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## Jury's decision on sexual harassment case stuns Ishibashi; appeal is uncertain

By GWEN MURANAKA  
Assistant editor

While the trial of *Jean Ishibashi vs. the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)* is over, the post-mortem on both sides of the case is just beginning. A San Francisco jury ruled Sept. 13 that Ishibashi had been sexually harassed by a former AFSC volunteer but that these acts did not constitute a hostile work environment.

Ishibashi told *Pacific Citizen* Sept. 15 that she was "in shock" over the decision and that she was undecided about an appeal. She was pleased that the jury found that she indeed had been sexually harassed but could not comprehend the exoneration of the AFSC. "One of the problems I feel is that the jury found that I was sexually harassed but that it didn't create a hostile working environment. The way I perceive the law is that if you're sexually harassed on the job, that is a hostile working environment. So the contradiction remains."

The Quaker organization, known for its community service, has consistently denied Ishibashi's charges that it failed to protect her from the sexual harassment of a former volunteer and that it dismissed her as retaliation for her union organizing practices and stands on affirmative action and women's rights.

"AFSC is pleased that this painful and divisive process that has taken several years is finally come to an end," said Wilson Riles Jr., AFSC regional director. "I trust that critics of AFSC's dealings with former

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—Fania Davis

staff member Jean Ishibashi will give weight to what the jury, representing a diverse group of California citizenry, stated clearly in its verdict."

Ishibashi said that her attorneys, Fania Davis and Howard Moore, said they are willing to appeal the decision pro bono.

"I'm a little bit nervous about it because of the investment in time," Ishibashi said. "They're explaining to me that I won't have to invest a lot of time because all the court records are (already established) and that the only thing that needs to be raised is money for the transcripts which is \$7,500 in total."

Davis said she is planning to file a request for a new trial with Judge Carlos Bea and if that is denied then she will appeal the case.

"I don't think justice was done," Davis said. "The jury got caught up in looking at the definition of hostile work environment."

The lawyer said that the jury viewed the incidents more from a man's perspective than a woman's and was not instructed adequately by Judge Bea. She also said she felt that the judge, by eliminating the charge that Ishibashi had been retaliated against for her stands on women's rights and affirmative action, had hurt Ishibashi's case.

"They said a reasonable woman would have nipped (the sexual harassment) in the bud. Basically, they applied a reasonable man's standard which is gender bias. The typical behavior of a woman is not to complain," said Davis.

Lori Feldman, attorney for AFSC, strongly denied Davis' claims that the jury used the wrong standards. "There is no evidence of that whatsoever. They were given instructions to apply a reasonable woman's standard. I had not heard anything that implied that the jury applied the wrong standard."

Reacting to the verdict, Feldman said, "We are very pleased by the verdict. We waited patiently to get our day in court and we feel completely vindicated."

Feldman said she believed Judge Bea was fair in his conduct of the trial. "I didn't feel any hostility. He bent over backwards to be fair to both sides," said Feldman, noting that she lost on a number of motions and that the judge was tough but fair.

"The ball's in their court," said Feldman.

While the future is still uncertain, Ishibashi said she was glad she went ahead with the trial. "I feel good that it's come out in trial. It's something that I had been very much involved with in my life to this point. I'm trying to make a decision if I will continue to be involved with it based on the fact that my are lawyers willing to appeal the case pro bono."

## Kimura to Clinton: What's on our minds



### IN-SIGHT

By LILLIAN C. KIMURA

### Meeting the president

Would you believe a visit to the White House twice in one week! The second trip was a meeting with President Clinton of the co-chairs of the 30th Anniversary March on Washington. Originally we were to go to the White House on the day of the march to present the concerns of the New Coalition of Conscience. But the President was on vacation that day. So he contacted Coretta Scott King and Congressman Walter Fauntroy inviting us to meet with him on Sept. 8. That got changed to Sept. 14 then finally Sept. 15 at 5:30 p.m.

On that day, 19 of the co-chairs (or their designees) got together at the Hay Adams Hotel at 3 p.m. for a briefing and "photo opportunity" on the roof of the hotel with the white House and the Washington Monument in the background. At the appointed time, we walked over to the White House and entered through the Pennsylvania Avenue gate. (Visitors to the White House will know that one usually goes through the side entrance.)

When we arrived we learned that Vice President Gore would also be in attendance. As usual the President was running late. Finally, when he arrived he went around

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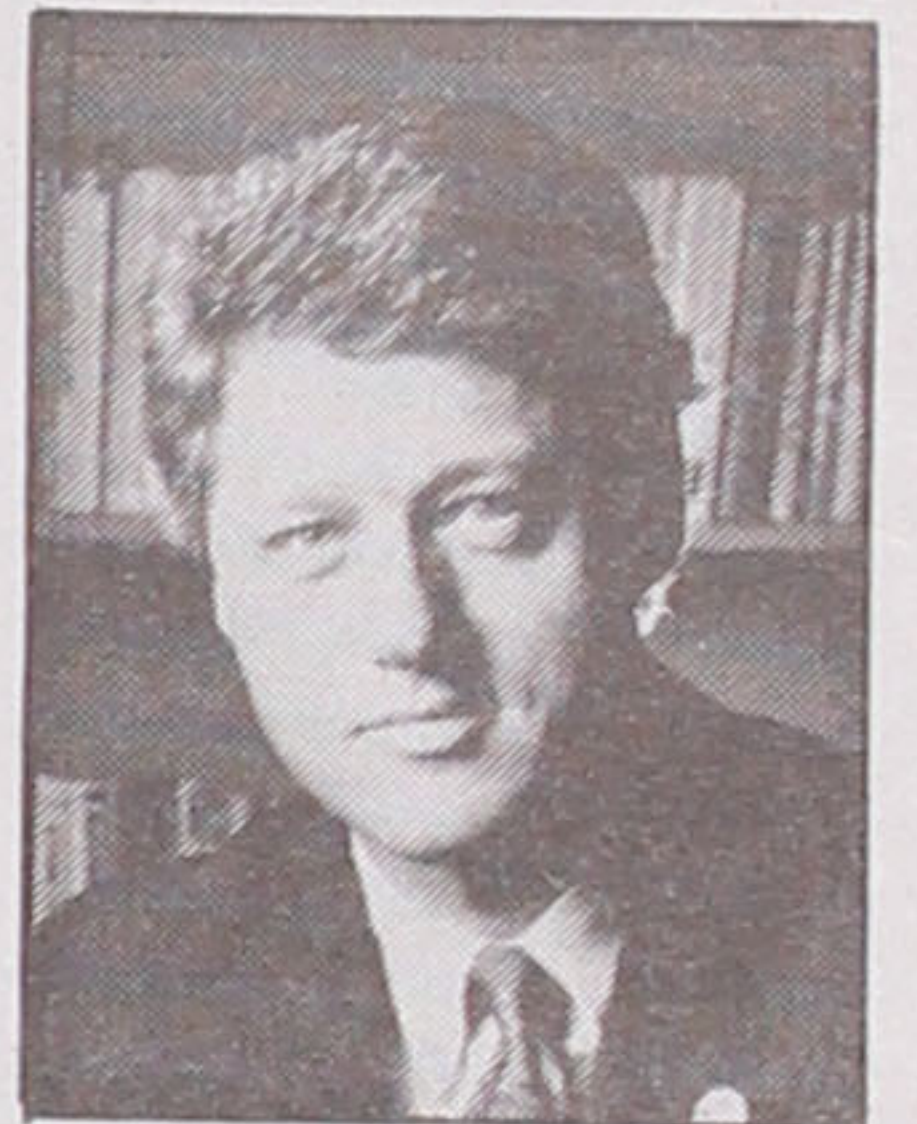
### JACL leader addresses concerns of Asian Pacific American community to the president

Leaders of the 30th Anniversary March on Washington met with President Clinton Sept. 15 to discuss key legislative issues pertaining to the current civil rights movement. Attending the meeting were twenty-five representatives, ranging from politicians to religious leaders to organizational representatives such

as Coretta Scott King, Patricia Ireland of the National Organization for Women and Lane Kirkland of the AFL-CIO. Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) National President Lillian Kimura represented the Asian American community.

Among the issues discussed was the "Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act" (H.R. 1172 and S.1037) which will re-

store civil rights to the 2,000 Asian Pacific American and Native Alaskan cannery workers excluded from coverage under the Civil Rights Act of 1991 because



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## Coalitions among 200,000 in March on Washington

"For all Americans, we still seek full economic participation. We still seek justice untainted by discrimination. And now, more than ever, we seek peace in our neighborhoods. Working together with our young leaders, we will not allow another 30 years to pass before we find the 'Promised Land.'"

