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Patsy Mink to chair Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus



PATSY MINK
New AP leader

Rep. Patsy Takemoto Mink of Hawaii was elected chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Sept. 29, succeeding Rep. Norm Mineta (D-Calif.), who plans to resign mid-term from Congress Oct. 10.

Mink is the first woman of color elected to national office in U.S. history. She has served in Congress for a total of 17 years. She was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1964, after serving in the Hawaii Territorial House and Senate and the Hawaii State Senate. Mink was a congresswoman until 1976 when she left for an unsuccessful run for the U.S. Senate. In 1976, she joined the Carter Administration as an

assistant secretary of state, and in 1978 was elected president of Americans for Democratic Action, a post she held until 1981. After serving two terms of the city council of Honolulu, she returned to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1990. She has been re-elected every two years since.

In accepting the position, Mink said, "This challenge comes at a critical time in the history of immigrant communities in our nation, whose rightful participation in American society is currently under great challenge. I am honored that my colleagues have bestowed their confidence in me to lead our caucus during these difficult times."

Comments from colleagues

News of Patsy Mink's election was met with enthusiasm by Asian Pacific Americans in Congress. Here are their comments:

● **Rep. Norman Mineta** (D-Calif.) "One of the reasons I feel secure in my decision to return to the private sector is the knowledge that the Asian Pacific American community will continue to benefit from outstanding advocates in the Congress. I can think of no better example of that advocacy

than Patsy Mink. Her principle, her courage and her committed leadership will serve the Asian Pacific American community well."

● **U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye** (D-Hawaii), the senior Asian Pacific American in Congress, said, "I am confident that Patsy will lead the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus with much dignity and integrity. Her many years of experience in the Congress is a

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Shiozawa to be retried on battery charge against ex-wife

Move occurs after Pocatello, Idaho, JA is acquitted of stabbing stepdaughter

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

Bannock County, Idaho, prosecutors have decided to retry Troy Shiozawa on the deadlocked count of aggravated battery for an alleged attack on his former wife Leslie. Judge Peter D. McDermott set the new trial for Jan. 9, 1996.

A jury acquitted Shiozawa, 24, Sept. 1 on two counts of felony assault and felony battery in the Feb. 6 stabbing of his stepdaughter, Lexie. The 10-men 2-women jury deadlocked 7-5 for acquittal on the third charge. McDermott had given prosecutors 20 days after the first trial to decide whether to refile on the deadlocked charge.

Shiozawa was found innocent of stabbing his daughter and forcing his wife's car off of the road in an attempt to reconcile. He maintained that the stabbing was an accident that occurred when Lexie fell on his open roping-type pocket knife, which he was using to clean his fingernails.

The deadlocked count involves an alleged attack on his former wife, Leslie. Prosecutor Mark Murphy said that the charge warrants a retrial. "The victim [Leslie Shiozawa] is determined she wants to proceed with a new trial," said Murphy, speaking to the *Idaho State Journal*.

Kent Shiozawa, Troy's father, said that defense attorney Bron Rammell has moved for a mistrial because Shiozawa has already been tried on all counts. "He argues that it is impossible to separate the counts, and a re-trial would violate the laws of due process and double jeopardy," he said.

The elder Shiozawa said that if the request for a mistrial is denied, they will appeal to the Idaho State Supreme Court.

Shiozawa passed a polygraph test, and a state forensics expert testified at the first trial that the wound to Lexie's back was consistent with an accidental stabbing.

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PHOTO: GWEN MURANAKA

News vets

Participating in a Sept. 23 Camp Newspaper Seminar in Los Angeles were, from left, seated, Harry Honda, Paul Yokota and Sue Embrey. Standing, from left, are Barry Saiki, Henry Mori and Cayleen Nakamura, JA National Museum staff. Story on page 10.

California hate crimes bill passes Assembly

Senate Bill 911, which strengthens hate crime laws in the state of California was passed Sept. 6 by the Assembly 57-0. The bill, which sits on Gov. Pete Wilson's desk awaiting his signature, strengthens California's existing hate crimes legislation.

Among the bill's provisions is a counseling program for defendants who are granted probation and grants authority to the courts to

impose restitution to the victim or the community as a condition of probation. The bill adds private property to the list of places which if targeted because of racial reasons can lead to prosecution under hate crimes legislation.

Assemblyman Nao Takasugi introduced the bill on the Assembly floor. Takasugi, who sits on the Assembly Appropriations

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ORA meets with JAACL for Redress update

In a meeting hosted by the Japanese American Citizens League (JAACL) at its headquarters on Sept. 16, DeDe Greene, administrator for the Office of Redress Administration (ORA), reported that the Aug. 30 mailing of \$20,000 redress checks to 260 additional eligible individuals brought the total now paid to 79,832 cases out of appropriations authorized for 80,000 cases. Included in the 260 were the following cases: Hawaii—191; internees—25; voluntary evacuees—6; Peruvians—4; and others—5.

ORA estimated that potentially an additional 5,000 cases, including those cases on appeal, may become eligible for redress compensation as a result of the Ishida and Consolo decisions. The federal Court of Appeals reversed the denial of eligibility for claimants Douglas Ishida and Linda Consolo, who were born in Ohio and Utah, respectively. Greene stated that under the court's rationale, both

types of children who were born after their parents "voluntarily" evacuated from the West Coast, as well as children born after their parents were released from internment camps, would be potentially eligible as they were unable to return to their parents' original place of residence in the prohibited zones and thus "deprived of liberty." ORA's interpretation of

Repaying with Redress

Lois Shimotori, a Sparks, Nev., woman who was born in an internment camp, used her \$20,000 Redress check to help student mothers attend college.

According to the *San Mateo Times*, Shimotori has established a scholarship for single mothers at the University of Nevada, Reno.

She told the *Times* that she wanted to help single mothers avoid the financial struggle she experienced when she returned to

No apology for 'slanty' eye reference to Nomo

Chicago Cubs' announcer Harry Caray ignores criticism for on-air comment

Watch Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Hideo Nomo pitch and you notice many things—the elaborate wind-up, the strike-outs, the fork balls. But Chicago Cubs veteran broadcaster Harry Caray notices something else—Nomo's "slanty eyes."

During a pregame interview Sept. 12 with Cubs manager Jim Riggleman, Caray said, "Well, my eyes are slanty enough, how 'bout yours?"

Nomo was pitching against the Cubs that night and Caray was talking about the possibility of more Japanese pitchers coming to the major leagues. Nomo pitched well, and the Dodgers went on to win 7-1.

The *Chicago Tribune* reported that Riggleman appeared "obviously flustered" by the remark, and WGN Radio, which broad-

casts Cubs games locally, apologized for broadcasting the remarks. However, Caray refuses to apologize.

Speaking to the *Chicago Sun Times*, Caray said, "I'm never going to make an apology. I didn't do anything wrong. If I did, I'd be the first to apologize."

"What's wrong with saying that eyes are slanty? How about when you talk about a fighter with a broken nose or cauliflower ears, you use it as a descriptive phrase, don't you?"

Bill Yoshino, JAACL Midwest regional director, asked for an apology from Caray in a letter to Dan Fabian, WGN Radio general manager, saying, "Terms such as 'slanty-eyed' are racially denigrating."

Yoshino was quoted in the local media expressing concern over Caray's remarks. He said that since then he has received several angry calls with racial overtones.

One caller said Yoshino was being disrespectful to the elderly Caray, who is nearly 80 years old, and said, "Welcome to the U.S.A." The same caller called again and said, "I'm the gentleman who just called. You should wait 50 years for an apology, like we've had to wait after World War II."

Another caller said, "You people should apologize for what you've done over 60 years. You are slanty-eyed."

"That's the bad thing about Caray's remarks. It's bringing this kind of bigotry out of the woodwork," said Yoshino.

Yoshino said Caray's colleagues and WGN station management were protecting Caray. "Part of the problem is management. Dan Fabian said that it should have been edited out and issued an apology which said, 'If I offended anyone, I apologize.' To be conditional is ridiculous."

Calling Caray the "least big- See CARAY/page 6

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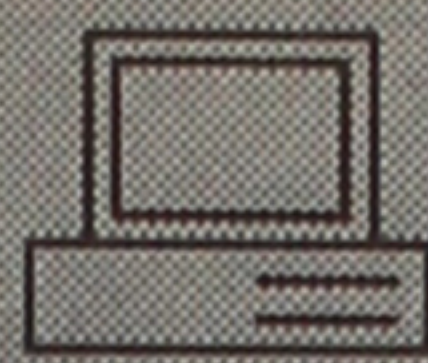
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Eastern

WASHINGTON D.C.
Sat. Nov. 4—General meeting, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Md.; info: Lily Okura 301/530-0945.
Sun. Dec. 10—Mochitsuki, 2-5 p.m., Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Md.; info: Lily Okura 301/530-0945.

Midwest

DAYTON
Sun. Nov. 5—General meetings and cultural program, 2-6 p.m.; info: Darryl Sakada, pres., 513/298-1252.
Coming Jan. 4-Feb. 14, 1996—Smithsonian's "A More Perfect Union," Dayton Public Library.
TWIN CITIES
Chapter Board once a month, preceded by potluck dinner; open to any visitor; info: Joanne Kumagai, chapter president, 612/537-8076.
Fri.-Sun., Oct. 6-8—Fall MDC meeting, Holiday Inn Airport. (Details to come).

NorCal-WN-Pac

JAPAN-TOKYO
Chapter Board on the 1st Tuesday every month (unless it falls on the 1st or the 2nd day), Union Church; info: Ted

IMPORTANT

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

Shigeno, 0468-76-2431. Open to all members.
Tue. Nov. 28—Election meeting, Union Church; info: Ted Shigeno.
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.
Sat., Dec. 2—Annual JACL crab & spaghetti feed, Christ United Presbyterian Church; info: Jeff Adachi 415/553-9318.
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.
STOCKTON
Sun. Oct. 8—"Let's discover the silver legacy in Reno," 7 a.m. bus departs from North Stockton Branch Union Bank, Pacific Ave. and Robinhood Drive (by

K-mart), RSVP Sept 30; info: Teddy Saiki, 209/465-8107.
WEST VALLEY
Sat., Oct. 7—Keiro Kai dinner, 4-6 p.m., San Jose Buddhist Church Annex, San Jose Japantown; info: Yu-Ai office 408/294-2505. NOTE—Seniors free of charge, others \$15 per or \$25 couple; co-sponsored by Next Generation and Yu-Ai Kai.

Central California

DISTRICT COUNCIL
Sun. Nov. 5—Annual CCDC installation banquet, 5 p.m., Anderson's Pea Soup, Selma; info: Regional office—Patricia Tsai, 209/486-6815.

Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL
Sat.-Sun., Oct. 28-29—Quarterly session & board elections, Sahara Hotel, Las Vegas; info: JACL Office, 213/626-4471; NOTE—Mtg regis \$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 noon Sunday; \$33 r.t., first come first served.
LAS VEGAS
Sun. Oct. 15—19th annual Luau, St. Viator's Community Center; info: Dean Kajioaka, chair, 702/366-1528.

Community calendar

Midwest

CHICAGO
Wed. Oct. 10—Nuveen Forum, Conversations on Culture & Identity in America, 8-10:30 a.m., The Field Museum, Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605; info: 312/922-9410 ext 530.
Sun. Oct. 29—Chicago Shimpo 50th anniversary dinner, Raddison Lincolnwood Hotel; info: Art Morimitsu 312/478-6170.
CINCINNATI
Sat. Oct. 7—"Focus on Japan" teachers' workshop, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Ky.; info: Cincinnati JACL, Marie Matsunami, 513/451-2604.
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Jan. 4 - Feb. 15—Smithsonian Institution's travel exhibit: "A More Perfect Union, Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution," Dayton Main Library, 215 E. 3rd St.,

LOS ANGELES

Fri.-Sat., Oct. 6-7—Velina Hasu Houston's play, "Tea," Marilyn Tokuda in lead role, 8 p.m., Morgan-Wixson Theater, 2627 W. Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, RSVP 310/828-7519.
Sat. Oct. 7—East San Gabriel Valley Aki Matsuri, 1-9 p.m., Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente, West Covina; info: 818/960-2566 (Tue-Fri a.m.)
Sat. Oct. 7—Documentary film and panel discussion: "Doubles: Japan and America's Intercultural Children," 2-4 p.m., Japanese American National Museum (JANM), 369 E. 1st St.; info: 625-0414.
Wed. Oct. 11—Japan America Society symposium: U.S.-Japan Relations in Asia, 2-5 p.m., Biltmore Hotel, L.A.; RSVP info: 213/627-6217 ext 17.
Thu. Oct. 12—"Wrestling Tigers: Asian American Writers Speak," 7-8 p.m. readings for mature audiences, JANM 213/625-0414.
Sat. Oct. 14—"Tule Lake Remembers," 1-3 p.m., JANM 213/625-0414. Info: Toko Fujii 916/421-0328.
Sat., Oct. 14—Hompa Hongwanji Temple's 90th-year celebration panel: "Jodoshinshu (Shin Buddhism) in the Post-Modern World," 9:30 a.m.-12:30, Main Hall of the Temple, 815 E. 1st St.; info: Rev. Tetsuo Unno, 213/931-0948.
Sat.-Sun., Oct. 14-15—Japan Friendship Festival, 10 a.m.-6 Sat., 11 a.m.-5 Sun., Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Dr., corner Madrona and Torrance Blvd.; info: Valerie Tsuruda or Lili Miura 310/791-5215.
Sun. Oct. 15—Closing of "America's Concentration Camp" exhibit at JANM. Info: 213/625-0414.
Sun. Oct. 15—Nikkei International Assn. annual dinner and karaoke, 6 p.m., Sea Empress Seafood, 1636 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. (Pacific Square), Gardena, 310/538-6868; info: Sam Fujii 310/787-9111, John Kobayashi 310/676-8949.
SAN DIEGO
Sat., Oct. 14—Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego annual

meeting, 11:30 luncheon, Southwestern College Dining Facility, 900 Otay Lakes at E. H St.; info: Jeanne Marumoto Elyea 619/690-1151, Elaine Hibi Bowers 619/421-3525, Ben Segawa 619/482-1735.

SAN FRANCISCO
Sept. 24 - Oct. 26—Asian American art exhibit, "With New Eyes," 12-4 p.m., Mon-Sat, free adm., S.F. State University Art Dept. Gallery, 2d floor, 1600 Holloway Ave.; info: Susan Sterling, coordinator, 415/338-6535 (Tue, Wed).
Sat. Oct. 21—Symposium: "With New Eyes," 9:30 a.m.-4:30, M.H. deYoung Museum, regis. SFSU 415/338-6535, de Young Museum 415/750-3524.
SAN MATEO
Wed. Oct. 25—Opera matinee at San Francisco Opera's "La Cenerentola" by Rossini, bus leaves Buddhist Temple parking lot, 11:45 a.m., return at 5; pre-opera workshop by music specialist Tazu Takahashi on Thu. Oct. 20 at JACL Community Center, 50 E. 5th Ave; 11 a.m. in Nihongo, 1 p.m. in English, \$32 grand tier seating and bus transportation; info: May Hamamoto, 415/343-2793.

