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NCWNP Council supports lifting of gay ban in military

The Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council of JACL supports President Clinton's move to lift the ban that bars homosexuals from the U.S. Armed Forces.

The motion was presented by Jon Kubokawa, president of the Diablo Valley Chapter, JACL, at the council's Jan. 31 quarterly meeting in Marysville, Calif.

"We further urge Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) to reconsider his position," Kubokawa said. "In this day and age, it is unacceptable that the military institutions created to

fight for democracy do not understand or comply with the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States."

Discussion prior to the vote showed differing attitudes on the action that was taken on the controversy. Some members believed that JACL should wait and study President Clinton's executive order that will be issued in six months. Others wanted time to return to their respective chapters for input.

Still others criticized the JACL for not taking positions in a timely manner and said this was a clear civil rights issue, one on which JACL should not have hesitated.

Kubokawa added, "I took a stand because cases of racism and discrimination are on the rise. One of the lessons of World War II and the events that led to the incarceration of Americans of Japanese ancestry is that it was and still is wrong to discriminate against a class of people."

NCWNP District Gov. Lucy Kishiue said, "I must borrow from Martin Luther King Jr. who said, 'An injustice against one is an injustice against all.' That is the whole principle behind civil rights."

NCWNP Regional Director Patty Wada,

who will forward copies of the motion to the president and Sen. Nunn, said, "I feel the vote indicates that we have heeded the lessons in our own history in this country. It wasn't that long ago that we Japanese Americans were banned from public schools, banned from owning land and banned from marrying whom we wanted to marry. In our case, as in this one, the central question is 'Can a segment of our population be denied the right of full participation in this society—a right which is theirs by birth?' Our district has stood up and said 'no, this is wrong.'" (PC)

The mysterious racial slur

Who admits to it? Round and round it goes in Spokane, just who said it nobody seems to know

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

"CHINKS!" says a prominent local leader during a Spokane, Wash., meeting. Is it a neo-Nazi skinhead? Is it a bigoted idiot? Is it Marge Schott? No—it's a Democrat, a leader of the Washington state Democratic party. Marge Davis, Spokane County state committeewoman, allegedly used the slur Nov. 9 during a meeting of the executive board of the Democratic Central Committee. Rather than punishing or censuring Davis for the remark, the local Democratic party has dodged the issue in a strange series of events that continue to unravel.

"I must be dumb, because I did it and I'm not sorry I did it," Davis said Jan. 14, according to a report in the *Spokesman-Review*.

Davis, president of the Local 400 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, explained that she was angry that Patrick Ng, owner of the Davenport Hotel, refused to unionize. In a contradiction in the same newspaper article, she later denied using the slur at the meeting.

Further confusing the matter, the inquiry committee appointed by the Spokane County Democratic Central Committee, found a "preponderance of evidence" that the word "Chinks" was used at the

meeting, but that, "John Workland (another party official and secretary-treasurer of the Local 400) made the comments referenced in the complaint letter and not Marge Davis." Despite the findings of the inquiry committee, no formal action has been taken against either Davis or Workland.

In yet another contradiction,

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Historic walk

From left, Stacy Ichiuji, Jeffrey Ikejiri, Alycia Lillie, Erin Yamada and Michelle Amano, relatives of Washington, D.C., Chapter, JACL, members, prepare for the Jan. 17 walk with President-elect Clinton from Lincoln Memorial across Memorial Bridge to Lady Bird Johnson Park where he rang the "Bells for Hope."



Sentencing set for killer of Issei woman

The sentencing of Jeremy Brinkley, who confessed to the brutal burglary, rape and murder of an 87-year-old Issei woman, is scheduled for Feb. 19 in the court of Judge Gene Gomes in the Fresno, Calif., Courthouse, according to Elisa Kamimoto, JACL Central California regional director.

Brinkley confessed to the burglary and rape of Chiyoko Ono and another woman, who was 68-years-old, both from Selma, Calif.

Ono's grandson, Dr. Gary Kono of Berkeley, Calif., requested the community's support in the form of letters urging Judge Gomes to prescribe a life sentence without parole.

The court clerk has reported that Judge Gomes has received a considerable amount of correspondence regarding this case. (PC)

JACL: Action against Cincinnati Reds owner Schott is not enough

JACL National Director Dennis Hayashi says that Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott's one-year suspension from Major League Baseball and \$25,000 fine are not enough.

The reaction was made to the Feb. 3 decision imposed by the executive council of Major League Baseball against Schott for her use of racial and ethnic slurs against African, Asian and Jewish Americans.

Schott, whose suspension begins March 1, has said she was sorry if she offended anyone with her comments but has stopped short of admitting

she was wrong.

Hayashi, to whom Schott apologized by phone in December of 1992, said, "We feel the ruling does not go far enough. We have told Marge Schott that we want to meet with her and that any apology she makes to the Asian American community must be a public one."

Schott did meet with Cincinnati-area black and Jewish leaders last year, but has refused to hold a similar gathering with Asian Americans. Describing the situation as "unsatisfactory," Hayashi called on Reds management to intervene and arrange such a meeting with the 64-year-old owner.

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Chicago to mark Day of Remembrance

By JOY YAMASAKI
Vice president, Human & Civil Rights, Chicago Chapter, JACL

CHICAGO—Neither the Sansei nor the Yonsei were there, but through storytelling, they learn. This year's Chicago Chapter, JACL, Day of Remembrance event, will feature Sansei re-creations of the Japanese American internment and resettlement.

The event, the 51st anniversary of Executive Order 9066, will be held Friday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m., at Heiwa Terrace, 920 W. Lawrence, Chicago.

