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Sign that originally read 'Asian American Studies Now!' on Pomona College campus was defaced March 6.

Racism hits California campus

CLAREMONT, Calif.—The racist slogan "Asian Americans die Now!" in three-foot high bold yellow letters hit Pomona College students as they went to class on March 6.

Originally the slogan read "Asian American Studies Now!" in reference to ongoing efforts to include Asian American Studies on the Pomona College curriculum. "I am outraged. We are threatened with our lives whenever we rise up for equality," said student Giselle Ow Yan. "It makes no sense that we should fear for our lives, yet many students are distraught by Friday's death threat."

"The defacing of the wall is a clear sign that racism exists at Pomona. With the rise of racial intolerance nationally, students at Pomona College are now experiencing its adverse effects closer to home," said sophomore Vivek Malhotra.

The threat is one in a series of hate crime incidents in the Claremont area. In October of last year, a Japanese American resident of Claremont awoke to find feces smeared on his garage and the words, "You rice ball eat s---." At Pomona College an Asian American student reported being harassed over the phone, African American students have charged harassment by campus security, and several students have reported receiving anti-Semitic calls.

In light of the racist hate message, the Pomona faculty approved a resolution denouncing the incident at a general faculty meeting March 6 and called on the administration to respond to student demands to develop a college harassment policy, hire more minority faculty members, develop an Asian American Studies Center, and issue a public statement by the president of the college condemning the incident.

Senator's joke not funny, says JACL's Hayashi

In another volley of Japan- bashing, South Carolina Sen. Ernest Hollings recently told a group of 90 workers that they "should draw a mushroom cloud and put under it: 'Made in America by lazy and illiterate Americans and tested in Japan."

The slur was made as Hollings toured the Hartsville, S.C., plant of Roller Bearing Co. of America. Hollings defended himself in a statement saying, "I'm not Japan bashing. I'm defending against America bashing. When you defend America, they want you to apologize." The 70-year old senator is up for re-election in November. He continued, "I made a joke to make a point; the Japanese Speaker was wrong when he said that American workers are lazy and stupid."

Hollings referred to comments made by Japanese Parliament Speaker Yoshio Sakurauchi who criticized the American work ethic.

Reacting to Hollings' statements, Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, said, "There is nothing humorous or funny about the atomic bombings. Given the current climate, Sen. Hollings' comments were extremely irresponsible. It is interesting to note that the Governor of South Carolina, Carroll Campbell, has also taken exception to the remarks, particularly since the state of South Carolina is trying to attract foreign investment from Japan and Taiwan."

Hollings' comment comes just one week after the Civil Rights Commission released a report condemning the alarming trend of anti-Japanese sentiment in the United States. With the commis-

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'I'm not Japan-bashing. I'm defending against America-bashing. When you defend America, they want you to apologize.'

—Sen. Ernest Hollings

'Toughest civil rights bill'

JACL works with California Assemblyman Brown

SACRAMENTO—California Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco) introduced March 3 a comprehensive civil rights bill that he said would give California the toughest laws in the nation.

Noteworthy for Asian Americans, AB3825 would prohibit employers from requiring employees to speak English in the workplace. Other measures in the legislation would outlaw job discrimination based on sexual orientation, restore the authority of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission to award relief to discrimination victims and forbid discrimination against people with disabilities.

Speaking to the Los Angeles *Times*, Brown predicted the bill would be approved by the State Legislature. In a jab at Gov. Pete Wilson, Brown said, "I think Pete Wilson would find it real difficult to mess around with the (California) Civil Rights Act of 1993."

The JACL is a part of a broad coalition of 19 civil rights and labor organizations that endorses AB3825. Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, said, "With the increasing numbers of Asians in California, we are seeing a corresponding rise in anti-Asian sentiment. This bill would send a clear message that California, a culturally diverse and multiethnic state, will not tolerate discrimination."

"The JACL fully supports this bill and will work closely with the speaker and coalition members for its passage."

Florin event goes on despite threat

SACRAMENTO—The Florin JACL Day of Remembrance program March 7 went off without any problems despite anti-Japanese threats made against it and the Florin JACL board of directors.

A Florin JACL board member received a threat through the mail warning, "We have names and addresses of your board." The letter, dated Feb. 29, complained that the "average public is sick and tired of reported events and listening to you on television medias ... Enough is enough. Cancel 7 March cry baby gathering in Florin." The writer signed the letter a "disgusted citizen." Last year around the Pearl Harbor anniversary, Sacramento experienced a flurry of anti-Japanese incidents as the Florin JACL received a packet of hate mail and a local Sacramento manju shop was shot up with a pellet gun.

But despite threats, the 10th Annual Time of Remembrance program held at the Florin Buddhist Church went off seamlessly. "We're real pleased with the reponse we got, "said Andy

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Manzanar bill signed

WASHINGTON, D.C.—President George Bush signed into law, March 3, H.R. 543, the bill that designates the Manzanar Relocation Center as a national historic site.

Rep. Mel Levine (D-Los Angeles), who introduced the bill, said, "Establishment of this historic site will be a powerful reminder of what can happen if our national commitment to freedom wavers. Reminding future generations of Americans of this tragic period in our history is one of the best ways to ensure that such a wholesale violation of constitutional guarantees is never repeated."

The Manzanar bill was cosponsored by Representatives Norman Mineta (D-San Jose), Robert Matsui (D-Sacramento), and William Thomas (R-Bakersfield).

Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, praised the signing of the bill, saying, "The President has acknowledged the historic importance of the camps in our nation's history. The designation of the Manzanar site as a national historic site will serve as a lasting and symbolic reminder of the need for vigilance in protecting the constitution rights of all Americans."

Hayashi, noting recent tensions

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Campaign trail



Rep. Patsy Mink (left) hosted a fund-raising event in Greenbrae, Calif., for David Strand, who is running for the the 6th District congressional seat in California. With Strand is his wife Lorna. For an election roundup see page 3.

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Colorado

Denver

Aug. 3-8, 1992—JACL's 32nd Biennial National Convention, "JACL: Solid as the Rockies," Denver. Information: 303/892-6003.

Brighton

Through Mar. 31—"Kenjiro Nomura: An Artist's View of the Japanese American Internment," will be at the Adams County Historical Society in Brighton. Catalog available. Information: Patricia Erger 303/659-7103.

Utah

Salt Lake City

Saturday, March 21—The National JACL Credit Union's annual meeting, 6 p.m., Clarion Hotel, 999 S. Main, Salt Lake City. Cost: $10 member advance reservations. $12 nonmembers with reservations. $15 at the door. Two positions on the board of directors are up for election. Nominations for the positions must be in the credit union by Mar. 14. Brief resume required. Information: 801/355-8040 or 1-800-544-8828.

Saturday, March 21—IDC spring meeting, Clarion Hotel, Salt Lake City, noon to 5 p.m. Information: Randy Harano, governor, 503/889-5532.

