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JACL news

High court hears case for stiffer hate crime laws

In a court case which could have wide implications to hate crimes legislation nationwide, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral argument April 21 on a First Amendment challenge to stiffer sentences for crimes committed because of a person's race, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.

The *Washington Post* reported that in the case of *Wisconsin v. Mitchell* the justices seemed sympathetic to the arguments of Wisconsin Attorney General James Doyle who said that stiffer sentences are warranted when a perpetrator selects a victim due to his ethnicity.

The case began in 1989 in Kenosha when Todd Mitchell and other African American youths were discussing the movie "Mississippi Burning." Mitchell reportedly said, "Do you all feel hyped up enough to move on some white people?" Then pointing to Gregory Riddick, Mitchell said, "There goes a white boy; go get him."

Riddick was beaten and sustained serious injuries including brain damage. Mitchell received four years in prison, two because of the hate crimes enhancement statute.

Mitchell's attorney, Lynn Adelman, argued that the Wisconsin hate crime law seeks to punish thought and no matter how "disgusting" bigotry may be, it is unconstitutional to try to outlaw it.

Commenting on the case, Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington, D.C., representative, said, "We are encouraged by the pointed questions asked by many of the justices indicating that they believed that the statute could not be distinguished from the anti-discrimination laws that have already been found to be constitutional."

JACL filed an amicus brief in support of the Wisconsin statute in conjunction with the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, Asian Law Caucus and Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, said, "We are very pleased that the Department of Justice filed a brief and joined Wisconsin in arguing before the Supreme Court in support of the statute. These kinds of statutes are important in the war against bias motivated violence."

Groups seek more Asian American appointments

Asian Pacific American leaders recently met in Washington with Defense Department officials to press for more political appointments. A group, consisting of Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington D.C. representative; Daphne Kwok, executive director, Organization of Chinese Americans; Irene Natividad; Phil Nash, executive director, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium; and Emily Woo, president, Organization of Pan Asian American Women met with Larry Smith, counselor to Defense Secretary Les Aspin, and General Jim Klugh.

Smith said that currently there is only one Asian American expected to be appointed to a high level position within the Defense Department. He encouraged other Asian Pacific Americans to apply and asked the group for their assistance.

Smith said applicants should think creatively about positions in the Defense Department and the department has openings in positions which require skills in environmental matters, technology, financial management and purchasing.

The meeting was part of a series of meetings with high level officials from various federal agencies on the subject of Asian Pacific American appointments.

Nixon calls for Japanese aid to Russia

LOS ANGELES —Japan must not sacrifice Boris Yeltsin for the return of the Northern Territories—the four islands off Hokkaido. That was one of the key statements made by former president of the United States and the elder statesman of American foreign policy, Richard M. Nixon.

Speaking April 21 before an enthusiastic and largely Republican audience, Nixon said, "Every free nation has a huge stake in the survival of a non-aggressive, democratic government in Russia. And as one who is a long-time friend of Japan, and who will continue to be, I regret to say that Japan has not done as much in this area as it should have and as it could have."

Looking fit after a long fact-finding trip to Asia and Russia and speaking without the aid of a teleprompter, Nixon said Russia should return the four islands (occupied since 1945) back to Japan, but aid to the former Soviet Union shouldn't hinge upon their return.

"It makes no sense to take that position with the Yeltsin government, because I can assure you, having met most of those who might be his successors, all of them are nationalists. They are Russian nationalists. (Japan) would never get the islands back from any of them."

Nixon also warned that America must not pull its forces out of Japan despite arguments in the U.S. that Japan must take the burden of defending it-

self. The former president said that such a move would push Japan to rearm and perhaps to gain nuclear weapons capability.

"With the United States gone, it leaves Japan facing Russia, no longer communist, but still a nuclear super power. Facing China with the capability of becoming a nuclear super power and facing even North Korea, trying to become a nuclear power. What do the Japanese do? They have the painful decision, and it will be terribly painful, to go nuclear. We cannot allow that."