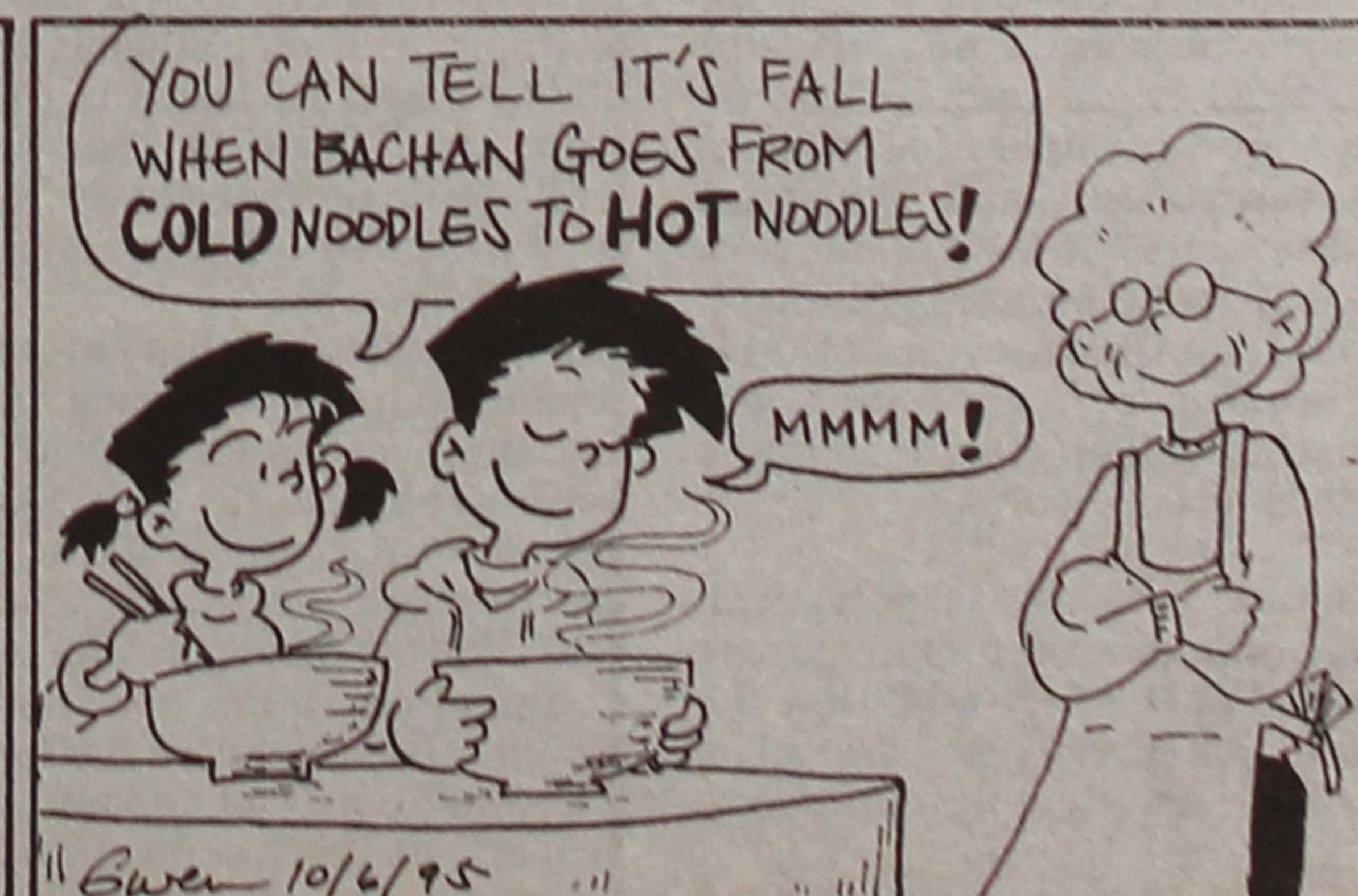
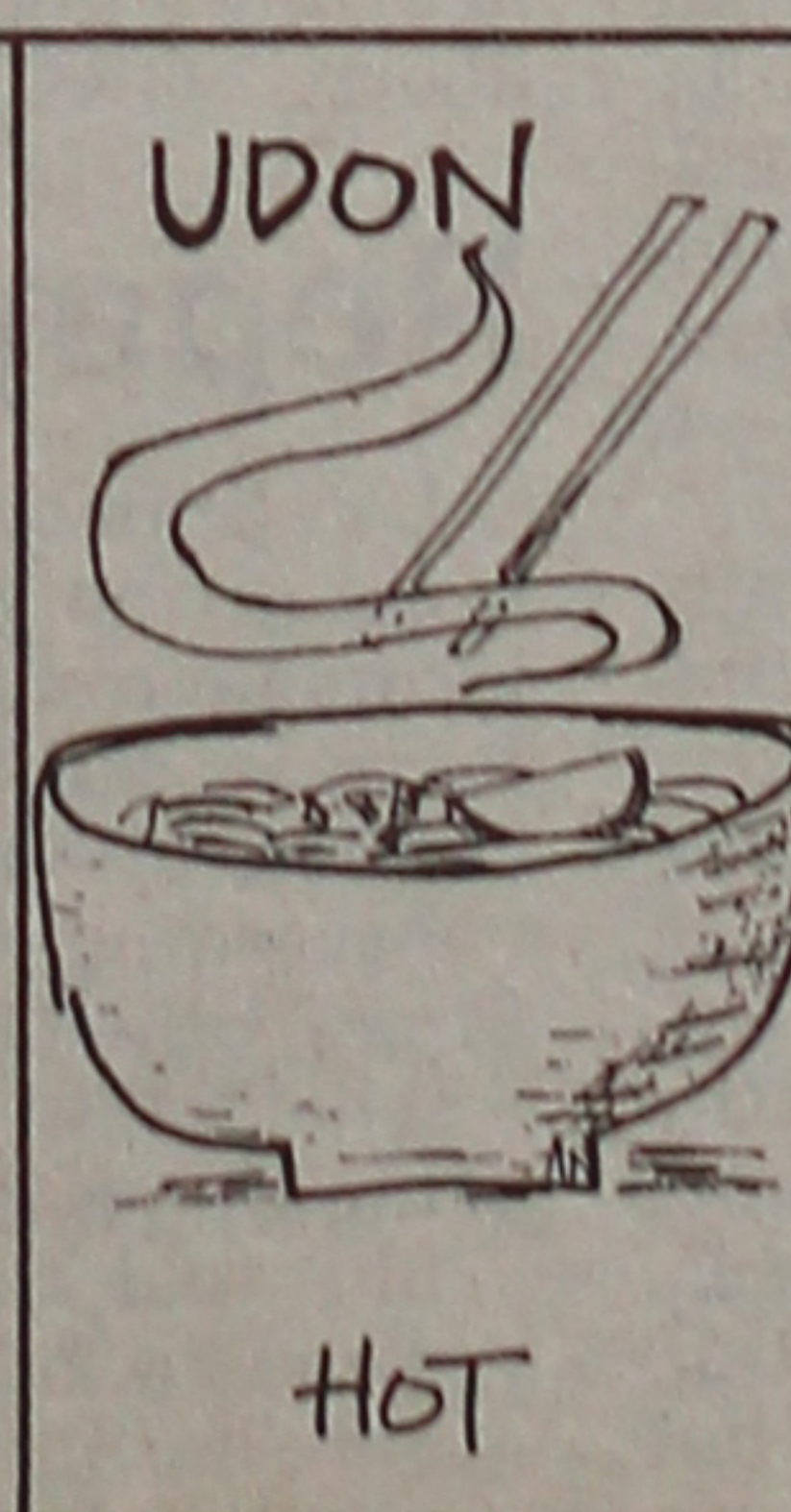
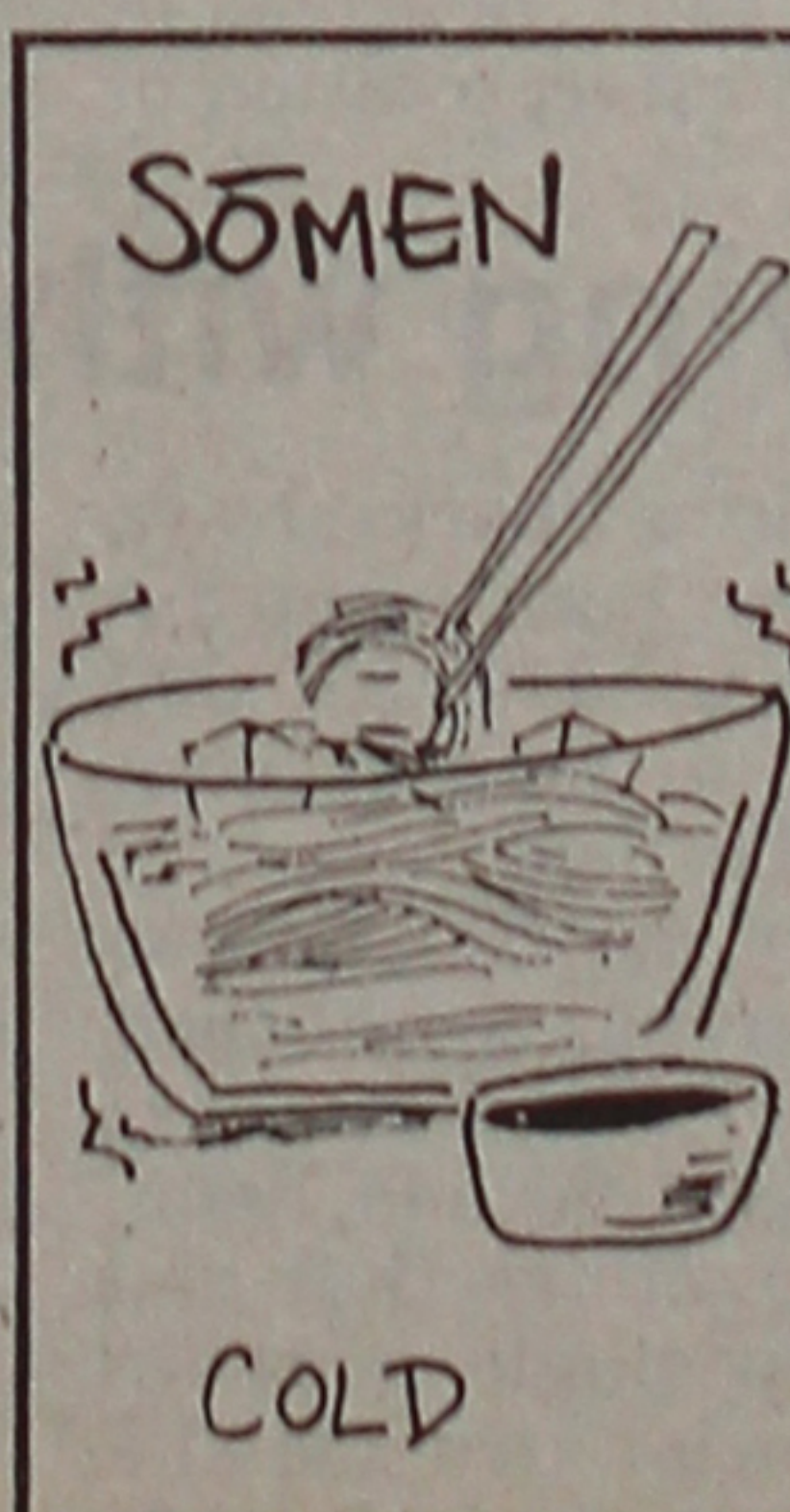
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In the Sept. 15-Oct. 5, 1995, issue, Pacific Citizen mis-identified three individuals.

● At JACL headquarters, Amy Yamashiro is not the interim membership coordinator but the membership administrator. Stephanie Roh was identified as an administrative assistant. Her correct title is administrative assistant/program coordinator.

● In the coverage of the National JACL Singles Convention, a photo on page 1 identified a man who participated in a makeover as Nob Yamane. The correct name is Nob Yamabe.

Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka

Mike Honda to run for California Assembly — not Mineta's seat

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

Norman Mineta's surprise resignation from Congress has set off a flurry of campaign activity as Republicans and Democrats are scrambling for the open seat. But there is one name you won't see on the ballot. Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Honda's name was initially brought up as a potential candidate for Mineta's seat, but Honda has decided instead to run for the California State Assembly.

"I thought about it briefly. But I've decided to run for the California State Assembly. I've planned this, looked at it very carefully. It would take a lot of persuasion to move me," said Honda, speaking to *Pacific Citizen*.

Honda, 54, a Sansei, was interned with his family at Amache Internment Center in Colorado during World War II. He began his career in education, working as a teacher and principal in the local schools. Elected to the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors in 1990, he has also served on the State Curriculum Commission, San Jose Unified School Board and San Jose Planning Commission. He currently serves as chair of the board of supervisors.

Honda, a Democrat, will be running in the 23rd district which covers downtown San Jose, Japantown and the east side of San Jose. The primary election is on March 26 with the general election next November. There are two other Democrats running for the position and no Republicans have announced their intentions to run. The 23rd district is 63% Democratic. Currently there is only one Japanese American in the State Assembly, Republican Assemblyman Nao Takasugi.

"Being on the Board of Supervisors, I realize that there's a lot of things we need to work on at the local level. Sacramento is the place where much work needs to be done," said Honda.

Among the issues he has worked on during his term as county supervisor are women's health issues and funding for public educa-



MIKE HONDA
Seeks state post

tion.

Honda criticized the decision by the University of California Board of Regents to dismantle affirmative action in the UC system. "The decision was way off base. If they think that Asians don't need some consideration for affirmative action programs they are sadly mistaken. I disagreed with Dr. Lee and Stephen Nakashima. There again, (California Gov.) Wilson used the issue as a platform for his presidential campaign. He had

never gone to meetings of the Board of Regents before. One has to question his motives," said Honda.

The supervisor has gotten calls from the media including the *Congressional Quarterly* and *California Journal* asking if he would run for Mineta's seat.

"It's flattering to consider that my name is being brought up to follow Norm. He's done some incredible things. It's quite a compliment," said Honda.

Honda said he is currently gearing up for fundraising for the campaign and hopes that other Japanese Americans decide to run for public office.

"I encourage more Nikkei to run for office. It's a challenge that our young people are up to. It's important for the Nikkei community that we pick up that responsibility," said Honda.

According to the San Jose *Mercury News*, Santa Clara County is 17% Asian. Other Asian American elected officials include: Art Takahara, city councilman, Mountain View; Henry Manayan, Milpitas city council member and George Shirakawa, Jr., San Jose city council member.

Who will replace Mineta?

Who will fill Norman Mineta's open congressional seat? According to the *San Jose Mercury News*, Republicans are eager to take the seat which Democrat Mineta held for over 20 years.

Former representative and current Republican State Sen. Tom Campbell has already announced his decision to run for the open seat. The *Mercury News* reported that San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer has decided not to run for Mineta's seat. During a trip to Washington, Hammer, a Democrat and the city's best known office holder, met with Bill Clinton and White House staffers who encouraged her to run.

However, the San Jose mayor said she wants to remain in California to "deal with those issues where I can have the most impact."

Other names that have been discussed include Karin Dowdy, trustee, West Valley Mission Community College; Lou Cobarruviaz, San Jose police chief; John Gage, chief scientist, Sun Microsystems; and Assessor Larry Stone.

In Congress, Mineta's position as ranking Democrat on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is expected to be taken by Rep. James Oberstar (D-Minn.).

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Suspects held in beating of Asians in New York

A third suspect in the brutal beatings of four Asian and one Latino man in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, N.Y., was apprehended and will face attempted murder charges. Jacob Charest, 19, was caught in Pennsylvania and will be returned to New York. Earlier, Paul Tinnirello, 18, and his brother, Joseph, 17, were indicted Sept. 29. All three, who are Italian Americans, will face attempted murder, robbery and assault charges. Both brothers pleaded not guilty to the assaults and were each released on a \$20,000 bond.

The district attorney's office said it will seek the maximum sentence for the crimes. Charles Hynes, Brooklyn district attorney, said, "These victims were set upon for no reason other than ethnicity."

The victims, Pedro Chavez, Sha Ng, Fat Dor Fong, Jian Wei Lin and Lusi Liu, all were attacked Sept. 2 in the early morning. Chavez, an immigrant from Guatemala, and Chinese immigrants Fong, Lin

and Liu were all beaten as they went to work. The attackers used bottles and a large radio to pummel the victims. Ng, 68, remains in critical condition after he was beaten and stomped in the face, fracturing his skull.

Hyun Lee, victim advocate/community organizer, Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence (CAAV), said the organization will be issuing a statement following a comment by New York Mayor Rudolf Giuliani that he didn't think the attacks were racially motivated.

"It's clearly racially motivated because it was four separate incidents and the victims were all Chinese or Guatemalan immigrants," said Lee.

She said that CAAV will monitor the district attorney's case and that there has been concern from the victims because the alleged perpetrators are out on bail.

"(Chavez) said that some of his friends have seen the youths cruising around. He fears retaliation," said Lee.

CCDC discusses internship, Redress

Staff report

At its Sept. 9 meeting in Fresno, Calif., the Central California District Council, JACL, met to discuss a number of key issues. Here are highlights:

● **CCDC internship**—The district voted to approve the concept of a college internship program and created a district internship committee. Patricia Tsai, CCDC regional director, said Fresno State has a program to match funds for an internship. The district intern would work with Tsai in the district office.

