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JACL leaders critical of California Civil Rights Initiative

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) cautioned the California citizenry to examine closely the implications of the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI). Commenting on the measure, Denny Yasuhara, JACL president, said, "The initiative, should it become law this fall, could fortify the growing racial intolerance by being viewed as public endorsement for, increased racial hatred in America. With restrictions on public services to immigrants and budget cuts to the poor,

minority bashing has become an American pastime. On the face of it, the CCRI may appear innocuous but its implications go far beyond just a civil rights matter."

Herbert Yamanishi, JACL national director, added that "the passage of such laws will also increase tensions between the minorities as they turn on those closest to them. Asian Americans, as a group, have been very vocal in questioning the admissions procedures of America's colleges, universities and prep schools. How-

ever, it appears that Asian Americans, singular concern to change admission procedures has been used to buttress the broader elimination of affirmative action in all forms of public service." Yamanishi cautioned, however, "the real reason for the CCRI could be to stir up racial hatred within the minority community."

Yasuhara pointed out that "the O.J. Simpson case resulted in minorities bashing each other in the streets of Los Angeles while the majority almost gleefully debated

the pros and cons of the trial. The Los Angeles riots of 1992, marked the first time that minorities fought so viciously against each other."

"The JACL will begin a state-wide effort to educate its membership and others about the long term implications, should CCRI become law," Yasuhara said. "There will be little improvement in diversity and tolerance without affirmative action, and our nation will continue its downward trend in our position of leadership

among the world of nations... we cannot depend upon wars and conflict to demonstrate our leadership," said Yasuhara,

The Japanese American Citizens League is the oldest and largest Asian American organization of its kind in America. The JACL is a citizenship and educational organization dedicated to advancing the rights of all Americans as well as the Japanese American, according to Yamanishi.

Sacramento-area affirmative action group organized

Some two dozen Sacramento-area organizations have formed the Asian Pacific Americans for Affirmative Action to ensure their views are heard on the controversial topic sweeping the country.

"Asian Pacific Americans do not want to be stereotyped as the 'model minority,'" says Andy Noguchi, chair of the newly formed organization and a member of the Florin Chapter, JACL. "We reject those who say we do not need affirmative action. Despite educational achievement, barriers still exist for Asian Pacific Americans, especially in employment.

"Contrary to what the (California) governor (Pete Wilson) or people like CCRI advocate Ward Connerly say, many Asian Pacific Americans vigorously support affirmative action," Noguchi said. "That is why we formed this group; we want the public to hear other voices—voices that represent our very diverse community."

Asian Pacific Americans for Affirmative Action will introduce Asian Pacific Americans who want to say why they support affirmative action. They include a Chinese American businessman who succeeded in highly competitive State contracting because of programs that encourage minority participation, a Cambodian American teacher who was influenced to enter the profession because of a program that sought minority students possessing bilingual/bicultural skills, and a Japanese American criminal justice expert who pioneered the implementation of affirmative action programs in state and local government.

Here are speakers representing the organization:

• **Mary Philip:** Philip is an Equal Employment Opportunity chief for the state of California and the past president of the Asian Pacific State Employees Organization.

She is active in many Native American groups.

• **Denny Yasuhara:** Yasuhara is the national president of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the largest and oldest Japanese American civil rights organization, with 114 chapters and 20,000

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REMEMBER THESE?—Stereotypical images collected for "Out of Focus: Media Stereotypes of Asian Pacific Americans" exhibit are on display through May 12 at Seattle's Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 -7th Avenue South.

Asian stereotyping

Out of focus, out of time, out of line . . .

By HARRY K. HONDA
Editor emeritus

The Wing Luke Asian Museum explores media representations

What has been a *cause célèbre* inside Asian American organizations and among individuals has drawn the clinical eye of the Wing Luke Asian Museum and its award-winning director Ron Chew.

The exhibit, "Out of Focus: Media Stereotypes of Asian Pacific Americans" which opened in mid-January, ends May 12.

Chew explained that the idea for the exhibit developed several years ago when a group of Asian Americans, including guest curators Connie So and Shawn Wong from the University of Washington Asian American Studies Department, wanted to study the roots of stereotypes which have plagued their Asians in books, music, comics, advertising and the media.

Many examples on display come from private collections that depict the five common Asian stereotypes: devious villain, subservient helpmate, martial artist, mysterious sage and exotic plaything.

One comic book cover shows a fiendish-looking, animalistic round-faced guy pointing a pistol to illustrate the adventure entitled, *Manchu Terror*. Two other examples: a Chinese checkers game board showing a caricatured man with bright yellow skin and chopsticks; songsheet for *My Little China Doll: Oriental Serenade* with lyrics, "In Lime House, where yellow chinkies love to play..."

Many of the artifacts came from Victor Kubo, a Sansei who has been gathering them for nearly 20 years. He told *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* reporter Vanessa Ho of the first piece he bought—a grotesque bust of a woman who was supposed to be Asian. "I was offended by it, but fascinated. Here was this image that other people thought was Asian. And it was ridiculous."

Kubo started collecting Fu Manchu comic books, figurines and Chinese

checker boards. As these distorted images reappear from era to era, he added, his collection lends a historical perspective.

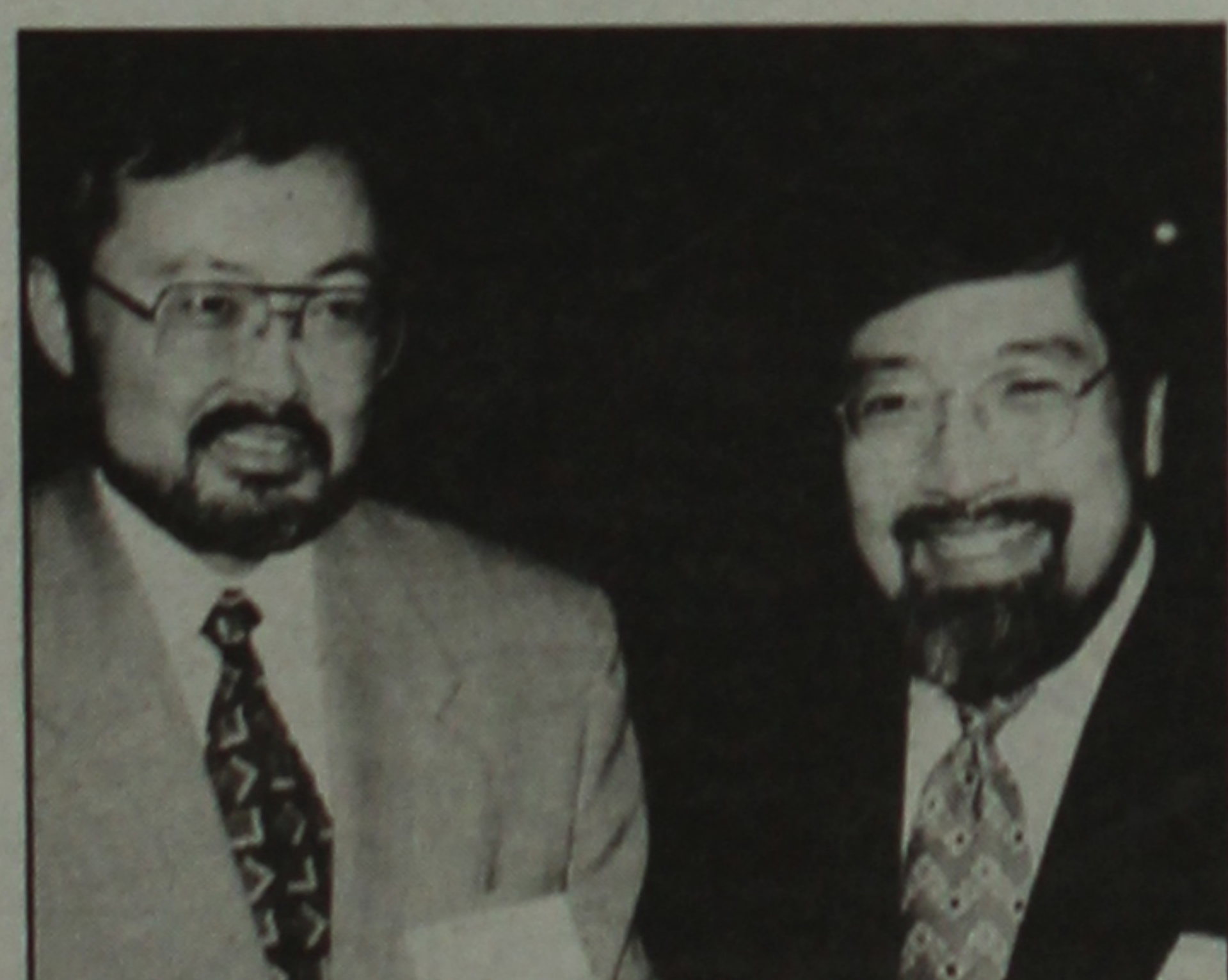
On exhibit are such items as a children's book with drawings of wild, dark-looking Asian babies, some half-naked and hanging from trees; a book on Chinese footbinding subtitled, "The history of a curious erotic custom"; and a 1907 cover of the *Saturday Evening Post* with an Asian woman wearing Japanese robes and playing a Chinese lute.

"People are more sensitive now," Kubo said, "but these are things my parents and grandparents were exposed to. This puts things in perspective for me."

Other examples include a Dr. Seuss book with Asian caricatures described as "helpers who all wear their eyes at a slant" and a *Life* magazine fashion spread from the '70s on how to dress like a coolie.

Chew said, "I hope that Asian Americans who see this exhibit will

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Lookalikes

Paul Igasaki (right), vice chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, poses with Judge Lance Ito during a National Asian Pacific American Bar Association convention. The keynote speaker, Igasaki joked that "at least at this convention, Judge Ito was mistaken for Paul Igasaki as well." See story page 10)

JACL schedules May 5 regional speech contest

The 1996 Minoru Yasui Oratorical Competition will be held Sunday, May 5 at the second Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District meeting at the San Ramon Library, San Ramon, Calif.

The competition is open to all high school students 16 years of age or older. All participants must be members of the Japanese American Citizens League at the time of application.

All contestants must compete at the district level and the winner of the district oratorical competition will then compete against other JACL district winners on Friday, Aug. 9, from 3 to 6 p.m., during the National JACL convention in San Jose.

District finalists will receive travel expenses and one-night hotel accommodations to represent their district at the convention. The first place winner at the National JACL competition will receive a \$500

cash scholarship and be awarded a plaque.

The competition is designed to develop, encourage and reinforce the verbal communication skills among the youth and students of the JACL. The contestants will obtain topics for their speech from a selected list. Contestants may use the same topic for both the district and national speech competition.

Presentations should be between 3-5 minutes in length, but may not exceed 5 minutes. An outline on a 4" by 6" index card may be used, but it is preferred that the presentation be committed to memory.

Information: JACL National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94115, 415/921-5225.

Information, district speech competition: H. John Yamada, district chair, 2125 170th Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546-3804; 510/278-6145.

'More Perfect Union' exhibit reaches Cleveland Heights

CLEVELAND—Continuing its two-year national tour across the country in selected public libraries of 20 cities, the Smithsonian's traveling exhibit, "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution," opened Feb. 22 at Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library, 2345 Lee Road, and will be on display until April 4.