The program will include the screening of "History and Memory: for Akiko and Takashige," a 30-minute autobiographical documentary by Chicago-born Sansei Rea Tajiri.

Tajiri attempts to create her family's past through personal recollections, clips from archival

footage, clips from Hollywood movies, footage shot by an internee with a contraband movie camera, and footage shot in 1988 on a family pilgrimage to Poston, Ariz.

Also featured will be an excerpt of Dwight Okita's upcoming new play, "The Salad

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Inouye, Powell scheduled for 442nd celebration

U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, are the scheduled speakers for the 50th anniversary celebration of the formation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, set for March 24-28 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Inouye, a decorated veteran of the 442nd, will keynote the welcoming banquet Wednesday,

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Board says 'no discrimination' in Yamashita disenrollment case

The Naval Discharge Review Board (NDRB) has upheld a previous decision denying that discrimination was a factor in Bruce Yamashita's "disenrollment" from Marine Corps Officer Candidate School in 1989.

The board stated that it has no jurisdiction to determine whether racism affected the process by which Marine officer candidates were evaluated, or whether there was a conspiracy among OCS instructors to make sure Yamashita did not successfully complete the course.

"I thought we made a strong, convincing case before the NDRB last November, Yamashita said. "I'm disappointed that the board couldn't see beyond its



YAMASHITA

own narrow focus to the facts of the case. They're missing the forest for the trees."

Honolulu attorney Clayton Ikei, who presented Yamashita's case before the NDRB in Arlington, Va., last November, said he will appeal to the Board of Correction of Naval Records.

"The Marine Corps is caught in a 'Catch 22' situation," Yamashita said. "When we appeared in person before the NDRB last November, the chair said there was no federal

administrative agency that properly could claim jurisdiction over those two significant issues, or give us the relief

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Massachusetts Cambridge

Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 25-27—Dance Umbrella presents dance/theatre artists Yukie Shiroma and June Watanabe in Company, Emerson Majestic Theatre. Tickets: \$18, \$14, and \$10, Ticketpro, 617/492-7578.

Michigan Detroit

Sunday, Feb. 21—Detroit Chapter, JACL kicks off its membership campaign with a social hour and bento box dinner, Cherry Blossom Restaurant, 43588 W. Oaks Dr., Novi, 4 p.m. Reservations highly recommended. Cost: Adults, \$16.50; children, \$7.50. Information: Ernie Otani, 313/947-0108.
Saturday, March 20—Detroit Chapter, JACL annual installation dinner, Hotel Baronette, Novi. Japanese banquet, speakers and cost to be announced. Information: Mary Kamidoi, 313/522-7917.

Illinois Chicago

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5—Sixth National JACL Singles Convention, Chicago Marriott Hotel, 540 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

New York New York

Through May 30—The Chinatown History Museum's photographic exhibitions, "From Canton to New York: The Broken Tradition," and "The People of Tong Yehh Gaai," 70 Mulberry St., 2nd floor, Sun.-Wed., noon-5 p.m. Information: 212/619-4785.

Wisconsin La Crosse

Thurs.-Sat., March 25-27—University of Wisconsin-La Crosse sponsors the conference, "Asian Americans: probing the past, living the present, shaping the future." Registration and information: Penny Tiedt, Continuing Education and Extension, 227 Main Hall, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, WI 54601; 608/785-6503.

Arizona

Phoenix

Sat.-Sun., Feb. 20-21—Arizona Chapter, JACL, Japan-America Society of Phoenix and others host, Matsuri, a Festival of Japan, Heritage Square, 7th St. and Monroe, 10 a.m. Free. Food, entertainment, arts and crafts.

Oregon

Portland

Sunday, Feb. 28—Epworth United Methodist Church's 100th anniversary banquet, Red Lion Lloyd Center, 5:30 p.m. Public invited. Information: Rev. Gary Oba, 503/232-5253.

Ontario

Saturday, March 6—Snake River Chapter, JACL, is hosting Casino Night, Rusty's in Ontario, 7 p.m. Games, prizes and food. Tickets: \$20. Information: Mike Iseri, 503/889-8691 or any board member.

Washington

Seattle

Saturday, March 6—Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church's annual sukiyaki dinner, 3001-24th Ave. S., 4 p.m. Tickets: \$6.50, adults; \$4.50, children. Information: 206/723-1536.

California

Sacramento

Wednesday, Feb. 17—Sacramento Chapter, JACL, celebrates "Day of Remembrance 1993," Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church, 6929 Franklin Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Honorees include: State Sen. Patrick Johnston, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and NAACP. Information: JACL office, 916/447-0231; or Toko Fujii 916/441-7900, 916/421-2112, eves.

Thursday, Feb. 28—Florin Buddhist Church Dharma School's 10th annual crab feed, Florin Y.B.A. Hall, 7235 Pritchard Rd., 5 p.m. Cost: \$22. Dinner and dance. Information: 916/383-1831.

San Jose

Sunday, April 18—Yu Ai-Kai's 14th annual benefit luncheon and fashion show, Red Lion Inn, San Jose. Tickets:

\$35. Tickets available now at the Yu Ai-Kai office, 565 N. 5th St. Information: 408/294-2505.

San Francisco

Fri.-Sun., Feb. 12-14—Asian American Theater Company presents Amy Hill in "Tokyo Bound," Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave. at Derby, Berkeley, Fri. and Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 7 p.m. Cost: \$10 and \$12. \$8, students. Reservations: 510/84-JULIA.

Wednesday, Feb. 17—San Mateo Chapter, JACL, hosts, "1993 Medicare Update," San Mateo JACL Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St., San Mateo, 1 p.m. Speaker: Mary Pappas, coordinator, Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program of San Mateo County (HICAP). Information: 415/343-2793.