Tsai said that typical compensation for an intern working 100 hours or 10 hours per week is \$500.

● **Redress**—Travis Nishi told the district that he would be attending a Sept. 16 meeting with officials from the Office of Redress Administration at JACL National Headquarters in San Francisco.

The district governor said that with recent court rulings, children born after their parents were released from internment camps are now eligible for redress. However the funds have not been appropriated to pay for the new category.

Takahashi, who serves on the JACL Legislative Education Committee, added, "The community has to decide if we are going to go

District supports PC's on-line proposal

The Central California District Council voted unanimously Sept. 9 to support the concept of placing JACL and *Pacific Citizen* on an on-line computer system. Mae Takahashi, chair, *Pacific Citizen* Editorial Board, said, "We are exploring a new concept of developing an on-line service for JACL. I felt that PC would be the appropriate vehicle for this project. PC has all the documents, back issues, historical information and access to so much other information."

Takahashi said that *Pacific Citizen* is planning to make a presentation before the National Board on on-line at its Oct. 21-22 meeting and will be seeking approval by both the PC Editorial Board and the National Board for the project. The vote came after a pre-

sentation by Gwen Muranaka, PC assistant editor, in which she presented three different options for creating a computer network for JACL: electronic mail, electronic bulletin board system and Internet access through the World Wide Web.

She said that placing JACL and PC on-line would potentially give JACL members and non-members access to updated news, educational material and membership information. Muranaka said that on-line has the potential of increasing JACL's outreach to the young and middle-aged.

During a question and answer session, Travis Nishi, CCDC district governor said, "This is a project that could get corporate support."

after more funds. We as a community have to follow through."

● **Chiune Sugihara exhibit**—

Nishi said that he anticipates a good response to the Nov. 5 presentation at the Temple Beth Israel on the liberation of Dachau and Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese consulate officer who saved thousands of Jews by issuing visas.

Nishi said that Sugihara's son, Hiroki Sugihara, is scheduled to appear. The presentation is a joint effort of many Nikkei and Jewish groups.

● **Tulare Assembly Center marker**—Nishi reported that Rev. James Bauser wants to put a marker at the Tulare County Fair, the location of an assembly center for Japanese Americans sent to internment camps.

Members noted that the area is very conservative and that it is important to educate the public about the Evacuation experience.

Grace Kimoto, Livingston-Merced Chapter, said, "It was very difficult when we put in a marker at Merced, but it's good to have. It will be difficult but it needs to be done."

● **Leadership Fresno**—CCDC approved paying the balance of \$375 of the \$750 tuition for Tsai to attend Leadership Fresno, a leadership development course for community leaders.

Takahashi, who helped develop Leadership Fresno, said that at the beginning the program was focused on bringing business into the Fresno-area. She asked Tsai how the program will make her a better regional director.

Tsai answered, "The program will help make me more visible and the organization more visible. It was once focused on business interests but has become more about developing seed leaders in the community. We will address issues such as crime, youth and health care."

Tsai noted that others who have attended the sessions include members of the local media and the mayor of Fresno. The group meets once a month from September to May '96.

● **Highway markers**—Frank Nishio reported that the dedication ceremonies marking the inauguration of the 442nd-100th-MIS Memorial Highway was a tremendous success.

"We've raised \$44,744 and our expenses to date have been \$27,189. We want to go around the whole area publicizing the feats of the 100th/442nd/MIS triad. We've had tremendously good feedback in the Madera area," said Nishio.

He also encouraged district members to attend the Nov. 8 Salute to Veterans sponsored by the Japanese American National Museum. Nishio said that the Central California veterans are

Capt. Wang reassigned to Dayton, Ohio

Air Force Capt. Jim Wang has been reassigned to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, where he will become either a computer manager or the chief of management information systems, reported the *Rafu Shimpo*.

Wang, who was the only officer to be tried for his role in the 1994 "friendly fire" downing of two helicopters over Iraq, said that he is looking forward to getting on with the rest of his life.

"We've come to a suitable conclusion for both the Air Force and myself where I won't be able to continue my career as far as making it to retirement, but I will be able to continue for a few more years in the Air Force," said Wang.

Wang along with six other officers were given negative evaluation reports which effectively ended any hope for promotion.

Japanese American Lt. Joe Halci, who was also involved in the incident, has been told *Rafu Shimpo* that he expects similar reassignment orders which will send him to Hanscom Air Force Base near Boston, Mass.



SELANOCO Chapter hosts children's program

The 1995 class of Chibi-No-Gakko (above), held in July at the Orange County, Calif., Buddhist Church, again participated in a week-long summer activity program sponsored by the SELANOCO Chapter, JACL. The event, the fourth conducted by the chapter, is designed to teach Japanese American children more about their culture and heritage. In the photo at right, April Arihara (left) and Jamie Goya endure the first layer of what became Noh masks.



JACL opposes welfare reform bill

Asian American community leaders, as well as the Japanese American Citizens League, expressed disappointment at the Senate passage Sept. 19 of the welfare reform bill. The welfare reform bill, which passed 87-12, ends the guarantee of assistance to the poor and gives state discretion to run most welfare programs.

For Asian Pacific Americans, the welfare reform bill will impose restrictions on immigrants receiving most federal needs-based programs such as Medicaid, community health center services, family planning and supplemental security income (SSI). The Senate bill also deems the income of the immigrant's sponsor and sponsor's income to be available to the immigrant for at least five years for most federal programs, bars access to SSI and imposes a five-year ban on access to most federal needs-based programs for new immigrants.

Leigh Ann Miyasato, Washington consultant, JACL, said, "The

welfare 'reform' bill eliminates all guaranteed assistance to impoverished people. The benefits they need to survive will now be at the mercy of 50 state legislators, which are struggling with their own budget problems.

"Our lawmakers have become so callous and indifferent toward indigent people, and they have singled out legal immigrants for even harsher treatment. What will become of the most vulnerable in our society—destitute children and seniors—when they are cut off from basic survival benefits?"

Bob Dole, (R-Kan.), Senate majority leader, hailed the bill, saying, "We're not only fixing welfare, we're revolutionizing it."

Asian Pacific Americans in the Senate were split on the bill. Daniel Akaka (R-Hawaii) joined 11 other Democrats and voted against the measure; while Daniel Inouye was among 35 Democrats who supported it.

Karen Narasaki, National Asian Pacific American Legal Con-

sortium, questioned the constitutionality of the restrictions placed on some naturalized citizens.

"Refugee communities will be particularly devastated as the exemption is limited only to the first five years after entry. They have no sponsors to help them and are among the poorest in the community," said Narasaki.

Dong Suh, policy analyst, Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum, said that the cuts would end up costing taxpayers more money in the long run because of higher medical costs.

"Restricting preventative care such as maternal health services to indigent populations, given the rising health care cost, would be detrimental to the health of their community and would likely increase the utilization of emergency services. This will lead to unnecessary suffering by the legal immigrants who contribute to this country, and, in the long run, impose higher health care costs for the nation."

JACL board meeting set for Oct. 21-22

The next National Board meeting of the Japanese American Citizens League is scheduled for Oct. 21-22, 1995, at National Headquarters in San Francisco.

The meeting begins Saturday morning at 9 a.m. and runs through about 5 p.m.

On Sunday, board members usually conclude business by noon.

On Friday, Oct. 20, the JACL Personnel Committee will interview candidates for the national director position, and the Budget Committee will review financial reports.

Information: 415/921-5225.

Reunions

Evacuation stories highlight Topaz event

Former internees of the Topaz Relocation Center remembered old times Sept. 2-3 at the Topaz Reunion '95 in Los Angeles. The two-day event, sponsored by the Japanese American National Museum, attracted approximately 250 people who heard panelists discuss the effect the Evacuation had on their lives.

During the panel discussion, "Personal Effects of the Topaz Experience," Nancy Araki said that although she just started grade school when she was interned, that the extreme weather of the Utah desert, still brings back unsettling remembrances today.

K. Morgan Yamanaka, a professor of social work at San Francisco State University, said that after he answered "no-no" to questions #27-28 on the government

loyalty questionnaire, he and his family were sent to Tule Lake where he served time in the stockades. Yamanaka said that he had broken no laws and that no reason was given for his punishment.

Fred Hoshiyama, Venice Culver Chapter, JACL, spoke of his experiences as a member of the advance work contingent at Topaz. The group helped welcome and assist internees who came from the Tanforan and Santa Anita Assembly Centers.

Sachi Kajiwara, a nurse's aide in Topaz, said that she was rejected by many schools because of her Japanese ancestry. She was finally accepted at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio where she completed her nursing studies.

The panel was moderated by



Attendees to the Sept. 12 Topaz Reunion '95 (from left): Nancee Iketani, Covina, Calif.; Mikio Tanaka, Cleveland; Lucy and Mikio Kirihara, Minneapolis; Amy Doi, Moss Beach, Calif.; and Miye Yoshida, Northridge, Calif.

Chuck Kubokawa, Palo Alto. Rhoda Nishimura Iyoya, who was a student body officer at Topaz

High School in 1943, said that a scholarship from the National Japanese American Student Re-

location Council enabled her to go to Vassar College in New York. The council assisted 4,000 Nikkei students from the ten internment camps enter colleges in the Midwest and East Coast.

Other activities included:

● Harry Kitano, UCLA, was the keynote speaker at the evening banquet. An authority on Japanese American social history, he related his personal experience as a student leader and athlete at Topaz High School.

● Three films were shown throughout the weekend: "Tanforan: Race Track to Assembly Center," "Topaz," and "Topaz Home Movies and Reunions." A photographic and document exhibit was also on display at the New Otani Hotel.

● The event was co-chaired by a joint committee of former Topaz internees from Northern and Southern California. Committee chairs were: Ron Yoshida, Northridge and Daisy Uyeda Satoda, San Francisco.

Tule Lake mini-reunion scheduled for Oct. 14 in Los Angeles

A Tule Lake mini-reunion will be held Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) in Little Tokyo.

The reunion is in conjunction with the museum's exhibit, "America's Concentration Camps" which closes that weekend. According to Toko Fujii, Tule Lake committee, many of those who were not able to attend the Tule

Lake Reunion V in Sacramento in May are expected to come to the mini-reunion.

Harry Kitano, UCLA professor and sociologist, is scheduled to speak. The event will also feature a symposium on the lives of Tule Lake internees after they left the camp.

Three videos will be shown con-

tinuously throughout the day: A 30 minute condensed version of the May 19-20 Tule Lake reunion in Sacramento, a 23 minute film by Tule Lake instructor Chester Parmelee and a 17 minute video on the 1994 Tule Lake Pilgrimage.

Video copies of the symposium, "Japanese American Legacy" held during the Tule Lake Reunion V

will be on sale at the reunion. Cost: \$5.

Among the featured speakers were Fred Korematsu, whose coram nobis case challenged the legality of the Evacuation, Dale Minami, the lead attorney on Korematsu's case and Bill Marutani, *Pacific Citizen* columnist and the only Nikkei on the Commission on Wartime Reloca-

tion and Internment of Civilians.

Committee members for the mini-reunion include Fujii, Gene Itagawa, Wayne Maeda, Tom and Amie Fujimoto, Jimi Yamaichi and Jiro Yamamoto.

Information: Cayleen Nakamura, JANM, 213/625-0414 or Toko Fujii, 916/421-0328 or 421-6968.

Yasuhara apologizes for comments in pleading to lawsuit

Denny Yasuhara, president of the Japanese American Citizens League, recently issued an explanation regarding statements in a legal pleading to a defamation suit filed by his attorney.

The suit was filed in response to the publication of an allegedly improper statement which disparaged Yasuhara's character and reputation by implying that he

had personally violated the civil rights of JACL staff.

Here are Yasuhara's comments: "On June 5, 1995, an amendment to Petition for Rule 27 Deposition pending Filing of Action was filed in the United States District Court of the Eastern District of California. In this amendment to preserve testimony, several statements were made that were at-

tributed to me, the petitioner, that I did not make. Among them are:

"(1) That the three (3) deponents in the petition, Eunice Kaneko, Joyce Nakamura, and Michael Sawamura, were closely connected to the National JACL Treasurer, Jonathan Kaji.

"I am not aware and never have been of any special or particular relationship of the three (3) deponents to the National JACL Treasurer, Jonathan Kaji.

"(2) That Jonathan Kaji was responsible for the disappearance of a \$400,000 reserve fund.

"I have never stated that Jonathan Kaji was responsible for the disappearance of \$400,000 nor have I implied that criminal wrong-doing might have been involved. I might have stated that lax oversight by the previous Na-

tional Board was a factor in the over-expenditures in 1993 and 1994, but at no time have I suggested that wrong-doing in this sense, was involved by anyone on the National Board.

"(3) That I had a concern that the three (3) deponents would flee to Japan to avoid being questioned on their conduct and the conduct of others, the implication being that they would go there, because of the business residence of Jonathan Kaji.

"I have never made such a statement to anyone nor have I ever had such a concern regarding the three (3) people concerned.

"Finally, since this document has been a matter of public record, disseminated widely, and further, because it was filed and produced by my former attorney, I publicly apologize to Eunice Kaneko, Joyce Nakamura, Michael Sawamura, and Jonathan Kaji."

Nikkei housing project seeks names

San Diego's 100-unit Kiku Gardens senior housing project, owned and operated by local Nikkei community organizations, including JACL, seeks additional names for its waiting list are being sought. The prospective tenant should be 62 years old or older with an annual income no more than \$15,000 single or \$18,150 couple. Information: 1260 Third Ave., Chula Vista, CA 91911, 619/422-4951.

