Jan. 26 issue of the El Paso Times. Crawford continued his belligerant tone saying, "Failure to heed this warning will result in a declaration of war. Our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger. You are costing us valuable jobs and economic growth."

A PC reader, who recently moved to El Paso, was appalled by the "gross display of racism" and was amazed "that in this age of our melting-pot society we still cannot live together as Americans.



Remembering a Nisei pioneer

George Togasaki, who dedicated himself toward toward working for better world relations, dies at 96. PC columnist Bill Hosokawa recalls his life and careerpage 4

Utah chapter anticipates hate crime bill

Staff and JACL reports

The Salt Lake City Chapter, JACL, is waiting and watching in anticipation of the passage of a hate crimes bill in Utah, according to chapter official Jeff Itami.

"It's on the floor now," Itami said. The pressure is on now. It's a watered down bill, but we feel it's likely to pass. The bill has been going on since last narrow base last year." October."

The original HB 111 bill, authored by Utah state representative Frank R. Pignanelli, Democratic Minority House leader, was defeated in the 1990-91 legislative session.

"After that, we contacted Frank," Itami said. "We wanted him to know the Asian community was interested in a hate crimes bill. The bill had a

By the fall of last year, minority

groups were meeting to discuss the bill. The biggest issue, however, was inclusion of a "sexual orientation" part of the bill that referred to the gay community. Many observers believed that the strong Latter Day Saints community, which does not recognize gays, would attempt to block passage of the

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Calendar

Colorado

Denver

Aug. 3-8, 1992—JACL's 32nd Biennial National Convention, "JACL: Solid as the Rockies," Denver. Information: 303/892-6003.

Brighton

Through Mar. 31—"Kenjiro Nomura: An Artist's View of the Japanese American Internment," will be at the Adams County Historical Society in Brighton. Catalog available. Information: Patricia Erger 303/659-7103.

Utah

Salt Lake City

Saturday, March 21-Annual meeting of the National JACL Credit Union, 999 South Main, Salt Lake City, 6 p.m., cocktails, dinner, 6:30 p.m. Business meeting and elections. Tickets: \$10, advanced reservations, members; \$12, non-members; \$15 at the door. Information:801/355-8040;800/ 544-8828.

Arizona

Phoenix

Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 22-23-MATSURI-A Festival of Japan, Heritage Square, 11 am-4:30 pm, 7th St. and Monroe. Arts and crafts, food and performances. Free admission. Information: 602/534-3751.

Friday-Saturday, May 15-17, 53rd Infantry Association's 32nd annual reunion, Safari Resort, Scottsdale. Information: Joe Allman, 602/942-2832.

California

San Francisco Area

Saturday, Feb. 15-Day of

Phoenix festival

Japan Week 92, Saturday, Feb. 22 through Friday, March 6, series of trade, cultural, and sports event promoting the economic and cultural ties between Phoenix and Japan, Phoenix metropolitan area. Information: 602/534-3751.

Remembrance, sponsored by National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, 2-4 p.m., Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter St., San Francisco. Speakers: Rep. Norm Mineta, ORA official; entertainment, exhibits. Information: 415/922-1534.

Sunday, Feb. 16-Peninsula Widowed Group meeting; speaker: Noell Kubota on "Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care; 2 p.m., San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 South Claremont St., San Mateo. Information: 415/343-2793.

Saturday, Feb. 29-Crab and Spaghetti feast, Sequoia Chapter, JACL, 5 to 8 p.m., Palo Alto Buddhist Hall Gym, 2751 Louis Road, Pal Alto. Donation: \$15. Information: Tats Hori, 415/948-6575; Al Nakai, 415/322-6125; Aki Yamamoto, 415/965-0671.

Sunday, Mar. 1—The Nisei Widowed Group will hold its monthly meeting 2-4 pm. New members welcome. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung (S.F.) 415/221-0268 or Yuri Moriwaki (E.B.) 510/482-3280.

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 4-6—All Topaz 50th Reunion, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Burlingame. Cost: \$100, \$115 for reservations after May 15. Information: Tomi Gyotoku, 826 38th Ave., San Francisco 94121.

San Jose

Friday, Feb. 14-Yu-Ai Kai's Nikkei Forum, 7:30 p.m., at Yu-Ai Kai 565 N. 5th St., San Jose, 95112. Forum will focus on memory loss. Information: 408/ 294-2505.

Fresno

Wednesday, Feb. 19—Dedication of California State Historical Landmark, Fresno District Fairgrounds. Landmark

commemorates Fresno Assembly Center. Program and speakers. Information: Dale Ikeda, 209/226-6484, or Mas Masumoto, 209/834-3648.

Los Angeles

Saturday, Feb. 15-A candlelight memorial tribute to those incarcerated and those who passed away in camp will be held from 5 pm. to 6 pm. at JACCC Plaza. Ceremony will include a procession through Little Tokyo.

Saturday, Feb. 22—Marina JACL is having a garage sale 6141 W. 76th St. L.A. in Westchester, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Information: Alice Mito 310/324-0582.

Thursday, Feb. 27-The Asian Business League of Southern California will be holding its Winter Open House, 6:30 p.m., City Club on Bunker Hill, 333 S. Grand Ave., Ste. 5450, Wells Fargo Center, Los Angeles 90071. Admission \$6 members, \$10 non-members. Information: Naomi Kuromoto 213/626-5837 or Bridget Chi 213/380-1389.

Saturday, March 7—E. San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center presents its 4th annual Spring Fling benefit dance, 7:30 p.m., E. San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina. Door prizes. Donation: \$10. Information: 818/960-2566 between 9 a.m.-noon Tues.-Fri. for table reservations (10 or more).

Saturday, March 7-Del Amo Optimist Club's Las Vegas Night, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Nisei Veterans Memorial Post 1961, 1964 W. 162nd St. (at Gramercy), Gardena. Donation: \$10. Information: 310/326-0540.

Sacramento

Saturday, Feb. 22—9th Annual Crab Feed, 7235 Pritchard Road, Florin Y.B.A. Hall \$20 per person, cocktails, 5 pm. Information: 916/383-1831.

Orange County

Saturday, Feb. 22-Tomo No Kai, Japanese American Club of UC Irvine, 6th annual cultural night, "Bridge to Harmony: A Commemoration of the Fifitieth Anniversary of Japanese American Internment," Crystal Cove Auditorium, UCI Student Center, 7 p.m.Free (parking \$2). Refreshments during intermission. Information: 714/ 854-6240.

Day of Remembrance events

Through Feb. 21

SAN FRANCISCO—Children of Detention Camps 1942-46 (exhibit), City Hall. National Japanese American Historical Society, (415) 431-5007.