Saturday, Feb. 20—NCRR sponsors Day of Remembrance celebration, Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter St., 2 p.m. Keynote speaker: Pedro Noguera, member, Berkeley school board. Information: NCRR, 415/922-1534.

Los Angeles

Sunday, Feb. 14—Nikkei Widowed Group's Valentine potluck luncheon, JACCC, 244 San Pedro St., Rm. 4-B, Los Angeles, 1 p.m. Information: Karl Oike, 310/837-7662 or June Ichinose, 818/288-7169.

Thursday, Feb. 18—Japan America Society presents, "Living in Space: NASA's Space Development Program for the 1990's," Shizuo Hoshiba, L.A. office chief, National Space Development Agency of Japan, Holiday Inn, Torrance Gateway, 19800 S. Vermont Ave., Torrance, 7:30 a.m. Cost: \$20, members; \$25, non-members. Information: 310/590-0311.

Saturday, Feb. 20—Orange County Sansei Singles' Tabemasho and Dancing, 7 p.m. Dinner-Wong's Restaurant, 10642 Westminster Ave., Garden Grove, 7 p.m.; dancing-Windrose, Seaport Village, Long Beach Marina, 9:30 p.m. Information: 213/721-1958, 714/891-4215, or 818/441-4114.

Saturday, Feb. 20—Visions for Keiro's Mardi Gras '93, Sheraton Grande Hotel, 333 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, 6 p.m. Dinner and dancing. Tickets and information: Edna Karinski, 213/263-5693.

San Diego

Sunday, Apr. 4—San Diego Chapter, JACL, and the Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC) host Steven Okazaki presenting his films, "Days of Waiting" and "Troubled Paradise." Lewis Junior High School Auditorium, 5170 Greenbrier Ave., San Diego, 2 p.m. Admission: \$10, \$7, students. Information: UPAC, 619/232-6454.

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PSW schedules tri-district event

By B.J. WATANABE

Special to the Pacific Citizen

COSTA MESA—The 1993 Tri-District Conference, hosted by the Pacific Southwest District Council of JACL, is scheduled for April 2-4, at the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel, Costa Mesa, Calif.

Designed to raise the awareness of Japanese Americans in a multicultural society, the conference will feature several different workshops, including "Japanese Americans in Politics," "Managing Stress from a Cultural Perspective," "Inter-Racial Dating/Marriage" and "Developing a Help Network" for victims of hate crimes.

Doris Matsui, deputy public liaison for President Clinton, will be the featured speaker at the Saturday, April 3 dinner program.

In addition to the workshops and guest speakers, other activities during the conference include a tour of the Orange County News

Network, a golf tournament, and a trip to the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo.

On-site child care will be available for a minimal charge on Saturday and Sunday, April 3-4.

WHAT: Tri-District Conference, sponsored by Pacific Southwest District, JACL

WHEN: Friday, April 2 through Sunday, April 4

WHERE: Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel, Costa Mesa, Calif.

COST: Registration, \$90 before March 17, \$110 thereafter. Fee includes coffee and pastries on Saturday and Sunday, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and admission to all workshops and general session meeting. Hotel: \$67 per night

INFORMATION: B.J. Watanabe, 714/779-4140; Ruth Mizobe, 714/529-8360; PSW regional office, 213/626-4471.

PSW Tri-District rundown

Workshop topics

Hate crimes (How to Develop a Network); Managing Stress from a Family and Cultural Perspective; Asian Americans in Politics; Inter-Racial Dating/Marriage; Family History—Museum, Family tracing Oral Histories; Glass Ceiling; Leadership Skills; National Board Q & A; Membership Recruitment; Youth: How to Reach Out to Colleges; Intimacy in the Golden Years; and America's Viability and the Decline of Urban Areas".

Booster activities

Golf; shopping at South Coast Plaza/Fashion Island; Disneyland (group rates); Japanese American National Museum; Tour of Orange County News Network

Agenda

Friday, April 2

Registration—6-10 p.m.
Reception—7 to 10 p.m.

Saturday, April 3

Registration—8 a.m.
Coffee/pastries—8:30 a.m.
General session—9-10 a.m.
Workshop I—10:15-11:45 a.m.
Lunch—12-1:30 p.m.
Workshop II—1:45-3:15 p.m.
Workshop III—3:30-4:45 p.m.

Cocktails—6-7 p.m.

Dinner (Doris Matsui featured speaker)—7 p.m.

Sunday, April 4

Coffee/pastries—8:30 a.m.
Wrap-up—9-10:30 a.m.
Restructuring/membership—10:30-11:30
Lunch (on your own)—11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
District meeting—1-5 p.m.

Scholarships

● **Sacramento Chapter, JACL:** Deadline for applications for the 1993 awards is noon, Monday, March 1, at the chapter's offices, 2124 10th St., Sacramento, CA, 95818. About 20 scholarships ranging from \$400 to \$1,500 are available to Sacramento-area students of Japanese ancestry. In addition, community college graduates are eligible for special scholarships.

All applications should include a transcript, which includes SAT scores (verbal/math), a list of all high school/community activities, all awards received and a brief biographical sketch.

Information: 916/447-0231, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

● **Central California District Council, JACL:** Six scholarships available to entering college freshmen. Applicants must be an American of Japanese ancestry or the applicant or his or her parent or spouse must be a member of the CCDC, JACL, chapter. Applications available through CCDC chapters and CCDC regional office, 1713 Tulare St., Ste. 126, Fresno, CA, 93721, or call 209/486-6815.