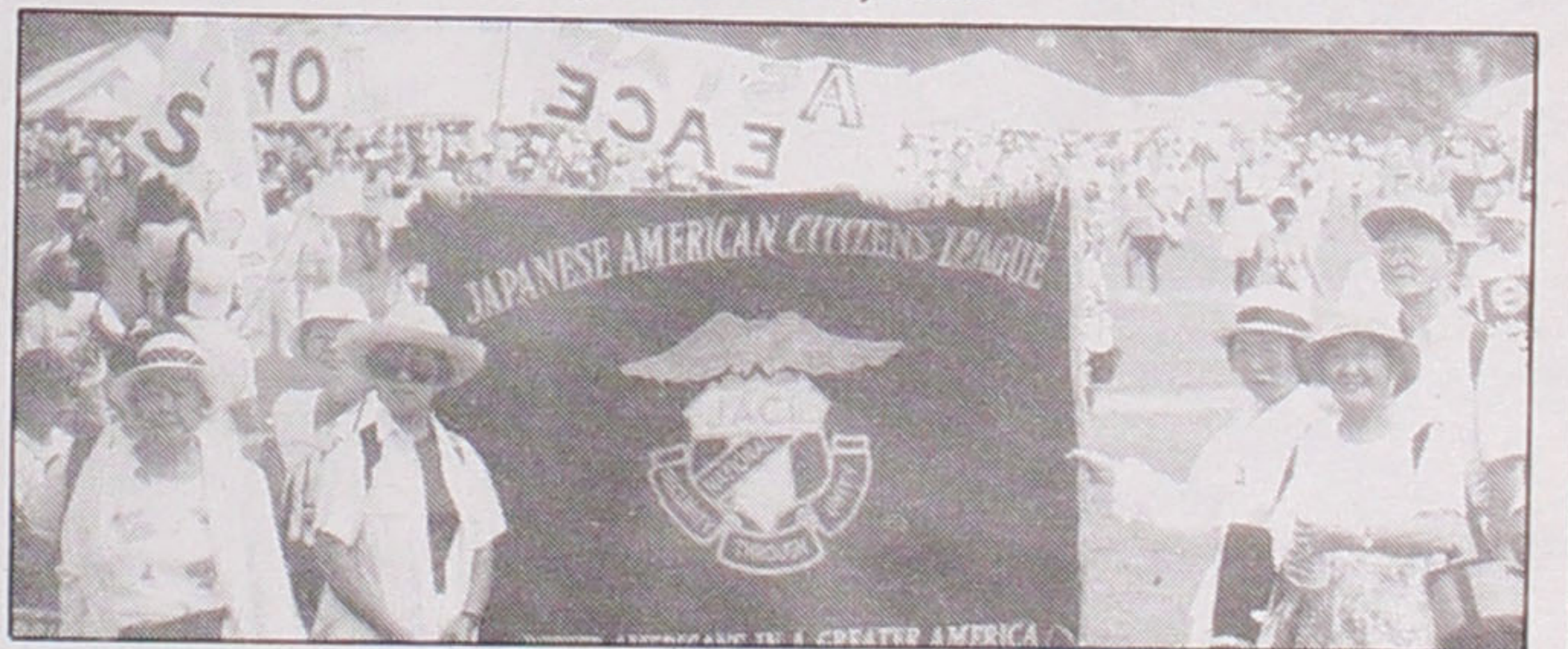
Those were the words of Japanese American Citizens League President Lillian Kimura, speaking before more than 200,000 people who gathered for the 30th anniversary March on Washington, D.C., Aug. 28. Kimura was the first Asian Pacific American to co-chair the march.

Participants included Asian Pacific American civil rights activists from Washington D.C., Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey and San Francisco. The new "Coalition of Conscience," an alliance of more than 200 civil and human rights, religious, labor, women's, youth, environmental, peace

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HISTORIC MOMENTS—Above, Lillian Kimura (with hat), JACL president, stands among the crowd at the 30th anniversary March on Washington, D.C. Below, from left, are Julia Kuroda who participated in the original 1963 march, Miiko Horikawa, Mieke Kogobayashi and Grayce and Hiro Uyehara.



JONATHAN KAJI

## Jonathan Kaji appointed to California Foreign Trade Office

Jonathan Kaji, JACL national secretary/treasurer and member of the Gardena Valley Chapter, JACL, was appointed Sept. 14 director of the California Foreign Trade Office in Tokyo by Gov. Pete Wilson. While the position means Kaji will be moving to Tokyo, he said he still plans to remain active in JACL.

Speaking to *Pacific Citizen*, Kaji said "For the (JACL) members, I know that there has been some discussion about Japanese Americans stepping forward and serv-

ing the nation or their state especially in roles *vis-a-vis* Japan.

"I was encouraged by Mike Masaoka and Bill Hosokawa. My taking this position is the continuation of my belief that we need to be involved in the two-way relationship between Japan and the United States."

Kaji, who estimates he will be in Japan for two years, will be responsible for developing investment and export opportunities for California throughout the Asian countries.

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## Calendar

### Japan Tokyo

Friday, Oct. 15—Japan Chapter, JACL, sponsors a discussion on U.S.-Japan relations with Prof. Kent Calder, Princeton University, 6:30 p.m. Information: Ted Shigeno, 0468-76-2431.

### Northeast U.S. New York City

Sat. Nov. 6—100th Anniversary exhibit and Thanksgiving open house, Japanese American United Church, 255 7th Ave. (24th St.), New York City, Information: 212/242-9444.

### Washington, D.C.

Wed. Oct. 20—Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation dinner, 6:30 p.m. reception and 7:30 p.m. dinner in honor of Mrs. Tipper Gore, First Lady of Mental Health, Crystal Ballroom, Fort McNair Officers Club, Washington; black tie optional, inquiries 301/530-0945.

Thu.-Sat. Oct. 21-23, MIS / Washington, DC Reunion — Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, Va. THU- Panel discussions, golf tournament, sightseeing, buffet mixer, FRI - morning rites at Arlington National Cemetery, luncheon at Capitol Hill and tour of Congress, reception at the Japanese Embassy; SAT - boat cruise with lunch, grand banquet, presentation of Philippine campaign medals; Information: Japanese American Veterans Association, PO Box 391, Vienna, VA 22183.

### Florida Del Ray Beach

Through Nov. 7—Smithsonian-NJAHS-Oakland Museum, exhibit: "Strength and Diversity, Japanese American Women 1885-1990," The Morikami, west of Jog Rd. (btwn Linton Blvd. and Clint Moore Rd.), 407/0233, closed Mondays. [Permanent exhibit on "Yamato Colony" to be added this fall.]

### Indiana Indianapolis

Thu.-Sun. Oct. 14-17—International Festival, 10-10 Thu-Sat, noon-6 p.m. Sun., State Fairgrounds; information Mike Katayama 317/736-1347.

### Minnesota Mpls.-St. Paul

Through Oct. 8—International exhibit: "Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945," Hours: 9-9, Mon-Fri, 9-5 Sat-Sun., First Trust Center, 180 E. 5th St., St. Paul. Information: 612/962-4351. NOTE—Adjacent exhibits: National Japanese American Historical Society's "Behind Barbed Wire: The Japanese American WWII Experience" and Twin Cities JACL material.

Fri.-Sun. Oct. 1-3—JACL MDC Session, Airport Marriott, Bloomington. FRI—Informal welcome to out-of-towners.

### Missouri St. Louis

Sat.-Sun. Nov. 6-7—International Folkfest of 60 ethnic and international groups, Webster University, St. Louis. Information: International Institute, 314/773-9090.

### Washington Olympia

Sat.-Sun. Oct. 16-17—JACL Olympia hosts PNWDC session/chapter 10th anniversary, SAT—Lillian Kimura, speaker.

### Seattle

Sun. Oct. 3—Festival of Korea, nationwide tour of traditional music and dance of Chongak and Eunyul Talch'um Co.,

Meany Hall for the Performing Arts, Univ. of Washington.

Sat. Oct. 9—"Forget Me Not," Ayame Kai Guild dinner-auction, Sheraton Hotel-Towers, Seattle; information Keiro 206/323-7100.

Sat. Oct. 9—Community dance, 8 p.m., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S King St.; information 206/772-1160.

Sun. Oct. 17—Tomo-no-kai Widow/Widowers' Dine-out, Tai Tung, 659 S. King St., Seattle; information Kim, 206/324-0862.

### Oregon Portland

Through Jan. 16—JANM exhibit: "Japanese Pioneers of Oregon," Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave., Portland. 503/222-1741. Thu admission free to seniors over age 60. Monthly lecturers, all Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.: Oct. 14—"Issei Pioneers in Hawaii and the Mainland," Dr. Akemi Kikumura and George Katagiri; Nov. 18—"Memories, Visions and Realities," Dr. Lauren Kessler, Dr. Homer Yasui; Jan. 13—"Between Camp and Home," Dr. Robert Sims.

### Nevada Reno

Fri.-Sun. Sept. 30-Oct. 3, Gila River / All Canal High School, Class of '43—Sands Regency Hotel Casino, Reno; Information: George Tamori (510) 685-4360, Merry Kurosaki (916) 395-3911, Jiro Fujii (510) 232-8154. For bus trip: Natsuko Kimura (209) 646-2787.

Sun., Oct. 17—JACL Reno potluck, noon, Knights of Pythias Hall.

### Las Vegas

Sun. Oct. 10—JACL Luau, St. Viator's Comm. Ctr. Information: Marie Stapleton 702/648-3894.

### California San Francisco

Sat. Sept. 25—JCCCNC Open House, 20th anniversary celebration: "Remembrance and Renewal," 12-5 p.m., 1840 Sutter St., S.F.; Information: JCCCNC 415/567-5505.

