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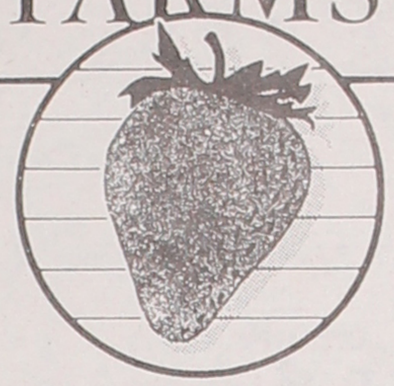

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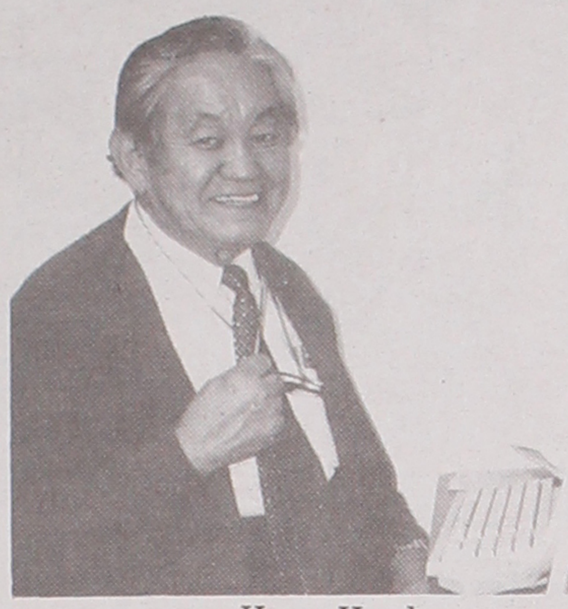

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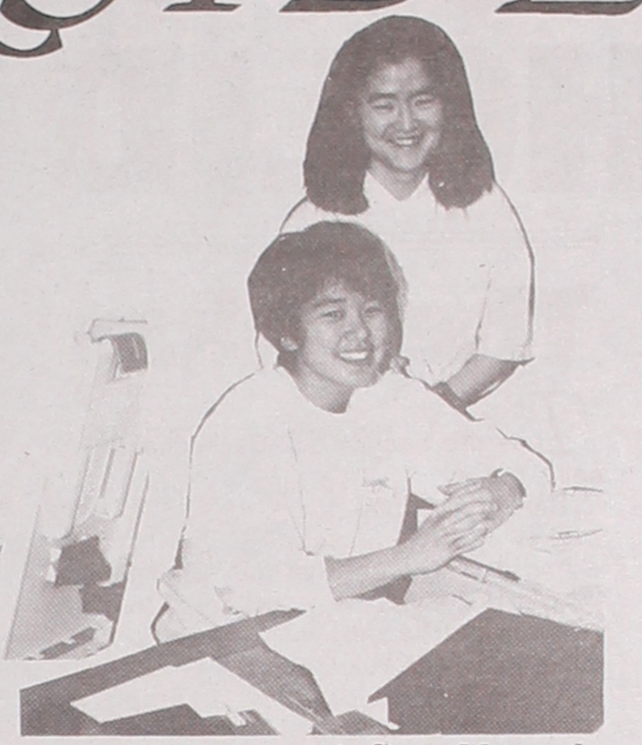

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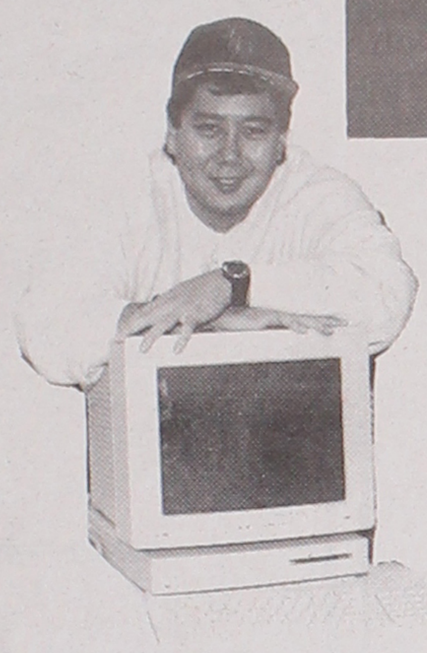

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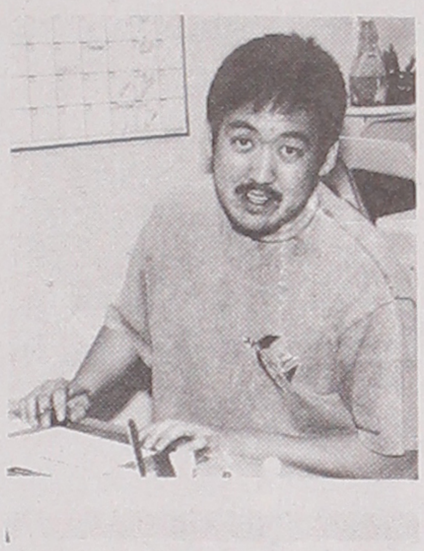

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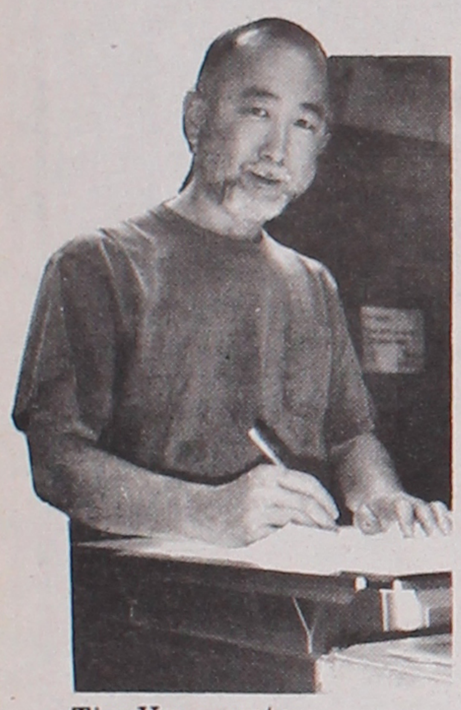


Tim Yamamoto

Welcome to the 1993 *Pacific Citizen* Holiday Issue. This year, the theme is "The volunteer spirit," the idea of Harry Honda, PC's editor emeritus.

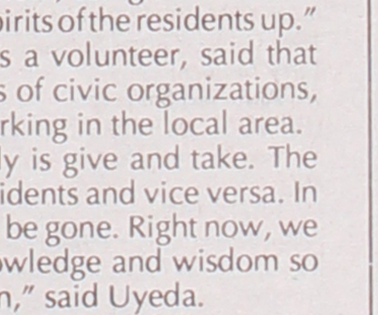
And a great idea it is. In this issue, readers will learn about the many individuals across the JACL country who literally make chapters run. You probably know many of these volunteers. The introduction to this theme is on the opposite page . . .

Again, *Pacific Citizen* must acknowledge the collaborative efforts of all those who have made this 128-page edition possible. In particular, PC must always express its profound gratitude to the JACL chapter members who solicit the holiday greeting ads, a difficult task that comes at a difficult time of the year. Their names appear on the next page . . .

The *Pacific Citizen* staff gears up for this project months before it actually begins in November. Only they know what the long-houred days and nights are like. The volume of materials— insertion orders, editorial and ad copy —is mountainous. We live on cookies, chips and sodas throughout days that begin as early as 6:30 a.m. and end in some cases in the early morning hours of the next day.

The PC staff, in turn, must thank all the part-time assistance we receive from the community. Some of them are featured in the photos above . . .

A special group also needs acknowledgement. Each year, PC has asked for more volunteer writers to come forth to make the Holiday Issue a more meaningful reflection of JACL. More than ever in recent memory, they came forward, this year, to honor their own volunteers in their own chapters . . .



You'll read their stories in this 1993 Holiday Issue . . .

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Volunteers pose with elderly residents of the South Bay Keiro Nursing Home, Gardena, Calif. Standing, from left, are Harumi Toguchi, Mitsuyo Ueda, activities director, Ryu Orii, Manabu Ogawa, Gohta Kato, Heidi Kawahara (leaning) and Fumiko Ito. Seated, from left, are Kikuno Iwamasa, Umeno Ishibashi, Kameyo Tsunoda (partially hidden), Mité Ozaki, and Shizuma Yokota (partially hidden).

On the cover

Keiro or "respected elder"—the term implies a sense of responsibility and gratitude to our elderly, caring not just for physical needs, but for emotional and spiritual needs as well. At the South Bay Keiro Nursing Home in Gardena, Calif., the mostly Issei residents enjoy outings, shopping trips, arts and crafts and visits from family and friends.

They also enjoy interacting with the many volunteers, both young and old, Japanese American and Japanese national, who talk with them and attend to many of their needs.

Explaining the importance of volunteers, Activities Director Mitsuyo Ueda said, "By speaking with them, using their mother language, the volunteers help keep the spirits of the residents up."

Ueda, who herself started in 1983 as a volunteer, said that many volunteers are students, members of civic organizations, and wives of Japanese businessmen working in the local area.

"For volunteers and residents, it really is give and take. The volunteers receive so much from the residents and vice versa. In five or 10 years, the Issei generation will be gone. Right now, we have the opportunity to share their knowledge and wisdom so that we can pass it along to our children," said Uyeda.

The activities director said that the center could always use more volunteers, especially those who speak English. Information: 310/532-0700.

Keiro Services in Los Angeles, began with the opening of the Japanese Hospital in 1929.

There are Keiro facilities throughout the country attending to the needs of our elderly Nikkei community.

Photographer

Craig Muranaka, a computer systems analyst, is a free-lance photographer, writer and coffeeshop poet.

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The volunteer spirit

They are heart. Soul. Backbone. And spirit.

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And it is to them that this 1993 Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue is dedicated to. This year, chapter leaders were asked to write about their best volunteer, the person who exhibits the spirit and meaning of volunteerism, which has been the hallmark of the Japanese American Citizens League. Many JACL writers took the time to honor these individuals who make things work at many levels.

Here, then, is an issue full of deserved praise for these stalwarts of JACL and their communities . . .

Pacific Citizen asked JACL President Lillian C. Kimura to introduce this Holiday Issue theme. As a former executive with the YWCA in New York City, no one is more qualified to talk about the meaning and importance of volunteerism than she. . .

What it means, why it's important

By **LILLIAN C. KIMURA**
JACL National President

Citizen participation in community affairs is one of the unique features of American society. It is the essence of democracy in action. People who care and do something about their caring have significantly altered the quality of life for millions of their fellow citizens.

There are several aspects to volunteerism- First, there are private institutions organized to work for the common good. These voluntary agencies have the freedom to pick and choose their issues. They have flexibility to implement programs to respond to needs and thus are often on the "cutting edge" of change. Secondly, there are the people who work without compensation to help create a better world. These volunteers perform any number of tasks and assignments not for anything more than a sense of personal satisfaction.

The French historian, Alexis de Tocqueville, said over a hundred years ago that Americans have "an incredible Tense of personal responsibility for the welfare of others and the readiness to sacrifice and cooperate voluntarily and freely to support those services designed to aid others in their struggle for personal and moral maturity."

In a study for the Independent Sector, Gallup poll reported who volunteers; 58% of those 14-17 years of age 43% of those 18 -24 63% of those 25-44 54% of those 45 - 64 41% of those over 65

I would assume these figures are related to those who volunteer on a regular basis. Then you have those who assist in times of disaster, such as the floods of the Midwest this past summer. In any case, that's a lot of people.

As a voluntary membership organization, JACL is fortunate to have thousands of volunteers— people who are committed to our purposes and who want to give back to the community. Most of these individuals are unsung and go about quietly doing the work that must be done.

I am pleased that this PC Holiday Issue will tell some of the stories of these unsung heroes and heroines. It is an opportunity for us to recognize and thank them for their efforts and to thank all our volunteers for what they do to keep democracy alive.

Domo arigato gozaimasu.

PC's People Who Count

Pacific Citizen honors the many chapter members who solicit new or renewed greetings in the Holiday Issue from members and community organizations, and individuals. In keeping with the theme of this issue, these are PC's volunteers who make this issue possible. In some cases, the solicitor's name may be missing; it did not appear on the Insertion Order form . . . Let this, then, be a partial listing.

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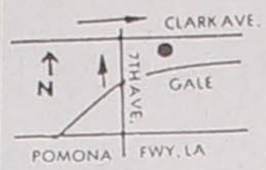

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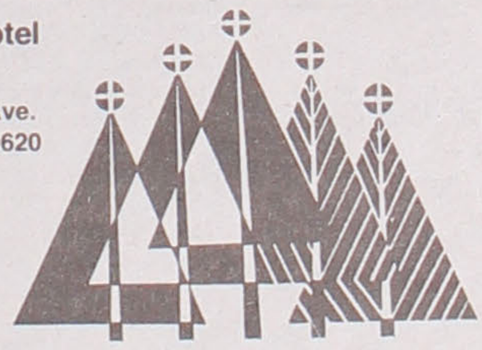

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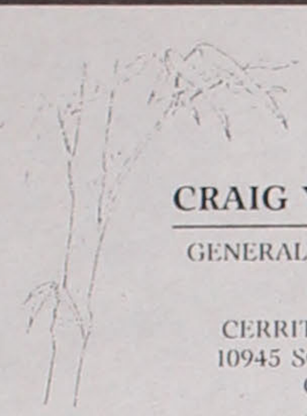

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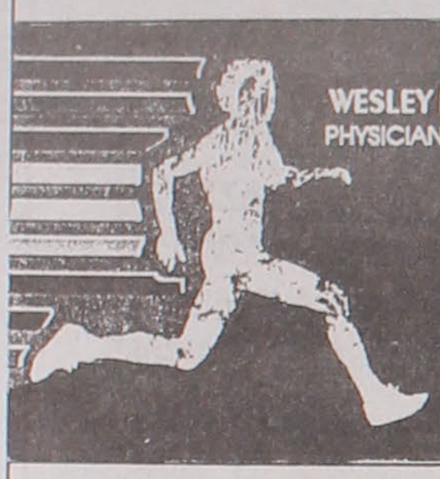

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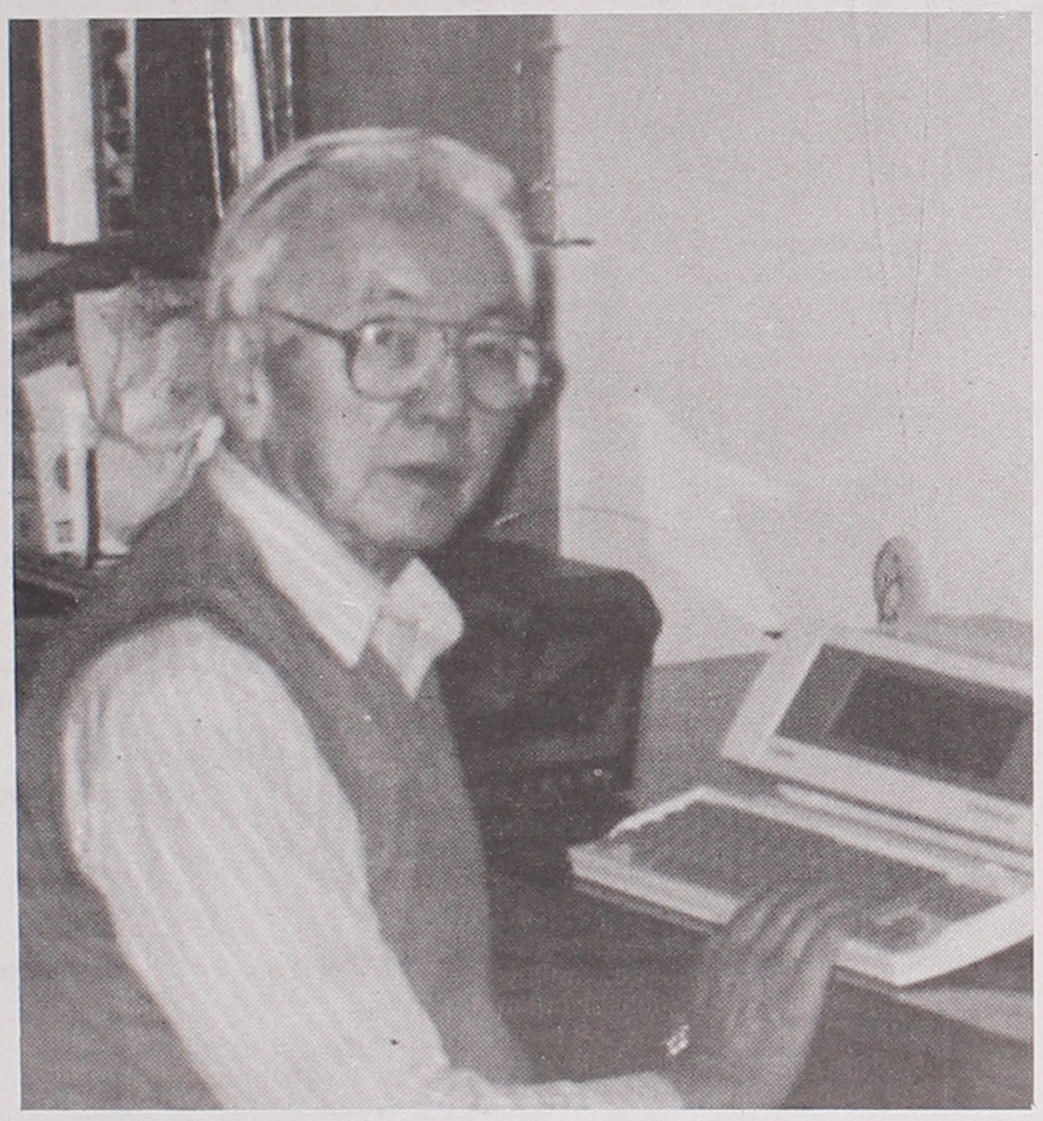

Above, Bill Hosokawa, standing at right, helps fold the paper as editor of the Heart Mountain Sentinel. At left, at his home in Denver.

He is part of the journalistic tradition of the West and Midwest. A breed that never buttoned their shirtsleeves because they were always rolled up and invariably stained with ink.

In fact, it was said that ink flowed in their veins. In their journalist heydays, Bill Hosokawa and his brethren would stay up half the night pecking and tapping at a typewriter, crafting stories about their beats.

He is certainly among the first Japanese American to achieve important status in a major newspaper of this country. In his 37-year career at the Denver Post, he was editor of its Empire Magazine for 17 years, executive news editor of all newspaper operations for two years, and editor of the editorial page for seven years.

In addition to his wide-ranging experiences on newspapers, Hosokawa is the author of six books, including "Nisei: the Quiet American" and "Thunder in the Rockies," a 100-year history of the Denver Post.

In related activities, Hosokawa is the founding president of the Colorado Freedom of Information Committee and has been the national president of the American Association of Sunday and Feature Editors, and a member of the Writing Awards Committee and the Ethics Committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

But Hosokawa takes his place beyond the journalistic realm. At 78 he is still tall and lanky, and his demeanor is all-Americana—quiet, steadfast and sturdy. Talk to him and you'd know. Though born and raised in Seattle, he is pure prairie and plains. In his talks and writing, the common sense is clear, taut and honest.

And with experience that stretches through wars and decades of political and social upheaval, he has also come to represent a valuable resource and reflective voice. Through his books and "From the Frying Pan" column in the Pacific Citizen, he has commented and chronicled the news, events and culture of the JA community at large.

Now retired, Hosokawa still remains active, particularly in the area of U.S.-Japan relations as an advisor to the University of Denver, as well as a lecturer to JACL chapters and other organizations.

And, most important, he finds time to impart a steadying hand and counsel to the Pacific Citizen staff.

From his home in Denver, he took time to chat about a number of topics . . .

PC: How are you doing these days; how's your health?

BH: I'm old.

PC: Are you still involved with the *Rocky Mountain News*?

BH: I have no connection with either the *Rocky Mountain News* or the *Denver Post* anymore. I do some consulting with the University of Denver. And I'm quite active with the Japan America Society of Colorado.

PC: What do you do at the University of Denver?

BH: I designed and supervise the teaching of two courses. One on "Understanding Japan," for American students trying to learn about Japan, and the other is a mirror image of the first course. It is called "Understanding America," a course designed to help middle level Japanese businessmen, business executives to understand America so they don't waste a year, a year and a half of their assignment in the U.S. trying to find out what's going on and how America operates.

PC: Is U.S.-Japan relations your primary interest these days?

BH: Yes, but I also serve on the boards of Friends of the Denver Public Library and the National Writers' Association.

PC: You have a unique perspective. You watched JACL from an inside/outside view from1935. How did you get involved and why?

BH: I got involved because that was about the time I was attending the University of Washington, and spending a lot of time working at Jimmie Sakamoto's newspaper, *The Japanese American Courier,* in Seattle. Jimmie was one of the founders and stalwarts of JACL, and naturally I became interested in what he was doing. I guess I became involved because I felt there was more to Nisei life than sports and church and social activities. There was a need for becoming more interested in our future as Americans, to take an interest in civic and political matters.

PC: Was racism a concern then?

BH: Sure, there was racism. We all lived in the Asian ghettos. And we had very little activity outside of the community. And the JACL was trying to expand the horizons of the Nisei, to get them involved, to get them registered as voters, and to take part in community affairs.

PC: What were the early days of JACL like?

BH: Well, the organization and its members were all very young; they had very little understanding of the community, very little knowledge about how to become involved in community affairs. Their activities were well meaning, but very amateurish. The membership was well intentioned, but inclined to be pretty much like it is today, with people sitting on their hands, not speaking up and depending on the leadership of the more outspoken people in the community. And there was a need for leadership. If some leaders said "Hey this is what we ought to do, and I want you to do this," the individuals would say fine. And if someone said "I have an idea for a project, we'd like to have you take a hold of it and run with it", the answer then as it often is now is, "Oh gee, I really can't take charge. I'd be happy to work with someone, but I don't want to be chairman." I think that tendency not to take responsibility was very evident then and it still is evident today.

PC: So that is something the organization still needs to address then?

BH: It sure does.

PC: As a journalist reporting on the past and present what do you think of JACL's position as it relates to society and government today? Are we tuned in, are we effective, are we being listened to? Basically, where are we?

BH: The situation has changed drastically since 1935. Back in those days a Nisei had very little access to the power structure. You couldn't just go in the mayor's office and say, "Hey this is what we have in mind, we'd like to have you do this." Today, we are much more sophisticated, we have more clout, we have members, Nisei and Sansei, in political office; we have members in Congress. We know how to work the establishment. We have people who have access to business and corporate leaders and they know who we are. And that was a natural development over a period of 50 or 60 years. But back in the 1930s you have to remember that we were young. The average age of a Nisei was about 15 years. There were only a few mature Nisei, most of them were so busy just trying to establish themselves as individuals in business that we had no real presence in the American community. We were pretty much stuck in our Little Tokyo communities. And that's altogether different today.

I think the elevation of our status, the acquisition of know-how, is reflected in what JACL, as other Japanese organizations, can accomplish.

PC: You wrote a book about JACL's great leader Mike Masaoka, who died just a couple of years ago. How did he influence your life? How about Min Yasui? Joe Grant Masaoka?

BH: Mike was a man of action. He had vision, he had know-how. He was a great tactician. He had persistence and he showed us as Nisei what could be accomplished in high places, like Washington, by learning what the system was and then utilizing that system to our advantage. He had great dedication. His life was JACL.

I think the same could be said of Min. Min worked on a different level, but one of Min's greatest contributions was the work he did as director on the Commission on Human Rights, for the city and county of Denver. I credit Min for Denver's avoidance of great violence during the " burn baby burn" time when fires were set in Washington, Los Angeles, and Chicago, and elsewhere by angry minorities. Min had the situation here pretty well under control, partly because of his understanding of the problem, partly because of his ability to work with people, partly because of his great personal courage to stand up and say "this is right and this is wrong and we must do this sort of thing."

Joe Grant and Min worked together during the war years here in Denver and Joe was a real bulldog in pursuing the rights of Japanese Americans.

PC: How would you compare the leadership from those days to today?

BH: That is a very difficult question because the problems today are different than the problems that existed when Mike Masaoka was active in Washington. I don't think we have the leadership today, the vision. The know-how, the ability to utilize the system, that Mike Masaoka had.

PC: Does anyone today have Masaoka's skills?

BH: That's another tough question. I think the one individual that has best absorbed the Mike Masaoka legacy would be Grant Ujifusa, who knows how to work the system in much the way that Mike did. Mike would set certain goals for JACL, what we have to do, and then the board would approve and then MIke would go out and get the job done. Now, Grant, because of his work with his book, *the Almanac of American Politics*, knows how Washington works, he knows how to get into offices, he knows how to exert pressure behind the scenes. These are skills that he shared with Mike. Both of them were very, very, good at working behind the scenes. Now this is altogether different from what we have tried to do in other cases, by putting together, let's say, letter writing campaigns and things like that to influence government decisions.

(PC editor emeritus) Harry Honda expressed surprise in reviewing Leslie Hatamiya's *Righting a Wrong*. She said grassroots letter writing has "limited impact" on the policy-making process. Grassroots letter writing campaigns are great if you have a constituency of 10 million members out putting pressure on Congress. But when we are a very small minority, I think I agree with her, based on my knowledge on what goes on in Washington, based on my work as editorial page editor of *the Denver Post*. I believe, unless you have this great, vast constituency out there putting pressure on Congress, such tactics have limited value, and this is what Mike and people like Grant would know.

PC: What was the Nisei vision, and do you think it was appropriate for its time? I'm talking about the '30s, '40s.

BH: Mostly , they were struggling to survive. It's been said that in those days, more Nisei wearing Phi Beta Kappa keys were stacking oranges in the markets of Los Angeles, than they were in white collar jobs. And it was hard to have vision in those days. Our vision was that of equality of opportunity. The Nisei back in the '30s had two strikes against them, one was the racial discrimination that they faced. The people, the Nisei, were being discouraged by college professors from taking certain courses because they said it was a waste of time. That was true in my case. A college professor said you are going to have a very difficult time finding a newspaper job. And you ought to think about studying something else. The second handicap we faced, the second barrier rather than handicap, was that we were right in the middle of a terrible economic depression. As I recall there were 27 or 28 guys and women in my graduating class from the University of Washington School of Journalism, less than half of them got jobs in the communications field for which they had studied. So, we Nisei had lack of opportunity because of race and lack of opportunity because of the economic times that we faced. Our vision was first to survive, second to win a measure of opportunity where we could show we could get the job done.

And that situation was responsible in a large part for individual entrepreneurship of Nisei, who were wise enough to look less for jobs in corporations and big business and were more involved with developing their careers as individuals who could stand on their own feet without depending on employment by big corporations.

PC: After redress, has the leadership today articulated its own vision?

BH: I think that our leadership today is more interested in the problems of all minorities, rather than Japanese Americans themselves.

PC: Good or bad?

BH: Both. It's good to the extent that we have broadened our horizons. We're more concerned about the problems of all minorities and we want to make this a better America for all Americans. At the same time it is not the same kind of pitch that excites a lot of Japanese Americans, Sansei and Yonsei, who have "made it," who are more concerned with their own personal problems and personal advancement. And while the ideal is certainly a noble one, the practical effect on strengthening JACL as an organization is a negative one.

PC: You have written much about the Issei and Nisei generations with humor, warmth, and insight. You have written that the Sansei, the 30-50 age group, is here. What advice would you give to those who are making their way in business, leadership and government?

BH: Giving young people advice is really presumptuous. That's very difficult . . . I think there is a need for more concern with community affairs, with the problems of all minorities, as well as taking a more active role in the broad community. To become involved in local politics and national political matters, taking part in a more active role in local organizations like the library board or the local art museum, and not just confine themselves to the Japanese American community affairs, but that at the same time seeks to undermine, to take up so much of their time, that they would not take a leadership role in JACL affairs.

PC: In your view, has JACL been proactive enough? Have we reacted more to crisis and problems, rather than having a game plan? Have events shaped the image of the organization or has the organization been able to shape events in relation to its own goals for the Japanese American community?

BH: Well, that is a very complex question. Post-war JACL set its own agenda at the convention in Denver in 1946 when it set up 15 different goals, and among them was redress. It was an inward looking organization at that time because its problems were our own community problems. They also affected the nation directly. For example, the effort to eliminate race as a qualification for naturalization helped eliminate racial discrimination on a great many different levels. And while that goal affected the broad American community, we set that goal because it affected our own community. This was a case where in trying to improve our own situation, we did have an effect on a national shortcoming.

So in short, have the events shaped the image of the organization or has the organization been able to shape events? The answer to that would be both. And, as a minority organization, I think we have an agenda, that the primary agenda is to improve our own situation. But having made a great deal of progress overcoming problems that affect us directly we have had to broaden our goals so that we have become interested in the entire Asian Pacific community. While the goal is admirable, it does dilute the interest of the Japanese Americans themselves in JACL. Many Nisei and some Sansei are saying, "Well JACL has become less of a Japanese American Citizens League, than an Asian American citizens' league and this really doesn't interest us as much."

PC: As editor of the editorial pages of the *Denver Post* you have been close to politics at all levels. In your view, how can Asian Americans get more involved in the political process, how can we gain power in its most meaningful way? How can we obtain voice?

BH: Here in Denver we have JACL chapter which claims to have a membership of several hundred, but the active membership is maybe 20 or 30. An organization like that does not have a great deal of clout as an organization. But as individuals we can get acquainted with our political leadership here. We can take part in Republican or Democratic affairs, we can put pressure on individual members of the city council or county commission. And I think that is the most effective way to get action. Take the situation in Adams County or Boulder County. Adams County is the home of Bob Sakata, a very prominent farmer, and he can pick up the phone at any time and call any of the leaders in Adams County and say "This is Bob Sakata and this is what I think." He has a great deal of clout as an individual, not necessarily as a representative of JACL or as a Japanese American. The same could be said about Boulder County where Jim Kanemoto is a powerhouse. He is working as an individual. He can call up somebody and say "This is what I think about this situation." That has a lot more clout than saying "This is Jim Kanemoto

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Above, Bill Hosokawa, as editor of the Sentinel, Heart Mountain Relocation Center newspaper, grabs the first sheet off the press in 1943. At left, Hosokawa is photographed in 1950 as the Denver Post's first war correspondent in Korea.

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representing the 50 members of the Japanese American community here." He is talking as Jim Kanemoto, as member of the community, and a leader in the community.

I think that is the way we have to go simply because we don't have a million members of the JACL.

PC: U.S.-Japan relations are controversial, even among the members of the JACL. Some members still feel it is not a worthwhile organizational pursuit. What is your feeling about this topic? In other words, why?

BH: Even though we are 100% Americans, we are affected profoundly by the state of relationships between Japan and the United States. The Evacuation is a primary example. Up to fairly recently, we may have been reluctant to make our thoughts known about U.S. and Japanese relationships but I think it is imperative that we speak out. Not because we are pro-Japanese, not because we know a great deal about Japan—most of us know very little about Japan and U.S.-Japan relationships—but if we have feelings about the way things are going or how things should go, I think it is incumbent on us as Americans to speak out. I think that should be an important part of the JACL program and we are now in a position to do this without being perceived as apologists for Japan. I think it is very important not to be seen as apologists. That means we ought to know of what we speak. We should study the situation, we should have a basis for having opinions and then express those opinions.

PC: What's your feel for the grassroots membership out there? What's on their minds? What do you hear? Is there anything you see that is a common concern out there?

BH: My contacts with the people who are now running the JACL chapter here are very limited. They are young Sansei and they don't ask me for advice. As a member I am free to attend their board meetings, but it's my fault that I don't go, so I'm not aware of what sort of thinking is going on. I rather gather that there isn't a great deal of thought about JACL and the membership and the rest of the activities being left to the board.

PC: Culturally speaking, do you think Japanese Americans still have some difficulty with our identity, our roots, of coming to grips with our heritage?

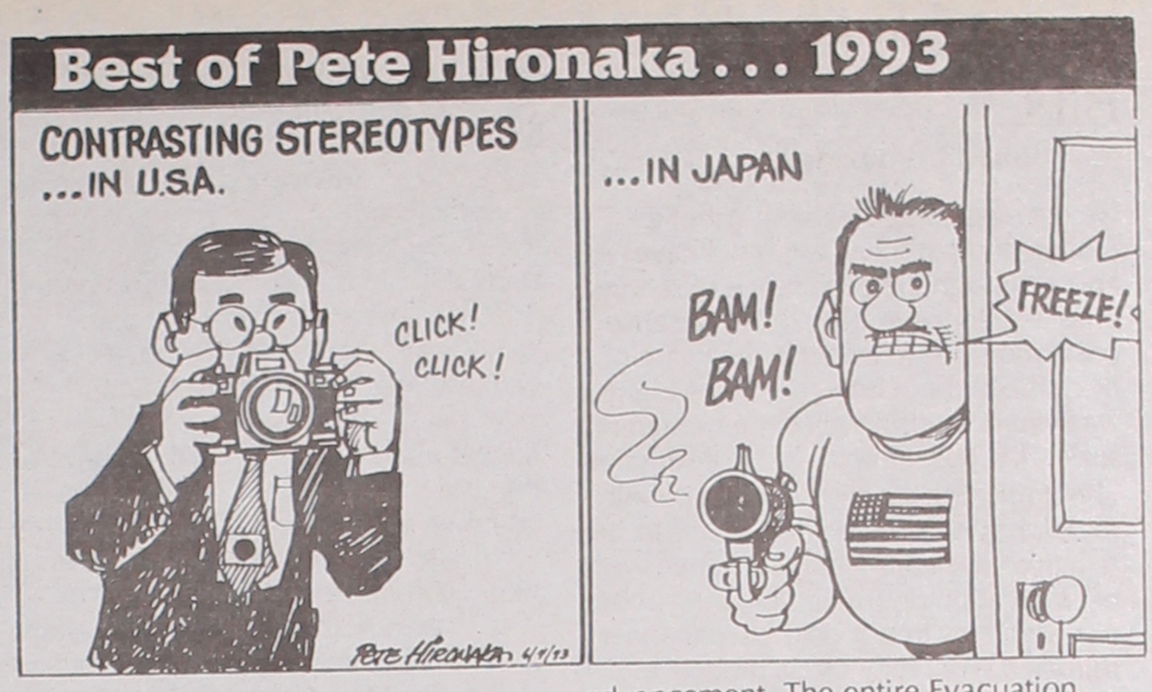
BH: I think this JA identity issue is being put on Japanese Americans by the greater American community. So far as Sansei and Yonsei go, most of them, from my observation, have very little concern about Japanese culture and it rarely crosses their minds, though the pressure from the outside makes them aware of it. I have eight grandchildren. Only one of them has any interest in Japanese culture or language. And I'm not quite sure where his interest comes from, but, he spends time with a tutor to learn the Japanese language.

PC: Harry Kitano says that the outmarriage rate of Japanese Americans will become increasingly higher in the years ahead. Do you think this will mean the loss or diffusion of the Japanese culture?

BH: I think very definitely it will mean a diffusion of the Japanese culture. This again, is a matter that is very difficult to generalize. For example, what happens to a Sansei or Yonsei in Denver would be different from the experience of a Sansei or Yonsei in, say, L.A., where there is a greater number of Japanese Americans, where there is a greater contact with the Japanese American community, with the Japanese community. There are two ethnic churches here, the Buddhist temple and the Methodist church. And their membership is limited. And I would say that more Japanese Americans are going to more non-ethnic churches. I know of some cases where younger Nisei have taken very prominent roles in non-ethnic churches. They may be the only Japanese American family in that particular part of town, they go to that particular church because it is more convenient and the matter of ethnicity is not important to them, and their kids growing up in that particular environment are not going to be greatly concerned about ethnicity or the Japanese culture, and there is going to be more and more of that as the bloodline, so to speak, is diluted.

PC: The 1930s has been called the "Golden Age of Nisei journalism." What was special about it?

BH: Well, I think that it is valid to say that the '30s was the Golden Age of Nisei journalism, primarily because there were few opportunities for Nisei writers outside of the ethnic press. I think there is a great deal of talent among JAs today in writing, in communications, but they have left the ethnic community because there are opportunities elsewhere. There is hardly an important community on West Coast



that doesn't have Nisei or Sansei, Japanese Americans or Chinese Americans, in very prominent media positions, both television and printed press, and they are making their marks in those areas. Now that kind of talent was available back in the 1930s but they had no place to work, except for the ethnic press. So a good deal of talent was concentrated in papers like *Rafu Shimpo* and *Kashu Mainichi* and the *Nichibei* in San Francisco. People like Larry Tajiri and Togo Tanaka, Larry's brother Vince, and Howard Imazeki had a good deal of ability, but no place to demonstrate it except for the ethnic press. So, the '30s were indeed the Golden Age of Nisei journalism.

PC: You have been a staunch supporter of *PC* and a constructive critic, when necessary. What do you think *PC* can do better at this point?

BH: I think that one thing *PC* needs is an editorial column. I think *PC* is doing a good job of making space available for a wide variety of opinions, and we ought to continue with that. But there is need for *PC* itself as an institution, to speak out, as contrasted to the personal opinions of individual writers.

PC: You've written many books from a historical perspective. Are we missing any of the lessons of history?

BH: Yes. I think that the progress that the Nisei and Issei were able to make, in the way of individual and community development, was due in considerable part to the fact that they had to overcome adversity. They had to suffer, and this is an experience alien to later generations. I think that our interests have been fragmented. The Issei had to work like hell to survive. The Nisei had pressures of all kinds against them and they had to focus on their individual advancement. The entire Evacuation was due, in large part, to racial prejudice. And, this was something we older Nisei had to cope with. Much of the JACL leadership today has had very little first-hand experience with what the Nisei went through. While the JACL leadership is aware of these problem, the followership, the Sansei and Yonsei, don't spend a lot of time worrying about the pressures of discrimination. That has to be pointed out to them by JACL saying "Hey we have got to be concerned about this. The Marine Corps is discriminating against all of us. We have a problem with the Jap Road situation in Texas. And, we have this sort of problem in the state of Washington where the Democratic party is insensitive. " But I feel to most Sansei and Yonsei these are simply bothersome diversions in a life of trying to improve their economic status, raising kids, trying to get ahead in their jobs, and the impact of what some people would see as major problems doesn't really register on the majority of Japanese Americans. And that makes it difficult for an organization like JACL, which needs conflict in order to thrive, to underscore their problems. The JACL has received a lot of support when it has faced adversity, but it is very difficult for the rank and file to get excited about the *Rising Sun* issue, when there is no sense about how it impacts upon us as individuals.

PC: Is JACL leadership missing any significant issues?

BH: Sometimes I get a feeling that we are looking for issues to become indignant about. The issues today pale by comparison to the great issues of the past that affected all of us as a people and the United States itself. How can

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we get excited about the thrust of a Hollywood potboiler when we have come through the experience of serving time in a concentration camp because our nation was insensitive, unaware of, or careless about how the Bill of Rights was violated. It's an altogether different scale. JACL is, I think, less constructive about meeting the needs of our people than it has been. The effort seems to be reactive. Something happens, then we get mad about it, instead of going about our problems in a constructive manner. I think the work they use is proactive.

Over the years, there have been discussions about making JACL a kind of a watchdog organization with its major effort in Washington. And not try to be all things to all people. We have something like 700 - 800,000 Japanese Americans and there is a membership of less than 25,000. I think that situation needs to be examined. Should we go on trying to get a large membership when obviously there isn't that interest out in the community? I am also concerned that many of our brightest and best people are not involved in JACL. We give a great deal of attention to a few people who are involved in JACL, whereas there is a very large number of Japanese Americans who are making a mark in the world of business, law, science and government, outside of the confines of JACL, who get no space in the Japanese American press simply because they are not out there raising, complaining about something. In reality, they are making very significant contributions to the economic and social life of the United States as Americans who just happen to be of Japanese descent. I would like to get more of these people involved in the concerns of JACL.

They are a great resource that is not being utilized.

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PC: Resources?

BH: Yes. Just the benefit of their contacts, knowledge, and their intelligence. I think we have become something of an incestuous organization. We just talk to each other too much. We need new blood.

PC: What about the future. What are your plans?

BH: Well, at my age you don't think very far in the future. But I will continue to work for the University of Denver and the Japan-America Society of Colorado. I gave a keynote speech at the national conference of Japan-American Society leaders last summer and I'm very much interested in U.S.-Japan relations, and I will do whatever I can to improve understanding.

PC: Here's an old interview question. When you are gone what would you like people to say about you? The kind of person you were, your career, your contributions to JACL?

BH: I'd be interested in hearing what they say. (Laughs) . . . I don't know.

That's a very difficult question. I think I would be pleased if somebody said, "He cared." Two words.

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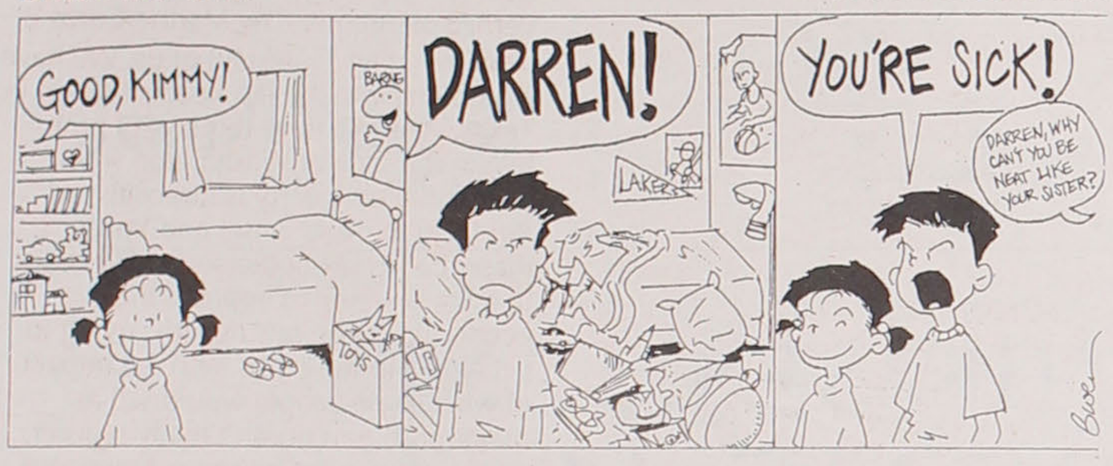

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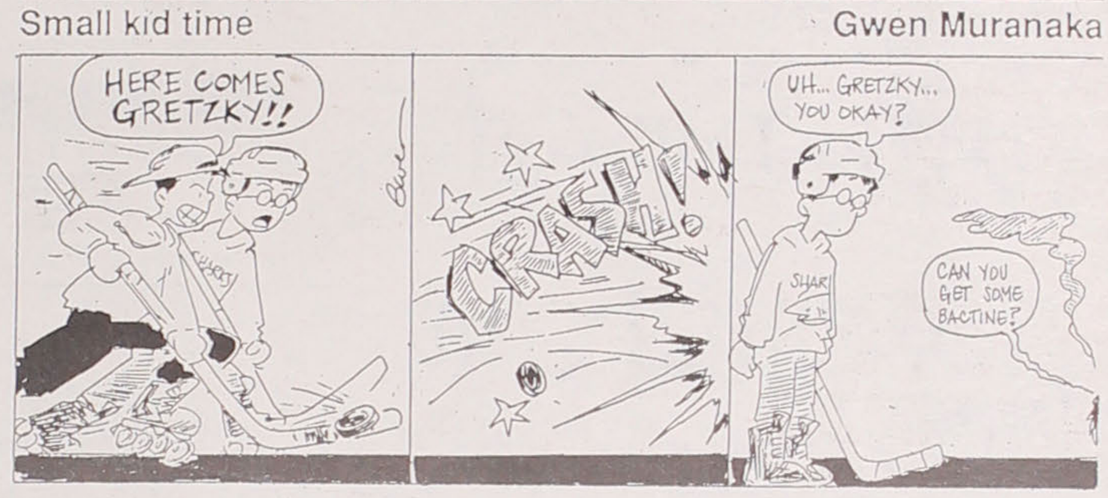

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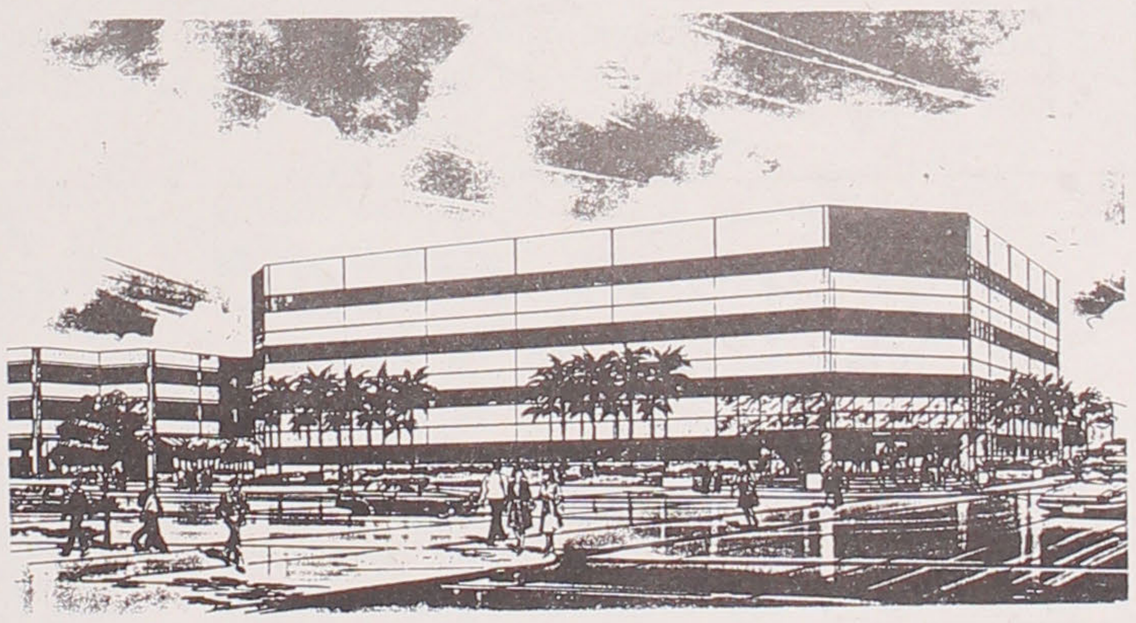

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Throwing Japan in the Briar Patch:
What the U.S. hasn't learned from the Br'er Rabbit stories

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The economic fiction being published today in some of the world's foremost publications, the *Wall Street Journal, Economist, Business Week, Forbes,* and others, has reached a dizzying level when it comes to reporting on the state of Japan and its economy. Only a short while ago, writers proffered Japan as juggernaut, poised to knock American and European multinationals out of industry after industry. After all, Japan in 1985 surpassed the U.S. as the leading creditor nation in the world.

The purchasing power of the yen doubled against the dollar and drove American dumping of companies, hotels, golf courses, and icons like Rockefeller Center into the control of high-paying Japanese firms. But more importantly, a higher yen helped finance Japan's massive global investment in productive capacity, in manufacturing operations in the U.S. and throughout the rest of the world. In fact, the surge in manufacturing investment by the Japanese in the late 1980s produced the greatest expansion of capacity the world has ever known, to the point today where the global economy is wracked by surplus capacity.

Just eighteen months ago, American and European corporate boards were struggling with how to survive against the razor-thin, market share grabbing margins on which Japanese firms were not only surviving, but thriving. But today, Japan is no longer king of the mountain; the media has Japan on its deathbed.

To badly paraphrase Mark Twain, rumors of Japan's demise are greatly exaggerated. What other major industrial nation but Japan can point to a domestic savings rate of 19%, a government budget running in the black, a universally literate and highly educated workforce.

There is no doubt that Japan is experiencing a nasty, double-dip recession. America has had ten major recessions in the post-war era; Japan has had two, the first driven by the OPEC

oil shocks. Mazda, Nissan and NEC among some others are beginning to expose the possibility of losses this year for the first time ever. Toyota, Hitachi, and most of the other major industrial powerhouses of Japan are emerging with sharp reduction in profits. For comparative purposes, one might look at the multi-billion dollar hemorrhages, real losses not just reduced profit rates, suffered by America's major auto makers, electronics firms and banks throughout the '80s and early '90s.

But it is the fall of the Nikkei average that has fueled the emerging "Japan is down for the count" story lines. This needs perspective. The Nikkei hovered at about 16,000 eighteen months ago and slowly climbed to about 21,000, led largely through government pressure on NTT's stock. But recently, the average fell to 16,000, rebounding to 17,000 where it now rests. Sure, the market declined, but the sky is hardly falling; most analysts still believe that Japan's price to earning ratios are astronomically high and have to come down, meaning that a Nikkei of 9,000 to 10,000 would be more economically rational from an Anglo-American perspective.

The bottom line to the fall of the Nikkei is that when the average hit a point below which the government would not prefer it to go, Prime Minister Hosokawa called Nomura's shadow shogun and former chairman, Setsuya Tabuchi, to stabilize things; that was achieved the next day when the market rose to 17,000.

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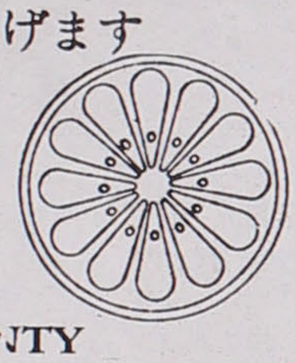

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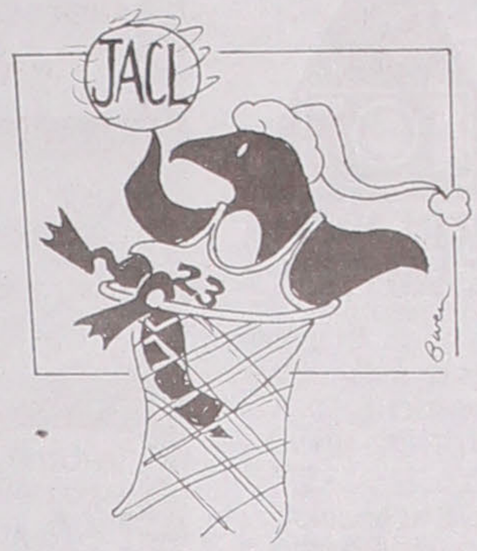

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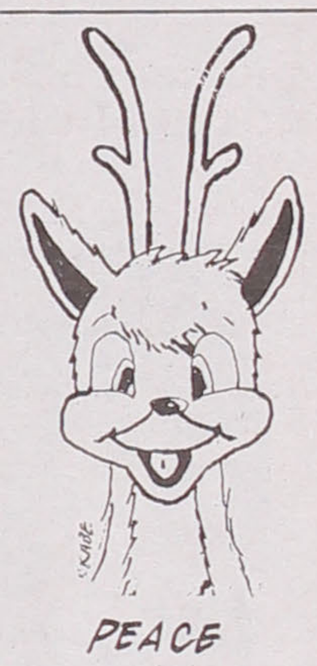

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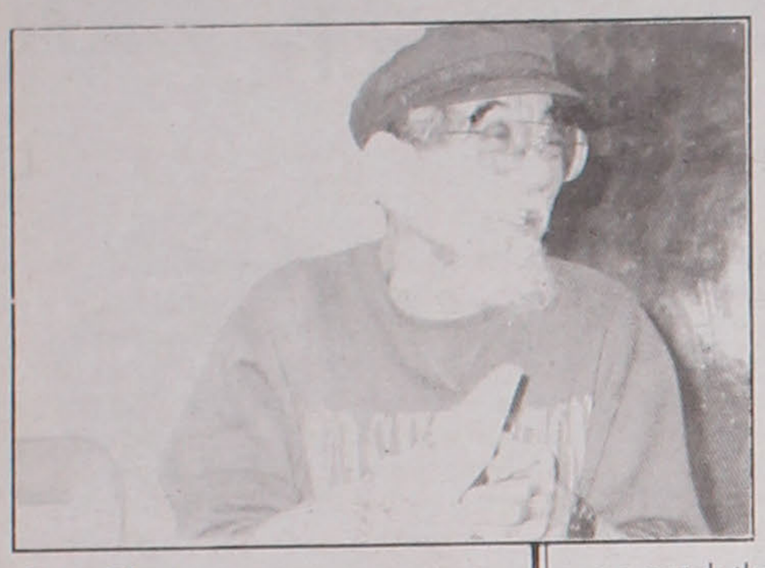

Sam Shoji

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Arlene Oki is second vice president of the Seattle Chapter, JACL.