Arizona

Scottsdale

Friday-Saturday, May 15-17, 53rd Infantry Association's 32nd annual reunion, Safari Resort, Scottsdale. Information: Joe Allman, 602/942-2832.

California

San Francisco Area

Sunday, April5—Nisei Widowed Group monthly meeting, 2-4 p.m., 558 Sixteenth Ave., San Francisco. Information: Elsie Uyeda Chung, 415/221-0268, or Yuri Moriwaka, 510/482-3280.

Saturday, April 11—3rd Invitational Golf Tournament, East Bay Nikkei Singles, Tony Lema GolfCourse, 23800 Neptune Dr., San Leandro. 18-hole medal play golf tournament for men and women; low net, closest-to-pin and best effort prizes. NCGA, PWGA or club handicap (those with no handicap will use maximum 36 handicap). $30 entry fee includes electric cart (mandatory) 10 a.m., registration, 11 a.m., first tee-off. 36-player maximum; deadline March 20. Dinner at clubhouse restaurant, 6 p.m., $20. Information: Yuki Shibata, 510/352-3115; Hank Hamataka, 510-525-9048; Tee Yoshiwara, 510/523-5205; Millie Nakano, 510/223-5619.

San Jose

Saturday, March 21—New Members Potluck, West Valley JACL, 6 p.m., chapter clubhouse. Members bring main dish; dessert, beverages provided. New members will be guests. Information: Aiko Nakamura, 408/378-8877.

Sat.-Sun., April 11,12—West Valley JACL youth group, "The Next Generation" is hosting a coed volleyball tournament at San Jose State University. Tournament is a benefit-fundraiser for the West Valley JACL Seniors Club. Cost: $100 per team. JACL teams will have priority if registration received by March 14. Tournament welcomes those with limited volleyball experience. Prizes awarded. Information: Daniel Yoshikawa (day) 415/573-6222 (eve) 415/571-8049.

Sunday, April 26—Yu-Ai Kai's 13th annual fashion show, "Colors in Motion," Red Lion Inn, San Jose. Tickets: $35 each. Information: 408/294-2505.

Modesto

Saturday, April 11—Reunion of residents and friends of pre-evacuation Japanese American community of Modesto, Elks Club. Speaker: Cressey Nakagawa. Contact: Modesto Reunion Committee, 1555 Oakhurst Ave., LosAltos, CA, 94024.

Orange County

Saturday, March 28, So-Phil of Orange County annual fashion show luncheon, Anaheim Hilton and Towers. Charity event features fashion consultant Lois O'Hern. Tickets: Arlene Ito, 714/531-2868.

Sacramento

Saturday, March 21—Off Broadway Dance Club Spring Fling, Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd., 8 to 11 p.m., $5 per person. Information: 916/635-2815.

Saturday, April 4—Third Annual Men's Club Ballroom Benefit Dance, 8 to 11 p.m., Sacramento Japanese United Method Church, 6929 Franklin Blvd., $10 per person. Information: 916/635-2815 or 916/421-1017.

Calendar items must be submitted at least THREE WEEKS in advance of the day of event. Include day or night phone numbers for further information.

Redress workshops

- San Jose—Wednesday, March 18, Wesley United Methodist Church, 566 N. 5th St., 4 to 7 p.m. (more locations to be announced)
- Albany, Calif.—Thursday, March 19, 1035 San Pablo Ave., Suite 4, 4 to 7 p.m.
- Los Angeles—Friday, April 3, East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente, West Covina, 4 to 7 p.m.

Redress hotline: 1/800/395-4672.

Reminders

- Report on Japanese investment in the United States, Friday, March 20, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Los Angeles Chamber, 404 S. Bixel St. Speakers: Jack Rodman and Jack Barthell, Kenneth Leventhal & Company. Cost: $25 per person, plus $4 parking. Information: 213/629-0634.
- "Japanese American Internment: 50 Years Later," an evening of videos and dialogue, co-sponsored by the Asian American Literary and Arts Society (AALAS) and the Center for New Television, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at the center, 1440 North Dayton, Chicago. Included: Rea Tajiri's "History and Memory: For Akiko and Takashige"; "Executive Order 9066," produced by Jean Halevi and featuring William Hohri, past chairman of the National Council for Japanese American Redress. Admission: $3, members of the center and AALAS; $5, others. Information: Center for New Television: 312/951-6868.
- "50-500 Committee," an educational-cultural-spiritual program, 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, March 21, Centenary United Methodist Church, 300 S. Central Ave, Los Angeles. Information: 213/295-0687.
- 23rd Annual Pilgrimage to Manzanar, Saturday, April 25, commemorating 50th anniversary of EO 9066. Chartered air-conditioned buses equipped with toilets are offered. Buses will be available from various locations in the Los Angeles area. Nonrefundable $10 fee. Information: Sue Embrey, 213/662-5102.
- Free audition for "Karaoke Showcase," new television show, Saturday, March 28, Sunday, March 29, 11 a.m., Galleria at South Bay, Hawthorne and Artesia Blvds., Redondo Beach, Calif. Information: 213/629-4974.
- Book Fair, Friends of the Little Tokyo Branch Library, Japanese Village Plaza, 2nd Street entrance between San Pedro St. and Central Ave., Los Angeles, Saturday, April 11, 9 to 10 a.m. for members; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., general public; and Sunday, April 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hard and soft cover books in English and Japanese and Japanese magazines are needed. Drop them off Saturday, March 28, and Saturday, April 4, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Japanese Village Plaza, Service Delivery Area, on 2nd Street on the east side of the plaza. Information: Ron Hirano, 213/481-2888 or Janet Minami, 213/625-6971.
- Free tax counseling for seniors over age 60, San Jose Yu-Ai Kai, Japanese American Community Senior Service, Wednesdays, through April 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sessions for federal and state forms, renter's credit. Appointments; 408/294-2505.

Day of Remembrance events

Through March 22
LOS ANGELES—Personal Remembrances: A Visual Art Exhibit (personal artifacts, camp documents), JACCC Doizaki Gallery, 244 S.San Pedro St., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Through May 30
SACRAMENTO—Continuing Traditions-Japanese Americans: Story of a People 1869-1992; History Museum, Stanford Bldg., Old Sacramento.

Saturday, March 14
SAN FRANCISCO—Bill of Rights and Japanese American Internment Cases, (High school teachers to present lesson plans), UC Hastings College of Law, 198 McAllister St., 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (415) 431-5007.

Sunday, March 15
SAN FRANCISCO—Asian American 1992 International Film Showcase, (Rea Tajiri's *History and Memory* , John DeGraaf's *A Personal Matter: Gordon Hirabayashi vs. U.S.)* Kabuki 8 Theaters, 1881 Post St., 3 p.m. (415) 863-0814.