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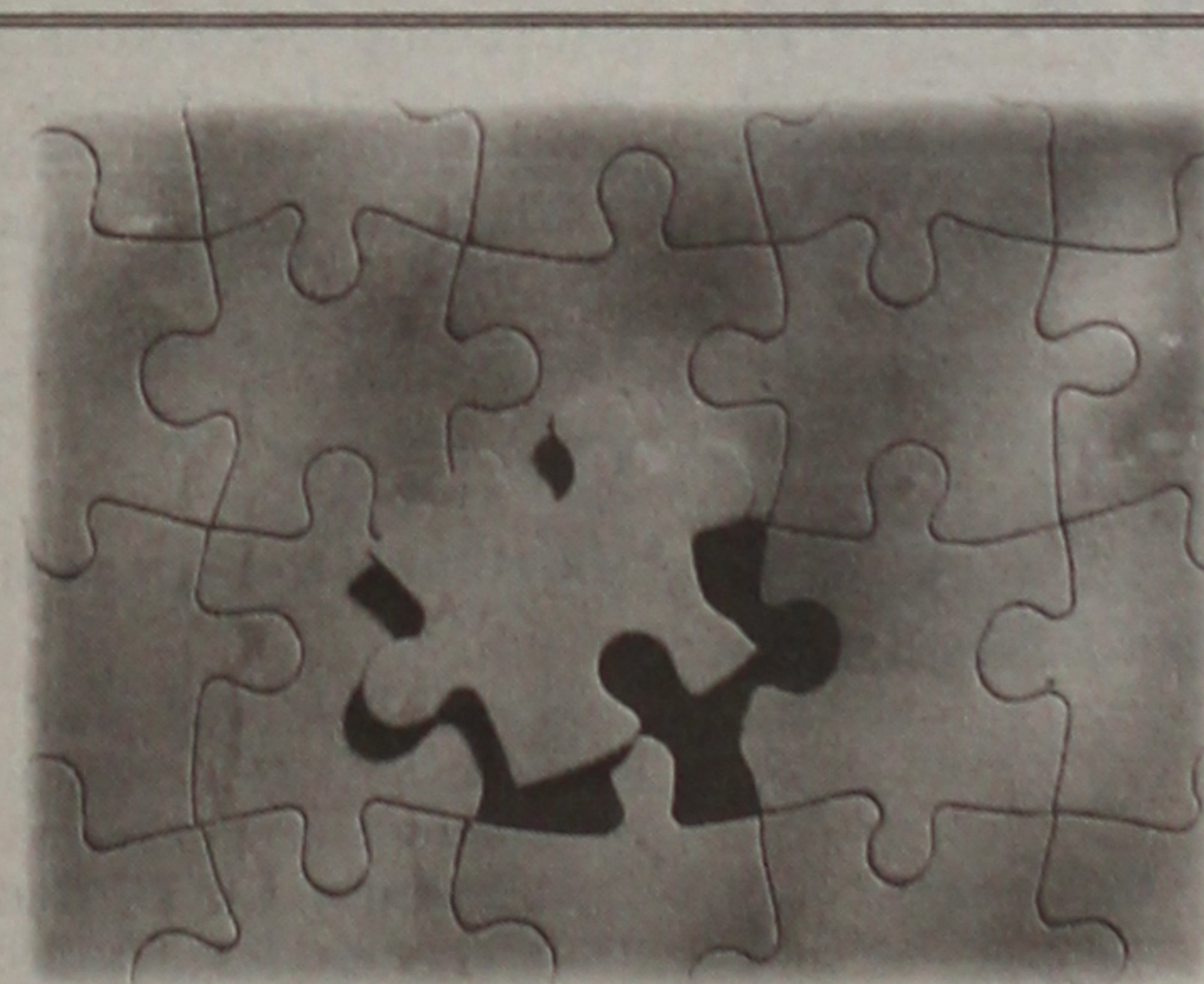
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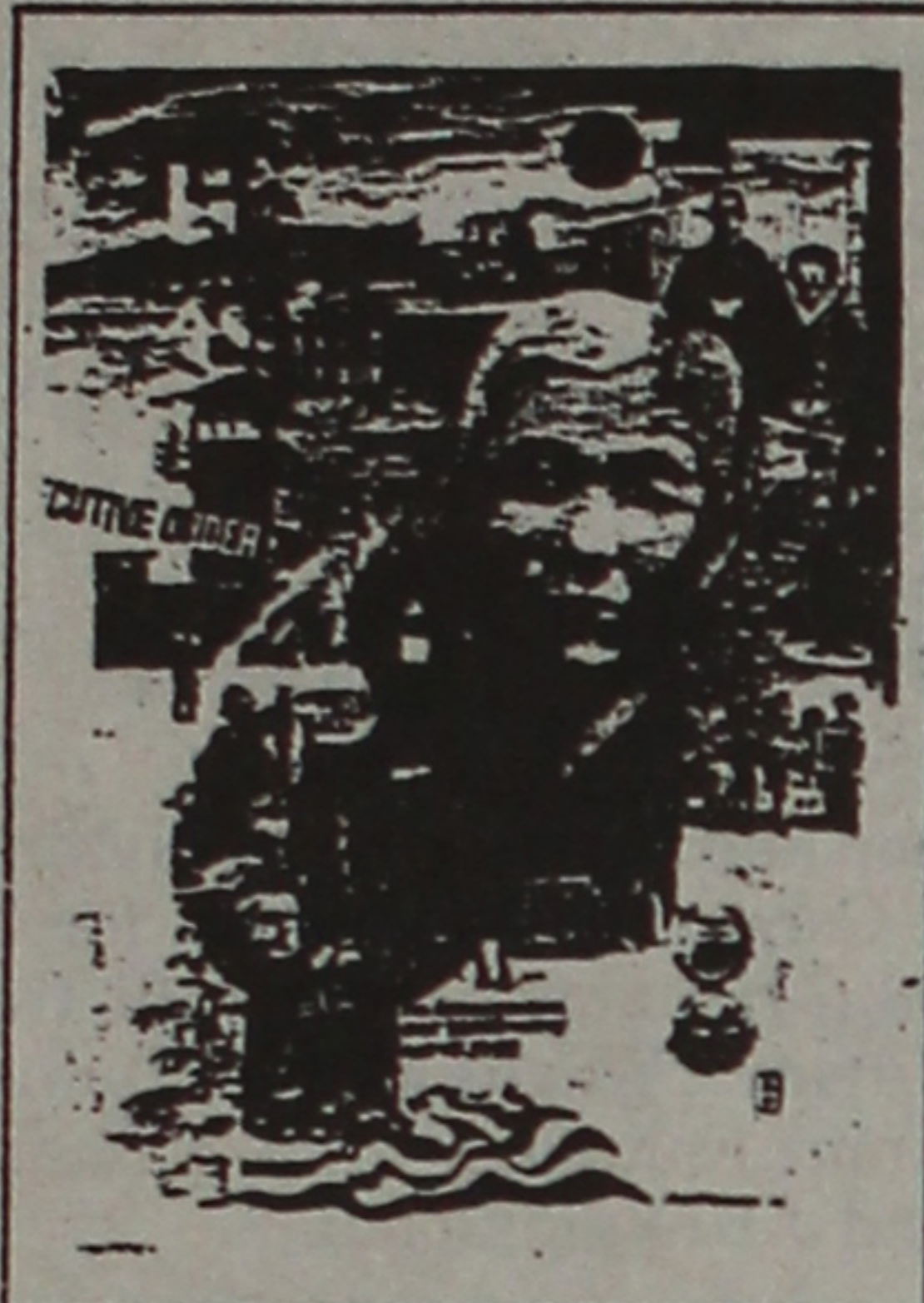
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ORA

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by ORA, and it was urged that the date of June 30, 1946 which is used as the ending date of internment in the Civil Liberties Act be specified as a more realistic date when evacuated persons could safely return to their previous West Coast homes. These concerns should be expressed in writing during the public comment period when amendments to the regula-

ORA highlights of Redress program

In a distributed information booklet, ORA provided the following data:

■ ORA payments to date by states: (top five) California, 59,627; Washington, 5,590; Illinois, 3,161; Oregon, 1,751; and Colorado, 1,242.

■ Total claims: 83,698: paid, 79,832; ineligible, 1,582; other (including eligible, ineligible pending, no heirs, more information needed, died before act), 2,284

■ Cases of "Unknown historical records" publicized this June: 4,081 reduced to 3,824. Total identified—257; died before act—215; duplicate—12; under review—30

■ Minor children who relocated to Japan prior to the end of WWII; 124 individuals previously found ineligible may become potentially eligible if proposed amendment is implemented.

■ Crystal City camp: ORA is considering proposing amendment

tions are issued, according to the ORA.

Since the remaining \$3.36 million will cover only 168 more cases, ORA expressed concerns as to the need for an additional \$100 million in appropriations from Congress. Stuart Ishimaru, legal counsel to Deval Patrick, assistant attorney general of the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, and Greene raised the possibility of tapping the \$45 million balance authorized for the

Civil Liberties Public Education Fund. Five million of the \$50 million authorized for the Education Fund was appropriated by Congress for the 1995 fiscal year, but the activation of the Education Fund has been stalled by the delay in Senate confirmation of the fund's Board of Directors.

The Department of Justice legal opinion is that all individual payments take precedence in disbursement of funds appropriated for the Civil Liberties Act, according to Greene.

to extend the end of the interment period from June 30, 1946 to Feb. 27, 1948 when the Crystal City camp actually closed.

■ Hawaii cases: 96 Iwilei claimants were paid in August. Total Hawaii appeal cases—934; paid—529; ineligible—327; pending review—33; eligible—13; withdrawn—32.

■ Phoenix/Glendale cases: Total—129; paid—68; pending review—13; eligible—1; ineligible—46; withdrawn—1.

■ Japanese Peruvians: Eligible—21; the permanent residency status of others is being clarified with the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

■ Railroad/mining cases: Remain ineligible while research ongoing as to whether federal government action led to the firing of workers.

In addition to Greene and Ishimaru, ORA staff members at-

tending were Tink Cooper, legal counsel; Joanne Chiedi, director of operations; and Lisa Vickers, project manager.

JACL members attending the meeting were Karyl Matsumoto, acting national director; Patty Wada, Northern California-Western Nevada Pacific District regional director; Travis Nishi, Central California District governor; Ben Takeshita, JACL-LEC representative; Joe Allman, Arizona Chapter, JACL; Alicyn Hikida, Honolulu Chapter, JACL.

Others participating were Richard Katsuda, Kay Ochi, Sox Kitashima, Marlene Tonai and John Ota, representing the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations; Grace Shimizu, Libia Yamamoto, Mamoru Ohashi, and Art Shibayama of the Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project.

ORA Helpline: 202/219-6900 (Reply within five business days.)

HATE CRIMES

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Committee, said the bill corrects flaws in current hate crimes laws.

"In the Sacramento case, the district attorney's office was concerned that the law could not be used to prosecute the fire bombing of the NAACP and JACL offices as hate crimes. Here the DA took a courageous stand and won a conviction, but the ambiguity could and will result in lost prosecutions in the future," said Takasugi.

The bill was supported by the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific, Central California and Pacific Southwest Districts of JACL.

Patty Wada, regional director, NCWNP, said that JACL was contacted to support the bill.

Takasugi told the Assembly that the bill was supported by the JACL, Anti-Defamation League, the California attorney general and the Intergroup Clearinghouse.

"This bill is about human dignity. This bill is about human rights," said Takasugi.

CARAY

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oted guy I've ever met" Fabian said, "It was the radio station's responsibility. I've apologized and Tisa LaSorte [WGN Radio program manager] apologized on the air Friday night. Both of us had our say. I don't see any sense in refocusing on this again."

The regional director noted that it wasn't the first time Caray has used racial epithets on the air. During a 1984 Cubs game, he referred to Japanese ballplayers as "Jap" players.

Caray's reaction in 1984 was similar to the latest incident. In a letter to Yoshino, he refused to apologize and said, "I can't speak for WGN, they speak for themselves, but since you forwarded me a copy let me tell you that your last sentence makes me want to vomit, what makes you think that your commitments, entities, understanding and desires for ethnic good-will are superior to mine. I have been making friends ethnically over the radio and TV for 40

years and I am damn proud of it and because they know where I come from I can even say things that you apparently get overwrought about."

"And now your final paragraph—first with all due respect to your organization JACL as being the oldest and largest civil rights organization serving the interests of Japanese Americans—The United States of America is not exactly chicken-liver either and it is older and larger in Civil [sic] rights than even your fine group and don't you ever forget it," said Caray. He also said it was presumptuous for JACL to push its sensitivities onto others.

Caray has been the Cubs broadcaster since 1982. Prior to that, he spent 25 years broadcasting for the St. Louis Cardinals. In 1989 he was voted into the broadcasters wing of baseball's Hall of Fame.

MINK

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reflection of this great achievement."

● Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.), said, "I can't think of anyone who will hold Congress' feet to the fire more than Patsy Mink. She has often been the conscience of caucus and will serve us well."

● U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii): "I can think of no finer replacement for Norm Mineta than Patsy Mink. She has extensive experience in addressing the concerns of Asian Pacific Americans and is well-suited to the job."

● Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D-Hawaii), founding member of the caucus: "I think the caucus has made an outstanding choice, and I know we will benefit tremendously from Patsy's many years of leadership in the Congress and in the Asian Pacific American community."

● Del. Robert Underwood (D-Guam), caucus vice chair: "Rep. Mink is a recognized leader of our Asian Pacific American community, and an effective member of Congress. The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus is in good hands, and will continue to influence national policy under her leadership."

● Rep. Eni Faleomavaega (D-American Samoa): "Although I

regret very much losing Norm Mineta as chair of the caucus and as a voice in the Congress, I think the election of Patsy Mink is a positive development for carrying on the responsibilities of the caucus. I have known Patsy for over 30 years. She has always been at the forefront of supporting the needs of the Pacific Islands community, and I am greatly looking forward to work with her."

● Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), co-founding member of the caucus: "Rep. Mink's voice on the issues affecting Asian Pacific Americans will be a powerful one and the caucus will benefit greatly from her leadership. Of course, we will all miss the leadership of Rep. Norm Mineta."

RETRIAL

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Kent Shiozawa said that Troy is back in school at Idaho State University where he is completing his degree in accounting.

"The professors have been very supportive. They've allowed him to complete the accounting program one semester quicker," said Shiozawa.

The Shiozawa family has received support from the Pocatello-Blackfoot Chapter, JACL, the Intermountain District Council and the JACL National Board because of concern that Troy's civil rights had been violated when he was first detained and bail was set at \$1,000,000. The bail was later declared unconstitutional and reset at \$50,000. Troy remains out on the \$50,000 bond pending the outcome of the remaining charge.

In a letter to JACL national president Denny Yasuhara, Mark Hiedemann, Bannock County prosecutor, said that Shiozawa was not discriminated against. "Our office has treated this case no differently than we would any other case of this nature," said Hiedemann.

Writing prior to the jury verdict, Hiedemann said, "I can assure you that Mr. Shiozawa has not been treated differently because of his Japanese ancestry. This case is serious and has been treated as such by my office. The ultimate question of guilt or innocence will be decided by the jury, as obviously it should be."

MIS postwar phase topic of Seattle reunion

Story and Photos by
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Editor emeritus

TUKWILA, Wash.—Fifty years ago, this Seattle suburb by the busy Sea-Tac International Airport was green with row crops tended by Issei and Nisei and dairy farms. Today, it's bristling with shopping malls, hotels and freeways. And last Sept. 7-9 at a local hotel nearly 700 Nikkei and non-Nikkei gathered for the 50th anniversary of the Military Intelligence Service Language School (MISLS) End of War reunion.

Besides two days filled with conversation bridging a half century, Nisei veterans who had either been recalled to active service or had remained in the military after WWII spent the Saturday recalling their Occupation days in Japan, the Korean War and, for the first time, their connections with the grim War Crimes trials.

Opening the morning panel, Col. Tom Sakamoto (ret.) of San Jose, Calif., recalled the day of Sept. 2, 1945, when he witnessed the formal surrender of the Japanese aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay with Nobuyoshi Yamamoto of San Francisco and Jiro Yukimura of Lihue, Kauai, Ha-

waii. They were the only Japanese Americans on the scene.

"Throughout, it was obvious that the entire imperial Japanese delegation was in an extremely emotional state," said Sakamoto. "It was a particularly painful experience. They did not know what to expect."

"In the faces of the top Allied generals and admirals who lined the deck, I could almost read that this ceremony meant not only the end of their war but a climax of their long military careers. . . ."

"As for myself, after 25 months of combat in the hot jungles of the Southwest Pacific islands, this moment aboard the battleship Missouri was by far the most emotional experience that I had the privilege of witnessing."

Sakamoto noted there are still Americans who do not know that Japanese Americans served in the military during World War II. The ship personnel and others who witnessed the signing in 1945 had been especially invited to the 1995 commemorative ceremonies held aboard the "Big Mo" berthed at the Bremerton naval shipyard. There he was approached by a Caucasian veteran who asked him, "How did you get into the U.S. Army?"