Through March 1

LOS ANGELES-Two Views of J.A. Internment, Calif. Historical Society's "EO 9066" and Ansel Adam's "Manzanar," UCLA Wight Art Gallery. Through March 22

LOS ANGELES-Personal Remem-

brances: A Visual Art Exhibit (personal artifacts, camp documents), JACCC Doizaki Gallery, 244 S.San Pedro St., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Through May 30

SACRAMENTO—Continuing Traditions-Japanese Americans: Story of a People 1869-1992; History Museum, Stanford Bldg. Old Sacramento.

Monday, Feb. 17

SEATTLE—University of Puget Sound's DOR Opening Program: Gordon Hirabayashi, speaker, 7 p.m., Kilworth Memorial Chapel.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

SEATTLE—University of Puget Sound's DOR Lectures: Shigeo Wakamatsu '42, Miyo Uchiyama, Robert Mizukami, Judge William Marutani, 4 p.m., Murray Board Room, Student Union; 8 p.m., Prof. Ronald Takaki, keynote speaker, Rasmussen Rotunda.

Tuesday, Feb. 18-Wednesday, Feb.19

RIVERSIDE—DOR programs, UC Riverside campus, 12-1 p.m. (art-photo display, panels), Wed. evening dinner,

Tuesday, Feb. 18-Sunday, Feb.23 DAVIS—Asian Pacific CultureWeek programs, UC Davis campus, 12-1 p.m., 7-9 p.m. (916) 7581975.

Tuesday, Feb. 18-Sunday, March

SAN FRANCISCO—Fifty Years since Infamy (exhibit), San Francisco State University Library, 1600 Holloway St. (415) 338-1693. Wednesday, Feb. 19 CHICAGO—JACL-JASC DOR Pro-

erans, JASC 4427 N. Clark St., 7:30 p.m., (312) 275-7212. DENVER-Mile-Hi JACL D.o.R. Pro-

gram: In Memory of Internees and Vet-

gram, 7 p.m. (placeTBA), (303) 237-3041

FRESNO—State Historical Landmark Dedication Ceremony or Fresno Assembly Center, 12n., Fresno District FairgroundsChance Ave. entrance, (209) 8343648, (209) 226-6484.

ONTARIO, Ore.—Western Treasure Valley Cultural Center groundbreaking, 5 p.m., TVCC John J. Easly Memorial Gymnasium, (503) 889-6493.

SAN DIEGO-E.O. 9066 Program, Poston Internment slidepresentation, UC San Diego.

SEATTLE—University of Puget Sound's DOR seminar: Legal Remedies: Coram Nobis, Redressthrough Legislation and Redressthrough Civil Action, panelists: Rodney Kawakami, Cherry Kinoshita, William Hohri, 4 p.m., Murray Board Room, Student Union; Future of Civil Liberties in the Context of Japanese American Experience: Could It Happen Again?, panelists: Dr. Peter Irons, Peggy Nagai Lum, Prof. Michael McCann; Gordon Hirabayashi, speaker, 7 p.m., Kilworth Memorial Chapel.

Wednesday, Feb. 19-Sunday, Aug.

SEATTLE-E.O. 9066 Exhibit: 50 Years Before and 50 Years After (100year history of Japanese in state of Washington), Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407-7th Ave. South, \$2.50 adm, \$1 students & seniors, 50c children, (206) 623-5124.

Thursday, Feb. 20

WASHINGTON—American Ballet Theatre of Los Angeles performance, "Winter War," story & choreography by Cory-Jeanne Murakami, Baird Auditorium, National Museum of American History, Constitution Ave. at 10th St. NW, 7:30 p.m. (free), (202) 357-2700 voice, 357-1729 TDD.

Friday, Feb. 21-Saturday, Feb. 22 WASHINGTON-Smithsonian Institution symposium, J.A.s and E.O. 9066 - Fifty Years After, (two-days in conjunction with opening of new part of "A More Perfect Union, Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution"), National Museum of American History Carmichael Auditorium, Friday Session I-1:15 p.m., The EO 9066-The Tom American Social Fabric (panelists: Roger Daniels, Yuji Ichioka, William Marutani, Grayce Uyehara), Session II-3:15 p.m., Redress and the Mending Process (panelists: Asst. Atty. Gen. John Dunne, William Hohri, Philip Tajitsu Nash, Amy Iwasaki

Mass), Saturday Session I-10:15 a.m., Still Visible, Still Vulnerable? (panelists: Thomas P. Famer, Dennis Hayashi, Mari Matsuda, Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi), 1:30-4:30 p.m., Films (Anderson/de Graff's "Visible Target, 1986" Visual Communication's "Hito Hata: Raise the Banner, 1980" and Griffin's "Without Due Process, 1990").

Saturday, Feb. 22

LOS ANGELES—Japanese American Interment DOR Program, Camps Film Series: Hito Hata, Conversations Before the War, After the War, Days of Waiting, Manzanar, I Told You So, 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Japan America Theatre, \$7 adm, \$5 group sales, \$3 seniors, students & children; 2 p.m.-UCLA DOR . Opening Ceremonies, Royce Hall (by invitation only), Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, keynote speaker, Claire Kohatsu, student keynote.

Sunday, Feb. 23 NEW YORK-DOR Presentation,

(212) 255-1881.

SALINAS—Central Coast area JACL DORObservance, Capt. Gordon Nakagawa, USN ret., speaker, California Rodeo Ground (site of former Salinas Assembly Center), 1:30 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO—Circle of Fire jazz recital by Mark Izu, Fort Mason Center Theater, Buchanan & Marina, 8 p.m., \$10, (415) 543-0520 information, 885-2790 tickets.

Saturday, Feb. 29

LOS ANGELES-UCLA Nikkei Student Union presentation, "Walking Against the Wind," Wadsworth Theater; dates to be set-presentation of Wakako Yamauchi's play "12-1-A," Interethnic Relations campus program.

Saturday, March 7

LOS ANGELES-Civil Rights Conference, UCLA, Ackerman Union Grand Ballroom, (3 panels: Summary of Redress Movement, Broader Implications of Redress, Theory and Practice in Civil Rights Movements).

Sunday, March 8

OAKLAND-International Implications: A Review of the Japanese Peruvian, Canadian Japanese and Aleut Indian World War II Experiences and Their Struggle for Redress; James Moore Theater, Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St., 1-5 p.m. (415) 431-5007.

Documents of Japanese American History Executive Order 9066

On the 50th anniversary of the proclamation of E.O. 9066, the Pacific Citizen reprints the document for review by P.C. readers today. Over the course of this year, we intend to reprint other historic documents related to the Japanese American experience of World War II.

