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**HONORED**—Justice in Action award recipients honored by the Asian American Legal Defense Fund are, from left, New York-based Japanese American Social Service Inc. founder

Midori Shimanouchi Lederer, U.S. Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Deval L. Patrick, and South Asian women's advocate Shimita Das Dasgupta.

## Justice Department announces minority language task force

Speaking before the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) in New York City, Deval L. Patrick, assistant attorney general for Civil Rights, announced Jan. 26 the formation of a Minority Language Task Force, within the voting section of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division.

"This task force," Patrick said, "should help our ability to respond to complaints, build expertise in the language provisions of the Voting Rights Act, and more effectively enforce the law."

He went on to urge those in attendance "to reclaim and recreate the shared national consensus that discrimination is wrong, and to return the language of civil rights to its essence, back to the core concepts of equality, opportunity and fair play."

Patrick, who also cited the trailblazing efforts of AALDEF in the area of voting rights, was honored by the organization,

along with Japanese American community leader Midori Shimanouchi Lederer, and South Asian women's advocate Shimita Das Dasgupta. They were congratulated at AALDEF's 1995 Justice in Action Awards ceremony. More than 700 leaders of the community, business, and legal communities attended.

Patrick received his award from Denny Chin, the first Asian American federal judge to be appointed on the East Coast. Judge Chin cited Patrick's substantial track record during his short tenure as head of the DOJ's Civil Rights Division, including ground-breaking work for the Asian American community.

Patrick led the Department of Justice in its criticism of the New York City Board of Elections when it failed to comply with the Voting Rights Act and provide bilingual ballots for over 54,000 Chinese American

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## Racist Bugs Bunny cartoon pulled after Sacramento efforts

The Sacramento Chapter, JACL, was instrumental in halting the re-release of a Warner Brothers Bugs Bunny cartoon which contains racist terms such as "Jap," "monkey-face" and "slant eyes."

Michael Sawamura, Sacramento Chapter board member, wrote a letter to Metro-Goldwyn Mayer/United Artists on Feb. 2 asking that the "Bugs Nips the Nips" cartoon videotapes be removed and recalled, that the firm issue a public apology for "the insensitive, racist and offensive slurs and stereotypes contained in this cartoon," and that immediate steps be taken to prevent the re-release of other racist materials in the future.

The videotape first came to the attention of chapter President, Dick Fukushima when he became aware of its sale at two Sacramento video stores. He asked officials at both stores to pull them and they complied.

Fukushima, however, was concerned because the Bugs Bunny cartoon had been

distributed nationally. Sawamura, then, wrote to the MGM/United Artists asking for its total recall, stating that "This cartoon has been and will be viewed by thousands of children across this nation. Not only are these cartoons offensive, but they can have a very negative impact on impressionable children as they interrelate with other Asian Pacific American children in school and in play."

The chapter also worked with Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANAA) which by Feb. 6 had apparently obtained a verbal promise from the company to pull the video worldwide.

**MORE ON CARTOON**—Michael Sawamura talks about collaborative work that brought recall of "Nips the Nips"—page 9.

## Frenchman who boosted Redress support dies

By HARRY K. HONDA  
Editor emeritus

Serge Carlesso, 65, of Bruyeres, France, died unexpectedly on Friday, Jan. 27, his Japanese American comrades from WWII were informed.

Carlesso was recently the general chairman of the 50th anniversary celebration at Bruyeres where 800 Nikkei veterans, spouses and friends had gathered last October to celebrate the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team's liberation of the two towns as well as the rescue of Texas "Lost Battalion."

A wiry, spirited fellow whose leg was amputated by U.S. Army medics in October, 1945, Carlesso survived American shells bombarding the Vosges sector. He was digging potatoes on a farm outside Bruyeres and encountered his first Japanese American, a 442nd medic who administered aid in the ambulance that was heading for the hospital.

Whenever the 442nd veterans returned to Bruyeres to celebrate their liberation, Carlesso was among the welcome leaders and also visited Nisei veteran reunions on the Mainland and in Hawaii.

At the national Nisei veterans gathering

in Reno in June, 1988, Carlesso learned from Sens. Dan Inouye and Spark Matsunaga that Japanese Americans were lobbying the White House to have the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 (the Japanese American Redress Bill) signed. He and his friends (17 in the group) from Bruyeres vowed to petition President Reagan when they got home. In a grand gesture of support, close to 1,500 letters were sent, according to Nisei veterans. George Yoshihara of Huntington Beach.



SERGE CARLESSEO

## HQ staff resigns, interim staff to continue services

Revised job descriptions released for hiring

The National Board is continuing with the implementation of the December, 1994, Reorganization Plan. Under the leadership of Jim Miyazaki, National vice president for general operations, the Implementation and Personnel Committees have prepared the revised staff job descriptions and released them both internally (among current staff) and, beginning Feb. 10, generally.

The current staff chose not to

avail themselves of the application process and will separate from service on March 10, according to Miyazaki.

As previously announced to them, they will continue at full pay and benefits until then, though they are freed from office attendance and responsibilities while they seek other employment. Severance terms for them have been formulated and ap-

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## NCWNPDC to host April 28-30 tri-district event in Reno

The Northern California-Western Nevada Pacific District (NCWNPDC) of JACL will host this year's tri-district conference April 28-30 in Reno, Nev., according to co-chairs John Hayashi and Lucy Kishiue. Participating will be members of the Central California District Council, the Pacific Southwest District Council and the NCWNPDC.

The "Eye on the Future" conference theme will focus on different leadership styles of Nisei and Sansei, and the communication and cooperation needed for JACL to progress into the 21st century. Well known sociologist and author Dr. Harry Kitano will present the keynote address with a talk on Japanese Americans in the society of today and tomorrow.

Workshops will be offered Saturday, April 29. They include:

- "Nisei to Sansei Transition"
- "Hapa Issues"
- "Children of the Camps: Healing the Wounds of Internment"
- "Political Wisdom: Communication & Cooperation Strategies"
- "JACL On Line," "Membership 101"
- "Back to Basics: Starting a Youth/Student Program"
- "Planning for the Future"
- "A Family Member Dies—

What Do I Do Next?"

An awards luncheon will be held Friday evening, April 28, with NCWNPDC, CCDC and PSWDC each recognizing an honoree of its choice. Conference participants will also have the opportunity to discuss items of interest with the national board on Sunday, April 30.

In addition to conference activities, a full range of entertainment and recreational facilities will be available at the Reno Hilton, including a theater, cabaret, bowling lanes, full-swing video golf, game arcade, shopping arcade, health club, indoor/outdoor tennis, outdoor swimming pool, and casino.

## Getting there

### Conference

**RATES:** Before April 10—\$50 for the full package; \$25 for youth/students; and \$22 for the awards luncheon only. After April 10, rates are \$55 for the full package; \$30 for youth/students; and \$25 for the awards luncheon only.

**IN THE MAIL:** Checks, made payable to NCWNPDC-JACL, should be mailed with a completed registration form to: JACL Tri-District Conference, c/o Fred Okimoto, 1580 Franquette Dr., Yuba City, CA, 95991. Registration brochures are available from chapter presidents in any of the three districts.

### Hotel

**RATES:** \$80 per room (single/double) per night. Reservations can be made by calling the Reno Hilton at 800/648-5080. Callers must ask for the JACL Conference rates when making reservations.

**DEADLINE:** March 29.  
**LOCATION:** Reno Hilton, 2500 East 2nd St. A courtesy shuttle is available from the baggage claim area of the Reno Airport to the hotel at half-hour intervals.

**INFORMATION:** Lucy Kishiue, 818/794-6620; John Hayashi, 415/563-2234; or Fred Okimoto, 916/673-7084.



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## JACL calendar

### Eastern

### Southeast

Sun. Feb. 19—Japanese Culture & Etiquette, 3-5 p.m., Georgia Power Bldg. auditorium, Downtown Atlanta; info: Sam Sears 404/392-4004. Thomas McKivette, speaker.

Sat. April 29—EDC Session, 9 a.m.-noon, info: Mike Furukawa 404/850-0540; followed by annual chapter picnic, 2-6 p.m., Murphey Candler Park.

Sat. May 8—Asian Pacific American Council Heritage dinner, 6 p.m., Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta.

### EDC/MDC/MPDC

Thu-Sun. July 20-23—Tri-District Conference, Marriott Hotel, Albuquerque. Workshops, booster activities and tours. Info: Randolph Shibata 505/883-1258. (Details below)

### Midwest

### Dayton-Hoosier

Sat. Sun. March 11-12—"Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990" Field Museum; overnight in Chicago, depart 7:30 a.m. Dayton, 9:30 a.m. from Indianapolis. NOTE—Matsuri Festival both days.

### Detroit

Sat. Feb. 18—49th anniversary installation dinner/fundraiser, 6 p.m. cash bar, dinner at 7, Radisson Plaza Hotel, Southfield, info & RSVP Feb. 8: 313/522-7917. NOTE—Capt. Bruce Yamashita, USMC, spkr.; Valerie Yoshimura, new pres.

### Hoosier

May — NJAHS 'Go For Broke' photo exhibit, Ransburg Gallery, University of Indianapolis. NOTE—In conjunction with Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Nisei veterans in the Midwest are being invited to participate in opening ceremony. Their names and addresses requested by Charles Matsumoto, Hoosier JACL president, 849 Reda Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46227; (f & t) 317/888-8505. Monetary support for exhibit also requested by chapter.

### Wisconsin

Sat. Feb. 19—50th inaugural banquet, 3 p.m. social hour, 4 p.m. program, 5 p.m. dinner, Meyers Restaurant, 60th and Forest Home Ave., Greenfield. Info: Margaret Igowsky 414/643-5999, Nancy Jonokuchi 414/672-5544.

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### Mountain-Plains

### New Mexico

Thu-Sun., July 20-23—EDC-MDC-MPDC Tri-District Conference, Marriott Hotel, Albuquerque. Workshops: Total quality management for chapters; Finance and accounting for chapters; Grant-writing; Multicultural persons and families in JACL, Interethnic conflict: Latino and African Americans in the Japanese American community; Second Amendment and Asian Americans; Is JACL dying?; The atomic bomb 50 years later: what have we learned? Booster activities and tours. Info: Randolph Shibata 505/883-1258.

### Intermountain

### National JACL Credit Union

Sat. Mar. 11—Annual meeting, 5:30 p.m. Happy Hour, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City; info: 801/544-8828.

### NorCal-WN-P

### Florin

Sat. Mar. 11—"Time for Remembrance," Florin Buddhist Temple Hall, 7235 Pritchard Rd., Sacramento. Info: Christine Umeda 916/657-5052 day, 916/391-1921 eve; planning meetings scheduled every 3rd Wed. Chizuyama, speaker, "Courage and Sacrifice: the Extraordinary Roles of Japanese American Women."

### Marysville

Sat. Feb. 18—All-you-can-eat Crab Feed, 6 p.m., Marysville Buddhist Temple social hall.

### NCWNP/CC/PSW

Fri.-Sun. April 28-30—JACL Tri-District Conference, Reno Hilton Hotel, 2500 E. 2nd St., 800-648-5080; info: Lucy Kishiue 818/794-6620, John Hayashi 415/563-2234. NOTE—Dr. Harry Kitano, keynote speaker, "Eye on the Future," Friday social, Saturday awards luncheon, workshops, Sunday dialogue with National Board members; conference regis (\$50 by April 10, \$55 after April 10), checks payable to "NCWNPDC-JACL;" to: Fred Okimoto, 1580 Franquette Dr, Yuba City, CA 95991. Conference details also available from chapter presidents. Hotel

rate for JACL Conference: \$80 per rm until March 29.

### Sacramento

Sat. Feb. 25—Day of Remembrance & Senior Appreciation Night, potluck dinner format, Japanese United Methodist Church, 6929 Franklin Blvd., info: JACL Office 916/447-0231; Toko Fujii 916/421-0328 day, 421-6969 eve. No admission charge. NOTE—One-hour karaoke show and entertainment. All seniors over age 75 to receive a gift.

### Sequoia

Sat. Mar. 4—Crab/spaghetti feed, 5-8 p.m., Palo Alto Buddhist Temple gym; info: Aki Yamamoto 415/965-0671; Mike Kaku 408/985-2747.

### Central California

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### Pacific Southwest

### Arizona

Fri.-Sun. Mar. 17-19—Gila River Camp reunion and monument dedication, Holiday Inn, Phoenix; registration forms/info available from Ben Inoshita 602/991-3835. NOTE—Nearly 700 registered as of Dec. 26.

Sun. April 23—Chapter-Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship Awards banquet, Holiday Inn, 2532 W. Peoria Ave., Phoenix. Info: Joe Allman 602/942-2832. NOTE—Denny Yasuhara, speaker.

### Marina-SCAN

Sat. Feb. 25—Chapter bowling night, Bowl-o-Rama, Torrance; RSVP-info: Galen 310/822-7470.

Thu. Mar. 2—Monthly meetings, 7:30 p.m., Burton Chace Park, Rec Room at end of Mindanao Way, Marina Del Rey. Info: Isaac Hirano 310/822-3568. NOTE—Meetings every first Thursday.

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## Community calendar

### East Coast

### New York City

May 11-July 16—"The View from Within: Japanese American Art from the Internment Camps, 1942-1945," Queen's Museum of Arts.

### Midwest

### Chicago

Ends March 19—Smithsonian traveling exhibit, 'Strength & Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990,' Field Museum, 312/922-9410; info: Mary Doi 708/869-1350.

