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PSW, NCWNP reports

PSW: Making the leadership transition

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

LONG BEACH—The Pacific Southwest District meeting Aug. 13 proceeded with business as usual despite the recent resignations of Ruth Mizobe, PSW district governor, Trisha Murakawa, vice president for planning and development, and Craig Minami, PSW vice governor. Karen-Liane Shiba, PSW recording secretary, was elevated to the position interim district governor in the wake of the resignations. John Saito, PSW executive committee member, presided over the meeting.

Shiba said, "The biggest thing we all need to work on is respect. Learning to listen to one another even when we disagree. I want us to work on dealing with each other on a personal level rather than taking things personally."

Speaking to *Pacific Citizen*,

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NCWNP tackles affirmative action controversies

By ANNE T. OMURA
Special to the Pacific Citizen

SAN JOSE—The highlight of the Aug. 13 Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District meeting was a lively discussion on affirmative action.

Forum moderator, John Hayashi, emphasized to panelists and the audience that the event was purely "informational" and not a "debate" between the two panelists.

Despite these admonitions, the forum sparked heated and emotional debate between panelists Valora Harvey and Lance Izumi. Adding to the controversy, UC Regent Stephen Nakashima spoke in defense of his recent vote to end affirmative action in the UC system.

Izumi, a senior fellow in California Studies with the Pacific Research Institute, spoke in favor of abolishing affirmative action. He called affirmative

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VP Murakawa, Gov. Mizobe resign from JACL board



MURAKAWA



MIZOBE

PSW vice governor Minami also resigns in protest to recent actions

Staff report

After expressing their concerns about the actions and directions of the organization for more than six months, Trisha Murakawa, JACL vice president for planning and development, Ruth Mizobe, PSW governor, and Craig Minami, PSW vice governor, submitted their resignations to the National Board.

All three cited as a primary reason the Dec. 3, 1994,

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Pocatello, Idaho, JA on trial for allegedly stabbing stepdaughter

Local JACL chapter says high bail was discriminatory

Trial is scheduled to begin Aug. 22 for Troy Shiozawa of Pocatello, Idaho, accused of stabbing his 2-year-old stepdaughter in the back during an argument with his wife. The case has raised concern among local JACL members, who feel that Shiozawa's civil rights have been

violated based on racial discrimination.

Bail was initially set at \$1,000,000 on the recommendations of the prosecuting attorney. Shiozawa's attorney, Bron M. Rammell, noted that such a high bail is unconstitutional. "In com-

parison, a white male was recently charged with the murder of a baby, and was asked to produce \$50,000," said Rammell. Shiozawa's bail has since been reduced to \$50,000 and he has been out on bail awaiting trial.

Shiozawa, 24, has said that the stabbing was accidental and has pleaded not guilty to one count of aggravated assault and two counts of aggravated battery.

Rammell said that one of the prosecutor's claims against Shiozawa is that he "demonstrates a paternalistic controlling behavior, indicative of Japanese individuals."

A number of the facts of the case are in dispute. At the time bail was set, prosecutors alleged that Shiozawa repeatedly stabbed both mother and child. But the defense attorney said that the daughter had one wound, which was at maximum penetration two inches, and that the mother had not been stabbed.

Last April, Shiozawa was re-arrested on a charge of violating bail when claims were made that he had attempted to contact his

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Voluntary evacuees are now eligible for redress

Evacuees who voluntarily left the West Coast in 1942 will now be eligible for redress, according to two cases recently decided by the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

The first case is *Ishida v. United States*. Douglas Ishida was born in November, 1942, after his parents had moved from California to Ohio.

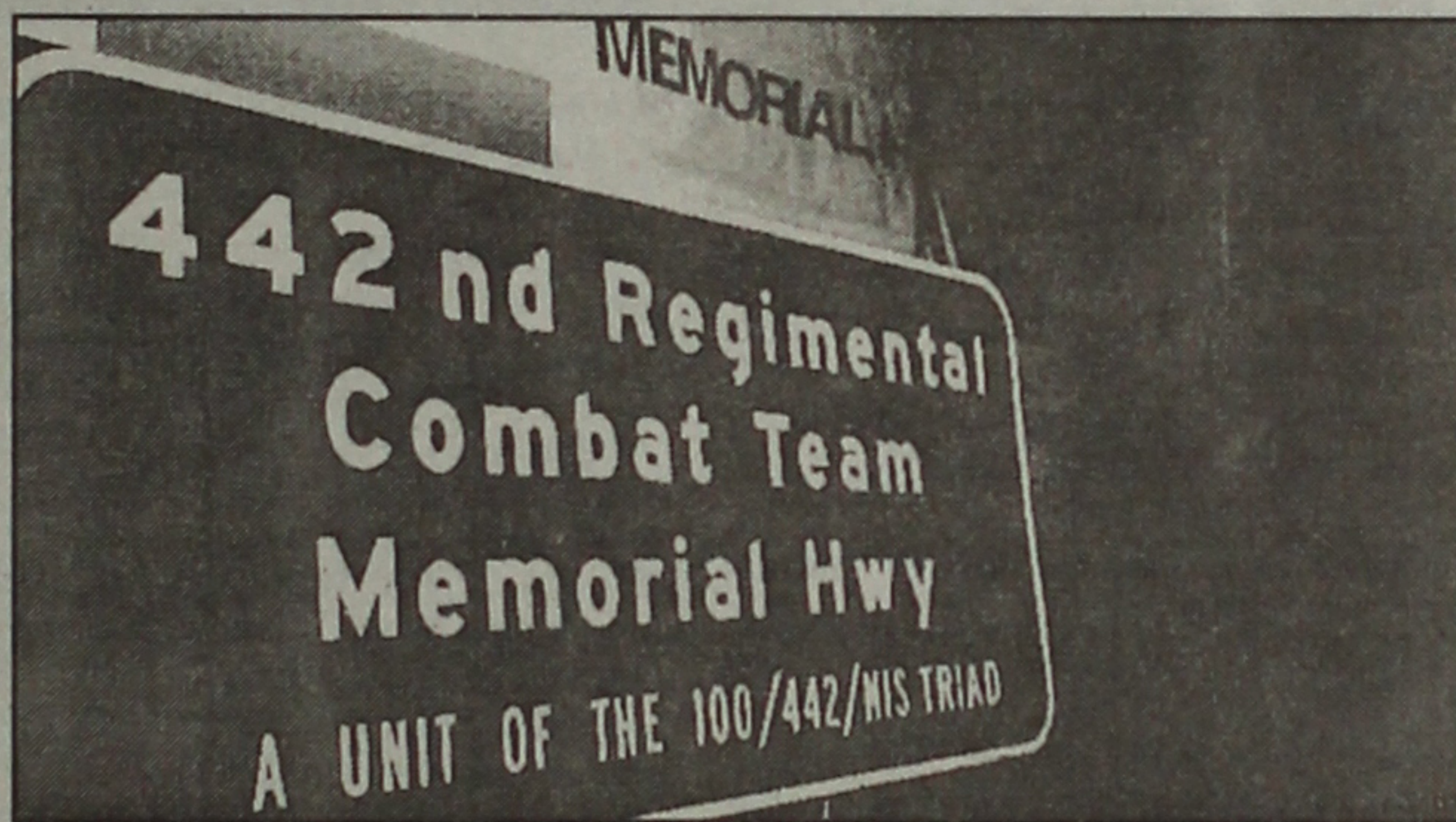
The government had denied redress to Ishida, but the court said, "We disagree with the government that the act is limited to those excluded from their present 'residence.' Coverage of individuals such as Ishida who were deprived of basic civil liberties because they were excluded from their family homes during the statutory period as a result of the specified government actions is explicit in the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation, upon which Congress based the act."

Speaking to *Pacific Citizen*, Richard Halberstein, attorney for Ishida, said the ruling reaffirms the original intent of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

"The Congress intended to give redress to all people affected by the evacuation, not just a narrow group. The original will of Con-

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Signs of the times: Highways honor vets



BIG AND BOLD—Highway sign in Stockton, Calif., pays tribute to the soldiers of the 442nd RCT as well as the 100th Battalion and the MIS. Ceremonies were held Aug. 4.

Photo: JEM LEW

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

STOCKTON—Total attendance of WWII Nisei veterans, families and friends numbered about 1,000 when three memorial highway markers were dedicated between June 10 and August 4 at Simi Valley for the MIS, Fresno for the 100th and Stockton for the 442nd. But the impact is greater as thousands more travel daily on State Highway 23 between Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks and on Highway 99 between Manteca/Salida and be-

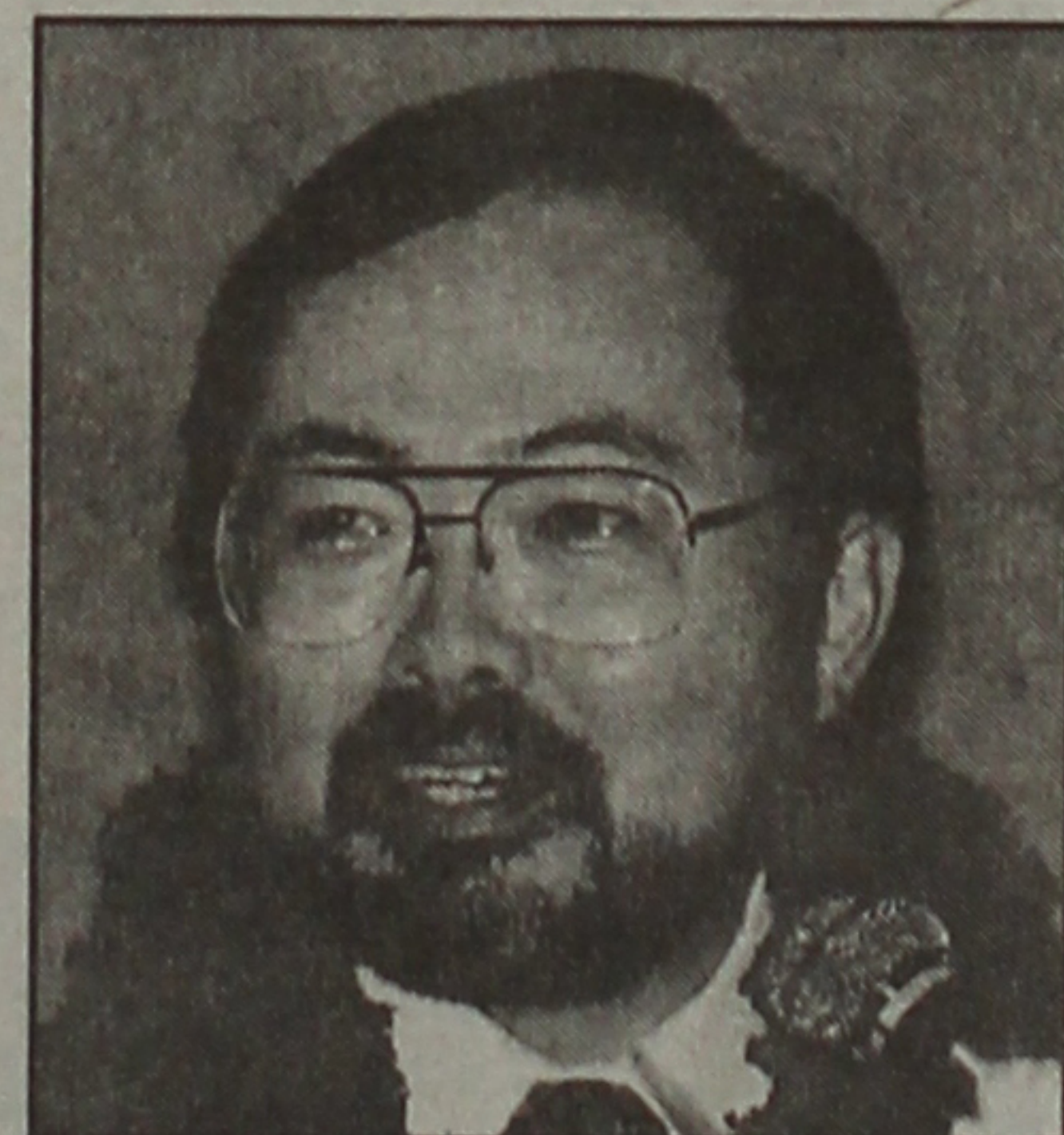
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Judge Ito: Solidarity in a time of anti-Asian sentiment

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

LOS ANGELES—While he serves in a solitary role as judge presiding over the O.J. Simpson double murder trial, Judge Lance Ito said that it is important for Asian Americans to stick together in a time of increased bias.

Speaking at the recent Los Angeles County Asian American Association Employees dinner, Ito said, "These are very dangerous times for us as Asian Americans. We must be prepared to face those dangers. There is a trend of growing tolerance of intolerance. I don't



LANCE ITO
Concern for JA community

Photo: SHIGEKI KIKKAWA

need to remind Asian Americans, we in California have seen similar trends before."

He referred to the alien land laws and Japanese exclusion act saying, "My own grandfather could not own property."

Without naming names, Ito referred obliquely to racist parodies by New York Sen. Alfonse D'Amato mocking the judge, and O.J.'s *Legal Pad*, published by Villard Books, a subsidiary of Random House.

D'Amato had mocked Ito during a radio interview, using a fake Japanese accent and calling him "little Judge Ito." D'Amato later

apologized on the floor of the Senate, admitting the remark was insensitive.

O.J.'s *Legal Pad*, a bestseller, includes racist caricatures of Ito with buck teeth and slant eyes as a kamikaze pilot and a bayonet-carrying Japanese soldier. At the time, JACL joined other groups defending Ito and protesting both incidents.

Ito expressed his own feelings saying, "We have all experienced problems. There are public figures who use racial stereotypes. I'm a tough guy, but I gotta tell

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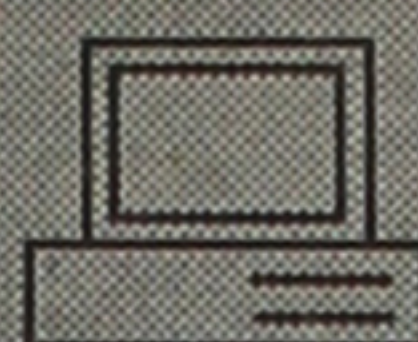
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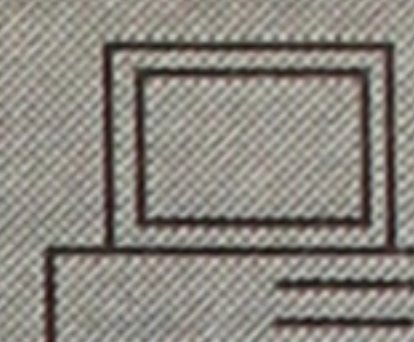
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JACL calendar

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All JACL and Community calendar items must include the following information: what, where, when (date, time), phone number(s) and contact person.

Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 6-8—Fall DC meeting, Holiday Inn Airport. (Details to come). **DAYTON**

Sun. Sept. 24—General meeting and program 2-6 p.m., info: Darryl Sakada, pres., 513/298-1252. NOTE—"Racial Attitudes and Discrimination in Dayton," and video "Racism in the Media."

Sun. Nov. 5—General meetings and cultural program, 2-6 p.m., info: Darryl Sakada, pres., 513/298-1252. NOTE—Japanese cuisine, language and customs.

Coming Jan. 4-Feb. 14, 1996—Smithsonian's "A More Perfect Union," Dayton Public Library.

SAINT LOUIS

Sat.-Mon., Sept. 2-4—Japanese Festival, Missouri Botanical Garden., info: Sherry Pratt, 314/963-8115 day, 938-3708 eve.

Intermountain

MOUNT OLYMPUS

Mon. Aug. 21—Auxiliary's annual steak fry, 6:30 p.m., Pavilion #4, Murray Park (opposite Mick Riley Golf Course sign).

NorCal-WN-Pac

SAN FRANCISCO

Chapter Board on first Tuesdays, 7 p.m., National JACL HQ, 1765 Sutter St., open to all members and public, info: Jeff Adachi 415/922-1534.

Thu., Aug. 31—Film premiere and reception: Steven Okazaki's "American Sons," AMC Kabuki Theater, 1881 Post St., tickets 415/922-1534, info: Jeff Adachi, 415/553-9318. NOTE—Chapter annually sponsors an Asian American film premiere. Proceeds for Asian American Theatre Co. and Bay Area

schools. Film based interviews conducted with Asian American men throughout the country.