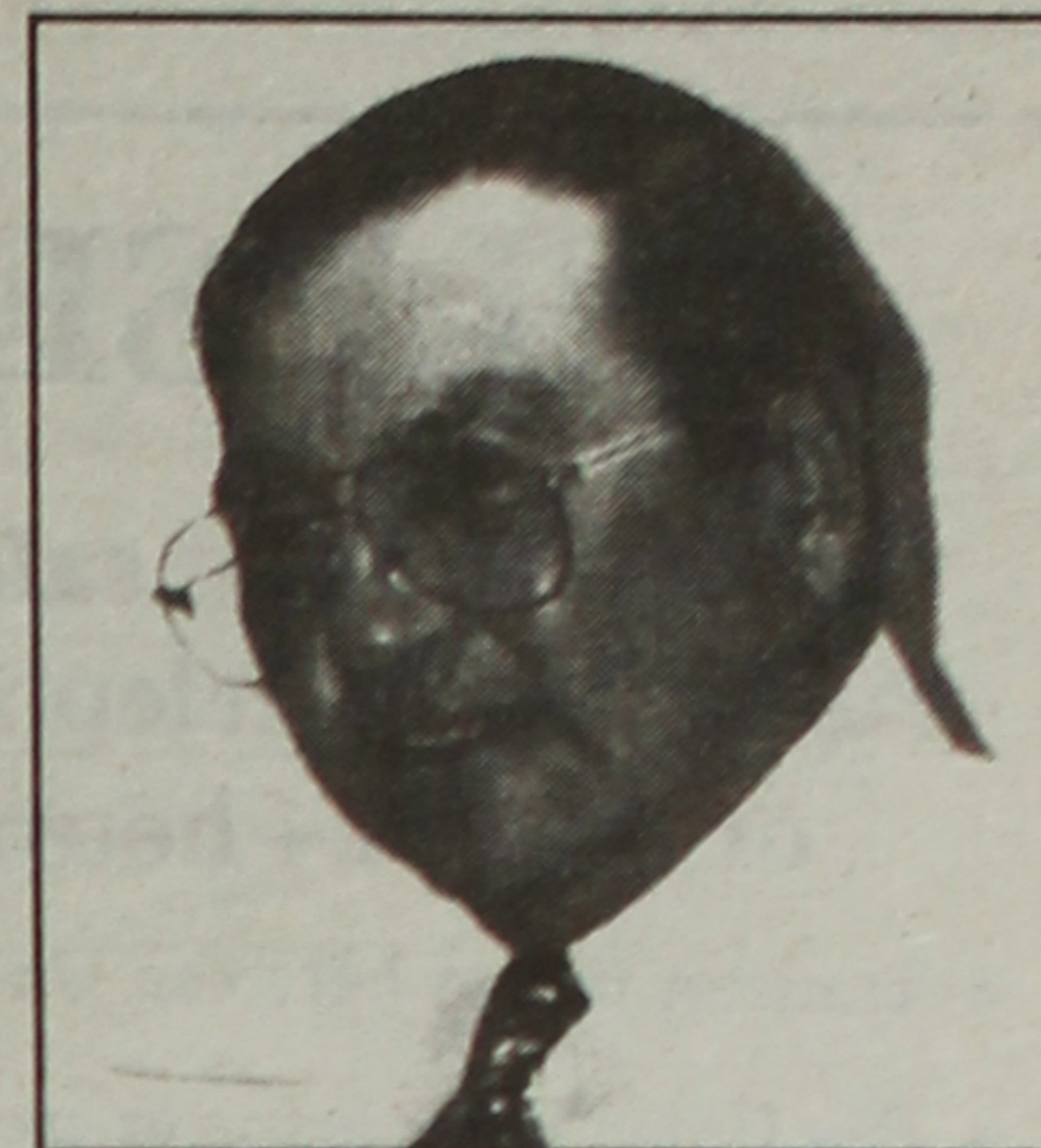
On tap on Sunday afternoons at 2 at the Library are Nisei speakers who were interned in the WWII camps: Judge William Marutani of Philadelphia, a former Tule Lake internee, will speak March 3 on the constitutionality of Executive Order 9066, promulgated by President Roosevelt, that led to the Evacuation and internment; retired psychologist Dr. Toaru Ishiyama of Cleveland, who was interned at Topaz, will speak March 17 on the "Topaz journey" into the desert of central Utah; and former Minidoka internee and longtime Ohio resident Monica Sone, author of *Nisei Daughter* (1953), will speak March 24 on growing up in prewar Seattle and

the impact EO 9066 had on her family.

Prof. Tom Linehan of Oberlin College will speak March 10 on his study of Nikkei resettlement in Cleveland after the camps.

Another teachers' workshop will be conducted by Dr. Mace Ishida, Ohio state consultant on education from Columbus, on Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m., at the Cleveland Heights Main Library. Ishida held several in Dayton and Montgomery County, where the traveling exhibit opened the first week of January and closed mid-February. The National JACL Education Committee guidebook on the Japanese American internment is being used as a workshop resource.

The Manzanar photographs by Toyo Miyatake, augmented by camp pictures taken by Cleveland area evacuees, go on display March 15 - April 11 at the Cleveland State University Art Gallery, 2301 Chester Ave. CSU professor Masumi Hayashi, curator of "Contraband: the Camera, Photo-



MACE ISHIDA

graphs and the Family Album," will show her slides at the Sunday March 31 lecture at the library.

Former national JACL president Henry Tanaka recalled that the exhibit had opened in Washington, D.C., in October 1987 under considerable controversy and protest. "Today, it continues to be one of the most viewed sights by visitors to Washington," he commented. (Nearly 60,000 visited the traveling exhibit at the Tippecanoe County Public Library, Lafayette, Ind., Nov. 9-Dec. 21. (See P.C., Feb. 16-29)

"Law schools require the study of the Fred Korematsu test case as part of its course in constitutional law. Elementary and secondary schools and colleges should include the Japanese American internment experience as required reading in American history and social studies," Tanaka said.

—SOURCE: Cleveland JACL Bulletin.

Group seeks JA vets from Korean War for L.A. monument

The new Japanese American Korean War Veterans organization is seeking the whereabouts of former Japanese American Korean War veterans for its proposed monument.

According to Robert Wada, president, a fund-raising committee, headed by George Tabata and George Koga, is attempting to

raise \$125,000 for the planned monument honoring the deceased and missing.

The proposed memorial would be built in the Little Tokyo area of Los Angeles.

Among those sought:

● James Matsuo Tanaka, whose parents may be have from

Okayama, Japan, and who originally lived in the Los Angeles area.

● Kiyoshi Tanaka.

● "Ish" Ishihara who served in Nellingen, West Germany, from 1955-56, and who may have been from San Francisco or Sacramento.

● Yoneto James Nakata, who served with the military intelli-

gence and with the 10th Army in Korea. His daughter, Mary Nakata Sunada, is seeking more background information on her late father.

Information: Robert Wada, 714/992-5461. Handling name verification is Roy Shiraga, 818/968-6385.

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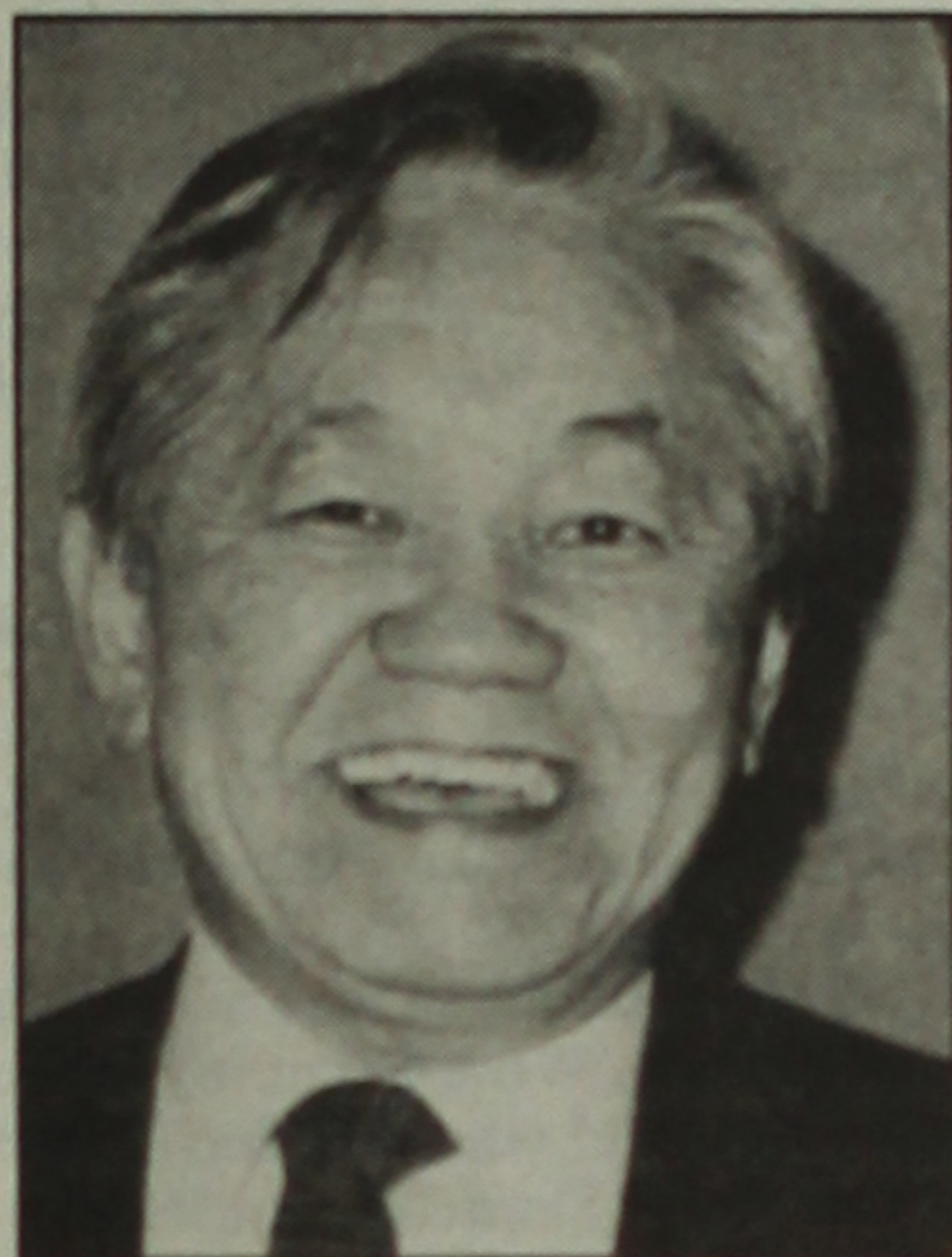
Agenda

Agenda is a roundup of chapter news from the Japanese American Citizens League and other associations and organizations.

P.C. editor Honda addresses Ventura Chapter, JACL

OXNARD, Calif.—It was double duty for P.C. editor emeritus Harry K. Honda, who was guest speaker and installing officer of the 1996 Ventura County JACL executive board at the Lobster Trap Restaurant luncheon on Feb. 4.

Executive board members, who will elect the new president, are Cherry and Mori Abe, Janet and Harry Kajihara, Sumiko Kato, Aiko King, Marian Kita, Jean and Chuck Kuniyoshi, Ellen Matsuo, Marcia and Edwin Miyasaki, Carolyn and Ron Morinishi, Joanne and Ken Nakano, Mitzi Ogata, Ruby and Roy Sumino, and Yas Umeda.



HARRY K. HONDA

Honda related *Pacific Citizen's* past history and its connections with JACL as its official publication since 1932; the decision at the 1942 National JACL emergency meeting to transform the P.C. from a monthly to a weekly newspaper; and the business reasons for separating it from National Headquarters after the war. In 1952 Headquarters was returning from Salt Lake City to San Francisco, and the P.C. was moving to Los Angeles, where the potential was greater for it to become self-supporting.

With the 1996 National JACL Convention in San Jose but five months away (Aug. 6-11), Honda said he was relaying what many have said to him privately: "Let's get the P.C. back to a weekly." He advised that members should have their chapter delegates urge the National Council "to get P.C. back to 50 issues a year." This would require a few more staffers, which means raising the JACL member subscription rates "to, at least, cover all press work and mailing expenses," he said.