The former president also criticized the Clinton administration's move toward managed or results-oriented trade. "We are both great trading nations, great trading nations who, therefore, have a common interest in promoting free trade and in resisting protectionism. That's why managed trade, for example, may be a temporary political expedient, but it is not in the long-term interests of the United States or Japan, and I trust will be resisted."

Earlier, Henry Kissinger criticized the Clinton administration for using "endless guerrilla negotiations in which the weakest American industry stakes a claim

KISSINGER

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FRAGILE FRIENDSHIP:

UNITED STATES - JAPAN RELATIONS AND THE BALANCE OF POWER IN POST-COLD WAR ASIA

A NATIONAL POLICY CONFERENCE



Relations

The gap

Is it narrowing or getting wider between the U.S. and Japan? Conference draws experts and officials from both sides to discuss the many facets of the problem

Stories by GWEN MURANAKA Assistant editor

A gathering of friends—or future enemies? The U.S.-Japan relationship has gone through a myriad of changes since the end of World War II. Now with the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War, roles and relationships across the globe are being re-ordered and re-assessed, and so it seems that America's friendship with Japan must also be re-examined. Are we close friends or distant acquaintances? Will our friendship survive the coming years of political flux or will we be torn apart?

Sponsored by the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace and the Japan America Society of Southern California, "Fragile Friendship: United States-Japan relations and the balance of power in post-Cold War Asia," April 20-21 at

the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, was a meeting of powerful friends from both sides of the Pacific, including former U.S. President Richard Nixon, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, and as well as Clinton administration representatives and panelists discussing

issues of trade, security and politics.

No longer in the spotlight of the global arena, but nevertheless important participants, these former leaders of the free world agreed—American and Japanese friendship must be maintained. But there are new factors in the equation. An unstable Russian democracy, North Korean nuclear weapons research and the "waking giant" China looming over everything, are question marks threatening stability of the region and of the world.

Speaking at the opening dinner, Kissinger said he sees in the coming decade that Japan will rearm itself militarily and would eventually have a military "as large as China and Korea put together." A sobering thought 50 years after World War II.

At the conference, attended by more than 300 people, both American and Japanese participants had to ask themselves whether America and Japan will be able to survive as allies or will trade wars and incendiary political rhetoric rend their friendship?

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Do's and don'ts

When it comes to trade, U.S. and Japan still see things differently. Respective representatives take firm stands . . .

Clinton official: Japan must play bigger role

Derek Shearer, deputy under-secretary for economic affairs, Department of Commerce, speaking at the U.S.-Japan conference April 21 said that Japan in the post-Cold War era cannot be seen nor should act as the little brother of America.

"We do not think Japan should continue to play a little brother role to the United States in the international arena. Japan



SHEARER

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Japan official warns of U.S. protectionism

Using unusually blunt and direct language, Yasuo Tanabe, director for North American Trade Policy Planning, Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Japan (MITI), said the Clinton administration's proposal for managed trade is unacceptable.

Speaking in the panel, "Will Trade War Follow Cold War?," Tanabe said, "Japan will never accept protectionism or managed trade. We will not accept a



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CELEBRATING—Michael Woo with his wife Susan Ann Fong after winning primaries.

L.A. councilman Woo in the running for mayor

For the coming weeks until June 8, businessman-civic leader Richard J. Riordan, 62, and urban planner-city councilman Michael Woo, 41, will make their spiels to voters to be the next mayor of Los Angeles.

They finished one-two in the April 20 primaries that carried 24 names. Riordan led with 33% (144,690); Woo followed at 24% (106,596). Voter turnout was 25%, according to the city clerk's office. Voters also passed charter amendment No. 2 to limit elected officials to two terms in office. It was also the first time in city history that a bilingual Japanese-English ballot was available.

