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Spokane Democrats apologize for slur, agree to grievance procedures



ONE FOR ALL—From left, Edward Thomas, Jr., Terri Anderson, Susan F. Strauss, Debbie Abrahamson and Denny Yasuhara pose for photo at press conference announcing official apology from Spokane Democrats for a racial slur that took place three years ago.

Three years after Spokane County Democratic Central Committee (DCC) officials used racial slurs against Asian Americans, prompting a lawsuit by the Spokane Chapter, JACL and others—the Spokane DCC and Washington State DCC publicly apologized June 28 and announced the adoption of a formal grievance procedure at the county level.

Denny Yasuhara, JACL national president and chair of the ad hoc committee, said, "What began as a racial slur incident has

culminated in a process which allows the Democratic Party to be more inclusive toward participation by people of color in its political affairs. This case was one of principle, a principle of respect, fairness and equal opportunity. This principle was non-negotiable."

The apology came after a vote June 29 by the members of the Spokane DCC. Jimmy Sirmans, chair, Spokane County DCC, apologized to "the plaintiffs and
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JACL President Denny Yasuhara, left, poses with Congressman Jay Kim.



JACL Acting Washington, D.C., representative Leigh-Ann Miyasato poses with Congressman Neil Abercrombie.



JACL leaders Leigh-Ann Miyasato and Denny Yasuhara, right, meet Sen. Daniel Akaka.

JACL leaders get grim message

Immigration on rough road in Congress

Denny Yasuhara, Leigh-Ann Miyasato meet with Asian American congressional members on upcoming legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Asian Pacific Americans face tough battles on immigration in the coming months, several members of Congress told JACL National President Denny Yasuhara and Acting Washington, D.C., Representative Leigh-Ann Miyasato.

Yasuhara and Miyasato were in the nation's capital on June 20 and 21 to confer with the lawmakers regarding JACL's legislative priorities.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D.-Calif.) said he was not optimistic about

convincing Congress to reject the recommendations of the commission on Immigration Reform. In addition to proposing a cut in the total number of immigrants from about 830,000 to 550,000 per year, the commission has recommended eliminating categories permitting immigration of adult children of U.S. citizens, adult children of permanent residents, and siblings of U.S. citizens. According to Mineta, these proposals will have a devastating impact on Asian Pacific American families who want to reunite, because most Asian immigrants fall within the categories targeted for elimination.

Rep. Jay Kim (R.-Calif.), the only Asian Pacific American member of Congress who is a Republican, stated that he opposes these proposed cuts in legal immigration. Although he supported the welfare reform provisions barring legal immigrants from receiving cash benefits, he said that Asian immigration should be encouraged. Kim is himself an immigrant. He arrived from South Korea in 1961, built a successful engineering business, and won election to Congress in 1992.

Kim noted that President Clinton supports some of the anti-immigrant recommendations of the commission. He said that Democrats need to wake up and ask, "Who's really helping

JACL protests remark by UAW official

'Take on Japs' said in front of President Clinton during speech

By GWEN MURANAKA
Assistant editor

During a June 22 tour of the Ford assembly plant in Edison, N.J., President Clinton was exhorted by United Auto Workers bargaining chairman Earl Nail to "Take on the Japs!"

According to the *New York Times*, the slur was made as Nail introduced Clinton to the several hundred plant workers who had gathered to hear the president speak on current trade negotiations between the United States and Japan. The *Times* reported that it wasn't clear whether Clinton, who shook Nail's hand afterward, had heard the remark.

The president did not correct the union official, and White House deputy press secretary Ginny Terzano said afterward that she didn't hear the remark but was sure that Nail had not meant it to be derogatory.

In a letter to Nail, JACL National President Denny Yasuhara wrote, "Whether intended or not, your remarks injected racism into the dialogue surrounding the trade
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U.S., Japan reach accord

As the U.S. and Japan move back from the brink of a trade war, the Japan Chapter, JACL, passed a resolution urging that both sides resolve trade differences without acrimony which may negatively impact Japanese Americans.

The Japan Chapter stated "its

desire that the governments of the U.S. and Japan resolve their trade differences amicably in a manner free of rancor and that all parties avoid making statements or actions that may inflame or encourage acts of anti-Japanese,

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Humorist to JACL: 'I didn't use word 'Jap''

Humorist Mark Russell, responding to JACL protests, said that he did not use the word "Jap" during a recent broadcast of his PBS show.

JACL claimed that Russell, known for his political satire, used the phrase "Jap judge" during a song parodying Sen. Alfonse D'Amato's racial parodying of O.J. Simpson trial judge Lance Ito.

Don Delcollo, president, Contra Costa Chapter, JACL, said in a letter to Russell, "The remark (while well-intentioned) made reference to 'a Jap judge.' D'Amato's attack on

Judge Ito by parodying a mock Japanese accent (circa WWII) was a vulgar attack, and you earned my praise by exposing this racially divisive viciousness for what it was.

"However you have overstepped the bounds yourself (however inadvertently) by the use of the word 'jap.'"

Prior to the alleged slur, Russell remarked about the New York senator, "You remember, D'Amato, your senator here went on the Don Imus

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WANG

Capt. Wang acquitted in Gulf War 'friendly fire'

Capt. James Wang, acquitted June 20 of charges stemming from the "friendly fire" downing of two U.S. Army helicopter over Iraq during the Persian Gulf War, said the fight isn't over for him and pushed for Congressional hearings into the incident.

"The fight's nowhere near over for me. This is just

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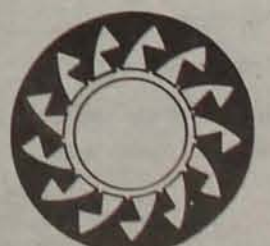
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Eastern

DISTRICT COUNCIL
Thu-Sun., July 20-23—EDC-MDC-MPDC Tri-District Conference, Albuquerque, N.M., Marriott Hotel. (See below: NEW MEXICO).
SOUTHEAST
Sun. Aug. 13—"Japanese American Heroism During WWII," video, speakers, 3-5 p.m., Georgia Power Bldg. Auditorium, Atlanta; info: Dave Furukawa, 404/6232-8008. NOTE—2 p.m. board meeting precedes.

Midwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL
Thu-Sun., July 20-23—EDC-MDC-MPDC Tri-District Conference, Albuquerque, N.M., Marriott Hotel. (See below: NEW MEXICO).
TWIN CITIES
Sun. July 9—Summer picnic/pig roast, noon-6 p.m., Lake Cornelia Park Pavilion, Edina; info: May Tanaka 612/934-9238, Barbara Kumagai 612/560-3097; John Nakasone 612/646-6999.
Sun. Aug. 6—Golf tournament, 11 a.m. tee off, Gross Golf Course, Mpls.; info: Sam Honda 612/429-3410, David Hayashi 612/822-3659.
Fri.-Sun., Oct. 6-8—Fall MDC meeting, Holiday Inn Airport. (Details to come).

Mountain-Plains

NEW MEXICO
Thu-Sun., July 20-23—"A World of Diversity," EDC-MDC-MPDC Tri-District

Conference, Marriott Hotel, 2101 Louisiana NE, Albuquerque. Workshops on finance and quality management for chapters, JACL and JA community issues. Info: Randolph Shibata 505/883-1258, 505/294-3274. REGISTRATION—"JACL Tri-District Conference," c/o Moss & Jean Kishiyama, 7624 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, 505/294-3274. Fees (after June 28): \$125 for JACL member, \$150 for non-JACL member. Cancellation/refund request not honored after July 15. Fee covers Fri luncheon, Sat banquet, conference material. WORKSHOP only—no meals—\$80 late fee.

Intermountain

DISTRICT COUNCIL
Sat-Sun. July 8-9—Joint IDC-PNWDC conference, Red Lion Downtowner, Boise, Idaho. Sat. 8-noon, separate DC sessions; 1:30-5 p.m. joint sessions; 7 p.m. banquet. Info: Ed Hirahara 208/939-2224, Seiichi Hayashida 208/466-7226. NOTE—Co-hosted by Boise Valley JACL.

Pacific Northwest

DISTRICT COUNCIL
Sat-Sun. July 8-9—Joint IDC-PNWDC conference, Red Lion Downtowner, Boise, Idaho. (see above)

NorCal-WN-Pac

CONTRA COSTA
Sun. July 16—Family Bowling, 10 a.m.-noon, info: Robert Fukushima 510/235-8359.
FRENCH CAMP
Sat. July 8—Annual bazaar, teriyaki chicken, 4-10 p.m., Japanese Community Hall; info Fumiko Asano 209/982-4680.
SAN JOSE
Chapter Board on 2nd Fridays; '96 Convention Committee on 3rd Tuesdays, info: 408/295-1250.
SEQUOIA

Fri. Sept. 1—High school graduates scholarship deadline extended; info: Harry Hatasaka, 3876 Grove Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306, 415/493-8932 home, 415/321-7865 work.
WEST VALLEY
Sat. Aug. 19—Daruma fund-raiser for Senior Center, info: Bob Matsumoto 408/996-1976, Dave Muraoka 408/363-8369, June Tanaka 408/263-8952.

Central California

FRESNO
Sat. July 29—100th Infantry Bn. Highway Dedication dinner, 6 p.m., Tomino's on Blackstone north of Shaw. RSVP by July 22, \$35, Dr. Izumi Taniguchi, 738 E. Tenaya Way, Fresno 93710, 209/439-8769. NOTE—Speakers: Eric Saul, Cressey Nakagawa. Co-sponsors—Sierra Nisei VFW Post 8499.
Sun. Sept. 10—10th annual Shinzen Run and chapter picnic at Woodward Park. Info: Deborah Ikeda 209/434-1264.
Sat. Nov. 4—Annual CCDC dinner; info: Patricia Tsai, 209/237-4406

Pacific Southwest

GREATER L.A. SINGLES
Fri.-Sun., Sept. 1-3—7th National JACL Singles Convention / Come Alive in '95, Westin South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa. Registration deadline Aug. 26, c/o Irene Kubo, 927 Folkstone Ave., Hacienda Hts, CA 91745; info: Grace Masuda, 23802 Bluehill Bay, Monarch Beach, CA 92629, 714/496-7779. NOTE—Mixer, workshops, golf tournament, tennis, computer match-ups, dinner-dance, Las Vegas excursion, Japanese American National Museum tour, hospitality rooms.
WEST LOS ANGELES
Sat. Aug. 26—Scholarship benefit steak bake, Early Bird bingo, 4 p.m., Sawtelle Gakuen, 2110 Corinth, info: George Kanegai 310/820-5250.