Seattle Chapter

Our man, Sam

By ARLENE OKI

Though there are many in the Nikkei community who perform exemplary services as volunteers in churches, nursing homes, various organizations and service clubs, only a few can match the dedication and time devoted to such work as *Our Man, Sam.* A tireless and effective member of the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, Sam Shoji is clearly the person everyone depends on to keep all aspects of the organization alive.

After receiving a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Washington, Sam worked for 24 years at the Veteran's Administration Hospital where he helped injured veterans adjust to life after military service. Sam and his wife Haruko have two grown sons.

He credits his involvement with the Seattle Chapter, JACL, to the late Don Kazama, also a social worker at the V.A. Hospital and a leader in the local chapter. The two men collaborated on a wide range of projects helpful to the Nikkei community.

Armed with a strong belief that the JACL should shift its focus from a business and cultural orientation to one which would become more responsive to civil rights issues, he and other reformers joined the organization in the early 60s. Since then, he has served as president and has held numerous other positions within the organization. Sam recalls the early struggle to raise the issue of redress for wartime injustices and the effort to gather support for monetary redress even when it was a highly unpopular position within the national organization. He speaks proudly of his Board liaison role to the Seattle School District during the difficult period of school desegregation as well as his appointments to the Washington 2000 Committee and the Seattle-King County Economic Opportunity Board.

Since his retirement, Sam has become almost a full-time volunteer for a variety of programs. An important opportunity to further serve our community was recently provided to Sam when Governor Mike Lowry appointed him to the Citizens' Cabinet, a statewide advisory group for government policies and services.

Though he spends many hours volunteering at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the Japanese Language School and Keiro Nursing Home, most of his time is spent helping the local chapter. In addition to his involvement with Chapter committees, he has served as the organization's unpaid administrative staff-person for many years.

It is Sam who is always there to perform the necessary tasks to keep the organization running smoothly. Examples: Each month Sam picks up the newsletter after it is printed and brings them to an office where a mailout crew folds, staples and sorts almost 1,000 pieces. Following this, he delivers the packages to the post office. He goes through the same process for special mailings such as election ballots and invitations for annual dinners and special events. He can always be counted on to handle the logistical details for work parties, meetings and special events which he regularly attends and to purchase supplies for our office. For those without automobiles or elderly members who have difficulty driving in the darkness, Sam happily volunteers to provide them with a ride home. It is pretty obvious that Sam either likes the company of local JACLers—or perhaps is afraid that the rest of us will somehow mess things up.

Sam Shoji is our Mister JACL. He's received the national organization's Silver Pin for active participation at the local chapter level for at least 10 years and was the first recipient of the Seattle Chapter's Don Kazama Human Rights Award.

His institutional memory about JACL matters is legendary. Need to know how local scholarships are distributed? Ask Sam. Need to know the proper protocol for handling elections? Ask Sam. Now, who was it who handled the sales of T-shirts for the redress fundraising event years and years ago? Ask Sam.

He worries that newer, younger members will not have a good understanding about the mission of the JACL without the proper historical perspective. "If they do not understand why it was founded in the first place, it will be difficult to address current events which impact the community," he muses. In spite of these concerns, Sam is a strong advocate for encouraging young Nikkei to take leadership positions in the organization. "There are certain issues I will not compromise on," he says, "but, at times, we need to step aside or join others who may have new approaches to reaching JACL's goals. These younger people need to have the freedom to do things their way without violating the basic principles of the JACL."

Though he says that volunteerism is his main hobby, he tries to carve out time to indulge in his second hobby: cooking. Beneficiaries are often members of his committees. His gourmet spaghetti and teriyaki sausage are delicious additions to the potluck dinner meetings of the Installation Dinner Committee. Those who attended the Legacy Fund workshop on Japanese cooking were pleasantly surprised to see Sam demonstrate his technique for making *takuwan.* Come to think of it, he even looks like an Asian master chef—jolly demeanor, rosy cheeks, twinkling eyes, and a frosty beard. On the other hand—maybe he is a man of *this* season, this beautiful holiday season: A kind and gentle man who also happens to look alot like Santa and who would probably say in a most jovial fashion, "**Ho, Ho, Ho—Happy Holidays to All!**"

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LEADERSHIP: A different approach

'It requires that the national leadership all the way down to our chapter leaders consult with the members before making momentous decisions. It requires our leaders to share their information with each other and with us so that we can confer on an even information plane.'

By PAUL M. SHINKAWA

Dr. Lawrence Susskind is the Director of the MIT-Harvard Public Disputes Program and is promoting a different approach to how government is conducted. In a recent program given for public officials in Texas he introduced a model for consultative decision-making which has valuable parallels for how JACL conducts its business as well. Government is after all the primary institution on which we have modeled JACL. In doing so, we have all too successfully adopted both the best and the worst of government for our own uses.

Dr. Susskind describes the current methodology of government as D.A.D. That is, "Decide, Announce, and Defend". Typically, a government agency decides how it will improve our lives by new regulations. It announces its decision and then it prepares to defend its decision. He proposes a new approach which involves a devolution of power from the leadership to the people. In doing so, he redefines the concept of a leader from one who must make tough and sometimes arbitrary decisions for the greater good to one who creates and manages a setting where people can solve their own problems.

This concept requires the application of five basic principles, two more than D.A.D.

They are:
1. **Always consult**
2. **Pool information**
3. **Adopt internal processes**
4. **Change the rule book**
5. **Redefine leadership**

In a JACL context this revolutionary idea shakes the very core of how we conduct business. It requires that the national leadership all the way down to our chapter leaders consult with the members before making momentous decisions. It requires our leaders to share their information with each other and with us so that we can confer on an even information plane. It requires that we create new internal processes to implement consultative decision-making so that we will not be faced with the old excuse that consultation in a fast-paced world is impractical or impossible. It requires that we change our own rule book if necessary, the Constitution and Bylaws, so that those principles we hold to be the most important: accountability, integrity, and honesty, are given the highest imperative in our own expectations of our leaders. And, it requires that we redefine our understanding of leadership so that we no longer expect our leaders to act summarily, arbitrarily and peremptorily or reward them when they do.

This Five-Fold Path, must begin with our own understanding that JACL exists because a group of people, the members, believe that they have commonality in interests and obstacles. These members created JACL. They sustain it, financially and with the sweat of their brows, often sacrificing personal interests and family ties in a spirit of community to achieve their common goals. These are the people who are served by JACL- Because they exist, the officers with titles, the writers on the newspaper, the staff in their offices all have a common purpose as well, to serve them.

Once we come together and acknowledge that the individual JACL member is the object of service we must then resolve that our leaders, whether elected, hired, appointed or self-appointed, will not make decisions using our money and our good name without following a consultative process informing us of all of the facts, giving us an opportunity to question, and considering our own ideas in an open-minded manner. The information used to make these decisions, whether they be of financial shortfalls, opportunities for advocacy, or new directions in coalition building must be made available to the members. The internal procedures for discussion must be guaranteed and not merely recited. If necessary, we must not be afraid to make the changes necessary in our own rules to make the JACL responsive to our expectations as members.

The most important change adopted from Dr. Susskind requires that we redefine in our own minds what leadership is and will be. In an age where communication has become instantaneous, where an exchange of ideas can take place across the continent in the same time that it takes place across the street, the greatest excuse heard in JACL is still, "there just is not enough time to ask everyone their opinion." We have the time to ask, our leaders simply have not taken the time to listen.

The traditional model of the JACL leader as one who is not afraid to take-charge, not afraid to make a quick decision, and not afraid to decide what is in the best interests of everyone else is neither a true traditional model nor is it one which we can afford to erroneously perpetuate. Successful leadership at the basic level of JACL, the chapter, has always been exemplified by highly organized committee work. Installation dinners, fundraising projects, and scholarship awards simply could not take place otherwise. Yet, at the higher levels of JACL there is a myth that the leaders are expected by the members to make decisions and inform them later. Even our Congress knows better.

We must change our definition of leadership. Leaders must be taught that their proper role is to create and manage opportunities for the members to come together to solve their problems. To accomplish this, the members must take back the JACL and teach the next generation of leaders their responsibilities. For, while we can lay the blame on many of the unpleasant events of 1993 on the quality of leaders we have, ultimately, that blame comes back to us as members. As members, we have our own responsibilities to question, to demand to be informed, to vote, and to grant or withhold our financial support in order to show our leaders to whom they are accountable. When we fail to be responsible followers, we will eventually be rewarded with like leaders.

It has long been said that one must learn to follow before one can learn to lead. Our own corollary to that is that a follower cannot expect good leadership without a willingness to ensure that the leaders remember once being followers.

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Volunteer leadership for changing times . . .

By GRAYCE UYEHARA

Grayce Uyehara, one of the most recognized and longstanding JACL leaders, personifies volunteerism at its best. As chairwoman of the Legacy Fund Committee, she has worked for and written many articles about the importance of this fund-raising program.

'The ultimate success or failure of the Legacy Fund does reflect on our membership and the community's assessment of whether the JACL speaks to the concerns, needs, and issues which affect their lives.'

The third year of the JACL Legacy Fund campaign has come to an end. Results for 1993 show a tremendous slowdown in giving. Given the times, the slowdown is not a big surprise but a disappointment for its implication on the final goal.

The Legacy Fund has received in contributions and pledges $4,295,113.37 as of Oct. 31, 1993. The end of the year is a time to assess what has been accomplished and to develop plans to overcome the shortcomings of the campaign.

My Legacy Fund report for the September 25 National Board meeting opened with the following two quotes, apropos to fundraising and to JACL: "Deeds of giving are the very foundation of the world."—The Torah "Musicians of the world unite! It sounds a whole lot better that way." My paraphrase: "JACL members, board and staff, unite! United individuals make the JACL work!"

The ultimate success or failure of the Legacy Fund does reflect on our membership and the community's assessment of whether the JACL represents what speaks to the concerns, needs, and issues which affect their lives.

Though we have had good news for the first two years of fundraising, the Legacy Fund has experienced a considerable slowdown in its third year. The majority of people who have contributed during the first two years were the older JACL members and supporters from the community. Legacy Fund has not had the same level of support from our younger members and leaders.

Of approximately 6,800 contributors, 5,600 are JACL members with the remaining 1,200 non-members. The average contribution is around $630. The Legacy Fund campaign undoubtedly has the potential to double the number of contributors and could come closer to the goal of $10 million by October 1995, when the campaign ends. This assessment is based on receiving new contributions from another 7,000 JACL members. JACL has a membership of about 25,000.

Moreover, we have role model chapters who have mounted successful campaigns in their community. The eight chapters which surpassed 100% of their assigned goal were active participants for the campaign. We expect the chapters who have passed the 70% mark to reach their goal soon.

Since the September report to the board, there has been a time to reflect on the organization and on the difficulty of getting contributions to JACL Legacy Fund, a perpetual endowment to assure sufficient earnings to fund priority programs. For whatever reasons for the difficulty, the campaign has to still seek unity of support from all segments of the organization.

Admittedly, these are not easy times for any non-profit organization. The reality faced by the Legacy Fund is the difficult economic situation for many segments of America.

Michael Blum, Executive Director of the Nationalities Service Center of Philadelphia and a member of Philadelphia JACL, told me that all of the United Way agencies are facing severe cutbacks in their budgets, cutting back on programs and staff. The giving level is down all over America—results of the downsizing of so many businesses and corporations and the subsequent layoffs, which in turn affects the income of local and state governments.

There are many JACL members and, perhaps even non-members, who are deeply concerned about the well-being of our organization. This concern has been expressed by individuals through letters and articles in the *Pacific Citizen* since the September 25 National Board meeting.

Because we are a membership organization and because I have a strong sense of responsibility to all the contributors to the JACL Legacy Fund, I must respond to the call for more direction, more openness and more unity in JACL.

The frustration of the leadership, the membership and the staff exemplifies the need to reassess where JACL is going in the midst of a radical and dynamic change in our nation and the world. There is no way to be a relevant organization without a reassessment.

Is JACL ready and able to be proactive as an agent of change or will we be a reactive by-product to the fast-moving societal demands?

My contention is that the membership and community will support JACL if the leadership acts thoughtfully and responsibly to be part of the process of finding answers to the problems faced by Americans during this period of upheaval. JACL can no longer continue "business as usual" and be proactive in the process of change.

Change has to be systemic. All segments of the

Leadership: the geese know the way

To pull together JACL's need to successfully complete the Legacy Fund campaign, the need to have the leadership establish the priority programs utilizing the membership and to create the unity of purpose, I shared a story brought to my attention by a *Philadelphia Inquirer* columnist whose inspirational columns are now missed by readers who learned so much from him.

Darrell Sifford died on March 5, 1992, but his columns saved by ministers, educators and admirers are still quoted and remembered. My favorite column is his final one with the title, "What We Can Learn From Geese." Sifford taught me that we can learn from nature. It's also a great lesson for leaders.

Sifford's columns were not all original, but the ideas he shared with his readers came from his personal experiences, his widespread and varied reading of other writers and his keen observations on life. Thus, he gleaned the geese story from a newsletter from Haskell Associates, a Philadelphia human-resources consulting firm that specializes in team building and employee productivity.

I told my audience at Fresno that each fall, I was fascinated with the flight of geese who flew above us during the migration period when they left Canada on their long journey to the south.

I learned about their "V" formation. It goes to show that learning never stops. Here is the story:

Fact 1. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird following. By flying in V formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if one bird flew alone. **Lesson 1:** *People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they're going quicker and easier because they're traveling on the strength of one another.*

Fact 2. Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. **Lesson 2:** *If we have as much sense as geese, we will stay in formation with those who are ahead of where we want to go and be willing to accept their help, as well as give ours to others.*

Fact 3. When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation, and another goose flies at the point position. **Lesson 3:** *It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership.*

Fact 4. The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. **Lesson 4:** *We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging and not something else.*

Fact 5. When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again—or dies.

Then, they launch out on their own, with another formation or they catch up with their flock. **Lesson 5:** *If we have as much as geese, we, too,*

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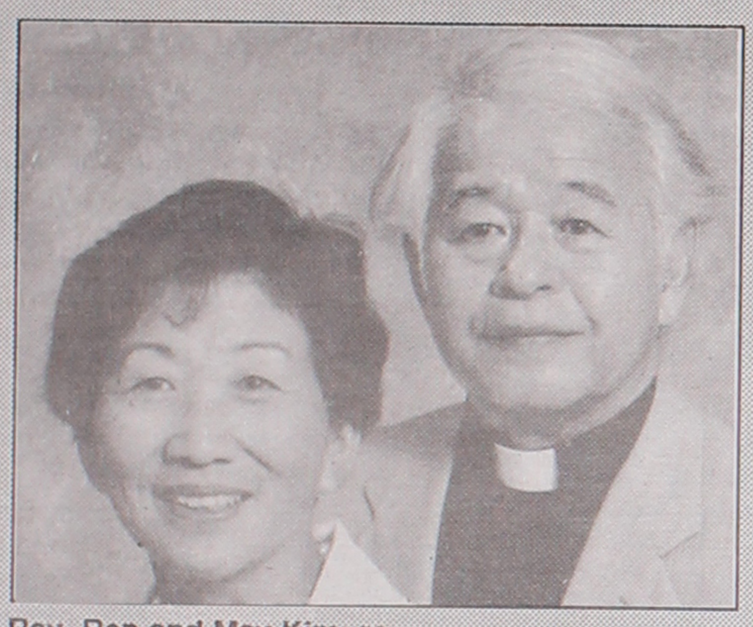

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organization, particularly the chapters, must be represented in the plans. The present JACL structure has district governors representing the chapters. The governors have a responsibility to keep the chapters informed, get feedback and then take the message to those who have been elected to carry out the organization's mandate. Their leadership also includes responsibility for the financial health of JACL.

Where this leadership has not been provided, we can see poor results.

Most importantly, JACL must have a vision that holds us together — one that everyone agrees on, at least the majority.

All change must come from a good research base, established on fact-finding. JACL should have updated knowledge about our membership and our community to establish current needs in relation to the present societal changes. Such a program will steer the downside effects of the last JACL board meeting to a proactive direction in problem solving.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "A mind stretched to a new idea never returns to its original dimensions." How else do we define and project JACL's vision for our community? Very few observers of JACL had any reluctance to identify what has gone wrong with JACL. The harder part is to isolate workable programs which will serve to the betterment of our membership and community.

Facing the challenge of our time with discipline, dedication and hard work requires the leadership to work together. We have models from the founding days of JACL who set clear goals, motivated people, solved problems and got the work done with very limited funds and staff. A cursory look at some of the major and human rights organization enlightens us that they, too, have had to focus and prioritize on programs to meet their mission to advance their community.

For example, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, executive director of NAACP, in his October 8, 1993 membership appeal letter made it abundantly clear that his organization has made voter registration and providing voters the information they need to make "informed choices in matters that have a profound effect on the quality of their daily life," their first two priorities. NAACP with almost 500,000 Americans as members has a structure similar to JACL. NAACP's membership brochure states "It is the volunteers who are the NAACP. Dedicated, persevering, intelligent and activist, they are the NAACP's muscle as well as its heart and soul."

Chavez states: "None of the problems we now face can be solved without involving the government and society as a whole, and this involvement cannot be attained without electing individuals who support the kind of change which will help minor!ties enter the mainstream of American life."

On November 13, I had the good fortune to be the keynote speaker at the CCDC Annual Installation banquet. The theme was "Women In the 90s." My advice was to look at the Issei women as models for survival techniques. They knew how to stretch the minimal income and to set family priorities and goals. Today, the roles are meshed all for the good.

But the speaker had to talk about JACL needing a more focused approach to fit the limits of funds, just as the Issei mothers did. A sense of unity is the important ingredient.

In their own words . . .

In my capacity as the chairperson of the Legacy Fund campaign, my work of keeping the membership informed has been made easier with the support and assistance of Richard Suenaga, Editor and Manager of *Pacific Citizen*. Suenaga suggested that I consider getting responses from a representative group of contributors to the Legacy Fund to the question "Why did you contribute to the Legacy Fund?" The answers will help to reach those who haven't contributed and help the committee and the board to look at the Legacy Fund.

Over 40 letters were sent to JACL members and non-members, old and young, from the West Coast to the East. About half of those contacted responded within the limited timeline.

Here are the responses which are timely for consideration by JACL's leadership:

Roy M. Nishikawa, Wilshire Chapter: "To insure the viability of the JACL. Despite the recent difficulties, I believe that there are enough Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei with the talent, vision and resources to make this possible." Nishikawa suggested to me that the Legacy Fund should have constitutional provisions to protect the principles and to have an independent committee to monitor the activities of the Legacy Fund.

Fred Y. and Setsu Hirasuna, Fresno Chapter: "Because we worked so hard to get redress. The present leadership will have to be responsible for the earnings to be used as stated for the campaign and then have annual accounting of the funds."

Ren and May Kimura, San Fernando Valley Chapter: "Our reason for contributing to the JACL Legacy Fund is in appreciation of early leaders of the JACL for their courageous and dauntless leadership during the most difficult wartime and post-war periods endured by Japanese Americans.

Though their directions were unpopular to some, bringing severe criticism and misunderstanding, we believe history will confirm their leadership well-done, whether on the battlefield of service or in the arena of legislation . . .truly a rich legacy of which we are grateful recipients today. Our only and most painful regret is that our parents, who suffered the wartime injustice the most, never lived long enough to see and experience the fulfillment of redress and reparation. Yet, even in their eternity, may their hymn of thanks be heard by us today."

Eunice N. Sato of Long Beach: "It was an easy decision for me to contribute the total redress of $20,000 to the perpetual endowment fund.

My strong belief in the critical importance of educating the populace about the unthinkable deprivation of civil rights through mass evacuation because of one's race led me to action—not just thoughts and feelings. The Japanese American experience must be told generation after generation, lest people conveniently forget. What better use is there for a sum of money given you which will outlast any material thing we might enjoy in this life?"

Hide Oshima, Contra Costa County Chapter: "I think we still have a need for an organization like JACL. I think it's a good training ground for young people —although I see them in many varied fields of work today. The strength and effectiveness of JACL come from organization and numbers."

Jimmy and Ellen Fukuhara, West Los Angeles Chapter: "We wish we could have given more. My wife and I met from the evacuation experience. As survivors of those years, we like to perpetuate the story of the Issei and Japanese Americans for all people to know."

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'Since their joining, both Fran and Gordon have given tirelessly of their time and devotion to projects for the Japanese American Citizens League.'

Taking a train back in time

By PATRICIA IKEDA CARPER

It has been 50 years since Frances Tojo walked through the rotunda at Cincinnati's Union Terminal Train Station and 48 years since her brother Gordon came through the same train station. Now, half a decade later, they will revisit the station that has been converted into a museum center which houses the Cincinnati Historical Society and the Natural History Museum.

Frances Yoshikawa Tojo joined JACL in Marysville, California, prior to her internment in Tule Lake and resettlement in Cincinnati. Gordon Yoshikawa joined the Cincinnati JACL in 1964 and one year later was elected president of the chapter.

Since their joining, both Fran and Gordon have given tirelessly of their time and devotion to projects for the Japanese American Citizens League. Aside from annual events such as potluck dinners, installation dinners, rummage sales and workshops on Japan, Gordon and Fran additionally have volunteered numerous hours for very special projects: the Chapter's newsletter, the Cincinnati International Folk Festival, Redress, and many more. Now, they are taking on a 50th Anniversary Remembrance Event that will combine the Dayton and Cincinnati Installation of Officers, a recognition dinner and an exhibition of photographs about the internment. The special dinner and exhibit will take place on Sunday, January 23.

Making *o-cha*, rolling *norimake*, erecting paper máche snow huts and Japanese houses; organizing grassroots behalf of Redress; doing advocacy on behalf of JACL; and representing Cincinnati Japanese Americans at local and national events are just some of the many contributions Fran and Gordon have made.

Gordon Yoshikawa and Frances Tojo.

A story on volunteerism in the Cincinnati JACL would not be complete without calling additional attention to other chapter volunteers—Caucasians and Japanese Americans who have given their time and efforts to keeping the chapter of less than 90 local members a strong and viable group in the Midwest.

Thank you, Gordon and Fran, for giving your special talents to the worthy activities of JACL: to support civil and human rights, cultural heritage, leadership and promotion of understanding among all social and ethnic groups.

Patricia Ikeda Carper is president of the Cincinnati Chapter, JACL.

50th anniversary remembrance

On a Saturday in November, 1993, more than 30 Japanese Americans met at Cincinnati's historic train station, Union Terminal, for a special photograph. Some 50 years had passed since this group of Japanese Americans had walked through Union Terminal train station as new arrivals to the city of Cincinnati.

Most of them were from California or Washington state and had spent two to five years in internment camps primarily located inland and in desert areas. The signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Roosevelt called for the incarceration of all Americans of Japanese descent in reaction to the war with Japan.

On Sunday, January 23, 1994, Cincinnati and Dayton Chapters will hold their joint Installation innner at these same train stations that the resettlers passed through some 50 years earlier. At this event, both chapters will recognize groups and individuals who were instrumental in assisting the resettlers—The American Friends Service, Christ Church, the YWCA and some special honorees.

The Cincinnati Historical Society has agreed to co-host with the Cincinnati Chapter of JACL a photographic exhibit available through the National Japanese American Historical Society entitled "U.S. Detention Camps." Those attending the Installation Dinner will have a special preview of the exhibit. The exhibit will be open to the public with an anticipated attendance of 25-35,000.

Dr. Roger Daniels, historian and author of several books on the internment experience, will be the keynote speaker for that evening.

Set your sights on . . .

Salt Lake City

This city has great tradition as host to JACL conventions, meetings—and as the scene of many historic events in the organization's long history . . .

By SHAKE USHIO

Shake Ushio, founder and longtime president of the National JACL Credit Union, is an "old-hand" at running National and District JACL meetings and conventions in Salt Lake City. He is a retired farmer-insurance agent.

Come to Salt Lake City in '94. It is National JACL convention time—a time to gather, a time to rejoice, a time to renew.

JACLers of all ages, of every physical condition, of myriad persuasions, of this exciting new age and of the glorious past, and even the spirits of those who have gone to the Great Beyond—Come.

Come, all of you, to Salt Lake City and rejoice in the success with which we have reestablished ourselves into the very fabric of our country's social structure and to anticipate the considerable challenges that yet lie before us.

For the young and the vigorous (the Sanseis, the Yonseis and the younger Niseis) it is the time to visualize and to plan, to consult and to organize, and to carry to successful fruition the blueprints of our salvation. For those who are older and tired, who have striven mightily in the past, come to Salt Lake City to relax, to visit, to reminisce and to support the present.

Come to Salt Lake City, the city of our despair and hope.

When, in 1942, most of us lost our homes, land and livelihood and, most disastrously, our dignity, Salt Lake City became our home away from home. The National JACL Headquarters established a lonely beachhead in the old Beason Building on Second South off Main Street to inform the public about the enormity of the Evacuation. The beachhead was manned by President Saburo Kido, Treasurer Hito Okada, and Teiko Ishida. The *Pacific Citizen* in the person of Larry Tajiri shared one of the offices.

On starvation wages or no wages at all, Mike Masaoka and George Inagaki struck out into the hostile hinterlands of our country to tell of our plight and to solicit aid. Dr. Yatabe and Ruby Yoshino (Schaar) toured the equally hostile

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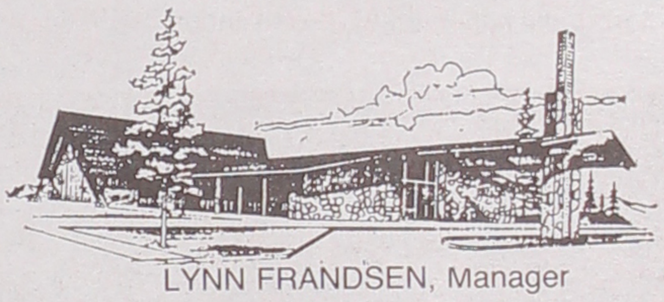

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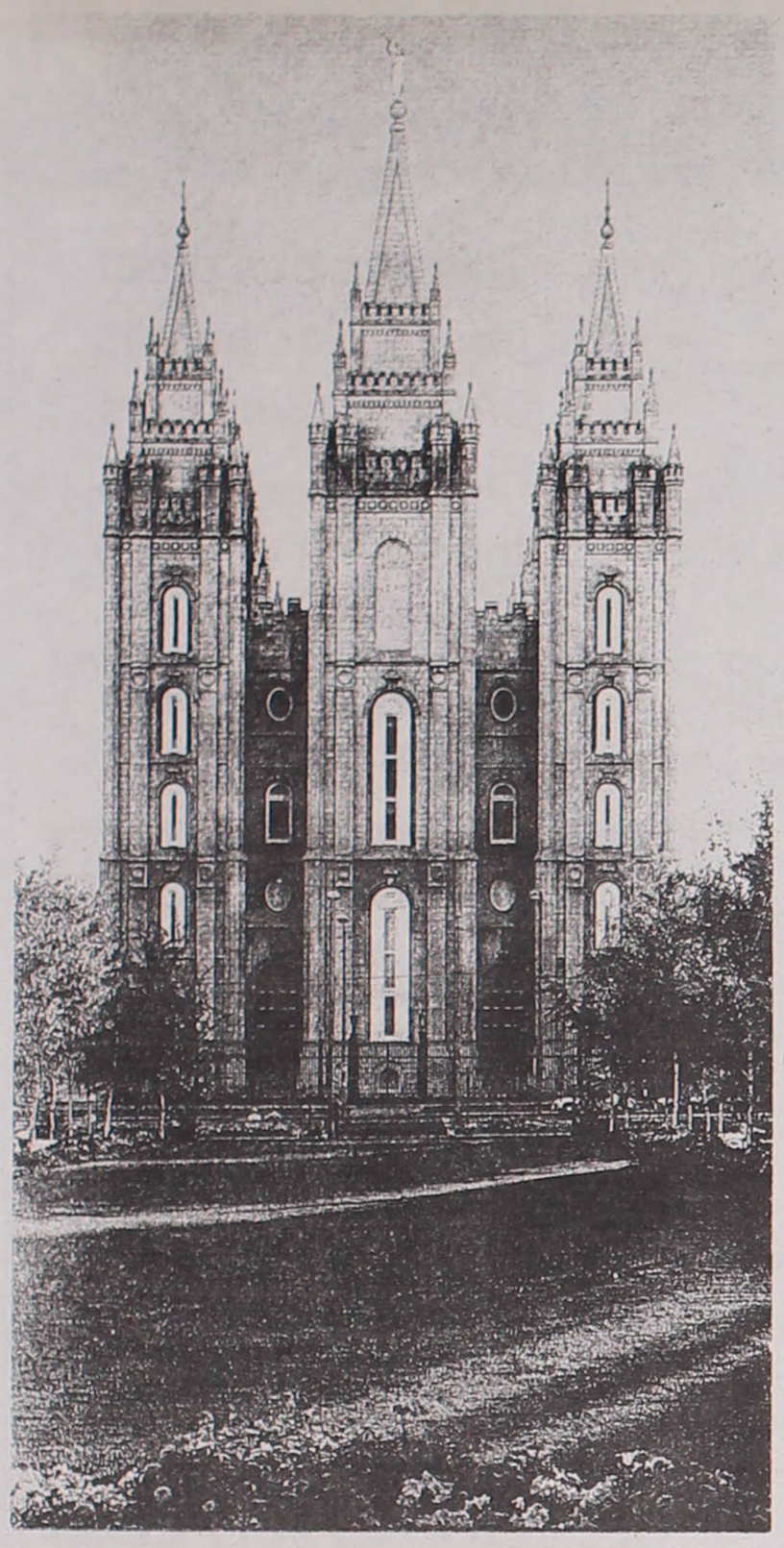

The Church of the Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is one of the most famous of Salt Lake City historic sites. The city plays host to the national JACL convention in 1994.

The Countdown has begun

By IRENE MORI

1994 is just around the corner. It's time to start finalizing plans to attend the National JACL Convention to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on August 3, 4, 5, and 6, 1994. Pre-registration materials will be sent out to JACLers in January.

The pre-convention activities will include a Golf Tournament and Tennis Tournament. University of Utah Japanese American Alumni will be holding a reunion early in the same week with those people hopefully also participating in the JACL Convention.

A trip to the camp at Topaz is planned for Sunday following the convention. Other booster activities include bus and walking tours to local spots around Salt Lake City and to Wendover and Park City. Local attractions (such as the zoo, amusement parks, and canyons) are close by for children and other family members who come to vacation with delegates. Following the convention, JACLers will have the opportunity to take in some of the beautiful scenery and experience Utah and surrounding areas. Three or four day side tours at additional cost will be available to Yellowstone National Park, Southern Utah, the Grand Canyon and the Shakespeare Festival at Cedar City, Utah.

The main social events being planned for the convention are an Opening Reception, Awards Luncheon, Western Social, Old Timers Luncheon, Youth Luncheon, and Sayonara Banquet. In addition to informative and interesting business sessions, a candidates' night and the youth speech contest will be held. The youth are planning to hold an additional social event.

A wide array of interesting topics has been selected for the workshops. These were previously mentioned and will be further discussed in future issues of the *Pacific Citizen.*

Among the Salt Lake/Mount Olympus area people working diligently on preparations for the National JACL Convention to be held during the first week of August, 1994, are Larry Grant, Jeff Itami, Steve Koga, Ron Mano, Doug Matsumori, Min Matsumori, Oscar Misaka, Floyd Mori, Irene Mori, Karen Morishita, Ryan Morishita, Ted Nagata, Claudia Nakano, Jeff Nakashima, Brian Namba, Yuki Namba, Ken Nodzu, Libby Oda, Tom Shimizu, Reid Tateoka, Yas Tokita, Amy Tomita, Raymond Uno, Momo Ushio, Shake Ushio, Carolyn Valentine, Frank Yoshimura, Sadie Yoshimura, and others.

Exhibitors, sponsorships, and donations from corporations are being sought with the help of a convention planner hired by National Headquarters. Anyone having suggestions are urged to write to the Convention Committee at P.O. Box 17715, Salt Lake City, Utah 84117.

Utah is beautiful in the summer. Sometimes the weather in August can become quite hot, but generally it is pleasant. The1994 National JACL Convention should be a wonderful experience for all attendees. PLAN NOW TO COME TO SALT LAKE CITY IN AUGUST 1994.

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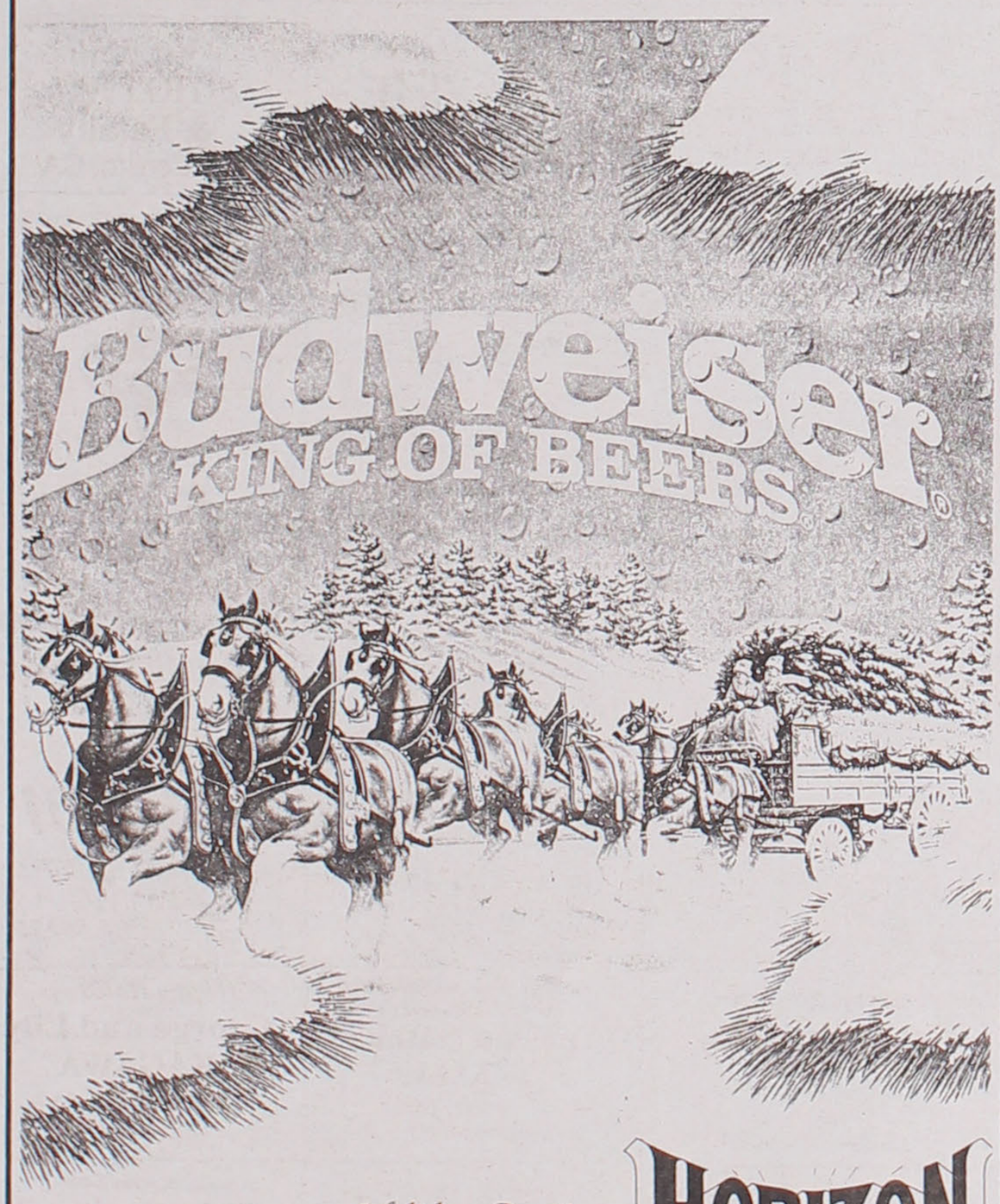

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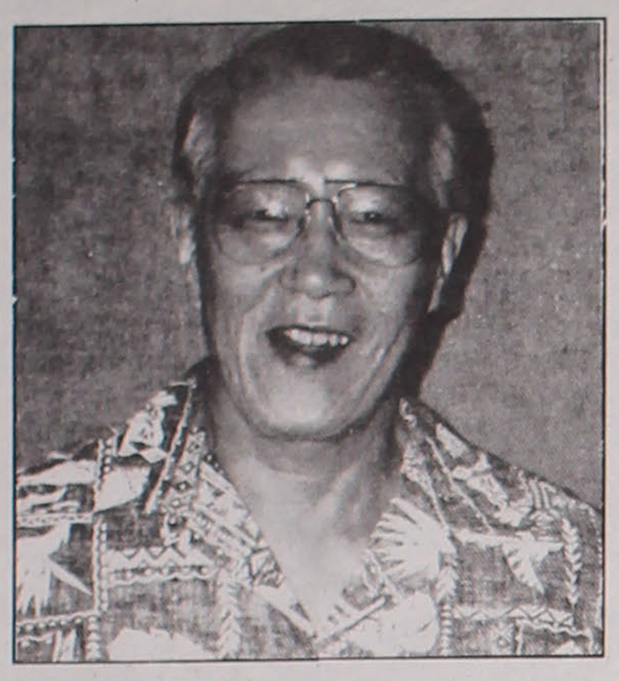

HANK TANAKA

The value of volunteering

By HANK TANAKA

'Effective volunteering, it seems to me, is a delicate balance of meeting our own needs as volunteers and the needs of persons or organizations that we serve.'

Most people engage in some type of volunteering and enjoy it. The satisfaction comes from being appreciated, being recognized for active participation and from feeling useful.

Now that I am retired, I am finding how quickly one could become an overly committed volunteer! How in the world do employed persons manage to juggle their work schedules to make such commitments?

Effective volunteering, it seems to me, is a delicate balance of meeting our own needs as volunteers and the needs of persons or organizations that we serve. I found this to be true when I was working with a board of trustees of the agency which I directed. It was reliable and responsive board members who seemed to gain more satisfaction in volunteering. In turn, their skills were recognized and appreciated by their colleagues.

Also, effective volunteering relies on building trusting relationships with others. Your next door neighbor welcomes your offer to mow her lawn because she trusts you. Your volunteer co-worker works with you to serve on a committee because you bring special skills and knowledge that are needed.

In short, volunteering is not unlike being employed: the difference is in the major benefits. The employee is paid monetarily: the volunteer is paid in appreciation and recognition.

Let's assume that all 200 of you are JACL members, and that 50 of you gave 50 hours of service to JACL this year at the rate of $2.50 per hour. This would amount to 2,500 hours or $6,250 worth of service. Individually, that averages to a $125 contribution.

Now, let's assume that 10% of our total membership of 25,000, or 2,500 members gave 50 hours of service this year. This would amount to more than $312,500 worth of service to JACL. To pay for that service, we would need to increase our National dues to almost $20 per member!

But the value of volunteer services extends much beyond monetary considerations. In fact, if volunteers were to be reimbursed for their time, I'm sure many would expect more than $2.50 per hour. How much does it cost to create a climate of sensitive awareness and concern for others, to bring different segments of our Japanese American community together in a united effort to promote programs which have relevance to our total membership? How much does it cost to have certain members of our chapters use their influence and persuasion to solicit the support of significant leaders outside our Japanese American communities?

The volunteer, however, is not a special person, endowed with special skills and knowledge. His occupation, education, or social status , have no relation to his reasons for volunteering. What is common to all who volunteer for JACL is a personal commitment to its purpose; a real desire to help others. What motivates him to serve is the personal satisfaction of being able to make his contribution. . . to do his "thing" . . . for a cause which he believes in. The stronger this commitment, the greater the involvement.

I am sure that all of you who have volunteered your services to JACL are not doing it out of a sense of obligation or duty, but rather because of the deep concern about the human inequities in our society and the significant role that JACL can play in helping to correct these inequities. Now I must admit that some of you are also looking for certain side benefits, like a low cost health insurance plan.

Many persons have asked me why I volunteer for JACL. Is it because I have so much free time, or perhaps I have an insatiable desire to do my particular "thing"? Or to be analytical, maybe my paid job is not satisfying enough, or I want to get away from my family.

I volunteer for the same reason you do. I honestly feel that JACL has yet to reach its potential for being an influential organization which can help to improve the social, economic, and political life of all people, and in particular those of minority groups. Our personal experiences as a member of

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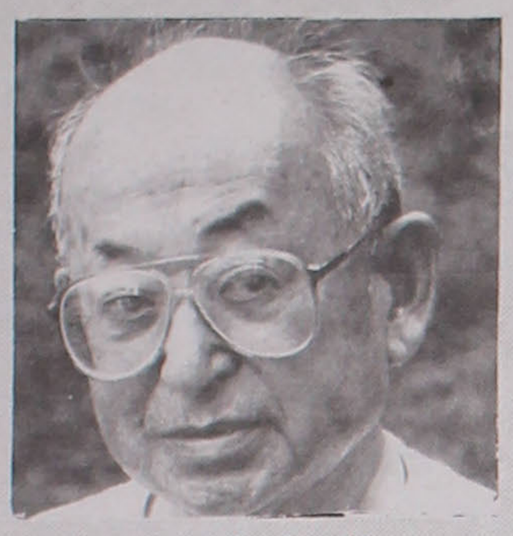

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Chicago's Special Volunteer

Hirao "Smoky" Sakurada is surely the dean of the volunteer *Pacific Citizen* Holiday issue ad sales staff. The longtime JACL Thousand Club member recalls helping to start the Chicago chapter on the Holiday Issue project in the early 1950s, and has volunteered to lead the annual effort ever since. In fact, he still visits many advertisers in person.

Smoky, 76, feels that "more people should get involved in volunteer activities. Retired people, especially, should keep active. Volunteering gives me a feeling that I'm really helping."

Born in Suisun, California, Smoky grew up in Monterey, California, where he initially became a JACL member with the Monterey Peninsula JACL. Aside from three years spent in LaCrosse, Wisconsin (from 1989 to mid-1992), Smoky has been a resident of Chicago since 1946. He worked at Libby, McNeil, Libby from 1946 to 1960, and at American Tara Corporation from 1960-1982.

Since 1992 Smoky has volunteered at the Friends of the Parks on an almost daily basis. Friends of the Parks was founded in 1975 to preserve, protect and improve Chicago's urban parks. Smoky assists the staff on research projects, membership mailings and a variety of special events. He also visits local schools to help educate children on environmental matters, and has helped mulch trees, as well as plant and clean at area parks.

In his "spare" time Smoky enjoys photography as a hobby, and writes letters to pen pals across the United States.

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The story behind the headlines

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The growth of the rice industry in the Beaumont area and the availability of rice land in the early 1900s drew groups of Japanese to Jefferson and Orange Counties.

In 1905 Yasuo Mayumi, a small, shy Japanese just out of college brought a group of his countrymen to a site about 6 miles southeast of Fannett in Jefferson County, and Kichimatsu Kishi, a hero of the 1904-05 Russo-Japanese War in Manchuria, established a colony in 1908 in Orange near the little town of Terry.

Mayumi settled on 1,734 acres bought by his older brother, Yoshio, from Joseph H. and Maggie Hoopes. Hoopes had dug one of the early rice irrigation canals there in the late 1890s, pumping from Taylor's Bayou.

The Japanese with Mayumi planted fruit trees, worked ground and planted their first rice crop in the spring of 1906. One of the men was killed that spring attempting to break a horse.

At first the people of the Fannett community regarded their Japanese neighbors with suspicion. But saddle weary cowboys who stopped at the "Jap Farm" could always depend on a cold drink and the offer of coffee or tea. Youngsters rambling on the prairie found a piece of fruit or a sweetmeat an inducement to stop and visit.

Gradually, the Japanese broke through the barrier of suspicion. Mayumi and his men built a long one-room building and gave community dances. People came from miles around, everybody chipping in to pay the band.

After Mayumi and his men had been there several years, his parents back in Japan arranged a marriage for him, and a bride he had never seen arrived in this country. She was shy, and few of Taylor's Bayou people ever saw her. Artemise Wingate was the exception.

One evening in early December Mayumi rode horseback up to the Bailey Wingate home. For days it had been raining a cold drizzle, and the roads were under water. Apologizing for what he said was an intrusion, Mayumi explained that his first child, a son, had been born, but after only one day of life, the baby was dead. Mayumi needed help.

Wingate's sturdy widowed mother, Artemise, who had borne nine children and had seen three buried, bundled up against the cold and rode back to the Mayumi place with the men. She found Mayumi's wife with the dead child in her arms rocking back and forth in mute grief. She tried to comfort the woman who spoke no English and helped prepare the baby for burial.

Two days later, on December 13,1917 Mayumi's son was buried in Magnolia Cemetery in Beaumont, far from his ancestral burial ground. Not long after the child's death, Mayumi's wife returned to Japan. Now and then Mayumi, too, returned to Japan for a visit, and another son is said to have been born there.

But the farm on Taylor's Bayou continued to be Mayumi's permanent home. He had been in Fannett almost 19 years when growing hostility toward the Japanese immigrants brought about the Immigration Act of 1924, aimed at keeping Orientals out of the United States.

Despite many friendships in the community, Mayumi sold his land to J.J. and George Burrell of Fannett. He and his men returned to Japan.

Mayumi's manservant, Matsuoko stayed on. He became a naturalized citizen and was married twice. Matsuoko became a top chef at Hotel Beaumont during its glory days. Later, he operated a small grocery store on Holmes and Wall streets. He is buried in Baytown beside his second wife.

Strong effort

The Kishi Colony in Orange County was among the largest Japanese settlements in Texas. Its founder, Kichimatsu Kishi, and his family made a strong effort to adapt to their adopted land.

Kishi came to this country to look for rice land in 1906 after being decorated for bravery in the Russo-Japanese War in Manchuria. Land in thickly populated Japan was too limited and expensive.

He left behind his second wife, and a son and baby daughter . His search took him through California, the Carolinas, Mississippi and Texas. When he examined the land in Orange County, he decided he had found what he was seeking.

A graduate of six years study at the University of Tokyo, Kishi pored over records that showed adequate rainfall. The land was fertile, and nearby Cow Bayou would supply irrigation water. He signed the final agreement to buy 3,500 acres of land in the James and William Dyson survey on Oct. 10.1908, but by then Kishi and his men were harvesting their first crop.

On his several trips back to Japan Kishi had brought back with him his wife and 6-year old son and 15 more Japanese tenant farmers. Others joined later. The daughter, 2-year old Toki, remained in Japan two more years.

Left for adventure

Some of the surnames of those in the

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TANAKA

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one identifiable minority, give us certain advantages which we should fully exploit.

I am fully aware, as I know you are, that our efforts may not have much immediate impact on the social conditions of our communities, but I have to believe that, in the long run, our persistent efforts will pay off. Certainly, our lack of active participation is not the answer to progressive change.

I've heard so many JACLers say that so much of what JACL is doing in the field of human relations can be done in other organizations. True. But it is an interesting fact that relatively few of us are actively involved in other human relations groups. Perhaps we feel more comfortable in associating with persons of our own kind, or feel that through JACL we can focus on those specific issues which are of more immediate concern to us.

What then, can you and I as volunteers do to see that our organization continues to aggressively concern itself with the problems of human inequities in our society? I offer some concrete suggestions:

• Openly voice your opinions about JACL at the committee and board levels where it will be heard and actions can be taken. You are only wasting your time and increasing your frustrations when you speak "behind the scenes" and only to people who support your views.

• As a member of JACL, you have every right to demand that our organization carries out the programs and services mandated and supported by our membership. The implementation of national programs is the responsibility of our staff; the provision of adequate funds is the responsibility of our total membership; the planning of programs and setting of priorities are the responsibility of our volunteer national officers.

At no time in the history of JACL do we need the combined efforts of those with experience and those with innovative ideas. If we can't work together, we're in real trouble! My specific suggestion is that we listen to all sides; not turn off people who don't support our beliefs.

I think it's high time that we don't spin our minds trying to come up with a gimmick or project in order to present a united front. Do we need another evacuation to prevent what appears to be a drifting apart of our membership? Or are we willing to confront each other and find out why we are drifting and then to seek ways of remobilizing our collective energies toward a more viable and meaningful JACL program.