A supporter in San Gabriel Valley (who therefore couldn't vote

for him) declared if Michael Woo is elected mayor, "it's comparable to Fujimori getting elected in Peru." Eugene Chang of Hacienda Heights and president of the So. Calif. Chinese American Association, added, "His impact can break those Asian stereotypes. He's giving more guts to other Asians to come out and run."

In the 15th District city council race, school board member Warren Furutani, 45, polled 11% (2,682) to wind up fifth in a seven-candidate primary. The San Pedro-born Sansei's campaign dwelt on coalition-building and union support. He was calling for "change" in the Clinton/Gore manner with a Rebuild L.A. theme.

—Harry K. Honda

'93 MIS reunion plans announced

Plans of the 1993 Military Intelligence Service reunion for Oct. 21-23 weekend at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Va., near Washington, D.C., have been announced by Phil S. Ishio, president of the host Japanese American Veterans Association.

Reunion theme is "Nisei Veteran: An American Patriot." A series of panels in which selected MIS veterans with unique experiences will be featured.

Dr. Glenda Nogami of the U.S. Army History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., is assisting with the oral history workshop.

Other highlights include visits to the Smithsonian's exhibit on the Japanese American Evacuation and Internment, Capital landmarks, evening buffet mixer; Arlington National Cemetery, Capi-

tol Hill luncheon and tour of Congress, reception at Japanese Embassy; golf tournament, boat cruise with luncheon, Saturday grand banquet.

Reunion is open to all veterans, their families and friends. For registration packets, write: Japanese American Veterans Assn. of Washington, D.C., P.O. Box 391, Vienna, VA, 22183-0391. Special rates have been negotiated for reunion registrants at the Crystal Gateway Marriott.

In Honolulu, the MIS Veterans of Hawaii have scheduled a 50th reunion of the Sempai Gumi, July 7-10, at the Pagoda Hotel and Terrace, 1525 Rycroft St., Honolulu, HI, 96814; national reservation by June: (808) 367-6060.

Information: MIS 50th Reunion, P.O. Box 3021, Honolulu, HI, 96802. ☐

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against the strongest Japanese industry and gets involved in this sort of rescue operation."

Kissinger spoke the night before at the opening dinner. In an apparent reference to the recent summit meeting between Bill Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, Kissinger sharply remarked, "It is unwise to try to score points in domestic policy politics in America by humiliating or pressuring Japanese prime ministers publicly, in press conferences or elsewhere."

Assessing Miyazawa's first meeting with Clinton, he said, "Two weeks ago, the Japanese prime minister was asked whether Japan would accept a Korean nuclear capability, and in very un-Japanese fashion, he said no and nothing else. That is important. That was probably the most important statement that was made by anybody in the last month."

Not only critical of America,

Kissinger said, "The Japanese also have a lot to answer for. They cannot hide forever behind their cultural peculiarities and refuse a dialogue that Americans can comprehend."

"We may be too impetuous, but the Japanese cannot let the whole world wait on their consensus, and somebody has to help shape it."

Kissinger said eventually America's and Japan's security interests will necessarily diverge.

"In the Cold War, Japan could nestle under American protection because there was only one serious threat to the security of either country, but as the Soviet threat diminishes, it cannot be, and we would kid ourselves if we expected it, that Japan will interpret its security in the same way as we do."

"I expect some Japanese rearmament over the next decade and a half, not because it saves America some money, which is the reason why we usually recommend it, but for quite different reasons," said Kissinger. ☐

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Fools rush in

There's a topic which does not readily lend itself to open, reasoned discussion because those with differing views seem to gravitate to immovable positions. The topic is homosexuality. Before going any further, let me air some of my views, such as they are. (Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.) Needless to say, homosexuals should not be targets of physical violence or even taunts, and violence perpetrated against them, or any others, must be vigorously prosecuted. Also, it is nonsensical to enact laws, as was done in Colorado, prohibiting enactment of other laws to protect others, including homosexuals; it's unconstitutional on its face. Not to mention inherently dangerous.

