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JACL news

Senate committee refuses to move on redress bill

By KAREN K. NARASAKI

Washington, D.C. representative The Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992, S. 2553 is pending in the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee chaired by Senator John Glenn (D-OH). It has not come up for a hearing because of the continued insistence by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that the additional \$320 million being sought not be accorded the same treatment under the Budget Enforcement Act as the original funds.

Senator Cranston (D-CA) has agreed to become a co-sponsor. Congress begins its summer recess on August 10. The recess does not end until September 8. That means that the Senators and Representatives will probably be in their home states and districts for a part of that time. If anyone wants

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New long distance service offered to JACL members

A long distance telephone service provided by Members' Long Distance Advantage will soon be available to JACL members as a new membership benefit. This program will not only give JACL members substantial discounts,

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Convention update

Congressman, mayor to receive UNO awards

Rep. George Miller (D-Calif) and McGehee, Ark., Mayor Rosalie will be presented with the JACL Edison Uno Memorial Civil Rights Award given to an individual or organization for outstanding contributions and leadership in the field of civil rights at each JACL biennial national convention.

Miller, whose 7th District encompasses most of Contra Costa in Northern California, is chair of the House Interior Committee. He has been a longtime supporter of issues of concern to Japanese American and other Asian Ameri-

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Rohwer Center is designated national historic landmark

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—The Rohwer Relocation Center Memorial Cemetery at Rohwer in Desha County has been designated a National Historic Landmark by United States Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan.

The cemetery contains the remains of 24 Japanese Americans who died while interned at the camp after being relocated from the West Coast during World War

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JACL SCHOLARSHIPS

Class of the field

Pacific Citizen presents its annual scholarship issue announcing the academic achievements of students from around the country. We introduce some of these outstanding students with their photos and biographical backgrounds. Congratulations to them and to the Class of 1992

FRESHMAN

David M. Watanabe
Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship - \$5,000

Residence: Omaha, Neb.
Parents: Mike and Judith Watanabe
School: Colorado State University

This number one ranked student (4.05 GPA) at Brownell-Talbot High School in Omaha, says his interest and background in art have not only helped him develop as a person but will guide him in his career as an engineer.

"When I was younger and afraid to interact with my classmates, drawing pictures and creating cartoons was a way I communicated with others. Now I draw because I love it and I know it will become an important component of being a successful engineer," David says.

Many of his teachers with approving pride feel that this student has truly accomplished a well-rounded stature in school. As well as his art, David also is an accomplished violinist and plays in several community youth orchestras, competitions and at school festivals.

His awards include honors as a National Merit Commended Scholar, top students awards in French, science, and instrumental music.

David found time to participate in competitive sports, including soccer, hockey, football, and basketball.

The scholarship winner is a community activist. He was active in an Omaha youth leadership program, volunteer as a carpenter for Habitat for Humanity, the YWCA House of Dreams, West YMCA, and the First United Methodist Church.

Erin Maki Anzai

Masako and Sumako Itano Scholarship - \$1,000

Residence: Honolulu, Hawaii
Parents: Lyn F. and Earl J. Anzai
School: Duke at Nanzan University

Emphasis on foreign language study, which began when Erin Maki Anzai first attended Japanese school, means a year starting this fall at Nanzan University before resuming her collegiate career at Duke University and then back home to Hawaii to engage in international business. The Punahou School graduate, who was No. 1 (3.975 GPA, 740 SAT-verbal, 750 SAT-math) in her class of 413, has won academic, athletic and extracurricular honors throughout her four-years (with grade indicated) as follows:

Honors—Dean's list (4 yrs.); finalist, National Merit Scholarship, Emory Scholar, National Honor Society (11, 12); National Spanish Exam-I (second in state of Hawaii, 11); Freedom Foundation Leadership (one of seven selected statewide, 11); Wo Internal Scholar (one of 15 statewide in the "Focus on Japan" program, 10); Student government—Class council (4 yrs.); Extracurricular—Volunteer tutoring, camp counselor, Punahou Holoku pageant entertainer; hula, Samoan slap dance, Tahitian dance; part-time summer jobs; Sports—soccer, padding, cross-country and track (which, she reveals, helps her "to relax, relieving tensions.")

Kyle K. Ginoza

Masako and Sumako Itano Scholarship - \$1,000

Residence: Kahului, Hawaii
Parents: Lloyd and Earlyn Ginoza
School: Stanford

Seen as "every teacher's joy" because of his natural curiosity and strong desire to learn, Kyle Ginoza handily proves that through his academic record: No. 1 (4.146 GPA, 660 SAT-verbal and a perfect 800 SAT-math) in his Maui High School class of 299 seniors. His curiosity on how things are made led to a fascination in engineering, mechanical or scientific.

His desire to spark a similar yen for knowledge by other students and realizing that the "future of this earth depends on the youngsters of today" may be attributed to his personality and attitude honed as a member of Kahului Young Buddhists Association. Among his accomplishments besides the grades are:

Class president (10, 11, 12); Math Bowl Team (9, 10); Cross country (4-yr letter, co-captain 10, 11); Tennis (3-yr letter); track (2-yr letter), golf, swimming; Nursing vol-

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DAVID WATANABE



ERIN MAKI ANZAI



KYLE K. GINOZA



TAKASHI TERADA

More student scholarships winners on page 10

"When the scholarship committee of the Twin Cities Chapter, JACL, was selected in 1990 to choose the National JACL Scholarship winners, we realized we had an important and difficult task ahead," said Kimi Hara, chairwoman of the scholarship committee.

"This year, the selection process has been equally if not more difficult than the previous year because of the overall excellence of the candidates. There were over 400 applications in the various categories and 38 winners."

The 38 scholarships were awarded to 14 freshmen, eight undergraduates, nine graduates, two law students, four creative arts students and one judo athlete.

Criteria used to determine scholarship selection were:

- Scholastic Achievement
- Extracurricular Activities
- Community Involvement
- Personal Statement or Essay
- Letters of Recommendation

"This year at the graduate and undergraduate levels, we were extremely

impressed not just by their scholastic excellence but their awareness of their Japanese American heritage," Hara said. "Clearly we have many who will become future leaders in our community."

"The future looks bright," Hara said. "We congratulate the winners and look forward to hear of their continued accomplishments."

The 1992 National JACL Scholarship Committee members are:

Kimi Hara, M.N.A., retired registered nurse, chairwoman; Gladys I. Stone, Ph.D., retired professor emerita, University of Wisconsin, Ryeer Falls; Dr. George Hoshino, retire professor of sociology, University of Minnesota; Tom Ohno, M.A., retired high school math teacher; Lucy Kirihara, M.A., junior high school teacher; Sylvia Yasuda Farrell, M.A., elementary education teacher; and Sally Sudo, B.S., elementary education teacher. May Tanaka assisted with clerical duties.

Cheryl Kagawa at JACL national headquarters, assisted Pacific Citizen with this special section.

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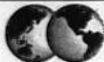
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Canada Vancouver

Fri.-Sun, Oct. 9-11—The National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) sponsors HomeComing '92, a conference for Japanese Canadians. Hotel Vancouver. Registration fee \$145. Information: NAJC, 404 Webb Place, Winnipeg, MB R3B 3J4, 204/943-2910.

Florida Delray Beach

Saturday, Aug. 15—The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens' 15th annual Obon festival, "Carani/Powerful/Jog Road just north of Boca Raton, 6 pm. Admission: \$3. Information: 407/495-0233.

Washington Olympia

Through Sept. 8—Kenjiro Nomura: "An Artist's View of the Japanese American Internment," Washington State Capitol Museum. Information: June McKivior, Nomura, project director, 206/587-2925.

Oregon Portland

Saturday, Aug. 1—Oregon Buddhist Church's Obon fest, 3720 SE 34 St., 4 pm. Information: 503/234-9456.
 Saturday, Aug. 23—Nikkei Community Picnic, Oaks Park.

Nevada Las Vegas

Saturday, Aug. 8—The Las Vegas Buddhist Sangha's 4th annual Obon Festival, 2922 W. Mesquite, Las Vegas.

noon. Bento: \$6. Information: 702/362-3742.

Colorado Denver

Aug. 3-4 1992—JACL's 32nd Biennial National Convention, "JACL: Solid as the Rockies," Denver. Information: Ruth Yamachui, 303/237-9747, or Emile Ito, 303/421-1302 (after 6 p.m.)

Utah Salt Lake City

Saturday, Oct. 10—Davis High School Alumni and Friends Reunion, Little America Hotel & Towers, 500 S Main St, Salt Lake City. Cost: \$30 per person. Information: George Hirabayashi, 3042-S 1000 W, Syracuse, Utah, 84075. 801/773-2285. Hotel reservations: 800/453-9450.

California San Francisco Area

Thursday, Aug. 20—San Mateo JACL chapter's trip on Red and White ferry to Alcatraz. Information: 415/343-2793.
 Friday, Aug. 21—Japanese American National Library's (JANL) 2nd major Bay Area fund-raiser, Nihonmachi Terrace, Hinode Towers, 1615 Sutter St., 7:30 p.m. Guests include: Rep. Norman Mineta and poet/dance Merikata. Tickets: \$30 adults, \$10 students. Information: JANL, PO Box 590598, San Francisco, CA, 94159-0598, 415/567-5006.
 Through Sept. 5—Paintings by Nisei artist Yayoï Aline Shibata on exhibit, 871 Fine Arts, 250 Sutter St., Ste. 450, San Francisco.
San Jose area
 Saturday, Aug. 22—West Valley Chap-

ter, JACL: 15th Annual Daruma Folk Festival, Saratoga Lanes Bowling Alley, Parking Lot, Graves & Saratoga Ave., 10 am to 6 pm. San Jose Taiko drum group, games, and food. Information: 408/253-0458.

Fresno

Through Sunday, Nov. 22—Fresno Metropolitan Museum's "Country Voices: Three Generations of Japanese American Farming," 1555 Van Ness Ave. at Calaveras, Downtown Fresno Mon.-Sun.: 11 a.m. Admission: adults \$3, seniors \$2. Information: 209/441-1444.

Los Angeles area

Thursday/Aug. 6—Marina JACL chapter general meeting, Burton Chace Park, Marina Del Rey, 7 p.m. Topic: earthquake preparedness. Information: Aileen 310/822-3568.
 Saturday, Aug. 15—Orange County Sanees Singles' AIDS Awareness Presentation, O.C. Buddhist Church, 909 S. Dale, Anaheim, 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$10. RSVP: Ken 213/721-1956 by Aug 9. Information: 310/804-3867.
 Saturday, Aug. 15—Marina JACL chapter garage sale, 6618 W. 86th Place, Los Angeles, 8 a.m. Information: Irene 310/870-8417.
 Sunday, Aug. 23—PANA-USA's first picnic, at the Old Lodge in Elysian Park, 11 a.m. Tickets: \$5 from board members, \$7 per person at the gate. Information: Patrick Seki, 213/626-3069.
 Saturday, Oct. 3—5th annual reunion for former San Benito County residents, Kim Sing Restaurant, 15449 S. Westem Ave., Gardena, noon to 6 pm. Cost: \$20 per person. Dress: casual. RSVP by July 15. Mail check to: Edward Masumoto, 428 E. Double St., Carson, CA, 90745 310/835-4454.



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Scholars

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unteer (Maui High finished No. 2 statewide); Tutor volunteer in math, science; Kiwanis Key Club service, and involvement in local environment and energy awareness programs, designated a Hawaii Sterling Scholar competitor for general scholarship.

Takashi Terada

Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi Scholarship - \$1,000
Residence: Torrance, Calif.
Parents: Toshiharu and Noriko Terada
School: Stanford

Honestly [being *shōjiki*] becoms Takashi Terada of North High in Torrance to confess (as of the time the South Bay JACL picked his application for the 1992 National competition) he had no major field of interest in college nor what he wants to be. Being of open mind, he hopes, will determine the choice. The Japanese word above recognizes his having attended Nihongo Gakko since kindergarten with a fluency today in the language, practicing Japanese calligraphy and karate for 10-plus years plus earning a first-degree black belt. He also plays the piano and varsity tennis.

Finishing No. 1 (4.0 GPA, 660 SAT-verbal, 790 SAT-math) in a class of 402, Takashi's academic prowess lists honors as a National Merit Commended Student, Student of the Month (only two from the entire student-body), Principal's Honor Roll for 7 semesters so far, an "Oscar" for excellence in citizenship, achievement citations in English (9,10,11), Social Science (11), Science (11) and Service to School (11), Golden State Exams high honors in Algebra (9) and Geometry (10). His campus club activities range from the state honor society, Future Business Leaders of America to SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving). He helps as a volunteer at the local hospital and for the Torrance float for the Tournament of Roses.

Michael Chengtung Liu

Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi Scholarship - \$1,000
Residence: Park Ridge, N.J.
Parents: Kindtken H. Liu, Emi Sato Liu
School: Harvard

With summer experiences of college life under his belt at West Point and Harvard, honors graduate and Eagle Scout Michael Liu of suburban Park Ridge (N.J.) High School feels college is "another small town waiting to be explored." He was No. 1 (4.0 GPA, 680 SAT-verbal, 780 SAT-math) in his small graduating class of 74. He wants to major in East Asian Studies with a business minor, but the primary goal is



Nihongo which his parents know fluently. His high school counselor revealed he has linguistic talent for Latin, Spanish, Chinese and Japanese plus strengths and a record in tennis (team's MVP), school sports editor, varsity council (vice president, 11), Future Problem Solving team (10,11, team captain 12, state finals), Columbia Scholastic Press (first place: school literary magazine), bowling (tournament semi-finals), Spanish Club, Math Club, Newspaper (9-12).

Individual honors include National Merit Scholarship (semi-finalist), E.J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar (12), Principal's Honor Roll (9-12), Governor's School of N.J. Community Service Corps and *Bergan Record* scholar of the week. He was a Seabrook JACL choice.

Jolene Hiromi Nakao
Gongoro Nakamura Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
Residence: Sacramento, Calif.
Parents: David and Esther Nakao
School: Stanford

Leadership and scholastic honors, even riding in a prize-winning float at Kennedy High's homecoming festivities which she had chaired the last fall, are wrapped around her outgoing personality that Jolene Nakao confesses stems from her mother's oft-stated comment — "Shyness will get you nowhere." She finished No. 1 (GPA 4.0, weighted 4.5, 510 SAT-verbal, 780 SAT-math) in her class of 402 students.

Senior class president Jolene has been varsity cheerleader, member of the Mathlete A-team (first place citywide), varsity debate-forensic team (winning awards in Forensic League meets), diving team (3 varsity letters), president of Future Business Leaders of America, sophomore and junior class officer on the school council, and feature page editor on the school paper (winner of Sacramento Bee's Headliners contest). She scored with high



honors in the Golden State Exams in both algebra and geometry (1989), tutored in math (1989-91), was a student representative to the Sacramento Unified School District (1991-92), a Miss Bussei Award candidate (1991) and a finalist in the local KXTV-10 Spirit of Youth Awards for volunteer service (1991).