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These special Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue messages express the concern and support for three JACL chapters who throughout 1993 experienced adversity. By showing their solidarity, these individuals and chapters offer financial assistance to:

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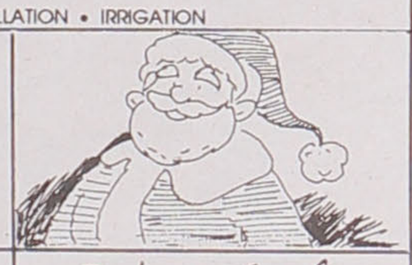

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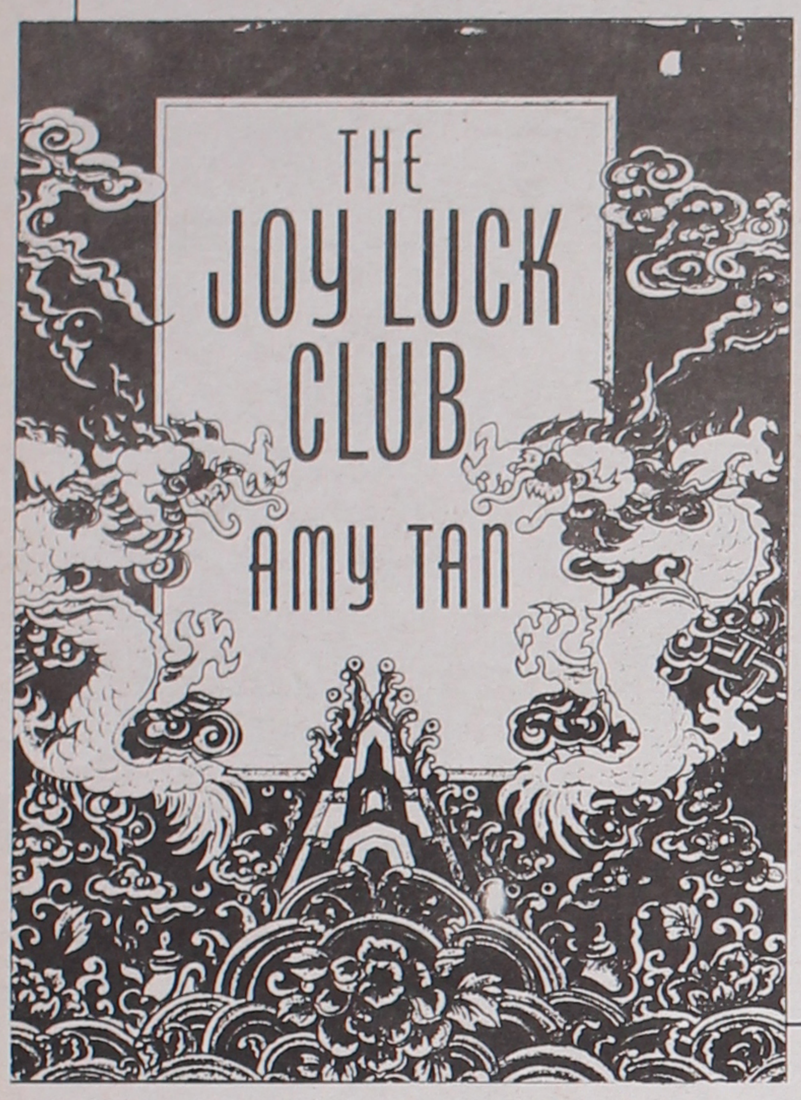


'The Joy Luck Club'

This 1993 film was considered by many to be a cinematic breakthrough, portraying a minority in real, human and emotional terms . . . Despite its box office success, for some Asian Americans, reaction has been mixed . . .

Kenly Kiya Kato and Darryl Chiang, two Harvard Law School students, debated the merits of "The Joy Luck Club" in the school's "Asian American Law Students newsletter. Here is the complete text.

Chiang: "The Joy Luck Club" is in many ways a real triumph for Asian Americans: it is the first popularly-embraced movie that is written, directed, and primarily acted by Asian Americans. Americans of all ethnic backgrounds are lining up to see this film and are being introduced to important gender, racial, and cultural issues.

Kato: That's definitely true, and I think that that's why it's so important for we, as Asian Americans to really analyze what is being presented in the film. There is no doubt that as "invisible" members of U.S. society, we are eager to see ourselves presented in mainstream, mass-distributed media forums. The problem we should avoid is that of being too eager and too hungry. We need to look at what we are being fed, so that we don't end up unknowingly swallowing bitterness with smiles on our faces.

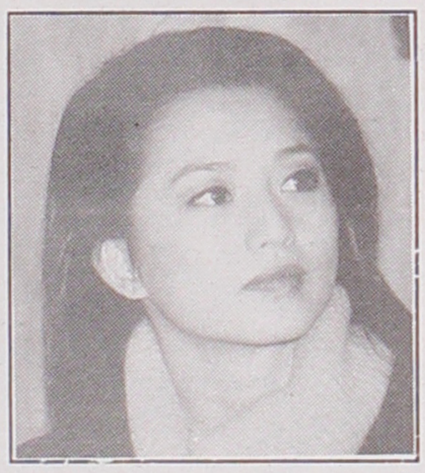
Chiang: The excitement of seeing the first mainstream Asian American film may have made us all look less critically at the movie. The mainstream media, as well as the Asian American press (such as the San Francisco-based newspaper *AsianWeek*), have featured numerous articles on the movie, none of which delve very deeply into the film's message, and all of which seem to assume that the film is a unanimous plus for Asian Americans. Although I haven't read Amy Tan's book, I certainly saw the media's positive reaction to the movie. When I went with a big group of Asian Americans a few weeks ago to see the film, I had high hopes. While I was touched by the movie, I feel that there are a number of potential problems with the film that are worth talking about.

Kato: I also went to see "The Joy Luck Club" a few weeks ago with a big group of Asian Americans, but I approached the movie with an ambiguous, if not critical, eye. Although I read Amy Tan's book at a stage in my life in which I had not yet solidified my views on issues such as race, gender and identity, I was still bothered by much of what the novel portrayed. Thus, I was unsure as to whether or not I even wanted to see "The Joy Luck Club" in its film form. However, in light of the extensive media-hype and overwhelmingly positive critical reviews, I felt compelled to see the movie.

Chiang: When I came out of the movie, I wasn't sure exactly how I felt. Everyone around me was weeping. Some people went to call their moms. I cried too because there were some powerful performances and fairly deft directing by Wayne Wang. On the other hand, I found the repetitiveness of the party-scene-to-traumatic-flashback technique to be a little maudlin after a while. The film's subtler messages and their implications for the Asian American community were perhaps even more troubling. For instance, I felt that the movie's portrayal of Asian American males was overly harsh. Almost all of the criticisms of Asian American men were valid; the only problem was that there were virtually no positive Asian American male characters. Therefore, we were left with what I considered a one-sided portrayal that only feeds into the stereotype that Asian American men are neither sensitive to nor desirable companions for Asian American women--and that, by implication, white men are far better mates for Asian American women.

Kato: I totally agree. The relationships of Asian American women with men is a central point of the movie. While many viewed "The Joy Luck Club" as simply a movie about mother-daughter relationship, the fact is that all the women (whether mothers or daughters) seem to define themselves vis-a-vis the men (whether boyfriends or husbands) in their lives. Thus, it becomes important to analyze exactly who the men in their lives are. I think that the almost wholly negative portrayal of Asian men was strikingly highlighted by the much more favorable portrayal of Anglo men. The Anglo men were seen as being both socially and politically "nice guys" while the Asian men were almost all socially and politically retrograde. For example, the characters of Rich (Waverly's boyfriend) and Ted (played by Andrew McCarthy) seemed to symbolize the classic "liberals" in U.S. society who approach all aspects of their life with a "color-blind" vision. This is illustrated by their seemingly healthy and loving relationships with second-generation Asian American women.

Chiang: While there are obviously a lot of nice Caucasian men in real life, we get a not-so-subtle comparison of the "good" Caucasian American versus



Tamlyn Tomita, above, and Lauren Tom were among the stars of Joy Luck.

the "bad" Asian male. The character of the "Fourth Concubine" was married to a rapacious Asian businessman. Auntie Ying-ying was married to "a very bad man" in Shanghai (played by Russell Wong): a handsome and virile Asian male who turns out to be nothing more than a whoring, abusive, and misogynistic narcissist. Auntie Ying-ying's daughter Lena then marries another "bad Asian man," Harold, who is a penny-pinching, selfish, and cold Asian American professional. Of course these characters are not "unrealistic" (there are no doubt "bad" Asian men out there), but unfortunately they turn out to be the only Asian men we really get to know in the film. We only see June's "grandfatherly" dad for a few minutes (and he's feeble and geriatric) and Lena's second (Eurasian?) husband for a few seconds. Meanwhile, June's piano teacher, Old Chong, is nothing but a bumbling comic character. Overall, you get the idea that Asian American women should look for Caucasian men if they want to be treated well. A generally pro-Caucasian male slant is not too much of a surprise since Amy Tan herself chose to marry a white man. On the other hand, in Amy Tan's book, Lena's "bad," penny-pinching husband is Caucasian. In Wayne Wang's film, however, Lena's husband is cast as a Chinese American. Although Wayne Wang claimed to stay true to the book, he actually made the movie's pro-Caucasian male slant heavier than perhaps even Amy Tan intended. This was an interesting—and in my view unfortunate—choice for Wayne Wang to willingly or unwittingly make.

Kato: Exactly. The Anglo males in the movie are glorified as both fun and caring men who have transcended the barriers of race. One particularly troubling scene exemplified this glorification. In the scene, Rose (played by Rosalind Chao) and Ted (Andrew McCarthy) were at Ted's family's upper-class, WASP garden party. Ted's mother told Rose that a Chinese woman is not the "right" type of woman for a man in Ted's social position to be dating. Ted then steps in and assumes the role of heroic Savior of the Asian American woman in distress. He unflinchingly swears at his mother and berates her for her racism. The strength of this scene is contrasted with the predominantly tragic and maudlin scenes of the rest of the movie, making Ted's scene one of the most memorable and powerful parts of

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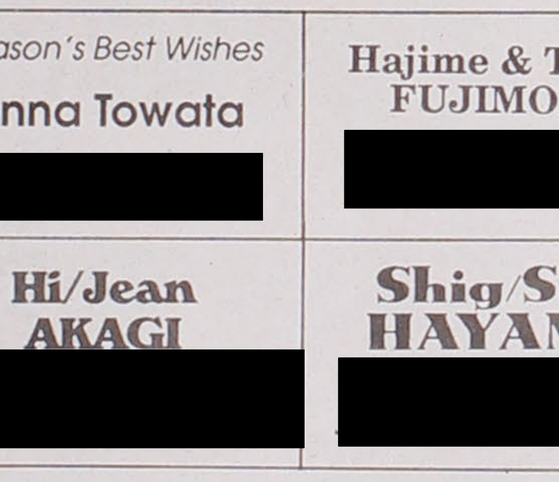

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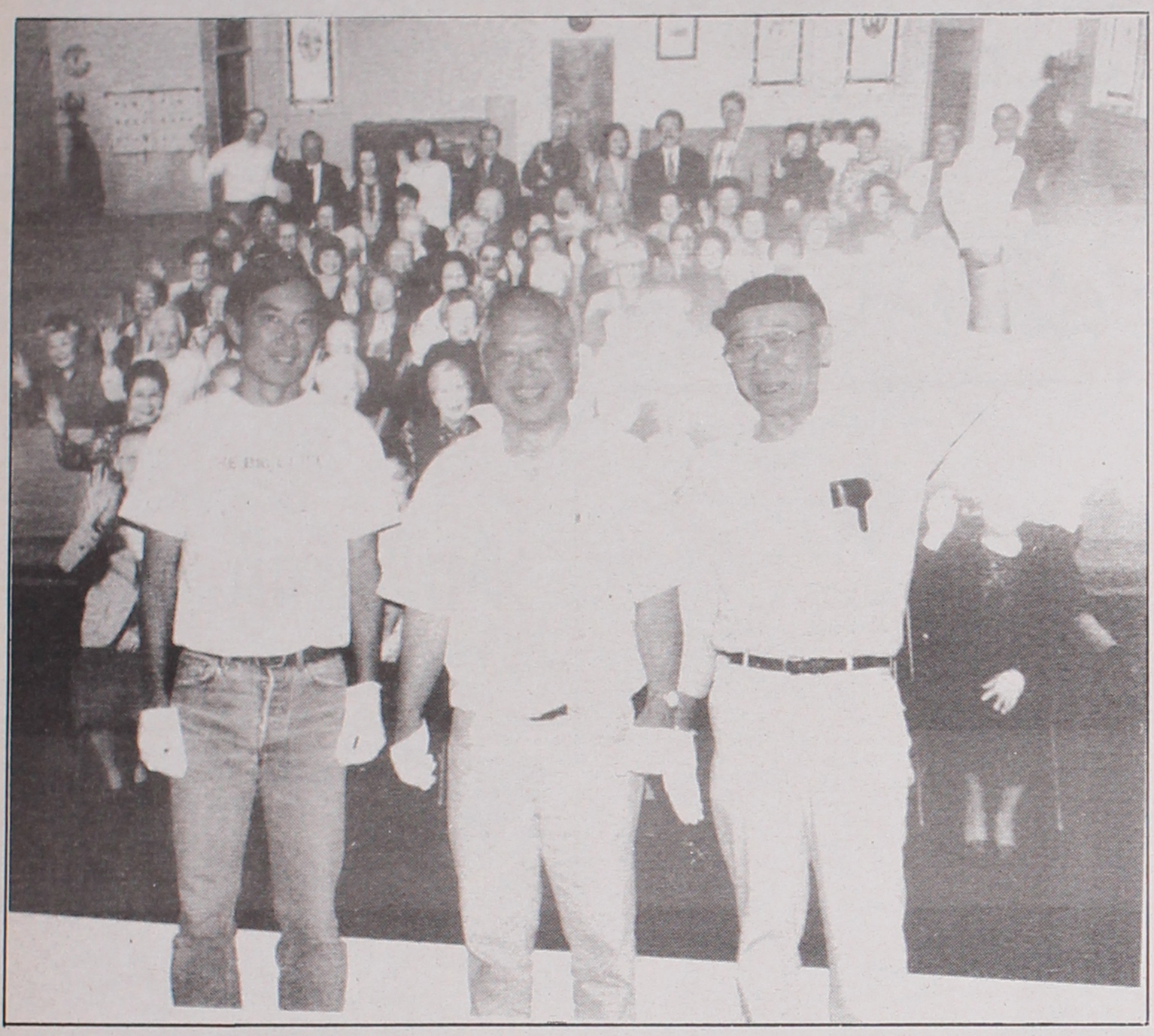

TRUE VOLUNTEERS— *From left, Doug Katagiri, George Katagiri, and Homer Yasui mounting exhibit panels at the Oregon History Center in Portland, Oregon.*

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'Those hours have added up to roughly 900 hours in which visitors were greeted to one of the most successful exhibits at the Oregon History Center.'

Portland Chapter:

A collective effort

By George Katagiri

"Never volunteer!" was the attitude that most of us developed in the military service. This attitude became so entrenched that sergeants quickly shifted to using the strategy of, "We need three volunteers! You, you and you."

Today, many of you are volunteering your services in some cause that enriches life in the community. Perhaps getting you to volunteer has not changed much from the military strategy. Often, someone calls and says, "You will volunteer for this task, won't you?" and, with tongue in cheek, you respond, "Sure."

Case in point. From August, 1993 through January, 1994, the Oregon History Center in Portland is featuring the "Japanese Pioneers of Oregon" exhibit. Creating this exhibit was both a momentous and monumental task which was accomplished largely by volunteers from the Nikkei community. It was important because the sources for information about the Japanese immigrants between 1880 and 1924 was fast disappearing. Only the last remnants of Issei remained; their stories, diaries, and mementos were disappearing with each passing year. The project was monumental because it required the expertise and energies of hundreds to complete the project. The "showy" part of the project, i.e. writing the proposals, photocopying the images, building the displays, were done by experts and these tasks consumed the funds that were raised for the project. Most of the behind the scene tasks were accomplished by hundreds of volunteers. These were the people who raised funds, collected photos and artifacts, moved display walls, hung panels, served as host and hostesses, built structures, contributed artifacts and photos, drew the project designs, and on and on.

Still, when you stop to thank volunteers for their contributions, many shrug their shoulders and say, "It was nothing. It was only a few bucks." In this case, the "few bucks" here and there added up to $65,000. When you thank the host and hostesses who served daily, they respond with,"Don't mention it. It's only a few hours each month."

These hours added up to roughly 900 hours in which visitors were greeted to one of the most successful exhibits at the Oregon History Center. Those who contributed an item for display may have thought that it was only an old forgotten picture that's been in the drawer for 50 years, but each photo selected was an essential link needed to tell the sequential story of the Oregon Issei. As it turned out, the quality of the whole display turned out to be greater than the sum of its parts.

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There is a flip side to the volunteering that occurred. Aside from the negative things that are part of volunteering like hunting for parking places, plugging parking meters, and listening to complaints about one thing or another, most volunteers reaped a great deal of satisfaction from their contributions. Many could see the significance of their "insignificant" photo. They discovered old friends and relatives in the exhibit, and they enjoyed exchanging information with many of the visitors who showed considerable interest or who had relevant information to share.

The volunteers in Oregon came up with a winner. More than a few have expressed their pleasure and elation by suggesting that we have a big party when the exhibit leaves Portland for its next venue. Let's do it!

Photo courtesy of Frank Fukuda

SEEING PORTLAND
At left, three Issei pioneers pose in a mock-up flying machine over Mt. Hood and the Portland, Oregon skyline from a 1914 postcard, one of the artifacts in the Japanese American National Museum exhibit, "In This Great Land of Freedom: The Japanese Pioneers of Oregon," at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland.

FIRST JAPANESE IN OREGON
(1880)—In photo below, left, Miyo Iwakoshi (seated) was the bride of a Scottish sea captain Andrew McKinnon who brought her and her brother, Rikigo (at left) and Tama Jewel Nitobe, adopted daughter. McKinnon and his partners started a sawmill east of Portland, naming it the Orient as well as the lumber community. The historic photograph, taken around 1886, is part of the Japanese American National Museum exhibit, which continues through January, 1994, at the Oregon Historical Society, Portland.

Exhibit honors the

Japanese Pioneers of Oregon

Photo courtesy of G. Nomura

BY CHRIS KOMAI

PORTLAND—For Egyptologists, the great artifact find of the 20th Century was King Tut's Tomb. Pieces not thought available, items archaeologists were convinced were long gone, suddenly appeared, as if delivered directly from the past. For Japanese American scholars, one big artifact find was a barn located nine miles south of Hood River, Oregon. That's where the contents of the Yasui Brothers Store were hidden away for four decades. And items from that collection are part of "In This Great Land of Freedom: The Japanese Pioneers of Oregon" at the Oregon Historical Society, a presentation of the Japanese American National Museum.

Time was the biggest problem in finding objects for the exhibition. Few individuals are still around from the early days. And, the everyday items that surrounded the lives of these pioneers have also disappeared. World War II and evacuation saw to most of that. When the Japanese Americans were forced off the West Coast with little notice, most of their possessions were sold in fire sales, destroyed or abandoned. Most people could only take what they could carry. An enormous amount of personal possessions were lost.

Unlike most Japanese Americans, the Yasui brothers were able to house the contents of their business in the basement of their store during the war. In 1945, the store was sold and the contents were moved to an old packing house. When that building was demolished in the early 1950s, everything was moved into this barn where it sat, untouched, for almost 40 years. The brothers, Masuo Yasui and Renichi Fujimoto, had opened their store in 1908, serving the needs of the Japanese laborers in the area. These individuals worked in the lumber industry, as harvesters in the nearby orchards, on the railroad, or as laborers clearing stumps off undeveloped land.

The brothers had previously worked in Montana on the railroad along with their father before the turn of the century. Masuo finally moved to Portland in 1907, where he worked as a houseboy. He learned English and began studying law, two attributes that would make him a leader in the local Japanese community. In 1907, Masuo took a fancy to Hood River, an area known for its natural beauty. He also saw the opportunity to start a business that would provide for the local Japanese workers in this community. Masuo encouraged his brother Renichi to come to Oregon, and the two opened the Yasui Brothers Store.

More than just a place to buy goods, the store, wrote Robert Yasui, one of Masuo's sons, served "as a supply depot and as a social center where the Japanese laborers could visit and exchange gossip and news. The customers also came to depend upon Masuo for legal advice and financial help." Because of Masuo's bilingual skills, the store had other functions, explained Homer Yasui, another son. It "also served as an intermediary with the Caucasian community." The Yasuis also ran an employment agency.

This kind of general stores, often the hub of smaller, semi-rural Japanese communities before World War II, were very common in the Western United States. According Dr. Akemi Kikumura, Project Director for the Museum, "These businesses provided goods and services for the Japanese farm families in the surrounding agricultural areas and were in turn supported by this agricultural economy."

Masuo was a superb businessman. Besides partnership in the store, Masuo began investing money in buying land around Hood River. Land cost a pretty penny. Homer recalled his father paying about $20,000 for 20 acres. After acquiring property, Masuo would enter joint ownership with the local Japanese laborers, who would farm the land. Through this process, Masuo's economic influence grew to such an extent that

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On exhibit

TITLE: "In This Great Land of Freedom: The Japanese Pioneers of Oregon." Focuses in on the early immigration and settlement period of first-generation Japanese (Issei) in Oregon who helped develop the state's agriculture industry and other commerce.
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Takao Ozawa

A Japanese national fights discrimination in Hawaii during the early 1900s

By ALLAN BEEKMAN

'The definition of white person probably differed in meaning in 1914 from what it had in 1790. And in the compoistion of the race that had become known as white there were extremes going from the maximum blond at one end to the dark-skinned brunette at the other...'

A historic photo of Takao Ozawa who led the fight for naturalization privilege for the Issei.

In Honolulu, Oct. 16, 1914, Takao Ozawa, a Japanese national, but resident in America for 20 years, petitioned for American citizenship. By doing so, he indirectly challenged most of the laws discriminating against the Japanese in America. These laws were enacted on the assumption that Japanese were ineligible for American citizenship and worded to oppose those deemed ineligible.

If the Ozawa petition were successful, these discriminatory laws would presumably become invalid. Though less apparent at the time than it would become later, a rejection of the petition would also have an unfavorable international complication.

There had been a time when the Japanese had not been considered ineligible for naturalization. Joseph Heco, for example, a Japanese castaway rescued and befriended by an American whaler, had acquired an American education, been naturalized in 1858, met three American Presidents and after Commodore Matthew Gailbraith Perry had opened Japan to trade in 1854, Heco, as a naturalized American, rendered signal service with his bilingualism.

By the time Ozawa had filed for naturalization, however, a doubt had arisen about the original Congressional provision for granting naturalization. This doubt centered around interpretation of a Congressional Act of 1790, that spoke of granting naturalization to "free white persons". In 1870 Congress had extended the privilege to those of African nativity.

The definition of white person probably differed in meaning in 1914 from what it had in 1790. And in the composition of the race that had become known as white there were extremes going from the maximum blonde at one end to the dark-skinned brunette at the other. In consideration of the Ozawa petition there would be no denial that many Japanese were whiter than many Americans classified as white.

Ozawa went further than making this simple comparison of color. He met the challenge in the term "white persons" through an erudite argument that the Japanese qualified under the white classification. He claimed that the Japanese were originally of the white race, and traced the history of Japan for thousands of years, carrying it back to the Ainu tribes.

In October, 1922, Ozawa would publish a treatise entitled,

Naturalization of a Japanese Subject in the United States of America. A BRIEF IN RE OZAWA CASE. Now Pending the Decision in the Supreme Court of U.S.A

It bore the notation: **PRIVATE CIRCULATION.**

In the brief, he presents cogent arguments against the popular but unscientific misconceptions of race.

He had been born in Tokyo June 15, 1875, and had arrived in San Francisco, aboard the *S.S. Galicie*, July 17, 1894. He was favorably impressed by America and Aug. 1, 1902, before the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, Calif., declared his intention of becoming a United States citizen.

He graduated from Berkeley High School and attended the University of California for three years. Falling short o the needed funds to continue his formal education, he came to Hawaii May 25, 1906. Hawaii had become American territory eight years previously. Honolulu was to be his residence thereafter.

He had found work as a salesman for Theo. H. Davies & Co. and had married. His wife, Masako, a native of Yamaguchi prefecture, had come from Japan about age 11. She had worked at the Okumura Home for orphaned children of Japanese immigrants. The Christian founder of the home, Rev. Takie Okumura, though an alien Japanese, was so pro-American, he had come round to thinking that Hawaii-born Nikkei should be protected from alien influence such as the acquisition of the Japanese language.

When Ozawa filed his petition for naturalization, he had two daughters by Masako, Takako, born July 24, 1909, and Edith, born Oct. 16, 1912. A son, George Yoshio, would be born to the couple Oct. 24, 1917.

Mrs. Ozawa was a member of the YWCA'S International Institute, which assisted immigrant families to Americanize.

Ozawa had even moved his family from a predominantly Japanese area of Honolulu, Kalihi, to one that at that time was primarily Caucasian, Kaimuki.

Though not a lawyer, he prepared the first brief filed in his fight for citizenship, submitting in that brief that he was of good character; that he did not report his name or marriage, or the names of his children to the Japanese consulate in Honolulu, despite all Japanese subjects being requested to do so; that he had no connection with any Japanese churches or schools or any Japanese organizations; that he was sending his children to an American church and an American school, and that he used the American (English) language at home, so that his children were unable to speak Japanese.

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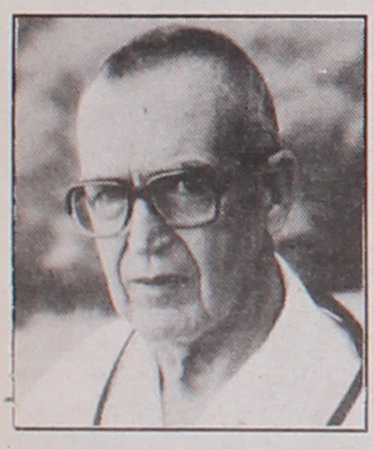

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He appeared to feel that being American required him to repudiate most of what he had acquired in the land of his birth. He argued before the court that his culture, his wife's culture and his children's culture had been purged of this foreign influence. The food they ate, the utensils they used, the magazines and newspapers they read, and the language they spoke were l00 percent American.

Judges Sanford B. Dole and Charles F. Clemmons ruled against Ozawa.

In 1916, with D. L. Withington as his attorney, Ozawa took the case to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at San Francisco. The Circuit Court reserved the questions as to the constitutionality for the decision of the United States Supreme Court.

In the meantime, the Pacific Coast Japanese Society had become interested in the case because the removal of the ineligible for citizenship clause bore on the California anti-alien land law. The society engaged former Attorney General George W. Wickersham to argue the case for Ozawa before the Supreme Court.

In their brief before the Supreme Court, the Ozawa attorney contended that his client was entitled to the rights of American citizenship not only because he sought to mold his life along strictly American lines and in accordance with the best American customs and ideals, but because he was "white."

On the contrary, Solicitor General Beck, who appeared for the government in the case, insisted that the exclusion of Asiatics had been the historical policy of the government and declared that the Japanese belonged to the yellow race.

The case was to be decided with an analogous one from the state of Washington where Takuji Yamashita and Charles Hio Kono, both naturalized, complained that when they applied for papers of incorporation for the Japanese real estate holding company, J. Grant Hinkle, the official in charge, had rejected the request on the ground that their naturalization was illegal.

When the Japanese associations of California and other western states took up the issue, in addition to Wickersham they at one time retained former U.S. President William H. Taft, who had returned to private law practice. When Taft was appointed to the Supreme Court, he evidently severed his connection with the case, if he had not previously done so.

In the meantime, much had occurred on an international level to add significance to the case. When the first petition had been filed in 1914, it had been a time when the leisurely pace of yesterday was still to be upset by the advent of the automobile.

Only the favored few could afford such transportation. One such was Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary. On a street corner in Sarajevo, Serbia, June 28, 1914, Gabriel Princip fired into the back seat of a car in which the Archduke sat with his morganatic wife, killing both.

The assassination precipitated World War I. The opening of hostilities immediately affected Japan.

Since its victory over Russia in 1905, Japan had emerged as a military and capitalist power. She had renewed and strengthened her alliance with Great Britain. In 1911, after having annexed Korea, Japan had renewed the treaty with Great Britain.

From the Japanese point of view, the alliance included it among the Western Powers.

On Aug. 23, 1914, Japan declared war on the British enemy, Germany. Two days later Japan declared war on Austria-Hungary.

America entered the war on the Allied side April 6, 1917. America had fought the war as a war to end war. The intellectual American President Woodrow Wilson had enunciated the Allied aims as including Fourteen Points, Four Principles, Four Ends and Five Particulars. The war ended in Allied victory Nov. 11, 1918.

The victors assembled in Versailles, France, to create a League of Nations as a frame on which to build the desired peace. Though confining its military operations to the Far East , Japan had scrupulously performed the requirements of its treaty with Great Britain and compiled a distinguished war record. As a capitalist and military power that had contributed to the victory, she had particular justification for redress of some of the grievances the Allies had inflicted on her.

For example, in addition to American discrimination already noted, Japanese were barred from emigrating to New Zealand and Australia. Under the so-

Sgt. George Y. Ozawa, who gave his life for the country that denied his father citizenship

called Gentlemen's Agreement, barriers had been erected against their emigrating to America.

One of Wilson's phrases called for equal treatment of all religious minorities. The Japanese Baron Nobuaki Makino and Viscount Sutemi Chinda, wished to amend the phrase to read "religious and racial minorities." Again they asked for the inclusion of one sentence in the Covenant of the League of Nations: "The equality of nations being a basic principle of the League of Nations, the High Contracting Powers agree to accord, as soon as possible, to all alien nationals of States Members of the League equal and just treatment in every respect, making no distinction, either in law or in fact, on account of their race or nationality."

It seemed an inoffensive and even logical amendment of Wilson's favorite clause proclaiming the inviolability of human conscience and the free exercise of religion.

On Feb. 12, addressing the League Commission, Makino pointed out that members of all races within a nation would have to foot the costs of implementing League decisions. Therefore "each national would like to feel and in fact demand that he should be placed on an equal footing with people he undertakes to defend even with his life."

It appeared that the only way to avoid a commitment on race was to avoid one on religion. This was the path chosen. But even the emasculated program was unacceptable to the U.S. Senate, which rejected the treaty March 19, 1920.

There followed the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armaments, beginning in November, 1921, and continuing until the following year. The conference ended with a 5-5-3 ratio of naval tonnage in capital ships by the three greatest naval powers: the United States, Great Britain and Japan. Japan received the short ratio, disgruntling at least some Japanese.

Further, the United States pressured Great Britain into replacing the Anglo-Japanese Alliance with a Four Power (United States, Great Britain, France and Japan) consultation treaty, signed in Washington, Dec. 13, 1921, though the Conference on Limitation of Armament would continue to Feb. 6, 1922,

Japan had reason to feel rejected by the West. The U.S. Supreme Court, perhaps fearing this response and reluctant to complicate the deliberations further, had held up its decision on the Ozawa and related case.

Nov. 13, however, in an opinion written by Justice Sutherland, the U.S. Supreme Court rendered an opinion unswayed by such arguments. Sutherland cloaked his opinion in as tactful language as he could muster, for he must have known his view would be as obnoxious to those in Japan as to the Japanese in America.

He wrote:

"The briefs filed on behalf of the appellant refer in complimentary terms to the culture and enlightenment of the Japanese people, and with this estimate we have no reason to disagree; but these are matters which cannot enter into our consideration of the question here at issue. We have no function in the matter other than to ascertain the will of Congress and declare it. Of course, there is not implied—either in the legislation or in our interpretation of it —any suggestion of individual unworthiness or racial inferiority. These considerations are in no matter involved. . . The appellant, in the case now under consideration. . . is clearly of a race which is not Caucasian and therefore belongs entirely outside the zone on the negative side. A large number of the Federal and State courts have so decided and we find no reported case definitely to the contrary...We think these decisions are right and so hold."

The decision in the Yamashita-Kono case was short, being supplementary to the Hawaii opinion.

The *New York Times* in upholding the Supreme Court decision also went to considerable pains to avoid wounding the feelings of the Japanese. "Whatever may be the law respecting naturalization and the suffrage, Japan is a great Power with an assured standing among the nations," it editorialized, " and it is our interest as well as our duty to manifest toward her the respect which is her due, and to seek to continue to co-operate with her, as our Government has been doing for years, in the endeavor to maintain due, and to seek to continue to co-operate with her, as our Government has been doing for years, in the endeavor to maintain cordial relations between the two countries and to promote the peace of the world."

The decision of the Supreme Court was issued on the same day official congratulations were exchanged between the Japanese and American Governments on the anniversary of the meeting of the Washington Disarmament Conference, which had already contributed to the estrangement of Japan. The Japanese delegates must have construed the words of the Supreme Court justice and those of the *Times* as specious. That the naturalization decision had further alienated Japan was to be seen in the response of the Japanese press.

The *Chugai Shogyo*, the principal business daily in Tokyo said ". . . the feeling is increasing that it is from her official friends, American and England, that Japan may expect the least. . . It will, indeed, not be long before Japan will be banished from the position of one of the Big Powers in fact as well as in name."

As for Ozawa, he was absent on business on the Island of Maui, Hawaii, when the Supreme Court decision reached Honolulu and could not be reached for comment. He was to continue with his job with Theo. H. Davies. In addition, in 1926, he would open a store, Kaimuki Dry Goods, at first operated by his wife, later by his daughter, Edith.

His son, George Y. was inducted into the army June 30, 1941. He trained at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii; Camp McCoy, Wis. and Camp Shelby, Miss. He served in the 298th Infantry Regiment, 100th Infantry Battalion and fought in Algeria and Italy.

As Sgt. Ozawa he was killed in action near Leonardo, Italy, Oct. 23, 1943.

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It's a group effort

By TERESA MAEBORI

Volunteerism and JACL are synonymous. In the Philadelphia Chapter, JACL, we could not exist without the volunteerism of our members. For each event whether it is social, political, or fund-raising, we call on our many members to help make it a success. It is always amazing to witness an event which calls upon the goodwill of the membership, One example is our annual fund-raising project. For the past two years this activity has been expertly and efficiently chaired by Bunji and Eiko Ikeda. The chairmanship has been rotated and the notes and guidelines of the event have been passed along.

'Our Issei and Nisei volunteers have laid the foundation for the success and the respect our organization garners in the community.'

Bunji and Eiko took on this herculean task with good humor and skill. To raise funds to operate our chapter we make *obento* (box lunch) for the summer festival at the Japanese House and Garden of Fairmount Park. We made 225 *obento* and raised close to $1,000. This fund-raiser has evolved from past participation in the Folk Fair Festival held with the many ethnic groups in the city of Philadelphia. JACL was one of the founding members of this event. After Folk Fair, which often required members to take a day or two off of work, we participated in Super Sunday, a huge block party held on the Parkway which often drew 600,000 people. To make the *obento* fundraiser work there must be a great deal of preparation beforehand. The chairperson has to make numerous phone calls to members to ask if they could contribute food, equipment, and/or time.

From all over the greater Delaware Valley people volunteer to make their contributions. Chiyo Koiwai, Mary Murakami, Mako Horikawa, Betty Endo, Ruth Higuchi,Naomi Higuchi, Dick Horikawa,Yoshi Nagahashi, Debbie Wong, Vicky Marutani, Shigeko Kawano, and Kaz Oye are only a few who have volunteered to make teriyaki chicken. Louise Maehara and Kiyomi Nogami spent hours making hakusai for the all lunches. Bunny Yamatani, Laurel Synder, and Yuriki Kobuki finely cut and cooked the carrots and beans that went with the chirashi sushi. Aya Endo lovingly fried all the egg which garnished the chirashi sushi. The shiitake and *age* for the rice were prepared by Gladys Kamihira and June Fujita. Frances Gonzales and Miyo Oye parboiled and prepared the snow peas and other vegetables. The teriyaki beef was expertly barbecued by George Ikeda, Toshi Abe, and Ed Nakawatase. Many hours and many other volunteers labored to help out on this event. When assembly time comes a hardy crew comes together. We call on the services of Gene Gonzales to help us remember the count and Betty Endo to assure us of quality control. Hiroshi Uyehara collected the many coolers needed to store the *obento*. He also procured all the paper products for the event. A team of young and old come together to put the 225 *obento* together. Rubbing elbows, we shared stories, recipes, gentle teasing, and hard work. Grayce Uyehara rolled up her sleeves next to Joyce Horikawa to artfully arrange the contents of each *obento* box. Kuniaki Mihara, Herb Horikawa, Ed Nakawatase, Mas Yamatani, Betty Endo, Nancy Fukuyama, Rodger Nogaki, Jane Nogaki, Bill Kishi, Craig Ikeda, Martha Nakamura, Roy and Yuri Kita plus a cast of many more joined the assembly line to put everything together. At the end of the work party we gathered to eat, catch up on news, find out about each other and share many good laughs.

Teresa Maebori is a member of the Philadelphia Chapter and governor of the Eastern District.

This is but a glimpse of the volunteer efforts in Philadelphia. Each year the officers and members of the board work to provide meaningful and enjoyable activities for the organization. The president, Bill Kishi, gives a tremendous amount of time representing the organization. Just in the last month he has met with the Consul General of Japan from New York, participated in the coalition of Asian American groups to obtain justice for an Asian American child pushed over a railing in an elementary school, nominated a representative to the Police Relations Board, and found a speaker for the installation dinner. These are but a few of his volunteer duties.

Over the years we have had treasurers such as Sim Endo, Mas Yamatani and Hiro Uyehara who put in hours keeping our books and treasury in order. Betty Endo, Eiko and Bunji Ikeda have given of their precious time to put together a newsletter. It is not easy urging us to get our articles in on time and then putting it all together.

The Philadelphia Chapter has been fortunate becausewe have a dedicated membership. I have been associated with the chapter for only 15 years. There have been many members before me who have willingly and tirelessly given their time to make this chapter strong. Grayce and Hiroshi Uyehara were among the founding pioneers who remain active and provide the wisdom, historical background, and plain hard work which inspire the rest of us.

Our Issei and Nisei volunteers have laid the foundation forsuccess and respect our organizaton garners in the community. They know if the JACL is involved it will be done well. And it is thanks to all the people who pitch in whether it is to write letters to congressmen, make food for a potluck, volunteer their homes for a meeting, or donate money to the Legacy Fund which makes us a strong and a vital organization. Hats off to the Phillie volunteers!

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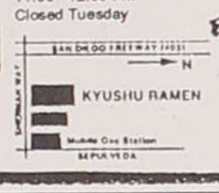

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By GARY MAYEDA

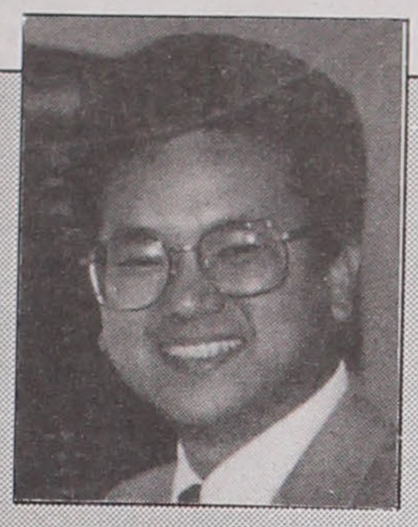
No money, no funds, no need. If you were a student at a university where an Asian American studies department did not exist, this is what you might hear. "A Department? . . . How about a study center?" Does this sound familiar?

The need for an Asian American Studies department is as essential as a history department teaching U.S. history. Asian American Studies starts where others stop. It is the expansion of that one paragraph about internment in our history books to include the full flavor and richness of Asian American culture and its people. It details how time after time U.S. laws discriminated against Asian American ethnic groups. For example, barring them from carrying a pole on the sidewalks that prevented Chinese launderers to carry their goods from location to location in the late 1800s. Asian American Studies tells the history that would not otherwise be told.

Other departments may cover subjects about Asian Americans but they do not treat them as the central focus of the curriculum. A student will get at best a fragmented account of Asian American history. A dedicated department will provide a contiguous concentrated view of the Asian American experience.

History provides a viewpoint from which we can analyze contemporary issues. "Contemporary Issues that address the Asian and Pacific Islander Communities Today" is a popular course at California State University, Northridge. I took this course when the Los Angeles riots erupted last year. The riot brought on a flurry of topics for discussion. Topics ranged from the extent of institutional racism to the disparity of economic empowerment among various cultural groups. The course also covered labor laws as well as domestic violence, to name just a few.

Asian American Studies is not just for Asian Americans. Non-Asians can gain a great understanding of its culture and ideology. This education can further reduce the amount of violence towards Asians and provide greater cultural appreciation and awareness of its diversity for all. Other departments can use the Asian American Studies department as a valuable resource center.



Mayeda is a member of the Asian Pacific American Network Chapter, JACL.

Academic merits aside, this department becomes "home" to the students it serves. It becomes a network center for the Asian American clubs and organizations on campus. At Northridge, they interact, organize cultural awareness week events, and host leadership retreats to provide personal growth. This not only strengthens the student group's access to resources, but more importantly gives the individuals the self-esteem and sense of social responsibility while working with a university department. It instills confidence and encourages student leaders to become community leaders. Maybe even a JACL leader! Hmmm, any ideas brainstorming yet? How about providing internships for special programs at district offices?

Many universities do not have an Asian American Studies program. Check your local university and find out if they exist. Students at many universities are fighting for ethnic studies departments.

It is important that the JACL chapters take interest in the local student organizations. The chapters may be able to enhance the leadership skills of these students. Or better yet you may be surprised that the students can enhance the leadership skills of the chapters. This network is important to the survival and growth of both the chapters and the student organization. The membership growth may not be immediate but give it lots of time, students will remember how chapters treat them long after graduation.

OK, we lightly covered importance, need, and network. How about money and funding? I may have to reserve another article just about this topic alone. Basically, universities are as political as the real world. Students and educators need to lobby administrators, deans, foundations, departments, etc. Every university has its own formula and

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Sergeant Hirahara made the statement with a puzzled expression, for he had run into people who asked why he hadn't been in the Pacific if he wanted to fight.

If these people had been a bit more observant, they would have noticed that Sergeant Hirahara holds his head a little differently. That's because a German bullet caught him in the head, took the sight of one eye. But Sergeant Hirahara considers himself lucky. There were a lot of his buddies on that particular mission who didn't come back.

Sergeant Hirahara wanted to fight. That's why he left his pretty young wife and infant daughter in a relocation camp and volunteered to go wherever Uncle Sam saw fit. The War Department sent him to Italy with the Nisei 442nd Regirnental Combat team, and from there the unit went to France and back to Italy again. That unit suffered thousands of casualties, including 569 dead.

And they want to know why he hadn't been to the Pacific if he wanted to fight.

They got their answer last week, straight from MacArthur's headquarters. The Nisei were in the Pacific Theatre by the hundreds, assigned to intelligence work so secret that the existence of their units was not revealed for six weeks after the formal end of the war.

These units were of the Allied Translator and Interpreter Section (ATIS) made up principally of Japanese Americans. They operated so skillfully on Pacific battlefields, according to the Associated Press, that they often knew the telephone numbers of Japanese billets.

Among the Nisei were some taken off Corregidor before the Philippines fortress fell early in 1942.

The commander of the section, Colonel Sidney Mashbir, says: "No group in the war had as much to lose. Capture would have meant indescribable horror to them and their relatives in Japan."

Other sources have revealed that every division in the Pacific had at least ten Nisei translators and interpreters attached to it. These Nisei specialists took part in virtually every Japanese surrender at the termination of the fighting.

They proved themselves so valuable in combat that they were on loan to the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, and to British and Australian forces fighting in Burma and Borneo.

The men who were assigned this hazardous duty are all volunteers who mastered the Japanese language at the grueling pace demanded by pressing military necessity.

It is welcome news that at long last their record in the Pacific Theatre has been made known. The need for security silence blacked out the story of this American secret weapon while unsung Nisei heroes were carrying out one of the war's most thrilling episodes.

Unwittingly, the government decision to organize the segregated 442nd for action in Europe gave the unreconstructed racists the chance to say the Army didn't "trust" the Nisei to fight in the Pacific. It gave at least one Navy officer speaking from California lecture platforms the opportunity to declare the 442nd had set its brilliant record only because the Nisei "were killing white men."

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Is the JA community disappearing?

Or is the choice up to us?

By LANE HIRABAYASHI

While I always appreciate data on the current rates of Asian American intermarriage, as a person of Japanese and Norwegian American ancestry I had a serious objection to UCLA Prof. Harry Kitano's assertion that; *"the Japanese American community. . . thriving today will be 'no more In 2050' In the face of the rising rate of intermarriage'* (as reported by Mr. Harry K. Honda, in his 1993 article "Diffusion of JA Community Seen by 2050.") Simply put, Dr. Kitano seems to assume that the survival of Japanese American culture and community revolve around the purity of Japanese "blood" down through the generations.

Now, contrary to this view, most contemporary social scientists agree that culture is learned. In turn, learning one's culture has to do with exposure within the family context as well as in institutions where the values, norms, and typical practices of a given group are enacted, whether this be a school, church, club, interest group, or even a "slo-pitch" league.

Given these points, I submit that all of us who are involved in Japanese American community-based organizations need to consider the issue of inclusion: that is, the kind of opportunities and spaces that are available for folks of part Japanese ancestry to participate, to become involved, and thus to retain critical linkages to their Japanese American heritage. Let me give a personal example to illustrate what I am talking about.

Marilyn, my wife, and I moved out to the Rockies after a combined total of twenty years of full-time service in the Asian American Studies Program at San Francisco State. Although neither of us had been in Boulder before, let alone in Colorado, we were greatly attracted by the atmosphere for the synthesis of progressive research and community-based activism at the recently formed Center for Studies of Ethnicity and Race In America (CSERA). I, myself, moved with trepidation; I have many close friends in the San Francisco Bay Area, and strong ties to JA community-based organizations that were forged over decades. I basically knew no one in Colorado and was somewhat concerned about whether I would be able to start teaching at a new campus, finish the three books I was working on, as well as find time to go down to Denver to "meet the community," let alone work on any community-based projects.

For my own part, soon after I arrived, I tried to utilize my resources as a professor on the community's behalf—most notably, I developed the first course that focuses exclusively on Japanese American history which also fulfills "general education" and American history graduation requirements at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

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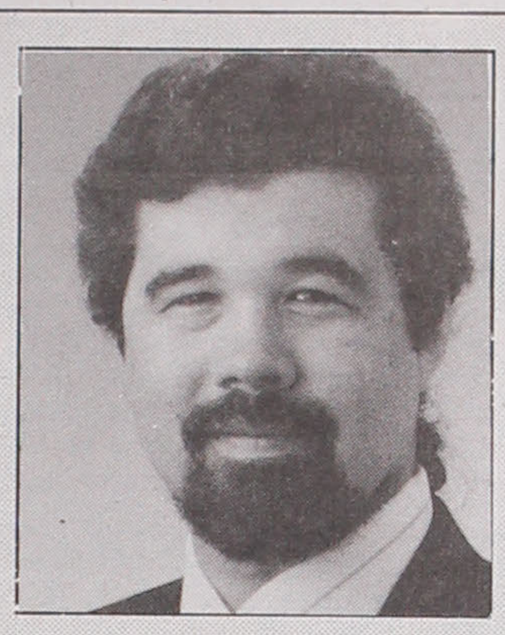

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members of the Japanese American community In Denver really made an effort to reach out to me, to include me, and to make me feel a part of the JA community here even though I am a "newcomer." Two projects that I have worked on over this summer are especially important to me in this regard.

For thirty-eight years now, more than twenty Colorado Japanese American community organizations have cooperated In running the "Japanese American Community Graduation Program." I was honored to be asked to serve as a scholarship judge, and was both pleased and surprised to learn that the program offered twenty-four awards to graduating seniors in the Front Range in 1993. I was even more impressed to see that a good number of the scholarship recipients were of half or part-Japanese descent, and that no distinctions were drawn in terms of eligibility. As you might imagine, the graduation banquet is a profoundly moving experience: parents recognize and appreciate the efforts and accomplishments of their children, and vice versa, and everyone is reminded of the sacrifices that the Issei, Nisei, and shin-Issei made to get the younger generations where they are today.

. . . inclusion in Japanese American community affairs has reaffirmed for me the fact that the kinds of cultural, spiritual and political resources that the JA community offers are a precious heritage . . .
—Lane Hirabayashi

Second, via Mrs. Carolyn Takeshita, a local Japanese American teacher and community activist, and her colleagues, I was invited to serve as a consultant for a project where some ninety-four students, ages eight to fourteen, gathered to work on a book entitled *Kid's Explore America's Japanese American Heritage* (forthcoming, February, 1994) for other schoolchildren. Coordinated out of Westridge Elementary School, near Denver, this project involved children (many of whom were of Japanese American descent) from across the city. This project was especially exciting because we—a group that included both persons who were and who were not of Japanese descent—worked together collectively and cooperatively to study and write about Japanese American culture and community first for each other, and then in terms of a book for the wider public.

In sum, because of the open and concerned attitude of Japanese Americans in Denver, I feel that I have been included in the Japanese American community here, even though people may not have known much about me or my work. What I want to emphasize is that inclusion in Japanese American community affairs has reaffirmed for me the fact that the kinds of cultural, spiritual and political resources that the JA community offers are a precious heritage that we can all draw from to meet our ongoing needs—whether we are of full or part Japanese descent and, for that matter, whether we have any "Japanese" blood in our veins at all.

In sum, my experiences in Denver indicate that while the "Japanese American community" will certainly change as we approach the 21st century, it does not have to fall by the wayside if we who are involved decide otherwise and act accordingly to develop the kind of community that can help us recognize and meet the challenges of an increasingly multi-racial, multi-cultural population and society. In short, rather than intermarriage rates, our own perceptions, choices, and actions will play the deciding factor in whether the JA community still exists in 2050 or whether it will indeed have vanished.

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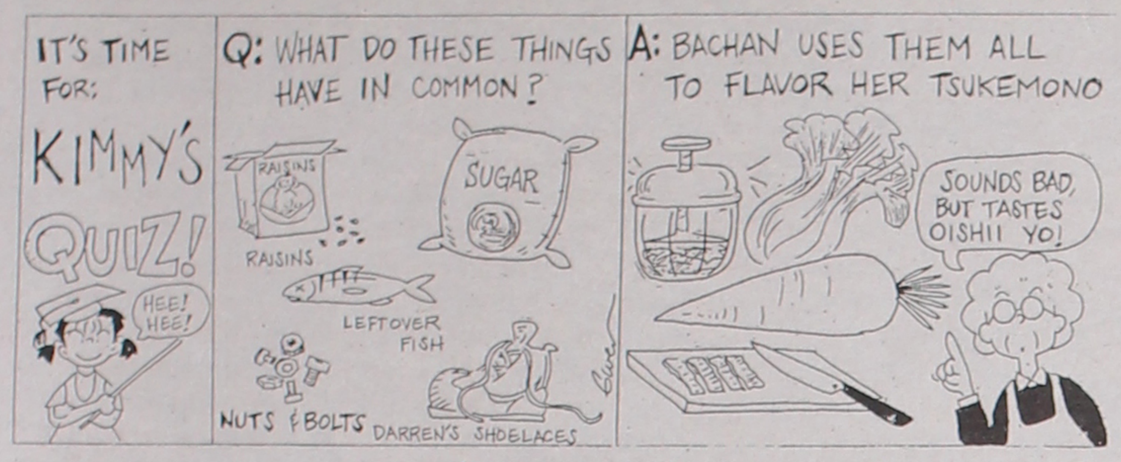
Small kid time — Gwen Muranaka



EXHIBIT

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author Bill Hosokawa in his book, "Nisei: The Quiet Americans," claimed that Yasui had an interest in one out of every ten boxes of apples and pears shipped out of Hood River before World War II. That might be exaggerated, Homer cautioned, but still, Masuo's influence was vast.

Masuo and his wife Shidzuyo had nine children, seven who lived to adulthood. Of those, two became doctors and one was a lawyer. Son Minoru is the most famous for having defied the wartime curfew and evacuation orders. He took the government to court and initially was convicted, but over 40 years later, his conviction was overturned through a writ of error coram nobis.

The store became Ren's province, as Masuo branched out. According to Homer, the first store was augmented by a second building which the brothers bought in the 1920s. In time, the original store was turned into a branch and the second structure became the main facility. Eventually, the second store was torn down and replaced by a brick and concrete building in 1930. The original store was then knocked down and never rebuilt, while the third structure still stands, although no trace of the store remains in the building.