SAN JOSE

Chapter Board on 2nd Fridays; '96 Convention Committee on 3rd Tuesdays, info: 408/295-1250.

Sat. Oct. 21—Casino night, Lou's Village; Mark Kobayashi, chair, 408/295-1250.

SAN MATEO

Sat. Aug. 26—Community potluck dinner, S.M. Senior Center, 5-8p.m.; info: 415/343-2793. NOTE—Scholarship awards to be presented.

Sun., Sept. 24—Picnic, noon-4 p.m., Shoreview Park, info: Mary Jo Kobata 415/593-7358, Kate Motoyama 415/574-6676.

SEQUOIA

Fri. Sept. 1—High school graduates scholarship deadline extended; info: Harry Hatasaka, 3876 Grove Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306, 415/493-8932 home, 415/321-7865 work.

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sat. Sept. 9—DC Meeting, Selma Japanese Mission Church; info: Regional office-Patricia Tsai 209/486-6815.

Sun. Nov. 5—Annual CCDC installation banquet, 5 p.m., Split Pea Anderson's, Selma; info: Regional office-Patricia Tsai, 209/237-6815.

FRESNO

Sun. Sept. 10—10th annual Shinzen Run and chapter picnic at Woodward Park. Info: Deborah Ikeda 209/434-1264.

Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sun. Oct. 1—5th Biennial recognitions luncheon, 12 noon, Torrance Marriott, info: Carol Saito 213/626-4471.

Sat.-Sun., Oct. 28-29—Quarterly session & board elections, Sahara Hotel, Las Vegas; RSVP Aug. 31 (or when bus & 35 rooms space is sold out) with JACL Office, 213/626-4471; NOTE—Mtg regios \$20 p/person (includes continental Bkfst and lunch); Spcl room rate Fri, Sat-\$151.20, chartered bus from JACCC Friday, 1 p.m., lv Las Vegas

Community calendar

Midwest

CLEVELAND

Sun., Aug. 20—JACL Community picnic, Furnace Creek Run, Metro Park of Summit County, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; info: 216/777-3992.

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Thu.-Sat. Sept. 7-9—MIS National Reunion, Doubletree Suites, Tukwila, info: MIS-Northwest Assn., P.O. Box 18616, Seattle, WA 98118.

Thu.-Sun., Sept. 21-24—'95 Seattle Asian American Film Festival, Seattle Art Museum; info Wm. Satake Blauvelt 209/329-6084 eve/msgs.

Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Through Oct. 2—Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit Opening: "Strength & Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990," UNLV Marjorie Barrick Museum, 702/382-4443. Co-sponsored by Las Vegas JACL, Nevada Humanities Committee, Nevada Council for the Arts.

California

SAN FRANCISCO

Sun. Sept. 10—Nisei Widowed Group meeting, 2-4:30 p.m., info: Elsie Uyeda

Chung 415/221-0268, Yuri Moriwaki 510/482-3280.

SAN JOSE

Sat. Aug. 26-Sat. Sept. 2—Yu-Ai Kai/JAC Senior Center 8-day trip for Mt. Rushmore, Badlands, Yellowstone, Grand Teton; RSVP, info: Anthony Chung 408/294-2505. NOTE—Next trip: Sept. 13-14 to Reno.

LOS ANGELES

Fri-Sat only to Sept. 2—Jude Narita's one-woman play, "Stories Waiting to be Told," Fri-Sat 8 p.m., Sat 2 p.m., Los Angeles Theater Center, 514 S. Spring St., Box office 213/466-1767.

Sat.-Sun. Aug. 12-20—55th annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival; Carnival/street fair, Sat.-Sun. Aug. 19-20, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., L.T. streets; Street ondo, and Closing ceremonies Sun. Aug. 20, 6 p.m., L.T. streets; Aug. 20, 1 p.m., Kohauku Uta-Gassen, JACCC info: 213/628-2725; Nisei Week Info: 213/687-7193. NOTE—Shops have free calendars of events.

Sun., Aug. 20—"Wrestling Tigers: Asian American Writers Speak," 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—Readings by Cecilia Manguerra Brainard and Fe Panaligan Koona.

Ends Aug. 22—Photo exhibit: The Forgotten Holocaust, Weingart Gallery,

noon Sunday; \$33 r.t., first come first serve.

API LAMBDA

Sun. Sept. 17—General meeting in L.A., info: May Yamamoto 310/355-8363.

WEST LOS ANGELES

Sat. Aug. 26—Scholarship benefit steak bake, Early Bird bingo, 4 p.m., Sawtelle Gakuen, 2110 Corinth, info: George Kanegai 310/820-5250.

Sakamoto memorial planned Sept. 10

A dedication ceremony for the Jimmie Sakamoto memorial has been scheduled for Sept. 10 at the Keiro Nursing Home in Seattle.

The event caps a two-year drive to create a memorial for one of the original founders of JACL and a publisher of the pre-World War II Japanese American *Courier*. The memorial was paid for solely by participants in the old *Courier* sports leagues.

Former residents of the Pacific Northwest who remember Sakamoto are invited to attend. Yoshito "Salty" Mizuta and Mits Abe are co-chairs of the committee.

The dedication begins at 2 p.m. in the facility's garden.

CCDC, PSW districts on e-mail

The Central California District and Pacific Southwest District are both accessible by electronic mail.

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Phone number: 209/486-6815.
●Pacific Citizen's e-mail address is PacCit@aol.com

Occidental College, 1600 Campus Dr., Los Angeles, info: 213/255-4295.

Fri. Aug. 25—"Solo Flights IV," melange of theatrical performances, 8 p.m., JACCC Doizaki Gallery, box office 213/680-3700. Repeats Aug. 27, 2 p.m.

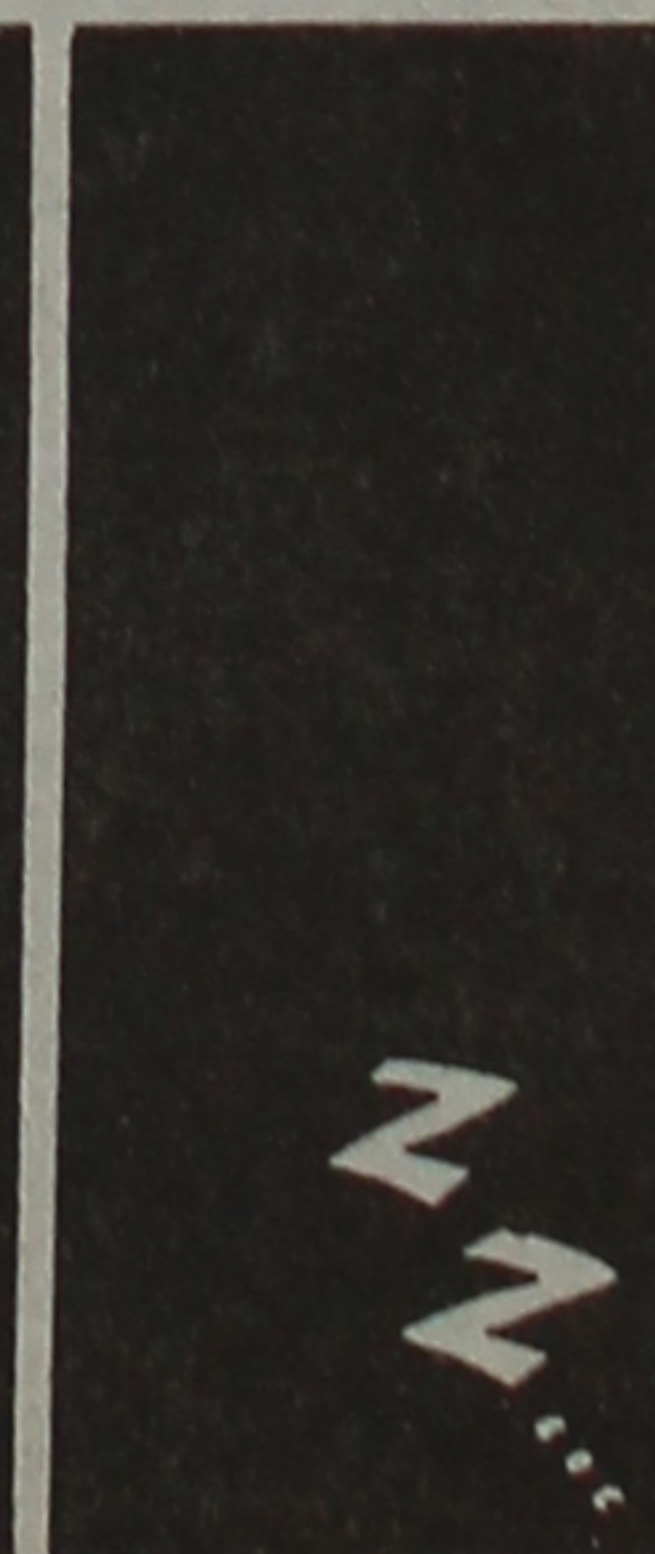
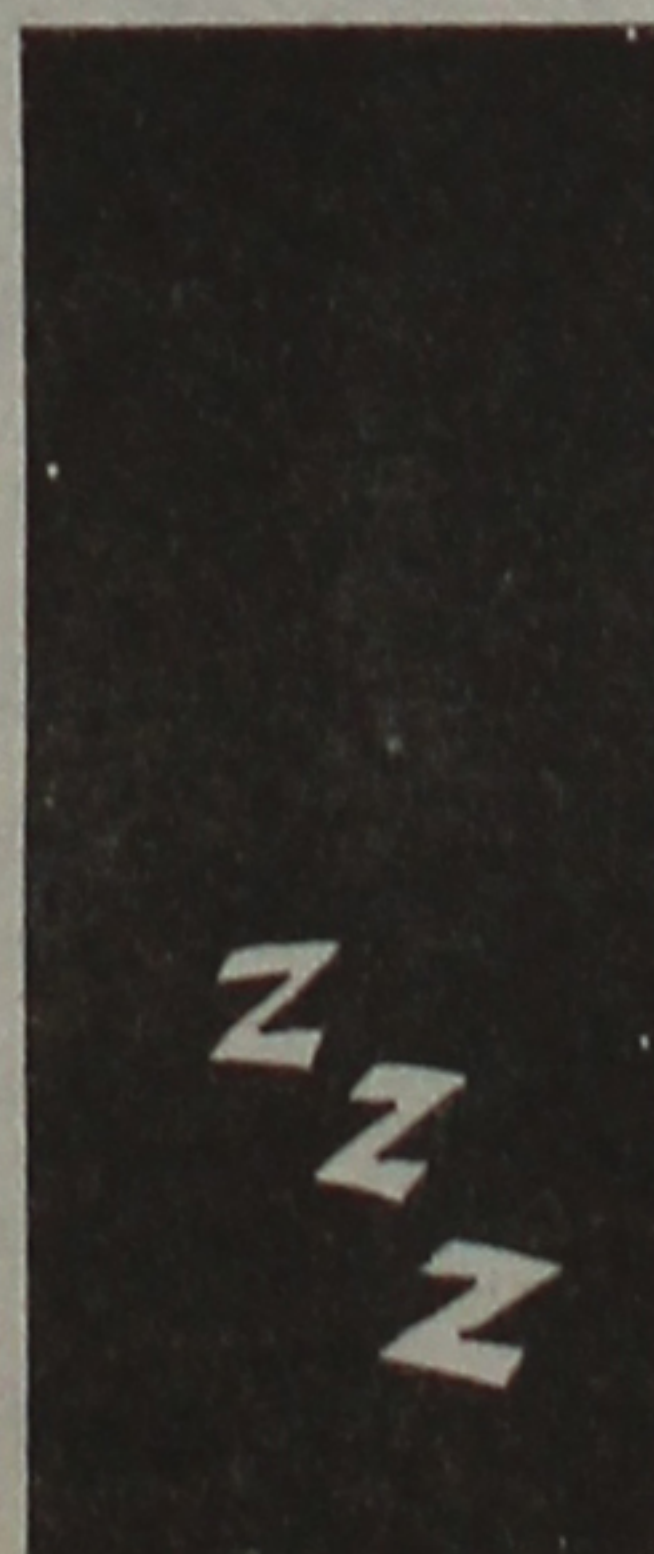
Sat. Aug. 26—Chilivision IX/Pioneering Visions, JACCC Plaza; info: 213/680-4462.

Sat. Aug. 26—Poston mini-reunion, 1 p.m., and Book party: "Inside an American Concentration Camp [Poston]" with author Lane Hirabayashi, 2 p.m. JANM, 369 E. 1st St., RSVP required, info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—Former Poston I, II and III internees will share their experiences.

Sat. Aug. 26—Orange County Sansei Singles Night: "An Anthology Affaire," 6 p.m.-12m, Sambi Restaurant, 8649 Firestone Blvd., Downey; RSVP by Aug. 17 Rod Ichinose 213/293-5795; info: Judy Chew 213/683-6000x4749 day, 818/243-3707 evg.

Ends Aug. 27—Exhibit: "Witness: Our Brothers' Keepers, Japanese American and Jewish American GIs," witnesses to liberation of the Nazi death camps in 1945; JANM, 369 E. 1st St., info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—WWII's 522nd Field Artillery Battalion exhibit created by the National Museum of American Jewish Military History.

Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka



National dialogue

By KARYL MATSUMOTO
JACL Interim National Director

Updates

I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have expressed support for the organization and offered words of encouragement. I have attended several district meetings and met many wonderful people. At the New Mexico Tri-District meeting I conveyed to membership that we at National are here to serve membership, the board and the Japanese American community, and I also promised to provide JACLers with monthly updates on the happenings on the national level.

Membership

Amy Yamashiro reports that the membership department is slowly but surely coming back up to speed. The backlog lies primarily in data entry and report generation, but our summer intern Dylan Souza has been steadfastly plugging away at the computer. (Please note that we had to develop an entirely new system for the membership program and that we are working with one full-time staff member as opposed to two.)

We do have a delay in sending out membership cards to new members because we are on a new database, and to set up the database to print (plus the printing itself) takes more time than we

are willing to pull off of data entry. Timely data entry impacts on the *Pacific Citizen* mailing list and month-end financial figures. Amy says we should be current by month's end and then she will work on getting out information to membership chairs as well as new member ID Cards.

Finances

Grant Thornton completed their on-site audit around the first part of June and provided us with a draft report the first week in August. This report was circulated for comments and by the time you read this article it will have been returned to Grant Thornton. Once we have the finalized audit report, it will be published in the *Pacific Citizen*. Our Business Manager, Clyde Izumi, says he will have a current budget available for publication next month. Clyde has begun creating a more comprehensive and clearly defined financial network which means that accessibility and accountability will be the hallmark of our financial record-keeping. In addition, he has begun automating the financial side of JACL's operation.

Good news—the target dates for the first and second quarter chapter rebates are August and September.

Programs

Stephanie Roh is diligently completing the 1994 Scholarship Program and is concurrently overhauling the 1995 program. Chapter scholarship chairs will be pleased to know that the program will be on time and in place this year by the first part of October.

Odds and Ends

We have begun work with the San Jose Convention Committee as well as tying up loose ends from the 1994 convention such as consolidating, for publication, the minutes of that convention.

Within the next week or two I plan to actively seek funding for a couple of our programs.

Although not finalized yet, the National Board is scheduled to meet October 21-22.

By way of explanation and not presented as an excuse, our tasks were compounded by the fact that in addition to learning new jobs without any documented job procedures we had to plough our way through dozens of boxes scattered throughout the building in order to obtain papers necessary to operate.

We are on track now and we welcome any suggestions or ideas you wish to share with us. We all thank you for your patience and understanding.

Anti-Asian American violence increases in '94, report says

Here's the bottom line in anti-Asian American sentiment: In 1994, 452 incidences occurred, a 35 percent increase over the previous year.

That's according to the annual audit from the Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium. In its recently published report, the study also found that 90 percent of the incidents were confirmed to be racially motivated.

The consortium reported that Asian Pacific Americans were most vulnerable where they work and live. Incidents of violence increased 490 percent at places of business over the year 1993. Incidents of violence in public places and residences increased 78 percent and 81 percent respectively.

According to the study, most of the incidences involved assault, harassment or vandalism.

It is assault which may be of most concern since Asian Pacific Americans are "twice as likely to be assaulted than harassed," the report said.