Tritia Reina Yamasaki
Sam S. Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
Residence: Seal Beach, Calif.
Parents: Gene and Marie Yamasaki
School: Stanford

Holder of various honors in scholastics and athletics, Tritia Yamasaki ranked No. 1 (4.0 GPA, 680 SAT-verbal, 700 SAT-math) in her class of 498 at Los Alamitos High. Her record is scintillating:

Xerox Award for work in humanities and social sciences and the Rensselaer Medal for math and science, both while a 11th grader; National Merit Scholar finalist, scholar-athlete medalist, 4-year CWF honors student, Rossmore Women's Club student of the month award, Los Alamitos Rossmore Optimist's outstanding scholar-athlete award, Advanced Placement (AP) honors at both 11th (U.S. history, biology, Spanish language) and 12th grades (calculus, European history, chemistry and English IV), co-captain and 4-year letter in women's basketball (plus an All League honorable mention), in track & field, cross country, Ecology club, Science club at school, the SEYO (Nikkei) basketball competition since 1984, a junior volunteer at

Los Alamitos Medical Center (1990/92), and citations as a Tylene Scholar, from the American Society of Newspaper Editors (1991) and the National Charity League.

Yet, her parents and most of her friends say she is an incurable bookworm, which doesn't bother her, for she longs for a career in writing - in research science, that is, perhaps on a cancer cure or restoration of a decimated ozone layer. Her secret dream is to see her own novel some day on the fiction shelf at El Dorado Library.

Yuji Garrett Higaki

Sumitomo Bank of California Freshman Scholarship - \$1,000
Residence: San Jose, Calif.
Parents: Dr. and Mrs. John Higaki
School: Stanford

A high school math-science scholar who is also active in athletics (varsity cross-country and track), church (San Jose Buddhist) and community, complied with the

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Scholars



JACL scholarship committee's requirement to include a personal statement not running more than a typewritten page double-spaced (on his second attempt), and in the process a neologism appears—"nanotechnology," where work is being done to create robots small enough to enter the blood stream and fight cancer. "Almost sounds like a science-fiction fantasy story," he adds.

Yuji Higaki of Piedmont Hills High ranked No. 1 (4.0 GPA, 670 SAT-verbal, 750 SAT-math) in his class of 437. His honors include: National Merit Finalist, Superintendent's Honor Roll (1988-92), scored a 5 on the AP Calculus AB and a 4 on the AP U.S. History exams, Silver Pen award from *San Jose Mercury News* (youngest ever at age 14 to win the award for his letter defending the students at school), Isaac Newton Award in Physics (1991), San Jose Mayor's Youth Conference nominee (1989, 1990), and having enrolled in San Jose State's Step-to-College program, where he finished Calculus III.

Yuji won the NCWN JACL Jr. Olympic Athlete of the Meet trophy in 1991, was a volunteer tutor with local schools, Pies for the Mission, on canned food drives and active with the San Jose Young Buddhist Association and served on the student body executive council (1990-92), student body commissioner of athletics (1990-1991) and a school supreme court justice.

Aimee D. Kisayo Betts
South Park Japanese Community Scholarship - \$1,000
Residence: Caldwell, Idaho
Parent: Gene Betts
School: Boston University



Her high school years were marked with discipline and humor, she admits, but Aimee Denise Kisayo Betts of Caldwell Senior High sees her coming years in

college and the world of tomorrow a tough one in which to live. As a student in political philosophy and advanced economics, she feels her generation "will pay for both the aging baby-boomers and the extravagance of the 1980s." She adds: "We must try to reorganize the bureaucratic institutions to remove the corruption that lies within.... What needs to be done and will work with me is to bring this country back to the splendor that enticed my Japanese great-grandparents to come here 100 years ago." She was No. 1 (GPA 4.0, 600 SAT-verbal, 710 SAT-math) in her class of 251.

A nominee of the Snake River JACL in the National JACL scholarship awards program, her scholastic honors prevailed through grades 9-10-11-12, culminating with a National Merit commendation and being a Presidential Scholar semi-finalist. She was senior class president, a math and biology tutor, the concertmistress on the school orchestra, which garnered a superior rating at the Idaho high school music festival, 2nd violin with the Treasure Valley Youth Symphony, and was a summer exchange student in Nagoya, Miss Idaho with the Job's Daughters, and a Caldwell Night Rodeo volunteer (1985-present).

[This particular scholarship comes from trustees of the funds derived from sale of the prewar South Park Japanese Community Japanese Language School, which was near Seattle.]

Mary T. Sadanaga
Kenji Kasai Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
Residence: Davis, Calif.
Parents: Kiyoshi and Lourdes Sadanaga
School: Harvard



Wherever Mary Sadanaga was in whatever activity, she worked toward accomplishing the goal with her peers, planning together and working out the frustrations and anxiety which plague projects. This was evident in the three peer tutoring awards she won from the CSP - Calif. Scholarship Federation, the honor society for high school students statewide. She also tutored at a junior high school at the same time, was a math teaching assistant during a summer school talent search, helped at the Loaves and Fishes dining hall and a local convalescent home and was a Christmas Promise volunteer.

She graduated No. 1 (GPA 4.0 weighted 4.36 - an extra point for each honors class, 760 SAT-verbal, 740 SAT-math) in her class of

154 at St. Francis High, Sacramento (a 20-mile commute from home), and intends to major in engineering - civil or environmental. She scored a 5 on both AP exams in Spanish-4 and Calculus-AB, is a National Merit Scholarship finalist, and recognized with the highest year-end awards for excellence.

A piano student since age 5, she says music has taught her the value of perseverance. A member of a trio, she participated at the Golden Empire Festival (1986-1992), the Sacramento Youth Symphony (1990-1992) and won the Calif. Music Teachers Association's advanced level certificate of merit in piano.

Daniel Toshiro Morris
Mitsueki Yonemura Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
Residence: Bountiful, Utah
Parents: John and Ann Morris
School: Princeton



A National Merit Finalist, a Sterling Scholar (a Utah competition involving all public high schools with each picking a representative in each of the 12 categories - Daniel Morris's was a "general scholarship"), a Top Ten scholar-athlete, Academic All-State in basketball, AP Scholar, a Who's Who Among American High School Students and the 1991 Utah delegate to the National Teen Summit, Daniel finished No. 1 (GPA 4.0, 690 SAT-verbal, 740 SAT-math) in his class of 382 at Woods Cross High, where he was also:

Senior class president, lettered in soccer and basketball, participated in track, barbershop quartet, secretary for the concert choir, and in his community a Sub for Santa, an Eagle Scout and involved with his church.

He is interested in history because of its "application in our own time" and the "reverberations of WWII at times.... invokes a sense of indebtedness to my ancestors."

Jennifer Miyasaka
\$1,000 Majiu Uyesugi Memorial Scholarship
Residence: Newbury Park, Calif.

Parents: Edwin and Marcia Miyasaka
School: Calif. Institute of Technology

As a young girl who was thought to be crazy for wanting to take more math and more science, Jennifer Miyasaka was also like many
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Small kid time



Gwen Muranaka

Scholars

Asians at Newbury Park High participating in various campus activities. Hers was being the drum major in the marching band, with the concert band (and being selected to the Ventura County Honor Band), five years in Students Against Drunk Driving, and was the president in her last year for the Diplomats Service Organi-

UNDERGRADUATES

June Dash
Union Bank of California Undergraduate Scholarship - \$1,000
Residence: Hanford, Calif.
School: University of California at Los Angeles



This economics/business major achieved a 4.0 GPA in her freshman-year at UCLA, June Dash was accepted into two freshman honors societies in 1992—Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma.

June plans to become a certified public accountant, and later enter law school to specialize in international law.

"I have good knowledge of the Japanese language and culture, having attended Japanese school most of my life, learning the language, tea ceremony, and flower arranging," June says. "My mother immigrated from Japan, and was a flower arranging teacher in the Sogetsu school. She has instilled a strong cultural feeling within me for the traditions of her mother country."

In her future careers, June hopes to be able to help bridge the cultural gaps between Japan and the United States. "These two countries are very important to each other and to the world community, and so they cannot afford the acrimony that can destroy the very things that they both aspire to."

To balance her academic life, June is also an accomplished musician, having studied piano for more than 12 years and active in competition. She believes music can also play an important role in mutual understanding among cultures of the world.

Kenn Kashima
Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Undergraduate Scholarship - \$5,000
School: San Francisco State University



Lost in high school, Kenn Kashima landed and found himself immersed in Asian American Studies at the University of California, Davis. This in turn led him to discover his own ethnicity and a way to express it: through film.

Now at SFSU, Kenn has written as his creative arts project a play called "Colored Paper," a comedy with characters from different ethnic backgrounds.

At UC, Davis, he co-produced a fishing and hunting program, "Outdoors with Ed," involved in most every area of its production.

Kenn screened his own film, "A Rhythmic Reflection: '69-'90," at UCD, directed the video production of "It's Showtime at the Nikko" for the Asian American community.

The young filmmaker also interned at Twentieth Century Fox,

worked as a script evaluator and in production for Commercial Pictures, and was a production assistant for Black Diamond Productions.

"It had been through this new found knowledge (Asian American Studies) that I discovered not only myself, my own ethnic identity, but other ethnicities as well," Kenn says. "I became inspired to continue my education and find some way to apply this new found perspective into the realms of film and video."

Sharon Miki Nozawa
Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Undergraduate Scholarship - \$5,000

Residence: Los Angeles
School: University of California at Los Angeles



Sharon Nozawa has attended UCLA since the fall of 1989, pursuing studies in world arts and culture with a theater concentration. The 28-year-old double major in theater and Asian American Studies hopes to use that training in theater and film as a career and media to express herself with her own ideas and thoughts as well as educate others of her experiences as a Japanese American.

Among her many honors are the UCLA President's Undergraduate Fellowship Independent Research Grant for UCLA undergraduates pursuing independent academic research; the 1991 Rose Bowl Bruins/Jo Bevis Scholarship for UCLA students aspiring to the visual and performing arts; dean's honor list (3.81 GPA); Golden Key National Honor Society; and the East West Players Theatre's Apprentice Scholarship.

Sharon also enrolled in a seminar on Japanese American Internment During World War II, an independent research project examining the events surrounding the event.

An aspiring playwright, she has participated and volunteered at the East West Players theater group, as well as remaining active in the performing arts in the Los Angeles community, particularly the Asian American community. Sharon was active in activities related to the 50th Anniversary of Executive Order 9066.

Kenly Kiya Kato
Saburo Kido Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Residence: Culver City, Calif.
School: University of California at Los Angeles



A political science major specializing in law and society at UCLA, Kenly Kiya Kato plans to become a civil rights attorney.

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Wayne Yoshida
\$1,000 Union Bank Scholarship
Residence: Monterey Park, Calif.
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School: California Institute of Technology



With a perfect 800 SAT score in math (and a 720 in verbal), Wayne Yoshida aims high in achieving special goals in either chemical or electrical engineering research.

In fact, he sees an opportunity to stand out in his career as a way of countering anti-Asian sentiments.

To me, being special implies a sense of responsibility; being just another would-be engineer would be easy, as one could just give mediocrity as an excuse for failure. This responsibility, to make myself special in all respects, has helped push me to the point where I am, and will help push me to the point where I want to be.

Besides garnering a number of math and computer awards at Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra, the second-ranked student (3.96 GPA) balanced out his academic life with honors in foreign language, world history, and a number of music awards as a member of the school marching pep, and jazz bands.

Wayne performed with the 1991 Tournament of Roses Honor and the Cal State University First Chair Honor Band. He plays the clarinet and alto saxophone.

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"The problem of discrimination and prejudice has existed since the inception of our society and it continues to fester even today. Thus, individuals, such as myself must learn to ease aside the attitude of, 'What can I do? I am only one person,'" writes Kenly.

Kenly has proven what one person can do. She is a research assistant for UCLA Law Professor Mari Matsuda and has worked as a law clerk at the law office of Howard and Smith and the office of Gomez, Fujioka and Furukawa. In addition to her work in law, Kenly volunteers in UCLA Project MAC, a volunteer program working with abused and neglected children and also volunteered time for this spring's UCLA Civil Rights Conference.

A member of both the Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies, Kenly has made the Dean's Honor List all four quarters she has attended UCLA. "We must learn to take individual action required to join the current movement for civil rights, and I believe that I have begun to take such action."



Julie Eiko Yamamoto
Kyutaro and William Abiko Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
 Residence: Huntington Beach, Calif.
 School: Univ. of Southern California

It is fitting that Julie, Newport Christian School honors graduate, class of 1989, and a junior at USC majoring in political science and print journalism, has received the AJCL national scholarship administered in memory of Kyutaro Abiko and his son William, distinguished newspaper editors and publishers of the San Francisco

Japanese American News before WWII and revived as the *Nichiei Times* after the war.

At the USC campus *Daily Trojan*, Julie was assistant city editor, editing, researching, and writing city stories this past spring semester and had been a staff writer for the city desk the previous fall. Her 1991 six-week summer internship at the *San Bernardino Sun*, serving as a resident adviser for residents of USC Deans' Hall and a string of college honors and professional activities are ingredients at this point in her life to sustain her personal mission: to make informed decisions and perhaps even implement change in areas where there is a need.

Learning, she adds, will not stop upon graduating with a B.A. "I look forward to a lifetime of challenges to stretch my imagination, intellect and skills—and the prospects are definitely exciting."



Sarah R. Burnett
Dr. Thomas Yatabe Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
 Residence: Hampton, Va.
 School: College of William and Mary

Installed by her mother with a compassion and awareness of people around her, honor student Sarah Rachel Burnett, 18, has been actively involved with the City of Hampton's Coalition for Youth. The 21-member coalition was established by the city council to combat barriers facing youth in today's society. She is also working (two mornings per week while carrying a full load at the local community Christopher Newport College) as a Youth and Family Services volunteer for the Hampton, Va., District Court. Both activities, she said, allow her "to give back something to the community which I have always called my home."

In the fall, she continues at the College of William and Mary as a government administration major with emphasis on legal studies. Of the firm belief that young people need to know right from wrong besides the three R's, she aims to work in the juvenile justice system upon graduation.

She was a 4.3 GPA graduate from Bethel High School, ranking No. 2 in her class of 276, was active in forensics and debating, assisting the debate team in her senior year and won a Superior Distinction degree from the National Forensics League, participated on the student council, and active with both the Spanish and Latin clubs.

Junichi Paul Semitsu
Sumitomo Bank of California Undergraduate Scholarship - \$1,000

Residence: Hanford, Calif.
 School: University of California, Berkeley

From a childhood growing up in a mostly-white area, Junichi Paul Semitsu has developed an involved and deeper perspective and understanding of Asian American cultures and problems.

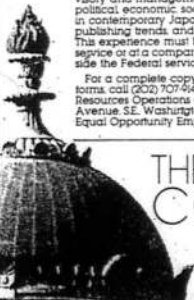
In his second year at UC, Berkeley, Junichi plans to live in an Asian Pacific American theme
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Scholars



my way of life," Valerie says.

