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Education and entertainment highlight JACL youth gathering

By KIMI YOSHINO
National Youth/Student Council Representative

Acting troupe Here and Now sent the crowd home laughing. Inspirational Lorna Onizuka, widow of Challenger astronaut Ellison Inizuka, moved them to tears.

It was all part of an inspirational, educational and entertaining National Youth/Student Conference held Feb. 23-24 in San Francisco at the Miyako Hotel.

About 100 high school students, college students and adults attended the conference, sponsored by Kikkoman International, American Express and Kaiser Permanente.

Throughout the day they attended several workshops, choosing from topics such as Hapa Issues, Redress, Affirmative Action, Student Networking, Race Relations and Asian Americans in Non-Profit.

Francy Lim Youngberg, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Caucus Institute, provided the keynote address. The conference closed with a series of skits by young acting troupe Here and Now, a Southern California group made up of college students and young professionals.

During the luncheon, the National Youth/Student Council announced the recipients of its biennial Vision Award, given to those who have served as positive role models for young Asian Pacific Americans.

Judge Lance Ito, television reporter Tritia Toyota and the family of Ellison Onizuka were the winners.

Lorna Onizuka flew from Houston to accept the award on behalf of her family. After a short NASA video on the life Ellison Onizuka, she gave a short speech, challenging the young generation to set high goals.

She also recounted how her husband's Japanese American roots impacted the family's lives and helped her carry on after the Challenger explosion.

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Nominations for JACL national offices sought

Nominations for JACL national offices are now open, according to Elaine Akagi, chair of the Nominations Committee. Six positions and two youth positions will be filled at elections held Aug. 10 in San Jose at the National JACL convention.

Information and forms will be sent to chapter presidents in the near future, Akagi said. Nominations may be submitted until May 1, but nominations will be accepted from the floor at the first National Council session.

The following are the six positions to be filled: president; vice president, general operations; vice president, public affair; vice president, planning and development; vice president, 1000 Club, membership services; and secretary-treasurer.

The requirements for all offices include being an active member of the organization and be at least 18 years of age, except in the case of the presidency in which a candidate must be at least 25 years of age. The secretary/treasurer should have a working knowledge of accounting, including analysis of financial statements.

The National Youth Council will also elect a National Youth chairperson and a National Youth representative. The youth positions serve on the National Board and attend all its meetings.

All candidates must be in attendance at the National Convention in San Jose, Aug. 6-10. Information: Elaine Akagi (206)772-6749 or e-mail RaikoA@aol.com.

PC Editorial Board to seek return to weekly

Reflecting many member sentiments, board at its annual gathering, decides to present case to Budget Committee at upcoming National Board meeting

Staff reports

MONTEREY PARK, Calif.—It could be characterized as a contradiction. Or irony. Or groping with reality and identity. Or all of the above.

It was the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board (PCEB) discussing finances. But that's the province of the National Board—since members of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) decided back in August of 1994 to empower that body with oversight of the newspaper's finances.

Nonetheless, with many JACL members longing for the good old days when P.C. came out every week, PCEB Chair Mae Takahashi placed that as a priority agenda item at P.C.'s

annual meeting of the board that once had complete authority over the newspaper.

Convening here March 2 with representatives from each district, and P.C. editorial advisor Bill Hosokawa and PSW Gov. David Kawamoto present, the newly named P.C. Editorial Board spent much of the day in a lively discussion of just how much finances impact on the P.C. operation—including its ultimate editorial goals—of which the most immediate is the apparent mandate from members to return P.C. to a weekly.

The original motion came from Frank Sakamoto, Mountain Plains representative, but with input from other members who toiled the unanimously-passed final motion to read: "The P.C. Editorial board moves that the Pacific Citizen newspaper return to a weekly format for the welfare of the organization."

The motion, seconded by Silvana Watanabe of the Intermountain District, was made with the intention that the P.C. chair and staff convey that message emphatically to the Budget Committee which is scheduled to meet Friday, April 5, one day before the National Board meeting in San Francisco.

"We're trying to do something here that is in the best interest of moving the publication forward and yet we're caught in this kind of situation," Takahashi said. "It's hard to identify what our role is as an editorial board because the finances directly or indirectly impact editorial content, because editorial content depends on how much coverage you can have, and how many issues you can cover."

"It's really hard for the National Board and the national treasurer to do oversight on



MAE TAKAHASHI
Input to Budget Committee

both headquarters and P.C.," said Takahashi. "I think it's not very practical. It's hard enough to do oversight over the finances of National operations and then also to have to do oversight over the P.C. This is kind of a cumbersome way of doing budgets, but then that's what's in place now, so we're going to have to try to work within that framework, so that we would be in compliance in putting this budget forward to the National Council the best way we can to get back to a weekly publication."

In its financial report, P.C. staff calculated a \$6 increase in P.C. subscriptions to return to weekly schedule. Currently, members pay \$12 in subscription fees, a figure which goes back to 1988. Much of the discussion focused on whether or not it was P.C.'s role to determine where that increase was to come from. Hosokawa and Sakamoto, for instance, said that it was up to the National Board to figure that out. The PCEB was merely

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On the agenda . . .

Other items of discussion by the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board (PCEB) included:

● **P.C. staff situation:** PC Editor/General Manager Richard Suenaga reported that he is currently in the process of replacing Assistant Editor Gwen Muranaka who resigned in January. Muranaka will begin work in Tokyo in early April as a copy editor for the *Japan Times*.

With Muranaka's departure, the P.C. staff has been reduced to three full-time people and a part-time person handling circulation. To assist staff with projects, part-time help has been used, Suenaga said.

With only two candidates interviewed for the assistant editor position, the editor/general manager asked board members for assistance in identifying qualified candidates.

● **PCEB manual:** PCEB Chair Mae Takahashi prepared a board member manual containing information and history on P.C., as well as on board member roles and responsibilities. The idea, Takahashi said, was to establish consistency and continuity for current and future board members. Comment-

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MAKING A POINT—June Schumann (right), PNW representative to the P.C. Editorial Board, discusses an issue, while Silvana Watanabe, Intermountain representative, studies documents.

Roll call . . .

Attending the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board meeting March 2 in Monterey Park, Calif., were:

Board members:

- Mae Takahashi, chair, Central California District (Clovis Chapter, JACL)
- Clyde Nishimura, Eastern District Council (Washington, D.C., Chapter, JACL)
- Joanne Kumagai (Twin Cities Chapter, JACL), for Patricia Ikeda Carper, Midwest District Council
- Silvana Watanabe, Intermountain District Council (Salt Lake City Chapter, JACL)
- Sam Shimoguchi, Pacific Southwest District (Venice-Culver Chapter, JACL)
- Gary Mayeda, National Youth/Student Council representative (APAN Chapter, JACL)
- June Arima Schumann, Pacific Northwest District (Portland Chapter, JACL)
- Mollie Fujioka, Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council (Diablo Valley Chapter, JACL)
- Frank Sakamoto, Mountain Plains District (Mile-Hi Chapter, JACL)

Guests:

- David Kawamoto, Pacific Southwest District Council governor (San Diego Chapter, JACL)
- Gwen Muranaka, former P.C. assistant editor

Staff:

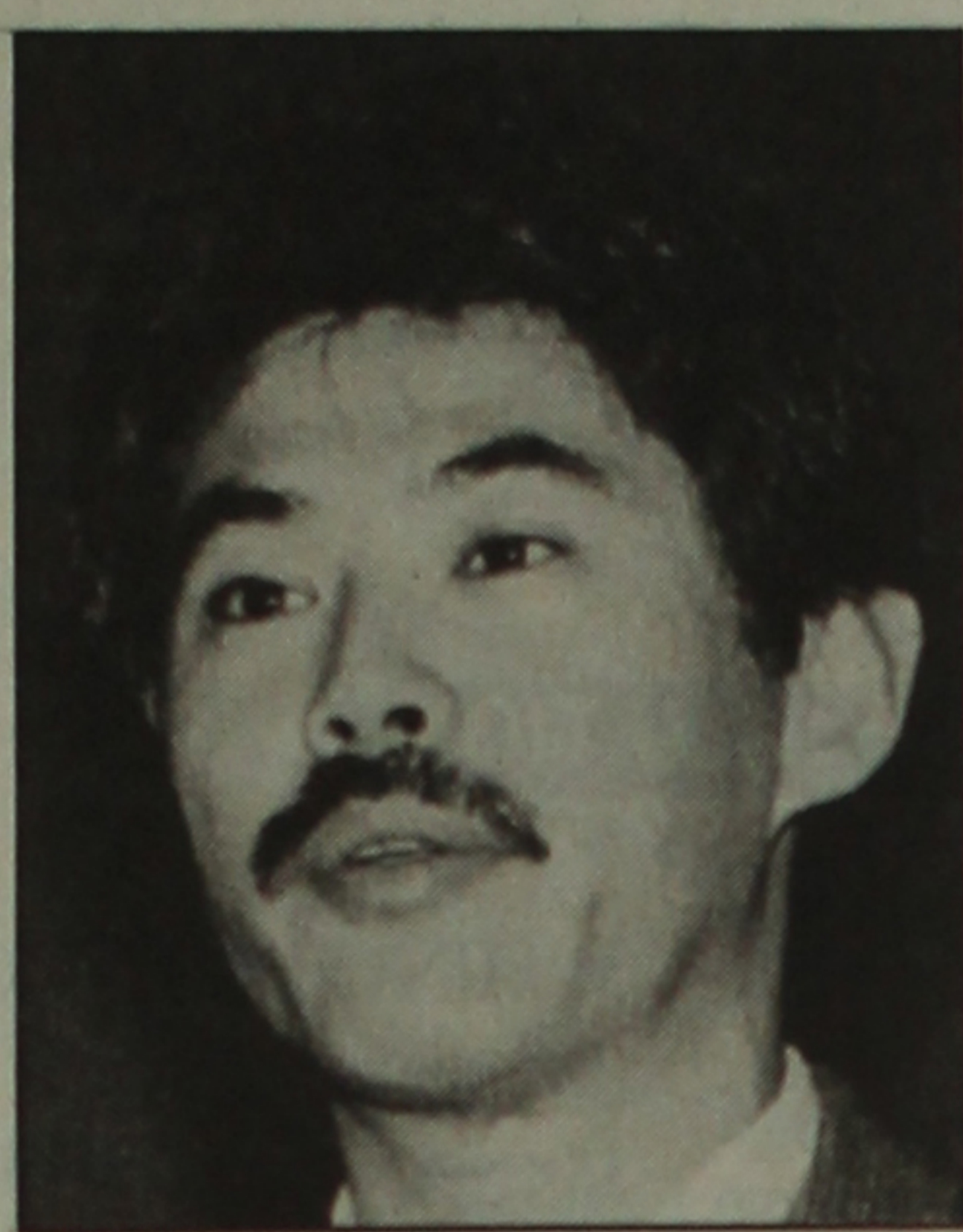
- Richard Suenaga, P.C. editor/GM
- Harry Honda, P.C. editor emeritus
- Kerry Ting, P.C. business manager

Civil Liberties Public Education board meets

Despite delays in confirming board members and obtaining funds, the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund board of directors finally held its first meeting by phone on Feb. 28. It was held eight years after the fund had been authorized by the redress bill, which also granted \$20,000 to surviving Japanese Americans interned by the U.S. government during World War II.