Applications and all supporting documents must be received at the CCDC regional office by March 26. Information: Scholarship Committee co-chairmen Wayne Kai, 209/638-2176, or Sam Masumoto, 209/432-4823, or the CCDC regional office, 209/486-6815.

間接喫煙による被害者の一例

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The Centralized Membership Program initiated by JACL National Headquarters in 1992 has expanded from 17 participating chapters to 51, according to Clay Harada, assistant director of membership.

"The second year response to centralized membership automated renewal program was greater than anticipated," he said. "The program was offered to 17 chapters on a trial basis in May, 1992. It was proposed as an alternative to the existing renewal procedures conducted by chapters."

To streamline the process of renewing members, National Headquarters prepares a chapter's renewal notices, collects remittances and issues membership cards. National Headquarters also provides chapters with membership reports on a monthly and quarterly basis.

The computerized system at San Francisco headquarters provides chapters with easy access to membership information. Up-to-date membership reports can be generated to assist chapters for special events mailing or mem-

bership recruitment drives.

Chapters now participating in the program include:

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Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis and Twin Cities.

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Fort Lupton, Houston and Mile Hi.

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New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

Alan Nishi, national vice president of membership services, said, "The success of the centralized membership program in less than one year is very encouraging. Participating chapters can now focus their attention on recruitment of new members and the development of chapter membership programs."

According to national headquarters, further refinements will be made to the Centralized Membership Program. Improvements include additional reports to provide updated and detailed changes in a chapter's membership and the development of one form to serve as a membership renewal and membership card.

Information: Clay Harada, 415/921-5225. (PC)

Long distance program is new JACL benefit

The JACL Members' Long Distance Advantage Program (MLDA) has been introduced as a new benefit to members.

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Chicago get-together

Members of the Chicago Chapter, JACL, board were recently installed. They are: Front row, from left, Ed Ozaki, Geoff Tani and Bill Mukai; second row, from left, Smokey Sakurada, Eugene Yamamoto, David Igasaki, National President Lillian Kimura, chapter President Ross Harano, MDC Regional Director Bill Yoshino, and Mike Yasutake; third row, from left, Nelson Kitsuse, Christine Takada, Sue Tohinaka, Merle Kaneko, Carol Yoshino, Donna Ogura, Carol Murakami, Joy Yamasaki and Janice Honda. Now shown are Dennis Sakurai and Scott Watanabe.

Matsui praises Schott decision

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) praised Major League Baseball for its action against Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott, saying that "The baseball owners did what they had to do in order to preserve the public's faith in the game and to preserve the game itself as the American pastime."

Matsui, who has been critical of the owner, added that "I am pleased that Major League Baseball has acted firmly to send the signal that racial bigotry will not be tolerated at any level."

"Baseball still has a long way to go in fully integrating itself, but this action today (Jan. 27) is a major step forward."

SCHOTT

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The executive council, which has been running the league since Commissioner Faye Vincent stepped down in September, had appointed a four-member committee to investigate the Schott matter. Bud Selig, chairman of the committee, announced the decision after an 8 1/2-hour meeting.

Hayashi noted that the Marge Schott incident simply reflects the poor state of race relations inherent in the sport.

"The issues of racism raised by her remarks must be taken seriously by Major League Baseball," Hayashi said. "We want more minorities in the front office and in positions of management. This must be addressed if we are to move toward eliminating institutional racism in baseball." □

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March 24, at the Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel.

Powell, barring unforeseen developments, will keynote the sayonara banquet on Saturday, March 27.

The memorial address will be given by Dr. Michael Oksenberg, president of the East-West Center, on Sunday, March 28.

Actor Pat Morita will serve as emcee of the sayonara banquet.

Some 3,000 participants, including veterans, wives, children and supporters, are expected to attend. Contingents from Biffontaine and Bruyeres, France, will attend. Nisei veterans liberated both townships during

World War II. Representatives of the 34th "Red Bull" Division and the 36th Division from Texas ("Lost Battalion") are also scheduled to attend.

Information: George Nakasato, 808/949-7997, or Arnold T. Hiura, 808/945-3512.

CHICAGO

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"Bowl Dance," the comic-dramatic story of a young Nisei woman in the 1940s who comes to Chicago after being interned for two years during the war. The play addresses the difficulty of assimilation into American life by the Japanese Americans after release from the camps. Okita and Angel Island Theatre President Christina Adachi have been interviewing many members of Chicago's Japanese American community to learn of their personal experiences and stories. The world premiere of "The Salad Bowl Dance" is scheduled for May.

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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Unfinished business

Back in the spring of 1942 when Japanese Americans of the Fresno area were herded into the fairgrounds, Dr. Hubert Phillips was one of the few who did not hesitate to speak out against the outrage.

When administrators scheduled a graduation ceremony in the camp for high school students, Dr. Phillips came to deliver an inspiring commencement address.

Later, he organized a Committee on Fair Play and American Principles to prepare for the return of the evacuees. Some years ago a Hubert Phillips Memorial Scholarship was set up to honor him at Fresno State University.

Fast forward now to the present. At JACL's Central California District Council meeting, the \$1,000 Frank Nishio Civil Rights Award was presented to Tom Kirwin, editor of the editorial page of the Fresno Bee, which in the "bad old days" had been extremely hostile toward Japanese Americans.

Kirwin, in his acceptance speech, acknowledged that the Bee, one of the McClatchy newspapers, caused "pain for many of you." He said Dr. Phillips in 1971 had given him a copy of his internment

camp commencement speech and it stirred his interest in the Evacuation. The interest moved him to write about that dark episode, and to get into the Redress discussion in his pages. That, he said, helped the community to understand what it was all about.

