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JACL urges Clinton to stay firm on end to military ban on gays

Keep your promise Mr. President, said a group of civil rights organizations, including JACL, June 30 urging Clinton to stand by his commitment to lift the ban on gays in the military. The group also called on the president to reject Sen. Sam Nunn's "don't ask, don't tell" proposal that would continue the ban, but end the military policy of asking about sexual preference.

Speaking at the gravesite of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Atlanta, Coretta Scott King said, "The great promise of American democracy is that no group of people will be forced to suffer forms of discrimination in the military and to accept no compromises which undermine the principles of fairness and human dignity."

Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington, D.C., representative, said, "To deny people the opportunity to serve in the military regardless of merit violates the very constitutional principles that the gallant men and women in the armed service risk their lives to uphold."

The Washington repre-

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CLINTON

discrimination and injustice . . . So I join with my colleagues in calling on President Clinton to stand firm against all

Tempe, Ariz., cop talk includes racism

What happens when racism wears a badge?

Nine Tempe, Ariz., police officers were named in a $66 million lawsuit filed in December, 1991, against the city accusing the police of using anti-Semitic tactics to close a local nightclub.

Reported in the June 29 Phoenix *Gazette*, Greg and Mike Field, owners of Rowdy's, accuse the officers of harassing and intimidating customers because the men are Jewish.

Among the alleged offenses include using anti-Jewish slurs, trying to force the owners to increase drink prices and illegally confiscating videotapes of police actions. Tempe city officials said the allegations are unfounded.

Ron Dunham, assistant city attorney, said repeated liquor license violations led to the monitoring of the establishment by the police.

Lt. Steve Graehling, one of the officers named in the suit, in a deposition admitted to calling minorities "niggers, kikes, spics, and wetbacks" during conversations with other officers.

Graehling, a 22-year veteran, said he would never use the slurs with the public, but said the word "nigger" is used by officers to describe blacks and those acting in an "anti-social behavior."

Another officer in the suit, C.W. Tucker, admitted to collecting Nazi paraphenalia.

Can we talk—better?

Some police officers believe the racist cop talk will wane as more police departments begin to hire more minorities and teach cultural diversity, according to Cpl. Mitch Kelsey, a Glendale, Ariz., police spokesman.

According to the Phoenix *Gazette*, Kelsey said police departments will begin to clean up their language acts in time, but added that "Derogatory name calling is not by any means gone, but it's not as regular as it was in the 1970s."

Not everyone agrees. Reacting to the slurs, Perry Ealim, Phoenix spokesman for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said, "Police still have an us-against-them attitude, making racist comments commonplace."

In memoriam

Z. Simpson Cox

A longtime supporter of Japanese Americans and JACL in Arizona, Z. Simpson Cox, 82, of Phoenix, Ariz., died June 24.

Cox, an attorney, was active in the Arizona Chapter since 1941 and a member of the 1000 Club for the past 21 years.

Both during and after World War II, Cox provided pro bono services to JACL.

In 1952, he persuaded religious,

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HARRY K. HONDA



PANA CONVENTION—At left Susana Fujimori, the First Lady of Peru, thanks the Nikkei for their support of the children of Peru. **Above** Passing the convention baton, "El Testimonio," is Mark Ando of Canada, (left) to Luis Sakoda of Peru. The baton goes to Peru, the next host of the PANA Convention. The flags were carried into space by astronaut Ellison Onizuka in January, 1985.

Hate crimes video out

Combating hate crime, the National Network Against Anti-Asian Violence (NNAAV) in San Francisco recently presented their 30-second public service announcement, "Stop the Hurt," reported the *Nichi Bei Times*. The video, which is available in English, Korean, Chinese, and Vietnamese, includes information on local community resources which assist hate crime victims.

"The most important reason for making this video is to help educate the public about hate crimes and anti-Asian violence," said Yvonne Lee, executive director, Chinese American Citizens Alliance.

Joining Lee were Lillian Kimura, national president, JACL; Doreena Wong, staff attorney, Asian Law Caucus and Isabel Huie, Chinese for Affirmative Action.

"No one should be victims of hate crimes but many people are. We want people to know if they are victims, there are things they can do," said Wong.

The public service announcement is scheduled to be shown on San Francisco's Channel 26 during the Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese programming. Wong said the video had been shown in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco.

Asian Pacific group meets with Reno

Janet Reno, U.S. attorney general, whose open style has made her a reluctant star in the Clinton Administration, recently met with Asian Pacific American and Hispanic civil rights organizations to discuss legal and civil issues facing both communities.

Among the issues discussed were immigration and naturalization, the Voting Rights Act language assistance enforcement, hate crimes, English-only and police abuse.

Both groups, in organizing the meeting, noted that Asian Pacific Americans and Hispanics share problems of language and culture and have also been historically underserved by the U.S. Department of Justice.

"We have been very impressed with the attorney general's commitment to civil rights and her sensitivity to the unique barriers faced by Asian Pacifics and Hispanics," said Karen Narasaki, JACL Washington, D.C., representative.

Attending were: the Organization of Chinese Americans, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Asian Law Caucus, Asian Pacific American Legal Defense and Education Fund, National Council of La Raza, National Puerto Rican Council and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

PANA in Canada

By **HARRY K. HONDA**
Editor emeritus

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Art Miki, who if successful will be the first Nikkei in Canada's House of Commons in Ottawa, declared that "we as Canadians are now ready to expand our horizons and participation in the global community." The immediate past president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) was keynote speaker at the 7th Pan American Nikkei Association (PANA) Seyonara banquet Saturday, July 3, at Pan-Pacific Hotel at Canada Place.