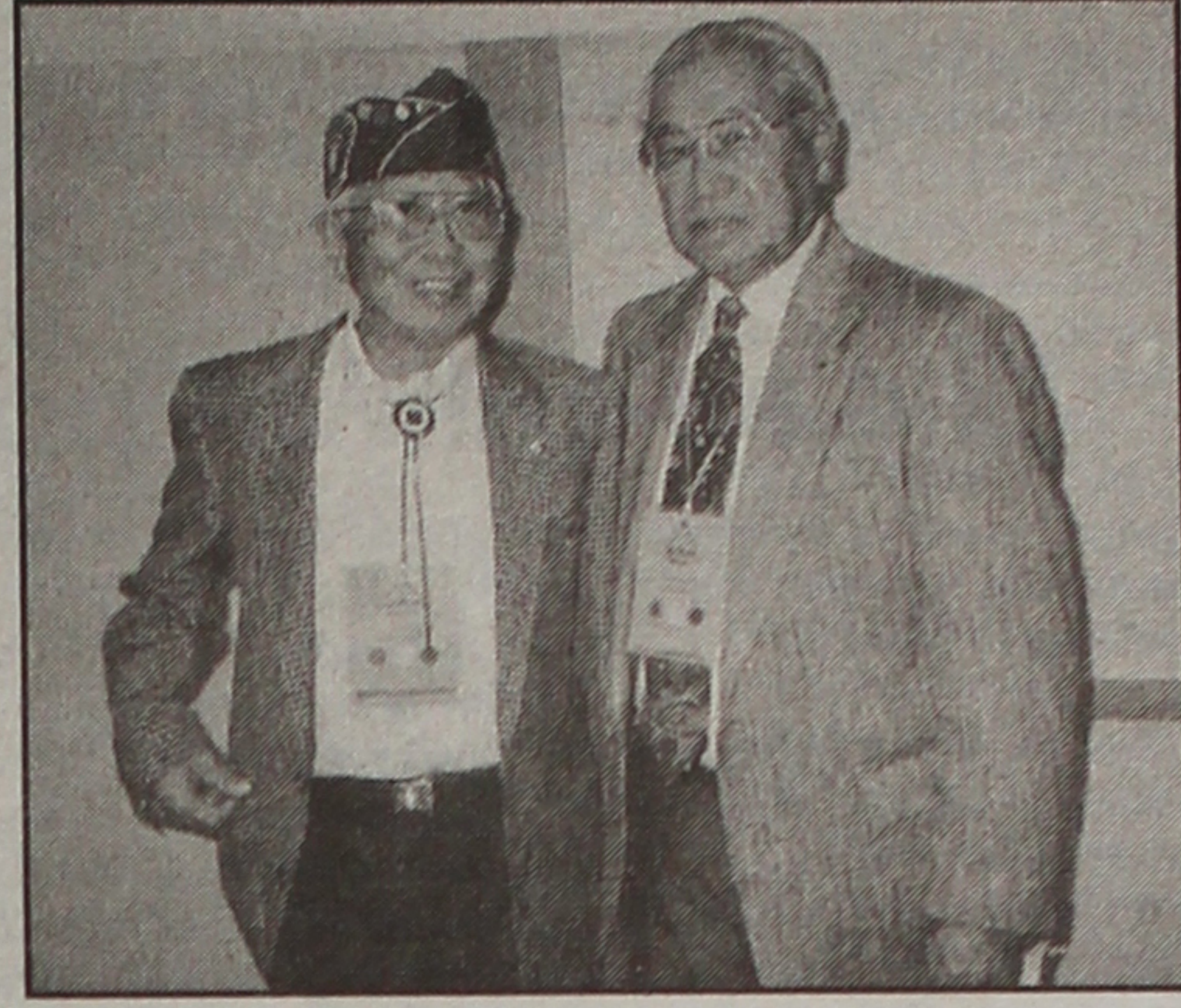
Dr. James McNaughton of Monterey, Calif., command historian at the Defense Language Institute, was one of the speakers at the event.

As the reunion keynote speaker, Dr. James C. McNaughton, command historian at the Defense Language Institute (DLI) said that the 1946 MISLS Album was "the first real history." The buff-colored book contains the names of graduates who finished during WWII, though the list appears cryptic with last names and first initials only. More than 6,000 completed language studies.

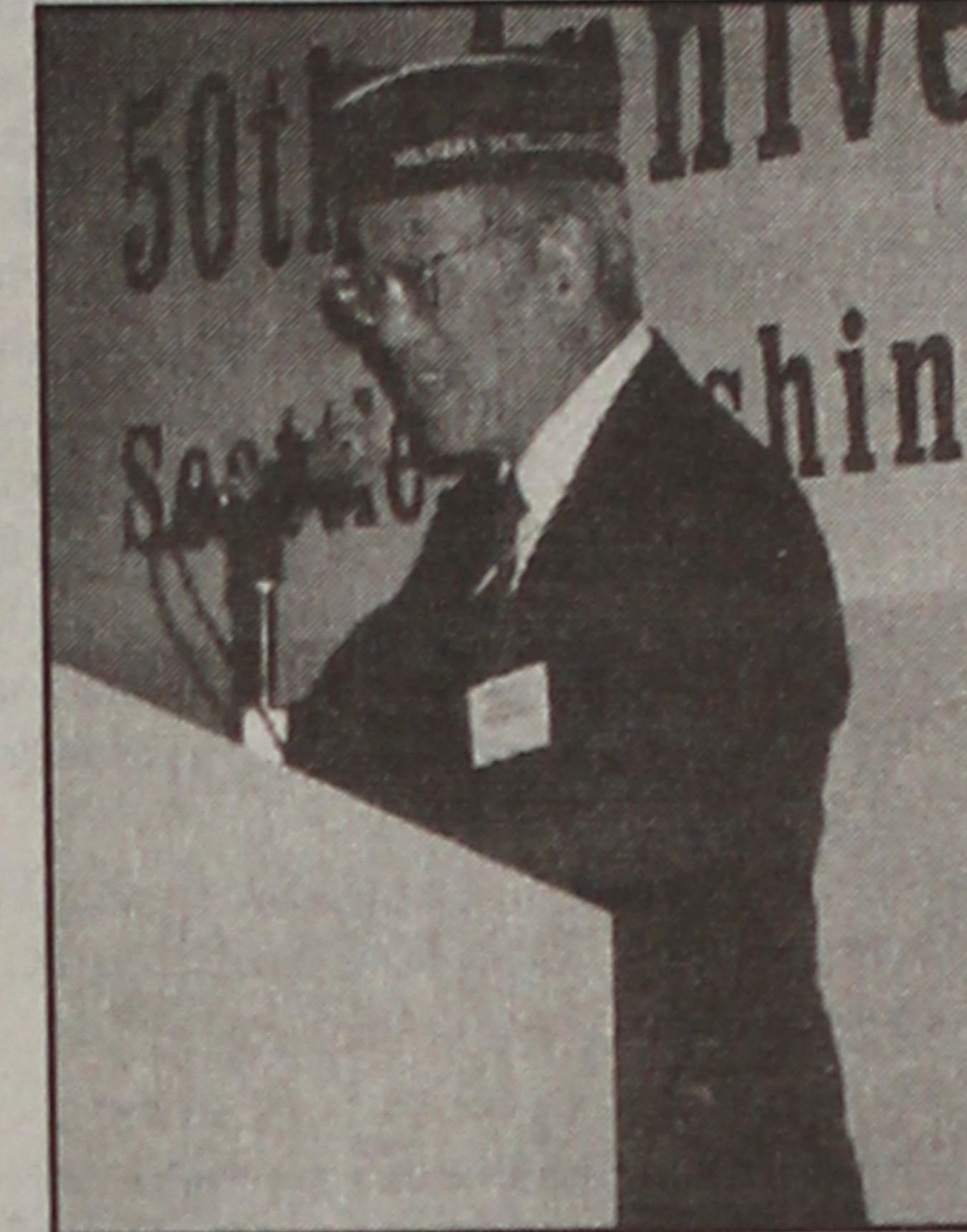
After describing the various books, video material and the "raw material galore" encountered this past year, McNaughton commented that not much has been published about the ATIS—Allied Translator and Interpreter Section which, according to George Kanegai of West Los Angeles, consisted of more than 3,000 Nisei MIS specialists first in Brisbane, Australia, in 1943, then advancing to Hollandia (now Kotabaru, Indonesia), in September 1944, to Manila, Philippines, in May 1945 and to Tokyo in October 1945.

Since 1970 when the Army started to declassify MIS (Military Intelligence Service) documents, "more books have come out, the most recent being Lyn Cross's *Honor by Fire*," said McNaughton. But the books about the war with Japan are "incomplete because MIS is not mentioned."

For his comprehensive history of MISLS, McNaughton launched



Peter Okada of Seattle (left) and Tom Sakamoto of San Jose were among panel participants.



Kenny Sato of Seattle, MIS-NW president, extends welcome at Sept. 8-10 reunion.

one-on-one interviews in Hawaii last October, with research at the National Archives and in Washington D.C., this summer. Other sources are being studied, including records at Stanford's Hoover Institution. He implored the veterans, "Write your histories through your club . . . so that the MIS story will reach the wider audience."

The command historian was seen chatting with many veterans and taking notes furiously during the two days. "You are giving history a little nudge," he remarked.

McNaughton was introduced by William Nishimura, emcee, around 10:20 p.m. Dinner was expected to end by 9:30. Two back

rows of tables had to be cleared to accommodate the overflow dinner guests. The 40-minute interim was nostalgically filled with "Big Band Era" music and songs by the nine-piece Sentimental Journey band.

In line with the theme, "MIS: Past, Present, Future," George Koshi, J.D., who was among Nisei closely as-

sociated with writing the postwar Japanese constitution, chaired the meeting focusing on the future, with representatives from the MIS/Veterans clubs: MIS-Northern California, MIS-Southern California, MIS-Rocky Mountain, MIS-Hawaii, MIS-Northwest, Chicago, and JAVA (Japanese American Veterans Association)-Washington, hosts of the October 1993 MIS reunion. "Isn't there a common bond for our seven MIS clubs?" Koshi began.

"Program is the key to the future," Francis Sogi of New York declared. With more coordination on a nationwide basis, "more people will take more notice (of MIS)," added Phil Ishio of Washington. "Then, some kind of mechanism for national action will be needed," Koshi said.

As a strong program possibility, Harry Fukuhara of San Jose related the main business of MIS-NorCal, has been "to compile biographies of our members. We have half of them now and we're in the process of storing them in the computer."

MIS-Southern Cal has been working with the Japanese American National Museum's Veterans Salute exhibit opening in November in Los Angeles by gathering

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Photo: TOM MASAMORI



Marching

Veterans of Military Intelligence Service and 442nd RCT participated in a V-J Day parade recently held in Denver. From left are Fred Fukuzawa, Jack Furukawa, Nobuo Furuiye, George Yoshida, Suko Ito, Ken Aiba, Joe Akiyama, Jim Tochiyama, John Noguchi, Russ Sato, Eichi Tsukiji and Frank Higa

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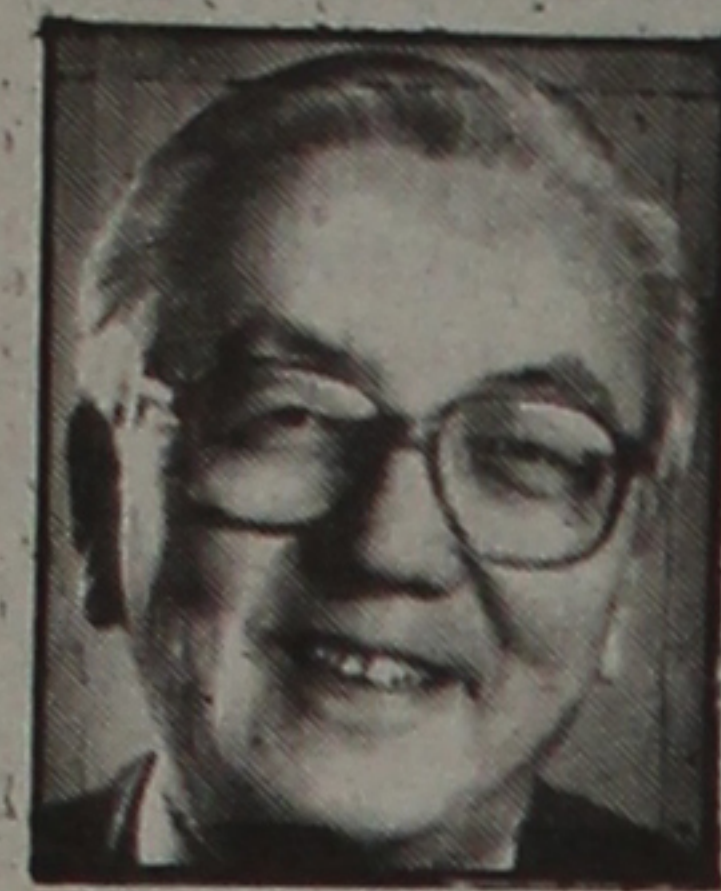
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Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

The so-call 'JA position' doesn't exist

What, the reporter asked, is the Japanese American position on this particular issue? What do you folks think about it?

Bum questions. It doesn't really matter what issue the reporter was asking about because there is no single Japanese American position on anything except maybe that rice is better than potatoes at dinnertime. The questions are irrelevant. We are as diverse in our opinions and interests and activities as the rest of America.

Witness the ongoing investigation into the tragic Ruby Ridge shootout in Idaho in 1992. An FBI task force attacked the isolated mountain cabin home of Randy Weaver, identified as a government-hating, ultra-rightist extremist, and killed his wife and son. One of the 11 FBI sharpshooters carrying out orders to shoot was a 10-year veteran of the agency named Lon Horiuchi.

Witness the founder of the National Commodity and Barter Association. He calls himself one of the leaders of the "freedom movement" and makes his living by helping others avoid paying federal income tax

which he declares is unconstitutional and illegal. He lives in Longmont, Colo., and his name is Danny Hashimoto.

Witness the president-elect of the elite and conservative 50,000-member University of Washington Alumni Association. His name is Larry Matsuda.

Witness that after more than a half century some Japanese Americans who were convicted of violating Selective Service laws in World War II are getting some support for their demands for apology from those who criticized them 50-odd years ago.

Witness the Japanese American National Museum's "National Salute to Japanese American Veterans" in Los Angeles in November. The event will commemorate the very substantial contributions of Japanese Americans in the nation's war. Do the veterans have support? Sponsors of the salute expect a sellout crowd of 8,000 for the show following a dinner for 3,000. The event kicks off a museum exhibition called "Fighting for Tomorrow: Japanese Americans in America's Wars."

Witness that some members of the venerable Japanese American Citizens League

sought, and got, organizational endorsement for legalization of single-sex marriages. Witness that other members protested futilely that their organization had no business taking sides on such an issue.

Witness that some members of JACL want it to be on the cutting edge of social change. Witness that other members want to limit its activity to issues having a direct bearing on Japanese Americans.

Witness the support of Japanese Americans for California Gov. Pete Wilson's cutback on social assistance for illegal immigrants, and vigorous opposition to that policy from another sector of the community.

Who's right and who's wrong? Well, everybody and nobody. We've come to the stage of just being and acting like the diverse peoples who make up America and not an ethnic minority with a monolithic position.

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

Letters

Yasuhara set record straight on spending by national officers

Re: Letter to the editor dated Aug. 18-31, 1995, by Bill Kashiwagi of Sacramento, entitled, "Says JACL is not spending its money wisely."

Not one cent of National JACL's monies has been used for any of my trips, unofficial or otherwise. None. I have not billed JACL for any of my expenses. All of my expenses were either covered by the chapters and districts involved or myself. I suspect my out-of-pocket expenses will exceed \$10,000 during this biennium and I am not alone in this effort to minimize our expenses. All of the board members, except for the youth, have agreed to pay for their lodging at board meetings. Beyond that, V.P. of Operations Jim Miyazaki, Legal Counsel Tom Hara, Personnel Chair Emilie Kutsuma, and Governors' Caucus Chair David Hayashi, have borne much, if not all of their JACL expenses regarding correspondence, telephone calls, etc. In Tom's case, all of his legal work has greatly minimized the work our California legal counsel had to do and this has been no small sum in terms of time and money. It would be obscene for national officers to spend money as you have suggested, while JACL is having financial difficulties. And we are having financial difficulties, regardless of what others have implied. Does it make any sense of us to do this, if there was no financial crisis? Only recently have we sent materials to headquarters to send out, simply because expenses for our JACL work were becoming prohibitive in terms of out-of-pocket expenses. I am not suggesting that we are the only national officers that have had to do this. But I am saying that this biennium, there has been an inordinate burden on certain national officers, because of the problems we have had or are having.

Secondly, look at and study the financial report published in the recent edition of the *Pacific Citizen* by Karyl Matsumoto, our interim national director, with assistance from our new Business Manager Clyde Izumi. The current staff has done an exceptional job of getting our organization back on "track" and I am enormously proud of them. We have tried to "hold the line" on expenses and we have significantly reduced expenditures from the previous two years, although some of the cost-cutting will not be as evident until the early part of next year.

I believe that any JACL member has a right to criticize staff and their volunteer leadership, that comes with the territory, but please be sure of your facts before you do so. You say you have been involved with JACL for four decades. Then you know that being active and holding office in JACL is an expensive proposition in terms of time and money. Did you believe you were the only one who has experienced this and the current officers haven't or haven't made considerable sacrifice? We're not complaining. I'm setting the record straight. I, too,

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East wind

BILL MARUTANI

The Boilermakers

EVERY YEAR about this time—which is to say "football season"—I'm reminded of the Purdue "Boilermakers" and wonder whatever happened to freckle-faced red-haired Tom Modisett who played as a lineman with the Boilermakers. Tom's path and mine crossed in 1944 while both of us were undergoing basic infantry training down in Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark., located north of Little Rock.

Let me turn the clock back even further to provide a perspective of this recital.