Now, he continued, the award from JACL "represented a completion of the circle for me and the institution I work for."

And then he contributed the \$1,000 award to the Phillips Memorial Scholarship with these words:

"The award symbolized redemption and forgiveness, and a recognition that institutions and people learn and change and do better."

The Bee is not the only publishing institution that has learned, changed and is doing better. The same could be said of other major West Coast newspapers which, almost without exception, treated Japanese Americans harshly after the outbreak of war.

FBI seizure of prominent Issei was sensationalized. Unsubstantiated charges of "suspicious" behavior were published prominently, adding to the hysteria. Min Yasui told me that after he had himself jailed to

test the legality of the curfew order, one of the Portland newspapers published the story under a page one headline that screamed: Jap Spy Arrested. (Many years later I tried unsuccessfully to find a copy of this page. It could be that the headline appeared only in a limited edition printed for street sale and was not preserved.)

After the Evacuation the drumfire against Japanese Americans reached a crescendo during the Dies Committee hearings. Half-baked charges were aired for the benefit of the press and published uncritically by Hearst newspapers and the Los Angeles Times. The Denver Post, where I labored for many years under a different management, was among the worst of the fear-mongers.

Today a new generation of newspaper editors, reporters and managers stress fairness, balance, objectivity. Indeed institutions and people learn and change. And do better. It is to the credit of the folks in Fresno that they have recognized this truth.

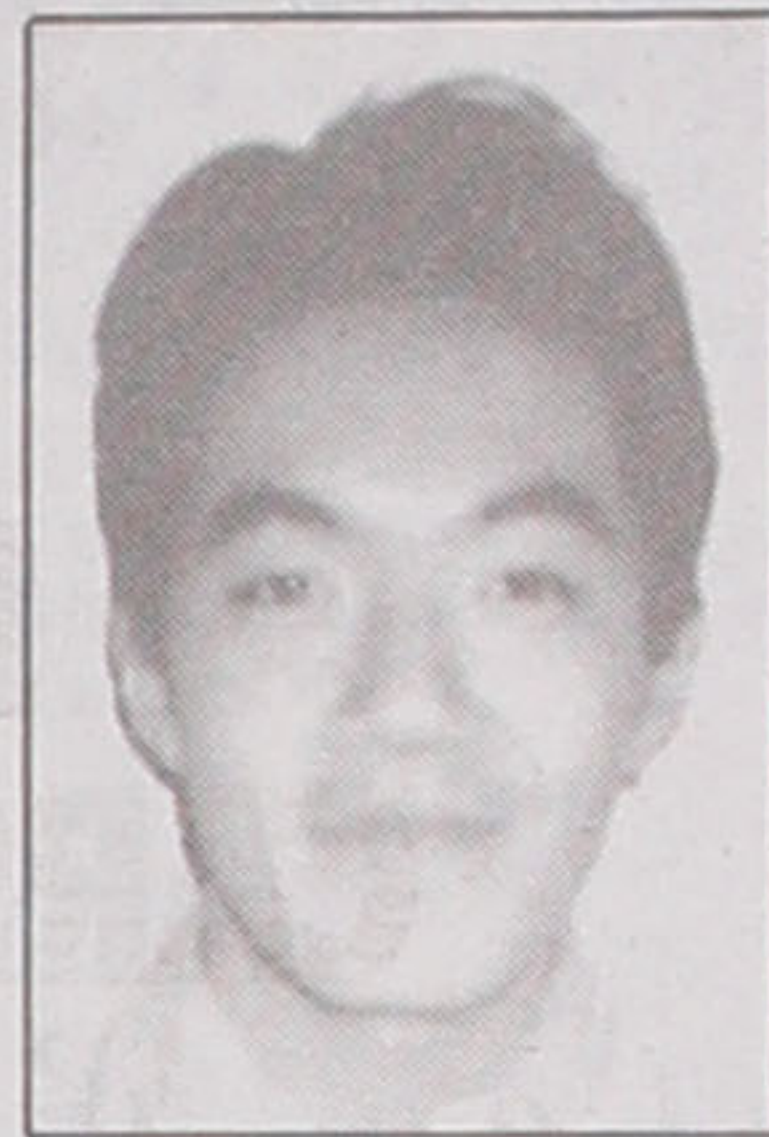
Hosokawa is the former editorial page editor of the Denver Post. His column appears weekly in the Pacific Citizen.

Crossroads

Racism and riots

By KOJI UESUGI

I can still recall how I dashed into the living room when my roommate told me about what was going on in South Central Los Angeles after the acquittal of the four policemen involved in the Rodney King case. As I sat there and



helplessly watched the many familiar areas of that city go up in flames, I could not help but feel angry and then saddened at how race relations in this country had reached such a dismal point. The reason why I mention the Los Angeles riots at this particular time, is that amidst the hoopla for the 1992 presidential election and all the bungee-jumping craze going on at that time, 1992 was a year which awakened us to the very serious racial tension in this country.

As a young Japanese American, I was particularly affected by the increase in anti-Asian sentiment in this country. During the first few months of the year, Japan-bashing by politicians and the media became a "national phenomenon." There was a great push from politicians and big corporate heads to blame economic woes of this country on the Japanese. "Made in the U.S.A." was no longer a label for pride, but came to symbolize a harsh boundary separating "us" from "them."

Another event, which seemed to heighten strong anti-Japanese sentiment, was the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066. Although the Day of Remembrance events progressed rather smoothly, there was an increase of animosity not only to Japanese Americans, but to all Asian Americans. Then, with the start of the Los Angeles riots of April 29-May 2, racial tension between the African American and Korean American communities finally exploded, resulting in strong resentment by both groups. Although these events received a great amount of media coverage, there were many acts of violence towards Asian Americans all across the country which did not show up on the front pages of major newspapers.