### Indianapolis

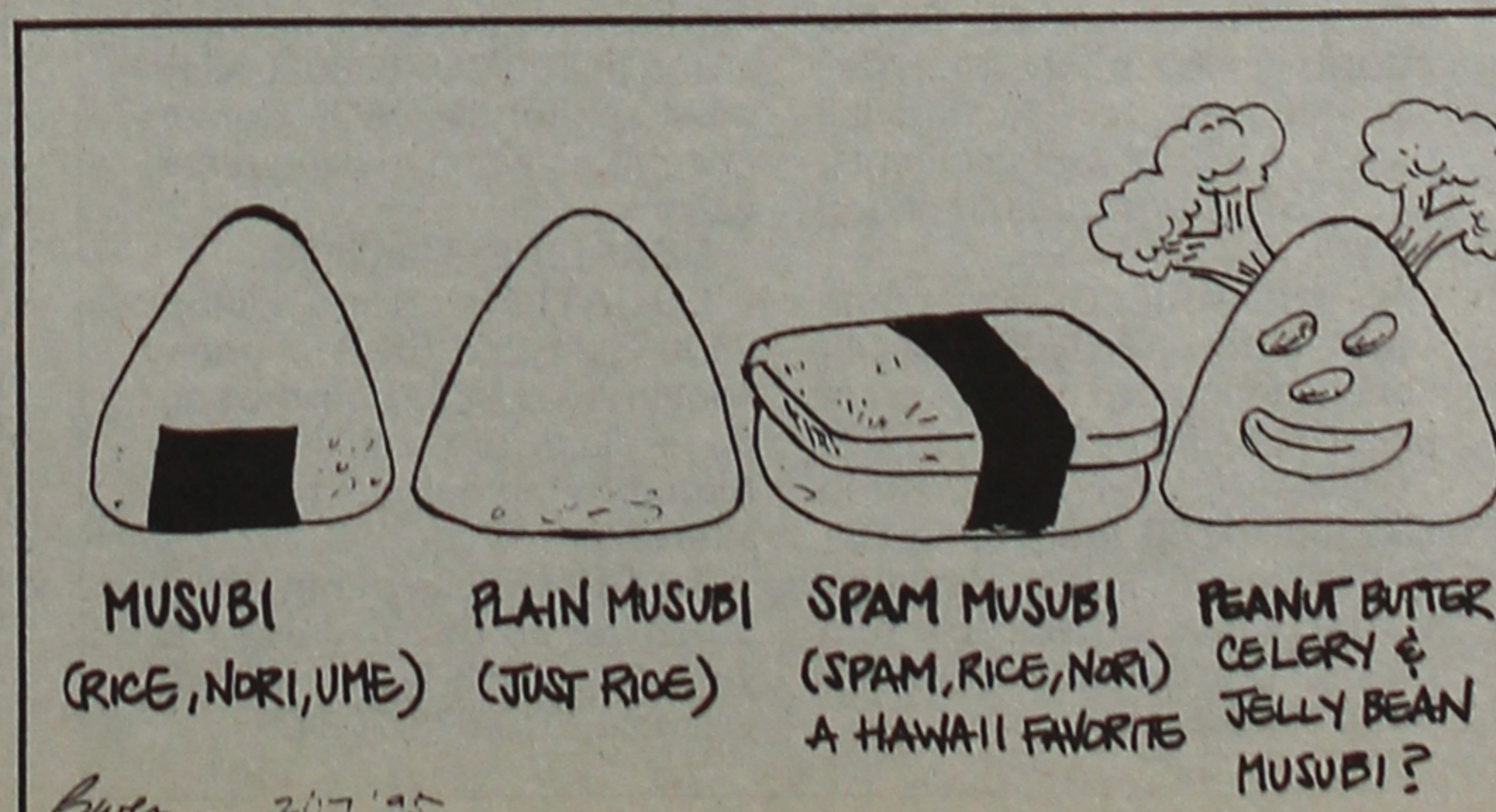
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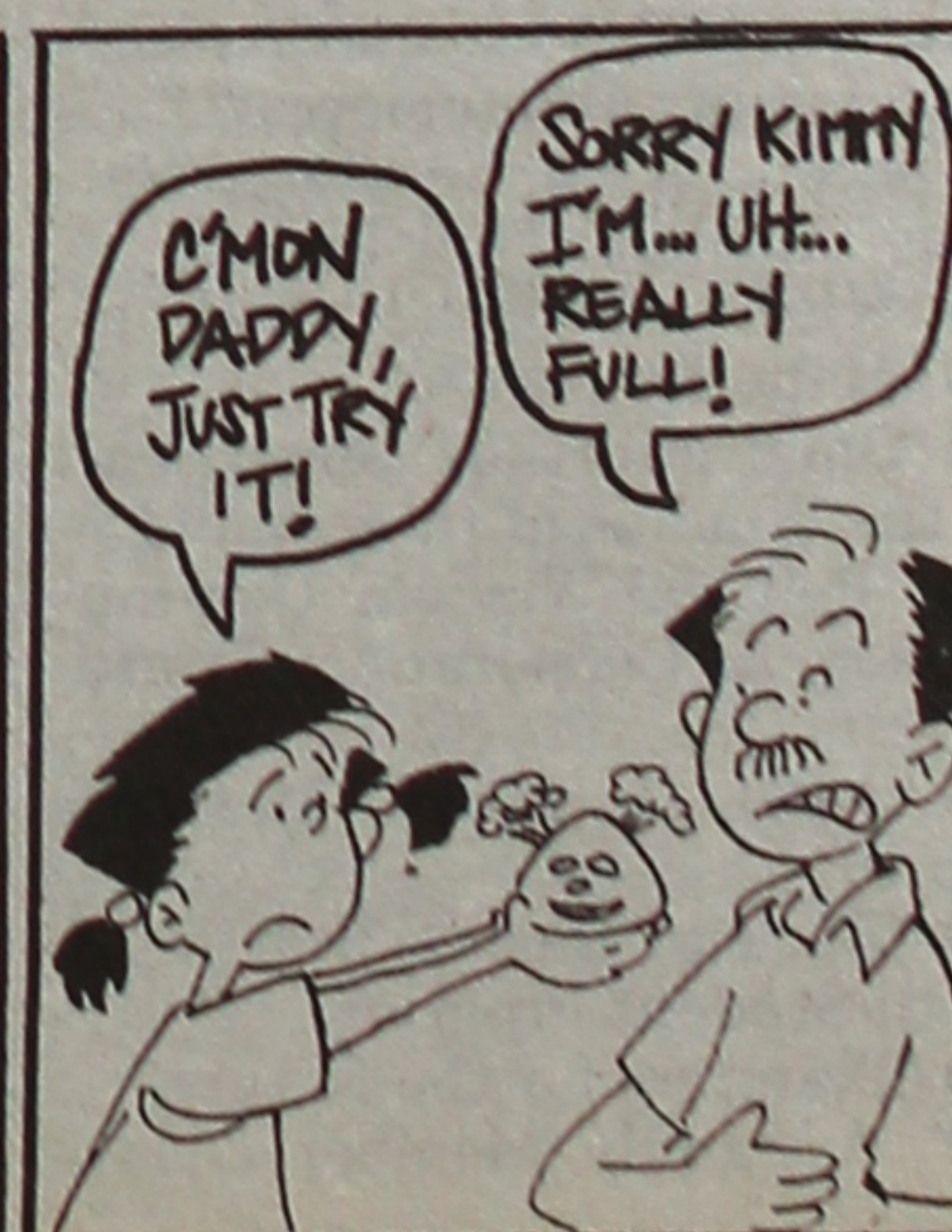
### South - Southwest

### Camp Shelby, Miss.

## Small kid time



## Gwen Muranaka





**Thu.-Sun. June 15-19**—Hattiesburg Homecoming, 100th/442nd, MIS Co. S, 171st Inf Bn monument dedication; Camp Shelby land tour info: Corliss Tours, 800/456-5717; 818/359-5358.

Pacific Northwest

Seattle

**Wed. March 1**—Entry deadline: '95 Seattle Asian American Film Festival on Sept. 21-24 at Seattle Art Museum; details & entry form: Wm. Satake Blauvelt 209/329-6084 eve/msgs. NOTE—Format: 16mm, 35mm film, 3/4-inch video, VHS 1/2-inch preview tape; Genres: documentary, experimental, narrative/dramatic, animation/graphic, video art.

**Thu.-Sun. Sept. 7-10**—MIS Nat'l Reunion/Seattle, Doubletree Suites, Southcenter Shopping Mall; Regis info & forms. RSVP by July 3, MIS Northwest Assn. Reunion, P.O. Box 18616, Seattle, WA 98118. NOTE—MIS group rate up to three days prior & post-reunion on space availability: Doubletree Hotels 206/575-8220, 800/222-TREE; Thu - sightseeing, golf tournament, Fri - informal sitdown dinner or Native American salmon bake at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center (limited to first 300), Sat - panel discussion: "MIS Past-Present-Future," reunion banquet with DLI command historian James C. McNaughton, Ph.D., speaker.

Intermountain

Utah

**Fri.-Mon. May 26-29**—Topaz Pilgrimage. Info: Jiro Yamamoto, San Francisco 415/863-8141.

Nevada

Las Vegas

**Sun. April 30**—San Jose Taiko Drum performance, 4 p.m., Lorenzi Park; tickets Sadie Tanaka 702/876-6716.

Arizona

Gila River/Phoenix

**Fri.-Sun. Mar. 17-19**—Gila River Camp Reunion and monument dedication, Holiday Inn, Phoenix; for regis. forms/info: Area Coordinators - No. Calif. - John Yasumoto 415/929-1853, Lonny Ishihara, 415/493-2340, Roy Uda 916/391-0915, George Kikuchi 408/246-3511; So. Calif. - Sue Koyama 213/728-3514, Mas Fukai 310/324-0434, Chico Masai 818/331-8636, Haruo Hayashi 805/489-2595; Ariz. - Ben Inoshita 602/991-3835; Central Calif. - Todd Uyemura 209/237-2884, James Yamamoto 209/264-7924, Yo Misaki 209/896-2605; Hawaii - Helen Y. Mishima 808/935-6078

Poston/Laughlin, Nev.

**Mon.-Wed. Mar. 20-22**—Poston Monument and Camp III Pilgrimage, Laughlin Flamingo Hotel, Japanese American History Society of San Diego, sponsors; info: Ben Honda 619/277-8082, Yuki Kawamoto 619/286-8203.

California

Sacramento

**Sat. April 22**—Tsubaki Dance Club

Spring dance, 7:30 p.m., Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St., Sacramento, info: Tosh Matsumoto 916/429-8600, Don Iyeki 707/448-2563, Jeannie Matsumoto 209/368-8059; Nob Kurita 916/726-5521. NOTE—Duncan Harden, DJ.

San Francisco

**Sun. Mar. 5**—Nisei Widowed Group, 2-4 p.m. meeting; info: Elsie Uyeda Chung 415/221-0268, Yuri Moriwaki, 510/482-3280.

**Sat.-Sun. May 27-28**—Nikkei Forum on Aging, San Francisco Miyako Hotel; info: Ich Nishida, NCJASC pres., 875 Elgin St, San Lorenzo, CA 94580.

S.F./Easy Bay

**Mon. Feb. 20**—Univ of California Martial Arts Expo, 10 a.m., Harmon Arena, UCB Campus; tickets and info: 510/642-3268.

**Sat. Mar. 18**—UC Berkeley Japanese Women Alumnae luncheon, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Top of the Inn, Holiday Inn, Emeryville; RSVP Feb. 23, JWAUCB, 2334 California St., Berkeley, CA 94703, or call Joyce Takahashi, Ph.D., 916/758-5437. NOTE—Sara Ishikawa, professor emeritus, UCB School of Architecture, keynote speaker.

San Jose

**Sun. March 19**—Yu-Ai Kai fashion show-luncheon, Red Lion Inn, San Jose. RSVP, 408/294-2505.

**September**—Yu-Ai Kai's Yellowstone/Mt. Rushmore trip; info: 408/294-2505.

Fresno

**Thu. March 2**—Calif. Council for Social Studies Conference for K-12 Educators, "The Constitution: Not Just a Piece of Paper," panelists include Dr. Franklin Ng, Dr. Izumi Taniguchi, Elisa Kamimoto. NOTE—Conference to run March 2-5, Center Plaza, Holiday Inn, Convention Center.

Los Angeles/

Orange County

**Through Thu. Mar. 16**—'Visas for Life: the Story of Chiune and Yukiko Sugihara,' Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance, 9786 W. Pico Blvd., L.A.; info: 310/553-9036. NOTE—Exhibition of 75 photographs of Consul General Sugihara and his wife whose efforts to issue thousands of transit visas allowed over 6,000 Jews to escape Europe.

**Through Sun. April 9**—Travel exhibit: 'The Japanese Pioneers of Oregon,' Legacy Center, Japanese American National Museum (JANM), 369 E. 1st St., L.A.

**Sat. Feb. 18**—Crystal City Reunion at the Museum, 1 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A.; RSVP required, 213/625-0414.

**Sat.-Sun. Feb. 18-19\***—JACCC's "Music to Remember: a Tribute to Japanese American Musicians and Singers of the '40s," 7 p.m. Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Box office: 213/680-3700 (noon-5 p.m. daily). NOTE—\* Sunday matinee added; Featuring San Francisco's J-Town Jazz Ensemble, Tetsu Bessho, Haruo Fujisawa, Larry Honda Quartet, musicians; Sue Takimoto Okabe, Mary Nomura, Chickie Ishihara White, Mas Hamasu.

**Sun. Feb. 19\***—JACCC-JANM program: "Nikkei Music Makers: the Swing Era" with photos and recordings by George Yoshida, musician-researcher, 11 a.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—\*Site change.

**Sun. Feb. 19\***—National Coalition for Redress-Reparation, "Day of Remembrance," 2 p.m., Centenary United Methodist Church, 300 S. Central Ave., RSVP: 213/680-3484. NOTE—\*Program change.

**Sat. Feb. 25**—Crystal City: Past and Present, 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., RSVP required 213/625-0414. NOTE—Panel discussion: Alan Taniguchi and Jose-Angel Guterrez.

**Sat. Feb. 25**—Cornerstone UMC's Kanojo fashion show, 1-5 p.m., Cornerstone United Methodist Church Social Hall, 2351 W. Orangethorpe Ave., Fullerton; info: 714/449-0846.

**Sun. Feb. 26**—Hinamatsuri (Girl's Day) celebration, 1-3 p.m., The Huntington, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, info: 818/405-2141.

**Sun. Feb. 26**—Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California installation dinner, 5 p.m. Empress Pavilion, 988 N. Hill St., L.A.; RSVP, info: JAHSSC, P.O. Box 3164, Torrance, CA 90510, 310/326-0608.

**Mon. Feb. 27**—Japan America Society/LACMA Far Eastern Art Council presentation, "Preserving Traditional Kyoto: a 1,200-Year-Old City Enters the 21st Century" by author Diane Durston and her slides, 8-9:30 p.m., L.A. County Museum of Art, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., RSVP required 213/627-6217x15.

**Sat. Mar. 4**—Japan America Symphony Orchestra concert, 7:30 p.m., Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles; info: 213/489-5060. NOTE—Pipa virtuoso Wu Man of China, guest soloist.

**Sat. Mar. 4**—East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center's "Spring Fling," 7:30-11:30 p.m., ESGVJCC, 1203 W. Puente Ave., West Covina; info: Barbara 818/810-1509, Toshi 909/861-9676. NOTE—Benefit for Building Fund.

**Sun. Mar. 5**—Japan America Symphony Orchestra's first Youth Concert, 4 p.m., Armstrong Theatre, Torrance. Admission free to youth under 18; info: 213/489-5060.

**Sun. Mar. 12**—Taiko at the Museum, 2 p.m., JANM, 369 E. 1st St., L.A., info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—Rev. Tom Kurai, workshop instructor.

**Sun. Mar. 12**—Nikkei Widowed Group installation luncheon, New Otani Hotel; info: Sally Tsujimoto 818/286-7640, Karl Oike 310/837-7662.