Liberal Party candidate Miki of Winnipeg, an educator in Manitoba the past 17 years and a human rights, multiculturalism advocate, was awarded the Order of Canada in 1991, the nation's highest award in recognition of outstanding work for his country. The election date is pending, sometimes this fall.

As NAJC president, Miki led

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Japanese Canadian Redress group gives $60,000 to PANA

VANCOUVER, B.C.—As co-sponsors of the 1993 PANA Conference, the National Association of Japanese Canadians granted $60,000 (about a third of its budget) for the four-day program July 1-4 from the Japanese Canadian Redress Foundation. The announcement was warmly ap-

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Issues

Voting of overseas Japanese discussed

At the closing session of the PANA Convention delegates discussed the issue of voting rights of overseas Japanese citizens who have been unable to express their political choices in Japan. That the resolution was proposed by PANA-USA president Noritoshi Kanai of Los Angeles at the delegates' final session gave an unexpected charge to an otherwise calm, pro-forma atmosphere of best wishes and acknowledgments.

The Japanese government, it was understood, is currently considering a resolution submitted from the Overseas Japanese Association convention held last May in Tokyo.

Kanai, a permanent U.S. resident, estimates

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Calendar

Illinois

Chicago

Frl.-Sun., Sept. 3-5—Sixth National JACL Singles Convention, Chicago Marriott Hotel, 540 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL. 60611. Banquet and dance on Sat. night to feature Lillian Kimura, JACL national president, and emcee Adele Arakawa, anchor WBBM-TV. Cost: $125 before July 1; $145 after July 1. Sat. banquet and dance: $50 before July 1; $55 after July 1. Information: Elsie Ogawa, registrar, 708/679-4710.

Ohio

Cleveland

Thurs.-Sun.,—Aug. 19-22—EDC-MDC-MPDC JACL Tri-District meeting. Sheraton Cleveland City Centre Hotel, 777 St. Claire Ave. NE, Cleveland. Cost: $90, register before July 14; Joyce Asamoto-Theus, Treasurer, 216/582-5443; 10053 Hawley Dr., North Royalton, OH 44133. Hotel: $75/night, single or double; $85/night, triple or quad. Registration and hospitality, Thurs; luncheon, workshops and Midwest Bash reception, Fri.; workshops, Taiko performance and banquet with Irene Natividad, Sat.; joint tri-district meeting and Taiko performance, Sun. Information: Hank Tanaka, 216/229-2491.

Michigan

Detroit

Frl.-Sun., Aug. 20-22—Detroit Chapter, JACL, sponsors a weekend trip to the annual Ginza Holiday at the Midwest Buddhist Temple, Chicago. Trip includes lodging in downtown Chicago and transportation. Cost: $100, members; $110 non-members. Information: Toshi Shimoura, 313/356-3089.

Washington

Auburn

Saturday, July 24—White River Buddhist Temple Bon Odori Festival, temple's front parking lot, 3625 Auburn Way North, Auburn, 5 p.m. Free. Food, dance, fresh produce and ikebana and bonsai displays. Dance practices: from early July, 7:30 p.m. Information: June Nakano, 206/833-1442.

Seattle

Wednesday, July 21—Nikkei Horizons sponsors a trip to see "Carousel," Renton Civic Theatre, 6:45 p.m. Information: 206/323-7100.

Sunday, July 25—Seattle Chapter JACL and 1000 Club annual golf tournament, Jefferson Golf Course, 1:30 p.m. Tee-off times limited to first 40 golfers to sign up. Entry fee: $25, including dinner at South China Restaurant. Dinner only: $15. Information: Kiyo Sakahara, 206/526-5009 or Mas Kinoshita, 206/721-0717.

Through Sunday, Dec. 12—Wing Luke Asian Museum presents, "Snapshot: Our World, Our Children," 407 7th Ave., S., Closed Mondays. Cost: $2.50, adults; $1.50, students/seniors; $.75, children under 12. Information: 206/623-5124.

California

Sacramento

Friday, July 23—Southeast Asian Assistance Center will hold a half day conference on "Alzheimer's Disease, Caring For Asian Families with Memory Problems," Bethany Presbyterian Church, 5626 24th St, 8:30 a.m to 12 p.m. Information: Jan Hunt or Hon Lam, 916/421-1036.

San Francisco area

Saturday, July 17—Lake Park United Methodist Church presents, "Summer Serenade," a benefit dance, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Ln., 8 p.m. Cost: $12.50. Information: George Oyama, 510/525-5784 or Leo Saito, 510/893-7092.

Saturday, July 24—Japanese American National Library presents an open forum, "Legacies of Japanese American Culture." Panelists will discuss their specific experiences and group discussion will follow. JANL, 1619 Sutter St, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Information: Rita Takahashi or Karl Matsushita, 415/567-5006.

Sunday, Aug. 29—San Mateo Chapter, JACL, sponsors the Yosh Kojimoto memorial golf tournament, San Mateo Muni Golf Course, Coyote Point, 10:30 a.m. Cost: $42, with cart; $35, without cart. Sign-up deadline: Aug. 8. Information: Vince Assi, 745 Pico Ave., San Mateo, CA. 94403; 415/349-3590.

San Jose area

Thursday, July 22—Yu-Ai Kai's day trip to San Francisco, 588 N. 4th St., 8:30 a.m. Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park, no host lunch in Japantown and shopping. Cost: $24, $21, Yu-Ai Kai senior club members. Information: 408/294-2505.

Saturday, Aug. 7—San Jose Chapter, JACL, hosts annual tennis tournament, West Valley College. Cost: $20, per team. Information: Sayeko Nakamura, 408/267-9032 or Yoshi Deguchi, 408/295-6457.