As a college student on the verge of entering the "real world," I feel a strong responsibility on my part to address and work towards ways to heighten the awareness of racism which continues to plague our country. I believe that one of the roots of the racial tension in the U.S. is due to ignorance, or a lack of understanding about different racial groups by the vast majority of the population. The senseless, violent attacks on many Asian Americans which are cropping up all across this country, clearly demonstrates the hostility among various racial groups stemming from their lack of understanding of one another.

There is a strong need now, more than ever, to educate and promote cultural awareness of all groups of people in this very diverse country. As Asian Americans, we must be more vocal and actively take part in promoting a better understanding of our diverse culture.

We must also open our minds and learn to accept a better understanding of other cultures as well. Unfortunately, the mass-media, along with our current educational system, does little to promote cultural awareness. Many of us grow up with mixed messages about one another in our society and these views, whether they be good or bad, shape our way of thinking as we get older.

Therefore, we need to take it upon ourselves to help educate the general public about racial understanding. Gaining knowledge about ourselves and spreading that knowledge to others is a big step towards improving race relations in our country. Let's not forget however, that change will not come over night. The struggle for better racial understanding will no doubt take many, many years. Yet if we hope to see our society change, we must take the effort to do so. Let's do everything we feel possible in order to prevent another L.A. riot of another Vincent Chin incident in our country. Peace.

Crossroads is a column for youth expression. Uesugi is a student at UC, Davis, majoring in English.

IN-SIGHT



LILLIAN C. KIMURA

JACL national president

Headin' west

The journey continues in Los Angeles where the Pacific Southwest District Council hosted a reception at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo. Thanks to Trisha Murakawa, John and Carol Saito, Miyo Senzaki, Miki Himeno, Jimmy Tokeshi and others for organizing an event which drew a number of chapter leaders as well as representatives from city, county and state officials, organizations and corporations. Their presence indicates the regard which the community has for the PSW leadership and the regional staff.

City Councilman Mike Woo presented me with a congratulatory certificate and gracious notes were received from March Fong Eu, secretary of state, and Gray Davis, state controller.

Among the attendees were Sue Kunitomi Embrey, Mabel Takimoto, Mabel Yoshizaki, former national president Roy Nishikawa and his wife Alice, Toshiko Yoshida, Harry Kitano, George Takei, Mack Yamaguchi and Bill Watanabe of the Little Tokyo Ser-

vice Center. Bill and I, with nine other Nikkei, were invited to visit Israel several years ago by Project Interchange. (That's another story.) My aunt Louise Morishita and sister Hiroko Katayama were also present.

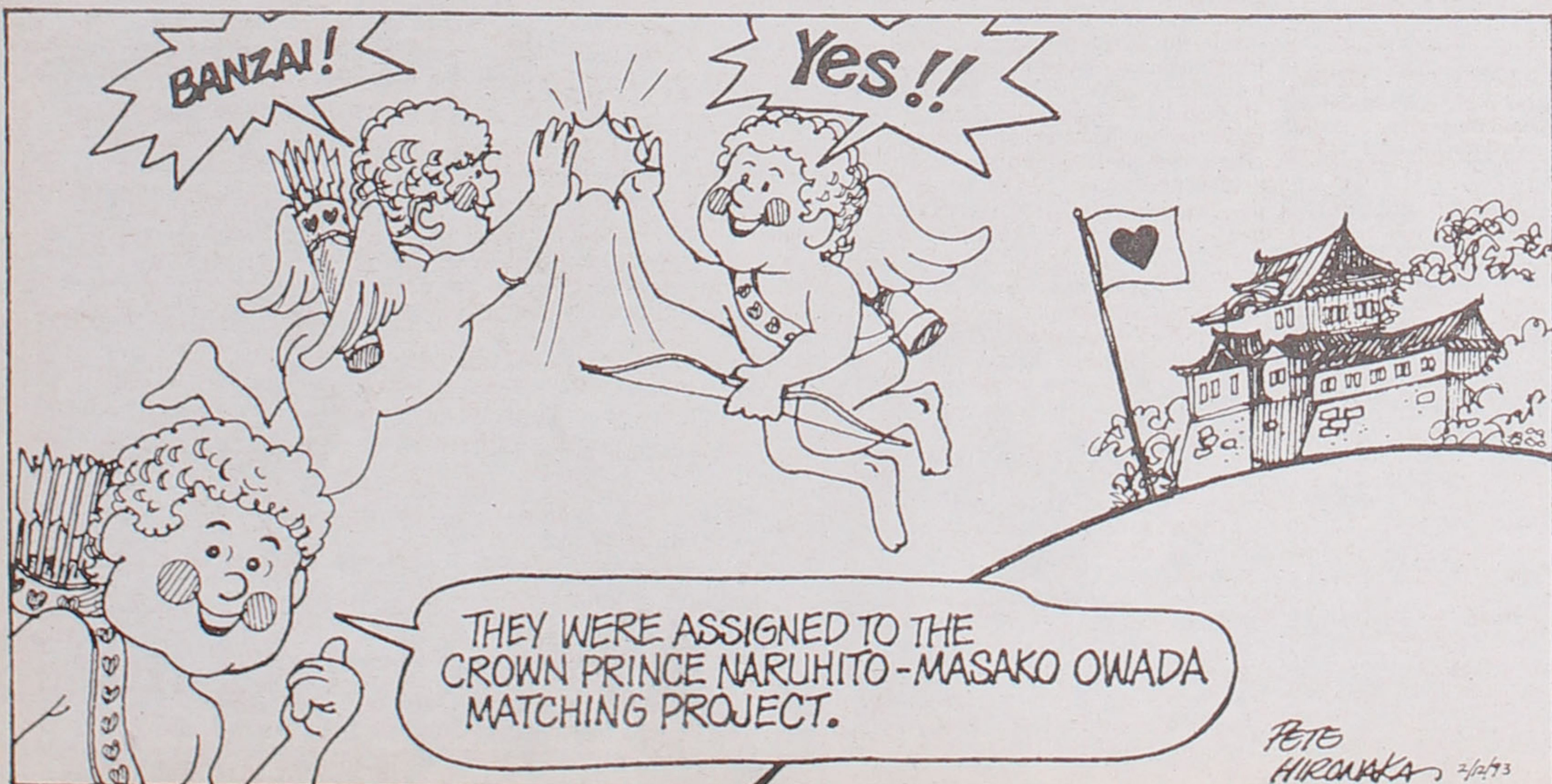
After a few days at home, I was back in San Jose for the chapter's 70th anniversary. It was a gala black tie affair with Sen. Dan Inouye giving the keynote address. The senator was introduced by "home boy" Norm Mineta who was honored by the chapter along with Richard Tanaka, Mike Honda and Yosh Uchida. Also recognized were the past presidents, two of whom were Ruth Hashimoto now of Albuquerque and Judy Niizawa. More than 500 persons were on hand to help the chapter celebrate this historic occasion. From national were Neal Taniguchi, vice president, operations, and Patty Wada, regional director. John Hayashi represented the Northern California District. Grayce Uyehara of Philadelphia was also present.