Friday, March 27-Saturday, March 28:
NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Undo Process: Legacy of J.A. Internment, Yale University D.o.R. (two-day program featuring Hisaye Yamamoto, Don Nakanishi, Sue Embrey, Bert Nakano, Bill & Yuri Kochiyama, Grayce Uyehara and others TBA) (203) 436-0861, 436-1154.

Saturday, March 28
ALBANY, Calif.—NCRR Workshop: Teaching About the Internment of Japanese Americans, Albany Middle School, 1000 Jackson St., 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., $5 registration includes bento and handouts, (510) 526-2884 day, 524-2093 evgs.

Saturday, April 4
BERKELEY—Symposium: Internment and the Japanese American Community (2 panels), UC Berkeley 145 Dwinelle Hall, 1 p.m. (510) 642-0605, (310) 652-8964.

Wednesday, April 8
SAN FRANCISCO—Civil Liberties Act of 1988: Its Significance Beyond the Japanese American Community (panelists: Michael Omi, Paul Igasaki, Dean Ito Taylor), USF McLaren Center, 250 Golden Gate (Masonic & Parker), 7:30 p.m., (415) 641-1697.

Saturday, April 25
LOS ANGELES—24th annual Manzanar Pilgrimage, Sue Embrey (213) 662-5102.

Thursday, April 30
LOS ANGELES—Grand Opening National Japanese American National Museum, E. 1st & N. Central, (213) 625-0414; gala dinner May 2 (Sat.).

May:
LOS ANGELES—Framed in Celluloid: Film Festival on J.A. Internment, UCLA (date-place TBA).

May 9 (Sat.):
SAN FRANCISCO—Impact of Camps on Family Life (panel), Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St., 1-4 p.m., (510) 233-9595. [Not wheelchair accessible.]

Friday, May 22-Monday, 25:
SACRAMENTO—Tule Lake Reunion.

Saturday, May 23
DENVER—Annual trip to Amache Internment Camp site.

Sunday, May 24
DENVER—Memorial Day observance and Tribute to Colorado Gov. Ralph Carr, Fairmount Cemetery.


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Election '92: Who's running for what

Yes, there are other election campaigns going on beyond the presidential primaries. Here's a roundup of candidates of interest to Japanese Americans.

● **David Strand**, Democratic candidate in the new 6th Congressional District in the Marin County and Sonoma County area, recently took a stand against Japan bashing. Strand, whose wife is Japanese American, said, "Members of our family were interned as a result of Executive Order 9066. Divisiveness and racism in the United States were not the answer 50 years ago, when we were involved in a world war, and they are certainly not the answer today, when the conflict is economic competition."

Strand received the endorsement of Rep. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii) who Feb. 29 helped raise $20,000 at a campaign dinner. About the congressional candidate, Mink said, "We absolutely need someone with the integrity of David Strand in Congress. I've know David for years, and I know he will provide a vote we can count on as we deal, with the many pressing issues of the day."

● **Rep. Norman Mineta** (D-CA: San Jose) announced his candidacy Feb. 10 for the newly-created 15th Congressional District, which includes much of the current 13th District in Santa Clara County plus the Santa Cruz County areas of Scotts Valley and San Lorenzo Valley to the north. "Creating jobs, improving transportation, rebuilding a health care system are some of my priorities for 1992," he declared. He pointed to his recently enacted (six-year $151 billion Intermodal Surface Transportation Infrastructure Act) legislation that will create over 16,000 jobs in the Bay Area along with several major transit and highway projects.

● Vying for a seat in Congress in the Ninth District in Illinois, Chicago businessman **Glenn Sugiyama** recently challenged incumbent opponent Rep. Sid Yates (D) to a debate. Referring to the primary election to be held March 17, Sugiyama said, "The time for talk is over; the time for action is now. We need to debate on how we are going to solve our serious economic problems so the voters will know how Congress plans to create jobs and get our economy back on track."

The Chicago *Tribune* endorsed Sugiyama saying, "Yates' politics were rooted in a bygone area. Sugiyama has some good notions on how government can help spur business development along with a political outlook sufficiently liberal to appease the district."

Reacting to the endorsement, Sugiyama said, "I'm delighted to see that the Chicago *Tribune* agrees with me that it's time for a change. It's time to say enough is enough. It's time to bring government home to the people."

● Six-term Gardena Valley JACL president **Jonathan Kaji** announced his candidacy for City Treasurer of Gardena, Calif. saying, "My campaign will emphasize fiscal responsibility and accountability to the voters of Gardena." The muncipal election will be held April 14.

Kaji currently serves as a member of the President's Export Council which advises the Bush Administration on internation and domestic trade policies. As president of Kaji & Associates, he has developed several real estate properties in the Gardena area including Kyoto Plaza, Tozai Plaza and Strawberry Square.

● Oroville, Calif., businessman and farmer **Lon Hatamiya** announced his bid for the Democratic nomination for California's Third Assembly District. In 1990 Hatamiya narrowly lost his first bid for State Assembly to the retiring Chris Chandler (R).

"Last election I carried the message throughout the Third Assembly District that our area needs strong, hands-on representation in the legislature. And over 55,000 voters responded and punched my name. That's the kind of clarion call that I can't ignore."

Hatamiya, who received his B.A. at Harvard and a Masters in Business Administration and Law Degree from UCLA, said, "As an individual involved in agriculture my entire life, I will take a lead in protecting our water rights. It is time that the State of California adopt a clearer water policy and that individual water rights are clearly adjudicated."

● Riverside JACL board member **Mark Takano**, president of the Riverside Community College Board of Trustees and ninth grade teacher, announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination in the new 43rd Congressional District saying, "Now is the time to put teachers into Congress. Americans want to work harder. We need to empower them to work smarter. I will fight to make our education system #1."

"I want to provide sensible relief to the middle class and promote savings and investment at the same time... Encouraging people to save benefits the middle class as well as America. More savings means more investment capital."

Takano, a Harvard graduate, received the endorsement of Rep. Robert Matsui. In his fifth year as a public school teacher, Takano teaches English and history at Rialto Junior High School.

Nominations sought for Matsunaga peace medal

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Nominations are sought for the first annual Spark M. Matsunaga Medal of Peace named for the late senator from Hawaii, a longtime proponent of peace education and a federal peace academy.

The medal acknowledges extraordinary achievements in research, education, or training in the fields of international peacemaking and conflict resolution.

The honoree will also receive $25,000 in cash in addition to the bronze medal to be designed by the United States Mint.

Nominees may be citizens of the United States or other countries, or an organization. Nominations will be reviewed by an advisory panel which will recommend candidates for consideration by the institute's board of directors. Final selection will be made by the board in July. The medal will be officially presented in September.



After Matsunaga's death in April, 1990, Congress passed legislation allowing the United States Institute of Peace to award a medal in his honor to "such person or persons . . . it determines to have contributed in extraordinary ways to peace among the nations and peoples of the world, giving special attention to contributions that advance society's knowledge of peace-making and conflict management."