Saturday, Sept. 18—Sixth annual reunion for former residents of San Benito County, Ridgemark Golf and Country Club, Hollister, 12 p.m. Cost: $20, send to: Mitsugi Hane, 778 N. 6th St., San Jose, Ca. 95112; by Aug. 20. Information: Dennis Nishita, 408/623-2567; Tak Obata, 415/345-5565; Mitsugi Hane, 408/293-7106; Hiroshi Wada, 213/321-9761 or Joe Obata, 408/842-3366.

Saturday, Sept. 25—San Jose Chapter, JACL, sponsors fourth annual Casino Night fundraiser, Italian Gardens.

Stockton area

Saturday, July 17—French Camp Chapter, JACL, is holding its annual community bazaar, French Camp JACL Hall, E. French Camp Rd., 4 p.m. Japanese food and game booths. Information: George Komuro, 209/982-1744.

Los Angeles area

July 1-August 31—UCI Library is displaying a portion of the Noma Collection, 7,000 volumes of Japanese and English-language publications, contains general and scholarly works on various areas of Japanese studies. Information: William Wong, 714/856-8147.

Mon.-Fri., July 12-23—USC and the Mayor's community redevelopment agency present, the Minority Program in Real Estate Finance and Development, USC campus. Cost: $2,950, meals and housing. Scholarships available. Information: Dr. David Dale Johnson, 213/740-6526.

July 10 to Oct. 17—Japanese American National Museum presents the photos of Jack M. Iwata, "One More Shot: Documenting Changing U.S.-Japan Relations," 369 E. First St., L.A. Information: 213/625-0414.

Friday, July 16—Japanese American National Museum presents "Larry Honda Quartet," featuring jazz composer and pianist Glenn Horiuchi, 369 E. First St., L.A., 7:30 p.m. Cost: $14 for non-members, $9 for Museum members, reservations required. Information: 213/625-0414.

Saturday, July 17—Oxnard Buddhist Church Obon Festival, 250 South H St, Oxnard, from 2 p.m. Information: 805/483-5948.

Saturday, July 17—Japanese American National Museum unveils the "Toyo Miyatake's Camera" sculpture by artist Nobuho Nagasawa, free to Museum members or with Museum admission, 369 E. First St., L.A., 12:30 p.m. Information: 213/625-0414.

Sat.-Sun., July 17-18—Orange County Buddhist Church Annual Obon Festival, 909 South Dale St, Anaheim, from 2 p.m. Information: 714/527-9186.

Friday, July 30—Keiro's 2nd annual charity golf classic, California Country Club, 1509 S. Workman Mill Rd., Whittier, 11:30 a.m. Cost: $100, entry fee, cart and dinner. Information: 213/263-5693.

San Diego

Sunday, July 18—San Diego Chapter, JACL, and Union of Pan Asian Communities present Akira Kurosawa's "The Lower Depths," Kiku Gardens, 1260 3rd Ave., Chula Vista, 2 p.m. English subtitles. Cost: seniors free; $2, others. Information: Kiku Gardens, 619/422-4951.

Reminder: PC summer schedule

Pacific Citizen announces its revised summer schedule. This week's issue, dated July 9-22, is the first double issue or bi-weekly issue of the summer.

Our summer issues are dated as follows:

July 9-22
July 23-Aug. 5
August 6-19.

We resume our weekly schedule with the August 20-26 issue.

Issues will be dated inclusively from Friday to the following Thursday, rather than the single Friday date. *Pacific Citizen's* frequency schedule is included in our identification statement on page 2.

JACL searching for new national director

JACL is currently accepting applications for JACL national director, filling the position vacated by Dennis Hayashi, now director of the Office of Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services.

National headquarters posted the job opening in the second week of June and has received several inquiries.

Lillian Kimura said of the applicants, "I expect that we will receive applications from many highly qualified candidates. However, Dennis' accomplishments during his short tenure here will be a difficult act to follow."

Neal Taniguchi, vice president for general operations, added, "The national director is a difficult, high profile position, a position which must exhibit leadership on civil rights issues, as well as cater to the needs of our diverse membership."

Individuals interested in applying for the national director position should send a cover letter and resume to JACL National Headquarters, attn: Personnel Committee, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94115; 415/921-5225. Deadline: July 12, 1993. Copies of job description available upon request.

Small kid time — Gwen Muranaka



Out-going EEOC official details glass ceiling, model minority myth

Speaking at the June 25 Annual Conference of the Chinese American Librarians Association in New Orleans, La., a commissioner of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) detailed the past history of private and government-sanctioned discrimination in the U.S. against immigrants from Asia.

After acknowledging the most egregious forms of discrimination encountered by black Americans and Native Americans, EEOC Commissioner Joy Cherian said: "Many African Americans were brought to this country forcibly as slaves. But then, Asians are the only racial group that have ever been singled out in this country from even immigrating on the basis of their race and denied the right to become citizens."

In his last major speech as an EEOC commissioner before he leaves government service, Cherian expressed dismay at the number of times during his six years in office he had faced the question whether Asian Americans were entitled to be even considered a minority or had any legitimate claims to historical discrimination in this country. He stated that the "model minority" myth about Asian Americans had blinded many public officials as well as private-sector decision makers to the real discrimination faced by highly qualified Asian Americans, even those who had immigrated to this country as recently as the last two decades.

Cherian mentioned specific cases of discrimination that he had ruled on, along with other Members of the Commission, which unquestionably demonstrate the real glass ceiling recent immigrants from Asia have faced in federal employment.

Dr. Cherian released data showing a gross disparity between the numbers of Asian American professionals employed in private industry and their employment as officials and managers. Over 38,000 private employers who had filed reports with the EEOC in 1991 disclosed that over 5% of all professionals employed by them are Asian Americans. But the reports showed that Asian Americans are less than 2% of all officials and managers employed in those same establishments.