Sat. Oct. 2—San Francisco Nisei Fishing Club, 75th Anniversary celebration, Golden Gate Yacht Club. Information: Bill Kyono 415/ 52-1666 or Hank Hidekawa 415/731-6852.

Sun. Oct. 3—Nisei Widowed Group, 2-4 p.m. Information: Elsie Chung 415/ 221-0268 or Yuri Moriwaki 510/3280.

### Eastbay

Mon. Sept. 27—E.B. Nikkei Singles potluck dinner, Tower Club, 3600 Hillview Dr., Richmond, 6:30 p.m.; Mei Nakano, speaker, "Issei parents and their writings." Information: Millie Nakano 510/223-5619.

### San Jose-Monterey

Sat. Oct. 2, Thimble Road Old Timers Reunion—Red Lion Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA 94511, (408) 453-4000; Reunion committee includes: Eiichi Sakauye (408) 432-1280, Dorothy Inouye Uno (509) 624-2996.

### Los Angeles-Orange

Fri. Sept. 24—Little Tokyo Service Center 14th annual awards dinner, 6 p.m., The Rafu Shimpo's 90 Years, Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Information: 213/680-3729 weekdays.

Fri.-Sat. Sept. 24-25, Jerome / All Classes-Denson High School Reunion—Sponsored by Class of '44, FRI - mixer, Orange County Buddhist Church, Anaheim; SAT - dinner-dance, Hyatt Regency Alicant Hotel, Anaheim; Information: James Tsutsui, 17525 Alora Ave., Cerritos, CA 90701 transportation from Central Cal: Fujio Shimada 209/864-8851.

Sat. Sept. 25—Morning conference, Asian Career Transitions, 7:30 a.m.,

Asian Pacific Mart, 1100 S. Flower St., L.A. Pre-registration \$10 required, call 213/687-0677 or 617-5678. NOTE—Linda Wong, Rebuild L.A., speaker.

Sat. Sept. 25—3rd International Naginata Federation goodwill tournament, 10 a.m., CSU Dominguez Hills gym, 1000 E. Victoria St., Carson; seminar on Sunday, information Helen Nakano 310/530-6288.

Sun. Sept. 26—West L.A. Community Service Award luncheon, 11:30 a.m. social hour, 12:30 luncheon, Hacienda Hotel, 525 N. Sepulveda, El Segundo, Information: Toy Kanegai 310/820-3592. Honorees: Bay Cities Gardeners, Chester Yamamoto, Tozo Yahata, George Kanegai, Norikazu Mayeda, Tora Nakabara, Dr. Mitsuo Inouye, Robert Fujimoto.

Tue. Sept. 28—Japan America Society breakfast, 7:30-9:30 a.m., Robert J. Balloon, speaker, "Foreign Competition in Japan," City Club, 333 S. Grand Ave., 54th fl.; RSVP 213/627-6217x17.

Tue. Sept. 28—Open Forum: "Community Relations and Japanese Corporations 1993," 4 - 6:30 p.m., El Camino Campus Theater, Torrance; free. Information: JAL Int'l Service, N.Y. 212/679-7920. To be taped for later broadcast. Panelists include Joel Kotkin, Takashi Kiuchi (Mitsubishi), Koichi Haraguchi, Willie Tokishi (American Honda), Linda Wong (Rebuild LA), Arnold Plank (Torrance school superintendent).

Fri. Oct. 1—"Celebrate Japan" Festival on Pepperdine Malibu campus, 4 p.m. dedication of Payson Library teahouse, 8 p.m. Japan American Symphony concert in Smothers Theatre, tickets 310/456-4522.

Fri. Oct. 1—Japan America Society/L.A. World Affairs Council luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Toyoo Gyoten, speaker, "Japan, Europe and the U.S., Jousting on the Global Economic Stage?," Biltmore Hotel, L.A., RSVP 213/627-6217x17.

Sat. Oct. 2—Aki Matsuri, East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1-9 p.m., ESGVJC, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina. Information: Yoko Saiki, 818/960-2566 (Tue.-Fri. only).

Sat. Oct. 2, UCLA Japanese American Grand Nikkei Reunion—Ackerman Grand Ballroom, UCLA campus, 6 p.m.-midnight dinner-dance; Information: Devon 310/206-1953.

Sat. Oct. 2, Seabrook Reunion '93 in L.A.—Holiday Inn, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, Calif., Registration: David Eto, 734 Lynnmore Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360, 805/493-1397 or Bill Hoshiko, 21898 Shenandoah Dr., El Toro, CA 92630, 714/768-3997.

Sun. Oct. 3—JACL Ventura County Festival, "Celebrating Our Heritage," 2-5 p.m., Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foot-hill Rd., Ventura; information 656-6907. NOTE—Baldwin Hills Taiko Group, martial arts, Japanese dance, cultural arts, children crafts, free Japanese food tasting.

Sun. Oct. 3—Gardena Buddhist Matrons "Kanojo Fall Collections" showing, noon, Gardena Buddhist Church social hall; information Midori Yoshimura 310/324-6349.

Tue. Oct. 5—Japan America Society breakfast-workshop, 8:30-11:30 a.m., "Understanding and Working with the Japanese," part II, Biltmore Hotel, L.A., information: 213/627-6217x14.

### Southern California

Through Oct. 10—"The Wave from Yokohama" exhibits of contemporary visual, photo artists at various sites. Information: San Diego 619/699-2411.

Tue. Oct. 5-Dec. 31—Cultural exhibit: "Sendai and Its People," Riverside Municipal Museum. NOTE—Sunday Lectures at 2 p.m.: Nov. 7, Dr. M. Ishii-Kuntz, UCR associate professor of sociology; Nov. 21, Associate curator Gloria Gonick, L.A. Craft & Folk Art Museum.

### Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka

# ALC asks Congress to maintain asylum laws, end scapegoating of immigrants

The Asian Law Caucus Sept. 17 joined with other Asian organizations to denounce proposed reforms in the asylum procedures and urged Congress to stop the scapegoating of immigrants and refugees. The group charges that the "Expedited Exclusion and Asylum Reform Act of 1993" proposed by President Clinton and co-sponsored by Sens. Barbara Boxer, Diane Feinstein and Ted Kennedy will result in legitimate asylum seekers being turned away.

Under the act asylum seekers can be summarily denied asylum and deported if they cannot convince an INS officer at the point of entry within the first hour that they have "credible fear" of persecution, or if they travelled through a third country to get here. No appeal of that decision has reached the courts.

"The president's proposal ignores the realities faced by those who are politically persecuted," said Bill Tamayo, Asian Law Caucus (ALC) managing attorney and immigrant rights project di-

rector. "Many legitimate asylum seekers cannot articulate their story right after entry because they may be weary or disoriented after hours and days of travel. Many are also initially fearful of uniformed officers (such as, INS officials) because they might resemble the very people who persecuted the seeker and will consequently withhold information."

Under current law, asylum seekers at ports of entry have the opportunity to present their claims before an immigration judge and be represented by an attorney. Current law and procedures including appeals to the federal courts are designed to insure that legitimate asylum seekers are not returned to their countries to face death or other persecution. Current law also acknowledges that refugees must often travel through third countries to obtain asylum, Tamayo said.

The act would bar any class action lawsuits challenging any patterns of abuse by the INS in summarily denying asylum. "The

president wants to remove any checks and balances on the INS behavior. Democracy will take a big hit if the courts can't correct abusive actions of the INS," said Tamayo.

The president's proposals have been severely criticized by the *New York Times*, the United States Catholic Conference, the American Jewish Congress and by many groups that have assisted refugees, the ALC reports.

"We are very disappointed that the White House and the co-sponsors of this legislation did not consult with Asian American members of Congress and organizations experienced in immigration issues before introducing these draconian measures," Tamayo said.

"At a time when anti-Asian and anti-Latino violence are escalating because of the scape-goating, the last thing we need are elected officials advocating discriminatory and draconian policies before talking with affected groups and their advocates."

# An ethnic coalition of crime . . .

A frightening twist on ethnic cooperation, six men—two Caucasians, two Latinos and two African Americans—are being sought for the Sept. 10 beating of an Asian liquor store clerk in Lake Forest, Calif., reported the *Orange County Register*.

Lake Forest Sheriff's investigators are calling the incident a hate

crime because of the racial slurs shouted during the assault. According to sheriff's officials, the victim was working at the liquor store when the first suspect entered and proceeded to assault the clerk. He vowed to return and subsequently came back with five other men who proceeded to beat the clerk and vandalize the store.

The Asian man, whose name has not been released out of concern for his safety, was treated at the Saddleback Memorial Medical Center in Laguna Hills for bruises to the head and body and then released.

Lake Forest is located in southern Orange County, next to Irvine, Laguna Hills and Mission Viejo.

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the room and greeted everyone while the vice president went the opposite way to do the same. Mr. Fauntroy acted as the facilitator. Mrs. King opened by saying we appreciated the opportunity to meet with the President to share the agenda of the Coalition of Conscience, that on Aug. 28 more than 100,000 citizens bore witness to the crisis of this day. "These concerns bring us here: the lack of jobs, absence of justice, and resource allocation and domestic and global peace."

She went on to commend the President for the event on the

previous Monday, "We stand behind you as you work to complete the process."