Much of the motivation for anti-Asian American sentiment comes from anti-immigrant attitudes, the consortium pointed out. "In a significant portion of the reported

incidents, victims were told 'go home' and 'you're not wanted,' and looked upon as if they were not 'Americans.' It is reminiscent of the historical hysteria associated with the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act, the Alien Land Laws (passed to keep Japanese immigrants from owning property), and the placing of Americans of Japanese descent into concentration camps during World War II."

One of the incidents reported was the firebombing of the JACL office in Sacramento.

While the reporting of incidences of anti-Asian American sentiment is improving, the report says that data collection "remains difficult to obtain, incomplete when available, and limited by widespread underreporting. One-fifth of states do not collect hate crime statistics. Another 16 percent will not have their 1994 numbers available until later in 1995 . . . Law enforcement agencies in California, home to 40 percent of the Asian Pacific American population, did not fully participate in 1994."

In its recommendations, the consortium outlined these points:

■ "Immigrant status" must be

included in the definition of a hate crime for categorizing purposes. Public officials will be more aware of the consequences of irresponsible statements and policies.

■ Politicians and other leaders who blame minorities and immigrants for the country's economic ills must be strongly and vocally condemned.

■ Investment must be made into community education to increase reporting and improve law enforcement response.

■ Increase and improvement in law enforcement sensitivity training, recruitment, hiring and promotion of Asian Pacific Americans must occur.

■ The FBI Hate Crime Statistics Act must be fully implemented and funded. This would, in turn, encourage local law enforcement to monitor hate bias incidents and train police officials to respond appropriately.

■ The Community Relations Service of the Department of Justice must be fully funded to resolve group conflicts and racial tension at the local level.

■ Parents and schools must teach tolerance and methods to resolve disputes and counter ignorance.

that this motion does not automatically end debate on a previous motion. According to *Robert's Rules of Order*, before or after such a motion has been seconded, the chair may ask if there is any objection to closing debate. If member(s) object or try to get the floor, the chair should ask if there is a second to the motion or call; or, if it has already been seconded, the chair must then take a vote on whether to order the Previous Question.

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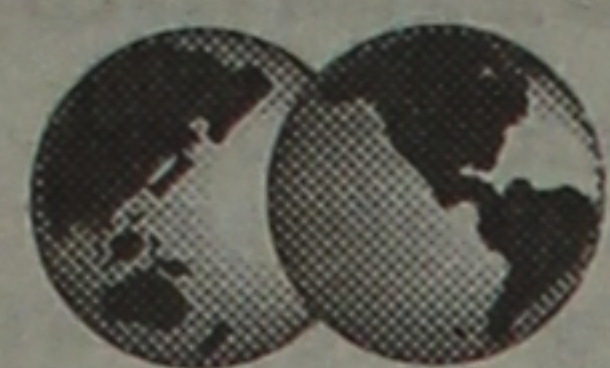
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How to conduct a meeting

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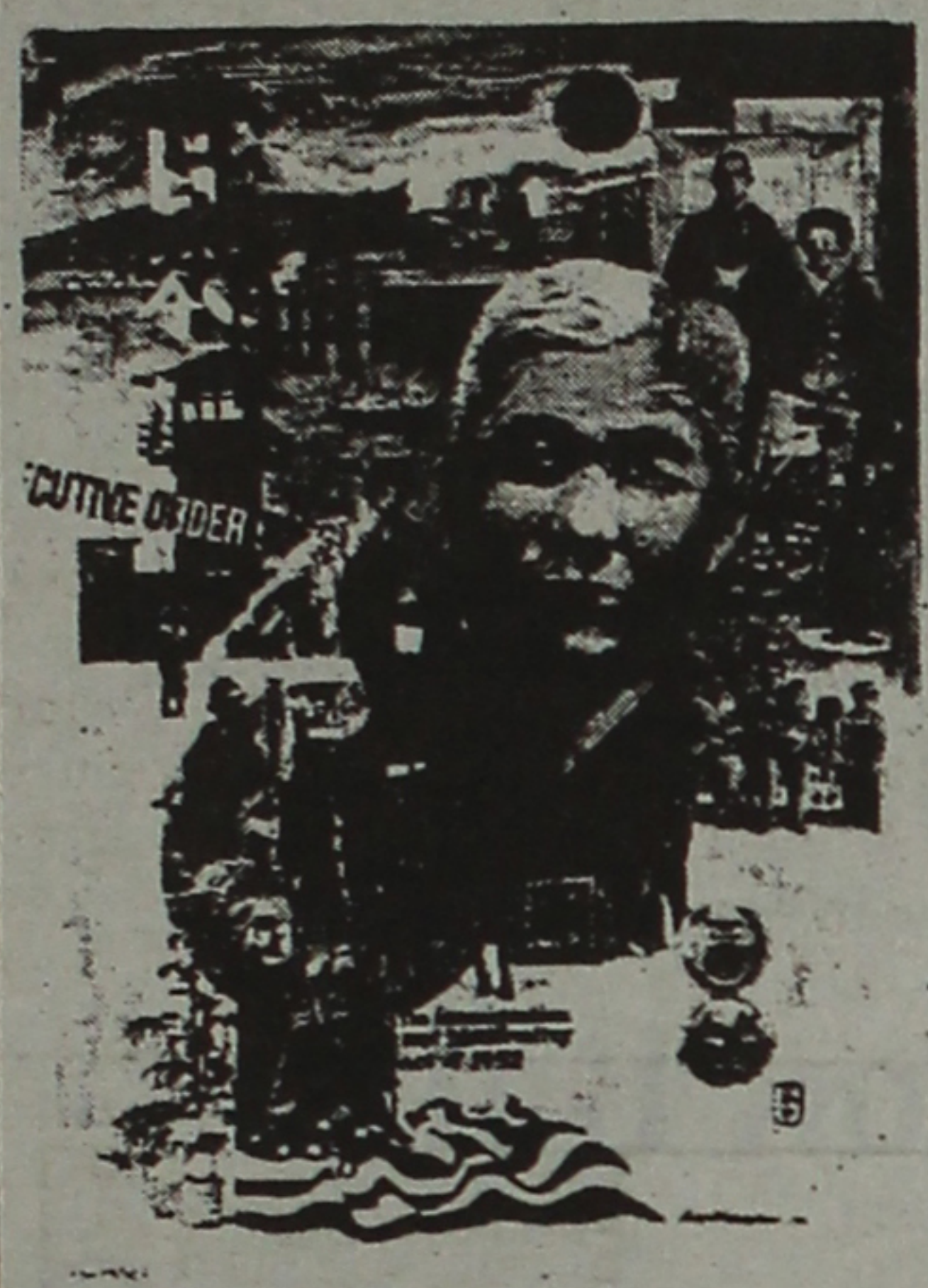
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PSW

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Shiba, who is a member of the SELANOCO Chapter, said, "At first I felt a little overwhelmed and sad that this has had to happen. I feel a responsibility to fill the void until we can elect new officers in October."

The district unanimously passed a resolution of appreciation for Mizobe, Murakawa and Minami. Presented by the APAN, Marina-SCAN and SELANOCO Chapters, the resolution said, "These three leaders, in their years of service to JACL at the local, district, and national levels have



KAREN-LIANE SHIBA
Serving as interim governor

demonstrated exemplary energy, enthusiasm and vision that has inspired us and greatly benefited JACL.

"They represent the best and the brightest of our upcoming younger generation, helping to attract their peers to JACL, serving as role models and exemplifying the younger, forward-thinking leaders needed in JACL," read the resolution.

The resolution noted the individual accomplishments of each and said that the three former officers helped organize last year's PSW fund-raiser which raised \$60,000, split between National headquarters and PSW.

Assemblywoman addresses PSW

California State Assemblywoman Debra Bowen, 53rd district, spoke to the PSW district about the importance of staying involved in local politics.

"You'd be surprised how few letters we get on most issues. On welfare reform, I may have gotten three letters," said Bowen.

An attorney, Bowen represents the coastal cities from Venice to Palos Verdes Estates. She said that she is currently working on a setting up a board of control to help manage Los Angeles County's budget crisis. Noting that proposed cuts in funding of public health clinics will have a negative effect on the county, Bowen said, "It is good for us to think in terms of the larger community and deal with health issues separately from immigration issues."

Bowen said that one of the programs the assembly was able to save was prenatal care for undocumented women, a program

which Gov. Pete Wilson wanted to cut.

"Children born here will be U.S. citizens. If we spend \$1 on prenatal care, we will save \$3 on premature births," said Bowen.

The assemblywoman said the increasing partisanship in California politics has hurt the poor, disabled and elderly.

"I'm non-partisan by nature but the close partisanship has made me more partisan. . . There are a lot of ways that we can have a win-win solution, but instead they have gone after the least fortunate."

Chair of the budget subcommittee on information technology, Bowen noted that the assembly has a home page on the World Wide Web and said that technology such as the Internet was a way of empowering individual constituents.

Her e-mail address is bowen@assembly.ca.gov. She was introduced by Kim Tachiki, who works in Bowen's office.

Regional director search

PSW created a committee to search for a new regional director. The position has been left vacant since August '94. Members of the search committee include: Harold Harada, Roy Nishikawa, Karl Nobuyuki, Ron Osajima, and B.J. Watanabe. Harada and Nobuyuki



DEBRA BOWEN
Get involved in local politics

each contributed \$250 to help fund the search. Members of the district felt that the selection of the next regional director is a top district priority.

Invitation to Yasuhara and Matsumoto

PSW extended an invitation to Denny Yasuhara, JACL national president, and interim national director Karyl M. Matsumoto, to the Oct. 28 PSW district meeting. The district also voted to pay for their travel and hotel expenses up to \$1,000.

Nishikawa, Wilshire Chapter and former national president, made the resolution.

"It is essential for all of us to become acquainted with these two individuals," said Nishikawa. "They could contribute quite a bit to our district council meeting."

District bylaws

The district voted a series of changes to the PSW district bylaws. Among the changes were

the addition of parliamentarian as an appointed district position. Other appointed positions are student/youth representative and district legal counsel. These positions will be appointed by the governor and approved by the district council. The changes also added education as a standing district committee and removed gender specific language from the bylaws. The council voted to have district meeting minutes available 30 days prior to the next meeting. Under the duties of treasurer, the council discussed giving the treasurer the power to designate an assistant with approval of the district council. This idea will be brought up again at the next district council meeting.

District book and video library

Shiba suggested that PSW start its own book and video library at the regional office. Noting the recent 50th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings, Shiba said she had videotapes of some news programs about the bombings and would make them available at the PSW office. She encouraged others to donate material to the collection.

Nominations open for PSW board

Nominations for the PSW executive board are open and chapters are encouraged to submit names for the positions. PSW is looking for a wide representation of chapters and age ranges. Positions include: governor, vice governor, recording secretary, treasurer and nine at-large board members. Elections are scheduled to be held at the Oct. 28 PSW district meeting in Las Vegas. Information: George Ogawa, nominations chair, 310/325-7622; fax, 310/559-4024.

Other committee members include, Miyako Kadogawa, Greater L.A. Singles Chapter; Midori Kamei, South Bay Chapter; John Okanishi, APAN Chapter; and Wayne Nagata, SCAN Marina Chapter.

PSW fund-raiser

An accountant's compilation report shows that the Dec. '94 PSW fund-raiser raised \$58,250.98. The money has been divided between National Headquarters and PSW. National's half of the money is \$27,270.49; a charge of \$1,855 was taken out for the production of dinner booklets that were given to headquarters.

The report was drafted by the accounting firm of Sasaki, Shishima, Yamanaka and Co., the firm which handles PSW's books.

Next meeting: Las Vegas

The next PSW district meeting will be held Oct. 28 in Las Vegas at the Sahara Hotel. 8:30 a.m. District officers and executive committee members will be elected. A chartered bus will be leaving JACCC Friday, Oct. 27. Bus fare: \$33 per person. Information: PSW regional office, 213/626-4471.

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SIGNS

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tween Madera/Fresno.

Caltran's huge, eye-catching green signs (4 ft. tall and 8 ft. wide) with luminescent white lettering posted along three sections of state highways will "let future generations know—long after we are gone—of the brave men of the 100th, 442nd and MIS during World War II," Col. Christopher Keegan (ret.) of San Diego declared as keynote speaker Aug. 4 at the Stockton unveiling of the 442nd sign by the wives of four deceased comrades, Ruby Dobana, Alice Tsunekawa, Amy Tanaka and June Wakimoto.

Lt. Col. Barry Saiki (ret.), national JACL vice president for public affairs, was emcee and program chair. Sus Satow (Co. H) of Sacramento VFW Post 8985 handled the opening ceremonies. Stockton Mayor Joan Darrah had proclaimed the city's observance of Nisei Veterans Month through Sept. 3, the statement being read by Elisa Kamimoto, then CCDC JACL regional director whose efforts before the state legislature last year culminated with legislation authorizing the signs.

At Camp Shelby, where Keegan met Japanese Americans for the first time, the southwestern Ohio native pointed out their Go For Broke drive trimmed the normal 13-month training cycle for combat readiness to 10 months.

At Belvedere, the first day of combat for the 442nd in Italy (June 26, 1944), his men of Co. H were "hell on wheels (as the heavy weapons company), and no communications (company commanders had lost radio contact with their men)." Despite heavy 442nd casualties, the men held and by 1 p.m. the Germans started to withdraw and the 442nd joined the victorious 100th Battalion in town.

At Hill 140 at Rosetto, Keegan said, "We spent 4th of July there," but it was no holiday. Co. H mortars fired over 1,200 rounds of 81mm. shells. "Our men were all young, stuck in their fox holes all day. There was no time to cry (for the buddies who were stricken), work had to be done."

As the campaign waged through July and August toward Pisa, Leghorn and Florence, "we could see all the Germans retreating," Keegan continued in telling the 442nd story from a wider perspective of an officer. "In less than 30 days, over 130 DSCs (Distinguished Service Cross—the Army's highest award for valor and next to the Medal of Honor) were won. That taught me the courage they had."

While the saga of Bruyeres and rescue of the Lost Battalion is well known to the Nisei generation, Keegan offered a grim assessment. "We found out what combat was really about at Epinal (the U.S. military cemetery in eastern France, where the Nisei dead were buried, most of them reinterred closer to home after the war)

Italy (up to this point) was (a) breeze, because (of) the flat land, low mountains and open terrain."

Here, Keegan repeated the crushing account of the general (Dahlquist) who ordered an assembly of the 442nd troops to thank them for the heroic rescue. Dissatisfied by the numbers present, he reprimanded, "Colonel, I ordered all the men here." The colonel (Miller) replied, "Yes sir. All the men are what you see." The regiment had dwindled to less than one-third of its strength (of 3,000 men). It was an emotional encounter of that November, 1944, for Nisei veterans who also vividly remember that day.

The Fresno Program

A week earlier at the Fresno dinner, chaired by Dr. Frank Nishio (MIS), the brief remarks by Col. Young O. Kim (ret.) of San Pedro, president of the 100/442/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation, stood alone for the 100th Infantry as main speaker who was scheduled to recount the 100th/442nd story, Eric Saul, failed to appear. No reason was given. Cressey Nakagawa, the other main speaker, thrilled the audience of 400 with the Richard Sakakida story in the prewar Philippines and finally hiding out in the jungles through the war and other stories of MIS accomplishments.