Cherian commented: "Among the minority groups for which we collect these data, Asian Americans are the only ones that are disproportionately under-represented in the management positions by comparison to their participation rates in professional jobs." He added: "Please don't get me wrong. I don't suggest that all of this is due to discrimination, nor that all managers and officials necessarily come from among the ranks of professionals. But those numbers are like the numbers on a thermometer: they don't tell you what disease the patient has, but they surely tell you you'd better ask the doctor."

Cherian, whose official term expire at the end of July and who has not been reappointed to the job, then told the community and professional leaders that they have an important role to play in dismantling this true glass ceiling that Asian Americans face along with other minorities and women. He asked the corporate leaders to "encourage the selection of boards of directors with sensitivity to issues affecting women and miporities." But having minority or women directors will not of itself "guarantee the kind of sensitivity it takes to shatter the glass ceiling. Every director selected should have appropriate edueation, relevant experience, and genuine sensitivity to issues" related to the glass ceiling. He suggested the need for senior human resources' officials to organize appropriate sensitivity training and educational programs for their supervisors and managers.

EEOC enforces federal laws prohibiting discrimination in employment. The federal laws enforced by the EEOC (and the bases on which those laws protect individuals) are: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race, color, religion, sex, national origin); the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (age 40 and over); the Equal Pay Act of 1963 (sex); and portions of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (disabilities).



GEARING UP—Artist Hiro Yamagata stands over his commemorative poster for the 53rd annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival, Aug. 7-15, in Los Angeles. Around him, from bottom left, clockwise, are Nisei queen contestants: Linda Makuta, Jean Kiso, Susie Koike, Kimberly Stapchuk, Cecilia Matsuoka, Naomi Ono, and Michelle Suzuki.

Nisei Week Festival set for Aug. 7-15

The Nisei Week Festival, scheduled for Aug. 7-15 in Los Angeles, will again feature a number of cultural and entertainment events brought together by a variety of artistic individuals.

Recent announcements include:

● Artist Hiro Yamagata was commissioned to create a special commemorative poster for the 53rd annual event. Titled "Ellis Island," the poster will be available in numbered hand-signed prints. Information: 213/680-4039.

● Actress Nobu McCarthy, artistic director of the East West Players of Los Angeles, has been named marshal of the 1993 Nisei Week Japanese Festival Parade, according to James Okazaki, event general chairman.

The parade is scheduled for 4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 8. This year the parade begins on Central Avenue, then moves west on Second Street, north on Los Angeles Street, then east on First Street, returning to Central Avenue.

● Ondo practice for the 1993 Nisei Week Festival will be held from July 16-30, on Wednesday and Friday evenings, coordinated by Furitsuke teacher Madame Kansuma Fujima, the official choreographer of the event.

The general public is invited to learn Ondo dances from Fujima. During the parade an section for public dancing is open to men and women practiced this year's steps.

● The California Japanese Ceramic Arts Guild will exhibit works of art at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 So. San Pedro St., Los Angeles.

Guest artists will also be featured this year, including Kay Mura of Hawaii, Joe Narushi and Ace Sumida of Los Angeles, and Ted Saito, Dot Kimura and Reiko Campbell of San Diego. The exhibit runs from Aug. 7-10. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Arizona Chapter president writes to Texas senator about 'Jap Road'

Support for the two Houston Chapter, JACL, women battling to change the name of Jap Road in Beaumont, Texas, continues to grow. Arizona Chapter President Joe Allman has followed up with another letter, this time to Texas Republican Sen. Phil Gramm, asking for his assistance in resolving the matter.

In the June 29 letter, Allman said, "We can appreciate the original intent of honoring the Japanese American farmers; however, since World War II the term "Jap" has taken on an ugly and demeaning connotation and we have been asking that the useage of "Jap" be discontinued.

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary lists "Jap" as "usually used disparagingly."

Allman had previously sent a similar letter dated June 24 to Jefferson County, Texas, Commissioner Mark Domingue, who said that the Jap Road name would remain since local residents had no desire to change it.

This was followed on June 28 by letters from JACL National President Lillian Kimura and JACL Regional Director Bill Yoshino. Kimura related similar informations about the use of the racial epithet.

N.Y. Nikkei paper stops publication

After 48 years, the New York *Nichibei*, ceased publication July 1. Isaku Kida, president, Japanese American News Corporation, said, "We have been publishing our paper under severe financial pressure for some time, especially for the past two years."

The president said the board of directors met June 13 and decided to close the operations.

Edward Moran, English editor, said in his final column, "As one of many chroniclers of the Japanese American experience from 1988 to 1993, I've learned much about myself and about the real-deal guts of things. For this I will be forever grateful."

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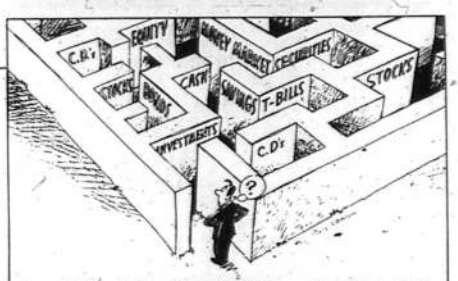
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plauded at the Sayonara banquet.

Roy T. Inouye, national NAJC president, of Kamloops, B.C., convention co-chair, and Dr. Henry Shimizu, JCRF chair, of Edmonton, both noted the success of the convention and the enthusiastic comments from participants—local, out-of-town, and from the U.S. and Latin America.