Next to speak was Rev. Joseph Lowery who had accompanied the President from New Orleans where he was earlier in the day. Rev. Lowery said the richness of this nation is its diversity and that we represented the broadest coalition of Americans whose solidarity can unlock the nation's storehouse of opportunities for all people. "The coalition is available and eager to work with you to open opportunities and to invest in the people . . . We come together in the same spirit that the children of Abraham came together on Monday."

The Coalition agreed that four

presentations will be made: Richard Womack for Lane Kirkland, AFL-CIO, on jobs; Jose Velez of LULAC on justice; Patricia Ireland of NOW on health care reform; and Rev. Jesse Jackson on economic stimulus.

Mr. Womack outlined the jobs issues as workplace fairness, health care, NAFTA, occupational safety, justice for Wards Cove workers and statehood for D.C. In addition to justice for Wards Cove workers, Mr. Velez spoke on the American Indians Religious Freedom Act. He also mentioned his group supported NAFTA.

Of course, Rev. Jackson was most eloquent in speaking of "Plants closing, jobs leaving, tax base eroding, public schools being

traumatized and the crime bill becoming our urban policy." He pointed out the need to look at NAFTA as it affects people of color. Moreover, "reinventing government cuts into us in a different way." He reminded us as minorities could not find work in the private sector, they turned in great numbers to civil service where they had a chance to make a decent living and now that could be taken away. He told the President that we represented the people who could most support his jobs initiative agenda and that we need to part of a real dialogue.

After these presentations, President Clinton had a few minutes to respond. He thought we

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## PSW opposes private school voucher move

The executive committee of the Pacific Southwest District JACL joined a coalition of more than 35 civil rights and government groups formally opposing Proposition 174, which would award vouchers to families who send their children to private schools, reported the *Rafu Shimpō*.

Appearing on the Nov. 2 statewide ballot, Prop. 174 would establish a system of tax-payer payment for private school education. Opponents, who have formed a group called VETO-174, say it will lead to lower quality of education for the poor and minorities.

Carol Kawamoto, PSW governor, said, "To fiscally undermine public education while advancing the privileged at private schools at the expense of poor and disadvantaged families runs contrary to the basic principles of equal education and democracy."

Trisha Murakawa, JACL vice president, Planning and Development, said, "Access to quality public education must remain a right for all people and not a privilege for those who can benefit the most from plundering public coffers for their self-centered and self-righteous purposes."

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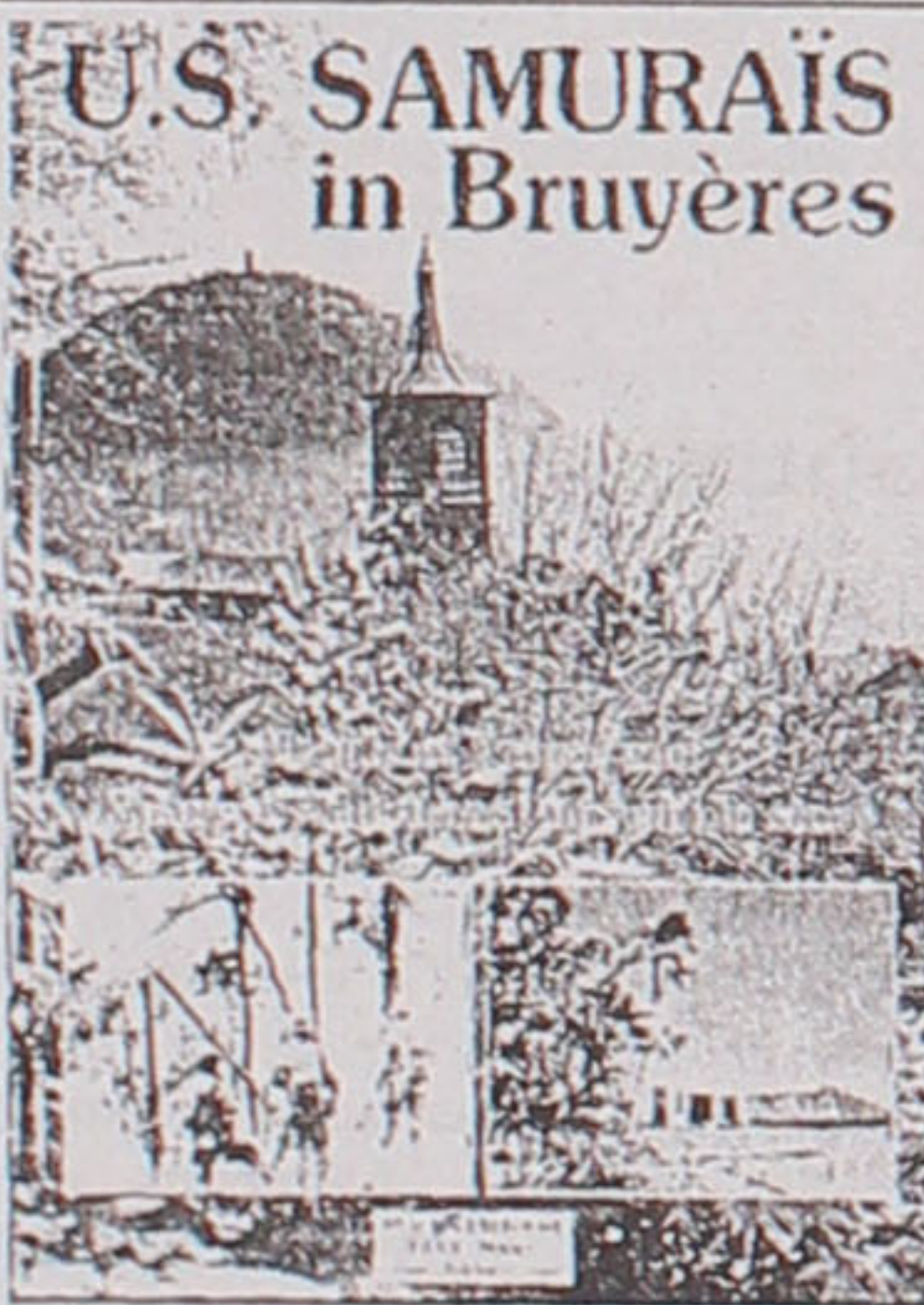
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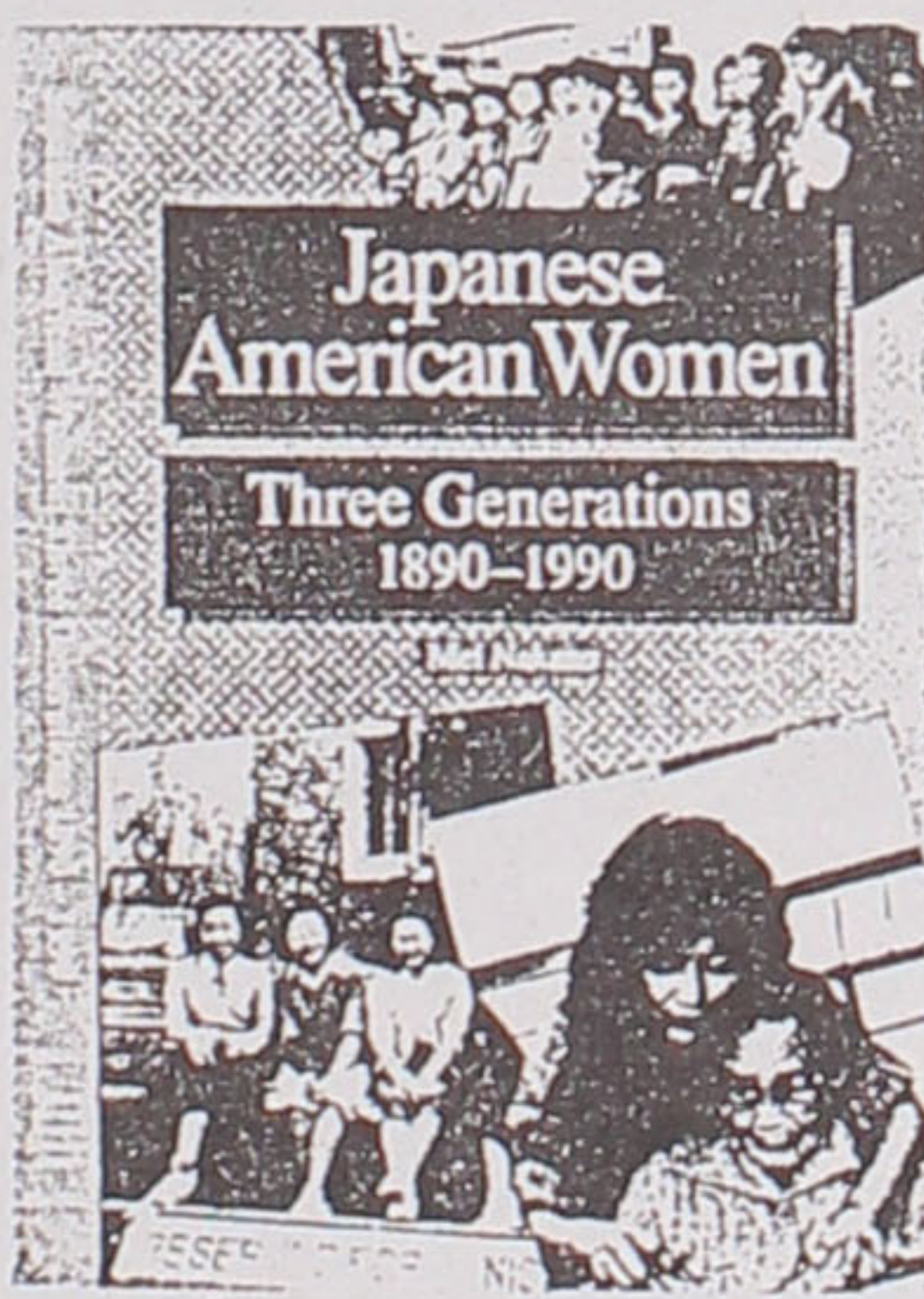
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**7th Asian murder galvanizes D.C. citizens**

Korean storekeeper Mu Rim Hong, 55, in northwest Washington, D.C., was closing the store Sept. 8 when an assailant demanded money and shot her dead at close range in front of her husband, Peter Sung Keok Hong, who reached for the store's silent alarm.