Matsunaga served in Congress for 27 years, first elected to the House of Representatives in 1963 and to his first of three terms in the Senate in 1976. In 1979-80, he chaired the bipartisan Commission on Proposals for the National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution which made recommendations that became the basis of legislation passed in 1984 establishing the United States Institute of Peace.

Nomination forms for the Spark M. Matsunaga Medal of Peace may be obtained from the United States Institute of Peace, 1550 M St., NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C., 20005. Nominations must be received by the institute by April 30, 1992.

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From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

Henry from Koyukuk River Valley

Each week I sit down intending to write about something other than the Evacuation, which happened so long ago. Usually I succeed. But fascinating Evacuation-related stories keep popping up and it is difficult not to report them.

The latest has to do with a lad named Henry whose mother was Indian and his father Japanese. Henry's last name has been forgotten by the woman who told me about him. Her name is Esther Hill Ditmer and she lives in a suburb of Denver.

Back before the war, the big war, Mrs. Ditmer and her husband were teaching in a one-room school in a small mining village called Wiseman. It was, and is, in the remote Koyukuk River valley, north of the Arctic Circle near the center of the Alaskan landmass, 180 miles north of Fairbanks.

There were about a dozen pupils in the school, Eskimo or part Eskimo. And Henry. Henry never knew his father, and what happened to his mother is unclear. He was adopted, in a manner of speaking, by the only Indian couple in the area, Lutie and Sammy whose last name also has been lost in time. Now, let Mrs. Ditmer carry on:

"Henry was in the sixth grade our last year in Wiseman, a bright, strapping good-natured boy. He was accepted by the other students, but the Eskimo women refused to accept his mother because she was an Indian. His parents had very few friends; their English was broken and they probably spoke no Eskimo.

"Lutie was a good soul and a friend of mine, although we could hardly understand each other. Lutie and Sammy were getting up in years and Henry was to have been the mainstay of their old age. They were very poor, living by subsistence, hunting and fishing in season, and Sammy cut and sold firewood."

The Ditmers moved to Fairbanks in the spring of 1941. They never saw Henry or Sammy or Lutie again. But early in 1942, after President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, they heard Henry was seized by federal officials under the authority given them to remove all "Japanese" from the West Coast states and Alaska.

"At age 14 or 15," Mrs. Ditmer says, "Henry had never been out of the Arctic. He had never seen another Japanese American. He had never seen a city nor a newspaper and seldom had heard a radio. He had never seen a train nor a steamship. He had never seen a farm nor farm animals. He could drive dogs and do manual work and of course read and write. He had never seen more than 50 people at any one time."

Yet, under E.O. 9066 the government classified him as a security risk because he had been fathered by an unknown Japanese.

"My husband and other Fairbanks citizens," Mrs. Ditmer continues, "petitioned the government to make an exception of this fine young man who was needed to help support his elderly parents! But to no avail. He was shipped to the Outside, but where he was interned or whether he survived to return to Alaska to see Lutie and Sammy again, I do not know."

It is likely that Henry, along with a few others like him, was sent to the Puyallup Assembly Center south of Seattle. While locked up there I remember hearing about the bewildered, unhappy "Japanese" evacuees from Alaska, but they were in another part of the camp and I did not meet them. Most of the Puyallup internees were sent later to the Minidoka WRA camp in Idaho.

If he is living, Henry would be about 65 years old. Does anyone remember him? Can anyone shed light on his tragic story?



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

After Albertville

MY HUNCH is that many, if not all, of you watch and react to ice-skating championships the same way I do: I watch with tension, holding my breath and praying that the contestant—regardless of which country (s)he represents—doesn't slip or fall; and if there is a slip, impulsively I let out a sympathetic cry. And so when the finals of the women's Olympic competition at Albertville took place, I watched Kristi Yamaguchi lead on her final round—and when she had a slight slip, I gasped and turned the television off. The following day, I learned, much to my delight that she had won the gold, followed by Midori Ito (Japan) getting the silver, and backed up by Nancy Kerrigan (U.S.) nailing down the bronze. I saw the post-Olympic exhibition showing backstage where Nancy was fussing over Kristi's decorations just before the latter was to go on the ice, and I thought what a wonderful gesture that was. I also saw the replay of Midori (who apologized "*sumimasen*" for having taken a spill earlier) who, having missed a double, then went ahead with a successful triple Axel.

That gutsy move certainly wiped out any "*sumimasen*" that may have lingered.

I WISHED for Kristi the post-gold medal rewards that are showered upon American winners in that glamour event of women's figure skating: the clamor for product endorsements with its monetary rewards. In years past Olympic gold medalists Dorothy Hamill (1976 winner) and Peggy Fleming before her, handsomely and deservedly benefited from such product promotions; Hamill had a five-year deal going with Nutrasweet alone. Then I read an item in Business Week (March 9, 1992 issue) reporting that Kristi has received a limited number of deals, including Kellogg's (cereal), Evian (bottled water), Bausch & Lomb, Campbell Soup and Kraft. As one promotional marketer is quoted frankly stating: "The environment to 'max out' on [Kristi's] earning potential is not enhanced by the present mood of the country toward Japan."

An American won gold; the Japanese skater came in second—for pete's sake.

BY NO MEANS am I suggesting that one should feel anything but joy and congratulatory feelings for and to Kristi. The young lady obviously has a lot of spunk and steel, and she of all people has long ago learned to take things in stride—else she would not have gotten as far and to the very top as she has. At the same time, for us lesser souls the stark reality of today can be sobering lest we smugly relax. I was wondering, for example, if the gold medalist had happened to be an African American, would the flow of commercial endorsement been different? And then I'm reminded of Michael Jordan (pro basketball player for the Chicago "Bulls"). Somewhere, I read that with endorsements and all that "Air" Jordan's income is $22 million, annually. Of course, pro basketball is a different ballgame, literally as well as figuratively, and in any event Jordan must be at the top of the heap in this department.

NO MATTER. That was one mighty leap, Kristi. For those who follow to build upon.



Letters

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Compromise for vets monument

Having served with "I" Company Regimental Combat Team during all of its combat days and currently active with I Company, 442nd Club of Southern California, I feel a strong personal need to speak out on the war memorial issue. I have previously hesitated to do so in fear of causing further division among my fellow veterans from other companies, but I can no longer remain silent.

When the present concept of listing names of living veterans and KIAs of 100/442/MIS only on a veterans war memorial was first proposed, I Company Club members collectively and with their signatures expressed their unanimous disapproval and objection to the concept. In spite of knowing the intent of listing all 100/442/MIS veterans, we as living veterans should never feel that we ever deserve equal space on a monument as those who made the supreme sacrifice.

More than two years of controversy have passed and many articles and letters have been written, but I Company's position has always remained intact and never changed. In fact it has been reinforced by the alternate concept as proposed by the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council's memorial committee, which we heartily endorse.

