

JACL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS:

Smithsonian Museum Director Kennedy to Receive Masaoka Public Service Award

By Karen Seriguchi

WASHINGTON — Roger Kennedy, whose imagination, flair and toughness made possible the Smithsonian Institution's current exhibit on the Japanese American internment, will receive the Mike M. Masaoka Distinguished Public Service Award June 20 at the JACL National Convention in San Diego.

Kennedy took over the directorship of the Smithsonian's Museum of American History ten years ago. Through unorthodox, lively and often controversial exhibits, Kennedy has sought to hook museum-goers into pondering the meaning of American culture and history. "A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the United States Constitution" reflects this sensibility.

The nation's official history museum chose in 1987 to commemorate the bicentennial of the Constitution with an exhibit detailing a massive failure of constitutional rights.

Displayed in the exhibit are re-created camp barracks, a guard tower, camp artifacts, a diorama of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and interactive video interviews with former internees.

Criticized in some quarters for mounting a negative view of the American experience, Kennedy replied, "The Constitution simply states a way of behaving and reminds us of what a thoroughly civilized society should be. We are honoring it by reminding ourselves of our shortcomings."

Kennedy's career comprises stints as a lawyer, a network reporter, a government

official, a banker, an architectural historian, and a vice president of the Ford Foundation. Except for the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights in 1972, he is the first non-diplomat to receive the Masaoka Award.

Past recipients were ambassadors Edwin O. Reischauer, U. Alexis Johnson, Nobuhiko Ushiba, Mike Mansfield, Robert Ingersoll, James Day Hodgson, Yoshio Okawara, William C. Sherman, and Minister for Economic Affairs Philip H. Tresize.

The Masaoka Award was established in 1970 to recognize an organization or individual other than Japanese American who has contributed significant public service in promoting better understanding in U.S.-Japan relations, or who has improved the quality of life for all Americans, and especially those of Japanese ancestry. The award includes a citation and an honorarium.

Posthumous JACL Tributes

JACL will also pay posthumous tribute during the Masaoka Award banquet to three men whose work has benefited the Nikkei community.

Many Asian Names Appear in Cal. Primary

By Harry K. Honda

The final California election returns for the June 5 primaries listed a number of Asian American candidates — with a majority winning the party's nomination and running in the November general elections.

[The primary election returns are set off by parentheses below with 100% of the precincts reporting.]

In the statewide races, Secretary of State March Fong Eu (D) continues to poll over a million votes (1,969,581) as did her son Matt Fong (R), in his first try (1,581,930) for state controller. Elizabeth A. Nakano, Peace & Freedom candidate for state treasurer, won her party's nomination (2,453—45%) in a three-way contest.

Believed to be the first Japanese American seeking a seat on the state board of equalization, Tom Nakagawa (D) finished third (114,144—17%) in a three-way District I contest covering San Francisco Bay area counties.

In the California congressional races, incumbents Robert T. Matsui (D-3rd Dist.) and Norman Y. Mineta (D-13th Dist.) won in the primaries. Mineta was unopposed (50,580); Matsui topped his one opponent (67,959—86%).

A newcomer, former Long Beach mayor and council member Eunice N. Sato (R) was a sole nominee (10,308) in the 31st District primaries where incumbent Mervyn Dymally (D) led (28,573—73%).

In the state legislative contests, Gardena Valley JACL 1000 Club life member since 1970 and incumbent Sen. Ralph C. Dills (D) was unopposed (35,263).

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Robert Pirosh. In 1950, producer Dore Schary and MGM entrusted the story of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team to Hollywood screenwriter Robert Pirosh, who had won an Academy Award for "Battleground" the previous year. Pirosh's script and direction of "Go For Broke!" resulted in a critical and box office hit. The film was the first important positive portrayal of Japanese Americans following WWII and was critical in influencing public opinion to accept legislation allowing naturalization rights for the Issei. Pirosh died on Dec. 25, 1989.

Edward Ennis. During WWII, Edward Ennis was director of the Department of Justice Alien Enemy Control Unit, in charge of internment, parole, repatriation and other internal security policies. He was, however, one of the few members of the Roosevelt Administration who strongly opposed the mass incarceration of West Coast Japanese Americans.

Ennis also tried to persuade government officials to give the U.S. Supreme Court evidence that attested to the loyalty of Japanese Americans in the cases of Yasui, Hirabayashi and Korematsu.

After leaving the Justice Department, Ennis served as pro bono legal counsel for the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee from 1946 to 1952 during the effort to gain naturalization for the Issei. He joined the board of the American Civil Liberties Union in 1946 and served in its leadership until his death on Jan. 7, 1990.

Spark M. Matsunaga. Sen. Matsunaga represented the state of Hawaii in Congress, first in the House, then in the Senate, from 1963 until his death on April 15, 1990. A

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Fujimori Wins Presidency in Peru Decisively

From Wire Reports

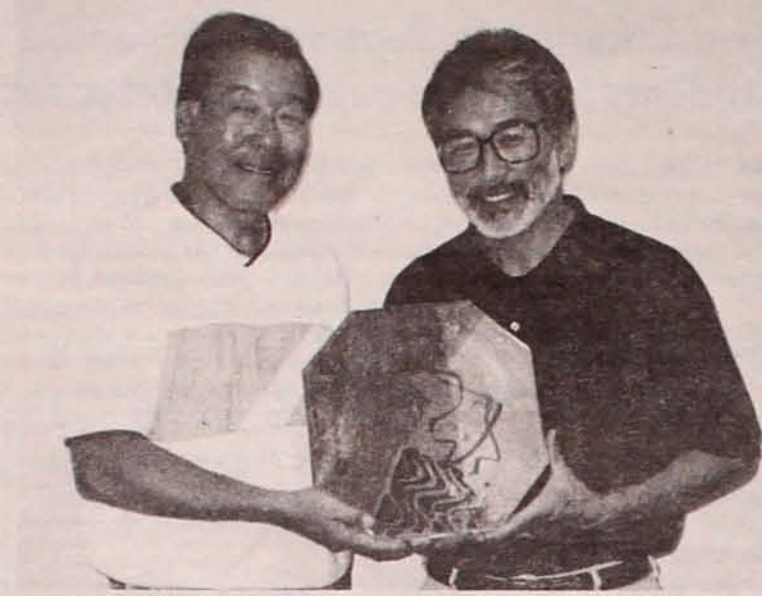
LIMA, Peru—Alberto Fujimori, first person of Japanese ancestry in history to be elected president, begins his five-year term as president of Peru on Sunday, July 28, Independence Day (and also his birthday).

The 51-year-old Peruvian Nisei inherits a bankrupt nation of 21 million people, which many observers believe is ungovernable. Among the problems he will face is the runaway inflation of 2,000%, a foreign debt of \$20 billion, labor unrest where four of five people lack regular employment, and the fanatical Sendero Luminoso insurgents who have claimed at least 18,000 lives in the past decade.

Fujimori's victory was decisive, of landslide proportion based upon exit polls, over famed novelist Mario Vargas Llosa, who conceded defeat Sunday night (June 10). Official results are expected in a few weeks.

From the balcony of Hotel Crillon downtown, Fujimori declared in a victory speech, "We want to write our history beginning July 28 with works that bring well-being to the people—a new management, a new style, more objective, more technical, less

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ARTFUL PAIR—LEC Chair Jerry Enomoto (left) and artist Robert Ogata of Fresno hold original art piece to be presented to LEC honorees.

Robert Ogata Art Piece to Be Memento for LEC Honorees Being Cited June 22

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — "We Honor the People" will be the theme of the JACL/LEC Redress Celebration scheduled to take place on Friday, June 22, at the Sayonara Banquet of the JACL National Convention at the Princess Resort in San Diego.

"The theme was selected to recognize the thousands of people who suffered the injustices of incarceration and removal from their homes during World War II, and those who contributed their time, talents and money to help redress become part of the American experience," according to LEC Chair Jerry Enomoto.

Each honoree will receive an original art work by Robert Ogata, an internationally known artist and Sansei who as a child was processed through the Fresno assembly center and was interned with his family in a relocation

camp in Gila River, Arizona, for the duration of the war.

His work has been described as coming from a medieval Japanese tradition with a process used by potters in Japan for a thousand years but in detail unmistakably American.

The honorees include:

Senators Daniel Inouye, the late Spark Matsunaga and newly appointed Daniel Akaka; Congressmen Barney Frank, Robert Matsui and Norman Mineta; former New Jersey governor and president of Drew University, Thomas Kean; Angus MacBeth, who served as special counsel to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, William Marutani, the only Nikkei member of the Commission; Rudy Tokiwa, representing the Veterans and Min Yasui, who dedicated a substantial part of his adult life to the redress quest.

Presenting the awards will be present and past JACL/LEC Board members.

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Dr. Wm. Ouchi to Keynote JACL Convention at Opening Session

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Dr. William G. Ouchi, professor at the UCLA Graduate School of Management and author of the world-famous book, *Theory Z: How American Business Can Meet the Japanese Challenge*, will be the 1990 National JACL Convention keynote speaker, addressing the national council at its opening session Tuesday morning, June 19, at the Princess Resort.

The Honolulu-born savant will culminate JACL's two-year survey and multi-district council workshops on long range planning as he is expected to focus on the outside forces and trends which affect Asian Americans and the JACL in particular, according to Henry Tanaka of Cleveland, past national president and JACL planning commission chair.

Cressey Nakagawa, national president, will respond by issuing his challenge to the national organization.

The final summary of the planning commission's nation-wide venue of workshops over the past biennium will also be presented in a 2½-page at the opening session.

The series of workshops scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon will be conducted in a similar format that provided smaller groups within a workshop to discuss a particular phase of the subject and prioritizing the goals and objectives.

The facilitators of each workshop panel will be expected to report on the priorities at the Thursday (June 21) national council session.

Workshop Coverage

The Pacific Citizen would like to give coverage to as many convention workshops as possible. Unfortunately, the P.C. will be short-staffed at the convention and must rely on each workshop organizer to recruit someone to write up a summary and to take lively photos with captions attached for the best coverage.

The article and photos should be submitted within two weeks (or July 15). The workshop organizers may reach the P.C. editor at (213) 626-6936 or 626-3004 or the P.C. Convention Reporter Karen Seriguchi at the Princess Resort during the convention if there are any questions about suitable articles or photos.

NEWS IN BRIEF

JACL Added to LCCR Executive Committee

WASHINGTON — Executive Director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Ralph Neas, informed JACL Washington Representative Paul Igasaki on May 25, that he had been added as the JACL representative to the LCCR executive committee, the policy making body of the 185-member civil rights coalition.