Community calendar

Pacific Northwest

PORTLAND—See Reunion.
SEATTLE
Thu.-Sun., Sept. 21-24—'95 Seattle Asian American Film Festival, Seattle Art Museum; info Wm. Satake Blauvelt 209/329-6084 eve/msg.

Nevada

LAS VEGAS
Fri. July 28—Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit Opening: "Strength & Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-1990," 5 p.m., UNLV Marjorie Barrick Museum, 702/382-4443. NOTE—Exhibit dates: July 22-Oct. 2; public welcome to opening reception in Museum foyer. Co-sponsored by Las Vegas JACL, Nevada Humanities Committee, Nevada Council for the Arts.
Sat. Aug. 12—Buddhist Sangha's Obon festival, 12-5 p.m., Zelsah Shriner's Hall, 2222 W Mesquite Ave., Pre-order bento (\$6) by phone 702/362-3742 or write 6341 OBannon Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89102.

California

SOLANO COUNTY
Sat. July 22—JACL/Fairfield Senior Center's first annual Japanese Summer Festival, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Center Dr., Fairfield, 707/428-7741. NOTE—Attractions include Sacramento Koyasan Taiko Drums, bonsai, floral arrangements, origami, tea ceremony demonstrations, Japanese food, ondo.
SAN JOSE
Sat. Aug. 26-Sat. Sept. 2—Yu-Ai Kai/JAC Senior Center 8-day trip for Mt.

Rushmore, Badlands, Yellowstone, Grand Teton; RSVP, info. Anthony Chung 408/294-2505.
STOCKTON
Fri. Aug. 4—442nd RCT Hwy Marker dedication, 6 p.m., Hotel Hilton; RSVP by July 10: Barry Saiki 2937 Wagner Hts, Stockton, CA 95209, 209/477-7565. NOTE—Col. Chris Keegan, keynote speaker.
FRESNO
Sat. July 29—100th Infantry Hwy Marker dedication, 6 p.m., Tomino's Banquet Hall, north of Shaw on Blackstone; info: Dr. Frank Nishio 209/439-8525. NOTE—Eric Saul, Cressey Nakagawa, speakers.
VENTURA COUNTY
Sat. July 22—Obon Festival, 2-9 p.m., Buddhist Church, 250 S. H St., Oxnard.
LOS ANGELES
Through Aug. 27—"Witness: Our Brothers' Keepers, Japanese American and Jewish American GIs," witnesses to liberation of the Nazi death camps in 1945; JANM, 369 E. 1st St., info: 213/625-0414. NOTE—WWII's 522nd Field Artillery Battalion exhibit created by the National Museum of American Jewish Military History.
Fri-Sat only to Sept. 2—Jude Narita's one-woman play, "Stories Waiting to be Told," Fri-Sat 8 p.m., Sat 2 p.m., Los Angeles Theater Center, 514 S. Spring St., Box office 213/466-1767.
Tue. July 5 through July 25—Enrichment Program for the Buddhist Child, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., West Covina Higashi Honganji, ESGV Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente; info: Georgiann 818/286-1604, Susan 909/594-4868. NOTE—Registering child entering 1st grade through 8th

grade.
Sun. July 23—Okinawan Dance recital by Miyagi-Ryu Toyomu-kai, 1 and 6 p.m., James R. Armstrong Theater, 3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance; tickets: 310/781-7171.
Sat. July 29—"Show Time 95" AADAP/JACCC benefit concert and post-concert dessert bar, 7:30 p.m., JACCC, info: 213/628-2725, box office 213/680-3700.
Sat. Aug. 5—"A Memorial of Tears," interfaith commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, JACCC Plaza; info: Chris Aihara 213/628-2725.
Sat-Sun. Aug. 12-20—55th annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival; Coronation ball Aug. 12, Bonaventure Hotel; Taiko festival, Aug. 13, JACCC Plaza; grand parade, Aug. 13, Little Tokyo streets; Award dinner Mon. Aug. 14, New Otani Hotel; Pioneer luncheon, Wed. Aug. 16, New Otani Hotel; Carnival/street fair, Sat.-Sun. Aug. 19-20, L.T. streets; Street ondo, Sun. Aug. 20, L.T. streets; Sun. Aug. 20, Karaoke, JACCC info: 213/628-2725; Nisei Week Info: 213/687-7193. NOTE—Shops will have free calendars of events soon.
Sat. Aug. 26—Chilivision IX/Pioneering Visions, JACCC Plaza; info: 213/680-4462.
ORANGE COUNTY
Mon.-Fri., July 24-28—Chibi no Gakko, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Orange County Buddhist Church, 909 S. Dale Ave., Anaheim; info: B.J. Watanabe 714/779-4140. NOTE—Because of a focus on the WW2 interment this year, open to 7th and 8th graders. Chibi = Elementary school-age children entering first grade in the fall.

Small kid time



Gwen 7/17/95

4,000 potentially eligible redress recipients sought

More than 4,000 Japanese Americans who are potentially eligible for redress payments of \$20,000 each might not even know it—and the Justice Department is asking for help to locate them.

Under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, individuals who were interned, relocated or evacuated during World War II were declared eligible to receive redress payments, provided they were alive on Aug. 10, 1988, when the law went into effect.

At the start of the redress program, the Department's Office of Redress Administration (ORA) identified about 120,000 interned, relocated, or evacuated Japanese Americans through historical records. While 115,000 persons have been accounted for, more than 4,000 others still have not been located despite repeated ORA ef-

forts.

To locate potential recipients, ORA has sent letters to family members asking for information about their missing relatives, worked with the Social Security Administration to track down possible recipients, provided names and birth dates to a national locator service, and requested death records from various states to identify individuals who may have died since the law went into effect.

"We were given the responsibility under the law to identify and locate all potential individuals," said DeDe Greene, ORA administrator. "We hope that with the assistance of the Japanese American community, we will finally be able to locate these potentially eligible recipients."

Anyone who believes they might

be eligible for redress may apply. To contact ORA, call the Helpline at 202/219-6900, or write to the Office of Redress Administration at P.O. Box 66260, Washington, D.C., 20035-6260.

Anyone contacting ORA should provide the following information to assist in the verification process: full name, name used during the internment period, date of birth, address, telephone number, and place of internment, relocation, or evacuation. Partial information is helpful as well.

Since the law went into effect, the government has paid out more than \$1.59 billion to 79,565 recipients.

Pacific Citizen is expected to receive the list of 4,000 names from the ORA. Upon receipt, the list will be published.

Site for memorial honoring JA patriotism set in Washington, D.C.

A triangular shaped piece of property, bounded by Louisiana, New Jersey Avenues and D Street, NW, was approved on May 9, 1995, by the National Capital Memorial Commission as the site for a memorial to honor the patriotism of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The site which covers an area of 21,055 square feet has strong visual and symbolic linkage with the capitol, according to a spokesperson for the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation. The Union Station is located within three blocks and the Capitol Senate and House Office Buildings are within walking distance.

The use of this property will

require Congressional legislation to transfer the site from the U.S. Capitol Grounds to the National Park Service. The obtaining of approvals by the commissions and the appropriate legislative process for the property transfer has been set in motion.

Public Law 102-502 provides for the establishment on federal grounds in the District of Columbia, a memorial honoring the patriotism of Japanese Americans during World War II. The bill was signed Oct. 24, 1992.

The memorial will be a testament to the patriotism of the Issei whose desire to become American citizens instilled in the Nisei a sense of loyalty and patriotism to

the United States, according to the foundation. It will recognize those who distinguished themselves in the armed services, including the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military Intelligence Service.

The foundation will soon begin a national capital campaign to raise the funds necessary to build the memorial. The foundation was established in 1988 as the Go For Broke National Veterans Association Foundation.

Information: National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, 2828 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 305, Washington, D.C., 20007. Phone: 202/965-0691; fax, 202/965-0695.

Short takes

University adds AP studies major

With the Pacific Rim a major focus of business and career opportunities, Loyola Marymount University will offer a new major in Asian and Pacific studies in the fall. Dr. Santiago Sía, LMU director of Asian and Pacific Studies, announced last month.

The major provides a general background to the cultures and traditions, an understanding of contemporary issues, with students declaring an academic discipline (such as, history, religion, philosophy, arts and literature or business and economics) or declare a country/area as the focus of their studies. For information: Dr. Sía, 310/338-2969.

New ads feature Kristi Yamaguchi

The 1992 Olympic figure skating gold medalist Kristi Yamaguchi, now on professional tour in 60 U.S. and Canadian cities, official spokesperson for "Celebrate!" acetate in May of 1992, appears new ads for Hoechst Celanese in apparel designed by various designers in current issues of *WWD*, *Vogue*, *Glamour*, *Fashion Appeal*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Vanity Fair* and *People*.

JA foundation names executive director

WASHINGTON—George M. Wakiji of Alexandria, Va., was named executive director of the National Japanese American

Memorial Foundation by William H. (Mo) Marumoto, NJAMF board of trustees chairman. Mari Hashimoto, Bronx, N.Y., has been appointed administrative assistant. The office is located at 2828 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 305, WDC 20007, 202/965-0691.

The foundation, chartered by the U.S. Congress, was initiated in 1988 as the Go For Broke National Veterans Association to commemorate the patriotism of Japanese Americans during World War II. It is registered as a non-profit corporation and recognized as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS.

Wakiji, a Pasadena, Calif.-born Nisei veteran of the Korean Conflict, served with the U.S. Peace Corps as a country director in the Tonga, as a public affairs officer and other administrative positions with the ACTION agency and with the Employment and Training Administration of the Department



GEORGE WAKIJI

of Labor. His wife, Betty, hails from Honokaa, Hawaii, and daughter Dana currently lives in Sarasota, Fla.

Hashimoto, daughter of Rentaro and Ayae Hashimoto, New York, has worked as the editorial assistant for Milestone Media, a Times-Warner people of color comic book and was involved with the Asian American community in New York City, an outreach AIDS educator to immigrant Asian women; interned at 9-5, the National Organization for Working Women investigating the family medical leave act of the Clinton administration and corporate contracts pertaining to labor law.

Nisei couple donate \$100,000 to UCLA

UCLA Asian American Studies Center recently received a donation of more than \$100,000 in cash and property from a Washington, D.C., area Nisei couple, Toshio and Chiyoko Doris Hoshide, of Rockville, Md. The largest single gift ever made to the center and its Japanese American Remembrance Fund, it will establish two major endowments: the Chidori Aiso memorial scholarship (named after Doris's late sister) and the Toshio & Doris Hoshide scholarship.

The Hoshides also donated manuscripts and photos relating to Japanese-American history to the JACL-Japanese American Research Project collection at UCLA's research library.