May I suggest a compromise to listing of living veterans, which I feel will serve their desires and purpose. Instead of having just a "name" on the monument, why not have a Veterans Registry patterned after the Bridal Registries as used by the department stores and placed within the confines of the National Japanese American Museum. A visitor may then view a short resume of veterans who served in the 100th/442nd/MIS. This would include his or her military record as well as a short personal history, if so desired. This would also give deserved credit to many veterans who served, but not necessarily originating from one of the internment camps, as it is always implied. At the visitor's option, a printout could be produced and be given as a token of the visit.

I feel this would be a better way to tell our story. I have been unable to visualize a visitor standing with reverence in front of a memorial monument that lists the names of living veterans together with those who gave their lives for their country. I have visited the Punch Bowl Military Cemetary many times during my trips to Hawaii in order to pay my respects to my fallen comrades. I question if I can take out of town guests to see a War Memorial Monument here in Los Angeles showing the names of living veterans with the same pride and reverence that I had at the Punch Bowl. I am also concerned by the distraction created by the additional names. Due to so many similar names among the veterans, I fear much time will be spent by visitors just looking for names. KIAs are a matter of record, but to list names of all living veterans 100/442/MIS without omission would be rather difficult.

It appears the proposal of the 100/442nd/MIS Memorial Foundation is being forced upon us, but I feel there are other 442nd companies or individuals who feel as we do. Therefore I say it's time to join forces, be counted and be heard from. Let's put a final burial to this horribly embarassing situation.

Jim J. Yamashita
La Habra, Calif.

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Acting up



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"A Slice of Rice," presented by Great Leap, Inc., a Los Angeles-based Asian American contemporary performing arts group, is a production involving theater, dance, story, and music. Performers are, back row, from left, Nobuko Miyamoto, Jude Narita, Amy Hill, and Dan Kwong; in front row, from left, are Shishir Kurup, Louise Mita, and Long Nguyen. Following performances March 13 and 14 at Cal State Long Beach, the group will perform March 28, 29 at The Little Theater, 18111 Nordoff St., Cal State University, Northridge, and April 18 at Cal Poly Theater, 3801 West Temple Ave., Cal Poly, Pomona. Tickets: $10, general admission; $8, seniors and children under 12; $6, students; and group discounts available. Reservations: 310/392-7937; information: Anne Etue, 213/669-0553.

L.A. businessman heads Nisei Week festival

Steve Okayama, a businessman in the Little Tokyo area of Los Angeles, has been named 1992 Nisei Week Japanese Festival general chairman.

The new chairman, who had served in this position in 1983, in turn, appointed James Okazaka to the position of festival first vice chairman.

Okayama also announced that the 52nd festival has been scheduled earlier this year, from Saturday, Aug. 1, through Sunday, Aug. 9, because of scheduling conflicts.

He is a native of Los Angeles and attended Glendale High School, Los Angeles City College and Arizona State College. He was assigned to the 442, then to the Military Intelligence Service Language School at Fort Snelling, Minn. After the war, Okayama graduated from the University of Southern California with a degree in pharmacy.



STEVE OKAYAMA

He is also active in a number of organizations, including the Japanese American Optimist Club; Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee; the Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Affiliation; Little Tokyo Business Association; and the Little Tokyo Anti-Crime Committee.

Matsui: Civil rights work just beginning

By **GWEN MURANAKA**
Assistant editor

LOS ANGELES—Redefining redress and its potential beyond the Japanese American community was the focus of the civil rights conference held March 7 at UCLA.

Rep. Robert Matsui opened the conference echoing the dread many in the Japanese American community feel in light of recent Japan bashing. Calling redress payments "token," Matsui said, "I believe that the emotional strides, although not quite healed, are beginning to fade in the background. I find it interesting that in 1992 at a time when we memorialize Executive Order 9066 and its meaning in history, just last month a fourth generation American of Japanese ancestry, a 13-year old girl, a Girl Scout, could be in a shopping center in Los Angeles California selling Girl Scout cookies and approaching another individual and having that individual say 'I only buy from Americans.'"

Matsui also related an incident last year at a Dodger game when he and his wife were walking to their car and people told him, "Why don't you go to your own country if you don't know how to walk. I bet they can't drive either."

Matsui said the model minority myth was to blame for recent racial insensitivity and partly blamed Asian Americans for allowing it to happen. "We've become smug and become very proud of who we are. But the reality is a myth. Because after redress passed what did we do ... what did the average Japanese American do? They went back into their homes and shut their doors and said, we deserve this. And what did they do with the $20,000, they're buying automobiles with the $20,000, you know it and I know it. The reality is that they don't care about civil rights, they're not concerned about those who are oppressed. But the reality is we do have a cause to be concerned. Because if it happens to an African American or a Hispanic American, we can see that it can happen to us as well."



"We've become smug, and become very proud of who we are. But the reality is a myth. . . ."
—Robert Matsui

Matsui encouraged Asian Americans to become "players" within the political system citing the fact that no California State Assembly members are Asian American despite the fact that Asians make up 10 percent of the state's population. "I wish those of us in the Asian American community can begin to look beyond ourselves, to fight for causes greater than ourselves, that is what we must aspire to do."

The civil rights conference, entitled "Beyond Japanese Americans: Civil Rights in the 1990s," focused on a broad range of issues ranging from redress and its implications to the glass ceiling, sexual harassment and hate crimes. Participants in the event included: Rodolfo Acuna, professor of Chicano Studies at California State University Northridge; Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director; Alan Nishio, associate vice president for student services at California State University; Mari Matsuda, visiting professor at the UCLA School of Law; and Aiko Herzig, advisor to the Office of Redress Administration.

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Personally speaking



RAY K. TSUCHIYAMA

EDUCATION

• Massachusetts Institute of Technology named **Ray K. Tsuchiyama,** who has been involved in Japan-U.S. business relations, Japan office director for MIT's Industrial Liaison Program, based in Tokyo. The program, established in 1948, has expanded to over 50 high-tech companies in Japan for development of company relationships with MIT providing access to research and staff resources. A graduate of Western Washington University at Bellingham, with a master's from University of Massachusetts-Amherst, the Aomori-born executive has written pieces for business, computer, U.S. and Japanese newspapers and magazines. He was previously based in Honolulu for Mitsui Real Estate Sales Co.

• **Naomi Matsuzaki,** principal of the Benjamin Parker School in Kaneohe on the Windward side of Oahu for the past five years, has led in some important changes at her school: changing the public perception of the school from rough & tough with low test scores to the other end of the academic scale. She has been working to put computers in every classroom, wired to the school library, state and national data bases and having children interacting via computer and video with students in other parts of the world — including Russia .... Hawaii-born **Nancy Ichinaga, 61,** principal of Bennett-Kew Elementary School in Inglewood, earned high praise from the Los Angeles Unified School District for having her minority children match or even exceed their counterparts in wealthier areas. With no extra money or fancy enrichment programs, she adopted programs that focus on phonic-based reading and foster an atmosphere that stresses academic excellence - i.e., no bilingual or remedial classes. A graduate from the University of Hawaii in secondary education, she earned a master's in education psychology at UCLA before going to Bennett-Kew in 1974 as a school psychologist.