**Mon.-Wed. Mar. 13-15**—USC/U.S. Commerce Dept.'s Asia/Pacific Business Outlook Conference at Los Angeles; conference brochure now available, 213/740-7132, fax 740-9964.

**Thu.-Sun. April 27-30**—Reunion: 522nd Field Artillery Bn., Hotel New Otani and Miyako Hotel, Little Tokyo, banquet Sat. night at Otani; info: George OIye, 53 Alma Court, Los Altos, CA 94022, 415/941-4850.

**Mon. May 22**—Japan America Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion; info: 213/489-5060. NOTE—All-Brahms program, violinist Tomoko Kato.

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**'95 - Gila River Monument dedication and Spring Reunion survey**—Besides funding support, survey of involvement, design and date in 1995 is underway. Information: Helen Y. Mishima, 576-B Manele Lane, Hilo, HI 96720.

**'95 - Wesley United Methodist Church's** 100th anniversary—May. San Jose celebration committee has been meeting since August 1992. Information: Amy Taniguchi 507 Bevens Dr., San Jose, CA 95129.



## Agenda

Agenda features news and other items of interest from JACL and other organizations. They are encouraged to submit stories and photos for consideration to: *Pacific Citizen*, 2 Coral Circle, #204, Monterey Park, CA, 91755.

# Sacramento honors Sugihara who saved Jews during WWII

By TOKO FUJII

Sacramento Chapter

A standing-room-only crowd of 1,000 packed the Hilton Hotel Ballroom in Sacramento to pay tribute to the compassion of the late Chiune Sugihara and to meet and hear his wife Yukiko Jan. 31.

Consul Sugihara, who died in 1986, defied his Japanese government more than 50 years ago by issuing transit visas so that thousands of Jews could escape from Lithuania and Nazi atrocities and extermination. He wrote some 2,000 visas which helped 6,000 Jews obtain freedom. The "Visas for Life" Sugihara story is just beginning to be told—with possibilities for a book, movie or TV documentary, according to sources.

The local Jewish and Japanese American communities welcomed Yukiko Sugihara with a standing ovation and a bouquet of flowers. Her son Hiroki and his wife Michi accompanied her on her visits to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

In her quiet and soft-spoken way, she related (through an interpreter) how her husband tried three times in 1939 to obtain approval from the Japanese government to issue visas to the Polish Jews. Without approval and at great risk to himself and his family, he decided to issue the transit visas and help as many as he could. This decision seems to have been based upon a combination of his Japanese, samurai and Western influences. He was converted to Christianity while living in Harbin, Manchuria, and displayed an independent and compassionate spirit, according to his wife.

Participating in the tribute was Shiro Takeshita, born in Salinas but now living in San Leandro, Calif. From Poston, Ariz., Relocation Center, he became a member of the 100/442, 522 Field Artillery Battalion. He recalled that 50 years ago, approaching

Dachau, he saw "piles of snow" which turned out to be dead Jews, the "sight and stench (of which) I could never forget." He said "Sugihara demonstrated the true



**HONORED GUEST**—Yukiko Sugihara, widow of Chiune Sugihara, addresses Sacramento crowd.

meaning of love and compassion for the human race."

Jack Tsuchida presented a plaque to her on behalf of the Sacramento Nikkei Jin Kai at the evening program emceed by Sacramento native Sharon Ito and Jim Wider of local TV stations.

Other Holocaust survivors on the program were Arnold Edber of Carmichael and Rabbi Samuel Gradenz of Modesto. The rabbi recalled helping Sugihara pass out visas and arranging fictitious marriages to get the maximum out of each document. Gradenz carries in his pocket the original visa, now much tattered. To Yukiko Sugihara he said, "We salute you with our eternal gratitude."

Edber also noted that Jews are observing this year the 50th anniversary of the liberation, and many are going on pilgrimages to Auschwitz, the Nazi's worst concentration camp. He shares his experiences at schools, seminars and conferences because, he said, "we have a moral obligation to tell the Holocaust story, difficult as it is, because six million were killed and they can't do it."

Solly Ganor, 64, of Israel, expressed deep gratitude and told of

being rescued at Dachau by Nisei soldiers (of 522 Field Artillery Battalion) and his visits with the Sugihara family as an 11-year-old. He said that he was surprised at being approached by American soldiers with "oriental faces" and that some thought Japan had won the war.

The Sugiharas also attended an event at the capitol where they were greeted by many officials, including Nao Takasugi of Oxnard, Calif., as well as Toko Fujii and Dick Fukushima of the Sacramento Chapter, JACL, and Titus Toyama and Frank Iritani of the Florin Chapter, JACL. The Sugiharas were presented with books about Japanese Americans authored by local people, including *We the People* by Mary Tsukamoto and Elizabeth Pinkerton, and *Continuing Traditions* by Toko

Fujii and *Ten Visits* by Frank and Joanne Iritani.

## N.Y. Chapter talks to education board about J.A. experience

The New York Chapter, JACL, provided the leadership and participated in the New York City Board of Education's first Multicultural Education Unity Conference devoted to the history and experiences of Asian-Americans. Wendy Yang of the Office of Multicultural Education organized and coordinated the conference.

Held on Oct. 21, 1994, at the Brooklyn Heights Public Library, the three-hour long conference was attended by more than 100 professionals, including multicultural education coordinators, curriculum specialists and teachers representing all the school districts of New York City.

The keynote address was given by Dr. Sumi Mitsudo-Koide, who spoke on "The Japanese American Experience: Perspectives and Lessons." She highlighted the Issei immigrant experience, personal experiences growing up Issei, and constitutional issues arising from the World War II incarceration of Japanese Ameri-



**MAEBORI**

Maebori, education chairwoman of JACL, who led the workshop for elementary school education. Her workshop was entitled: "The Evacuation and Internment of Japanese Americans Through a Child's Eye," a lesson in the recently published JACL Curriculum Guide.

—Elisa Kamimoto, education specialist of the Japanese American National Museum, who led the workshop entitled: "Art From the Japanese American Internment Camps."

The conference was enthusiastically received, with requests by participants for assistance in developing and implementing curriculum contents in the future.

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On to Brazil in '98

Teodoro Tsuja (standing) president of the 1995 14th Nikkei International Sports Confraternity at Lima, Peru, announces that Sao Paulo, Brazil, will be the site of the next gathering of Sansei-Yonsei participants in track and field, swimming, judo, tennis, football (soccer), volleyball, table tennis, bowling and chess in July, 1998. In the recent games held Feb. 8-12, 1995, Brazil garnered the most medals and points to win the championship. Seven countries were represented this year: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, U.S.A., Mexico, Peru and Uruguay. Cal State, Long Beach, judoist Jason Uno brought home a gold medal for the U.S., defeating his three top heavyweight contenders. Seated from left are host officials Juan Shimabukuro, Luis Baba and Hector Yamakawa. Baba, among the top economists in President Alberto Fujimori's administration, is president of the forthcoming 8th biennial Pan American Nikkei Association convention scheduled for Lima July 5-9.

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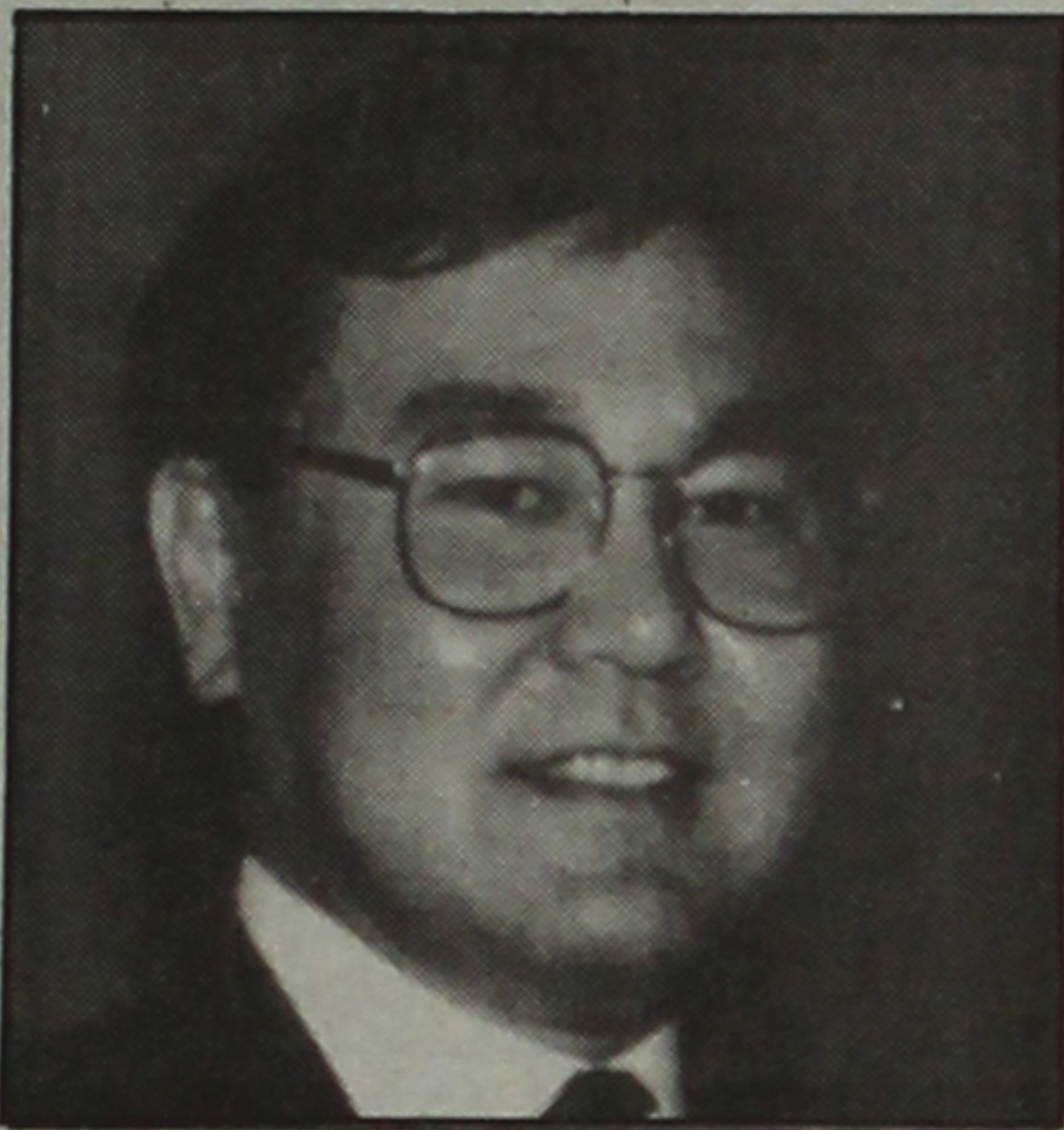
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proved by the board and the proposals have been forwarded to them.

With the departure of these five employees, and of Business Manager Patti Paganini (who resigned effective Feb. 28), JACL leadership consulted with Tom Hara, National JACL legal counsel, on appropriate steps for assuring continued operations of the national offices (both San Francisco and Washington, D.C.) on a day-to-day basis until a national director is recommended by the Personnel Committee and appointed by the National Board.

"On the basis of his opinion letter, a majority of the board has agreed that Vice President Miyazaki and I may, in the exercise of our overall responsibility for the operations of the organization, delegate our authority to one (or more, serially) of the regional directors, to see to it that business continues on at least a maintenance level," said JACL President Denny Yasuhara.

"We have, therefore, selected Bill Yoshino, the Midwest regional



BILL YOSHINO

director, to go to San Francisco and organize an interim staff of temporary employees and volunteers. Bill is the most senior of our regional directors (since 1979) and has prior experience as national director from 1988 to 1991. We hope that the board and the membership will extend every courtesy to Bill and his temporary staff as the organization works its way through this most difficult time.

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# Chicago lawyers greet Paul Igasaki

New vice chair of EEOC returns to home town

The Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Chicago Area (AABA) scheduled a reception for Paul Igasaki, the vice-chairman for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) on Feb. 6, 1995. Igasaki was in Chicago to address the Chicago office of the EEOC.

Igasaki, a Chicago native, was a founding member of AABA and served as its first vice president from 1987-1989. In 1989, he left Chicago to accept a position in Washington, D.C., as representative of the Japanese American Citizens League. He subsequently worked for U.S. Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) and most recently was the executive director of the Asian Law Caucus in San Francisco before being confirmed for his current post by the U.S.

Senate this past autumn. As vice-chairman of the EEOC, Igasaki becomes one of the highest ranking Asian Americans in the federal government.

"I'm delighted to have this opportunity to say hello to old friends and acquaint myself with AABA and its new leadership," he said.

Likewise, Igasaki's many old friends are looking forward to his visit. "AABA is delighted to have an opportunity to celebrate Paul's appointment. Not only is it a milestone in Paul's career, but the appointment of someone of Paul's caliber to this position also represents a milestone for the Asian American community and all Americans," said AABA President Jean Marie R. Pechette. "We're terribly proud of him."

## MDC schedules Chicago event March 10-12

The Midwest District Council meeting has been scheduled for March 10-12 in Chicago at the Radisson Hotel and Suites, East Huron Street, near Michigan Avenue.

The meeting is being held in conjunction with the "Strength & Diversity" exhibit at the Field Museum.

The featured event at the exhibit on the March 11 and 12 weekend is the "Matsuri Weekend," during which many children's performances are scheduled.

Information: JACL Midwest Office, 312/728-7170.

## Masaoka Fellowship seeks candidates

The Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund is currently seeking applicants for its fourth Mike M. Masaoka Congressional Intern Program for the 1995-1996 term.

"The successful candidate will serve his or her internship in the office of an Asian Pacific American U.S. senator or member of the U.S. House of Representatives," said Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, chairman of the fund.

The internship of approximately three and one-half months includes a stipend of \$6,000 provided by the fund. The term will be open for September through December of 1995 or February through May of 1996. The choice of fall or spring term will be arranged by the member of Congress and the awardee. The dead-

line for applications is May 1, 1995.

Candidates must be American citizens, who are in at least their third year of college or in graduate or professional programs. Preference being given to those who have demonstrated commitment to Asian American issues, particularly those affecting the Japanese American community. Communication skills, both writing and speaking, are important.

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Joe Horiye, of San Diego was the first Masaoka fellow. He served his internship with Rep. Norman Y. Mineta of California. Dean Hojo Matsubayashi, of Culver City, Calif., was the second selectee and served his internship with Sen. Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii. The third and most recent selectee was Karen Emiko Makkreel, of San Francisco, Calif., who served in the office of Rep. Robert T. Matsui of Calif.

Interested candidates should contact the National JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA, 94115 for application forms. They may also call: (415) 921-5225 or fax: (415) 931-4671 for information and application forms.