"It made us (Japanese Canadians) realize we have arrived at the gateway of global liaison and to be able to communicate, interchange ideas and better relate with Nikkei in other countries," Inouye added. The JC Redress Foundation funds projects that develop Japanese Canadians fully as individuals and as a community, and, in this respect, globally as well.

This was PANA-Canada's first convention with some 200 Nikkei from outside Canada. Of that number, 110 came up from the United States, convention coordinator Shigeko Ando noted. Sizeable contingents came from Mexico, Brazil, Peru, and Paraguay as well as from Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Colombia, and Japan.

PANA

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the intense Japanese Canadian campaign and co-signed the redress agreement on behalf of NAJC with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in 1988 that acknowledges the WWII treatment of JCs was "unjust and violated principles of human rights." Besides individual payments, a $12 million fund was established as community compensation to be allocated to deserving projects. The fund has been oversubscribed by some 500 applications, it was learned from a foundation committee member.

Toy manufacturer Carlos Kasuga of Mexico was re-elected PANA International president, an honor and responsibility he has assumed since 1981 when the first PANA convention was held in Mexico City.

A Sayonara highlight was Canada's Mark Ando, PANA International 2nd vice president, passed the symbolic baton, "El Testimonio," which was in his care the past biennium, to Peru's Luis Sakoda, PANA International 1st vice president, to show confidence in the recipient for the next PANA convention.

Close to 500 participants were registered, including the 36 karaoke contestants from Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Peru, U.S. and Canada. Carmen Kobashigawa of Peru won the first prize.

"Shag" Ando, Tony and Kim Tamayose coordinated more than Canadian Nikkei conference volunteers and youth, who were cited from their hospitality during the four-day affair.

JAPAN

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300,000 overseas Japanese in the 10 PANA countries, are being denied the right to participate in the process. "It is the natural right of a citizen being able to vote," he said in explaining his motion, which was seconded for purposes of discussion.

The support which PANA could give, according to Kanai, would strengthen PANA's mission of cooperation and friendship in North and South America. The PANA International executive board tabled the proposal.

A delegate from Mexico, Enrique Shibayama, opposed the Kanai resolution, explaining, "We in PANA should run parallel with OJA (Overseas Japanese Association), not cross over with them." An Issei participant from Brazil, who said he left Japan 30 years ago, said that while he was a Japanese citizen he has no interest in voting and opposed the resolution.

An Argentine participant said this issue of suffrage for overseas Japanese has come up annually at OJA conventions. He said the matter was always accompanied by stories of how much the Issei struggled in America.

In Mexico, the PANA organization is regarded as an all-Mexican citizen group. In the U.S., PANA has no citizenship distinction, "Nikkei" meaning "persons of Japanese ancestry."

Randy Enomoto, presiding at the final session, called for a show of hands to have the motion adopted and referred to the PANA International executive board for consideration.

At OJA conferences, voting rights in Japan is also tied to another emotional issue—pensions for Japanese citizens overseas. This, however, was not addressed at the PANA event.

Booklet on Internment

The motion calling for PANA to coordinate a publication of the comparative histories of WWII exclusion, internment, and eventual resolution with redress was passed. It was submitted by Roy Miki, moderator of the panel on internment, where many were shocked by the treatment of the Japanese Peruvians who were arrested and taken to the U.S. for internment as "enemy aliens." Peru-born Lidia Yamamoto, now of Hayward, Calif., related the story of some 2,000 from Peru who, when the war ended, were told they had two alternatives: Don't come back to Peru or go to Japan. (Editor's note: Some 300 Japanese Mexican families were ordered away in January, 1942, from the coast and U.S. borders. They abandoned their property and resettled without government assistance in Mexico City or Guadalajara.)

"The internment story with an international concept is a different story in the history of redress and should be documented," the session chair was told by a participant. "We, Canadians, didn't know about the Peruvians being interned." While this resolution was unanimously adopted and presented to the PANA executive board, the sense was that there would no action until the executive board meets in 1995. Another factor is the problem of attaining funds as PANA's budget is chiefly expended for staging the conference, observed a delegate from Peru.

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Scholarships

San Diego Chapter honors 17 grads

By **Tets Kashima,**
San Diego Chapter, JACL

Seventeen outstanding Greater San Diego Area high school graduates were presented scholarships in the presence of their parents and the Nikkei community. Kent Ninomiya, KGTV Channel 10 news reporter, was the main speaker. This marked the 36th anniversary of the JACL scholarship awards.

Amy Elizabeth Ito of Morse High School, daughter of Carol and George Ito, was the first-place winner of the $1,000 JACL award. She starred on the women's softball varsity and math team, and won, as the Greater San Diego finalist, a trip to Mississippi for the National Science and Engineering Fair. She plans to major in biology at UC-San Diego.

The other 16 winners are: **$750—Christina Koto Wainwright,** Montgomery; **$500—Brian J. Hirakawa,** Chula Vista; **$250—George Takeshi DeMarino,** Carlsbad; **Clifford I. Fukunaga,** Fallbrook; **Jill H. Furuoka,** Serra; **Andrew T. Kuwazaki,** Santana; **Deborah Marvin,** West Hills; **Mieko Lee Miyagawa,** El Camino; **Jeremy T. Okuma,** West Hills; **Kelly K. Ozaki,** Madison; **Mitsuru Ramirez,** El Camino; **Yayoi A. Suzuki,** Mt. Carmel; **Yuri Takei,** Mt. Carmel; **Miki Tsubota,** San Dieguito; **Kimberly A. Vega,** Sweetwater; **Tetsuji Zenas Watari,** Carlsbad.