IN THE SPRING of 1943, I had volunteered for military service, only to be rejected on account of my ancestry. With an if-that's-the-way-they-want-to-play-it-then-the-hell-with-it shrug, I simply returned to my interrupted college schooling. Then about early summer of the following year (1944), I received my draft notice and ended up in Camp Robinson. My basic training group was all white except for a couple of us Nikkei types. (Looking back, I'm now struck by the fact there were no blacks, no African Americans, in either my company or the entire battalion.) The bulk of the trainees were from Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia with a few from Indiana. During this period I was exposed to what today might be called "country music," back then

it was known as "hillbilly" music. Hearing it almost every night in the barracks, I not only got used to the stuff but I even learned to like some of it. (Well, sort of.) Even as I write this, the wail of one particular tune comes drifting into my mind: "way down in Columbus, Georgia... wanna be back in Tennessee..."

IN THIS SETTING there's a certain amount of competing, challenging and seeing who blinks first. The lines would be drawn, unspoken, between the white fellows and us few Nikkei. For example, in endurance marches, particularly the 15-mile hike with full field pack—those long-legged guys from Kentucky and Tennessee would seek to outstrip us Nikkei equipped with appreciably shorter propulsion limbs. Well, for us Nikkei guys, all those years of farm work paid off and we endured. The *hukujin* challengers stopped challenging.

Which brings me back to Tom of the Purdue Boilermakers.

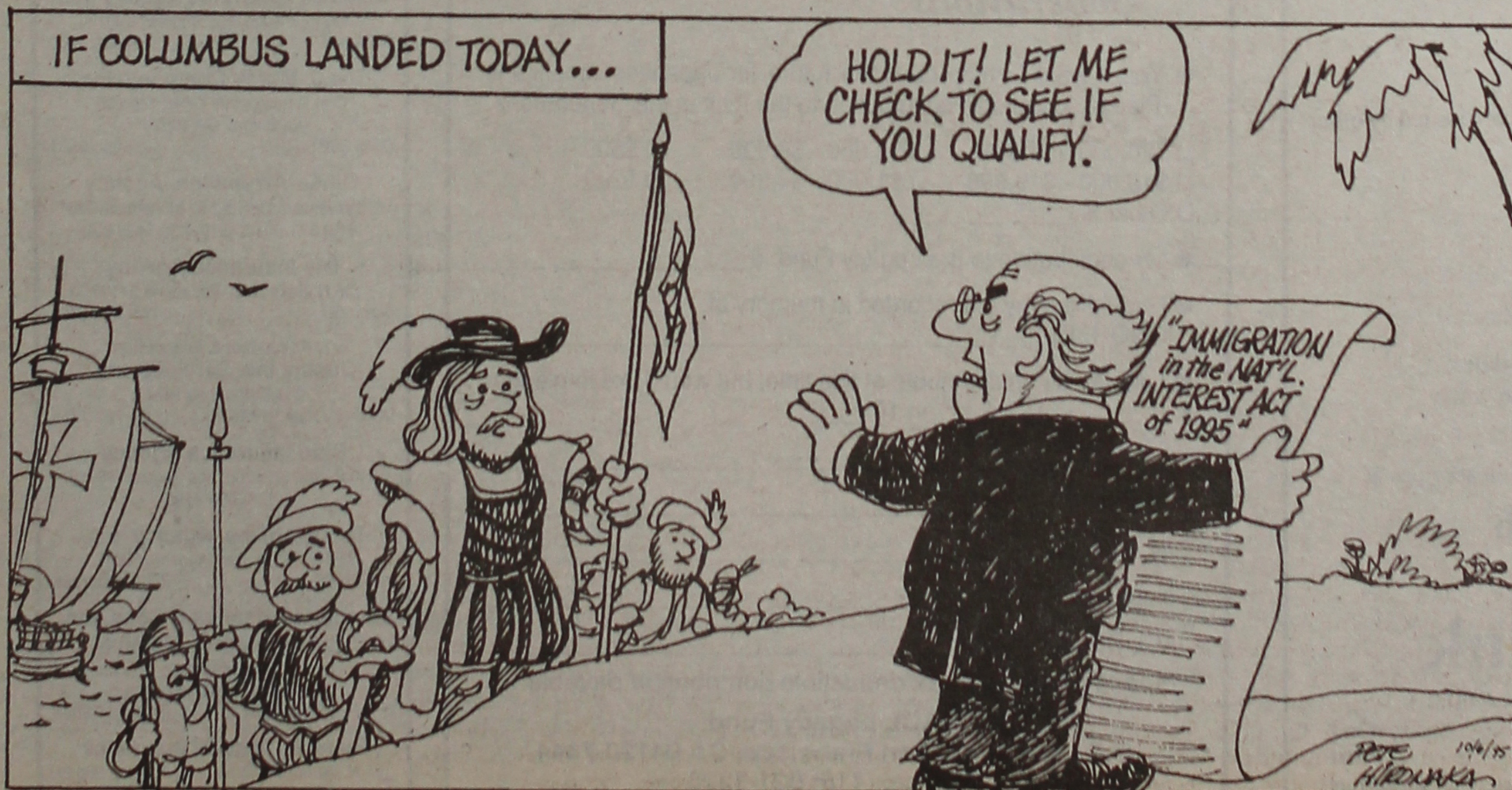
TOM AND I developed an easy friendship. In any team competition, we banded together. Thus, Tom and I rehearsed the stripping down and reassembling of the Garand M-1 rifle (blindfolded), or setting up a mortar launcher, all in record time to beat out other teams in our infantry company. This competing spirit was such that

at least on one occasion, much to my detriment and embarrassment, I let it get out of hand: I challenged Tom to a friendly boxing match. (At that point, Tom must have thought I'd lost some of my marbles—which probably was so.) Out of the barracks we went, with boxing gloves on. Well, I needn't tell you that it was a one-sided massacre—which will occur when a toy Pomeranian is pitted against a pit bull. And a big pit bull at that; one that the Purdue Boilermakers had on its varsity football line.

AND SO, when football season rolls around, I often wonder whatever happened to Tom. Both of us won appointments to attend Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Ga.; Tom went but I was held back. Wired orders from some major by the name of "Paul Rush," directed that I report to some place called "Ft. Snelling" located somewhere in Minnesota.

"Way down in Columbus, Georgia... wanna be back in Tennessee..."

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


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Sidebar

MEI NAKANO

Beijing journal I

Mei Nakano, author, Pacific Citizen columnist and member of the Sonoma County Chapter, JACL, journeyed to Beijing, China, as a Non-Government Organizations Forum attendee of the Fourth United Nations Conference on Women, Aug. 30 to Sept. 8. As a representative of the Women's Concerns Committee of JACL, Nakano wrote a journal of her experiences there. Pacific Citizen will present highlights in three parts, beginning with this column.

So far, awesome best describes China for me. But enigmatic runs a close second. Yesterday, for example, the group of us who are attending the conference together took in the Great Wall. So awesome, it's hard to contemplate as something other than an image on a postcard. On the other hand, I am reminded of the thousands of workers—a lot of them political prisoners—whose lives were sacrificed in the making. They toiled all told more than 100 years, to build the wall (walls, really, since there is more than one contiguous wall) to keep invaders out, themselves often buried with the stone, brick and mortar of which the wall is made. Which makes the wall—the greatest tourist attraction in China—something of a symbol of tyranny. But then, down through the ages, history is laden with instances in which the elite, who, for no other reason than to ensure

their own immortality, have built monuments to themselves, exploiting laborers as if they counted for nothing. China has more than its share of such ancient monuments, I see, which it now enthusiastically showcases. This strikes me with some irony, at odds with the 'communist' China fixed in my head. In fact, I am thinking that the attempt at the destruction of this "feudal, capitalistic" past by the forces of the Cultural Revolution would make some sense, had they not been so overzealous. And then, I ask myself, is this overzealousness a national character trait?

Opening ceremonies for the Non Governmental Organizations (NGO) Forum this evening. The Olympic stadium is filled to capacity with women of every color, many in their distinctive native wear. Bathed in the golden glow of the westering sun, the 100-piece Women's Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra accompanied by a 100-piece women's chorus, all clad in billowing white, occupy the vast stage. Mme. Zheng Xiaoying, the first Chinese woman conductor of a symphony orchestra, lifts her baton to a powerful Beethoven as the sun sets, a strip of red-orange rimming the lip of the stadium to the west. Hundreds of costumed Chinese dancers—children and young folk—flock to the floor in successive waves, dancing, marching in faultless formation and cadence, unfurling fans along with billowing silk scarves, flowers and

pom poms. Perfectly scripted, grand.

Silence, and Mme. Chen Muhua, the soon-to-be-elected president of the Fourth World Conference on Women, delivers a welcome, as do Gertrude Mangella, secretary general of the conference, Kyunying Supatra Masdit, convenor of the NGO Forum on Women '95, and other luminaries. Together, they issue the rallying call to let this be a powerful demonstration of women's capacity to envision, to work together to transform the structures that shape our lives.

Just beside me sits Wagilia Mohamed—a member of the Egyptian Parliament, she tells me. She has come with women from the Society to Save Children. She opens a white box, takes out a piece of bread and breaks off a piece for me. I eagerly accept (she could not know that I have had neither lunch nor dinner) and am pleasantly surprised at the sweet, white cheese tucked inside. I promise to try to get to her workshop about children. I tell her that I have for some time been troubled by the knowledge that children in different parts of the world are forced into slave labor from dawn to dusk, with no chance for education or play. Wagilia nods, yes, yes.

On my right sits my good friend and roommate, Lucy Kishaba. Like thousands of other women, she feels the weight of this historic occasion and is concentrating on recording it with her camera.

A blimp floats aloft, silently pronounc-

ing the theme of the Conference in English and Chinese: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT, PEACE. Ancient Chinese music fills the air. And suddenly, we hear a tremendous rush overhead. Twenty thousand doves (we are later told) have been released and swiftly wing their way across the sky. We stand. I hold Wagilia's hand to the left and Lucy's to the right. We forge a link with more than 20,000 women from 187 countries who circle the stadium. And, as we sing together, "Keep on Moving Forward," other voices resounding across the vast stadium, it is not too much to hope, at this moment, that our voices will resound around the globe.

Did I say enigmatic? Now, writing here in my hotel room in Huairou, I wonder at the contrast between what I had expected of the conference and China and what I have experienced so far. I cannot yet tell whether I have been led astray by the media in the U.S. or if China has, in fact, two faces: the warm, welcoming, globally concerned one that I have seen, and the one that the media has portrayed as ruthlessly oppressive to women, children and its neighbor Tibet.

To come: Beijing II: The conference; Beijing III: Analyses and Future.

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Come-on sense

KARL K. NOBUYUKI

The future is here—and it's on-line

I usually thought of a gopher as a creature in the backyard that had to be stopped, but nowadays, it has a completely different meaning. You see, to a lot of younger folk, a "gopher" is a relative of a WAIS (Wide Areas-Information Services) and is an inherent part of the architecture of the "Information Highway."

Among the ever-increasing acronyms emerging from the college experiences of nephews and nieces is the nomenclature of the "Internet," the computer literacy exam of survival in today's urban jungle.

Computer literacy, I am told, is no longer the ability to turn the system on. Rather, it is argued, it is the ability to "surf" the Internet. And, the waves are not governed by Mother Nature. Rather, they are blocks of data that open access to the world. Gophers, WAIS, chat boxes and the home page are only samplings of a new vocabulary of the computer generation.

Move over generation "X" the data platform has arrived. . . It's pretty powerful stuff.

I was "electrified" to see the announcement in the P.C. that they now offer "JACL on-line." One can now electronically communicate with the P.C. and for about a nickel send mail. It ain't the return of the three cent stamp, but it's pretty close.

By the way, I was set aside when I learned of Smith Corona's decision to close operations. Most of my peers lived with the SC typewriter to crash down their term papers and fire off their responses to adverse articles in the local media. Many of my friends upgraded to the SC "electronic typewriter," only to find computer-based word thought processing to be a heck of lot easier.

For JACL, it appears that access to the information highway will open up a new dimension of communication and productivity. Personally, I can see regular up-

dates on the goings-on of the League via E-mail. One can receive key political updates from our Washington Office, HQ and the our district offices via the electronic data transfer available from being "on-line." Chapter activities nationwide can be linked and available for review via the electronic mode of communication.

If every chapter of the League would go on-line, we could have prompt responses to delicate decisions to guide our National Board. Even a basic laptop computer could provide the key to accessing critical data exchange and communication.

Yet, even more revealing was the fact that so many federal agencies are on the Internet. Did you know that Cornell University's School of Law will provide you with the text of a U.S. Supreme Court decision within 15 minutes after the court acts? Holy tomato!

Recently, I explored the Internet and

found a group of Asian American students who are known as the Asian American Resources group. Each member has a home page and provides a very interesting insight into our future. Now, these are students at MIT, Stanford, and many other institutions of higher learning. Each member of this resource group provided a perspective, uniquely their own. It's fun to read and very interesting to discover.

It may be that JACL's future will be unlocked by going "on-line." It has a very interesting ring to it . . .

Come-On Sense: The future will come, communications technology may help us manage it . . .

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Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

USS Missouri, Sept. 2, 1945

With "reflections" featured in this recent issue of the Pacific Citizen, the Nisei generation can well remember where they were on Dec. 7, 1941. How about Sept. 2, 1945? With enough (Army) service points to be discharged, Yours Truly was in Columbia, S.C., anticipating the week when I could go home.

In fact, I had enough points by VE Day in May so that I didn't have to go overseas with the 770th Railway Operating Battalion, to which I was attached, training at Camp Claiborne, La. The 770th had improved and operated the narrow-gauge Whitehorse-Skagway railway (White Pass & Yukon Route) over spectacular mountain country in Alaska-Yukon in 1943-44. Now, it was destined for the Philippines with a new crew.

That outfit was on the high seas when Gen. MacArthur, the Allied officers and

Japanese delegates signed the formal surrender documents. But that didn't rescind the orders for the railway outfit, I learned several years later.

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Your "standard" Japanese American references, I discovered, seldom cover or even mention the formal Japanese surrender conducted aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay the morning of Sept. 2, 1945 - 9 a.m. Japan time or 7 p.m., Sept. 1 in Washington, D.C.

For more information, the first book we checked about the Nisei MIS specialists connected with the surrender aboard the Missouri was *The Pacific War and Peace: Americans of Japanese Ancestry in Military Intelligence Service 1941 - 1952*, co-edited by Clifford Uyeda and Barry Saiki and published in 1991 by the MIS Association of Northern California and the National Japanese American Historical Society. There

were three MIS linguists on the Missouri deck to witness the signing: Lt. Tom Sakamoto of San Jose, Lt. Noboru Yoshimura of San Francisco and Lt. Jiro Yokoyama of Lihue, Kauai.

An ATIS (Allied Translation and Interpreter Service) team in Manila, led by Sgt. Kiyoshi Hirano of Stockton, a Kibei who volunteered from the Amache concentration camp, had prepared in Japanese the surrender document of eight paragraphs.

From *American Patriots: MIS War Against Japan*, edited by Stanley Falk (former chief historian of the U.S. Air Force) and Warren M. Tsuneishi (chief of the Asian division at the Library of Congress) of Japanese American Veterans Association of Washington, D.C., 1995, is a profile on Sakamoto: graduate of the first MISLS class at the Presidio San Francisco in May, 1942; instructor at Camp Savage, who then was assigned to ATIS Brisbane; commis-

sioned in August, 1945, retired after 28 years as colonel; ended a 15-year career in banking in 1985 as Sumitomo Bank's branch manager at San Jose in 1985; and chaired the first of the 50th anniversary MIS reunions in 1991.

From the just published story of Richard Sakakida as told to Wayne Kiyosaki, the first chapter of *A Spy in Their Midst* (1995) recounts Col. Sakamoto's invitation to be guest speaker at that reunion. What transpired was his telling in public for the first time his undercover exploits in prewar and wartime Philippines. It was over an hour long, but no one left the banquet room. In Bill Hosokawa's word, "Sakakida did a service to his fellow Nisei by sharing his story."

