



PUKA-PUKA

PARADE

AUGUST 1990

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: George Hagiwara

At the June 14, 1990 Board of Directors meeting, a letter and petition, signed by 133 club members opposing the transfer of our Club 100 property to the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH), was presented to the board. The petition was organized by a group of members named the "Save the Clubhouse" committee. Representatives from this group wanted to have a general membership meeting to rescind the club's approval of the JCCH proposal (which was done at a general membership meeting in June 1989). There was much disagreement and uncertainty among the board members whether the club's participation in the JCCH could be rescinded on a majority vote of those present at the meeting or if it required a 2/3s majority vote of all club members. Several directors also opposed the idea of calling for a general membership meeting to consider rescinding the JCCH proposal. If the JCCH proposal is not rescinded, the club can not entertain or consider any other proposal, including the two offers (air rights & fee purchase) already received.

Since that time, lengthy letters from Richard Oguro, Sakae Takahashi, Hakaru Taoka, and Henry Nakasone commenting on the club's future have appeared in the Puka Puka Parade. The contents of these letters have stirred up some controversy within our club. Remember, controversy is not always bad. In Club 100's case, it's like good news and bad news" The "good news" is that, with alternate offers, the club is in a position to negotiate the best deal for the members and, more importantly, that the members are taking a more active interest or role in determining the club's future. The "bad news" is that these same alternate offers are also dividing our club.

Everyone has an opinion about the JCCH, air rights, and fee purchase offers. However, I realize that not all club members are able to or feel comfortable expressing their views in a public forum or format. I am interested in your comments and thoughts about our club's future: Should we go ahead with the JCCH proposal? Should we entertain other offers? Should we have a general membership meeting to discuss this?

I would like to request that members write to me with their ideas. You can mail your letters to me c/o Club 100, 100th INF. BN. Veterans, 520 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826. Please write the words "Member's Feedback" on the envelope. That way, it can be separated from the club's regular mail and will receive my personal attention. Please sign your name to your letter. No anonymous letters. Be assured that anything you write to me will be kept strictly confidential.

I have decided to postpone calling for a general membership meeting until I receive feedback from the members. If enough of you are interested in a meeting, one will be called. If the feedback indicates that the members are content with joining the JCCH, we will honor the JCCH Agreement.

In any case, a decision needs to be made soon so that our club's future will be clear and the in-club bickering will cease. Thank you for your time and patience. God bless you all.

SEPTEMBER PUKA PUKA PARADE DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting articles for the September issue of the Puka Puka Parade is Wednesday, August 15, 1990.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY BULLETIN DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting announcements or news for the September Monthly Bulletin is Friday, August 17, 1990.

SEPTEMBER PARADE COLLATING DATE: The September Parade will be collated on Thursday, August 23 at 8:30 a.m. in Turner Hall. Team 2: Able & Charlie Chapters are responsible for providing the manpower. However, volunteers from all chapters are welcome to come and help out.

FROM THE EDITOR'S PUKA: Ray Nosaka

In the last issue of the Puka Puka Parade, it was mentioned that I would make some comments on the letter written by Hakaru Taoka. After thinking about it and reading President Hagiwara's letter, I believe that the readers will make up their own minds as to what to believe. Each one of us has the right and privilege to think as we please. It might not always be the right or most popular way, but that choice is ours. Just because we do not all agree should not mean that we have to stand divided or become enemies.

It was never my intention to place any blame or point fingers at anyone. I have always had the highest regards and respect for the men who served on the Long Range Planning Committee. But, I can still continue to dream of someday turning the clubhouse into a Memorial Building for all AJA veterans. I do not know how or when, but that dream will remain with me all the days of my life.

Although there are some statements in Hakaru's letter that I could refute, I will only try to clarify one point regarding the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH) Proposal and the Other Proposal. That Other Proposal that I mentioned was misconstrued as being the one submitted by Lauiki. If you refer back to the May issue of the Parade, I clearly stated that the recommendation was my own personal one (not Lauiki's) and that I did not wish to falsely involve them in the proposal.