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A careful reading of E.O. 9066 reveals President Roosevelt's order affecting the lives of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry does not specifically mention Japanese aliens or Japanese Americans.

E.O. 9066 granted discretionary powers to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and all military commanders under him, allowing these officers to eventually single out persons of Japanese ancestry.

The policy decision to have the Army evacuate persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast because of military necessity, however, had been made by Feb. 11, even though the FBI and Naval Intelligence were not in favor of a mass movement of people.

Secretary of War Stimson had phoned President Roosevelt, who agreed. Members of congress from the West Coast were also haranguing through the press for the removal of Japanese.

Here is the text:

Executive Order No. 9066

WHEREAS the successful prosecution of the war requires every possible protection against espionage and against sabotage to national defense material, na-

tional defense premises, and national defense utilities as defined in Section 4, Act of April 20, 1918, 40 Stat. 533, as amended by the Act of November 30, 1940, 54 Stat. 1220, and the Act of August 21, 1941, 55 Stat. 655 (U.S.C., Title 50, Sec. 104):

Now, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, I hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of War, and the Military Commanders whom he may from time to time designate, whenever he or any designated Commander deems such action necessary or desirable, to prescribe military areas in such places and of such extent as he or the appropriate Military Commander may determine, from which any or all persons may be excluded, and with respect to which, the right of any person to enter, remain in, or leave shall be subject to whatever restrictions the Secretary of War or the appropriate Military Commander may impose in his discretion. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized to provide for residents of any such area who are excluded therefrom, such transportation, food, shelter, and other accommodations as may be necessary, in the judgment of the Secretary of War or the said Military Commander, and until other arrangements are made, to accomplish the purpose of this order. The designation of military areas in any region or locality shall supersede designations of prohibited and restricted areas by the Attorney General under the Proclamations of December 7 and 8, 1941, and shall supersede

the responsibility and authority of the Attorney General under the said Proclamations in respect of such prohibited and restricted

I hereby further authorize and direct the Secretary of War and the said Military Commanders to take such other steps as he or the appropriate Military Commander may deem advisable to enforce compliance with the restrictions applicable to each Military area hereinabove authorized to be designated, including the use of Federal troops and other Federal Agencies, with authority to accept assistance of state and local agencies.

I hereby further authorize and direct all Executive Departments, independent establishments and other Federal Agencies, to assist the Secretary of War or the said Mllitary Commanders in carrying out this Executive Order, including the furnishing of medical aid, hospitalization, food, clothing, transportation, use of land, shelter, and other supplies, equipment, utilities, facilities, and services.

This order shall not be construed as modifying or limiting in any way the authority heretofore granted under Executive Order No. 8972, dated December 12, 1941, nor shall it be construed as limiting or modifying the duty and responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with respect to the investigation of alleged acts of sabotage or the duty and responsibility of the Attorney General and the Department of Justice under the Proclamations of

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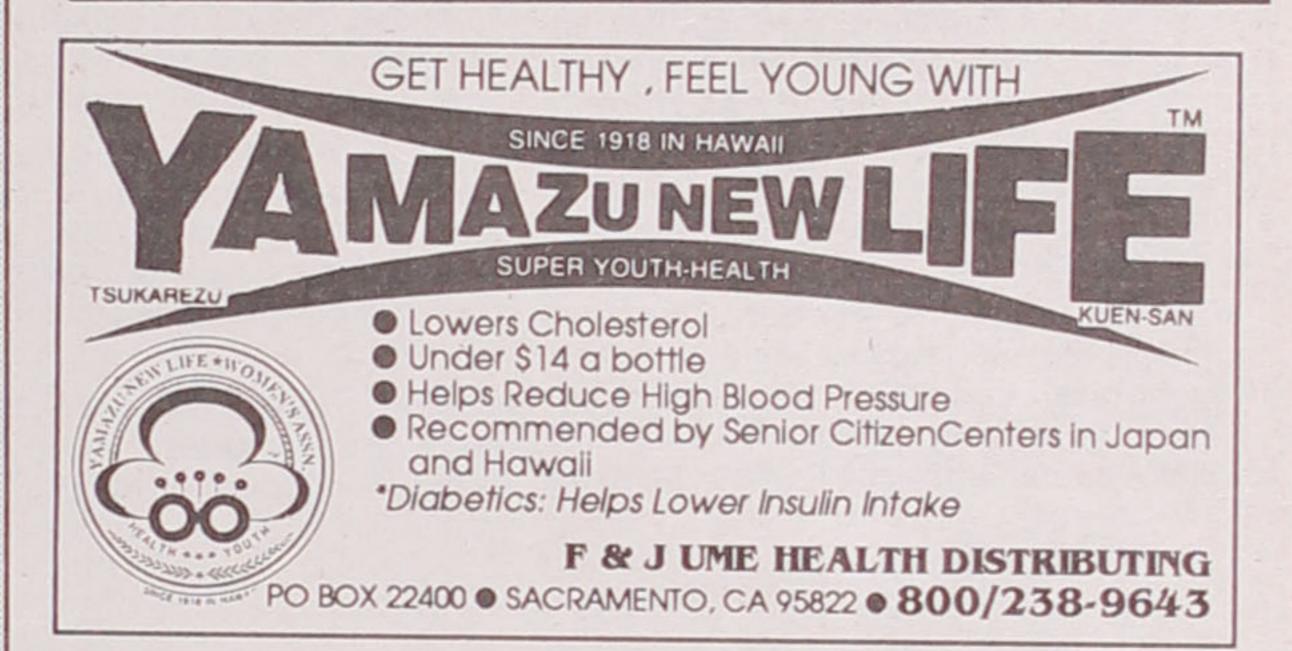
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Asian American runs for . California supervisor post

STOCKTON, Calif.—Stockton city councilwoman Sylvia Sun Minnick recently announced her candidacy for the District 1 race for the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors.

Currently serving her second term in a two-term limit seat representing the inner city of Stock-ton, Minnick has been known for her efforts to clean up the downtown area of graffiti, prostitution and drug dealing.

Minnick describes herself as a grass roots, hands-on public servant" who will address the county's problems with the homeless, high crime rate, lack of jobs, and deteriorating air quality, according to the Stockton Record.

The 30-year resident of San Joaquin County will challenge Supervisor William Sousa for the 1st District seat representing central and south Stockton.