JACL was the only Asian American and one of the few non-Black or Labor groups that was a founding member of the Conference back in 1950. LCCR, along with many of its member groups, were helpful in lobbying for the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. While both JACL and the Organization of Chinese Americans have previously served on the executive committee, no Asian group has participated on that Committee for the past several years.

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Anheuser-Busch Awards Grant to CCDC Senior Center

FRESNO, Calif.—The Central California JACL District Council became the latest grant recipient from Anheuser-Busch Companies.

The \$1,000 grant will support the Nikkei Service Center's senior van program, which provides transportation and escort services for the elderly in the greater Fresno area. Since its inception in 1975, the Nikkei Service Center and the JACL have assisted over 400 senior citizens per year—150 of whom receive regular monthly assistance.

Sachiye Kuwamoto, CCDC JACL regional director, stated that Anheuser-Busch contacted her last year after learning about the outstanding work and services that are provided by the Japanese American community in the area. Kuwamoto said:

"It was indeed an honor to be recognized by Anheuser-Busch Companies and Donaghy Sales for our work. We are proud of their support and appreciate their confidence in this important endeavor."

The Nikkei Service Center was founded under JACL-CCDC sponsorship to focus on the well-being of the elderly Japanese community of Central California, and to provide services and activities such as: information and referral, community outreach, a monthly newsletter, translation, hot meals and regular social activities.



AUTHOR! AUTHOR! — Mei Nakano, author of the successful book, "Japanese American Women: Three Generations, 1890-1990," will autograph her book at the National Japanese American Historical Society table, JACL Convention, in San Diego June 17-23. She is also scheduled to appear in San Francisco Aug. 5 at the Nihonmachi Street Fair; and opening day of the Nisei Week Festival in Los Angeles Aug. 18 at Amerasia Bookstore.

1000 CLUB RECEPTION:

A Whale of an Event

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — JACL 1000 Club reception at Sea World on Sunday, June 17 begins at 6 p.m. Shamu and friends will welcome members to this opening event for the JACL National Convention.

An estimated 200 JACL members and their families are expected to attend the reception being sponsored by Anheuser-Busch Companies and Sea World.

The Japanese American Citizens League is comprised of more than 26,000 members throughout the U.S. Initiated in 1928 and inaugurated in

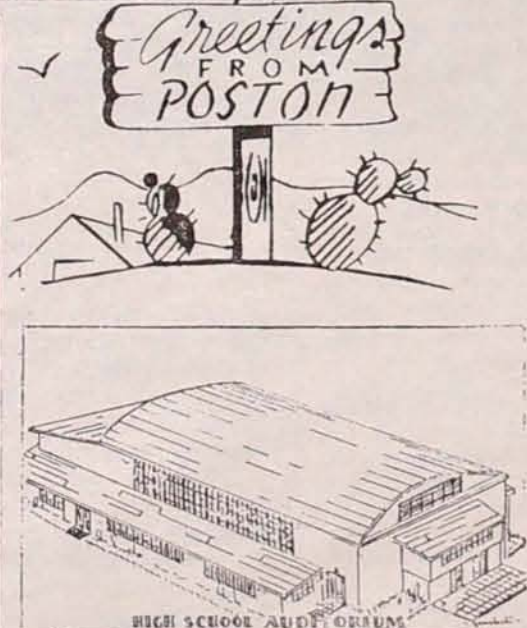
1929, the JACL has contributed much to the changes in discriminatory laws, the improvement of the status of Japanese Americans, and the solution of other problems involving minorities.

The Anheuser-Busch and Sea World sponsorship of the JACL 1000 Club reception is part of the continuing commitment to key areas of importance to the Asian Pacific American community. These areas include: education, leadership development, health and social services, business and economic development, women's issues, and arts and culture.

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Through Innocent Eyes is available in softbound editions and cassettes at: Amerasia Book Store (213) 680-2888., 129 Japanese Village Plaza, Los Angeles CA, Kinokuniya Book Store of America CO., Ltd. (213) 687-4480., 123 Onizuka Street #106 Los Angeles CA, and through the Japanese American Curriculum Project (JACP) 414 E. 3rd Avenue, San Mateo CA 94401. Books will also be available through JACP at the upcoming the JACL Convention in San Diego (June 18th-23rd).

Additionally, *Through Innocent Eyes* is available in hardbound (\$49.50), softbound (\$29.50), and cassette (\$15.00), through Keiro Services c/o P.O. Box 33819 Los Angeles, CA 90033-0819, or by contacting the Public Affairs/Fund Development Office at (213) 263-1007.

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Two Charged in Beating of Japanese Students Mistaken as Hmong Refugees

LA CROSSE, Wis. — Two La Crosse men face battery charges stemming from an early morning beating April 22 of two University of Wisconsin-La Crosse students from Japan (see May 25 P.C.).

Thomas Forer, 21, 1321 Charles St. and Steven J. Johnson, 20, 513 Callaway Blvd., were scheduled to appear in La Crosse County Circuit Court in June 13.

According to a La Crosse police report, Forer was arrested on May 14, and Johnson was arrested May 15. Both were released on \$500 signature bonds.

Taro Imamura and Yasushi Kikuchi, both 21, were jumped and beaten by a group of four men they did not know at 2 a.m. April 24. The attack occurred in a downtown parking ramp at Fourth and Jay Sts.

According to the police report, Forer, admitted being involved in the

fight but said he was struck first.

Imamura told a La Crosse *Tribune* reporter in May that the other men wanted to start a fight and struck first.

The fight was witnessed by two women—one a probation officer and the other a county social worker—who tried to stop the fight, but were unsuccessful, according to police reports.

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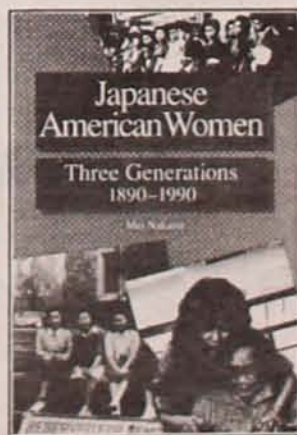
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GO FOR THE GOLD—The 39th annual PSWDC JAACL Nisei Relays will be held on Sunday, June 24, at Rancho Santiago College in Santa Ana, Calif. Official entry forms and information can be obtained by calling the JAACL Office (213) 626-4471. A contingent from the Northern California JAACL Jr. Olympics meet is expected to participate. (Photo shows the start of a junior division race.)

St. Louis JAACLers Active in Sister Cities Programs

By Nikki Hara
ST. LOUIS, Mo.—An art display from Suwa, Japan, was set up by Dr. John Hara and other St. Louis JAACLers at the recent "Around the World Exhibit from (St. Louis's) Sister Cities."
Other representative Sister City art came from Nanjing, Stuttgart, Lyon (France) and Galway.
JAACLers also hosted a potluck dinner for the Suwa soccer team here for the first St. Louis Sister City soccer tournament, which attracted teams from six nations.

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highly decorated veteran of World War II, Matsunaga provided a strong voice for the environment, the peaceful exploration of space and the rights of minorities.
Matsunaga was named JAACL's Nisei of the Biennium in 1972 in recognition of his successful efforts to repeal the Emergency Detention Act. Immensely popular, he was credited with almost single-handedly winning the fight for redress in the Senate, eventually persuading 76 of his colleagues to cosponsor the Redress bill.

NAMES ON VETERANS MEMORIAL CONTROVERSY:

Alternate Concept Favored by 57 - 41 Pct. Margin

LOS ANGELES—The question of which names would be inscribed on the proposed Japanese American WWII Veterans Memorial to be dedicated in Little Tokyo's next development area—First Street Plaza—has been a cause for controversy among the Nisei veterans in recent months.

The extent of difference was revealed by the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council of Southern California in its mail survey that found the original concept was outpolled 57% - 41% by the alternate concept which favors honoring all Japanese American men and women who served in all U.S. military actions from WWII through the Grenada incursion but listing only the names of the Medal of Honor recipients (5), the KIAs and MIAs (killed in action, missing in action).

The original proposition (reported in the Jan. 5-12, April 27 P.C.) proposed a design that places some 13,000 Japanese American surnames of those who served in the "segregated" Nisei combat units in World War II, the 100th and 442nd Infantry, and with Military Intelligence Service in the Pacific, when Japanese Americans were suspect and evacuated en masse to concentration camps.

However, it drew objection as expressed from letters in the Nikkei vernacular press (one sample in April 6 P.C. Letters) and generated interest from readers. (A letter in favor of the

original concept appeared in the May 25 P.C.)

In March, the NVCC distributed 2,525 ballots to individual members of the 11 Nisei veterans organizations in the council. Ballots were mailed to the Rafu Shimpo Office and counted by George Takahashi and Chris Takahashi, both CPAs. A total of 1,461 was counted; some invalidated for not being marked or were postmarked after the April 30 deadline.

The original concept was rejected at the 1990 Nisei VFW convention of 14 posts, MIS Assn. of Northern California, Rocky Mountain MIS Veterans and two ("F" and "I" Company clubs) of the nine chapters of the 100th-442nd Veterans Association of Los Angeles.

The alternate proponents, the NVCC Memorial Monument Committee, chaired by Robert Hayamizu, issued the following position statement:

The Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council (NVCC) of Southern California endorses the Request for Proposal (RFP) calling for a memorial in the First Street North Plaza of the City of Los Angeles to recognize and honor Japanese Americans who served in the Armed Forces of our Country. It is of historic significance that, although our nation only recently celebrated its bicentennial, Japanese Americans have fulfilled their military obligations with distinction for nearly a century. Women as well as men have served; they came from the 48 contiguous states; they also came from Hawaii and Alaska even before their statehoods were conferred.

Starting with the Spanish American War of 1898, it is estimated that over 40,000 Japanese Americans have served, of whom more than 1,100 made the supreme sacrifice. During World War II, the heroic and gallant achievements of the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team are legendary, and the unique and vital contributions of the Military Intelligence in the war in the Pacific are no longer shrouded in secrecy.

The outstanding record of the men and women who donned the uniform, many as volunteers, is made even more remarkable by the fact that families and loved ones of many were incarcerated by our government in violation of rights guaranteed by our constitution.

A memorial dedicated to those who have demonstrated a century of unflinching patriotism and devotion to our nation should be enthusiastically acclaimed by Japanese American veterans. A memorial which will reside in

Little Tokyo should be revered and viewed with pride by the Japanese American Community. Toward this end, the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council Memorial Monument Committee proposes a memorial which:

1. Honors all veterans of Japanese American ancestry, women and men who served our country honorably from the Spanish American War to the Grenada Invasion.
2. Recognizes the gallant achievement of the men who served in the three segregated units—100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service—during World War II. Telling of their accomplishment in the great global conflict.
3. Pay special tribute to the men and women who served during World War II while their families were incarcerated.
4. Immortalize the Japanese Americans who were killed or missing in action by inscribing their names: Spanish American War, 7; World War I (unknown); World War II, 707; Korean Conflict, 350; Vietnam War, 114; and Grenada I.
5. Display prominently the names of the four Japanese American recipients of our nation's highest honor for valor, the Congressional Medal of Honor: Private First Class Sadao S. Munemori; (World War II), Corporal Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura (Korean Conflict), Sergeant First Class Rodney T. Yano (Vietnam War) and Corporal Terry T. Kawamura (Vietnam War).

The Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council is the representative group of the Japanese American veterans. The recent poll indicated that the deeds of all Japanese American and especially those in the 100/442 and MIS, will be far more meaningful than to inscribe the names of those who were fortunate to survive the war along side those comrades killed in action who served in the three distinguished units. Each veteran answered the call of their country and served with honor. Let us remember them all!

Sen. Akaka v. Rep. Saiki Grabbing Headlines as Campaign Underway

HONOLULU—Rep. Pat Saiki (R-Hawaii), who has been urged by President Bush to run for the Senate seat vacated by the death of Sen. Spark Matsunaga, has made recent news with her "Manifest Destiny" proposal to extend Hawaii's political boundaries to the far-flung islets as Howland, Jarvis and Kingman Reef.

Interim Senator Dan Akaka (D-Hawaii), in the meantime, seeks to protect the local sashimi industry from federal regulations that would require all fish to be frozen once caught.

Local observers also see this race as a "national election" with national stakes and national players.



LESSONS IN VALOR—Van Johnson (center) learns about racism and Japanese Americans from his Nisei unit in Robert Pirosh's "Go For Broke!"

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Fujimori's Victory

For the first time in history a person of Japanese lineage has been elected head of a sovereign nation. Alberto Fujimori, son of Japanese immigrant parents, was elected president of Peru last Sunday by a substantial margin in a run-off against celebrated novelist Mario Vargas Llosa.

Fujimori, virtually a political unknown until a few months ago, is an agricultural engineer and educator. He ran on a campaign to bring Peru's diverse elements together to tackle staggering problems of inflation, economic stagnation, leftist guerrilla subversion and drug trafficking.

These are problems that have plagued Peru for years and have defeated the efforts of Fujimori's predecessors. His political foes complained that Fujimori had not revealed specific plans for overcoming them. Peruvians will be waiting to hear how their new president proposes to lead them out of the morass.

The challenges ahead of Fujimori will require wisdom, courage, imagination and leadership, the support of the diverse elements within Peru and the good will of all Americans including the leadership in Washington, D.C. It is obvious that the moral and financial support of the United States is essential to Peru's future. Fujimori must demonstrate that he is worthy of that support.

Japanese Americans can take pride in Fujimori's election for he rose from humble origins not unlike our own. His record of study, work and success through diligence and sheer competence is not unfamiliar. He shares a common ancestral heritage with us. But it must be remembered that Fujimori, despite his name and physical characteristics, is a Peruvian and the product of Peruvian culture, just as Japanese Americans are Americans.

In his concession statement Vargas Llosa graciously wished Fujimori "success in the difficult responsibility the Peruvian people have placed on him." As Japanese Americans we wish him the same.

MONITOR

IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF *California Angler* magazine a red and white fishing jig was described in a story as "the good old Jap feather." Writers for the magazine responded to criticism from readers by saying, "We had no inkling that the use of the term would offend anyone . . ." A spokesman from Art's Tackle in Los Angeles said the term "Jap feather" has been a casually accepted name for more than 40 years because the jig was imported from Japan. The magazine has since apologized for offending its readers of Japanese descent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More on Legacy Funds

The much discussed Legacy Fund is not a Fund. The JACL's Legacy is an idea! It is a tradition of public service carried on by a handful of dedicated volunteers. The people who organized and built the JACL back in the late '20s and '30s, then in their twenties are now octogenarians. They worked some real wonders and committed some colossal mistakes along the way but they helped to change the face of our nation.

Their achievements, the JACL's achievements, include regaining American citizenship for those who lost it by marriage to "aliens", citizenship for the Issei and others who were previously "not eligible," immigration law equality for Asian Pacifics, the repeal of Title II of the Walter-McCarran Act, participation in the fight to end discrimination in housing and finally the not yet finished campaign to win redress for our forced evacuation and imprisonment during World War II. There were mistakes too especially during those wartime years that the passage of time may help us recognize and acknowledge but they too are part of the tradition, the Legacy.

The Redress Bill will create an educational foundation but that won't do it. Let's create an educational fund controlled by Americans of Japanese Ancestry and let's build a funding base to maintain this organization and its tradition of service! There's still lots to be done!

DONALD T. NAKAHATA
 Mill Valley, Calif.

A Sensitive Issue

My father is a Nisei whose parents came from Okinawa-ken, Japan. During the early immigration days, he recalls extreme prejudice from the Naichi or people from the main islands of Japan. The basic feeling of the Naichi was that the Okinawans were not from Japan but from Okinawa. That they were crude, aboriginal-like with different features and an intelligible dialect and thus not "real" Japanese.

As the war came about, both groups banded together in the face of adversity, were interned together as "Japs" and fought side-by-side in the 442nd Infantry and the 100th Battalion.

In 1973, Okinawa was removed from U.S. administration and returned back to Japan as their southernmost prefecture. This eliminated any confusion as the people from both groups were all "real" Japanese right?

Not according to the Pacific Citizen. The editorial staff still treats those of Okinawan origin as separate. This is reflected in the May 4, 1990 issue. The article, "Downtown L.A. JACL, Nanka Nikkei Fujinkai Mother of the Year to be Honored". Among the honorees were three Issei: Kinuki Ito, born in Hiroshima, Japan, Yoneko Kato, born in Fukushima, Japan, and Kame Kanashiro, born in Okinawa. Nowhere was the word "Japan" found after the prefecture, "Okinawa," as was found after Hiroshima and Fukushima.

DAMON M. SENAHA
 San Diego, Calif.

WEATHER REPORT: SAN DIEGO JUNE 17-23, 1990
 Mostly sunny and pleasant but definitely WINDY.

PETE
 HIRAKAWA
 6/15/90



FROM THE FRYING PAN

BILL HOSOKAWA

'18 Steps to Make You a Man of Great Charm' (in Tokyo)

During a recent visit to Tokyo I read about a successful year-old firm called Marriage Co. It offers a variety of classes designed to help Japanese men find wives by improving their marketability. The principal course, according to the story I read in the *Asahi Evening News*, is called "18 Steps to Make You a Man of Great Charm." It consists of 90-minute classes held once a week for 18 weeks and under the current rate of exchange, tuition for the course is a bit more than \$1,000.

How does a bachelor acquire great charm in 18 easy lessons? Well, for one thing, he is taught to dress in other than a navy blue suit with dark red tie, which seems to be the uniform of young Japanese businessmen. The story said that one student, an engineer, took the lesson on apparel seriously enough to venture out on a date in a salmon-colored suit and pink tie. I am not sure whether that outfit added to his charm, but it certainly must have made him stand out from the Tokyo crowd.

But it seems to be in the art of making conversation that Japan's bachelors need most help. It comes in the form of role-playing exercises in class. The story told of one 35-year-old lumber mill worker who was instructed to ask the woman, acting as his date, three questions about home towns.

The first question was easy. He asked where she was from, and she told him.

But now his wits were about to take leave. Groping for something to say, he asked: "Where are your parents from?" From the same place, she replied.

By this time the student was near panic. The other members of the class were staring and he searched desperately for a third question. Finally he blurted out: "And where are your grandparents from?"

That hardly qualified as scintillating conversation, and the story illustrates the inability of a significant seg-

ment of earnest young Japanese to exercise social graces taken for granted in a less structured country like the United States.

Satoshi Noguchi, co-founder of Marriage Co., is quoted as saying most of his clients are serious, hard-working and good natured but have had few interests outside their jobs. Today's young ladies appear to be seeking something more in a husband than a guy who is serious, works hard, is easy to get along with, and brings home a steady income.

Of course not all Japanese men are tongue-tied clods who need to go to school to learn to converse with a person of the opposite sex. Young men and women walking hand in hand or arm in arm are common sights in Tokyo—in broad daylight, yet—and no one seems to pay them much heed.

But it says something about a nation's social habits when guys in their mid-thirties have to go to school to learn how to talk to the chicks.

JACL WINDOW ON WASHINGTON

PAUL IGASAKI

WASHINGTON D.C. REPRESENTATIVE

Lessons of Redress and Civil Rights



As we discuss our future directions in wake of the enactment of redress legislation and entitlement funding, let me suggest that redress itself has provided some answers. So also does our history as a civil rights organization.

Redress has been a very good teacher. We saw that Japanese Americans, with greater unity on an issue than perhaps we have ever had as a community, could not win this issue alone. Our community's numbers, in themselves, could not command political attention. We needed the help of others.

While Japanese American numbers have been static for many years, the explosive growth of the greater Asian American community has been inescapable. Politicians, especially in California, have observed our community's growth and are trying hard to reach out, at least in recent years.

Asian groups from the West to the East made sure that redress was always on any list of important Asian American issues. They supported us, as so many civil rights groups did, because it was the right thing to do and because many saw that, as Asians, our futures are tied inextricably to each other. Not only has each Asian group experienced a similar historical pattern of discrimination in this country, but it has always been the case that the majority community has

tended to lump us together and confuse one group with another.

Witness especially the recent increase in anti-Asian violence: Chinese Americans mistaken for Japanese or Vietnamese and Japanese students mistaken for Hmong.

In any case, the growing number of Asians in the U.S. unquestionably enhanced our voice on redress.

We know also that, by making redress a civil rights issue supported by a wide-ranging coalition, few of which had any direct stake in the legislation, we greatly increased our otherwise limited ability to pressure both Congress and the President. The 185-member Leadership Conference on Civil Rights—with particular help from groups like the ACLU, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Committee, church organizations and other minority organizations—was particularly helpful in winning votes on the Hill and in commanding needed media attention. They helped not because of any immediate payoff for their organizations or memberships, but because they honestly believe in the principle that injustice against one group is injustice for all.

Why otherwise would the Congressional Black Caucus join our legislation so early and strongly? Why otherwise would other groups devote expensive

staff time and resources to a cause that seemed so confined to our own community?

The benefit we accepted from their efforts places a heavy responsibility upon us as a community and civil rights organization to similarly work to correct injustices faced by others, be they other Asian groups, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans or women.