## Telethon, media raise funds for Kobe victims

The International Channel in Los Angeles raised more than \$142,000 in emergency relief aid for survivors and victims' families in Kobe, Japan, through its Feb. 5 telethon.

The five-hour live event was shown to 25 million homes across the country through the International Channel, KSCI-TV in Los Angeles, cable systems around the country and DirecTV. A rebroad-

cast of the telethon is scheduled to air in Japan via cable and satellite.

In addition to the telethon, cable networks and cable and satellite industry leaders pledged their support to the people of Kobe through financial contributions. Among those contributing were: AMC, A&E, B.E.T., Bresnan Communications, DirecTV, The Discovery Channel, Encore Media

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voters. The DOJ's persistent efforts, in partnership with the Asian American community, resulted in fully-translated Chinese-language ballots for the first time ever in New York City.

Under Patrick's leadership, the Civil Rights Division, through the Office of Redress Administration (ORA), has made significant steps to correct the injustice incurred against more than 120,000 Americans of Japanese descent who were unfairly incarcerated in camps during World War II.

The ORA has completed payments to 79,515 eligible Japanese Americans, and expects to make final determinations in outstanding cases. Since its inception, AALDEF has been involved with all efforts to secure redress for Japanese Americans, including public advocacy, legal assistance, and community education. It applauds the DOJ's attention to this violation of civil liberties in U.S. history.

Midori Shimanouchi Lederer and Shamita Das Dasgupta also cited AALDEF as a role model for community leaders. Both award recipients were honored for their leadership in establishing grassroots organizations on behalf of Asian Americans. Lederer spoke

about the time she spent as a teenager in a wartime concentration camp. "It was terrible," she said, "[but] I worked myself out... so we would have a life to face." Lederer founded Japanese American Social Services, Inc. in 1981 to help Japanese Americans in need.

Dasgupta, formerly an AALDEF board member, accepted her award on behalf of the members of Manavi, the women's advocacy group she founded in 1989. She is the first South Asian to receive the "Justice in Action" Award.

Tony Award-winning playwright and AALDEF member David Henry Hwang addressed the sell-out crowd about the significant legal victories that AALDEF achieved in 1994. In addition to the bilingual ballot victory, AALDEF also won political asylum for a Chinese immigrant aboard the Golden Venture freighter; secured major settlements on behalf of Asian American workers who were paid below prevailing wage and an employee facing national origin discrimination; brought federal civil rights suits on behalf of several Asian Americans who successfully challenged police misconduct and brutality; and served more than 1,500 Asian Americans and recent immigrants at its free legal advice clinics.

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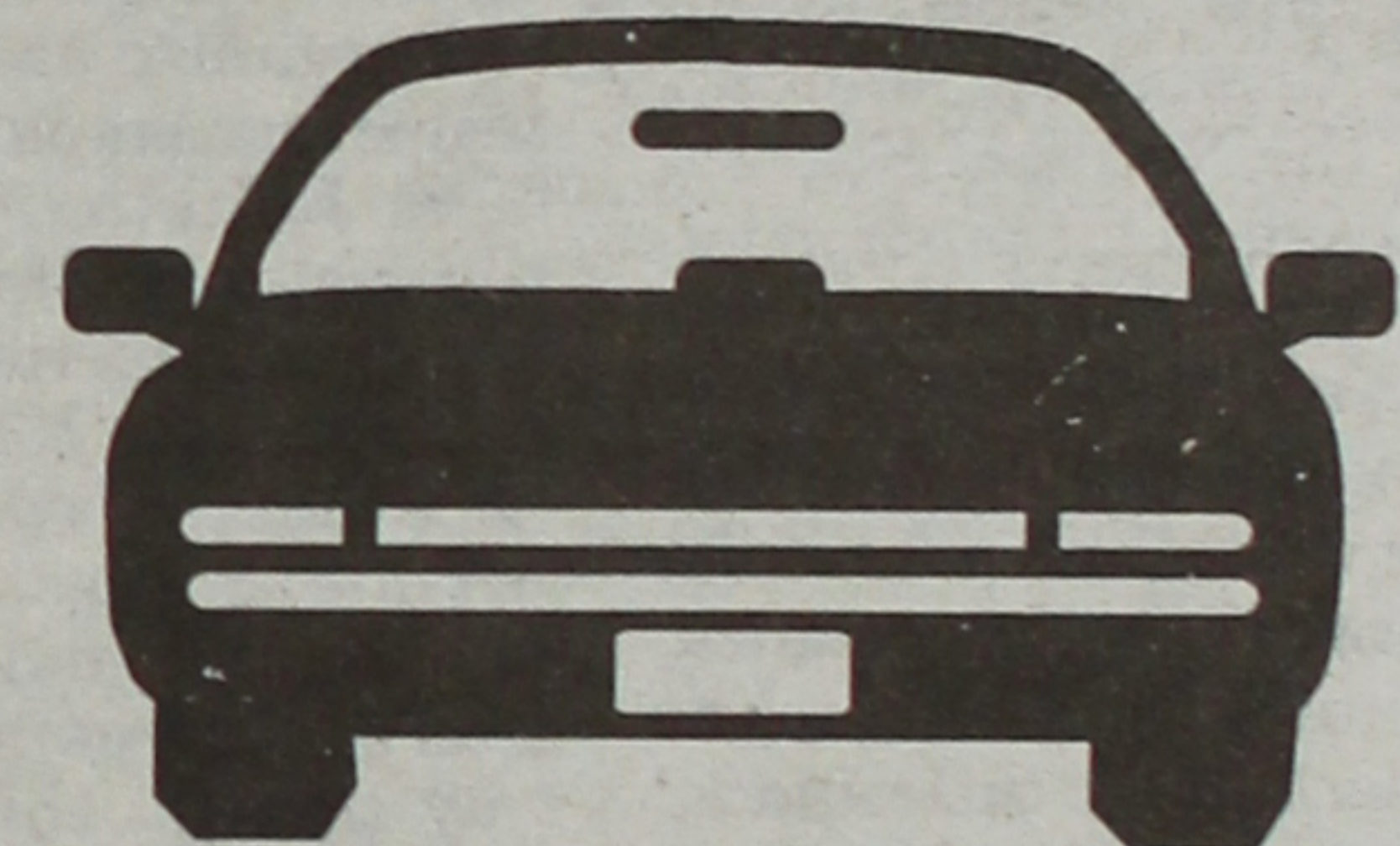
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# Viewpoint

## Ad hoc budget committee report clarified

By GEORGE KODAMA

*Viewpoint is a Pacific Citizen forum for in-depth analyses of key issues affecting the JACL or the Japanese American community in general. Opposing views are welcome. In this Viewpoint, George Kodama, a onetime JACL national treasurer, offers a critique of the JACL National Budget Analysis Committee Report—which was the basis of a Dec. 3-4, 1994, National Board decision to downsize the national staff in San Francisco and the Pacific Citizen staff in Monterey Park. Speaking not as a member of the Venice-Culver Chapter or as a member of the Pacific Citizen Board, Kodama refutes the fundamental conclusions of the Budget Analysis Committee.*

This report, part commentary, part opinion, has been prompted by a compelling need to provide the JACL membership with a balanced portrayal of the organization's current "hot topic." Up to now, you have been bombarded with only one side of the budget controversy. There's more to the issue than you have read.

To start, a critical review of selected items was made, with questions to the national president, of the Nov. 25, 1994, report of the National JACL Budget Analysis Committee appointed by the national president. Simply put, it is the 1995 national budget revised to match what could be preordained results set forth by a certain faction of the national volunteer leadership. This report, also containing a considerable body of narrative/commentary with respect to 1994 and prior years' financial operations, was the predominant agenda item at the Dec. 3, 4, 1994, National Board meeting held in Los Angeles. Thus, the report becomes required reading in order to follow and understand what follows. (See your chapter president for a copy of the original report.)

All told, budgetary matters consumed the bulk of meeting time aggregating some 20 hours, including a marathon Saturday session lasting until 1:30 a.m. So far, so good, except that the National Board met secretly for all, but not much more, than an astounding and barely two hours of open session.

First, the overriding question: Why was it necessary to conduct budget discussions in secret? Most JACLers know that the executive session privilege is limited to certain, but not all, personnel issues and matters of litigation affecting the organization. All three PSWD National Board members state that sensitive personnel matters could have been dispensed with in about 15 to 30 minutes of discussion time.

It's no exaggeration to say that the national budget should be the single most important continuing issue to the membership. The budget answers the basic question, "How are my membership dollars being spent by those who have been entrusted with the stewardship of the JACL?" So therefore, how can the chapters, to whom the report was distributed, make an intelligent evaluation without the benefit of prior open discussion and debate by the national leadership with follow-on reporting in the PC? The National Council does no less.

The next question challenges the composition of the committee. Which of the five appointees, the chair in particular, had the advantage of prior experience with the national JACL budget? And, quite importantly, what is the mechanism by which accountability is enforced, if that becomes necessary, when non-elected people are assigned such a critical task? The constitution/bylaws make no provision for an ad hoc budget committee. Then, too, why was the national treasurer treated like chopped liver and not brought into the pre-report discussion loop? Not to mention the fact that as the nationally elected financial officer he wasn't even given a role in the committee! Doesn't the current national leadership know that the National Finance Committee, consisting of the national president, national treasurer, and the national direc-

tor, exists for the express purpose of dealing with interim financial matters? Why this committee was so arrogantly by-passed also deserves answer. (More on this later.)

At the risk of appearing petty, here's a quick once-over of the mechanics of the report. Unfortunately, it is replete with typos, material omissions, judgmental words, wrong numbers, and erroneous labeling of important data. There are also unfounded suppositions, broad generalizations, and reckless accusations towards the national staff. Are we assured that the report is for internal consumption only, which is bad enough, and that it will not be disseminated without the JACL?

Moving ahead to the report itself, membership renewals for the year 1994 are wrong. Actual numbers for the nine months ended 9/30/94 — plus for all of the previous six years shown — were represented as membership revenue for the entire year by failing to take into account the estimated count for the remaining three months of the year. The same remarks also apply to 1994 membership dues revenue. (More on this later)

Salaries and fringe benefits — always big numbers in the JACL budget — are seriously mislabeled as excluding PC salaries and fringe benefits. In fact, for 1994, PC is included in the overall payroll numbers to the tune of \$175,000 or 22% of the total. Was this an intentional error or just sloppiness?

The report also mentions that membership dues revenues by region are not shown in the books. Hence, the per-member cost of maintaining each regional office could not be determined. I suppose this information could, among other things, measure the effectiveness of each office's membership development program. It could also reveal that certain districts have an inordinately high per-member cost whose continued operations should be reconsidered. Actually, with a little extra effort, regional breakdowns could have been gotten from the business manager.

The committee expresses great concern that the proportion of staff salaries and fringe benefits (incorrectly shown as noted above) to membership dues revenue is a whopping 99.50%. Actually, the committee's 1994 membership dues revenue projections are understated so this percentage is somewhat lower. Besides, what's the committee's point? Other revenue, including that from JACL's investments, are an integral part of a not-for-profit organization's revenue structure. In fact, for many such organizations, financial viability would be severely hampered without relying on revenue other than from membership dues. That is the reason, if providence is on one's side, the buildup of endowment funds becomes a vital part of a not-for-profit organization's total activity.

The 1993 deficit of \$75,000 is an accomplished fact and known to all of us. The projected 1994 deficit of \$187,000 includes a three-month estimate from 10/1/94 to 12/31/94. The good news is that the actual deficit for the year will be significantly less. So why didn't the committee attempt to refine this number, as they were ethically behooved to do, by obtaining the most current data immediately prior to finalizing their report? A telephone call to the business manager would have supplied this information. Or was there some undisclosed purpose in sticking with an estimated deficit that was clearly diminishing, and known to the committee, as the year drew to a close?

Continuing with the deficit discussion, the committee states that "Closer scrutiny reveals that budgetary shortfalls **probably** (emphasis added) began as early as 1990 but were at least partially offset by investment income by (sic) the Legacy Fund." No backup data is offered in support of this assertion. Besides, what's the point? To spread the blame for JACL's current travails over the past five years instead of to just the immediate past national president? Moreover, from an aggregate standpoint, what purpose is served by compart-

mentalizing JACL finances as was done? (See above.) And, what practical difference does it make where the money comes from? It all goes into the same organizational pot.

The committee makes the sweeping statement, "Installation of the centralized membership computer system in April, 1992, contributed significantly to on-going (sic) deficits." No supporting analysis or additional information is given here either. So, in my view, until such time that this issue is examined in greater detail, let's chalk up this remark, again, to a self-serving undisclosed agenda.

Another sweeping statement by the committee, "JACL's reserve fund was depleted prior to 1993," deserves fuller explanation which was not given. Are these kinds of comments derived from an intelligent analysis of the facts, or are they expected to be swallowed whole by what the committee seems to view as a gullible membership? Again, what's the purpose in playing the blame game?

The section of the report dealing with the PC is interesting more for what is omitted than included. For starters, advertising revenue alone for 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994, as shown is wrong. Compared to actual total revenue from all sources, including advertising, this item is overstated by \$81,000. But this number has no real meaning because the actual overstatement of advertising revenue is considerably in excess of \$81,000.

Next, what is truly misleading, amounting to disinformation, it seems to me, is lumping PC salaries with PC overhead. Which, effectively "buries" a significant national expenditure. Again, why, since the data was readily available?

PC's contribution to the national deficit is something that is seldom talked about because, my guess is that few in JACL are aware of it, let alone understanding it. The report is silent on this issue, which simply compounds membership ignorance. To explain, the key element in determining PC's deficit, assuming that PC is being operated efficiently, is its allocation — real money — from the national treasury calculated on total JACL member subscriptions (households) priced at \$12. However, this is only a theoretical price since PC draws money for its operational needs from time to time without regard to its allocation. For all of at least the past six years from 1988 the actual allocation drawn by PC has always gone over this theoretical amount.

So, staying with the four-year PC time frame, as reported, the net operational results for PC were deficits of \$33,000, \$26,000, \$34,000, and \$18,000, for the years 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994, respectively. The 1994 deficit of course is partially estimated and could have been much larger but for five months of monthly PC publication.

The committee raises a number of issues relative to management of the JACL with recommendations. Some of the issues have merit, some of the others must be addressed independently.

1. The committee recommends a "management letter" to be made a part of the next annual audit report. Even if requested of the auditor, this would do little, if anything, "to **improve** (emphasis added) accounting controls and procedures..." Such a letter is more often than not cursory and superficial, and does not address in detail shortcomings in the organization's accounting system short of pointing out obvious and glaring discrepancies, if they indeed do exist. In my view, the national accounting system basically fulfills the requirements of tax compliance, financial reporting, and providing information as requested by the National Board. Further, I am satisfied that there are sufficient controls to assure conservation of JACL's assets. If the committee wants a comprehensive management/operational audit there are plenty of CPAs around prepared to do just that. But that will cost a ton of money beyond the cost of the annual audit.