The primary is scheduled for



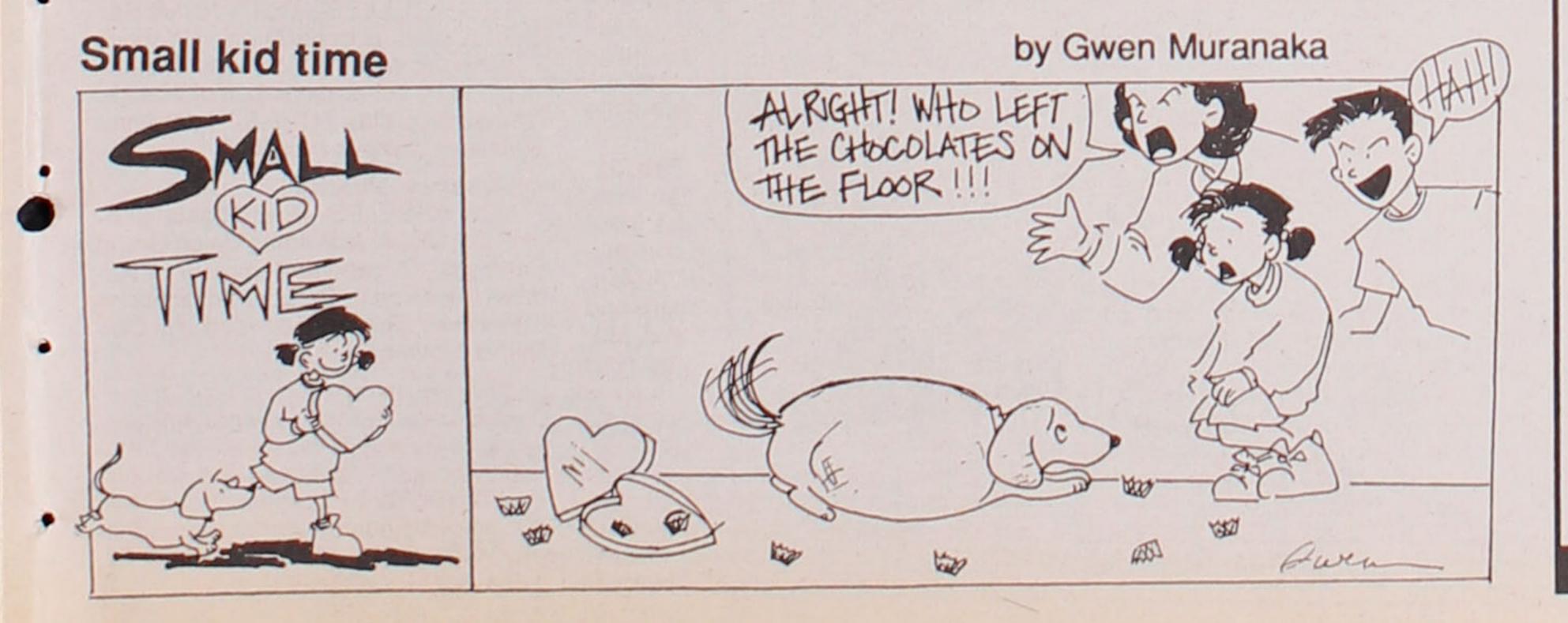
SYLVIA SUN MINNICK Running for office

June 2.

The Stockton Chapter, JACL, is planning an outreach program for her and other local Asian groups.



Trisha Murakawa, PSW District, JACL, secretary and national chairwoman of the Youth Council, National Board, has been elected to a second term as executive secretary/treasurer of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. Murakawa, who is assistant director of governmental relations at UCLA, will also serve as co-chair of the 1992 Civil Rights Conference scheduled for Los Angeles this spring.



Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Remembering a Nisei pioneer

he news came early in February from Tokyo by way of Washington, D.C. George Togasaki was dead at 96. He had not been feeling well and was taken to a hospital. In an hour he was gone.

It is likely that many readers of this newspaper have never heard of Togasaki, or remember his name only vaguely. Let me tell you about him.

George Kiyoshi Togasaki was among the first mainland Nisei. He was born in San Francisco, in 1895, the first of a long line of siblings who went on to distinguished careers. His death severs one of our last links to the very origins of the Nisei generation. But it was in a broader arena that he was most active. It was his privilege to play an exceptional role in promoting world understanding, and it was a discriminatory American law that caused him to serve mankind from a Japanese base rather than his native America.

Born and reared in the San Francisco Bay area, he interrupted studies at the University of California to serve in Europe with a U.S. artillery unit in World War I. He came home to find other Nisei pondering their future as Americans. Togasaki was among those who laid the groundwork for what was to become JACL.

On a visit to Japan he met and fell in love with Misu Kanamori, daughter of a noted educator. They married in 1925, knowing that under the recently passed law banning immigration from Japan, Misu would not be allowed permanent residence in the U.S. Togasaki decided to make his home in Japan while keeping his American citizen-

He was in Tokyo when Japan attacked Hawaii. "Even as extra editions of the newspapers were being hawked," he once wrote, "I vowed that if I were spared, I would do everything in my power to make sure there would never be another war.

"Despite my known American connections, I was fortunate enough to come through the war unscathed. All my activities since then have been pursued with the objective of world peace and understanding in mind."

guage newspaper. He promoted freedom of information and expression during the postwar period when Japan was trying to understand the essence of democracy.

He helped found the now prestigious International Christian University in Tokyo and was its board chairman for 15 years. He was board chairman of Paul Rusch's Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project. It was a pilot project for food production on marginal lands, developing techniques now widely used in Southeast Asia.

In 1968-69 Togasaki was president of Rotary International, traveling tirelessly around the world to spread the message of public service, democracy, enlightened lead-

"Participation in such activities has been richly rewarding in satisfaction if not in monetary wealth," he told an interviewer some years ago. "When my time comes, my estate will be insignificant, but I shall have helped to make the world a little better place."

Indeed he has. Japanese Americans should be proud he was one of them, and

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ership.

grateful for his legacy.



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BILL MARUTANI

CIP: For college and graduate students

W ASHINGTON, D.C., the capital of our Nation, was, in the opinion of one of my elementary teachers (Kent, Washington) undoubtedly the most beautiful city in the United States. Its spoke-wheel layout was planned by a French engineer (Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant) and its completion by two Americans, one being Benjamin Banneker, a freeborn Black who was an astronomer and mathematician. The first time I visited Washington was with our (active) children in tow, and truth to tell, I didn't have the opportunity to breathe in the cultural beauty of the city-so busy was I with keeping an eye on the little ones.

A few later years, with Dr. Tom Semba and wife Hannah (Minneapolis) and their offsprings, we did make a much more leisurely tour of monuments which gave me an opportunity to do some of that "breathing" in place of the previous huffing and puffing. To this day, I savor that first visit to the Jefferson Memorial. The

Smithsonian? One could spend a week poring over the many exhibits.

Which leads me into the subject of JACL's finest programs centered in Washington, D.C. for young adults: The Congressional Internship Program ("CIP") funded by the JACL M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund.