THIS lesson, that there must be national attention and sensitivity to the civil rights concerns of any group, regardless of their size or unpopularity, was apparently understood well by the many that pitched in and helped us on the redress campaign. If there had been such concern back in 1942, perhaps our community's history would have been different. In any case, the commitment to correcting and fighting racial injustice that led others to support our cause speaks volumes about JACL's future direction.

The lessons of redress are not only about what we should be working on, but about how to effect change. It is true that JACL has had a presence in Washington lobbying on civil rights issues since 1931. As a founding member of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights in 1950, JACL has been involved in many of the civil rights strug-

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SALSA KUDASAI

Why the JATC Was Organized

Dear Fellow Nikkei:

JATC (Japanese American Travel Club) was started specifically to provide quality tours and cruises at a reasonable price for Japanese Americans and their friends across the country. I think JATC has done this as well as adding airline ticketing and reservations services.

In addition JATC can be reached on an 800/toll free number for those who are outside of the area (1-800-877-8777 ext. 215).

In February JATC along with Japan and Orient Tour moved from Los Angeles to San Diego but with the 800 number they're as close as your phone. The other change that took place was that our director Bill Hamada could not make the move south and we miss his dedication and friendly service to our many loyal customers.

However, we were fortunate in having Elaine Sugimoto come on board to become the new director. She has considerable experience in the travel field, having been with Ask Mr.

Foster and several other travel agencies. Elaine is a dynamic and very personable person who knows the travel business.

Sami Kushida is still our sales representative and she still provides those wonderful golfing tours to Hawaii and Myrtle Beach and other great areas. So if you want to enjoy a great golfing vacation, be sure and give Sami a call.

Elaine says JATC is very flexible and able to provide whatever type of trip—you desire or, if a first timer, give you advice on what you may enjoy.

Tyler Tanaka, one of the founders of JATC and who has been in the travel business for over thirty years, feels the Nikkeis, especially the Nisei should get out and travel and enjoy the world so he wanted JATC to provide that opportunity.

JATC was set up just for you, so keep this issue of the JATC Travel Guide and plan your vacations and enjoy.

God Bless and Happy Travels,
HANK SAKAI
JATC Chair

JATC Appoints Sugimoto New Manager



ELAINE SUGIMOTO

JATC moved its office from Little Tokyo-Los Angeles to new quarters in beautiful Mission Valley-San Diego. Elaine Sugimoto, a veteran travel professional, was appointed as the new manager.

Elaine has been in the travel agency industry for five years and will soon be awarded her certification as a Certified Travel Consultant (CTC). She was with the Ask Mr. Foster travel company, the largest travel chain in North America, before assuming her new position with JATC. Her background provides her with an in-depth background in all phases of travel, including individual and group tours.

She is very excited about the ever-growing popular cruise market. This is of special interest for JATC members who wish to enjoy the delights of travel to foreign lands while enjoying the luxury, entertainment, cuisine, safety and elegance of a modern cruise ship. She reports that this is one of the fastest growing areas of the JATC market. Some Japanese American seniors find the ship

doctor an added attraction as medical assistance is always conveniently available.

Needless to say, another popular item are discounted tickets on leading international airlines. Elaine reports that since deregulation, it is no longer necessary to pay the published ticket price. Although some restrictions apply to these highly discounted fares, Elaine said that she would be happy to do the shopping for you and see that you get the best possible deal.

Unfortunately, this does not apply to domestic tickets. But, even when it comes to domestic tickets, sale prices are often available, of which she will take every advantage when securing tickets for you.

Elaine went on to say that many Nisei and Sansei travelers are becoming more independent and show an inclination to travel individually. This is what the travel industry refers to as an "FIT" (Foreign Independent Travel). Those who take these journeys know that it takes much preparation prior to departure compared to traveling with a group or on a pre-planned tour. Elaine can be of assistance in preparing a "custom itinerary" for JATC travelers.

The best travel experience comes from enjoying a journey which fits your expectation, she went on to explain. This is where experience comes into play and what she can provide to you at no additional cost.

Elaine can arrange film and expert speakers on any destination or mode of travel which your group or organization may be interested. Call her direct at (619) 282-3581 or toll-free at (800) 877-8777 ext. 215 and ask for Elaine.



TEMPLO MAYOR — MEXICO CITY. Electrical workers unearthed the ruins of the Great Temple of the Aztec deities only a few years ago.

By Elaine Sugimoto
JATC Managing Director

IN SEPTEMBER I was invited by the Mexican Government Tourist Office to attend a travel agent familiarization trip to Mexico City, Cuernavaca, Taxco and Acapulco. The unique part of this trip was that it was extended to Japanese travel agents in the U.S.A.

We were lucky to have Magda Rojas from the Mexican Government Tourist Of-

connected capital of Tenochtitlán.

In 1521 the Spaniards leveled the magnificent stone temples and pyramids of Tenochtitlán and built a European style colonial city. European skills and flavors came along with the Spaniards. This European ambience combined with the colonial heritage makes Mexico City like a living museum.

Mexico City is a maze of narrow streets, wide boule-

Mexico City, Cuernavaca, Taxco, Acapulco Beckons

wards, sprawling parks and gardens which are divided into "colonias", or sections of town. There are three major avenues — Insurgentes, Paseo de la Reforma and Chapultepec. Avenida Insurgentes is the longest street in the city and in the world. The Zona Rosa, "Pink Zone", is a 24-square block area located at the eastern end of Chapultepec Park. Mexico City's most chic, fashionable and "comopolitan" boutiques and restaurants can be found here.

There are so many sights to see! We had the opportunity to visit the pyramids in the ancient city of Teotihuacán. The Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon and the Temple of Quetzalcóatl date from 100 to 250 A.D.

We also visited the Bazaar del Sábado which is open only on Saturdays and offers our waiters were bombarded with requests for "more salsa por favor"!

AFTER TWO exciting days in Mexico City, we took a motorcoach to the city of Cuernavaca. Cuernavaca, "The City of Eternal Spring", is about 58 miles south of Mexico City. It is known for its pleasant climate and has been a favorite retreat of wealthy and powerful people since the days of the Aztecs. All along the highway you can catch glimpses of green hills and colorful flowers. We stopped at two Hacienda Hotels which offered elegant accommodations and great restaurants. Our lunch at the Hacienda Cocoyoc Hotel was very enjoyable.

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GOLF TOURS — BERMUDA, AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

FAIREST OF THE FAIRWAYS



SAMI KUSHIDA PHOTO (1990)

JATC GOLF TOUR TO NASSAU/BAHAMAS—Happy faces posing at Coral World Country Club for some golf plus some sightseeing and shopping in the Bahamas last spring are (from left): kneeling — Toshi and Nori Oku, Grace Mitsui, Sami Kushida (JATC tour coordinator), Yoshi Tambara, Beth Sakurai, Ichiro Miyamoto and Baro Tambara; standing — Nick Mitsui, Minoru Maeda, Richard Sakurai, Nobie McCabe, Cheri Uyeda, Taii Kaili, Hank Kushida and Jaxon Uyeda. (This was JATC's 7th golf tour coordinated by Sami Kushida.)

JATC Golf Tour to Beautiful Bahamas a Hit

By Sami Kushida
JATC Tour Coordinator

Sixteen enthusiastic golfers participated in the seventh JATC Golf Tour to Nassau, Bahamas, leaving LAX via Pan American World Airways on March 21.

Nassau welcomed with its grand sandy beaches, emerald waters and the clang-clang of slot machines at Carnival's Crystal Palace on Cable Beach. Cheri Uyeda, an

ardent supporter of our JATC golf tours, mentioned that "the JATC golf tours have always been blessed with nice golfing weather". Fortunately, we missed Hugo's destruction last year at Myrtle Beach.

We golfed for four days, rode the sight-seeing bus and shopped all afternoon and into the early evening for the hard core shoppers.

It was awesome to see the

hundreds of cruise ship travelers shopping at the famous Straw Market and we were among them. There were nearly seven large cruise ships docked right behind Straw Market. What a sight to behold!

Baro and Yoshi Tambara, our generous supporters, made our golf team tournaments competitive and interesting by donating team prizes. There were many happy winners every day. Some golfers were luckier on the slot machines. Yes, we had two big winners. Yoshi

Tambara and Minoru Maeda. Their Bahamian trip was indeed profitable.

The golf courses were beautifully laid out, but with a slight drought they were not comparable to the plush green Hawaiian courses. We golfed along the beaches and were distracted by the beautiful emerald waters along the way, thus causing us to putt three or four times and ending with an embarrassing score.

But, golfing is only one quarter part of our tour, the

others being eating, shopping and sightseeing. If you, our P.C. readers agree, you're invited to join our next fun tour.

We commend the members of this congenial group, whose yen for living life to the fullest and loving the game of golf and for making this group travel an experience to remember and repeat in the near future. We're reminded that "life is shorter than we think—must enjoy every minute of it".

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COUPLE FOURSOMES—In front of Miami's Doral Country Club and Resort entrance are four Los Angeles couples who tour and golf together around the country. They are (from left) George and Mary Yamasaki, Alice Hino, May Suzuki, Yoshitaka Hino, Henry Suzuki, Hana and Sam Higurashi. Handling all the arrangements was Sami Kushida of JATC.

Four Couples Travel Together

This is a story about four golfing couples who enjoy life by traveling to faraway places to play golf and sightsee. JATC'S Sami Kushida coordinated their recent golf tour to Miami's Doral Country Club & Resort, which they enjoyed after visiting Orlando.

Now that their children are grown and their parental responsibilities have diminished, they find time to see the world and enjoy the game of golf together. They've gone to golf in the Canadian Rockies, Pinehurst Resort, Myrtle Beach, Orlando, Doral/Miami, Hawaii and they are still searching for other exciting destinations.

They certainly exemplify a wonderful philosophy of life. Fortunately, they are all in good health and are able to enjoy the finer things in life and reap the harvest of their life long endeavors. You, too, can travel together with your friends to exotic and fascinating destinations. Call JATC and we'll assist you with your plans.

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HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION PHOTO (1989)

A working junk in full sail against the distinctive Hong Kong skyline.

HONG KONG REVISITED:

JATC's Arrangements 'Was Just the Ticket' for Third Trip

By Yar Areta
(Pen Name)

IT STARTED out as one of those obligatory types of chores when a nephew invites an uncle to a wedding reception. But this chore had a variation on it.

The nephew and bride had met during a prior trip to India and the reception was being held in Hong Kong, the bride's home.

Having been to Hong Kong on business in 1956 and on a tour in 1957, the destination wasn't new, but the year was—1989, over 30-years later.

With 1997, just around the corner when mainland China takes over the British colony of Hong Kong, there also was curiosity tugging as to how things were going.

WELL, OUR tour arranged by JATC was just the ticket.