Whatever the outcome may be, I sincerely hope that we, the men of the 100th, will continue to cherish that brotherly bond, which started during the war years, to whatever time the Good Lord is planning to give us here on earth.

FROM THE CO-EDITOR'S PUKA: Aki Nosaka

They say that the older you get, the more memories you have ... and isn't it funny that you can remember so well something that happened 40 some years ago, but you can't remember what you did yesterday?

On Saturday, June 30, 1990, we were honored to be invited to the Dog Chapter Dinner Reunion. I was so thrilled to meet some of the guys whom I first met 47 years ago, while living in New York City. Of course, their looks had changed some since I still pictured them wearing their khakis and looking a little "under nourished". It was such fun to "remember this" and "remember that" amidst the laughter and stories that only Tarush Yamamoto could tell. Thanks for the memories - Hideo Kami, Jimmy Yahata, and Tarush Yamamoto from Hilo and Iwao Fujimori from Honolulu. It was also great seeing Lillian and Mako Takiguchi and Kazuo Senda from Kauai.

When did you last have a cold? Did you know that we older people catch fewer colds? The reason, given by Bottom Line, is that over the years we have developed immunity to a large number of cold viruses. So, most of us should have no more than one cold per year.

Once again, the Puka Puka Staff is grateful for the record number of people who turned out on June 28 to help collate and mail out the extra thick edition. Those working and enjoying the fellowship, mostly from Co. B and Rural, were: Bernard Akamine, Akira Akimoto, Kunio Fujimoto, Robert Furuta, Chester & Betty Hada, Michael Hamamoto, Ted Hamasu, Saburo & Satsuyo Hasegawa, Tokuichi Hayashi, Jesse Hirata, James & Carol Inafuku, Isamu Inouye, Walter Iwasa, Seiso Kamishita, Fred Kanemura, Arthur Komiyama, James Miyano, Richard Miyashiro, Toshio Mizusawa, Kaneichi Morimoto, Yoshikiyo Mugitani, Ken Muroshige, Isao Nadamoto, Toshikatsu Nakahara, Roy Nakayama, Tommy Nishioka, Ray & Aki Nosaka, Seie & Evelyn Oshiro, Susumu Ota, Masaharu Saito, Bob & Kazue Sato, Kazuto Shimizu, Namie Takaki, Robert Takashige, Yasuo Takata, Mataka Takeshita, Sakae & Stella Tanigawa, Yukio Tanji, Hakaru Taoka, Hideo Tokairin, Thomas & Miyako Tsubota, Rikio Tsuda, Hazle Yokota, and Marie Yoneshige.

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS: Kenichi Suehiro

Dr. Kawasaki had his swimming pool serviced by some person whom Dr. believes was a 100th member. The swimming pool is again in need of service and Doc is anxious to have the same person do the work. The only setback is Doc does not remember this person's name. If any member of the 100th did work on Doc's pool and you are still available, please call the clubhouse or me for further info. How about this for "Continuing Service"?

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER NEWS (continued)

We had our first dinner meeting on June 21 at the Fortune Gate. We had 52 members and wives present - and the food was plentiful. Too bad the attendees were too concerned about calories and cholesterol. The drinkers worried about DUI - except me because I had Mugi doing the driving. We had one can of Miller Lite and someone brought their own Bud Lite. The HQ never had much drinkers and that night we drank only about 12 cans of beer, a little wine and hardly any hard liquor! Toshi Kunimura, Tom Nosse, and Doc Otagaki were the responsible ones for the success of the evening. By a show of hands, the attendees unanimously want more dinner meetings scheduled.

The new faces present were Hide Yamashita, Akiyoshi Kuriyama, Harold Tabata, Ronald Miwa, Toshio Kokubun, Judge Kenneth Saruwatari. They all looked fine and prosperous. We were most impressed at the memory of Archie Kamisato and Itsuki (Tony) Oshita. Harold Tabata looked peaked, but I'm sure he'll shape out after seeing Tony and Archie.