GEARED TO DEVELOP leaders for public service, the CIP program awardee will have an opportunity to work for approximately 15 months as an intern in the office of a U.S. Senator or U.S. Congressperson in Washington, D.C. Thus unlike many other programs—worthy as they are—the CIP program involves individualized exposure to the legislative process and the shaping of our national policies. Ah, makes me wish I were back in my college or graduate days again! What an opportunity!

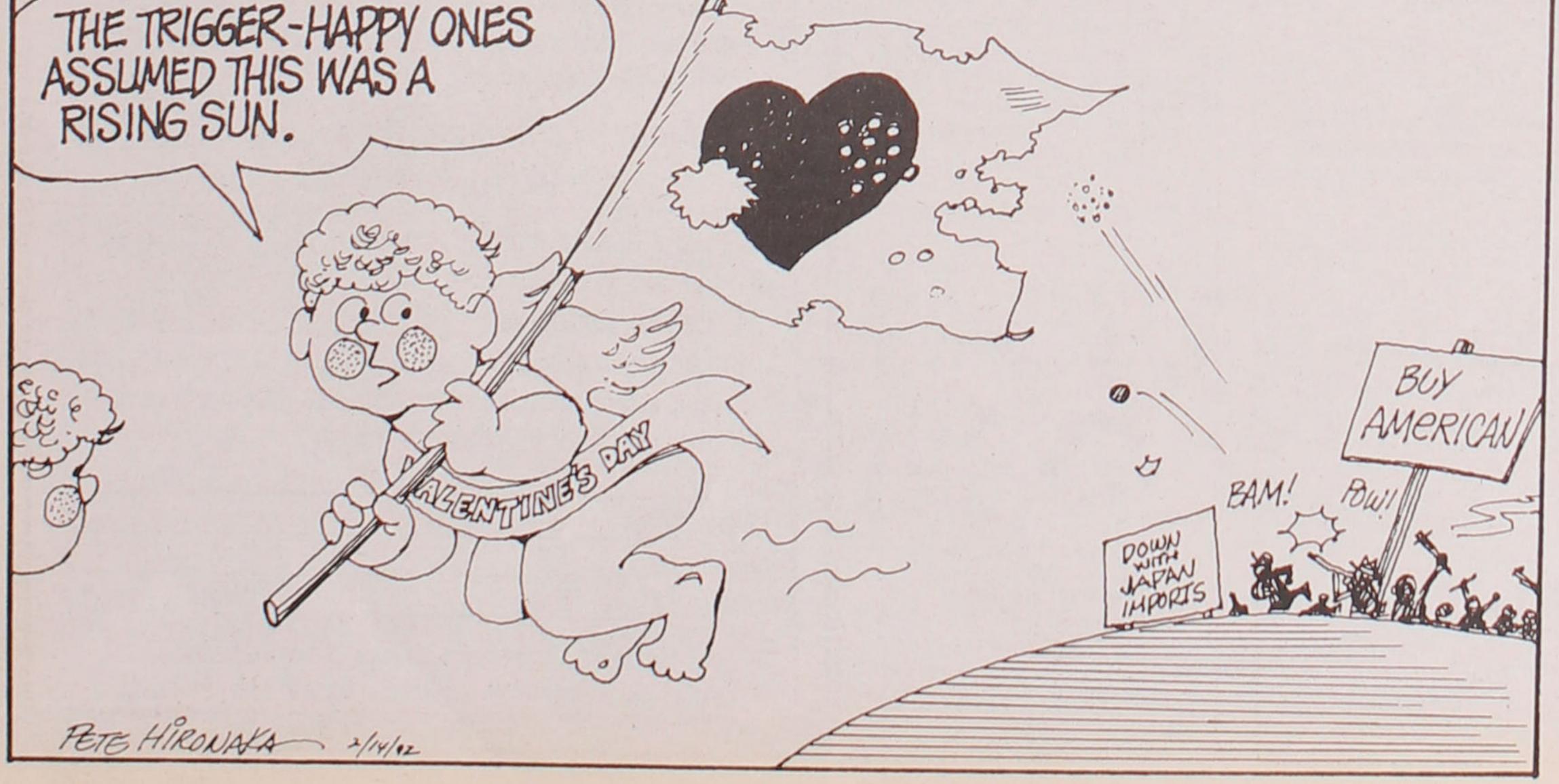
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Were I eligible, I'd be right in there trying to qualify for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. But I'm not. But out there, however, are many who are not only eligible but also highly qualified.

Oh, by the way: Don't miss the Jefferson Memorial. Or the Smithsonian.



All aboard

The following is a roundup of JACL chapter installations in recent or coming weeks. Names of guest speakers and the new chapter presidents are highlighted in bold type.

BERKELEY / DIABLO VALLEY, Dec. 8-UC Berkeley Professor Jerrold Takahashi, of Asian Studies and director, Athletic Study Center; Ann & Ken Yabusaki, Berkeley co-presidents; Dr. Elsie Baukol, Mollie Fujioka, Diablo Valley copresidents.

CCDC (Nine Chapters), Nov. 11-George Takei, actor; Chapter presidents: Clovis-Dale Ikeda Esq; Delano-Dr. James Nagatani; Fowler-Kevin Nagata; Fresno-Robert Ishikawa Esq.; Parlier-Robert Okamura; Reedley-Stan Hirahara; Sanger-Kiichi Tange; Selma-Tad Araki; and Tulare County-Larry Ishimoto.

CONTRA COSTA, Jan. 25-Vu-Duc Vuong, executive director, Center for Southeast Asian Refugees Resettlement, San Francisco; Joanne Mukai, chapter president.

DETROIT, Feb. 22-Maj. Gen. James H. Mukoyama, Chicago. DOWNTOWN L.A. / EAST LOS

ANGELES / PASADENA, Jan. 26-Greg Tanaka, Downtown president; Miki Himeno, ELA president; and Mack Yamaguchi, Pasadena president.

FLORIN, Jan. 19-Toko Fujii, coordinator, 1992 Sacramento History Museum's Regional Nikkei Exhibit and Joe Marsella, Sacramento Kings (NBA; Andy Noguchi, chapter president.

GARDENA VALLEY / SOUTH BAY: March 9-Clarence Matsumura, veteran, 522nd F.A. Bn.; --, Gardena president; Midori Watanabe Kamei, South Bay president through June 1992.

LAKE WASHINGTON, Dec. 8—Dr. Karen Sakuma, DDS; Shox Tokita, chapter president.

LAS VEGAS, Jan. 18—George Goto, chapter president. (Judge Carl Christensen installed the officers for the 17th time.)