We were ensconced in the ultra-modern Kowloon Hotel, just across the street from the stately Peninsula Hotel. The latter was a way station for yours truly 33-years ago and I distinctly remember seeing those British battleships from the hotel dining room. They seemed close enough to touch. So much for reminiscences.

Kowloon Hotel, which I discovered is a part of the Peninsula Hotel chain, is most conveniently located in the midst of a high density, and I do mean high density commercial area, and convenient to all forms of transportation including walking.

We combed the shops surrounding the Peninsula area, rode the ferry boats to Hong Kong Island, thence surveyed the island via trams and buses. Public transportation is so convenient and efficient, quite unlike the scene in Los Angeles.

On one weekend, we took a combination subway and bus jaunt to a bonsai fair at a Taoist Temple grounds in the northwest corner of the New Territories on the mainland. While the fair was interesting,

what was more impressive were the large number of slender, high rise condominium buildings, on the order of 30-stories, which we saw wherever there was flat terrain available for construction. Such structures were evident all along the subway route and to the end of the bus route beyond the subway. The housing density is, no doubt, a manifestation of the population density, some 6.5 million or so residents of the Kowloon-New Territories side of the Colony.

The slenderness of the structures led one to conclude that obviously there is no earthquake hazard and periodic outcroppings of what appeared to be solid granite reinforced that conclusion.

As an aside, a similar observation was made by the writer back in 1980, with respect to the source of building materials for the Great Wall of China; just a look around at the environs north of Peking discloses the presence of solid granite mountains which must run for thousands of miles; the Wall is over three thousand miles long.

Back to Hong Kong in 1989, on another day, we ventured forth in an attempt to go browsing in "Antique Alley" on the island. After the ferry ride, we hopped onto a bus and rode and rode, viewing interesting sights along the way such as the commercial areas near Chater Gardens, until we came to the end of the line. But, alas, we had not encountered Hollywood Road where "Antique Alley" is located.

A friendly fellow bus passenger, discerning our plight, volunteered to direct us as to how we could get to the other end of the busline, our apparent target destination. This, despite the heavy load of groceries which she was toting home. She accompanied us about one block to a bus loading station and explained the problem to the driver. We

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were very appreciative of this unsolicited gesture of sincere kindness.

"Antique Alley", so-called, is a series of one shop after another displaying merchandise of all sizes, all shapes and all lines of antique interest currently available from China. There is considerable control being exercised by the Peking government as to what may leave China now, and, therefore, there did not appear to be too many items in the very old category. Be that as it may be, the area abounds in antiques for the judicious shopper.

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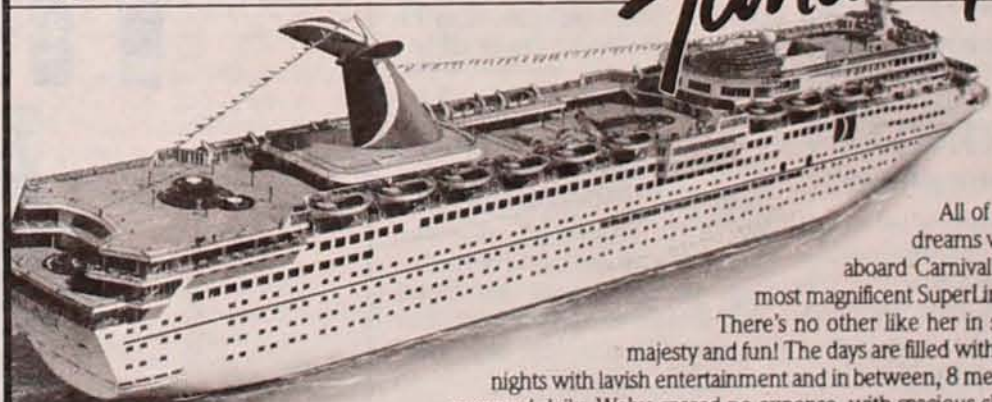
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ANGLING A LA ALASKA

By Alex Shimatsu

SOME FISHING trips are good, others are better. I can't ever recall being on a bad fishing trip. This is true even when we get skunked. Add this to going to Alaska and even getting skunked is great. Albacore fishing might be

ing earlier this summer to Ketchikan. Still licking our wounds from that trip, we decided that we'd try Glacier Bay instead. If we didn't catch any fish, at least the scenery would be better.

It's hard to improve on Ketchikan, but if one were to find a better outdoors, it would be this national park.

Alaska Fish Commits Suicide

more exciting, New Zealand giant yellowtail more challenging, but nothing matches the scenic beauty of Alaska. What does this have to do with fishing?

A true fisherman is an outdoors person. An outdoors person has to be outdoors. Fishing in a crummy place is not fun.

Nothing matches Alaska. I almost said that hidden in every fisherman is a poet. But, Dick reading over my shoulder, said poets don't wear rancid fishy smelling clothes.

Dick, Noel and I went fish-

After all, it is the climatic destination for all Alaskan cruises.

The lodge is located in Bartlett Cove. Everything in the park has to be left natural. The park service built their building right in the woods. If some of the trees would fall down naturally, the view would be spectacular. As it is, glimpse of the cove can be seen between the trees and on a clear day, you can view the Fairweather mountains some 70 miles away.

Alaskan Airlines flies to Juneau then connects to Gus-

tavus. The airport at Gustavus was built by the military during WWII. It is still in great shape. From the airport, it's an eleven mile dusty bouncy ride in a old bus through a rain forest. It is not unusual to see wild life. Grouse is common. They are so stuffed with food, they can't fly. The bus has to slow

up so they can waddle out of the way. Occasional bears peer curiously out of the woods. It's an interesting ride.

Once at the lodge, we were warmly greeted by John Schernes, manager for many years. A naturalist was standing by as well to brief arriving campers. Like a well trained army, John's employees assign rooms and delivered luggage. Our pole holder and suitcases weighed down by iron and lead headed lures, as usual, was delivered last. I thought I overheard one of

the bag boys mentioning a hernia.

THIS IS his is deluxe fishing. They have nice boats which can accommodate up to five fishermen each. Two were available. Fred was skipper of the first. He had one season behind him. Becky was the other. She has years of experience but many fishermen avoid her boat as, after all, she is just a "girl".

I voted for Becky. Noel was against. He was concerned that, if we were to catch a 300 pound halibut, she may not be able to handle a fish that size. Little did we know then that her boat just boated a record 298 pounder the week earlier. Actually but reluctantly, it was fortunate they went along with my choice. We caught, dressed out, over three hundred pounds of salmon and halibut. We brought in more than twice as much as any one else. It was almost as though the fish wanted to commit suicide on Becky's boat. We found the ideal combination of wilderness and fishing.

The weather was perfect the first three days. Blue sky, bright sunshine and so clear that it felt as though you could reach out and touch mountains that were many miles away.

The usual abundance of eagles, humpback whales, a few bears, puffins and hundreds of other species of wild life were here to be found. We won't mention the weather the last two days. But, I should tell you the good news. My two

fishing buddies, Noel and Dick, are not dying of pneumonia. They are in bed with only a serious cold.

UNLIKE Ketchikan, Glacier Bay did not have Nikkei working or fishing there. Maybe it is too far out of the way. Although it is hard to get there, it's perfect for a fisherman with an unenlightened wife.

An unenlightened wife is one that cannot understand why you stand in icy driving rain, wet and with cold feet with a pole waiting for a tug at the end of your line. Or, one that cannot understand why you wake at 4 in the morning to go off into the wilds with the boys, leaving her behind to try to remove the fish blood and gore stains from your clothes from your last trip.

Glacier Bay is your answer. All you have to do is to take her along. A set of ear plugs might come in handy. That way, the laughter from your fishing buddies will not bother you.

You can put her on a day cruiser which will take her up the bay to see many glaciers, watch whales feeding in preparation of their long journey to Maui. Puffins, bears and all the other wildlife previously mentioned can also be seen from the ship.

Maybe you can get the last laugh if she decides to take one of the many interesting free "walks" escorted by a naturalist through the rain forest. She could get wet and cold. Hope she does not decide "it's not so bad" and decide to become a fisherman.

MEXICO

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capital of Mexico. There are dozens of shops scattered around the flowering plazas and the winding cobbled streets. If you like to buy silver, this is the place to shop! You will find great savings in Taxco as well as some of the most attractive designs.

But be sure to bring your walking shoes, there are many hills.

We had dinner at the Posada de la Mision Hotel (where each one of us was given our own bowl of salsa) and overnights at the Hotel Monte Taxco.

After spending one night in Taxco, we were on our way to Acapulco. Acapulco is known as one of the world's great playgrounds. There is so much to see and do from sunning on the beach, excellent shopping, nonstop nightlife, dining and sightseeing. There

is also world-class fishing, golf, tennis and other watersports.

Acapulco is very active—it is definitely *not* the place to go if you want to avoid crowds. Its festive atmosphere makes it a popular destination year round.

One of the "must sees" in Acapulco are La Quebrada Cliff Divers at night with a bonfire. Mexican divers leap 136 feet from a rocky ledge into a narrow inlet. Best viewing is either from the terrace at the Hotel Mirador or from the observation platforms.

The Acapulco Convention Center is also a good place to head for dinner and shows.

I FEEL very fortunate to have had the opportunity to see Mexico City, Taxco, Cuernavaca and Acapulco. Each destination offers so much. The Mexican people should be very proud of their herit-

age. The Japanese members in my group also felt the same way. Everybody had a great time. We enjoyed the hotel accommodations, the sightseeing, the dining, the shopping and the friendly people.

If you are interested in planning a trip to one of the many areas of Mexico, please don't hesitate to call us at JATC. After you have experienced Mexico for yourself, you might find yourself saying "Salsa Kudasai" too!!!

HONG KONG

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along connected alleys, all manner of contemporary goods are available for the taking at reasonable prices. A Christmas shoppers delight.

It is said that the first customer of the day always gets a bargain because the shopkeepers consider the initial sale as a good luck omen. We found this to be true and aimed for early shopping; unfortunately, we didn't always make it.

The raison d'être for Hong Kong trip, i.e., the wedding reception took place one evening at a humongous restaurant in a building identified as the China Hong Kong City and was attended by some 200 guests. Everyone brought their red envelopes which, in

the ways of China, signified good fortune but also comprises a gift to the newlyweds. We were informed of some custom with respect to doubling whatever was enclosed and it was evident then what a good fortune was and who was receiving it.

Be that as it may, a good time was had by all.

RETURNING TO the hotel from the function, flagging down a taxi at midnight wasn't the easiest thing to do in a strange city. In fact, in our case, one brave soul, or perhaps a less than prudent one, jumped in front of a slow moving cab to get the driver's attention.

After my third visit to Hong Kong, I would still recommend it for hospitality, economy, and exposure to an entirely different way of life.