When the war began, Masuo was immediately taken away by the FBI, leaving son Homer, only 17 at the time, to run the household. Masuo would be held by the Justice Department and transferred to different camps over the course of the next four years. He would never return to Hood River.

Renichi and his wife Matsuyo had no children, although they were like second parents to the Yasui children. The Fujimotos, with help from a few of their Caucasian neighbors, carefully stashed away the contents of the store in the basement and then moved it to what was once a packing house on the Willow Flat Ranch. The Yasui Brothers Store was never reopened and the elder Yasuis wound up in Portland. Masuo passed away in 1957 and Ren died in 1968.

What remains are the contents of that tomb of a barn. The Yasui Brothers Store stretched the limits of the generic title of "general" store. Homer recalled that his uncle "sold the weirdest eclectic mixture of things, which to my then-child's mind, made no rhyme or reason." Samples of that broad-based merchandise were preserved in the barn. Among the items discovered were an Ingersoll watch display case, a Wrigley chewing gum display case and a large Holsum bread box, which housed rice. The rice then could be sold in varying amounts to customers.

Other prized items found stored away included rubber stamps, store invoices, a string holder and different kinds of office supplies. Many things speak from a different era, such as posters, advertisements and a train schedule.

"The Yasui Brothers Store is among the most complete collections we've come across," Dr. Kikumura observed, "and serves as the heart of the urban trades cluster in the exhibit."

This collection is only one of the many different features of the "In This Great Land of Freedom" exhibit. This exhibit is one method for telling the Japanese American story, a history considerably boosted by the contents of an abandoned barn in Oregon.

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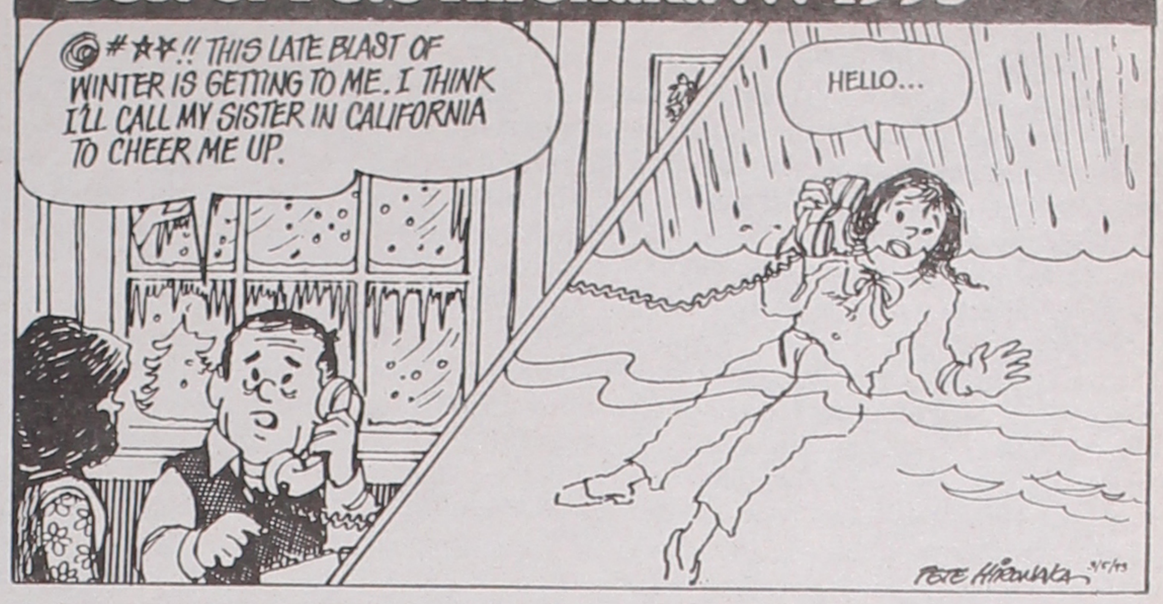

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have been responsible for the saving of countless American lives, and for the death and capture of even greater numbers of Japanese. When the whole story of ATIS and its individual members is known, there will be many tales of personal heroism, initiative and sacrifice.

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the movie. In fact when I saw the movie, the audience was so moved that it literally applauded and cheered this scene. I was extremely troubled by this response because it reeks of traditional stereotypes. The Asian American woman is seen as weak, and helpless, while the white man is seen as strong and powerful; the Asian American woman stands by silently while the white man vigorously argues her cause. The total impact of the scene, for me, was not only to invoke and rehash old stereotypes, but also to subtly reinforce the traditional imperialist argument that people of color are simply too weak, passive, ignorant, (fill in the blank with any pejorative adjective), and thus, need the aid of Western, white culture.

Chiang: Notwithstanding all of these points, I think that the film's portrayals of Asian American male-female relationships were in many respects a fair critique. Many Asian American women—and women in general—were no doubt moved by these portrayals because they could empathize with what Lena, Waverly, and the others were going through. The only danger is that after giving a sound critique of Asian American men, the movie doesn't turn a critical eye to Caucasian men or to mainstream American values. What we're left with is a loaded comparison of the worst that Chinese society has to offer versus the best that American society can offer. The result may be a complacent condescension on the part of mainstream Americans towards the "backward" Chinese. Not that the Chinese aren't backward, but why should we pat mainstream America on the shoulder in such an uncritical fashion? Even if one believes that America is more liberal than China, America can't afford to rest on its laurels since it's far from a non-racist, non-sexist society. And Asian American women need not be portrayed as so "thankful" that they've found their (literally) white *knights* in America. Marrying a white man is hardly a sophisticated or insightful solution to Asian American women's concerns.

Kato: I think that too often mainstream America tends to present itself in a socially and politically progressive light by portraying other cultures in a decidedly negative fashion. In "The Joy Luck Club," we see this occurring with regard to gender-based oppression and social brutality in general. This type of approach seems to be not only biased, but also unproductive. Rather than make skewed comparisons, I think we need to look at the parallels, both positive and negative, amongst western and other cultures.

Chiang and Kato: On the other hand, although "The Joy Luck Club" fails to grasp many of the points we raised, it at least attempts to bring Asian American women's issues to a mainstream audience. It is an important film precisely because it is being so widely seen by the mainstream audience. This audience may not have thought about Asian American issues in the past—or may have only known Asians through negative portrayals in the media (from "Year of the Dragon," "Black Rain," "Rising Sun," etc. to ominous newscasts about Japanese businessmen buying up and selling out America). "The Joy Luck Club" has in a sense "humanized" Asian Americans. The movie has additional power because it was written by Amy Tan, and carries with it the imprimatur of her "legitimacy" or "authenticity. " We shouldn't forget, however, that images can cut many ways: the "humanizing" effect of seeing the tribulations of Asian American women may make Asian American women seem pitiable rather than strong; Amy Tan and Wayne Wang's critique of Asian American men may only reinforce negative feelings that the mainstream audience has towards a group that never really had a positive representative in the American media. The casting of Asian Americans of various different ethnic backgrounds (including Japanese, Filipino. Vietnamese. etc.) as all being "Chinese" may only reinforce the stereotype that "all Asians are the same." If the Asian American community itself fails to take a critical look at the film, it may only confirm that the community is passive, quiet, and monolithic. After all, Amy Tan's view of the Asian American experience is merely one personal view. Her view is linked to all of ours in many respects, but surely we don't all think exactly as she does._"The Joy Luck Club" makes people laugh and cry. Hopefully, it will also start a broader dialogue that will continue to challenge our thinking as Asians, Americans, men and women. To that goal, we can truly give two thumbs up.

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JACL Membership drive

Here's one that really worked

Julie D. Sasaki, membership chairwoman of the Detroit Chapter, was recently promoted to product manager of Rockwell WABCO, an automotive company based in Troy, Mich.

The Detroit Chapter wanted to increase the need for people, or customers, to join the organization and inject new energy and leadership into the current organization.

The chapter further changed its twice-a-year general meetings from a potluck format to dinner meetings at local Japanese restaurants. Attendance has doubled from previous general meetings, and the chapter was again able to increase its relations with the restaurant community.

By JULIE D. SASAKI

The Detroit JACL's 1993 membership strategy tells a powerful story about revitalizing a chapter in less than a year. The combination of careful market research, a well publicized membership drive, and revised chapter programs showed that a strategy backed by an organized plan produces tangible results.

Formation of this membership strategy started in late 1992 when an assessment showed an alarming drop in paid members in the Detroit JACL, plus a lack of a plan to recruit and retain members. It would be difficult to sustain energy in attracting members to events without a healthy membership base.

This year, the chapter focused on a top priority: increasing membership. Two objectives included gaining 30% or 30 new members and retaining 100% of the current membership, which stood at slightly over 150 paid members. These objectives were tracked and measured throughout the past 11 months to help assess results.

As of Nov. 1, 1993, the Detroit Chapter, JACL, has recruited 38 new members, thus exceeding the new member goal by 126%, while more than 91% of the current organization renewed dues. Total paid membership has risen to nearly 220 members, which represents almost 50% more paid members versus 1992. In addition, the chapter gained two new board members.

Market Research—Understanding the Customers

The Detroit Chapter wanted to increase the need for people, or customers, to join the organization and inject new energy and leadership into the current organization. However, simple market research had to take place to assess demographics and geographics of current members and find new customers before a membership drive could begin.

Unlike places such as Chicago or San Jose, Detroit suffers from a lack of a central Asian American neighborhood or business district to pull people together, and consequently the Japanese American community lives in over 50 suburbs located in four counties. A study of the membership list showed that over 85% of the members lived outside of the city of Detroit, including about 13% from the Ann Arbor area (about 30 miles west).

Census figures from 1990 further showed a 114.2% increase in Asian Americans in Oakland County, one of the largest metropolitan Detroit areas, plus the presence of nearly 10,700 Japanese Americans out of a population of almost 9.3 million people in Michigan. Statistics indicated that most Japanese Americans in Michigan live in metropolitan Detroit.

Not surprising, the chapter found that many current members in "Motor City" work for the North American automotive industry in companies such as General Motors, Ford Motor Co., and Chrysler Corp. The industry hires many Sansei from major colleges and universities across the country. This group's interests can include community issues and professional networking.

Another growth area related to Japanese car company employees was the evolving segment of "new Issei," or postwar Japanese Americans. Some "new Issei" become naturalized U.S. citizens or gain citizenship through marriage. Because of their citizenship status, many of the new Issei have felt a stake in the local Detroit community. Although "new Issei" did not experience the internment camps, they share many of the JACL's concerns regarding civil rights, employment and community issues.

Changes in chapter activities

The market research results helped the chapter board pay attention to details and think about customers. The board then decided on programs that appealed to groups ranging from original Nisei members to Sansei young professionals. Several traditional events were revamped to gain more participation and increase visibility.

The geographics of current and potential members required that events take place at central or at least rotating locations. For example, a membership drive began with a special social dinner at Cherry Blossom, one of the newest Japanese restaurants located in Novi, a suburb centrally located to the Detroit and Ann Arbor areas. About 30 were expected to attend, yet well over 50 people ended up jamming into the popular eatery, including a large portion of new members.

The chapter further changed its twice-a-year general meetings from a potluck format at a lecture hall at Wayne State University in Detroit to dinner meetings at local Japanese restaurants. Attendance has doubled from previous general meetings, and the chapter was again able to increase its relations with the restaurant community.

The Detroit Chapter then changed its installation dinner format to a Japanese banquet with the attraction of a nationally-recognized speaker, ABC broadcaster Ken Kashiwahara. This event brought out not only members who had been inactive for several years, but attracted new members like Sansei and "new Issei." For coalition building, dinner invitees included the Asian American Journalists Association, Filipino community groups, and American Citizens for Justice (an Asian American civil rights group).

Similar outreach efforts were started for local schools: a Legacy Fund-supported speaker's bureau to discuss the internment camp experience and a promotion for the JACL curriculum guide. The chapter also participated in the *Detroit News/Free Press* editorial board to discuss the portrayal of Asian Americans in the media.

Much of this effort required only effective organizing among members and interested local groups. Unlike chapters on the West Coast, the Detroit Chapter does not face much competition for members from other Asian American groups. It is fairly easy to gain access to many Detroit-based organizations.

Publicity makes the difference

An interesting discovery was the general lack of awareness that the Detroit Chapter of the JACL even existed. When asked about their source for a contact, many new members stated that they did not know about or how to contact the Detroit Chapter. Others mentioned that a family member had heard about the chapter through national JACL convention or district activities.

Therefore, the chapter's research, objectives and planning were going to make a better difference through widespread publicity, including a redesigned newsletter, a new computerized membership database, a new membership brochure, and more submissions to the *Pacific Citizen.*

In addition, the use of the national membership renewal system gave the

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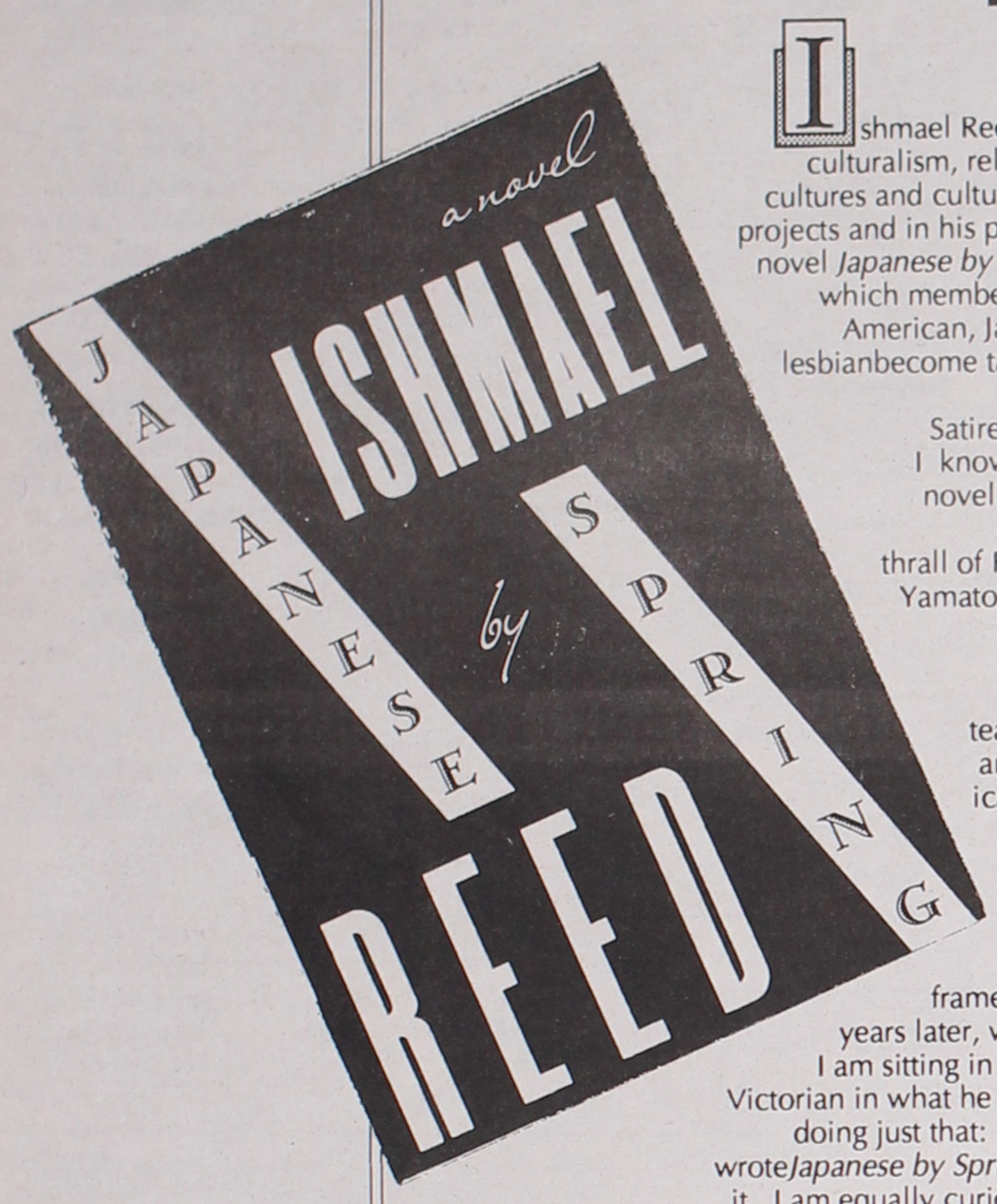

Ishmael Reed has long been a champion of multiculturalism, relentlessly affirming the value of diverse cultures and cultural exchange in his writing, his various projects and in his public utterances. Now comes his new novel *Japanese by Spring* (Atheneum, New York,1993) in which members of diverse cultures—African/African American, Japanese/Japanese American,Anglo and lesbianbecome targets of the writer's well-honed satiric spear. One has to ask why.

Satire is nothing new to Reed, But, as far as I know, this is the first time he or any black novelist has thrust a Japanese character into the center of his/her drama. And in thrall of Reed's pointed pen, this character, Dr. Yamato, emerges as a character to whom the reader listens, but who garners little sympathy.

Back in the 70s, when I was teaching a college lit course and rooting around for new fiction by African American writers, I discovered Ishmael Reed's first novel, *Free Lance Pallbearers*. I would have given a paycheck then to probe the imagination that cooked up this zany tale, done in style and language way out of my frame of reference. Now, more than twenty years later, when I am more familiar with his work, I am sitting in the dining room of Reed's comfortable Victorian in what he calls the "flats" of Oakland, California, doing just that: probing. I am itching to know why he wrote*Japanese by Spring* and how he views the characters in it. I am equally curious about this person, this multifaceted iconoclastic writer, Ishmael Reed.

Since the time I first became interested in his work, Reed has written eight more novels, four books of essays, five poetry books, numerous plays and a couple of librettos for operas. He has also edited a number of anthologies featuring multicultural writers. His interest in these writers also prompted him to establish the Before Columbus Foundation which sponsors the American Book Awards. A host of Japanese American writers have been recipients of that prize. Among them: Milton Maruyama (1980), Mine Okubo (1984), Toshio Mori (1986), Hisaye Yamamoto (1986), Lawson Inada (1988), William Hohri (1989), Karen Tei Yamashita (1991), Sheila Yamanaka (1992).

Not surprisingly, Reed himself has collected impressive kudos. Arguably the best-known male African American literary figure on the American scene today, he has twice been nominated for the National Book Award and was a finalist for the prestigious Pulitzer Prize.

Along with all this writing, Reed has served on the faculty at U.C. Berkeley for twenty years and taught at Harvard, Yale and Dartmouth.

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At the far side of the sunny room, a TV set tuned to CNN, directly faces Reed's chair at the table. He shuts it off. Books line a wall of the room, spilling onto a chair and the floor. He pushes aside a stack of newspapers and magazines on the table to make room for my pad and tape recorder.

It's the stuff of Reed's writing. Voracious reading and media watching fuel his prodigious output. "I try to analyze stuff on TV and the movies because they tell you where the establishment's head is," he says. He sifts all that material and puts it out with wit and a no-holds-barred charge, what he calls "comic aggression." It's a term borrowed from Charles Fanning, an Irish American scholar, he tells me. Few people—especially from the establishment—escape his critical eye, including presidents, "liberal" feminists, the networks, intellectuals. On the other hand, he is a strong advocate for the underdog, especially persons of color. And he appears to have no qualms about jumping to the side of the politically incorrect—as in his defense of Clarence Thomas and the widely publicized broadside he leveled at Alice Walker. "I can't be pigeonholed," he told me. And he has certainly got that right.

Talking with Ishmael Reed is like reading one of his novels, You have to be *engaged*. He segues from one topic to the next in rapid order, following hard on a stream of thought. "My mind jumps around a lot," he says, "allusions, analogies—signifying, insulting, all those things. For example, I was talking about what Darryl Gates (erstwhile chief of LAPD) said about black people being susceptible to the chokehold, and I suddenly jumped to MacArthur's comment about the Japanese and how they don't bleed." With Reed, you not only have to see connectedness, you have to make swift leaps to catch the metaphors and "all those things" or you get lost.

So why did he write *Japanese by Spring*?

"I'm interested in fresh material, the fresh exchange coming from the past. When I write books, I always look at the past and see what things can develop. [Richard] Wright, the greatest African American writer of the '40s and '50s wrote haiku, a 250 of them. [Richard] Brautigan said he wanted to go to Japan a few months before he died. He found a positive response to his work. That got me to thinking where I would go next in my writing."

Where he wants to go next is Asia. To that end, he is studying Japanese (what he sees as a lifelong study) along with his study of Yoruba. Already well-known in Europe, as are other black writers, Reed sees a need for more cultural exchange between African Americans and Japan "so we're not caught in a deal where we're played off against each other." African American music, including rap, is big over there, he says, but he thinks it important for the Japanese to gain a deeper understanding. He wants to make African American literature widely available to the Japanese for that purpose.

"I want my books to entertain, but I also want them to educate and instruct," Reed says. And he hopes that his work, especially *Japanese by Spring*, will have the same effect in Asia that James Baldwin's and Wright's books had in Europe. (Reed's *Writin' is Fightin'* has already appeared in translation in Japan.)

"I found that Europeans are fascinated by, and know more about, African American and Asian American literature than the average American," Reed adds. "Here, most publisher's stuff is aimed at the white liberal suburban audience. The tendency is to push the kind of literature that makes that audience feel comfortable. it doesn't challenge them."

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—ISHMAEL REED

If challenge is what you want, you've come to the right well in Reed's works. In both content and form, Reed invents. And his characters don't fall into neat categories. Despite sometimes edging close to caricature, as satirical characters will, they emerge largely as human, neither all good, nor all bad, unpredictable.

Benjamin (Chappie) Puttbutt (a play on names is signature Reed), the central character in *Japanese by Spring* , is all too human. A black professor of English at racist Jack London College in Oakland, California, he is consumed by the need to acquire all the trappings of success: tenure at the college, a home in the Oakland hills. To get there, he pretty much abandons all ethical bases of behavior. Even

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so, he is thwarted at every turn by the inept, corrupt, power figures of the college. Seemingly unconscious of himself in relation to the other members of his world, Puttbutt is portrayed here as a meek, hangdog Uncle Tom type. It's a priceless satiric portrait.

A flashback reveals that back in the 60s—presumably in his idealistic youth—sporting an Afro, Puttbutt has been expelled from the Air Force Academy for trying to organize a Black Panther party. He has also gotten involved in a torrid affair with a Japanese woman, Jingo Miller, whose husband (son of a blue-eyed blonde and a black jazzman) teaches Japanese at the Academy. When Professor Miller discovers the liaison between his wife and Puttbutt, he beheads his wife and commits *hara kiri*.

In his portrayal of Jingo Miller, Reed ascribes to her few stereotypical characteristics commonly given Japanese females. No retiring lotus blossom, she smokes, drinks and has a taste for literature and the jazz piano of the likes of Horace Silver and Hampton Hawes. She apparently occupies a permanent place in Puttbutt's heart. For, thirty years later Puttbutt is still single.

But now an opportunist thirty years later, Puttbutt resumes his study of Japanese, speculating that Japan will be the next superpower. Called "Japanese by Spring," the class is taught by the enigmatic Dr. Yamato. Yamato, it turns out, is an agent sent by Japan, and buys Jack London College as a vehicle for promoting right-wing Japanese causes. In an ironic turn, he promotes Puttbutt to second in command.

Thus suddenly thrust into a power seat, Puttbutt metes vengeance on those who had formerly "treated him like shit." We get cameo appearances by all of these characters, which makes for a rollicking massacre. He fires April Jokujoku (get it?), the radical lesbian, who was slated to occupy his slot as lecturer in the African American Studies Department, forces Martha Marx and her Women's Studies to move to the Department of European Studies, much to her wrath and indignation, and orders Dr. Crabtree, who had denounced Afrocentricity and multiculturalism, to teach Yoruba. Professor Obi of the Black Studies Department (a Harvard grad) is forced to retire.

Meanwhile, Dr. Yamato busily promotes his own agenda. He renames the college "Hideki Tojo Daigaku," the student union "Isoroku Yamamoto Hall." Japanese flags now fly alongside American flags and yellow ribbons.

Recognizing, at last, that Yamato is, after all, an autocratic chauvinist, Puttbutt joins his former colleagues and the military (of which his father is a part) in bringing Yamato down.

The role of Dr. Yamato, says Reed, was based on the cooperation between black nationalists and Japan during the late '30s and early '40s. Japanese agents had come to the U.S. to recruit black people. In the novel, Yamato is one of those agents and has returned to the U.S. to do more recruiting. "The contrast between Yamato and Puttbutt is important," adds Reed. Puttbutt acts as a kind of straight man to Yamato, who educates him, and by extension, the audience.

Puttbutt sees Yamato as a serious man, businesslike and firm, a good teacher, but one who has "all the charm of the head of a POW camp." Ordinarily quiet, Yamato nevertheless has his say, repeating sentiments we've all heard, coming from Japan:

They're saying that the reason that Americans are slipping is becoming very obvious. Your lazy, illiterate workers, little more than coolies. And now you're asking for affirmative action and quotas, insisting that we buy your inferior automobiles and planning to send a delegation of corporation owners—overpaid welfare queens—to go to Tokyo and lecture us and make demands. (p.142)

Puttbutt replies to the above that he's really not interested in yet another anti-American speech, to which Yamato says: "Well, at first we all thought that it was just the Puerto Ricans and the blacks who were holding the country back, but now it seems that the whole population is one big genetic cesspool," Puttbutt's lame rejoinder: "Isn't that sort of extreme, Dr. Yamato?"

These sort of exaggerated utterances—overplayed and underplayed—laced throughout the book, seasoned the book with high humor.

I have one large reservation about the novel, however. For me, the presence of the author as a character, Ishmael Reed, in the book doesn't work well. Reed explains the device as analogous to the artists who appear in their own paintings. "A number of people have criticized me for that. But saying that I shouldn't have put myself in the novel is to say that all painters should stick to representational painting. I just don't pay attention to what they say."

The criticism is not about the device itself. It's rather that, as soon as Ishmael Reed, the character, enters the picture toward the end of the novel, the style and mood of the text shifts from the satirical to one that is rather flat and information-serving, too much of a job for my taste.

But will the novel play in Tokyo? For that audience,

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President Fujimori's first 1,000 days . . . And then some

By HARRY K. HONDA

As one who has followed the news from Latin America seriously in recent years and witnessed on C-SPAN President Clinton's ambitious campaign to pass the North American Free Trade Agreement last month, our Western Hemisphere has commanded world-wide importance. Americans are rediscovering the two continents of North and South America, as it were.

For those of Japanese ancestry in the Americas and in Japan, the ascendancy of a Peruvian Nisei, Alberto K. Fujimori, to the presidency of his nation has become a principal ingredient in the meaning of "citizenship." He is the embodiment of the motto of the 12-year-old organization of which he is the honorary chairman, the Pan American Nikkei Association (PANA)—*Seamos mejores ciudadanos en nuestro continente.* Let us become better citizens in our continent. Of his candidacy, Fujimori has often said: "I did it, driven by a basic citizen's duty." Implicit in the JACL motto on citizenship is the call: "For Better Americans in a Greater America." This past summer, longtime Fresno JACL pioneer Fred Hirasuna wondered whether the JACL slogan could be expanded to "A greater America for all Americans."

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In looking over the three years of President Fujimori in office, his first one-thousand days came to mind, That date came to pass on April 23, 1993.

A year ago on April 5, he dissolved Peru's two-chamber congress, the judicial courts and suspended the constitution to preserve order threatened by terrorism and save Peru's fragile democracy. This crackdown, he said, was necessary to rebuild his country. A legal framework to promote national and foreign investments was put in place. For instance, all restrictions against international trade have been eliminated.

The people, impoverished by the previous policies of empty words and promises, placed their trust on Fujimori by electing him president in 1990. He was still trusted when he shut down the legislative and judicial branches. At the November, 1992, election of the Democratic Constituent Congress, consisting of a single chamber of 80 representatives, Fujimori's party New Majority Cambio-90 won 44 seats for a majority. Jaime Yoshiyama, who some say may be the next president, is president of the new congress. No one has yet announced for the presidential elections to be held in early 1995.

But, let's weigh the clamor of a year ago. The U.S. editorialists were predicting chaos; that Fujimori was playing into the hands of the terrorists. Secretary of State James Baker said, to the effect, "You don't kill democracy in order to save it." Economic aid from Washington was put "on hold."

Susana Fujimori, First Lady of Peru, has played an important role in her husband's political directions.

Indeed, the U.S. and world press was filled with stories emanating from Lima and the world capitals for remainder of the month. The *Boston Globe* asserted U.S. response to the "Fujimori takeover of the Peruvian government should be clear, strong and immediate." *The Washington Post* called it a "regrettable step backward." Writing in the *New York Times,* former Peruvian drug police adviser Steve G. Trujillo explained the destabilization of the drug trade in Peru had led to President Fujimori's declaration of emergency rule. The *Chicago Tribune* said Peru was also taking "another step backward," called for President Bush to halt U.S. military and economic aid and for the Organization of American States to respond as firmly to Fujimori's action.

Three days later (April 8), the *Washington Post* editorial, "Democracy in Peru," was urging the U.S. government to try to persuade President Fujimori to again give democracy a try and reconsider suspending his country's constitution. The same day, the *Wall Street Journal* featured a story of the Fujimori strategy of sending his army into Ene River Valley, a stronghold of the Shining Path— *Sendero Luminoso,* to win over the population with food and medicine and arming the *rondas* (the band of peasants to fight the guerrillas).

While world leaders and pundits continued to condemn the action, the polls in Peru showed a majority was expressing strong support for the shut-down of Congress and a judicial system which, they viewed, as corrupt and ineffective. Before the 5th of April, the judicial system did not find Abimael Guzman, the leader of the Shining Path guerrillas, a criminal and also freed 200 terrorists from jail who then resumed their terrorist activities.

By mid-September, Guzman was captured. It was seen as a spectacular coup for President Fujimori, who now predicted that violence was nearing its end. But he also cautioned the people to expect some retaliatory bombings. The reality was that for the past 12 years, thousands of police, soldiers, civilians and Catholic Church personnel were killed by the terrorists (over 25,000 in number) and over $22 billion was lost in

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Machu Picchu, above, Peru's most famous tourist attraction, is a peaceful contrast to the country urban problems. Below, Peru politics can be seen even in Los Angeles on a billboard marked with graffitti. At right, Dr. Victor Arimoto, current Peruvian ambassador to Japan, addresses the Tokyo conference of the Overseas Japanese Association.

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The world-respected business journal, the London *Economist,* correctly predicted Fujimori would win heavy support in the Nov. 22, election of the constituent congress. It was an election monitored by the U.S. and OAS officials and feelings in the U.S. press warmed up to plight of Peru. The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* editorial concluded his party's congressional election victory suggested "Fujimori may be a good leader after all and deserves U.S. support."

Just before the November election, *Chicago Tribune* columnist Robert Novak went down to Peru to interview President Fujimori, carrying the message that the new Clinton Administration could develop an internal plan to eradicate Peru's poison. Novak had also visited Santa Lucia, the U.S.-built military base in Upper Huallaga Valley where 60% of the world's cocaine is produced. Fujimori told Novak that, at best, Santa Lucia was only cutting off 1% of the coca crop. A retired U.S. army officer at the base told Novak the drug traffickers were paying both sides, which shows the vigor of poverty being weaned by corruption.

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A year after the "self-coup" in an April 3 interview this year with William R. Long, the *Los Angeles Times* staff correspondent in South America, Fujimori was arguing that Russian President Boris Yeltsin could deal better with his nation's problems if he could shut down the Russian congress. Even, Yeltsin had said so.

It did occur this past fall, Sept. 17, when Yeltsin dissolved the Russian parliament, declaring "it ceased to be an agency of rule of the people." He promised new elections in December. What followed is well-remembered because of extensive live-TV coverage of the week-long seige of army tanks against demonstrators and holdouts in the White House, as the Russian parliament building is called. Meantime, Yeltsin's draft of a new constitution boosting his power as president is being readied for a December referendum.

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When President Fujimori was returning home from another economic mission in Asia in June, 1993, he addressed the Los Angeles City Council at city hall, remarking "there's no other place in the world" like L.A. because of its cultural diversity and then asked for assistance in the reconstruction of his country. He promised the defeat of terrorism, declared the program to fight drug trafficking and to assure pacification was continuing to move forward. His closing line—"Peru is willing to sacrifice."—had all the zing of that Japanese expression: *Gambaru.*

That afternoon before the World Affairs Council, he remembered how 1,000 days ago when he was inaugurated president, his nation was in a "catastrophic situation."

"There was not enough money then to pay the public servants, but it was for only the first month in office. After that we have managed with resources coming exclusively from government revenues.

"In the 1,000 days, Peru has experienced deep transformations that have modernized its public sector and economy. The public sector is now much smaller and more efficient. In the past, the public administration used to function as an employment agency for political parties of the government in office. As a result, the public sector became oversized and unable to pay its employees who wanted to retire, choosing instead to keep their jobs and worsening in this way the problem even further.

"The economic program adopted by my government has been considered as an example of coherence by the International Monetary Fund and the Inter-American Development Bank. [This] has been possible, thanks to the support of the Peruvian people and particularly of the more impoverished sectors who have confidence that the economic program would restore the health of the Peruvian economy.

"Now, Peru is a reborn country .... moving forward on its way to recovery."

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From the perspective of a Nikkei professional / business group in Peru to promote small- and medium-size foreign investments in their country, the past year raised their hopes. The Nikkei characterized Peru was at the very brink of disaster, a nation ruined by inflation, corruption and regulations that discouraged investment. They pointed out the state-owned institutions were obsolete and the population was demoralized after many years of subversive and terrorist activities. Appealing to Japan because of personal ties, culture and history, they confessed: "For us to support him in his difficult and delicate mission was a duty that had been imposed." The group is known as PROA (Promotion and Advisory).

The interests in Japan were reminded that Peru was the first Latin American nation to establish diplomatic ties with Japan in 1873 and that immigrants from Japan had come during the Meiji era of modernization.

They tell the story of one Japanese pioneer, Korekiyo Takahashi, who came in 1889 to invest in silver mines in the Cerro de Pasco region as a joint venture. Japanese workers were recruited in 1890 to develop the mine, but unbeknownst to Takahashi, that had been abandoned a 100 years earlier. Known as the Carahuacara Silver Mine Case, it turned out to be a ruse to get farm workers. Disappointed, the Japanese laborers quickly returned. During this same period, British sugar plantation owners were in desperate need to replenish thousands of "culis" (Spanish term for Chinese workers who came to Peru on slave ships in the 1880s.)

Furthermore, the Nikkei in Peru were very candid to their Japanese contacts and said that from the beginning of Fujimori's presidency, he enjoyed a support seldom given to a president. Thus, he had to work out a program in response and direct Peru out of the disaster he had inherited. But almost no one predicted the "Fujishock" that followed, much of the same drastic economic measures proposed by his run-off opponent, Mario Vargas Llosa.

To understand the economic situation, the level of real income in 1990 was well below 1972. Unemployment and under-employment had reached almost 70%. Many were leaving the valleys and mountains in search of work in the capital, giving rise to the"young towns" (euphemism in Peru for "squatter settlements") on the outskirts of Lima. Inflation had skyrocketed through the '80s to 7,650% in 1990. Prices were over 1,000 times higher than they were in 1985. The population between 1960 and 1990 had more than doubled from around 10 million to 22 million.

Another aspect of the economic chaos was that foreign debt was over US$20 billion in 1990 and the previous administration of Alan Garcia had embarked on an aggressive South American stance to suspend debt repayment to ease its own foreign debt problem. The plan did not work and what were Garcia's reforms ended up bankrupting the country and plunging it into greater poverty.

In 1990, drug trafficking, terrorist activities and their blowing up power lines which seriously crippled Peru's industry and daily living. Several years ago, Peruvian visitors homeward bound with battery-operated toys, cameras and

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An exhibit pulls people together

"There were outstanding aspects of this exhibit—the beautiful quilt which included symbolic stitches by thousands of Nikkei women, the moving videotape, and the curriculum guide. All put together by volunteers. We truly had a 'thousand points of light.'"

By CHIZU IIYAMA

Chizu Iiyama of El Cerrito, Calif., is a member of the Contra Costa Chapter and the Women's Concerns Committee.

It was a time of confusion—of suppressed emotions spilling into confrontations, of people disillusioned about democracy, yet hoping for a better future, of conflicting feelings and ideas about the war—in short, it was 1943 in Topaz. I think it was during this period that I began to see the world outside of the internment camps, of issues connecting our lives to international politics. And I guess that's what has impelled me to a political activism that stretches throughout my life from civil rights, peace marches, petition campaigns to stop nuclear testing, to promote redress, into electioneering, etc. That is volunteering on a political level.

But one of my most meaningful volunteer activities had to do with working on the exhibit "STRENGTH AND DIVERSITY: Japanese American Women 1885 - 1990."

There were about 30 Japanese American women of all ages, Nisei and Sansei, gathered together at the office of the National Japanese American Historical Society. Such an air of excitement! We were actually in charge of the exhibit under the wise guidance of Rosalyn Tonai, executive director of NJAHS, the Oakland Museum, and an academic committee (volunteers).

We were to plan the exhibit, help raise funds, develop themes, write copy, gather photos and artifacts, and plan programs to accompany the display. In addition, we embarked on an oral history project which so enhanced the narratives and set the tone of exhibit.

Most of us were not museum pros, though some had special talents in design, design, quilting, writing, and organizing. We were challenged by the fact that there never was a history of Japanese American women, told by Japanese American women and not by academics. We were struggling against stereotypes. And we wanted to present the story of ordinary women, not the "superstars" which you have in any group.

It took us two years to pull the exhibit together. Despite the harried deadlines, keeping family and work responsibilities under control, driving long distances to pick up unusual artifacts, staying up nights to transcribe fascinating oral histories, etc., it was an exciting period.

We spent the first few months just talking . . . about ourselves, our families, our experiences, and on the periphery about the exhibit. We shared our diverse backgrounds—the similarities and the differences between generations, growing up in the country as compared to the city, whether single or married with children in the internment camps. We laughed and wept and learned about ourselves, our own history.

We talked about how our life situations affected us. For example, whenever we got around to programs the Nisei would offer to "potluck," while Sansei members strongly suggested catering. One of our quilters stated, "Do you know the difference between the Nisei and the Sansei? When we have our quilting sessions, we bring pieces of cloth in Ziploc bags. Imagine the consternation of the Nisei when the Sansei women began to throw those perfectly good bags away."

We ran into some spirited exchanges, for example, on whether we should include the presence of Japanese prostitutes in the early years of settlement. Because it's part of history we included not only the story of the prostitutes, but also found material on runaway wives.

We ran into difficulty because there was very little material published about Japanese American women (which led to a great book by Mei Nakano, one of our committee members: "JAPANESE AMERICAN WOMEN - 1890 - 1990.") We therefore had to rely on our oral interviews. It was very rewarding to take down the stories of women who often demurred because they "led such ordinary lives" to find such a wealth of material about their experiences, and including their feelings.

Because of the incarceration in camps during World War II, we found only a few photos (except from governmental files) and a dearth of artifacts. Many people had destroyed any articles they may have had that were Japanese; many kept throwing out things whenever they moved; others found their possessions ransacked when they returned home.

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There were outstanding aspects of this exhibit—the beautiful quilt which included symbolic stitches by thousands of Nikkei women, the moving video tape, and the curriculum guide. All put together by volunteers. We truly had "a thousand points of light."

This exhibit was widely successful at the Oakland Museum and is now showing throughout our country under the aegis of the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit until 1996.

For all of us who worked on the exhibit, we are thankful to the NJAHS for offering us this opportunity to tell our story, to the Oakland Museum staff who treated us in such a respectful manner, and to all the agencies and people within and outside the Japanese community who contributed programs, publicity, and financial support. IT WAS A TRULY GREAT VOLUNTEER EFFORT.

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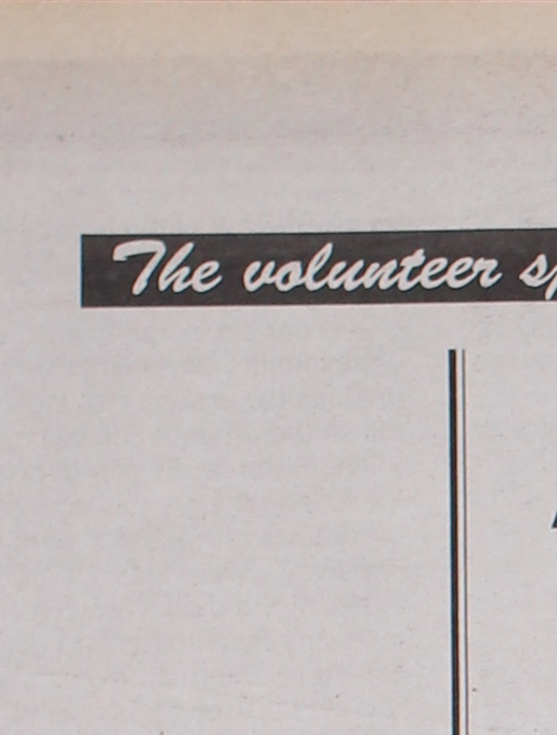
Alaska at WAR

The story of Sylvia Kobayashi, a volunteer where there was no JACL chapter



Sylvia Kobayashi

Sylvia, still the volunteer, also set up an exhibit table with historic photographs of Evacuation, of the camps, and of the Nisei soldiers in the MIS and 442nd.

By HARRY K. HONDA

War fever in Alaska 50 years ago was about as real as any American could imagine for Imperial Japanese troops had landed in 1942 and occupied ground in the Aleutian islands and Hisashi Takahashi from the Japanese Department of Military History, a visiting Fulbright scholar at San Diego State, was in Anchorage last month to help the audience examine that experience. Sapporo-resident Teruo Nishijima's paper, "Recalling the Battle of Attu," sheds light from the Japanese perspective.

The "Alaska at War" symposium at the Sheraton-Anchorage over the Veterans Day week was also the opportune time for Sylvia Kobayashi of Anchorage, a JACL volunteer in "no-chapter land," to remember with slides the Evacuation story of Issei pioneers in Alaska and their children, some whose mothers were native Alaskan women.

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Sylvia's presentation concluded with telling of the experiences of Nisei soldiers who were in the 442nd and the MIS. [Her husband Koby was in the MIS while his two brothers were in the 442nd.]

Pete Heyano and Mark Hiratsuka, Japanese Alaskans, were volunteers from Minidoka, serving in Europe. Mark, back in Alaska, was spared when his comrades on both sides fell and his buddies acted as shields that he might live. Charlie Tatsuda (now of Minneapolis) and Pat Hagiwara (Seattle) were from Ketchikan, members of the original Alaska Territorial Guards stationed at Chilkoot Barracks. When war broke, the Japanese families in Chilkoot were detained with Pat in charge of guarding two prominent Issei businessmen from Juneau, Mr. Tanaka and Mr. Fukuyama, while his own father was interned at Annette Island. Charlie's sister was gravely ill and could not be moved from the hospital. Neither he nor his younger sister Cherry were able to visit her. He was also not allowed to attend her funeral. Cherry had been granted Army permission after much delay to leave Puyallup Assembly Center, escorted by an MP, to visit her at the Ketchikan Hospital, but she had passed away.

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One of the fears facing a volunteer speaking about Evacuation is a "redneck" in the audience who gets up and disputes that Evacuation and internment had ever occurred. She was challenged by a writer, Bert Webber from Medford, Ore., who adamantly disputed her statements.

But the positive side is that most of those in the audience understood, even though they were not aware at all that the Evacuation had occurred 50 years ago and why. They seemed pleased by her presentation.

(In Alaska, even the Aleuts were hustled off their islands to abandoned fishing camps in the Panhandle and were later awarded redress. This segment was covered in the showing of Michael and Mary Jo Thill's recently produced documentary, "Aleut Evacuation: The Untold War Story.")

Sylvia, still the volunteer, also set up an exhibit table with historic photographs of Evacuation, of the camps, and of the Nisei soldiers in the MIS and 442nd.There was a poster showing the photo of the Nisei from Alaska [the fellow in the middle with a ukulele, Mark Hiratsuka] from the front cover of Thelma Chang's award-winning book, "I Can Never Forget: Men of the 100th and 442nd."

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Originally from Seattle, Sylvia has been an Anchorage businesswoman for the past 28 years and in pursuit of the Alaska Issei story. She has a welcome idea of activating a JACL chapter in the 49th State.

She adds that Karl Kasukabe of Nagoya, the Idaho-born strandee who wound up in the Japanese Army and sent to the Aleutians and who has attended some of the MIS reunions,is talking about a trip to Attu next July. Also interested was Brian Garfield, author of "The Thousand Mile War" (Doubleday, 1969), who addressed the symposium, returning to Alaska for the first time in 25 years.

The Pacific Citizen appreciates the volunteers in the "no-chapter" country who, like Sylvia, feeds us with stories, clippings and leads from time to time.

Recalling. . .
The Battle of Attu

(Abstract of a presentation before "The Alaska at War" symposium during Veteran's Day Week at Anchorage last November.)

BY TERUO NISHIJIMA
Sapporo, Japan

In June, 1942, upon (Japan's) losing the Battle of Midway, Admiral Yamamoto ordered his fleet in the Northern Pacific to discontinue the Aleutian operations, but he soon changed his order and allowed them to attack Attu and Kiska.

Dr. Samuel Eliot Morrison says in his book, "History of U.S. Naval Operations in WWII," that "the Japanese people, who heard few facts about Midway, were gratified to learn that the Rising Sun was flying over two more American islands."

In September of the same year, the Japanese troops on Attu moved to Kiska and the following month they recaptured Attu. They took all of the 41 Aleuts with them when they left Attu. One of them died on the way to Kiska. Without being landed at Kiska, the 40 Aleuts were sent to the city of Otaru, in Hokkaido. In Otaru, 16 of them died. Three of the four babies born in camp also died.

When the war ended in 1945, all of the 25 Aleuts left Otaru — never to go back to Attu. They were to Seattle through Okinawa and the Philippins. Two of them died in the Philippines. When the Japanese occupied Attu on June 8,1942, they found most of the Aleuts were suffering from tuberculosis.

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As for Admiral Yamamoto, some Japanes are now saying he was no good because he made the great mistake of attacking Pearl Harbor, and also losing the Battle of Midway. For these two failures, he refused to take the blame. However, it is true that he did not want to attack Pearl Harbor before the declaration of war. It was not his fault that the Japanese Embassy in Washington had failed to submit the papers of declaration to the State Department at the scheduled time because of a clerical inefficiency that it was Sunday.

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The day when Colonel Yamazaki arrived at Attu by submarine on April 17, 1943, and took over command (no boat other than a submarine could approach Attu in those days), Admiral Yamamoto's plane was shot down by American fighters in the

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South Pacific. His death was kept a secret for a long time in Japan and the U.S. also kept silent because they did not want Japan to know that their messages were being decoded.

In fact, Japan did not know until the war was over that their messages were being decoded all during the war.

On May 28, 1943, when Yamazaki and his troops on Attu were surrounded by Americans, Yamazaki realized the situation was hopeless but was determined to make his final charge against the men under command of Maj. Gen. Landrum. In a farewell message to his troops,Yamazaki instructed all radio equipment be destroyed, told the wounded to kill themselves, and told the post office workers to follow behind his soldiers and avoid capture. And two officers were told to stay behind and report to higher headquarters on what had happened at Attu. The bodies of these two men, Army Captain Numata and Navy Lt. Commander Emoto, were found in a cave after the war in 1953, when the Japanese government sent some people to Attu to make the round of burial grounds.

Colonel Yamazaki wanted to break through Engineer Hill before dawn, go down to Massacre Bay to get American guns, ammunitions and food. Then, he might be able to hold on until reinforcements might arrive. But with his troops in scattered positions, it took more time. Their fate ended in total annihilation. Near Engineer Hill is a monument in memory of Colonel Yamazaki, "who was killed in action near this point." It was erected by the commandant, 17th Naval District and I would like to know more about this officer. I respect his courteous action.

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While Imperial Headquarters announced that all of the 2,600 Japanese troops under Colonel Yamazaki had perished, three of my friends were among the 27 survivors who returned to Japan after the war from America, where they were held as POWs. My friend, Sgt. Iseda, who is disabled, operates a bed and breakfast home with his wife. The name of his establishment is "Attu."

Two months after the Battle of Attu, American troops landed at Kiska to find no Japanese—just some dogs. On July 28, all of the 5,219 Japanese troops were evacuated from Kiska. Strange to say, the American fleet was not there for it had left to get supplies. Stranger still, the moment the the Japanese ships entered the bay, the almost constant, dense fog cleared up and the evacuation was completed within 50 minutes. [The Japanese rescue fleet consisted of 50 boats: 2 light cruisers, 9 destroyers loaded with 20 landing crafts and 19 landing crafts from the Kiska garrison. Some Japanese reports said it was accomplished in 30 minutes.]

While the troops on Attu were told they had die with honors, five years earlier in Manchuria, this same commander, General Higuchi of the Northern Corps, had saved many lives.

In March, 1938, some 20,000 Jewish people fled from Germany and came to the border between Manchuria and Soviet Russia. The puppet government in Manchuria did not want to let them in, but Higuchi, in charge of the border, was determined to saved them. Trains were prepared with doctors, nurses, etc. As a result, most of the Jewish people went safely to the U.S.A. through Shanghai. Of course, Hitler protested to Japan and Higuchi was ordered to report to the Manchurian Army Headquarters, where its chief of staff was Tojo. Higuchi explained to Tojo that Hitler was to blame, not the Jews. Higuchi later said that as far as the Jewish people were concerned, Tojo was right. Without the intervention of Higuchi, the 20,000 Jewish people would have frozen to death. The winter on the Russian border is as severe as in Alaska.

When the war ended, Russia wanted to arrest Higuchi as a war criminal, but MacArthur's headquareters refused. It is said that the World Jewish Society in New York did not wanted him arrested.

In Jerusalem stands a monument called, "Golden Book," with names of those helped the Jewish people. Among them are the names of General Higuchi, Dr. Einstein and others.

STUDIES

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policies but the success depends on how well one knows the university process. It's an extremely difficult and complex procedure but well worth the effort. Finding enough faculty qualifled to teach Asian American Studies and to get them to possibly relocate is another obstacle. Again, one must persevere in order to succeed. This is where the local JACL can possibly provide support in the creation of both student groups and departments. It will, in the long run, be to the best interest of all. Enlist the help of your district youth representatives. They may be swamped in finals or a term paper but they have the potential to accomplish a great task.

I hope I sparked some ideas or interest towards Asian American Studies departments. It is an area that local chapters can participate and interact directly with "youth" or young adults. If anyone has any ideas that you would like to share please write to me at the PSW district office. I'd like to hear from you.

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Twin Cities' Christine Noonan

Always in action

Christine Nakamura Noonan's volunteer work for the Twin Cities Chapter, JACL, goes back to her junior high days when she became a member of JAYS, the chapter's youth group. She was an active member until she graduated from high school, serving as president and chairing several activities, including mochi making fund-raisers, outings, and craft demonstration booths. She also helped the group host a convention for JAYS in the MDC.