2. The committee makes the broad decla-

ration that "management responsibilities" should be placed on the shoulders of the staff. The non-policy financial aspects of management already reside with the National Finance Committee. In this regard, the committee seems to have a problem with the voting rights of the National Director arguing "inherent conflict of interest." If that might be the case, are the current and future national presidents and national treasurers, being two against one, total incompetents and not to be trusted? The main point lost on the committee is that the staff is permanent, having withstood scrutiny over a long period of time, and with proven competence and commitment to doing their very best. Sometimes this happens under difficult circumstances not of their choosing. What's happening now is a perfect example of less than ideal working conditions imposed on the staff by others. And, it goes without saying, with no need to belabor the point, volunteers come and go, some good, and some not so good.

3. The committee perpetuates the widely-held attitude that the volunteers are the end-all-be-all of the JACL and the staff, taken to the extreme, should be seen and not heard from unless spoken to. It seems to me that this committee, in particular, is overimbued with notions of self-importance. Their remarks smack of a "we-against-them" mentality which has been the root of some of JACL's recent problems.

4. As for the committee's declaration that staff is responsible for "keeping expenses within budgeted levels..." this a gratuitous statement and strains credulity to the limit. My understanding, correctly, is that the national staff, by itself, doesn't have the authority to spend beyond that which is already budgeted or that which the National Board has not already approved. Is the committee suggesting that the staff is responsible for recent deficits? What a stretch! Creation of recent deficits has been the exclusive province of the National Board. Proper use of the National Finance Committee is the only mechanism by which reckless and irresponsible spending would be held in restraint.

5. The committee talks of a "5-Year Financial Management Plan." Good Luck! My observation of JACL over the past almost 20 years is that the average National Board barely thinks in terms of a two-year horizon, much less five, four or even three years. What I'm seeing currently has not changed my mind.

6. The committee recommends seeking the services of an outside CPA firm to tell the National Board what level of reserves the JACL should strive for. Really, now, I didn't know that CPAs were all that smart! Seriously, it seems to me that this can and should be accomplished internally without outside assistance, which only means more dollars out the door. The point is, given the required leadership talent, who else but those in the JACL know what's best for us?

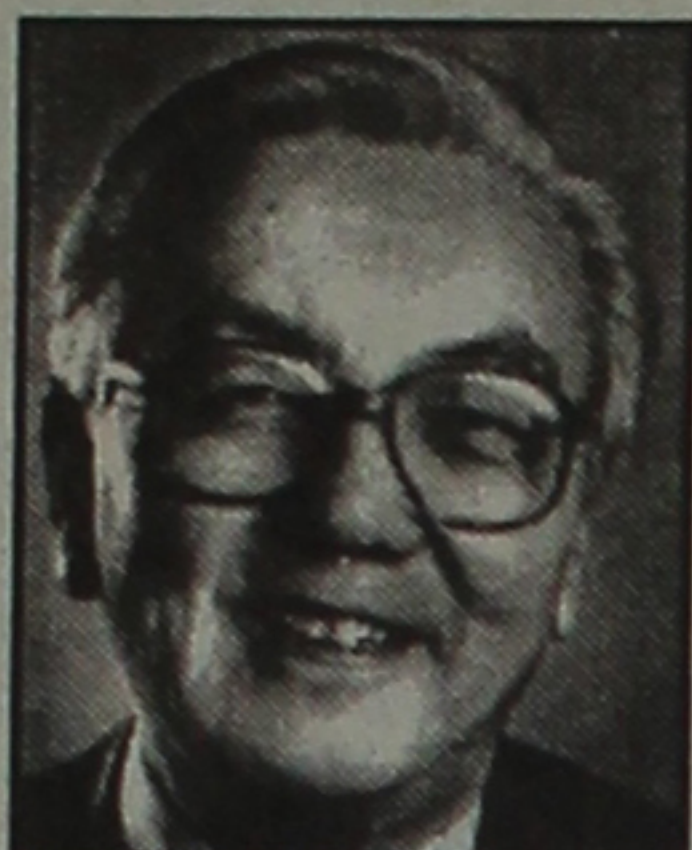
7. The committee does score some points in recommending procedures to monitor the performance of JACL's investments. However, what puzzles me is the remark, "... (JACL) should aggressively (sic) identify appropriate shorter-term, higher-yield investment vehicles." For all practical purposes, this sounds to me like an oxymoron. Generally speaking, isn't it axiomatic that the shorter the term, the lower the yield, and vice versa?

8. The committee's comments regarding the role of JACL's independent auditor needs to be challenged. First, the cost difference between audited financial statements and other types of reports can be substantial. Often, owing to costs, unless imposed by outside creditors, normally, small audit situations (yes, that includes JACL) a full-scale audit is not done. And, aside from procedural differences, any reputable CPA will stand behind his/her work, irrespective of the type of report he has signed off on and whatever disclaimer might appear in his/her report.

9. As to JACL's practice of preparing tax returns internally (by the business man-



## Opinions



## From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

## A mistake heard round the world

The Japanese monthly magazine *Marco Polo*, was executed recently for offering its readers revisionist history as fact. In a major article it said Nazi death camps had never existed and stories about millions of Jews being gassed into oblivion were a Communist fabrication.

When the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles protested, the president of the corporation that publishes *Marco Polo* apologized profusely, relieved the editor of his duties, and as a further gesture of atonement, ordered the magazine killed.

The error in editorial judgment was monumental, but the reaction was drastic. Since *Marco Polo* is, or was, a member of Bungei Shunju, a responsible publishing house, this episode is worthy of more than passing notice.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, who flew to Tokyo to accept Bungei Shunju's apologies, pointed out in a press conference that negative stereotypes about Jews remain common in Japan. "The *Marco Polo* article is one of the latest instances of this kind that have appeared in Japanese media," he noted in

urging a study into the reasons why anti-Semitism sells.

Unfortunately, Jews are not the only victims of harsh treatment in Japan. What has been described as tribalism has led the Japanese over the years to look down on *gaijin*—literally *outside people*—like Koreans, Chinese and more recently, the dark-skinned people of south Asia and Muslim countries who have come to Japan in search of jobs, mostly hazardous and menial. The sense of Japanese superiority is widespread.

Americans also have been guilty of racism and hostility toward outsiders. Only recently has the value of diversity been admitted and promoted. However, that doesn't excuse Japan.

Shinsaku Sogo, publisher of a small monthly publication called *Understanding Japan*, writes in his most recent issue:

"Japanese perception of foreigners seems to swing from one extreme to the other. One extreme is the Japanese admiration for the stereotypical tall, rich, well-educated white man with blue eyes and blond hair. The other extreme is their disdain for foreigners who work at construction sites or as bar hostesses . . .

"Japan needs to learn how to live with foreigners . . . When Japan is able to accept foreigners, and to understand the benefits and challenges that accompany racial diversity, the country will become truly international."

There is no doubt whatever that the Holocaust took place. Yet, for whatever reason there are historical revisionists in Europe and the U.S. who contend the Holocaust never happened, just as there are some who assert the imprisonment of Japanese Americans during World War II was a nice little picnic arranged for their comfort and pleasure by a benevolent government.

*Marco Polo* could have printed what the revisionists were saying and explained that it was nonsense. It made the mistake of presenting the nonsense as truth hitherto concealed from the world in some malevo-

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## Letters

## Former president explains his non-support to letter

I have been asked by several JACLers why my name was not on the list of 14 past JACL national presidents who gave their support to the president and the national board's decision as printed in the January 20-February 2, 1995, *Pacific Citizen*. Shig Sugiyama became the 15th past national president to give such support (PC, Feb. 3-16, 1995).

What troubles me is the request for a blanket support in the name of loyalty to the JACL without being given all the information in the raging controversy. I have no quarrel with the statement that there needs to be a cost-cutting measure to restore fiscal responsibility to the organization.

One of the duties of the *Pacific Citizen* is to keep the JACL membership informed on the issues and problems present and how this is being addressed by the organization. From what I now read, this budgetary problem is not of recent origin. Why was this major problem and its possible solution, or a debate on the solution, not being printed in the PC? Was this thought of as not important for the members to know?

Or, was this lack of information attributable to any board member's action to the PC editor? The answers to the above may be "no."

Another major concern is the lack of involvement of the national staff, those most directly affected in the cost-cutting measure, in trying to reach a practical solution. It made the staff feel that their ideas in the solution did not matter nor important. They are all dedicated JACLers, or they would not be working there. Their inputs were not sought.

The objection I had to the proposed letter of support is that we are being asked to give blanket support without our knowing all the facts. I heard that there is a request by several chapters to the National Board for an open meeting to address the concerns left open by the board's recent decision.

An organization needs to hear directly from its members. An open meeting could clarify many of our concerns.

JACL has faced, and will face again, many hard decisions. By consulting its members in open meetings I feel that the final decision can be better accepted by the organization's widely scattered membership.

One can only speculate today, if the JACL had sought public (Japanese American) inputs during the difficult days in the early 1942, how would that have affected JACL's handling of the crisis and its image today?

Clifford Uyeda  
San Francisco

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## East wind

BILL MARUTANI

## The stockade

EVER SINCE the trek to the Tule Lake concentration camp site this past August, the image of "The Stockade" keeps coming back. The reinforced concrete structure is not particularly large, but it alone stands while all the other buildings have succumbed to the ravages of the past five decades: the administration buildings, the hospital, the tarpapered barracks, etc.—all gone. But the stockade remains, although somewhat scarred by physical vandalism during the past half-century. I walked through the structure, lost in my own thoughts, counting the number of iron stubs protruding from the walls which suggested the number of bunks to each cubicle, wondering what it must have been like to be jailed here. Somewhere along the way, I overheard someone say that at one point as many as 300 Nikkei men were confined in the stockade compound.

MANY PUZZLING QUESTIONS welled up in my mind: Who were these men incarcerated like common criminals? What offense had they committed? Who fixed the standards, if any, and who determined that there was a violation thereof? Had due process been observed? The stringent

Nikkei culture placed a premium upon peaceful behavior and being law-abiding citizens; it is no accident that Nikkei in America had one of the lowest crime rates. What, then, took place that there should be this stockade to imprison Nikkei?

SOME ANSWERS are readily apparent, starting with the wholesale uprooting and confinement of innocent people based solely upon race, the midnight raids by the FBI into the homes of sleeping families, hauling away the father in the presence of his wife and children, to be shipped to unknown destinations. Closely-knit communities were broken up, and family structures were shattered. And into this traumatic milieu came those diabolically designed Questions No. 27 and 28, with barbs to hook the respondent. Any which way.

"#27. Are you willing to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States on combat duty, wherever ordered?"

"#28. Will you swear unqualified allegiance to the United States of America and faithfully defend the United States from any and all attack by foreign or domestic forces, and forswear any form of allegiance or obedience to the Japanese emperor, or other foreign government power or organi-

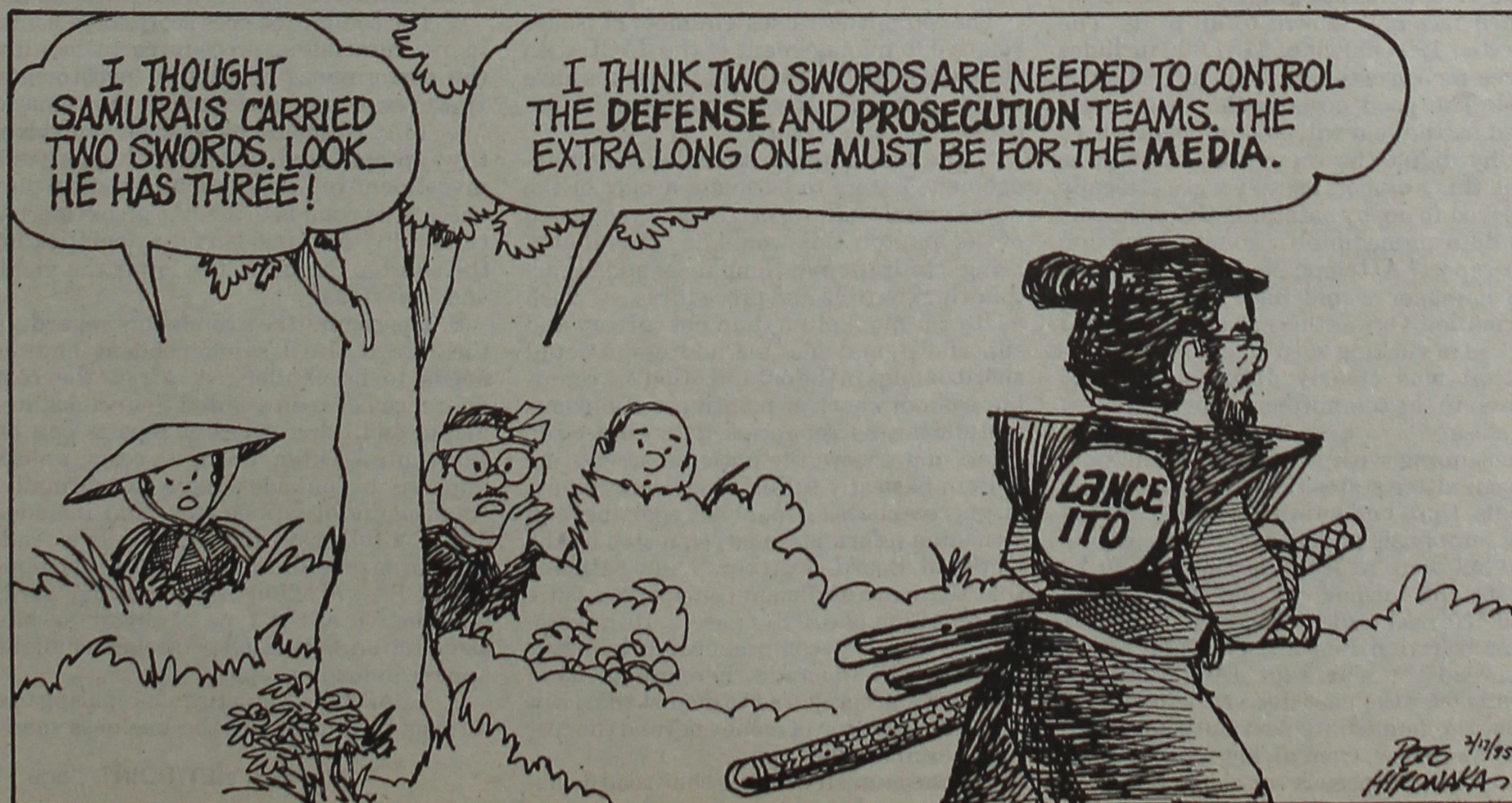
zation?"