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By Cherry Kinoshita
Ad Hoc Committee Member
JACL Legacy Fund

JACL LEGACY FUND

Tear Down or Build?

Cutting Off Our Nose—Why is it that as an organization we have a great penchant for "cutting off our nose to spite our face . . . ?" There has been near unanimous approval of the concept and purposes of the JACL Legacy Fund over the past year, and total agreement that the building of a firm financial foundation for JACL is essential. There has never been a more propitious time than now to mount such a major fund raising drive. And yet, the stumbling blocks keep being raised.

The establishment of the Fund was approved by the National Board on Feb. 5, 1989, a month after the Ad Hoc Committee met and arrived at this proposal. Subsequently similar endorsing resolutions were passed by the Midwest, Eastern and Mt. Plains Districts on Aug. 6; by the PNW and IDC on Aug. 27, the PSWDC on Aug. 27, CCDC on Sept. 20, and a conditional approval by NC/WNDC most recently.

In spite of this overwhelming approval there have been and continue to be a few critics who, while professing to support the concept, persist in finding fault, even to the point of advocating complete rejection of the Legacy Fund. That's what we would call "cutting off our nose . . ."

Do we still not operate on the basis of abiding by the vote of the majority, are not District Councils a group representative of its chapter members, do we not elect national officers and board members as representatives of the membership?

They are the ones who need to work out the details incorporating the sentiments of their constituents.

There has never been a more propitious time to mount a major fundraising drive.

Background of JACL Legacy Fund

Speaking as an original member of the Ad Hoc Committee that proposed the JACL Legacy Fund, let me provide a little background about the way the Legacy Fund got started.

In the fall of 1988, a few JACL and LEC Board members were discussing whether JACL would survive as a national organization after all the Nisei were gone. There was consensus that, yes, as long as the Vincent Chin incidents continue and as long as racism thrives, that JACL as the only national civil rights organization for Japanese Americans, and the oldest Asian American organization fighting for civil liberties, must remain active as a viable national organization.

But with membership dropping, and membership dues being the sole source of revenue for operations, the problem becomes: Where are the funds to come from to ensure the viability of a national advocacy organization?

Shig Wakamatsu, a former national president, commented that in talking with some of the "old-timers" there was agreement that there should be plans made for an endowment-type foundation. With Nisei now at the age when decisions are being made as to bequests, and with the potential arising of support from the population who would benefit from redress—it was felt that the time was ripe to promote a "new foundation."

Ad Hoc Committee Meets

An ad hoc committee was called together at National Headquarters on Jan. 7, 1989 to brainstorm the idea of how best to provide the means for the survival of JACL as a national organization. The consensus clearly came down to an endowment-type fund, whose principal would remain intact, and its income to be used for programs and operations.

Although the fund was proposed as a potential for resolving the problems of National [JACL], not as an overall fund for the financing of the total organization, it was at this point that a suggestion emerged that there be some percentage going back to the chapters and districts as incentives for participating in the fund raising.

An informal opinion polling, particularly among old-timers, to explore this aspect brought varied responses, many favoring "100% of donations to go to the National since that was the express purpose of the Fund." Another person said, "I don't want someone else deciding where a percentage of my donation goes, I want to make that decision myself." Others said, "If the funds to the national would eventually result in a stabilizing or reduction of membership dues, the providing of more services in the way of additional regional offices, additional staff coverage, and more comprehen-

sive and increased coverage by the Pacific Citizen—then the benefits would in effect revert back to the chapters."

Comments on May 18 P.C. Article

With the foregoing as background, the statements [in quotes below] made in the article on the JACL Legacy Trust Fund by former PNW District governor Denny Yasuhara (May 18, P.C.) deserve responses:

1. "I do not contend that National JACL needs no money. I contend that local needs and concerns warrant much greater consideration. It is the national network of chapters and their viability that makes a national organization not national headquarters or the Washington office."

There is no disagreement that chapters need money. The cooperation of chapters in contributing the bulk of membership dues to the national organization is one of the major financial burdens of each chapter. But it is precisely to ease that burden that a financial base in the form of a legacy fund was proposed to fund the national organization. To insist that an equal share of funds raised for the Legacy Fund should go to the chapters quite obviously defeats the original intent and diverts the issue by pitting chapter interests against the National.

Anyone who has had experience in a non-profit volunteer organization knows this: Local programs and activities are very important, but when managed right, usually work out to be self-sustaining. Chapters exist by volunteerism and by this very dedication are the stronger for it.

On the other hand, a national organization representing a nation-wide network of chapters cannot exist with a staff made up of volunteers. Without professional staff, without a Washington D.C. presence, without a national headquarters, without a Pacific Citizen to disseminate news and motivate the membership—what kind of clout would JACL have in influencing or passing legislation, in being of any effect in civil rights advocacy, or of any value in coalition alignments with other major civil rights organizations? Could the redress bill have passed without a national focus and national strength?

As JACL moves even more significantly into the civil rights arena, recent headlines indicate: "JACL Joins in the White House Event for Asian Americans", and "JACL Meets with Bush: Civil Rights Groups

It's only because JACL has a national presence that doors open, JACL support is invited.

Meet." Could any chapter, no matter how active in their local area, have been able to knock on the White House door and request an audience with the President? The answer is obvious—it is only because JACL has a national presence that doors open and JACL's support is invited.

To maintain that national organization, it takes staff, it takes offices to operate from, it takes an elective representative body to meet and set policies. A national organization also needs to lead in national programs that include participation by chapters and districts, a responsibility that has been limited over the past six decades due to lack of funds. Membership benefits such as health insurance and national scholarships need a national office and staff to develop and administer them.

The effectiveness of long-standing civil rights organizations such as the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, NAACP, the Urban League and others have been rooted in a strong national organization with professional staffing on a level that we cannot currently approach. This major fund raising effort will be one of the first steps toward building that firm financial foundation that will make such gains possible over the long run.

Our long-range planning has been in the process of developing goals which we can all support—but the reality is that almost all of these objectives will be only "paper goals" unless we have the money to carry them out.

2. "It is recommended that the chapters and other grassroots supporters of JACL reject the Legacy Trust Fund proposal unless a substantial proportion of the funds are allocated/earmarked for the individual chapters and some to the Pacific Citizen. (Perhaps 35% Chapters; 15% PC; and 50% National JACL) . . . The initial proposal that earmarked 10% for the district/chapters and 90% for national operations and programs was obscene."

If members of the National Board had been listening, the initial proposal presented by the Ad Hoc Committee was not 90% national, 10% chapters. The original proposal suggested 70% to the national (including the P.C. which is allotted a portion of the national budget); 20% for implementation of programs mandated by the National Council and programs which directly affect or revert back to the districts and chapters; and 10% directly to the districts/chapters which raise the monies—hardly an "obscene" allocation considering that the alternate formula has only a 5% difference.

3. "No major fundraising effort should be carried out and approved without the chapters first having the right to examine its detail, provide input and only then moving forward with its implementation—not before."

"It is recommended that chapters not support or solicit for the national trust fund effort and begin individual trust fund campaigns for local programs and operations and decide at a later date what monies to contribute to National JACL and the P.C."

There is no problem with the latter suggestion—it was always the thought of the Ad Hoc Committee that local chapters be encouraged to have their own fund raising efforts for local programs. The point is that the writer advocates that chapters go out and solicit for their chapter trust fund without a clear definition from the outset of what allocation is going to be made of these funds. Isn't that in total contradiction of the very objection raised that the national Legacy Fund must specify and have approved the allocation of its funds before any step of the fund raising be started?

4. "At each subsequent National Board meeting, members requested that the committee (Ways and Means) come up with a definitive, concrete plan so that the National Board, the districts and chapters could have a chance for thorough discussion and reach a consensus. This was never done . . ."

The major points of issue raised by the writer were addressed by the Ways and Means Committee in two concise plans as well as in the original resolution by the Ad Hoc committee, and repeated discussions were held but consensus could not be reached due to two major stumbling blocks (1) repeated requests for a "marketing plan" and (2) demands for a 50-50 split between national and chapters.

The request for a "marketing plan" resulted at one point in the defining of a need to hire a professional firm to develop a marketing plan. To meet this request, a proposal from a professional Sansei consulting firm clearly setting out what they could do for a specific fee was presented to the National Board at its Sept. 1989 meeting. The board reviewed said proposal, then took no action.

Because the issue of what amounts, if any, should revert directly back to the chapters became such a necessary criteria to establish before the fund raising drive could start, an attempt was made at the Jan. 20, 1990, National Board meeting to vote on three allotment-formulas suggested by the Northern California District's committee on the Legacy Fund, and two proposals by the national Ad Hoc committee.

The National Board did not accept its responsibility to make a decision which needed to be made, not by the committee, but by the Board, and declined to take a vote on this specific issue.

Other organizations must chuckle at sluggish progress of the JACL.

Members of the National Board (of which I am one, and so was the former PNW District governor) share the blame, having once voted approval of the Fund, for not contributing constructive suggestions and support rather than only negative criticism.

Actions Needed to be Taken

It is almost too late to mount a full scale fundraising drive if there is an advantage in being ahead of the imminent infusion of redress funds into the community.

Other organizations, many of which have been ready for more than a year, must chuckle at the sluggish progress of the JACL.

We are at the point where we have one last chance to shift gears and move. A definite proposal outlining the administration of the Fund, and a proposed allocation formula will be presented to the National Board for approval. The convention will then be an excellent opportunity to share this proposal with the National Council for discussion and input.

The membership or its duly designated representatives can also at this point make the decision to reject an urgently needed fund raising effort. We can "cut off our nose", but if so we will be the poorer for it in more ways than one.

"It is much easier to pull down than build," says an old English proverb. We

JACler of Biennium: Art Morimitsu

Chicagoan Who Solicited Veterans Nationally for Redress to Be Honored

By Karen Seriguchi

SAN FRANCISCO — A Chicago Nisei who marshalled support from 33 Nisei veterans organizations during the decade-long redress campaign has been selected JACler of the Biennium, National President Cressey Nakagawa announced. Art Morimitsu will receive a gold medallion and a scroll citation June 18 at the national convention.

Morimitsu serves as veterans liaison on the JACL-LEC board and chairs the National JACL Veterans Affairs Committee. In his dual role, he solicited the support of Nisei veterans throughout the country and was instrumental in blocking anti-redress resolutions by the American Legion and the VFW, whose membership numbers in the millions. Eventually, both organizations adopted resolutions that acknowledged the injustice of internment and the patriotism of Japanese Americans during WWII.

Morimitsu also contacted a number of Sen. Daniel Inouye's comrades from the 442nd Infantry to urge the senator to press forward with his appeal for the entitlement provision to redress legislation.