Through the redress bill, the fund was allocated \$5 million to give out as community research grants to fund continued education efforts on civil liberties, especially the exclusion and detention of Japanese Americans. The allocation also covers administrative expenses associated with operating the program.

The board has scheduled its first face-to-face meeting for March 31, 1996, in Washington, DC. At the meeting, the board will begin the difficult process of defining its mission, hiring staff, establishing



DALE MINAMI
Acting chair

criteria and a process for funding, creating a timetable for grant distribution and developing a strategy for public outreach.

President Clinton formally appointed eight members to serve on the board: Father Robert Drinan, Leo Goto, Susan Hayase,

Elsa Kudo, Yeiichi Kuwayama, Dale Minami, Peggy Nagae, and Don Nakanishi. "The community has waited a long time for this program, and now we're ready to move forward as fast as we can," said Minami, who was elected acting chair of the board.

The board will not be accepting applications or proposals for grants until the criteria and procedure have been established. Public announcements and mailings will inform all segments of the community when application forms will be available.

Commenting on the event, Congressman Robert Matsui said, "There is no question that a milestone has been reached with this first meeting of the Civil Liberties Board. It took over eight years to make this a reality, but it will be well worth the wait if our efforts prevent future violations of civil rights which demanded the establishment of this board in the beginning."

Oahu monument honors 100th, 442nd, MIS vets

The Oahu AJA Veterans Council hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for its "Brothers in Valor" monument at Fort DeRussy, Honolulu, on March 11. The site at the corner of Kalakaua Avenue and Saratoga Road will be transformed into a living memorial to the contributions of Hawaii's 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service and 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion.

Guests participating in the groundbreaking included Hawaii Senators Daniel K. Inouye and

Daniel K. Akaka, Representatives Neil Abercrombie and Patsy T. Mink Gov. Benjamin Cayetano, and Honolulu Mayor Jeremy Harris. Andrew Mirikitani, Honolulu city councilman, was master of the ceremonies.

Featured were the U.S. Army Band and Color Guard, with keynote address by Lt. Gen. Robert L. Lord III, invocation, blessing, and benediction respectively by the Rev. Ernest Uno, Chaplain, 442nd Veterans Club, the Rev. Kimo Merseberg, Hawaii United Church of Christ, and Buddhist Bishop Yoshiaki Fujitani.

The design by artist and 442nd veteran Jackson Morisawa will feature four quadrants dedicated to the heroic men of the four military units in a park-like setting, surrounding a statue and plaques detailing their rich history. The memorial will also include time capsules with scrolls listing the names of soldiers who were killed in action, personnel roster of the four units, and those who contributed to the monument.

Information, Jennifer Baker, 442nd Club, 808/949-7997, or Drusilla Tanaka at the Club 100, 808/946-027

Bill to make English official language opposed

The Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) has announced its opposition to S.356, "Language of Government Act of 1995."

For 220 years the United States as a nation and the individual states have functioned without recognizing English as the "official language," the OCA said in a press release, adding that the United States has never been a monolingual nation, although 95 percent of Americans speak English, according to the recent census. One's ability to speak English or to understand English should not legitimize discrimination nor validate barriers to deny

access to government services, the organization said.

OCA National President Michael C. Lin said, "To truly foster linguistic and cultural unity we should be passing legislation that would increase funding for English language training. For a country supposedly proud of her ethnic diversity, the U.S. and the states should take pride in the rich cultural heritages, which include language, that constitute our people. To deem that English is the 'official' language implies that all other languages are insignificant and 'unofficial.' Is that the attitude we, Americans, want

to foster? What does it say about our country if we exempt from the English laws uses of languages for international trade? Are we only using other languages when our country can benefit financially?"

OCA Executive Director Daphne Kwok remarked, "S.356 is unfixable and serves only to tear apart a nation which supposedly treasures and boasts about its mosaic features. Why would the United States Congress seek to pass legislation that does not contribute to the advancement of the most forward nation of the world?"

APA group organizes voter registration effort

A March 13 press conference in Washington, D.C., was held to explain strategies and messages that will be used to increase voter participation within the Asian Pacific American community. Scheduled to appear were Congresswoman Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii), chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus; Congressman Robert Matsui (D-Calif.), Cheryl Lau, counsel to the House of Representatives; Anna Chennault and others.

The campaign is being spear-

headed by a coalition of 19 national Asian Pacific American organizations. According to the National Asian Pacific American Voter Registration Campaign, the initiative is aimed at encouraging the Asian Pacific American community to register voters, and to convey a message to public-at-large and elected officials that the community is an active sector of a diverse America and that they will become a visible voting constituency.

According to the U.S. Census

data as of March, 1994, the Asian Pacific American community was estimated at 8.8 million. The community has the lowest rate of voter registration after becoming citizens, yet has the highest rate of actual voting of any group.

Many Asian have not had a history of electoral participation in their homelands. Many fundamental concepts about voting have to be taught, a spokesperson said. This voter registration campaign will engage new citizens and voters through the use of bilingual materials and town hall meetings.

Manzanar bill to advance historic site

U.S. Congressman Robert Matsui (D-Calif.) introduced legislation to Congress in early March to finish the process of creating a Manzanar National Historic Site.

The bill will make it possible for the federal government to obtain the Manzanar site through a land exchange with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, which currently owns the property.

"In many ways, this final aspect of redress is the most important," Matsui said. "It is essential that we instill in our citizens a

high level of public awareness about the internment, so that our country never again makes such a terrible mistake."

During World War II, some 10,000 Japanese Americans were interned at Manzanar, who made up some of the 120,000 Japanese Americans interned at ten camps throughout the United States.

"It was determined in the 1980s that of the 10 former internment camps, the Manzanar site was best suited for preservation. I hope it will serve as a reminder to Americans of the glaring civil

rights abuses that these camps represented," Matsui said.

Congressman Matsui was joined by Congressman Jerry Lewis (R-Calif.) as co-author. In 1992, Congress had passed legislation to establish a National Historic Site at Manzanar.

The bill introduced by Matsui and Lewis will allow a land transfer by which the Manzanar site could eventually be expanded to the full 800 acres requested by the Manzanar Advisory Commission, established to oversee the development of the historic site.

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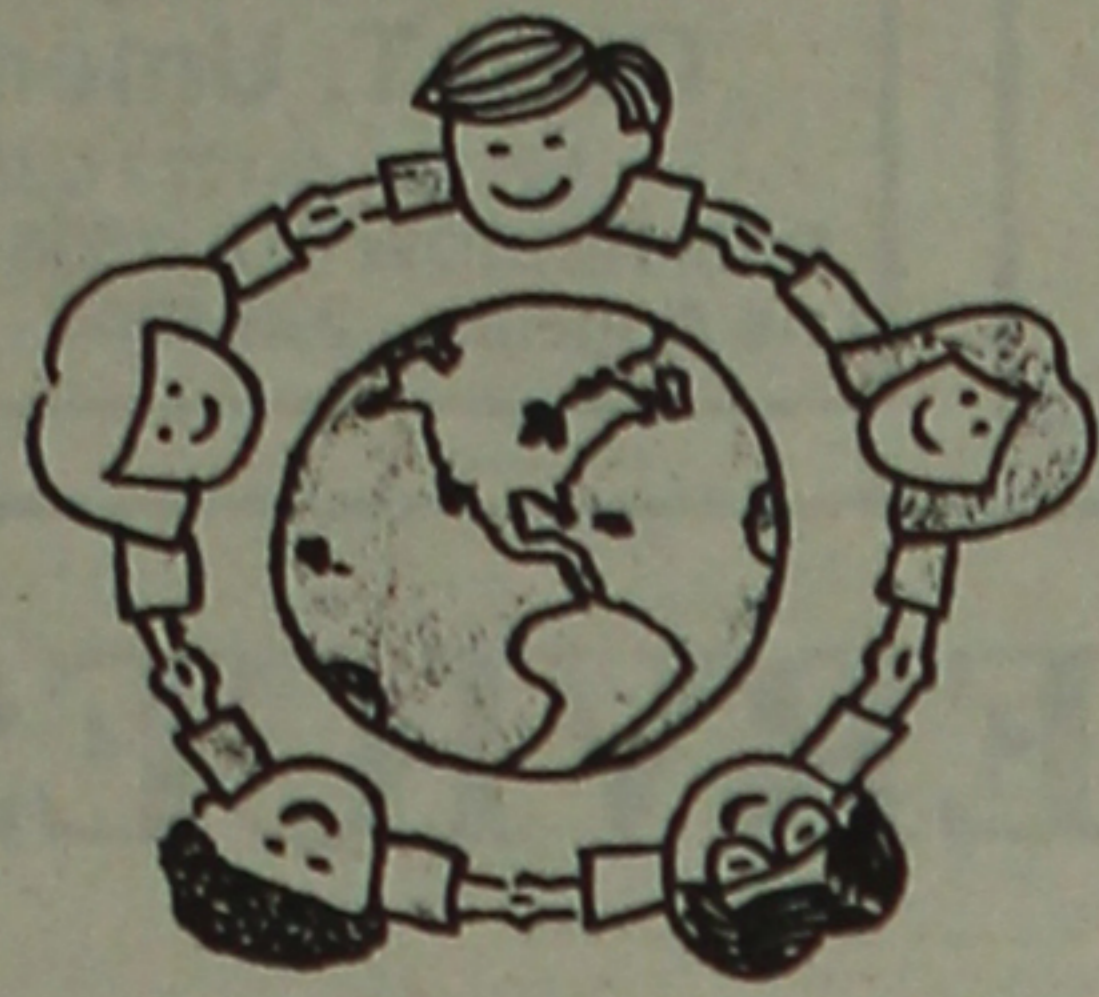
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San Jose Welcomes You to the 1996 JACL National Convention

In 1968, as the Santa Clara Valley was quickly moving away from its agricultural past to becoming the capital of high tech industry, the 20th JACL National Convention was held in San Jose. In 1996, JACLers, their families, and friends, from across the United States and abroad are welcomed back to the Silicon Valley. The San Jose JACL takes pride in hosting the 34th Biennial JACL National Convention. Join us as the Japanese American Citizens League moves into the 21st century.

Convention Events

GENERATIONS '96 DANCE

Friday, August 2, 9pm - 1am

Young adults (aged 21 and over) are invited to get an early start on the convention by attending this dance at the San Jose Hilton. ID required.