MARYSVILLE, Jan. 18-Stuart Satow, KXTV (10) sports director; Jerry Enomoto, National JACL past president and current JACL-Legisla-

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MONTEREY PENINSULA/SALI-NAS VALLEY, Jan. 10-Shigeya Kihara, MIS instructor, retired; Kazuko Matsuyama, Monterey chapter president.

NEW MEXICO-Moss Kishiyama, chapter president.

RENO, Jan. 25-Joy Morimoto, NCWNPDC JACL regional director (National JACL public information officer).

RIVERSIDE, Feb. 1-Carol Kawamoto of San Diego, PSWDC governor.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 23—(This was the 60th anniversary.)

SAINT LOUIS, Oct. 26-Ray Sonnenberg, former NFL referee; Steven Mitori, chapter president.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, Jan. 11—Dennis Hayashi, National JACL Director; Arnold Miyamoto, chapter president. (50th anniversary)

SAN JOSE, Jan. 31-Cressey Nakagawa of San Francisco, National JACL president; Tom Nishisaka, chapter president.

SANMATEO/SEQUOIA, Jan. 11— Cressey Nakagawa of San Francisco, National JACL president. Steve Okamoto, San Mateo president; Aki Yamamoto, Sequoia president (40th anniversary).

SANTA BARBARA, Feb. 16-Jarrell Jackman, president, Santa Barbara Historical Society.

SEATTLE, Jan. 25-Cressey Nakagawa of San Francisco, National JACL president. (70th anniversary.)

STOCKTON, Jan. 25-Officer Kevin Hatano, Stockton Police Dept. Gang Unit; Barry Saiki, chapter president.

VENTURA COUNTY, Feb. 1—Bob Bratt, administrator, Office of Redress Administration, Washington. Dr. Tsujio Kato, chapter president.

WEST LOS ANGELES, Nov. 10-Cressey Nakagawa of San Francisco, National JACL president. Johnny Gushiken, chapter president. (50th anniversary)

WEST VALLEY, Jan. 18-Dr. Harry Kitano, UCLA professor of social welfare/sociology; Ed Kawahara, chapter president.

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California Nikkei wins redistricting case

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Torrance, Calif., city councilman George Nakano went to court and won his case. Not just any case but

a significant change in the redistricting of his city into a single assembly district.

Nakano took his case

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Itami said.

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the state supreme court and on Jan. 27 the court realigned the

Originally, Torrance was divided along a major thoroughfare, while its northern portion was incorporated into the 51st Assembly District. The remainder of the city, according to the South Bay Daily Breeze, was included in the 53rd Assembly District.

That plan in Nakano's mind di-

The final version of the bill, then,

'dropped all references to any mi-

nority, ethnic group, national ori-

gin, and sexual orientation, and

made any hateful assault a third

degree felony offense rather than

incrementally increase punish-

ments as per the original bill,"

were told to accept it as rewritten

or else have it outright rejected in

original form, and that it wouldn't

pass at all. (The chapter) voted for

it with objections on Feb. 5. The

bill then passed out of committee

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At this point, it is not known

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the hate crimes bill.

"The bill was so bland . . . We

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district according to his new plan.

for educating their children.

luted Asian voter strength as well tially increase Asian population percentages in Assembly District Nakano, assisted by the UCLA 53 . . . and also will eliminate a Asian American Studies Center, split of Torrance city boundaries, created a new map that rejoined without significantly affecting Torrance and added areas from black or Hispanic opportunities in the city of Westchester to the 51st those two districts."

District to "equal out the districts' According to a state official the population," the Breeze reported. change increases the Asian popu-The high court, in a 6-1 ruling, lation of the 53rd District from said the new plan "will substan- 10.6 percent to 11.8 percent.

Japanese firms show appreciation

A group of Japanese nationals living and working in the South Bay area of Los Angeles gave more than \$105,000 in cash and equipment to local schools as a reward

The Japan Business Assn. made the presentation to 43 schools in three school districts in early February, according to the Los Angeles Times.

The donation was actually the

seventh annual event designed to provide support for area schools. Officials of the group said that their gesture was not made to counter the statement by a Japanese politician that many American workers are illiterate.

"We want to make it clear we have no criticism of the American education system, "Setsujiro Onami, president of Pioneer Electronics of Torrance, said.

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Personally speaking

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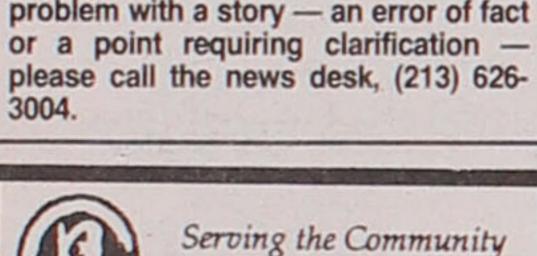
Heights as executive director of the state's Minority and Female Business Enterprise to develop business opportuni-

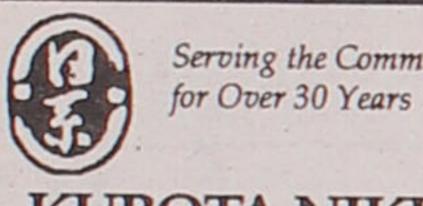


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ties owned by minority group members, women and the disabled. The position does not require Senate confirmation. She is currently an assistant title officer and underwriting attorney for Chicago Title Insurance Co. and active with the Chinese American Civic Council, Asian American Coalition of Chicago and is national vice president of the Organization of Chinese Americans.

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 Having completed a five-year residency in general surgery and

two years in plastic surgery at the University of Utah Medical Center and a fellowship craniofacial



MOTOKI tive plastic

surgery at Harvard Medical School, Dr. David Motoki of Salt Lake City recently presented scientific papers to the Third International Congress of Craniofacial Surgery (1991) at Santiago de Compostela, Spain. He and his wife (Janis Mitsui) have three children; he has been in practice at the Primary Children's Medical Center and Institute of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. His parents, Shigeru and Mariya

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Motoki, are longtime Mt. Olympus JACLers.

 Past National JACL president and a psychiatric social worker, Henry T. Tanaka of Cleveland, was honored as Earlham College's Distinguished Alumnus at the 1991 Homecoming ceremonies on campus last fall. The award recognizes alumni who have made notable contributions in their fields to the benefit

of society at large. A Tule Lake internee from Salem, Ore., where his parents operated a restaurant, the 1944 Earlham graduate in



TANAKA

biology obtained his master's from Western Reserve and eventually

became supervisor of social services at Cleveland Psychiatric Institute. In 1960, he was hired as the first executive director of Hill House, a mental health rehabilitation center and over the years, the center attracted continuing praise. When he retired at the end of 1990, the center had expanded with a staff of 55 serving 500 patrons.