This scholarship winner has enjoyed a distinguished academic career. She was awarded the University of California Regents' Scholarship, dean's honors, the University Service Award, and election to Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Delta Phi, the national French Honor Society, and Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociological honor society.

Valerie's community activities include service as project assistant for "Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women, 1885-1990," member of the National Japanese American Historical Society of San Francisco, project



director of Nihonmachi Revisited: A Celebration of Santa Barbara's Japanese American History," and project director of "Reflections on Executive Order 9066: Japanese America, 50 Years Later."

Commenting on her activism, Valerie says, "This mission is increasingly important as 'Japan Bashing' and hate crimes reflect a new 'Yellow Peril'; it is our duty to educate and empower one another, so that our children may live in a safer, more humane world."

John Ky Shitama
Rev. H. John Yamashita Memorial Scholarship—\$1,200
Residence: Port Deposit, Maryland
School: Wesley Theological Seminary



"I believe that the church can be a model of life lived in the community," writes John Shitama, recipient of the Rev. H. John Yamashita Memorial Scholarship. Working on his masters of divinity at the Wesley Theological Seminary, his devotion to helping others through the church is clear.

As student local pastor of the Hopeswell United Methodist Church, he is responsible for all pastoral duties in a 200 member congregation, part of the Student Pastor Track Program which will prepare him for ordained ministry. He is also a member of the Council on Racism Steering Committee, and on the community council "Year End Celebration" planning committee.

A father of four with his wife Jody, John feels that the spiritual grounding of the church is one way to start solving society's problems. "The problems of poverty, homelessness, racism, sexism, violence, and abuse of all forms and environmental issues are left unaddressed when a society encourages individuals to be concerned only with themselves. A society that encourages communal bonds, both in the family and

in the local community, acknowledge the need for persons to join together to improve their surroundings."

Matthew Mitsuru Hanasono
Magoichi Shizuko Kato Memorial Scholarship—\$1,000
Residence: Torrance, Calif.
School: Stanford University Medical School



Heading for Stanford University Medical School in the fall, Matthew Hanasono hopes through medicine to give something back to the Japanese American community. Writing about volunteering at a health fair for Japanese elderly, Hanasono writes, "But even more meaningful to me are the smile and thanks I received from the 'ojichans' and 'obachans,' the elderly men and women, at the health fair."

Graduating from UCLA in biology with a 3.94 GPA, Hanasono has been active in the Nikkei community as a member of UCLA's Nikkei Student Union and a counselor for the Los Angeles Unified School District's Asian American Leadership Project.

A student of karate, Hanasono teaches karate to children at the Gardens Buddhist Church on weekends. Honors Hanasono has received include: Phi Beta Kappa, National Merit Scholarship, Golden Key Honor Society, and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society.

Sam Reed Shimamoto
Chiyo and Thomas Tomotzu Shimazaki Memorial Scholarship—\$1,000
Residence: Billings, Mont.
School: University of Colorado Medical School, Denver

Reed Shimamoto, on his way to medical school, intends to fill the health care void in a rural area of the western United States.

"I hope to provide primary health care by working as a general practitioner or pediatrician," Reed says of his future career. "It is important to me that patients feel comfortable with their doctor and in rural areas I believe the atmosphere is more conducive to developing the doctor/patient rapport."

Among his many academic honors at Eastern Montana College are the 1988 Yellowstone Valley Women's Medical Auxiliary Scholarship, the 1989 Advanced Honor Fee Waiver, the 1990 Edna Frost Bookstore Scholarship, and the 1991 Outstanding Senior Award.

He completed his BS degree in three years, ranking at the top of his class.

At EMC, Reed was also a teaching assistant and tutor, and has received praise for his educational abilities.

"I am a strong advocate of the philosophy that holds every person needs to pursue some sort of education or training beyond high school," Reed says. "The only thing that is totally under each person's control is their mind, and to let the opportunity to gain an education slip away is one of the greatest tragedies young people must face. Throughout my life I have encouraged others to pursue an education, and I plan to continue to do so."

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house designed to increase awareness of the diverse Asian American cultures and encourage interaction with other students involved with Asian American issues.

"Unfortunately, I can't sing 'It doesn't matter if you're black or white' with Michael Jackson because I have observed that America has not overcome the racial tension of yesterday," Junichi says. "In respect to Asian American issues, I have had to deal with issues of the rise in Japan-bashing, the Pearl Harbor anniversary, the 'model minority' issue, the Oakland sweatshops, and even racially motivated acts of violence on campus. Since the majority of Berkeley students are Asian American, it is too difficult to ignore these issues."

Kiyoshi Hidemi Graves
\$1,000 Sam S. Kuwahara Scholarship
Residence: Pacific Grove, Calif.
School: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Current U.S.-Japan tensions have made Kiyoshi Hidemi Graves more aware of his Japanese American heritage. "America is becoming increasingly hostile towards Japan because of well publicized economic issues. Underlying these issues is the threat that economic troubles could digress into racial conflicts, dragging Japanese Americans into the same defensive mood they assumed during the second world war. This possibility has helped focus myself even further on understanding and honoring my race."

To Kiyoshi, part of honoring his heritage means becoming a productive member of society. Transferring from Monterey Peninsula College where he earned a 3.93 GPA, Kiyoshi will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and major in architectural engineering. Last summer, Kiyoshi worked for a contractor doing basic construction work such as putting up chain-link fence, pouring a sidewalk and remodeling a copy-machine office. At Monterey Peninsula College, he was a member of the MPC Architecture Club and took part in the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo design village. All of these experiences have led Kiyoshi to choose architectural engineering as a career path.

GRADUATES

Valerie Yoshimura
Nisabura Aibara Memorial Scholarship—\$1,000
Residence: Santa Barbara, Calif.
School: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

The daughter of Chicago Chapter JACL members, and a member of the Santa Barbara Chapter, JACL, Valerie Yoshimura intends to use her scholarship to remain active in the Japanese American community.

"My experience with organizing Asian American events and exhibitions has inspired me to pursue such cultural activism as

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Craig Yonemura
Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda Memorial
Scholarship—\$1,000
Residence:
School: University of San Francisco
School of Dentistry

Community service is an important part of being a health care professional for Craig Yonemura. Attending the University of San Francisco's School of Dentistry, Craig is specializing in periodontics after having received his DDS at UCSF. A graduate of UC Berkeley with a BA in physiology/ecology, he has received the -UCSF Newell Award, an award based on academic standing and working through school. Beyond dentistry, Craig devotes considerable time to Kimochi, a non-profit organization that cares for Japanese American senior citizens in the San Francisco area. After graduating from UCSF, he has volunteered time in Kimochi's weekend and holiday nutrition programs and has also helped organize the Cherry Blossom Run and Saisei Live. "I feel that as a health care professional, there is a responsibility for me to actively participate in community activities. As a result, I have become more involved with Kimochi as time has passed, and I anticipate continuing this in the future," he writes.

Currently studying dentistry at the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry, Kevin Komatsu, writing about why he chose dentistry said, "I chose to enter the dental profession because it not only satisfied my educational and technical abilities, but also allows me to assist others in need."

Maintaining up to this point a perfect 4.0 GPA, Kevin was selected as one of seven students from the UOP School of Dentistry for a Dean's Scholarship based on potential for contribution to the



dental profession. While earning his undergraduate degree in biological sciences from Cal State Fullerton, he was a member of the Alpha Chi Phi fraternity and worked as a volunteer for both the American Red Cross during blood drives and Tay-Sachs testing.

"From my travels and participation in outreach programs I have become aware of the ethnic and economic differences in today's society, allowing me to be appreciative and thankful for the opportunities given me," he writes. "But at the same time I know that I must make the continuous effort to help others less fortunate and contribute back to my community which has allowed me the opportunities to pursue my goals."

David Matsuda
Minoru Yasui Memorial Scholarship for Human Rights—\$1,000
Residence: San Francisco, Calif.
School: American University, Washington, D.C.



Headed for the PhD program at American University in Washington, D.C. in social anthropology, David Matsuda wants to teach social anthropology and continue research on human rights in Latin America.

Focusing his research on the phenomena of looters of pre-Columbian artifacts, David sees looters not as the cause of problems but the effect of social neglect. "Looting will cease to be profitable only when we create alternative modes of subsistence for looter, end the socio-political oppression under which they exist, and stop the cultural genocide which threatens their lifeways. Contrary to popular belief, the looting of archeological sites is not the cause of social ills, rather it is the result of human rights denied," he writes. He has traveled extensively in Central America over the course of fifteen years.

Earning a 3.97 GPA while completing his BA and MA degrees at Cal State University, Hayward, he teaches of socio-cultural anthropology, archaeology and a team-teacher of feminist anthropology for the Community Services Division of Foothill College. He is also a member of the San Francisco JACL chapter.

Kevin Jiro Komatsu
Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda Memorial
Scholarship—\$1,000
Residence: San Francisco, Calif.
School: University of the Pacific
School of Dentistry

his artwork was used in the UCLA civil rights conference on "Beyond Japanese American Dreams." In January of this year, he was a graduate student panelist at the symposium entitled, "What is PCT: A Symposium on Politically Correct Speech at UCLA."

Kimberly Dee Elsbach
Union Bank of California
Graduate Scholarship \$1,000
Residence: Palo Alto, California
School: Stanford University

Working on her PhD in Industrial Engineering (Organizational Behavior) at Stanford, Kimberly Elsbach has devoted her research to learning how organizations and the individuals who work within them work.

"I believe that studying organizational images has important



cultural and global implications," writes Kimberly. In her work at the NASA Ames research center, she studied communication and conflict within shuttle support teams, including observing the week-long "dress rehearsals" for shuttle missions in Florida. Her paper on "Acquiring organizational legitimacy through illegitimate actions," was published in the prestigious *Academy of Management Journal*.

Receiving her BS and MS in Industrial Engineering at the University of Iowa, Kimberly was also active in sports, receiving an athletic scholarship and varsity letter in swimming at Stanford. In addition to her research, she volunteers time at the Haven Family Home, a housing project for homeless families in Menlo Park, Calif.

Tony Osumi
Sumitomo Bank of California
Graduate Scholarship—\$1,000
Residence: West Los Angeles, Calif.
School: University of California,
Los Angeles, Asian American
Studies



Attending UCLA's Asian American Studies graduate program, Tony Osumi, through art and writing, explores his own identity as a Japanese-Jewish American. "The 'Angry Young Man' inside of me has been a motivating factor in my social activism during the last few years. It permeated my art, my character and led me to continue my education in Asian American Studies because I wanted to complement my Fine Arts degree with a critical eye of the status quo not just the 'Asian American,' but all oppressed and celebrated experiences," he declares.

Prior to entering UCLA graduate school, he earned his BA in Fine Arts from California State University, Northridge. He is very active in JACL as a board member of the Asian Pacific American Network (APAN) chapter and a member of the Pacific Southwest District Civil Rights Caucus. He has published articles in the Los Angeles based *Rafu Shimpo* and

Yuri Makino
Henry and Chiyu Kuwahara
Memorial Graduate Scholarship \$5,000
Residence: San Francisco, California
School: University of Southern
California, Film School



Yuri Makino wants to become a film director knowing full well the challenges that lie ahead, especially for women and minorities. "I have no glamorous illusions about the journey there; I see it as one long, muddy, pothole-filled road, requiring incredible motivation, persistence, hard work and without a doubt, talent," she said. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate from University of California at Santa Barbara, being talented is an apt description of her.

A dual major in German and Film, she received the Harry Steinhauer Award from the German Department as the top graduating senior and the Outstar Jingle

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Senior Award from the Film Department. Her films have been screened at the California Student Media Festival and her 16 mm film *Other Short Stories*, which she wrote, directed and co-produced, was runner-up for the Metropolitan Theater Corwin Award. Born to a Swiss mother and Japanese father, Yuri commented on the necessity that more Asian Americans become involved in the film industry. "Right now, more than ever, it is vital that filmmakers challenge the recent trend of negative images of the Japanese present in the media."

Tina Toshiko Takemoto

Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Graduate Scholarship - \$5,000

Residence: Edison, New Jersey
School: Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University

"Growing up in a small, conservative, white community—a sheltered Yonsei—it was years before I noticed my ethnicity. Growing up with two brothers—in the era of Women's Lib—it was years before I noticed my gender. Somewhere along the line, I began to notice," confesses artist Tina Takemoto. A graduate student in the arts at Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University, her studies in painting is inextricably linked to her identity as a Japanese American woman. Crediting her undergraduate years at UC Berkeley for growing awareness of her identity, she has explored through her work and study the marginalization of women and minorities in art history.

Beyond art, Tina is active in both Asian American and women's issues. An eight-year JAAC member, and current member of the Diablo Valley Chapter, she is active in Godzilla: Asian American Arts Alliance and WAC: Women's Action Coalition.

Kinuko Masaki

Abe and Eather Hagiwara Student Aid Award—\$2,500
Residence: Shelby Twp., Michigan
School: Massachusetts Institute of Technology



Planning to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology majoring in computer science in the fall, Kinuko Masaki finds the beginning of her interest in science in her ability to overcome an initial fear of insects through curiosity. "Insects became the object of my academic interest rather than my fear. What dazzled me so much was the beauty and complexity of every creation including the smallest ants," she admits. Her interest in insects led to a second place in the nationals of the Science Olympiad in Don't Bug Me (insect identification).

Achieving high marks in the SAT (630-verbal 750-math) Kinuko was class valedictorian and received the United States National Mathematic Award. She is also a violinist in the Metro Youth Symphony, receiving a first rating in state solo ensemble in 10th and 11th grades and worked throughout high school as an English tutor for Japanese.

Anna Esaki Smith

Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Creative Arts Scholarship - \$5,000

Residence: New York, N.Y.

School: Columbia University Graduate School

As a foreign correspondent in Japan for Reuters, Anna Esaki Smith covered the Tokyo stock market. As a New York correspondent for Reuters, she wrote features, market outlooks and economic analyses.



Now working towards a Master of Fine Arts at Columbia and an adjunct professor at the Columbia University School of Journalism, Anna is writing a novel about growing up Japanese American. About her novel in progress, she writes, "Using the fictional character of Marina Shimoda, I hope to convey to readers the experience of Asian Americans growing up in the 60s and 70s. While the journey Marina takes shares many of the same characteristics as those taken by children of other heritage, it is at the same time unique. Asians are the most rapidly-growing minority group in the

U.S., and I believe my book will help general readers better understand their personal struggles."

Liane Aritomi

Sho Sato Memorial Law Scholarship - \$1,100

Residence: Oakland, Calif.
School: University of California, Berkeley



Liane Aritomi has made a mid-course career adjustment. As a math/computer science graduate of the University of Santa Clara she worked eight years as a computer programmer.

That kind of work, however, didn't seem to have much relevance or contact with people. So, in 1990 she enrolled at UC, Berkeley, to begin her studies in law. "I decided to pursue a career that would have both relevance and a day-to-day connection with the outside world," Liane says. "I wanted a career in which I could satisfy my responsibility to society. With these goals in mind, I entered law school."