Four men of the 100th, Sam Fujikawa, Ben Tagami, Ben Doi and Tak Misaki, unveiled the highway marker which has been cor-

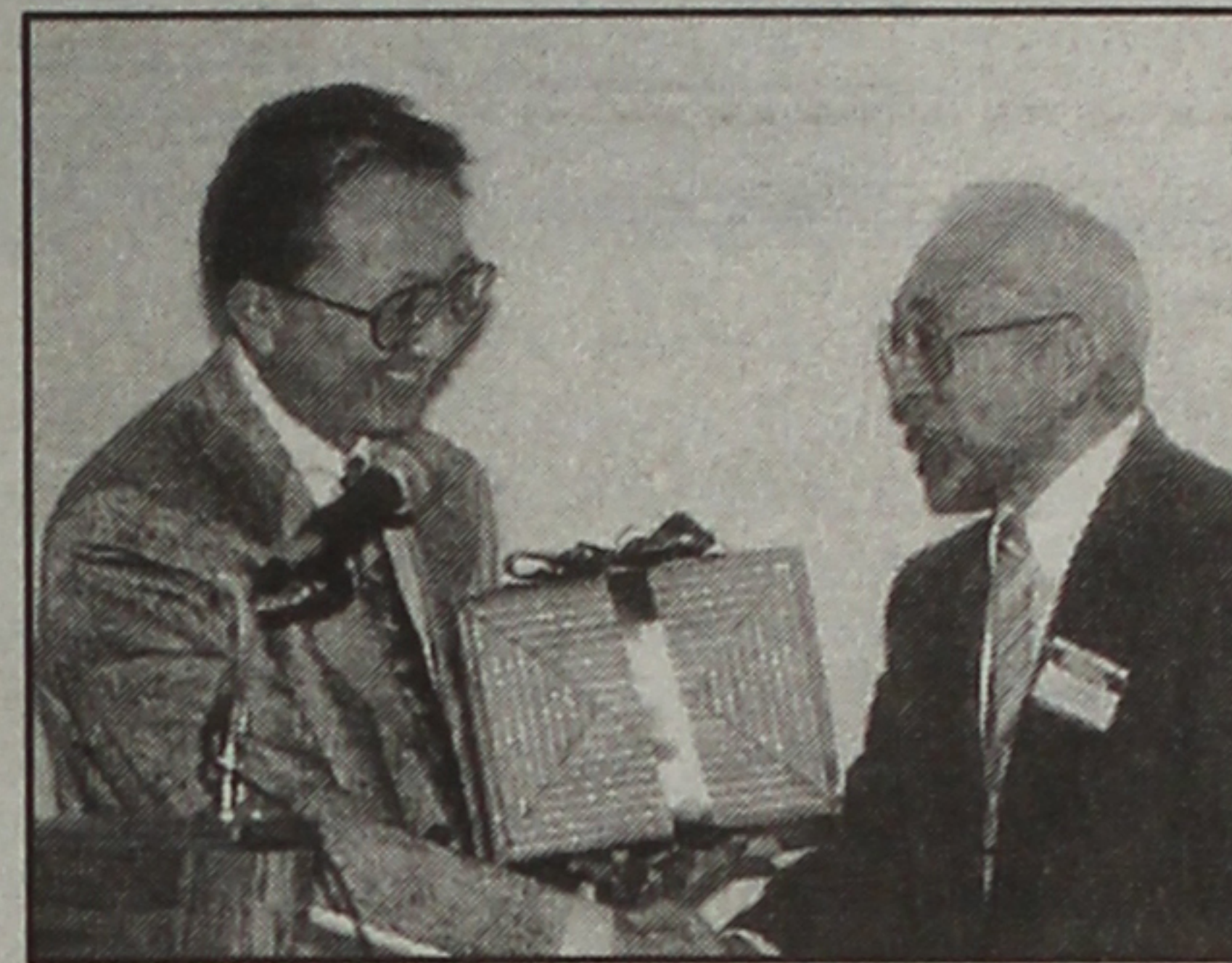


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Fresno dedication

PROUD DAY— From left: Tak Misaki, Ben Doi, Sam Fujikawa, and Ben Tagami pose with highway memorial.

LOWER LEFT— From left, Masaru Abe, Nob Kishiue and Yoshimi Hiraoka cut cake in celebration of the Fresno-area sign.



ABOVE— Cressey Nakagawa (left), former JACL president, receives gift in appreciation for his participation in the dedication from Izumi Taniguchi, co-chair of the event.

AT RIGHT— Dean Andal, former Stockton assemblyman; Paul Nakauye, president, Stockton Chapter, JACL; Nao Takasugi, California assemblyman, Oxnard; and Paul Bannai, former Gardena state assemblyman, participate in ceremonies.



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Stockton dedication



SALUTE— Sus Satow of Sacramento, 442 member, emceed unveiling of the highway marker.



Col. Chris Keegan, Co. H commander; George Nishinaka, who served under Keegan, and Barry Saiki, event chair, pose for photo.

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action "unfair" and lamented the plight of his highly educated though unemployed white male friends, suggesting that lesser qualified beneficiaries of affirmative action had taken their jobs.

In addition, he referred to a study of admissions into UC medical schools. According to Izumi, the study showed that applicants were being "preferenced due to race," resulting in a "great disparity." As an example, he cited that only one out of 90 Japanese American applicants were admitted, while 40 out of 240 Hispanic applicants were admitted. He posed the question: "By excluding the Vietnamese refugee, how are you getting back at the slave-master?"

Izumi suggested that we use

"merit" as the criteria for college admissions. He explained that, in his opinion, merit is measured by standardized test scores and grade point average because these numbers illustrate "what that person individually has to offer." He argued that colleges should look at a person "as an individual" but with no consideration of their race.

Throughout his presentation, Izumi suggested that the beneficiaries of affirmative action are "unqualified." He argued that a proper remedy would be to "bring them up so they are actually qualified."

In response, Chizu Iiyama of the Contra Costa Chapter, JACL, mentioned that many of her Japanese American friends told her that without affirmative action they would not have been hired as teachers at a UC system in a traditionally white male field.

When Iiyama asked Izumi how he felt about those kinds of situations, he replied that her friends were probably not qualified for those teaching positions and should not have gotten them.

Valora Harvey, an Equal Employment Opportunity Affirmative Action officer, spoke in support of affirmative action. She began by describing affirmative action as a "policy of inclusion," providing "equal access to opportunity." She explained that affirmative action was created to remedy past and future discrimination, create access to fields previously closed off to people of color, and prevent future discrimination. In addition, she adamantly stated that "consideration of race or gender does not negate merit."

Harvey argued that now is not the time to abolish affirmative action. She reminded the audi-

ence that African Americans have only been free from segregation for 30 years and that "the effects of slavery still linger." She noted that only 1% of the Fortune 500 businesses are run by African Americans and even less are run by Asian Americans. In addition, she pointed out the underrepresentation of Asian Americans in top management positions and as CEOs.

During the question and answer portion of the forum, many members of the audience, including the panelists, criticized Gov. Pete Wilson for what they believed was his exploitation of the affirmative action issue as a vehicle for his presidential campaign.

Introduced near the end of the forum, Nakashima explained that he had made up his mind about affirmative action long ago. He stated that 95% of African Ameri-

rected to insert "Memorial". The photos that evening show the marker without it. Ken Takeuchi, a Korean War vet, was dinner emcee.

Three Central Cal veterans, Masaru Abe (100th), Yoshimi Hiraoka (442nd) and Nobuo Kishiue (MIS), huddled around to cut the dedication cake.

Kim reflected on two widely separate incidents that discerned how the generals perceived the Nisei fighting man.

At the Anzio beachhead in early June, 1944, he said Gen. Ryder of the 34th Division knew the capability of the 100th "better than anyone else" as he called on the 100th, a single battalion, to capture a strategic mountain pass (in the Albanio Hills) that had stymied two regiments (consisting of six battalions). Though questioned in the strategy session, the general was right: "We defeated the Germans by 9:30 a.m. but stopped (from seizing the pass) by massive friendly artillery fire for over seven hours," Kim explained.

The second incident occurred in France and Gen. Dahlquist of the 36th Division, who believed "we lacked courage, were untruthful and undisciplined ... because we questioned his orders when we encountered conditions entirely contrary to his projections."

Thoughts by the 100th of France and Dahlquist "still bring bitter emotions even after all these years," Kim noted.

can high school graduates and 94% of Hispanic high school graduates do not qualify for admission into a UC system. In addition, he argued that placing an African American student with a high school GPA of 3.3 with students with 4.0 high school GPAs will "destroy his confidence" because he cannot compete.

The affirmative action forum seemed to illustrate the split in the Japanese American community on the controversial issue of affirmative action. Members of the audience stood up and spoke fervently on both sides of the issue. As the panelists made their points, there were often audible groans of disbelief for anger as well as nodding heads and smatterings of applause. More than anything, the forum seemed to indicate that the Japanese American community will remain divided.

Personally speaking



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Honored

Recognized for contributions to their communities by Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) at its July 20 event were, from left, seated, Paul Y. Sasaki, Le Xuan Khoa, Beulah Quo, William G. Ouchi and representatives of Search to Involve Filipino Americans, Joel Jacinto and Eleanor Castillo.

In back row, from left, are J.D. Hokoyama, LEAP executive director; Gay Yuen Wong, LEAP board vice chair; Robert Lee, president, business communication services, Pacific Bell; KNBC-TV news anchor Wendy Tokuda; Superior Court Judge Lance Ito; and William Marumoto, LEAP board member

Honors

Dave Tsuboichi, 43, a Sansei lawyer and former Markham, Ontario, Canada, councilor, is the first Japanese Canadian called into Ontario's provincial government as the minister of community and social services. He was handed his post June 27, in Toronto by Progressive Conservative (Tory) Premier Mike Harris. He is in charge of launching workfare, cutting welfare rates and ending welfare for teenagers. More than 1.3 million Ontario residents, including some 500,000 children, depend on social assistance to survive as its cost spirals to nearly \$7 billion for this year. Tsubota believes in taking a low-key approach to the volatile ministry. He vowed to revamp the welfare system in a "sympathetic way."

Alan Mikuni has been named chief of the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Western Region Mapping Center in Menlo Park, Calif., which is responsible for the conduct of the USGS National Mapping Program in seven western states.

Mikuni, 48, received his undergraduate degree in civil engineering from California State University at Fresno in 1970. He became a licensed professional engineer in California in 1975.

He has authored papers and made numerous presentations at conferences and meetings of professional, scientific and civic groups on USGS activities and digital cartography.

Mikuni resides with his wife Diane and their two daughters, Cory and Kristy, in Fremont, Calif. He is currently vice president of the Fremont Chapter, JACL.

Business

Gerald H. Yamada, recently retired as the Environmental Protection Agency principal deputy general counsel and Washington, D.C., Chapter, JACL, president (1979-80, 1983), has joined the Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson international law firm's environmental practice group in its Washington office. Yamada served in the EPA in 1977 after a three-year stint with the U.S. Justice Department.

The Los Angeles based Asian American Advertising and Public Relations Alliance honored **Bill Imada**, president and CEO of Imada Wong Communications as recipient of its 1995 Vision Award for "outstanding professional excellence in their communication programs targeted to the Asian American community." Imada-Wong, founded five years ago in Los Angeles, has offices in San Francisco, Chicago and New York.

Law

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge **Kathryn Doi Todd**,

the first Nikkei woman jurist in the U.S. when appointed in 1977 to the municipal bench by then-Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr., was named in June to the Southwestern University School of Law board of trustees. Southwestern purchased the historic Bullocks Wilshire property, which is being restored and adapted to accommodate the law library and other academic program needs. Judge Todd, active with the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, is president of the L.A. County Law Library board of trustees. "Her presence on our board is particularly welcome," board chair Justice Arleigh Woods said, "as we continue to build on the expanding national reputation of the law school and develop a beautiful new law library facility."

Among eight Utahns appointed to new judicial posts by Gov. Michael Leavitt was **Howard H. Maetani** of the Mt. Olympus Chapter. He was named judge of the 4th District Court. He has served as a court commissioner since 1986, working in the 4th, 5th and 7th judicial districts. He was the managing attorney for Utah Legal Services for five years. He and his wife, Vicki Inouye

Maetani, reside in Orem, Utah.

Commencement speaker

Dr. Mitch M. Wakasa, past San Mateo Chapter, JACL, president, is the first Japanese American elected president of the UC, San Francisco, School of Dentistry Alumni Association in its 100-year history. He addressed the commencement class of 1995 on behalf of the association.

Media and fine arts

The California Arts Council selected **Glenn Horiuchi**, composer, pianist and shamisen artist, as one of its 1995 artists fellowship winners of a \$2,500 award to support his endeavors. Horiuchi has seven recordings on the Soul Note and Asian Improv labels and has been presented in major festivals in North America and Europe. He has also received fellowships in composition from state and local arts agencies.

John Sasake, TV news anchor on Reno's Channel 2, is sharing his views on the awakening of the once-silent Asian American mi-

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GOOD WORKS— Allen Okamoto, (left) Takeo Okamoto (second from left), and Steve Okamoto (right) honor Roy Abbey for his volunteer work in San Francisco.

Roy Abbey, 90, honored with volunteer award

Roy Abbey was honored as the Kay Okamoto Volunteer Award recipient at the 39th anniversary celebration at the Hamilton Senior Center, San Francisco.

The 90-year-old volunteer shares his volunteer time between the Nutrition Program and coordinating the ceramics program at Kimochi which he has led for more than 20 years. His involvement with the ceramics program includes setting up booths at numerous community events to display the handcrafted works created by his students. Proceeds from the sales benefit Kimochi programs.

Abbey's daughter, Ayako Quon, volunteers in the Kimochi lounge and his grandson Kevin Nakagawa delivers meals for the organization.

The honoree has been a San Francisco resident for nearly 60 years, except during the war when he was interned at Topaz. For many years he was a barber in Japantown.

The \$1,000 award as the recipient of the Kay Okamoto Volunteer Award was donated by Abbey to Kimochi.

Present at the ceremonies were Takeo Okamoto, husband of the late Kay Okamoto, and sons Steven and Allen. Past recipients include: Misao Hayashi, Katherine Nunotani, Hiroshi Nagamoto, Ichiro Nishida, Tsuyako Ikari, and Jim Kajiura.

Greg Martuni of the San Francisco Chapter, JACL, emceed the annual presentation.

Scholarships

South Bay JACL honors scholars

Three high school graduates and a college freshman—all prepped to be pre-med majors—were recognized at the annual South Bay Chapter, JACL, scholarship reception held June 25 at Gardena. They were Robin Muneshato and Mariko Ryono of Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, Candice Gerbin of Torrance North High, and Christie Kawada of UCLA.

The coveted Kiichi Egashira Memorial Scholarships were given to Robin, daughter of Bill and Janice Overman, and Mariko, daughter of James and Susan Ryono. Each received \$1,500. Both are also chapter finalists in the National JACL scholarship program and were presented with \$100 U.S. savings bonds. Candice, daughter of Jerome and Midori Gerbin of Torrance, and Christie, daughter of Kay and Stephanie Kawada of Gardena, were each awarded

\$1,250.

The chapter also introduced its Nisei Week queen candidate, Kristen Emi Mukae.

Nisei funds Fresno-area refugee students

The Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund awarded 24 scholarships of \$500 each to Southeast Asian refugee students who have graduated from high schools in the Fresno-Tulare counties.

The awards program, chaired by Kathy Omachi, former director of the Fresno Nikkei Center, was held June 25 at Cal State Fresno. Among the recipients were two parents—one a father of six—and recent refugees from the Hmong, Lahu, Lao, Mien and Nam Tha communities.

Kenji Murase of San Francisco represented the NSRC Fund board of directors. On the 1995 scholarship committee were representatives of the refugee community,

local schools, JACL and refugee service agencies. The fund was founded in 1980 by Nisei who were helped during WWII to relocate from internment camps to colleges by the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council.

Inquiries may be addressed to the NSRC Fund, 19 Scenic Drive, Portland, CT 06480.

\$25,000 endowment for optometric college

The Asian American Optometric Society fulfilled its pledge to create a \$25,000 endowment for two awards of \$500 each to a graduating Asian American student based on academic excellence, extracurricular activities and financial need, it was announced by Dr. Richard L. Hopping, president, of Southern California College of Optometry, 2575 Yorba Linda Blvd., Fullerton, Calif.

The private, fully-accredited

four-year professional college, established in 1904, grants the Doctor of Optometry degree.

Watsonville JACL honors three graduates

The three recipients of the annual Watsonville Chapter, JACL, Kee Kitayama Memorial scholarships each had to write an essay on "The Day of Remembrance" as an epilogue to their high school years, it was announced by scholarship committee chair Mas Hashimoto.

Scholarship winner and valedictorian Eric Hamako of Aptos High wrote, "The greatest step that can be taken toward redemption [of E.O. 9066] is each American's commitment to his individual responsibility to fight hatred and ignorance where he finds them."

"It will be the greatest of days when all Americans will be able to

say of injustice and racism—'This is wrong. It is not acceptable. I will not stand for this.'"

Scholarship winner Joseph Kain, member of the 1994 Harbor High School state championship computer science team, wrote that his family is "grateful to the JACL for correcting the offenses against the Japanese Americans and for educating people about [their] history. What I would like to do... is to try to make my grandmother, my mother and JACL feel that their efforts were worth it." Joseph's mother was born at Topaz.

Scholarship winner Tadashi Kaneko, the Harbor High valedictorian who scored a perfect 800 Math SAT, concluded, "We must never forget the events of the past. After all, if we forget about the Japanese internment, Rosa Parks or Cesar Chavez, we are bound to make the same mistakes over again."