Honda recalled that during the war years, when the late Larry Tajiri edited 52 issues per year, JACL members received a \$1 break on the subscription, which was then \$3 per year. "Because of postage and printing costs today, believe me," Honda said, "the P.C. must ask for, at least, 10 times more."

Marcia Miyasaka and Carolyn Morinishi were honored for community service; Harry Kajihara, outgoing president, coordinated the luncheon, and Ellen Matsuo was emcee. Among the 100 JACLers present were delegations from Santa Barbara, headed by Mike Hide, and from San Fernando Valley, led by Karl Nobuyuki.

Continuing a gesture of hospitality in which no one leaves without the "season's best of Ventura County," each received a generous sack of vegetables donated from Cal Cel Marketing and daikon from Nagatoshi Farms.

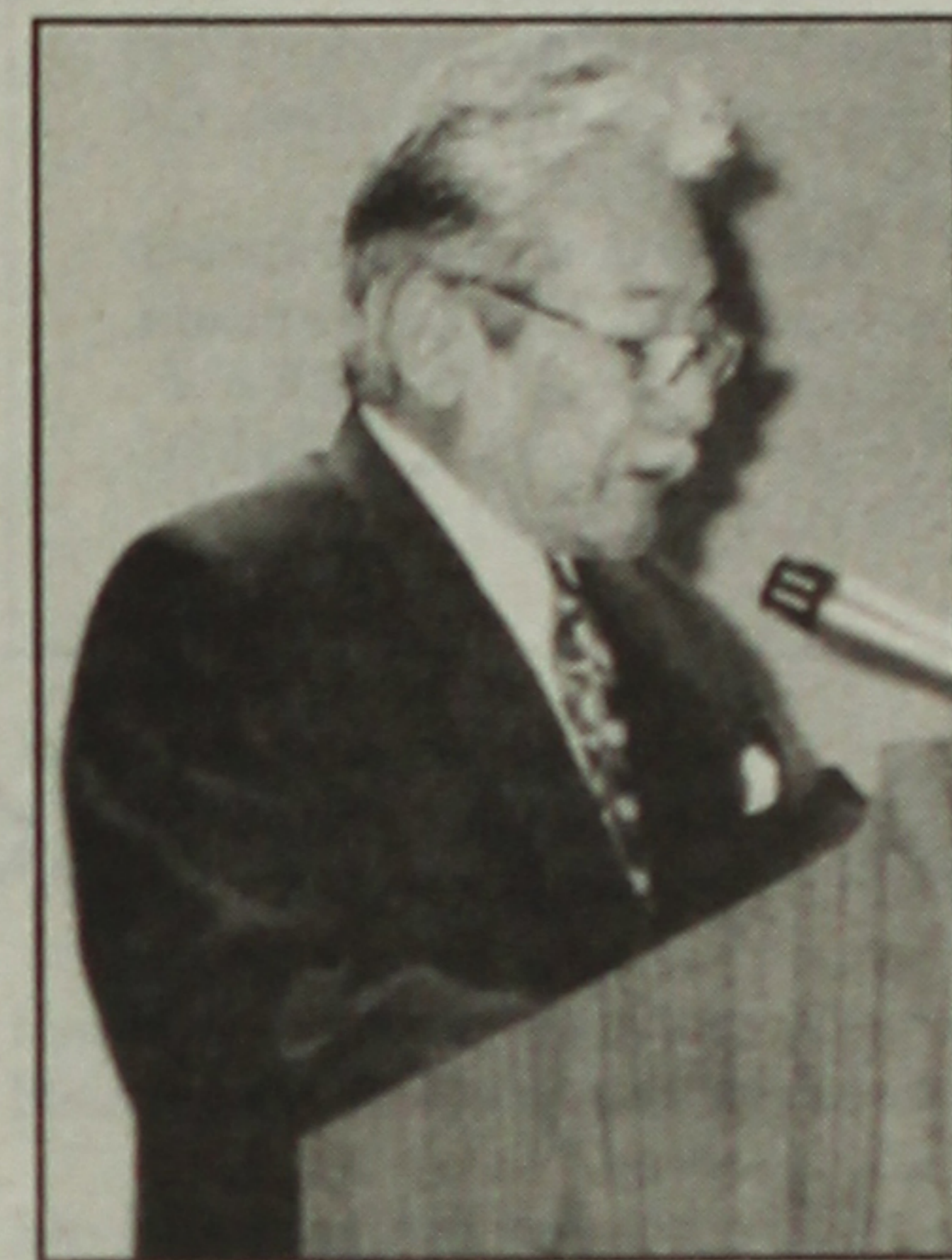
—Staff report

Sugihara honored by Sacramento Chapter, JACL

Hiroki Sugihara, son of Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara, was the featured guest at the Sacramento Chapter's Feb. 17 Day of Remembrance. (Hiroki Sugihara attended Sacramento City College from 1957-60.)

A large crowd of Japanese and Jewish Americans filled Secretary of State Auditorium to hear about the Japanese diplomat's courageous efforts to save Lithuanian Jews during World War II. By issuing visas to fleeing Jews, he was credited with saving more than 6,000 from certain death.

An hour-long video on the life of Chiune Sugihara was shown by



HIROKI SUGIHARA

Eric Saul, historian and director of the Holocaust Museum in San Francisco. Saul also recounted many stories of the lives of those who were rescued and the lives of the children of those who were saved by Sugihara during the holocaust.

In addition, a book on the diplomat's life has been recently published by his widow, Yukiko Sugihara, assisted by Ann Akabori, Sacramento-area school teacher. Books are available by writing to: Edu-Comm Plus, Hiroki Sugihara, 236 West Portal Ave., #249, San Francisco, CA, 94127. Cost: \$26; autographed, \$36. Add \$3 per book for shipping and handling.

Patty Wada, JACL regional director for the Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District, spoke on the history of the Evacuation and the racially motivated attacks that have occurred in recent times. She emphasized the importance of constant vigilance to battle discrimination on every front.

The chapter also held another successful crab feed with some 450 members and guests showing up for the fare. Featured were performers from the Sacramento Asian Theatre Company, who sang songs from the thirties and forties.

Twelve trophies were presented in the traditional airplane flying contest. David Ono, local TV anchor, was emcee of the event. Assisting in the event were UC, Davis, Asian students, the Betsuin Girl Scouts and Troop 250 Boy Scouts.

Chicago forced to cancel inaugural

The 51st annual Chicago JACL Inaugural scheduled for Jan. 20 was cancelled one week prior, with chapter president Geoff Tani explaining, "Our decision to cancel was based on RSVPs being far lower than expected one week before the event."

The chapter expected to incur a loss of nearly \$1,500 for canceling the event. Had the event proceeded, the chapter board calcu-

lated the same amount of loss would have been compounded by the additional embarrassment of having the keynote speaker and musicians presented before a tiny audience.

Veterans speak at Philadelphia, JACL, meeting

"Memories of War: the Nisei Legacy" was the theme of the Philadelphia Chapter, JACL, meeting Feb. 24 at the Japanese Christian Church at 6301 Drexel Rd., where Allen Okamoto, Bill Marutani and Ben Ohama spoke of their WWII military service. The '94 TV documentary, *Honor Bound*, was also shown.

Cleveland JACL toasts WWII Nisei veterans

Seventeen Nisei veterans of WWII were honored at a Cleveland JACL luncheon Dec. 16 in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. The chapter had contacted nearly 60 veterans and/or spouses living in the Cleveland area.

Dr. Toaru Ishiyama, in a thought-provoking speech, focused on the war and the circumstances surrounding the Nisei who were subjected to the inquiry that questioned their loyalty as Americans.

Mary Obata tendered her thoughts in retrospect of her mother and her concerns for her three brothers in the war.

Luncheon honors Fresno, Calif., Nikkei leaders

A recent Saturday luncheon in downtown Fresno honored Fred Y. Hirasuna, a JACL stalwart for nearly 70 years, and Kakuo Komukai, active in U.S.-Japan training of agricultural students, hosting between 400-500 trainees from Japan each year as well as introducing the Japanese mushroom and grapes to California. Both were recipients last November of *kunsho* (decorations) from the Japanese government.



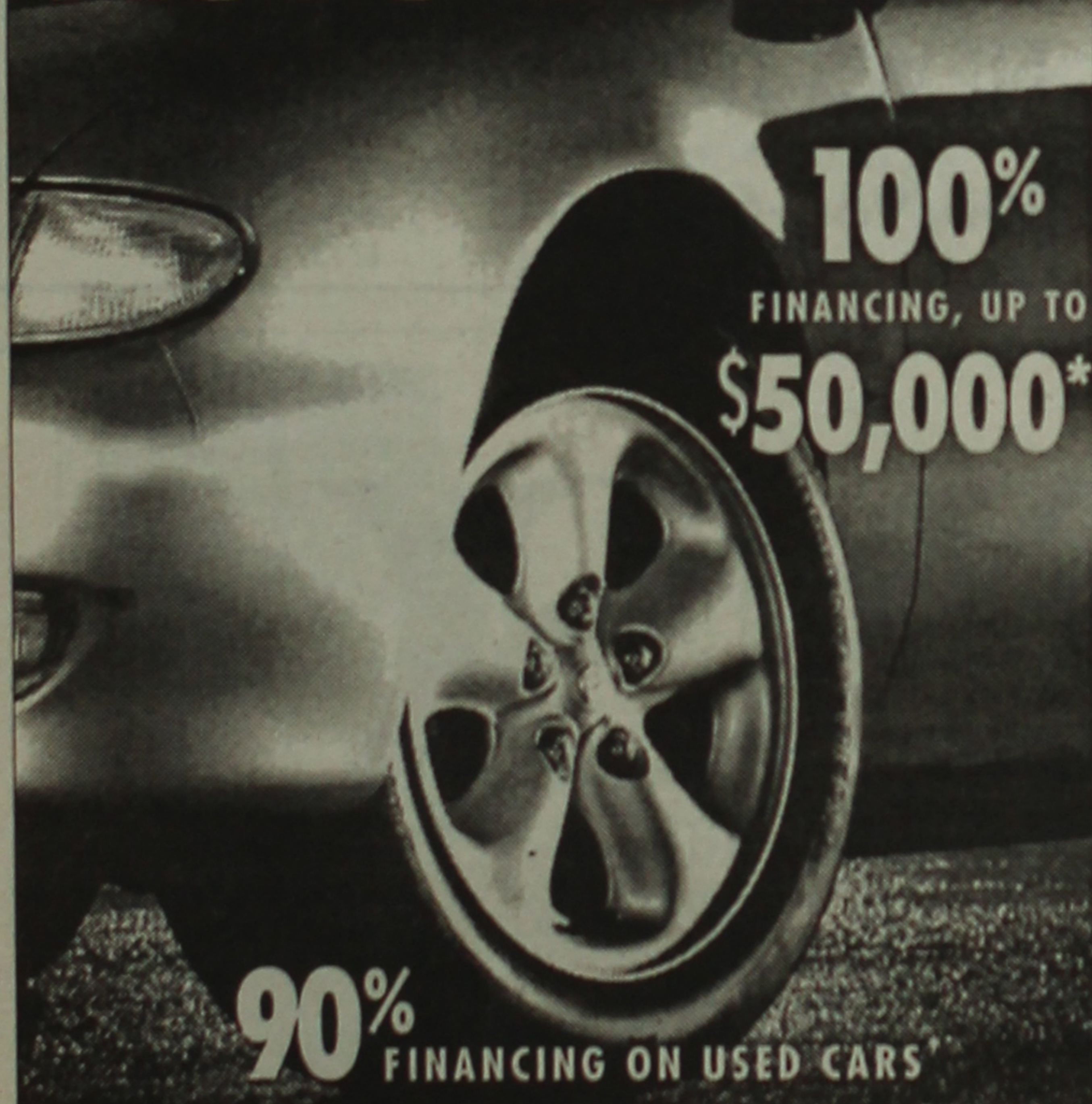
FRED HIRASUNA

From the Fresno JACL Newsletter is a portion of National JACL President Denny Yasuhara's congratulatory message to Hirasuna:

"It is not the number of us nor the money that will determine our fate and our future, it will be the quality of our hearts." It was asserted that Mr. Hirasuna's heart was pure but more importantly what Mr. Hirasuna has done for the Nikkei community in Central California is improve to the quality of the hearts of the Nikkei community.