She was the seventh Asian merchant or store clerk killed this year in the District (three in the same neighborhood), according to the *Washington Post*.

D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly and police chief Fred Thomas met for two hours the following day with 50 Asian group representa-

tives and merchants. Korean American community leaders demanded increased police patrol in areas where their small businesses are concentrated. Kelly's special assistant for Asian and Pacific Island affairs, Kathleen Hom, said the meeting was a success but hesitatingly said: "The money is not there for resources ... the social problems are getting worse."

About 3,000 or 55% of all D.C. small businesses are Korean-operated, according to the Korean Association of Greater Washington.

The Hong family owned and

ran a variety store for 12 years in the predominantly black section of the District along Georgia and New Hampshire and Missouri Avenues, where President Clinton had visited earlier this year.

The Hong was robbed at gunpoint four times before the slaying. Two months earlier, Mu Rim Hong was arrested on charges of hitting a teenager who began pocketing and throwing candy around the store, but the charges were dropped. A week prior to her death, she was confronted by teenagers who were refused free ice cream. One of them vowed to kill her, according to her son Daniel.

**To no avail, Thais ask life sentence for teen**

Pleading compassion, a group of monks and members of the Phoenix, Ariz., Thai community asked prosecutors to seek a life sentence rather than the death penalty for convicted killer Johnathan Doody, reported the *Arizona Republic*.

"In Buddhism, there is no concept of capital punishment. Buddhism is a religion of compassion," said Venerable π

Mettanando Bhikkhu, spokesman for a group of 15 people who met with Rick Romley, attorney, Maricopa County.

Despite the session, Romley said his office is still planning to recommend that Doody, 19, receive the death penalty for his part in the August, 1991, slayings of six Thai monks, a nun, a monk-in-training and a temple assistant.

The *Republic* reported that Bhikkhu, who met with Doody at

a Maricopa County jail, said a life sentence is more appropriate because Doody was only 17 when the crime occurred.

"We would like to see no death penalty. I have great respect for life. Johnathan is a boy. He should be treated as a boy," said Bhikkhu. Doody's mother is Thai.

**IN-SIGHT**

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needed to bring people together to explore all the good ideas on how to create jobs, we need to generate a feeling of reconnection, he said. The absence of a comprehensive health care plan is dramatically aggravating the economy. He said we need to focus this fall on the health care issue and the reemployment system, then later on welfare reform and a bigger jobs initiative plan. "I am thrilled to have you here and impressed by the size and breadth of your diversity," he said. He agreed there needed to be an on-going relationship.

Before speaking, Rev. Jackson reminded us that this was the anniversary of the bombing of the church in Birmingham where four girls were killed and he asked

Rev. Lowery and Rabbi David Saperstein to lead us in prayer. In his closing remarks, the Vice President said he was very moved by that and thanked Rev. Jackson for remembering.

The President met with us for more than an hour. His staff was getting antsy as he had an appointment at 6:30 and at 7 and it was after 7 when we concluded. As the Vice President was leaving, I told him I liked his tie which was a print of people of all colors. He replied he liked it too and he thought most of the people were Asians. I laughed and reminded him that we were the majority in the world. In speaking to others after the meeting we were pleased we had so much time. One of his aides said the President took a lot of notes. Earlier the Coalition agreed to remain in contact by meeting quarterly. That's thirty for now.

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of a special interest exemption granted to their employer. Passage of this legislation is one of the top priorities for Asian Pacific American civil rights organization, Kimura said.

Other legislative items included the:

- Elementary and Secondary Education Amendments of 1993 (H.R. 6) which extends the authorization of appropriations for the programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for another six year.

- "Violence Against Women Act" (H.R. 1133) which combats violence and crimes against

women.

- "New Columbia Admission Act" which provides for the admission of the District of Columbia into the union.

The 30th Anniversary March On Washington was held on Aug. 28, in the nation's capital (See story on page 1). Kimura, who spoke at that rally, was the first Asian Pacific American to co-chair the March.

"I am pleased that President Clinton has taken the time to listen to our concerns," she said. "The Asian Pacific American community has a specific civil rights agenda that must be addressed. With the mobilization of the APA community, I am confident that we can successfully work towards these goals."

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## JACL agenda

### Washington, D.C., Chapter

By LILY A. OKURA  
Newsletter editor

FORT MYER, Va.—Some 200 Japanese Americans, Caucasians and black adults and children reported as "extras" in their Sunday-best for filming of *Karate Kid IV*, starring Pat Morita, for a scene in front of Gen. Colin Powell's residence where Morita is being presented with a medal.

Women were told "no white dresses, but a blouse could be white; the men to be in suits." (Guess what: the temperature that day climbed to 97 degrees and all of the filming was outdoors.)

Among the JACLers rising early (be at Fort Myers by 6:30 for breakfast followed by a day of shooting) for the one-day call on June 28, Pat Okura was told by Morita the original script called for a background voice of President Clinton but said he wanted Senator Daniel Inouye to be the presenter. Morita, in a personal note, requested his appearance and the senator accepted.

For the morning shoot, the older Nisei were hand-picked to act as WWII veterans and were seated in the front row. The prop men hastily pinned medals on them. Their spouses sat in the second row. Senator Inouye appeared. He read his line and was whisked back to the Capitol, while the ex-

tras were at lunch.

During the lunch break chat with Okura, Pat Morita couldn't get over how much Pat Okura looked so much like his older brother. In the next scene, while the extras were roaming about the grounds looking at exhibits of the men of the 442nd, Morita stops and exchanges greetings with Okura: "It's so good to see you again." (The scene may be edited out, but it was fun.)

The afternoon was for the "background action" shot, the extras being directed to look toward the area where the Senator was making the presentation. (Of course, the senator was not there.) The scene was shot about five times, each time to be asked by the assistant director "to wipe away the perspiration and act cool."

The day ended around 6 p.m. Someone was heard to say: "All this for \$50 . . . Never again." Compared to 1930s when it was \$7 a day for extras, the cause this time was worth while as many are, no doubt, donating the pay to JACL and Ekoji Buddhist church, since the recruitment calls came through the Washington JACL Office and Ekoji.

*Karate Kid IV* is scheduled for a



OKURA

1994 summer release.

### Portland

Chapter secretary Ann Shintani teaches Sunday School class at the Oregon Buddhist Church, plays the church organ and is remembered as one board member who often said, "I'd like to do that," such as a program committee for a dedication. Heavily involved, one would think she was an old-timer, but the assumption is to the contrary. A '91 Oregon State University graduate, these challenges are her avenues to get to know the community better through volunteerism. She works as a public utilities specialist in conservation planning for the Bonneville Power Administration and two years of drought has kept her work interesting, indeed.

### Lake Washington

Chapter board meetings, which were held in member's homes in the past, are now being held at the Oki Foundation Headquarters Building, south of downtown Bellevue. The historic Sacred Heart Church site, it is located at 10838 Main St. Chapter president James Nohara expressed thanks to Scott Oki for making the facilities available to Lake Washington . . . Scott, incidentally, is a driving force to see whether a Japanese community center is feasible for the various Nikkei organizations.

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## Personally speaking

### Business

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■ Founder of "Code Blue" clothing store for young men and lately of "LA Gear," **Mel Matsui** is steering the new Chief Seattle line for LA Gear.

### Volunteers

■ After working two years at the Japanese consulate in Seattle, Amerasian **Kimberly Beer** (her mother is of Japanese descent, her father a Euro-American), a 1990 graduate of the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington writes of her first year as a Peace Corps volunteer educator at the Onesi Senior Secondary School in a small town in northwestern Namibia. Of her first day in class, her greatest concern was the lack of resources only to learn it was "abundant" compared to what most schools in Namibia have. Of her first Christmas, besides adventuring at the famous Etosha National Game Park sleeping under the stars and with wild animals about, she spent two hours in vain to get an international telephone operator to make a collect call home. Peace Corps is a two-year commitment.

### Theater

■ Northwest Asian American Theatre hired its first full-time director-actress **Judith Nihei**, 38, a University of Washington graduate in English in 1976 who became involved in San Francisco theatrical activities, the Asian American Theatre Company and in the improv company, The National Theater of the Deranged. NWAAT has built a theater of its own, the Theater Off Jackson, in Seattle's International District. She wants to encourage new works and Seattle "is a great writing town" and wants to see children acquire the taste of live theater. For her inaugural season, Wakako Yamauchi's "And the Soul Shall Dance" opens Oct. 14. Nihei is married to a management consultant based in Sacramento.