Newspaper clippings and other documents from Mrs. Hoshide's years as a member of the Chi Alpha Delta, the prewar Nisei sorority founded at UCLA in 1929, are included. Both Doris and Chidori graduated from UCLA in the '30s.



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Nomo, Number One

With his already familiar turning and twisting pitching style, Hideo Nomo has vaulted to baseball star-status on a Los Angeles Dodger team that has more than its share.

The Japanese pitcher sealed his half-season stardom June 29 when he threw a shutout at the best hitting team in the National League, the Colorado Rockies—and struck out 13 batters along the way. That strikeout performance gave him a four-game total of 50, breaking the record of another Dodger pitcher, Sandy Koufax, whom many consider one of the greatest of all time.

Beyond the stats and record, Nomo is already a phenomenon. Los Angeles hasn't had this since Magic Johnson and Fernando Valenzuela, according to buzzing media sources.

'Believe me, it's coming. This night is the closest thing I've seen to Fernandomania, and it's bringing back very sweet memories of 1981.'

—Jaime Jarrin

In the June 30 *Los Angeles Times*, for instance, the reporter noted that fans "began chanting his name Thursday night before the national anthem. They unfurled Japanese flags. The playing field and Dodger clubhouse were crammed full of reporters.

"There were sights and sounds of Hideo

Nomo wherever you looked. Four teen-age girls were wearing Nomo T-shirts. Three middle-aged Japanese men walked out of the Dodger gift shop with nearly \$600 in Nomo memorabilia."

Jaime

Jarrin, who handles Dodger broadcasting for Spanish-speaking fans, said he never thought he'd "see anything like Fernando again" but

"it's coming. Believe me, it is coming. This night is the closest thing I've seen to Fernandomania, and it's bringing back very sweet memories of 1981."

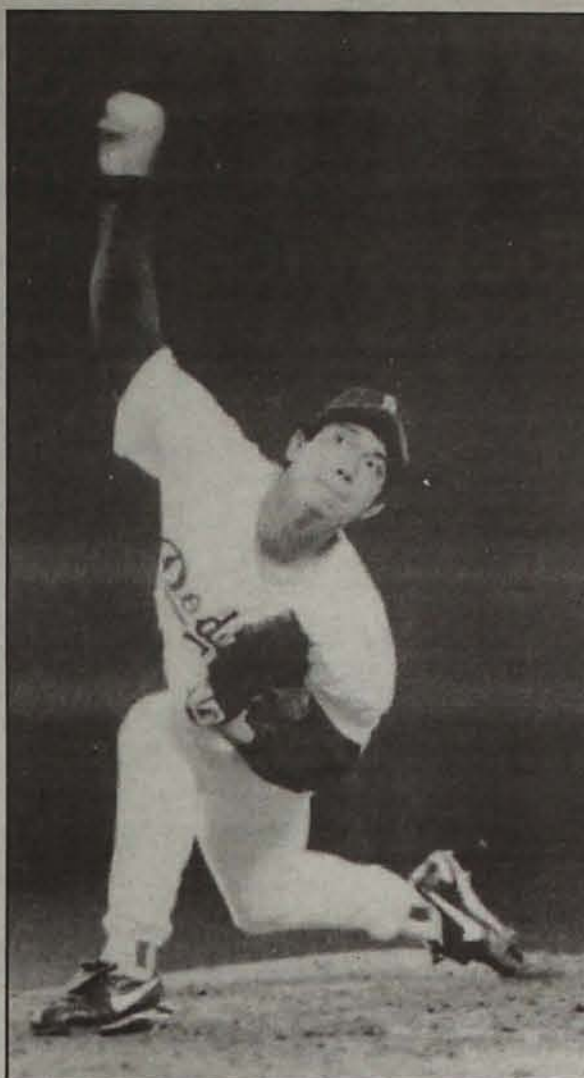
After beating the Rockies, Nomo had a 6-1 record, best in the National League, and sported a 2.50 earned run average. He leads the league in strikeouts with 109.

All of these achievements have also ensured a spot at the scheduled all-star game.

Says Dodger manager Tom Lasorda, "Everybody loves Nomo. The Japanese community. Americans. Baseball. Nomomania is here."



NOMO



Event explores issues between Jewish and Japanese

Jewish and Japanese American community leaders are coming together to organize the first joint conference between the two communities, announced Deborah Kattler Kupetz, chair of Foundations, Reflections and Challenges, a conference scheduled for Sunday, July 16 in Los Angeles.

The purpose of this conference is to create a lens of information and perspectives on issues that have not been broached before between the Jewish and Japanese American communities to educate communally each community about each other in a way that will engage discussion and cause reflection and critical thought," said Ruth Mizobe, a member of the conference planning committee.

The foundation for the conference will be laid by Prof. Ben-Ami Shillony, internationally known scholar. He is the author of *Jews and the Japanese: The Successful Outsiders*, which is a scholarly examination between the two cultures. At the conference, Shillony will discuss core values of the two cultures.

Also featured at the conference will be a presentation by Hiroki Sugihara, son of the late Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese diplomat to Lithuania, who saved thousands of Jews during World War II, and a slide show depicting the contributions of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion.

The conference will also address such issues as trends of the two communities; culture, continuity and change; and racism and anti-Semitism and their impacts on public policy. Featured panelists for these plenary sessions are Eric Saul, historian and curator for the Holocaust Oral History Project; Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky; Don Nakanishi, professor and director of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center; former Los Angeles School Board Member Warren Furutani, the first Asian American elected to that body; Donna Bojarsky, a political consultant; Dr. Eric Shockman, director of CMTS Institute at USC; Marlene Adler Marks, managing editor for the *Jewish Journal*; Mitchell Maki, professor at the UCLA School of Social Welfare; David Lehrer, Pacific Southwest regional director for the Anti-Defamation League; Rabbi Daniel Landes, national education director for the Simon Wiesenthal Center; Nancy Berman, director of the Skirball Museum; Rons Wakabayashi, executive director of the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission; and Rabbi Isaiah Zeldin, rabbi at the Stephen S. Wise Temple.

The conference is funded in part by a grant from the California Council for the Humanities and the Holocaust Oral History Project; the New Leaders Project affiliated with the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation; Japan American Society of Southern California; Anti-Defamation League; Japanese American National Museum; Japanese American Citizens League; Kirball Museum; Tuttle Publishing and the Stephen S. Wise Temple.

The conference will be held on Sunday, July 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Stephen S. Wise Temple, 15500 Stephen S. Wise Drive in Los Angeles. The conference and box lunches are \$15.

Advance reservations are required by July 11.

Information: 213/ 852-7730.

Tule Lake reunion features symposium on JA legacy

The Saturday afternoon symposium titled "The Japanese American Legacy" filled The Redwood Ballroom of the Red Lion Inn to its capacity at Tule Lake Reunion V, held May 19-20 in Sacramento.

Wayne Maeda, historian and teacher at California State University at Sacramento (CSUS), moderated a two-hour session featuring:

• **MARY TSUKAMOTO**, local historian, author and civil rights activist, who emphasized the importance of educating the public, especially students in elementary and high schools, on the Japanese American experience. She gave as an example the work of Florin JACL with the Elk Grove Unified School District in teaching year-round the true story of the evacuation. She reported that the Tsukamoto collection of artifacts, papers and historical exhibit materials, covering the Nikkei in America from the early 1900s to the present, has been accepted into the Library Archives of CSUS. This will be accessible to students, faculty and the public.

• **Dr. CLIFFORD UYEDA**, former president and still driving force behind the Japanese Ameri-

can National Historical Society based in San Francisco, related that there were atrocities on both sides of the conflict during World War II. He said the exhibit on Hiroshima and Nagasaki planned by the Smithsonian was scrapped due to much pressure from Congress, the American Legion and the military, who felt that it depicted the Japanese as victims, not aggressors. The NJAHS will present its own exhibit titled "Latent August," which will show both sides of the controversy, at Fort Mason this fall.

• **FRED KOREMATSU** was one of three Nisei who defied the U.S. government on its evacuation order No.9088 at the start of World War II. Korematsu related in detail his decision to confront the United States on the exclusion order, his arrest and treatment, the help of the ACLU, his conviction, and the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold the conviction. When recently he was approached with the possibility of challenging his conviction, he was surprised and delighted.

• **DALE MINAMI**, lead attorney in the Coram Nobis action against the United States to overturn the conviction of Fred

Korematsu, said he had taken this case pro bono for many reasons: to vindicate the actions of this courageous Nisei who challenged the U.S. military; to set aside his conviction; to correct history; to use the facts and actions of this case to support redress and reparations; and—personally—to vindicate his parents because they had been wrongly sent to camp. This lengthy case gave Minami opportunity to appreciate the courage of Nisei such as Korematsu, Yasui and Hirabayashi.

• **JUDGE WILLIAM MARUTANI** was the only Nikkei appointed to the Wartime Commission on the Study of Evacuation and Civilian Displacement. He said that as he traveled from city to city to take testimony from those who had been uprooted—not "evacuated," he emphasized—he began to fully realize what Japanese Americans had gone through. The report of the dramatic hearings was ready by the summer of 1944 but was not released until after the national elections that November. All members of the Commission voted for redress, he said, and all voted for reparations except Rep. Dan Lundgren, now Attorney General of California.

ing the damage that has been done to the relationship of the Democratic party and the Asian Pacific community. I hope it is the beginning of a new chapter in our history together," said Berendt.

Terry Yamada, governor, Pacific Northwest District, said, "The Democratic party is said to be the party of all ethnic groups which will not tolerate racist language or behavior of any kind. The DCC has illustrated that it will conduct itself consistently with these Democratic principles by making this apology and by enacting a permanent grievance procedure jointly authored by the plaintiffs and the DCC so that any future demonstrations of racial or ethnic bias will be handled in a fair, expedient and proper manner."

The grievance procedure details a process to address complaints about discrimination based upon race, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation at the county level. It allows for a mediation process and sanctions including censure, reprimand, censure, suspension or removal from office.

The long standing controversy began in Spokane at a November, 1992, Democratic party meeting, when two party officials used the word "chink" to refer to the Asian owners of the Davenport Hotel. The situation was further exacerbated in early February, 1993, when the Washington state vice chair made a demeaning bowing gesture to a Japanese American businessman who was critical of the party's handling of the initial incident. This occurred in the presence of all five officers of the Spokane Chapter, JACL.

In November, 1993, the Spokane Chapter, JACL, and five individual plaintiffs filed a lawsuit in federal court. The plaintiffs were: Edward Thomas, Jr., an African American; Terri Anderson, a Japanese American; Susan F. Strauss, a Caucasian American; Debbie Abrahamson, a Native American, all of whom are members and officials of the Spokane County Democratic Party, and Yasuhara, chair of the JACL ad hoc committee formed to pursue the issue.