• Japan-born **Nobuko Kishii,** a special ed teacher at Monte Vista Elementary School in El Monte, Calif., is a finalist for the "Bravo" Award sponsored by the Los Angeles Music Center, often cited as the Southern California Academy Award in art education. Her classroom walls are covered with torn-paper figures, drawings, origami, collages of brightly-colored paper, handmade Valentines, Halloween masks and whatever her students—physically and learning disabled—create. "I like to use art and creativity to assist my children in how to learn small muscle coordination. They like to make, to create. They seem to take great pride in their art," the veteran with 39 years of classroom experience related. She taught junior high school for 10 years in Japan, came to USC for her master's in special education, studied Spanish a half-year in Mexico and was hired 23 years ago by the Mountain View school district, teaching in the same class ever since. She proudly added that "32 of my children have been completely mainstreamed." .... The James B. McPherson School library in Chicago's northside was dedicated Jan. 31 to the late **Taka Kitsuse,** who devoted 25 years as a teacher at the school. Her husband Nelson Kitsuse, family and friends were present at the dedication.

HEALTH

• **Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki,** who retired as a Contra County public health officer many years ago and continued to assist many persons and groups, will be honored for her lifetime achievements and selfless devotion by the Diablo Valley JACL on the occasion of her 88th birthday on Saturday, March 28, 6 p.m., at Silver Dragon Restaurant, 835 Webster, Oakland. The birthday party will kick-off the Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki Scholarship Fund with $10 of the $30 dinner charge designated to the fund. Reservations and contributions are being handled by Yukio Wada, 2817 Trotter Way, Walnut Creek, CA 94596 (510) 944-1696 .... Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn appointed **Kazue Shibata,** who has been involved the past five years as administrator of the Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, as an alternate to the county's HIV Network Services Planning Council. She is a CSU Humboldt graduate in ethnic studies with a master's in Asian American Studies at UCLA.

Obituaries

Ando, Yoshio, 93, Morgan Hill, Jan. 23; Hawaii-born, survived by 5 sons Noboru, Eddie, Albert, Ernie, Lloyd, 4 daughters Tamae Tokunaga, Mary Minabe, Ruby Kuritsubo, Lillian Junker, 24 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren.

Arita, Koichi, 71, Moses Lake, Wash., Jan. 23; Seattle-born, survived by wife Aiko, son and three daughters.

Daikoku, June N., 56, San Mateo, Feb. 4; Elk Grove-born, survived by husband Tom, daughters Gale and Norma Caldwell, brothers Asao, Seiji, Saburo Sawada (Jpn), sisters Mitsue Okubo, Tazue Bishop, Midori Ishida (Jpn), brothers-in -law Shigeto, Saburo, Yoshito and Akira Daikoku, sisters-in-law Yaeko Tokunaga, Helen Tanaka.

Furukawa, Brian T., 24, Monrovia, Feb. 21; Los Angeles-born, survived by parents Tom/Clara, brother Derek Tamio, sister Arleen Teruko.

Hamano, Shunji, 78, Denver, Feb. 16; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Mary, sons Ben, Andrew, daughter Pearl Hughes (Miles City, Mont.), 4 grandchildren.

Harada, Minoru, 34, Seattle, Dec. 30; Seattle-born, survived by parents Mack and Beverly, brother Mitchell.

Harano, Gus K., 77, Los Angeles, Jan. 31; Livermore-born, survived by wife Chieko, son Woodrow, daughters Wendie Yumori (Hawaii), Winifred, 1 grandson, brothers Ben (Sacramento), Kiyomi (Berkeley).

Kitayama, Kee Susumu, 64, Watsonville, Dec. 21; Bainbridge Island-born horticulturist, post-WWII veteran, Watsonville JACL president, Santa Cruz County Farmer of 1991, Farm Bureau and Grower of the Year, survived by wife Keiko, son John (Los Angeles), daughters Diane (Los Angeles), Kathy (Peace Corps - Belize), Kristine (Seattle), Joyce, brothers Tom (Union City), Ted (Santa Clara), sisters Yoshiko Nakata (Bainbridge Island), Martha Kawanami (San Jose).

Kiyomura, Wasa, 87, San Jose, Nov. 26; Castroville-born, survived by son Minoru Hugh, daughters Yuki H. Masuda, Tatsue Matoba, Kiyomi Miyabara, 8 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren.

Kiyosaki, Ralph H, 71, Honolulu, Nov. 9; hailed as "Hawaii's architect of modern-day Department of Education," Paia, Maui-born, school teacher, principal, Big Island district school superintendent who served as chair of Hawaii Redevelopment Agency in wake of the May 1960 tsunami that destroyed much of Hilo, directed University of Hawaii Peace Crops training program (1966), then appointed superintent of State Dept. of Education (1966-1970) and set master master plan and new programs, including innovative method of teaching standard English to pidgin speakers, survived by sons Robert, Jon H, daughters Beth, Barbara, 3 grandchilden, brothers Robert, Wayne, sisters Cherry Sakakida, June Takano.

Kizu, Kenneth Y, 53, Monterey Park, Nov. 23; Los Angeles-born Sansei, survived by wife June, sons Alex, Matthew, brothers Yasuyoshi, Winfred, Robert, sisters Lillian Utsumi, Grace Kizu-Blair.

Kobata, George, 72, Gardena, Dec. 7; Gardena-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Sumi, son Gerald, daughter Barbara, brothers Yoshio, Harold, Ed, sister Mabel Takata.

Kobayashi, Tsuyo, 93, Los Angeles, Dec. 10; Kumamoto-born, survived by son Roy, daughter Meriko Takasaki, 1 grandson, 1 great-grandchild, brother Sosaku Murakami (Jpn).

Konishi, Ray, 66, Seattle, Nov. 16; survived by wife Chieko, daughters Lauren, Robynne, brothers Joe (Grandview), Tom (Tacoma), sister May Williams (Wapato) stepchildren Mike and Jamie Shuster (Puyallup), Mia and Ron Carper (Renton).

Koyama, Tsutomu, 65, Sacramento, Dec. 21; Guadalupe-born, survived by wife Patty, sons Kenneth, Dean, Craig, daughters Gwen K. Nakahara, Karin N. Young, 6 grandchildren.