Judging from her scholastic See SCHOLARS/page 10

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achievements, she should do well. At Santa Clara she graduated magna cum laude and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She also won the Orella Prize, which goes to the senior with the highest GPA in science subjects.

At UC, Berkeley's school of law Liane is a member of the Asian American/Pacific Islanders Law Student Association and the High Technology Law Journal.

Even so, Liane's adjustment to law school has not been simple, she says. "Law school encourages confrontation and competition rather than cooperation. It prizes aggression and ambition. . . . However, these law school values simply reflect those of the American legal system and, to some extent, American society itself. . . . I can-

not respond by retreating and isolating myself. In order to achieve my goals, I must continue to work within the given system."

Raymond Sandoval
Aiko Susanna Tashiro
Hiratsuka Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000
Residence: Tucson, Ariz.
School: University of Southern California

A classical musician just graduated from the University of Arizona School of Music, Raymond Sandoval developed and matured as a classically trained guitarist.

"Being a classical musician, I have seen the effect that I can accomplish upon people," he says. "I have played for high school students, at retirement homes and have inspired or given light to

people who needed it. I have studied and performed music from all over the world, from a folk theme of Japan to the great classical composers of Europe. This international experience has given me the valuable attitude of respecting all the different cultures around the world and inspired me to continue study all types of musical cultures."

At the University of Arizona, Raymond received a full music scholarship based on talent. He won competitions such as first place in the Eugene and Leonard Schaeffer undergraduate classical guitar competition, and was honored to perform before Sen. Barry Goldwater.

Academically, Raymond has balanced out his music by making the deans and honorable mention list from 1987 to 1992.

He has also studied and performed music originally per-

formed on the koto, something he considers important as a reflection of part of his ethnic background.

Raymond will enroll at USC to further his music training.

Richard Hidehito Hikida

Thomas Hayashi Memorial Law Scholarship - \$2,500
Residence: Villa Park, Calif.
School: Yale Law School

Richard Hikida graduated from the University of California, Irvine in May with a major in social ecology and a grade point average of 3.969. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a President's Undergraduate Fellow with a research stipend for 1991-92, a finalist in the Mohan Narasimhan Scholarship in Criminology, Law and Society, and recipient of a UCI pregraduate mentorship program

research stipend for 1991. He graduated in only three years.

From his interest and study of law, Richard says "I now appreciate the need of scholars in all fields to increase their exposure to various approaches and methodologies. Commitment to the pursuit of knowledge in any field of study requires an alertness to differences and developments.

His stellar academic record is complemented by his extracurricular activity and service. He has volunteered to work for the Fair Housing Council of Orange County and has worked as an intern in Rep. Robert Matsui's Washington, D.C., office.

As a research assistant at UCI, he contributed to an article on child homicide that is scheduled to be published in an upcoming issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association."

Other scholarship winners . . .

Philadelphia

On March 28, Philadelphia Chapter, JACL, recognized its high school and college graduates during the chapter installation at Coastline Restaurant, Cherry Hills, N.J. Jean Wu, associate dean, Bryn Mawr College, was special speaker. John and Kazuko Volkmar co-chaired the program. The 12 honorees were:

High School — Samuel Dufford (Philadelphia Central); Charles Mason (Rydal Regional); Katrina Mihara (Lenape, N.J.); Takashi B. Moriuchi (Haddonfield, N.J.); Kirk Yamatani (Upper Meriondale).

Collegiate — Brett M. Nishi, BA, Miami of Ohio; Elizabeth Tsukahara, BA, Wellesley; Dan P. Yoshida, BS, University of Pennsylvania.

Graduate — Naomi H. Higuchi, MS Nursing of Children, University of Pennsylvania; Milton Snyder, MS/EE, Stanford; David Suto, MS/ME, Penn State; Leslie M. Higuchi, MD, Harvard Medical with residency in pediatrics, Boston Children's.

Written and compiled by Harry Honda

JACL Chapters and other organizations sponsor a number of other scholarship programs. Here are many of them and the outstanding students receiving assistance in their academic and creative efforts



SEATTLE PREP SCHOLARS—Joy Misako St. Germain, Seattle JACL president (second from left) stands with the chapter's top scholarship winners: Russell S. Aoki, Cindy M. Tahara and Stacy M. Takeda, all recipients of \$1,000 awards.

Seattle

Three outstanding high school graduates were honored with \$1,000 awards each by Seattle JACL at its annual scholarship awards banquet at the Kawabe House on May 20. Dr. Naomi Iwata-Sanchez was the keynote speaker. The honorees were:
Minoru Tamesa Award—Russell Seichi Aoki (Kent Meridian), engineering major at Univ. of Washington.
Bunshiro Tazuma Award—Cindy M. Tahara (Garfield), international and business law major at Univ. of Washington.
Rev. Emory Andrews Award—Stacy Mayumi Takeda (Rainier Beach), pre-medical studies, Seattle University.

Scholarship — Ken Aso (Portland Adventist).

Portland Shokokai — Nathan Sasaki (Beaverton).
Rowe Sumida Memorial Citizenship Trophy — Tomie Ellis (Grant).

Transpacific Women's Society — Brian Dilley (Colton).
Veleda — Troy Itami (Milwaukie).

* Appointed to Air Force Academy, nationally ranked high school swimmer and Oregon City H.S. outstanding athlete of the year. Natalie Wight (Cleveland High) and Malia Yoshida (Wilson High) were presented with bouquets of red roses in recognition for being chosen Rose Festival princesses at their respective high schools. Yoshida was later named the Rose Queen, the first Nikkei to be seated.

Portland

On May 3 at the Lloyd Center Red Lion, the Portland Nikkei community banquet honored the 1992 class of high school graduates. Honors graduate Deena Nakata of the University of Oregon delivered the principal address, which highlighted successful Portland Nisei, including Dr. Newton (Yuesugi) Wesley on contact lens fame, Chiyo Nomi Oga, banker and financial advisor, and local businessman and community leader George Azumano. Dr. Alfred Ono was emcee; Jean Matsumoto was general chair. Recipients of the scholarships were as follows:

Buddhist Daihonzan Henjodji: Dr. Howard Henjoi Memorial — David Batchelor (Tigard).

JACL Gresham Troutdale — Jeff Niye (David Douglas).

JACL Portland — Adrienne Katagiri (Beaverton).

Nikkei Fujinkai — Alison Dozono (Lincoln).

Oregon Buddhist Church: Tamura Terakawa Memorial — Robert Tatsumi (Sunset).
Oregon Nisei Vets: (1) Roger Okamoto Memorial — Matthew Tsugawa (Beaverton); (2) Kiuda Ouchida Memorial — Takumi Sato (Beaverton); (3) Maria Nakajima (Clackamas); (4) Dionne Eki (Reynolds); (5) Jennifer Iriinaga (Cleveland).

Portland Japanese Ancestral Society: (1) Hide Naito Scholarship — Paul Heitmeyer Jr. (Oregon City); (2) Satsuki Azumano Scholarship — Tomie Ellis (Grant); (3) Tsuya Minamoto

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Elizabeth/Jack Murata—Ayume Matsunaga.

East Lawn Memorial Park—Tami Sekikawa.

Harry Masaki Memorial—Jennifer Morita.

Henry Taketa Memorial—Ryan Nakamura.

Dr. Takashi/Hisako Terami Memorial—Karen Hamamoto.

Kiyoto/Rika Kawakami Memorial—Matthew Nishio.

\$500
Alice Matsui Memorial—Anne Kato.

Barbara Matsui Memorial—Devon Marlink.

Yasui Matsui Memorial—Ryan Matsuo.

Kazuma Fujita Memorial—Valerie Okubo.

Sac'to Nisei Bowling Assn.—Todd Imada.

Senator Lion Akio Hayashi Memorial—Linda Cox.

Noboru Shirai Memorial—Felicia Hashimoto.

Dr. Roy Ebihara to honor George Orite—Rose Howarter.

JACL Community College (2)—Joy Kashiwagi and Patti Futaba.

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Hiroshima Kenjinkai—Brett Shibata.

Sac'to Gardeners Assn.—Renée Kawamura.

Hokka Kumamoto Kenjinkai—Kent Matsumoto.

Sac'to Nisei Singles—Shelly Abe.

San Jose

At the April 25 scholarship luncheon, the San Jose JACL congratulated the following high school scholarship recipients:

\$1,000 M/M Kay K. Mineta Memorial: Yuji Garret Higaki (Piedmont Hills), p./Dr. Mrs. John Higaki.

\$750 San Jose JACL Award: Allyn Emiko Izu (Piedmont), p. Allen and Tonia Izu.

\$500 Heart Mountain Reunion: Sarah Mieko Pang (Mt. Pleasant), p./Mari Reynolds/Edward Pang.

\$450 San Jose JACL Award: Nathan, Kenji, Oshidari (Lynbrook), p./Thomas and Teruy Oshidari.

\$400 William K. Yamamoto Memorial: Douglas Riki Mallory (Cupertino), p./Bruce and Nobuko Mallory.

\$400 San Jose JACL Awards: [1] Sheryl S. Iwasaki (Santa Teresa), p./Nozomu and Stella Iwasaki; and [2] Keith Nori Yabumoto (James Lick), p./Nori and Peggy Yabumoto.

\$300 Lanette Yonoko, Hayakawa Memorial: Gregory Mitsuo Chin (Santa Teresa), p./Ronald and Marilyn Chin.

\$300 YJA: Donna Akutagawa (Santa Teresa), p./Dennis and Dorothy Akutagawa.

\$200 Toshi Taketa Memorial: Ann Yuriko Minn (Homesend), p./Kyung Ik and Shigeko K. Minn.

\$100 San Jose Nisei Bowling Assn.: Catherine Masaya Yamada (Archbishop Mitty), p./Garrick T. and Letitia F. Yamada.

San Diego

By TETS KASHIMA
Scholarship Chair

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the San Diego JACL scholarship dinner. A total of 17 high school graduates were presented their awards in the presence of their friends and the local Nikkei community, following a most inspiring talk by Donald Estes, professor of history at San Diego City College, and onetime JACL chapter president.

When the first scholarships were awarded in 1958, there were two for "a munificent sum" of \$100, recalled Estes. The scholarships are not from JACL. "For we are simply the stewards, but from the Issai men and women who struggled against prejudice and the camps and persevered," Estes said. The funds come from the old Japanese school property in Chula Vista which was deeded to San Diego JACL.

Each year, the committee finds it difficult to select the winners. On the selection committee are Judge Gale Kaneshiro, Elizabeth Ozaki, James Yamate, Kathy Segawa, sec., and the committee chair. The 1992 winners were:

\$1,000—Karilyn Keiko Tanaka (Bonita Vista).

\$750—Mark L. Tachiki (Patrick Henry).

\$500—Grant Minoru Nakatani (Mira Mesa), Ryan Minoru Kataoka (Grossmont).

\$250—Ani D. Au (Univ. San Diego H.S.); Craig Isoki Furuya (San Diego), Karyn M. Hamaguchi (Mira Mesa), Stephanie M. Keiser (Valhalla), Aaron R. Linsaud (Southwest), Shirley K. Metz (Patrick Henry), Wade A. Miller (El Cajon), Louise Kinoshita Ocasio (Hilltop), Jonathan Tomoyuki Shibata (Bonita Vista), Charles S. Shimooka (San Pasqual), David K. Yamamoto (Bonita Vista), Tamara S. Yamamoto (Monte Vista), Alice I. Yamashita (Mt. Carmel).

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Sacramento

The Sacramento Chapter, JACL, scholarship committee, co-chaired by Christine Kojima and Peter Ouchida, culminated a year-long task of selecting the winners of 28 awards, who were honored at the Red Lion Inn, at the mid-May dinner, emceed by Alan Nishi. Entertaining featured two scholarship recipients: pianist Mary Sadanaga with Liszt's "Etude in D Flat" and ballet dancer/Julie Tollefson. The awardees were:

\$1,500
Sacramento JACL—Mary Sadanaga.

\$1,000
Mr./Mrs. Masao Itano Memorial—Karin-Elizabeth Ouchida.

Dr. Goichi/Anna Jane Kawahara Memorial—Jolene Nakao.

Sumitomo Bank—Kimberly Takahashi.

Nisei Week festivities

A week's worth of activities

Annual event begins Aug. 1 and runs through Aug. 9. Highlighting this year's festival will be the announcement of the Nisei Week queen and her court and the honoring of Japanese American pioneers ...



YIING—Candidates for Nisei queen are: top row, from left: Audrey Yoshiko Fujimoto, Kimberly Sachiko Ito, and Tina Hanami Thomas; second row, from left: Satomi Fukudome, Andrea Masako Kawamoto, and Lori Akemi Ohashi; third row, from left: Michelle Meriko Masuda, and Staci Harue Hashimoto.

HONOREES—Pioneers to be honored at the Nisei Week event are in photo below, top row, from left, Clarence Miura, Noritoshi Kanai, and Akemi Miyake; and bottom row, from left, Clarence Nishizu, Tomoe Hanami, and Henry Mori.

IT MUST BE TOLD

BY DR. MITSUO MIURA

Wherever you may be, near and far, to a praiseworthy group of Japanese Americans, to all the Nisei wives, in recognition and appreciation for your immeasurable, boundless and untiring devotion and for your distinguishable contributions and accomplishments through the countless seasons, toward a unique and unparalleled integrity of the Japanese American Family of that swiftly vanishing, noteworthy generation and its era, these thoughts and reflections are sincerely voiced as a most fitting tribute.

From a Distant Horizon

I feel upon my face the refreshing breeze of yesteryears, And though in the midst of the heat of the day, there is no need for any tears, But in the heat of this day, there is no comforting breeze, they say: Yet, from afar, I can feel that gentle breeze which comes from yesterday, That gentle breeze which prevails from afar, of which I speak, Others shall never feel, only in vain may blindly seek.

Queen candidates

LOS ANGELES—Eight candidates vie for the Nisei Week Queen title sponsored by various Japanese American organizations from around Southern California. The queen and her court will ride in the annual Nisei Week parade through Little Tokyo, August 3, at 3 p.m. This year's scheduled parade marshall is gold medalist Kristi Yamaguchi. The candidates are:

● **Michelle Meriko Masuda, 21**—Sponsored by the Little Tokyo Lion's Club, Masuda is currently a communications major at Pasadena City College.

● **Staci Harue Hashimoto, 23**—Sponsored by the Orange County Japanese American Association, Hashimoto attends USC majoring in ethnic studies with a minor in pre-law.

● **Lori Akemi Ohashi, 20**—Sponsored by the South Bay JACL, Ohashi is a business administration major with a minor in international relations at UC Riverside.

● **Satomi Fukudome, 25**—Sponsored by the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, Fukudome earned her bachelor of arts in Japanese studies from California State University Los Angeles.

● **Tina Hanami Thomas, 19**—Sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center and Coordinating Council, Thomas is working towards a degree in drama, with a minor in psychology from Los Angeles Valley College.

● **Kimberly Sachiko Ito, 22**—Sponsored by the Gardena Valley JACL, Ito currently attends USC, where she is majoring in business administration.