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ALAYNA E. OHS

High Desert Chapter honors two students

By **VICTORIA K. MISAKA**
High Desert Chapter, JACL

The High Desert Japanese American Citizens League awarded two $750 scholarships to graduating students from the Antelope Valley High School, Stacie A. Yamaguchi and Alayna E. Ohs. Criteria for the scholarships were academic achievement and participation in extra-curricula activities.

Yamaguchi, class valedictorian, earned a 4.0 grade point average. Her clubs, honors, and activities inlcude: vice president of Associated Student Body; vice chairman

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Personally speaking

Medicine

Elaine T. (Kanegai) Lips, president of ELACOR Resources Group, Inc., a Los Angeles-based health care information systems and medical record consulting firm, was honored with the sixth professional achievement award by the California Health Information Service in Sacramento. The daughter of West Los Angeles JACLers Toy and George Kanegai also won the Southern California Health Information Association's professional achievement award. Lips is a member of the Trustees Associates of the California Medical Center, Los Angeles; American Health Information Management Association, and other health information systems groups.

Honors

The regional chapter of the National Conference of Christian and Jews honored community leader and judoist, **Yosh Uchida,** for "adding significantly to the quality of life in the San Jose community."

Coinciding with Older American Month in May, **Yoji Ozaki, 70,** of Chicago was awarded Operation ABLE's senior achievement award.

The U.S. Small Business Administration recognized KGO-TV morning news anchor, **Sydnie Kohara,** 35, as the district "media advocate of the year" for her outstanding coverage of the small business community.

Politics

Burien, Wash., a bedroom community near Seattle, was incorporated in February and its council members elected its first mayor, Bombay, India-born **Arun Jhaveri,** an engineer with the U. S. Department of Energy. His major task is the hold back of a third runway at Sea-Tac Airport.



Health award

The American Hospital Association (AHA) honored Yoshi Honkawa, vice president for government and industry relations at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles for his long-lasting contributions to the AHA. Well known for his role in the health policy-making field, he has also served with the L.A. County Department of Health Services. Cedars is the largest non-profit community medical center west of the Mississippi.

He came to the U.S. as a student in the 1960s to attend the University of Washington and the University of Massachusetts for graduate work where he met his wife Valerie.

He returned to UW for his doctorate and was hired as a research engineer by Boeing to study noise control in the new 747 jumbo jet. As a science and technology adviser for Seattle Mayors Uhlman and Royer, he got his first taste of municipal government. He spent the '80s as project manager for the Army Corps of engineers.

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From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

A well written past

Bill Sakayama's travels have taken him to many places—from a Central California farm to the University of Nebraska just ahead of the Evacuation, to the University of Colorado, to the Military Intelligence Service Language School in Minnesota, to Occupation duty in Japan, to Boston University, to the steel export business, to Otagiri Mercantile. He now lives in retirement in Florham Park, N.J.

In all that time he never lost track of a now-yellowing and crumbling scrapbook into which is pasted newspaper and magazine clippings, not of news events but writings which he considered memorable. He sent me the scrapbook recently for perusal. I found among the clippings the work of a veritable Who's Who of Nisei writers going back to the late 1930s and the very early 1940s. Here are some of them:

Larry Tajiri, his wife Marion and brother Vince, writing on a variety of subjects.

John Fujii telling tales about the interesting characters he'd met or heard of while bumming around.

Joe Oyama, recounting the merits and demerits of cheap hotels he had to stay in while traveling up and down California, and exploring the Deep South.

Tsuyoshi Matsumoto, a Japanese minister, being very earnest in a column titled "To the Nisei." Matsumoto's writing takes up many pages of the scrapbook. That may be more a reflection of what impressed Sakayama at the time than of the Rev. Mr. Matsumoto's writing skills.

Other by-lines that are represented in the scrapbook include George Furiya, Roku Sugahara, Kimpei Sheba, George Yasukochi, Stanley Shimabukuro, Dyke Miyagawa, Hideo Okusako, Robert Tsuda, Paul Iida and Kazumaro (Buddy) Uno, many now dead, many well-remembered by Nisei who grew up in that prewar era. There may be others I missed.

In those times there seemed to be no shortage of Nisei willing and able to share their thoughts in writing and, if Sakayama's scrapbook is any indication, there were readers who were impressed by the literary efforts.

Some of the writing stands up well today. Unfortunately, such were the times that few of the aspiring writers—aside from notables like Larry Tajiri and John Fujii—had the opportunity to go on to write for larger audiences as journalists or authors. Among the exceptions is Sheba, Japanese rather than Nisei, who became news editor of the Japan *Times* and editor of the Asahi *Evening News*, both English language publications.

What interested Sakayama, judging from the clippings he kept, were earnest discussions about racial discrimination and economic opportunity (or, more accurately, the lack of it) for young Japanese Americans. But Sakayama also kept clippings of Nisei doing things unusual for Nisei of those times, leaving the beaten path to explore new areas of activity, and there were many of them.

Sakayama's scrapbook was a window to the past. Assuming that the files of most prewar Japanese American publications are gone or unavailable, scrapbooks like his should make an interesting study for Yonsei and Gosei seeking to understand their origins.

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



Moshi Moshi

JIN KONOMI

My Santa Maria days

My hydrogen bomb article (*P.C.*, Nov. 13, 1992) was a dud to humiliate me forevermore. I ended up by bragging what a naughty fellow I was, but failed to explain how it was that I, a meek and timid lad then, felt so encouraged to cut up the way I had. I think it is more important and to the point than how mischievous I was.

In 1923, the Santa Maria Junior College was in the becalmed eye of the anti-Japanese storm that raged in the outside world. Hiram Johnson who, as governor in 1913, had signed into law California's state policy to deny land ownership to aliens deemed unassimilable—meaning the Japanese, was now the U.S. senator and was pushing hard for the total ban of Japanese immigration, including the so-called picture brides.