Since 1989 Christine has served on the board of the Twin Cities Chapter. Committed to the important role that communication plays in the chapter's ability to serve its members and the community, Christine developed "Rice Paper," the chapter's bi-monthly newsletter, and now serves as editor. Christine was also instrumental in developing the chapter's new membership brochure and its membership directory.

For the last three years, Christine has chaired the chapter's annual holiday party for children. More than 125 people attend each year and enjoy games, entertainment, food and a visit from Santa.

Christine held the office of secretary for one year. And in addition to assisting at a variety of chapter activities throughout the year, she maintains the chapter's mailing list and database.

Also committed to the vital role that the arts play in the community, Christine is actively involved in the Asian American Renaissance, a grassroots organization striving to build the Asian American community through the arts. She participates on the publicity committee, assisting with such events as an Asian dance concert, Asian American performance cabaret, and a series of forums discussing Asian Americans in the theater and visual arts.

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This winter Christine will work on media relations for "Miss Appropriated," a production developed to give voice to Asian American artists and the images they create for themselves. This event will be held at the Walker Art Center in February.

From her childhood days until 1992, Christine performed traditional Japanese dances with the Sansei Yonsei Kai dance group. The group performs at many events throughout the year, including the annual Festival of Nations celebration at the St. Paul Civic Center.

This fall, Christine served on the grant review panel for the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council Suburban Ramsey County Arts Regranting Program.

At Presbyterian Church of the Way, Christine has taught Sunday School for second graders since 1989, served on the Pastor Nominating Committee during the church's search for an associate pastor, and in 1990 as a member of the Stewardship Campaign Publicity Committee. As part of the Volunteer in Mission program, Christine traveled to Suzuka, Japan, there she developed and taught a six week conversational English curriculum to businesspeople and elementary through college-age students. In February, 1994, she will begin serving a three-year term on Session, the governing body of the Presbyterian Church.

Christine is employed by the University of Minnesota's Office for Minority and Special Student Affairs. Here she edits a quarterly news magazine. Prior to that she worked as marketing communications manager at the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Business, Minneapolis, and as public relations manager for the Ordway Music Theatre, St. Paul.

She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and a minor in Japanese. Christine, her husband Terry and three-year-old son Alexander Kiyoshi live in the St. Paul suburb of Vadnais Heights.

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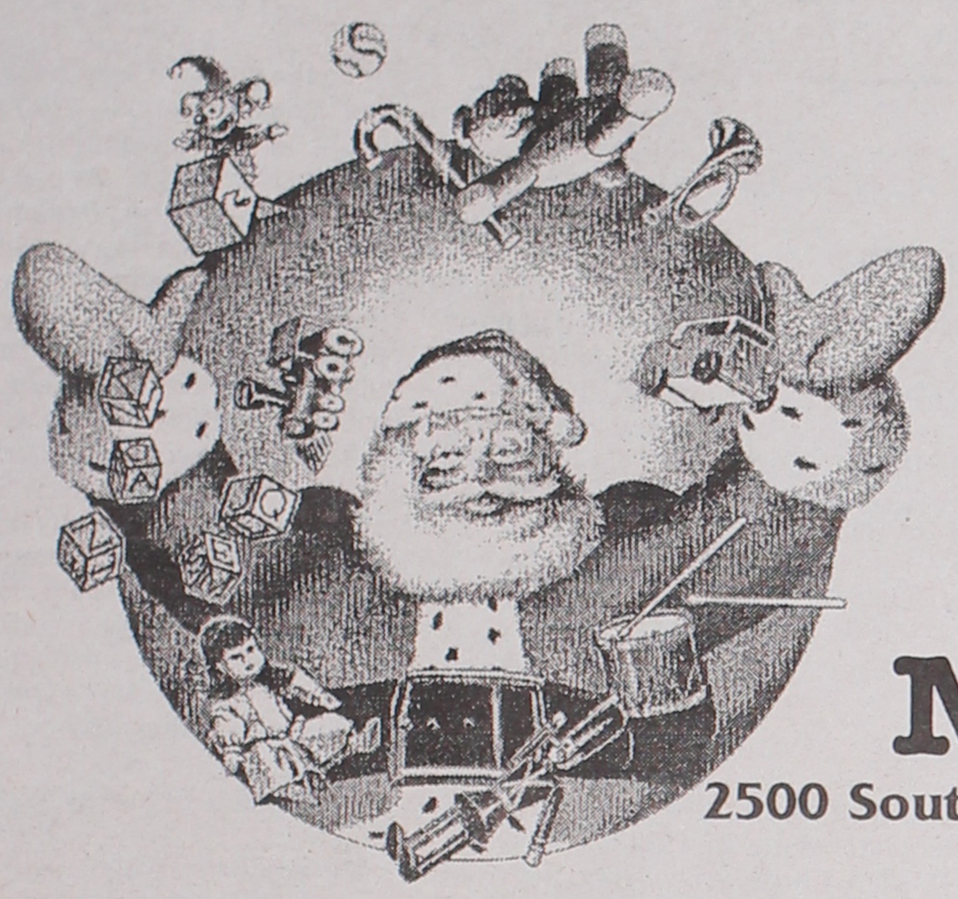

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Most organizations have a core of human resources which can be tapped whenever time or talents or treasures are needed. The Omaha Chapter, JACL, was founded by a cadre of dedicated individuals who gave a lot of time, talent, and treasure to ensure the foundation and building of a chapter that would grow over the years to serve its members both locally, regionally, and nationally.

The commitment and service of the Omaha Chapter volunteers should be lauded. For almost 50 years, a vast number of persons have given of their energies to build the chapter we have today. They have come and gone over time, giving of themselves when their jobs, families, or abilities have allowed.

There are, however, three persons who truly deserve a standing ovation because they have responded to the needs of this chapter consistently over the years, in spite of commitments elsewhere in their lives. The Board of the Omaha chapter would like to publicly acknowledge the contributions of these special volunteers whose unselfish service has often gone unrecognized. Masako (Em) Nakadoi, Gladys Hirabayashi, and Miki Allen are women who have seen the organization and its members change over the years. They

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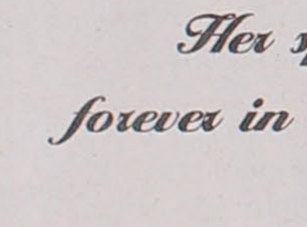

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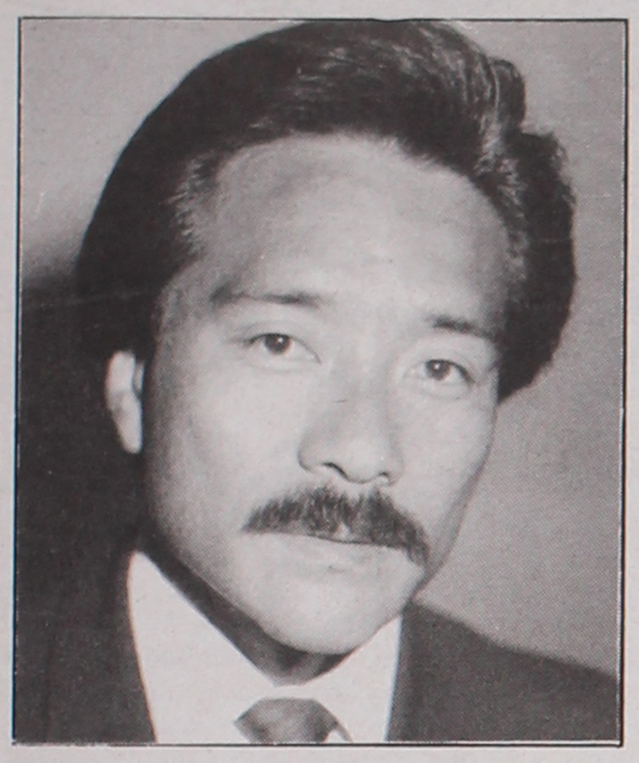

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'there is a wealth of people who could be considered San Diego's natural resources. . . the *Business Journal* chose to focus on people whose outstanding contributions made a difference to the business community as a whole, or who, through their work, are positively changing the face of the county.'

There's probably no more frustrating, difficult task than to compile a "Who's Who" list. Frustrating and difficult not because of a lack of candidates, but just the opposite — there is a wealth of people who could be considered San Diego's natural resources.

The San Diego Business Journal received more than 100 nominations for its annual salute to local business leaders. All the nominees contributed significantly to their company's growth, thereby helping to keep the economy afloat.

But this year, the *Business Journal* chose to focus on people whose outstanding contributions made a difference to the business community as a whole, or who, through their work, are positively changing the face of the county.

A further caveat, the accomplishments of the nominees had to have taken place since the last *Who's Who* was published in July, 1992.

The Business Journal acknowledges that there were probably many outstanding people who should be included and were not; the fault lies not in them but in the fallible judgment of the editors.

One of those chosen to be included into the *San Diego Business Journal* is our own Robert P. Ito. He is CEO for Occupational Training Services, a non-profit public benefit job training and affordable housing corporation. He is also involved in many community organizations.

Ito chairs Communities United for Economic Justice (CUEJ), a coalition of organizations that lobbies on behalf of minority businesses.

CUEJ's lobbying has focused on ensuring that minority businesses receive a percentage of the contract for the gift and food concessions at Lindbergh Field. The group will also lobby on minority contracting in the expansion of the Convention Center. Ito represents the Japanese American Citizens League on the CUEJ board. His non-profit Occupational Training Services provides job training and develops affordable housing, receiving its primary funding from the San Diego Consortium and Private Industry Council.

Chairman of Crime Stoppers, former president of San Diego Incubator Corp., board member of Support Center of San Diego and the Asian Business Association of San Diego, former chairman of city of San Diego's Citizens Equal Opportunity Commission. His company broke ground in July on the first family development in Centre City East since 1940.

Ito is a native San Diegan. He received a bachelor of arts in sociology at the United States International University in June, 1972, and a masters in social work form San Diego State University in June 1974.

Ito also served as a program administrator with the San Diego Consortium and Private Industry Council, an agency responsible for the planning and administration of federal funds received from the Department of Labor from September, 1975, to January, 1982.

Ito was responsible for the administration of over $150 million under contract to the council.

Ito is a third generation Japanese American son of a successful retired farmer. He was raised in Encanto on the vegetable farm operated by his father and grandfather. He learned at a very early age the value of hard work and still retains a very strong work ethic.

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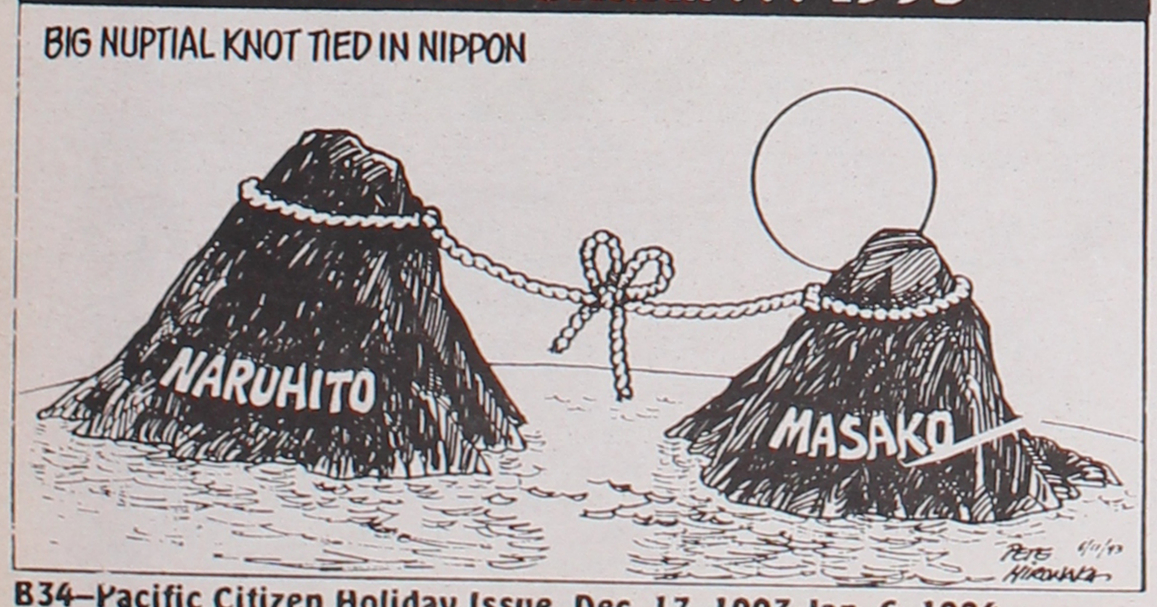

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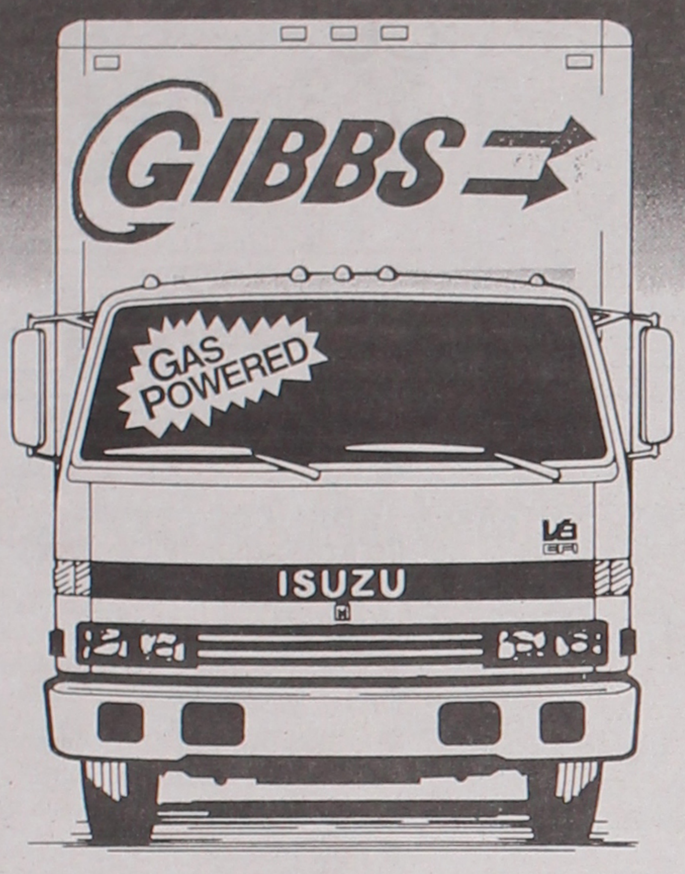

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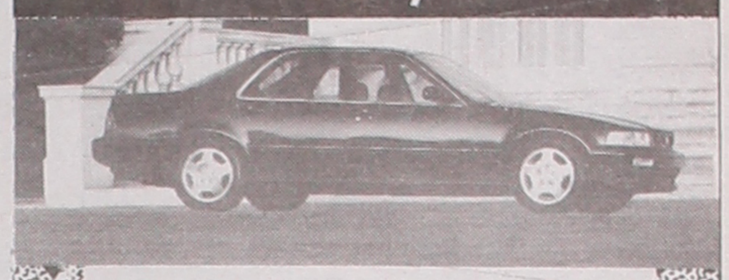

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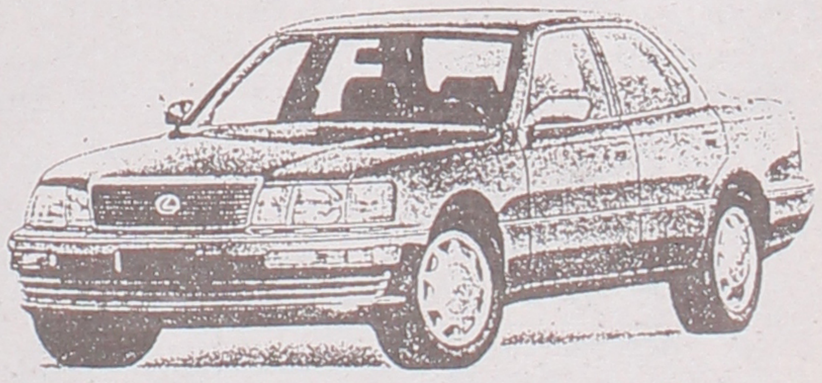

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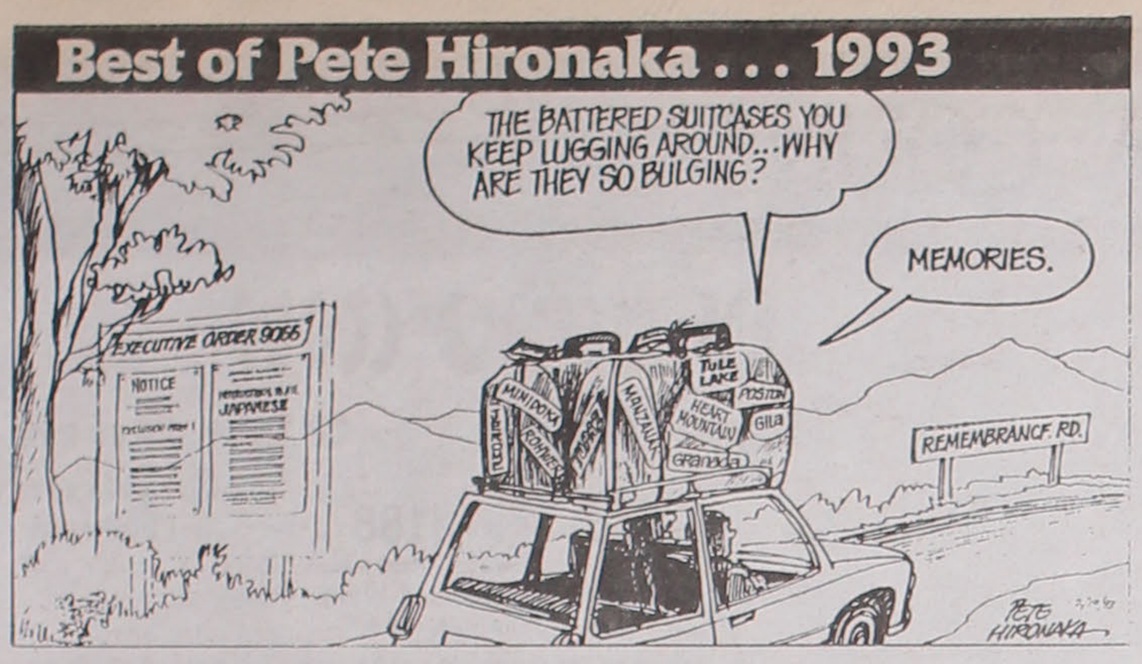

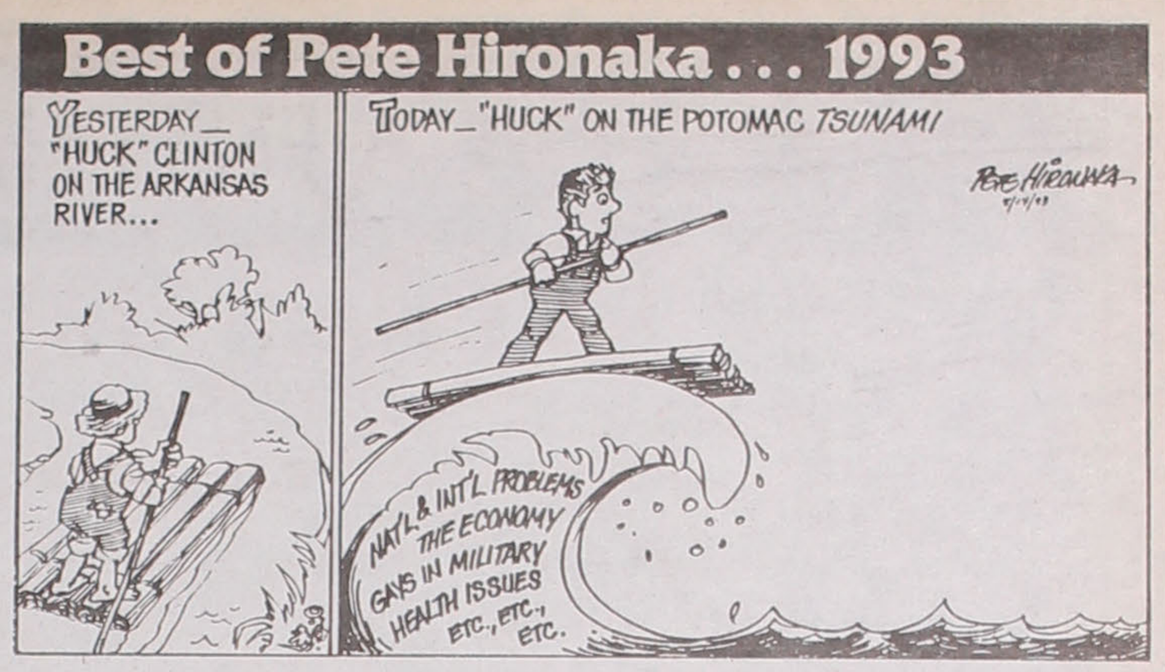

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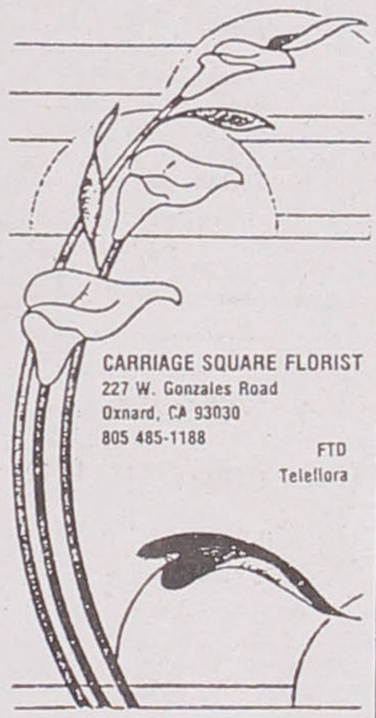

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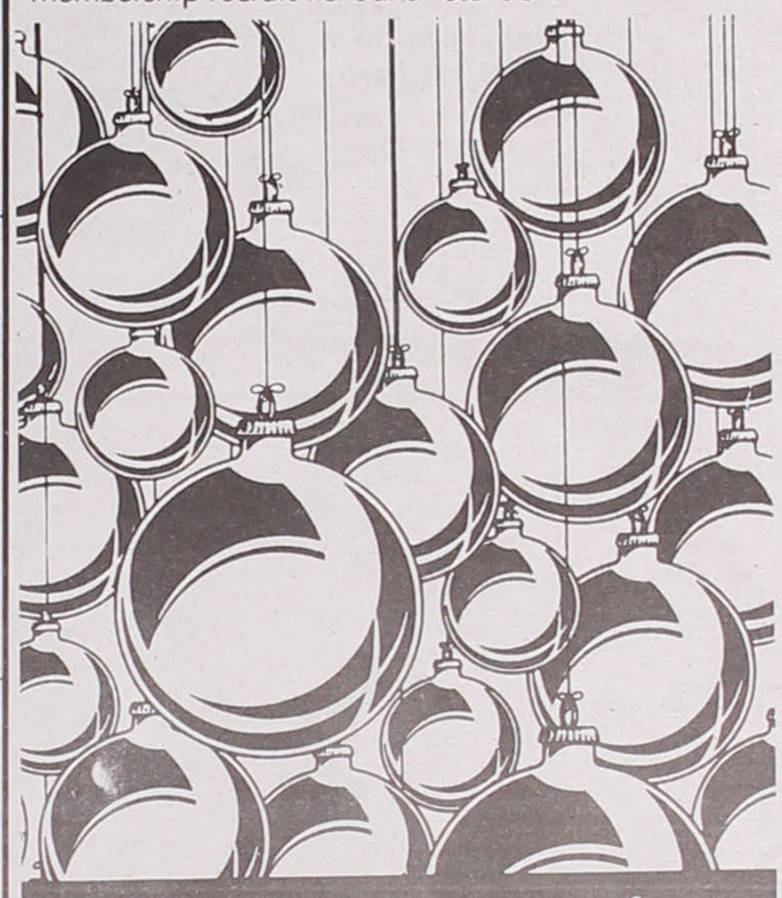
chapter more time and energy to focus on retention and recruitment instead of paperwork and administration. Now, monthly reports showed paid and unpaid members, which allowed for better tracking of dues and member names.

Strategy Plus Effort Equals Results

The answers to defining our customers indicated that a great potential exists in recruiting new members while retaining the current organization. The membership strategy used by the Detroit JACL focused efforts on the target customers who could participate and contribute to a newly energized chapter. This strategy can be summed up in five simple phrases: research the customer, set goals and objectives, plan and implement programs, track/measure efforts, and assess results.

The membership strategy experience showed that tremendous interest continues to exist for the JACL in metropolitan Detroit as well as the greater Michigan community. It also shows that the JACL has plenty of continuing growth potential for a long life as a national organization if a focus is made on membership recruitment and retention.



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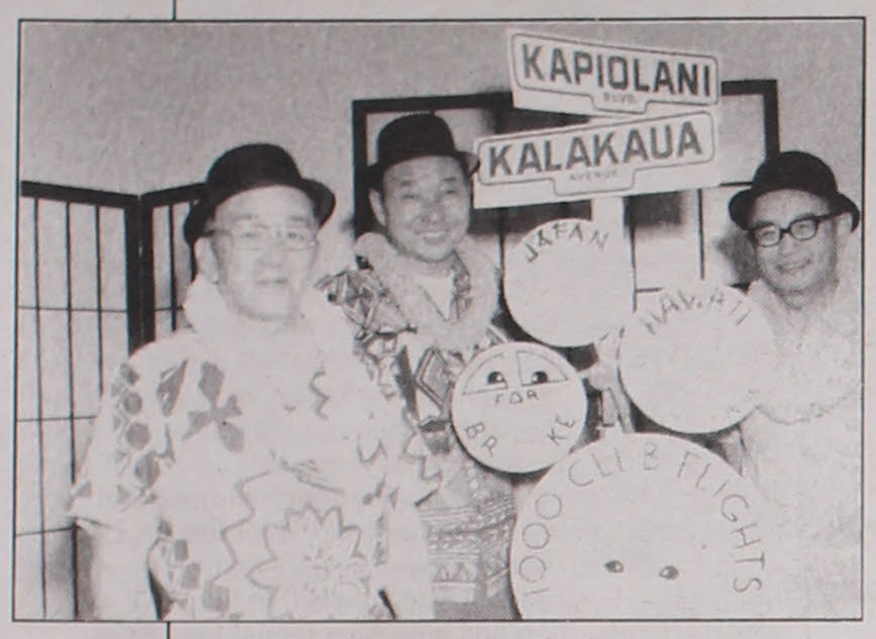

Ed Jonokuchi, left, poses in a 1973 PC archives photo with Charlie Matsumoto and Henry Date.

Wisconsin Chapter:

The 'roasting' of Ed Jonokuchi

By LIL KATAOKA

After 23 years of being the Milwaukee / Wisconsin JACL 1000 Club wing ding chairman, Ed Jonokuchi claimed he was retiring as 1000 Club chair. That was Dec. 23, 1982! Not to be—he couldn't just retire for his involvement in JACL and other organizations have been spirited and memorable. So on a Saturday night, last Sept. 25, a surprise "roasting" for Ed took place. He dutifully came to the program without an inkling of what was to come.

After the social hour and dinner, Bill Suyama took charge and a program consisted of favorite skits of the past. One skit with a cast of talented Sansei, however, was directed by Lynn Jonokuchi Lueck, depicting Ed as the boss from movie "Grandfather." Adding to the merriment was a Chicago JACL choir of 25 directed by Dr. Victor Izui, coordinated by Dr. Frank Sakamoto. Impromptu praises / roasts on tape followed including some from ex-Milwaukeeans: the Tak Naruos and Henry Dates from California, Dr. Al Gima, Gilbert and Roberta Kimura from Honolulu. Chapter board chair Jim Miyazaki ended on a solemn note presenting Ed with a National JACL certificate of recognition.

Thanks to the newsletters on hand,

See ROASTING/B58.

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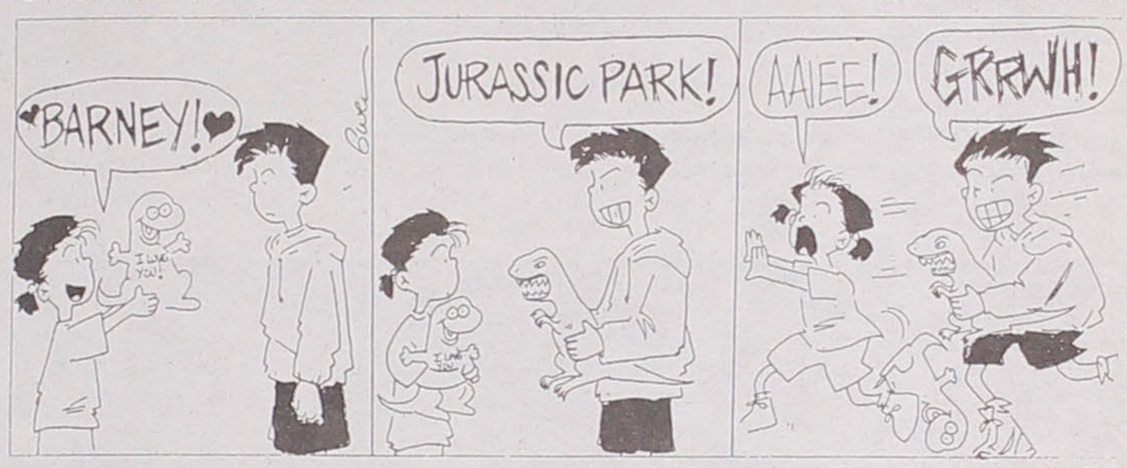

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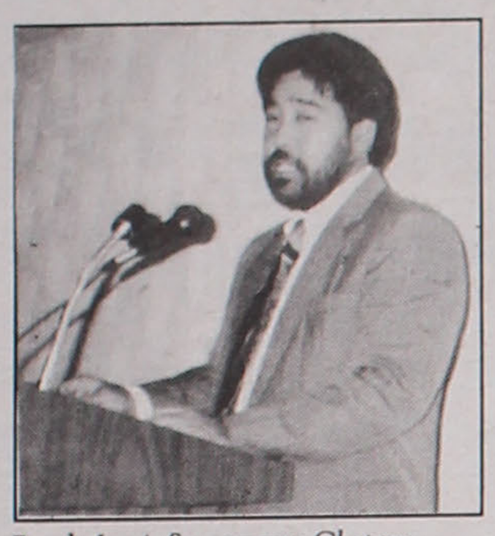

Randy Imai, Sacramento Chapter president

By TOKO FUJII
Sacramento Chapter

Close to 500 people of all nationalities jammed the Hoi Sing Restaurant's banquet hall on Nov. 18th to make Sacramento Chapter's "Community Solidarity Dinner" a huge success. The gathering was organized to bring together the different ethnic groups and to express appreciation to the different service and law enforcement bodies for their part in the apprehension of the alleged perpetrators of the firebombings of the Sacramento JACL office and the offices of the NAACP.

Organizations which were presented plaques of appreciation from the JACL and the Nikkei community-at-large were: City of Sacramento—Mayor Joe Serna; Sacramento Police Department—Chief Art Venegas; Fire Marshal—former mayor Anne Rudin for the Fire Department; FBI—Special Agent Richard Ross; Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission-Director Barbara Lehman; community activist—Andy Noguchi, Florin Chapter, JACL and National staff JACL—then Acting Director Carole Hayashino.

Extending messages, in addition to the remarks by the above recipients, were Reiko Kawakami of Rep. Robert Matsui's staff, State Sen. Patrick Johnston, Councilman Jimmie Yee, whose house was firebombed and Dr. Nate White of NAACP, whose office was the first to be devastated by the alleged bomber.

Among the invited guests were: County Supervisor Illa Collin, Marge Covina of Lambda, Loretta Donovan of Assemblyman Phil Isenberg's office, Gladys Ikeda of Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi's office; Al Hoenstein—Crime Alert Program; Lean Lan, Chinese Community Council; Manager Michael Fiorile and Tina Morrill, KOVR Channel 13; Darby Patterson, Sacramento Cable; Lt. Rich Shiraishi, Sacramento Police Dept.; Fred Teichert, Teichert Construction and 555 Capitol Mall Blvd.; Patty Wada, regional director, NCWNPD; Clay Harada, national JACL office; Neal Taniguchi, vice president, general operations, JACL; Bernice Yew, president, Human Rights Council; JACL chapter presidents—Barry Saiki, Stockton; Tom Kurahara, Lodi; Fred Hatamiya, Marysville; Eileen Otsuji, Florin, and Chester Yamada, Placer; David Druliner, Sacramento District Attorney's office; Robert Dresser, Jewish Federation and Manuela Serna, Hispanic Coalition.

The 1994 Sacramento Chapter, JACL, officers installed by District Gov. John Hayashi were: Randy Imai, president; Dick Fukushima, vice president; Ralph Sugimoto, treasurer; Lori Fujimoto and Miko Katsura, co-secretaries; Tom Fujimoto, Mike Iwahiro, Mike Sawamura, Toko Fujii, Richard Sawamura, Alan Nishi, Gary Kikumoto and Craig Makishima, directors.

Hayashino expressed the sentiments and observations of the national JACL on the firebombings and hate crimes in general and introduced newly appointed JACL National Director Randy Senzaki.

Senzaki, who was born in camp and raised in the Twin Cities area, gave his family and academic background and his philosophy concerning the role of the JACL in the years ahead. His message impressed both the old-timers and the younger segment of the large audience. His articulate delivery and his outgoing personality were well received by JACLers of the Sacramento Valley.

Shokuzen no Kotoba was delivered by Rev. Bob Oshita of Sacramento Betsuin. Rev. Kazuo Masuno of Parkview Presbyterian Church gave benediction. Colors were presented by the VFW Nisei Post 8985 color guards.

Tom Nakashima, popular local DJ and one of the organizers of "Blues for Unity" benefit, presented $3,000 checks to the Sacramento JACL recovery fund and to the Sacramento Chinese Service Center. Heddy Chiang of the Service Center presented a $1,000 donation to the recovery fund on behalf of the Chinese community.

A petition condemning the firebombings, carrying over 300 names of UC, Davis, Law School students, was presented to Imai by Jung Park and Charles Sakai of the Asian Students Club of UC Davis Law School.

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In memory: **Edison Uno** (1929-1976)

East L.A.'s role model

By MAS DOBASHI

Without Edison Uno, there would be no East Los Angeles Chapter, JACL, so this initial honor designating the chapter's Volunteer of the Year rightfully bears his name.

Edison was only 47 —a man in his prime, when he suddenly died in 1976 .

When the chapter started in 1948, he joined the JACL as one of the youngest members. He had just graduated from John Marshall High School the year before. After a stint with the U.S. Navy during the Korean war and training in San Diego, he began his life as a community activist, being elected president of the East L.A. chapter in 1951 and again in 1952, while continuing his college education.

Much of his devotion to human and civil rights was based in San Francisco since he became a resident there in 1957, but the causes were national in scope. The East Los Angeles Chapter has enjoyed a behind-the-scene delight, basking in the glories Edison won for the community, knowing that he launched his career as an activist from the East Los Angeles. Chapter.

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Thanks to the P.C. archives, here are excerpts of Edison's achievements that speak to the kind of activities a volunteer might engage.

● Speaking about his World War II experiences as a teenager in the concentration camps before community groups, students, and eventually becoming an instructor in ethnic studies at San Francisco State.

● Serving as a consultant on Japanese American history to the S.F. Unified School District, with McGraw-Hill Publishing Co.

● Reviewing textbooks for the California State curriculum project. He also revised college textbooks containing inaccurate or objectionable statements.

● Organizing community projects, such as the JACL Alcatraz Indian Project (an effort to reclaim the island for Native Americans), the Asian American march for peace; San Francisco rallies and demonstrations (when San Francisco JACL had announced Sen. Hayakawa was to be installation banquet speaker), trips to Manzanar, etc.

● Organizer of the Japanese community for political actions and issues.

● Confronting (almost singlehandedly) U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren to recant his wartime actions as California attorney general leading in the Army's removal of all persons of Japanese ancestry to internment camps.

● Promoted, wrote and publicized youth, community and JACL activities.

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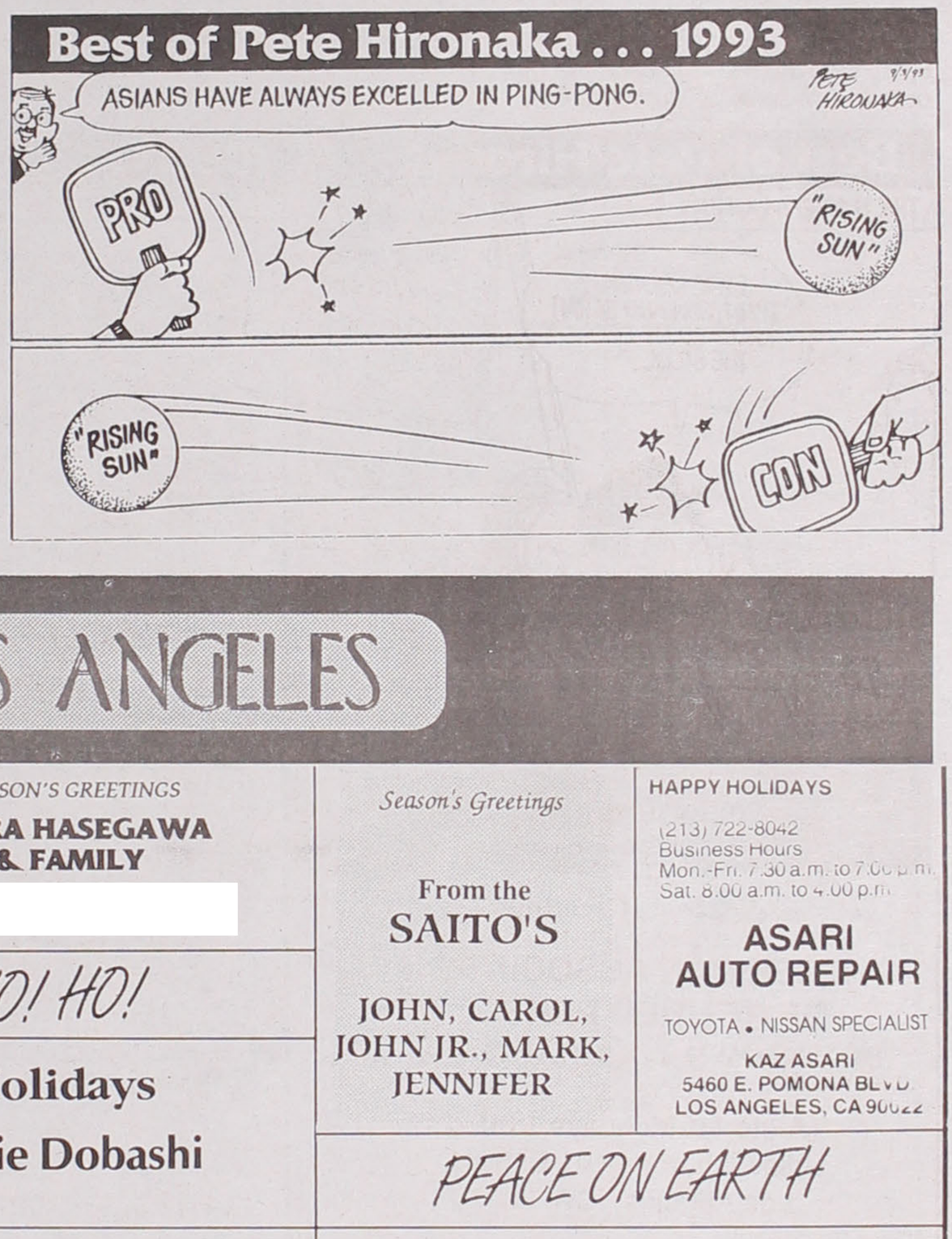
One of these days someone may write what made Edison Uno run. He had a heart problem, suffering his first attack in 1957, but went on without stopping. He was a JACLer of the Biennium for co-chairing the Repeal Title II national campaign; and the National JACL instituted the Edison Uno Memorial Award for Civil Rights in 1986. That he started at East L.A. JACL shall not be forgotten.



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From the Frying Pan—Feb. 12, 1965

Reality reads like a novel

One of the more memorable characters of postwar American fiction is Captain Queeg of Herman Wouk's masterfully told story of the mutiny aboard the U.S. destroyer *Caine*. You may recall Queeg, played by Humphrey Bogart in the movie version of the *Caine Mutiny*.

Queeg is essentially a weakling, overburdened by the responsibilities of running his ship. He seeks refuge and support in the Navy's regulations, enforcing them to the letter, performing like a tyrant, and perpetually fearful that an error of judgment will be detected and entered on his record. It's altogether possible that you have encountered Queegs of various types in your everyday lives.

Well, I got to thinking of poor old Captain Queeg the other Sunday afternoon while watching the Columbia Broadcasting System's *Twentieth Century* program about the Great Evacuation of 1942. That was the occasion, as some of you may recall, when a preoccupied nation accepted the idea that some of its citizens should be tossed into concentration camps without being charged or tried of any crime, simply because they happened to have the wrong kind of ancestors. I thought about Captain Queeg and came up with an idea for a somewhat similar novel, but different enough so that it wouldn't be strictly identifiable with the *Caine Mutiny* story.

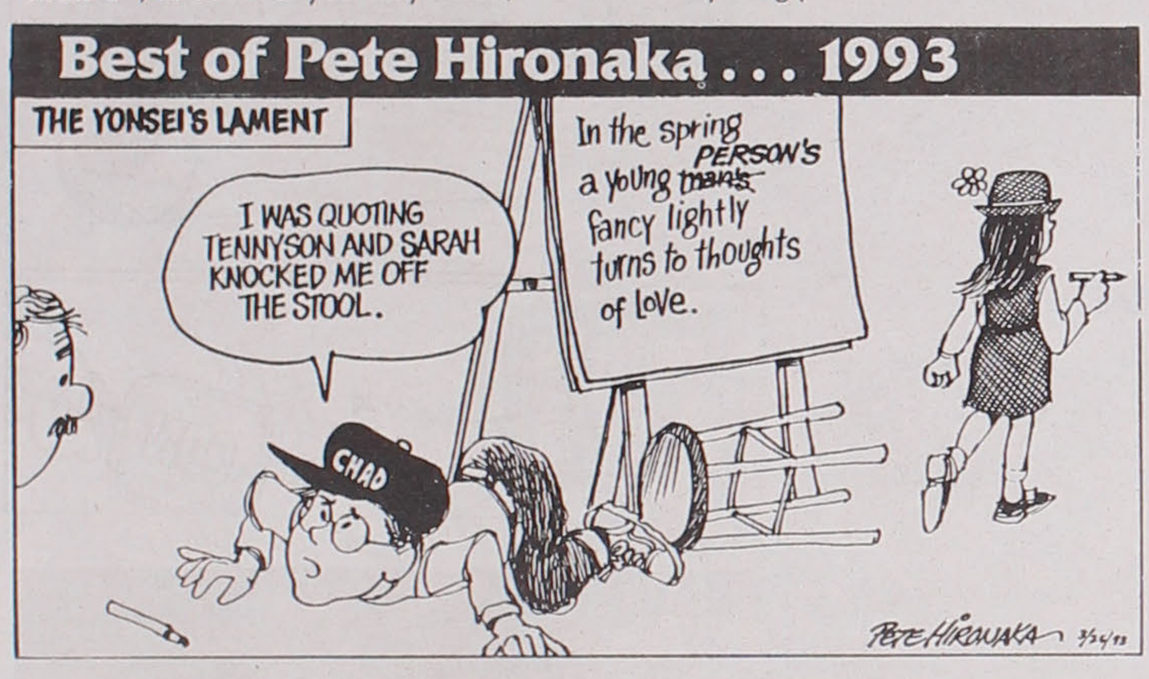
This novel would be set on the Pacific Coast of the United States in December, 1941. Our principal character would be the military commander charged with the defense of the western United States. Suddenly he is faced with the fact of Pearl Harbor, and he realizes that it might have been the coast of California or Oregon or Washington that could have been attacked on December 7. This scares the dickens out of him because he realizes his command was no more prepared to meet attack than were the luckless forces in Hawaii. So, to make up for lost time he hastens to do everything possible to insure that his command will not be caught with its collective pants down.

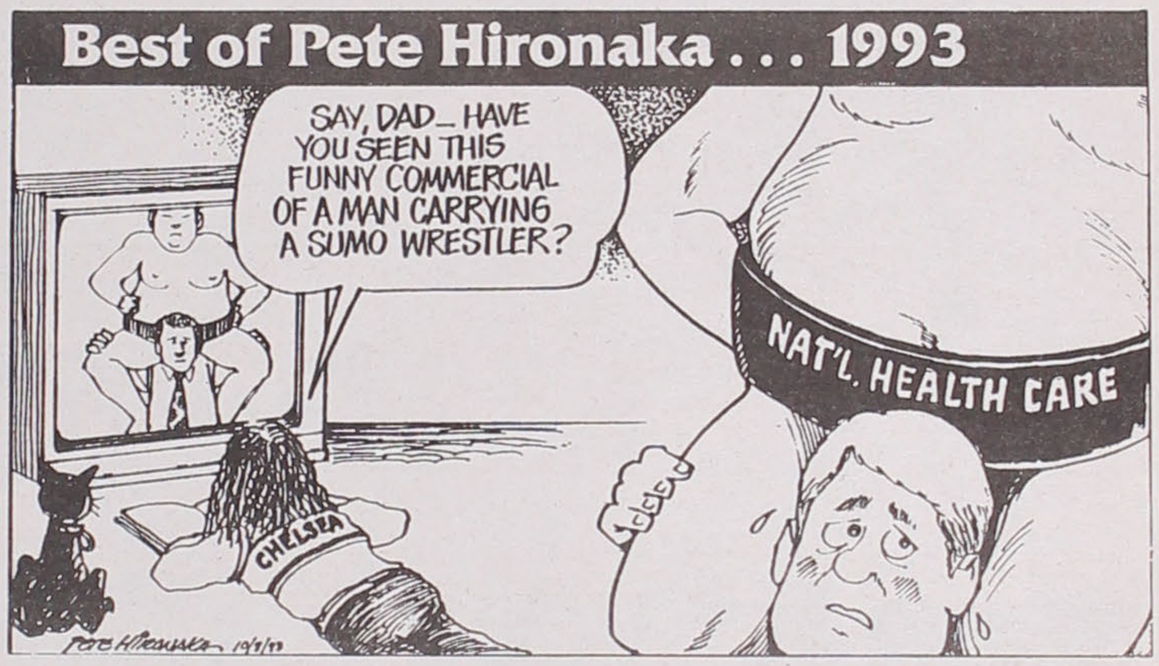
About this time one of his aides points out that the "Japanese" on the West Coast are potential saboteurs and espionage agents, a mighty dangerous Fifth Column. This aide, according to my idea for the novel, has his reasons for hating the "Japanese." Maybe one of them got better grades than he did in high school and became the valedictorian, or maybe he lost out in the all-conference wrestling meet to a sneaky little judo expert named Watanabe. It would be easy to build up this part of it. At any rate, this aide keeps warning the commander that he will be guilty of dereliction of duty unless he takes every precaution to safeguard the West Coast, and that he faces an unfathomable hazard in the inscrutable "Japanese" who are demonstrating their treachery by buying war bonds, trying to enlist in the Army, cooperating with local authorities, denouncing the attack on Pearl Harbor, and refraining from committing sabotage.

This commander, as I see him, is a pretty decent sort of fellow at heart, but like Queeg, he's frightened. He's afraid of what might happen if he doesn't listen to his aide, and he's afraid of what will happen if he does. And so, like Queeg, he's torn by his fears until he almost goes out of his mind, partly because he read something somewhere about the Bill of Rights.

In the end he decides that the aide is right—he just cannot take a chance—and so he orders the Great Evacuation. And just as he expected, his order is approved right up the line because all his superiors are so desperately involved with the Big Decisions of fighting the war that a basic breach of civil rights somehow escapes their attention and a great tragedy is approved.

Well, that's the idea, and since I haven't copyrighted it, it's free for anyone to pick up and develop into a best seller. You're welcome.





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Barry Saiki, founder of the Japan Chapter, JACL, returned to the U.S.. after some 30 years in Japan in the military and in public relations work. He is president of the Stockton Chapter, JACL.

George Baba: Stockton's perennial volunteer

BY BARRY SAIKI

If a single volunteer for the Stockton Chapter were to be named from the number who could be selected, the most outstanding would be George K. Baba. George would probably relinquish his spot.

Turning back to one year, 1978, as a sampler, he was serving his fourth year as chapter president (1954, 1959, 1977-78). Since then, he has duplicated his volunteerism in various community, church and chapter activities.

In JACL, in addition to being a four-time chapter president, he has been 1000 Club chairman (so-called then) since 1960; official chapter delegate to National Conventions (continuously since 1952) and district council sessions; on the national nominations committee; member of the NCWNPDC executive board (1957-58 and 1977-78); on the Chicago Ad Hoc Committee formed in wake of the 1970 tragedy at the Chicago National JACL Convention (involving by chance a Stockton Junior JACL delegate), and awarded the JACL Silver Pin in 1962 and the Sapphire Pin in 1966.

Of late, he is the Legacy Fund committee chair in the chapter.

George's work in the community covered volunteer work with the Stockton Buddhist Temple, serving on its board as vice-chair in 1978 [now a board co-chair]; co-chairing the Japanese American Bicentennial Committee (which was involved in identifying the oldest Issei and Nisei in the community as well as preparing for the national JACL-sponsored bicentennial celebration at Okei's Grave); and chairing the Japanese Garden Project at Micke Grove, the San Joaquin County Park and a popular Japanese community picnic site outside of Stockton.

He served on the San Joaquin County Air Pollution Committee; an active member and president of the Stockton Nisei Veterans Club; an American Legion Karl Ross Post 16 member since leaving the army in 1946; and was shop steward in the '70s with the International Association of Machinists, Local 428, plus serving on its executive board.

Such was the picture 15 years ago. George has not slowed down since.

Of significant and special importance today is that in back or along side him the past 50 years has been his wife, Mitzi, a perpetual JACL booster and a Sunday School volunteer as well as head of the refreshment committee. A society editor once advised that the only time "refreshment" makes the news is when there are no refreshments.

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Florin's chapter-wide commitment

Eileen Namba Otsuji is president of the Florin Chapter, JACL.

By Eileen Namba Otsuji

Hooray for the Florin Chapter, JACL! Volunteering is playing an increasing role in our daily lives. As quality of life and values are lowered, we should not be surprised at the increase of crime, easy access to guns, decrease of civility and neighborliness resulting in generally estranged human relations all around us, The Florin Chapter, in a growing spirit of volunteerism, is a valuable alternative to solving some of our critical needs.

Contributions to Community Service

What a year 1993 has been! WE, TOGETHER, all 350 of us, have had a positive impact on our community and each other. The synergy of newcomers, old timers, the younger generation, quiet and outspoken volunteers, have created a dynamic organization.

Newcomers.