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Hirasuna played a major role in securing the first two Republican sponsors of the Redress bill, then U.S. Senator Pete Wilson and Rep. Chip Pashayan.

Guest speakers at the Jan. 20 event included Kiyohiko Nanao, Japanese consul general at San Francisco, and congratulatory resolutions from elected officials from the State legislature, county and city were read.

In response, Fred and Setsu Hirasuna said, "We were overwhelmed with your attendance, your spoken words and your congratulatory cards. These meant

more to us than the award of the medal."

Utah Centennial support from Nikkei critical

Though Japanese American celebrants of the State of Utah's Centennial are focusing on the gala banquet Aug. 24 at the Salt Lake City Hilton, the JA Centennial Committee emphasized that "if you were planning to give your support at Banquet time in August, it would be almost meaningless" as support is needed now while feasibility and financial plans are being formulated.

A history book with numerous

pictures from the 100 years of Japanese in Utah is becoming larger and has grown by fifty pages to nearly 200, the committee noted. This increases publishing cost "but will make the book more interesting," they said.

Financial commitment for the \$100 Centennial package includes the book, family greeting ad, embroidered black cap, a black 100% cotton T-shirt and black mug. Address orders to: JA Centennial, c/o National JAACL Credit Union, 242 S. 400 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84111.

"All surplus funds will be held in escrow at the Credit Union and will be refundable on demand," the committee assured.

All aboard



NEW BOARD—From left, new members of the Washington, D.C. Chapter, JACL, board: K. Patrick Okura, Barbara Teraji, Warren Murayama, Richard Amano, Marilyn Schlieff, Lily Okura, Susan Hane, Emily Murase, Clyde Nishimura, with Denny Yasuhara, JACL National president.

Norman Mineta guest at D.C. installation

Norman Mineta, former U.S. congressman from California, and the installation of new officers highlighted the recent meeting of the Washington, D.C., Chapter, JACL.

Mineta, now vice president for Lockheed Martin, was also awarded a special presentation. New officers for the chapter are:

President: Clyde Nishimura
Executive vice president: Emily Murase
Vice president for membership: Richard Amano
Vice president for education: Marilyn Schlieff
Vice president for legal affairs: Warren Maruyama
Secretary: David Sugiura

Board members: Susan Hane, Barbara Teraji.
Advisor and Redress chair: K. Patrick Okura.
 Also present were Ambassador Kunihiko Saito of the Embassy of Japan; Denny Yasuhara, JACL National president; and Tom Kometani, JACL governor of the Eastern District Council.

Pocatello-Blackfoot installs new board

The Pocatello-Blackfoot Chapter, JACL, held its annual installation banquet Feb. 10-11 in Jackpot, Nev. More than 50 members attended the event, presided by outgoing president Rick Endo. Yas Tokita, Intermountain District governor, installed the new board.

Highlighting the event was the raising of \$447 for Court Appointed Special Advocates, a volunteer advocates program for neglected and abused juveniles in the court system.

The next chapter community service project is Japanese luncheon and cultural day at Pocatello's Senior Citizen Center. Chapter members will assist in planning the menu, food preparation, cultural activities and decorations. Sanaye Okamura, chapter representative on the Minority Elder Coalition Area Agency on Aging, is coordinating the mid-March event.

New members at the event were Patty Watanabe, Tina Sato

DeGuili, Jennifer and Greg Cravens and daughter Morgan, and Aiko Shikashio.

The new board members are:
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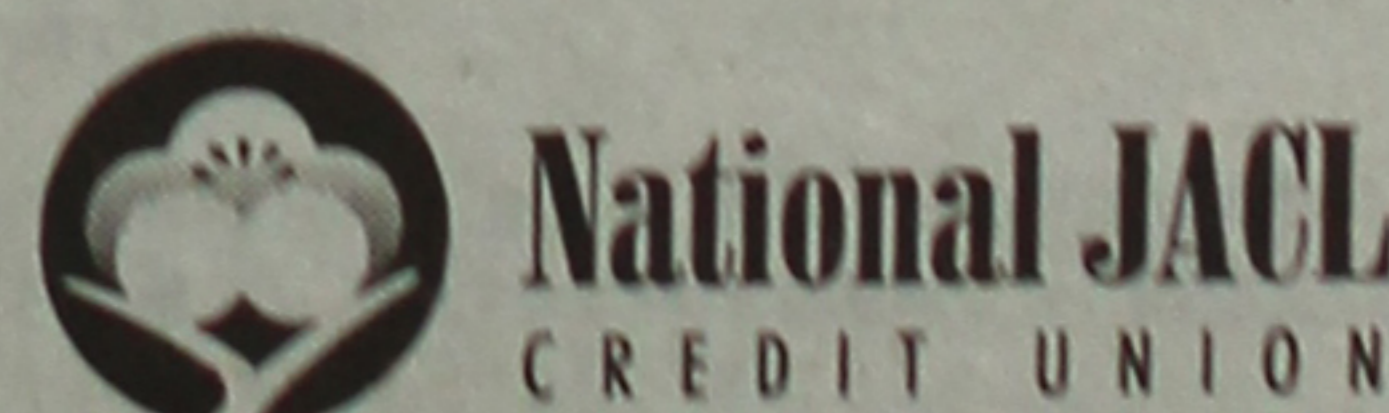
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The Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation is seeking promising young Asian Pacific American leaders and potential leaders for a one-week leadership seminar in Washington, D.C., April 21-27.

Internship activities include:
 —Meeting top administrators and directors of mental health, substance abuse and human service programs and discussion of programs.
 —Meeting national leaders in the fields of administration, policy-making, philanthropy, politics, human services and civil rights.
 —Meeting and briefings from Asian Pacific American congress-

sional delegation on Capitol Hill.
 —Participation in workshops and briefings provided by Asian Pacific American leaders in government and private industry.
 —White House briefing, meeting with deputy director of public liaison.
 —Meeting leaders in the private sector.
 —Learning how social changes are brought about.

Applications: Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation, 6303 Friendship Court, Bethesda, MD, 20817; phone: 301/530-0954, fax, 301/530-0522.

Deadline: Friday, March 22.

Criteria for eligibility

- Asian Pacific American ethnicity
- Engaged in the fields of social work, psychology, psychiatry, nursing, mental health, substance abuse, health and human services, and related fields
- Must be between 29 and 40 years of age
- Should be interested in assuming a leadership role in the community and nationally.

CALENDAR

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CONTRA COSTA

Tue. March 5—Candidate Night, 7-9 p.m., El Cerrito Community Center City Council Chamber, 7007 Mooser Lane; Info: Gregg Mayer 510/236-5054. NOTE—Candidates for 14th State Assembly and 9th State Senate Districts.

FLORIN

Sat. March 2—14th annual Day of Remembrance, 8:30 a.m. workshops, exhibits, 6:45 p.m. program, YBA Hall, 7235 Pritchard Rd., Sacramento; info: Mary Tsukamoto, Joanne Iritani.

JAPAN-TOKYO

Chapter Board on the 1st Tuesday every month (unless it falls on the 1st or the 2nd day), Union Church, info: Ted Shigeno, 0468-76-2431.

RENO

Sun. March 10—Scholarship fund teriyaki dinner, noon-4 p.m., Senior Center, 9th and Sutro Sts.; info: Grace Fujii 702/852-0559.

SAN FRANCISCO

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

SAN JOSE

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

SEQUOIA

Tue. March 12—JACL meeting, 7 p.m., Issei Hall; info: Mike Kaku, pres., 408/985-2747.

WEST VALLEY

'Next Generation' meetings, 2nd Mondays, 7:30-9 p.m., JACL Senior Center Clubhouse, 1545 Teresita Dr. at Graves Ave., San Jose; info: Ed Ikeda, pres., 408/974-5695, or E-mail, ikeda1@eworld.com.

Central California

FRESNO

Tue. March 5—Board meeting, 7 p.m., Union Bank Hospitality Room, Fashion Fair; info: 209/486-6815.

Sat.-Sun., July 6-7—2d annual baseball tournament, Buchanan High School diamonds, Clovis; info: Frank Hashimoto, 209/439-8815. NOTE—Six-team field, ages 14 to 20-something.

Pacific Southwest

ARIZONA

Sun., April 21—JACL Scholarship Awards luncheon, 1 p.m., Crown Sterling Suites, 2630 Camelback Rd., Phoenix; info: Mrs. Kathy Inoshita, scholarship committee secretary, 5332 W. Golden Lane, Glendale, AZ 85302, 602/937-5434. NOTE—Applications due March 1, 1996.

GREATER L.A. SINGLES

Fri. March 8—'96 activity planning session, 7 p.m., Founders National Bank, 2001 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena; info: Miyo Kadogawa 310/839-1194; NOTE—**Sat. March 16**: One-day Snow Valley ski trip planned with O.C. Sansei Singles; info: Kei Ishigami 213/661-9076; Gene Endo 310/862-5529; Miyo Kadogawa 310/839-1194.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Sat. March 30—JACL and SFV Comm. Center scholarship deadline; info: Phil Shigekuni 818/893-1581.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Sat. April 13—"Day at the Races" scholarship fund-raiser, Santa Anita Area Infield #17, parking at Gate 6; info: ESGVJCC, 818/960-2566 or 810-1509. NOTE—\$15 ticket includes admission and buffet luncheon

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Scholarships

Greater L.A. Singles group offers scholarship

The Greater Los Angeles Singles Chapter, JACL, is seeking eligible candidates for the Hana Uno Shepard Memorial Scholarship.

The \$1,000 scholarship may be applied to any college, university, community college, fine arts or vocational school. Applicants must currently be a graduating high school senior, a member of a single-parent family, a resident of Los Angeles or Orange counties, and be of Japanese ancestry.

Applicants will be chosen on their scholastic merit, outside activities and general financial need. All students are encouraged to apply.

Deadline: Friday, April 26. Information: Chris Ishida, 332 S. Oxford Ave., Los Angeles, CA, 90020; 213/386-1138.

National JACL scholarship reminders

'96 JACL Scholarship deadline reminders:

Deadline for National JACL scholarship awards, except for "entering freshman awards," is Monday, April 1, at JACL Headquar-

ters, San Francisco, in the following categories:

(a) Continuing Undergraduate: for college-level applicants continuing their education or re-entering school.

(b) Graduate and (c) Law: for applicants currently enrolled or planning to enter a related professional program.

(d) Creative & Performing Arts: for applicants entering or continuing undergraduate work as well as non-professional, individual projects.

(e) Abe & Esther Hagiwara Financial Aid: for students who, due to lack of funds, may otherwise be pressed to terminate or delay their educational goals. (Some chapters have earlier deadlines for these categories.)

Entering college freshmen or high school graduates were expected to mail their applications by March 1 to the local chapter, which recommends an applicant for the national awards.

A majority of the chapters administer scholarships at the local or regional level.