Having left Tule in the fall of '42, I was not confronted with the dilemma of having to consider the questionnaire. It's easy to declare in today's setting how one might respond to these questions: The answer would not be printable in a family newspaper. But that's today; what about then? If at that time one answered these two questions as one might today, the authorities would be downright apoplectic. So if a camp inmate gave today's answer back then, why should that constitute a breach of anything, let alone be some criminal act justifying imprisonment? The trio of Hirabayashi, Korematsu and Yasui openly disobeyed what they believed (correctly) to be unjust laws, each being convicted and serving time. Yet, surely they are not considered to be criminals. On the contrary.

Why, then, should those who later chal-

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## Voices

By MICHAEL A. SAWAMURA

## Collective effort overcomes racist cartoon

One chapter, utilizing JACL's vast network, can have a national positive impact in this country. The Sacramento Chapter was recently able to tap into this network to successfully go against three omnipotent entertainment companies and to secure the recall of racist cartoons that were being sold to children throughout the country. More surprisingly, a successful result occurred in less than one week.

This saga began when a member of the Sacramento community, with his grandchildren, watched a Bugs Bunny cartoon which was recently re-released on home videotape through MGM studios. This cartoon, which was produced in the 1940s, was entitled "Nips the Nips." Warner Brothers had sold these rights to Turner Broadcasting, who in turn sold them to MGM Studios for home release.

The cartoon segment in question portrayed Bugs Bunny fighting and making

fun of Japanese soldiers who spoke with heavy Asian accents and were depicted with the stereotypical buck teeth, slanted eyes and glasses. In this cartoon, Bugs Bunny clearly used the terms "Japs," "monkey-face" and "slant-eyes." The cartoon title in and of itself was insulting. The movie also used terms which referred to false physical deformities of people of Asian ancestry. Chapter officers and their children found the cartoon extremely offensive.

The chapter board, led by President Dick Fukushima and Vice President Lori Fujimoto, decided that immediate action was necessary. After all, this cartoon has been, and will be, viewed by thousands of children across this nation. Not only are these cartoons offensive, but they can have a very negative impact on impressionable children as they interrelate with other children in school and in play. What children view in the media and in cartoons can have

a detrimental influence on them, which is especially true with racial stereotypes depicted in cartoons.

After contact was made by chapter officers, NCWNP Regional Director Patty Wada and Vice President of Public Affairs Barry Saiki offered their advice. Because of its proximity to the entertainment companies involved, the PSW office was notified and Vice Gov. Craig Minami immediately began contacting officers in MANAA for assistance. NCWNP Gov. Alan Nishi participated in formulating strategy. Local television press coverage was brought into add further pressure. Chapter officers spent hours calling and drafting letters demanding the recall of these tapes.

Twenty-four hours after contact was made by chapter officers and others, the three movie studios in question agreed to immediately remove all tapes containing this racist cartoon. Through this joint effort by all levels of the JACL, as well as through

its contacts in the media industry, the Sacramento Chapter had a nationwide impact on the re-release of offensive children's videotapes in this country.

The lesson to be learned from the Sacramento chapter's fight against racism is that we all must continue to work together to effectuate positive changes in our country, not only for ourselves, but for our children. One chapter could not have done it alone. It took the JACL team, from our national and regional staff, to our national and district officers, to our network of outside organizations to accomplish what initially seemed to be impossible. The viability of each segment of our national structure is essential to the continued effectiveness of JACL. If we continue to work as a team, we can accomplish almost anything.

*Sawamura is a member of the Sacramento Chapter, JACL.*



## Voices

By HARRY KAJIHARA

## How much belt-tightening for 1995?

How much "belt-tightening" must JACL achieve in 1995 so that deficit spending is avoided? We could establish a fairly accurate target amount in dollar terms by examining the cash flow statements issued by National JACL and contained in the JACL Budget Committee Report dated Nov. 25, 1994. The cash flow statements show monthly cash receipts and cash disbursements. By examining the recent past yearly cash flow statements, we could get a "good" idea of how much money we might expect to receive (projected cash receipts) and how much money we might expect to spend (projected disbursements) for 1995.

**INCOME:** How much money can JACL expect to receive in 1995? Let us examine the yearly cash receipts between 1991 and 1994. Since the Legacy contributions go to the Legacy Fund investment account, let us deduct the Legacy contributions from

the yearly receipt. This will leave just the monies available to pay for JACL operation. Tabulated below are the yearly cash receipts with the Legacy contributions deducted.

Year	Cash Receipt
1991	\$1,107,375
1992	\$1,362,683
1993	\$1,188,410
1994 (Sept. '94)	\$1,095,410

The cash receipts in 1992 are higher than the 1991 receipts by \$255,308 and the 1993 receipts by \$174,273. Why? A partial accounting for these higher cash receipts in 1992 is that the donations totaled \$170,521, while the donations were \$38,074 in 1991 and \$27,928 in 1993. If we adjust the 1992 cash receipts by what appears to be a "normal" yearly donation of about \$40,000,

then the adjusted 1992 cash receipts would be \$1,232,158 (\$1,362,683 minus \$170,521 plus \$40,000). Based on these recent past yearly cash receipts, a "good" estimate of the JACL cash receipts for 1995 is \$1,200,000.

**EXPENDITURE:** Let us now examine the recent trend of yearly expenditures. The disbursements, again deleting the Legacy contributions which are transferred to the Legacy account, are tabulated below:

Year	Disbursement
1991	\$1,234,547
1992	\$1,320,480
1993	\$1,506,075
1994	\$1,499,892 (projected)

It appears that the JACL yearly expendi-

tures have reached \$1,500,000.

**LEGACY EARNINGS:** The Legacy earnings have provided monies for JACL operations. The amounts are \$50,629 in 1991, \$78,203 in 1992, and \$107,781 in 1993. It appears that JACL can project receiving about \$100,000 from the Legacy earnings in 1995. Based on these past records, a "good" estimate of 1995 JACL cash receipts, including \$100,000 from the Legacy earnings, is \$1,300,000. The expenditures have now reached \$1,500,000. To limit disbursements within expected cash receipts, it looks like expenditures must be lowered by \$200,000 in 1995.

**BELT-TIGHTENING:** The quantitative "belt-tightening" amounts to \$200,000 in 1995 to avoid deficit spending.

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## Voices

By ANDY NOGUCHI AND RANDY IMAI

## Firebombings reveal increasing racism

What did we learn from the shocking 1993 firebombings of the Temple B'Nai Israel, Sacramento NAACP, Sacramento JACL, Councilman Jimmie Yee's home, and the Department of Fair Employment and Housing? What did we learn from the year of trials that on Dec. 14, 1994, finally led to the conviction of skinhead Richard Campos on 14 felony counts? Although the firebomber still faces a springtime sentencing when he can get up to 19 years in prison, activists are reflecting on what we've learned from this experience so far.

One lesson is that we need to recognize the rising danger of hate crimes to Asians and others. In recent years, we've seen the increase in racially motivated attacks against Asians. Witness the vandalism against Japanese American businesses around Pearl Harbor Day; hate threats against the Florin Chapter, JACL; a skinhead attack on youths attending a local basketball tournament; and the Stockton schoolyard massacre. Unfortunately, the firebombings weren't an aberration, but show that hate violence can touch all of

us.

Conditions are worsening. Middle and low income Americans experiencing a real loss in income over the past 20 years sometimes look for others to blame. Corporate America, facing stiff overseas competition, often says "Buy American" and "Bash Japan." Opportunist politicians running for election seek immigrant and minority scapegoats. The neo-Nazi racists take this climate as a go-ahead for attacks on innocent people.

Second. We need to prepare our communities for this challenge. We need to educate the public and take on those tough issues that fan the flames of hate.

When the movie *Rising Sun* premiered, it was the right thing to protest the backlash Asian Americans suffered from the negative stereotypes. With Prop 187, it was the right thing to expose its anti-immigrant premise, scapegoating people for California's economic and budget problems. These efforts better prepare us to deal with tragedies like the Sacramento firebombings.

Third. We need a grassroots effort to

push for justice. The ones with the greatest stake against hate are the victims of hate. We are the ones who must push for justice. Grassroots leaders went to countless meetings with law enforcement, prosecutors, and political representatives to press our cause. We packed the courthouse every single day of the trial so the jury could see our concern. We called for justice in public forums and through the media.

Fourth. Asian Pacific Americans need to work in coalition with others. We're all in the same boat. The skinheads weren't out to target one passenger; they were out to sink the whole boat: African, Chinese, Jewish, and Japanese Americans; human rights advocates; members of the gay and Latino communities. Working together and uniting our strength is the big reason we've made progress.

Fifth. We need a broad community-wide front against hate. During the Sacramento firebombings, our elected representatives, led by Mayor Joe Serna, showed real leadership in condemning hate and mobilizing businesses to set up a rewards fund. Law

enforcement, under police Chief Arturo Venegas, made these terrorist attacks its #1 priority. The District Attorney's office pushed hate crime charges and also for a retrial after the first ended in a hung jury on most counts.

Sixth. We need stronger hate crime laws. Tougher statutes need to be on the books, ready to help deal with these terrorists who target not just individuals, but an entire ethnic group.

Today, we await the springtime sentencing of Richard Campos by Superior Court Judge James Ford. Victims plan to testify at that sentencing. People can write their concerns about these firebombings and hate crimes to the Hon. James Ford, Superior Court Judge, County Court House, 720 9th St., Sacramento, CA, 95814.

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## Letters

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# Sacramento accuses PC of failure to publish chapter news

The following letter to the editor and to the JACL National and Pacific Citizen Boards is from Sacramento Chapter members Dick Fukushima, president, Randy Imai, past president, and Michael Sawamura, former chapter president, board member, and also NCWNPDC vice governor. In the letter, they make a number of accusations, among them against Pacific Citizen.

Only the accusations against PC are published here as the remainder of the charges against JACL officials have been regarded as defamatory by their legal counsel.

The PC response to the charges appears below.

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As you already should know, once again, at the last NCWNP district council meeting, complaints were lodged for Pacific Citizen's continued failure to publish articles submitted by chapters. The Sacramento Chapter, for the past two years, have submitted articles and letters to the Pacific Citizen but were not published. We requested information

from the Editor and it was not provided. We even invited the Editor to Sacramento, at the chapter's expense, to address our and other local chapters' concerns regarding the Pacific Citizen's inability to present unbiased and relevant articles to the membership. The Editor did not even have the courtesy to respond to our multiple written requests.

We want to bring two recent examples of Pacific Citizen's failure to publicize important recent events that occurred at the Sacramento Chapter. First, an article was recently co-authored by Randy Imai (past Sacramento Chapter president) and Andy Noguchi (past Florin Chapter president) describing the lessons to be learned from the Sacramento fire bombings. Additionally, this article contained updated information relating to the status or the criminal proceedings arising out the Sacramento Chapter firebombing. We faxed this to the Pacific Citizen on two occasions with a request for publication and they still have not been published. Copies were for-

warded to our District Governor and to the Pacific Citizen District representative at the time or these requests. We have never received any word from the Pacific Citizen as to why this article was not published.

The second request that we submitted was relative to the Sacramento Chapter's attempt and eventual success in having Warner Brothers recalling the children's videotape entitled "Bugs Nips the Nips." Further, our chapter president has not been contacted by any Pacific Citizen representative regarding this story despite two written communications faxed to the Pacific Citizen editor informing him of our chapter's efforts. As you know, this story has received wide publicity by the media. It has appeared on television and radio news in Northern California. It appeared in the Los Angeles Times, and was reported on by a major radio station in Southern California. All major Japanese-American newspapers from New York to Los Angeles to Northern California have carried it. It has appeared on national syndicated

programs such as "Extra." Yet, the Pacific Citizen has apparently not considered this story newsworthy and no information regarding Sacramento JACL efforts has been disseminated to the membership.

Pacific Citizen's continued failure to publish newsworthy chapter events was especially critical with respect to this second incident. A major New York telephone station wanted to interview New York Chapter officers regarding this JACL event. Because the Pacific Citizen did not carry this story at all, the New York Chapter officers did not have the necessary information and the interview was apparently canceled. The JACL lost a golden opportunity for some sorely needed good publicity.

In conclusion, we would respectfully request that the matters addressed in this letter be brought to the National Board, and if applicable, to the Pacific Citizen Board, for immediate action. We would request a prompt written response to each of these concerns. We would request that these written re-

sponses be shared with other chapters and districts who are interested in these issues. Absent exigent circumstances, these issues must not be decided behind closed doors. Accurate and unbiased information should be shared with the general membership through the Pacific Citizen. We really do believe that in order to have continued credibility and effectiveness during this biennium, all chapters must be apprised of these potentially serious issues. Each of you are our national leaders — it is now time to lead by taking prompt and appropriate action to address these concerns.

Please provide us with a written response by Monday, Feb. 13, 1995, before 4 p.m. at our reply fax number which is (916)441-5776.

Sacramento Chapter board members:

Dick Fukushima, president

Randy Imai, past president

Michael Sawamura, chapter past president, board member, and NCWNP vice governor

# PC responds to charges leveled by Sacramento board members

Here are responses to the charges (in bold face type) made by Sacramento Chapter board members Dick Fukushima, Randy Imai and Michael Sawamura:

● **That PC has not published Sacramento Chapter news for the past two years, or published other chapter news as well.**

Listed below are chapter news stories, including those of the Sacramento Chapter, that have been published in 1994. Chapter stories for 1993 are too numerous to list. Some 135 chapter stories appeared in the pages of PC, six of them on the Sacramento firebombings.

1994

1/21/94, p. 1—Sacramento (firebombing); Houston Chapter; Chicago Chapter

1/21/94, p. 4—Seabrook Chapter; Florin Chapter; Japan Chapter; NCWNP; Eden Township Chapter; Hoosier Chapter

1/28/94, p. 1—Honolulu Chapter

1/28/94, p. 3—Chicago Chapter, Contra Costa Chapter.

1/28/94, p. 4—San Fernando Chapter

2/4/94, p. 1—Midwest, JACL, office; Mile-Hi Chapter; Mt. Olympus-Salt Lake Chapter

2/11/94, p. 1—PSW, JACL

2/18/94, p. 7—Riverside Chapter

2/25/94, p. 2—Honolulu Chapter

3/4/94, p. 1—Hoosier Chapter  
3/4/94, p. 3—Cincinnati Chapter

3/4/94, p. 6—Florin Chapter

3/11/94, p. 1—Diablo Valley Chapter, Sacramento Chapter

3/11/94, p. 3 (briefs) Florin, Lake Washington Chapter, Wisconsin Chapter, Mt. Olympus Chapter, Ventura County Chapter

3/18/94, p. 1—Salt Lake City

3/25/94, p. 3—Arizona Chapter

4/1/94, p. 1—MPDC

4/1/94, p. 4—PSW

4/8/94, p. 1—PSW

4/15/94, p. 1—Detroit Chapter

4/15/94, p. 11—Chicago Chapter

4/22/94, p. 1—Dayton Chapter

5/6/94, p. 2—Placer County Chapter, San Gabriel Valley Chapter

5/13/94, p. 1—San Diego Chapter

5/13/94, p. 3—NCWNPDC.