● **Audrey Yoshiko Fujimoto, 22**—Sponsored by the West Los Angeles JACL and Auxiliary and the Venice Japanese Community Center, Fujimoto majored in health science at California State University Long Beach.

The queen will be selected August 1 at the Nisei Week Japanese Festival Coronation Ball, Westin Bonaventure Hotel, 405 Figueroa St., Los Angeles, 6 p.m. Miss Cherry Blossoms of Hawaii and San Francisco, as well as Nikkei beauty queens from Seattle, New York and other areas have been invited to attend the coronation ball and participate in the Nisei Week parade.

Pioneers to be honored

Six Japanese Americans from

the Los Angeles area will be honored Aug. 5 as pioneers at the Pioneer Luncheon at the New Otani Hotel. They are:

● **Henry Kashuku Mori**—Born in Los Angeles in 1916, Mori worked at the *Rafu Shimpo* shortly after graduating from Roosevelt High School until his retirement in 1982. Mori was part of a skeleton crew which put out the first post-war issue of *Rafu* on Jan. 1, 1946.

● **Clarence Miura**—Born in Pearl City, Oahu, 1914, Miura following his retirement from the *Los Angeles Times* in 1977 has remained active doing volunteer work for the Japanese Community Pioneer Center, Little Tokyo Service Center and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center.

● **Tomoe Hanami**—Born in Idaho in 1912 and receiving his intermediate education in Japan, Hanami has been actively promoting interest in Japan through his work as president and later advisor of the Nanka Fukushima Kenjinkai. Hanami received the Sixth Class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure from the Japanese government in 1987.

● **Noritoshi Kanai**—Born in Tokyo in 1923, Kanai moved to the United States in 1964 and proceeded to establish the Mutual Trading Company, a food export company. Active in the community, Kanai is a director of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California and president of the Pan American Nikkei Association-USA.

● **Akemi Miyake**—Born in Arcadia, California in 1919, Miyake spent his formative years in Hiroshima. Miyake has been active throughout his life in the Japanese American community as the 8-term director of the Japanese American Community Center and founder of the Orange County Japanese American Association. In 1986 Miyake was given the Man of Merit of Japanese Society by the Little Tokyo Service Center.

● **Clarence Iwao Nishizu**—The 82-year old Nishizu has the distinction of forming four JACL chapters, in Riverside, San Gabriel, North San Diego, and Southeast Los Angeles and North Orange Counties. He was the first Japanese American Orange County Grand Jury foreman and authored a 200-page account of life of early Orange and San Diego Japanese American families, entitled "Clarence Nishizu."



Opinions



From the frying pan

BILL HOSOKAWA

A summer round-up of miscellanea

In the heat of summer, some miscellanea: Service of Greater St. Paul (Minn.) on its 100th anniversary recently established the Ruth Tanbara Diamond Award for outstanding volunteer service. The award recognizes volunteer contributions to Family Service, an agency that helps improve the quality of individual, family and community life.

Ruth Tanbara and her late husband, Earl, moved to St. Paul early in 1942 from the San Francisco Bay area and helped countless evacuees from the camps to settle in the Twin Cities.

The Ruth Tanbara Diamond Award is not unlike the Minoru Yasui Award in Denver which recognizes the contributions of volunteers to the improvement of community-wide quality of life. Are there other such awards in the name of Japanese Americans?

More about the Nakada boys—A correspondent recalls that Yoshinao (Yash) Nakada, one of nine brothers who served the U.S. in war and peace (and the subjects of a recent column), was a 135-pound, 5' 3" safety for the Caltech football team back before Pearl Harbor. He is still remember-

bered for a crunching, touchdown-saving tackle of a burly Loyola ball-carrier.

And Sylvia Kobayashi of Anchorage writes that after learning another of the Nakadas, Henry and his wife Mitsui lived in Homer, she and her husband made the long hop, skip and jump down the Kenai peninsula to get acquainted. Alaska distances aren't short.

Yoshinao, who was an aerospace engineer, served with the Office of Strategic Services. Henry, a wounded veteran of the 442nd, taught biochemistry at the U. C., Santa Barbara.

Remember Henry Hope, the half-Indian, half-Japanese lad who was taken from his Indian foster parents in interior Alaska and evacuated to the Minidoka WRA camp in Idaho in the early days of the war? Kenjiro Yamada of Seattle remembers working with Henry at Anderson Dam not far from Boise after leaving the camp.

"Henry was a carpenter's helper," Yamada recalls. "He was so strong he could carry a big oxygen tank on his shoulder. The rest of us had to use a hand truck."

Recent Books—It's great news that Dr. Masakazu Iwata's monumental (about

1,000 pages) *Planted in Good Soil*, the two-volume agricultural history of the Japanese in the U.S., is ready at long last. This could have been a dry tome but Iwata has done a remarkable job of making it a readable, valuable tribute to the Issei whose skills contributed so much to Western agriculture.

Dr. Seichi (Bud) Konzo, Tacoma-born emeritus professor of engineering at the University of Illinois, is the author of a 416-page book called *The Quiet Under Revolution*, which is about what it takes to keep your home warm in winter and cool in summer. While written primarily for engineers, architects and builders, the book is described as an exciting history of heating and cooling technology. Konzo, who received his master's degree from Illinois in 1930, was fuel allotment consultant to the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II.

Allan Beekman of Honolulu, history buff and longtime contributor to *Pacific Citizen*, has published *Crisis*, the story of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor and Southeast Asia. Attribution of direct quotations and other information would have made the book, a prodigious effort, more valuable. ☐

Letters

Letters should be brief and are subject to editing. Please sign your letter but make sure we are able to read your name. Include mailing address and telephone number. You may fax letters to 213/626-8213 or mail them to Letters to the Editor, Pacific Citizen, 701 E. 3rd St., Ste. 201, Los Angeles, CA, 90013.

Reasons why proxy voting is a good idea

The following are some reasons why chapters opt to use proxy vote privileges:

1. "Harvest time" historically.
2. Apathy or lack of interest in attending National JAACL Conventions.
3. High cost of attending convention.
4. Cannot take time off work—time-wise or financially.
5. Health reasons: illness, stress, lack of physical stamina.
6. Inability to keep up with convention schedule of early & late hours.
7. Problems with site—altitude, climate, weather, etc.

Resolution #1 seeks to eliminate proxy voting at JAACL National Conventions and by so doing gives chapters who, for whatever reasons, choose to use proxy vote privileges as provided by the bylaws.

It characterizes chapters from large districts as being able to "wield an unfair advantage" over chapters from smaller districts. It would be far more "unfair" if they were not allowed to vote at all.

The comparison should not be made between chapters. They are equal whether from a large district or small; chapters have one vote whether in person or by proxy. The intended target of Resolution #1 is the large district—large because there are far more individual members in these districts than in smaller ones. Are the masses to be denied their chapter votes because they cannot attend? The "unfair advantage" in fact, is in the reverse of accusations made in Resolution #1.

Aspersions are also cast against the proxy-holding delegates making "a mockery of one chapter—one vote rule. The integrity of proxy holders is being challenged.

Proxies are given to delegates with integrity who will cast votes conscientiously.

The "mockery" and injustice is in the elitist attitude that wants to allow only those who can afford to attend conventions, the right to vote. Surely, such an attitude is totally inappropriate for JAACL.

Miki Himeno
ELA JAACL

Memories of Fort Snelling and MISLS

First of all, I want to say that I very much enjoy Bill Hosokawa's columns in the *Pacific Citizen*.

What prompts me to write now are Hosokawa's recent columns and other PC articles about the MISLS. I thought P.C. readers might be interested in some personal footnotes.

Just before the school moved from Camp Savage to Fort Snelling, the commandant, Kai Rasmussen, invited my late husband, the Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa (known as Father Dai), whom I believe you knew, to act as an unofficial chaplain because of the many special problems faced by the Nisei men and their families (most of whom were still in the relocation centers) which the regular Fort chaplain had little or no experience with. The commandant was urged to do this by Colonel Paul Rusch who had been a missionary in Japan from 1923 up to the outbreak of the war and had known my husband as a student at St. Paul's University, Tokyo. (My husband had subsequently come to the U.S. to continue his studies for the ministry. At the time the war broke out, he was pastor of two Japanese Episcopal churches in Seattle and Kent, Washington.) He was, of course, technically an "enemy alien," but the Rasmussen-Rusch duo asked him nevertheless, mostly on Paul's recommendation.

There are amusing/ironic aspects to my husband's relationship with the MISLS. See LETTERS/page 20



East Wind

BILL MARUTANI

Nihongo in Japan

WHEN TELEPHONING A Japanese-operated company in the U.S. or perhaps one of the smaller Japanese consular offices, it is not unusual to have your call answered in *nihongo*. The first time that happened to me, I was taken a bit aback, only to shift into my *nihongo*, *Hiroshima-ben* and all. Whereupon the telephone receptionist abruptly (and perhaps a bit contemptuously) coldly switches to impeccable English, a put-down for me. Particularly so since the voice on the other end of the line invariably is a female one, bruising my male ego.

BUT THEN this is a new generation of Japanese and many of them speak English almost without a trace of accent. This fact was driven home to me during a meeting not too long ago with some judges and lawyers in Tokyo. Several in the group (a judge and a legal publisher) asserted inability to carry on the discussion in English. So I dug down deeply and, without enryo (reservations), utilized my archaic, disheveled, limited *nihongo*. That the discussion turned on legal subjects didn't help matters; at times my jargon reached the "me-Tarzan-you-Jane" primitive level.

Frustrating, I'll tell you. At which point, one of the younger lawyers spoke up in clear American English—I say "American" because his speech pattern included phrases common to our society. He had put in a few years at N.Y. University law school.

This last incident reminds me of a story that Senator Spark M. Matsunaga delighted in telling, and no doubt a number of you have heard Sparky relate the story.

A CHINESE GENTLEMAN was attending a black-tie dinner and was seated next to an Euro-American high official. During the dinner, the American finally turned to the Chinese gentleman and inquired, "You speak English?" to which the guest simply nodded. Thereupon, the guest was summoned to the podium to give the evening's address which was delivered in flawless English. Upon returning to his seat, the guest leaned over to the American and whispered, "You likee speechee?"

In my mind's eye, I can still see Sparky's twinkling eyes as he revelled in delivering the punch line.

WHEN IN NIPPON, I find it better for a Nikkei to keep use of *nihongo* to a minimum—particularly when communicating

with people in public such as the stationmaster, cab driver, and so on. With your relatives, fine; in fact, they may appreciate the fact that a relative from America can so communicate, albeit quaint and fractured. But otherwise, if you are a Nikkei, generally the Nippon-jins look upon you as one who ought to be able to communicate fluently in *nihongo* and if you cannot may look upon you as some bumpkin.

INDEED, IN NIPPON there is an attitudinal trend which takes the view that there is no reason why any *gai-jin* (foreigner) should not be able to speak *nihongo*. About a year ago, the "Hiragana Times," a monthly magazine, featured an article decrying *gai-jins* not bothering to learn the language, criticized their manners, and also charged that many marry Japanese women to gain permanent residency rights, and so on. Apparently the article caused a bit of a stir within the foreign colony in Japan with many responding, including one from a Pakistani—written in *nihongo*.

Well, back to the Japanese comic books for me. ☐



Guest editorials

Writers question JACL President Nakagawa's article on his Japan trip

The following articles are in response to JACL President Cressey Nakagawa's July 17 editorial concerning criticism of his recent trip to Japan in which he addressed the U.S.-Japan Parliamentarians League and was interviewed in the *Japan Times*. At issue were questions regarding his role as president in speaking before the group and in print, the nature of his comments, regarded by some as insensitive, and the charge that he should have consulted with the Japan Chapter. When these issues first arose Nakagawa answered by saying that he was acting as a private citizen expressing personal views and not as JACL president. In his July 17 article, he elaborated on his position, saying that there was no real substantive controversy surrounding the views he raised before the league and in the *Japan Times* article, and that "We must always keep uppermost in mind that the JACL is an American organization that must deal with American human relations problems that are impacted by the actions or inactions of Japan," Nakagawa wrote. To these and other points he raised in his article, others have written their opposing views. Here are their positions.

Raising more questions about president's Japan trip

After reading Mr. Cressey Nakagawa's article in the July 17, 1992 edition of the *Pacific Citizen*, more questions were raised instead of answered. Therefore, I am submitting the following list of questions to both Mr. Nakagawa and the National Board in the hope that more specific answers will clear up this ongoing controversy.

1. Mr. Nakagawa stated that he informed the Executive Committee of the National Board of his pending Japan trip. Did Mr. Nakagawa inform those members that his purpose in traveling to Japan was to solicit donations for the Legacy Fund or for personal business?

2. Mr. Nakagawa has stated that he has raised donations for JACL during his term as President. Were these donations solicited solely for travel expenses of National officers and, if so, for which officers and for what purposes? Who authorizes payment of these expenses? How much has been expended over the previous biennium?

3. Mr. Nakagawa stated that he made the trip to Japan at his sole expense. Were his airline tickets billed directly to himself or to National JACL headquarters? Who paid for the tickets?

4. Mr. Nakagawa cited various resolutions adopted by the National Council as providing the basis for JACL's involvement in the U.S.-Japan dialogue. If issues such as Japanese reparations or "comfort women" are of such importance to JACL, why has Mr. Nakagawa not yet undertaken one of the following procedures: (1) Request the U.S. Japan Education Committee to conduct research on these issues and submit its findings to the National Board; (2) Submit his own initiative to the National Board for discussion; or (3) Submit a resolution to the National Council at the biennial convention for discussion?

5. Mr. Nakagawa stated that he informed the *Japan Times* reporter that his opinions were personal in nature. Why then would the *Japan Times* find his personal opinions on civil rights to warrant media coverage? Were his comments only noteworthy because of his authority as JACL president or, rather, because of Mr. Nakagawa's professional authority, expertise or research in the area of civil rights aside from his current JACL involvement?

Jonathan T. Kaji

President, Gardena Valley Chapter, JACL

President can't separate personal, professional roles

President Cressey Nakagawa was incredibly naive to think that he could separate his personal beliefs and actions from his role as JACL National President while in Japan. There was no ill intent. Nakagawa was merely doing something that we Americans often do, i.e. separate our individual selves from our public roles. The consequences were easy to predict. Japanese people (and many others) have no concept of separate public and private lives. Hence, they could not understand that Nakagawa has private opinions, separate from official JACL positions.

This incident will soon blow over. Its real significance is

as a demonstration of Nakagawa's Americanness. He never stopped to think about how he'd be perceived by his Japanese audience. Japanese Americans think and behave as Americans and have no special understanding of Japanese culture unless they deliberately develop it, same as the rest of us. This lesson should be applied to the broader, more persistent problem of US/Japan relations.

Neither JACL nor Japanese Americans should put themselves in the position of defending Japanese behavior. Too often, the defense is motivated by the adverse feelings of bigots which criticism unleashes. Japanese Americans have no control over Japanese behavior and very little influence. We (JACL) can't defend blatantly illegal behavior, like discrimination against women and minorities. Nor have we demonstrated any special understanding of the problems of selling products and services in Japan. Stupid or baseless criticism will fail on its merits, but legitimate observations can't be dismissed just because bigots use it for their own advantage.