REGISTRATION/INFORMATION

Tuesday through Saturday

The host chapter, San Jose, will be happy to assist you with any questions or problems that may arise. All participants should check in at the registration booth. Package registrants will receive a goody bag courtesy of convention sponsors.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN & JAPANTOWN TOUR

Tuesday, August 6, 9am - 4pm

Your tour will start with the Japanese American Internment Memorial created by Ruth Asawa. A bus will take you to Kelley Park, and the Japanese Friendship Garden, where your guide, Jimi Yamaichi, will show you the beautiful koi amongst the tranquil beauty of the garden and wooden gate. You will enjoy a box lunch at the Issei Memorial Building in Japantown, home to the San Jose JACL and the Japanese American Resource Center. Dr. Tokio Ishikawa will lead a guided walking tour and share the history of the buildings and tell stories about the people who once lived in Japantown.

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, August 6, 1 - 4:30pm

Come and enjoy an afternoon of tournament bridge. Players of all levels are welcome. Prizes will be awarded.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, August 6, 1 - 6pm

Compete in an 18-hole National JACL Golf Tournament complete with prizes and awards. Several flights by handicap are being planned for both men and women, with a shotgun start. Play will be on the scenic and challenging Summitpointe course (1500 Country Club Drive, Milpitas). Green fees, bento lunch, awards dinner included.

GOLF TOURNAMENT AWARDS DINNER

Tuesday, August 6, 6 - 8pm

Join the golfers for dinner at the golf club and see the presentation of awards. Separate registration is available for non-golf tournament participants.

BOWLING FUN NIGHT

Tuesday, August 6, 7 - 9pm

Meet other JACLers at the Fourth Street Bowl (1441 N. 4th Street, San Jose) for an evening of relaxation prior to the official start of the convention.

EXHIBITS

Wednesday, August 7 through Friday

Come and browse through a variety of exhibits representing government, private, and non-profit sectors. Representatives will be available to answer questions.

TEA & FASHION SHOW

Wednesday, August 7, 1 - 3:30pm

Come for a cup of tea, light refreshments and the debut of the fall collections of Anne Namba, Nikkei designer from Hawaii & Kanojo USA, a Nikkei fashion house. Treat yourself to fashions designed to flatter the Asian American woman. Both designers will have their fashions for sale after the show with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the JACL. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, shuttle service to Kanojo USA's showroom will be available. Anne Namba will have her fashions for sale by appointment. Sign up at the registration booth.

WELCOME MIXER LUAU

Wednesday, August 7, 6 - 8pm

The Gilroy and Sequoia JACL Chapters welcome all JACLers to this opening event at the San Jose Historical Museum at Kelley Park. The theme is a Hawaiian Luau, so bring your aloha-wear. Transportation from the Fairmont Hotel will be provided.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday through Saturday

These meetings are the official business times for the JACL. Everyone is welcome to observe the proceedings although only delegates will be allowed to vote.

YOUTH LUNCHEON

Thursday, August 8, 12:30 - 2pm

Former U.S. Congressman Norman Y. Mineta will be the keynote speaker. Anyone interested in youth issues is welcome to attend. Sponsored by NCWNP DC.

YOUTH/NISEI RAP

Thursday, August 8, 5 - 7:30pm

High school and college youth and Nisei will have a chance to share stories, ideas, views and culture with one another. A box dinner will be included. Location: Issei Memorial Building.

WHING DING HOMECOMING/SAN JOSE '96

Thursday, August 8, 7:30pm - 1am

This will be a cross generational event featuring local sports celebrities. Actor Lane Nishikawa will serve as the MC. Come dressed in your favorite team jersey or letter jacket and join the fun. Hey! Hey! All the way! Come on back to San Jose!

KIDS KAMP

Friday, August 9, 12 - 5pm

Designed for those 5 - 12 years of age. A variety of Japanese American cultural projects will be presented. Advance reservation is requested.

AWARDS LUNCHEON

Friday, August 9, 12:30 - 2:30pm

This affair will feature the presentation of the JACLer of the Biennium Award, George J. Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award, and Edison Uno Memorial Civil Rights Award.

MINORU YASUI ORATORICAL COMPETITION

Friday, August 9, 3 - 5pm

District finalists will compete for national awards. High school students, 16 years or older who are interested in participating in this speech contest should pick up an application form from their local JACL office or write to the National Headquarters at 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 10, 8am - 4pm

Take advantage of San Jose's beautiful weather and come play doubles tennis at Evergreen Community College. This will be a chance for tennis novices and advanced players alike to play with others at the same level. Court fees and balls are included. Awards will be presented. Specific playing time may be requested.

SAYONARA BANQUET & BALL

Saturday, August 10, 6pm reception, 7pm - 12am

U.S. Congressman Robert T. Matsui will host the reception. Highlighting the convention finale will be the recognition of the Japanese American of the Biennium, the Mike Masaoka Distinguished Public Service Award and the swearing in of the new National Board members. Entertainment will feature the world renowned San Jose Taiko Group. This black tie optional gala evening will conclude the convention.

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Getting registered

Regular Package Registration

The regular convention package fee admits registered badge holders to all business sessions, workshops, and the oratorical competition. Other events in the convention package include the Welcome Mixer Luau, Awards Luncheon, and Sayonara Banquet.

Also included in the package registration price are the Early Bird Special - Japanese Friendship Garden & Japantown Tour, Bowling Fun Night and Bridge Tournament.

The youth convention package fee includes all the regular convention package items as well as the Youth Luncheon and Youth / Nisei Rap. Call or write for a price sheet for children.

Individual Event Registration

Daily registration is available for those interested in attending only specific convention events.

A registration fee of \$20 is required for admission to exhibits, business sessions or workshops on a per-day basis.

Register before June 14, 1996 and take advantage of reduced registration fees and discounts on individual convention events. See the calendar for the schedule of convention events and organized activities. Additional recreational activities and sightseeing tours will be available during the convention. Information will be available at the Registration & Information booth.

Please indicate your choice of either the Regular Convention package or individual events by indicating the events you wish to attend. Amounts listed are per person.

Hotel Registration

We have reserved a block of rooms for the convention. Reserve early to ensure a space and the rates below. Call the Fairmont directly at (800) 527-4727 to make your reservations. Mention that you are part of the JACL National Convention. Convention room rates are:

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For more convention information, call:

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WORKSHOPS

Session I, 1:30 - 3 pm

1. Silicon Valley Asian Business Entrepreneurs

Meet two of Silicon Valley's illustrious entrepreneurs and hear how Asian Americans can succeed in the business world. Dr. Koichi Nishimura, President and CEO of Solectron, Inc., who was instrumental in transforming Solectron into an internationally recognized supplier of electronics manufacturing services, and Dr. Jim Omura, co-founder and chief technical officer of Cylink, Inc., a leader in providing data security protection products to companies worldwide, will be featured. Presented by West Valley Next Generation and Diablo Valley JAACL Chapters.

2. U.S. - Japan Relations

This workshop will explore issues relating to U.S. - Japan relations in the computer age. The discussion will focus on the information highway and its effect on both international relations and individuals, particularly on Americans of Japanese ancestry. Presented by National JAACL.

3. Affirmative Action

Learn what progress has been achieved in affirmative action in the past 30 years and in what areas biases still exist. Learn how affirmative action has affected Japanese Americans and how it can be effective in reducing discrimination. Presented by the Berkeley, Contra Costa, and Diablo Valley Chapters.

4. Sexual Harassment

There have been many charges of sexual harassment—including within the Japanese American community. What is sexual harassment and how do we recognize it? The government guidelines and recent legal decisions on sexual harassment suits will be discussed. Learn about resources available if you have been sexually harassed or if you have been unfairly charged. Presented by the NCVNPD JAACL Women's Concerns Committee.

5. Native Hawaiian Redress and

Self-Determination

President Clinton signed PL 103-150, a formal apology to native Hawaiians for the overthrow of the sovereign nation of Hawai'i. The discussion will include how Japanese immigrants to Hawai'i thrived largely on the political conditions provided by the host Hawaiian culture and will explore considerations as a national policy issue. Presented by the Honolulu Chapter.

Session II, 3:30 - 5 pm

6. Gay and Lesbian Issues: Redefining Family in the '90s

This workshop is to educate people about same gender marriages and break down the stereotypes of gay and lesbian couples and their families. Presented by the Asian Pacific Islander Lambda JAACL Chapter.

7. Hapa Issues and the Japanese American Community

This workshop will discuss recent demographic trends in the Japanese American community focusing specifically on the effects of interracial marriage and multiracial children. We will discuss family dynamics, identity development, and the role of language and food. Several mixed race Japanese Americans will answer questions about their role in the Japanese American community. Presented by the Hapa Issues Forum.

8. Financial Planning and Long Term Care

Plan for your future. Younger generations should be aware of financial planning strategies because pension funds and Social Security may be non-existent. Older participants can find out more about what they can do to provide for their own futures. Long-term care is expensive. Find out how to provide for your future. Presented by National JAACL.

9. Cementing Our History: A Monumental Task—The Japanese American Story through the eyes of Japanese American Veterans

Learn about the severe racism encountered by Japanese American WWII and Viet Nam war veterans.

Friday August 2	Wednesday August 7	Thursday August 8	Friday August 9	Saturday August 10	Sunday August 11
Generations '96 Dance San Jose Hilton 9pm - 1am	Registration 8am - 5pm Exhibits 8am - 5pm	Registration 7am - 5pm Exhibits 8am - 5pm	Registration 8am - 5pm Exhibits 8am - 5pm	Registration 8am - 5pm Election 6 - 8am	National Board Meeting 9 - 11am National Youth Council 11am - 1pm
Tuesday August 6	National Board Meeting 9am - noon	National Council I 7:30am - 12pm	National Council III 7:30am - 12pm	National Council IV 8am - 12:30pm	
Registration 8am - 5pm Early Bird Special Friendship Garden & Japantown Tour 9am - 4pm Bridge Tournament 1 - 4:30pm Golf Tournament Summitpointe Golf Club 1 - 6pm Golf Tournament Awards Dinner Summitpointe Golf Club 6 - 8pm Bowling Fun Night Fourth Street Bowl 7 - 9pm	Committee Meetings 1 - 3pm National Youth Council 1 - 4pm Tea & Fashion Show featuring Kanojo USA and Anne Namba Fashions 1 - 3:30pm Fashion Sales 3:30 - 5:30pm Delegate Orientation 3:30 - 5pm Welcome Mixer Luau San Jose Historical Museum at Kelley Park 6 - 8pm	Youth Luncheon 12:30 - 2pm National Council II 2:30 - 5pm Youth / Nisei Rap Issei Memorial Building 5 - 7:30pm Whing Ding Homecoming/ San Jose '96 7:30pm - 1am Great Mall of the Bay Area Shopping Spree 10am - 2pm San Francisco Fun 7:30am - 5pm	Kids Kamp 12 - 5pm Awards Luncheon 12:30 - 2:30pm Oratorical Competition 3 - 5pm Candidates Forum 7 - 10pm 17 Mile Drive / Monterey Bay Aquarium 8:30am - 4:30pm San Jose Downtown Walking Tour 10am - 4:30pm	Tennis Tournament Evergreen Community College 8am - 4pm Workshops Session I 1:30 - 3pm Workshops Session II 3:30 - 5pm Sayonara Banquet & Ball 6pm reception 7pm - 12am dinner Angel Island Tour 8:15am - 4pm Monday August 12 Yosemite Trip Monday 8am - Wednesday 4pm	

Note: All events to be held at the Fairmont Hotel, San Jose unless otherwise indicated.