Applications for the joint San Fernando Valley JACL-San Fernando Valley Community Center awards are available now at the college counselor's office in all the Valley public high schools, according to Phil Shigekuni, committee chair (818/893-1581). To be eligible, students must reside in the Valley and/or be members of the JACL or JACC, have a mini-

mum GPA of 3.25 or SAT score of 1200, and if an awardee is not a member or a dependent of one, the recipient may join upon acceptance of the award. Their deadline: March 30. Awards range from \$250-500, including the Merio Mizutani Award for a scholar/athlete.

The Chicago Chapter has a limited number of local awards for Japanese American high school seniors who are either JACL or JASC members. Deadline is March 29. Applications are available at the JACL Office, 5415 N. Clark St., Chicago IL 60640, 312/728-7171 (voice mail) or 728-7231 (fax).

Twin Cities JACL members were reminded to notify the chapter scholarship chair Pam Ohno Dagoberg (612/557-2946) of '96 high school graduates who have excelled academically, given outstanding service or who have made unusual contribution to their school or community for chapter awards. Forms have been mailed to known high school graduates. Entry deadline is March 17. The annual banquet honoring graduates is tentatively scheduled for May 9.

West Valley JACL scholarship chair Linda Horiuchi (408/245-7461) announced a March 20 postmark deadline for the four-year undergraduate college; and a May 31 postmark deadline for full-time graduate program, and the adult education, professional growth or senior citizens course programs.

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Novato, Calif. man pleads guilty to hate crime, attempted murder

Staff reports

Robert Page, 25, pled guilty to committing a hate crime and attempted murder of a Chinese American on Nov. 8, 1995 in Novato, Calif.

Page, who admitted that he woke up that morning deciding that he would "go kill a Chinaman," faces up to 13 years in prison for stabbing Eddie P. Wu, 23 in an unprovoked attack near a supermarket. Wu is now recovering from the attack.

The attempted murder charge carries a seven to nine-year sentence, while the hate crime charge

carries a four-year sentence.

A third charge of "great bodily injury" was dropped because Page pled guilty to the first two charges.

The sentencing hearing is scheduled for March 19 before Superior Court Judge Lynn O'Malley Taylor.

In the meantime, members of the Asian American community, including Dennis Sato, president of the Marin Chapter, JACL, have formed a coalition to deal with the crime as well as future incidents. A letter-writing campaign to Judge Taylor, asking that Page be punished to the fullest extent of the law, has been organized.

In his letter to Taylor, Sato said, "Hate violence directed toward Asian Americans has increased 113 percent in Northern California for the year 1994. In order for our organization to be successful in our fight to combat hate violence, it is imperative that the justice system does its part... The outcome of this case will be watched throughout the country to monitor what progress has been made to convict perpetrators of hate violence. Historically, perpetrators of hate violence have gone relatively free from prison terms."

Sato is chair of the Multicultural Oversight Committee which is

implementing a hate crime prevention plan. The Novato City Council adopted a resolution which condemned hate violence and sanctioned the committee that will act as a hate violence response organization in the future.

It is Sato's hope that in working with various Asian American groups, the committee will be able to propose a series of recommendations to the Novato City Council in the near future.

Among the areas to be examined are the local educational system and curriculum; an assessment of diversity in law enforce-

ment; a community education component and a victim assistance program to deal with financial, medical and psychological effects of hate crimes.

Sato hopes that such a plan will be used as a model throughout Marin County.

The JACL leader, who is employed as an assistant hospital administrator for Laguna Honda Hospital in San Francisco, is also a member of the Novato Police Advisory and Review Board and the Novato Human Relations Commission.

Judge Anthony Ishii recommended for U.S. district court in California

Judge Anthony Ishii has been recommended by U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer to fill the vacancy on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California.

Ishii currently serves as a municipal court judge for the Central Valley Municipal Court District. Before that he served as a justice court judge for the Parlier-Selma Judicial District in Fresno County in Central California. Before that he was an attorney in private practice. Early in his career, he was a

deputy city attorney in Sacramento and a deputy public defender for the county of Fresno.

Ishii received his juris doctor degree from U.C., Berkeley's Boalt Hall. In addition, he is a member of the Selma Chapter, JACL.

"Today I have sent to President Clinton the name of an exceptional public service, Judge Anthony Ishii, as my nominee for federal district court judge for the Eastern District of California," Boxer said. "Judge Ishii's broad experi-

ence, his dedication to professional and community service, and his deep commitment to fairness and equality qualify him to serve the people of California with great distinction."

The Eastern District includes the counties of Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Kings, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou,

Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba.

Commenting on the move, Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.) gave enthusiastic support. "Tony has been a highly dedicated and thoughtful professional throughout his long tenure in public service. I could not be more pleased that Sen. Boxer recommended such an outstanding individual to serve on the bench. Tony has always shown great talent in bal-

ancing community participation and professional expertise in his life and work. He will serve the citizens of California well."

Ishii will be reviewed by the president, the FBI and the American Bar Association. He is must then be nominated by the president and appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee before eventual confirmation by the full Senate.

Judge Charles Kobayashi to be honored in Sacramento

Charles Kobayashi, who was chosen "Judge of the Year" by the Sacramento Bar association and Family Court "Judge of the Year" by the California State Bar Association in 1995, will be honored at a testimonial dinner on Thursday, March 28, in Sacramento.

The community-wide event is sponsored by the Sacramento Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, and the Sacramento Asian Bar Association.

Kobayashi, longtime Sacramento JACL member, was born in Auburn, Wash., and was interned at the Pinedale Assembly Center, near Fresno, and at the Tule Lake WRA Center.

After release from camp, the family settled in Auburn where Kobayashi attended Placer Union High School, Sacramento Junior College and then transferred to the University of California at

Berkeley, where he earned a degree in government and accounting.

After serving in the U.S. Army for two years, he entered law school at Boalt Hall and graduated in 1961. Prior to being appointed to the bench in 1988 by then-Gov. George Deukmejian, he spent 18 years in the State Attorney General's office, rising to the level of senior assistant attorney general in charge of statewide business and tax litigation in 1986.

The event begins with refreshments at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 and the program at 8 p.m. It will be held at the Hoi Sing Restaurant, located at 7007 South Land Park Drive.

Reservations: \$25 per person, to Sacramento Chapter, JACL, 2124 10th St., Sacramento, CA, 95818; Toko Fujii, 916/421-6968.

JACL National, PC Boards to meet

The National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League will meet Saturday and Sunday, April 6-7 at San Francisco headquarters.

Board members will meet a full day on Saturday and a half-day on Sunday.

Meetings of the JACL Personnel and Budget Committees are scheduled to meet on Friday, April 5.

Information: 415/921-5225.

The *Pacific Citizen* Editorial Board will meet Saturday, March 2, in Monterey Park, Calif., near PC offices. Information: 800/966-6157.

All meetings are open to the public. *Pacific Citizen* staff will publish full reports on both meetings.

JACL president visits Seabrook Center

JACL National President Denny Yasuhara viewed Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center (SECC) with local JACL members on Jan. 23.

The center preserves the ethnic and cultural heritage of Seabrook located in the Upper Deerfield Township, Bridgeton, N.J., in Cumberland County.

SECC members have made presentations of Seabrook history to museums, schools, colleges and libraries. It has also co-sponsored the National Japanese American Conference, led by the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, prepared oral history projects sponsored by the New Jersey Historic Commission, supported college students in their research papers, and provided archival material to the Cumberland County Historical Society.

According to Ellen Nakamura, SECC president and member of the Seabrook Chapter, JACL, the principal effort of the center is to establish a permanent exhibit and research center recording the history and contributions of people who settled in Seabrook, gaining employment with Seabrook Farms Co. Because Seabrook Farms Co. no longer exists, this history will be lost unless a permanent site is established to collect and preserve it, Nakamura said.

The centerpiece of the mu-



VISITOR—JACL National President Denny Yasuhara is interviewed by a local reporter, left, during a visit at the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center Jan. 23. At right is Ellen Nakamura, Seabrook Chapter member.

seum is a 10' by 10' diorama of Seabrook Farms Co. and Seabrook Village as it existed in the 1940s and 1950s. The exhibit depicts Seabrook and its history, including information about the work place, community life, and the people. Included are oral histories, videos, artifacts from residents, company life, and photographs.

The SECC museum and research center was dedicated Oct. 8, 1994, the 50th anniversary of the relocation of Americans of Japanese ancestry to Seabrook, N.J., from the intern-

ment camps.

While visiting the center, Yasuhara was interviewed by area media, including reporters from the *Bridgeton Evening News* and the *Atlantic City Press*. In both articles, the JACL president was able to relate the experience of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Yasuhara, who was on a tour of JACL chapters in the area, also attended a Seabrook Chapter dinner on Jan. 23.

Meetings announced for Manzanar National Historic Site plan

Four public meetings will be held in March for the National Park Service to present its proposed General Management Plan for the Manzanar National Historic Site, according to the Manzanar Committee.

The meetings to be held in the Southern California area are:

● Friday, March 15, 7 p.m., Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 16215 South Gramercy Place, Gardena, Calif.

● Saturday, March 16, 2 p.m., Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 2nd floor, 244 South San Pedro St., Los Angeles. All meetings are free.

Two meetings are scheduled for Inyo County residents:

● Tuesday, March 12, Bishop City Council chambers, 301 West Line St., at 7 p.m.

● Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 205 So. Edwards St. (Highway 395), Independence, Calif.

The meetings will give the public an opportunity to make comments and ask questions of the National Park Service, whose San Francisco Field Office Planning Team compiled the report.

The General Management Plan was authorized by Congress when it passed Public Law 102-248 in

March, 1992, establishing the Manzanar National Historic Site "to provide for the protection and interpretation of historical, cultural, and natural resources associated with the relocation of Japanese Americans during World War II..."

According to the Manzanar Committee, three alternatives are evaluated in the draft plan: Alternative A—no action; Alternative B—minimum requirements; and Alternative C—enhanced visitor experience, which is the proposed action of the National Park Service. This plan would provide staffing and resource management to

protect the site's historic and prehistoric features, including those associated with centuries of occupation by Paiute-Shoshone Indian cultures, 19th and 20th century agricultural communities and the World War II period.

The historic auditorium at Manzanar, built by the internees, will be converted into an interpretive center providing an initial contact point for visitors to the site. Manzanar Committee chair Sue Kunitomi Embrey said that she had received word that the auditorium has been vacated and is in the process of being turned over to the National Park Service

by Inyo County.

"This is our last chance to give input to the National Park Service as to what we wanted interpreted at the Manzanar site," Embrey said. "I urge everyone to participate in this decision-making so we will have an historically accurate site, symbolically representing all of the 10 relocation centers."

For copies of the the General Management Plan draft and Environment Impact State, write to Field Director, Stanley T. Albright, National Park Service, Pacific West Area, 600 Harrison St., San Francisco, CA, 94107-1372.

Opinions



From the frying pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Behind-the-scenes heroes in Colorado

Several issues ago I reported in this space that a new memorial to former Gov. Ralph L. Carr will be placed near the east entrance of the Colorado State Capitol. The project is under auspices of the Colorado Bar Association, the Japanese American community, and the citizens of the state. A plaque will memorialize Carr as the "outspoken advocate for the protection of Americans of Japanese descent" facing relocation during World War II and "the sole voice of dissent among Western governors."

The column drew a reproachful response from Joseph Norio Uemura, Hanna professor of philosophy at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn. Professor Uemura declared "It never ceases to amaze me" that *Pacific Citizen*, JACL, and Hosokawa "have never wondered why Governor Carr (and Attorney General Charles C. Morrison) was the first and only Western governor to open his state to the evacuees."

He went on to chide me: "... since your arrival in Denver in 1947 (actually it was 1946) it would have seemed natural for you to find out about the reasons, motivations, and historical circumstances that led to

such an 'invitation'..."