The real problem isn't criticism of Japan or anyone else; it's that bigots (and most Americans) have trouble distinguishing between ethnic Americans and the their place of origin. This isn't even an Asian American problem. During the recent Persian Gulf war all Arab Americans found themselves lumped together and vilified by bigots, even though most had no connection to Iraq. The answer isn't trying to defend actions which irritate people; it's education.

We need to join with all ethnic Americans (everybody) to educate ourselves. Diversity needs to be valued, and people need to learn that ethnic Americans are REAL Americans. They think like and behave like the rest of us. Let's learn to appreciate our diverse backgrounds as a strength and each other as unique individuals. This is much harder than calling criticism "Japan bashing", but it's more effective and longer lasting.

Peter Harris

Palo Alto, Calif.

Takes strong stance against Nakagawa trip

I find the current controversy between the JACL President and the Japan Chapter important. It is important, because the issue involved is appropriate behavior and ethical standards. Cressey Nakagawa is either arrogant or simply naive. For him to suggest his actions were not controversial is ludicrous, self-serving and "people-bashing."

First, Nakagawa surely cannot believe that he is so glib and ignorant as to not see that his responses are nothing more than subterfuge for his over-blown ego. Does he really feel that his invitation to address certain Japanese Diet members was extended because he was Cressey Nakagawa, human being, and not because he was considered to be a leader of a Japanese-American organization? If so, then may I expect a similar invitation to express my "expert" opinion. Does he really think we buy the story that he was travelling to Japan as an individual on personal vacation, and not on business? Who paid for the trip? Is Nakagawa so misinformed as to interject that what he claims is said as an individual would never be

construed as an official position of a recognized leader of an organization? To make the excuse that he was misinterpreted by the *Japan Times*, or that the reporter took his statements out-of-context is ridiculous.

Second, a person commanding an authoritative, responsible position should clearly understand that what he may say or do as an individual could have repercussions in his role as an organization's president. Even the President of the United States would not conduct himself in a negative manner personally without realizing its effect on his office. To believe the *Japan Times* sought him out for comments because he was an individual tourist in Japan is absurd.

Third, The Japan Chapter has every right to be upset. For an organization's president to ignore a home chapter whether travelling individually or on business was wrong. Nakagawa missed a tremendous opportunity to establish the credibility of the Japan Chapter in Japanese society. What he should have done was invite a Japan Chapter representative to accompany him before the Diet members and *Japan Times* interview. He should have conferred with that Chapter's membership. He should have asked for their input. Not only is this professional courtesy but critical from an organizational standpoint. What Nakagawa did was to insult and slight the Japan Chapter's membership and imply to the Japanese the insignificance of the Chapter.

Nakagawa failed to utilize that opportunity to educate and inform Japan about the AJA and JACL. What he had was a leader that didn't even promote his own organization.

Lastly, in reading Nakagawa's response and the *Japan Times* article, nothing Nakagawa indicates measures up to par. The facts appear very clear. What Nakagawa did was an ego-boost and a self-promotion effort. To seek to cover that up with references to JACL accomplishments is poorly done. If he did what he really said he did, then why didn't he make a correlation between reparations for the "comfort women," and interned Japanese Americans, why not speak of the relevance between Japan's worldwide activities and its effect on Japanese Americans, why not call for joint ventures to rebuild, why not civil rights for all?

There's a lot of "why-nots," but why not basically is because Nakagawa did not. A leader must have a vision, he must go beyond the personal. A leader has to see over the backyard fence into the mainstream. A leader leads by example, he makes the sacrifice of personal gain for the benefit of everyone. A leader is chosen to lead and to promote the organization, not his own ego.

If Nakagawa's heart was in the right place, even before he had the interview or before he addressed the Diet members, he should have made a personal disclaimer that he spoke only as an individual. He didn't, because he used his title as President for his own gratification and glorification to which there can be no excuse. What Nakagawa really should have done was stay home in San Francisco. To paraphrase his own words, even if he were to make an official apology, it would not matter. The damage has already been done. The sad part of this entire episode is that Nakagawa cannot right the wrong, because he cannot see beyond his own illusions.

John Yanagisawa

Los Angeles

By the Board

New automated membership program begun



By ALAN NISHI
National V.P., Membership

As vice-president of membership, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on national's activities in regards to membership.

First, in response to Hank Sakai's comments in a earlier issue of the P.C. on the automated membership program, national JACL has already implemented this program. Effective this past April, the pilot program was launched starting with 17 selected chapters located throughout the United States. Participating chapters were selected based on the recommendations of their respective district governors. This program will allow the renewing member to send their annual dues directly to a national headquarters post

office box. Dues will be then processed by the bank and forwarded to national headquarters on the same day they were received. Upon receipt of payment, a national staff member will enter the renewal information into the centralized membership data base. A membership card will then be printed and mailed out within a few days. Updates will be sent by computer diskettes to P.C.'s mail house for immediate processing with reports on renewing and lapsing members sent to chapter membership chairs on a regular basis.

The success of the pilot program will be assessed in the fall and if successful, will be available to all chapters. It is my hope that this program will free chapter membership chairs from burdens of processing membership renewals and allow them to concentrate their efforts towards recruiting new members. Currently, national JACL is offering a gift membership program in which members may buy a gift JACL membership for a friend or family member. The program was kicked off last month by Cressey Nakagawa, national JACL president, in the P.C. In his message Cressey reviewed some of JACL's past accom-

plishments and addressed the future of JACL to emphasize how a JACL membership will benefit both current and future generations of Japanese Americans. If you know of someone who would be a good candidate for a JACL membership, I encourage you to consider the gift membership program.

With the national convention here, I remind members that the special membership rate of \$500 for a 1000 Club Life membership will expire at the conclusion of this convention. If you haven't already, this is your last chance to obtain a life-time membership in JACL at the \$500 rate. To participate, send in your membership to national headquarters before the end of the biennium.

Finally, let me update you on the JACL/Sumitomo Bank VISA affinity card program which has been in effect since late 1988. Through the end of 1991, the program since its inception has generated \$63,600 in proceeds to national JACL. This averages approximately \$20,000 annually to support membership revenues on our national budget which helps to keep membership dues to a minimum. I will update members at the Denver convention.

Author Weglyn is commencement speaker for Hunter College

NEW YORK—Author Michi Weglyn, receiving an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Hunter College, recently spoke about the Los Angeles riots at the college's 165th commencement.

"The riot that rocked the abandoned inner city served to illuminate a racism and classism too long institutionalized," said Weglyn, who traced the historical oppression of what she called "America's expendables."

Weglyn, whose book "Years of Infamy" received the Anisfield-Wolf Award in Race Relations, further noted the L.A. riots' significance, saying, "It illuminated for all the world to see the vulnerability of a once-proud nation's leadership that hardly noticed the cataclysmic split dividing the 'haves' and 'have-nots' of our urban wastelands."

Praising Weglyn, Paul LeClerc, president of Hunter



MICHI WEGLYN

College, said, "You told the truth as you saw it. Twenty-five years after your release from a West Coast internment camp for Japanese Americans, you went back to look at a painful period in your life and tried to answer a painful question. What really happened—why did the United States government intern 112,000 Americans in camps during the Second World War?"

REDRESS

(Continued from page 1)

assistance in trying to set up a meeting with their Congressman, they should contact their Grassroots Network representative. Personal meetings are the most effective way to win enthusiastic support for the additional redress legislation.

Following the successful model utilized by the JACL-LEC in past redress efforts, a redress grassroots lobbying network has been formed by JACL. The network will help organize the community lobbying efforts which are so key to the passage of the redress legislation.

The Central California District Coordinator is Ken Yokota. Dale Ikeda, Travis Nishi, Ben Nagata, James Nagatani, Kevin Nagata, Art Fujikawa, Dr. Izumi Taniguchi, Fred Hirasawa, Dr. Frank Nishio, Robert Ishikawa, James Goishi, James Kozuki, Bill Tsuji, Robert Okamura, Ron Nishinaka, Tim Kurumaji, Stan Ishii, Stan Shiroyama, Elmer Kobashi, Tad Araki, Larry Ishimoto, Maude Ishida, Stanley Nagata, Hiroshi Mayeda, and Frank Iritani are area and chapter coordinators and other assistants for the Central California District.

Marleen Kawahara is the Pacific Southwest District Coordinator. The PSW redress chairs are May Yamamoto, Joe Allman, Agnes Hikida, Gary Itano, Mas Dobashi, Meriko Mjri, Neil Sugimoto, Mim Matsuoaka, Ruth Deguchi, Phile Shigekuni, Edwin Mitoma, Dan Mayeda, Frances Kitagawa. Chapter presidents are also assisting in the efforts.

The Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District Coordinator is Neal Taniguchi. The area and chapter coordinators are Bob Yamada, Ken Yabusaki, Isabel Oshiro, Lucy Kishue, Steve Okamoto, Ted Arimaki, Bob Fujigami, Miyoko Katsura, Andy Noguchi, Mary Tsukamoto, Toko Fujii, John Yamada, Janet Mitobe, Mark Shih, Lee Hata, Bob Kawamoto, Thyra Mune Craig, Don Morita, Albert Takita, Momo Hatayama, Aster Kondo, June Sun, Joanne Maki, Nancy Tajima, Ben Takeshita, Dennis Sato, Alan Nishi, Frank Babo, Hideo Morinaka, Grace Kimoto, George Baba, Ichiro Nishida, Christine Nishihira, Lily Kawafuchi, Gary Shingai, Tom Shigemasa, Fred Oshima, Claire Omura, Tom Nishisaka, Aki Yamamoto, Kazuko Matsuyama, Ben Umeda, John Kaku, Bill Kaneke and Caroline Kawashima.

Cherry Kinoshita is the Pacific Northwest District Coordinator. Area and city coordinators for PNW include Terry Yamada, Henry Muramatsu, Harry Iwatsuki, Chuck Kato, Wayne Kimura, Don Maekawa, Dorothy Sato Brooks, Joe Kossi, Harvey Watanabe and Denny Yasuhara.

The Intermountain District Coordinator is Jeff Itami. Area and city coordinators and other assistants include George Sughara, Yas Tokita, Seichi Hayashida, Hid Hasegawa, Hery Shiosaki, Randy Harano, and Mita Kassi. Paul Shinikawa is the Mountain Plains District Coordinator. Area and city coordinators include Tom Masamori, Alfred Watanabe, George Ushiyama, Ruth Hashimoto, Steve Hasegawa, Masako Em Nakadoi, and Betty Waki.

The Midwest District Coordinator is Henry "Hank" Tanaka. The city coordinators are Chiye Tomihiro, Jo Okura, Mark Nakuchi, Scott Yamanaiki, Sam Nakano, Sam Honda, and Ed Jonokuchi.

Dr. Sumi Koide has agreed to be the Eastern District Coordinator. Area and city coordinators include Tom Kometsani, Charles Nagao, Sumi Kobayashi, Tak Morichi, Gary Glenn, Patrick

Okura, Ben Watada, Bill Sakamoto White and Bob Moteki.

Senators Stevens (R-AK) and Rudman (R-NH) have recently signed on as co-sponsors of the Senate bill. JACL urges redress supporters to continue to call or write their members of Congress and the President to urge passage of the redress legislation. Sample letters, including followup letters to the White House, are available from the Washington, D.C. office 202/223-1240, the other regional offices and the redress district coordinators. The regional offices also have the addresses and phone numbers of the grassroots network volunteers, if you want to contact the coordinator nearest you.

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but will also generate funds to support the work of the JACL.

It costs nothing to join this long distance program because all fees are paid for by Members' Long Distance Advantage. There is no minimum usage required, and customers can save up to 10% on all residential phone usage. Customers can also enjoy 24-hour assistance from Customer Service representatives.

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Members' Long Distance Advantage will be contacting all JACL members either by direct mail or telephone to explain the JACL Member's Long Distance Advantage Program. This will begin in late August. If you do not wish to be contacted by the Members' Long Distance Advantage, please notify the JACL national headquarters no later than August 14, 1992.

The JACL Members' Long Distance Advantage Program is one of many benefits offered to members of the JACL which include the Pacific Citizen newspaper, catastrophic major medical insurance, supplemental Medicare insurance, VISA card, Hertz Car Rental Discount Program and JACL Credit Union services. Please contact the JACL national headquarters for information on any of these programs.

UNO

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Recently, Miller was one of the original cosponsors of a bill to construct a memorial in Washington, D.C., honoring the patriotism of American veterans of Japanese ancestry. The bill (H.R. Res. 271) was introduced by Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) in the House and Sen. Dennis Inouye (D-Hawaii) in the Senate. It is scheduled for a vote in the coming weeks.

Miller also introduced the Japanese American National Historic Landmark Theme Study Act (HR 2351) in 1991, which directed the Secretary of the Interior to study significant Japanese American historical sites for possible designation as National Historic Landmarks. HR 2351 also directed the Secretary to study other locations, including the 15-wartime assembly centers; Camp Shelby, Miss., where the 442nd Central Postal Directory and the 10888 Central Postal Directory were trained; and Angel Island, Calif., which served as the port of entry for many Japanese American and other Asian American immigrants. The JACL provided testimony in Washington, D.C., on behalf of this bill.

HR 2351 was eventually incorporated into a bill (HR543/S621)

authored by Rep. Mel Levine (D-Calif.) designating the entire Manzanar WWII camp national historic site and directing the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an examination of other key sites in Japanese American history during the period 1941-1946 for potential designation as national landmarks. HR 543 passed earlier this year and was signed by President Bush on March 3.

Gould was elected the first woman mayor of McGehee in 1982. She has been a friend and supporter of the Japanese American community in the area. In 1989 the JACL Midwest District Council took up the project of restoring the existing monuments at the site of former Rohwer Relocation Center, and erecting a memorial monument at the site of the former Jerome Relocation Center. Gould was asked to serve on the fundraising and planning committees.

Because of her strong conviction that the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II was a grave wrong, Gould has devoted much of her time and energy to these projects, making sure that work is properly carried out. She has spoken on numerous engagements on the subject of the internment, distributed books on the camps to schools in Desha County, Ark., has led escorted visits to the Rohwer Cemetery, and has actively raised funds for the project. She was also responsible for having the Rohwer cemetery policed and instructed the Desha County Maintenance office to build a new road to it.

In nominating her for the award, the St. Louis Chapter, JACL, said, "She has strongly spoken out against other acts of prejudice and violations of civil and human rights whenever and wherever she (has) had the opportunity."

Commenting on the recipients, George Sakaguchi, chair of the award committee, said, "Both individuals truly reflect and embody the spirit and commitment of Edison Uno. They have advanced the cause of civil rights for our community and we pay tribute to them both."

Miller and Gould will receive their awards during the JACL national convention, Aug. 3-8, in Denver, Colo.

The Uno award, established in 1985 and named after the late human and civil rights advocate, has been previously awarded to Ralph Nease in 1990, James Purcell and Henry Der in 1988, and Walt and Mary Woodward in 1986.