Participants will hear what they can do to honor the Japanese American story in a permanent monument in Washington, D.C. Speakers will include Rudy Tokiwa, youngest member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team; (Ret.) Col. Harry Fukuhara (Military Intelligence Officer); and (Ret.) Major General James Mukoyama (highest ranking mainland veteran). Moderated by Judy Niizawa, San Jose JAACL.

10. Meeting the Educational Challenges: Teaching Tolerance and the Japanese American Experience

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<input type="checkbox"/> Tea & Fashion Show	\$25	\$30	\$_____
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Please circle level of ability: 1 2 3 4 5
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<input type="checkbox"/> Golf Tournament	\$100	\$125	\$_____
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Dinner Only			

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___ Workshop 5	___ Workshop 10

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Please Note:

All tours depart from the Fairmont Hotel and are subject to change. Space is limited on these trips. Reservations will be taken in the order received.

These trips and tours will be held in conjunction with the '96 National Convention, August 6 - 11, 1996 at the Fairmont Hotel, San Jose, California. All are welcome to attend; however, you do not need to

be registered for the convention to join the tours.

No registration will be processed without accompanying payment in full. This form is for conference registration only and NOT for hotel reservations. The hotel reservation is separate and should be made directly with the Fairmont Hotel, San Jose. If you are registering for more than one person, please make additional copies of this form.

San Jose prepares for '96 convention

The San Jose Convention Committee is in full gear as it prepares for the August 1996 JAACL National Convention, according to chapter representatives. The committee held a kickoff dinner meeting on Jan. 23 at the Imperial Buffet in Campbell. National Director Herbert Yamanishi attended and met with the various convention committee chairs and members.

Carl Fujita, fund-raising chair, reports that \$17,850 has been raised so far. The Sacramento Chapter, JAACL, was the first to send in their booklet ad donation of \$350, which was greatly appreciated by the San Jose Chapter. Other chapters that have sent in their donation ads are Contra Costa, Marysville, San Fernando, Solano, Puyallup Valley, Delano, and Clovis. The committee encourages each chapter to send in

their ad monies as soon as possible.

Ken and Ann Yabusaki, workshop chairs from the Berkeley Chapter, also attended the meeting. Seven informative and exciting workshops are being planned. Ruth Yamamoto has already confirmed Ko Nishimura of Solectron and Jim Omura of Cylink as speakers for the workshop on Silicon Valley Entrepreneurs. All workshops will be held on Saturday, August 10.

The Whing Ding Homecoming/San Jose '96 (formerly known as Old Timers Reunion) Committee is in full swing and is planning a great event. Actor Lane Nishikawa will emcee of the event. George Hinoki and Judy Niizawa, chairs of the event, are planning an evening that can be enjoyed by both newcomers and old timers.

Tom Maeda, chair of booster

events, reports that exciting tours and trips are being planned for Yosemite, Angel Island, San Francisco, and Monterey/Carmel. There will also be a walking tour of San Jose Japantown conducted by Dr. Tokio Ishikawa and a Friendship Garden tour by Jimi Yamaichi.

Mark Kobayashi, vice chair of the convention, states that the registration forms to the delegates and chapters were mailed in late February.

The general convention committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month. However, meetings of specific committees are being held throughout the month. If you are interested in participating in a specific event, please call the San Jose office (408/295-1250) for details. Volunteers are still needed for all the events.

JA woman wins peace prize

The rich life of Marii Hasegawa, 77, of Richmond, Va., who recently won the 13th Niwano Peace Prize—awarded each year to individuals or organizations that have significantly contributed to interreligious cooperation and furthering the cause of world peace—will be a subject of a documentary that has been four years in the making, "Marii Hasegawa: a Gentle Woman of a Dangerous Kind," which is to premiere at Virginia Commonwealth University on April 14 during the James River Festival of the Moving Image.

She will be awarded a medal and ¥20-million (about \$190,000) in ceremonies May 9 in Tokyo.

A northside Richmond resident today, her father was a Buddhist priest who left Hiroshima in the '30s to work with the Nikkei in the U.S. She was interned at Tanforan and Topaz, but supported U.S.'s role in WWII as a means to end militarism; but the atom bombs and the Cold War moved her to join the venerable Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. While serving as treasurer for the New Jersey Women's League, she ran a family farm while raising two daughters. She was a key figure in the nutrition field for the elderly as a field representative and later supervisor for the Virginia Office on Aging.

She is a member of American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, NAACP, Richmond Peace Center, YWCA, City of Richmond Commission for the Elderly and others. "They all deal with human rights, justice and freedom," she told the *Times-Dispatch* recently. About her life's work, her motto was "Human rights, justice and freedom — peace is impossible without those three."

The Niwano Peace Foundation, chartered in 1978, promotes research and other activities based on religious spirit and peace through culture, education, science and philosophy.

Asked what she will do with the money, Hasegawa said: "I will see that it goes toward the work for peace."

FBI ads seek spies in Vietnam community

In Westminster, Calif., the local Feb. 29 *Nguoi Viet* daily newspaper carried a Vietnamese-language notice from the FBI for leads in an effort to stem the "proliferation of Vietnamese Communist intelligence."

FBI spokesman George Grotz noted copyright violations by Vietnamese as an example of economic espionage through alleged help of spies.

Civil libertarians, who have denounced the ads, see such action as a throwback to McCarthyism. Stewart Kwok, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, explained that sympathy for communism is "a perfectly legal 1st Amendment right. [But if the ad] inhibits political expression, that is at least inappropriate, if not something worse."

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API immigrants help U.S. economy, report says

A March 12 Washington D.C. press briefing on "The State of Asian Pacific America — Re-framing the Immigration Debate," called by the Asian Pacific American-Public Policy Institute (APA-PPI) tackled the U.S. immigration debate with release of a 400-page report.

According to Leadership Education for Pacific Americans, Inc. (LEAP) at Los Angeles, the APA-PPI analysis documents Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) in entrepreneurship, job creation, social resilience and civic involvement. Also covered are the areas of APAs in public assistance, education and the demographics.

Key findings pointed to:

(a) The rapid increase of the Asian-Pacific Islander population, forecasting that by year 2050 "its rank will increase fivefold," noting that in 1994 it comprised 3% of the population. There were 7,273,662 APIs in the 1990 census.

(b) Fifteen of America's most prominent high-tech companies—with current combined revenues of \$22.25 billion—were founded by immigrant entrepreneurs from Asia and other locations. In 1990, APAs

headed 300 of the 800 high-tech firms in California's Silicon Valley.

(c) The number of APA-owned businesses, which grew by 90% between 1982-1987, had 351,000 employees with a \$3-billion annual payroll in 1987 with sales and receipts exceeding \$33 billion.

(d) Welfare use by API immigrants dropped sharply after one generation. Their participation rate was less than half that of all white families.

(e) APAs have the highest naturalization rates of all national categories and, as registered voters, have one of the nation's highest electoral participation rates.

The first LEAP-Public Policy Institute analysis was published in book form three years ago. The 1996 version is expected to be published by the end of March, the *Pacific Citizen* learned.

Scheduled speakers at the briefing were J.D. Hokoyama, LEAP president and executive director; principal investigator Bill Ong Hong, associate professor, Stanford Law School; William "Mo" Marumoto, chair of LEAP; and Dr. Don T. Nakanishi, director, UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

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YOU NEED JACL

New York, JACL, announces playwright award

The New York Chapter, JACL, has opened the 1996 competition for the sixth Ruby Yoshino Schaar Playwright Award of \$3,000.00

The award honors the memory of Ruby Schaar, former chapter president and executive director, who during her last years dedicated herself to the struggle for the self-realization of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Her firm confidence in the theater arts as a medium to develop public awareness and knowledge of American and Canadian Japanese provided the impetus for the establishment of the Playwright Award Fund by the New York

chapter to recognize and encourage emerging and talented writers to tell the story of the Nikkei in America, according to a chapter spokesperson.

Akemi Kikumura of Los Angeles, the first winner of the \$1,000 Ruby Yoshino Schaar Playwright Award, said that award both encouraged and validated her effort as a writer to continue her work.

Lane Nishikawa was the recipient of the 1994 award for his play, *The Gate of Heaven*. The play dealt with a Hawaiian Japanese American serving with the 442nd during World War II who rescues a

Jewish prisoner at Dachau. After the war, when the Jewish survivor finally locates him, we are shown through their dialogue the sharing of life experiences and cultures.

Applicants interested in competing for the 1996 Playwright Award can obtain a descriptive brochure from their local JACL chapter or by writing to the New York JACL, 15 West 44th St., 11th Floor, New York, NY 10036, attn.: R.Y. Schaar Playwright Fund. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 14, 1996.



All aboard

Monterey Park Eastside Optimist Club officers and board of directors line up for their annual installation held in January. They are (from left): Bob Kondo, president; Mas Nagami, one-year director; Elaine Dong, one-year director; Henry Suto, treasurer;

Helen McCall, vice president; Richard Klutts, two-year director; and Joe Wada, one-year director. Not shown are secretary Jack Hallin, vice president Jim Wada, and directors Frank Kawashima and Jim Nishio.

Korean war vets ready to publish KIA list

The Japanese American Korean War veterans announced that a list of names of the Japanese Americans who died or are listed as missing during the war in Korea has been completed and is ready for publication, and will be distributed in a specially prepared brochure by the Memorial Committee.

Name Verification Chairman Roy Shiraga is asking for the public's help in verifying against any omissions and that the families of the deceased or friends review the list for spelling accuracy. In addition to verification of names, Shiraga is seeking the

names, addresses and telephone numbers of the next of kin for the Memorial Committee.

The Korean War veterans have finalized their fund-raising plan as established by co-chairmen George Tabata, George Koga and Ken Oye under the guidance of advisor Fred Hoshiyama. Future meeting dates were also announced for the coming months. Meetings are scheduled on Fridays except for the meeting on Wednesday, March 27, is rescheduled to avoid a conflict with the State Nisei VFW Reunion in Monterey, Calif., on March 29-31. Meetings for the coming months

are set for Friday, March 15, Wednesday, March 27 and Fridays, April 12, 26, May 10, 24 and June 7, 21, 1996.

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are held at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, 244 So. San Pedro St., Room 203, in Little Tokyo. Korean War veterans who served anywhere in the world and individuals interested in the organization and the memorial are cordially invited to attend the meetings.