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JACL singles convention

Plenty of social activities complement 7th annual JACL singles convention

The 7th National JACL singles Convention isn't limited to workshops. The fun has been planned for the Sept. 1-3 event as well.

The convention, which takes place at the Westin South Plaza Hotel, Costa Mesa, Calif., starts out with a western-style mixer Friday. If you want to you can come dressed up as a cowboy or cowgirl or everyday casual clothing and learn how to line dance. A deejay will play all types of music, including rock, swing, cha-cha, etc.

The event also promises a number of celebrities and celebrity look-alikes who enjoy interacting with conventioners. A photographer will be roaming around if you'd like a souvenir photo with one of them.

The social highlight of the convention is the dinner/dance Saturday evening emceed by Trisha Takasugi, local Los Angeles TV newscaster.

Actress Amy Hill will present a humorous look at the lifestyles of the "not-so-rich" and singles.

Gerald Ishibashi's seven-piece rhythm and blues band will provide the music the live music,



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COWGIRL—Colleen Ikeuye, Friday Night Mixer chairwoman for the JACL national singles convention, gets in the mood for the western-style social event.

complemented by a deejay who will provide other selections.

Along with dancing, meeting new people and making friends will be encouraged. Cards with questions designed to break the ice will be provided as a part of the

dinner game.

A gourmet dinner, dancing, game-playing and friend-making are all part of the evening.

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Besides food, almost everyone loves games.

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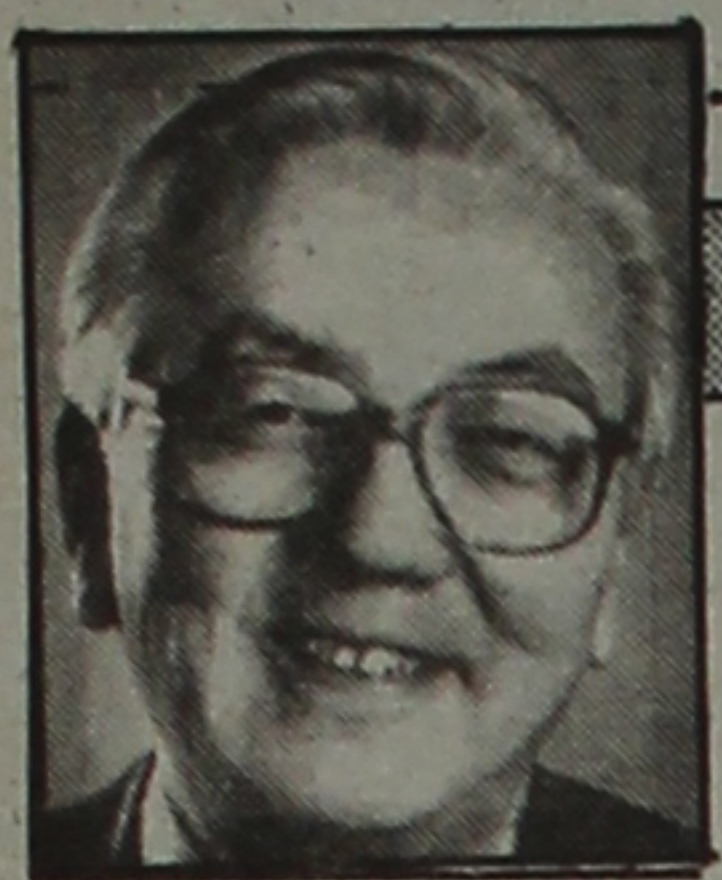
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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Would they have apologized?

By the time this column is published the furor over former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara's book, confessing his error in pursuing the Vietnam War long after he realized how wrong it was, will have died away. But there exists a somewhat parallel situation which is made timely by McNamara's admission.

That would be the Evacuation, followed by internment, a devastating chapter of history opened when President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 which authorized the removal of an American minority based on race. The authority for mass ouster of citizens from their homes had been requested by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. Congress did nothing to block it. Later, it was ruled a legal action by the United States Supreme Court.

Yet, in more recent times there have been second thoughts about the decision to remove and imprison Japanese Americans in violation of their Constitutional rights as a wartime security measure. Presidents Bush and Reagan have apologized for it. Congress approved a measure to redress the wrong. At various times Presidents

Truman, Ford and Carter have deplored it.

But none of these people was responsible for the Evacuation in the way McNamara was responsible for the American role in the Vietnam War. The officials involved pivotally in the Evacuation in much the same way that McNamara was involved in Vietnam were Gen. John L. DeWitt, Gen. Allen W. Gullion (a somewhat mysterious figure behind the scenes), Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, and the assistant secretary of war, John J. McCloy.

Several personalities involved less directly—Stimson, Attorney General Francis Biddle, then California Attorney General and later Gov. Earl Warren—have expressed regret about the Evacuation in their biographies, but only briefly, as though the episode was only a minor event in their lives.

DeWitt has had to take much of the blame for the Evacuation decisions but history seems to show he was pretty much the figurehead who signed the papers placed on his desk by a far stronger character, Bendetsen. Both are now dead, as is McCloy.

But during the Redress hearings McCloy

and Bendetsen testified that they thought they were doing what was best for their country in pressing for the evacuation of all Japanese Americans from the West Coast, and in similar circumstances today they would issue the same orders. In other words, unlike McNamara, they were unrepentant. In the glare of the hearings called by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Citizens, there wasn't much else they dared say.

Thus there is no authoritative person alive today to come forward as McNamara has done, to admit error and offer apology.

Yet one wonders if in their hearts, in the quiet of the night, Bendetsen and McCloy had some doubts of their decision in the face of the Constitution they had sworn to uphold. McNamara has had to face some savage criticism, but at least he had the courage to reveal what he believed.

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

Letters

Applauds JACL efforts to help Korean victim

I have read your recent article on "Korean beating victim" (July 21-Aug. 3, page 5) with much interest.

It seems the victim was probably a victim of anti-Asian violence. His case sounds quite similar to what happened to Vincent Chin in Detroit. Perhaps, the case should be brought to the attention of the U.S. District Attorney for possible prosecution under federal laws.

It is also further suggested that Mr. Cho apply for benefits under "crime victims compensation" which may be available in Idaho too.

In any case, it is very heartening to hear that JACL's Boise Valley Chapter is helping Mr. Cho, the crime victim. This is an excellent example of how Japanese Americans and Korean Americans can reach out to each other and build mutual friendship, confidence and respect in the future.

With special thanks to Mr. (Ed) Hirahara and the *Pacific Citizen*.

John H. Kim, Esq.

General Secretary
National Association of Korean Americans
New York City.

Seaman has comment on Sgt. Matsumoto story

The undersigned longtime seafarer wishes to comment on the experience of Sgt. John Matsumoto in the June 16-July 6 edition of *Pacific Citizen*. How fortunate he was to have been drafted just prior to Pearl Harbor Day and somehow got lost along the way with his American buddies.

A most interesting story instead of those boys and girls along with their parents and grandparents suffering the indignity of being cast into our own concentration camps. As was proved later, none of this ill treatment was necessary. In Honolulu where the American Japanese people were left intact, not one person was charged with the crime of aiding the enemy. Most of the longshoremen were Nisei and of all the vessels at Honolulu and elsewhere in the Islands, not one ship suffered sabotage.

Of the politicians and government officials that protested such unheard of treatment, a number suffered dismissal from their positions.

Gunnar Olsborg

Seattle

Says JACL is not spending its money wisely

I noticed in the July 6-20 *Pacific Citizen* that our National President Denny Yasuhara is gallivanting in Washington, D.C., when our JACL piggy bank is facing budget entrenchment with possible financial chaos. He is politicking for immigration.

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East wind

BILL MARUTANI

The Douglas MacArthur Memorial

THE TELEPHONE CALL was from Key Kobayashi calling from Washington, D.C.: U.S. Sen. Spark Matsunaga had been scheduled to be the speaker at a dedication of the "Yankee Samurai" exhibit at the Douglas MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, Va.—but because of an unexpected event, he would be unable to attend. Could I pinch hit so that the program could go on? When a fellow such as Key asks you to help out, you don't say "No." And so it was that on the appointed date in May of 1988, I flew down to Norfolk. And as it turned out, it was a memorable occasion for me.

But, first a bit of background.

AS A NEWLY MINTED 2nd lieutenant in post-war Japan, I was directed to report to a Col. Bunker at the Dai-Ichi Building in Tokyo, the headquarters of SCAP (Supreme Commander of Allied Powers). I could not possibly imagine why I was being summoned: I hadn't done anything wrong (at least, not recently), and my background consisted only of basic infantry training (Camp Robinson, Ark.) followed by months of classroom training at the M.I.S. (Military Intelligence Service) at Ft. Snelling, Minn. While I was not near the bottom of

my MIS class, neither was I at the top. There were plenty of men ahead of me.

I was, as the saying went in those days, "sweating nickels" as I set out for the Dai-Ichi Building.

AFTER REPORTING to the O.D. (Officer of the Day), I waited in the ante-room, dazzled by the passing parade of colonels and generals, seeing more stars in those few minutes than I'd ever seen in my life. Resigned to facing some sort of firing squad, shortly, I was escorted into the colonel's office. The colonel was filling an opening on the staff for an "appointments officer" whose principal duty would be to manage "the general's" schedule of appointments, also to travel with him and act as his interpreter when needed. I was absolutely floored. Someone must have misread my military file; this has got to be one big mistake; there are thousands of far better-qualified men out there; they must have me mixed up with someone else. My answer? I declined. The colonel appeared visibly upset. He recommended that I ponder the proposal carefully, and give my answer to the captain seated by the door outside the room. I saluted, turned, stepped out and reported to the captain to please inform the colonel

my answer stood.

Walking back to my billet, I pondered what I had done. I thought at any moment, I might be summoned back and be confronted with some unpleasant situation.

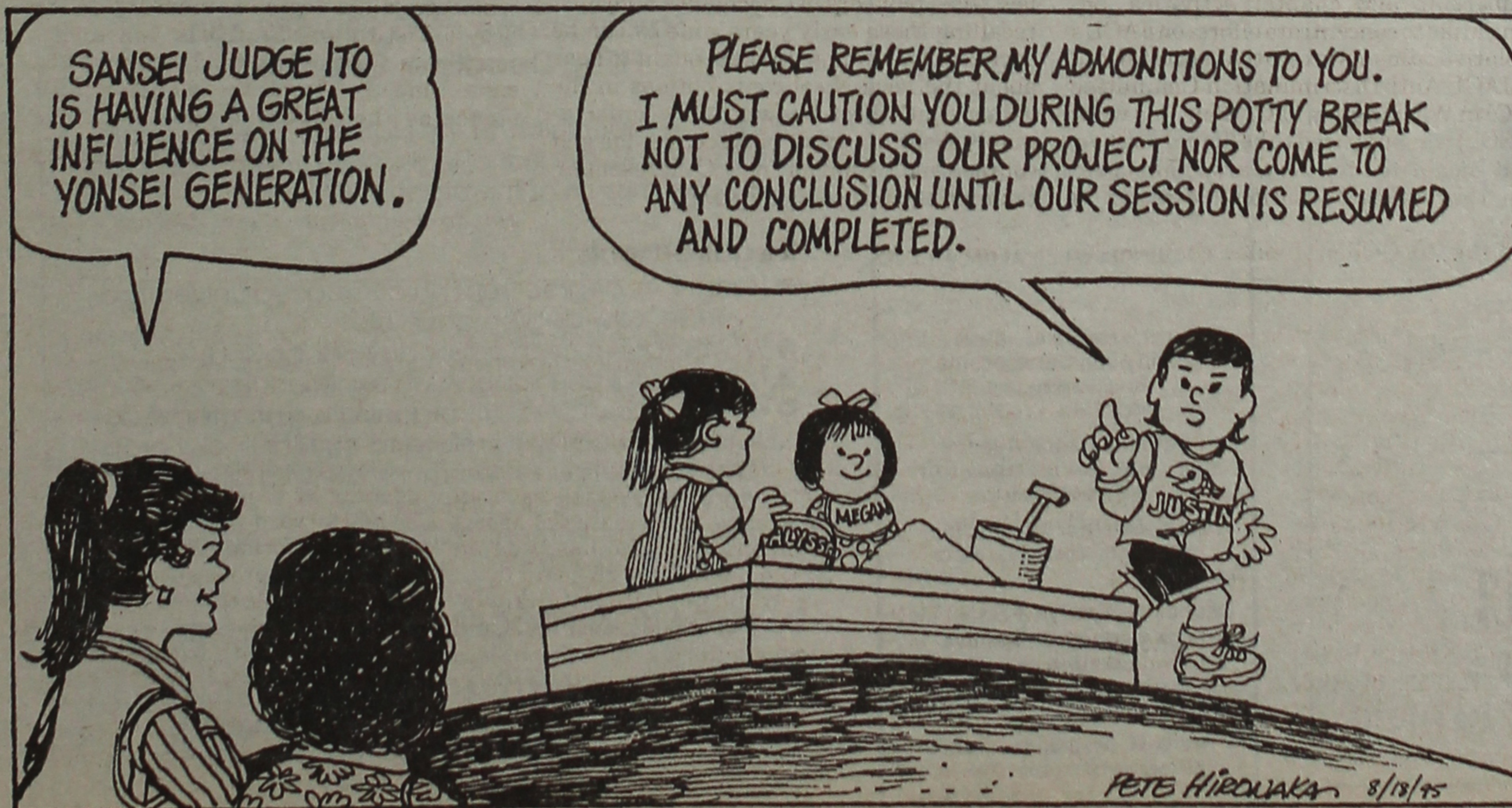
Now, back to Norfolk, Va., in the spring of 1988.

IN ADDITION TO a number of Nikkei vets¹, there were military personnel as well as civilians, including none other than Mrs. Douglas (Jean) MacArthur! As I gave a brief recount of the background of the MIS service people in the Pacific Theater of operations, I mentioned that in addition to college graduates and professional folks,

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¹ Alphabetically among those present that I can recall: Nasu Hashiguchi (who sent me some pictures taken on the occasion, which prompted this column), Grant Hirabayashi; Mr. and Mrs. Yukio Kawamoto, Key K. Kobayashi, Art Morimitsu, Ben Obata, the Sato family (Dennis, Florence and Mary), and Dr. Edward Sawada.

After leaving the bench, Marutani resumed his law practice in Philadelphia. He writes regularly for the Pacific Citizen.



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Viewpoint

A-bomb apology unnecessary

By Ike Hatchimonji

Mei Nakano's well presented article in the Viewpoint section of the June 16-July 6, 1995, issue of the PC proposes an unrealistic and somewhat misguided appeal for an apology by the U.S. to Japan for the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Her presentation included several well-supported "facts" to justify her position and some highly respected opinions of prominent writers.

Using the old saying that "to the victor go the spoils," an official statement of regret by the U.S. shouldn't be expected no matter how hideous and cruel the mass killings of 250,000 innocent civilians was, even though the bombings were probably unnecessary as Nakano's article points out. As the data shows, the bombings cannot be defended as a strategically necessary action against Japan since she was ready to give up. It was just a matter of time before she did. If one of the objectives was to persuade Japan to surrender, the bombs could have been delivered over an unpopulated area for their shock value to drive Japan to surrender.

Before an apology is demanded however, the question of mass killings of innocent people must be viewed in wider context. The use of atomic weapons or conventional methods has the same result although the destructive power and suddenness of nuclear bombs is acknowledged. Destruction and killings of civilians can be massive in either case. No country, including Japan, can claim the moral high ground in modern-day warfare. Although not entirely through bombings, about 200 to 300,000 Chinese civilians were unnecessarily massacred in Nanking in 1937 in a frenzy of killing by Japanese troops during the Japanese invasion of China. In other countries invaded by Japanese armies, the record hasn't been good either. Cruelties and atrocities occurred in the Philippines, Indo-China and Korea. Should Japan be expected to apologize for her past conduct in these

countries?

Countries allied with the U.S. in World War II were also guilty of killing large numbers of civilians. Dresden, Germany, was almost completely destroyed by Royal Air Force and U.S. bombers in which nearly 60,000 civilians were killed. Berlin, in a firestorm resulting from bombing, lost over 25,000 civilians in just one day. In an incendiary raid March 9, 1945 over Tokyo by U.S. bombers, nearly 89,000 were killed, also in just one day.