Having said this, I must openly recognize that I'm partially reformed homophobic. I say "partially" because I undoubtedly retain an appreciable degree of homophobia, although not as much as I once did. The one individual who caused me to re-examine my own views was U.S. Congressman Barney Frank, an openly avowed homosexual. I had, and continue to have, a great

deal of respect for him as a humanist and for his brilliant wit. When I later learned he was a homosexual, I just shrugged my shoulders and said to myself "So what?" and let it go at that—although that messy affair involving his chauffeur or whatever, somewhat diminished my assessment of his good judgment. On the other hand, some of us heterosexuals manage to get involved in messy affairs as well—albeit with the opposite sex.

The educational process continues. A few years ago a lawyer here in Philadelphia for whom I had the greatest admiration for competence, commitment and good works, was a participant in a panel discussion on the issue of homosexual protection. During the course of the discussion, it became quite evident that he himself was gay. My high regard for that gentleman has not diminished; what he does in his private life does not alter one bit his capabilities as a lawyer and human being.

I said that I was a "reforming" homophobic, not a "reformed" one. If there were a group discussion where one could

explore the issues dispassionately, with some tolerance for incomprehension of others (such as myself), each with an open mind and not with a hidden agenda—well, I suppose I might profit by such an exposure. (Candor compels me to say, however, that much of it is going to be a "tough sell" insofar as this one is concerned.) Some points on which I do not see eye-to-eye with those who espouse gay causes: when proponents of homosexual rights seek to equate their claims with "civil rights," I don't see it; one's being of a particular (minority) race is determined not by one's choice but rather by eugenics. I am not a proponent of teaching (which I equate with promoting) homosexuality in elementary schools as is done in some school districts in California. If individuals wish to engage in whatever in the privacy of their castle, that's up to them. But I fail to comprehend why their private preference is to be extolled by exposing children to it. My failure to comprehend will not be enhanced by someone rising up and hurling a personal epithet at

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Letters

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At issue with Hosokawa on meaning of redress

Bill Hosokawa complains in the *Pacific Citizen*, April 9, 1993, that unless recipients of redress payments forward part of their payment to the Japanese American Citizens League, "the protestation that money was an unimportant part of the struggle for Redress will turn out to have been largely a pious fraud." He writes as someone who consistently sought to have Japanese-American redress take the form of a group foundation for good works that would promote the image of J-As and opposed redress as payments to individuals. He is entitled to his opinion. What he failed to realize, however, is that group redress, which a foundation would be, is not legally viable. Who and what represents the group? While an individual injury may be defined, how does one define a group injury? His idea of a foundation for good works indicated a bias towards those who believe in good works and away from those who have other interests. In the early period of the redress movement, other leaders of the JACL joined Hosokawa in supporting the foundation idea, most notably Mike Masaoka and Minoru Yasui.

Now Hosokawa compounds the flaw of his earlier position by suggesting that redress recipients contribute part of their \$20,000 to the JACL so as to avoid committing fraudulent piety. Many if not most recipients recognize the payment as being a mere token. (The civil suit of *Hohri et al. v. United States* sought and defined a more reasonable amount of \$220,000 for redressing each victim.) But this recognition has nothing to do with piety, fake or heartfelt. It's a matter of values. I have yet to meet any law-abiding citizen who is willing to spend three years in prison in exchange for \$20,000.

I am at a complete loss to understand why anyone, other than a JACLer, should have to consider sharing his or her payment with the JACL. Was this part of the deal? Was the JACL lobbying and working for redress in order to fill its coffers? Hard to believe? Then, of the several organizations that fought for redress, why is the JACL unique in extending its hand, palm up, to redress recipients?

William Hohri

Chicago

Bigger, broader-based message needed

Bill Hosokawa's article on the number of people who have donated to the Legacy Fund versus the number who received redress checks was very eye-opening, but not surprising.