Information, call President Robert Wada at (714)992-5461, days.

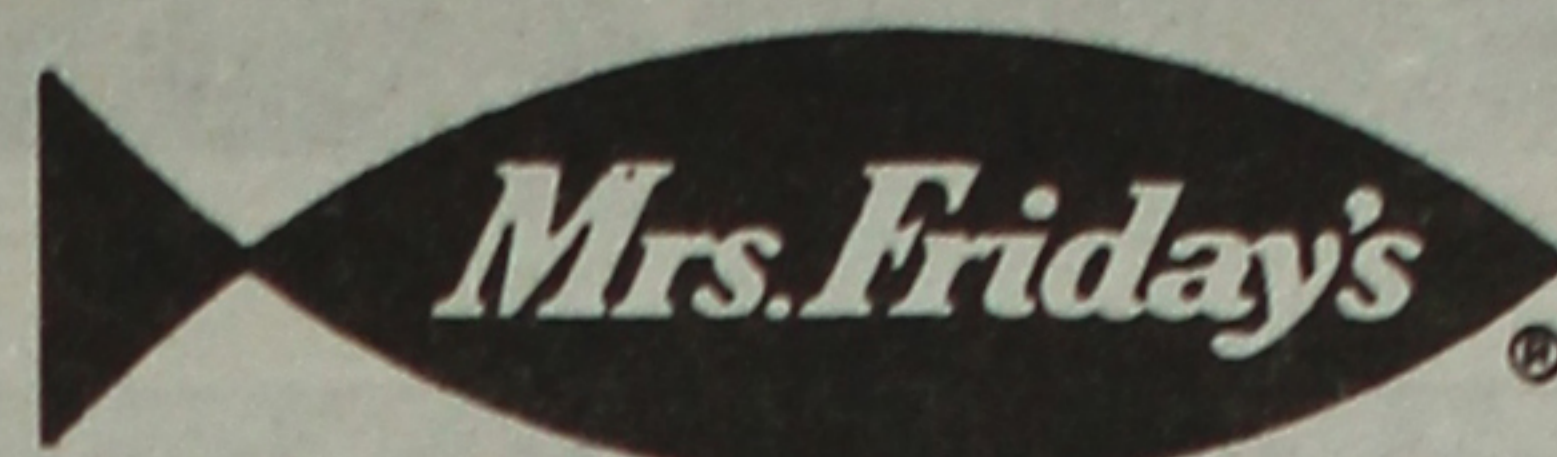
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Nisei playwright

Wakako Yamauchi (seated) is surrounded by Great L.A. Singles JACLers after their February monthly meeting. Besides talking about herself and about her award-winning plays and writings, her message had four points: (1) trust in Divine Providence, (2) if

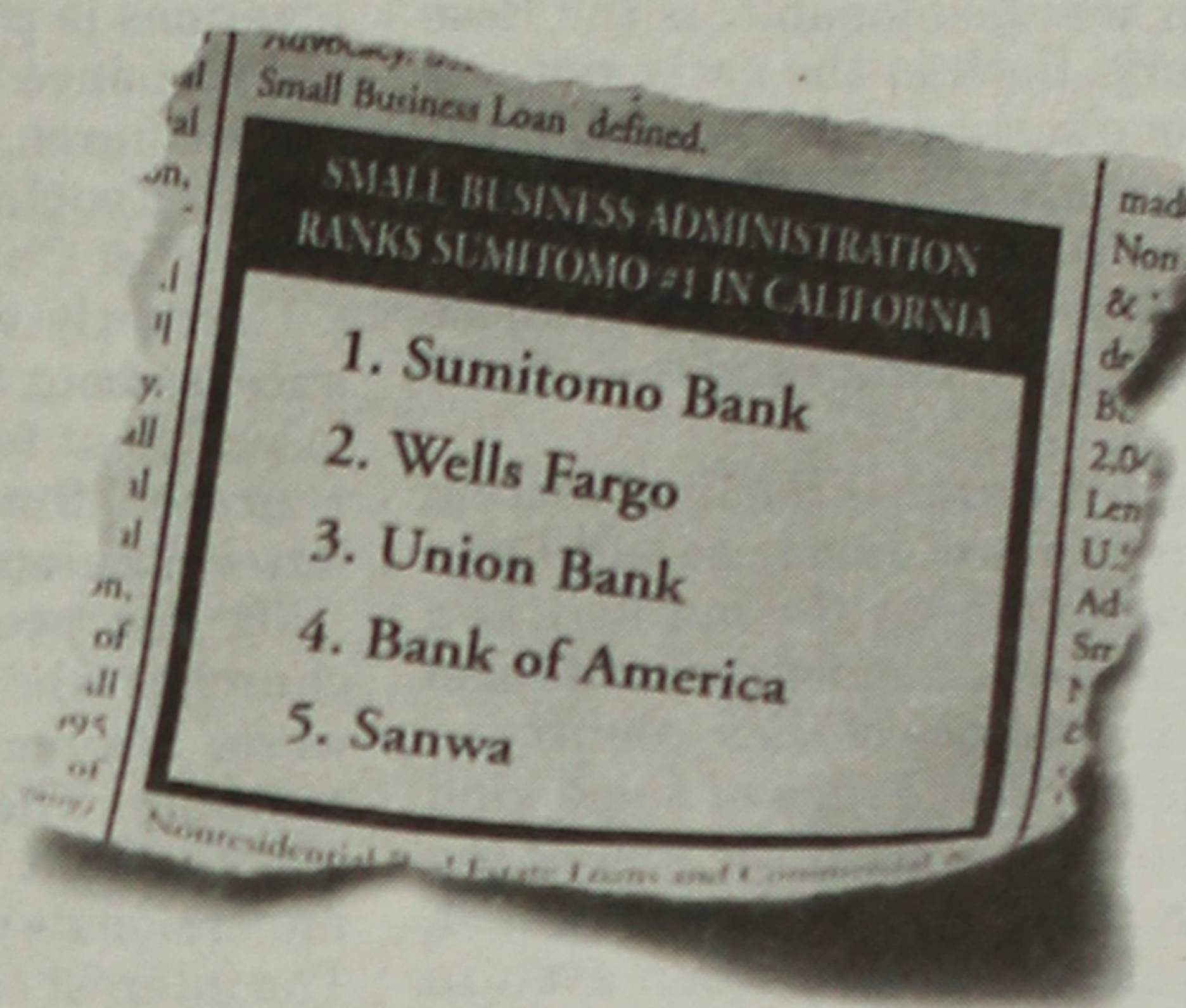
you believe in something, stick to it, (3) pain is a learning experience, and (4) poverty is a state of mind. Standing (from left) are Nobi Yamane, Herb Fukuda, Janet Okubo, Aron Sato and Dan Kawamorita.



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Oct. 18	Oct. 11
Nov. 1	Oct. 25
Nov. 15	Nov. 8
Dec. 20 (Holiday Issue)	Nov. 29

Opinions



From the frying pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Will the legacies go with the graves?

On the east side of Portland, Ore., in a residential area which probably never was fashionable, is the Rose City Cemetery. Back in the early years of the century one section of the cemetery was purchased by the Nikkei Jin Kai, now called the Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland. It was to serve the needs of Japanese members of the community and their families.

Today that little area is the final resting place of many scores of Japanese and Japanese Americans. Among the markers is a tall monument to the memory of local Nisei who died in the service of their country.

As I recall, a green hedge of some kind separates the section from the rest of the cemetery. In this sense, it is segregated, hearkening back to an era when even in death there was discrimination. But it also is kept up substantially better than other parts of the cemetery. The grass is neatly trimmed and the area has the aura of being looked after by people who care.

Some years ago—I am not familiar with the details—Rose City cemetery discontinued upkeep of the Japanese section. The Nikkei Jin Kai met the problem by creating

a maintenance fund. Out of this fund each of the four major community religious organizations is paid \$500 a year to take over maintenance. The four are the Oregon Buddhist Church, Nichiren Buddhist Church, Konko-Kyo church, and the Epworth United Methodist Church.

Currently the maintenance fund's balance is about \$83,000, interest from which is sufficient to pay the \$2,000 given to the churches. But there's a problem. A recent letter circulated by the Society said in part:

"It has been the Niseis of the above churches who have been doing the upkeep work. We don't know how long this will continue. The help from the Sanseis is questionable. To have the work done by professionals would cost much more money. The interest earned from the present fund would not be sufficient to pay for the upkeep costs."

Now the Society is asking Portland residents and former residents to establish a perpetual endowment fund of \$125,000. With \$83,000 now in hand, another \$42,000 is being sought.

This column is not meant to be an appeal for funds. The committee members—Al Abe,

Yoneko Dozono, Marian Hara, Chiyo Oga, Shig Sakamoto, Hiro Takeuchi, George Azumano—are perfectly capable of taking care of their own local problems and I have little doubt that proud Portlanders will meet the \$42,000 goal.

This column is a commentary on the changes that are coming over the Japanese American community nationwide because of inevitable changes in values, interests and concerns as the Nisei generation follows the Issei into the sunset. There are other signs. The last issue of *Pacific Citizen* reported that the Chicago JACL chapter, once among the most solid and active members of the JACL family, had to cancel its annual inaugural banquet after 50 years because of lack of interest.

The times, they are a'changing. As some wise man said long ago, there is nothing permanent except change. Even in a cemetery or a JACL chapter.

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

Letters

Reader searching for Nisei Air Force veteran

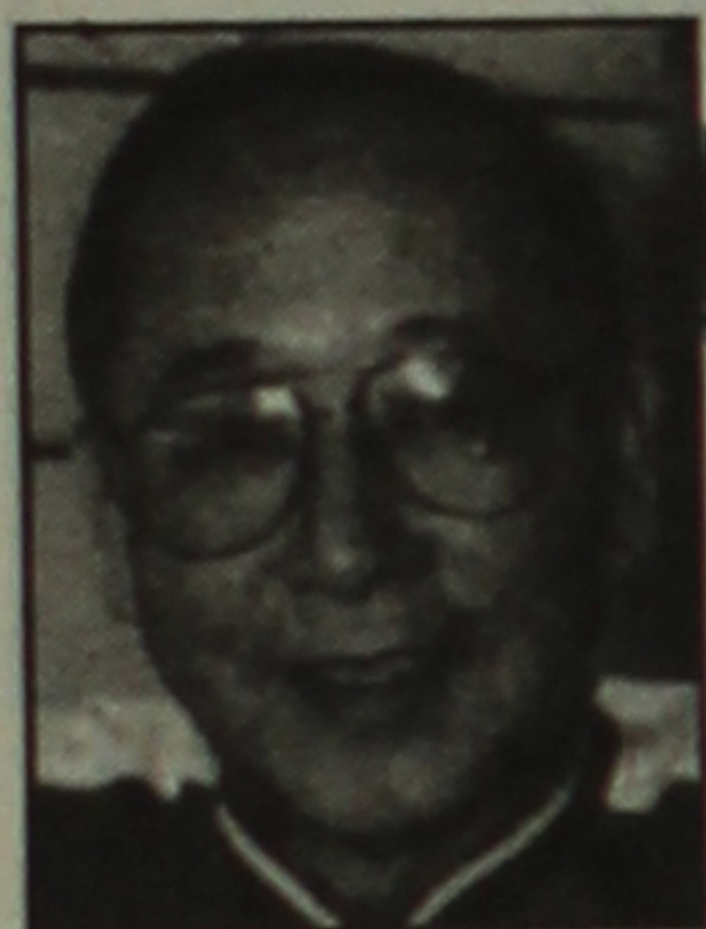
According to the conventional wisdom pertaining to Nisei World War II history, Sgt. Ben Kuroki was the only Nisei permitted to enlist and serve in the U.S. Army Air Force, for which he was widely acclaimed for his historic service.