It would be naive to argue for an apology without considering the broader declaration that "war is hell" and that no country is without bloody hands. If Hiroshima and Nagasaki were unique as victims of mass killings alone, I would agree that an apology is due. However, huge casualties took place in many places by conventional killing methods. As nobled-minded as Ms. Nakano's call for an apology is and as worthy the need is for the U.S. to express its regrets to Japan, it is somewhat idealistic to put forth such a proposal for the U.S. and for other countries, including Japan, to do the same to their victims.

Unofficially, however, many Americans regret the first use of atomic bombs on civilian populations and have historically tried to do something positive about it. At the expense of so many victims at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the positive lesson learned for all countries is that nuclear war must be avoided at cost. If anything worthwhile was served, it is that lesson. That is probably all we can hope for now.

Hatchimonji is a member of the Torrance Chapter, JACL.

Viewpoint is a Pacific Citizen forum for in-depth analyses of key issues affecting the JACL or the Japanese American community in general. Opposing views are welcome.

In this Viewpoint, two writers react to a June 16-July 6, 1995, Pacific Citizen article by Mei Nakano calling for an apology for the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Ike Hatchimonji takes issue with that view, while Chizu Iiyama supports Nakano's message, both philosophically and personally.

It should never happen again

By Chizu Iiyama

Mei Nakano's columns are always so thought provoking, and her article on the atomic bomb was particularly cogent. It is the 50th anniversary of the dropping of the bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and it is time for us—not

in the use of the atomic bombs, which ushered in a new age in history.

I concur with Mei's argument that the United States should offer an apology for using atomic bombs on civilians. Most of us don't really comprehend the extent of suffering borne by the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. There was no television to bring us instant pictures of the total destruction of a city and its people. And the United States government exercised censorship for seven years on pictures from their files on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

In 1987 I spoke at the International Conference in Hiroshima on Aug. 6. I had just revisited the devastating exhibit at the Hiroshima Peace Park, and could not get the pictures of the suffering people off my mind. I therefore started off my talk with an apology as an American Japanese to the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki for the horrors caused by the bomb. I was immediately surrounded by Japanese delegates who were so grateful for my words. They stated that in all the years that they have held the conference not one American delegate ever apologized for the use of the bomb.

We are encouraged that in the Bay Area, there are many activities and exhibits sponsored by a variety of organizations around the 50th anniversary of the atomic bombs. I would like to invite everyone to the NJAHS exhibit at Fort Mason, which includes history, memory (oral histories), and art. We also have scheduled many programs including discussions on the decisions to drop the bomb, the story of *hibakusha* and radiation survivors, musical and dramatic programs for peace, an artists' panel, and a look at the legacy and the future.

For further information, please call NJAHS at 415/431-5007.

Iiyama is a member of the Contra Costa Chapter, JACL.



Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

10 JACL chapters to celebrate 50th anniversary

Ten of 112 active JACL chapters are about to commemorate their 50th anniversary this coming year. Heading the list is Wisconsin, originally founded as Milwaukee Chapter, JACL, in 1945, the lone chapter chartered that year. The remaining nine are Cincinnati, Detroit, Cleveland, Washington, D.C., Seabrook, St. Louis, Twin Cities, Coachella Valley, and Philadelphia.

They represent postwar Japanese American communities in the Midwest and Eastern District Councils and a time when the late Mas Satow, Midwest-Eastern regional director, and Mike Masaoka, national secretary, based at Salt Lake City, were hustling about to establish chapters and press for Issei naturalization and other remedial legislation.

Mas lived in Milwaukee, his wartime base as a National YMCA program director

visiting the relocation centers and resettlement areas in the east and midwest. At the Denver convention in March, 1946, he was elected national JACL second vice president. Thirty days later, he agreed to help existing chapters and to activate new chapters while in charge of the Chicago and New York JACL regional offices. He also resigned from the YMCA staff that month. By the end of the year, Mas was appointed acting national JACL secretary, to build up membership and chapter activities, enabling Mike to concentrate efforts on JACL's legislative aims as executive secretary of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) in Washington, D.C. "This [his work in JACL] was supposed to be for only a year, but it has lasted for 25 years," Mas said upon retirement as national director in 1972.

Of the 10 Golden Jubilee chapters for

1996, Coachella Valley has been inactive for some years and, according to the PSW regional office, is in the process of deactivation—which means a proper notice of deactivation should be published in the *Pacific Citizen* and whatever is in the chapter treasury should be distributed to other non-profit tax-exempt organizations engaged in a similar endeavor. But—that shouldn't be on the eve of what could be a meaningful celebration in 1996—a Last Hurrah. The few Nisei pioneers of Coachella Valley just recalling those early years gone by can be exciting. The younger Nikkei ought to hear about the Issei-Nisei contributions in the valley that's best known today, unfortunately from a yuppie perspective, for golf courses and ex-mayor, now Congressman, Sonny Bono from Palm Springs.

Our happy meeting in mid-June with

George Sakaguchi—Midwest District Council governor a decade ago and St. Louis chapter president another decade earlier—at Camp Shelby's successful 50th anniversary reunion and end-of-the-war celebration of the 442nd veterans is the seed for this column.

George wanted to bounce ideas off me for St. Louis Chapter's March 20th Golden Jubilee party. For instance, invite as a keynoter the distinguished Nisei alumnus who earned his degree in medicine at the Jesuit Institution, St. Louis University; make it a worthwhile fund-raiser at the same time, and recall the chapter's milestones by the folks who were there. We

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Honda is editor emeritus of the Pacific Citizen.

PERSONALLY

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nority in Northern Nevada. A graduate of Berkeley High and San Diego State in psychology, Sasake interned with CNN in Washington, D.C., and has worked with the ABC affiliate in San Diego and the NBC affiliate in Arizona.

Veterinary award

The 44th annual Western Poultry Disease Conference in Sacramento presented professor emeritus Richard Yamamoto, Ph.D., at

the UC, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine special recognition for research in avian mycoplasma diseases. A U.S. Navy veteran, he finished his undergraduate studies at the University of Washington, earned his master's and doctorate degrees in veterinary microbiology at UC, Davis, in 1957. He then joined the faculty, chaired the graduate group in comparative pathology and was director of the Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine program at Davis. Bryan Mayeda, DVM, local arrangements chair for the conference which attracted some 300 attendees from more than 35 na-

tions, was one of the banquet speakers. A past conference president, he received his DVM degree in 1949. He is a Michigan State diplomate of the American College of Poultry Veterinarians and has enjoyed a long tenure as guest lecturer at the UC, Davis.

Athletics

Forty years ago, Christine Kajikawa, and her younger sister, Carol, would sit in Arizona State's gym to watch their father's basketball game. Now, for perhaps as long as a year, Christine Wilkinson, 50, will oversee the needs, financial and physical, as

the interim athletic director at ASU while applications are being received for a permanent replacement.

She continues to be in charge of the Office of Student Affairs, which oversees everything from counseling to recreational sports to undergrads. She has been an ASU employee for 25 years.

Her father, Bill Kajikawa, coached football, basketball and baseball during his 40 tireless years at ASU, retiring in 1978. He was surprised by the appointment made in late June by university president Lattie Coor, but he was telling his friends, "we're very proud of her."

"This is a big one," he continued. "There's a lot that she can contribute... She'll do all she can to help keep the rich tradition we have at ASU."

The week of the Pac-10 football opening at Washington, she will be at Harvard participating in a week-long forum focusing on the glass ceiling professional women face, then take the red-eye to get to the game, she said.

Christine, with bachelor's and doctorate degrees from ASU and a master's from California, is married to Don Wilkinson, athletic director of Tempe Union School District.

—Source: Susie Sato, Mesa, Ariz.

Books

Novel mixes mystery with JA internment

By LEIGH-ANN MIYASATO

Snow Falling on Cedars, by David Guterson, New York: Harcourt Brace, 1994, \$21.95.

On an island in Puget Sound in 1954, Kabuo Miyamoto stands trial for the murder of a white fisherman. Miyamoto is a Nisei who was interned in the concentration camps of World War II and served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He is also a fisherman, but he has long dreamt of owning a strawberry farm on the island. The alleged motive for the killing: the dead man's mother, taking advantage of the intern-

ment and alien land laws, prevented Miyamoto from completing his purchase of the land for the strawberry farm, and Miyamoto carried a grudge for years.

The story unfolds through the drama in the courtroom and in a series of flashbacks told from the point of view of Miyamoto, his wife Hatsue, and Ishmael Chambers, a reporter covering the trial for the island newspaper, who was also Hatsue's childhood sweetheart. The Japanese American community on the island, the removal and internment of the entire community during the war, the shock of life in the camps, the struggle to remake lives in a home-

town embittered by the legacy of the war—all are portrayed with great insight and sensitivity.

A new book by a talented Japanese American novelist? Remarkably, the answer is no. *Snow Falling on Cedars* is the first novel of David Guterson, a former high school teacher who previously published a collection of short stories and a book promoting home schooling. For the novel, Guterson drew on his experiences of small-town life on Bainbridge Island in Puget Sound, but the book also reflects extensive and meticulous research about Japanese Americans, World War II, fishing boats and other matters. The result is a

novel of complete technical and emotional authenticity.

Asian Pacific Americans should be drawn to this story, but anyone who appreciates good writing should read the book as well. It explores themes of racism, justice, love, honor, and redemption with a mystery and courtroom drama so compelling that it is impossible to put down. The snowstorm that begins with the trial seems to freeze the characters in revealing moment, and at the end of the novel when the storm is over, the mystery of the white fisherman's death is solved and even more fundamental truths—about the nature of prejudice, the

grip that the past holds on our lives, the force of culture and tradition, and the moral imperatives that individuals must heed—are revealed.

Snow Falling on Cedars won the 1995 PEN/Faulkner award, given by writers to honor their peers, and the 1994 Barnes & Noble Inc. Discover Great New Writers Award. The book has gone back to press four times and 50,000 copies have been sold, extraordinary for a first novel. Its success is richly deserved. This book should not be missed.

Miyasato is the acting JACL Washington, D.C., representative.

Evacuation and Camps

Ishimaru, Stone, ed., *Concentration Camps. USA: a Pictorial Record of Japanese Internment*, TecCom Productions, P.O. Box 39481, Los Angeles, CA 90039; (1994) 151pp, 11x8.5", \$38.50 post-paid.

A sage once said, "A picture is worth a thousand words." Thus, Stone Ishimaru has produced a work equivalent to a quarter-million words. This is his final volume of photographs that he had personally selected from the National Archives, where these pictures are stored.

He previously published single volumes covering five of the ten American-style concentration camps: Heart Mountain, Manzanar, Poston, Rohwer and Tule Lake. A limited number of copies are still available at \$35 per. This final volume covers the rest: Amache, Gila River, Jerome, Minidoka and Topaz.

Two other TecCom volumes embrace the Assembly Centers: (1) Santa Anita, Pomona, Fresno, Pinedale, Tulare and Salinas; (2) Turlock, Tanforan, Stockton, Sacramento (Walerga), Marysville (Arboga), Portland, Puyallup (Camp Harmony). Did he miss one?—Merced. And he has one on MISLS in Minneapolis.

Incidentally, the War Relocation Authority captions are notorious for not including names of people photographed, though there are some rare exceptions. I thought, as a coffee-table conversation piece, companions and friends from camp days would have a grand time trying to identify the faces—after 50 years of changes. The challenge should

make for an evening well-spent. It would be quite a feat.

A sweet taste of farming

Masumoto, David Mas, *Epitaph for a Peach: Four Seasons on My Family Farm*, HarperCollins, 10 E. 53rd Street, New York, NY 10022; (1995), 235pp, 5x8"

A cursory reading of the jacket notes to David Masumoto's non-fiction/nature book about rescuing his family's orchard of Sun Crest peaches—"one of the last truly sweet and juicy fruits from becoming obsolete in a world that increasingly values commerciality over quality"—and reading past opening chapters, a yearning for his Sun Crest in the summer makes your mouth water.

You flip back to his prologue, which did warn: "The last of my Sun Crest peaches will be dug up . . ." but to city-folks like most of us you hope he keeps a few trees so that friends who want to visit him and savor the Sun Crest will not be disappointed. His narrative, covering the four seasons, the family and farm, has already made you feel you'd be welcome.

Inside JACL and at other Nisei family-style functions, the farmers always brought along a box or two of their tastiest best for the season—be they long-stemmed strawberries in Ventura County, premier crop of table grapes in Central Cal, sun-ripe melons in Colorado, one-of-a-kind oranges at Riverside, persimmons of Placer County or the succulent pineapples from Hawaii. Those days, sad to say, are "tumbling away without a fight"—to quote from David's prologue in referring to his trees. An orchardist, he really

knows how to groom his words well.

Days at West Point

Lee, Gus. *Honor and Duty*. Ivy Books/Ballantine, New York; (1994), 434pp, 4x7" paperback, \$6.99.

Author of *China Boy* (1991), he is the only American-born member of a Shanghai family who attended West Point, received his law degree at UC Davis, served as a drill sergeant, paratrooper, military criminal defense lawyer, command judge advocate, deputy director of the California District Attorney's Association, and senior executive for the State Bar; married, has two children and is a full-time writer.

Honor and Duty dwells on his days at the Point in the mid-60s. It is filled with Chinese terms that permeated the home and fragmented his life.

The Indonesia revolution

Pramoedya Ananta Toer, tr. by Max Lane, *Footsteps: a Novel*. Wm. Morrow & Co., 1350 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019; (1995), 474pp, 9.5 x 6.5", \$23 hardcover.

Central Java-born author/translator of more than 30 works of fiction and non-fiction, some of his earlier works were written while imprisoned by the Dutch from 1947-49 for his role in the Indonesian revolution. He was later held as a political prisoner on Buru Island from 1965-79 "for standing up for truth" by the Indonesian government. He was awarded the PEN Freedom-to-

Write Award in 1988 and is currently under city arrest in Jakarta.

This is the third volume of a quartet (translated by Lane, an Australian Embassy secretary at Jakarta), written in the late '70s, of the cultural whirlpool in the Dutch East Indies—Islam, Dutch colonialism, Javanese caste system, the Chinese community—and of the pioneers in the revolution who were imprisoned without trial and tortured; many died in prison. All of Pramoedya's writings are banned in Indonesia. Morrow has published three earlier works: *The Fugitive*, *This Earth of Mankind*, *Child of All Nations*.

An engaging way to understand Indonesia and its people, Asian Americans are reminded here of another ethnic segment from the same corner of the world, which has been fairly hidden from literary view.

War against Japan

Westheimer, David, afterword by John Ray Skates, *Death is Lighter than a Feather*. University of North Texas Press, P.O. Box 13856, Denton, TX 76203; (1995), 432pp, 9x6", \$16.95 paper.

Westheimer has authored such novels as *Van Ryan's Express*, *My Sweet Charlie* and the World War II memoir *Sitting It Out*. A decorated, retired USAF officer, he lives in Los Angeles. Skates, professor of history at the University of Southern Mississippi, is author of *The Invasion of Japan: Alternative to the Bomb*, a history based on declassified material before Westheimer's novel was written and endorsed it as "very good his-

tory." Back in print after more than 20 years, the title of the novel comes from the First Precept of the WWII Imperial Rescript to Soldiers and Sailors. As must-read introduction, a 64-page prologue, details U.S. plans, Operation Olympic, to invade Kagoshima and Japan's defenses, Ketsu-go. The atomic bomb converted the Prologue to a projection of these plans, which is the heart of the novel. The *Air Force Times* said the story is incredible, as if it happened "had the U.S. not dropped atom bombs."

Chapters were perused for mention of a Nisei combat interrogator and he was discovered: Sgt. George Ebata in Chapter 15. A prisoner, who was puzzled in seeing a Japanese in an American uniform, knew he wasn't "an unspeakable traitor," because the sergeant's (*gunso*) accent revealed otherwise.

To show the depth of Westheimer's research, it was a fat *gocho* taking down the notes during the interrogation, how prisoners were kindly treated to elicit information, the presence of Mexican Americans and "red Indians" in the Army. The prisoner had thought the Mexican American guard was another Nisei. The "honorable lieutenant," whose accent was "not as elegant" as Ebata's, carries on a conversation with the prisoner. A black American also has a part of this chapter.

Another surprise: the episode of Grace Sato in Chapter 17—an expatriate from West Los Angeles who sailed with the family on the *Gripsholm* to Japan, while her brother had volunteered for the 442nd.

—Harry K. Honda

Films

San Francisco Chapter hosts premiere of new Okazaki film, 'American Sons'

The San Francisco Chapter, JACL, will host the world premiere of Steven Okazaki's new film, *American Sons*.