Leaders meet with studio on 'Rising Sun'

LOS ANGELES—Dennis Hayashi, JACL national director, and Ron Wakabayashi, executive director of the Los Angeles City Human Relations Commission, recently met with Strauss Zelnick, president of Twentieth Century Fox, to discuss concerns over the studio's current production of Michael Crichton's *Rising Sun*.

In a letter to Zelnick, Hayashi and Janice Sakamoto, program director for the National Asian American Telecommunications Association, wrote, "We believe that the book reflects a growing anti-Japan trend in this country, which poses difficulties for the image of Americans of Japanese ancestry, and other Asian Americans."

Also present at the meeting were Peter Kaufman, the film's co-producer, and Steve Clements, executive director of the Japan America Society of Southern California, who is serving as a consultant on the film.

All parties agreed to hold additional meetings as the production progresses to discuss related issues.

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JACL convention lineup

"JACL—Solid as the Rockies" is this year's theme for the 32nd National JACL Convention to be hosted by the Mile-Hi Chapter. Forty-six years ago, Denver hosted the first national convention after World War II. This convention was a success and many people enjoyed their time in the Mile Hi City. Below is the schedule for the convention from August 4th through August 8th. It is held at the Sheraton Denver Tech Center, 4900 DTC Parkway, Denver, CO.

Our workshop committee has been hard at work to provide exciting topics and issues which face us in today's society. These are not to be missed. Advance registration is taken for all events. You can, however, register at the door for the workshops and daily meetings and forums. For more information and to register, please call Ruth Yamauchi at 237-9747 or Sumi Takeno 777-1861.

Tuesday, August 4

9:00 am-5:00 pm—Rocky Mountain National Park and Dude Ranch Tour
1:00 pm-5:00 pm—Golf Tournament, Plum Creek Golf Course
6:00 pm-9:00 pm—Volleyball Tournament
7:00 pm-11:00 pm—Whing Ding (co-sponsored by the Denver Nikkei Singles Group and the 1000 Club)

Wednesday, August 5

7:00 am-12:00 pm—Golf Tournament, Arrowhead Golf Club
9:00 am-12:00 pm—National Board Meeting
9:00 am-1:00 pm—City Tour
12:30 pm-2:00 pm—Resolution, Nominations, Credentials and Youth Committee Meetings
2:00 pm-5:00 pm—Volleyball Tournament
3:00 pm-5:00 pm—Delegate Orientation
5:30 pm-11:00 pm—Rope 'em in Reception

Thursday, August 6

7:00 am-8:00 am—Continental Breakfast
8:00 am-12:00 pm—National Council I
9:00 am-5:00 pm—Vail Tour
2:00 pm-5:00 pm—National Council II
6:00 pm-7:00 pm—No Host Reception
7:00 pm-10:00 pm—Awards and Recognition Banquet, Lillian Kimura Hospitality Room

Friday, August 7

7:00 am-8:00 am—Continental Breakfast
8:00 am-12:00 pm—National Council III
9:00 am-5:00 pm—Colorado Springs Tour
12:30 pm-2:00 pm—Youth Sponsored Luncheon
12:30 pm-2:00 pm—Legacy Fund Lunch
2:00 pm-3:30 pm—Japanese Americans: Searching for the Connection: Dating and Relationships; Families Surviving the Coming Our Crisis; lesbian and gay children among Japanese Americans; Educational Issues for Asians, Anti-Asian violence.

Saturday, August 8

7:00 am-8:00 am—Continental Breakfast
8:00 am-3:00 pm—Registration
8:00 am-12:00 pm—National Council IV
9:00 am-12:00 pm—Tour to Coors Brewery
1:00 pm-3:00 pm—Min Yasui Oratorical Competition
3:00-5:00 pm—Celebration of the Creative and Artistic Spirit in Japanese Americans: Japan-U.S. Relations: Myth, Perception, and Reality.
6:00 pm-7:00 pm—Reps. Robert Matsui/ Norman Mineta Reception
7:00 pm-11:00 pm—Sayonara Banquet

Sunday, August 9

8:00 am-12:00 pm—New National Board Meeting
1:00 pm-2:00 pm—New Youth Board Meeting

JACL news

Funds for Manzanar site okayed

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Norman Mineta recently announced that the House of Representatives approved \$1.1 million for the Manzanar National Historic Site.

"Manzanar is one step closer today to becoming a living testament to the tragedies of the internment, and to the commitment to the American people to ensure that those tragedies never occur again," said Mineta.

The money for the site was included in the appropriations bill for the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies (H.R. 5503) for fiscal year 1993. The \$1.1 million will allow the National Park Service to relocate an Inyo County maintenance facility currently on the site. Mineta and Rep. Mel Levine (CA-27) sponsored H.R. 543 designated Manzanar as a national historic site and was approved this year February 19 by Congress.

Voting rights language act passes House

WASHINGTON, D.C.—By a vote of 237 to 125, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed the Voting Rights Language Assistance Act.

Hailing the vote, Matsui said, "This bill will help us make significant strides towards addressing historical discrimination against minorities in the United States."

The representative noted the need for such legislation to correct ineffective laws aimed at ensuring minorities' right to vote.

"The right to vote is fundamental to liberty, justice, and equity.

The United States must preserve this right for all its citizens and the Voting Rights Language Act is important to safeguarding this constitutional right regardless of race, color, national origin or minority status," said Matsui.

N.J. law protects redress

SEABROOK, N.J.—Gov. James J. Florio signed into law June 30 the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) Bills, S-4074-856, which would exempt the \$20,000 redress payments from being counted as income when determining eligibility for the PAAD program.

Charles Nagao and other members of the Seabrook Chapter, JACL, have worked closely for the past five years with New Jersey State Sen. James S. Cafiero (and former Sen. James R. Hurley), and Assemblymen Frank A. LoBiondo and John C. Gibson for successful passage of this exemption for redress recipients in New Jersey.

Although the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 specifies that redress payments are not to be counted as income when determining eligibility for federally funded benefits programs, it would not have applied to redress recipients receiving PAAD benefits since the program receives no federal funding. The newly enacted bill would insure that redress money would be exempted as income when determining eligibility for PAAD programs for redress recipients in New Jersey.

Marysville JACL

At the recent Yuba City High School awards ceremony, Marysville, Chapter, JACL, honored member Ray Kyono board two graduates with scholarships. They also were presented tuitions to the PCYA, (Presidential Classroom for Young Americans) in Washington. Their parents are local JACL chapter members. The honorees were:

Henry M. Oji Memorial: Sara Nakashima (matriculate at Stanford), p: Dr./Mrs. Will Nakashima.

Marysville JACL Award: Kristin Kakiuchi (matriculate at UC Berkeley), p: Mr./Mrs. Kaz Kikiuchi.

'92 Summer PCYA: (1) Eric Okimoto (Yuba City), p: Mr./Mrs. Fred Okimoto; (2) Kristi Nakatsu (Marysville), p: Mr./Mrs. Herb Nakatsu.

South Bay

By JEANNE TSUJIMOTO
Scholarship Chair

TORRANCE, Calif.—Before an audience of 80 members, friends and relatives, the South Bay JACL scholarship and queen reception June 28 at Joslyn Center for the Arts honored four high school graduates and two UCLA undergraduates:

Kiichi Egashira Memorial—\$2,150: Matthew Hanasono (South High); **\$1,650:** Kena Yokoyama (Palos Verdes Peninsula); **\$1,150:** Russell Watanabe (Torrance).

National JACL Scholarship Finalists—(1) \$1,000 Magoichi and Shizuko Kato Memorial; Mark Hanasono (South High); (2) \$1,000 Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Moriwaki Scholarship; Takashi Terada (North High); and (3) Union Bank of California—\$1,000 Undergraduate: June Dash (UCLA).

The two sons of Ted and Keiko Hanasono honored were eldest son Matthew, recent UCLA graduate at Stanford Medical School, and Mark, who enters UC Berkeley as a political science major.

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Kena, daughter of Glen and Joy Yokoyama of Rolling Hills, enters Brown as an environmental engineering major.

Russell, son of Kanji and Grace Watanabe of Torrance, will be a UCLA electrical engineering freshman.

June, daughter of Alan and Kay Dash, continues her junior year as an economics major.

Nisei Week queen candidate and chapter queen is Lori Ohashi, daughter of Victor and Susan Ohashi of Torrance, a UC Riverside student.

Florin

By BILL KASHIWAGI

At the June 27 Florin JACL barbecue at the Florin Buddhist Church, over 100 attended the annual scholarship award event, which is combined with the new members welcome party, it was announced by Andy Noguchi, chapter president. Tommy Kushi introduced the new members. On the scholarship committee were Twila Tomita, chair; Etsu Yui and Stan Umeda. Chapter scholarship recipients were:

(1) Jonathan Iwamiya (Elk Grove HS), p: Jim and Joanne Iwamiya; (2) Laurie Kojima (CSU Sacramento - teaching), p: Yasunobu and Yuri Kojima; (3) Sandra Matsumoto (Davis HS), graduated at top of her class of 330 students, p: Tom and Elaine Matsumoto; (4) Kevin Murphy (Elk Grove), p: Judith Tamura Murphy; (5) Jason Sasaki (Kennedy), p: Robert and Gloria Sasaki; (6) Tina Takeda (Elk Grove), p: Mac and Keiko Takeda.

San Fernando Valley

On June 7 at the San Fernando Valley Nikkei Village in Pacoima, several JACL and Japanese American Community Center scholarships were presented to high school graduates. Film speaker Tamilyn Tomita was guest speaker. On the selection committee were Arnold Miyamoto, JACL president; Ron Yoshida, Joy Nishida, Sandy Nonoyuki, Jon Oda, Genevieve Lew, Kay Inaba,

Roberto Salazar and chairwoman Nancy Oda; Mitzi Kushi, adviser.

The scholarship awardees are: **Eugene David Oda Memorial (\$1,000)**—Jeremy de Gracia (Cleveland), Suzi Shimoyama (North Hollywood), Alonso Castro and Janette Galvan (both San Fernando*).

Nikkei Village (\$500)—James Suruki (Granada Hills), Kaili Lyn Kimura (Thousand Oaks).

Merio Mizutani Athlete Scholar (\$350)—Kaili Lyn Kimura (Thousand Oaks), CIF 5-A volleyball all-star, granted sports scholarship from CSU-Los Angeles.

SFVJACC / JACL (\$400)—Kelley Takata (San Fernando), Hiroshi Tokutake (San Fernando Academy).

* Donors of this award, James and Dr. Mary Oda, have been sponsoring since 1974 two scholarships in memory of their son for Mexican American graduates at San Fernando High.

San Gabriel Valley

San Gabriel Valley JACL scholarship winners were announced by Deni Y. Uejima, committee chair, who explained candidates were participating from seven area high schools. The awardees are:

\$500 Hide Kiyan Memorial—Shelly Eise Sakiyama (Glendora), p: Thomas / Carolyn Sakiyama.

\$250 David Ito Memorial—Samuel Masaya Taubota (Diamond Bar), p: Masao / Akie Taubota.

JACL Scholarships: \$250—Ya Ya Connie Ody (Los Altos, Hacienda Hills), p: Ray / Akiko Ody; \$100 (4)—Emiko Rose Ito (Nogales), p: Toshiro / Karen Ito; Mayumi Sato (Ramona Convent Secondary), p: Shoji / Michiko Sato; Eileen Sayako Seto (Glen A. Wilson), p: Masahiko / Chinoko Seto; and Nicole Midori Yamamoto (Glen A. Wilson), p: Shoji / Jane Yamamoto.

Scholars

East Los Angeles

East Los Angeles Chapter, JACL, presented its 1992 merit scholarships to four area high school graduates:

Yukiko Ishizaki (Schurr), daughter of Katsunori / Satoko Ishizaki; Jared Yuuji Matsunaga (Schurr), son of Alan / Nancy Matsunaga; Joan Ryoko Morioka (Mark Keppel), daughter of Yoshitaka / Michiko Morioka; and Karen Lani Yonemoto (Alhambra), daughter of George / Angie Yonemoto.

June Kurisu chaired the scholarship committee.

Placer County

High school graduates from the Placer County JACL area, Placer, Del Oro, Lincoln, Oakmont and Roseville, were honored recently at a dinner held at Placer Buddhist Church hall. Winners of the scholarships and JACL Prize were:

\$1,000 Thomas Yego Memorial—Steven Mitani (Placer).

Sgt. Masa Sakamoto Memorial—Jennifer Oshima (Oakmont); Jessie Covington Memorial—David Sean Perrine (Oakmont); Union Bank—Philip Jin Kimura; JACL Prize—Emily G.P. Kottkamp (Roseville).

Mombusho opens graduate scholarships

LOS ANGELES—Applications for the 1993 Japanese Government (Mombusho) graduate scholarships for U.S. graduate students to continue research in Japan are available at the Japanese Consulate General here (250 E. 1st St., Suite 1203, Los Angeles, CA 90012) and at other similar offices across the country. Deadline for on-hand submission is Aug. 14.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, under age 35 as of April 1, 1993, with a BA or BS degree from an accredited college or university. Scholarship provides roundtrip transportation, all



MUTSUBU INAYAMA

Greater L.A. Singles

The Greater L.A. Singles scholarship in memory of Hana Uno Shepherd was presented to Mutsubu Inayama (Torrance South High), who is entering UC Berkeley to major in chemical engineering. A math-computer science whiz, he lettered in football and basketball. The award is made to scholars of single-parent families.

school fees, monthly stipend and a two-year term of study. Applicants also undergo a preliminary screening and those chosen have a language examination and an interview by the selection committee in September.

NAATA

SAN FRANCISCO—Twenty-three projects were selected by the National Asian American Telecommunications Association for funding this cycle and made possible by the Corp. for Public Broadcasting, which is under Congressional mandate to advance minority-directed works, according to executive director James Yee. The awardees with title of work include:

Gregg Araki (The Sea), Marie Agui Carter (Resident Alien: Participant Observer), Michael Cho (On the Discord Between Blacks and Koreans), Ping Chong (I Will Not Be Sad in This World), Alvin Eng - Melissa Cahill (The Goong Hay Kid), Maria Michio Gargiulo

(The Year of My Japanese Cousin), Sachiko Hamada (The Nail That Sticks Up).

Omega Hsu (Po Po & the Magic Pearl), Karen Ishizuka (Becoming American), Kyung-in Lee (Koreatown Blues), Brian Tadashi Maeda (The Liberation of Dachau), Sharon Maeda (Cannery Row Revisited), Frieda Lee Mock (Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision), Jon Moritsugu (Glitterlust), Meena Nanji (Voices of the Morning).

Emiko Omori (A Question of Loyalty), Steven Okazaki (Probable Cause: Anti-Asian Violence in America), Nicholas Rothenberg (Vietnam, USA), JT Takagi - Hye Jung Park (Faithful Daughter), Keiko Tsuno (Canal Street - First Stop in America), Fae Yamaguchi (There Is a Monster's Paradise), Ruby Yang (Dreams of Souls in Exile).