I don't know the statistics on the percentage of the JA population who are JACL members, but I would guess it is small, just from comparing our local chapter's membership a few years back to the JA population in the area. If the majority of redress recipients are not JACL members or do not get the PC, how and where would they get detailed and consistent information on how redress was won, who was involved, and what the Legacy Fund has to do with anything.

It was because of this small population focus and lack of a strong marketing attitude toward the general JA population that I began to spend less time and energy on JACL. I felt we were always talking to the same people (ourselves) rather than to the majority (who were not members). JACL has important things to do and say, but how much stronger that voice would be with a broader base of support. Again, it takes a long-term marketing attitude, not a one-time pitch for membership or donations, to get that broad support for money and time.

I, too, hope that more people donate to the Legacy Fund, but like anything else, it takes more than wishing to make something succeed.

Sharon Harada

Seattle

P.S. I like Bill Hosokawa's columns on his family. It's more than about his family, it's about family values of the Nisei generation that have been passed on.



Moshi Moshi

JIN KONOMI

Onihei, the Japanese social thinker

In the 2nd year of Ansei, (1790), the Edo government opened the *Ishikawajima Nisoku Yoseba* (Laborer Mustering Grounds). Located on a delta in the estuary of the River Sumida, the facilities consisted of barracks and work shops over a 17 acres site. Here, newly released convicts and the homeless were housed and trained in such trades as carpentry, masonry, roofing, black smithy, hairdressing, bamboo crafts, and so forth, 19 in all. During the three-year term of training the inmates were given stipends twice a month for tobacco money, of which one third was withheld as savings. Near the completion of training, the inmates were sent out on *soto zukai* (outside errands) to sell their products, and test their newly acquired skills in actual market conditions. When they had completed their terms they were sent back into society, fully equipped to cope with the demands of life as skilled workers or with a small capital to start their own shops.

I learned about the *Ishikawajima Rehab Center* several years ago from ONIHEI HANKA CHO, a period police novel by the recently deceased Ikenami Shotaro. Nicknamed *Onihei* (Demon Hei), Hasegawa Heizo was the Chief of the newly created Arson-Armed Robbery detail of the Edo

police. A resourceful, brilliant cop, he struck terror in the criminal underworld. One of the best sellers of the period fiction genre, the book is a series of the accounts of his exploits (highly fictionalized, naturally) in solving baffling cases and apprehending some of the notorious criminals, all of them actual, historical characters. Heizo is portrayed as a reformed juvenile delinquent, wise to the tricks of the hoodlums, pickpockets, petty thieves and prostitutes that populate the lowest strata of society. A master of the martial arts, courageous in the face of danger, he is withal a man of charisma, humane and compassionate.

This characterization must be true, for he was the man who conceived the rehabilitation program and succeeded in having it adopted. No doubt his innate humanity was broadened and deepened by his intimate knowledge of life at the bottom of society. This man realized 200 years before Watts and the '92 Los Angeles riots that poverty is largely responsible for crime, that jobs are the best antidote for recidivism. When you consider that 1790 was 7 years after the American Independence and 9 years before the end of the French Revolution I cannot help being amazed at the modernness of Hasegawa's social thinking.

Can you think of any other advanced country of the Western world of the time which showed equal enlightenment and humanity in the treatment to its ex-convicts? In this social legislation alone, Japan under the Tokugawas was far ahead of Japan of today, and for that matter, many other countries. But the most surprising fact of all is that such a policy was adopted by the Edo government, which, probably, was the most unenlightened, merciless, paranoically selfish government in history.

Surprise encounters with precious facts and eyeopening sidelights on history are part of the pleasure of random, indiscriminate reading in the so called *jidai shosetsu* (period fiction), a seemingly inexhaustible genre of contemporary Japanese literature. I often regret that there are so few Nikkei Americans—or, for that matter any Americans—with whom I can share my pleasures. May I suggest to anyone who is half interested that English translation in this genre will be a richly rewarding undertaking. ☺

Columnist Konomi is a prewar newspaperman who lives in Albany, Calif. His column appears regularly in *Pacific Citizen*.