Yasuhara said, "There is nothing positive to be gained from the use of racial gestures and slurs. The use of anti-racial conduct is indicative of an attitude from our political institutions, which historically prevented Asian Americans and other ethnic minorities from full and equal participation in our society.

It is necessary to hold our political institutions accountable to ensure that there is full and equal participation not just for some but for all people."

The JACL national president noted the rise of conservatism, which has seen affirmative action and immigration under increasing attack.

"Today the concept of affirmative action is under attack, while the conditions and the principles which led to the formation of affirmative action programs have not changed. We are not a color blind society. Attacks on affirmative action, more often than not, are based on the politics of exclusion. We remain committed to the politics of inclusion," said Yasuhara.

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other individuals who have sought to address the racial slur incidents for any alienation, disrespect, or retaliation that any of (them) have experienced."

"Because the Democratic party strives to include all ethnic groups, the party will not tolerate racist language or behavior of any kind. To this end, the plaintiffs and defendants have jointly drafted and the party has enacted a permanent grievance procedure governing any future incidents of racial or ethnic bias and will adopt and implement affirmative action guidelines, and agree to the issuance and acceptance of the apology as part of the settlement between them," said Sirmans.

Calling the racial slur incidents "personally embarrassing," Paul Berendt, chair, Washington State DCC, apologized and praised both parties for working to resolve the issue.

"I believe this agreement is a very positive first step in repair-



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Those acting early will save money, according to officials. The total convention package including the Friday mixer, all workshops, the Saturday luncheon and banquet/dance, and the Sunday brunch is a \$135—if received by July 15. Those registering after that date will pay \$155.

For those who seek accommodations, the convention rate for the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel is \$79 per room per night, but rooms are limited so send/fax/call your reservation in early.



JACL leaders Leigh-Ann Miyasato and Denny Yasuhara, right, meet with Congressman Eni F.H. Faleomavaega.



Denny Yasuhara, left, and Leigh-Ann Miyasato pose with Congressman Robert Matsui during meeting with congressional members.

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Asian Americans?"

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D.-Hawaii) said that immigration has become a racist issue. According to Inouye, there is anti-immigrant sentiment even within the Japanese American community. He said he had received letters from Japanese Americans who favor limits on immigration because they believe too many Hispanics come to this country. "I tell them the only difference between us is a slight difference in the color of our skin and in the slant of our eyes," Inouye said. Yasuhara responded that Asian Americans need to remember the anti-immigrant hysteria of earlier times, when exclusion laws barred Chinese and Japanese from immigrating and when Japanese aliens could not own land or become citizens.

Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D.-Hawaii), a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, indicated that the immigration issue will be driven largely by Republican presidential politics. He said he believed Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich (R.-Ga.), will run for President and that he "will play the race and immigration card."

On affirmative action, Abercrombie was more optimistic, stating that the Supreme Court decision limiting federal "set-aside" programs for minorities and women was not so bad because it allows affirmative ac-

tion where there is evidence of discrimination. Abercrombie noted that affirmative action supporters must redefine the term and educate the public about what it really means. Sen. Daniel K. Akaka (D.-Hawaii)

agreed, stating that affirmative action must be seen in terms of opportunity, not preferences.

Yasuhara and Miyasato also discussed the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund with Inouye and Rep. Robert Matsui (D.-Cal.). Both offered suggestions to convince Republican members of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee to hold confirmation hearings for the nominees to the Board of Directors of the Fund. Inouye and Matsui were hopeful that hearings could take place soon.

Yasuhara and Miyasato also met with Del. Eni F. H. Faleomavaega (D.-Am. Samoa) and Rep. Anna Eshoo (D.-Calif.). Faleomavaega offered to help on immigration, affirmative action, or any other matters of concern to JACL.

Eshoo, a supporter of redress and other issues important to Japanese Americans, expressed concern about the impact of immigration reform proposals on the Asian Pacific American community. Yasuhara also stopped in to greet his state's senator, Patty Murray (D.-Wash.), who has been very helpful to the Asian Pacific American community in the past.

Several members of Congress

expressed concern over the recent turmoil within the JACL. Sen Inouye noted, "I follow the Pacific Citizen fairly closely," and said the turmoil could be healthy but was also polarizing. Rep. Patsy Mink (D.-Hawaii) posed a number of questions about the finances of JACL, and Rep. Abercrombie said he also was aware of some of the problems in the organization. Yasuhara informed them that the JACL has dealt with some of the disputes and is ready to move on to promote issues that concern the Asian Pacific American community.

Abercrombie suggested that the publicity regarding internal problems at JACL was actually indicative of the importance of the organization, and that nothing would have been printed about the turmoil if no one cared about JACL.

Yasuhara concluded that his trip to Washington went well. "We touched base with our longtime supporters, introduced ourselves to other Asian Pacific American members of Congress, and communicated our message that the JACL is ready to deal with important issues confronting our community."

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Former staff accuse JACL of stalling severance negotiations

JACL president Yasuhara says fair offer made, staff lawyer trying case in media

Four former JACL national staff employees have accused JACL of deliberately stalling severance negotiations and inventing claims of a financial crisis.

Severance negotiations between JACL and four former JACL employees had broken off after the cancellation of a mediation meeting scheduled for June 8. According to JACL, conversations between Robert T. Owens, counsel for JACL, and Donna Ryu, attorney representing Carole Hayashino, Clay Harada, Joyce Nakamura and Janelle Sasaki, pointed out substantial differences between the parties regarding the

scope of the mediation.

According to Tom Hara, JACL legal counsel, JACL had come to the mediation prepared to discuss the fairness of the terms of the proposed severance package; while counsel for the former staff wanted to discuss the circumstances of the December board meeting and the national board decision to reorganize staff. JACL legal counsel also said that counsel for the former staff requested non-binding mediation. Owens determined that proceeding with the mediation would not bring about a resolution of the differences between the parties.

JACL paid a cancellation fee of \$800. Ryu characterized the \$800 as a penalty from the American Arbitration Association because "JACL was not intending to send a representative to the mediation, nor was the organization prepared to offer additional compensation above its original offer."

"It's completely irresponsible. If JACL knew from the outset that it was not going to budget for its original offer, then why did the leadership ask the staff members to go through the time and expense of mediation? It is yet another example of the organization's disregard for the lives and future

of four employees who gave their very best to the JACL," said Ryu.

Hara said in response, "Their request was for non-binding mediation. If it's non-binding, then you don't need anybody with full authority to settle, it's non-binding. It makes no sense to me. We have been prepared to discuss the fairness of the proposed severance package and that's all we're prepared to discuss."

We were ready to go forward until we found out that they were ready to argue a completely different question. If they want to argue that why should we pay for it." Donna Ryu, attorney accused

Hara of delaying the negotiations and being "unwilling to seek approval for mediation from the JACL national board until he returns from a three-week vacation in early-July."

"We offered the olive branch for the second time. It's clear that a simple phone call on Mr. Hara's part would have set the proper wheels in motion."

"His apparent lack of concern translates directly into an escalated legal battle, greater costs and continued divisiveness for everyone involved. Publicly, Hara would have people believe that he

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In jail, Korean youth weighs the Fort Worth bomb hoax

While his newly graduated classmates were looking ahead to college, Peter Jeune Koh, 18, sat in a federal prison cell suspected of placing a fake truck bomb outside a Fort Worth, Texas, school district building.

On May 16, as about 100 students were preparing to take a college advanced placement calculus test at the school building on West Lancaster Avenue, someone called to say a rental truck parked in front contained a bomb, prompting an evacuation.

The truck was found to contain 40 bags of concrete covered by diesel fuel-soaked fertilizer—resembling the truck bomb used in Oklahoma City.

According to the *Dallas Morning News*, Koh, son of one of the most prominent families in Fort Worth, reportedly had told a class-

mate the previous day that his books and notes for the test were stolen and he wanted to have the test delayed by devising the bomb hoax. On the evening of the test Koh allegedly called another friend, saying he was leaving leaving town and that his friend would not see him again.

Here's what happened, as reported in the *Morning News*:

• On May 25, the FBI announced it was looking for Koh in connection with the hoax. Three youths were believed to be traveling with him, but only Koh was wanted on federal charges.

• On May 26, two young men, one resembling Koh, bought an old gray van for \$900 in Memphis, Tenn. Employees at the car dealership were told they were heading for Florida and planned to return to Texas. About mid-

night, a man resembling Koh paid for gas at a Greenville, Texas, station, east of Dallas on Interstate 30.

• On May 27, Greenville police stopped a gray van heading west on Interstate 30. The occupants, Peter Koh, his brother Michael, 17, Steven Pedro, 18, and a 15-year-old were held on charges of possession of an illegal AK-47 assault rifle, a sawed-off shotgun, a handgun, knives, retractable batons and cans of chili.

Hunt County Justice of the Peace James Erwin said the suspects were cooperative, answered his questions, and did not seem upset. The FBI took Koh to face federal magistrate Alex McGlinchey at Fort Worth, who ordered Koh held without bail and the federal detention facility in Mansfield, pending the outcome

of a grand jury investigation. Defense attorneys did not fight the ruling.

• Michael Koh and Pedro were released to their parents on \$7,500 bond the next day.

• The 15-year-old was not charged but was held as a runaway and later released to his parents.

According to the *Dallas Morning News*, a classmate said Koh was known as a computer hacker and had been in trouble before. He was a National Merit finalist but fell short of earning a scholarship. He was on the waiting list at the

prestigious Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, according to another classmate, and he and Koh had planned to room together at the University of Texas.

Koh's father, Dr. Sukjung Koh, chief of pathology and laboratories with the Veterans Administration in Huntington, W.Va., has hired well known defense attorney Tim Evans to represent his sons. Koh's mother was in West Virginia searching for a home for the family when the hoax occurred.

—Source materials:
Herbert Ogawa

Ujifusa to participate in social policies forum

JACL redress legislative chair to discuss major issues at Aspen Institute

Grant Ujifusa, JACL redress strategy chair and co-author of the *Almanac of American Politics* has been invited to participate in the Aspen Institute's Domestic Strategy Group, August 19-23 in Aspen, Colo.

Formed in 1992, the Domestic Strategy Group, brings together a bi-partisan group of eminent academics, political leaders, and journalists to discuss social policy issue. This year's topic is "Opportunity in the United States: Social and Individual Responsibility," and will cover issues such as affirmative action, personal values and income inequality.

Co-chairs for the group are New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley and Vin Weber, co-director of Empower America and chairman of the Dole-for-President campaign.