Awards in Nursing

Seven scholarships to nursing students are available from the Japanese Community Health, Inc., 420 E. 3rd St., Suite 607, Los Angeles, CA 90013, 213/626-6071. Call for applications as the deadline is Sept. 30, 1992. The top three JCHI scholarship at \$1,000 each are for pre-nursing students or in nursing school who are bilingual in English and Japanese or for nurses enrolled in school to become proficient in either English or Japanese as a second language. The three \$200 Tome Yasutake Memorial scholarships (whose ancestor) ties are with Kumamoto-ken. Qualifications for the lone \$500 Sanshiki Akita Memorial are the same as the JCHI scholarship.

NSRC Fund

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—The Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund has presented ten \$1,000 scholarships to Southeast Asian students, all recent immigrants, to help them further pursue their college education. Glenn Kume-kawa of Rhode Is-

Bainbridge High remembers Nisei grads evacuated in 1942

MT. VERNON, Wash.—The dubious distinction of being the first Japanese American families to be evacuated en masse to Manzanar in March, 1942, came from Bainbridge Island here, 8 miles due west of Seattle in the middle of Puget Sound where Japanese Americans had worked in the mills or were truck-farming years before military radio was intercepting coded Japanese messages before Pearl Harbor.

Bainbridge High School took time out June 6 at its 1992 graduation ceremonies to remember the 13 Nisei seniors, now scattered all over the country, who missed their commencement 50 years ago. Three were able to accept Principal Dave Ellick's invitation to make this a very special and memorable event. He said it was a great experience "of touching history" for the Class of 1992. Honored were Sachiko (Sa Koura) Nakata, Mary (Hayano) Koura, and Sueako (Nishimori) Yonemitsu. A fourth member,

island farmer Akio Suyematsu told Ellick he was too busy with the strawberry harvest. The other nine were:

Ikuo (Dorothy Amamatsu) Watanabe, Tehachapi, Calif.; Kuniko (Chihara) Hirasago, Renton; Ray Isamu Kitayama, Union City, Calif.; Harry S. Koba, San Mateo; Toshiko (Mikami) Shibukawa, Monterey Park; Hideaki Nakamura (deceased); Paul Tautomu Ohtaki, San Francisco; Nobuko (Jean Sakai) Omoto, Seattle; Isamu Suyematsu (deceased); and Dr. Sumjo Yukawa, Boulder, Colo.

This past year, the all-Caucasian VFW on Bainbridge Island was formed and named the Mo Nakata Memorial Post, named after Sachiko Koura's husband, a 442nd veteran. Fifty years ago, Bainbridge Review publishers, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woodward, took a public stand against the evacuation of Japanese Americans. The Woodward's were 1986 JACL Edison Uno medalists.

land, this year's selection chair, said 119 applications from southern New England were judged.

The only fund of its kind in the U.S. was established in 1980 in appreciation for efforts of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council that assisted Nisei collegians from the WWII concentration camps to relocate to a college which would accept them. The council was comprised of religious, academic and civic leaders from across the country who met in May, 1942.

In all, over 3,500 Nisei were processed, and some 550 institutions in the Rockies, Midwest and Northeast participated. Since 1982, 105 awards totaling \$94,000 have been made.

ROHWER

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It also contains a monument to the Japanese American men who were killed fighting in Italy and France after they left Rohwer to join the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, volunteer units made up of soldiers from the relocation centers.

A second monument, featuring delicate Japanese script and artwork, memorializes those who died at the camp. The inscription reads: "May the People of Arkansas keep in beauty and reverence forever this ground where our bodies sleep."

The monuments were built by Rohwer internees during the war. More than 10,000 Japanese Americans were held at Rohwer, one of 10 relocation camps in the western and central United States—between 1942 and 1945 after they were ordered removed from their homes in California, Oregon and Washington following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. A second relocation center was located at Jerome in Drew County and a marker was recently placed at that site by some of the men and women who were held there.

While Rohwer Relocation Center has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the country's official list of historically significant sites, since 1974, the National Historic Landmark designation recognizes the site's transcendent importance in American history.

The announcement was made by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, the agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage responsible for the identification, evaluation, registration and preservation of the state's cultural resources.

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Obituaries

Futagaki, Joe P., 59, Sunnyvale, March 1, survived by wife Carolyn, son Douglas, daughters Shana, Kristen, brother Roy, daughter Jean Shing. **Hashiimoto, Mitsuo**, 88, Fresno, March 2. **Okiyama-born**, survived by husband Masao and son Ted. **Hiroshi**, daughter Joan Masuda, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, brothers Tsutomu, Yutaka (both d.), sister Yonoka Kawasaki.

Fukunaga, Chimi, 69, Los Angeles, March 15. **Alamo, Calif.**, survived by husband Minoru, 6 grandchildren, brothers Tsutomu and Isao Niho, sister Sachiko Inagire, sister-in-law Toho Takai. **Harelda, Frances Y.**, 66, Las Vegas, March 18. **Washington-born**, survived by son Michael, daughters Penny DeBacker (Lake Tahoe), Terry (Florida), 2 grandchildren, mother Yuzo Maeda, 2 brothers Ronnie, Richard, sister Grace Sakauchi.

Hatakeyama, Mineto, 76, Pasadena, March 18. **California-born**, survived by wife Mary, 3 sons Roger, Alan, Glen, daughter Nina Akizawa, 7 grandchildren, 3 brothers Tadao, Kyojo (Jpn.), Yonoo. **Hayashi, Dr. Takaji**, 87, Honolulu, March 10. **Okiyama-born** neurophysiologist at Kaiser Medical Center, heart disease and cancer research fellow, associate professor at Univ. of Hawaii-Manoa, survived by wife Shirley, son Grant, daughters Bertha, Joelyn and sister Akiko Hayashi.

Hirota, Ichi, 100, San Pedro, Feb. 16. **Yamaguchi-born**, survived by sons Roy, Hiroshi, Sunao, daughters Tsuzuko Shirai, Miori Yamamoto, 11 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren.

Honda, Kiyuo, 81, Pinole, Calif., March 17. **Yakama-born**, survived by sons Hiroshi, Masuo, 2 grandchildren.

Inaba, Richard A., 81, Sacramento, Feb. 22. **San Francisco-born**, survived by wife Joan, son Fred, 6 daughters Louise Morimoto, Jean Tomoko, Gay Taira, Olivia Waterman, Jean Hsueh, 4 brothers, 4 sisters, 19 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren.

Inouye, Tomino, 82, Gardena, March 19. **Fukuoka-born**, survived by 2 sons Masaru, Susumu, 3 daughters Nobuyo Fujioka, Tomoko Nakata, Kuniko Ueno, 12 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren.

Ishihara, Isamu, 83, Stockton, Feb. 20. **Ogden-born**, survived by wife Shizuko, daughters Frances Darrell, Jeanne Menor, Sue, 3 grandchildren, parents Tetsuo Shizuro, 3 brothers Dr. Teruo, Tochio, Tadashi, sister Myoko Kawamura.

Katagawa, Shinzo, 58, Culver City, of heart condition in Japan, March 11. **Miyazaki-born**, survived by wife Miyako, son Hiroshi, daughters Ayako, Kazuko Gill (Berkeley), 2 sisters in Japan.

Kikuyawa, Shigaru, 78, Montebello, March 6. **San Francisco-born**, survived by wife Yu (Magara), daughter Linda, 2 grandchildren, brothers Akira Kikuyawa, Eichi, Yori, Saburo, Shiro, Uyeida, sisters Midori Tachibana, Yumi Kamaya, Ione Amimoto, Osuni Yamamoto, Shikiko Sogabe.

"AL" KIRAH SHIMOGUCHI

70, Seattle, Wash. Died July 16. **San Pedro, Calif.** born. Survived by wife Tazuo; daughters Joanne Shimoguchi, Mary Sasaki; and son-in-law Dale Sasaki; 2 grandchildren; three brothers Ty and Sam Shimoguchi of Los Angeles and Yasuo Shimoguchi of Sunnyvale. Memorial service was held at Palo Alto Aldergate United Methodist Church, 4243 Manuella Ave., Palo Alto, on Wednesday, July 22, 1992.

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Kuliz, Kumas, 81, Los Angeles, March 10. **Wakayama-born**, survived by sons Minoru, Shyo, daughter Kaeko, 3 grandchildren.

Kunehara, Kazuo, 74, Gardena, March 13. **Montebello-born** WWII veteran, survived by wife Masako, son Mer, daughters Jan Lee, Peter Tazuo, 3 grandchildren, brothers Frank, Roy, Tada, brother-in-law Paul Yazaki.

Maezaya, Yoshio G., 87, Oxnard, March 18. **Oxnard-born**, grounds keeper with the Ventura Youth Authority, survived by wife Helen, sons George L., David, Anthony, daughter Noel Hernandez, sons Tom, Peter, Todd, Iwata, Jeri Golden (all San Diego), brother Riko Shioaki (San Diego), 7 grandchildren.

Maruuya, Dr. Chiezo, 90, Tokyo, March 6 of heart failure, developer of tuberculosis vaccine 1944, now administered to cancer patients as a 1:100 solution to alleviate side-effects of radiation.

Matsumoto, Minoru J., 72, Concord, March 11. **Ishio-born**, survived by wife Mary, sons Michael, Mark, grandchild, brother Noboru Uda (Jpn.).

Miyake, Florence M., 83, Torrance, March 13. **Mau-born**, survived by husband Shora, daughters Nancy, Diane, mother Aya Omori, 2 brothers Teruo, Yutaka, 8 sisters Yoko Chuno, Haruyo Oda, Chiyoiko, Shigeo Murakami, Sumiko, Akiko, Mitsuo, Kaizo.

Murata, Robert, 78, Los Angeles, March 6. **Lindsay-born**, survived by wife Myoko, sons Stephen, Dennis, Lon, daughters Marilyn, Judy Miller, 7 grandchildren, brothers Akio, 3 sons David, Ronald, Steven, 2 daughters Kimmi-Dethenide, Cynthia, 2 brothers, 1 sister in Hawaii.

Nakano, Sylvia S., 66, Monterey Park, March 16. **Hawaii-born**, survived by husband Kenji, 3 sons David, Ronald, Steven, 2 daughters Kimmi-Dethenide, Cynthia, 2 brothers, 1 sister in Hawaii.

Nakashima, Kai, 66, Los Angeles, March 5. **Grindley, Calif.** born, survived by sisters Yoko, Yoko, Natsue (Jpn.).

Onishi, Masako, 85, San Francisco, Feb. 16. **Hiroshima-born**, survived by son Ken, 4 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, brothers Jack and Tony Shimonishi, sisters Ruth Yamamoto, Susumu.

Sasaki, Kazuo J., 84, Marysville, Feb. 25. **Hiroshima-born**, survived by wife Mary, daughters Gladys Sasaki, Shirley Sasaki, Brenda Tonyama, Phyllis Sasaki, 2 grandchildren.

Shinpo, Harold N., 65, Santa Monica, Feb. 13. **Gardena-born**, survived by wife Lily, son Ken, daughters Susie Cateracci, Nancy Akaochi, 2 sons Chyoko Taniguchi, Alice Cobb, Meko Fukui.

Soyshima, Frank J., 82, Monrovia, Feb. 13. **Saga-born** naturalized U.S. citizen, survived by wife Kimiko, daughters Sadako Sase (Monterey Park), Emiko-Hayler (Tempe, Ariz.), Sumiko Ostraszewski (Huntington Beach), Yas Paisley (Alta Loma), 10 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, brother Ted (Irvine).

Sunaga, Tomio, 82, Oakland, Feb. 23. **Watsonville-born**, survived by wife Yoko, daughter June, son-in-law Ben Paderna, brother Shin, sister Shizuko Shozaki, Sumitaka, Teishiko, 86, Harbor City, March 6. **Carpena-born**, survived by wife Yoko, sons Roy, Don, 4 grandchildren, brother Hiroshi, sister Toshie Furuya (Denver).

Yoshimura, Yoshio, 81, Berkeley, Feb. 22. **Watsonville-born**, survived by wife Haruo, son Yoshio, daughters Hisako, Takana, Yoshiko Yoshi, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, 3 sisters Masae Inazu, Haru Fujimoto, Masae Kebe.

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Japan-bashing topic of L.A.-area JACL chapters

by ALVINA LEW
Special to the Pacific Citizen

GARDENA, Calif.—Greater understanding of Japan by the American public is key to countering Japan-bashing according to a July 12 community forum sponsored by the Gardena, Greater L.A. Singles, Carson and South Bay JACL chapters.

Panelists in the forum held at the Ken Nakaoka Center in Gardena included: Dennis Hayashi, national director, JACL; Dr. Neil Sandberg, executive director, Pacific

Rown Institute of the American Jewish Community; Kurt Miyamoto, president and CEO of Sentyaku Corporation; and Ron Wakabayashi, executive director of the L.A. County Human Relations Committee.

Highlights of the panel included:
● Hayashi, noting the increase in anti-Asian violence and retaliatory acts against Japanese Americans said, "Some of our fears have been realized. We will continue to speak openly and candidly about scapegoating, bigotry and violence, and not be held captive by fear or intimidation."
● Sandberg said the phrase "melting pot"

in America was not intended for the Asians or African Americans or South Americans, but for the blend of Europeans. Speaking about anti-Semitism in Japan, Sandberg said the Japanese who consider themselves homogenous, will have to deal with the fact that no culture is isolated.

● Wakabayashi decried the lack of coverage by the mainstream press of incidents of bias against Asian Americans. Using last year's vandalism of the Japanese community center as an example, Wakabayashi said, "Our community suffered from segregation as well—there is no panoramic view."

LETTERS

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which at that time, as you know, was a hush-hush operation:

"As an 'enemy alien,' my husband would normally have had to ask the U.S. Attorney for prior permission to travel anywhere outside of a five-mile radius of home. But due to his duties as a minister and interpreting JA experiences to the wider Twin Cities communities, the U.S. Attorney in St. Paul granted him permission to travel anywhere with the proviso that he report, at

the end of each month, all travel outside the five-mile radius. But he told my husband the one place that was forbidden to him was Fort Snelling. However, since he had been asked by the commandant himself, my husband simply didn't say anything about his regular visits to the Fort.

My husband was a pacifist. But he felt that as a minister he must respond to the special needs of Nisei soldiers and their families in those tumultuous times.

So it was that my husband, an "enemy alien" and a pacifist, went

every Saturday evening to the USO activities in Minneapolis to make himself easily available to any serviceman who might need counseling, held services at the Fort chapel every Sunday morning, and gave the invocation and/or the blessing at each of the graduation ceremonies!

It was an interesting time, and I am glad that the contribution of the MISLS graduates was so significant in shortening the war in the Pacific and that their story is finally coming to light after all these years.

We lived in Minneapolis for ten years, 1944-54. After the MISLS moved to California, my husband continued with work among the JA community who remained in the Twin Cities, with Native Americans who were being urged to leave their reservation areas by the U.S. government and who needed help in relocating in the cities, and in the general field of bettering race relations in the Twin Cities communities.

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