5/20/94, p. 1—San Diego Chapter

6/3/94, p. 1—PSW

6/3/94, p. 5—Washington, D.C. Chapter

7/8/94, p. 1—Florin Chapter (firebombings)

August, 1994, p. 5. Sacramento Chapter (firebombings).

September, 1994, p. 1—Sacramento Chapter (firebombing), Houston Chapter

August, 1994, p. 6—San Mateo Chapter, San Francisco Chapter.

August, 1994, p. 7—Seabrook Chapter, San Francisco Chapter, St. Louis Chapter, Seattle, Puyallup, Lake Washington Chapters.

November, 1994, p. 1—Sacramento Chapter (firebombing)

November, 1994, p. 10—San Fernando Valley Chapter.

December, 1994, Holiday Issue—multiple chapter stories, features.

● **That the Sacramento Chapter invited the editor, at the chapter's expense, to address its concerns regarding the Pacific Citizen's inability to present unbiased and relevant articles to the membership. That the editor did not respond to multiple written requests.**

**Editor's response:** The Sacramento Chapter sent a number of accusatory and hostile letters to me, including one asking for editorial guidelines. I responded to that in a Nov. 24, 1994, memo which was sent to Michael Sawamura; Lillian Kimura, then JACL president; Randy Senzaki, then JACL national director; and the Pacific Citizen chair and board members.

This not sufficing, Mr. Sawamura asked for more information which took considerable time and effort to research and compile. PC Editor Emeritus Harry Honda gathered that material and mailed it to Mr. Sawamura.

The Sacramento Chapter asked me to appear before its board to answer a number of charges. They did not offer to fly me there at their expense. My position was

and is exactly this: Any problems with the editorial management of Pacific Citizen should be addressed to the Pacific Citizen chairperson and board members. I believe that is proper procedure.

**That Pacific Citizen failed to publicize news of the firebombings which occurred in the Sacramento area, as well as the chapter's recent editorial on the incidents.**

**Editor's response:** Please refer to list printed earlier in this article. Dates, with page numbers, of the stories PC has published on the firebombings in Sacramento are included. In 1993, PC published six stories on the firebombings.

As to the recent editorial in question:

On Friday, Jan. 27, 1995, Michael Sawamura faxed me a copy of an editorial written by Andy Noguchi and Randy Imai which had appeared in the "New Year/Spring, 1995," issue of a publication called *Currents*. The date of its receipt of this editorial is still logged in a PC computer.

PC's deadline is the Friday preceding the date of issue. Some JACL members or readers, perhaps those including the Sacramento Chapter, believe that if an article is submitted by deadline it must automatically be published in the next issue.

An editor exercises judgment in these matters, guided by profes-

sional standards and experience.

By Friday, Jan. 27, the next issue of PC, the Feb. 3, 1995, issue was, for the most part, laid out in terms of what articles were to be published and on what page.

The editorial section had been already completed and finalized. I could have bumped an editorial or column to print the Noguchi-Imai column but chose not to because it was not particularly timely—and could wait until the Feb. 17 issue of PC.

Based on the time when it was received and the circumstances, the Sacramento Chapter board members presume that I intentionally refused to print the column. According to the decision I had made on Friday, Jan. 27, the column appears in this issue.

**That the editor did not publish the chapter's recent efforts to recall a racist Bugs Bunny cartoon.**

I think this accusation is mean-spirited. PC received information from the Sacramento Chapter on the Bugs Bunny cartoon six days after the deadline, on Thursday, Feb. 2, two days after the Feb. 3 issue was delivered to the printer. It could not have been published in that issue when the deadline for it was Friday, Jan. 27. Again, the date of receipt is logged in a PC computer for anyone wishing to verify this. We cannot publish a story when we do not receive it.

Accordingly, the story was run in the next issue, this one, on page 1.

## Personally speaking



MIKE HONDA

Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike M. Honda of San Jose was elected the board of supervi-

sors' chairman in January, a position which traditionally rotates among all five board members. Honda represents the South San Jose, Los Gatos, Gilroy, Morgan Hill and unincorporated areas. An educator by profession and one-time San Jose JACL chapter president, he was re-elected to a second four-year term last June. He noted the costly challenge facing county government with the expansion of the criminal justice system because of "three strikes and you're out" law. He also pledged to push women's health programs in the coming year and explore the possibility of a cigarette tax increase to pay for them.

A Seattle city hall "insider," John Okamoto was appointed by Mayor Norm Rice last fall as superintendent of the 1,100-member Engineering Department,

which has a budget of \$283 billion. He previously served as the city's director of personnel.

San Francisco's coveted Distinguished Service Award was presented by Mayor Frank Jordan on Jan. 1 to the Rev. Cecil Williams, pastor of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church, and his wife, Janice Mirikitani, executive director of programs at Glide. The couple also was celebrating their 13th wedding anniversary. Cecil, one of the first African Americans to graduate from Southern Methodist University, is known for his Glide Sunday Celebrations and books. Janice has gained international acclaim as a lecturer, poet and has edited several anthologies.

Janice T. Nishida was named secretary of Maryland's Depart-

ment of the Environment. Nishida, a lawyer who recently served as executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, had worked on environmental and lobbying matters for former Gov. William Donald Schaefer. She was graduated from Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Ore., and received her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Japanese American poet and teacher Mitsuye Yamada will be honored at the "Write On, Women!" 1995 awards dinner of the Southern California Library for Social Studies and Research, Saturday, March 11, in Santa Monica.

Yamada will receive a "Mover and Shaker" Award at the event, which honors outstanding South-

ern California Writers. Born in Kyushu, Japan, and raised in Seattle, Yamada has spent her life exploring her cultural heritage through poetry and social activism. *Camp Notes and Other Poems*, her first collection published in 1976 by Shameless Hussy Press, gave personal voice to her childhood experiences after her family was removed to an Idaho concentration camp during World War II.

Yamada has taught Asian American literature and creative writing in Southern California for more than 23 years and is the founder and coordinator of Multicultural Women Writers of Orange County. She is currently an active member of Amnesty International.



## VIEWPOINT

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ager), what's wrong with that? A reputable CPA will allow, even encourage, the preparation of any and all tax returns in-house providing, of course, such capability exists within the organization. Then, of course, such returns would be subject to review. The committee fails to see this as a major cost-saving opportunity for, in JACL's case, it would be self-defeating to do otherwise. As a licensed California CPA, JACL's business manager is fully qualified to perform such tasks.

10. The committee's comment on JACL's potential tax problem stemming from its PC operations has already been brought to the attention of the PC Board chair at the last *Pacific Citizen* Board telephone meeting. I would hope that this issue can be addressed by a volunteer team of qualified professionals sometime during the current biennium. Since this is a highly technical issue it should be dealt with appropriately and not in one short and simplistic paragraph.

11. The committee has, by what appears to be some sort of board game, violated the basic tenet of management by assuming total authority for itself and foisting total responsibility onto the staff. It will suffice to say that authority and responsibility go hand in hand, within certain prescribed limits, as between the National Board and staff. Once again, the committee is perpetuating the volunteers vs. staff syndrome to the disservice of the organization.

12. The committee's laundry list of recommendations, 32 to be exact, have, in part, already been commented on in the foregoing paragraphs. Some are meritorious in their own right and a few of the others are worthy of further study. The remaining recommendations not addressed above are either overlapping, gratuitous, and were conceived in ignorance of the fact that the JACL now and for some time to come must necessarily operate in a retrenchment mode.

The final part of the report represents the essence of the committee's efforts. Which is the revised 1995 budget adopted at Salt Lake City adjusted for downward revision of revenue estimates of \$255,600 offset by spending cuts of an equal amount. Thus, once again, we have a balanced budget except for a different set of numbers.

In this connection, several points require elaboration. First, the revenue estimates appear to be deliberately understated — as previously mentioned — so that certain spending cuts may be justified. The Annual Giving Program alone, thanks to Grace Uyehara, has already exceeded \$97,000 as of 12/31/94. Further, the 65th anniversary dinner at Los Angeles on 12/2/94, thanks to Pacific Southwest District leadership under Gov. Ruth Mizobe, will throw off somewhere between \$20,000 and \$25,000, maybe more, as national's 50% share. And, additional 1994 membership dues revenue estimated by the staff at \$18,000 was cavalierly dismissed by the committee at the 12/3/94 National Board meeting as gazing into the wrong "crystal ball!"

While the revenue adjustments aggregating at least \$135,000 are allocable to JACL's 1994 operations, they do have the effect, naturally, of mitigating the 1994 deficit with the resulting creation of money in the bank at 12/31/94 of about \$60,000. This carryover money does not include the \$20,000 to \$25,000 which remains to be paid over to the national treasury. Recall that initial estimates foresaw a doomsday scenario which would have jeopardized payment of staff payroll, rents, etc.

As for spending cuts, the committee approached this issue in a most unique way. What should have been a joint committee-staff endeavor was relegated to the staff who were asked to come up with

their version of where cuts should be made. As it turned out, actually, practically all of the staff-recommended cuts were incorporated in the new budget. In fact, staff even came up with their version of a balanced budget.

Much has been said through the PC and letters to the chapters that staff, during the pre-report information gathering stage were both uncooperative and late in sending requested information. In short, nothing could be further from the truth. What the committee failed to do was properly use the data given to them. They also had difficulty in deciding precisely what information was needed for their purpose. Naturally, this had the effect of unduly prolonging the committee's working time span and unjustifiably scapegoating the staff.

In fact, and incredibly, the staff was not on the original report distribution list. A copy was finally obtained on 12/1/94, barely two days before the National Board meeting and only after request was made of the national president by the national director. Allowing for review and preparation of their response — on the airplane from SFO to LAX and at the L. A. Regional Office on Friday, 12/2/94 — the staff managed to complete their report in time for the 12/3/94 National Board meeting.

To wrap up the critique of the report itself, any mention of a publication schedule for the PC other than bimonthly is conspicuous by its absence. The PC on a previous occasion estimated total savings (net of ad income) of upwards of \$60,000 if PC were to be published monthly instead of bimonthly. Why did the committee not disclose this vital piece of information? The fundamental requirement of this type of report should have been full disclosure. Sadly, this requirement was not honestly met.

Regarding events subsequent to the release of the report, it seems to me that the full scope of the staff restructuring program as conceived by the National Board should be reexamined in the light of newly disclosed budget adjustments. The original report was a fallacious document and should be looked at as such for personnel changes, and for all other purposes that my come to hand in the weeks to come. Such reexamination would constitute a true act of honesty for, by doing so, the National Board would effectively dispel whatever questions some members have expressed about its motives.

Finally, if you have gotten this far, I thank you. Budget discussions are not the sexiest of reading matter, and, truth be told, I don't relish the role of a one-man truth squad, but somebody has to do it, I guess.

## EAST WIND

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lenged those two questions in the negative, be viewed any differently?

**THOSE WERE STRESSFUL** times for Nikkei in the United States, having been singled out for unjust treatment visited upon no other group in America. As I say, I was not there at the time; I was not confronted with having to make the Hobson's choice. It is not my place to pass judgment upon the elections made, pro or con, by Nikkei under those nightmarish circumstances. Perhaps the stockade continues to stand at Tule for a purpose: as a stark physical reminder to us of gross injustices of those times.

## HOSOKAWA

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lent plot.

That was an embarrassment to common sense. Japanese Americans who often are blamed unfairly and illogically for Japan's errors and shortcomings, should condemn Bungei Shunju's stupidity and applaud its quick apology and convincing gesture of atonement. But still unanswered is the question about what Bungei Shunju will do to educate its editors and readers.



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## Death Notice

**ICHIKO JANE HORIUCHI**

Ichiko Jane Horiuchi, 93, Los Angeles, CA, passed away on Feb. 2 at Japanese Retirement Home. Memorial services were held on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Fukui Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Shunji Mizoguchi of Los Angeles Holiness Church officiating. The deceased is survived by her husband, Kenji; daughter, Bebe Toshiko Reschke; a granddaughter, Kristina Reiko Reschke; sister, May Tetsuko Wakamatsu; brother-in-law, Yoshitaka Horiuchi of Japan.



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## Obituaries

**Doi, Kazue, 79**, Los Angeles, Jan. 1; Laguna-born, survived by son James K, daughter Aiko Chibana, 3gc., 7 ggc, brother and sister in Japan.

**Hagiwara, Namiko, 81**, San Francisco, Nov. 24; Honolulu-born, survived by daughter Tanako, 2 gc.

**Hamasaki, Toshihiro, 95**, San Mateo, Dec. 21; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Ishino, daughters Toshie Kato, Sadako, Hideko Ichijui, gc., ggc.

**Hamatake, Eddie, 85**, Sacramento, Jan. 4; Sacramento-born, survived by wife Bertha, daughters Sylvia Obinata, Diane Mockley, gc., ggc., sister Miyoko Aoyagi.

**Hashimoto, Kiyoko, 91**, San Jose, Nov. 24; Okayama-born, survived by husband Masao, daughters-in-law Kiyoko, Rose, 3 gc, ggc.

**Higashi, Larry T, 33**, Orange, Dec. 11; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Miyako, parents Nobuo/Noriko, sisters Janice Roark, Theresa Cantrell (Bremerton, Wash.).

**Hirakawa, Yoshiye, 91**, Pinole, Nov. 2; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Yoshio, Fumio, daughters Fumiko, Harue, gc., ggc.

**Hirano, Takako, 95**, Seal Beach, Dec. 11; Ishikawa-born, survived by daughter Inako Nafarrete, 3 gc., 5 ggc.

**Hiraoka, Rose H, 79**, Seattle, Nov. 26; survived by husband Willy, daughters Joyce (San Francisco), Irene Murata (Modesto), son Stan (Kirkland), 4 gc.

**Hirata, Sadako, 93**, Gardena, Dec. 21; Okayama-born, survived by sons Tosh, Thomas, Frank, daughters Meri, Yoshiko, Frances Kushi, Terumi Hashimoto, 5 gc.

**Hiromoto, Fred T, 66**, Richmond, Dec. 23; Calif.-born, survived by wife Mary, daughter Sharon (Pleasant Hill), sister Yuriko Wada (Berkeley), brother Kazuo.

**Hirose, Bill T, 78**, Gig Harbor, Wash., Oct. 24; former Long Beach, Calif., resident, survived by wife May, daughter Nona Lynn Norton (Fox Island, Wash.), 2 gc., brothers Marshall, Ernest, sisters Elsie Yoshida, Lucy Konda, Ruth Ishizaki, Martha Kurihara.