Other participants include: former Texas Gov. Anne Richards;



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Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson; MIT economist Lester Thurow; Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien of the UC system; Cornel West of Harvard's Department of Afro-American Studies and Derek Bok, director of the Aspen Insti-

tute and former president of Harvard University.

According to Karen Lynn, associate director, the goal of the four-day conference is to bring together various perspectives and to try to bring the participants to a consensus. Four papers commissioned for the event and a summary of the roundtable discussions will be published late this year.

The Aspen Institute, founded in 1950, has offices in London, Rome, Berlin, Paris, Lyon and Tokyo.

As redress strategy chair, Ujifusa was responsible for key elements of the redress campaign, including winning over the Reagan White House and convincing then-Republican Whip Newt Gingrich to vote for the Japanese American bill.

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EXTENDED DEADLINE

Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Ethnic role reversal

If you haven't heard of Pocahontas lately, you've been neglecting your newspaper-reading and television-watching. They have been busy, busy, busy telling us about the charm and money-making potential of the latest animated film, based on the Pocahontas story, produced by the entertainment wizards of the Disney organization.

Pocahontas, we have been reminded time and again, was an Indian princess living in what is now Virginia when some English settlers showed up in 1607. Taking possession of land that didn't belong to them, the settlers established Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America.

As was so often the case, the Indians took a dim view of being invaded. Fighting broke out, and Pocahontas's father, Chief Powhatan, captured Capt. John Smith. According to the story Powhatan was about to execute Smith when Pocahontas bravely threw herself on Smith and persuaded her father to cease and desist.

Whether all this is true or not, it makes a touching story and the Disney folks are not reluctant to animate for projection in theaters and TV such various subjects as

mice, legends, witches, dwarf miners, puppets, fawns, lions and tender young females like Snow White, Cinderella and now Pocahontas.

The snippets of the Pocahontas film I've seen in TV promotions show the Indian princess to be slim, doe-eyed, fetching and somewhat dusky, while Capt. John Smith is large, muscular, handsome and blond. Which brings up the point I wish to make in this column.

Does it seem to you, as it does to me, that almost invariably in literature and song it is the Caucasian male who crosses the color line and wins the non-Caucasian female's heart?

Why isn't it the reverse—the Indian brave, the Moslem prince, the African chieftain or the Japanese samurai who woos and carries away the fair European? In the few films in which the dark guy gets the girl, it seems the guy kidnaps the woman with heroic Caucasian males dashing to her rescue.

There are exceptions of course. In the early days of film Rudolph Valentino, of Italian origins, played the role of a desert sheik who fed the fantasies of American women. The King of Siam (alias Yul

Bryner with a haircut that would qualify him for the National Basketball Association) was allowed to charm Anna, the English woman who was hired to educate his children. And don't forget Othello, Shakespeare's brave, powerful dark-skinned Moslem general and his beautiful wife, Desdemona.

But even in these exceptions there often is tragedy rather than happiness ever after. Othello is successful in his profession and blissfully married but is wrongly convinced that Desdemona has been unfaithful and he strangles her. (How long will it be before there is a Broadway play or opera based on O.J. Simpson's travails?)

Let me share a movie idea with you for reversing the stereotype of the white man crossing racial barriers to win a non-white girl. There's this Japanese baseball pitcher, see, and despite a funny wind-up he wins a lot of games and becomes the darling of the starlets in Los Angeles where he works. One thing leads to another and—well, you get the idea, don't you?

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

Letters

New era requires new directions, goals, says reader

The turmoil within JACL does not surprise me. It is the inevitable consequence of the transition period which follows the attainment of a major goal. For many years we suffered discrimination and the fallout from the World War II internment. We are presently living in a different era. Although racism still exists, its form and degree are much lessened. Ethnic minorities and women are increasingly common in prominent roles. Most important, we won the redress issue. For so many years our emotions and behavior were defined by a hostile society. Now that this society has become more tolerant, we are being forced to redefine ourselves. We are experiencing a transition identity crisis very much like the ones teenagers and mid-life crisis persons go through. We are no longer united through a common identity, so our internal differences, which we previously suppressed, are tearing JACL apart.

We must form a new identity and direction and resolve our internal financial and interpersonal conflict problems. Until very recently, I was extremely busy completing graduate school, so I have not been able to keep up with the details of our controversies. I am finally able to devote more time to JACL and other Asian issues. I want to play some kind of role in forming our new identity, the identity which must emerge if we are to continue on. In the coming months I will be educating myself on the issues we face. As a long-term goal, I hope to play some part in the new era we have entered.

Akemi Kaylenq
Northridge, Calif.

Reader concerned about abuse writers

May I request that the PC adopt a policy of not printing letters with abusive language, especially by perverse, anti-JACL writers.

While not always agreeing with columnist Karl Nobuyuki's opinions, I respect him for his long and honorable service for our organization. On the other hand, I wonder if his harsh critics, Ike Hachimonji and Frank Emi (PC, May 19) are even JACL members. . .

On Memorial Day we paid our respect to those who died to redeem our honor. Their supreme sacrifice would be seriously diminished if the National JACL were to apologize to resisters who placed conditions on their loyalty. While giving due credit to others for differences of half a century ago, let us devote our attention to challenges and wonderful opportunities that await us today.

Mas Odoi
Renton, Wash.

Editor's note: PC will not publish letters that contain abusive language. The letters you refer to were very strong in their criticism and views, and as such, are permitted.



East wind

BILL MARUTANI

Asian graduates

When we reach that stage in life that grandchildren are graduating from college, there's no gainsaying that another milestone has been passed in that sojourn we call life. And so it was that Vicki and I travelled to Rhode Island to witness granddaughter Kathy receive her A.B. from the Rhode Island School of Design—"R.I.S.D.," called "Riz-Dee." The only graduation ceremony I participated in was from Enumclaw High School in Washington. My college and law school graduations were noted simply by a "sheepskin" sent through the mail. Thus, my concept of what a graduation ceremony is, looks like, or can look like, is numerically and temporally limited.

So, it was a bit of an eye-opener for this grandpop with his (let's face it) conservative set of cultural values, to observe the passing parade of graduates of a liberal, free-spirited artists' college.

THE GRADUATION PROCEEDINGS took place at a former movie-house in downtown Providence, R.I., the exterior adorned with the typical three-sided marquee. I expected the interior to be the usual, drab setup that any old movie-house has, but it was the surprise of my life, pleasantly so. Done in the '30s style, it was one of the most beautifully adorned show places I have

seen—bar none, including theaters in Chicago, New York, Takarazuka, you-name-it. There was a white organ console couple to pipes on both sides of the stage, and the maestro provided deep down music from the real article. No canned music or electronic gimmicks here. There was also a live band.

I ANTICIPATED that the graduation parade across the stage would include some imaginative displays from and by the candidates for the degree. I noted one graduate had decorated her mortar cap with varied-colored lights; another had two champagne glasses precariously perched on her board; our granddaughter Kathy's black outfit was in the design of a formal cut-away. As the sheepskin presentation ceremony continued, the imaginative display of these graduates was unfurled. There was one attired in a Darth Vader outfit, complete with his lighted laser sword; another dressed as a gladiator, his gown baring a left shoulder. Then along came a graduate attired in a skimpy clinging black (cocktail) dress, which was not particularly unusual except she had it on backwards so that her mamillary glands enjoyed uninhibited exposure. Another degree candidate went across the stage on a skateboard, and yet another, attired as a Greek goddess, took the route

aboard a palanquin shouldered by four husky men.

I'm sure you get the idea. A potential surprise at every call.

THE CULTURAL CLASS between my Nikkei upbringing and that of these free-wheeling future artists did not trouble me. Just as they would feel confined by my culture in jurisprudence founded upon precedence geared to procedural formalities, I would be muscle-bound and have difficulty functioning in their unbounded free spirit—a quality essential to a good artist.

As they say, live and let live—so long as no one is being injured or impinged upon.

I WAS SURPRISED by the number of Asians in the graduating class, with a predominance of Chinese and Korean-sounding names, a number of them from abroad. One of RISD's students is reportedly the daughter of the owner of Samsung, the Korean chaebol or conglomerate. The Asian degree candidates were conventional in their attire in that none was outfitted in a manner that might be offensive even to the most sensitive critic.

Their Asian relatives seated in the audience may well be unspoken censors.

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



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Viewpoint

Racism fueled A-bomb in WWII

By BRUCE HAINES

Viewpoint is a Pacific Citizen forum for in-depth analyses of key issues affecting the JACL or the Japanese American community in general. Opposing views are welcome.

Mei Nakano cites some of the major arguments against the use of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the June 16 "Viewpoint." However, there are other considerations she did not elaborate on. Found in almost every American history book about World War II is the old theme that huge numbers of Americans and Japanese were saved by the use of the bombs because it forced the Japanese into surrender. Americans would like to believe this because the alternative is quite unsettling, i.e., thousands of civilians were killed and maimed in a horrible manner.

Stanford historian, Dr. Barton Bernstein, writes that "in the spring and summer 1945, no American leader believed, as some later falsely claimed, that they planned to use the A-bomb to save half a million American." The theme that the bombings saved American and Japanese lives seems to have been pulled from the air after the war in an effort to justify the wanton killing of thousands of civilians. In recent research (notably in *Betrayal at Pearl Harbor* by

Rusbridger and Nave, pub. 1991) the U.S. government acknowledged that the Japanese naval code, JN-25, had been broken even before Pearl Harbor. With this information, it was known that Emperor Hirohito ordered the cessation of the Kamikaze after its losses at Okinawa were unacceptable and that the Kamikaze "designer" committed suicide. Yet, works are still coming into print that emphasize the role the Kamikaze would have played in an American invasion of the Japanese home islands.

Luftwaffe Commander Hermann Goring was tried as a war criminal in part for his terror bombings of Rotterdam, Coventry, and London. This happened because Goring was on the losing side. But terror bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki is justified because it ended the war. Probably the bulk of the "traditionalist" American historians would like us to think this is the simplistic reason for Japan's capitulation.

By secret agreement with the Soviet Union, the United States had been promised by Stalin that he would wage war against Japan within 90 days of the German surrender. This would fall on Aug. 8. Japan knew the war was lost, really after the Battle of Midway in 1942, but war fanatics would drag the war on because there was no real bargaining position Japan had

vis-a-vis the United States. The great bulk of Japanese historians have stated categorically that it was Russia's entry into the war that caused the Japanese surrender, not the atomic bombs.