Kubo, Clara M, Hacienda Heights, Dec. 28; Los Angeles-born Sansei, survived by husband Melvin, sons Mike, Victor, mother Miyako Oda, brothers Noboru and Susumu Oda, sister Grace S. Monji, mother-in-law Chiyoko Kubo, brothers-in-law Hitroshi, Katsuji (Hawaii) and Wayne Kubo, sister-in-law Sachiko Milman.

Kubota, Lance H, 29, San Gabriel, Dec. 7 (funeral); survived by mother Esther, 4 brothers Martin, Tomm y, Gary, Todd, sister Vickie.

Kurasaki, Fusae, 73, San Jose, Dec. 20; San Jose-born, survived by husband Henry, daughter Jean Kurasaki, 1 grandchild.

Miyamoto, Henry, 73, Madrid, Neb., Nov. 10; Fort Lupton-born WWII (442nd Cannon Co.) veteran, formerly of Thornton, Colo., survived by wife Mary "Katy" (nee Wirch), 4 sons Dennis (Grant, Neb.), Steve Rogers (Madrid, Neb.), Mike Wull (Westmoreland, Tenn.), Harold Baker (Denver), daughters Jo Anne Morse (Rapid City, S.D.), Becky Poulin (Casper, Wyo.), 10 grandchildren, 4 sisters Mary Matsuno (Brighton), Mable Takimoto (Pacoima, Calif.), Penny Matsuda (Sacramento), Amy Kimura (Los Angeles), 2 brothers Joe (Arvada), Jerry (Aurora).

Mori, Yoko, 58, Los Angeles, Dec. 8; Pasadena-born, survived by husband Katsuichi, sons Bryan, Francis, 1 grandson.

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MRS. MICHI IWASAKI

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Michi Iwasaki, 79-year old San Francisco-born Nisei and resident of Ventura who passed away on March 4 at the Community Memorial Hospital of San Buenaventura, were held on March 10 at Rose Hills Memorial Chapel with Rev. George Aki officiating and Fukui Mortuary directing.

The deceased is survived by her husband Tetsuo; three daughters Marcia Yoko (Robert) French, Jeanne Emi (Michael) Ellwood and Diane Toyo Iwasaki; three grandchildren Dawn and Jeffrey Spurlock and Brandon Muramatsu; a sister Mamie Honda; sister-in-law Lily Inazu; and nephews and nieces.

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Desecrated Japanese cemetery rededicated

CHEMAINUS, B.C.—A seven-year effort restored the desecrated Japanese section of the Chemainus Cemetery vandalized during WWII with a new memorial monument and resetting six headstones recovered from a nearby dirt pile. Art Miki, national president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians of Winnipeg, was among the dignitaries who attended the August 10 restoration ceremonies, which was funded by the Japanese Canadian Redress Foundation.

Canadian war museum honors Issei vets

CALGARY, Alta.—The War Museum of the West opened a display honoring the Japanese (Issei) Canadians who fought with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in World War I (1914-1918).

Mentioned in the recently published military history of Alberta's 10th Battalion, "Gallant Canadians," are three Japanese Canadians: Matakichi Yoshikawa, who was awarded the Cross of St. George, 4th Class, Russia; Masumi Mitsui and Tokutaro Iwamoto, the Military Medal for Bravery in Action, Great Britain.

In Vancouver's Stanley Park, Nov. 11 rites at the Japanese Canadian War Memorial paid tribute to the Issei servicemen of World War I. A cenotaph plaque, funded by the Japanese Canadian Redress Foundation, to Canadian Nisei who died during WWII and the Korean War was dedicated.

Earth Spirit Festival attracts 100,000

TORONTO—The first-ever all-Canada event organized by native peoples and the Inuit working with Japanese Canadians attracted some 100,000 people to the Earth Spirit Festival last July 5-7 at the Harbourfront facility.

Ainu spokeman Shigeru Kayano from Japan related the environmental devastation occurring in Japan, and Canadian Sansei geneticist Dr. David Suzuki told of the environmental concerns in Canada.

Art Miki, president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, from Winnipeg explained the event was spawned by the aftermath of the 1988 Japanese Canadian redress movement as Nikkei became concerned over the rights of other Canadian minorities. Author Joy Kogawa, one of the originators of the festival, was elated.

B.C. school named for Issei pioneer

RICHMOND, B.C. —A school named for Tomekichi Homma opened here last November. An Issei pioneer who came to Canada at the age of 22 in 1887, he settled in the fishing community of Steveston and formed the Japanese Canadian Fishermen's Association, the first Japanese language school in Canada and the first Japanese language newspaper, *Canada Shimpo*. Homma passed away in 1945 in Slocan, one of the wartime internment facilities, at the age of 80.

From Hawaii . . .

Native Hawaiians delve into sovereignty

WASHINGTON — With the 1993 centennial of the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy in the wing, the Administration for Native Americans has funded the Hui Naauao, a coalition of more than 30 groups, with a three-year plan to discuss the native Hawaiian sovereignty issue, according to Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D-Hawaii).

Gailynn Williamson, coordinator at the University of Hawaii Center of Hawaiian Studies, said Ka Lahui has enrolled some 7,000 native Hawaiian families through a federal $150,000 grant to pursue its own plan for sovereignty education.

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Sumida received his commission in 1953 through Air Force ROTC at the University of Hawaii, joined the Guard in 1957 after active duty, commanded a combat support squadron in 1973, promoted brigadier general in 1985 and named commander in 1991. A command pilot with more than 3,800 flying hours, he is interim president at East-West Center, married to the former Kathleen Ikeda of Paia, Maui, and they have a son and two daughters.

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FLORIN

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Noguchi, co-chair of the Florin JACL Civil Rights and Redress Committee. Noguchi said the turnout of approximately 350 people was better than they had expected. "We heard people say, 'I had other things scheduled, but I thought I should come and show my support.' It was overwhelming, people were really pulling together." At a press conference called because of the death threat, representatives from a broad base of coalitions attended including, Jerry Enomoto, JACL-LEC; Sacramento JACL, the Jewish American Council of Sacramento, Asian Bar Association of Sacramento, the State Employees Association, and the Chinese American Council of Sacramento.

The evening included an address by Rep. Patsy Mink of Hawaii, a memorial speech to Mike Masaoka by JACL President Cressey Nakagawa, and a historical exhibit in the hall. Given the threat, security was very heavy for the event. "We had four Sheriff's deputies, five private security guards and two patrol cars patrolling the neighborhood where the event was being held. The Sheriffs came in and checked in advance and also there has been increased security around some of the board members' homes," said Noguchi.

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"We know things are getting worse and worse. Unfortunately, that's the state of things with Japan bashing and political candidates like David Duke and Pat Buchanan. Only by getting broad support to let fringe groups know this is unacceptable can we prevent things from happening in the future," said Noguchi.

MANZANAR

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between the U.S. and Japan, said, "As the frequency of attacks against Japanese Americans and Asian Americans escalates because of these increasing racial tensions, the lessons of the internment are more relevant than ever."