Like Father Like Son



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If you don't want them to start, **it's time to stop.**

California Department of Health Services

Obituaries

Fujita, Frank Y 'Taba', 80, Denver, March 12; Joliet, Mont.-born, survived by wife Lilly, daughter Carol Mitsuyoshi (Buena Park, Calif.), 1 gc., 1 great-gc.

Fujita, Genjiro, 88, Caruthers, Jan. 30; Kumamoto-born, survived by sons Ray, Bob, daughter Nobuko Inoue, 12 gc.

Hata, Masuji, 65, Fresno, Feb. 4; Stockton-born, survived by wife Toshiko, son Rodney, daughter Susan Nagata, 3gc, 2 brothers Makoto, Bob, 6 sisters Sachi Kawakami, Doris M Inouye, Estie Kobashi, Lily Togashi, Ethel Kawakami, Ellen Yamada.

Hattori, Ryoichi, 85, Tokyo, Jan. 30; Osaka-born musician-composer, incorporated American jazz in '30s and '40s. [Presented Little Tokyo concert in '51.]

Hoshida, George T, 92, Oakland, Jan. 19; survived by wife Kishiko, daughter Norma, son Robert, 3 gc.

Kato, Chiyo, 85, Hayward, Jan. 11; Fukushima-born, survived by husband Noboru, 2 daughters Sumi Uyeda, Yone Ito, 5 sons Mac, Haruo, Takeo, Kiyoshi, Yoshio, 12 gc., 1 ggc.

Kishida, Tadaaki, 83, Lodi, Jan. 23; Cucamonga-born, survived by wife Shizue, daughters Yoshie Tanaka, Judy Waters, Joyce Edward, gc.

Kuwatani, Taruno, 88, Pacific Grove, Jan. 28; Shimane-born, survived by 4 daughters Hiroko, Jean Maruyama, Sachi, Yae, sons Henry, Jimmie, David, Robert, gc, in-law Emi Kuwatani.

Matsumoto, Alpine M, 61, Fresno, Jan. 26; Fresno-born, survived by wife Taeko, son Frank, daughters Lynn, Kristi.

Matsuyama, Toshiaki, 69, San Mateo, Jan. 23; survived by wife Suzuko, sons Akito, Tadashi, daughter Tomoko Nakawatase, gc.

Mayeda, Tomie, 89, Sacramento, Feb. 1; Wakayama-born, survived by daughters Emi Miyai, Alice Sakakibara, stepdaughter Edna Maeda, gc. and ggc.

Mori, Takichiro, 88, Tokyo, Jan. 30 of heart failure; Tokyo-born landowner and builder, was called 'the world's richest man' by Forbes Magazine ('91, '92), estimated at \$13 billion, owns 83 buildings in central Tokyo area.

Nakagaki, Katsumi, 86, Berkeley, Jan. 28; Fukuoka-born, survived by in-law Yonezo Nakagaki, cousin Midori Goto.

Nishimoto, Isamu S, 73, Sacramento, Feb. 8; Penryn-born, survived by wife Miyoko.

Okaya, Akira, 72, New Canaan, Conn., Jan. 20; Kobe-born research physicist in fiber optics and laser technology, naturalized U.S. citizen in 1969.

Omori, Kikuyo, 89, San Francisco, Feb. 7; Hawaii-born, survived by sons Hiroshi, Shigeru, sister Hayame Kimura (Jpn), Takayo Iwatsubo, brother Haruo Kimura.

Saito, Harry K, 86, Los Angeles, Jan. 21; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Chisato, daughters Michiko Waki, Keiko.

Sakaguchi, Shimpel, 75, Wheat Ridge, Colo., March 7; pediatric surgeon, Brighton-

born, graduate in pharmacy ['36], in medicine ['42] from University of Colorado, residency at Milwaukee Children's and Columbia Hospital; survived by wife June, daughter Laura Novasad, 4 gc., brothers Kay, Keizo, Ray, Goro, sisters Miyo Miki, Fujiyo Tashiro, Yaye Ohashi, Toshie Sakaguchi.