The next morning, an early morning flight

took me to Chicago where I was picked up by Bill and Carol Yoshino and Ross Harano to be driven to Milwaukee for its 48th installation. This event was historic in its own way as the chapter struggles with a small JA population and the fact that the children do not stay in the area. This is a wonderfully warm, friendly group of people who enjoy these get-togethers. Jim Miyazaki was persuaded to accept the presidency for the fourth time.

While on the West Coast, I met with Dennis Hayashi who informed me of the time lines for several items we wish to distribute: an Annual Report and Minutes of the Denver Convention are due in May and a membership brochure should be ready in mid-March. We reviewed the March board meeting agenda and the schedule for the Washington seminar. The leaders of the Legacy Fund Campaign met with Gail Ideno, our new fund developer, to develop strategies on how best to achieve our goal of

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Frank Forrest, a member of the inquiry committee, voicing his opposition to an apology to Ng, said to the *Spokesman-Review*, "This party has not slandered anybody. An apology is condoning something, stating that it happened."

"You would think that people would understand that if a racial slur takes place, they will try to take action to address the problem," said Chris Marr, member of the Spokane Chapter, JAACL. "Worse than the term being used was the action of Democratic party officials."

Marr, a local businessman, appeared Feb. 4 before the Affirmative Action Committee of the Spokane County Democratic Party to formally complain. "The Affirmative Action Committee has to issue an unequivocal statement, an apology to Mr. Ng and the whole Asian American community," said Marr.

"There is a lot of side-stepping and tripping over themselves," said Marr of the local party's actions. Marr plans to bring the issue up at the Spokane Chapter, JAACL board meeting Feb. 9.

"Someone said ('chinks'), both of whom are party officials. Regardless of if person A or person B said it, the Democratic party has got a problem," said Marr.

Marr is seeking the immediate resignation of Workland, if he indeed was the one who made the comment, and the formation of a special committee to investigate the local Democratic party's handling of the incident.

Originally from Monterey Bay, California, Marr explained that Spokane is very different from the more cosmopolitan Seattle. "During World War II, a large percentage of Japanese Americans relocated, some moved back, some did not. As far as I know, there are no Asian American elected officials (in Spokane)," said Marr.

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Inouye, Raymond, 69, San Jose, Dec. 7; San Jose-born, survived by wife Nelly, son Randy, daughter Sandy Imai, 2 gc., brothers Gordon, Wright, sisters Umeyo (Jpn), Betty Ouchida.

Ishikawa, Etsuzo G, 70; Seabrook, Texas, Nov. 28; Seattle-born NASA employee at Seabrook since 1964, survived by wife Yasuko, sons James, Richard (both Houston), 3 gc, sisters Martha Kaisaki, Namiko Mukai (both Spokane), brother Richard (Bellevue, Wash.)

Ishizue, Hideo, 68, Davis, Dec. 20; Springville, Utah-born, survived by wife Itsuko, sons Richard, Tomio, Makoto, sister Haruko Ishizue, brother Yoshio.

Kajiwar, Utako, 84, Sunnyvale, Nov. 2; Yamanashi-born, survived by son Kay, daughters Yoko Takeyama, Midori Morofuji, Hiromi Kodama, Takako Nishihara, Taeko Kajiwar, 11 gc., 9 great-gc.

Katase, Matsuno, 99, San Francisco, Dec. 9; Nagano-born, survived by son Dr. Robert, daughter Frances Fujii, 8 gc., 3 great-gc.

Katayama, Miyo, 89, Oakland, Dec. 8; Kumamoto-born, survived by daughters Emily Umemoto, Nancy Katayama, 3 gc., great-gc, son-in-law David Umemoto, sister Michiko Matsumoto (Jpn), in-laws: brother Bill (Minneapolis), Jimmy (Los Angeles).

Kawamoto, Suye, 92, Reedley, Dec. 23; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Kiyoshi, daughter Miyeko Kawamoto, 4 gc., 1 great-gc.