### Medicine

■ The 1993 American Society of Clinical Pathologists honors as distinguished pathology educator is being presented this fall at Orlando to **Robert M. Nakamura, M.D.**, chairman emeritus and senior consultant at Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation at Lo Jolla, Calif. A graduate in medicine from Temple University, he worked with the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Nagasaki in the late '50s, and was professor of pathology since the

'70s at UC Irvine and UC San Diego. He was department chair (1974-1992) at Scripps Clinic and Research. His writings appear in some 45 texts dealing with laboratory medicine and has had 124 articles published in the journals "to be in the forefront of pathology as a renowned research," the Chicago-based ASCP noted.

### Civil service

Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke commended retiring member **Sho Nojima** for his 15 year record with the county civil service commission. The Torrance resident was appointed in 1976 by then Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

### Youth

Seattle Japanese community queen **Emi Oki**, 19-year-old junior at the Univ. of Washington in accounting, received a \$1,000 scholarship as first runner-up in the Miss Seafair scholarship pageant.

A Tulare County Yonsei, **Blayne Nagata**, received high marks at the recent Constitutional Rights Foundation state history day competition at the '93 event at Sacramento. He vowed to come back next year and go on the nationals. Son of Gerald and Brenda Nagata, the seventh-grader represented Kings River School.

## D.C. office welcomes new interns

The JACL Washington, D.C., office announces its new fall interns, Donna Shioya and Anthony Chang, who will be working on various legislative and public policy issues which affect the Asian Pacific American community.

Shioya, a resident of San Jose, Calif., and a 1993 summa cum laude graduate of the University of California at San Diego, is the 1993 JACL Eastern District Council (EDC) fall intern. She graduated with a bachelor of arts in anthropology and a minor in Japanese studies. She plans to attend law school and pursue a career in public policy and educational reform.

Shioya will be working on the EDC Educational Curriculum Project, which involves researching the Pennsylvania state educational system to determine the best possible way to implement JACL's Educational Curriculum Guide into state and local educational programs.

Chang, a resident of Philadelphia, Pa., and a third year student at Cornell University, is currently participating in the Cornell-Washington Program, in addition to interning with the JACL Washington, D.C., office.

He plans to graduate in May, 1994, with a bachelor of arts in government. Chang, who speaks French and Korean, intends to

pursue a career in political consulting.

He will be researching and writing an article on Asian Pacific Americans in politics, in addition to writing proposals on legislative issues.

Commenting on his internship, Shioya said, "I am confident that the experience I will gain from working for the JACL will prepare me for any future plans in educational reform through public policy."

Chang said, "I hope that the experience I gain at JACL this fall will contribute to all my future endeavors, which include providing leadership to the Korean American community."

**Opinions**



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**W**e are a nation of organizers. We organize to promote games of golf and bridge and bowling as well as to support or oppose abortion, encourage medical research or even to bring down governments. We have labor unions and Rotary clubs and medical and bar associations.

Some of our organizations serve as watchdogs over society to see that it performs in ways that we approve—that we don't pollute the air or destroy rain forests, protect a wide range of human and political rights, defend the prerogatives we have extended to the oppressed, etc., etc., etc. In its evolution over the years JACL probably has fallen within the watchdog category.

Watchdogs spend a lot of time sniffing out suspicious activities and sounding the alarm when they discover what they think upstanding citizens ought to be warned about. That's fine. That's their function because society has many faults and a low level of sensitivity about what's bad so that it needs to be alerted from time to time. We need watchdogs and we will continue to need them until society comes closer to

perfection.

Thus it is understandable that JACL and some of its members should become agitated about a rather undistinguished Hollywood movie titled *Rising Sun*.

The book on which it was based had, in my opinion, a large measure of Japan-bashing in addition to an unnecessary abundance of profanities and obscenities. Many feared that when it was projected on the big screen, the reflected racism would damage some innocent bystanders, namely Japanese Americans.

Well, it doesn't take very much to get folks agitated these days. *Rising Sun* got a lot more ink—pro and con—in the Japanese American press than it deserved, and the high-paid Hollywood publicists must have been delighted.

Why? Because when artistic excellence is in short supply, there's nothing like controversy to stimulate the box office. A mediocre product can be transformed into a money-maker by controversy because the public is stimulated to buy tickets to see if it is as good or as bad as people are saying.

That's the attraction of the World Series, the Superbowl and a heavyweight prize fight for the world championship. Are the opponents as devastating (and you can take that to mean good or bad) as the sports writers say? You want to know, and that's why you turn on the TV set if you can't get tickets. Let's admit it. Many of us went to see *Rising Sun* because of the controversy and thus, indirectly, encouraged the producers of a not particularly worthy product. (I didn't see a single listing for *Rising Sun* in this morning's papers so it would seem that after the first flurry of interest it's fading away like many another mediocrity.)

Thanks for alerting us, thou faithful watchdogs. You are performing your duty well to make us aware of matters that may affect us. But if we over-react to the warning, that's our doing and our fault. ☺

*Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor of the Denver Post. His column appears weekly in the Pacific Citizen.*

**Letters**

**Not surprised Suzuki of Cal Poly exonerated**

I was not surprised one iota that Dr. Bob Suzuki, president of Cal Poly Pomona, was exonerated of any wrongdoing by an investigation conducted by the California State Chancellor's office regarding the handling of some financial matters at the campus. I would have been stunned if the report were otherwise.

The chancellor's report clearing Dr. Suzuki is completely consistent with his character and integrity.

I have known Dr. Suzuki for more than 35 years (we attended college together). I have worked closely with him on many community issues, political campaigns, and marched with him against the war in Vietnam. We worked many hours together in the successful campaign to repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950. In all the time that I have been associated with Dr. Suzuki, I was always impressed by his complete integrity. He was always forthright in his relations with people and was particularly careful of being above reproach in money matters. This is a man of high principle. The regrettable aftermath of this sad episode is that Dr. Suzuki's good name has been compromised. There were a number of (Los Angeles) *Times* articles over several weeks regarding the hiring of friends and allegedly continuing to accept illegally a temporary housing allowance after moving into his on-campus home. Many may not have read the Sept. 3 article absolving Dr. Suzuki. When serious allegations are made in the press against individuals, there needs to be sufficient bases for these charges. A person's reputation is precious. This is an extremely serious matter. I believe the *Times* was remiss by making inferences regarding possible wrongdoing by Dr. Suzuki in its coverage. While I can appreciate the importance of the press to engage in legitimate investigatory reporting, I believe the press in this case stepped beyond the bounds of responsible journalism. It is unfortunate that Dr. Suzuki fell victim to this irresponsibility.

*Harry Kawahara*  
Altadena, Calif.

**Whereabouts**

● **Of Tony Toru Tange:** Concerning redress. Last known address was in Sacramento. Contact the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, ORA, P.O. Box 6620, Washington, D.C., 20035-6260; or Mrs. M. Tange, 7509 W. McKinley Ave., Fresno, CA, 93722-9210.

● **Of Rudy Kawata:** His grade school classmates at Cozad, Neb., where he lived with his parents who moved back to California after the war, would like to hear from him. Please call Rex German, P.O. Box 45, Cozad, NB, 69130 (800/445-2887).

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**What it's all about**

**S**plurge on a new car? Some did that. Remodel the den or kitchen? Some did that. Take that long delayed dream vacation to Hawaii or even Japan? Some did that. Great ways to spend that extra money—that "windfall" redress money—none of us expected. We deserved the money to somewhat compensate for those two to three years of exile to Manzanar, Tule Lake, Jerome and other World War II "Made in U.S.A." concentration camps for all persons of Japanese ancestry in our Western states. It's our money.

There were other great ways in which the "windfall" money served. An education fund for our grandchildren... down payment assistance for our children's new homes... a "nest egg" for our retirement years... donations to our favorite charities...

Despite the adversities, the frustrations and the discouragements, first, of the evacuation from my home in Tacoma, Washington, then of the two years of incarceration behind barbed wires in Pinedale, Tule Lake and Minidoka, and finally of the subsequent relocation to Cincinnati, I must admit, life in the post-war (WW II) period has been good. My wife and I have celebrated our 37th anniversary. We have a home in the suburban city of Madeira, just northeast of Cincinnati, where everyone is a

neighbor. Our family has been enthusiastic and accepted participants in the affairs of the city, the schools and our church.

I missed going to college after high school graduation because of the Evacuation, but thanks to the University of Cincinnati's excellent Evening College program, I was able to work, raise a family and get a degree in business. Our kids, a son, now deceased, and three daughters have benefited from the excellent programs of the Madeira school system. Our daughters have enjoyed the experiences of higher education, two at Miami in nearby Oxford and one at the University of Cincinnati. The two elder daughters live in Madeira—they each have a child, our wonderful grandchildren—and the youngest is freelancing in San Francisco in graphic design work and as a young single.

We are now retired and enjoying—not luxuriously, but comfortably—the "busy" life of the dotting grandparents. Perhaps, with a few changes here and a few changes there, I have described the lives of many of our readers. Life has been good to most of us.