In talking war stories with George Nicolau, prominent arbitrator best known for his baseball arbitration service, there was a Nisei named Yukio Kishi who flew combat missions over Germany on an American B-17 bomber. Nicolau was the Navigator of a B-17 from the 388th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, which was based in Thetford, England, and he says that the radioman on his crew was Yukio Kishi from Little Rock, Ark.

George would like to get in touch and meet Yukio once again, and I suggested we try to find his former crew member through the *Pacific Citizen*. So, if Yukio Kishi is out there, or someone who knows of his whereabouts, please respond care of this paper and I will put him in touch with Mr. Nicolau. Many thanks for your help.

Ted Tsukiyama
Honolulu, Hawaii

Editor's note—This past year, George Matsumoto of prewar Sebastopol, Calif., and now a resident in Altadena, Calif., was introduced as the "second" Nisei in WWII who served in the Air Force. The P.C. also learned that another Nisei, the late Jack Shundo, was in the Air Force upon being reassigned from the special Ranger Battalion after completing the assault on the French cliffs at Pointe-du-Hoc on D-Day morning of June 5, 1944. It also appeared he was the only Nisei participant in the climactic D-Day of WWII.



East wind

By BILL MARUTANI

Asian Americans in politics

SOME 30 YEARS or so ago, during a Nisei barristers' meeting in Los Angeles, the subject of Nisei involvement—or perhaps more accurately, non-involvement—in California politics came up.

There certainly existed a meaningful ethnic core of Nikkei residents in the L.A. region which might provide a meaningful support base—although I hasten to add, one need not and should not require the presence of an ethnic electoral bloc as a condition to entering the political arena. If one were to wait for such a bloc, opportunities will have irretrievably passed by.

OVER THE YEARS, as I pondered over this matter of political non-participation. One of the initial factors, in my opinion, was the aftermath of the 1942 uprooting of Nikkei residing along the Pacific Coast states, with its demolition of the community fabric and economic base. Economic survival, the restoration of the means of livelihood for the family, have pressing priority; matters of political participation would simply have to wait. Beyond the realities of these factors, I came upon another, broader, thesis. Simply summarized: the cultural mores passed down to the Nisei,

fine and noble as such are, can, unless placed in proper perspective, discourage involvement in the political arena.

There are five categories of such impediments, some of which may overlap at the edges.

BE NUMBER ONE. Since childhood, we Nisei were exhorted with the "must win" syndrome. Academically, be at the head of the class; in judo, be Number One. Working, be the top producer. And so on. With such standards, it is extremely risky to enter the political arena where, say, among six candidates only one person can win. From the outset, those are discouraging odds. Too risky.

CRABS IN THE BARREL. This concept somewhat relates to the "Number One" syndrome referred to hereinabove. One of the measures of a Nisei's standing was by comparison to a fellow Nisei whose accomplishments were touted as a desirable standard. We've all heard it: "Look at *nani-nani-san* (so-and-so), how well (s)he's doing in school. Why can't you be like him/her?" Confronted with such a challenge, the "solution" is to pull down the (fellow) crab so that (s)he doesn't move up and out

of the common barrel. "Competition" is the operative factor. This factor was still very much alive and well at Camp Savage and Ft. Snelling, where Nisei soldiers studied their *kanji* lessons after lights-out by going to the latrine or using a flashlight under the blanket.

Indeed, perhaps you were one of them.

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

Holiday Issue reprints

Pacific Citizen has received many compliments on its Holiday Issue. The quality is reflected in the creative and thoughtful writers who participated in the 1995 edition. The staff, including part-time people, should be acknowledged as well.

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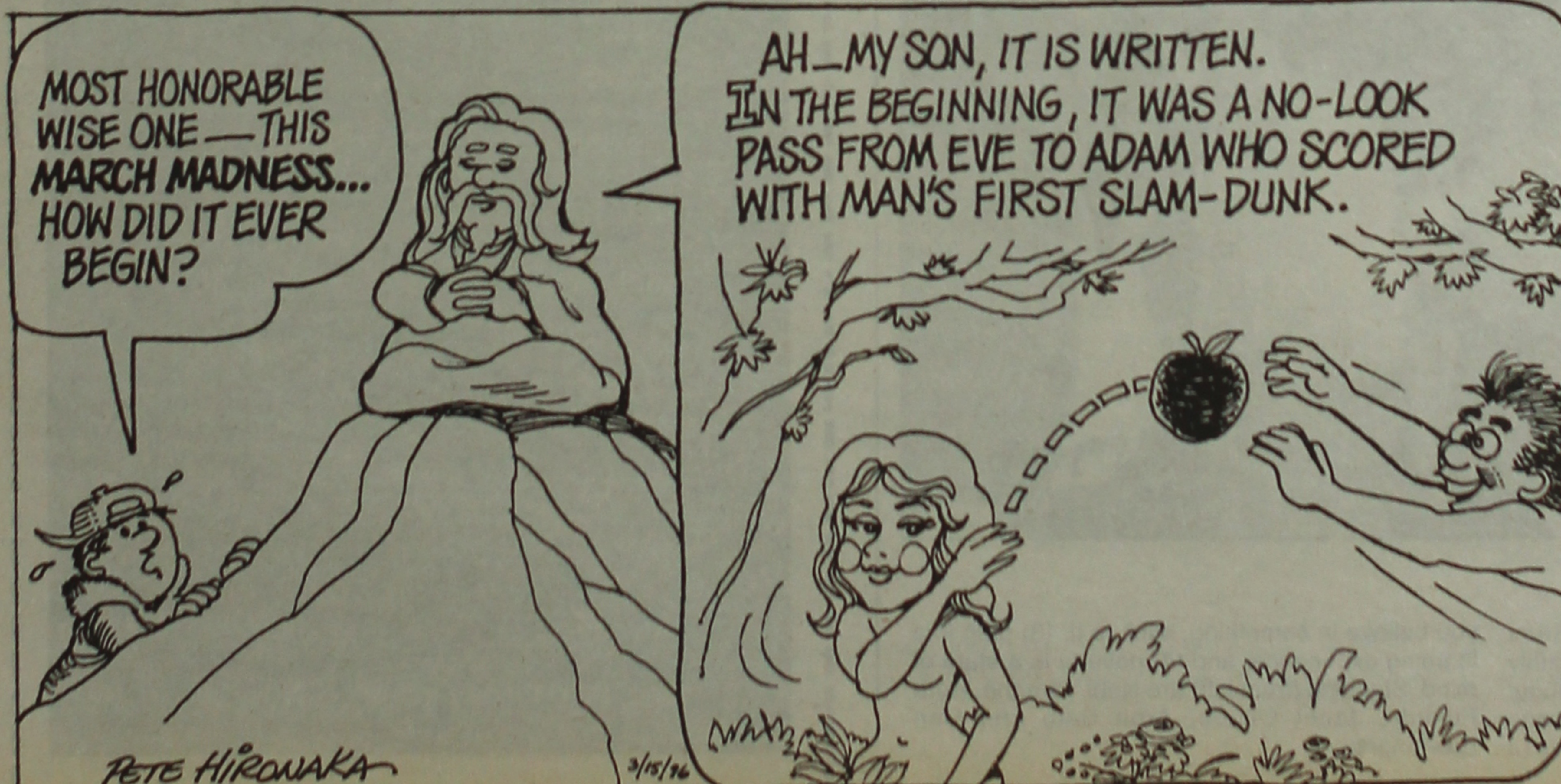
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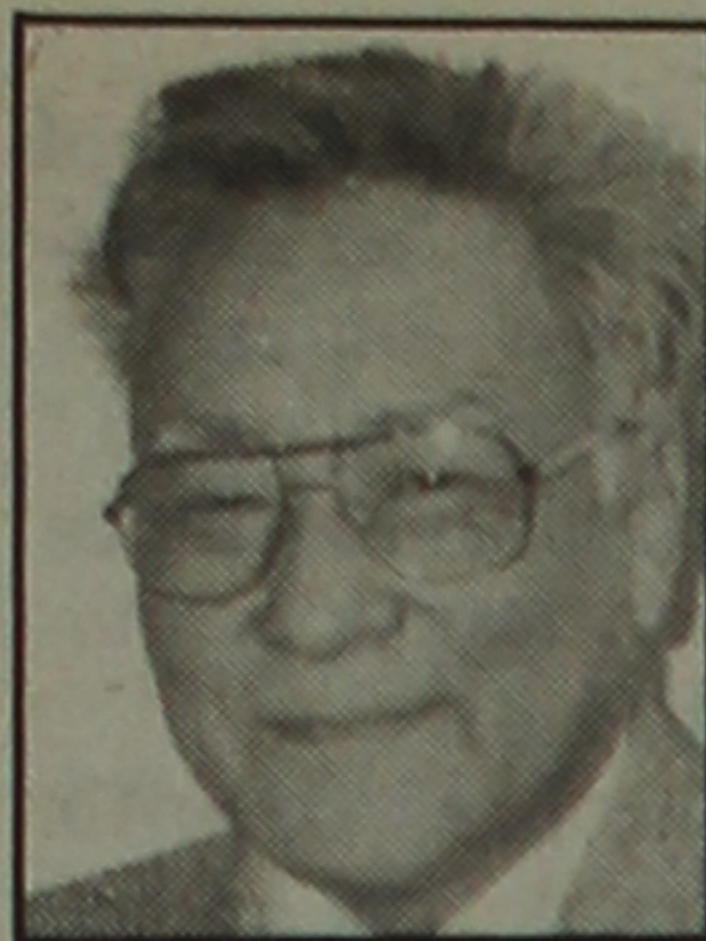
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From the JACL president

By DENNY YASUHARA

Supporting the national convention

A national convention is a huge undertaking. No matter how well it is organized, no matter how hard the chapter members work, and no matter how large the chapter is... it is still a risk. Why? Because the chapters cannot guarantee how many will attend the daily events nor how many will stay at the convention designated hotel, in this case, the Fairmont Hotel (1-800-527-4727).