This is altogether logical when one analyzes the A-bomb scenario. Hiroshima was hit on Aug. 6. Tokyo, as well as most other industrial cities, was in ruins. Carrier-based American planes were targeting everything that moved. Trains, cars, surface craft, even ox carts (as judged from gun camera films shown on TV) were being blasted. There was no TV CNN type news from Hiroshima to let the government know exactly what happened. Telephone communications were really about all that was available, and there is no evidence that any high-ranking member of the government visited Hiroshima before the next atomic attack on Nagasaki on Aug. 9.

By then the Soviets steam-rolled into Manchuria and Japan's last hope of a protracted war on the Asian mainland (to get better surrender terms) was lost and Emperor Hirohito took his unprecedented step to end the war.

Most American historians would like us to believe that the A-bombs were necessary because they claim there was no alternative to outright invasion. Recent research has shown numerous examples of peace "feelers" going

out to neutral nations and that the "unconditional" surrender demand was the obstacle to peace. Japan was a beaten nation in 1945 and if Truman would have advanced peace initiatives by stating the U.S. would NOT try the Emperor as a war criminal (which America did not intend to do), the costly battles for Iwo Jima and Okinawa could have been avoided AND the use of the atomic bombs. With the Japanese diplomatic and naval codes broken, the U.S. knew that Japan was looking for a way out of the war and by ignoring these signals and then using two atomic bombs on defenseless cities filled mostly with women, children, old men, and allied prisoners, the U.S. was guilty of conduct that Germans were later tried and executed for at Nuremberg.

Another factor which seems to play a large part in the decision to use the atomic bombs (not mentioned by Ms. Nakano) is **racism**. In the Roosevelt and Truman governments there existed a strong revenge motive for Pearl Harbor. Many documentaries and writings are available now to show that anti-Semitism in the Roosevelt administration (and notably in the State Department) promoted a hands-off policy towards the holocaust and little sympathy for Jews wishing to leave Europe for the United States.

This form of racism pales in comparison to the almost patho-

logical hatred of the Japanese promoted in the U.S. during WWII. In John Dower's excellent study, *War Without Mercy, Race and Power in the Pacific War*, he shows the level of anti-Japanese feeling. Elliott Roosevelt, FDR's son, felt that half of the Japanese nation should be eliminated; War Manpower Commissioner Paul McNutt thought the Japanese should be exterminated "in toto." There is a long list of people close to Roosevelt and Truman that favored harsh policies toward Japan.

It is perhaps understandable, but tragic that Truman really was not interested in anything but unconditional surrender. This policy, stated by Roosevelt first and then continued by Truman, doomed thousands of Americans in the last battles of the Pacific War.

If Truman had spoken to the war-weary American public in late 1944 and announced a policy that would have saved thousands of American lives, AND END THE WAR, he would have been a hero.

Truman was not forced to use the bombs as many suggest. There were other alternatives that if explored and followed up on could have prevented the United States from going down in history as the only nuclear aggressor.

The U.S. should indeed apologize for Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Bruce Haines is a member of the San Gabriel Chapter, JACL.



Come-on sense

By KARL K. NOBUYUKI

Resisting the truth

There has been some controversy over my comments regarding the "apology" from the PSWDC's to the Nikkei draft resisters, circa WWII. Consequently, together with Dr. Harold Harada, Venice-Culver Chapter, the following rebuttal was prepared to set the record straight.

Fifty plus years of trauma endured by the draft resister and their new found support is pitiful. The resisters must come to accept their actions and deeds, and move forward.

Wallowing in denial, anger, guilt and rationalization hurts the psyche. Blaming "... Saburo Kido, Mike Masaoka, Bill Hosokawa, Joe Grant Masaoka, and Min Yasui, to name a few ...," as Mr. Emi did, does nothing to resolve the need to accept one's actions and consequences. Mr. Emi's remarks only extends the debate to a greater platform relative to the violence that took place in the camps as a result of the protests. It should be noted that in the camps where the overall welfare of the internees was of the utmost concern, life in the camps was less traumatic.

Frank Emi et. al.'s remarks regarding their travails suggests self denial; blaming

the JACL leadership precludes the cure. First of all, it ignores the fact that it was only after the Nisei Vets proved the community's loyalty through combat, that attitudes throughout the nation changed towards the Nikkei. Second, it avoids the fact that the attitude of resistance did nothing to improve the camp environment; it only worsened a bad situation. Third, it hides the fact that those who declared loyalty to the United States refused to demonstrate this loyalty by complying to defend this land against foreign aggression.

Unlike the internees, the Fair Play Committee had their day in court. On May 10, 1944 a federal grand jury meeting in Cheyenne returned the indictments against the Heart Mountain resisters. Two days later the defendants were arraigned and each pleaded "not guilty." After waiving their right to a jury trial, their trial was scheduled for June 12, 1944.² In rendering his conviction decision, Judge Kennedy wrote:

"Personally this Court feels that the defendants have made a serious mistake in arriving at their conclusions which brought about these criminal prosecutions. If they are truly loyal American citizens they should, at least when they have become recognized

as such, embrace the opportunity to discharge the duties by offering themselves in the cause of our National Defense."³

Again, on March 12, 1945 they had their second day in court before the 10th Circuit Court. Now twice that of their fellow internees. The 10th Circuit Court was unanimous and upheld the conviction. Judge Huxman wrote:

"Two wrongs never made a right. One may not refuse to heed a lawful call of his government merely because in another way it may have injured him. Appellant was a citizen of the United States. He owed the same military service to his country that any other citizen did. Neither the fact that he was of Japanese ancestry nor the fact that his constitutional rights may have been invaded by sending to a relocation center cancel his debt."⁴

Perhaps the remarks of Nisei Air Force hero Ben Kuroki, awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in missions over enemy lines, best personified the prevailing Nikkei perspective of the times: "... They have torn down (what) all the rest of us have tried to do. I hope that these members of the Fair Play Committee won't form the opinion of Americans concerning

all Japanese Americans."⁵

Yet, even earlier, on April 22, 1944 Lt. "Moe" Yonemura (KIA) cautioned resisters of their fate:

"Men who sacrifice themselves for a just cause—but without accomplishing anything practical toward their ends, are not martyrs—they are fools!"⁶

No matter the issue; the bell has been rung; the war has been fought; men and women have suffered, some to die and some permanently scarred and never to be whole again.

"God's in His Heaven and all's right with the world."⁷

Come-on Sense: Actions speak louder than words.

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Karl K. Nobuyuki contributes regularly to the PC.

PROTEST

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differences between our country and Japan. We believe it is inappropriate and irresponsible to inflame an already tense trade discussion by invoking racism to further stir emotions."

Ron Uba, president, New York Chapter, JACL, said, "The use of the term 'Jap' by Earl Nail has serious consequences that go beyond emoting a derogatory chal-

lenge to the Japanese business market. It demonstrates that the representative union leadership needs retooling to be brought back to present standards of today, not 50 years ago."

In a letter responding to Yasuhara, UAW President Stephen Yokich expressed regret to JACL over Nail's remark. Yokich said, "On behalf of the UAW I want to express to you my concern over this incident. As an American of Lebanese and Serbian descent, I am personally sensitive

to the harm which ethnic or national slurs can cause.

"The UAW regrets that any UAW member or official would use any terms that might be interpreted as a slur against any nationality or ethnic group, and we are confident that none was intended by any remarks made at the Edison, New Jersey, Ford plant."

The union president said that the UAW has a long history of upholding civil rights. Yokich also related the union's position on

U.S.-Japan trade issues.

"One-way trade is not free trade and, like many Americans, we are frustrated at unfair Japanese policies that continue to cost our country thousands of good paying jobs. We intend to press ahead on this issue. At the same time, we are determined not to allow this trade dispute to become the excuse for inappropriate rhetoric about any ethnic or national groups," said Yokich.

Responding to the UAW president, Leigh-Ann Miyasato, acting

JACL Washington, D.C. representative, said, "We accept your representation that Mr. Nail did not intend to make any slurs against the Japanese. But the fact is that he did utter a racial epithet, and we wish you had apologized for its use and not merely for the fact that it 'might' be seen as a slur. The onus of a racial slur should not be placed upon the victims who 'interpret' it as such, but on the speaker who uses it."

"The word 'Japs' is inherently a

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Books

Study shows effect of redress on Japanese ethnicity

By SACHI SEKO

Breaking the Silence: Redress and Japanese American Ethnicity. By Yasuko I. Takezawa. (Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press, 1995, 233 pp. Cloth \$37.50. Paper \$14.95.)

Yasuko I. Takezawa is a Japanese national and an assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Tsukuba, Japan. She lived in the Japanese American community of Seattle for several years to study the impact of the internment and the redress movement on the Nisei and Sansei of that area. Takezawa believes that two events were crucial to the transformation of Japanese American ethnicity. In addition to the available documentary material, including the testimony of more than 100 Japanese Americans before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in 1981, the book also relied on personal interviews and observations.

Takezawa states, "Ethnicity is expressed differently over time. It is continually being constructed and reconstructed by interpreta-

tion of the past as related to the present. Japanese Americans, the subjects of this book, have had experiences that make them a uniquely suitable group of examine this thesis.

After World War II, it appeared that a sense of community among Nisei would disappear because of the rapidity of acculturation. Geographic movement coupled with social and economic mobility supported this perception. Having suffered the stigma of racial discrimination during the war, there was an urgency to assimilate and to Americanize. The campaign for redress was the catalyst for regaining the dual identities of American and Japanese. Ethnic pride was restored.

Breaking the Silence also focuses on the generational differences between the Nisei and the Sansei. Previously, studies have largely dealt with the Issei/Nisei relationship. Sansei played a major role in the redress campaign as leaders and partners. It is during this shared experience that communication between the generations achieves a new level. Issei and Nisei faulted a language barrier for their lack of communica-

tion. No similar rationalization served the Nisei and the Sansei. Yet, Takezawa's study reveals the even more remote psychological restraint between generations. The Nisei preferred to withhold their internment experience and the Sansei were reluctant to probe or lacked curiosity.

It required the redress movement which originated in Seattle in 1972 to initiate the Nisei/Sansei dialogue. For decades, the internment years were like the pages of a locked diary, full of pain and loss, shame and guilt. The incarceration, in addition to physical forfeiture had extracted the unspeakable penalty of surrendering ethnic pride. Initially, the campaign for redress had few supporters. Paramount was the reluctance to expose the true wounds of the past, so carefully concealed, tenderly sanitized. Unless one is a survivor of this American tragedy, the essence of the emotional extraction it entailed to bear testimony can be somewhat elusive. But imagine, if you can, the torment and torment of accumulated passion suddenly released from the harbor of memory.

At last, in the shortening days

of one era, redress with its late purification, permits the passage of history and pride and identity to those who follow. Takezawa has provided a record of this transac-

tion between two different generations.