As we reminisce our lives since World War II, we can credit much of our good life to our own doing. We worked hard... we were good citizens... we accepted the oppor-

tunities... But, back in 1942, as we boarded those ancient train cars and creaked our way to the assembly centers—Pinedale, a treeless, 120 degrees-in-the-shade desolate camp for us; Tanforan and Santa Anita and the stalls of famous race horses for some others—there was no indication of this good life to come. We wondered when some in the government recommended the use of the interned Japanese, notwithstanding the 60% who were U.S. born citizens, as exchange for American POWs held by Japan.

But today we can say we enjoy a good life. Our children are leading good lives. There are people even from Japan, a World War II enemy, leading a good life here in the U.S.A. Just why is this!

During the days of pre-WWII, most of the Japanese American community was too young or scoffed at the need for an organization, such as the JACL, to represent us on a national basis. This lack of a national voice was a factor in the Evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Western states. Then, throughout the "camp" days, JACL leaders were persecuted as the cause of our incarceration. But, fortunately this small band of JACLers, despite the handicaps of youth, numbers,

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## Come-on Sense

KARL NOBUYUKI

### Let chapters ratify national director

**W**e have a National Convention coming up soon, and it seems to me that now would be a good time to begin some dialogue for interventions that might help strengthen the JAACL network. So, to test the waters so to speak, I suggest that one should consider chapter ratification of the National Director. . .

A chapter ratified national director provides organizational accountability to the chapters and consequently, the membership. It connects the heart to the brain through the blood vessels.

Second, it provides a valuable system of checks and balances in the organizational structure that is critical. The National Council sets broad policy goals. The National Board refines these goals with the Executive Committee providing the network structure for implementation. The director could best assess the viability and implementation by analyzing timing and action.

Third, it gives the professional staff a sense of direction relative to the overall organization and not just a group of individuals who meet infrequently.

Fourth, national directors have got to have "tough skin" and the chapters are usually the best place to "re-condition" why they are doing what they're doing. National directors must be able to find comfort in the chapters. Washington, D.C., is the job of the Washington representative; district coordination is the job of regional directors. The overall membership is the task of the national director. The guts of JAACL comes from the chapters, not the National Board.

Fifth, nationally elected officials, particularly national presidents, do not always get elected by an overwhelming majority. Consequently, their agenda can easily be, unintentionally, geared towards their "slim majority . . . of votes and not the overall organization." As one person put it, "Ego administration" can over-ride "Ergo administration."

Six. Leadership in the national organization is not defined as a "second career" or a stepping stone to a better one. Leadership in the League must focus upon Japanese American community empowerment and not individual empowerment, and;

Seven. It's time. In an organizational context it seems to me, that a national director ratified by the membership through the chapters, would be more of catalyst at the local level and a program guide at the national level. It is a "buy in," so to speak, that can lead to better communication.

Personally and at the risk of offending some (unintentionally), I believe that nationally elected officers of the League can best serve by presiding over the structure and the processes thereof. The national director is best at formulating the method of achieving program goals. A national director that sits in the background is not directing. Consequently, the director must mingle with the chapters and based upon his/her analysis of the membership, recommend the means of directing solutions to problems and goals. Once approved, the director then shifts gears towards implementation, and the national officers rally to generate the support structure.

If a national president is in charge of both method and goal(s), both can get lost at the end of the term.

Now, here's the litmus test.

Test one, communication. One need only ask how often nationally elected officers or members of the National Board communicate with the membership. The record is clear, with the exception of the current national president, the answer for over the past decade is, "very little."

Test two, interaction. After a national officer "mingles with the troops," what happens with the dialogue? Does it end with a blurb (AKA: sound-bite) in the P.C., and terminate in a press release listing names and personalities, or does it mingle with other chapter comments and emerge into organizational directives? Do volunteer board members, however sincere their intentions, have the time to analyze such data?

Test three, accountability. What roles do nationally elected officers other than the president play during the course of the biennium? Does the National Board provide a viable leadership base during the course of the biennium?

Do we measure leadership by column inches or by achievement? Do we support JAACL leadership on the basis of whom we like or on the basis of what they have done to further the mission of the association? Do we care . . .

Come-on Sense: The League needs to re-think its approach(s); it must begin to distinguish between methods and goals and assign the appropriate team leader. JAACL's need for leadership is more than protocol and prestige. Its roots are in the need for programmatic direction and channeling the diversity of the membership into unified teams. JAACL needs a President and a National Director . . .

*Nobuyuki, a former JAACL national director, is a member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter.*

## LEGACY

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and a general lack of support from the Japanese American population, began to pave our road back to fully-participating citizenship.

They encouraged successfully the release of young men and women for colleges and universities, for employment, to help in the farm harvests, and eventually for relocation out of the camps, first to areas outside the Western Defense Command, and later back to the West Coast. They petitioned the government to permit Nisei enlistment in the military, resulting in the formation of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most decorated unit in U.S. military history, and the fall-out from the accomplishments of these Nisei soldiers and the thousands more who served gallantly in the Pacific theater in the G-2 intelligence units were the major factor toward the restoration of our full citizenship respect.

A national voice was now in effect for the Japanese American—National Japanese American Citizens League.

JAACL advocated the passage of the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act which allowed citizenship for the Issei. Japanese nationals were ineligible for U.S. citizenship until then, despite the fact that many, like some of our parents and grandparents, had been permanent residents of this country for some 50 years. The fact that our Issei parents had not attained U.S. citizenship was a

major propaganda item for those who advocated internment; the fact that our parents were ineligible for citizenship because of the laws of this nation was conveniently overlooked in the hysteria of war. Perhaps some of you are beneficiaries of this JAACL effort.

JAACL led the successful effort to repeal alien land laws in 15 Western states which prevented individuals ineligible for citizenship from acquiring land or benefiting from the land—e.g., living on the land. Property purchased in the name of U.S. born children were seized since the ineligible parents received benefits from the land. Perhaps some of you are direct beneficiaries of this JAACL effort.

JAACL successfully eliminated discriminatory barriers in determining immigration quotas from Asian and Pacific nations. The 1924 ban on immigration from Japan and several other Pacific nations was rescinded by the efforts of the JAACL. Perhaps some of you are beneficiaries of this JAACL effort and are now enjoying the good U.S. life.

JAACL led the successful effort to repeal miscegenation laws that were common in many of our states. These laws had forbidden marriage or sexual relations between a man and woman of different races. Even couples married in states without anti-miscegenation laws, were vulnerable to arrests on immorality grounds if passing through a state with the law. Japanese spouses of U.S. soldiers were victims. And, today, most of our children are partners

in mixed race marriages—what problems would they have encountered without this JAACL effort?

JAACL campaigned successfully for the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 which provided the unexpected redress payments and an apology from the government for Japanese Americans interned during World War II. Perhaps you are one of the beneficiaries of this JAACL effort.

The National JAACL continues to represent the interests of Japanese and other Asian Americans through its Washington, D.C. office. JAACL monitors the rising incidents of violence and sentiments against Japanese and other Asian Americans, and responds with the promotion for passage of state and local anti-hate crime legislations and vigorous prosecution of hate crime offenders. JAACL monitors and responds to the negative effects of increasing Japan-bashing, the negative portrayal of Asian Americans in the media, and the continued barriers to advancement in the workplace for minorities. Isolation from these problems is not possible for any Asian American.

Life has been good to us and to our children, but the reasons start with the JAACL—the JAACL has paved our life paths void of "potholes" and "traffic jams," and continues to do so through its national organization, our watchdog and voice for a safer and better America, whether you realize it or not. JAACL gave us the chance to seek the good life in this great nation, so that we could work hard,

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**Fujimoto, Etsuko T.**, 71, Los Angeles, July 19; Pasadena-born, survived by husband Robert, daughters Cheryl Maxwell, Robin, 1 gc., brother Tatsuyuki Tomoyasu, sister Kimi Kato.  
**Hamaguchi, Matsue**, 88, Los Angeles, July 19; Wakayama-born, survived by 4 sons Mitsuru, Noboru, Hajime, Akira, Taira, 4 daughters Teruyo Mizufuka, Shinobu Wada, Reiko Truman, Yuriko Ishikawa, 20 gc., 8 great-gc.  
**Hamamoto, Minoru**, 67, Whittier, July 18; Ehime-born, survived by husband Tohru, sons Jim, Sam, daughters Cathleen Morofuji, Lilly Takei (Ariz.), Irene Parra, 10 gc., brothers Tomoo and Masaharu Yoneda, sister Shizuko (all Jpn).  
**Nishikawa, Richard K.**, 82, New York, June 8; Honolulu-born restaurateur, pre-war Los Angeles resident and Manzanar internee, chef at Gurney's in Montauk L.I., in '50s, operated Cherry Restaurant until retirement in 1990, survived by wife Suzy.  
**Ogawa, Sakae**, 64, Hayward, June 17; survived by husband Dick, son Russell, daughter Marlene, 1 gc., sister Jane Mori (Ontario, Ore.), brother Ted Kyono (Morgan Hill).  
**Okamoto, Rai Y.**, 65, San Francisco, July 7; Philadelphia-born architect and urban designer, city planning director under Mayor Moscone (1976-81), planned downtown Oakland Civic Center, Yerba Buena Center, son of gifted parents Francis Yuki Okamoto, Issei architect in Philadelphia and school-teacher Claudine of a distinguished black French family from Napoleon Bonaparte times, graduate ('50) of Univ. of Penn-