President Coolidge was opposed to such a policy, but in those days the presidents did not have the imperial power and prestige of the Reagan-Bush presidency. When the bill was put on the floor, Ambassador Hagiwara Masanao of Japan, who was not known for making fiery statements, stirred up a furor—I think Congress was putting on an act—when he said such a law would lead to "grave consequences." The poor man was recalled. And the bill was passed. But I'm running a year ahead of my story.

One of the best sellers of the year was *The Pride of Palomar* by Peter B. Kyne. I have completely forgotten what the story was about, what the names of the main characters were, except that of the villain — Baron Harada.

Viewed against the political and social reality of those times, there was an almost dream-like quality to the three years I spent in Santa Maria. But what I was feeling was not altogether euphoria, but I had solid reasons for my happiness. With my limited experience of life, and immature thinking ability, I could not formulate them at that time.

What I could only feel, and that vaguely, are now becoming clear as I read more and more about the way Japan's public schools are (prison-like, petty, meddlesome rules and regulations that extend beyond school hours, compulsory group activities, emphasis on rote learning, dress and personal grooming codes, etc.) and, especially, what the young returnees must undergo at the hands of students who never left home (bully-ragging, backbiting, open ridicule, exclusion from group plays, etc.)

I came to America mentally braced to meet some unpleasantness. But at the Santa Maria High School I did not experience any. Usually I was alone, but I had never been a mixer in Japan. To begin with, most of my high school classmates were kind and a few of them went out of their way to be helpful. In two years I had a working command of English and had caught up with U.S. history and civics.

I had lost much of my native shyness and mostly forgotten my consciousness of a separate identity. I could act as "one of them" in the still tiny junior college which was only two years old. Jack Grisinger, Roseborough Vance and I used to do all our homework in the J.C. Reading Room before going home and so a mutual feeling of comradeship developed.

Altogether I was feeling so free that I never stopped to think of the consequences

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Letters

Wants support for Nikkei Texans battling 'Jap Road'

I am very concerned about the lack of practical support by the staff and national JACL regarding the efforts of two Nikkei women and the Houston Chapter, JACL, to change the name of "Jap Road" in Beaumont (Texas).

It is especially important that we work with chapters which are in areas which are not the centers of Japanese American activities and organizations.

We need to give them names of people and groups they can contact for help. Particularly effective would be the presence of military men, both Japanese Americans and Texans who participated in efforts of the "Lost Battalion" during World War II. I understand the JA's were designated "honorary Texans."

There are civil rights organizations, human relations groups, and other ethnic and church people who would respond to their efforts. The people of Beaumont need to know that "Jap" is as offensive as any other racial epithet . . . would the people tolerate the term "Nigger Road," or "Kike Road?"

The two women, Sandra Nakata and Betty Waki, should be commended for their courageous stand. That they have to withstand personal threats is a very serious situation.

I urge the national JACL and staff to give priority in time and effort to the Texas JACL chapter. Discuss options and strategy, and names of organizations and people. Can the other chapters help?

And hopefully, attention will be paid to

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sentative added that JACL is particularly sensitive since the military during World War II was racially segregated.

Others joining King included: Dr. Joseph Lowery, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Torie Osborn, executive director, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; Laura Murphy Lee, director, ACLU Washington bureau; Dr. Mary Francis Berry, commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Ralph Neas, executive director, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; Tom Stoddard, coordinator, Military Service and Maurice Franklin, National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum.

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of Lancaster Youth Commission; president of California Scholarship Federation, class senator all four years; Mathletes; Elks Most Valuable Student, Honorable Mention.

She plans to attend Bentley College in Waltham, Mass., with a full-ride scholarship for four years, majoring in business management.

Her parents: Arthur and Darlene Yamaguchi.

Alayna E. Ohs earned a 3.92 grade point average. Her clubs, honors, and activities include: member of the California Scholarship Federation; Associated Student Body student recognition committee (1990-92); Junior Varsity Tennis Coach's award; Girls State Representative (1992); Work Experience award (1992); Elks Most Valuable Student, Third Place.

She plans to attend Westmont College in Santa Barbara, Calif., and major in history.

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the problems of communication.

Chizu Iiyama
El Cerrito, Calif.

Editor's Note: Concern such as yours has generated action. JACL National President Lillian Kimura sent a letter to a Beaumont official June 28 in support of Sandra Tanamachi Nakata and Betty Waki, as did Arizona Chapter, JACL, President Joe Allman in a June 24 letter. Similarly, JACL Midwest Regional Director Bill Yoshino sent a June 28 letter to the local newspaper, re-affirming the position that the word "Jap" is considered a racial slur. Allman has since followed up with another letter to Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Texas). See story on page 3.

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Fujita, Jerry S, 68, Gardena, May 16; San Jose-born, survived by wife Aiko, son Dr. Norman K (Denver), daughter Nancy Greene, 2 gc., sister Yuriko Fujita, sisters-in-law Tomiko Tango (Hawaii), Fumi Tango, Mits Yoshida (both Jpn), brother-in-law Isamu Matsumoto (Jpn).

Hatago, Guy T, 74, Lomita, May 14; San Fernando-born WWII veteran; survived by sons Edward, Andrew, Terry, daughter Susan Kamb (San Jose), 3 gc, brother George Hatago.

Inada, Yaye, 91, Fallbrook, Calif., May 27; Kumamoto-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by 2 sons Shoichi, Kenzo, 4 daughters Kazume Okumura, Fusako (both Jpn), Mitsuko Shimizu, Shiori Kurachi, 12 gc., 3 great-gc., brother Tsuruo Okura (Jpn).