In war correspondent Lyn Crost's perceptive book, *Honor by Fire: Japanese Americans at War in Europe and the Pacific* (1994), from Presidio Press, Novato, Calif.,

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Camp editors, writers back after 50 years

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

LOS ANGELES—Some of the questions about how Nisei editors ran the so-called Camp newspapers during their internment and the pressures they and their staff writers faced were put to rest at a Japanese American National Museum seminar on Sept. 23.

Bill Hosokawa, founding editor of the *Heart Mountain (Wyo.) Sentinel* in the fall of '42, cited the War Relocation Authority document covering camp newspapers that "wanted to give the evacuees as much freedom as possible in publishing a newspaper" as spelled out in Administration Instructions No. 8, dated Oct. 10, 1942. The newspaper staff would be allowed the "maximum freedom of expression short of libel, personal attack and other utterances contrary to the general welfare."

As for running the paper, evacuee-operated co-op stores at each camp were given authority by WRA to publish a newspaper, Hosokawa explained. The co-ops determined the editorial policy, assumed responsibility for its news content and business while the WRA paid the staff \$12, \$16, or \$19 per month. Hosokawa believed the situation at the other camps were similar.

As for pressure, Barry Saiki, who edited Stockton Assembly Center's *El Joaquin* and subsequently the *Rohwer (Ark.) Outpost*, remembered the pressure was greater and more constant from the block managers and residents rather than camp administrators.

Saiki stressed, "I always kept the interest of the residents in mind as editor at both camp newspapers." He was a founding editor at both sites, a co-editor with "Bean" Hiroshi Takeda at Rohwer.



Photo: GWEN MURAKA

SPEAKERS—Talking about their internment days as editors and writers were, from left, Bill Hosokawa, Togo Tanaka, Sue Embrey and Kaz Oshiki.

Saiki also took on a one-term teaching five subjects at Rohwer High School before being recalled to edit the *Outpost* for rest of the year.

At Manzanar Sue Embrey, who rose rapidly from reporter to managing editor when she was about to leave for Wisconsin in October, '43, recalled the *Manzanar Free Press*, which began in April, '42, was suspended "for understandable reasons" in aftermath of the Dec. 6 riot until Christmas. "I don't believe any of us dared to ask whether we should write up the story because things were in such a terrible and tremendous strain," she said.

Asked whether the riot might have been covered with a seasoned staff, she believed so. "We could have argued with the administration and get something into the paper. The only reference to the riot were funeral announcements of the two (innocent bystanders) who were killed by the Army," she recalled.

On the morning panel were Togo Tanaka, prewar English editor at

the *Rafu Shimpō*; Bill Hosokawa, and Kaz Oshiki, managing editor at the *Santa Anita Pacemaker* and briefly at the *Rohwer Outpost*.

Presenting the prewar climate facing Nisei on the West Coast, Tanaka recalled there was Rep. Rankin of Mississippi claiming Japanese Americans could never become "true Americans." That the Japanese American newspapers somehow endured though not in numbers and judging from 1995 flourished, "is symbolic of the general climate in which we managed to survive."

Afternoon panelists recalling camp years were Paul Yokota, USC journalism graduate who founded and edited the *Denson Tribune* at Jerome but took to teaching after the war and retired as principal of 30 years in the L.A. city schools; Henry Mori, postwar *Rafu Shimpō* English editor who was a part of the *Poston Chronicle* staff; Saiki and Embrey.

Harry Honda, facilitator, briefly mentioned the impact of the *Pacific Citizen* with camp newspapers during the war years.

LETTERS

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have been involved in JACL nearly four decades.

I made a commitment to the membership that I would visit as many chapters and districts as I could. This commitment was made unconditionally and was not a function of the budgetary problems of JACL. I intend to keep that commitment as long as it is humanly possible.

Denny T. Yasuhara
National JACL President

Don't discount Nisei, responds reader

With regard to the "Dear John Nisei" letter by Tom Okubo (*Pacific Citizen*, Sept. 15-Oct. 5, 1995), I offer the following words by columnist Russell Baker (*San Jose Mercury News*, July 31, 1995).

"History is written by winners, then rewritten by their children. The winners rarely come off well when the rewrite is done. Or as somebody must have said, 'It is a rare child who thinks his parents may have been almost as smart as he is.'"

Mr. Okubo writes; "Like it or not, John, time takes its toll. The future will belong to the Jacks and the Janes. Hey, they may not think and act like you, John, but maybe that's cuz their senses are in better shape."

That reminds me of the teenager who thought that his parents were terribly ignorant, but when he turned 21, he was amazed at how much the old folks had learned in a few short years. We appreciate your advice, Tom, but when you grow up, you'll discover that some of your children's generation will view your generation the way you view the Nisei. That's the

way life is, Tom. Trust me.

K. Hikido
Campbell, Calif.

Reader has 18 questions about JACL budget report

The budget as of July, 1995, as published in the *Pacific Citizen* issue Sept. 15-Oct. 5, 1995, was an intriguing revelation. Contained in this budget are 18 interesting facts as follows:

1. During the first half of 1995, there was a 2.5% membership loss, or revenue decrease of \$19,574.

2. For the same period, there was a 50% drop in donations, or a revenue loss totalling \$42,580.

3. Salaries decreased by 12%, which resulted in a savings of \$72,738, which when used to offset membership and donation revenue loss still causes a \$10,584 deficit.

4. If salaries decreased by 12%, why did payroll taxes and health insurance expenses remain unchanged, while retirement and fringe benefits decreased by 52%?

5. [JACL President Denny] Yasuhara contends employees had to be laid off to reduce the deficit. Yet, here is the irony. In order to save \$72,738, \$50,288 was expended to recruit new staff.

6. Even though some positions are still vacant, 62% of the alleged savings of removing employees was expended to obtain new employees.

7. In less than six months, equipment rental and maintenance rose from \$6,000 to \$14,000.

8. There is no footnote to explain what were the \$11,000 miscellaneous expenses. Who received \$4,000 in commissions and why are there two separate items for "utilities?"

9. Why would the D.C. office rent and utilities cost \$69,243 if budgeted for \$88,200? What hap-

pened to the remaining \$18,957?

10. There is no mention of expense cost for fund-raising and investments. If we assume 5% of revenue was for such expenses, an amazing development occurs. The \$15,651 assumed expense added to the expense for recruiting new staff nearly approximates the projected end of year deficit!

11. 28% of the deficit is a direct result of membership loss.

12. The ultimate irony of Yasuhara's deficit reduction plan is that as the budget for July 1995 exemplifies, the projected year's end deficit will equal the prior year's deficit!

13. If membership and donation loss continues at the prevailing rate, the deficit will mount to \$101,331.

14. By this time next year, JACL will have foreseen an 8% loss in membership.

15. If 25% of revenues from fund-raising and donations fail to develop, and next year JACL takes a 5% across-the-board cut in expenses, the minimum deficit for next year will be \$39,000.

16. To break even in the next six months, JACL will need to have its membership rolls rise 11%.

17. Why is there a 55% and 7% respective variance in expenses between the National Board, itself and board members?

18. Why was there a 46% increase in expenses for the National Convention?

For all of us, who have spoken for the reality of membership loss and lack of JACL leadership, nothing more needs to be said. The fact which JACL has failed to examine and continues to ignore is that it has lost its power base. People will continue to speak by not becoming members of JACL.

John Yanigisawa
Los Angeles

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Online letters

Likes idea of getting Pacific Citizen online

I have been a member of the Hoosier Chapter of the JACL for over two years now. I was actually one of the 'ignorant' ones who'd never heard of JACL until I happened to see an Oprah Winfrey shows dealing with racism, and I then proceeded to place telephone calls to contact a local chapter; after which, I joined and am a proud member.

I have a suggestion for the Pacific Citizen to hopefully consider. I'm glad to see where the P.C. is available to contact via AOL(American Online) and accessible via the Internet e-mail system, but I was wondering if anyone has thought of the idea of having a P.C./JACL "Web Site" via the Internet for members and/or non-members to access? I'm not familiar with the Internet servers/providers in the Monterey Park area of California, but most Internet provider allows individuals and companies to set up their own web site at a minimal monthly fee; approximately \$35-\$50/month.

If a web site were utilized, readers could actually download current and back issues of P.C. (including the personal ads and commercial ads, monthly commentaries, etc.), along with photos and such. It would also be possible to send e-mail directly to individual writers/editors, place personal ads, along with letters to the editor, and any events sponsored by local/regional chapters to other users.

Issues of P.C. could be sent the moment (via AOL or a web site) they're published to all 'registered' (via a mailing list) JACL members who have this type of access to the Internet and would prefer receiving PC in this fashion, saving valuable money spent on monthly 'paper' issues sent out to individual members. (This could be considered an ecological issue, too!) The only drawback to a mailing list is that I don't believe photographs could be sent; just text only, but downloading a new issue from a web site would include photographs, display ads, and the

like. I love exploring the web and strongly believe that such a feature would be to the advantage of P.C.

Also, if a web site were utilized, persons around the world would have access to the site; especially our friends and family that reside in Japan. I would even safely bet that a site somewhere in Japan could actually convert the text, menus, etc. to kanji, if they were willing to take on this task.

Thanks for listening. I hope that my suggestion may at least be considered, or possibly voted upon by JACL members.

Debbie M. Ross

Hoosier Chapter, JACL
debbie@iquest.net

More ideas for PC/JACL online

Hi! I'm glad JACL finally has an e-mail address! I am sure it will be to our benefit. I wanted to pass along some suggestions which I'm sure you folks have thought about already, but if not here they are:

1. Try to establish a JACL home page. That way you can spread the works of our institution to the whole WORLD! We can reach new audiences never before possible, and hopefully many people of Japanese and non-Japanese ancestry will discover our organization. I mean the possibilities are endless. This is our chance to be creative, and do as much as possible with it! Besides, everybody else has one so why don't we?! Hmhmhm.....

2. With e-mail, establish a mailing list. That way you can e-mail us information that you feel is pertinent, or even email questionnaires about anything (a great way to get feedback). You can quickly send to those of us with e-mail address ground breaking news that JACL feels will affect our community.

Well, I have to get back to my studies, but I just thought I would give you my two cents. I really hope you will consider this if it hasn't been brought. Thanks for listening and all the best!

Joseph A. Hurd

hurd@wiliki.eng.hawaii.edu

Willing and able to help get PC online

Hi, My name is Robert Eiichi Irie and I am a recent member of the JACL. Being born in New York City and raised entirely on the East Coast, I read with much enthusiasm and just a little bit of envy of the activities of the JACL, centered mostly on the West Coast. This summer, I was able to visit the San Diego area and experienced first hand a JACL community picnic, and was delighted by the enthusiasm and warmth shared by everyone.

I am writing this email to offer my services to help the Pacific Citizen, as well as the JACL, "get connected" with the rapidly changing and expanding on-line community and culture of the Internet. It seems to me that having a "web page," (a sort of electronic kiosk) for the JACL/PC would not only inform and educate other Americans of the Japanese American community, but also serve to bring together Japanese Americans from all over the country who are fortunate enough to have net access (the majority of which are young, self-motivated individuals probably eager to contribute their time and knowledge to JACL/PC sponsored activities). Please let me know if I can be of any assistance in planning or designing such an effort.

Robert E. Irie

New England Chapter, JACL
irie@ai.mit.edu

Wants membership information in PC

You know I've been looking everywhere to find out the cost of single membership to JACL. Why don't you have it in the newspaper? My brother called your office to find out and he was told to call San Francisco headquarters which I think is ridiculous. Your office should be more informed.

Aileen Toshiyuki

AileenT@college.ucla.edu

MIS

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"WWII bios," said Kanegai. "Their scope is just WWII because of the nature of the exhibit, not as encompassing as MIS-NorCal's, he said. Sogi, currently Japanese American National Museum president, pointed out it is important "that we support each other and gather oral histories."

Ishio announced there had been a 100/442/MIS exhibit at the Pentagon and that a display is being planned at the MacArthur Memorial Museum in Norfolk, Va., for September 1996. Ishio, who chaired the MIS reunion in Washington, D.C., said that he hopes for a coordinating council of all Nisei veterans clubsthat to insure MIS's future.

Allen Meyer of Chicago pegged Hawaii as the best place to meet in 1997 after Las Vegas, Denver and Chicago were mentioned, but

no decision was made except to meet again and hopefully attract Sansei to carry on the MIS legacy.

Hosted by the MIS-Northwest Association, this was the fifth national gathering of MIS veterans—90 percent of whom are Japanese American and 10 percent non-Nikkei/Caucasian.

The 1995 reunion committee consisted of Takao Aoki, Mas Fukuhara Ph.D., Ray Inui, Yoshito Iwamura, George Koshi, Olaf Kvamme, Takashi Matsui, Hiro Nishimura, Kenichi Sato, Jiro Toda, Harvey Watanabe. Some of their pictures and stories in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Matsui of Redmond, Wash., helped rescue Japanese civilians trapped in a cave on Saipan during the bloody battle in June 1944 and was awarded the Bronze Star. "I got one man out, gave him a cigarette, and they found out we weren't going to torture them. I don't think he knew we were

American," the reporter was told.

Inui was bitter about being excluded from the military, having spent time in the ROTC at the University of Washington before Pearl Harbor. He volunteered when the draft reopened.

A prewar draftee, Watanabe of Renton, Wash., had helped mount guns on the Deception Pass bridge in Washington State. He later found himself on an eastbound train with about 350 Nisei GIs being evacuated from the West Coast. His car was sent to Fort Hayes, Ohio.

Koshi remembered Tokyo ravaged by heavy American bombing, GIs buying food for Japanese they had befriended, and said, "Everybody on the street looked too much like my friends in Denver. One even looked like my father."

In closing, MIS-NW president Kenichi Sato noted that some have said this reunion could be a *Last Hurrah*. "We shall see," he said.

Upcoming New York area meetings scheduled

Here are a number of scheduled meetings in the New York area:

- Eastern District Council Meeting, Sat., Nov. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fall quarterly meeting at the JAA Community Office, 15 West 44th St., 11th floor. Speaker: Sandra Mikesell Buscher on 50th Anniversary of the Hiroshima Peace Conference. Cammy Lee Leukemia Bone Marrow Donor Blood Test Drive follows. To reserve lunch: Tom Kometani, EDC governor, 201/582-6559; Lillian Kimura, 201/680-1441; or Ron Uba, New York Chapter president, 800/513-8813.
- Field Trip to Shofu-Den Japanese Pavillion (Kyoto Imperial Palace replica at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair),

Sunday, Oct. 15 (no time set at this point). \$15 charge benefits U.S.-Japan restoration fund. For car pool or bus: Mari Matsumoto, 914/725-4758; or New York Chapter, JACL, 800/513-8813.

- East Coast Benefit Gala Reception/Art Auction, Wed., Nov. 8, 6-9:30 p.m., at Peter Max Art Studios, 37 West 65th St., 7th floor, New York City. "Celebrating Freedom: 50 Years After," with Yukiko Sugihara, wife of late Chiune Sugihara and 442nd/100th/MIS and other WWII veterans and Jewish/Japanese community supporters to be recognized by National JACL President Denny Yasuhara. Invitation and early RSVP required, \$25 per person. Call Scott Ito, 212/249-3816; Ron Uba, 800/

513-8813; Lillian Kimura, 201/680-1441 (phone/fax same) to be corporate sponsor or for information on Peter Max original art pieces to be sold to benefit the New York Chapter, JACL, Education, Oral History, and Legacy Projects, coordinated and co-promoted with Peter Max Group, Inc., New York Japan Society and Holocaust History Project.

- "Sugihara: The Japanese Schindler," Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Town Hall, 123 West 43rd St., New York. Coordinated by New York Japanese American-Jewish American Community Event Series, sponsored by Holocaust Oral History Project of San Francisco. Benefit tickets: \$25, \$36, \$50, and \$100. Call Town Hall, 212/840-2824.