**Hirosu, Harvey H, 72**, Rio Vista, Nov. 12; Walnut Grove-born, survived by wife Ayako, sons Randy, Michael, Spencer, Dennis, 4 gc., brothers Roy, Gary, sisters Dorothy Shiraki, Midori Yamamoto.

**Honda, Masanobu, 75**, Culver City, Dec. 28; Lompoc-born, survived by wife Jane, daughters Patricia, Jacqueline Ikegami (Newhall), son Lawrence, brother Bill (Santa Barbara).

**Honda, Thomas K, 84**, Gardena, Dec. 24; Ehime-born, survived by wife Aiko, sons Richard, Frank, daughter Emiko Minami, 1 gc, sister Misako Honda (Jpn).

**Honma, Stuart E, 37**, Carson, Dec. 1 in auto accident; Hawaii-born Sansei, survived by fiancée Lillian Honma, parents Hideo and June, brothers Scott, Eric, Logan.

**Honnami, Suwa, 96**, San Francisco, Oct. 25; Hiroshima-born, survived by daughters Sumi, Taeko Nagano, Etsuko Taniguchi.

**Horii, Aiko, Los Angeles, Jan. 18**; survived by husband Samon, son Ronald, daughters Jane Cook, Joyce Chung, 4 gc., sister Kimie Nagai, brothers Masaharu and Yoshinori Nagai.

**Horikawa, Jack S, 74**, Gardena, Dec. 8; Riverside-born, survived by son Harvey, daughter Judy, 1 gc, brother Henry, sisters Margaret Kumagai, Mina Goto, Jane Murakami.

**Ida, Kazuko Constance, 76**, Los Angeles, Jan. 3; L.A.-born, survived by husband Roy M, son Bruce, daughter Cecilia Yuba, 2 gc., 2 ggc, brother Jack Tanaka, sister Kimiko Hall, in-law Rose Tanaka.

**Igawa, Julia, 71**, Fresno, Oct. 21; Los Altos-born, survived by brother Jack Igawa, sisters Masako (Jpn), Alice Tsuboi.

**Ikemoto, Masaru, 72**, Long Beach, Dec. 11; Inglewood-born, survived by wife Hideyo, son Lee, daughters Ann Walker, Yuki Burke (Colo.), 6gc., brother George, sisters Jane Ikeda (Utah), Nancy Kaisaki.

**Imamura, Toyohisa, 65**, Santa Clara, Oct. 30 in Japan; Oita-born, survived by wife Helen, sons Nicholas, Philip, Peter, daughter Cecilia.

**Imanaka, Kazuko, 67**, Daly City, Jan. 10; Kyoto-born, survived by son Hiroyuki, daughter Tomoko Kawaguchi, 1 gc.

**Ito, Dorothy Y, 81**, Sacramento, Jan. 17; Newcastle-born, survived by brothers George Matsumoto, Frank, William, sisters Mary Ota, Gladys Gogetsu.

**Iwamoto, Rikio D, 77**, Fowler, Jan. 11; Fowler-born, survived by wife Hisako, son Glenn, 2 gc., brothers Jitsuo, Douglas, Tsutomu.

**Kakuda, Mary M, 70**, Mission, Texas, Dec. 27; Swink, Colo.-born, survived by husband Joe, son Jack, 5 brothers Jinji, Roy (Linden, Calif.), Tom, Butch (Stockton), Don, 4 sisters Yoshiko Hori, Susan Motoke (Linden), Arlene Tsujimura (Los Angeles), Judy Kumagai (San Jose).

**Kawaguchi, Hiro, 70**, Port Hueneme, Dec. 13; Campbell-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Betty, sons Michael, Steven, stepson Dan Patlak.

**Kawamura, Hajime, 61**, Palos Verdes Estates, Dec. 22; Tokyo-born TDK USA Corp. executive, survived by wife Iyoko, son Yoichi.

**Kawashima, Herbert H, 65**, Los Angeles, Dec. 27; South Dos Palos-born Korean Conflict veteran, survived by wife Lillian, daughters Janet Michel, Jeanne Yuter, 2 gc, mother Haru, brothers Tak, Robert, sister Fumi Kawashima.

**Kobata, Nancy M, 71**, Laguna Niguel, Jan. 3; Terminal Island-born, survived by husband Yurao, son Glenn, daughter Jackie Hada, 3 gc, brother Yoshiyuki Masuda, sisters Setsumi Nakajima, Sumiko Kobata.

**Koga, Takao, 81**, Los Angeles, Dec. 30; Acampo-born, survived by daughters Diane Castillo, Jeannette Diaz, Arline, 6 gc., 5 ggc., brother Nobuichi Kosugi.

**Koizaku, Asamatsu, 95**, Loomis, Dec. 2; Kumamoto-born Placer County JACL member, survived by sons Kenny, Bob, daughter Alice Sakai, gc. and ggc.

**Kumamoto, Frank 'Match', 83**, Los Angeles, Jan. 20; Glendale-born WWII-MIS veteran, retired pharmacist, first Nisei L.A. Bowling Assn. board member, survived by son Alan, 2 gc., sister Ada Masuda, predeceased by wife Julia Suski.

**Kuroda, Sadami, Denver, Dec. 19 (sv)**; survived by husband Shogo, sons Kent, Donald, daughter Linda Glover, 5 gc., brothers Herbert, Robert Okamoto, sisters Harriet Okamoto, Midori Nagasawa.

**Masaki, Suzuko, 64**, Rosemead, Dec. 22; Saitama-born, survived by husband Stanley, son Steve, brothers and sisters in Jpn.

**Masuda, Kiyoshi, 72**, Los Angeles, Jan. 5; Ramsey, Calif.-born survived by wife Alice, sons Ronald, Rodney.

**Masui, Frank N, 94**, Fowler, Jan. 9; Hawaii-born, survived by sons Kazuo, James, Katsuyuki George, Roy, Jackson, daughters June Masae Gibson, 13 gc., 3 ggc.

**Matsubara, Nobuo, 86**, Los Angeles, Jan. 3; Wakayama-born, survived by wife Shizu, sons Fred, John, 1gc.

**Matsumoto, Florence K, Whittier, Dec. 23**; Sacramento-born, survived by husband Ayao, daughters Kim Aranda, Aya Matumoto, sisters Motoko Tanaka, Mary Mori, brother Harry Oshiro.

**Mitsuuchi, Gary S, 39**, Oxnard, Dec. 23; Los Angeles-born Sansei, survived by parents Yukio and Shizuko, brothers Paul, Brent (Merced), grandmothers Kuma Mitsuuchi, Masako Yamamoto.

**Miyamoto, Hoshito 'Oyster', 76**, Monterey, Nov. 22; Monterey Peninsula JACL president ('57), survived by daughters Carole Miyagishima, Diane Ueda, son Alan, brothers Maya, Gordon.

**Moriyama, Yoshitaka, 75**, Richmond, Jan. 17; San Francisco-born, survived by wife Chiyoiko, son Yutaka, daughter Chie Wei, gc, sister Fumie Matsuno.

**Nakaki, George Hidenobu, Los Angeles, Jan. 24 (sv)**.

**Nakamura, Margaret Grace, Chicago, Jan. 21 (sv at Gardena)**; survived by daughters Jane Hidaka, Aline Kawasaki, Arline Sumida, 5 gc., 3 ggc., brother Henry Yamagata, sister Helen Koyama.

**Nakamura, Motohiro, 75**, El Cerrito, Dec. 3; survived by wife Akiko, daughters Karen Sano, Diane Yokoyama, stepchildren Lisa, Carol, Craig and Sharon Ikami, 5 gc., sister Kimiko Shibata, brother Fred.

**Nakamura, Some, 96**, San Jose, Nov. 29; Wakayama-born, survived by sons James, Ray, daughters Tsuyako Yamamoto, Yoriko Kinaga, Michiko Matsunaga, Atsuko Ozawa, 18 gc., 13 ggc.

**Nakamura, Toki, 85**, San Jose, Jan. 20; survived by daughters Masuko Coutts, Keiko Nakamura, Katsuko Nakamura, 4 gc., 7 ggc., 2 gggc.

**Nakanishi, Mary, 74**, San Jose, Nov. 16 (sv); Lodi-born, survived by husband Joe, daughter Louise Kinoshita, son Dr. Alan (Concord), 5 gc., brother Jack Kambara (San Luis Obispo), sisters Lydia Ota, Kimiko Matsumura (both Stockton), Ruth Terakawa.

**Nakano, Iseo N, 78**, Montebello, Jan. 21; survived by son Alan, sister Shizue Ishii.

**Nakano, Judith F, 29**, Rolling Hills Estates, Dec. 22 in auto accident; Harbor City-born Sansei, survived by parents Dr. Kazuo and Junko, brother Stephen, grandmother Chiyoko Tawa.

**Nishimura, Kimiye, 98**, Hayward, Jan. 10; Tottori-born, survived by sons Luther (Sacramento), Oliver, Roy (San Leandro), daughter Edith Sato (Sacramento), 6 gc., 3 ggc., brothers Paul Shinoda (Santa Barbara), Daniel (San Leandro), sister Shige Sakai (Calistoga).

**Okino, Curtis, 72**, Los Angeles, Dec. 26; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Joyce, daughter Jodie Ayame, mother Ayame, brother Katsumi, sisters Fumi Kagawa, Sachiye Takamoto.

**Oshimo, Jerry Takao, 92**, Gardena, Nov. 29; Hiroshima-born, survived by daughter Jean Furuya, 2 gc.

**Ozaki, Kazue, 93**, Gardena, Dec. 28; Ishikawa-born, survived by sons Howard, Roy Akira (Sunnyvale), 5 gc., 8 ggc., sister Toshiko Mtsushita (Jpn).

**Sakamoto, Kazue, 89**, Santa Clara, Nov. 6; Kumamoto-born, survived by sons Toshio, George, daughters Etsuko Sakashita, Fumiko Yamaguchi, 17 gc., 10 ggc.

**Sakoda, Haruko, 70**, Lodi, Jan. 1; Stockton-born, survived by husband Jimmy, sons Jim Jr., Raymond, gc.

**Sakurai, Helen S, 93**, Los Angeles, Jan. 2; Hyogo-born, survived by sons William, Fred, daughters Helen Shishino, Florence Ray (Texas), 15 gc., 6 ggc., daughters-in-law Beth Setsuko and Ruby Takako Sakurai, sister Yoshiko Hamao 9Jpn).

**Sato, May Meiko, 61**, Ontario, Ore., Jan. 19; Salem-born employee at Iseri Produce and Saito Farms, survived by mother Masako, brothers Dave (San Bruno, Calif.), Allen (La Grande), sisters Janet, Karen Grange (Clackamas), Kim Howland (Portland), Patti Sato-Ortmann (Maui), Kristy Goff (Portland).

**Shigemori, Grace, 79**, San Jose, Oct. 31; survived by husband Frank, sons Fred, Robert, daughter Janice Kaya.

**Shikano, Fred I, 92**, San Jose, Jan. 14; Fukushima-born, survived by stepchildren Irene Saiki (San Francisco), Frank Tsutsumi (Menlo Park), Raymond Tsutsumi (Los Gatos), 6 gc., 10 ggc., predeceased by wife Umematsu Tsutsumi Shikano.

**Shiroma, Francis S, 74**, Gardena, Dec. 25; Hawaii-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Yukiye, son Scott, daughters Linda Kaneshiro (Hawaii), Kristine Foster, Diane Newman, 4 gc, brothers Stanley (Las Vegas), James, sisters Mieko Norr, Nancy Chen (all in Hawaii), Amy Brock (Ga.).

**Suzuki, Fukie, 82**, San Mateo, Nov. 11; Wakayama-born, survived by sons Yasukazu, Seiji, Saburo, gc and ggc., brother Masao Akagaki.

**Takahasahi, Bill Kikuo, 76**, Fullerton, Dec. 30; Colorado-born, survived by wife Kazuko, son Dennis, daughters Janet Miller, Judy, Jean, 1 gc., brothers Tadashi, Katsumi.

**Tamari, Masako, 79**, San Jose, Dec. 5; Hawaii-born, survived by son Akira, daughter Sally Satoko Jew, 5 gc., 1 ggc.

**Tanaka, Satsumi, 96**, San Francisco, Jan. 9; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Isago, Tomoyuki, daughter Setsuko, 6 gc., 1 ggc.

**Togioka, Ken, 69**, Gardena, Dec. 27; Reedley-born, survived by wife Maye, son Mark, daughters Susan Miya, Cathy Contreras, 2 gc, brothers Hiroshi, Noboru, Johnny, sisters Tisato Kobayashi, Chizuyo Dobashi, Sayoko Otani.

**Tsurumoto, Fumiko, 75**, San Jose, Nov. 1; survived by sons Leonard, Richard, daughter Becky, 3 gc.

**Uyeoka, Tetsuyo, 100**, Saratoga, Dec. 28 in Sacramento; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Yoshio, daughters Mitsuko Aoki, Jean Akiyama, 10 gc., 12 ggc.

**Watanabe, Taul, 75**, Bellevue, Wash., Dec. 28 of cancer; Salem, Ore.-born business executive, philanthropist and benefactor, survived by wife Sachi, sons Brett, Guy, daughters Laani Gazeley, Leslie (Rancho Mirage), 5 gc., sister Hoshi Yamada (Manassas, Va.), brother Shig (Denver).

**Watanabe, Toyoko, 72**, Seattle, Dec. 7; Puyallup-born, survived by husband Edward, daughters Phyllis, Anne, son Wayne, 2 gc., sister Sueko.

**Yamaji, Mitsuye, 65**, Mountain View, Jan. 4; Florin-born, survived by daughter Sharon Nolen, sons Kenneth, Richard, 4 gc, mother Tsune Tahara, brothers Shiro, Goro, Shig, sister Yoshiko Yamataka (Jpn).

**Yamaoka, N. Ernie, 89**, Scarborough, Ont., Dec. 6; Shimane-born and Canada's first Issei architect (1935), postwar architectural team chief for City of Montreal.

**Yamashita, Tokuno, 94**, San Jose, Jan. 13; Wakayama-born, survived by sons Kaname, Shoji, 5 gc., 6 ggc.

**Yokomi, Joe, 68**, Fresno, Dec. 31; Fresno-born, survived by mother Tsunayo, brother Akira, sisters Takako Asanuma (Jpn), Nobue Dohisaki, Akemi Sakazaki.

**Yokoyama, Fred S, 73**, Temecula, Jan. 20; El Monte-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Katherine, daughter Christine Hughes, Alison Hamamoto, Jeri Evans, 3 gc, brother Masami, sister Midori Nakanishi.

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