The rate is \$95/single and \$99/double. These are good rates; we have had to pay more at a previous convention. The regular costs of these rooms are: Single — \$135 to \$195 and for double occupancy — \$155 to \$215. You can see that the convention committee has done well in negotiating the price of rooms for us.

The San Jose Chapter has also worked very hard in providing attractive events for us to enjoy at reasonable rates. In some past conventions, we have had a sufficient number of participants in the daily events, but the convention itself was nearly a financial disaster, because many who attended did not stay at the convention hotel. They decided to stay at cheaper hotels nearby. Thus, we failed to reach enough room nights to obtain maximum discounts

relative to meeting room costs, or were obligated to pay a penalty for room nights we did not occupy. This is a substantial amount and could cause financial difficulties in any convention. In order to receive a full discount on meeting room charges, 550 room nights must be occupied by those attending the convention.

While the San Jose area has a sizeable Nikkei population that could meet minimum attendance requirements, filling the required number of room nights is another matter. If we occupy 110 rooms for 5 nights, we will be able to obtain a full discount on meeting room charges. The failure to do so could raise convention costs substantially.

We know how hard San Jose has worked, since I, as well as Jim Miyazaki, have attended several of their meetings. (We paid our own travel and lodging expenses so please don't get on us for spending monies inappropriately.) Karyl Matsumoto, the former interim director, was particularly helpful in attending their meetings regularly and raising significant sums of monies for the convention. However, it has been difficult for the San Jose Chapter because of the lack of continuity in JACL staff support. Since 1994, we have had 4

different people involved at National Headquarters: Carole Hayashino prior to February 1995, Bill Yoshino from February through June, Karyl Matsumoto from July to December, 1995, and now Herb Yamanishi. This lack of continuity and of permanent staff has caused considerable concern and anxiety on the part of the San Jose Chapter and rightly so.

Carole Hayashino has been of considerable assistance to them by volunteering her services during this period, but this is not like having the same experienced staff assisting at National Headquarters throughout their convention preparation period.

This convention is not only San Jose Chapter's convention, it is a National JACL convention; it is our convention and yours. San Jose has done all of the "heavy lifting" and sponsored the convention, but they cannot, alone, make it a success without membership support... in ATTENDANCE and in STAYING at the convention hotel, the Fairmont. I cannot stress to you how important the latter is. If you can possibly "swing it" financially, please do.

As late as it is, if anyone knows of some good possibilities for grants and other funding sources and would like to help by letting

them know what corporations or firms they could approach, and the contact persons, I am sure it would be greatly appreciated: Claire Omura—408/255-1704 or FAX (San Jose Chapter) — 408/295-1291.

Finally, in terms of attending the convention, it is always important to be represented at the national convention, because decisions are made there that determine the budget, the leadership and the course that your organization takes in the next two years. This year, perhaps more than any recent biennium, it is critical that each chapter be represented, at least by sending a knowledgeable person, because it will dictate, not only the direction of JACL, but could well determine our future.

The chapters were mailed their convention information last week. Let's all help the San Jose Chapter make this a convention to remember, not in terms of acrimony, but in terms of a productive and affirmative vision for JACL. Thank you for your cooperation!

Yasuhara is a member of the Spokane Chapter, JACL.



Sidebar

By MEI NAKANO

Watch your image

At age 70 plus, I figure I know who I am and don't have to rely on other people to help define me. But my reaction to a photo and accompanying text on the front page of the Book Review section in the *San Francisco Chronicle/Examiner* made me rethink. Mind you, it's not that this hasn't rattled my brain before, only I've never thought it through.

Here in this striking photo, the poet Janice Mirikitani stands full-length, confident, bold, beautiful. The shot goes with a review of her new book of poetry, *We the Dangerous*, and an illuminating interview. The text portrays Mirikitani as a dynamo, president/executive director of programs at the famed Glide Memorial Church and "one of the most respected citizens in the Bay Area." She meets nose-to-nose with folks like Hillary Clinton, Maya Angelou and San

Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, while carrying on her work of providing services to the homeless, the impoverished, the abused, those addicted to drugs or just out of prison. And her poetry, declares the reviewer, is "unabashedly political, sexual, outraged and uncompliant."

Wow. In my bathrobe, barely into my first cup of coffee, I had immediately snatched up the item, even forsaking for the moment my Sunday "thing" of wrestling with the beguiling crossword puzzle that appears that day in the Magazine. I tell you, when I finished reading about this singular woman, I felt go-od, filled with pride and something near satisfaction.

Then, I say to myself, wait a minute. Why should I feel good when I have absolutely nothing to do with Mirikitani's accomplishments or persona? Am I just being supportive? Well, yes, but... Do I take the same

kind of pride in what a white woman accomplishes? No. Would I be in such a rush to read about a white woman writer? Only if I knew her. Ah, of course. It's that Mirikitani is a Japanese American woman—like me. Does that make me racist? I don't think so.

What that makes me, I've come to realize, is a participant in what you might call a collective image process. This involves the perception that an individual's image extends to the group to which she/he belongs. In this case, I perceive that I, as a member of Mirikitani's group, Japanese American women, am a tacit beneficiary of her image of excellence. That elevates my valuation of my group, Japanese, and my sense of self with it. (Guys know about that. Have you seen how they pump their fists in the air when Nomo pulls off a strikeout?)

Conversely, in this process, you also understand that you can be held responsible for the alleged bad or anti-social behavior of a member of your group. In that case, you either keep the matter hushed, rush to condemn the perpetrator(s), or, as in the case of O.J. Simpson, rejoice when that member has been found not guilty.

Collective imaging, of course, relates to stereotyping, the only difference being that stereotyping relies totally on an outside force imposing the collective image on a subject group.

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Nakano, Nisei author of "Japanese American Women: Three Generations," is presently working on a book about her father. Her column appears regularly in the Pacific Citizen.

Multicultural arts festival set by Cerritos College

Cerritos Community College of Norwalk, Calif., is sponsoring "Windows to the World, a two-day multicultural and international weekend exposition of music, dance and the arts designed to highlight and celebrate the community's diversity. The event, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, is expected to attract 10,000 to 20,000 Southern Californians, according to college officials.

A highlight of the film festival will be the showing of the Italian language film, *The Postman (Il Postino)*, which will screen Sunday, March 24, at 4 p.m. in the Cerritos College Burnight Theatre.

General admission fee for the film is \$3 per person. Tickets, on a first-come, first-serve basis, are available from the college's Institute for Lifelong Learning, 310/860-2451, ext. 2527.

The college is located at 11110 Alondra Blvd. in Norwalk

Festival information: 310/467-5050, ext. 2521.

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Library, San Ramon. Info: JACL HQ, 415/941-5225. NOTE—Open to high school students 16 years or older. Each district council winner qualifies for the National JACL finals, \$500 prize and trophy, at San Jose, Friday Aug. 9, 3 p.m. TOPICS—(1) What does it mean to be bicultural/multicultural? What can the community do to begin embracing this background inside JACL membership? (2) What does it mean to be Asian American in 1996? (3) In what way will elimination of Affirmative Action impact your future? (4) Discuss an experience wherein you were discriminated against solely because of your race/ethnicity/culture, or wherein you witnessed the same against a person. (5) What should the goals of JACL be in the next century?

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.

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.

WEST VALLEY
'Next Generation' meetings, 2d 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

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.

LIVINGSTON-MERCED

Sat. April 13—2nd annual "Fun-Fun" golf tournament, 12 noon tee-off, Rancho Del Rey, 5250 W. Green Sands, Atwater; banquet follows at 6 p.m., Livingston UMC Pioneer Hall, 1169 W. Olive Ave., Livingston; non-golfers invited to awards dinner, tickets Buichi Kajiwara 209/394-7571, Sherman Kishi 394-2261, Bob Taniguchi 383-5161, Grace Kimoto 393-2456. Golf registration by April 1 or when limit is reached.

Pacific Southwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thu., March 21—Welcome reception (by invitation only) for Herbert Yamanishi, JACL national director, and Albert Muratsuchi, JACL PSW regional director, 6-8 p.m., JACCC Doizaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro; RSVP by 3-15; info: 213/626-4471

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

Sat. March 16: One-day Snow Valley ski trip planned with O.C. Saneel 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.

SOUTH BAY

Chapter Board monthly meetings, last Monday, 7:30 p.m., Torrance Municipal Airport Community Room, 3301 Airport Drive, Torrance.

IMPORTANT: Contact person and phone numbers are necessary for listings, including "Save the Date" notices, in the Calendar. Next deadline: March 23.

COMMUNITY

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Focus: Media Stereotypes of Asian Pacific Americans, Thursday noon-4 p.m. free, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S., info: 206/623-5124. NOTE—Closed Mondays. Regular hours: 11 a.m.-4 Tue.-Fri., noon-4 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

Sat., March 16—Nisei Veterans Committee installation dinner, 6 p.m.,

Rainier Golf & Country Club.

Fri.-Sun., April 26-28—21st annual Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival, Seattle Center; info: Northwest Nikkei, 206/624-4169, 625-1424 (fax).

Sat., June 22—50th anniversary Nisei Veterans Committee celebration, 6:30 social hour, 7-9:30 dinner, 9:30 - dance; Sea-Tac Red Lion Inn. RSVP \$40 May 20, Tosh Tokunaga 206/722-3456, Paul Minato 206/722-1046; info: Harry Kataoka, reunion chair, 1212 S. King St., Seattle WA 98144.

TACOMA

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 6-8—Tacoma & Vicinity Nisei Reunion, info: Tacoma—Joe Kosai 206/474-1650, Tadaye Fujimoto 206/564-9485; Chicago—Kaz Horita 312/260-3550; Minneapolis—Gilbert Miyazaki 612/420-8724; Los Angeles—Ryo Muneakata 213/732-4834; San Francisco—Fusaye Yoshida 415/591-9505.

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS

Mon.-Wed., May 13-16—Veteran reunion: 141 Infantry Battalion ("Lost Battalion") 36th Div. / 442nd RCT, Imperial Hotel; info: Tom Ichikawa 607/687-5544 weekends. NOTE—April 21 cutoff on special room rate.

RENO

Sat., July 27—2nd Sierra Folklife Festival, Wingfield Park; info: Asian-Pacific American Northern Nevada and Reno JACL, Cindy Lu 702/827-6385.