Her skillful narrative combines scholarship with genuine concern for her subjects.

Scope of 32 writers assembled

Hong, Maria, ed., afterword by Stephen H. Sumida. *Growing Up Asian American*, Avon Books, 1350 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019; (1995), 416pp, 5x8", paperback, \$12.50 US, \$15 Canada.

Here, in 32 eloquent stories and essays, today's Asian American writers share their thoughts and feelings of childhood, adolescence and coming of age from the 1800s to the 1900s. It is part of the "Growing Up" series: *Growing Up Black*, *Growing Up Chicana/la*, *Growing Up Native American*.

Japanese Americans in this anthology are: Tooru J. Kanazawa (a chapter from *Sushi and Sourdough*), Toshio Mori (*Through Anger and Love*, 1950), Wakako Yamauchi (*And the Soul Shall Dance*, 1966), Marie Hara (*Fourth*

Grade Ukus, 1952), Lydia Minatoya ("Transformation" from *Talking to High Monks in the Snow: an Asian American Odyssey*, 1992), Jeanne Wakatsuki and James D. Houston (from *Farewell to Manzanar*, 1973), Gene Oishi (from *In Search of Hiroshi*, 1988), Garrett Hong (*Kubota*, 1991), David Mura (from *Turning Japanese: Memoirs of a Sansei*, 1991), Cynthia Kadohata (from *The Floating World*, 1989), Susan Ito (*Whatever Happened to Harry?* 1993), Hisaye Yamamoto (*Seventeen Syllables*, 1988), Mavis Hara (*Carnival Queen*, 1991), R.A. Sasaki ("First Love," from *The Loom and Other Stories*, 1991).

Other writers are of Chinese, Filipino, Indian, Korean and hapa generations.

—Harry K. Honda

Scholars

Arizona awards 6 scholarships

PHOENIX—Six scholarships were awarded by the Arizona JACL at the 34th annual Sara Hutchings Clardy Awards and graduates banquet held April 23 at the Phoenix Holiday Inn.

National president Denny Yasuhara was guest speaker, who voiced a concern for the future of JACL and stressed the need to look ahead and work for the betterment of the organization through cooperation and help of the younger Nikkei generations.

Chapter president Lee Sakata presented scholarships to:

Jill Kobashi, Washington H.S. (Dr. Herb Jensen award); Akane Femyer, Alhambra H.S.; Jason Kajita, Shalon Kimi Nakashima, Dobson H.S.; Todd Nakagawa, Apollo H.S.; and Donald Sechler, Mountain Pointe H.S.

Eight elementary, seven high school and eight university graduates were also honored. Scholarship committee was chaired by Marilyn Inoshita Tang. Judges this year included Dr. Joel Davidson, principal, Mountain View School; Dr. Paul Johnson, professor, American Graduate School of International Management; and Lisa Loo, associate general counsel, Arizona State University.



Head of their class

1995 graduating high school seniors who received scholarships from the Twin Cities Chapter, JACL, are, from left, Jenna Kumagai, Tiffany Waki, Gabriel Lucas, Maya Tsuchida, Monica Oyama, Natalie LeCuyer, Marcus Tanabe, Chris Mitzuhata, Rochus Voeller. Not pictured: Leah Dale.



On to UCLA

Ryan Narasaki of Torrance, Calif., receives the 1995 Hana Unno Sheperd Memorial Scholarship Award from scholarship chair Christine Ishida. The North Torrance High School senior has been active in California Scholarship Federation; Julians & Valliants, a school service club, and the Japanese Club. Narasaki intends to enroll in UCLA and pursue a career in medicine, specializing in radiology.

Central Cal DC honors 7 prep grads

FRESNO—The 1995 recipients of Central California District Council's scholarship and citizenship awards were announced in late April by Patricia Tsai, CCDC regional director. The awards to high school graduates are based on scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities and financial need. The awards and recipients are:

\$400 CCDC scholarship—Staci Maki Hamamoto, Edison H.S., daughter of Yasufumi and Florence Hamamoto, Fresno.

\$400 Tom Shimasaki Memorial—Tiffany Ota, Selma H.S., daughter of Paul and Linda Morita, Selma.

\$400 Issei Memorial—Kazuo Semitsu, Hanford H.S., son of Satoru and Junko Semitsu, Hanford.

\$500 Kino Miyahara scholarship—Kimiko Joy Akina, Hoover H.S., daughter of George and Jennifer Akina, Fresno.

\$500 Union Bank scholarship—Erin Akiko Chiamori, Reedley H.S., daughter of Patrick and Donna Chiamori, Reedley. (This award is made possible through Ken Yokota, Union Bank vice president and manager.)

\$500 Matsuye Okada scholar-

ship—Aaron K. Fukuda, Hanford H.S., son of Atsuyuki and Maureen Fukuda, Hanford. (This award is made possible through Hon. and Mrs. Robert Matsui in honor of Mrs. Matsui's mother.)

CCDC Citizen Achievement—Chari Visitation, Central H.S., daughter of Jaime and Carol Visitation, Fresno. (In recognition of scholarship, leadership and community involvement.)

Information: CCDC-JACL scholarship committee, 1713 Tulare St., Suite 133, Fresno, CA 93721. Eligibility is limited to students whose parents are members of a CCDC-JACL chapter or who are of Japanese American descent.

SEVERANCE

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is working towards resolution, when in reality he has come up with excuse upon excuse to postpone the settlement decision," said Ryu.

Hara responded, "I appointed Dale Ikeda as deputy counsel in my absence, I didn't think it was fair to saddle him with this. Particularly because I thought mediation would go on as expected on the 8th and that I would get a report from the mediator by the time of my return."

"I am puzzled by her insistence

to have someone with full authority present. She asked for non-binding mediation. What is non-binding for her is non-binding for us. I need to know what she and the mediator have to say and then I can take it back to the board," said Hara.

JACL National President Denny Yasuhara expressed concern that the counsel for former staff was trying the case in the media. "JACL made an offer which we considered a fair severance package. Furthermore, we do not believe negotiating via the news media is an appropriate vehicle to

come to an amicable settlement. Their attorney, Donna Ryu, has consistently used the media to pressure JACL and stir up turmoil to force us to capitulate to their demands, which are in my opinion excessive, and at the same time, saying how cooperative her clients have been."

According to Ryu, the former staff feels that JACL "manufactured an unsubstantiated budget crisis in order to make an end-run around the staff members' employment contracts, which guarantee that the employees will not be terminated without good

cause."

Hayashino, former JACL associate director, said, "For the past six months, we've made every attempt to reach a fair and amicable settlement. It was our understanding that the JACL board had authorized its legal counsel, Tom Hara, to settle our severance, and that President Yasuhara expressed an interest in moving forward."

"We were hopeful that the June 8th mediation meeting would bring closure for us and the organization and allow all of us to get on with our work and lives. Unfor-

tunately, it seems that JACL isn't interested in coming to the table in good faith. The irony is that if this was any other employer, we probably would be calling on the JACL for support."

The decision to downsize National staff, consolidating five positions into three, occurred at the December, 1994, National board meeting in Los Angeles and was confirmed during a January teleconference.

Prior to that, National staff Oct. 28 projected a budget deficit for '94 of \$187,000. This in addition to a '93 deficit of \$75,269.

Obituaries

"DEATH NOTICES," which appear in a more timely manner, are requested by the family who wish to be billed. The copy from either the family or the funeral director is reworded as necessary. The rate is \$15 per column inch. The following appear on a "space-available basis."

Domoto, Yutch Yoshiyuki, 87, Seattle, April 11; retired San Francisco businessman for over 40 years, survived by son Jeff (New York) and daughters Laura, Jenny, 3 gc.

Fujii, Yoshito, 93, Seattle, April 4; Hiroshima-born hotel businessman since 1919, as student at University of Washington, he helped raise funds to build a home and meeting place for students from Japan, co-founded Cascade Soda Co. in late '30s, Minidoka internee, survived by wife Yukiko, daughters Beth Kawahara, Jean Deguchi, 8 gc., 2 ggc., sister Shige Fujii.

Funayama, Terry, Denver, May 17 (sv); Korean War vet, survived by brothers Albert, Charles, Eugene, sisers Kay Suechika, Patricia, Margaret Landry, Aiko Esquivel.

Hirasuna, Alice, 67, Fresno, May 2; Clovis-born, survived by husband Jimmie, sons Curtis, daughters Gail Plymch, Irene Agari, Laverne Kiss, 3gc.

Horio, Kiyoko, 79, San Jose, May 12; survived by brothers Sumito, John, Frank, Thomas, sisters Helen Matsumoto, Marion.

Inamasu, Thomas M, 48, Stockton, May 9; Utah-born, survived by wife Elizabeth, parents Frank and Leona, brother Donald, sister Teruko.

Kadomiya, Arthur A, 42, Los Angeles, May 1; L.A.-born, survived by mother Mary Tayeko, brother Keith, sister Ruth, grandmother Fujino Endo (Jpn).

Kaijara, Tom 'Butch,' 51, Chicago, May 3; survived by wife Angela, daughters Sasha Hattori, Nicole, brothers Henry, Len, Kevin, sisters Wanda Miki Bartholonew, Lynn, Karen Geiger.

Kajimura, Saburo, DDS, 68, Seattle, March 18 of cancer; Five, Wash.-born Korean War veteran, survived by wife Kazuko, daughters Tina, Paula, brothers Hareo, Tsutomu, Hiroshi (Bellevue) and Tadashi (Puyallup).

Kanegawa, Tamiji, 69, San Francisco, April 26; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Kazue, sons Keiji, Henry, daughters Jane Dennis, Linda Leong.

Kato, Henry Minoru, 86, Los Angeles, April 28; Sacramento-born, survived by wife Misao, sons Robert M., Henry Jr., daughter Frances Tsujimoto, 5gc., sister Margie Saito.

Kato, Ise, 101, Berkeley, April 18; survived by sons Kazuo, Tsugio, daughters Chiyoko Inouye (Jpn), Mitsuko Tachiki (Chula Vista), Kikue Sada, Mollie Yoneyama, Yoshiko Sasaki (San Jose), 18 gc., 18 ggc.

Kawakami, Tsuchiyo, 96, West Covina, April 27; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Tom, Tak, (San Jose), daughter Betty Nakadate, 9 gc., in-law Elaine Kawakami (Oakland).

Kisanuki, Kunio, 66, San Leandro, April 24; Kagoshima-born, survived by wife Setsuko Ciccolella, sons Tom, Gary.