Editor Henry and Etsu Yui recently retired from Chicago, Historian Joanne Kubokawa who has family JACL ties to the Diablo Chapter, and Donna Komure who recently recruited her brother to help from the Stockton Chapter have donated a tremendous amount of energy and talent. President-elect Mark Morodomi hails from the Asian Law Caucus in San Francisco and New York University Law School. Although new to the chapter, Mark insisted he did not have time to be president of Florin. But, the infamous firebombing of the Sacramento Chapter office occurred and Mark responded immediately to the call of duty which he believes is his moral obligation to help stem the tide of hate crime and violence. Mark symbolizes the courage and honor which continues to drive the Florin Chapter.

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OMAHA

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have stuck by the organization and have continued to give, regardless of their agreement or disagreement with the changing directions of the local and national boards.

All three women were instrumental in the promotion of the sukiyaki dinners that were a major reason the local scholarship fund was initiated and grew over the years. They worked in the kitchens, dressed the Sansei girls in kimonos to dance, participated in the clean up, and often didn't take appropriate reimbursement for their expenses incurred with these dinners. A number of other women (and their spouses) were also heavily involved in the sukiyaki dinners as well, but these three went further.

All three women actively participated over the years in most of the other activities the local chapter undertook. They continued to bake, cook, donate prizes or gifts, contribute monetarily, consistently encourage the Sansei toward active participation, and give "monku" as needed to provide the local leadership with perspective. Over the past number of years, these women have told us that "it's time to slow down, to stop doing so much." But they never did.

Em Nakadoi led the youth as a role model in the importance of keeping the chapter strong locally and visible nationally. She encouraged not only the Omaha Sansei, but extended her reach to Sansei across the Mountain Plains district. As a district governor, she demonstrated that involvement in JACL beyond the local level was imperative to make our voices heard. Besides her involvement with the social activities, she also responded with political involvement whenever the call came forth — knocking on doors, writing our Congressional representatives, and contributing to local campaigns. Em passed away in November of this year, and her JACL legacy lives on in the Sansei.

Gladys Hirabayashi has been a source of strength and reality check for the local chapter. She gives of her time and efforts behind the scenes, and has touched the lives of many Japanese and Japanese Americans in this area —many people would not know the help she has given to various individuals. She is like an auntie to many of the sansei because she is always ready to offer assistance, but will also let us know when she doesn't agree with a decision or direction. Yet that doesn't keep her from remaining active with the chapter. Through Gladys, we have come to understand humility —you do things without being asked, and you do so quietly. Gladys always refuses to take office, but she will always offer her service for us. She is the only non-elected person who consistently attends board meetings— and that says a lot for her dedication.

Miki Allen is like a small tornado with her energy. She also prefers to contribute her services privately without recognition. She has never held an office, but we have always found her volunteering to cook, to make ikebana arrangements, to help dress the young dancers, to spend long hours standing in a booth on a concrete floor dressed in kimono, or bringing refreshments for other volunteers. Miki is there to comfort you in time of grief, to celebrate with you in time of joy, or to dote over your children.

For all three women of the Omaha chapter, we hail you, thank you, and dedicate this recognition of all volunteers to you.

REED

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I'm told, the few inappropriate expressions in Japanese that appear in the novel are to be edited out. And while the Japanese might squirm at some things Yamato utters, they will likely blink at it matter-of-factly, in the same way they responded to the film *Rising Sun*. But they will doubtless appreciate the considerable imagination and scholarship the author brings to the novel. Reed's grasp of the history and art of Japan, not to mention a working understanding of the language, lend credence to the characters and story line. I say it's a go.

Finally, apart from the above consideration, we are both "entertained and educated" by this novel. It spins out Reed's comic, microcosmic, vision of the world, a world gone awry. And in the tradition of the best satirists, he casts his critical eye on that world—on humans and their institutions—not so much to tear them down as to inspire a remodeling.

Based on his experiences in other countries, Reed feels "that the United States is still one of the most creative, experimental and dynamic societies in the world." North America can become the place where cultures of the world crisscross, he says. "The world is here."

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The Sacramento JACL Chapter officers and board members would like to officially express our special gratitude to all of the JACLers, chapters, JACL officials and staff, both past and present, for their contributions and help in aiding our chapter during the past year.

With the tremendous assistance that we have received from members and chapters across the nation, we will continue our commitment in eliminating unlawful bias, discrimination and hate crimes against all Americans and United States residents. In the coming year, may we put aside our differences and strengthen our solidarity in calling attention to, demanding action about, and deterring all such instances of bias, bigotry and discrimination. We thank you again for your support.

Officers and Board of Directors
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FLORIN

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Special recognition and thanks to new Sacramentans, Frank and Joanne Iritani, formerly from Bakersfield. They are not only the authors of the best selling book, *Ten Visits*, now in its fifth printing, but also very enthusiastic and dedicated JACLers. Joanne is the chapter Education chair and the NCWNP District Education Liaison. Frank is the chapter Public Affairs chair and recently appointed to the district Civil Rights Committee. Longtime JACLers, they bring a wider perspective to our board discussions. Since moving here only 12 months ago, they have involved themselves wholeheartedly in their new community. For example, through Rosalynn and Jimmy Carter's Habitat for Humanity program, they helped a Southeast Asian family build a home. The recipient family put in 500 hours of their own labor in exchange for a down payment on home ownership. Since Habitat International began in 1976, it has gone from one house in that first year to building more than 4,000 worldwide this year. It is not a "band-aid" approach to low income housing, but acts as a healing agent within the community and strengthens the community on the basis of "people helping people." Frank and Joanne have attended the PANA and LEAP conferences and local meetings of political, religious, educational and ethnic community groups.

When asked what their hobbies are, Joanne replied, "Attending meetings!" The Iritanis epitomize the spirit of volunteerism.

Our quiet volunteers

Florin is so active and accomplishes much because of the creativity and initiative of our quiet volunteers. They are to be admired for their commitment and hard work. They always come out to cook, clean and set up, but at all our fund-raisers, hand out petitions, make phone calls, sell tickets, donate money, gifts and supplies; and, then most incredibly, they tell us what a great job we are doing! It is the quiet volunteers who make us look good. It is to them we owe our heartfelt gratitude for symbolizing the spirit of the Florin Chapter.

Ted Kobata, a longtime Florin member, inspires volunteerism by example.

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Ted, through his construction company and a volunteer crew of 16, was very instrumental in building the Poston Memorial Monument during the late summer of 1992. Ted brough a motorhome to live and work out of during the construction oif the monument in the excruciating hot months of August and September.

He spent three months on the project which included six trips from his Sacramento home base to the Poston construction site, a 14 hour drive. Beside volunteering his time, he donated all the construction equipment and technical expertise toward the successful realization of the monument. Poston Monument and the Time of Remembrance Barracks has provided the opportunity to countless thousands of children and adults the continuing education to "never forget" the painful lessons learned from the unconstitutional incarceration of Japanese Americans in 1942. The memorialization of the Issei and Nisei's courageous fight to defend the fragile principles of democracy will be Ted and his group of volunteers' legacy to future generations.

Outspoken volunteers

Nisei educator, activist, and community volunteer, Mary Tsukamoto is the inspiration and role model for many of the new members to Florin. She is indeed one of the most gifted speakers in the national. She and Christin Umeda continue to be the spark of the chapter's Annual Day of Remembrance Program, as the best in the country.

In spite of health handicaps and family tragedies, Mary is quite busy not only with JACL work, but volunteering for community, cultural, civil rights and church activities. She is the recipient of a multitude of awards, including the 1986 "JACLer of the Biennium," and the Laurie Shields award from the Wonderful Older Woman's League, a very special honor recognized by a California Senate resolution. Mary was especially honored this year with the dedication of the Mary Tsukamoto Elementary School. She is the author of the now internationally selling book, "We the People: A Story of Internment." A glorious 78 years young, she continues to amaze us with her courage, energy and oratorical skills.

Andy Noguchi, two-time president of the Florin Chapter, has received many honors from the Sacramento Civil Rights community for his outstpoken and eloquent activities on behalf of all minority groups. He has learned to effectively use the media to organize press releases and conferences, serves on advisory boards for television stations, and has become an articulate spokesperson for the chapter and the Asian American community.

Old timers

Affectionately referring to our Nisei board members who, since the 1930s, have been dedicated JACLers. They are the guiding forces to the new generation. Another special JACLer George Furukawa remembers back in the 1940s and '50s, when they were "young" how difficult it was for the Isseis to accept change. In all their collective wisdom, George, James Abe, Sam Kashiwagi, Tom Kushi, Mary Tsukamoto, Ken Kono, Bill Kashiwagi and others have devoted their lives to encouraging the younger

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Best of Pete Hironaka . . . 1993

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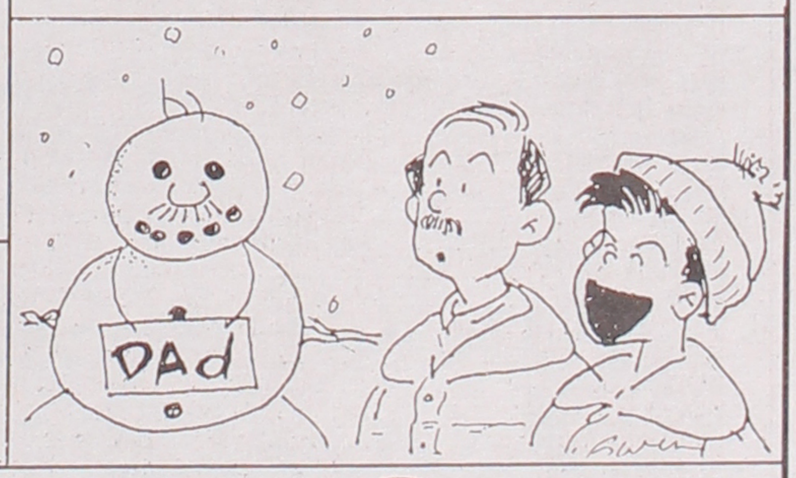

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From the Frying Pan—March 26, 1993

Another foot in the mouth

About the nicest thing that can be said of Masao Kokubo is that he is ignorant, insensitive and stupid.

Kokubo, member of the prefectural assembly in Hyogo prefecture in western Japan, is the latest Japanese politician who unzipped his mouth when he should have been thinking.

According to the Associated Press, which picked up the item from Japan's Kyodo News Service, Kokubo told a budget committee meeting last week that Japanese "feel tainted when they shake hands with a black person."

We know in our heads that discrimination is bad, but our feelings are different," Kokubo was quoted.

"When you shake hands with someone who is completely black, you feel your hands getting black."

In this manner did Kokubo join the pantheon of Japanese political dunces: Justice Minister Seiroku Kajiyama who compared the arrival of foreign prostitutes in Japan to blacks moving into all-white neighborhoods in the U.S., with then House speaker Yoshio Sakurachi who said Japan was superior to the U.S. because American workers were illiterate and lazy, and whoever— fortunately the name escapes me at the moment— who blamed blacks who don't pay their debts for the problems of the American economy. It is small consolation to realize that American politicians aren't the only ones who put their mouths in motion without getting their brains in gear.

Kokubo was talking about Pakistani and Asian Indian laborers who have come into Japan seeking jobs that pay better than at home. But American blacks quickly, and rightly, took umbrage. In Denver one black spokesman threatened to picket a Japan America Society (an organization dedicated to better understanding between peoples of the two countries) function unless there was an immediate apology. It seemed to make no difference to the irate spokesman that members of the Japan America Society were as outraged as he by Kokubo's remarks.

This kind of assumption of guilt by association is an extremely unfortunate part of problems dealing with Japan and the United States. Of course the most obvious example is the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Within hours the resulting anger was being directed irrationally at Japanese Americans.

When U.S.-Japan trade disputes heat up, again it is Japanese Americans who too often are targeted for blame. At this writing it is too early to see how Kokubo's insensitivity will play, but certainly the reaction is unlikely to be minor. Kokubo can apologize—the Japanese are good at that—but the damage has been done. We have every right to be angry that Kokubo is so ignorant of the potential damage his remarks can cause.

No country and no people have a monopoly on insensitivity and stupidity, and Americans have been as guilty as anyone in this area. But such actions are particularly hurtful when they affect us Japanese Americans who happen to be black.

Kokubo should know better. He needs to be told so in no uncertain terms by both Americans and Japanese, as well as all people of color.

FLORIN

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people to develop leadership skills. Treasurer Sam says, "We have the money, you do the work!" It really has been an honor to work with such fine, thoughtful people.

Leadership

We wanted to further develop linkages with organizations and individuals outside of the human and civil rights communities to be a credible voice in the community-at-large and not just within the Japanese American community.

Marlon Kanemoto, Oral History chair, has formed a partnership with California State University, Sacramento, to document the histories of our local Issei and Nisei pioneers. To date, she has published 15 books and printed 150 volumes for the library of the California State University, Sacramento, and the families. She is also a volunteer school nurse for the Elk Grove School District and the American Heart Association.

Curtis Namba, active volunteer in political and legal circles, was recently interviewed by the local press as a potential candidate for a Sacramento City Council seat. Stay tuned!

Debbe Oto-Kent, Drake Nakaishi and Terry Nishizaki incorporated health education into our JACL agenda. The mayor, city council, board of supervisors of Sacramento, Assemblyman Nao Takasugi, and the governor of California recognized their efforts by issuing proclamations and resolutions honoring their efforts for Project LEAN (Low-Fat Eating for American Now). In addition to the political connections, they also developed a coalition of public and private health care providers, governmental agencies, pharmaceutical companies and manufacturers, professional organizations, community groups to pursue our agenda for health education to the minorities and underserved communities. Again, Florin volunteers have contributed to the greater Sacramento communities by providing the leadership and expertise needed to build coalitions.

Commitment to human rights, equal opportunity and non-discrimination

Florin pursues issues of non-discrimination and equal opportunity not only in the workplace, but in social groups as well. The Northern California Sister Cities Association and the Matsuyama-Sacramento Sister City Corporation adopted amendments and resolutions supporting equal opportunity and non-discrimination for all categories.

Particularly, for the women of JACL, it is time to actively seek change from the traditional cultural and gender biases and to pursue leadership positions. The 1993 Annual Women's Forum, "Breaking the Facade of the Quiet Japanese American Woman, The Courage of Speaking Out," was chaired by Carol Ouye Hisatomi. Carol also volunteers as the vice chair of the Sacramento City and County Human Rights Fair Housing Commission.

The goal to achieve international peace has not been overlooked. Hiroko Tsuda chaired the Annual Women's Peace Event held at the State Capitol.

Volunteerism plays a major role in the success of our organization to achieve its goals. Frank Iritani says, "Volunteerism gives meaning and brings balance to our lives. Asian Americans are hard workers and 'we keep our noses to the grindstone' . . . I realize that even for young people, life is more than just work. Volunteerism is necessary because there are social and personal needs which otherwise may not be met." Satisfaction that money cannot buy.

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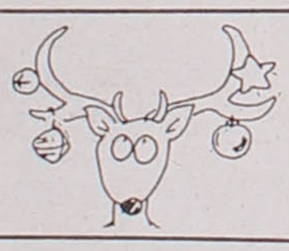

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New England Chapter's May Takayanagi

A tireless worker

By Gary Glenn

The New England Chapter, JACL, is the furthest east, so we look forward to receiving each Holiday Issue and reading of the activities of chapters in locations many of us know from childhood.

In response to the volunteerism theme of this year's Holiday Issue, we note that many members volunteer on a regular basis for social, cultural and community activities. We are proud to highlight one particular member — May Takayanagi—who has contributed countless hours of volunteer work over many years.

May is a charter member of the New England Chapter, and has served on its Board for more than 13 years. She served two terms as chapter president in the 1980s, and has always been willing to contribute time to special events. JACL-related voluntary work is only the tip of the iceberg, however. May has dedicated time to many other Asian American and civil rights organizations in Massachusetts, including the Asian American Resource Workshop. She has worked hard for the statewide Democratic Party and for individual candidates, including Congressman Barney Frank. (May's record of support for Congressman Frank was essential in convincing him to speak before a large public meeting sponsored by New England Chapter, and subsequently to provide strong leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives for redress legislation.)

May Takayanagi was given a major award at the 1993 Boston Asian Unity Dinner, for her many years of leadership for social justice and Asian community programs in the Greater Boston area. She was a leader in the anti-war campaign in the 1970s and 1980s and has continued her social and political agenda with leadership of the Fair Housing Movement. She serves on a number of prestigious boards of directors, including the Board of Overseers of WGBH (the Boston public television station that is the source of many outstanding PBS programs such as *Nova, Mystery, and Masterpiece Theater*). She is also on the boards of Community Change, and an Asian American domestic violence task force. She has lectured and spoken widely throughout New England.

The New England Chapter is fortunate to have benefitted from the vision and dedication of May Takayanagi. On her behalf, and from all the hardy JACL New Englanders, we send holiday greetings to all of JACL.

The New England Chapter, JACL, is pleased to convey wishes for a Happy 1994 to friends around the country. We also salute the staff of the *Pacific Citizen* for always doing such an excellent job on the Holiday Issue.

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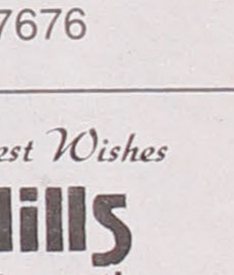

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Advice on dissent

Old friend Hatch Kita and his wife Kyoko drove us to Haneda International Airport on a Monday night over the toll road that is the only antidote to Tokyo's horrendous traffic jams. The Japan Air Lines DC-8, heavey with fuel and freight, took off about 11p.m. and nine and a half swift hours later we were over the goldenhills south of San Francisco. This flight, boosted along by the racing winds of the jetstream, dramatizes as no other the magic of air travel. One leaves Tokyo as a day is drawing to a close, and because of the International Dateline he lands on the other side of the Pacific in mid-afternoon of the same day.

Our plane dipped low over the San Francisco peninsula, and it was hard to realize this was the homeland. It was easy to let one's imagination run as we floated down toward the airport. That scar across the landscape, marking the route of an advancing throughway, could easily be the raw earth ripped up for a new airfield in Vietnam. That line of trees—I saw a similar row that sheltered a Viet Cong patrol from prying eyes aboard an American helicopter gunship. The mudflats of South San Francisco Bay—from 2,000 feet in the air it well might have been the Mekong Delta in flood season.

But the land below us was a land of peace and security, troubled but not despairing. Its people were clean, well-fed, adequately clothed and sheltered for the most part. They feared no attack in the night, no midnight raids from police or guerrillas, no terrorist bombs. Food was to be had as close as the nearest supermarket, and one could drink from any tap without fear of dreadful diseases. What a blessed nation is ours.

Each trip abroad is an adventure, but it's always great to come home. And each journey makes this reporter more appreciative, more grateful for America, despite all its obvious shortcomings. We are a nation built on improvement, rising from dissent, but the dissenters and detractors in our midst might think more constructively if they could appreciate what we have.

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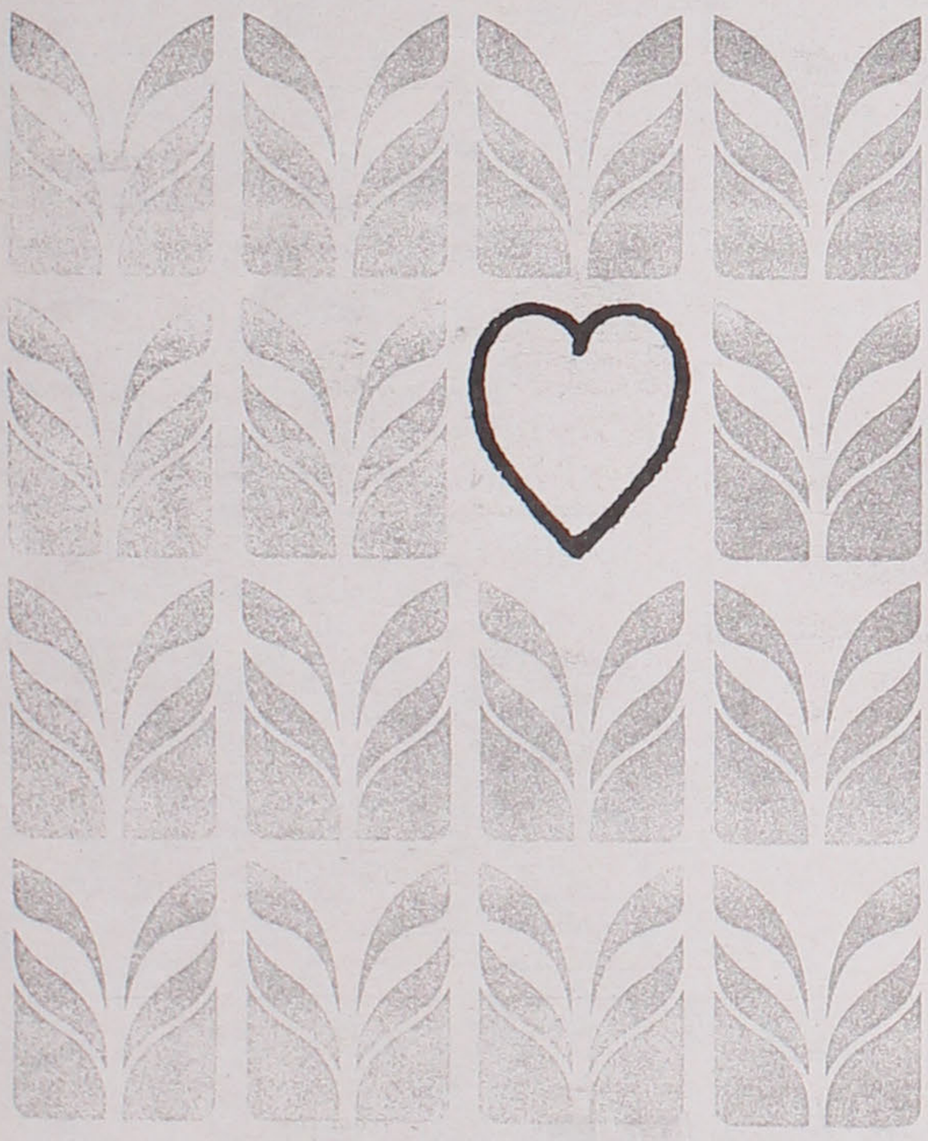

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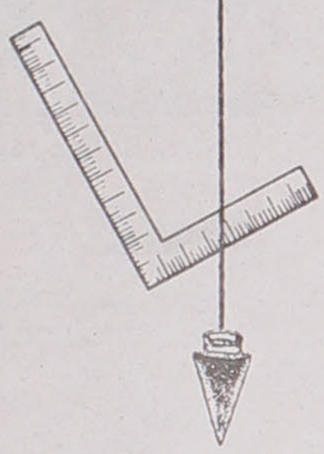

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a glimpse of Jonokuchi's rollicking record as 1000 Club chair can be sampled:

On Mar. 13, 1965—The chapter's first 1000 Club social at Ken and Aya Teramura's home was co-chaired by Charlies Matsumoto and Jonokuchi. New 1000ers Betty Dixon, Fremont Ogawa and Taka Naruo were properly initiated — compelled to wear a party mask all evening.

Feb. 3, 1967—The 1000 Club frolicked at the Lime House; Dr. Frank Sakamoto's report was in the P.C. Newcomer Shiro Shiraga was surprised, thinking you had to pay $1,000 to join and relieved it was only $25 in those days.

In 1970, National JACL honored Jonokuchi with the Silver Pin.

March, 1971—With "Teahouse under the October Moon" (whing dings pay no attention to the calendar) as the theme at the Country Garden, Eddie took the audience on a group tour to and from Japan: from O'Hare to Hawaii and on to Tokyo and back.

March, 1972—A repeat date at Country Garden, the whing ding theme was the "Best of Japan."

March, 1973—Same location: Theme tonight was "A Night in Hawaii."

March, 1974—This was the year of the energy crisis, so Eddie arrived riding in a buggy being pushed by"nursemaid" Charlie Matsumoto. The buggy had a sign: "On to Portland - National JACL Convention, May, 1974."

March, 1975—"Club Casino" was the theme at Country Garden.

March, 1976—As if running out of original titles, this one was simply, "Reflection, '76."

November, 1977—From the chapter newsletter: Chairman Tak Kataoka pleaded for volunteers to be on the Board, commenting that many had served for two and three terms but that our 1000 Club chairman Eddie has been serving "permanently."

February, 1978—The chapter 1000 Club roll shows 33 members; there were 50 regular members.

March, 1978—The theme was "Mardi Gras," but the flyer said it will be X-rated.

March, 1979—Again at Country Garden, Paul Kekoa with ukulele was the guest artist entertaining for "A Night in Hawaii." P.S.—A party in the adjoining room wanted to borrow him for the evening because theirs was boring.

April, 1980—The theme was "Good Ole School Days."

February, 1981—In the newsletter, Eddie is quoted: "The reason I take the chairmanship for the 1000 Club all these years is that whenever I want something done or call for help, everyone cooperates. When Ed speaks, they all listen."

April, 1981—The theme: "Good Ole Western Days."

December, 1982—Eddie announced he is retiring after 23 years as 1000 Club chairman and that Roy Mukai was asked to take over.

April, 1986—Diane Aratani (now in Tucson) took over as 1000 Club chair.

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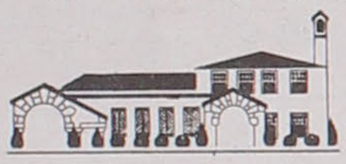

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"Fujishock" domestically eliminated subsidies and allowed the market place to determine price. There were news reports that even the price of bread had shot up drastically. But, it all checked the spiraling rate of inflation so that by 1992, it dropped to 56% and the goal for this yearend was 22%. Peru is back in the international financial world and now attracting foreign investments, including prospects from China.

There was a glowing report on Peru published as an advertising supplement to the USA Today on Nov. 15. Its fourth paragraph, pretty much, summarizes President Fujimori's first 1,000 days:

"Since taking office that year (1990), President Fujimori has embarked on an orthodox economic program aimed at salvaging Peru and is implementing it with an iron fist and Japanese zeal and the with the backing of the population."

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On a personal note, tourism is making its comeback, despite the bad publicity and cholera scare of 1991. President Fujimori, at his talk before the World Affairs Council in Los Angeles last June, said to the business leaders: "Peru offers excellent investment opportunities .... you can easily convince yourself by coming to Peru. Come visit and enjoy the natural wonders of an ancient and fascinating nation."

And he cited the world-famous ruins of Machu Picchu, the ancient Inca capital of Cuzco and the mysterious Lines of Nazca to the south. The recent archeological discovery of the Tomb of the Lord of Sipan (its travel exhibit at UCLA is about to end), which has been compared to the treasures of King Tutankhamen, has spurred tourism to the northern coast of Peru.

Some of the other wonders might be Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake; the world's deepest canyon and rapids of the Colca River in Arequipa or the environmental showcase of Manu National Park in Peru's Amazon jungles.

As PANA delegates prepare for their 1995 convention in Lima, to those who have been there at the second PANA convention in 1983 or who have stopped over in other years, listen to what President Fujimori says:

"You will not recognize it now; even if you came two or more years ago." And that's when many U.S. delegates, going home from the PANA Convention in Paraguay, were invited to the Presidential Palace in Lima and met with the President and the First Lady, Susana Fujimori. Many of us and more have accepted the President's invitation.

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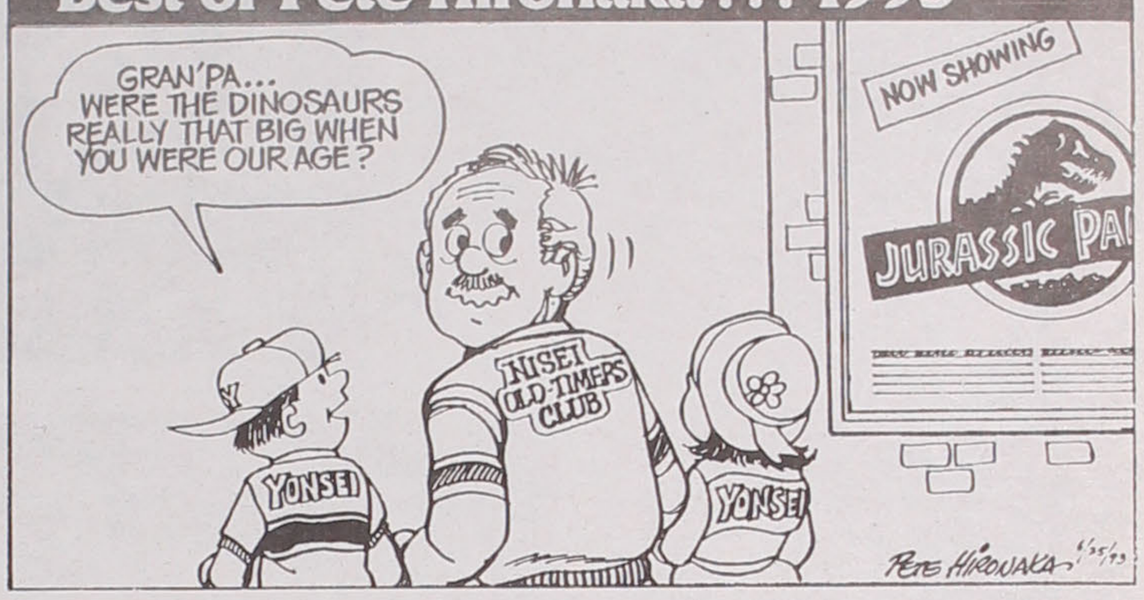

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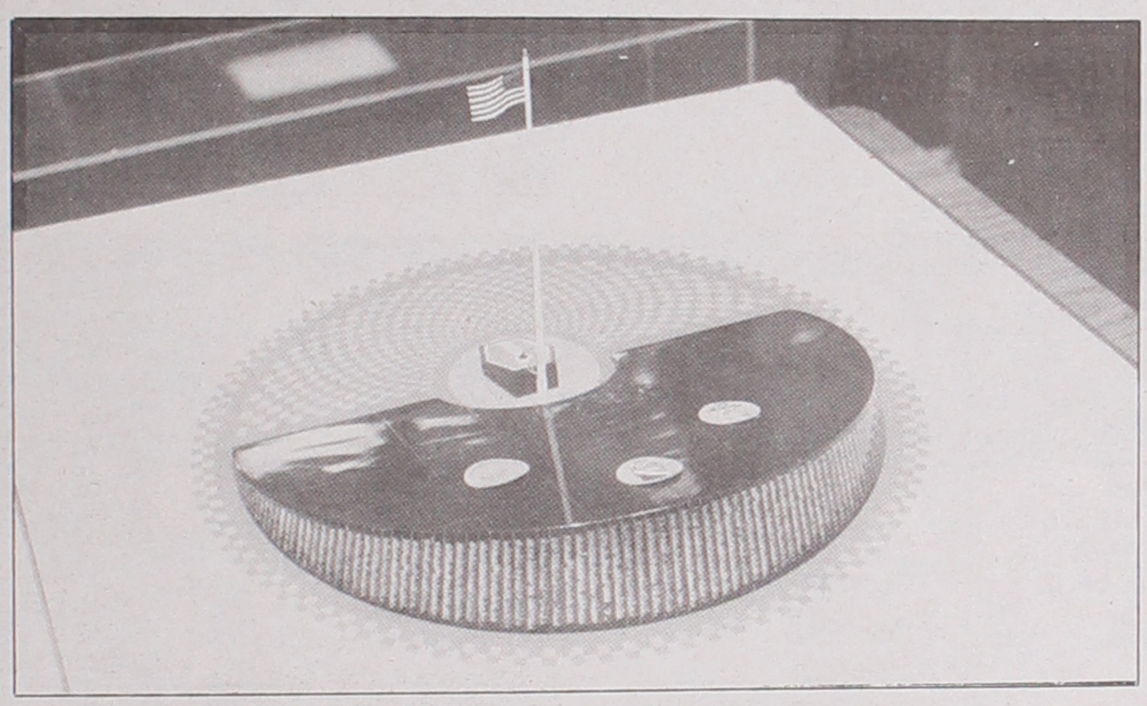

The 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation wishes to thank the more than 7,000 generous contributors who have given over $700,000 to help build the Japanese American WWII Veterans Memorial which will be located in the center of the First Street North Plaza development. The one square block Plaza will sit adjacent to Little Tokyo and the Los Angeles Civic Center Complex.

The Veterans Memorial will be strategically located to tell the many thousands of viewers each day the story of what happened to the Japanese Americans during World War II. It is important that this story be presented to serve as a constant reminder to everyone in our country but especially to our own future generations of Japanese Americans that such violations of our U.S. Constitution and discrimination should not be suffered by any future group because of their ancestry.

In this year's Holiday issue, a progress report is being made instead of publishing a complete listing of names as was done in 1992 and 1991. In 1994, the plan is to present the complete listing of names for a final check up before turning over the final listing to the stone engravers to complete the black granite panels for the monument. The 100th Battalion and the 442nd RCT list is now complete. The duplications, omissions and misspelled names have already taken thousands of hours of work to correct, but there are still existing two large gaps of information which you can assist us with. Thus far, with the assistance of MIS veterans themselves, their relatives and their friends, two-thirds of the 6,000 MISers' first names have been identified, but this leaves 2,000 MISers' names still remaining with only their first name initials. If the full first names are not found, the real losers might be their children, grandchildren and the future generations of children. The second gap of missing names are even more difficult to find in that these are the names of those Japanese Americans who served overseas in the Armed Forces during World War II, for example, about 300 replacements for assignment to the 442nd RCT, during the 1944/1945 Winter, were individually diverted and sent to various other units engaged in the "Battle of the Bulge." We learned about this from one of the replacements who made a personal inquiry to our Name Criteria Selection Committee (NCSC). The person who had made the initial inquiry has since been certified to be included in the Honor Roll of the Veterans Memorial; however, he was unable to give us any additional names or addresses for further assistance in the "tracking down" process. We have been getting other letters and have heard of other individuals; but, here we are totally dependent upon either the veterans, their relatives, family members or friends to help in finding these names. If you have any information which may help us to complete our name search, please contact the Foundation for a Name Nomination Form or Name Correction Form.

Our current plan is to have a ground breaking ceremony to coincide with Veterans Day in 1994. Our plan then is to complete our fund raising campaign by 1995 and to invite the community to the Dedication Ceremony to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the ending of World War II, September, 1995.

The Japanese American World War II Veteran's Memorial is not a war memorial to glorify any war. Rather it is our hope and wish that it will be seen and appreciated as a Memorial to honor those who offered their lives for America, to acknowledge the loyalty of the Japanese Americans to America, to stand as a constant reminder to be ever vigilant to fight prejudice, discrimination and injustice.

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The Foundation is launching its Phase II Fund Raising Campaign to raise the final additional $1,800,000. In this endeavor, we have been most encouraged by the many sponsor/donors who have made known their wish to dedicate individual names on the Honor Roll by contri-buting $200 for each name dedicated. The $200 is the approximate cost to place a name on the Honor Roll based on the overall project cost of $2,500,000.

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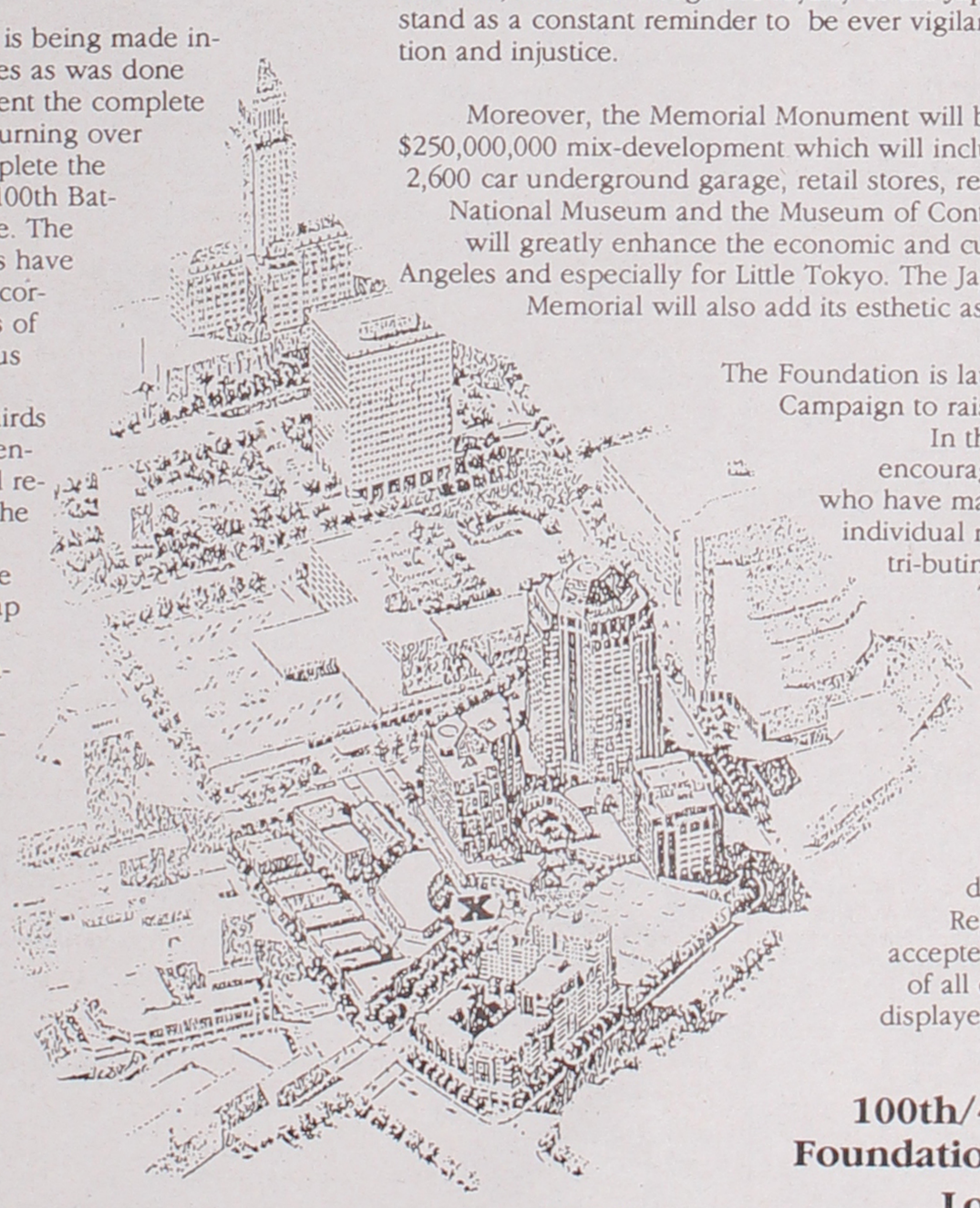

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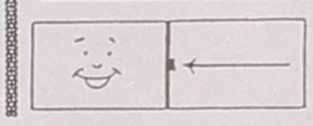

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Shortly before midnight Pa would come home from the office, where he had been sweeping and scrubbing and otherwise preparing for the coming year. Usually he brought home a huge, steaming pot of noodles in chicken soup which all of us helped dispose of. This, too, we were told, was an old Japanese custom, the idea being that a bowl of hot noodles was mighty fine for thawing out the inner man chilled during the debt-paying rounds on New Year's Eve.

The practice was a delightful one, but like so many other old world customs, it falls somewhat short of modern needs. Take the matter of debts. Sure would be nice to pay off the mortgage on the house, but it still has another thirteen years to run, and from the looks of things it will take every one of those years to get it paid off. And the Christmas bills (shudder) won't even get here until after the first of January so how can we get them disposed of before the new year?

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One of the speakers at our meetings in San Diego was Arte Johnson, the little comedian of the highly successful "Laugh-In" TV show who, making like a German soldier, says "Verrry eenteresting." Johnson told us he speaks nothing but English, but he has made a lucrative living with dialect roles. This isn't too easy these days because people are so quick to become offended.

Not long ago, Johnson recalled, he pretended on a program to be telling an off-color story in Polish. He leered and gestured and laughed lewdly while mouthing a lot of gibberish that he thought sounded the way Polish ought to sound. A few days later he was astonished to receive a letter from some sort of ethnic organization protesting what was described as an unspeakably obscene performance that offended all Polish-speaking Americans.

Johnson wrote back asking for a translation of the story he had told and predictably he never did get a reply. Johnson told the story simply as an anecdote about his experiences, but the moral was only too obvious. Too many folks these days are protesting too much about too many affronts, real and imagined. And when one becomes overly sensitive, a lot of the fun drains out of life which is a pretty grim business without our purposely making it even more that way.

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will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong. Haskell took the lessons from nature further. "The power of what we can get done when we travel on the trust of one another is a quantum leap. Have you considered involving work group members on your major projects and decisions? Is your team really a team?"

I translate this message to JACL. In these difficult times and economic hardships, JACL must be creative in finding solutions to the problems of our times. There are those whose faces we may not see who are going through more pain and suffering than we realize. We can use our organizational thrust to make life less painful for those who have been affected by loss of jobs, by pay cuts, by service cutbacks, and by programs which help people. What kind of leadership do we need for these times? We need to think about that.

WORDS

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Kazuo Ikeda, San Luis Obispo Chapter: "To thank all the JACLers who were instrumental in winning the redress bill. To help the JACL continue to fight for the rights of the Japanese Americans."

Arthur Nakashima, Stockton Chapter: "I believe in JACL and all the good they have done for our community. Your present letter may wake us up to make more effort to help the Legacy Fund. We all seem to forget!"

Takashi Hori, Seattle Chapter: "JACL was instrumental in getting redress, and I believe they should be given an *orei.* That is the Japanese way. Also, I believe in JACL and in their fight for civil rights."

Wilce Shiomi, Seattle Chapter: "We will not get rid of racial prejudice In this country in our kids' time. We will always need some kind of voice to fight racism, and the most viable voice for us is JACL. I have a Yonsei granddaughter. As the Yonsei get older, they will in some ways go through the kind of discrimination that the Nisei experienced. The need for a strong national organization to provide some clout is still here."

Joe Allman, President of the Arizona JACL Chapter ($1000 a year for ten years to Legacy Fund): "JACL must remain a viable organization to represent Americans of Japanese ancestry and to protect the rights of all minorities. Our donation is to assist JACL to remain a viable organization."

Sud and Ruth Morishita, Idaho Falls Chapter: "In memory of Mike Masaoka's dedication to the principles of JACL. In gratitude for the JACL's continued and unparalled efforts towards justice and welfare for persons of Japanese ancestry."

Robert Nakadoi, Omaha Chapter: "I have been a member for over 45 years and also a Century Clubber for over 10 years. Without JACL involvement in getting the redress bill passed, we would not have received any compensation or redress. I owe to this great and wonderful organization. We all should pitch in."

Mary H. Sutow of Houston, Texas: "As mentioned in the letter with my memorial donation in memory of Iwao Kawakami (first PC editor), Saburo Kido, Hito Okata, George Inagaki, Joe Grant Masaoka, Mike Masaoka and Larry Tajiri, who were all very dear friends with whom I had worked in the earlier days of JACL. I made the donation because I received the $20,000 redress payment. The donation is in memory for the past leaders who established JACL and made it what it was. Now, I am not sure where the younger generation is taking JACL. I never thought "egoism" and "inferiority complex" were so strong in today's young Japanese Americans. I'm sorry I cannot contribute again as I am a widow on limited income.

Too,"for what is a question?" now."

Toshi Shimoura, Detroit Chapter: "I value the need to continue the work of JACL as it relates to legal and social justice. Bigotry continues to exist, and education is important. JACL provides a valuable network of people."

Ken and Jane Sugawara, Dayton Chapter (Painted Post, New York): "The JACL has made numerous positive contributions to the welfare of Japanese Americans during and since WWII. The future of JACL depends on the Sanseis. The Legacy Fund is an opportunity for members to contribute to the future JACL now."

Chiye Tomihiro, Chicago Chapter: "I contributed to the Legacy Fund because I felt that the Legacy Fund would help to insure the future of JACL. Although many of our third and fourth generation Japanese Americans may not see the necessity for an organization to protect our human and civil rights, as long as we are visible, we are vulnerable and need JACL."

H. Tom Tamaki, Philadelphia Chapter: "My strong belief in the continued need of a strong and viable JACL for the future generations of Americans of Japanese ancestry. To fulfill my commitment to contribute $10,000 to the JACL Legacy Fund if I qualified as a recipient. My desire to support Grayce Uyehara in her capacity as chairperson of the JACL Legacy Fund and for her untiring effort and dedication."

Teresa Maebori, Philadelphia: "JACL is the organization with which I most identify because it speaks to the issues of race and belonging that I confront almost daily. It is the one organization that speaks and hears my voice. It can articulate the particular problems I face as a Japanese American. I believe in order for my voice to be heard, I need the collective support of an organization like JACL which can make an impact and be a force in our American community. That is why JACL must continue and why I contributed to the Legacy Fund."

Rinko Shimasaki Enosaki, Washington, D.C.: "There will always be the ones to give and those who will always receive. I, for too long, have been a receiver. I need to give back for the future of my children and grandchildren—to fight misunderstanding, prejudice and encourage fair play for all. Thus, I gave in memory of my husband, George Enosaki, who volunteered for the 442nd; my mother, Hatsu Shimasaki, who became ill in camp and died shortly after leaving; and to the 100th battalion and the 442nd infantry and all the Nisei servicemen's heart rendering service and sacrifice which made it possible for me to be a receiver."

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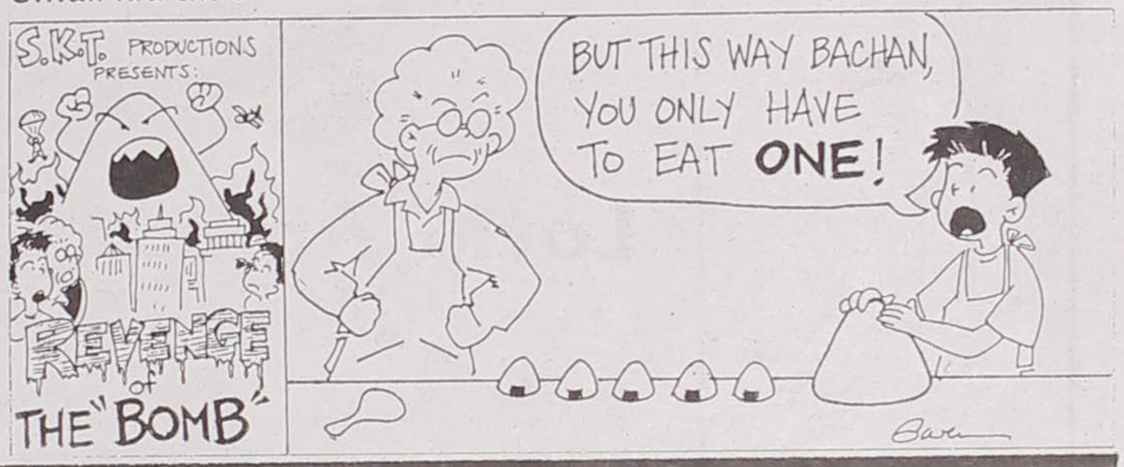

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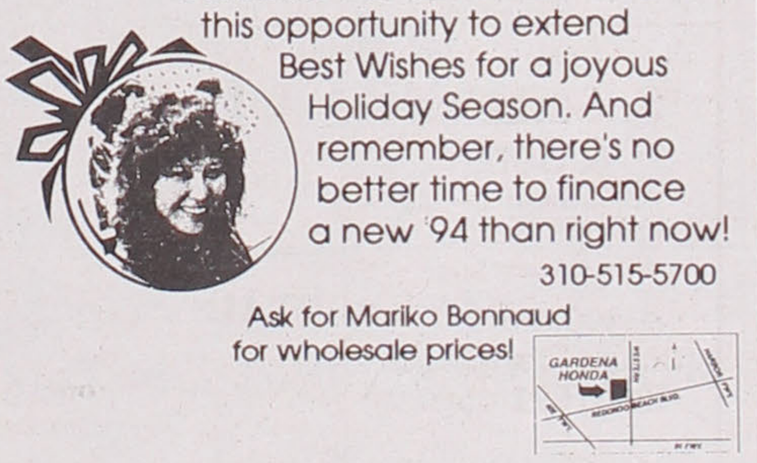

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Ruth was active in redress in the 1970s and 1980s, and remains active today, but her history in JACL dates back before World War II when she was the first woman president of the San Jose Chapter, JACL. During the 1950s, she moved to Albuquerque and became the first woman president of the Albuquerque Chapter. During this period, Ruth was instrumental in conducting citizenship classes to Issei who were recently eligible to become citizens. Today, she is credited with founding the Sister Cities Program in New Mexico. Ruth is also active with the University of New Mexico Cancer Center Advisory Board, the United Nations Association, the First Unitarian Church, Keep New Mexico Beautiful, the Albuquerque Coordinator for President's Initiative for International Youth Exchange, the Museum of Albuquerque Association and the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Recently, she volunteered for the New Mexico Council for Transportation Technology.

Dr. Sei Tokuda became active in civil rights before it became politically correct. While living in New England in the 1960s, Sei was active in voter registration for African-Americans in the South. Today, Sei is a past chairman and member of the Albuquerque Human Rights Board. He also serves as vice chairman of the Martin Luther King Cultural Celebration committee.

Sei has also has served as secretary for the New Mexico Chapter. He currently is vice governor in the Mountain Plains District, using his position for advocacy of human rights for all Americans. He is also serves on various committees on the National JACL level.

Harry Watson was a five time president of the New Mexico Chapter, and was president at a time when there was an atmosphere of anti-Asian sentiment. Harry was an advocate of redress when many Japanese Americans had difficulties backing the movement. In the 1980s Harry confronted a radio station that engaged in anti-Asian hate messages. Through his efforts, the radio station was forced to remove the offensive programming. Because of his efforts, the chapter established credibility in the area of civil rights.

Harry currently serves as the secretary to the Mountain Plains District. Harry serves as the Japanese language translator for the Japanese Sword Society of the United States.

Ron Shibata is Mountain Plains District representative to *Pacific Citizen Board*. He has been a Thousand Club member for more than 15 years and was the president of the New Mexico Chapter in 1976. Other past leadership positions include treasurer, vice governor, and district governor.

He has been director of The Japanese Sword Society of the United States since 1984. A native of New Mexico, Ron has been a practicing accountant in Albuquerque since 1973. Though his numerous volunteer activities keep Ron busy, he finds plenty of time to spend with his family.

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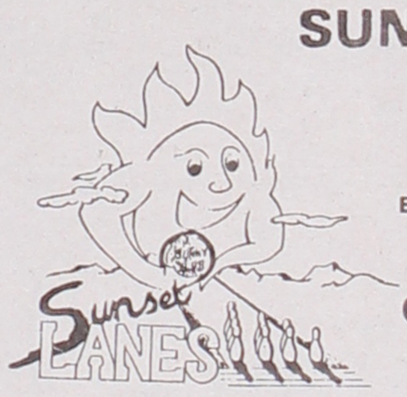

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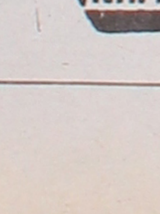

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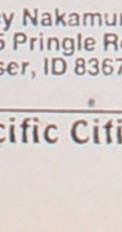

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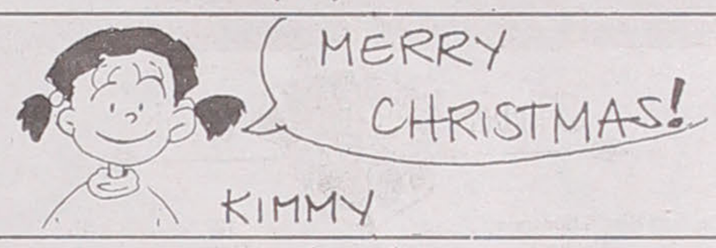

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Eden Chapter installs '94 officers

By TOMI MIYAMOTO

The Eden Chapter, JACL, officers and board members for 1994 were recently installed at the Willow Park Golf Club Restaurant in Castro Valley with Randy Senzaki, National JACL Director, as installing officer. The guest speaker was Judy Sakaki, Ph. D., Special Assistant to the President on Educational Equity and Executive Director of Student Academic Services, California State University, Hayward.