Inose, Seijiro, 95, Torrance, May 29; Ibaraki-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by wife Yoshi, son Kenichi, daughters Kiyoko Yoshiyama, Hiroko Sakamoto, Yuriko Nakatani, 10 gc.

Itani, Tom T, 75, North Hollywood, May 30; Montebello-born, survived by daughters Mary Jane Mayeda, Judy, 2 gc.

Ito, Keiji, 63, Vista, May 20; Venice-born and former Oxnard resident, survived by wife Takako, daughters Tomoko, Yasuko, brother Kenji (Camarillo), sisters Etsuko Ito (Encinitas), Junko Ito (Cerritos), in-laws: mother Shizue Oyama, brother Yuko Oyama, sister Shigeko Ichikawa (Jpn).

Kajimoto, Sadako K, 70, Gardena, May 25; Lyman, Idaho-born, survived by son Tyrone K, daughter Renee Prather (Portland), sisters Mitzie Kashitani, Toshiko Tamura, companion Sueo Tamura.

Kawano, Hatsuko, 89, Gardena, May 28; Hiroshima-born, survived by sons Kengo, Paul, 3 gc., brother Masami Okasaki.

Kobayashi, Stanley H, 45, Los Angeles, May 18; Los Angeles-born Vietnam War veteran, survived by son Kevin, father Larry, mother Chiyoko, brother James, sister Jo Anne, fiancée Mary Nishina.

Kubo, Christine Shimada, 50, West Covina, May 15; Tokyo-born, survived by husband Daniel, sons Yoichi, Ryuji, Shuichi Hasegawa, brother, Akihiro Kitakake (Larkspur).

Maeda, Kent F, 30, Gardena, May 16 of heart condition; Los Angeles-born Sansei, survived by wife Miriam, son Justin, parents Dr. Tom and Akiko, sisters Ayako Motoyasu, Midori Kubota, brother Lance, parents-in-law Alberto and Felina Vergara.

Maruyama, Noboru, 62, Gardena, June 3; San Fernando-born, survived by wife Kazuko, sons Kenneth, Arthur, daughter Helen Wada, 1 gc., sister Toshiye Fujii (Ventura).

Miyake, Kinue, 101, Los Angeles, May 31; Osaka-born, survived by grandnephew Norihiko Kimura.

Miyake, Yoshimitsu, 93, Gardena, May 30; Fukuoka-born, survived by daughters Louise Otani, May Miyake, Ellen Takeuchi, 4 gc.

Miyauchi, Toshio Myles, 72, Pasadena, May 18 in Las Vegas of heart condition; Fresno-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Ruth, daughters Regina, Carol Friedman, Rene, 3 gc, brothers Hisashi, Hiroshi and Fred, sisters Miyo Honkawa, Sue Arai, Helen Tazawa, Mary Endo.

Morton, Chiyo Nishimura, 71, Compton, May 15; Tottori-born, survived by husband William , sons Tony, Dario, daughters Floria, Anna Frankel, 7 gc, brothers Kaoru and Takeshi Nishimura (both Jpn).

Motoyasu, Shimeno, 88, Torrance, May 21; Mie-born, survived by son Kazuo Kikuchi (Watsonville), daughter Yoshiko Hiraga (Watsonville), 2 step-sons Paul and Ken Motoyasu, 4 step-daughters Junko Kozawa, Tazuko Saito, Chizuko Tanita (Arizona), Nobuko Motoyasu, gc.

Nakagawa, Chiye, 98, Gardena, May 3; Hiroshima-born, survived by son Bud H., daughters Hiroko Yano, Kiyomi Takeiri, Misao Morikawa, 10 gc., 17 great-gc., sister Toshino Kambata (Jpn).

Nakamura, Helen M, 51, Garden Grove, June 4; Kona-born Sansei, survived by parents Masao and Toshiko Nakamura (Hawaii), brother Charles, sister Mae Kawamoto.

Nakashima, Hirose, 78, Santa Barbara, May 19; survived by wife Yoshiko, son Kazunobu, daughters Kiyomi Oyama, Noriko Kamei, Yoko Shibao, Mayumi Hori, Shizue Mizono, gc., great-gc.

Nojiri, Muneo J, Torrance, May 11; Sacramento-born WWII veteran, survived by wife Mariko, daughter Catherine, 1 gc., brothers Minemitsu, Toshio, sister Betty Imura.

Shimizu, Kaoru C, 76, Sun City, June 4; Montebello-born, survived by wife Toshiko, sisters Mitsuko Yamane, Katsuye Shimizu, Michiyo Shimizu, Sadako Furuyama (all Jpn).

Suechika, Hitoshi T, 74, Rosemead, May 14; Sanger-born, survived by wife Kay, son Ken, 3 gc., brother Ben, sisters Grace Okazaki, Jayne Fukami, Mae Tsushima.

Sugimoto, Hiroshi Ben, 84, San Jose, May 14 (rites), retired Nisei farmer and Yu-Ai Kai volunteer, survived by wife Sachiko, son Gene, daughters Donna Nelson (Santa Ana), Sandra Egherman (Los Gatos), brother John, sisters Lily Inouye, June Iguuye (both Los Angeles), Julie Saito (Fresno), sister-in-law Frances Sugimoto.

Takagi, George T, 72, Los Angeles, May 27; Los Angeles-born, survived by wife Rosie, son Max Shin, daughter Margaret Loo, 5 gc, sister Mariko Takagi.

Takano, Hideko, 61, Los Angeles, May 13; Fukuoka-born naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by son Tom, daughter Cindy Ann, 2 gc., sisters Kazuko Takano, Teiko Tanigawa (both Jpn).

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