Professor Uemura is correct. It was natural for me to seek Carr's motivation, and signs pointed to Carr's dedication to the Constitution and Bill of Rights,

But Professor Uemura has another answer. He writes: "I hope it is not untoward, now, after over 50 years, to suggest that my father, the Rev. Seiji Uemura, who was pastor of the Japanese Methodist Episcopal Church in Denver from 1929-47, was highly instrumental in leading Governor Carr and Attorney General Morrissey to their decision."

"Had my father and the church community (now the Simpson Church) not been on excellent terms with these political figures, I trust you will understand that Carr's invitation would never have happened."

"Of course, one also must not forget the names of my father's colleagues, Samuel Marble of Trinity Church, Edgar Wahlberg of Grace Church, Harold Gilmore of the Colorado Council of Churches, the Denver Ministerial Alliance, and many others in the Christian community."

"It seems to me that the Japanese community in Denver has never even been

aware of such an influence, let alone ever properly credited those very important people in the history of Japanese Americans in Denver.

"And, just once, it would be nice to acknowledge such in print."

Acknowledgment made. For the part that the Rev. Seiji Uemura played in opening Colorado to evacuees, we all should be properly grateful. But it also should be noted that a few others, including Issei, have laid claim to having influenced Carr to speak out for Japanese Americans. Perhaps they did, but since I have been unable to confirm their stories, it is prudent to let them remain unnamed.

Be that as it may, Professor Uemura has added his father's role to the history of Japanese Americans. Now it would be enlightening if he could tell for the record the full story—the details of the circumstances under which his father persuaded the Colorado governor to act—instead of waiting another half century.

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

Letters

Compromise solution to Nikkei World War II Vets memorial

The time to build a national monument in Los Angeles honoring the Japanese American soldier in World War II is running out since the Nisei, who would probably fund most of it, are dying off rapidly. The only other national monument, in Washington, D.C., has been forbidden to honor veterans by federal fiat. Since other sources of funding are not readily evident, the two sides must compromise if the monument is to be built by the community. Noble purposes exist on each side, the need to honor those who gave their lives for us and the need to ensure the future of our descendants by telling the story of our 12,000 uncommon patriots to our fellow Americans.

A compromise to consider:

- Honor the KIA with a special panel like the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C.
- Tell the story of our JA soldiers for all to read, listing 12,000 names if financially feasible, otherwise use 12,000 stars.

If compromise is not possible, let us move ahead and allow the community to vote with their dollars on two competing proposals so that we will have closure soon.

A. Gorai
Seattle

Seeks information on internment camp libraries

I was wondering if it would be possible for you to include the following in one of your forthcoming issues:

I am researching the libraries in the "Assembly Centers" and "Relocation Camps." I would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who has any memories of using or working in any of the camp libraries. This will eventually be the subject of a book and my Ph.D. dissertation in library science. I am also interested in people's memories of censorship of prewar library experience, and am also looking for photographs or drawings of the libraries or any books, library cards, etc., from the camps.

Thank you for your help.

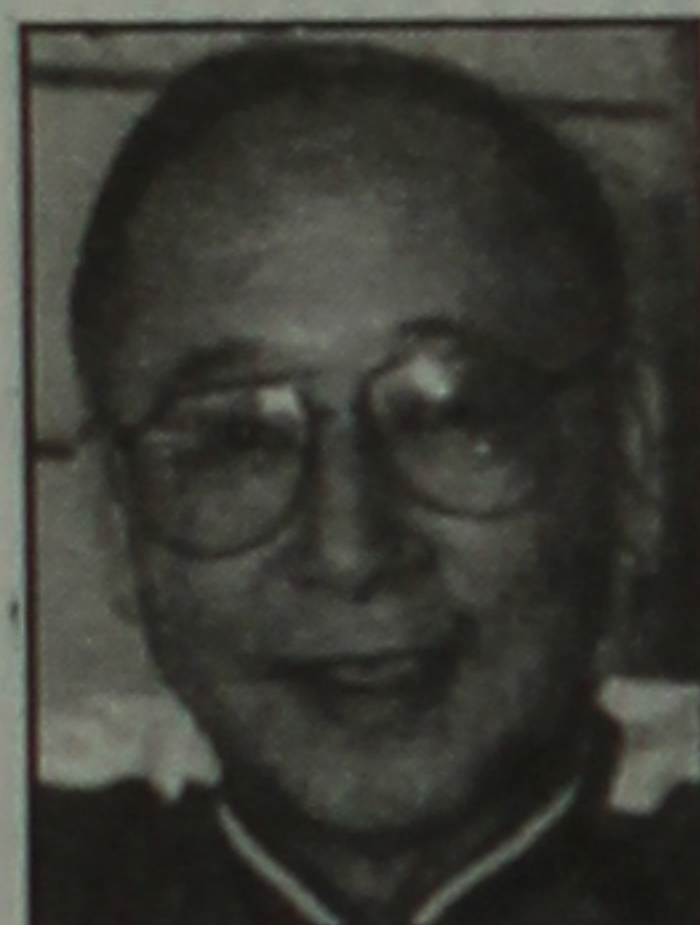
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Clarifies life of late war hero Richard Sakakida

You have been terribly unfair by giving unwarranted weight in your death notice of a real American hero, "Support for a Hero"

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East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

The presidential primaries

THE PRESIDENTIAL primary in New Hampshire (N.H.), must have brought a jolt to presidential candidate U.S. Senator Robert Dole, finishing as he did, behind columnist-commentator Patrick Buchanan. This is the third time that the Senator lost in N.H., and the pattern in more recent history is that a Republican nominee who failed to win N.H. would not win the presidency. Well, this is a different time and a different cast of players.

We'll just wait to see what happens. ABOUT FIFTEEN YEARS or so ago, I heard Mr. Buchanan speak at a bench-bar conference of the Philadelphia Bar Association. I found it difficult to warm up to his personage. His "answers" to social and economic issues were hazy-simplistic. During the question-and-answer period he displayed contempt for views that did not coincide with his own, and as to the latter he voiced no doubts whatsoever.

In short, an ideologue.

NISEI CULTURAL VALUES, it seems to me, may well mesh with values of conservatives. Cultural concepts such as *shimbo* (patience, diligence), *doryoku* (effort), *shusse* (accomplishment, attainment) and

so on reflect individual fortitude. Thus Nisei extolled education, hard work, and self-reliance. No handouts, no welfare, no complaining, no reliance on others. If these concepts resonate more with Republican proposals, I've wondered why there are not more Republicans among Nisei. Now, please understand: I have nothing against anyone being registered as a Republican.

Why, some of my closest (Nisei) friends are Republicans.

THE CANDIDATE who withdrew from the race after the Iowa caucus, U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, I respected for his forthrightly appearing in public with his wife who looks decidedly Asian. I say this from my own experience running in 1983 in a state-wide election for a seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Having been on the bench for a few years, I was not an unknown entity in my home bailiwick of Philadelphia County and its environs. Asian or not, in a previous election the electorate had generously supported my candidacy with top votes both in the primary and general elections.

Now, facing a state-wide election, fortified with endorsements of the Pittsburgh

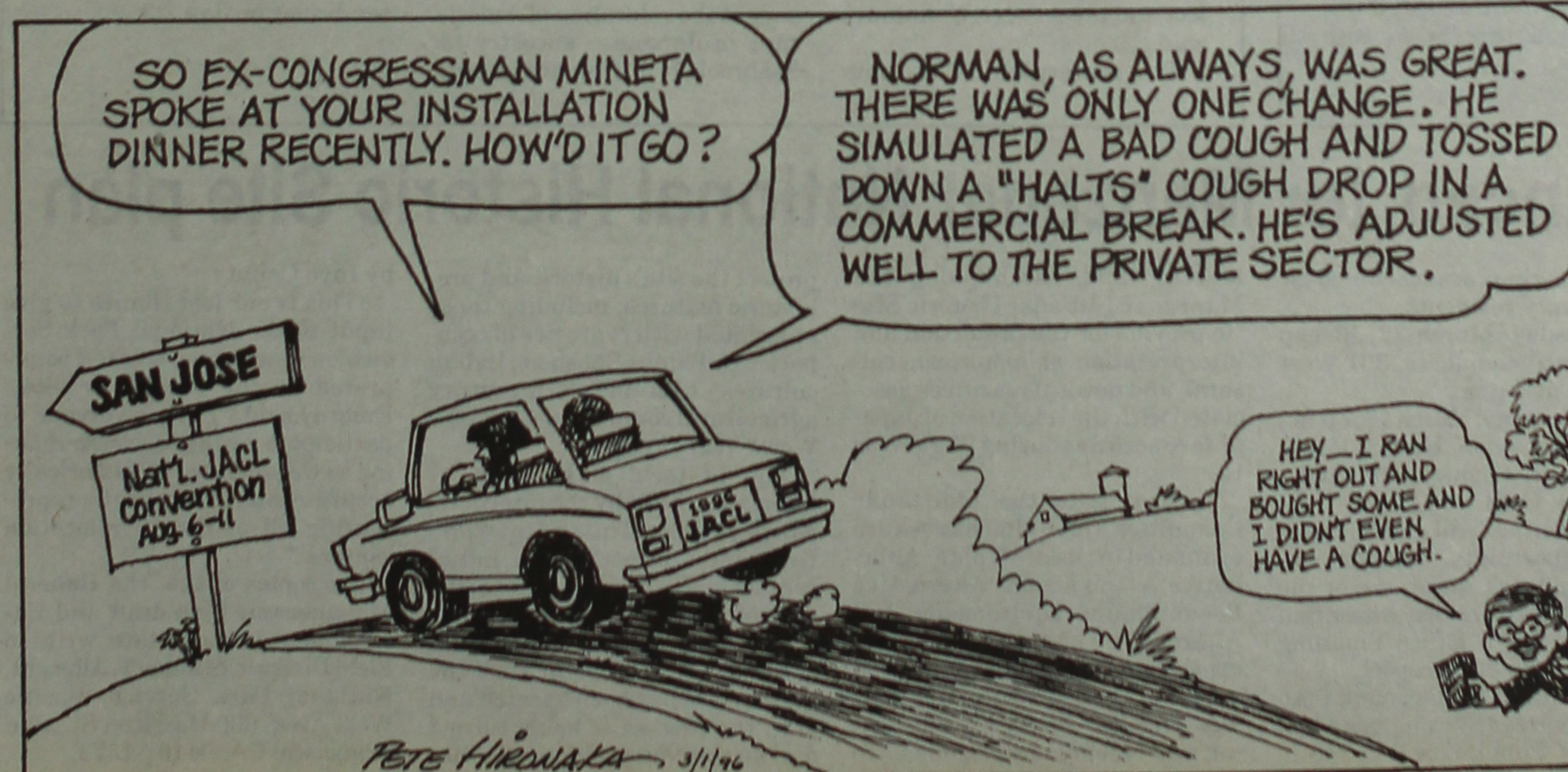
Post-Gazette at the western end of Pennsylvania, and the *Philadelphia Inquirer* in the eastern region, coupled with the state bar association's top endorsement, I wished to include a mug shot on campaign materials. For better or for worse, the electorate can see the face behind my Italian-sounding name. I did not wish to hide or cover up my ethnicity of which I happened to be proud. My campaign advisers vetoed this proposal. Don't take chances; let the voters in the western part of the state believe what they wish.

The political endorsement—which I lacked—went to the candidate who then went on to win the seat on the court.

SO IT IS that I admired Senator Gramm's action in simply having his Asian spouse visible, come what may. In so doing, they conducted themselves with good grace and, in my book, brought honor to themselves.

Good luck to you, Senator. My best to the missus.