"The byproduct of Art's work with the veterans community for the common goal of redress," writes fellow LEC board member Shig Wakamatsu, "was a closer relationship and understanding long sought by the JACL with that community."

Last year Morimitsu also cochaired a successful "Salute to the Japanese American Veterans" recognition banquet at the Tri-District JACL convention in Chicago.

Morimitsu has received many honors for his leadership in the Chicago Nikkei community. As eight-term president of the Japanese American Service Committee, he helped raise \$1.3 million in seed money for a 180-bed nursing home. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in March of this year.

He was a cofounder of the Japanese American Council, an umbrella organization for six local community groups, and is currently an officer. He is past commander of American Legion Nisei Post 1183, which honored him at a testimonial banquet in January; serves as Mid-America chair of the Go For Broke

have a choice—shall we tear down or build for the future?

If the National Board gives the go-ahead, however, one must heed the old saying, "It takes money to make money."

Funds should be immediately made available to bring on board a staffperson whose sole responsibility would be to organize, promote, and plan solicitation for the Fund. An ample amount of not less than \$150,000 should be requested on a loan basis from the existing Endowment Fund, or possibly the Life Membership Fund, to enable promotional material to be developed, sponsors to be solicited, mailings to be organized, and all efforts to proceed as quickly and as efficiently as possible. There is not sufficient time now to go through the processes and orientation that an outside professional firm would require.

At the very least, one full-time staff person who is already familiar with the JACL, knows its players, and is motivated is urgently needed to begin work immediately with staff support from the national office.

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National Veterans Association; and has been elected to the board of governors of the Los Angeles-based Japanese American National Museum.

He has been English editor of the *Chicago Shimpo* since 1982. Morimitsu also is a member of:

Chicago Senior Citizens Advisory Board to the Mayor, the Mayor's Veterans Affairs Commission, and Gov. Thompson's Volunteer Advisory Board.

A native of Sacramento, Calif., Morimitsu was interned at Tule Lake. From there he volunteered to serve in the U.S. military intelligence service and was assigned to the MARS Task Force, a commando organization in the North Burma campaign.

After a stint with the OSS in India, he was assigned to the War Crimes Trial in Tokyo.

He moved to Chicago in 1946, where he founded the Aladdin Carpet Co. and retired in 1981.

The JACler of the Biennium Award is presented in memory of Randolph M. Sakada, 1950-52 National JACL President, to the JACL member who has done the most for the strength and growth of the national organization during the immediate biennium.

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Goro Tanamachi, 70, 442nd Veteran
 Longtime Dayton JACL member of Fairborn, Ohio, died May 22 after lengthy illness; survived by w Yuriko, s Michael (Fullerton, Calif.), d Pat (Otto) Furuta (West Lafayette, Ind.), Beverly (Huber Heights, Ohio), Becky (Signal Hill, Calif.), 4gc, 2 bro, 4 sis.

Nobuo Yamamoto, 68, Hayward, May 18;
 Hiroshima-born, survived by w Emiko, s Ray, d Gail, f Eisaburo Natsuhara, br Eiichi, Yoshio, 2gc.

Ray Akira Yasuda, 88, West Los Angeles, May 22;
 Gifu-born naturalized citizen, survived by w Yeiko, s Tsutomu Tom, Shoji, d Grace Keiko, Margaret Kazuko, 3gc.

Gary Yokoyama, 20, Arcadia, May 15;
 Los Angeles-born, survived by p Ichikazu/Yukiko, sis Kayo.

Kenji Yoshino, 66, Irvine, May 14;
 Seattle-born WWII veteran, Co B 100th, survived by w Mie, s Jun (Hamilton, NY), d Yuki (Simi Valley), br George (Minneapolis), Hikaru (Denver), sis Shizu Hori (Illinois), 2gc, 3stepge.

Stanley Yoshida, 64, Los Angeles, May 22;
 survived by nephew Kiyotaka Uyeno.

Sadao Sam Minamide, 68, Indio, Calif., May 21;
 survived by w Mary, s Perry, d Janet Rhodewalt, m Koma, br Akira, Ben, Tetsuo (Japan), sis Helen Okazaki, 3gc.

Charles Y Miyada, 66, Covina, May 6;
 Oceanside-born 442nd and Korean war veteran survived by w Michiko, s Charles G, John, Michael, Thomas, m Masu, br George, Don, in-law br Dick Itomura, Kazuo Inouye, sis Angel Nishinaka.

Miyoko D Mochizuki, 68, Los Angeles, May 3;
 Hilo-born survived by h George, br Richard Miyake (Hawaii), sis Chiyeko Miyao, Sadami Shimada (both Hawaii), Emiko Honda, Haruko Miyake, in-laws br Joseph Mochizuki (Indio), Frank (Seattle), sis Lillian Miyake, Nuiko Sato (Sacramento).

Haruto Hamamoto, 90, Fremont, May 20;
 Hiroshima-born survived by w Masako, s Toshio, Masaharu, d Jane Tanigawa, Betty Abe, Sally Nakayama, Suzuko Nakahira, Joyce Okimoto, gcs and ggs.

George Y Ochi, 62, Long Beach, May 14;
 Fowler-born, survived by m Kimiyo, sis Mabel Iguchi, Blanche Okada, Mary Morikawa, Alice Miyamoto.

Lorraine Michiko Moromiso, Long Beach, May 15;
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Satoshi Murakoshi, 78, Seaside, May 24;
 San Leandro-born survived by w Akiko, s Ken, d Doris Tsuchitani, Chieko Klarmen, 6gc.

Bob M. Matsumoto, 72, West Los Angeles, May 22;
 Kemmerer, Wyo.-born Nisei survived by w Ruby, s Robert (Hawaii), d Shirley Yamabayashi, Patty Fukuda, 3gc, in-law Henry Enomoto, Tom Enomoto, Dick Enomoto, Yone Enomoto, Amy Enomoto, Mary Matsuura (Palo Alto), Alice Hara (Denver), Dorothy Matsumoto and Emi Matsumoto.

Masayo Hashizaki, 75, San Valley, Calif., May 11;
 Hawaii-born survived by h Hitomi, m Sawayo Kanda (Hawaii) br Katsuo, Takayoshi, Tokuo (Japan), Eiichi (Huntington Beach), sis Reiko Nakaoka, Fuyuko Funada, Yachiyo Kautia (Hawaii), Miriam Buck (Lakewood).

Jean Nishinaka Hirata, 49, Montebello, May 23;
 Los Angeles-born Sanssei survived by h Allan, s Glenn, Steve, Greg, Craig, d Shelley, 3gc, sis Irene Takemoto.

Nabe Ikehara, 84, La Puente, May 10;
 Okinawa-born survived by sis Kame Ige, Kana Nakama.

Hana Inouye, 80, San Pedro, Calif., May 24;
 Riverside-born Nisei survived by s Douglas M., 4gc, br Tom, James, Bill Ito, sis May Sato, Tomiye Nagai, Dorothy Shundo, in-law sis Toshi Ito.

Matsuko Inouye, 65, Los Angeles, May 15;
 survived by br Kazuo Kishi, in-law sis Yoshiko Inouye.

Toyoko Ito, 72, Cerritos, May 24;
 Baldwin Park-born survived by h Noboru, s Yasuo, Takeshi, d Misao Hatanaka, Yoshiye Teshima, 8gc, br Roy and Masaru Nagasawa, in-law sis Tatsuko Nakagawa, Sakaye Uyeda.



MADELINE ONG-SAKATA

► Phoenix Mayor Paul Johnson and the City Council have appointed **Madeline Ong-Sakata** to the Pacific Rim Advisory Council. The Council acts as a liaison between state, county and local governments and the Asian American Community. Ong is a deputy registrar and has been involved in all aspects of campaign management, was a restaurant owner and manager, child care business owner, and consultant for a Chinese historical photo exhibit. She is president of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance and special assistant to the Grand National President, vice president of the Arizona Asian American Association, a member of the Chinese American Professionals Association, the JACL, the Phoenix Women's Commission and the Maricopa County Private Industry Council.

► Los Angeles Superior Court Judge **Lance Ito**, of Pasadena was reappointed in May to the California Council on Criminal Justice, a 35-member panel reviewing, revising and approving the state plan for criminal justice and delinquency prevention. A 10-year deputy district attorney before appointed to the bench in 1987, he was appointed to the council in 1984.

► **Joseph R. Oyama, Jr.**, a teacher at the Manhattan Amsterdam School (P.S. 191M), was nominated for a Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Science and Mathematics by his colleagues. The son of Joe/Asami Oyama of Berkeley, Calif., services the entire elementary school population (K-5), with his students using the Apple IIe computer and science software programs.



FRED WADA

► **Fred Isamu Wada, 82**, "Mr. Keiro" and Olympics enthusiast, will receive the "Pacific Pioneer" Award from the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center at its 10th anniversary dinner to be held June 26. "In marking this important anniversary of the JACCC, we are going back to earlier days and remembering the crucial contributions made by Mr. Wada. He has not only contributed significantly to his own ethnic community but have gone beyond to extend his volunteer services to the larger community." Delivering the keynote address for the dinner will be Yasue Katori, president of the Japan Foundation, who will be coming to Los Angeles especially for the event. Katori served as Japanese ambassador to Russia and China prior to his current appointment.

► **Robert Tsutsui**, Aerospace Corp. engineer at El Segundo, Calif., was recognized among the 34 employees last April and received the 1990 Group Achievement Award. The blue-ribbon prize includes a cash ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for sustained and continued excellence in the work-place.

► **Allison Odaguchi, 18**, of Winnepeg, Canada, the top youth athlete in the province of Manitoba in 1989, won the 1990 Beatrice Youth Athlete Award and a \$500 sports scholarship for her top scores in the national junior 10-pin bowling tournament at Tampa, Fla. Her 267 game, 668 series-were individual highs by a high school senior girl last year. She is a freshman at the Univ. of Manitoba.

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gles of the 1960s and 1970s. National President Pat Okura led a JACL delegation in the historic 1963 March on Washington organized by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. So it is true that JACL is not new to lobbying or organizing for civil rights issues. Indeed, our first lobbyist, Ms. Suma Sugi, worked here in the 1930s to change discriminatory immigration and naturalization laws affecting Nisei women in coalition with existing womens and civil rights groups. Mike Masaoka, our advocate in D.C. for so many years, worked with great effectiveness on many issues.

But things are different now. There is a new respect for JACL after our redress victory. A small racial minority, with only two members of the Senate and three in the House and with numbers heavily concentrated in only a half-dozen states, overcame tremendous political odds and passed legislation we were once told was simply not winnable.