 The 75-year-old American Friends Service Committee of Philadelphia has nominated Bible scholar and clergyman Moon Ik-Hwan of Korea for the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize. As a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1947, the AFSC is entitled to make a nomination each year. During World War II, the AFSC was among the very few national organizations assisting persons of Japanese ancestry in the camps and resettlement.

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Araki, James T. Ph.D., 66, Torrance, Dec. 22 (1991); University of Hawaii professor of Japanese and Japanese literature, 4th Order of the Rising Sun for his scholarly translations, Salt Lake City-born MIS veteran, jazz musician.

Domoto, Tsuchiyo, 95, Los Angeles, Dec. 27; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Toshihiro, daughter Sumie Maruya, 6 grandchildren, sister Ayako Kurauchi (Jpn).

Endo, Ichiro, 83, Oakland, Jan. 12; Oakland-born, survived by 3 sons Richard, Kay, Wesley, daughter Emiko Katsumoto, 6 brothers Frank, Nobuzo, Hiroshi, Goro, Roy, Shichiro, 4 brothers-in-law Roy Tachiki, Ken Tachiki,

Iwao Shigemoto, Shiro Aochi. Fujii, James, Gardena, Dec. 27 (funeral); Montebello-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Irene, sons Dave, Allen, 3 grandchildren, sister Marian Fujimoto, brother-in-law Bill Matsushima, sister-in-law Sue Matsushima.

Fujii, Tadasu Tommy, 60, Los Angeles, Nov. 14; Pasadena-born Korean Conflict veteran, survived by brother Hiroshi, sister-in-law Masako Fujii.

Fujimura, Fujie, 94, Gardena, Dec. 30; Hyogo-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons Toshio, Henry, daughters Tsuyako Takeuchi, Mary Fukushima, 9 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren.

Iwamizu, Ruby S., 81, West Covina, Jan. 10; Bakersfield-born, survived by husband Ted Susumu, sons Harvey, Frank, daughters Yvonne Ishida, Teresa Yamada, Christine Garcia, 15 grandchildren, 7 greatgrandchildren, brothers Paul, Moses, Jake, Luther Miyazaki, sisters Lillian Fujimoto, Ruth Zeahr.

Kakiuchi, Konami, 91, El Centro, Jan. 6; Hiroshima-born Imperial Valley pioneer, survived by 2 sons George, Henry (Tacoma, Wash.), 5 daughters Nobuko Okamoto (Watsonville), Toshiye Ishihara (Jpn), Rosie Takagi, Lilly Torigoe (Campbell), Dahlia (Orange), 11 grandchildren, 15 greatgrandchildren.

Kamada, Iwao J., 64, San Francisco, Jan. 9; Tacoma-born, survived by wife Yayeko, daughters Mamie Orine, Sayuri, son Peter, brother John T., brother-in-law Keiji Sakuma (Jpn), sister-in-law Chiyoko Sakuma (Jpn).

Kawabe, Chitose, 77, Monterey Park, Dec. 27; Los Angeles-born, survived by son Dr. Dennis, daughter Arlene Porter (Flagstaff), 5 grandchil-

Nishio, Kazuo, 71, Chicago, Dec. 26; Arizona-born, survived by wife Ikuko, daughters Chie Santos, Junko

Otte, Mitsuko. Nishioka, Taira, 63, San Jose, Dec.

21; survived by brothers Hiroshi and Tamotsu.

Noguchi, Ichi, 88, Anaheim, Dec. 30; Hilo-born, survived by her sons Ben, Shig, daughters Kiyome Honda, Kyoko Rose, Aiko Tanouye, 12 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, brother Yuki Morooka (Chicago), sisters Shigeko Ikegami (San Jose), Tomeko Takeshita (Hayward), sister-

Shinden, Takeji, 90, Camarillo, Jan. 7; Kagoshima-born, survived by sons Toshiyuki, Eizo Minamoto, daughters Aiko Yamamoto, Kyoko Kamikubo, grandchildren, greatgrandchildren.

Sugimoto, Masayoshi, 90, Selma, Jan. 11; Kumamoto-born, survived by 6 daughters Teruko, Sumiko Ebisuda, Yukiko Hiroyasu, Miyoko Marselis, Yoshie Bell, Mariko Yoneda, 7 grandchildren, mother-in-law Makoto Misaki.

Sumida, Minoru, 73, Montebello, Jan. 18; Los Angeles-born 442nd Co. L veteran, survived by wife Chiyeko, daughters Alison Yoshihara, Barbie, Lynne Ezaki, 6 grandchildren, brotherin-law George Oishi (Michigan).

Tsuchiyama, Teruo, 62, Los Angeles, Dec. 18; Terminal Island-born, survived by wife Kathleen, brother Shigeo, sister Aiko Takeshita, Fumiko Nakahara, mother-in-law Kathleen Fukumoto (Hawaii), brothers-in-law Hide Ishimine, Dennis and Dean Fukumoto, sister-in-law Joleen Hira.

Uchida, Yoshiko, 92, Gardena, Dec. 17 (1991); Niigata-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by 3 sons Perry, Roger, Kenneth, 5 daughters Fumiko Tedori (Tokyo), Helen Hayashi, Agnes Munesato, Lillian Matsushima (Ft. Lupton), Amy Enomoto.

Uchino, Bruce S., 76, Torrance, Dec. 28; Fukushima-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by wife Sakiyo, daughters Maureen, Janet, brother Bill, sisters Ida Yasutake, Fuki Yoshiwara, sister-in-law Miyoshi En-

Yabe, Yoshio, 95, Concord, Dec. 25; Hiroshima-born, survived by her son Hideo (Tokyo), daughters Kiyoko Watanabe (Osaka), Shizuko Tamori, 3 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild.

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December 7 and 8, 1941, prescribing regulations for the conduct and control of alien enemies, except as such duty and responsibility is superseded by the designation of military areas hereunder.

Franklin D. Roosevelt THE WHITE HOUSE February 19, 1942

Source: U.S. Congress, House, Tolan Commitee, 77th Cong., H. Rept. 2124

The following day (Feb. 20), Secretary Stimson, in a letter to Gen. John L. DeWitt, ordered him to execute the "any or all persons" provisions of E.O. 9066 but to leave, for the most part, persons of Italian ancestry alone.

In carrying out your duties under this delegation, I desire, so far as military requirements permit, that you do not disturb, for the time being at least, Italian aliens and persons of Italian lineage except where they are, in your judgment, undesirable or constitute a definite danger to the performance of your mission to defend the West Coast. I ask that you take this action in respect to Italians for the reason that I consider such persons to be potentially less dangerous, as a whole, than those of other enemy nationalities

(The above letter and memorandum below appear in DeWitt's "Final Report on the Evacuation and Relocation of Japanese Americans from the West Coast", Chapter 3.)