Our 1994 chapter officers and board members are Victor Fujii, president; Karen Shinoda and Dick Sasaki, co-vice presidents; Ada Wada, recording secretary; Yo Kawabata, correspondence secretary; Ted Kitayama and Shig Naito, co-treasurers; Doris Chinen, membership; Tomi Miyamoto, historian/media; Tets Sakai, 1000 Club; Robert Sakai, scholarship; Ada Wada and Ichiro Nishida, official delegates; James Tsurumoto, insurance commissioner; Ishiro Nishida, legacy fund; Isako Momono and Yo Kawabata, JASEB reps.; Yone Ito and Ichiro Nishida, PC holiday issue; and Ichiro Nishida, chapter newsletter. Board members are Robert Agawa, Georgene Deardorff, Yas Ishida, Kunio Okui, Moses Oshima, Wes Sakamoto, Reverend James Toda, Motoichi Yanagi, James Takeuchi, Sally Yokomizo, John Yamada, Janet Mitobe, Harry Tanabe, and Fred Miyamoto.

Eden Youth-Jr. JACL officers are Jennifer Lee, president; Kevin Shinoda, vice president; Sumiko Kanzaki, secretary; Jason Okui, historian; Cheryl Wong, treasurer; Jessica Lee, community services; Samantha Hojo, membership; Wing Lee, hospitality; and Erin Hashimoto, publicity.

The Eden Chapter sponsored community Christmas program took place Saturday, December 11, 1993, at 7:00 PM at the the Eden Japanese Community Center. Co-chairs of the annual event were Georgene Deardorff and Ichiro Nishida. Local youngsters, under the direction of Georgene Deardorff, presented a wide variety of performances. The climax of the evening was the appearance of Santa Claus with gifts for all the youngsters present.

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By JOE HORIYE

I do not believe that any of us would exchange places with any other people or any other generation. The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring... will light our country and all who serve it — and the glow from that fire can truly light the world.

—John F. Kennedy

January, 1993, marked the beginning of a new year, the beginning of a new presidency, the beginning of change. But more personally for me, January marked the beginning of a once in a lifetime opportunity, symbolizing the beginning of all beginnings — and knowing in my heart that the best is yet to come.

Our generation seeks a better tomorrow, a better future founded on dreams — dreams which must be supported through hard work and determination, reinforced with hope and faith, nurtured with compassion and love, and hopefully, proven over time. If we do not reach the Promised Land, I pray that the younger will remember the sacrifices made on their behalf and that their journey will be easier. Perhaps these expectations sound too familiar and they should, for these are the same expectations our elders have of us.

This world is constantly changing, changing in political, social, cultural, and economic terms. This world is where we must commit and recommit ourselves to excellence. This world is where we must define and redefine ourselves.

The moment of truth is now — challenges must be confronted and obstacles must be overcome. We must possess the strength and savvy to continue the fight of the older generation. We must have the courage and convictions to win our own. And yes, we will face familiar foes, such as crime, discrimination, disease, and poverty. But we must also prepare for additional adversaries who have yet to identify themselves. We simply must weather the storm.

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In the 90s, we must think bigger and we must be bolder. We must do better not because we are, not because we have to, but because we want to. We are proud of our heritage and history, grateful for the many contributions and accomplishments made by earlier generations. Yet, I am also saddened by a dose of reality, for it is rather difficult for people who have served as pillars in the old world to remain as pillars in the new world. The path we choose must now be our own, charting unfamiliar territories and seeking new horizons. *The path we choose must be our own.*

Let us go forward and celebrate the ending of the old year, but let us also go forward and celebrate the beginning of a new year. With a renewed focus and commitment to greatness, with a rejuvenated spirit and passion for life, let us strive toward the Promised Land, seeking that better tomorrow — Today!

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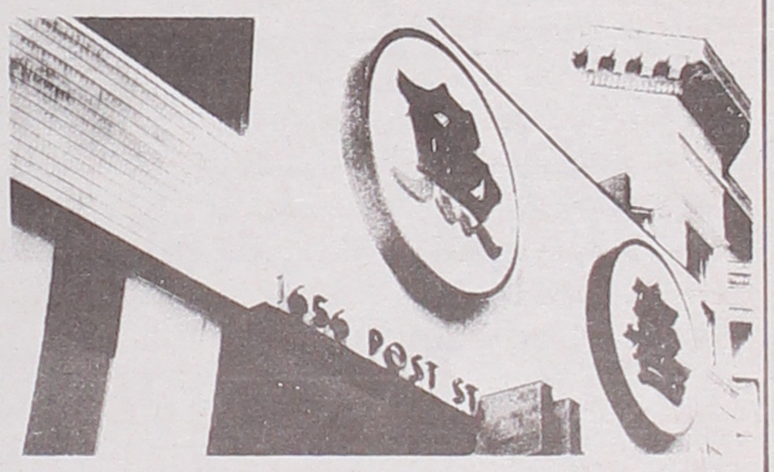

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recognized brilliance to Keystone Cops characters. The recession that Japan is experiencing is real and very much the result of the conscious bursting of Japan's economic bubble. The Finance Ministry has avoided costly domestic market stimulation because it believes that Japan must again adjust its economy, that it must change.

In the past, Japan exported out of recession and economic doldrums. Today, with such surplus manufacturing capacity, the world cannot absorb more products. Other items on Japan's economic agenda are reducing the politically troubling bilateral trade imbalance with the U.S. and shoring up its slipping competitiveness due to an inflexible labor force. The bottom line, as far as the Ministry of Finance perceives it, is that much of Japan's manufacturing must move abroad and that the social contract of lifetime employment must be altered. Japan needed a crisis on which to blame change. Certainly no politicians since Kakuei Tanaka, not withstanding the present Prime Minister, have the political wherewithal or vision to accept responsibility for a fundamental restructuring of Japan's economy. The best crisis to manufacture was *endaka*, high yen.

At the beginning of 1993, C. Fred Bergston, an economic advisor in the Carter administration and a powerful force behind the currency focus of the Clinton administration, made the comment that a higher yen would help reduce the U.S.-Japan bilateral trade deficit. Instantly, the yen shot up. The Ministry of Finance did nothing to intervene. Then, Secretary of the Treasury Lloyd Bentsen made a similar comment, driving the yen skyward 20%. Joint intervention finally stopped the surge at 100 yen to the dollar. The business pages of American newspapers brimmed with stories of more Chrysler sales and dog days for Honda and Toyota. The yen rate appeared to be the key, and Americans thought that they had finally gotten a leg up on Japan which was quickly losing market share in autos. But then a friend, R. Taggart Murphy, who is authoring an important book on Japan's Ministry of Finance, encouraged me to read the Br'er Rabbit stories.

In this tale of the Old South, mean old Br'er Bear, fed up with the pesky and annoying Br'er Rabbit, wanted to deliver pain and suffering to the long-eared bunny. But Br'er Rabbit, smarter than anybody thought,

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When treasurer Hito Okada scraped the bottom of the financial bucket and came up with nothing, in desperation he turned to the fledgling Intermountain District Council, the only surviving district after the Evacuation. The IDC, seven chapters and a thousand members total) pledged $10,000 a year, and came up with it for three years in a row. Translated into 1994 dollars, it would be almost $100,000 a year. Thanks to fellows named Eke, Joe, Ken, Tats, Doc, Kay, Joe, Hiro, Novo, and many others that scoured the countryside for the funds. Today, we could not do it with a much more affluent society.

Come to Salt Lake City where JACL controversies existed then as it does now. Where hard choices were made and harder efforts were required.

We opted to cooperate with the government rather than to resist Evacuation when every constitutional right and every moral principles were in our favor except the irrationality of wartime temper and behavior. We were criticized for our weak-kneed acquiescence especially by the after-the-fact theorists who did not face the hard choices and the harsh realities of life and death decisions requires by those on the front lines of any battle.

In the fall of 1943, in the old Japanese Church of Christ Chapel, still standing on West First South Street, the decision to petition the government to reinstitute the Selective Service for Japanese Americans and create the all Nisei 442 Regimental Combat Team was made. This in spite of the fact that the very Government for which we offered up our bodies and life was the same Government that incarcerated our parents, our brothers and sisters, our grandparents, and us in a concentration camp for no valid reason at all.

Was this a hard choice? Was it controversial? You bet it was. Yet it was the catalyst that touched the American conscience and paved the way to acceptance.

Yes, we have controversies in JACL today. It means that we are alive and well. Well meaning people devoted to a cause and working hard for the common good are bound to have differences of opinion.

Come to Salt Lake City for the 33rd Biennial National JACL Convention and let the clear mountain air and the fresh neutral background of Salt Lake City help refocus our views, resolve our differences, and reset our tangled priorities.

Come to Salt Lake City, the headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints commonly known as the Mormons, who like us, at one time were oppressed and persecuted and hounded by their own Government and by the people of this land.

Theirs was a religious persecution which can be as vicious and unrelenting and harrowing as any racial or political persecution can be. When in 1830 the Prophet Joseph Smith, in response to an answered prayer, organized the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, with its promise of spiritual understanding and its teachings of family values, health preservation, and ethic of work, it attracted such wide spread acceptance, that the rest of the populace in envy and in the fear of being taken over conducted a series of organized persecution that eventually drove the Mormons out of their land.

In the 164 years since the organization of the church, it has grown from five members to over eight million all over the world and is projected to reach fifty million in about twenty years. Across the street from our Convention hotel is the popular Temple Square visited by over 5,000,000 visitors each year—one of the five most visited tourist attractions in all of the United States. Lovely sister missionaries from many countries of the world serve on a voluntary basis providing free guided tours to the visitors in their own language if necessary.

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Finally for the "Old-timers," the ex-nat'l presidents, the ex- governors, the ex-chapter officers, the perpetual JACL workhorses- backbones of JACL activities- welcome to Salt Lake City, where we will get together and gab of old times, trade stories and anecdotes and wish we were young again. Let us know if you are coming—maybe you can help us.

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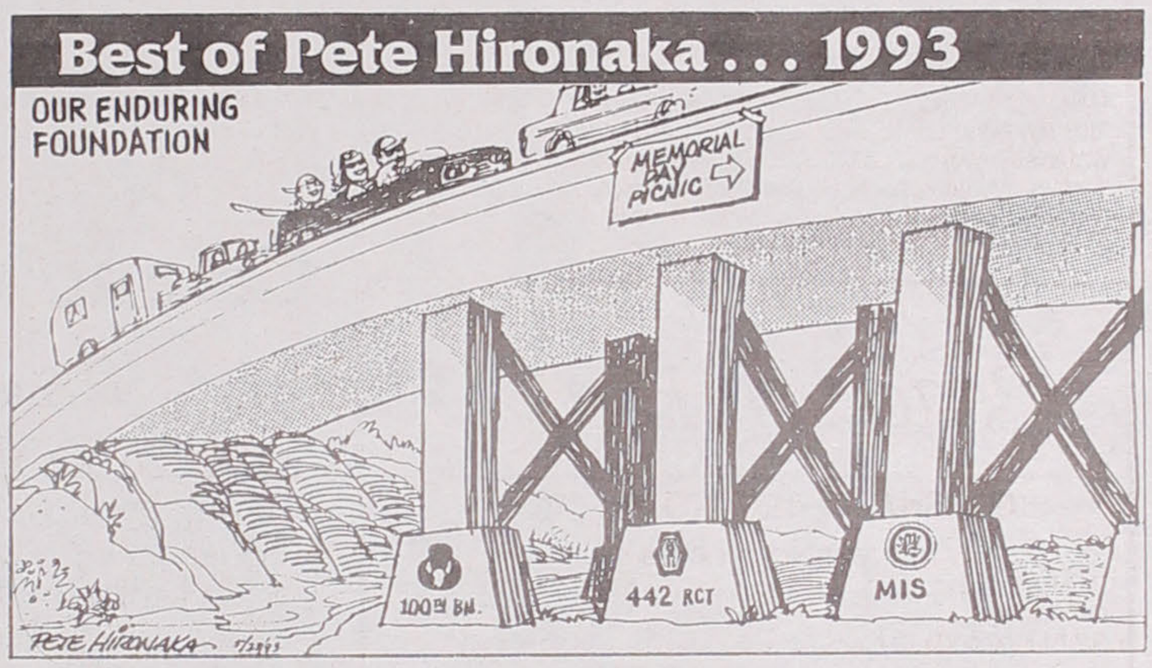

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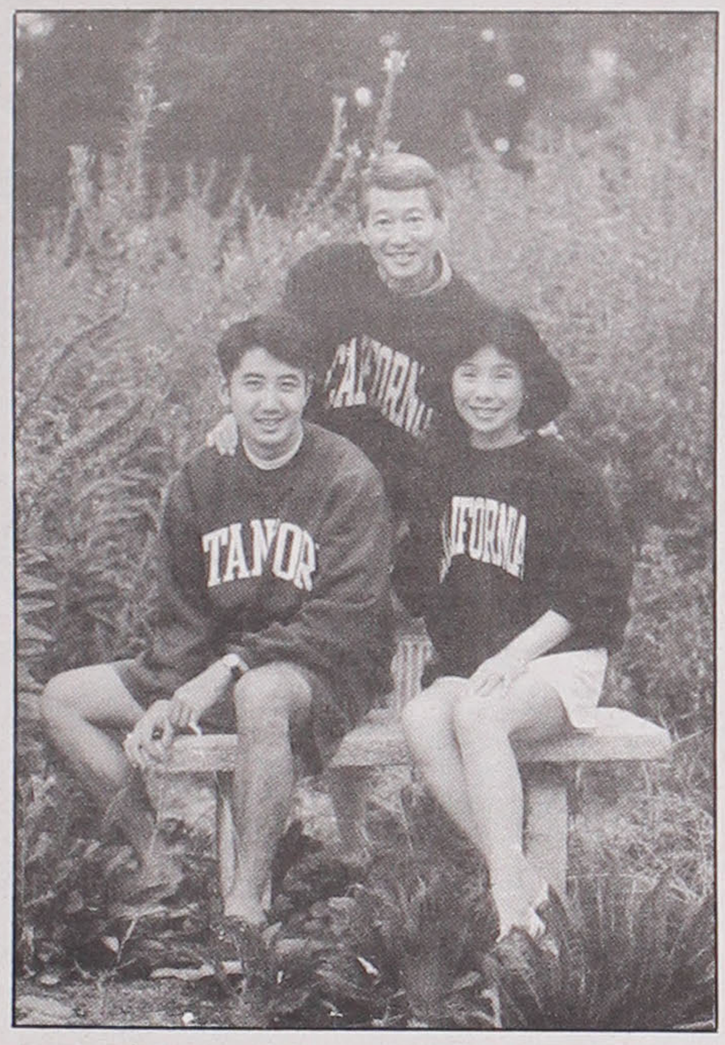

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Thanks to the support from our 17,000+ members and many contributors and volunteers in 1993, the Japanese American National Museum made great strides in fulfilling its mission. Your contributions are what make the difference, this year and every year.

The Museum opened its first regional exhibition, "In This Great Land of Freedom: The Japanese Pioneers of Oregon" in Portland and is laying the groundwork for similar projects in Kona, Hawaii, and New York City. Research continues for its next major exhibition, "The Nisei Years," set to open with the Museum's Phase II Building.

Also, the Museum received the 1993 National Preservation Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for its renovation of its historic building and hosted the 2nd National Japanese American Conference. Your vital contributions will enable the Museum to continue its work which benefits all Americans.

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Gila Camp marks 50th anniversary

By JOE ALLMAN
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On Oct. 3 and 4, 1992, a Gila River Relocation Camp 50th Anniversary Reunion on the opening of the camp was held in Phoenix and the Gila River Indian reservation. The event was chaired by Mrs. Helen Y. Mishima of Hilo, Hawaii, and was attended by more than 200 internees, relatives and friends.

The group drove to the Canal #1 site where many were able to locate the blocks in which they had lived, and it brought back many memories of past years, almost lost but suddenly not forgotten.

The caravan then proceeded to Butte #1. Located here is the japanese American Memorial to the men and women of the Gila Rivers relocation camp who had entered the Armed Forces of the United States from the camp and the water tower base. The vandallzied board with all of the servicemen and service women names inscribed upon it is no longer a part of the memorial.

Since that reunion, former internees, relatives and friends have been planning to build a monument at the canal camp site and to refurbish the old memorial and to build another small monument at the same location. Both sites are located within the boundaries of District 5 of the Gila River Indian community. Gila River Indian community officials are a part of the planning group. A presentation will be made before the District 5 community, and with their approval, a formal letter requesting right of entry and an outline of the plans must be presented to the Natural Resources Standing Committee of the Gila River Indian community for its approval, and finally presentation to the Tribal Council.

Plans for the placement of a small memorial board and aduplicate fishpond in the Gila River heritage park, adjacent to the Gila River Arts and Crafts center, are being considered at present. The Gila River Arts and Crafts Center has already made space available in its museum for the exhibition of photographs and artifacts of the internment.

Plans include a 50th anniversary for the closing of the Gila River relocation camp to be held in Phoenix, Arizona and the Gila River relocation camp sites during March 17, 18 and 19, 1995. Information will be mailed to former internees, families and friends to determine interest and participation.

The volunteer spirit

TROUPERS—Members of the Arizona Chapter dance group are, standing, from left, Colleen McCabe, Masako Takiguchi, Nancie Haranaka Tsubota, and Kane Akutagawa. In the front row,from left: Marilyn Inoshita Tang, Helen Hirohata, Miyoko Ariza, Margaret "Peggy" Matsuishi, and Debra Robinson.

Dance ambassadors

By JOE ALLMAN
President

These members of the Arizona Chapter, JACL, have endeavored to maintain the tradition of Japan by performing at various events throughout the state of Arizona. They hope to strengthen international understanding of friendship and peace. Their performances at events have included city of Phoenix Japanese Friendship Garden rock laying, Phoenix Martin Luther King Jr. breakfasts and dinners, Zedo Ishikawa Elementary School Mini-Matsuri, Glendale Bi-Centennial, Phoenix America Japan Week, and at numerous other locations. We are proud of this group and congratulate them for their extended hours spent in dance practice, the making of their own kimonos, and willingness in the promotion of Japanese culture.

Still searching for names

The Gila River Memorial Monument Committee is searching for names of all service persons who died serving in the United States Armed Forces during World War II whose families resided in Gila River during the years of 1942 through 1945.

The following lists the names we have to date:

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OTANI, S/Sgt. Kazuo, 26, 22-6-A, (Visalia), July 15, 1944

KOJAKU, Pfc. Shw, 23, 72-12-C, (Gardena), July 17, 1944

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MASUDA, S/Sgt. Kazuo, 24, 49-11-D, (Santa Ana), Aug. 27, 1944

MASUMOTO, Pfc. George H., 25, 23-2-A, (Selma), Oct. 16, 1944

KOMOTO, Pfc. Nobuo, 23, 23-13-D, (Selma), Oct. 17, 1944

KONDO, Pvt. Henry M., 23, 58-1-C, (Pasadena), Oct. 19, 1944

FURUKAWA, Pvt. Tatsumi, 24, 21-11-C, (Concord), Oct. 20, 1944

HASHIMOTO, Sgt. John, 8-14-A, (Fresno), Nov. 14, 1944

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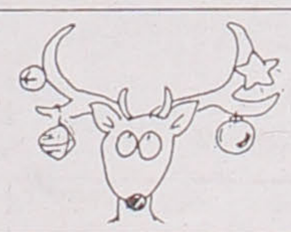

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Chieko Okazaki—Mt. Olympus' Dedicated volunteer

Chieko Nishimura Okazaki hails from Hawaii, "a child of humble Japanese laborers on a plantation on the Big Island," as she describes herself. After struggling to receive an education (Ed.B and 5th Year Certificate, University of Hawaii; M.A., University of Northern Colorado; Administrative degree, Colorado State), she became a teacher. Chieko taught in Hawaii for three years, 12 years in Salt Lake City and eight more in Cherry Creek, Colo., where she then completed 10 years as an elementary school principal.

Chieko married the late Edward Y. Okazaki and is the mother of two sons, Kenneth (Salt Lake City attorney), Robert (with IBM in Milwaukee), a daughter-in-law and two grandsons.

But Mt. Olympus Chapter, JACL, president Reid Tateoka (also a Salt Lake City attorney), in introducing her as their chapter's volunteer for this year's *Pacific Citizen* Holiday Issue theme, related that Chieko is "best known for her volunteer service with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, where she became the first non-Caucasian to serve on any general board."

In 1961, Chieko accepted the calling to the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association board and is presently first counselor of the Relief Society General Presidency, which is dedicated to full-time volunteer compassionate service. The organization has 3.3 million women in 147 countries and territories, a key indication in terms of scope and numbers for being the chapter's choice.

Her other church-related activities include teaching Sunday School, primary, young women, Relief Society and seminary; serving as president of the ward Relief Society, mission president's wife (1968-71) Japan-Okinawa and Japan Central and as a member, Primary General Board (1988-90) and Young Women General Board (1960-66, 1971-72).

Her professional résumé lists activities and leadership roles that range the gamut for a K-8 school teacher and principal of some 30 years with teacher education associations in Salt Lake City and Cherry Creek schools, on the superintendent's advisory council at Salt Lake City, district textbook selection committees, district K-12 committees on math, computer, music and architectural planning in Cherry Creek.

The latter involved Cherry Creek's first open-space school and team-teaching, developing curriculum personnel, scheduling and adjusting physical facilities. As consultant in open-space and team-teaching in schools, she has fostered the concept throughout Colorado, Alabama and Utah.

As principal, Chieko was assigned to open Cherry Creek's first four-track, year-round school and supervise student teachers and administrative interns. She served on the Northwest

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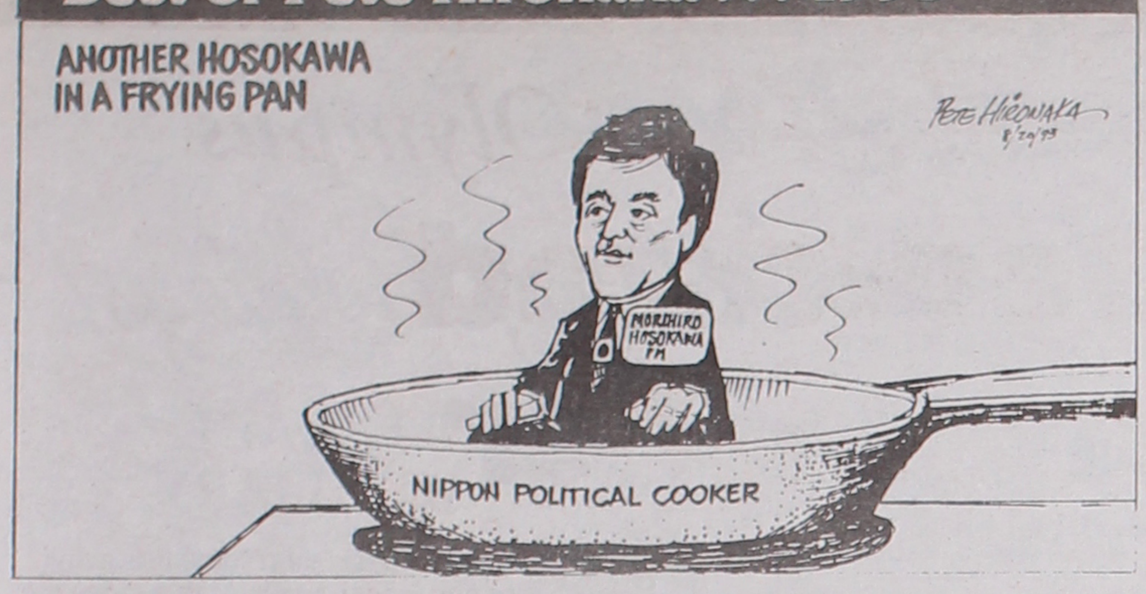

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Her string of honors began as queen (1940) of the first Keo Nakama Swim Meet in Honolulu, Daughters of the American Revolution's all-around student (1944), several outstanding teacher and outstanding citizen citations, such as Outstanding Geography Teacher (one of seven nationally honored from the National Geographic Society); runner-up in the State of Colorado Teacher of the Year (1968); "Elect Lady," Lambda Delta Sigma (1982); BYU Alumni Award for recognition of outstanding service (1982-83); Outstanding Teacher in Utah, *Utah Education Review;* and outstanding citizen, South Suburban Board of Realtors (1987).

Of lasting value are her just published books, *Lighten Up* and *Cat's Candle,* both urging its readers to increase charity and enthusiastic service. She also cut two audiocassette tapes this year: *The Power of Charity* and *Healing from Sexual Abuse.*

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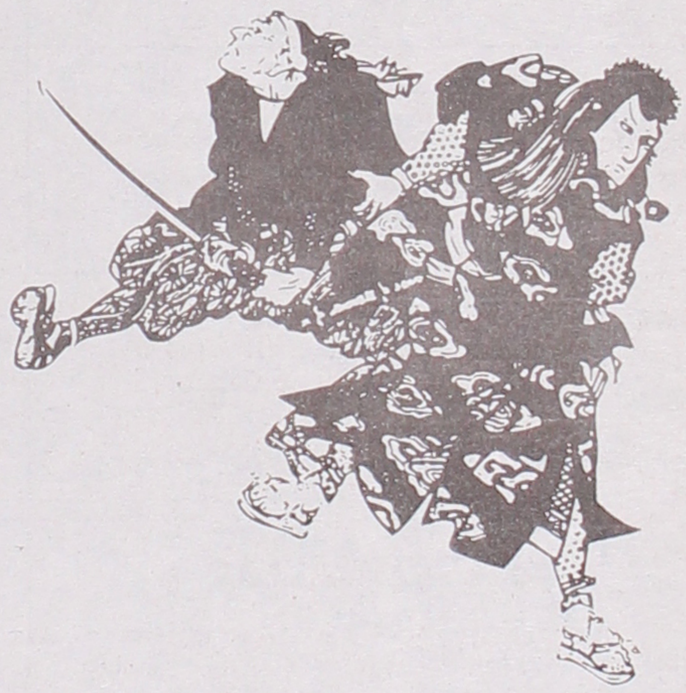

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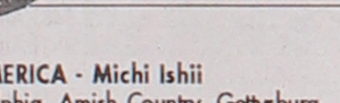

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colony were Kondo, Nagai, Yagama, Onozaki, Soji, Kato, Moriyama, Okuma, Tanamachi, Otsuki, Toba, Nomura, Okabavashi, Naito, Shimaoka, Takehara and Uchida. Most of the men were bachelors, and they left their homeland partly for the adventure, surmised Taro Kishi years afterward.

After three lonely years, one of the colonists, Sataro Kondo, was able to send for his wife, Fumi, and their three children. Eventually seven children were born to them

Kondo's son, S.A. Kodo, said his father came to the United States for the opportunity of a better life for himself and his family. In Japan they had farmed in the foothills of the Prefecture of Niigata. Raising an acre or two of rice was backbreaking drudgery, all done by hand.

The colonists built small or repaired houses left vacant by earlier residents. At least five of the farmers arranged marriages with brides in Japan.

The little colony was almost self-sufficient. Each colonist had a special skill. Most were well-educated, and one was a Cornell graduate. They came as tenant farmers not laborers.

Learned Language

Kishi and Junzo Nagai spoke English, and Kishi insisted that his children learn to speak the language flawlessly while retaining an appreciation for the traditions of Japan

Kishi felt an obligation to provide schools and religious instruction for his farm people, who eventually included many Louisiana Acadians and Micicans. Although most of the Japanese had been Buddhists, that religion is not antagonistic to any other, and many became Christians. Kishi enlisted the help of the Rev. W.W. Watts, a Methodist minister of Orange. With approval from the Methodist bishop in Houston, mission workers were sent to establish the Terry Methodist Chapel at Terry. Kishi deeded three acres for the church, with R.E. Markle, Taro Kishi and H. F. Banker as trustees.

In 1935 the Terry Chapel was the scene of the wedding of Kishi's daughter, Toki, to Tokuzo Hirasaki, Kishi's farm manager. They would have six children. The chapel stood until the 1940's.

Deeded land

Land for Orangefield school also came from Kishi. In 1928 he deeded 7.71 acres to trustees of Orangefield school district.

At first the Kishi Colony's farming efforts were successful. But within a few years they were battered by one disaster after another. Already hard hit by plummeting rice prices in 1909, Kishi lost one crop after another when salt water came up the bayou to his pump intake due to the deepening of the ship channel through Sabine Lake and Sabine River.

Kishi bought more land in 1919, but in 1920 rice prices fell to an all-time low, and he was hard-pressed to meet his notes. In 1921 passage of the California land laws forbidding Japanese to own, lease or control land in the state sent Japanese to the Texas Rio Grande valley and a few to the Kishi Colony.

Because of the problems salt water posed in irrigating rice, Kishi turned to highland crops. He bought tractors, and the Japanese at Terry grew hundreds of acres of cotton, corn, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, lettuce and cabbage, as well as 45 acres of fig trees.

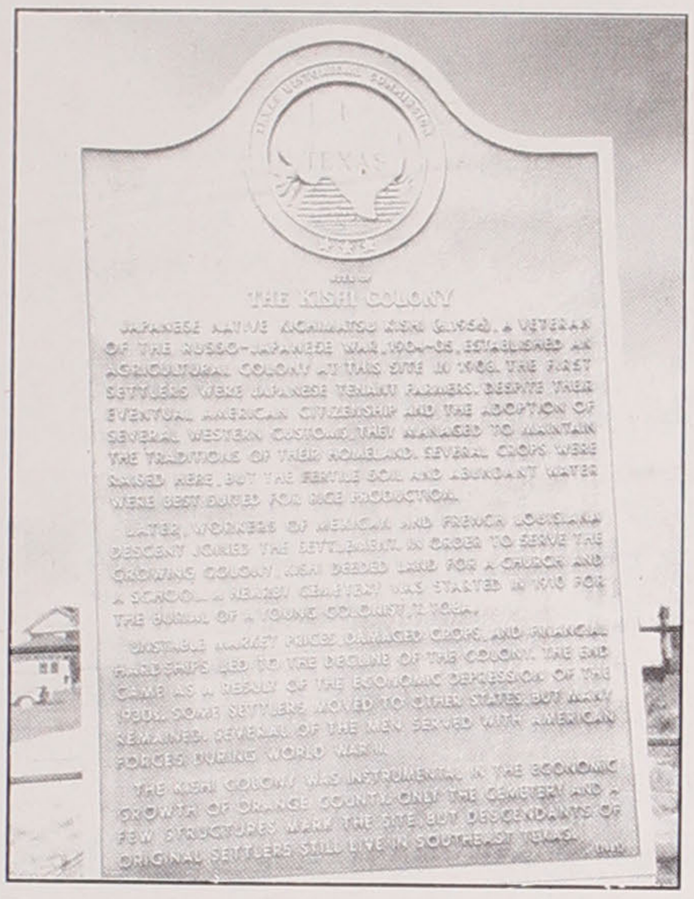
Bought land

Kishi bought about 300 head of mixed cattle and a few head of Brahmans and hired Peter McDonald to look after them. When oil was discovered on the Kishi land near Orangefield, Kishi formed the Orange Petroleum Co., which he later sold to the Kawasaki Shipping Co. of Japan.

Hard times fell upon the vegetable farm too. Cabbage seed was infected with a disease called cabbage yellow, and whole crops were lost. Severe freezes destroyed winter vegetables. Some of the Japanese moved away, and their offspring went into other professions.

The depression of the 1930s rang the death knell of the Kishi Colony. Mortgagers holding notes Kishi could not pay foreclosed, and the land passed from his hands in 1931.

Loyal Americans now, the Kishis and other Japanese watched in anguish the gathering storm clouds of World War II. Because of Kishi's sale of his oil interests to Kawasaki Shipping, he was called before a board of inquiry made up of FBI and U.S. Army and Navy intelligence officers. After the questioning, Kishi was released without restrictions.



This monument honors the Kishi Colony, who established an agricultural colony in Orange County, Texas.

Sent to camps

Other Japanese, also loyal to the United States, were not so fortunate. Some were sent to internment camps until the war's end. Some, like other Americans, died on foreign soil in defense of their adopted country. At least one from the Kishi Colony, Saburo Tanamachi, is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

The fragile Fuji Kishi died in 1951. Kichimatsu outlived her by five years. Fumi Kondo died in 1944, but Sataro lived on until 1966. He was 92. The Hirasakis continued to grow rice on the land that was once Toki's father's, and they reared their six children there. Both are buried now with the Kishis, the Kondos and others in the family cemetery.

Taro Kishi graduated from Texas A&M University, starring on the school's football team. He farmed rice for a long time before becoming a landscape artist. He passed away in July 1993 at the age of 90. Descendants of the Kondos live in Beaumont and Fannett, and one still farms rice.

On October 3,1982 the Orange County Historical Cornmission erected a Texas Historical Marker on FM 1135 seven miles southeast of Vidor where the Kishi Colony once was. Only the faintly foreign house and the cemetery are there now.

Battling Jap Road

Sandra Tanamachi Nakata below, left, who is related to Saburo Tanamachi, and Betty Waki, president of the Houston Chapter, JACL, have battled local communities to change the name of Jap Road for more than two years. In spite of

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arguments that the intention was to honor the early Isseis in the area, Nakata and Waki have continued to remind residents that the term is, today, a racial pejorative. The conflict has not yet been resolved.

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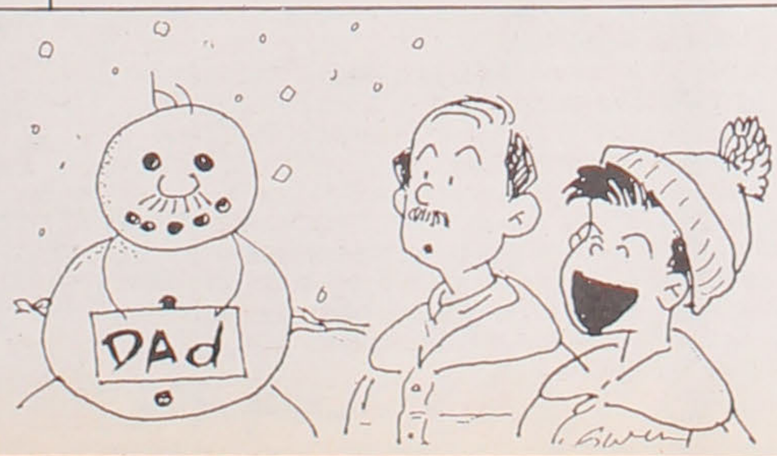

The JACL CONSTITUTION

Pacific Citizen has received a number of requests for copies of the JACL Constitution and Bylaws. Here, then, is the complete text of the most current and updated document, as adopted July 31, 1980; amended Aug. 13,1982; Aug. 17, 1984, July 24, 1986, Aug. 9, 1988 and June 21, 1990.

CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE

We, Members of the Japanese American Citizens League, in order to foster American Democracy, promote active participation in civic and national Life, and secure Justice and Equal Opportunities for Americans of Japanese Ancestry, as well as for all People regardless of Race, Creed, and Religion, Color, National Origin, Age, Sex, Sexual Orientation, or Disability, do establish this Constitution for the Japanese American Citizens League of the United States of America.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND OFFICES

Section 1. Name: The name of this organization shall be the Japanese American Citizens League of the United States of America. The official abbreviation shall be JACL.

Section 2. Offices: The National Headquarters and offices of this organization shall be located at such places as designated by the National Council.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. General Purpose: The purposes of this organization shall be to:

(a) Protect the rights of Japanese Americans as its primary and continuing concern. It shall also strive to secure and uphold civil and human rights for all people.

(b) Preserve the culture and values of Japanese Americans in a multi-cultural society.

(c) Participate in the development of understanding between all social and ethnic groups.

(d) Promote, sponsor and encourage programs, projects, and activities designed to further and to encourage members to perform faithfully their duties and obligations to the United States of America. The organization and its members shall uphold the Constitution and the laws of the United States and the several states.

Section 2. Non-Partisan Organization: This organization shall be non-partisan and non-sectarian and shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III. INCORPORATION AND SEAL

Section 1. Incorporation in California: The incorporation of this organization shall be under the nonprofit organization laws of the State of California.

Section 2. Official Seal: The official seal of this organization shall bear the words: "Japanese American Citizens League, Incorporated Under the Laws of the State of California, June 21, 1937."

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications: The membership of this organization shall be comprised of American Citizens who agree to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of this organization.

Section 2. Chapters: The individual members shall be organized into chapters of 25 or more members each.

ARTICLE V. CHAPTERS

Section 1. Organization Is Comprised of Chapters: The National organization shall be comprised of regularly chartered Chapters, Chapters in process, District Councils, and Members.

Section 2. Chapter Activities: The Chapters of this organization are encouraged to sponsor and to promote programs of their own which are calculated to serve their local communities in the spirit prescribed in the Preamble, and to participate in various projects recommended by the National organization.

Section 3. Relationship to National Program: The Chapters shall be as autonomous as is consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws and with the policies and programs of the National organization.

ARTICLE VI. DISTRICT COUNCILS

Section 1. Establishment of District Councils: The regularly chartered chapters shall be grouped together for administrative and program purposes into District Councils.

Section 2. Functions and Powers of District Councils: The District Councils shall (a) have jurisdiction over their member Chapters; (b) participate in and direct the National Program within their respective Districts as well as sponsor such activities of their own which shall serve the best interests of their District; (c) act upon all business matters referred to them by the National Board, National Council, and their authorized officers; and (d) coordinate the activities of the Chapters within the District with the National organization.

Section 3. District Constitution and Bylaws: Each District Council shall be governed by its own Constitution and Bylaws and have such autonomy as is consistent with the Constitution, Bylaws, and the policies and programs of the National organization.

The presiding officer of each District Council shall be the Governor.

Section 4. District Governors' Caucus: The District Governors' Caucus shall be comprised of the governors of the District Councils. The District Governors' Caucus shall elect a chairperson at its first annual National Board Meeting to serve for a term of one year and in accordance with rules it shall adopt. The chairperson shall serve as a voting member of the National Executive Committee. Resignation of the Governors' Caucus Chairperson shall be accepted by the National Board or the National President acting on behalf of the National Board.

ARTICLE VII. NATIONAL COUNCIL

Section 1. Composition: The legislative powers of this organization shall be vested in a National Council which shall be comprised of two official delegates from each of the chartered Chapters and the District Youth Representative from each District.

Section 2. Adoption of Program for Action: The National Council shall consider and adopt a Program for Action for the ensuing years designed to maintain and vitalize the National organization and to achieve its aim and purposes. Such actions shall be construed as establishing the policies of the National organization, and the National Board will be guided by such policies.

ARTICLE VIII. NATIONAL BOARD

Section 1. Composition of the Board: The National Board shall be comprised of the elected National Officers, the District Governors elected by their Districts, the National Youth Council Chairperson, the National Youth Representative selected by the National Youth Council, the National Legal Counsel, and the Chairperson of the Pacific Citizen Board. All Board Members shall have one vote with the exception of the National Legal Counsel and the Chairperson of the Pacific Citizen Board, both of whom shall have no vote.

Section 2. Powers:

(a) General Corporate Powers. Subject to the provisions of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law and any limitations in the articles of incorporation and these Constitution and Bylaws relating to action required or permitted to be approved by the National Council, the business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed; and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the National Board.

(b) Implementation. The National Board shall implement the resolutions and decisions of the National Council.

ARTICLE IX. NATIONAL OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Positions:

(a) The elective National Officers shall be the President, four Vice Presidents, and the Secretary/Treasurer.

(b) The four Vice Presidents shall be respectively designated as the: (i) "Vice President for General Operations"; (ii) "Vice President for Public Affairs"; (iii) "Vice President for Planning and Development"; and (iv) "Vice President for 1000 Club, Membership and Services".

(c) The elective officers shall be Active members of the organization and shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, except that the President shall be at least twenty-five (25) years of age.

(d) The office of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be held by a person with a working knowledge of accounting including analysis of financial statements.

Section 2. Appointed Positions: The appointive officers shall be the National Legal Counsel, and the Chairperson of the Pacific Citizen Board. These shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the National Board and shall have no vote. All appointive officers shall serve only at the pleasure and sole discretion of the National President.

Section 3. The National Youth Positions:

(a) The National Youth Council shall elect a Chairperson from within the National Youth Council at each Biennial Convention who shall serve for the following biennium and in accordance with the rules adopted by the National Youth Council.

(b) The National Youth Representative shall be elected by the National Youth Council and shall serve for the following biennium.

ARTICLE X. NOMINATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

There shall be a National Nominating Committee for National Officers as set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. National Council Vote Necessary: The Constitution and Bylaws of this organization may be amended by the National Council upon the motion of a District Council or the National Board.

Section 2. Notice: Notification of proposed Amendments must be filed with the National Director at least six (6) weeks before the National Council Meetings, and the National Director shall send a copy of the proposed Amendment to every Chapter at least thirty (30) days preceding the National Council Meeting at which a decision is requested.

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Section 3. Constitution Amendment: A three-fourths majority of the Chapters present at the National Council meeting shall be necessary to amend this Constitution.

Section 4. Bylaw Amendment: A two-thirds majority of the Chapters present shall be necessary to amend the bylaws.

Section 5. Amendment Proposals Without Notice: An Amendment to the Bylaws proposed at the National Council Meeting without prior notice, notwithstanding Section 2 above, upon endorsement by at least five (5) Chapters shall be considered by the National Council in the same manner as any proposed Amendment. Any such Amendment approved by the National Council, under the provisions of this Section 5, shall be refered to all Chapters for final approval and ratification by the majorities specified in Sections 3 and 4 of this ARTICLE XI. Such referral shall be made by mail within sixty (60) days after approval by the National Council, and shall be ratified by the time period specified by the National Council at the time such Amendment is approved but not to exceed ninety (90) days.

ARTICLE XII. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Section 1. Definitions:

(a) An Initiative is a process whereby the individual members may propose and enact Resolutions and other policies pertaining to the organization.

(b) A Referendum is a process whereby the individual members may vote to approve or disapprove Resolutions and Policies adopted by the National Board or other authorized decision-making bodies within the organization.

Section 2. Requirements for Initiative: An Initiative shall be instituted when recommended by three (3) District Councils and supported by signatures of at least five (5) percent of the membership of said District Councils as reported and recorded in the JACL membership list of the last preceding year.

Section 3. Requirements for Referendum: A Referendum shall be instituted when such is recommended by three (3) District Councils and supported by signatures of at least five (5) percent of the membership of said three (3) District Councils as reported and recorded in the JACL membership list of the last preceding year.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active Members:

(a) Active Members shall be members in good standing of a Chapter in good standing or a Chapter recognized by the National Council.

(b) Active members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of this organization, including the right to hold elective offices unless otherwise provided.

(c) Active Members shall pay dues as follows: (i) National dues set by the National Council, to be remitted by the Chapter to National Headquarters; and (ii) Chapter dues, if any, set by the Chapter, to be retained by the Chapter. Membership dates shall be established by the National Board. Membership dues shall include an Active Membership card, a subscription to the *Pacific Citizen* on the basis of one subscription to each household, and privileges of other special organizational services.

(d) Active members who move from one locality to another may have their membership transferred without further payment of any fees upon written request to the National Director by the member or Chapter involved.

(e) Reduced rates for additional members of the same family residing at the same address may be established by the National Council. Such additional members shall not receive the *Pacific Citizen.*

Section 2. National Associate Members:

(a) National Associate Members shall be persons eligible for membership in this organization residing in areas where there are no Chapters and are not members of any Chapter.

(b) National Associate Members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of this organization except the right to vote and hold local office.

(c) National Associate Members shall pay annual membership dues to National Headquarters as set by the National Board. Membership dues shall include a National Associate Membership card, one year's subscription to the *Pacific Citizen,* and privileges of other special organizational services. Additional members of the same household, residing at the same address, shall pay annual dues consisting of one-half the National dues but such additional members shall not receive the *Pacific Citizen.*

(d) Membership dates for National Associate Members shall be set by the National Board.

(e) National Associate Members who reside in or move to an area where a regular Chapter is in existence may have their membership transferred thereto as an Active Member without the further payment of dues upon written request of the National Director by either the Associate Member or the Chapter involved.

Section 3. Special Members:

(a) Special Members shall be non-citizens who subscribe to the purposes of this organization.

(b) Special members shall pay dues as follows: (i) National dues set by the National Council; and (ii) Chapter dues, if any, set by the Chapter. Membership dates for Special Members shall be set by the National Board.

(c) Special Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of this organization except that of voting or holding office.

(d) Special Members who move from one locality to another may have their membership transferred without further payment of any fees upon written request to the National Director by the Special Member or the Chapter involved.

(e) Life Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of this organization, including the right to hold elective offices unless otherwise provided.

Section 4. Student Memberships:

(a) Student Members shall be persons who are eligible for membership in this organization and are currently enrolled in a Trade School, Business College, College, University or other institution of higher learning at either the undergraduate or graduate level.

(b) Student Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of this organization unless otherwise provided.

(c) Student Members shall pay membership dues to be fixed by the National Board, of which a percentage shall be retained by the local Chapter. Payment of this amount shall entitle the Student Member to a JACL Student Membership card, one year's subscription to the *Pacific Citizen* if no other member of the household receives a copy, and special organizational services.

(d) Student membership dates shall be fixed by the National Board.

(e) Student Members who move from one locality to another may have their membership transferred without further payment of fees upon written request to the National Director by the student or the Chaptr involved.

Section 5. Youth Membership (JAY):

(a) Youth Members shall be persons eligible for membership in this organization who are below the age of eighteen (18) or the equivalent of a high school senior.

(b) Youth Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of this organization unless otherwise provided.

(c) Youth Members shall pay annual dues to be fixed by the National Board, of which a percentage shall be retained by the local Chapter. Payment of this amount shall entitle the Youth Member to a Youth Membership card, and special organizational services.

(d) Youth Members who move from one locality to another may have their membership transferred without further payment of fees upon written request to the National Director by the Youth Member or the Chapter involved.

Section 6. National Supporting Members:

(a) Membership Categories:

(i) Individuals who contribute in excess of the regular membership shall be known as National JACL Supporting Members according to categories defined by the National Council.

(ii) Such categories shall include: (1) JACL One Thousand Club, which consists of two classes:

(a) JACL Fifty Club, and (b) JACL Century Club; (2) JACL Corporate Club, which consists of three classes:

(a) Silver
(b) Gold
(c) Diamond

(b) Apportionment of Dues: Apportionment of dues between National and Chapters shall be determined by the National Council.

(c) Membership Dates: Membership dates of National Supporting Members shall be set by the National Board.

(d) Life Membership: The National Board shall adopt consistent policies and rules governing the granting and recognition of Life Membership.

ARTICLE II. CHAPTERS

Section 1. Chapter Requirements: The official Chapter charter of the organization shall be granted by the National Board when any group of individuals has satisfied the following requirements:

(a) Have twenty-five (25) or more American Citizens who shall have signed a petition for a charter subscribing to the purposes of the organization. The National Board may grant Chapter charters with less than the foregoing number if it deems the circumstances merit special consideration.

(b) Have a currently elected set of officers including a President who is at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(c) Have a Constitution and Bylaws which are consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the National organization and which are acceptable to the National Board.

(d) Have an application for membership in the organization accompanied by payment of a Chapter initiation fee, annual Chapter dues, and the National Membership fees for their members as set by the National Council.

(e) Have been recommended by the District Council in whose geographic area such proposed Chapter is situated.

Section 2. Chapters in Good Standing: The chartered Chapters to be in good standing shall have:

(a) A minimum of twenty-five (25) members unless the Chapter is operating under a special charter grant from the National Board;

(b) All National and District dues, fees, and assessments paid by the thirtieth (30th) day of June in a non-Convention year, or sixty (60) days prior to the National Convention;

(c) Currently elected set of officers, including a President who is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

(d) Cooperated in projects, programs, and services, promulgated by the National organization.

Section 3. Representation at National Council Meetings: Two official delegates and alternative delegates may be designated by the chartered Chapters to represent them at the National Council meeting of this organization.

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Section 4. Probation: A Chapter which has been inactive for two (2) years; i.e., elected no officers, or had no members, carried on no activities, paid no National dues, or had failed to respond to correspondence from its District Council and National Headquarters, upon being notified of such delinquency, shall thereupon be placed on a six (6) month probationary period. Such notification shall be publicized.

Section 5. Suspension or Revocation of Chapter Charter

(a) The National Board may suspend or revoke the charter of any Chapter which is determined to have committed any of the following infractions:

(i) Violation of the Constitution or Bylaws of this organization;

(ii) Refusal to a serious degree to cooperate in the National program; or

(iii) Failure to pay dues as set by the National Council.

(b) Prior to revocation or suspension of a Chapter's charter, the following procedure shall be followed:

(i) A notice shall be sent by certified or registered mail to the most recent address of the Chapter as shown on the organization's records. Such notice shall set forth the reasons for the proposed suspension or revocation. Such notice shall be sent at least (30) days before the proposed effective date of the revocation or suspension.

ii) The Chapter being so notified shall be given an opportunity to be heard, either orally or in writing, at a hearing to be held not fewer than five (5) days before the effective date of the proposed action. The hearing will be held by a special committee comprised of not fewer than three (3) Past National Officers appointed by the President. The notice to the Chapter of the proposed action shall state the date, time, and place of the hearing.

iii) Following the hearing, the special committee shall make recommendations in writing to the National Board. The recommendation of the special committee shall be approved by a three-fourths majority of the National Board.

ARTICLE III. DISTRICT COUNCILS

Section 1. Geographic Distributions: The National organization shall be divided into the following Districts with the following jurisdictions:

(a) Pacific Northwest District Council. Washington, Northern and Southwest Oregon, Idaho Panhandle, and Alaska.

(b) Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council—Merced County, Monterey County, and all other counties in California north of the aforementioned counties, Hawaii, Japan, and northwestern sections of Nevada.

(c) Central California District Council—Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, and Madera Counties.

(d) Pacific Southwest District Council—All counties in California south of Kern and Monterey Counties, the State of Arizona, and southwestern sections of Nevada.

(e) Intermountain District Council—Utah, Idaho proper, Southeast Oregon, adjoining eastern sections of Nevada, and adjoining sections of Wyoming.

(f) Mountain Plains District Council—Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, Montana, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and adjoining sections of Wyoming.

(g) Midwest District Council—Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama.