DEATH NOTICE

THOMAS D. MUKAI
Thomas D. Mukai, 79, born in El Cajon, CA, resided in Spring Valley, CA and died on 6/26 at Birch Patrick Convalescent Hospital after a long illness. He was a member of JACL, San Diego Japanese Christian Church and VFW Post 4851. Survived by wife, Hatsune; daughters, Margie Caparas and Clare (Gordon) Kodama; son, Mike (Diane); brothers, Cromwell (Kyoko), George (Eugenia), Henry (Eunice); sister, Susan (Ken); 4 grandkids and numerous nephews & nieces.

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Komatsu, Hatsumi, 89, Acampo, May 9; Hawaii-born, survived by sons Akira, Ben, Mits, Kay, Jimmy, daughter Fumie Wong, gc. and ggc.

Kubo, Ellen Ayako, 71, Penryn, April 27; longtime Placer County JACLer, pres. ('61), survived by brother Akira, sisters Masako Hamatani.

Kubo, Yoshiko, 68, San Francisco, May 4; Fukuoka-born, survived by husband Sadao, son Shigeto, daughter Kayoko Sorenson, 3 gc.

Kumagai, Shigeko, 83, San Francisco, April 25; Fukushima-born, survived by husband Shinichi, sons Tetsuo, Jim, Seishi, Yoshio, Yoshihisa, daughters Tomiko Waragai, Chieko Nakai, 13 gc., 2 ggc.

Matsui, Kimiyo, 81, Berkeley, April 24; Berkeley-born, survived by husband Tsukasa, daughter Yoneko Wakida, 3 gc., 1 ggc., brother Hiroshi Kaneko.

Nakaoka, Naoko, 88, Stockton, May 7; survived by son Isao, daughters Shizuko Matsuoto, Kimie Moinaka, Masako Morita, Kazue Ikuma, gc.

Nakata, Shigeko, 79, Torrance, May 1; Fresno-born, survived by sons Ray, Jeffrey, daughter Shirley Clouch, 5 gc, brothers Lou Miyamoto, Jim, sister Elsie Morita.

Nakayama, Clara M, 87, Santa Ana, May 2; Stockton-born, survived by sons Dr. Leo, Dr. Tommy, daughter Grace Miye Sakioka, 10 gc., 8 ggc.

Okazaki, Tom, 72, Foster City, Calif., May 9; retired 6th Army Reserve officer, survived by wife Alice, sons David, Mark, Steven (Redwood City), Timothy (Rancho Santa Margarita), Kenneth (Santa Clara), 1 gc, brothers George, Sam, Yoshiro, Leo, sister Shizuko (San Jose).

Osa, Hiromi R, 65, Glendora, April 22 at Las Vegas; Puente-born Korean Conflict veteran, survived by brother Shigeru, sister Chiyoko Yamaguchi, (Fresno), sisters-in-law Sachie Osa, Fumie Osa (Fresno).

Sato, Barney Tadashi, 80, Los Angeles, April 27; L.A.-born, survived by wife Masaye, daughter Karthryn Sato Song, son Bruce, 3 gc., brothers Henry and Charlie.

Shigio, Shiro J, 74, Los Angeles, April 30; San Francisco-born, survived by sons Dennis (Stockton), Wesley, daughters Shirley Shibuyama, Donna Anami, 5 gc., brothers Shigetoshi (Sacramento), Matao (San Francisco), sisters Mary Asamoto, Toshiko Ito (San Francisco).

Sunada, Minoru, 81, San Jose, April 1 in Japan; survived by wife Fumie, sons Ted, Wallace, daughter Kiyomi Fukuchi (Jpn), 2 gc.

Sugaya, Roy M, 44, San Francisco, April 20; survived by mother Hisako, brothers Ben, Alan, David, sister Judy.

Suzuki, Yoneo, 90, Sacramento, April 24; San Francisco-born, survived by sister Yoshiko Suzuki.

Taniguchi, Hitoshi, 74, Seattle, Feb. 10 (sv); Hilo-born hotel operator since '49 and kyogen (Japanese comic theater) actor-coach, survived by wife Taeko, 4 children, 3 gc.

Tsuga, Tsui, 100, Denver, Kumamoto-born prewar Wyoming resident, survived by sons Jim (San Jose), Pat (Gardena), George (Thornton), daughter Chizu Nakayama.

Uejima, June N, 58, Azusa, June 9; Crete, Ill.-born school psychologist, artist, San Gabriel Valley JACL life member, survived by Deni. [Apolio victim since childhood and stricken to a wheel chair, she was employed by the State Youth Authority for 26 years and was a school psychologist at the time of her death.]

Uyesaka, Caesar, 79, Santa Barbara, June 10 of massive heart attack; Santa Barbara-born auto parts businessman, sports supporter (UCSB baseball stadium was dedicated in his honor in 1994, helped bring New York Mets farm club in '62 and successfully initiated to have L.A. Dodgers farm club in '63), JACL Nisei of the Biennium, local Round Table Hall of Fame inductee; survived by wife of 54 years, Reiko, son Paul, daughter Linda, 2 gc., predeceased by son Richard (Green Beret in Vietnam '68).

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PROTEST

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slur. It is as derogatory a term to Japanese Americans as the word 'nigger' is to African Americans or 'kike' is to Jews," said Miyasato. In a separate letter to the White House, Yasuhara expressed his disappointment that Clinton did not correct Nail on the "Jap" remark.

"It is regrettable that you didn't admonish the remarks at the time as an example that racial slurs have no place in public discourse, much less the debate on trade," said Yasuhara.

"The use of the term 'Jap' is a racial slur. The use of that epithet in a public setting is both harmful and offensive to the Japanese American community. You can well understand that for many Japanese Americans, the term evokes a time when the Japanese were reviled and Japanese Americans paid the price with their freedom for the racial messages which caused their internment during World War II," said Yasuhara. The *New York Times* reported that other Japanese Americans were disappointed that Clinton failed to correct the slur.

George Yuzawa, vice president Japanese American Association of New York, said, "The president should have corrected [Nail]. The president has to have the courage to defend."

ACCORD

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anti-Asian or anti-American violence."

One day before the U.S. was to impose heavy punitive tariffs on Japanese luxury automobiles, the two countries June 28 reached an agreement intended to increase the amount of American cars and auto parts sold in Japan.

In their resolution the Japan Chapter noted, "Any deterioration in the economic or diplomatic relationship between the U.S. and Japan may result in a backlash against Japanese Americans and Asian Americans in the United States and American citizens re-

siding in Japan in the form of racist acts of violence or intimidation."

Speaking from Japan, Ted Shigeno, Japan Chapter, said he felt that the trade agreement was a positive step.

"I feel that it was good that the tariffs didn't go through. I feel that both governments did not want a disruption in trade," said Shigeno.

The Japan Chapter resolution gave background on the recent trade dispute, noting that the U.S. announcement on May 16 of \$5.9 billion in tariffs against Japanese luxury cars was by the Japanese government filing of a formal complaint with the recently formed World Trade Organization. The American trade deficit with Japan reached a record \$65.7 billion in 1994. In April of this year the trade deficit reached a record \$11.4 billion for the month.

"The current automobile dispute is only one of many areas of trade disputes between the two countries that have occurred over the past two decades," the Japan Chapter said.

WANG

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victory in one battle. There's still a whole war to be fought," said Wang, speaking to the *Los Angeles Times*.

Wang was found not guilty by a military jury on three criminal charges of dereliction of duty. Had he been convicted, Wang could have served up to nine months in prison and been stripped of his commission. Wang said the charges brought against him had devastated his Air Force career. He said even if he remains in the Air Force, he will no longer serve as a supervisor on AWACS.

Wang, who served as a senior director aboard the Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS), received the support of Asian American groups after he was the only person singled out for court martial. At its May national board meeting, the JACL National Board passed a resolu-

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WANG

(Continued from page 11) tion calling for Congressional hearings to look into the April 14, 1993 incident which killed 26 people when their helicopters were shotdown over Iraq. The Los Angeles Times reported that Wang favored a Congressional investigation into the incident. "The Air Force needs to have another investigation. If that doesn't happen, then Congress needs to have a congressional hearing," said Wang. Rep. Robert Matsui and the Organization of Chinese Americans, in separate statements, said they were pleased with Wang's acquittal. "I am heartened that Capt. Wang will not be unfairly singled out for sole responsibility for the tragedy that occurred last year," said Matsui. "But I want to be clear that there are no winners in this case. The justice granted to Captain Wang will bring no com-

fort to the families of the 26 men and women who perished in Iraq." OCA National President Dr. Michael C. Lin said, "We are very pleased that the military jury did not single Capt. Wang out for blame for the friendly fire incident. Our concerns that he is being treated unfairly are put to rest." Matsui initiated a letter to Rep. Robert Dornan, chairman of the House National Security Committee's Subcommittee on Military Personnel, that was signed by six other members of Congress who represent families of victims of the accident, urging an investigation. "Captain Wang should not have been held solely accountable for this catastrophe, but the families deserve to know what really happened and why their loved ones died needlessly. I hope this acquittal will only strengthen the resolve of the Congress to find the answers," said Matsui. Daphne Kwok, OCA executive director, said, "The Chinese

American community has demonstrated that we will not allow injustice to go unchecked. Despite this victory, we continue to support the families of the victims and strongly urge Congress to call a Congressional hearing on the whole incident. Too many problems were found in the operation to not investigate the tragedy."

HUMORIST

(Continued from page 1) show and it was an incredible moment—here you have an Italian American from Queens using an accent to impersonate a Japanese American who doesn't have an accent." Patty Wada, regional director, Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District, in a letter to Tony Buttino, vice president, WNED-TV Channel 17, added,

"While we applaud the fact that Mr. Russell was attempting to highlight the inexcusable behavior of Senator D'Amato, we feel this could have been accomplished quite effectively without employing the use of a racial slur." "The use of such words by Mr. Russell, regardless of his intentions, demean us all. We trust that in the future, you and Mr. Russell will be more aware of and sensitive to your concerns." Russell, in a letter to Wada, said, "I have just finished listening to the May 10 broadcast of my show—just to make certain. At no time did I use any racial slur. However, I did sing a song in which the following phrase was used. 'Just make sure that you don't fall in the trap/whoever you imi-

tate make sure he's not a -j-judge.'" The humorist said that racial slurs are not funny and that he would not use them. "The phone calls and letters you received obviously came from people who immediately filled in what they assumed I would say rather than take the time to listen to what I actually said. The use of the word 'judge' is funny—the other is not," said Russell. Russell said that he would send a copy of the broadcast tape for JACL's review. "After reading it and hearing the tape I hope you will let all those who have phoned and written you that in fact—it was in their minds and not out of my mouth," said Russell.

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