And, among our 115 Chapters, five regional offices and some 25,000 members, there is a greater understanding of the legislative process, of grassroots organizing and of building coalitions around issues than perhaps has ever existed for this organization. It is not only impressive for JACL, but—in many ways—makes us the envy of many much larger groups. We have not only several hundred, but literally thousands of experienced grassroots organizers in our ranks.

It shows in our work. The Civil Rights Act of 1990, critical legislation that will overturn very damaging Supreme Court decisions that severely limit the rights of victims of employ-

ment discrimination, has received heavy attention from JACL. It is the highest priority for our current Washington lobbying.

But, more importantly, JACLers in the field are working on it too. Regional staff are working in coalition with womens groups, African American organizations and Jewish groups to focus local attention on the issue. We are targeting legislators based upon past voting records and our own population base and members and Chapter presidents are sending letters thanking new supporters and pushing our targeted legislators.

Even the White House is aware of the work we are doing on this important issue. Even with our limited staffing (JACL's lobbying presence is easily half that of even other small civil rights groups), we are having an impact. I am proud of our community and what we have learned. Let's keep up the good work.

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Killer of San Fernando Valley Sansei Girl in 1987 Found Guilty

SAN FERNANDO, Calif.—It took the 12 jurors of the San Fernando superior court four hours this past week (June 6) to reach a verdict that Roland Comtois was guilty of murdering Wendy Masuhara, 14, after abducting her and her friend from their Chatworth neighborhood in September 1987.

Comtois was found guilty on all eight felony counts and will return to Judge Ronald S. Coen's court June 18 to hear sentence. The 60-year-old drifter was charged with first-degree murder, attempted murder, sexual assault, furnishing cocaine to a minor and kidnapping.

The parents of the victim, Allen and Lynne Masuhara, said they were pleased; "but it doesn't bring her back," Allen said. "We are glad this part is over," Lynne added. They had waited 2½ years.

Wendy's 13-year-old girl friend who survived the abduction and shootings had been left for dead but walking to Topanga Canyon Blvd. the early morning of Sept. 19, 1987, and flagged down a passing motorist.

The trial began May 21. In court, the girl identified the defendant.

The girl testified that Comtois and his companion, whom she identified through police photos as Marsha Lynn Ramos, were parked in a motor home on a street near the girls' homes near

Devonshire St. She said they had been walking to meet some friends after 11 p.m. that night.

Ramos then lured the girls' into the motor home, telling them she needed help trying to start their car, the girl said. She said Comtois drove them to another location, about 10 minutes away.

Comtois appeared with a gun, and told Ramos to take Masuhara into the bathroom, the girl said. She said he sexually assaulted her.

Under questioning by both Deputy District Attorney Harold Lynn and Defense Attorney James Gregory, the girl said Comtois threatened to kill her and Masuhara.

"He said if we didn't cooperate and do what he said, he was going to kill us," she said.

Comtois drove them to a canyon, later identified as being near Chatsworth reservoir, placed them in an abandoned station wagon and shot them, she said.

Comtois was arrested Sept. 22, 1987, after police officers shot and wounded him as they pursued him in the Los Angeles Silver Lake area. Ramos was arrested Nov. 27 while walking on a street in North Hollywood.

JACL PULSE

CONTRA COSTA DIABLO VALLEY

Annual family BBQ picnic, Sun., June 24, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (Dinner 3 p.m.) at Pleasant Hill Park in Pleasant Hill, Site 3. Info: Yosh Tokiwa (415) 223-5463 or Dr. Elsie Bankol (415) 934-3702.

FLORIN

Florin JACL will sponsor fall talent show; dancers, vocalists, pianists, instrumentalists, etc., are encouraged to participate. Info: Pearl Zarilla or Paul Takehara (both 916) at 635-2815 or 363-8800.

LAS VEGAS

JACL Las Vegas chapter scholarship youth dinner, June 16, 7 p.m. at the California Hotel's Ohana Room. All are welcomed, particularly young generation, to join in the activities and fun.

LIVINGSTON-MERCED

JACL chapter participated in Grand Opening ceremonies of Livingston Historical Museum on May 19. Featured display of Yamato Colony depicts struggles of early Japanese immigrant pioneers. Honored guest was Sam Maeda, oldest living Nisei of the colony. Museum visits can be arranged by calling (both 209) 394-7571 or 394-7828.

NEW MEXICO

Omatsuri, A Japanese Festival cosponsored by the NMJACL to celebrate the Centennial of the recognition of a Japanese population in New Mexico; 11 a.m.-6 p.m., June 17; Mimato Sq., 10721 Montgomery NE, Albuquerque; food, Japanese American folk arts, music, taiko drums, ikebana, martial arts.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DC

A Northern Calif. contingent is expected to participate at the 39th annual JACL Nisei Relays on Sunday, June 24, at Rancho Santiago College in Santa Ana. Registration forms: JACL Regional Office, 244 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 507, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (213) 626-4471. Entry deadline is June 9.

SACRAMENTO

Annual JACL community picnic was postponed over Memorial Day weekend due to rain; now rescheduled for Sun., July 15. JACLers are asked to complete sale of raffle tickets and mail stubs and checks to JACL office at 2124 10th St., Sacramento, CA 95818. Grand prize is trip to Hawaii for two.

SAN DIEGO

"JACL: The Wave of the Future," the 31st Biennial JACL National Convention, June 17-23, San Diego Princess. Highlights: Business sessions, workshops, beach party, National Awards banquet, Masaka Award dinner, Sayonara Ball, golf tournament, deep sea fishing, Tijuana trip, speech competition, Youth Conference, 1000 Club Wing Ding. Info: (619) 230-0314.

Scholarship dinner, Tom Ham's Restaurant, Harbor Island, 6 p.m., to honor 15 high school graduates. Dr. Kenji Ima will speak on relationship of Indochinese community to the Nikkei community. Tickets \$16. Info: (619) 230-0314 or Tets Kashima, (619) 271-7257.

SAN JOSE

San Jose JACL Doubles Tennis Tournament, Sat., June 16, at West Valley College. Some 52 teams consisting of 104 players are expected to participate. Entry deadline June 8; \$18 per team with round robin format. Info: Sayeko Nakamura (408) 267-9032 or JACL office (408) 295-1250.

White Elephant Sale, Sat., July 14, at Issei Memorial Building parking lot from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Donated items are needed and most welcomed. Info: (408) 295-1250.

STOCKTON

Tomo No Kai Grand Canyon Tour, hosted by Stockton Buddhist Temple, Sept. 18-25, 1990; \$620 per person, double occupancy; additional \$165 supplement added for single accommodations. Info: (209) 982-0939.

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LOS ANGELES AREA

Present-July 22—West Coast premiere of "Winter Crane." Fountain Theatre, 5060 Fountain Ave., Hollywood, CA. Info: (213) 663-1525.

June 16—Jazz pianists Deems Tsutakawa and Glenn Horiuchi, 8 p.m., Japanese America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro. Info: (213) 680-3700.

June 21—"Telling Time" by West Coast Ensemble premiere, at 6240 Hollywood Blvd. Info. and tickets: (213) 871-1052.

June 25—"Understanding Kabuki—A Western Point of View" at Orange County Performing Arts Ctr. Lecture/discussion about Japan's 400-year-old national theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$5. Info: (714) 556-ARTS.

June 25—Ceramic drum making demo by renowned Japanese artist Nobuho Nagasawa at UCLA Extension. Six-session classes and workshop taught in West Hollywood. Info: (213) 825-1901.

June 26—Japanese Style Management seminar, 7:30 p.m. at West Los Angeles United Methodist Church. Free to public, sponsored by WLA JACL. Dr. Toru Iura featured speaker. Info: (213) 825-3415.

July 8—6th Annual Gardena 5K Run and Fun Walk, 8 a.m., special Kids' Half K Fun Run. Proceeds to benefit Gardena Keiro Nursing Home, Senior Day Care, Police Explorer Scouts and the city's Recreation and Human Services Programs. Info: (213) 323-0163.

July 20-21—First Rohwer camp reunion, Stouffer Concourse Hotel, LAX; photo exhibit, mini-reunions, golf tournament, Sat. banquet (sold out).

Aug. 16-19—Reunion of the Kubasaki High School, Okinawa, Japan, Class of 1980. Avalon, Santa Catalina Island. Open to all KHS graduates and attendees; targeting the classes of 1978-82. Info: G. Johnston, (213) 782-0351.

MEXICO CITY

July 14—International PANA Karaoke Contest, Japanese School (Liceo Mexicano-Japones) Auditorium. Info in U.S.: Miki Yamazaki, (213) 391-1556. (Visitors urged to stay at Nikko Hotel, Mexico City.)

OGDEN, UTAH

Oct. 27—Reunion of all Japanese UTs who have resided in Box Elder County, UT. Sat., at Ogden Park Hotel, Ogden. Info: Don Tazoi, P.O. Box 324, Garland, UT 84312, (801) 257-7363.

ORANGE COUNTY, CALIF.

July 6 & 7—The 1900 USJF Junior, Youth & Team National Judo Championships hosted by Nanka Judo Yudanshukai; Buena Park Hotel & Convention Center, 7675 Crescent Ave., Buena Park. Info: (both 714) Ted Okada, 821-5397 or Masaru Harada, 737-7913.

PORTLAND, ORE.

Aug. 3-5—Greater Portland Nikkei Reunion, registration deadline: June 1; Red Lion Inn, Lloyd Center. Info: (503) 654-9437.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Present-17—75th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 12, the second oldest troop in S.F. Activities include court of honor awards presentation, banquets, dance, displays, and sporting activities. Info regarding this historic anniversary: Shig Miyamoto, 323 17th Ave., S.F., CA 94121 (415) 386-5716.

SAN JOSE, CALIF.

June 20—"Suntan Special" train ride from Roaring Camp to Santa Cruz boardwalk. Group departs Yu-Ai Kai office at 8:30 a.m. \$31/seniors, \$34/others; train fare included. Info: (408) 294-2505.

June 21—Yu-Ai Kai's 5th Annual Golf Tournament at Santa Clara Golf and Tennis Club. Couples are encouraged to enter. Entry fee \$100 (\$150 husband/wife), includes green fees and two dinner tickets. Info: (408) 294-2505.

Sept. 22—Thru-Sant Benito County reunion of former residents currently living in Southern California, at Gung Hay Restaurant in Gardena. Info: Sue Oshita, 13181 E. Lampson, No. 101, Garden Grove, CA 92640.

SEATTLE

Present-June 21—"Landscapes in Sumi," paintings by five artists including Louise Kikuchi and George Tsutakawa, Foster/White Gallery, Frederick & Nelson Dept. Store, 5th Ave. & Pine St., Mon. & Fri. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Tues.-Thu. & Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun, noon-5 p.m. Info: (206) 382-8538.

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