Santo, Yoshie, 92, San Jose, Jan. 13; Shimane-born, survived by sons Roland, Chet, daughter Ruth Takata, 10 gc., 13 ggc.

Sato, Den B, 84, Palo Alto, Feb. 2; Kumamoto-born, survived by wife Alice, daughters Carol Nakamura, Ann Murano, 3 gc., brother Tom.

Sato, Riye, 98, Lathrop, Jan. 21; Aichi-born, survived by daughter Shimako Yoshikawa, sons Sadatoshi, Tsunaeo, Masayuki, gc. & ggc.

Shea, Sr. M Gemma, 98, Maryknoll, N.Y., Jan. 8; last of the founding members of Maryknoll Sisters in Boston, 1912, spent many years working with Japanese and Japanese Americans, was in Japan at time of Pearl Harbor, interned two years during WW II, returned on exchange ship.

Tajiri, Vince T, 72, Van Nuys, Feb. 7; Long Beach-born 442nd veteran, retired photo-journalist, author; survived by wife Rose, son Brion, daughters Karyn Schleitwiler, Rea.

Takashima, Yoneki, 105, Kahului, Maui, Feb. 8; Kumamoto-born, Maui resident since 1906 to work on railroad, retired blasting worker, survived by son Tony, Russell, daughters Vivian Watanabe, Toshiko Ogasawara, 12 gc, 16 ggc.

Tanaka, 'Red' M, 75, Acampo, Jan. 25; Acampo-born, survived by wife Mary, son Ron, daughter Terry Tanaka-Dufey, 1 gc., brother Shigeichi, sisters Mary Kishida, Grace Kawate.

Toyotomi, Dr. Masumi, 77, Los Angeles, Jan. 26; Beppu-born, UCLA, Union Theological Seminary, Columbia graduate, retired executive director for Missionary Strategy Agency, survived by sons Alphas, Philip, daughters Joie Toyotome-Meiko (Oakland), Faith Aiko Chapel (Portland), 5 gc., sister Emi (Eagle Rock).

Uyeda, Gengoro, 95, San Jose, Feb. 7; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Torae, sons Toshio, Tatsuo, Yoshi, Paul, 9 gc, 1 ggc.

Uyemura, Kiyoshi, 83, Los Altos, Feb. 4; survived by son Hiroshi, daughters Fumiko Yamanaka, Kiyoko Tsuchihashi, gc.

Yagura, Masaya, 65, San Mateo, Jan. 12.

Yasumura, George, 84, Fremont, Jan. 26; Auburn, Wash.-born retired New Jersey real estate developer, White River Valley JACL charter member ('30), pres. ('32, '37, '42), survived by wife Taeko, son Gary (Santa Clara), daughter June Yoshida, 1 gc, sister Michi DeSola (Beaufort, Ga.)

Yoshida, Harry Y, 88, Spokane, March 16 at Seattle; Spokane Issei community leader, employed by Alaska Steel & Supply Co. [1926-1982], treasurer of Japanese language school, assisted in wartime resettlement of Seattle Nikkei families to free-zone Spokane, served as Issei liaison between Caucasians and government agencies, member: JACL, Highland Park United Methodist Church, Spokane Japanese Cemetery Assn.; survived by daughter Frances Mori (San Leandro, Calif.), son Ronald (Bellevue), 3 gc., 1 great-c., 4 sisters Miyoko Katahira, Sumiko Okamoto, Kimi Nakata (all Spokane), Asako Katayama (Bellevue), brother George (Mercer Island). Wife Mary of 61 years died in 1991.

Death Notice


TADAO SAKAI

NEW YORK, NY - Tadao Sakai, 73, a sign painter by trade passed away Wednesday, April 21. Survived by his wife, Edel; brother, Tom Sakai (Vancouver); sister, Harky (Kozo) Hiramura (Portland).

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