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



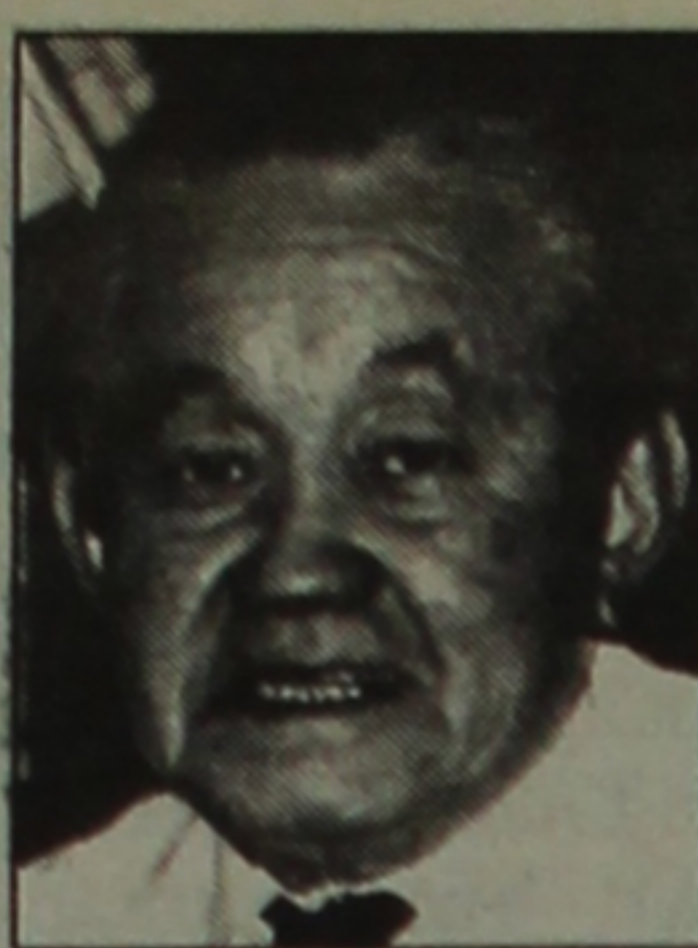
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Very truly yours

By HARRY K. HONDA

One answer to racial stereotyping

Seattle's Wing Luke Asian Museum should be filled with people taking a careful look at its current exhibit of anti-Asian racial stereotypes and recognize its director Ron Chew for gathering the pieces of this striking presentation. "Only an Asian museum like yours can pull this off and not get plastered by Asian Americans" were the words I passed along when the publicity on its opening in mid-January reached my desk.

JACL's work in this field may not be relevant to the Seattle exhibit at this time, but we go back about 40 years when Mas Satow, National JACL director at Headquarters, launched a nation-wide letter campaign to nearly 500 TV stations asking that "a number of films produced during the hysteria and hate of World War II, now being shown, which depict Americans of Japanese ancestry as spies and saboteurs, disloyal to the United States not be shown in the interest of fair play."

There were six films listed.

(1) *Air Force*, Warner Brothers, starring John Garfield. The story is based upon rumors, later found untrue by the FBI, of Japanese American treachery in Hawaii. Written by Dudley Nichols.

(2) *Across the Pacific*, Warner Brothers, starring Humphrey Bogart. A Japanese American acts a secret agent for Japan in a plot to blow up the Panama Canal.

Written by Howard Koch, directed by John Huston. (Sen Yung played the part of the Nisei traitor in this 1941 melodrama.)

(3) *Little Tokyo, USA*, Bryan-Foy Productions for 20th Century-Fox, starring Brenda Joyce and June Duprez. A group of

Japanese Americans in Los Angeles act as a front for Japanese treachery. (At the outbreak of Pearl Harbor, a Japanese American Anti-Axis Committee was formed in Los Angeles to coordinate the Japanese Americans contributions to the war effort.)

(4) *Betrayal from the East*, RKO, starring Lee Tracy. A Japanese cheerleader at Stanford University turns out to be a Japanese naval officer and head of a plot against the U.S. (In true life, the only cheerleader of Japanese ancestry at a Pac-10 Conference school in the pre-Pearl Harbor era was Hitoshi "Moe" Yonemura of UCLA, who was killed in action with the 442nd Combat Team, Cannon Co., in Italy. He had volunteered for active duty from behind barbed wires of a government relocation camp. Especially damaging in this film was an introductory statement by Drew Pearson that the picture following is based upon facts, the JACL letter pointed out.)

(5) *Black Dragon*, Sam Katzman production. Originally released under the title of "Let's Get Tough," a spy operation is pictured in New York composed of resident Japanese.

(6) *Behind the Rising Sun*, starring Tom Neal. A Japanese student at Cornell University returns to Japan, becomes a Japanese soldier and commits brutal acts in China.

The above list first appeared in Larry Tajiri's column, "Vagaries" (*Pacific Citizen*, Jan. 11, 1957). These films became available to TV when the major studios released their pre-1948 pictures. As a result, these anti-Nisei, hate-inspiring propaganda films were getting a new life and playing before

an even wider audience.

Satow respectfully closed his letter to the TV station managers: "If circumstances are such that these films must be used, we ask that an explanation be made preceding, during and following the showing, that the film should in no way be construed to reflect upon the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry."

In 1957, the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters endorsed the JACL anti-Nisei films on TV campaign.

A 1944 film, *Purple Heart*, aimed to instill hatred for Japanese people, was aired Oct. 10, 1970, by KRON-TV, San Francisco, which infuriated Raymond Okamura of Berkeley to protest its racist content (where the Japanese are portrayed as sadistic, sneaky, blood-thirsty people), but especially this one line in particular where the dialogue contains several statements about Japanese American spies. One white American prisoner blurts out to his Japanese captors: "We have over 100,000 of your people in prison, so you better watch what you do to us!"

Okamura reminded the station those 100,000 were American citizens of Japanese ancestry—men, women, children and infants who were herded into American concentration camps without trial. "There was not one case of espionage or sabotage committed by a Japanese American or Japanese alien resident in the United States during World War II, and this includes Hawaii where the Japanese American population was not incarcerated."

Two other films, *Jungle Heat* (United

Artist 1957) and *The Sweet and the Bitter* (Commonwealth Films, Canada, 1962), and *Purple Heart* were added to JACL's List of Objectionable Films in 1970. As far as I know, no additions have been made. *Jungle Heat* is a story about alleged Japanese Fifth Column activities on the Island of Kauai on the eve of bombing Pearl Harbor.

The Canadian production has one sequence calling for a Canadian Nisei to admit committing treason against Canada at the outbreak of WWII. Prime Minister Mackenzie King is on record stating not a single act of treason had been recorded in Canada by those of Japanese ancestry. This was added after the *New Canadian* reported the Toronto Nisei were able to catch a Buffalo, N.Y. TV station, where they directed objections to advertisers sponsoring *Little Tokyo, USA*.

In 1972, George Takei, then chair of the JACL national cultural affairs committee and trouble-shooter extra-ordinaire with the broadcast media and entertainment industry, received an immediate apology from KTTV-11 after it aired *Black Dragon* and assurance "it" would not happen again. The "it," in Takei's words, refers to showing films that were "grossly inaccurate, highly defamatory in nature and a misrepresentation."

There's a Jan. 27, 1977 letter in the P.C. Archives, signed by then PSW regional

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Harry K. Honda is editor emeritus of *Pacific Citizen*.



Voices

By KARYL MATSUMOTO

To make decisions, chapters need information—now

March is upon us which means that we are but five months away from the National Convention. As members we should be pro-active in shaping the destiny of our organization, and in order to do so we need the necessary tools such as budgets, description and status of current programs (including advocacy issues) and, of course, updated bylaws, if we are to make intelligent decisions at the national convention. The officers we elect, along with the budget, programs and resolutions our delegates adopt, will most certainly set the course of our organization for the next biennium. As witnessed before, this information has often times been provided at the last minute. This practice is unacceptable, as in a democratic society we need the time to discuss these critical issues at chapter meetings in order to get feedback from the membership at large. We should share and communicate our thoughts via the *Pacific Citizen* as well. Direction needs to flow from the bottom up and not dictated from the top down. This also means that germane infor-

mation which impacts on the JACL's finances, programs, and policies should be made available to membership in a timely manner.

If memory serves me correctly, a committee was formed at the National Board meeting last October to develop a 1997-1998 budget. That budget along with the year-end 1995 budget should be in our hands now. The 1996 convention will be a very critical one and the JACL's budget will play a major role in determining which programs and resolutions are ratified. As the 1996 budget is, at best, one of maintenance only with little room for programs, and as there appears to be no known source of additional revenue, it is time membership look at a dues increase if we are to expand or even continue our programs. For those who want to increase the JACL's role in advocacy, you need to know that advocacy costs money in terms of staff time and dollars. For those who want a weekly *Pacific Citizen*, that too will either require an increase in dues or a decrease in another cost center. Since so much of the business

portion of the national convention will depend on finances, we need and even go so far as to demand that all relevant information be provided to us by the first of April.

As members we have been challenged to give top priority to increasing membership. Well, guess what? It works both ways! Again, we need assistance from National. It would be nice if chapters had accurate membership figures from which to work. I am not referring to the outdated chapter rosters either. National should be able to give us a breakdown on how many members renewed and didn't renew for 1995. What is our active membership number (20,000/23,000)? As an aside, at our last district council meeting I asked and was told that our chapter's district dues were determined by the number of members listed on the chapter rosters provided by National. I don't know about your chapters but our chapter roster carries members who have passed away as well as those who have not been members for years! Membership chairs: better get your act together. Of note, National is also paying insurance

coverage on these bloated figures.

Back to basics, if we are to rebuild, regain our stature, and move forward, we need to encourage dedicated and hard-working individuals to run for national office. Remember, it is the volunteer board who after the convention implements policy and assumes fiduciary responsibility for the well-being of the organization. Unfortunately, the National Board meets only three times a year so it is important that candidates possess the knowledge, skills and vision it will take to carry us into the 21st century. Let us go prepared to the national convention in August with sound ideas and proposals and not be placed in a position to have to react to hastily proposed agendas. If we continue to run absent leadership, then it is we who are ultimately responsible for the destiny of the JACL.

Matsumoto served as JACL interim national Director from April to Dec. 31, 1995. She is a member of the San Mateo Chapter, JACL.

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(*Pacific Citizen*, Feb. 2-15, 1996), to the unsubstantiated statements of "guerillas" who attacked Sakakida in the Hawaii press 50 years after his capture and imprisonment by the Japanese Army upon our surrender in the Philippines in 1942.

The accusations in several Hawaiian newspapers were that he was not loyal to the United States because he wore a Japanese uniform and sword after being accepted by his captors for duty as a translator. Sakakida has been previously credited by American and Philippine authorities for arranging the escape of 500 prisoners of the Japanese, contrary to allegations made by the "gueril-

las."

After six months of torture, Sakakida was successful in convincing his captors that he could be trusted and was given the job of interpreter. Could he realistically have refused to don Japanese equipment after convincing the Japanese that he was not really an American spy?

A letter of support for Sakakida from retired Air Force Major Walter Rehger, past commander of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor and a former POW, states, "It was a common practice for Japanese civilians who acted as interpreters to wear both the sabre and the side arm." Rehger adds that he has yet to meet a "filipino" (sic) veteran who was not a member of the underground and that those making

allegations should show their own qualifying credentials to attack Sakakida. One should also ask why they attack the credibility of their own government which honored Sakakida for his wartime acts.

Retired Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice William A. Berry, author of the recently published *Prisoner of the Rising Sun*, had escaped from a POW camp, only to be returned to the Japanese by Filipinos. The regular punishment for escape was death but Berry states that Sakakida, who was serving as the Japanese translator at the trial, "... was in a great deal responsible that (Berry) and two ensigns were not executed..." Berry adds that Sakakida "... is worthy of any honor this country

will bestow on him."