The film focuses on the rising anti-Asian sentiment and violence in America by examining different economic backgrounds and ethnicities, including Japanese, Filipino, Korean and Chinese.

The film, which was based on interviews with more than 100

Asian Americans across the country, stars actors Lane Nishikawa, Kelvin Han Yee, Yuji Okumoto and Ron Muriere, with a musical score composed by Mark Izu.

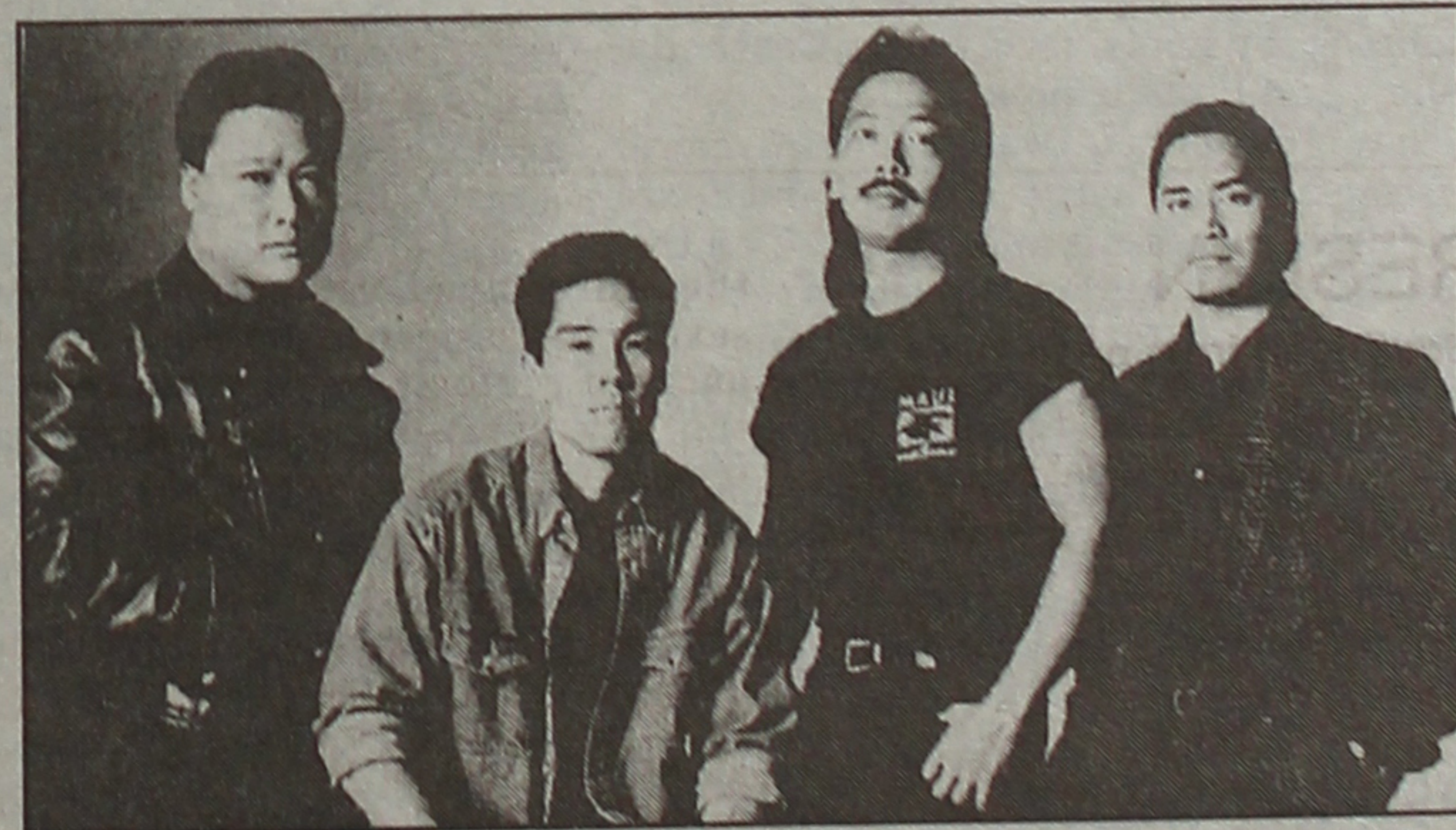
The chapter, which annually sponsors an Asian American film premiere, requests that all proceeds from the event be donated to the Asian American Theater Company of San Francisco, as well as to fund the distribution of the film

to local Bay Area schools.

American Sons will be shown at the AMC Kabuki Theaters, 1881 Post St., in San Francisco Japantown, Friday, Aug. 31, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., followed by a reception at the theater.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$10 for students. To order, call 415/922-1534.

Information: Jeff Adachi, 415/553-9318.



ACTORS—Starring in Steven Okazaki's "American Sons" are, from left, Kelvin Han Yee, Yuji Okumoto, Lane Nishikawa and Ron Muriere.

Documentary, 'Something Strong Within,' film a triple winner in competition

UCLA film-TV associate professor Robert Nakamura's documentary film about the Japanese American internment, "Something Strong Within," has won national and international awards in recent competitions.

"This film is not just about outrage and injustice," Nakamura said. "It is more about people, their

spirit and their will to survive." Scenes include never-before-shown home movies shot in the camps by internees. Nakamura was in Manzanar as a child.

It won the WorldFest Bronze Award winner in the documentary category at the 28th annual Houston International Film Festival; first prize in the documen-

tary division, and Silver Muse winner in the overall competition, at the American Association of Museums Conference at Philadelphia; and first place in the documentary division at the San Jose State University Film-Video Festival.

It was also selected for screening at the 22nd Athens Interna-

tional Film-Video Festival, the USA Film Festival, and the 10th annual Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film-Video Festival.

Nakamura, with producer Karen Ishizuka, is completing a film on Americans of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii and a video essay on Japanese Americans in the military.

Last year the pair completed "Moving Memories," which featured prewar home movies taken by the Issei.

"Something Strong Within" is being shown continuously through Oct. 15 at the Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., Los Angeles.

Obituaries

"DEATH NOTICES," which appear in a more timely manner, are requested by the family who wish to be billed. The copy from either the family or the funeral director is reworded as necessary. The rate is \$15 per column inch • The following appear on a "space-available basis."

Aki, Harvey N. 83, Wilmette, Ill., June 19; Fresno, Calif., -born, charter president of New England Chapter, JACL, 1948-1949, survived by wife Mariko, sons David, Robert, William, brother Rev. George (Claremont, Calif.)

Akutagawa, Iku, 88, Sebastopol, Calif., July 12; survived by husband Kiyoshi, sons Ken (Santa Clara), Ben, Bill (Altadena), daughters Mieke Kono (Sacramento), Etsuko Kanenaga (Davis), 8 gc., 4 ggc.

Awamura, George S. 77, San Leandro, Calif., July 3; Dinuba-born, retired greenhouse foreman at San Lorenzo Rose Nursery, survived by wife Shizue, daughters Patti Okui (Castro Valley), Susan Awamura (Oakland), 3 gc.

Fujiki, John Takashi, 83, Stockton, Calif., July 15; Florin-born, survived by wife Michiye, daughters Nancy Kubota, Joyce Sakakihara, Ruby Kato, 2 gc., sister Itsuyo Kameda.

Furukawa, Douglas, Denver, June 23; survived by parents Jack, Frances, brother Gerald, sister Charmaine Palmer.

Furuta, Haruo, 89, San Mateo, Calif., July 4; Tokyo-born, survived by son Koichi and gc.

Garza, Pedro O., 52, Pasadena, Calif., June 30; survived by wife Margaret Masuoka, son Pedro (Texas), daughter Maria Isabel Beasley, mother-in-law Tomeyo, brother-in-law Jun (Stockton), sisters-in-law Chisako Shoji, Dr. Eiko Broderson, Megumi Masuoka, Patricia Feldhus.

Hamano, Soichiro, 85, Fullerton, Calif., July 11; Mie, Japan, -born, naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by wife Hiroko, sons Muneo, Masao, Hideo, daughters Hideko Ohara, Mitsue, son-in-law Tosh lwata, 9 gc., 3 ggc., sisters Haruo Okuno, Toshi Iba.

Harada, Masaru 'Speed,' 76, Mira Loma, Calif., July 17; Los Angeles-born Army veteran, survived by wife Hisako, sons Bobby, Gordon, Leonard, daughters JoAnn Gunter, Donna Steele, Gloria Phelps, 11 gc., 5 ggc., brothers George, James, Ken, sisters Hisaye Muramoto, Mary Hatakeyama, Hiroko Bowman.

Hirabayashi, Sadako, 93, Seattle, May 30; survived by son Arthur Abe, daughters Kazuko Nishimura, Lila Tsutsumi (New York), 8 gc., 8 ggc., brothers George and Woodrow Nishitani, Yutaka Akichika, sisters Misao Sakamoto, May Gomes, Martha Nishitani, Connie Sekijima, predeceased by husbands Takaji Abe and Shungo Hirabayashi, brothers Hiromu and Tom Nishitani.

Ikeda, Betty Sodeko, 85, Seattle, May 31; Kagoshima, Japan, -born, prewar resident of Salinas, Calif., interned at Poston, Ariz., relocated to San Jose, Calif., to Seattle in 1950; survived by son Bob (Monte Sereno, Calif.), daughters Lilly Berchem (Fremont), May Tsuda (San Jose), Ritsuko Daniels (Grand Coulee, Wash.), Jean Crowhorn, Carolyn Sakai, 19 gc., 25 ggc., sister Toshi Hanazono (San Jose), brothers Tokuji Masuda (Culver City), Takeji, Saburo and Matsuzo (all of Japan),

predeceased by husband George, son Elmer and daughter Michiko.

Imagawa, Tetsuo, 81, Seaside, Calif., May 18; survived by wife Jane, sons Dr. Robert, Dr. Walter, daughters Arlene Fujino, Janet Maruyama, 6 gc.

Ishizue, Takashi, 72, Dinuba, Calif., July 6; Ivanhoe-born, survived by wife Toshiko, daughters Shirley Sakaguchi, Linda Ogawa, son Dr. Kenneth, 2 gc., brother Seizo.

Ito, Ken Y., Chicago, July 22; survived by wife Harriet, daughters Denise Peterson, Alison, son David, 1 gc, sister Sayoko Nakata, brother-in-law Harry T. Ichiyasu.

Kawate, Isami, 71, Reno, Nev., and Mammoth Lake, Calif., July 3; survived by wife Agnes, sons Keith, Chris, Gary, 1 gc, brother Nelson, sister Lucille Honda; predeceased by former wife and mother of three sons, Sueko Jane, sister Mary Ishii.

Kimura, Martha Massa, 98, Arvada, Colo., May 22; survived by daughter Shizuko Sera, 4 gc., 5 ggc.

Kobayashi, Akira, 67, Torrance, Calif., July 4; Torrance-born, survived by wife Mary, son Kevin, daughter Karen, brother George, sisters Emma Nakaoki, Matsuye Chuman, Fusaye Hisamoto (Colo.), in-laws Fred Kita, Tom Kita, Bill Kita, Yo Kita, Alice Fujikawa.

Masuda, Dorothy Utako, 86, Los Angeles, June 27; Santa Ana, Calif., -born, survived by son Jim, daughter Kiyoko Tanaka, 4 gc.

Matsushima, Takashi, 71, Platteville, Colo., June 17; Lafayette-born WWII veteran (3rd Armored Division), survived by wife Okiko, children Randy (Longmont), Barbara Tashiro (Thornton), Robin (Laurel, Md.), brothers John, George, Leo (Greenwood, Ind.), sisters Sachiko Katayama (Lakewood, Colo.), Margie Miyoshi (Absarokee, Mont.).

Matsuura, Sumiko, 64, Alameda, Calif., May 27; Isleton-born, survived by daughters Deborah, Karen, Gayle, brother Toshio Ike, sisters Yoshi Obikane, Nobuko Shoji, Hanako Oshita, Asako Kimura, Masako Saida.

Mitsumori, Shizuko, 88, Seattle, May 26; survived by husband Dr. Hajime, daughter Ida Jane Mitsumori, sisters Haruye Tanaka (San Francisco).

Miyamura, Kay Kazuto, 76, Penryn, Calif., May 22; Placer County Chapter, JACL, president 1982-1983, survived by wife Martha, sons Larry, Richard, brother Masato, sister Harue Sakamoto, in-laws Grace and May Miyamura.

Morita, Ayako, 69, Stockton, Calif., July 6; Sacramento-born, survived by husband Frank, brothers Jim, Robert, Ben and Henry Tsugawa, sisters Sadame Tokunaga, Fujie Noguchi, Gwendolyn Gutierrez.

Mukai, Thomas D., 79, Spring Valley, Calif., June 26; El Cajon-born MIS veteran, survived by wife Hatsune, daughters Margie Caparas, Clare Kodama (Temple City), son Mike (Las Vegas), 4 gc., brothers Cromwell (New Jersey), George (New York), Henry, sister Susan Uchida (Ogden, Utah).

Nakaji, George Tadashi, 79, Gardena, Calif., July 5; San Diego-born, survived by wife Mary, daughters Caren Murata, Ruthi Hong, 6 gc., in-laws George Masushige, Mabel Yano, Marie Masushige.

Nakamura, Hatoe, 72, San Francisco, July 6; Sacramento, Calif., -born, survived by mother Harumi, sister Ruby, brother George Sumio.

Nakashima, Mitsuteru 'Mits', 85, & Mikiye, 75, Watsonville, Calif., both July 8 in auto accident; prominent flower growers, survived by sons Taketo Douglas, Fumito, sisters Edes Enomoto, Sachi Masuyama, Sachi Uyemaru, brothers Junji, Toshio Nakashima, Kenji, Shuji and Eiji Uyemaru.

Nakayama, Jim, 68, Mountain View, Calif., July 3; Huntington Park-born owner of Nakayama Flowers, survived by wife Sally, daughter Carolyn Wadley, Lynn Lally, sons Lon, Dale, Casey, 4 gc., and family of 10 brothers and sisters.

Nishi, Midori, Ph.D., 74, Monterey Park, Calif., July 8, Los Angeles-born retired professor of geography, California State University, Los Angeles.

Nishiyama, Yuki, 94, Fresno, Calif., June 29; Nagasaki-born, survived by daughters Shizuko Maseba, Yasuko Tashima, Midori Komura, 6 gc.

Nomura, Bob Shoichi, 69, Oakland, Calif., July 3; Delano-born Kibei, East Bay representative of *Hokubei Mainichi*, survived by Hatsuko, daughters Diane Endo, Gale Sasagawa, Irene, Julie Thomason, brothers Terashi, Jerry, sisters Judy Iura, Gloria.

Ohara, Misayo, 76, West Los Angeles, July 12; Spring Valley, Wyo., -born, survived by husband Mitoshi, sons Mikio Emil, Kent, daughter Margaret Inouye, 5 gc., brothers Tsutomu Murata, Nobu Iida (both Japan).

Okamoto, Bill, 80, Sacramento, Calif.; Florin-born, survived by wife Fumie, brother Samuel, sister Grace Michika Hori.

Okanishi, Hideo, 70, Rosemead, Calif., July 16; Corcoran-born 442nd and Korean War veteran, survived by wife Emiko, son John, daughter Janice, sisters Fumi Ishihara, Kimiko Maeda, Natsuko Akiyama, in-law Yoneko Okanishi.

Oku, Hiroshi, 56, Cerritos, Calif., June 29; Los Angeles-born, survived by brothers George, Masao (Hawaii), Yasuo, sister Haruko Shimizu (Dana Point).

Onishi, Tatsuko, 82, Los Angeles, July 18; Pasadena, Calif., -born, survived by son Tommy, daughters Bunny Lee, Julie Anzai, 7 gc., 2 ggc., sister Toki Komoda.

Osako, Nobu, 70, Federal Way, Wash., May 22.

Sakai, Mamoru, 71, Gardena, Calif., July 7; Kauai, Hawaii, -born, survived by wife Teruko, sons Alan, Peter, David, stepmother Nobu (Hawaii), sister Mitsue Takamura (Hawaii).

Sakamoto, Komeno, 90, Poway, Calif., July 3; Hiroshima-born, survived by daughters Nobuko Amano, Shizuko Koga (Chicago), Teruko Nakamura (Gardena), Hideko Tokeshi (Claremont), Etsuko Fujiwara, Toyoko Vassil (Maryland), Yaeko King (Gardena), gc. & ggc.