The same day, Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy issued to DeWitt a memorandum that prioritized the classes of individuals to be excluded from the designated military areas.

For purpose of these instructions, persons resident in the Western Defense Command will be classified as follows:

Class 1: Japanese Aliens. Class 2: American Citizens of Japanese Lineage.

Class 3: German Aliens. Class 4: Italian Aliens.

Class 4: Italian Aliens. Class 5: Any persons, whether

Class 5: Any persons, whether citizen or aliens, who are suspected for any reason by you or your responsible subordinates, of being actually or potentially dangerous either as saboteurs, espionage agents, fifth columnists or subversive persons.

Class 6: All other persons who are, or who may be, within the Western Defense Command.

On the matter of evacuation, only persons of Japanese ancestry (classes 1 and 2) were mentioned by McCloy, as noted below:

ate restrictive regulations governing the exercise by any person of the right to enter, remain in or leave such military areas and any zones within such military areas. In connection with the initiation, development and accomplishment of the program outlined above, you will initiate and carry to completion, without delay, the preparation of detailed plans for the evacuation of those classes of persons and individuals who will be excluded from military areas prescribed by you.

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McCloy also asked for protection of property of the evacuees. But even WRA Director Dillon S. Myer, in his book, "Uprooted People," noted that "the absense of any property safeguards whatever for several weeks after evacuation was a foregone conclusion."

On Feb. 21, the House Select Committee Investigating National Defense Migration (the Tolan Committee) began its hearings on the West Coast on problems of enemy aliens and others living in California, Oregon and Washington.

As DeWitt noted in his "Final Report," E.O. 9066 led to the Congressional passage of Public Law 77-503, which subjected any person violating the restriction and exclusion orders to a fine "of not to exceed \$5,000 or to imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for each offense." PL 503 (Act of March 21, 1942) was the congressional ratification of E.O. 9066.

Subsequent events and papers of historic importance will follow.

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important. Something negative

happens, something positive can

come out of it." She noted that the

children were initially concerned

that the supervisor was angry at

them, but how Molina's visit be-

came an opportunity for learning

and understanding. "Molina ex-

plained how the bidding process

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people

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Gerry Hertzberg

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Others used phrases such as "DOWN WITH JAPAN" and "JAPANESE NO! "AMERICANS YES!" Perhaps most disturbing is a drawing of a large speaker with the words, "Bomb, bomb, bomb, bomb, America Yes! Bomb, bomb Japanese. No! Bomb, bomb, bomb, now I finished my rap. Bomb, bomb, bomb, bomb."

The principal at the school,

group, but (about) who is offering
the best bid—how we can become
more competitive. Those children
will say to you today that America
has to become more competitive."

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These same sentiments were reflected by Gerry Hertzberg, alternate commissioner to Molina. He said the supervisor was disturbed by the pictures which were sent unsolicited to her office. "Gloria didn't go in there and scold them. She went in to talk about what happened with the Green Line contract. How there were rules set up, how it was a fair process, and the best company won. And that's what competition is about," said Hertzberg.

"If they're going to be competing in a world where there's tough competition, they are going to have to become the best and the brightest to compete in that world. When you lose, you just figure out what you did wrong and you do it better. You don't call people names," said the alternate commissioner.

About possible disciplinary action, Hertzberg said, "We have spoken with the school district about the issue. The supervisor has and Jackie Goldberg, (former Board of Education member) who's on our staff, has. (They're) concerned that we're not fostering the right kind of thing here and that we ought to include in their curriculum, use this as a lesson for talking about competition and talking about human relations."

Speaking for the teacher, the principal said that Japan bashing was not the original intention of the assignment. The principal called the incident "embarrassing," saying that the teacher did not get approval for sending the letters which is a school policy. "It does not reflect the feelings of the community. I can't say what's going to be done. These things are done internally."

Both the school principal and Molina's aide discussed the media's portrayal of recent tensions between the U.S. and Japan. Hertzberg, discussing the media portrayal of the Metro Green Line issue, called coverage 'absolutely miserable." 'They took what was the sexy issue. I think they played into the Japanese bashing. Very little of the facts came out in the media presentation over the weeks, certainly the facts didn't come out about who was more qualified or about the experience of the companies. They played into the emotion unfortunately." Reflecting how this comes down to children, the principal said, "They (the children) see it on TV—every single day."

About the potential for further Japan bashing, Hertzberg said, "Fortunately, it sort of hit its peak at the Green Line. There was an issue that we had a week later, it was actually an Asian American company that was competing for the USC Medical Center to construct a new medical center and some people came out to the Board Room and did a little of their own

Japanese bashing and the board members laid into them real quickly." He added, "People have seen this. I think it surprised a lot of people and there's been somewhat of a reaction against it. I certainly hope it's not going to increase, but hey, I don't think any of us expected this."

For the elementary school, they hope to get the incident behind them and look forward to positive events like an upcoming Reading Olympics. The principal said that there was no anti-Japanese feelings among her students. Speaking to two sixth graders, who were not in the class which sent the letters to Supervisor Molina, the feeling was positive, though neither expressed any knowledge of current Japan bashing. "Japan is nice, nice people," said Mario, age 11. Mario said he loved video games and explained how all Nintendo video games come from Japan. "(In Japan) there are lots of factories. They build cars and computers."

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portive of events in the past.

Baker characterized the threeday event as "America bashing" and threatened to stop patronizing the company unless it dropped its support of the event.

Refuting Baker's claims, Hayashi said, "Given the fact that this is the 50th anniversary commemoration of E.O. 9066, we can expect to see increased activity from bigots who have always been opposed to redress and reparations for Japanese Americans. Labeling this commemorative event, of all things, as 'America-bashing' is so outrageous that it does not even merit comment."

Robert Mizukami, official JACL board delegate and Puyallup chapter member, said, "Our committee decided just to ignore it, that probably would be the best way to handle it. So we're just going along

as if nothing happened."

About the sponsor withdrawal, Mizukami said, "(I'm) kind of disappointed that they would do that. I have no idea what their rationale would be to do that."

Mizukami, a 442nd veteran and former mayor of the town of Fife, was able to find something positive in Baker's actions against the Day of Remembrance festivities. "Personally, it's kind of a compliment to us. If what we're doing here is that much of a concern to her, we take it as a compliment. If it wasn't something she felt was important, she wouldn't have done anything."

Mizukami noted that rumors persisted that Baker or some of her followers would be attending the conference to cause further trouble. The former mayor was nonplussed by the rumor saying, "So much the better, she probably needs the education."

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