(h) Eastern District Council—Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Rhode Island, Virginia, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

Section 2. Establishment of a New District Council: A new district council may be established upon petition by three (3) or more chartered Chapters and upon approval of the National Council.

ARTICLE IV. NATIONAL COUNCIL POWERS AND MEETINGS

Section 1. Exercise of Powers: The National Council shall have such powers as designated in the Constitution and Bylaws including the power to: (a) elect National Officers; (b) set the National dues rate with the exception of special dues rate which shall be set by the National Board; (c) amend the Constitution and Bylaws; (d) designate the location of the National Headquarters and Offices; (e) establish policy reaffirming the purpose of the organization; (f) consider and decide upon any other issues properly introduced before the Council; and (g) any other powers granted under the Constitution or this Bylaws.

Section 2. Biennial Session: The National Council shall meet in general session biennially during the National Convention.

Section 3. Quorum:

(a) The quorum necessary to conduct business shall be the majority of the chartered Chapters in good standing.

(b) The members present at a duly called or duly held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to conduct business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum, if any action taken (other than adjournment) is approved by at least a majority of the members required to constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Notice:

(a) Notice of National Council meetings shall be given not less than ten (10) nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice shall specify the place, date, and hour, of the meeting; and (i) in the case of a special meeting, the general nature of the business to be transacted, and no other business may in that case be transacted; or (ii) in the case of the biennial meeting, those matters which the National Board, at the time of giving the notice, intends to present for action by the National Council.

(b) The National Director shall mail Chapter Presidents copies of the proposed agenda for the National Council meeting at least thirty (30) days preceding such meeting.

(c) Manner of Giving Notice: Notice of any meeting of the National Council shall be given personally or by first-class mail, telegraphic, or written communication, charges prepaid, addressed to each Chapter at the address of that Chapter then currently appearing on the books of the organization or the address given by the Chapter to the organization for the purpose of notice. If no address appears on the organization's records and no other has been given, notice shall be deemed to have been given if either:

(i) Notice is sent to that Chapter by first-class mail or telegraphic or other written communication to the Chapter's principal office; or

(ii) Notice is published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the membership of this organization. Notice shall deemed to have been given at the time when delivered personally or deposited in the mail or sent by telegram or other means of written communications.

(d) An affidavit of the mailing or other means of giving any notice of any National Council meeting may be executed by the Secretary/Treasurer, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, or any other party of the organization giving the notice and if so executed, shall be filed and maintained in the minutes book of the organization.

Section 5. Adjourned Meeting: National Council meetings, biennial or special, whether or not a quorum is present, may be adjourned from time to time by the vote of the majority of the Chapters represented at the meeting, either in person or by proxy. But in the absence of a quorum, no other business may be transacted at such meetings, except as provided in this Article V [below].

Section 6. Special Meetings

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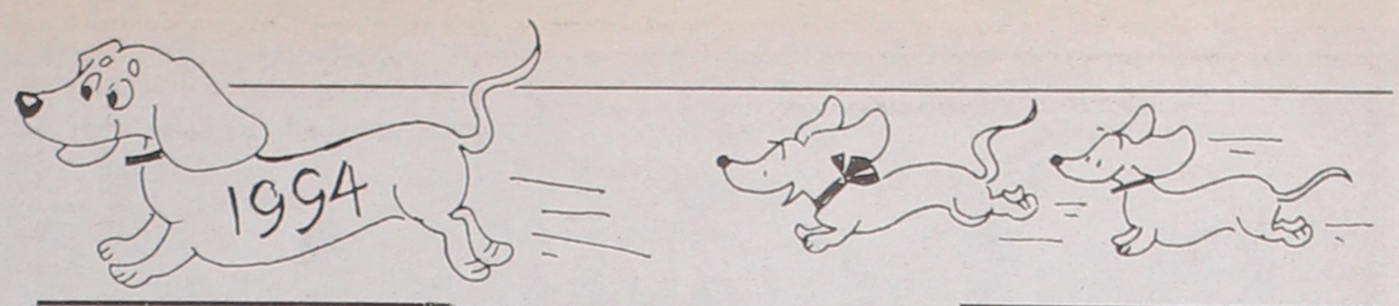

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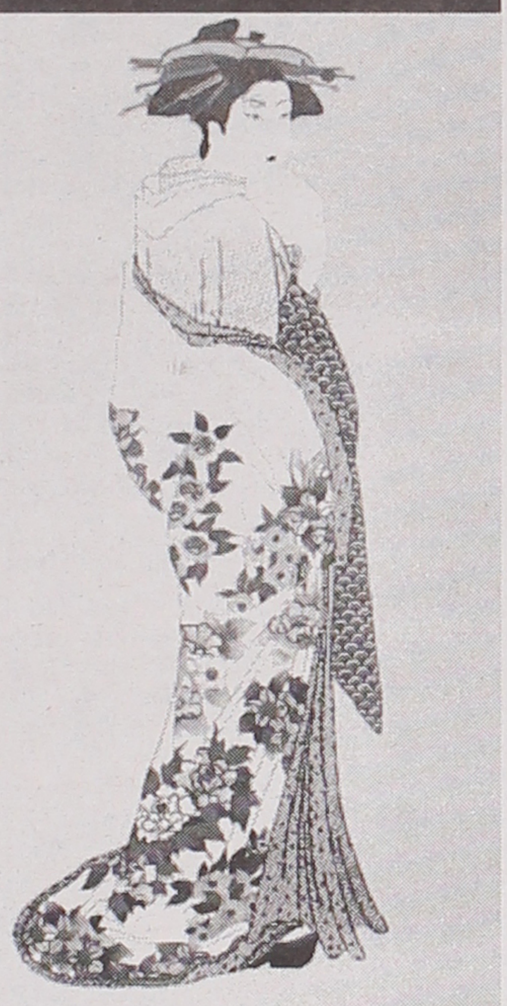

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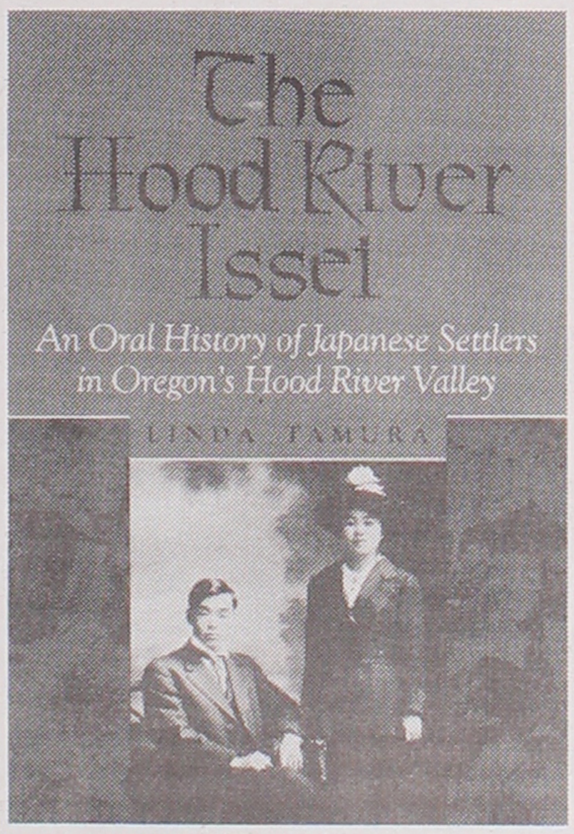

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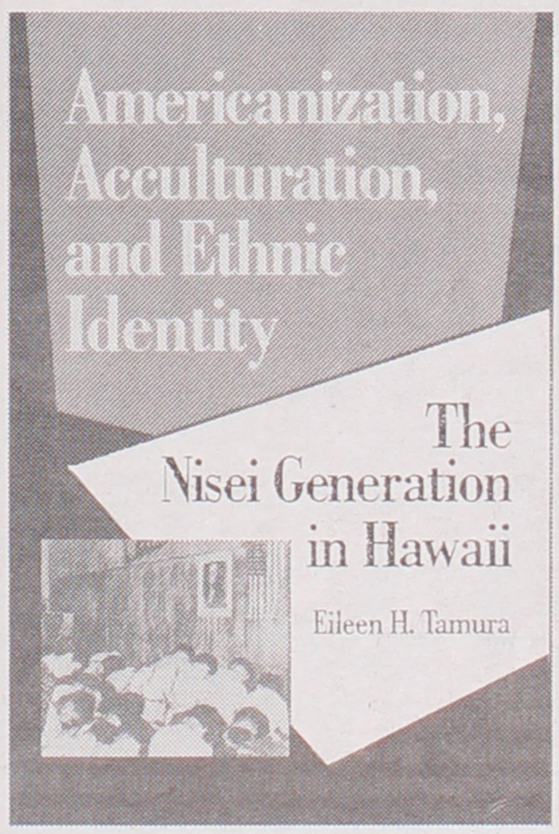

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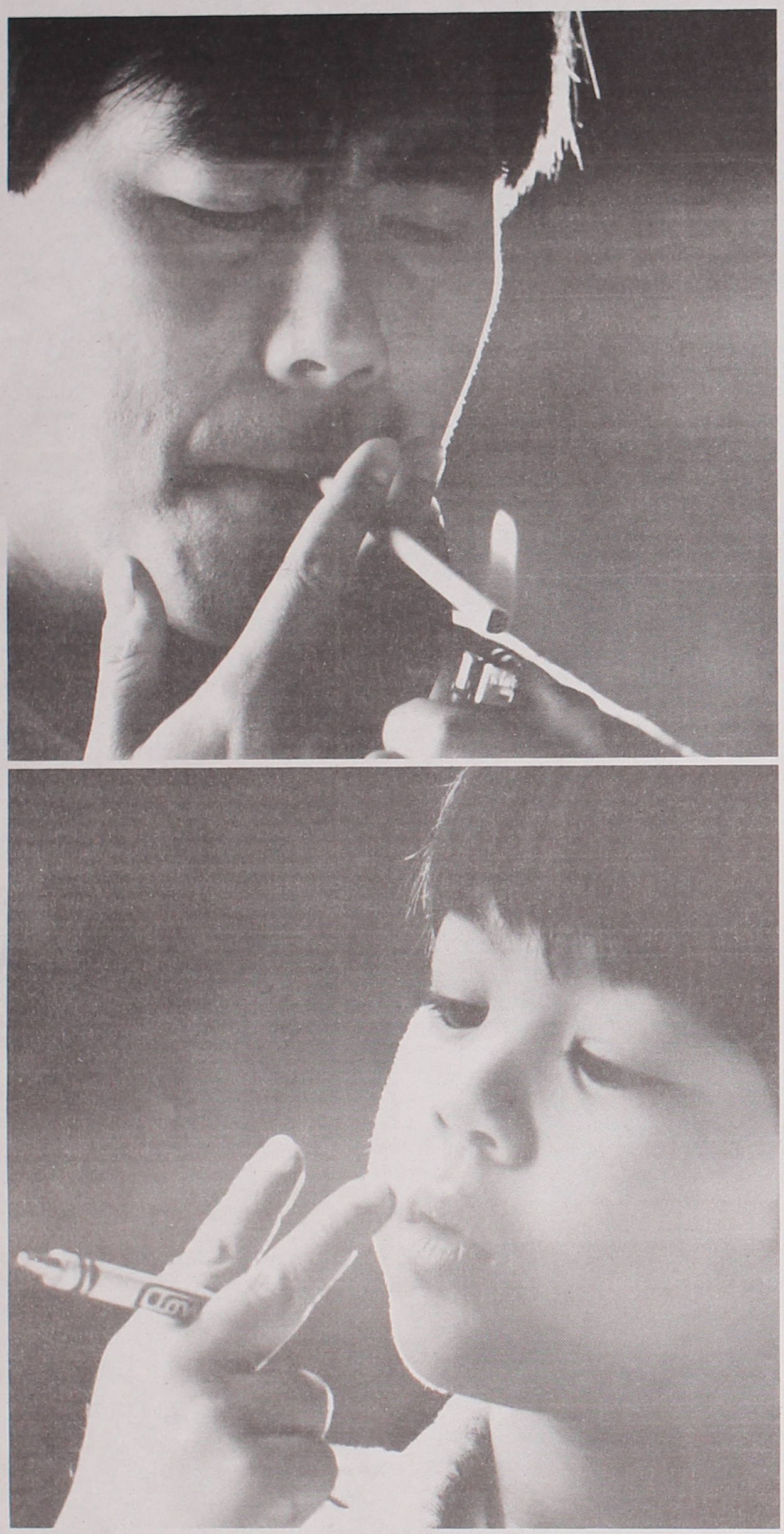

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(a) Special Session: The National Council shall meet in special session upon the call of the President or the National Board.

(b) Special Meetings for Removal of nationally-elected Board Members: Special meetings of the National Council for the purpose of removal of National Board Members and election of their replacements may be called by five (5) percent or more of the Chapters. If a special meeting is called by Chapters, the request for the meeting shall be submitted by such Chapters in writing, specifying the general nature of the business proposed to be transacted, and shall be delivered personally or sent by registered mail or by telegraphic or other facsimile transmission to the President, any Vice President, or Secretary/Treasurer of the organization. The Officer receiving the request shall give notice of the Chapters entitled to vote, that a meeting will be held and the date for such meeting, which a date shall not be less than thirty-five (35) nor more than ninety (90) days following the receipt of the request. If the notice is not given within twenty (20) days after receipt of the request, the Chapters requesting the meeting may give the notice. Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed as limiting, fixing, or affecting the time when a meeting of the National Council may be held when the meeting is called by the National Board.

ARTICLE V. VOTING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL

Section 1. Eligibility to Vote: Only Chapters in good standing may vote in National Council sessions, with each Chapter entitled to one vote. The District Youth Representative of each District shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 2. Majority Vote Required: The majority vote of Chapters present and constituting a quorum at the National Council shall determine business before the National Council.

Section 3. Action by Written Consent Without a Meeting: The results of telegraphic, telephonic or mail voting shall be binding on all Chapters in emergencies when the National Director shall have conducted a special poll at the direction of the President who shall announce the results of such special polls. The President shall refer an official request from a District Council to the National Director for a special poll within thirty (30) days after date of mailing for the return ballot. A majority of the votes returned shall decide the outcome of the proposed issues, provided a majority of the Chapters of the organization reply. All such written ballots shall be filed with the Secretary/Treasurer of the organization and maintained in the organization's records. In mail voting, the National Director shall mail either a self-addressed envelope or a postcard to each Chapter by certified mail and set a deadline of thirty (30) days after date of mailing for the return of the ballots. All such solicitations shall indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements and with respect to ballots other than for election of Officers, shall state the percentage of approvals necessary to pass the measure submitted. The solicitations shall also provide spaces for approval, disapproval, and abstention.

Section 4. Proxies:

(a) Voting by proxy shall be permitted when it shall be inconvenient for Official Delegates to attend meetings of the National Council.

(b) Such proxies shall be in writing, signed by the Chapter President or delegate and dated, and shall include whatever restriction and instructions the chapter deems necessary and proper under the circumstances, and provided that the chapters represented by proxy shall have paid the minimum National Convention Proxy fee.

(c) No active member shall hold more than three (3) proxies.

(d) The proxy shall be signed by the proxy holder as having accepted the restrictions and instructions on the proxy.

ARTICLE VI. NATIONAL BOARD

Section 1. Number of Board Members: The authorized number of Board Members shall be not more than eighteen (18).

Section 2. Election and Term of Office of Board Members: The National Officers shall be elected pursuant to Article VIII of these Bylaws and shall hold office until the next biennial National Convention as set forth in Article VIII of these Bylaws or until the election of a successor. However, if any National Convention is not held or Officers are not elected, Officers may be elected at any special National Council meeting held for that purpose. Each Board Member, including those elected to fill a vacancy or elected at a special National Council meeting, shall hold office until expiration of the term for which elected and qualified. District Governors shall be elected by Chapters in their respective District.

Section 3. Vacancies:

(a) Events Causing Vacancy: A vacancy in the National Board shall be deemed to exist on the occurrence of the following:

(i) The death, resignation, removal or impeachment of any Board Member;

(ii) The declaration by resolution of the National Board of vacancy in the office of a Board Member who has been declared of unsound mind by an order of court or convicted of a felony or has been found by final order or judgment of any court to have breached a duty under the California Nonprofit Corporation Law;

(iii) The vote of the Chapters to remove a Board Member;

(iv) The increase of the authorized number of Board Members; or

(v) The failure of members to elect the authorized number of Board Members.

(b) Resignations: Except as provided in this subsection, any Board Member may resign, which resignation shall be effective on giving written notice to the President, the Secretary/Treasurer, or the National Board, unless the notice specifies a later effective date. If the resignation of a Board Member is effective at a future time, the Board may elect a successor to take office as of such later time. A Board Member may not resign if the organization would then be left without an elected Board Member in charge of its affairs.

(c) Vacancy Appointments:

(i) The President shall appoint Active Members of the organization to all vacancies among the elective officers of the Board, such appointments to be approved by the National Board. Appointees shall serve until the next election.

(ii) The order of succession to a vacancy in the Office of the President shall be as follows: Vice President of General Operations, Vice President for Public Affairs, Vice President for Planning and Development, Vice President for One Thousand Club, Membership and Services, and Secretary/Treasurer. The successor President shall appoint an active member to fill the vacancy resulting from the successions, subject to (c)(i) of this ARTICLE VI. In the case of temporary absences, that Officer assuming the Presidential Office does not leave a vacant seat but assumes two Offices until the return of the President.

(d) Vacancies Filled by Vote of Chapters: Chapters may elect Board Members at any time to fill any vacancy or vacancies not filled by the Board, but any such election by written consent shall require the consent of a majority of the Chapters.

(e) No Vacancy on Reduction of Number of Officers: No reduction of the authorized number of Board Members shall have the effect of removing any Board Member before that Board Member's term of office expires.

(f) Vacancy by Removal or Impeachment: The elective Officers of this organization shall be subject to removal or impeachment for misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in Office, provided that the National Board, after investigation, presents the case in question to the

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National Council. A three-fourths majority vote of the Chapters in good standing shall be required to adjudge the Officer charged.

Section 4. Place of Meetings; Meetings by Telephone:

The National Board shall meet at least twice annually at times and places designated by the President and upon the call of the President when requested to do so in writing by three (3) or more elected Members of the National Board. Any meeting, regular or special, may be conducted by conference telephone or similar communication equipment so long as all Board Members participating in the meeting can hear one another; and all such Board Members shall be deemed to be present in person at such meeting.

Section 5. Open Meetings: All meetings of the National Board and Executive Committee shall be open to the membership except that the meeting may be closed for matters relating to personnel or litigation. The presiding Officer may exercise prerogative as to the extent of participation by nonboard members.

Section 6. Special Meetings:

(a) Authority to Call: Special meetings of the National Board for any purpose may be called at any time by the President or when requested in writing by three or more Members of the National Board.

(b) Notice:

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Notice of the time and place of special meetings shall be given to each Board Member by one of the following methods: (l) by personal delivery of written notice or direct oral communications; (2) by first-class mail, postage paid; (3)by telephone communications, either directly to the Board Member or to a person at the Board Member's residence who may reasonably be expected to communicate such notice promptly to the Board Member; or (4) by telegram, charges prepaid. All such notices shall be given or sent to the Board Member's address or telephone number as shown on the record of the organization.

(ii) Time Requirements.

Notices sent by first-class mail shall be deposited into a United States mail box at least ten (10) days before the time set for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, telephone, or telegraph shall be delivered, telephoned or given to the telegraphed company at least 48 hours before the time set for the meeting.

(iii) Notice Contents.

The notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

Section 7. Quorum: A presence of a majority of the authorized number of Board Members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except to adjourn as provided in Section 10 of this Article VI. Acts or decisions by a majority of the Board Members present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of Board Members, if such action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting.

Section 8. Alternates for District Governors, National Youth Council Chairperson, and National Youth Representative: If a District Governor, National Youth Council Chairperson, or the National Youth Representative is unable to attend a meeting of the National Board, an alternate may be selected by the Officers of such District Council or National Youth Council; and such alternate shall be allowed to vote on all matters.

Section 9. Waiver of Notice: The transactions of any meeting of the National Board, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice if: (a) a quorum is present; and (b) either before or after the meeting, each of the Board Members not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. All waivers, consents, and approvals shall be filed with the organization's records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting. Notice of a meeting shall be deemed to have been given to any Board Member who attends the meeting without protest before or at its commencement of a lack of proper notice.

Section 10. Adjournment: A majority of the Board Members present, whether or not constituting a quorum, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place.

Section 11. Notice of Adjournment: Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given, unless the meeting is adjourned for more than 24 hours, in which case personal notice of the time and place shall be given before the time of the adjourned meeting to the Board Members who were not present at the time of the adjournment.

Section 12. Action Without Meeting: Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board may be taken without a meeting if all Board Members consent in writing to such action. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as a vote of the National Board at a duly convened meeting. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board.

ARTICLE VII. NATIONAL OFFICERS

Section 1. Duties of National Elected Officers:

(a) The President shall:

(i) Preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, National Board, and the National Council;

(ii) Supervise the affairs of this organization in conformance with the policies and programs of the National Board and the National Council;

(iii) Represent the organization where necessary or appoint a person to do so;

(iv) Make appointments with the approval of the National Board; and

(v) Perform all other duties and responsibilities indicated in these Constitution and Bylaws

(b) Other nationally elected or appointed Officers shall perform such tasks as designated by the National Constitution and these Bylaws as well as those that may be assigned to them by the National Board, the National Council, or the President.

(c) Vice President for General Operations: The Vice President for General Operations shall be responsible for monitoring the internal affairs of the National organization, including matters and committees relating to personnel, structural organization, the management and operation of National and District Offices, and the National Convention.

(d) Vice President for Public Affairs: The Vice President for Public Affairs shall be responsible for monitoring the external affairs of the National organization, including matters and committees relating to legislation, civil rights, public issues, media and public relations.

(e) Vice President for Planning and Development: The Vice President for Planning and Development shall be responsible for monitoring matters and committees relating to research, studies, grants, youth, scholarships, historical preservation, and formulation of long-range goals and policies.

(f) Vice President for One Thousand Club, Membership and Services: The Vice President for One Thousand Club, Membership and Services shall be responsible for monitoring matters and committees relating to membership development and membership services. Such Vice President shall promote the enrollment of One Thousand Club Members as well as other categories of memberships.

(g) The Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary/Treasurer shall account for and oversee the monies and other assets received or disbursed by the organization and make payments with the approval of the National Board or the National Council. The books shall be reviewed annually by an independent accountant, and the Secretary/Treasurer shall make biennial reports to the membership.

Section 2. Duties of Appointive Officers:

(a) National Legal Counsel:

(i) The National Legal Counsel shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the National Board.

(ii) The National Legal Counsel shall pass upon, review, suggest, and consider all legal matters pertaining to this organization or opinions on law or legislation.

(iii) The National Legal Counsel may designate one or more Deputy National Legal Counsels who, under the direct supervision of the National Legal Counsel, shall carry out assignments and duties.

(b) Chairperson of the *Pacific Citizen* Board:

(i) The Chairperson of the *Pacific Citizen* Board shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the National Board and is a nonvoting member of the National Board.

(ii) The Chairperson of the *Pacific Citizen* Board shall call meetings of the *Pacific Citizen* Board, preside at such meetings, and be responsible for carrying out all duties of the *Pacific Citizen* Board as enumerated in these Bylaws.

Section 3. Term of Office: National Officers shall serve for two (2) years or until the election of their successors. No National Officer may serve more than two (2) successive terms in the same office.

Section 4. Duties of National Youth Officers:

(a) The National Youth Council Chairperson shall call meetings of the National Youth Council, preside at such meetings, and be responsible for carrying out all duties of the National Youth Council as enumerated in these bylaws.

(b) The National Youth Representatives shall perform duties prescribed by the National Council, National Board, and the National Youth Council. The National Youth Representative shall represent the views, interests, and needs of youth of all ages.

ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATION AND ELECTIONOF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Section 1. Nominations Committee Functions: The nominations for National Officers shall be conducted in the following manner:

(a) A Nominations Committee shall be appointed by the National President one year prior to the convening of the next National Convention. The Nominations Committee shall consist of a Chairperson appointed by the National President, one member of the National Youth Council, and one representative from each of the District Councils to be appointed by the National President upon recommendations of the respective District Councils. Each such representative shall be one who intends to be present at the National Convention and who will not be a candidate for a National Office. If the representative is unable to be present at the meeting of the Nominations Committee, the Governor of the particular District Council or the National Youth Council Chairperson may recommend a substitute to be appointed by the President. The Chairperson shall be the presiding officer of the Committee with no voting power except in case of a tie.

(b) Not later than ninety (90) days before the next National Council meeting each District Council, through its representative, shall submit to the National Nominations Committee the names of qualified candidates for National Offices. The National Nominations Committee shall publish the names of all such candidates and furnish to each District Council and to each Chapter the list of all candidates, including their names, addresses, and offices for which they are candidates.

(c) After expiration of the above ninety (90)-day

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period, additional nominees may not be considered by the National Nominations Committee until such time the National Council is duly convened when additional nominations may be taken from the floor. Such nominations from the floor shall include the background information on the nominees as required on the official nomination form and shall be subject to the requirements of endorsement of the majority of the Chapters of the candidates' District Council. The National Council may vote to close nominations after time for such additional nominations has been provided.

(d) The names of all candidates must be submitted on official nomination forms provided by the National Nominations Committee, setting forth pertinent background information, together with the candidate's signature of willingness to serve if elected.

(e) The Nominations Committee shall meet prior to the first business session of the National Council and prepare the slate of candidates for National Offices for presentation to the National Council. In making up this slate for presentation, the Nominations Committee may name a candidate for an office other than that for which submitted, provided consent for such change is obtained.

Section 2. Elected at National Convention: The National Officers shall be elected by ballot at the final business session of the National Convention.

ARTICLE IX. NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Section 1. Appointed by National Board: The National Director shall be appointed or terminated by the National Board. The staff members shall be appointed or terminated by the National Director and in the case of a Regional Director, with the advice and counsel of the District Council or District Councils involved.

Section 2. Location of Office: The Office of the National Director shall be in the city designated by the National Council as the National Headquarters.

Section 3. Duties:

(a) The National Director shall administer the affairs of the organization and shall implement the policies of the National Council as directed by the National Board and shall be directly accountable to the National Board through the President. The National Board is responsible to the National Council for the performance of the National Director.

(b) The National Director shall supervise the National Headquarters and all staff members and regional area offices within the National budget and under the supervision of the National Secretary/Treasurer, shall disburse funds for all organization activities in accordance with the mandates of the National Council, except as hereinafter provided in paragraph (c).

(c) The *Pacific Citizen* and its staff shall be responsible to the National President, National Board and National Council through the *Pacific Citizen* Board. *Pacific Citizen* funds shall be clearly identified in the overall National Budget and all subscription income shall be disbursed to the *Pacific Citizen.*

ARTICLE X. NATIONAL CONVENTION

Section 1. Biennial Convention: The National Convention of this organization shall be convened every two (2) years on the "even numbered" years at a place designated by a majority vote of the National Council.

Section 2. National Convention Committee: The program guidelines of the Convention shall be established by the National Board in consultation with the Chapter awarded the Convention.

Section 3. Chapter Awarded the National Convention: The Chapter awarded the National Convention shall be responsible for all necessary physical arrangements for the Convention with consultation and cooperation from the National Board and the District Council to which it belongs.

ARTICLE XI. NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Section 1. National Board Subcommittees:

(a) The National Board may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Board Members, designate one or more committees, each consisting of two or more Board Members, to serve at the pleasure of the National Board. Such committee, to the extent authorized by the resolution of the National Board, shall have the authority of the National Board. All actions of such committees shall be ratified or rejected by the National Board.

(b) Meetings and Action of Subcommittees of National Board: Meetings and action of subcommittees shall be governed by, and held and taken in accordance with, the provisions concerning meetings of the National Board, with such changes in the context of those Bylaws as are necessary to substitute the committee and its members for the Board and its Members, except that the time for regular meetings of committees may be determined either by resolution of the Board or by resolution of the committee. Special meetings of committees may also be called by resolution of the board. Notice of special meetings of committees shall also be given to any and all alternate Members, who shall have the right to attend all meetings of the committee. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting of any committee and shall be filed with the corporate records. The Board may adopt rules for the government of any committee not inconsistent with the provisions of these Bylaws.

(c) There shall be an Executive Committee of the National Board comprised of the President, the four Vice Presidents, the Secretary/Treasurer, the Chairperson of the District Governors' Caucus, the National Youth Council Chairperson, and the National Legal Counsel. The National Legal Counsel shall have no vote. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for and conduct functions of the National Board to the extent expressly designated and authorized by the National Board. The actions of the Executive Committee shall be ratified or rejected by the National Board at their next meeting.

Section 2. National Advisory Committees:

(a) National Standing Committees shall be organized by the National Council to perform a continuing function and remain in existence until terminated by National Council action. The specific duties of these committees shall be prescribed by the President and National Director with the approval of the National board and appointments of the chairpersons of these committees shall be made by the President, subject to approval by the National Board.

(b) Convention Committees for various phases of the National program of the organization shall be convened for the National Convention at the request of the President with approval by the National Board.

(c) Special Committees (Select or Ad Hoc) are committees appointed as the need arises to carry out a specified task at the completion of which they shall automatically cease to exist. Such committees function between National Conventions on the various phases of a National program.

(i) Special Committees may be created by the National Council, National Board, or the President with the approval of the National Board. The chairpersons of Special Committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the National Board.

(ii) The National Vice Presidents may be assigned by the President to supervise the works of the Special Committees whose specific duties and scope of activities shall be prescribed by the assigned Vice President and the National Director with the approval of the National Board. Committee chairpersons shall be responsible to the assigned Vice President and National Director.

(d) The Committees described in this Section 3 are advisory in nature.

Section 3. Ex-Officio Members: The President and the National Le-

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gal Counsel shall be ex-officio members of all committees, boards, or commissions which the National organization may establish. They shall not have the right to vote except as otherwise provided.

ARTICLE XII. THE *PACIFIC CITIZEN*

Section 1. Official Publication: The official publication of this organization shall be called *Pacific Citizen* and shall be conducted as an educational and public relations project.

Section 2. Board of Directors: (a) The *Pacific Citizen* Board of Directors shall be entrusted with the business and editorial responsibilities of this publication.

(b) The *Pacific Citizen* Board shall be comprised of the *Pacific Citizen* Board Chairperson and a representative from each District.

(c) The National President shall appoint the *Pacific Citizen* Board Chairperson with the approval of the National Board each biennium to become effective no later than December 31st of the Convention year.

(d) The *Pacific Citizen* Board Members shall be appointed for three (3) year terms by the National President upon recommendation from the District Governors. Each Board member may serve no more than two consecutive terms. The appointments shall be subject to approval by the National Board.

(e) Appointments of Board members shall be staggered as follows:

(i) Representatives from EDC, MDC, and CCDC shall initially serve one-year terms;

(ii) Representatives from PSWDC and NCWNPDC shall initially serve two (2)-year terms; and

(iii) Representatives from PNWDC, IDC, and MPDC shall initially serve three (3)-year terms. Thereafter, each appointee shall be appointed to three (3)-year terms.

Section 3. Meetings: The *Pacific Citizen* Board shall meet at least once every two years and upon the call of the Chairperson of the *Pacific Citizen* Board when requested in writing by two or more members of the Board.

ARTICLE XIII. ADMINISTRATION OFSPECIAL PROJECTS

Section 1. Board of Directors: The projects of this organization shall be administered by a Board of Directors appointed by the National Board with the approval of the National Council except as otherwise provided and for a period designated by the National Board.

Section 2. Powers of Board of Directors: The Board of the Directors shall select its own officers, make rules and regulations, make recommendations on financing specific projects, and employ qualified individuals to further the projects undertaken. All such actions of the Board of Directors are subject to approval of the National Board.

Section 3. Reporting to National Board: The Board of Directors shall submit progress reports and account to the National Board for approval at least once annually and at all other times when called upon to do so.

Section 4. Role of National President: The President shall have the power to cast a vote to break deadlocks on issues in meetings of the Board of Directors, if not an official member of the Board in question. If a member, the President may cast an extra vote.

ARTICLE XIV. BUDGET AND FINANCE

Section 1. Current Operations: (a) The National Secretary/Treasurer together with the President and National Director shall prepare and present to the National Council for approval a budget which shall contain all items of general or special expense for the period in question.

(i) Said budget shall be presented to all District Councils and Chapters not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date it is to be voted upon by the National Council.

(ii) An appropriation of $5,000 or more not so submitted shall require the approval of three fourths of the Chapters voting at the National Council session.

(b) The National Board with the approval of three fourths of the Chapters shall have the power to levy and to apportion special assessments in a just and equitable manner to further the work of this organization.

(c) Members of the National Board, or an appointed representative thereof, and the National Director and members of the staff shall be entitled to reasonable traveling and other necessary expenses while attending to the officially sanctioned business of this organization.

(d) Funds derived from membership and annual dues, National Convention registrations, and other current activities of this organization shall be deposited with the current fund.

(e) With the approval of the National Board, the Secretary/Treasurer may adjust allocations of specific items in the budget if such adjustments are deemed necessary.

Section 2. National JACL Reserve Fund:

(a) A National JACL reserve fund shall be established to be used for special contingencies.

(b) Surplus monies, or portions thereof, in the JACL national treasury at the conclusion of the fiscal year shall be placed in the reserve fund.

(c) The reserve fund shall be administered by a Board of Directors consisting of the President, the Secretary/Treasurer and the National Director.

(d) Withdrawals from this reserve fund shall be made only upon the unanimous approval of the Members of the Board of Directors of the fund, and an accounting of all monies deposited therein or withdrawals therefrom shall be included in the annual financial report of the National JACL.

ARTICLE XV. NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Section 1. Description: The National Endowment Fund shall be created, and the income therefrom shall be used for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, projects and programs of this organization. Such income shall be administered by the National Board with the ap-

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IN MEMORIAM
RUTH AND HUGH KIINO

Kalamazoo, Michigan - Friends have been shocked to learn of the news that RUTH (HARUKO DAKUZAKU) KIINO passed away on February 9, 1993, of a heart attack, just a week before her 80th birthday.

Her husband, Hugh Masao Kiino had been ill for six months and was confined in a nursing home. Within a month, we were saddened by the news that HUGH MASAO KIINO, 82, also passed away.

Ruth and Hugh attended U.C. Berkeley during the depression years, and were active in the YPCC and Berkeley Fellowship. Before internment, Hugh was Florin JACL President. They were heavily involved with all Japanese farmers of Florin, in strawberry growing, sales and shipping. Since 1943, leaving Jerome, they found a new life in Kalamazoo Michigan.

Surviving are their children: a daughter, Diane Kiino, son-in-law, Dr. Tim Schwartz; a son, Duane Kiino, and daughter-in-law, Jan; (a son Carl Kiino preceded in death 1982), daughter-in-law, Christine Kiino. They had six lovely grandchildren they enjoyed in their twilight years.

Hugh Kiino was the last of the Shige Kiino Family that settled in Florin before the turn of the century.

Ruth is survived by sisters: Masako Niizaki of Tokyo, Mary Tsukamoto of Elk Grove, Isabel Oshiro of Concord, Jean Kaku of Tracy and one brother, George Dakuzaku of Florin, Sacramento, CA

Death Notice

CHARLEY TAKETOSHI HAYASHIDA

Charley Hayashida, 75, a Colorado born Nisei and resident of Blanca, Colorado, passed away on Thursday, December 9, in Victorville, California.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 18, from 11:00 a.m., at the Green Hills Memorial Chapel, 27501 S. Western Ave., Rancho Palos Verdes under the direction of Fukui Mortuary.

He is survived by his wife Sadako; son Rev. Dr. Larry W. (Bette) Hayashida of Sacramento; daughters Beverly J. Chien and Marilynn Hikiji; 5 grandchildren; sisters Mable (Min) Yoshizaki and Grayce (Ted) Ikari of Victorville; and sister-in-law Ruth Hayashida of Victorville.

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proval of the National Council.

Section 2. Designation of Funds: Funds received from the Endowment Fund pledges, donations, and gifts, shall be deposited with the Endowment Fund account. The National President, the National Secretary/Treasurer, the National Legal Counsel, the National Endowment Fund Committee Chairperson, and the National Director shall be empowered to represent the National organization with any financial institution with which Endowment Fund monies are placed or are to be placed.

Section 3. Restrictions on Principal: The principal of the Endowment Fund or any portion thereof shall be prudently invested, but may not be utilized except upon an emergency determined by the written approval of three fourths of the chartered Chapters.

Section 4. Endowment Fund Committee: There shall be an Endowment Fund Committee composed of five (5) members, two (2) of whom shall be permanent members and three (3) shall be elected by the National Board and serve six (6)-year term. To initiate this Co-Committee, of the three (3) elected members, one (1) shall be elected for the full six (6)-year term, one (1) for a four (4)-year term, and one (I) for two (2)-years. Thereafter, one (I) Member shall be elected each biennium for a six (6)-year term.

Section 5. Purpose of Committee: The purpose of this Committee shall be: (a) to supervise and administer the "Endowment Fund program with the approval of the National Board; (b) to advise and make recommendations to the National Board and the National Council; and (c) to advise the National Board and the National Council of any emergency which the Committee deems requires consideration by the Chapters to utilize any portion or all of the principal of the "Endowment Fund".

Section 6. Liaison Role: The National Board may authorize members of the "Endowment Fund" Committee to serve as liaison with any financial institution where "Endowment Fund" monies are placed.

Section 7. Meetings: The National JACL Endowment Fund Committee will meet at least once a year to review its portfolio and its supporting role in financing the National JACL. Further it will prepare financial statements which will be reported to the membership annually. The meeting may be called by the Endowment Fund Committee chairperson and/or National President, National Secretary/Treasurer or two (2) members of the Committee.

ARTICLE XVI. PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

The Past National Presidents of this organization, except those specifically named to the National Board, shall be considered honorary members of the National Board. They shall be kept currently informed of the activities of the organization and shall receive all regular informational material sent to National Board Members including the *Pacific Citizen.*

ARTICLE XVII. RULES OF ORDER

The parliamentary authority which shall govern in all cases not covered by the Constitution and Bylaws shall be the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Revised.*

ARTICLE XVIII. LIMITATIONS

Section 1. Non-Liability for Chapter Actions: The National organization shall not be responsible for the commitments or obligations of local Chapters or District Councils or their officers, agents, employees, or representatives unless the National Director has expressly assumed such responsibilities, in advance, in writing.

Section 2. National Council Action: The actions of the National Council, shall be binding and effective thereafter as the policy of the National organization.

Section 3. Advertisements: The National organization shall not advertise or purchase complimentary space in any magazine, booklet, souvenir program, or other publication or mass media for any purpose whatsoever, except upon approval of the National Board.

Section 4. Contributions: The National organization shall not contribute to any organization, group, or individuals for membership dues or projects, except upon the approval of the National Board.

ARTICLE XIX. JACL YOUTH PROGRAM

Section 1. Purpose and Policy:

(a) The JACL Youth Program shall encompass all JACL youth-related activities and programs.

(b) The purpose of the JACL Youth Program shall be to develop initiative and leadership, to increase understanding and appreciation of Japanese American culture, to serve youth and community, to promote the ideals of social justice, patriotism, goodwill, and to promote high standards in scholarship, sportsmanship and human relations.

(c) The JACL Youth Program shall be established to promote the JACL in accordance with JACL National Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2. Chapter Youth Programming:

(a) The responsibility for establishing and promoting Youth Programs at the Chapter level is that of the JACL Chapters with assistance from the local Districts and National Youth Council, the National Youth Representative, the National Board and the National Staff.

(b) Chapter Youth Programs shall be as autonomous as the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws permits.

(c) Chapter Youth Programs, as a part of the local Chapter, shall be accountable to the Chapter Board and shall abide by the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws.

(d) The Chapter is encouraged to elect a Chapter Youth Chairperson who shall be a voting member of the Chapter Board.

Section 3. District Youth Programming:

(a) The responsibility for establishing and promoting Youth Programs on the District level is that of the District with assistance from the local Chapters, the National Youth Council, the National Youth Representative, the National Board and National Staff.

(b) District Youth Programs shall be as autonomous as the District Constitution and Bylaws permits.

(c) District Youth Programs, as a part of the District, shall be accountable to the District Board and shall abide by the Constitution and Bylaws.

(d) The District is encouraged to elect a District Youth Representative who shall be a voting member of the District Board.

Section 4. National Youth Council: The National Youth Council shall consist of District Youth Representatives from each District and shall be chaired by the National Youth Council Chairperson. The National Youth Council shall perform prescribed duties in accordance with the rules it shall adopt.

ADDENDUM:
CREED, SLOGAN, HYMN

Section 1. Creed: "The Japanese American Creed" by Mike M. Masaoka, as read in the United States Senate Chamber by Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah and printed in the Congressional Record, May 9, 1941, shall be the official Creed of this organization.

JAPANESE AMERICAN CREED

I am proud that I am an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, for my very background makes me appreciate more fully the wonderful advantage of this nation. I believe in her institutions, ideals, and traditions; I glory in, her heritage; I boast of her history; I trust in her future. She has granted ted me liberties and opportunities such as no individual enjoys in this world today. She has given me an education befitting kings. She has entrusted me with the responsibilities of the franchise. She has permitted me to build a home, to earn a livelihood, to worship, think, speak, and act as I please— as a free man equal to every other man.

Although some individuals may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter or lose faith, for I know that such persons are not representative of the majority of the American people. True, I shall do all in my power to discourage such practices; but I shall do it in the American way; above board, in the open, through courts of law, by education, by proving myself to be worthy of equal treatment and consideration. I am firm in my belief that American sportsmanship and attitude of fair play will judge citizenship on the basis of action and achievement and not on the basis of physical characteristics.

Because I believe in America, and I trust she believes in me, and because I have received innumerable benefits from her, I pledge myself to do honor to her at all times and in all places, to support her Constitution; to obey her laws; to respect her Flag; to defend her against all enemies foreign or domestic; to actively assume my duties and obligations as a citizen, cheerfully and without any reservations whatsoever, in the hope that I may become a better American in a greater America.

Section 2. Slogan: The slogans of this organization shall be "Security Through Unity" and "For Better Americans in a Greater America", as proposed by Sumio Miyamoto and Mike M. Masaoka, respectively.

Section 3. JACL Hymn": The "JACL Hymn" with words by Marion Tajiri and music by Marcel J. Tyrell, has been officially adopted by the National Council.

JACL HYMN

There was a dream my father dreamed for me
A land in which all men are free
Then desert camp with watch-towers high
Where life stood still, 'mid sand and brooding sky
Out of the war in which my brothers died
Their muted voices with mine cried
This is our dream that all men shall be free
This is our creed we'll live in loyalty
God help us rid the land of bigotry
That we may walk in peace and dignity

GILA

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(Guadalupe), Dec. 22, 1944

KANDA, Pvt. James J., 21-3-B, (Concord), Apr. 5, 1945

TAKASUGI, Katsumi L., 64-9-D, (Ventura), Apr. 5, 1945

YETO, Pvt. Mitsuru Tom, 51-7-C, Apr. 19, 1945

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HIYAMA, Pvt. Yeiichi, (Canal), (Fowler), ?

FUJINO, S/Sgt. Takao Russel, 4-9-C1, (S.F.), August 1945

KUROKAWA, Ben Satoshi, 22, 47-1-A, (Guadalupe), Aug. 13, 1945

WAKITA, Pfc. Masuo, 34-12-C, (Santa Ana), Aug. 23, 1945

This list came from the *Gila News Courier* which terminated publishing the newsletter in Sept. 1945. Canal camp closed in October and Butte in Nov. '45. If you could provide the block, hometown, age and date of death of any others killed in action this would be very helpful.

We would like to include all service persons. Although they may not have been in Gila River, their families were most likely interned there. If there are some questions regarding submitting names, please let us know and indicate any concerns. The committee will research and verify. We want to make sure that no one is missed. If there are any errors or corrections in the list, please let us know. If any of these names appear on a list for another camp we need to know this also. Many families were in more than one camp.

The monument dedication and Gila Canal and Butte Camp Reunion is tentatively scheduled for mid-1995, to commemorate the 50 year closing of the camps. All interested parties should submit their names and addresses to this committee so that we can keep you informed.

Thank you, we appreciate hearing from you.

Mr. Joe Allman 3234 W. Mercer Lane, Phoenix, AZ. 85029; 602/942-2832; Mrs. Helen Mishima, 576-B Manele Lane, Hilo, HI 96720; 808/935-6078 or Mr. Jim Kubota, 4456 E. Cortez, Phoenix, AZ. 85028; 602/996-6138.

RABBIT

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hollered out, "Please Br'er Bear, please, please do anything to me, but don't throw me in the briar patch!" Well, that is exactly where the Bear threw the wily Br'er Rabbit. Similarly, the Ministry of Finance needed a higher yen. They needed it to give manufacturers more buying power to invest in operations in Southeast Asia as they closed or redirected less competitive operations in Japan. The public needed an excuse for the inevitable rising unemployment, now at 3%, and needed to sense a crisis as to why lifetime employment was coming to an end. Japan will get a more flexible labor force, and job-hopping will become more prevalent in future years.

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While Japan hollers out in pain, agonizing over its reduction in profits and rising unemployment, the old government pattern of securing the strength of Japan's firms at the expense of Japan's citizens is very much intact. Sure, Br'er America may be selling a few more cars and is enjoying better balance sheets this year, but Br'er Japan got thrown right where it wanted to go and got the high yen that it needed.

Classified Ads

4—Business Opportunities

Auto Dealership-No Calif
Dodge - Chrysler - Plymouth Facilty
Open Point. Beautiful area of No Calif. 15,000 city population. Modern facility is the only car store in town! Sale or lease. By owner. **Call days (707) 994-7626 or eves (707) 263-8530. Ask for Nick.**

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(909) 734-4410

5—Employment

Accounts Payable Clerk—Requires 1 year general accounting clerical exp, knowledge of basic accounting theory & methods, computer proficiency in Lotus & WordPerfect & extremely good organizational skills. Must have AA in Business Administration or Accounting or work equivalent. Supplies purchasing experience preferred. Please send resume to THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, KOVR-TV, 2713 KOVR Dr., West Sacramento, CA 95605. EEO Employer - Females, minorities & disabled invited to apply. Drug free workplace. No phone calls please.

Southeastern Oregon Parochial HS needs Japanese Language Instructional Technologist. Incumbent will teach Japanese/develop software programs/instructional technology/curriculum/in Japanese culture; prepare course objectives/outlines, assign/correct homework, administer exams; instruct on Japanese culture; counsel Japanese native students/serve as liaison betwn them/faculty; participate in faculty/professional educational conferences/teacher training wrkshps. Min ed: MA/Instructional Technology, 3 yrs exp HS English/Japanese teacher. Fluency speak/read/write English/Japanese. Must program educational software in Japanese using HyperTalk, BASIC, Logo, MS-DOS/use Japanese word processor. Salary $24,773.65 yr/40 hrs. Mail resume to: Employment Div, Attn: Job Order # 5550593, 875 Union NE, Rm 201, Salem, OR 97311.

6—For Sale

Excellent Investment
Michael Jordan (Basketball)
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Excellent Buy
1928 MODEL A FORD
5 Windows Special Coupe with Rumble Seat completely restored with motor and transmission rebuild - Beautiful Condition. $15,000. (310) 832-0851. 2115 Averil Ave, San Pedro, CA 90732.

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9—Real Estate

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TUCSON, ARIZONA
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128 Acres. Approx 25 miles from downtown Tucson. Northwest side of town. Will sell all or part, with or without water. $3000 per acre with well. 5% down. For sale by owner. **Phone (602) 721-2345.**

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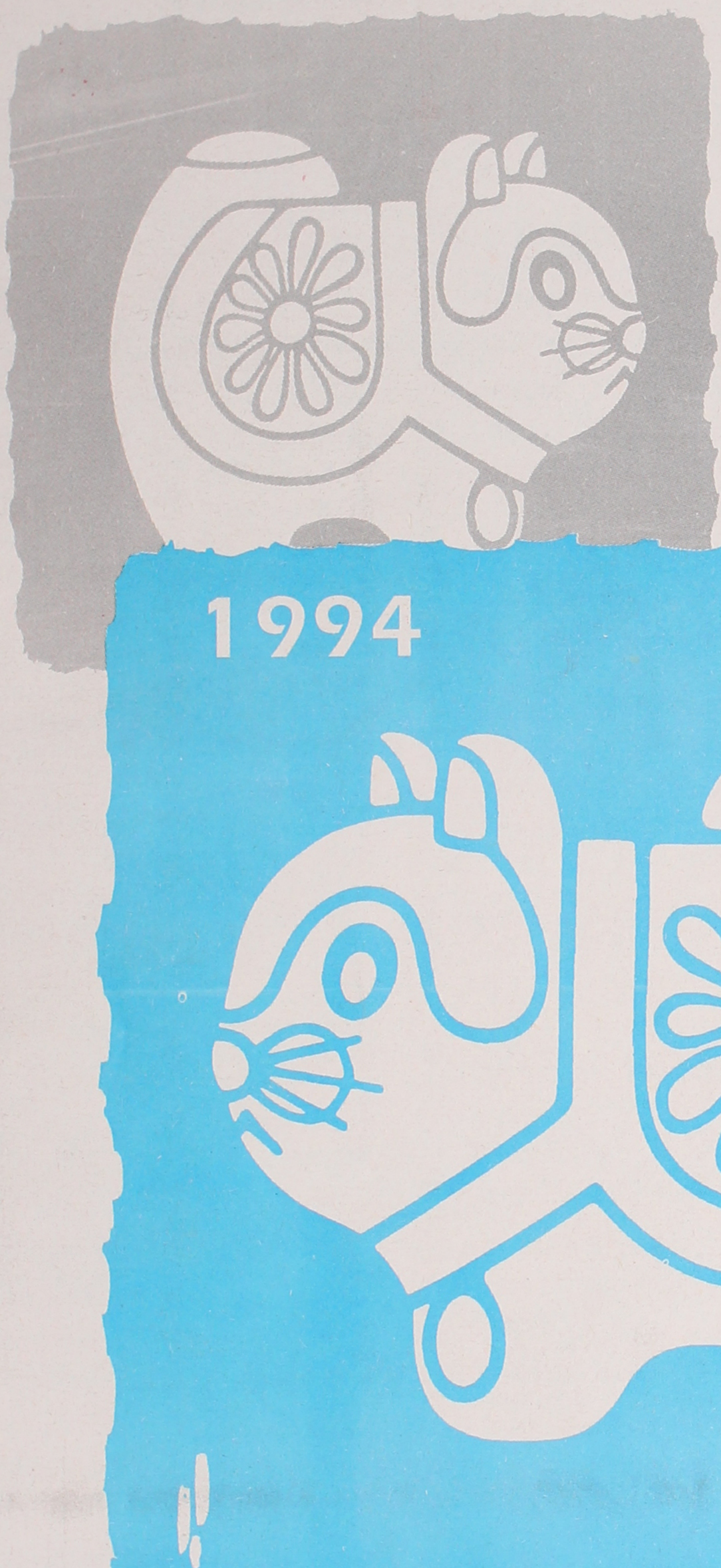

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