sylvania where he starred in track, post-graduate degrees in urban planning at MIT and Yale ('54), taught in the late '50s at Danish Royal Academy in Copenhagen, Princeton, Cornell, settled permanently in San Francisco with his '61 appointment at UC Berkeley, author of "Buildings of the Bay Area" (1959) with John and Sally Woodbridge, and "Urban Design Manhattan" (1969); awarded Fulbright, Guggenheim, NEA fellowships, member of College of Fellows of American Institute of Architects, private practice since 1966, was married to Berkeley architect Sara Ishikawa ('70-72).  
**Okita, Richard**, 44, San Francisco, July 1; San Mateo-born computer specialist with Dept. of Veterans Affairs, survived by parents Kiyo and Martha, brother Charles (San Jose), sister Martha Sandy (Foster City).  
**Ozaki, Masano**, 99, Seattle, July 1993 (notice of death); survived by son Masakazu, daughter May Ishida (Ore.), Kazuko Yabu, 9 gc.  
**Sasaki, Helen Satomi**, 74, Sloughhouse, Calif., June 26; Washington State-born, survived by husband Chris K, sons Jerry, Larry, Stanley, daughters Sandra Karpala, Priscilla, 12 gc., 1 great-gc., son-in-law Herman Lum, brothers Kazuo Tanigawa, Shogo Seno, Katsuo Miyazaki (all Jpn), brothers-in-law Kaju Yamauchi, Wilbur Sasaki.  
**Suzuki, Kin**, 91, Chicago, June 26; Shizuoka-born, survived by daughter Aiko Fukuda (Peru), Atsumi Ozawa, Hiroko Hoshi (Peru), Felicia Hamahashi, Chieko Kimura, son Joe, 17 gc., 16 great-gc.  
**Tanaka, Katsue**, 68, Richmond, June 14; survived by sons Rick, Randy, daughter Cindy, 1 gc.  
**Takuma, Ko**, 72, Loomis, June 16; Loomis-born, survived by wife Mary, daughter Edna Moore, brother Jun, sister Rose Yokote.  
**Tanase, Heitaro**, 98, San Jose, June 28; Mie-born, survived by son Chester, Sam, daughter Kathryn Hioki, 6 gc., 8 great-gc.  
**Tsuchikawa, Chiyo**, Seattle, July 1993 (notice of death), survived by sons Masakatsu, Osao, daughter Mary Yoshijima, 8 gc., 9 great-gc.

**Tsutumi, Tsuneto T.**, 79, Lodi, June 3; Sacramento-born, survived by wife Agnes, sons Raymond, Gary, Tommy, daughter Diane.  
**Ueda, Don Takao**, 74, Berkeley, June 3; Kent, Wash.-born, survived by wife Grace, son Clarence, daughter Geraldine, 2 gc., mother Kiyoko (Jpn), sister Yukiye Kirihara (Jpn), brother George.  
**Uno, Yoshiyuki F.**, 89, Oakland, June 27; Hiroshima-born, San Francisco Bay Area resident for 70 years, survived by wife Shizue, son John MD, daughters Mabel Kazato, Virginia Inouye, 6 gc., 2 great-gc.  
**Yagi, Hanako**, 71, San Francisco, June 14; San Francisco-born, survived by husband Bill, sons Dennis, Russell, 2 gc., sisters Betty Egi, Dorothy Egi, brothers-in-law Sadayoshi, Tom, Joe, George and Frank Yagi, sister-in-law Helen Yagi.  
**Yamashita, Minoru**, 86, Watsonville, June 20; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Masano, sons Tokio, Tommy, daughters, Kyoko Oba, Toshiko Yamashita, 3 gc., brother Kenji, sisters Mary Connolly, Sachiko Hara (Jpn).  
**Yamashita, Sakai**, 70, Sacramento, June 21; Acampo-born, survived by wife Ritsuko, daughter Eileen Algellal, 4 gc., mother Sue (Jpn).  
**Yasui, Shizue**, 79, San Jose, June 17; Los Angeles-born, survived by husband Rihachi, son Ken, daughters Satomi, Natsumi Yagi, brothers Kazuo and Yoshio Yamasaki, 5 gc., 1 great-gc.  
**Yasutake, Takeshi G.**, Seattle, July 1993 (notice of death), survived by wife Alice, sons John, Michael, daughter Karen Nagai (Renton), 8 gc., 4 sisters Toshi Yamamoto (Los Angeles), Toki Muramoto, Molly Fujioka (Walnut Creek), Fran Matsuoka.  
**Yonemoto, Tak**, Sacramento, June 14, of toxic shock syndrome probably from an insect bite while in Ecuador earlier this year on volunteer mission with International Executive Service; Sunnyvale-born horticulturist, onetime president of American Carnation Society, past director of Santa Clara County Fair and county farm bureau, life member UC Berkeley Alumni and UC Davis Alumni clubs; survived by wife Rosie, son Norman, Bruce, Robert, Jerry, two brothers.

**MARCH**

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 and service organizations, participated in the call for "Jobs, Justice and Peace."  
 Asian Pacific American (APA) organizations in the Washington area held a kickoff rally to bring the APA community together in the fight for economic and racial equality. More than 200 Asian Pacific Americans participated in the march. Participating organizations included the Afro-Asian Relations Council; Alliance for Korean National Democracy; Alliance for Philippine Concerns; Asian American Arts and Media; Asian Pacific American Bar Association; Asian Pacific American Heritage Council; Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance; Campaign for Democracy and Independence (Philippines); Conference on Asian Pacific Americans Leadership; D.C. Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs; Gay Asian Pacific Islander Network (D.C.); Japanese American

Citizens League; Korean American Alliance; Korean Association of Greater Washington; National Asian Pacific American Bar Association; National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium; Organization of Chinese Americans; Organization of Pan Asian American Women; Philippine Heritage Foundation, Tanghalang Pilipino Ng D.C.; Washington Alliance of Korean American Women; and Young Koreans United.  
 Maryland legislative delegate David M. Valderama and the Rev. Kiyui Chung of the United Campus Ministry emceed the event and long-time civil and human rights activist Yuri Kochiyama was the keynote speaker. Do Phuong, Immigration and Refugee Indo-chinese Resource Action Center, Kazim Ali, vice president of the Students Association of State Universities, and Vickie Hsu, Asia Watch, spoke on behalf of the Asian Pacific American youth. Entertainment was provided by the Filipino musical group, Indayog.

The rally ended with a ceremony conducted by representatives from various APA organizations and youth leaders. The participants each read a quote pertaining to the fight for civil rights. As each quote was read, a candle was lit. The ceremony symbolized the coming together of the APA community and the "passing of the torch" to the youth who will continue the older generation's commitment to the struggle for civil rights.  
 After the ceremony, the Asian Pacific American contingent joined marchers from other organizations at the Washington Monument. The APA contingent marched in 100-degree weather to the Lincoln Memorial, where the March on Washington rally was held. Coretta Scott King, Patricia Ireland, National Organization of Women, Dr. Joseph Lowery, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Lane Kirkland, AFL/CIO, and Benjamin Chavis, NAACP, were among the many distinguished speakers who participated in the rally.

**LEGACY**

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 study hard, and be good citizens.  
 JACL is the only organization established to respond to the general interests of Asian Americans at the national level, and this need is not finished. Violence and sentiments which are anti-Asian American and anti-Japan are regular headlines in today's media, and when civic and governmental leaders must still be alerted to the repugnance of the use of ethnic slurs, JACL's work is far from a done deal. If Marge Schott had to be told that "Jap" and "Nigger" are taboo in today's culture, can you be surprised when the same comes from the less informed? And, today, will the heated exchanges and demands in the trade war and the balance of payment talks between the U.S. and Japan result in violent confrontations against the Japanese

in America? Take for example, the Iraq-U.S. confrontations which are spilling into anti-Arab American sentiments and violence in U.S. cities with large Arab American communities. Just as they cannot hide their physical features, the Asian American cannot; therefore, what can we expect? Will it come to evacuation, again? Far-fetched? Let's make sure that it doesn't.  
 JACL, as you know has embarked on a program to insure the future well-being of our next generation of Asian Americans through the establishment of the Legacy Fund. It is to create a strong financial base to enable the JACL to continue to function successfully and actively as a national and local voice for our children and for their children, just as it has for us.  
 So, now, what shall we do with our redress money or the money realized from the good life we have? If you are a recipient of a redress

payment, why not make a contribution to the JACL Legacy Fund to recognize JACL's major role in your good life. It's great that you may have been able to help your children or grandchildren with the unexpected money, but to assure real security and well-being for them in the year 2000 and beyond, the best investment is a financially sound JACL.  
 If you are not a redress recipient, I hope that I have convinced you that JACL has had a major role in the good life you and your family enjoy, and you would want to see that JACL never loses that capability to respond to the interests and welfare of your children and their children—the future generation of Asian Americans. A contribution to the JACL Legacy Fund would be appropriate, beneficial and rewarding. ☺

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