Retired Army Major James Rubard, another former POW, states that as the Philippines was falling, Sakakida gave up his place to a civilian because he knew that the man had a wife and children "... and insisted that he would stay (behind)..." Rubard added that he and Sakakida accompanied Gen. Beebe, Gen. Wainwright's deputy, to arrange for the surrender. Even then, Rubard states, Sakakida was beaten and Rubard was convinced that the Japanese would kill him on the spot. Rubard states that Sakakida's "... heroism should be recognized and that he should be decorated for extreme valor far beyond the call of duty."

Sakakida was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Air Force and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel. The U.S. Army honored him by preserving his achievements in the highly prestigious U.S. Army Military Intelligence Hall of Fame. The Philippine government awarded him its Legion of Honor. It's impossible to think that they were all naive enough not to have a firm foundation upon which to take these actions.

Isn't it only fair to this real hero that you tell his entire story, thereby removing the stain that you placed on his reputation in your biased death notice?

Jack Herzog
Falls Church, Va.

APA groups join for immigration concerns

More than 200 Asian Pacific Americans from around the country were scheduled to gather in Washington, D.C., Feb. 29-March 1 as part of a national campaign to meet with legislators to discuss the effects of anti-immigrant legislation on their communities.

The Asian Pacific American Immigration Education Effort was the subject of a scheduled press conference on Feb. 29. At that event, Asian Pacific Americans waiting to be reunited with their families explained the impact of pending legislation, as well as political leaders including Reps. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii), Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) and Neil Abercrombie (D-Hawaii).

Congress is currently considering legislation that would reduce the overall number of legal immigrants and make it difficult or impossible for Asian Pacific American citizens to reunite with family members. Because the legislation impacts on the Asian Pacific American community, it is reminiscent of previous eras in U.S. history when Asians were unfairly excluded from immigrating.

APA immigration coalition roster

The Asian Pacific American Immigration Education Effort is sponsored by 29 Asian Pacific American organizations: the Asian American Association; the Asian American Bar Association of Greater Chicago; the Asian American Institute; the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund; the American Citizens for Justice; the Asian Immigrant Women Advocates; the Asian Law Alliance; the Asian Law Caucus; the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO; the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California; the Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum; the Asian Pacific Environmental Network; the Asian Pacific Islanders for Reproductive Health; the Chinese American Service League; the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights

of Los Angeles; the Indo-American Political Association; the Japanese American Citizens League; the Korean American Community Center; the Korean American Task Force for Preservation of Immigrant Rights; the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association; National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium; the National Asian Pacific Center on Aging; the National Asian Women's Health Organization; the National Association of Korean Americans; the National Federation of Indian American Associations; the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium; the Organization of Chinese Americans; the Philippine American Heritage Federation; and the Southeast Asian Resource Action Center.

APA leader says diversity concept key to halting immigration controls

The speaker urged an Asian American legal group to work on behalf of diversity in the face of efforts to scapegoat immigrant and minority Americans.

Paul Igasaki, vice chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission was the keynote speaker for the recent sixth annual convention of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) in Washington, D.C.

"Blaming our fellow Americans for problems that we should face together must end," said the vice chairman. "We may need to raise our voices to be heard as others try to speak for us. The message that America's diversity is our

strength may be unfashionable or unpopular in some communities. This is the challenge that binds us together as a group in these difficult times. The lessons of our history tell us that we can, we must, prevail. I salute NAPABA for its leadership."

Igasaki, who was a founder both of one of NAPABA's chapters and of the national organization as well, was honored as one of NAPABA's "trailblazers." He is among the highest ranking Asian Pacific American appointees in the Clinton Administration. The EEOC is responsible for the enforcement of the nation's laws prohibiting job discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, nationality, age or disability."



PAUL IGASAKI

Alaska to host May 24 event

Alaska JACLers are calling their "Outsiders" (JACLers and all Nikkei from the Lower 48) to "Come to the Japanese American Gathering" for Saturday, May 24, at Alyeska Prince Hotel, about a 45-minute scenic drive south of Anchorage.

"This is our premiere undertaking to introduce the people, sights and a history of the Japanese in Alaska to the entire JACL membership," Sylvia Kobayashi, president of the youngest JACL chapter, explained.

"Our friend, Charlene Shue Ling Russey, is offering two land tour packages centering on the May 24 Gathering for a meaningful week."

Transportation to Anchorage is not included in the pack-

age. Reservation deadline for the "Last Frontier - Alaska" land tours has been extended in mid-March (March 15), attn: Charlene's Express Travel, 601 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite H, Anchorage, AK 99503, 907/274-8884, (fax) 907/274-1455. Two tours are being offered: (a) 5 day/4 night Alaska Glaciers-Wild Life May 23-27 \$770; (b) 7 day/6 night Glacier/Denali Park May 23-May 29 \$1,180.

Inquiries for the May 24 banquet (\$45) at Alyeska Hotel, the only JACL gathering, go to Sylvia Kobayashi, 907/561-0809, (fax) 907/561-0409.

"Dine with mountain view before your eyes at the resort hotel. Entertainment is included," she added.

MIS veterans now eligible for military awards

Bill signed by President Clinton recognizes work of intelligence personnel

United States Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI) announced Feb. 27 that a provision he authored that would allow former military intelligence personnel, including veterans of the all-Nisei Military Intelligence Service (MIS), to apply for military awards was signed into law by President Clinton on February 10. MIS personnel who served on active duty during the period January 1, 1940, to December 31, 1990, would be eligible.

Section 523 of S. 1124, the 1996 Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 104-106), provides a temporary, one-year period for former MIS personnel to apply for appropriate awards or decorations, including the Medal of Honor or Distinguished Service Cross, for which they were never officially recognized due to the covert nature of their activities. The provision

specifically waives any statutory or administrative time limits that would otherwise apply to such awards.

This initiative was inspired by the heroism of the late LTC Richard Sakakida, a veteran of the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps, whose World War II exploits as an undercover spy in the Philippines have never been officially recognized by the military but have been well-documented by military intelligence historians.

The individual military services are expected to publicize the opportunity to submit requests for consideration of awards or decorations under this provision. Interested individuals may submit applications to the awards office of the appropriate military service, along with supporting documentation. The addresses of

the awards offices are as follows:

- ARMY**
Military Awards Branch
ATTN: TAPC-PDA
200 Stovall Street,
Alexandria, VA 22332-0471
- NAVY**
Chief of Naval Operations
ATTN: N09B33
2000 Navy Pentagon,
Washington, D.C. 20350-2000
- MARINE CORPS**
HQ, USMC
Number 2, Navy Annex Military
Awards Branch (MHM)
Washington, D.C. 20380-1775
- AIR FORCE**
HQ, USAF
ATTN: AF/NPXEQ
1040 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20330-1040

STEREOTYPING

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recognize a lot of these images. We grew up with them. The names may have changed slightly, but the stereotypes are still the same shallow images."

Asian American comments on the destructive impact of stereotypes and resources on how to fight them counterbalance the presentation as you leave the exhibit. Some excerpts:

Andrew Chin—I was negatively affected by the FOB (fresh off the boat) stereotype. I believe one of the main reasons I don't speak much Chinese is because of that stereotype, being teased about your language just because you looked Asian, regardless of whether or not you spoke any Asian language.... I don't think I ever recovered from that. I can speak a little Chinese today, and I'm proud of

what I know. But as far as recovering that lost language, I don't think it will ever happen.

Ray Ishii—I was affected more by the absence of role models in the media than by specific stereotypes.... One of my favorite baseball players was Brooks Robinson. But I never said, "Gosh, I want to be like Brooks Robinson." The first Asian sports figure I ever saw and could identify with was the Japanese gymnast in the 1972 Olympics. He completed his routine, despite breaking his leg. The TV commentator talked about his courage, his discipline and his dedication to the team. When I saw him, I rooted for him and felt a sense of pride. He was the first Asian athlete that was presented to me as a hero.

Mira Shimabukuro—On two occasions—once at Evergreen State College when I was taking a class and once in response to a reading I helped organize—I was complemented for my "quiet strength." I remember feeling very funny about

this. I appreciated being called strong, but I didn't know how I felt about being called quiet because of the connection to the stereotype of the model minority. It made me reflect about how other people see me and how I saw myself. I thought to myself, "The next reading I organize, I'll have to be real loud." [Mira is the daughter of one-time Portland JACL president and P.C. staffer Bob Shimabukuro.]

Sharon Tomiko Santos—As an Asian Pacific American feminist, I really hate the exotic butterfly stereotype because it's so demeaning and dangerous.... Professionally, I've been most affected by the model minority myth. Because I'm Asian and a woman, I have to have double the credentials, be twice as capable and have three times as much experience as any white male before I'm considered for a "leadership" position. I think the folks that make the hiring decisions believe that we won't complain.

Maria Braganza—... I see a lot of [Asians] who aren't allowing stereotypes to keep them from pursuing their goals in life. I feel that way in general about life: that the best way to lead is by example. If we continue to be the diverse communities that we are, if we have very diverse careers and lifestyles.... it serves as an example.

Santhosh Daniel—As I get older, with my education comes a lot of knowledge about how I can explain to people what India really is. When the Indian riots happened in 1992, people said: "Ten thousand people died in India—what a savage country." I said, "Oh? Is it any more savage than a country that has over 100,000 deaths every year from handguns, where rape is on the increase and sexual abuse of children is on the rise? How can you compare the two and say one is better than the other?" That's the way I have found as most effective.

Annie Xuân Clark—When I was going through drug rehab, most of the people there were white. I trusted them with the most intimate secrets of my life. We talked about everything—except race. The fact that I was half-Vietnamese never came up. Then some started calling me really dangerous names like "napalm girl" and "little geisha girl" and "you goddamn eggroll." And because they weren't strangers—maybe if someone called me "Chink" on the street I could yell back—I just felt really awful about it. These were people I trusted with my life [so] I just internalized it. That was really hurtful.

A series of public programs exploring the impact of stereotypes and cultural diversity, co-sponsored by the Seattle Public Library and community organizations, is augmenting the exhibit.

Information: 206/623-5124.

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members. The JACL has strongly endorsed affirmative action.

● **Kin Shaw Wong**: Wong, a Chinese American, is an electrical engineer and president of Capital Telephone Co., which sells, installs, and services telephone systems to businesses and governmental agencies. Currently, state contracts make up 70% of Capital Telephone's total annual sales.

● **Jerry Enomoto**: Enomoto is the U. S. Marshal, Eastern Dis-



JERRY ENOMOTO

trict of California; formerly the director of the California Department of Correction, and a consultant on criminal justice issues. He was the first Asian American to become a U.S. marshal and to head up a statewide agency. He is a member of the Sacramento Chapter, JACL.

● **Sina Chau Pech**: Pech is a first generation Cambodian American. He was awarded a fellowship for minority students with bilingual/bicultural skills interested in entering the teaching profession. After graduating from

college, he returned to Stockton public schools, teaching students from backgrounds similar to his own. After four years of classroom work—meeting the many needs of his students and their families—he decided to pursue a master's degree in bilingual and bicultural education. Pech eventually hopes to train more teachers to help meet the needs of California's diverse student population.

● **Christopher Cabaldon**: Cabaldon, a Filipino American, is a graduate of the University of

California at Berkeley, admitted under the Special Admissions Program. Most recently he worked as the chief consultant for the Assembly Higher Education Committee advising the State Legislature on education issues.

● **Kimi Lee**: Lee, a Chinese American, is the executive director of the University of California Student Association, and a graduate of U.C. Davis. She has represented students during the controversial elimination of affirmative action by the regents.