Levine, who recently announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate, added, "More than 120,000 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry, the vast majority of whom were American citizens, were confined at Manzanar and nine other camps during the war." (Editors note: the actual figure is 110,310)

"They were interned and forced to forfeit most of their possessions, their homes and their businesses despite the fact that they were loyal Americans, and had committed no crime. Their only offense was their Japanese ancestry. This was a grievous injustice which resulted from wartime hysteria and prejudice."

SENATOR

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sion report in mind, Hayashi added, "This latest instance of Japan bashing and racial scapegoating clearly indicates the need for elected officials and the general public to understand and embrace the recommendations set forth in the commission's report.

Further criticizing Hollings' statement, Steve Clemons, executive director of the Japan America Society of Southern California said, "Idiocy runs in all cultures. There's no redeeming value and nothing to look for that's either positive, constructive or worth talking about in his comments, similarly with Sakurauchi's statements. There's lots of ignorance on both sides. I see nothing wrong with constructive criticism shot back and forth, but racially driven slurs especially about the atomic bomb are really idiotic and don't deserve much discussion."

"I think we're entering an age where our nerves are raw. A lot of Americans are angry over Japan's seeming inattention to the Pearl Harbor anniversary. The Japanese really failed to understand American sensitivity. Fifty years beyond Pearl Harbor, the dropping of the bomb, and Executive Order 9066, with the intense rivalry and competition between Japan and the United States, emotions will flair but emotions will also subside," said Clemons.

"I am worried about the fact that Americans for first time in the post World War II era are measuring ourselves by Japan. We've never looked at ourselves by tne measuring stick of another country. I think it grates on the American ego."

OBITS

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Nakamura, Mary, 84, Denver, Nov. 7; Los Angeles-born, survived by daughters Helen Maruyama, Marjorie Kawano, 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren.

Nakano, Kazuo, 87, Oakland, Oct. 23; Fukuoka-born, survived by wife Etsuko, son Dick, daughter Grace Shimono, sister Yukuse Nakano.

Nakao, Christopher I., 39, Sacramento, Dec. 14; Sacramento-born, survived by mother Kimi, brother Clyde.

Nakasone, Johnie, 55, La Palma, Dec. 26; Compton-born survived by wife Pearl, sons Gregory and Gary Lagera, 6 grandchildren, mother Kiyoko, brother Thomas, sister Sumi Hoshizaki.

Nakatani, Seiichi, 91, San Jose, Dec. 15; Wakayama-born, survived by sons Kiyoya, Akitoshi, 4 daughters Yuriko Ichimaru, Miyoko, Setsuko, Sachiko.

Nakawatase, Toyo, 98, Los Angeles, Nov 3; Kagoshima-born, survived by sons Soichi, Shizuo, daughters Chiye Watanabe, Kiyo Hori, Sayo Nakatani, 10 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren.

Nakazawa, Fuji, 91, Los Angeles, Dec. 2; Niigata-born, survived by 3 sons Eise, Kango, Kokichi, 4 daughters Alice Morikawa, Mary, Chiyoko, Kiyoe Kobayashi, 6 grandchildren.

Okawachi, Kimiyo, 90, Oakland, Dec. 7; survived by daughters Fumiko, Nobuko Henmi, sons Shigekazu, Tsuneo, Kimio, Hirofumi.

Okazaki, Katsumi G, 74, Selma, Oct. 26; Selma-born, survived by wife Kiyomi, son Randy J, daughters Karen and Beth Okazaki, brothers Satoru (Hawaii), Jim, sister-in-law Ryoko Okazaki.

Okita, Joseph H., 78, Los Angeles, Dec. 25; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Toye Teresits, 7 sons Kenneth, John, Thomas (Washington), Anthony, Peter (Bakersfield), Stephen, David, 2 daughters Mary Rivera (Fresno), Monica Maldonado, 14 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, brother Toshiharu, stepmother-in-law Monica Takahashi.

Ryozaki, Juichi, 72, Gardena, Jan. 31; Guadalupe-born, survived by wife Tomoko, son Kenny, daughter Joyce Morimoto, stepson Roy Noda, stepdaughters Jane Lum, Grace Yonemura, 5 sisters Toshiko Nagamoto, Mitzie Shishino, Tomiko Hamano, Grace Itō, Masako Yanaga, brother-in-law Kiyo Maruyama, grandchildren.

Sakamoto, George M., 81, Pasadena, Feb. 17; Hawaii-born, survived by daughter Frances Tamanaha, 2 grandchildren, sister-in-law Tatsuko Sakamoto.

Sakamoto, Shizue, 78, Los Angeles, Feb. 12; Hilo-born, survived by sons Paul, Stanley, Wallace, 4 grandchildren.

Sakata, Minoru, 71, Temple City, Feb. 1; El Centro-born, survived by sister Helen Nakagawa.

Sakurai, Shizuye, 90, Gardena, Feb. 16; Mie-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by 3 sons Isao, Hiroshi, Shizuo, daughter Hatsumi Nakamura, 6 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren.

Sawasaki, Joichi, 71, Torrance, Jan. 19; El Monte-born, survived by wife Umeyo, sons David, Rocky, daughter Sue Nitta, sister Setsuko Nakajima, 6 grandchildren.

Seiji, Ben, 59, El Cerrito, Jan. 17; Vacaville-born, survived by 2 daughters Julie and Susan, 3 sisters Sally Furukawa, Clara Yokoyama, Julia Neishi, brothers Hideo and Fred, brother-in-law George Matsui, sister-in-law Lorraine Seiji.

Sekigahama, Satori, 85, Fremont, Feb. 12; Hiroshima-born, survived by wife Kimiyo, sons Jim, Tad, Satoshi, daughters Yuki Nomura, Joyce Tahira, Darlene Fujiwara, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sera, George S., 68, Covina, Jan. 22; Oakland-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Yoshie, son Glenn, daughters Janice, Annette Carpenter (Fillmore), 2 grandchildren, brother Jay F. Sera (Salt Lake City), sisters Mitzi Yasuda, Yo Shimotsuka, sister-in-law Frances Sera (Alameda).

Shiba, Miyoe, Salt Lake City, Jan. 15; Wakayama-born, survived by husband Takataro, 6 daughters Hanayo Nakashima, Tomiko Sujishi, Minae Imamura, Yaeko Hideshima, Sumiko Takehara, Yuriko Uyeda, sister Tokie Oe (Jpn), brother Tsune Oe, brother-in-law Kaku Shiba, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Shibata, Welly T., Tokyo, Jan. 4; pioneer English section editor with Mainichi newspapers in Japan, University of Washington graduate, prewar journalist with Japanese American Courier, Seattle, and Pacific Citizen.

Shimamoto, Jerry H., 64, Los Angeles, Jan. 23; Montebello-born WWII veteran, survived by sisters Sachiko Tomlinson, Shigeko Cherry.

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