Sato, Kazue, 95, Fresno, Calif., July 16; Ehime, Japan, -born, survived by sons John Sato, Taro Katagiri, Koji Katagiri, 3 gc., 3 ggc.

Shimonishi, Emiko, 68, Garden Grove, Calif., June 25; Littleton, Colo., -born, survived by husband Kenneth, father Genei Miyasato, brother Yoshio, sister Yukiye Nakama.

Shiozaki, Yuriko, San Francisco, July 15; Calif.-born, survived by son Daniel, daughter Adrienne Woo, 2 gc., brothers Takeshi, Shoji, Minoru and Toshiki Okamura, sister Mitsuko Kamimori.

Suzuki, Kanenori, 85, Santa Monica, Calif., July 5; Yamaguchi, Japan-born, survived by wife Sumiye, daughters Jane Nobuko Masuda, Nancy

Miyeko Hirai, 5 gc., brother Saburo and sister Asaye Minatani (both Japan).

Takahashi, Michino, 93, Hayward, Calif., July 13; Fukushima, Japan, -born former Altadena resident, survived by son Wataru (Tiburon), 2 gc.

Tashiro, Misue, 90, San Francisco, May 21; survived by daughter Yachiyo Shigematsu, 2 gc, 2 ggc., sister-in-law Toshiko Shigematsu.

Thomas, Taneko Minaga, 73, Oxnard, Calif., July 17; Wakayama, Japan, -born, survived by husband Lloyd, daughter Jera Lynn, 2 gc.

Tokuno, Mamoru, 79, San Jose, Calif., July 1; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Kikue, son Masaki, daughter Keiko Okubo, 4 gc., sister Kimiko Kitano (Japan).

Tomita, Shizuko, 88, Los Angeles, July 17; Tottori, Japan, -born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by sons Makio, Masao, Setsuo, Dr. Joseph (Illinois), daughter Mary Sonoe Seko, daughter-in-law Asako Tomita, 10 gc., 2 ggc.

Tomosada, Margaret Mitsue, 69, Torrance, Calif., July 8; Seattle-born, survived by sons Samuel, Wayne, daughters Cheryl Birmingham, Karen Okita, 6 gc., brother George Kadoyama.

Yamaminami, Seiichi, 67, Alhambra, July 13; Miyazaki-born, survived by wife Kazuko, sons Leo, Lloyd, daughters Miyuki Uyeda, Megumi Pang, 1 gc, brothers and sisters in Jpn.

DEATH NOTICE

GEORGE MIZOTE

George Mizote, 75, dear brother of Mitsuko Doris (Tyler), Hisashi, Henry and Harry. Fond uncle of three. Visitation was held at Lake View Funeral Home.

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PERSONAL

JAMES YAMAGUCHI

Prewar Oakland Resident James Yamaguchi family moved prior to the Evacuation at 207 1/2 Evert St., Alameda; he was 10 years old at the time. Gene Hull's family was entrusted with the Yamaguchi album of international stamps, which Gene (who was 12 years at the time) wants to return. Write: 4224 Crestline, Fair Oaks, CA 94628, 916/965-5138.

Yamashiroya, Ruth Nobuko, 75, Los Angeles, June 23; Denver-born, survived by daughter Michele, brother James Abe, sisters June Abe, Irene Gima.

Yamauchi, Masatoshi, 76, Las Vegas, July 11; Hawaii-born WWII Army veteran, retired gov't maintenance supervisor and five-year Vegas resident; survived by wife Yoshiko, son Stanley, daughters Irene Felton, Linda Greenberg, Kay Stewart, 3 gc., brother Kiyoshi, sister Shizuko.

Yoshino, Molly Y., Los Angeles, July 5; survived by husband Yoshito 'Toe', brother Joe Mitsunashi, sisters Fumi Uchida, Alice Noda, sister-in-law Frances Mitsunashi.

DEATH NOTICE

JUNZO IDENO

Junzo Ideno, 94, passed away on Aug. 3 in Skokie, Illinois. He was the beloved husband of Ayako, nee Tanimoto; loving father of Teruo, Kazumi Karasawa, Gene Kazuo and Michael Shizuo; fond brother of Tamiyo Nakahiro and Hisako Utsunomiya; proud grandfather of 14 and great grandfather of seven. Before WWII, he founded Soko Kendo in 1930 and was a partner of the American Fish Market in S.F.

DEATH NOTICE

VICTOR CHIKARA ISERI

Funeral services for Victor Chikara Iseri, 80, were held on Wednesday, 8/2/95 at Mission Valley Free Methodist Church in San Gabriel, CA.

Victor was a native resident of Los Angeles and a WWII Veteran. He passed away on July 29. Funeral services were officiated by Rev. John Miyabe under the direction of Fukui Mortuary.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Fumiko; son, Ronald; daughter, Irene (Chester) Gee; 4 grandchildren; brother, Ernest (Keiko) Iseri; sister-in-law, Chiyoko Nagamatsu; 5 brothers-in-law, Frank (Yasuko), Henry (Emily), Tom (Claire), James (Helma) and Jon (Reiko) Nagamatsu; aunt, Mary Takeyama.



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RESIGN

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National Board decision to downsize the national staff in San Francisco, which resulted in the departure of five staff members. These individuals were offered severance pay, but negotiations became strained in the ensuing months—and this, too, became a reason for Murakawa, Mizobe and Minami to resign.

In response, JACL President Denny Yasuhara said, "It's always regrettable and a loss to an organization, when longtime, energetic people leave. I respect them for adhering to their beliefs and following their consciences, and I wish them well."

In her July 30 letter to the National Board, Murakawa said, "Without going into great details, I have had concerns about the staff terminations, the severance package and lack of settlement,

the unresolved allegations of sexual harassment, the appearances of conflicts of interest and the lack of willingness to come together as a unified board."

In her Aug. 7 letter to the PSW Executive Committee and to district chapter presidents, Mizobe criticized the National Board, saying it "has abused its authority and is willing to disregard the JACL Constitution and Bylaws."

Mizobe said that the National Board over the past year has taken over "the organization with little regard to the powers actually granted to it by the Constitution and with little regard to the opinions of the chapters and membership. Many of the organizational and operational decisions were (and continue) to be made by a subset of the National Board."

The former PSW governor also charged that JACL has failed to exhibit "visionary leadership and to provide a sound plan to deal

with not only today's fiscal crisis but the long term challenges."

In this respect, Mizobe criticized the organization for failure to create fund-raising programs.

In other reasons for her resignation, Mizobe cited her strong disagreement with Yasuhara's handling of JACL matters this year, with reference to what she called a failure to resolve the internal problems of the organization.

Minami, in his Aug. 1 letter to the district, cited similar reason for his departure, but added that he believed JACL was "not involved in the issues of the day. The current National Board has been immersed in the 'budget crisis,' and because the current staff has been preoccupied with the administration of the organization, there has been no real action taken to respond to the myriad of civil rights issues affecting our community."

MARUTANI

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among the MIS men were also a couple of professional gamblers.² At that point, Mrs. MacArthur, seated in the front row, broke into a delightful smile as if having uncovered a naughty secret. She appeared quite animated throughout.

AFTER THE DEDICATION, photos were taken of the Nikkei vets standing with Mrs. MacArthur. During that time, I chatted with her and briefly related the episode at the Dai-Ichi headquarters with Col. Bunker. I forgot what, if any, comment she had on that subject, but I was absolutely charmed by her warmth and quality. Simply put, she had, as expressed in the vernacular, "class." I then did something that well may have astonished others, including my fellow Nikkei. But I just couldn't help it. I asked the lady, "Would you mind very much if I hugged you?" Without so much as a pause, she replied, "Why, no."

And so I did. I don't think anyone got a picture of that embrace; they probably were all too startled. But if, perchance, there was someone who had his/her camera at-the-ready and got a shot, I'd sure like to have a print.

² Sometime early in my Army stint, those two pros must have entered my sphere. I recall an early initiation into a crap shoot in the downstairs "game room" on the pool table, losing my entire month's pay as a PFC (private first class, wearing one chevron on my sleeve), so fast as to cause one's head to spin. A month's pay was under \$40.

LETTERS

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tion issues and affirmative action. Both issues have less meaning for the Nikkei community. Affirmative action has been detrimental to the Nikkei community all along—particularly in the university level, denying entrance to qualified Nikkei students.

National JACL spending has always been excessive, considering that national membership comprises only 2% of the Nikkei community of an estimated 880,000 people. My feeling is that the National JACL is not spending members' money in their best interest. Let's confine ourselves to OUR issues only, where it began. If there is nothing else to do, it should be placed "in mothballs," retaining a membership file and assessing \$5 per member for administrative expenses, if any. Organization could be activated only if and when issues relating to Nikkei arises.

From the looks of things, I, along with many others, are not in a position to contribute \$39 to the National JACL treasury when expenditures of our money are being allocated for outside causes. Unless a change in direction takes place, my last membership contribution has been made. I, and many others like me, have supported the JACL for the past four decades. Believe me, present and future young generations have a lot more reservations. Let's think about it.

Bill Kashiwagi
Sacramento

HONDA

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mention these ideas as possibilities for other Golden Jubilee Chapters of 1996 to emulate.

Furthermore, it's no secret back East that Washington, D.C., will celebrate its golden jubilee when the chapter holds its 1996 installation dinner sometime in January. And the other idea which chapters might consider comes from the Washington, D.C., chapter. They plan to distribute JACL

in *Quest of Justice* to congressional members as part of the chapter's 50th year. So many are new in Congress. It will be a marvelous P.R. gesture as well for JACL, said past national president K. Patrick Okura over the phone.

The last remaining copies of this book, written by Bill Hosokawa some 15 years ago, are in storage in a Little Tokyo area warehouse and the JACL Mas Satow Memorial Committee is paying rent for them. "The JACL story needs to be told to the new generation in Congress," Okura added. "This is a way of putting the books into better use." Golden Jubilee Chapters of 1996 outside of Washington, D.C., ought to consider distributing JACL in *Quest of Justice* to public officials, schools and libraries.

ITO

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you that's wrong. Those who do that in public life should return to private life real soon.

"The respectable publishing house which publishes racist parodies—that's wrong. I'm a tough guy, I have a strong family, wife. I can take it. But I'm ashamed and scared for the community," said Ito.

Ito thanked the largely Asian American gathering for its support and also thanked others like Rep. Norman Mineta of California. He said, "Frankly, I have been stunned by the silence of other elected officials. I hope that our friends would stand with us. The only people we can truly count on is ourselves."

At the beginning of his talk, Ito explained that as a judge he was restricted in the topics and types of functions that he may address. He said he may not discuss any pending cases and that he may not speak at a fund-raising event, noting wryly that because of this he probably saved the dinner attendees' money.

Setting aside his stern courtroom demeanor, Ito joked about the hazards of becoming a well-recognized public figure. Prior to the speech, many attendees came up and had pictures taken with the judge. "I'm still blind from the 128 picture flashes that were taken," he said. "It's been a deflating evening. Everyone has come up to me and said, 'You're not as tall as you look on TV' or 'You look older in real life.'"

The Los Angeles County Asian American Employees Association represents Asian American employees in various county departments including the Coroner's office, Fire Department, and medical and health services. Emcee for the evening was KNBC-TV anchorwoman Wendy Tokuda.

Ito was awarded the George M. Ban Award for community involvement by the association. Ban, who passed away recently, was a longtime member of the L.A. County Fire Department.

REDRESS

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gress will be carried out as it should be," said Halberstein.

The decisions on the Ishida case and *Consolo v. United States* would also affect the eligibility of children born to parents who obtained early releases from internment camps for work, school or other reasons.

According to Leigh Ann Miyasato, acting JACL Washington, D.C. representative, the Department of Justice will not seek reconsideration of the suits and will cooperate in settling the cases of children of "voluntary" evacuees.

Miyasato said that persons who fall within the group of children covered by the Ishida and Consolo cases and who previously filed a claim with the Office of Redress Administration (ORA) will receive a telephone call from an ORA staff member and the claim will be reopened and re-examined. Persons

who believe they may be eligible for redress as a result of these court decisions should contact the ORA helpline at 202/219-6900 for information and claim forms.

Bruce Iwasaki, attorney and member of the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR) said, "The Ishida decision is the most significant court ruling to date concerning the more than 2,000 Japanese Americans who have been denied redress." Iwasaki and John F. Daum, O'Melveny & Myers law firm, wrote an amicus curiae brief in support of the Ishida appeal.

Miyasato said that those affected by the recent ruling are different from the list, recently published in the *Pacific Citizen*, of approximately 4,000 potentially eligible redress claimants released by the ORA. The ORA listing includes individuals for whom the ORA has internment camp records but who have not filed redress claims. The ORA has a legal responsibility to make a diligent search for such persons.

While the rulings could affect the redress eligibility of hundreds of individual, according to NCRR, the ORA currently has funds to pay approximately 435 more individuals. Further funding would require Congressional approval.

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wife, Leslie, 20, at her place of employment, the Farm Bureau Insurance Company, in violation of the terms of his bail. His wife, who is Caucasian, had said that her estranged husband had threatened to harm her and her child, and she feared for her life.

Two employees of the company said they saw Shiozawa on the company premises. However, physical therapist Kathleen Day testified that he had been receiving treatment at that very same time.

Idaho Farm Bureau Federation executive vice president William W. Brown, in a letter to the personnel administrator of her place of employment, David Acevedo, has said that the two Farm Bureau employees had given false testimony about Shiozawa.

"The actions of two of your employees in giving false testimony that Troy Shiozawa was in this building on Monday, April 24 and again on Wednesday, April, 26, has caused substantial emotional stress to all members of Federation staff and especially to his mother, Nancy Shiozawa (who also works at Farm Bureau)," wrote Brown. "The Shiozawa family has accrued an additional \$5,000 in legal expenses in proving these allegations to be false."

Judge Peter McDermott refused to discontinue Shiozawa's bail, saying, "He can't be having physical therapy at the same time he's walking down a hallway at Farm Bureau. It's obvious someone here's mistaken."

Both the JACL National Board and the Intermountain District Council passed resolutions supporting Shiozawa's right to a fair trial. In a letter to Mark Hiedeman, prosecuting attorney of Bannock County, Denny Yasuhara, JACL national president, wrote, "The foundation of our justice system is that the individuals charged receive a trial devoid of bias and [the trial] be fair, and that an individual is innocent until proven guilty. We would hope that your office uses more care in the future regarding Mr. Shiozawa's basic rights."

In addition, the Pocatello-Blackfoot Chapter has started a legal defense fund.

Rammell said, "I unequivocally believe that if Mr. Shiozawa were not Japanese, or if Mr. Shiozawa were a blond-haired, fair-skinned female, this case would have been treated in an entirely different fashion."

Shiozawa's grandfather, George Shiozawa is a former county commissioner and longtime member of the Pocatello-Blackfoot Chapter, JACL.

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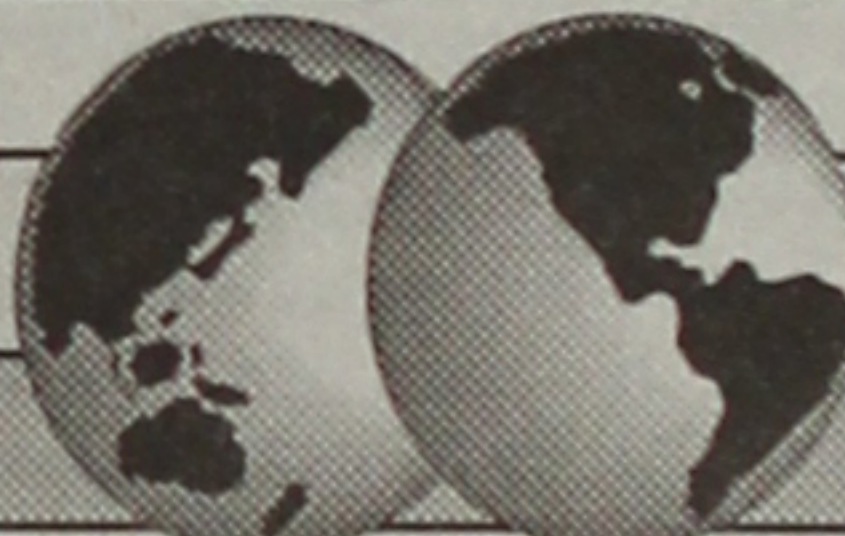
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