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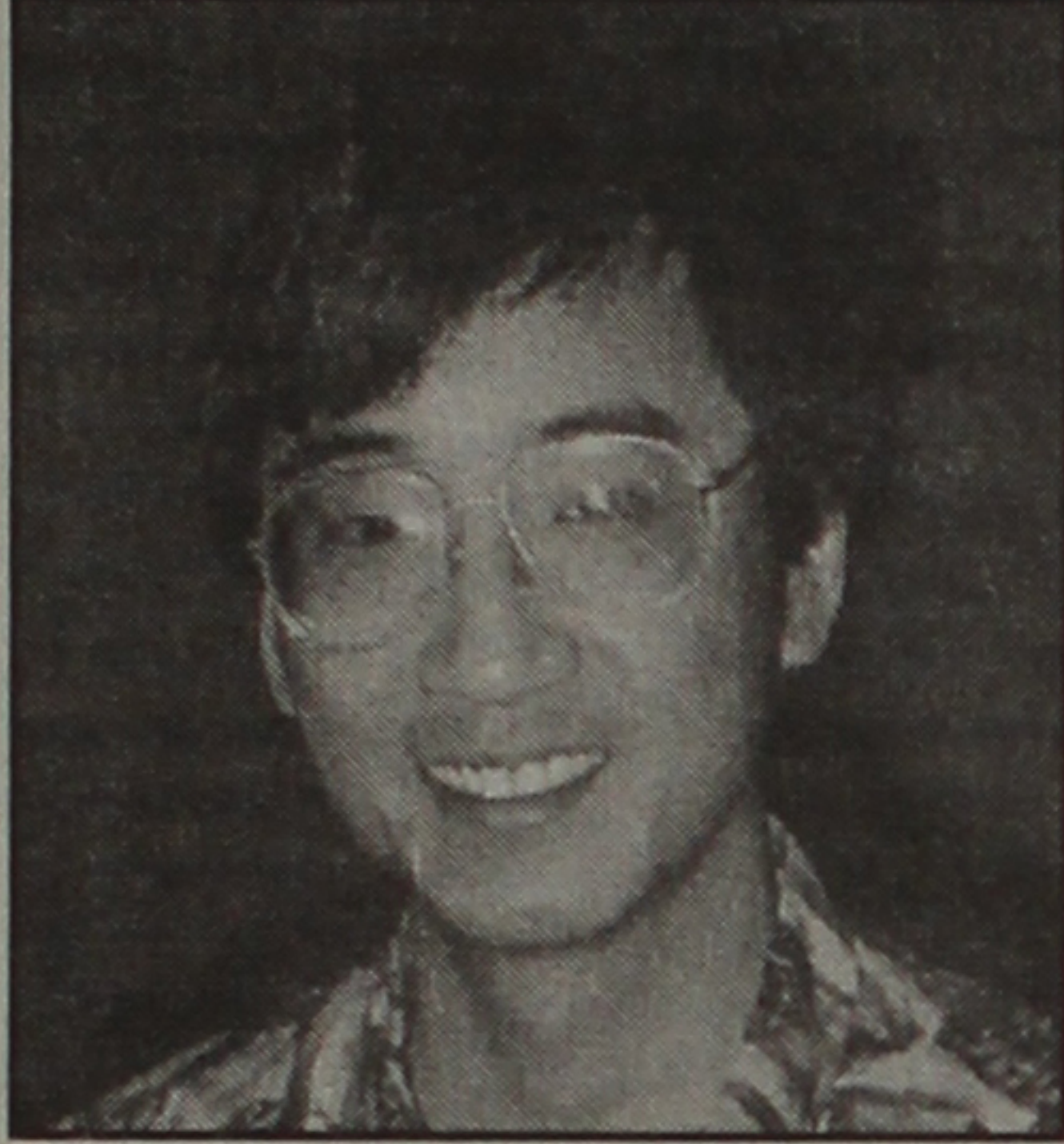
Obituaries

"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."

Fujikawa, Yoshiaki, 88, San Francisco, Aug. 20; Alameda-born, survived by daughter Jeanne Barredo (Concord, Calif.), 4 gc., 3 gc., predeceased by wife Fusako ('92).

Fujikuni, Mary, 79, Montrose, Calif., Aug. 17; Parlier, Calif.-born, survived by husband Tadashi, sons Rick, Glenn, daughter Janice Ng, 4 gc., brothers Lester, Roy Katsura, sister Rose See.

Hamanishi, Florence Y, 75, Los



CLYDE NISHIMURA
Represents EDC

Clyde Nishimura named to P.C. Board

Clyde Nishimura, president of the Washington, D.C., Chapter, JACL, has been named to serve as Eastern District Council (EDC) representative to the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board, according to Tom Kometani, EDC governor. The appointment was effective Sept. 1.

Commenting on the appointment, Mae Takahashi, chairwoman of the P.C. Editorial Board, said, "On behalf of the board and staff, we all want to welcome Clyde. His experience and ideas will bring fresh perspectives to our goals."

Angeles, Aug. 15; L.A.-born, survived by husband Fred, son Clifford, daughter Emilie Rayman, 1 gc., 1 gc., sister Miwa Koyasako.

Hashisaka, Fred M, 93, Sacramento, Aug. 24; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Ernest (Virginia), James, Ronald, daughter Jane Itogawa, 7 gc., 2 gc.

Hattori, Joseph O, 71, Walnut, Calif., Aug. 14; Los Angeles-born, 522nd FA veteran, survived by wife Florence, sons Keith (Oregon), John, gc., brothers Fred, Sachio (Jpn), sister Yaeko Sakamoto.

Ideno, Junzo, 94, Skokie, Ill., Aug. 3; Ehime-born, founder of San Francisco Kendo ('30), a partner of American Fish Market, San Francisco; survived by wife Ayako, sons Teru, Kazuo, Shizuo, daughter Kazumi Karasawa, gc. & gc., sisters Tamiyo Nakahiro, Hisako Utsunomiya.

Ige, Haruko, 80, Los Angeles, Aug. 11; Fruitland, Calif.-born, survived by husband Yoshihide George, sons Paul, David, 1 gc.; sisters Yone Fujishima, Mary Uchida, Alice Otsuka, Tomi Ota, brother Bill Nakada.

Imamura, Shigeo, 80, Los Angeles, Aug. 21; Brawley-born, Brawley JACL president '42, WWII veteran, survived by wife Kyoko, brothers Min, Ken.

CCDC

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organizing tables to sit together. Cost: \$50, veterans and spouses; \$75, non-veterans.

● **Increase district allocation**—CCDC voted to endorse an increase in the CCDC regional office allocation.

Tsai presented a proposed budget for next year which included an increase in allocation of \$480 from \$7,800 to \$8,280.

She said that the increase was necessary and noted that expenses such as the subscription to the *Rafu Shimpo* which were once picked up by National were now being paid by the district.

● **CCDC constitution**—The district voted to reduce the number of proxies that could be held for a district meeting from three to two. The vote does not affect the number of proxies a delegate can take to national council.

Inouye, Frank T, 74, Honolulu, Aug. 18 of pancreatic cancer; retired University of Hawaii history professor, prewar Los Angeles resident, Heart Mountain internee, lettered in varsity tennis at Belmont High, UCLA, Phi Beta Kappa graduate at Cincinnati, survived by wife Hazel, son Dr. Allan (Maryland), daughter Cookie Robertson, brother Jack (Los Angeles), predeceased by sister Reiko (prewar Nisei Week queen) and brother Jack.

Iwamoto, Kazumi, 94, Anaheim, Aug. 16; Hiroshima-born, survived by 4 daughters Masako Branam, Reiko Imagawa, Toshiko Katsumoto, Keiko Oliveri, 2 gc., 6 gc.

Izumi, Taki, 94, Belmont, Calif., Aug. 17 in a Gardena hospital; Kumamoto-born, survived by daughters Mitsue Sano, Hideko Hamada, sons Ken, Hideki, 13 gc., 3 gc.

Kanbara, George Masayuki, 73, Westminster, Calif., Aug. 13; Stockton-born, survived by wife Midori, daughter Mitzi, brother Henry, sisters Sachiye Terada, Shizue Nagano.

Kanemura, Stanley U, 77, Los Angeles, Aug. 16; Kauai-born, survived by daughters Gloria Bolokowicz, Kathryn Calhoun, 5 gc., 1 gc., brothers Sam, Takao, sisters Yasuko Iwai, Hazel Amao.

Kimura, Shizue, 89, Los Angeles, Aug. 25; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Tsutomu, daughter Setsuko Kohama, Tatsumi Iwasaki, Kyoko Hisako, 10 gc., 1 gc.

Koro, Hitoshi, Los Angeles, Aug. 22; Stockton-born, survived by brothers Masashi, Kinji, sisters Miyoko Shirahama, Kazuye Bessho.

Kotsubo, Noboru F, 86, Long Beach, Calif., Aug. 29; Fillmore, Calif.-born, survived by wife Masako, sons Dave, Shoji, daughter Hiroko Endo, 5 gc., brother Yuya, sister-in-law Shizuko Kotsubo.

Documentary films to be presented in Chicago

"Echoes of the Pacific War: Japanese and Japanese Americans," a series of documentary films, will be presented Oct. 5 through Dec. 7 at the University of Chicago.

The event is sponsored by the Center for East Asian Studies at the university in conjunction with the Chicago Chapter, JACL.

Information: Chicago Chapter, JACL, 312/728-7171.

DEATH NOTICE

TOSHI SHIMIZU

Toshi Shimizu, born on Dec., 14, 1907 in Alameda, Calif. and died on Aug. 24, 1995 in Cincinnati, wife of the late Yoshio Shimizu and dear mother of Paul H. (Beverly) and Robert T. (Judith) Shimizu, sister of Hede Shirasawa, grandmother of Alison, Amy, Ann and Lisa and Daniel, Jenny and Susan. She moved to Cincinnati in 1943 from the Poston internment camp. The Shimizus operated Soya Food Products for over 45 years with their parents, the Yamaguchis. They produced tofu and bean sprouts for the local restaurants, and served the Japanese-American community by importing Japanese foods from California.

DEATH NOTICE

AKIRA ICHIKAWA

Akira Ichikawa of Los Altos, Calif., 79, passed away on Sept. 22, 1995. He is survived by wife, Chizu; son, Gerald, Donald and Michael; grandchildren, Alexander, Tyler, Stephen, Adam and Emi.

DEATH NOTICE

GEORGE KIYOSHI SANKEY

George Kiyoshi Sankey, 76, Hawaii born Nisei and a WWII veteran, MIS, passed away on Sept. 24 at his residence following an illness. Funeral services were held at Centenary United Methodist Church with Rev. Shiro Kato and officiated by Father John Yamazaki. The deceased is survived by his wife, Anita Mitsuko Sankey; two sons, Dr. Mikio (Dr. Kathleen Akimi) and Edwing Sankey; daughter, Kitty Sankey; brother, Masao (Shizue) Yamashiro; sisters, Kazu Yamashiro and Sumiko (Raymond) Senaga.

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Calhoun, Naomi Jacobs, 4 gc., brothers Tadaomi, Tadayuki, sister Yae Karasawa, sister-in-law Tazuko Marumoto.

Matsuno, Tsuru, 93, East Palo Alto, Aug. 19; Wakayama-born, survived by sons Roy Akira, James Masahiko, daughter Hiroe Takada, 12 gc. and ggc.

Matsushima, Miya, 104, Los Angeles, Aug. 21; Kumamoto-born, survived by sons Albert, James, Tom, daughters June Toriumi, Mary Kumataka, 10 gc., 14 gc.

Misono, Keisuke, 82, Tokyo, Aug. 25; Japan's pioneer in radiotherapy, former head of Nuclear Safety Commission.

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and chapter titled, "Pearl Harbor Avenged," Sgt. Kiyoshi Hirano tells Lyn how he had spent three days translating the surrender document, was praised by ATIS commander, Col. Sidney Mashbir, for the "greatest job" he had accomplished and was promised a commission and medal, "which Hirano never received either." History buffs of the Nisei-in-war have acclaimed her book the best of the lot, weaving the two theaters of war in a comfortable manner of 329 pages, despite some typos and errors.

Col. Mashbir's own, *I Was an American Spy*, and one of the earliest books on military intelligence activities to see print in 1953, devotes 17 pages on the "Big Mo." He was master of ceremonies. His account is both descriptive and dramatic.

For a concise coverage, John Toland's *The Rising Sun: the Decline and Fall of the Japanese Empire 1936-1945*, uses four pages. None of the above books lists all the key people at the ceremony as Toland has. The Star Spangled Banner "came from a recording," he writes, but that can be questioned as a tuba (a sure sign of a brass band) is visible in a photo in our Archives. Some inebricated delegate-not an American-briefly marred the dig-

nity of the signing when he "obtrusively began making faces" at the Japanese. Mamoru Shigemitsu, the first Japanese to sign the documents, glared at him, without expression, slowly put on his top hat and stepped back. In Mashbir's eye, it was "an effective example of Oriental subtlety."

And to know a little more about Foreign Minister Shigemitsu, who was the lead Japanese diplomat to sign the surrender papers, there is Seiichi Iwao's *Biographical Dictionary of Japanese History* of 1982. Shigemitsu was conducting peace negotiations in Shanghai in 1932 when a Korean nationalist threw a bomb at him, causing him to lose his left leg.

From an unexpected angle, Sgt. Frank Fujita, reports in his *Foot: a Japanese American Prisoner of the Rising Sun*, being aboard a Navy transport ship in Tokyo Bay at the time, watching the activity taking place on and around the "Mighty Mo" and "we were getting a blow-by-blow description over the ship's PA system." Then followed the massive flyover of all kinds of planes over the Mighty Mo.

This hurried, fun research has allowed us a better picture of Sept. 2, 1945, aboard the battleship Missouri. Sakamoto, Yoshimura and Yokoyama were were among the special invitees to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the signing aboard the Missouri, berthed at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Wash.

DEATH NOTICE

CHORGE KAKU

Chorge Kaku, 82, died on September 7, 1995 at Lindsay Hospital. Lindsay-born, he was Tulare County JACL president ('39), WWII veteran who taught Japanese at MISLS; continued his family's Save-Center Market until retiring in 1985; charter member of Lindsay Rotary Club. He is survived by wife, Yuriko Lily; daughter, Lily Saloedo; brothers, Harry and Maya; sister, Jane Kubota; 3 gc. and 1 ggc.; preceded in death by brothers, Saburo and Jack.

DEATH NOTICE

MAE M. YOTSUYA

Mae M. Yotsuya, 75, Santa Rosa, Calif.-born Nisei, resident of Turlock, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 28 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 6, from 1:00 P.M. at Turlock First Presbyterian Church, 2619 N. Berkeley Ave., Turlock, Calif.

She is survived by her husband, Yukihiro; son, Dennis (Grace) of Turlock; daughter, Diane (Larry) Honda of Fresno; grand-daughters, Denise, Cynthia and Valerie of Turlock, and Marissa Honda of Fresno; brother, James (Margaret) Murakami of Santa Rosa and sister, Fuji (Masaru) Kamatani of Los Angeles.

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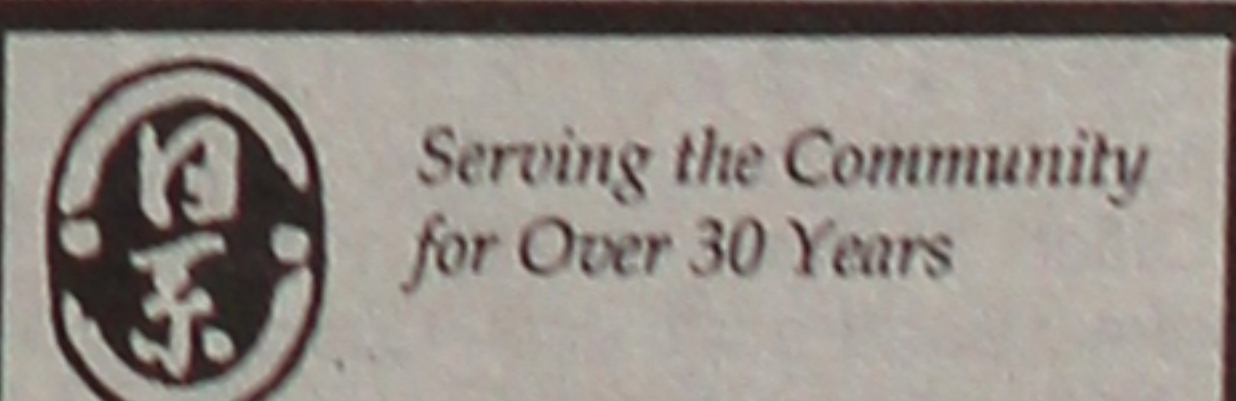
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