Northern California

PALO ALTO

Mon. June 17-June 28—Medaka no

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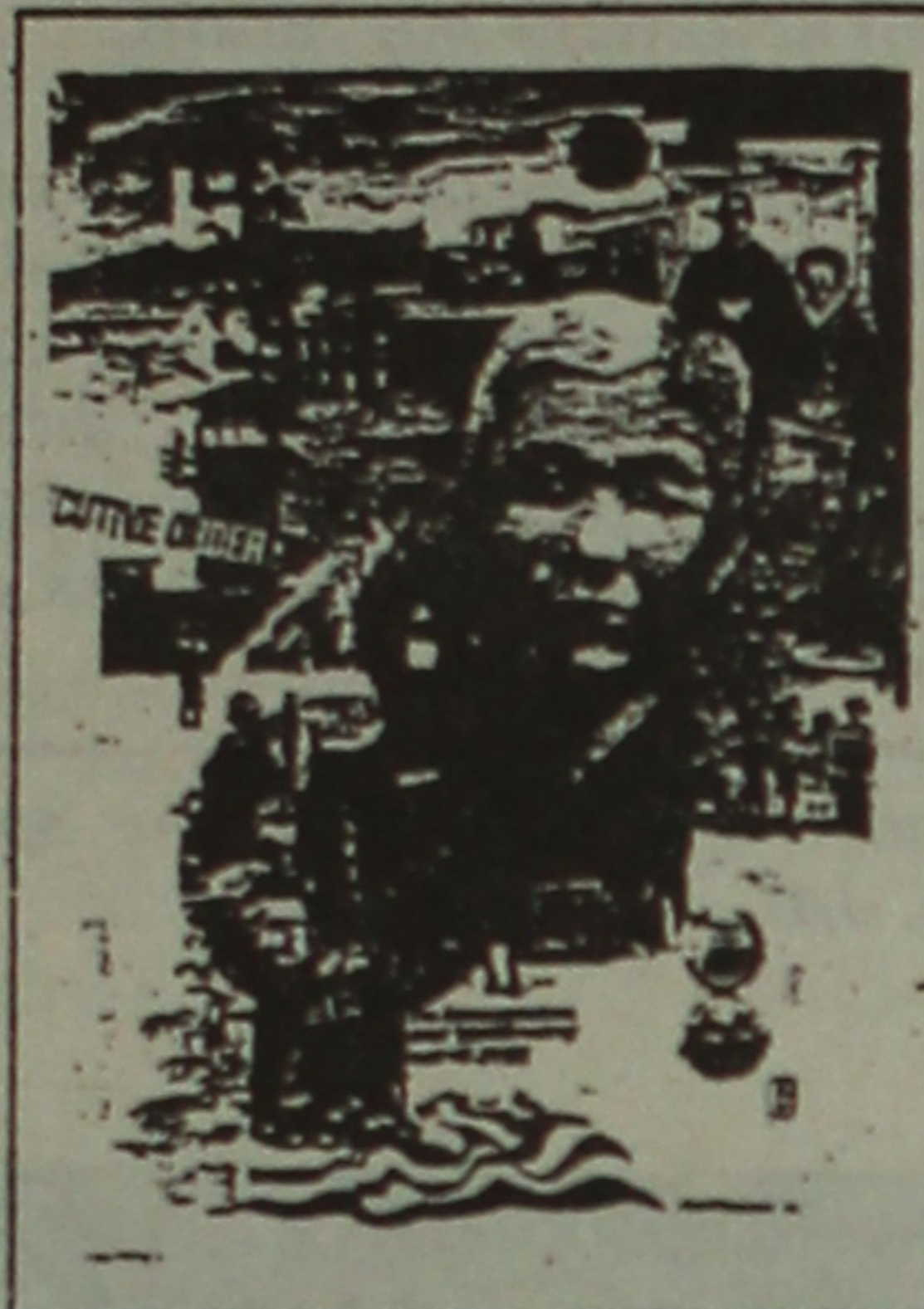
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the messenger.

But the action plan of the board goes beyond the Budget Committee. As June Schumann, Pacific Northwest representative, said, "Each of us as representatives of the district council will go back to our districts and get an action by the district to support the motion so that our governors who sit on the board will have instructions from the chapter members of each district to move this issue forward."

Takahashi urged the board to do their work expeditiously. "If your district and the membership in your district strongly feel that we need to go back to a weekly publication, then they need to make their voice heard at both levels. And we only have until April 1st basically, because the Budget Committee is going to meet April 5th and the National Board meeting is going to be on April 6 and 7. So we basically have a month to do this in our districts, to get a consensus of how we're going to help influence that process."

Schumann agreed that a great deal of persuasive work lies ahead of the PCEB. "Going back to the last convention, one of the reasons why the budget as presented was not approved is that many delegates did not feel they had sufficient information provided ahead of the convention—what made up the budget, why the increases were needed. There was a proposal for an increase in membership dues . . . As we go back to our district and membership, we need to be developing mechanisms for dialogue locally so that the membership understands dues increases, if that's one of the strategies that is built into the budget by the National Board. People will know why a dues increase is needed."

Clyde Nishimura, EDC representative, suggested to the board that the easiest and best way to convey the value of increasing dues was to compare the cost of a PC to a postage stamp, a can of soda or money for a parking meter. "Rather than saying a \$6 increase in dues, bring it down. You have a better shot at it. People will come to their senses and say, 'I'd be willing to pay for this.'"

Sakamoto brought to the group's attention the Life Member Trust Fund as a possible source of funds for P.C. P.C. staff pointed out that JACL life members pay a one-time fee, yet receive the P.C. for the rest of their lives. In recent years, P.C. has subsidized this benefit. Sakamoto's suggestion: Ask the National Board to investigate the possibility of tapping into this source. Mollie Fujioka, Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Council representative, added, "Maybe the National Board is not aware of it. That is a source. If it takes \$6 per member, why not get \$2 per member out of that? What are we saving it for? We came across this same thing when we were doing Redress, as to whether we could tap into the Endowment Fund. 'Oh, no,' they said, 'that's for a rainy day.' Well, isn't it a rainy day now?"

Kawamoto, who had recently met with newly named JACL National Director Herbert Yamanishi, said, "One of the real problems in our organization that he saw is the fact that we have so many funds. JACL has some 30 different funds and there's so much redtape involved in how to acquire those funds. Who's in charge of those funds and what are the bylaws on each fund? . . . So rather than get bogged down, your board needs just to make recommendations to look into these things."

Hosokawa reduced the arguments to this message: "I don't think that this problem is complicated at all. The membership has a requirement. They want a weekly newspaper. The staff has worked very hard to pare down

the cost. This is what is required to produce the product the membership wants. The National Board now runs the business side of it. Okay. They find the money, wherever it comes from is their business, but they must provide the money so that we can produce the product that people want. And whether they do it on the basis of raising dues or hiring somebody to bring in additional income through advertising, or go around with hands out asking for contributions—that's not our business. Our business is to put out the best product possible at the least cost."

Joanne Kumagai, substituting for Patricia Ikeda Carper, Midwest representative who was unable to attend the meeting, asked if the JACL funds would be discussed at the Budget Committee meeting. Takahashi answered that "we'll be exploring revenue and expenditures, what would be a realistic budget to present to the board, then to the National Council. So there will be discussions as to what the revenue sources are, the revenue stream, a realistic budget for 1997-98."

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ing on the manual, Gary Mayeda, National Youth/Student Council representative, said, "This manual is excellent. It covers a lot of different areas. It has the constitution and bylaws, the P.C. Editorial Guidelines, the job descriptions, everything is in here, including what the business manager does. I would like to see that this kind of thing is put into the budget as a line item every time there is a new member."

● **Complaints:** Suenaga discussed with board members two recent complaints:

The first was lodged by JACL National Membership Services/Thousand Club Vice President Karen-Liane Shiba, SELANOCO Chapter, who wrote a memo to Suenaga, with a copy to Takahashi, expressing her concern over P.C.'s coverage, alleging failure to publish calendar items from two PSW chapters. Shiba's letter and Suenaga's response were given to PCEB members for their review.

The second complaint came from Kim Nakahara, chair of the JACL National Youth/Student Council, and other members of that group. Nakahara alleged that P.C. had failed in its responsibility to cover the Youth/Student Council's recent conference and that P.C. had not displayed editorial support for the group. Suenaga responded in a written memo, with copies of past P.C. articles on the Youth/Student Council.

Takahashi said that both issues would be completely and fairly addressed at the upcoming JACL National Board meeting in San Francisco, April 6-7.

● **P.C. internship:** The concept of a P.C. internship was unanimously approved by the PCEB. Mayeda made the motion that the "PC Editorial Board endorse the concept of an internship program and allow Richard Suenaga to draft his management ideas and report back to the PCEB chair." The motion was seconded by June Schumann, Pacific Northwest Council representative.

● **P.C. problems:** Suenaga discussed problems with the subscription list that is sent down from headquarters. He said he is currently reviewing the situation and will work with National Director Herbert Yamanishi or appropriate staff.

The need for JACL headquarters and P.C. staff to establish a computer link, especially in the areas of membership and accounting functions, was also discussed. According to Kawamoto, this is currently being developed at headquarters.

● **Voting by fax:** Mayeda offered a written motion stating: "I move that the Pacific Citizen Edi-

torial Board conduct all forms of voting in a meeting, either in person or by telephone conference call, if any discussion is requested."

Mayeda stressed the importance of discussion when issues or motions are brought forth.

The motion was passed, with four ayes from Frank Sakamoto, Mountain Plains District representative, Sam Shimoguchi, Pacific Southwest District representative, Mayeda and Silvana Watanabe, Intermountain District representative. Abstaining were Mollie Fujioka, Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District representative, Clyde Nishimura, Eastern District representative, June Schumann, Pacific Northwest representative, and Joanne Kumagai, substituting for Patricia Ikeda Carper, Midwest District Council.

● **Need for legal counsel:** Takahashi told members that it was essential that the PCEB retain outside legal counsel for advice on the use of fund-raising and advertising monies. Members agreed that the PCEB chair would bring this matter before the National Board at its April 6-7 meeting in San Francisco.

● **Editorial role:** Suenaga discussed with PCEB members the PC dual role of serving as both a public relations vehicle and, at the same time, be an independent newspaper. This seems to be the source of past conflicts and criticisms of the newspaper, he said.

Nishimura noted that the P.C. has been, on the whole, well received in recent months.

Kawamoto asked for clarification on two points: he asked if P.C. had a policy of disclaimers on opinion articles. Suenaga said that a disclaimer is run in a box on the opening editorial page of each issue. On the policy of not publishing letters which appear in other vernaculars, Suenaga answered that it was a waste of space to duplicate what is printed in several other publications. Hosokawa added that the policy really focuses on "professional letter writers" who like to submit their work

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PC Editorial Board motions

■ **Motion:** From Frank Sakamoto, Mountain Plains representative—"I move that the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board recommends to the National Board that Pacific Citizen return to a weekly publication for the welfare of the organization."

Seconded: Silvana Watanabe, Intermountain District representative.

Vote: Unanimously passed.

■ **Motion:** From Gary Mayeda, JACL National Youth/Student Council representative—"I move that the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board request the Pacific Citizen to send a reporter to cover all future National Youth/Student Council conferences and workshops to show full support of the National Youth/Student Council program for action."

Seconded: Sam Shimoguchi, Pacific Southwest representative.

Vote: Unanimously passed.

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