Kawata, Kinu, 88, Mountain View, Dec. 8; Yamaguchi-born, survived by sons Kiyoshi, Tomoe, daughters Natsuko Miya, Ajiko Sugino, Misue Honda.

Kimura, Yoshiko, 64, Los Angeles, Dec. 9; Hiroshima-born, survived by husband Ken, sons Richard, Dr. Robert, Steven (San Diego), daughter Susie, 2 gc.

Koga, Takeshi, 90, San Francisco, Nov. 3; Saga-born, survived by wife Chino, son Shoji, daughters Satomi Ishida, Kuniye Koga, 2 gc., 2 great-gc.

Koura, Shizuko, 75, San Martin, Dec. 20; Yamaguchi-born, survived by husband Yoshito, daughters Yoshiye Sugiyama, Yoshimi Fabryny, Yoko Johnson, Emi Mann, 8 gc., brother Katsumi Wakazuru and sister Umeko Yamamoto (both Jpn).

Kuramoto, Sumie, 72, Kensington, Dec. 9; Hiroshima-born, survived by husband Eimi.

Matsumoto, Sakae, 70, Reedley, Dec. 15 in auto accident; Fresno-born, survived by wife Fumiko, son Eiji, daughter Eimi.

Miyagawa, Kumao, 91, Walnut Grove, Dec. 16; Kumamoto-born, survived by wife Akiko, son Roy.

Miyamoto, Masakazu, 78, Richmond, Nov. 1; Winters-born, survived by daughters Sayuri, Misuko.

Moriguchi, Iitsu, 91, San Francisco, Nov. 17; Fukushima-born, survived by husband Satoji, sons Toshiro, Kiyoshi, 4 gc., 3 great-gc.

Nakamichi, Sakiyo, 97, Parlier, Nov. 16; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Tom, Yutaka, Kusu, daughters Sawano Ura, Kikuye Ishigaki, 10 gc., 4 great-gc.

Nishida, Makiko, 64, Manteca, Dec. 26; Stockton-born, survived by husband Jimmie, sons Dave, Thomas, daughters Joyce Pohl, Peggy, 3 gc., sisters Shizuko Sakioka, Shimako Mizuno, Satomi Togo, in-laws Shigeju (mother), Fumio, Roy, Betty Nishimori.

Nishiyama, Takumi, 69, San Jose, Dec. 16; Coyote, Calif.-born, survived by sisters Tee Hirata (Cupertino), Betty Hagiya (Santa Clara), Kay Hirai (Vista).

Ohara, Natomi, 71, Sacramento, Nov. 13; Sacramento-born, survived by son Randy, sisters Sumi Nakayama, Matsu Taniguchi, Tsuru Hamakawa, May Ikeda.

Onodera, Shigehiro, 70, San Francisco, Nov. 2; Tokyo-born postwar community photographer, founded Minyo Folk Club, survived by wife Aiko, daughter Hiromi, sons

Hiroki, Hiroshi.

Oshita, Gerald M, 50, Berkeley, Oct. 30; Iowa-born Sansei, survived by parents Sakao and Kay, sister Jane Nehira, brothers Bob and Steven.

Otsubo, Koto, 95, San Jose, Dec. 6; Fukuoka-born, survived by sons Toshio, George, daughter Teruko Taketa, 6 gc., 7 great-gc.

Suzuki, Henry E, 70, Los Angeles, Dec. 17; Seattle-born WWII MIS vet, civil engineer, Univ. of Illinois and Cal-Tech alumnus, survived by sons James, John, daughter Judith Walters, Katherine, sisters Agnes, Georgia, Lucy, Magdalen, gc.

Wakamiya, Seichi, 91, Long Beach, Dec. 7; Fukuoka-born pioneer; survived by sons Yoichi, Eiji, 3 gc., 1 great-gc.

Yamanaka, Kikuno, 95, Gilroy, Nov. 13; Mie-born, survived by sons Sam, Henry, Ken, Ben, daughters Yoko Doi, Hideko Ishikawa, Hisako Mizota, gc, and great-gc.

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we are seeking.

"Now, the NDRB says the board itself doesn't have jurisdiction. What they seem to be saying, then, is that there is no one to do the job, no one who can remedy these injustices."

At the board hearing, additional evidence was presented showing the extent and effects of racism in the Marine Corps.

Yamashita said that based on statistical analyses of Marine Corps data obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, James Dannemiller, president of SMS Research, and Dr. David Takeuchi, associate professor, University of Hawaii-Manoa, concluded that racial bias existed in a least 25 OCS classes during the 1980s, and that race was a primary factor in his disenrollment from the 140th OCS. They further concluded that disparities in promotions, retention, and disciplinary actions revealed in Corps-wide statistics could be attributed to racial bias.

Yamashita was dropped from OCS two days before he was to graduate. The action came after nine weeks of racial harassment and discriminatory behavior directed at him because he was an American of Japanese ancestry. An investigation by the Marine Corps subsequently verified most of the major incidents of discrimination and harassment, and while the Corps apologized for them, it refused to grant Yamashita his commission.

Ikei says the board's decision is further evidence that the Marine Corps is "stalling" and refusing to deal with the issues in the case.

IN-SIGHT
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A few days in Chicago allowed me to write this column and to teleconference with Hank Tanaka on the next steps for the Organization Structure report. We are preparing something to go to the committee for review then to the board before we make a presenta-

tion at the Tri-District meetings, the first of which is in Costa Mesa in early April.

Finally, Bill Yoshino has been named Asian American of the Year by the Asian American Coalition in Chicago. He will be honored at its Lunar New Year dinner on Saturday. Congratulations, Bill. That's thirty for now.

Kimura's IN-SIGHT column appears regularly in the Pacific Citizen.

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