I'm hoping our next get-together will be soon and not break up as this one did. They all left by 9:00! And hopefully, we'll have more new faces (e.g., Jutei Kiyabu, Melvin Tsuda, Wataru Anzai, Frank Kimata, Kenneth Fujiwara, Harry Aruabi and many more. HQ consisted of many different sections and activities. Many stuck together and we have never been cohesive as the other companies in the 100th. In fact, many did not know fellows in the other sections though part of HQ. There were the Ammunition & Pioneer, Communications, Anti-Tank, Motor Pool, Battalion Supply, Battalion HQ, Company HQ, and Kitchen crew.

Elmo Okido and Carl Shinoda both looked fine though not as agile. Elmo's wife was church-bound and consequently couldn't join us.

ABLE CHAPTER NEWS: Tom Fujise

Bits and pieces from the June 23 Able Chapter meeting: Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$2,919.63 ... Richard Ishimoto reported on the July Fellowship Party. He mentioned that he appreciated any reasonable complaint so that may better serve everybody ... A new proposal has been received for the outright purchase of Club 100's property. Members opted to withhold discussion on this matter until all details have been presented ... Some members thought the increase of the apartment rent was too severe. They recommended further discussion by the Board ... 22 members showed up for the Annual Clean-Up this year ... A request was made to allocate some money was made for a post convention party here at the clubhouse to entertain members before their return to the mainland ... Another reminder - if there are any deceased members who are unlisted on the roster, please turn in their names as soon as possible to President Bob Sato.

Hear ye, hear ye! Better yet, read ye, read ye! Dr. Kawasaki is trying to get in touch with the 100th member who did his wall so well. Anyone who has knowledge of him, please pass the word that the good doctor is looking for him.

Our hard working and energetic chairman, Richard Ishimoto, requested that all Able Chapter members circle their calendar for the up and coming important events: August 25 (Sat) for the Karaoke and Bingo Nite. Cocktails are from 5-6 p.m., with dinner to follow. Richard requested the karaoke participants to bring their own tapes and that only two verses be sung. The other date to mark is September 22 (Sat). This luncheon is restricted to members only and is planned especially for members that find driving at night difficult due to age and/or other physical conditions. Better yet, come early in the morning and join the guys and enjoy a tasty breakfast too. If you can't drive to the clubhouse, maybe you can tell your beautiful one, "Hey, honey, drive me over to the clubhouse and you don't have to make me breakfast and lunch today." To top it off, you don't have to make a reservation either, just come. Our entertainment chairman says we are going to have one good kind kau kau. Richard took a day off to send invitations to all Able Chapter widows to attend the August 25 Karaoke & Bingo Nite, but he reached a dead end with some widows - no address or phone number. So, if you did not receive any invitation to the August 25 affair, please call 737-6630 and let Richard know so he can add your address to the Able mailing list for the good fun events to be held in the future.

BAKER CHAPTER NEWS: Yasuo Takata

After a hectic week on the telephone, chapter grapevines, long distance phone calls to Kona, Hawaii, we were able to have a rousing "Aloha" party for 33 mainland guests on Monday evening, July 2, at the clubhouse. Thanks to co-chairmen Harry Katahara and Yasuo Takata, with the great help of Evelyn Tsuda, Conrad Kurahara, Baker Chapter members, and Ray Nosaka's Ukulele Group, we had a heart warming party.

The formal program started with Ray Nosaka's Ukulele Group singing grace, then a Japanese dinner enhanced by numerous donations from the local members. Prior to the dinner, the gang had a chance to mingle during the cocktail hour. Many had not seen the mainland boys for several years and few for many years (Marshall Higa and his friend). President George Hagiwara gave a welcoming address, followed by Henry Sakato for the mainlanders. Hank was a surprise. He gave a really good impromptu speech. (Note to the L.A. Chapter: "You're missing the boat.") This was the first time I've heard Hank speaking to a group.

The informal program was turned over to Ray Nosaka and his Ukulele Group. In between, we had some volunteers. Jane Matsunami, our newly discovered comedienne, gave us some bawdy jokes which put the audience in a hysterical mood. Like a true comedienne, she kept her composure while her audience was in an uproar. Ray Nosaka danced the hula like a true Hawaiian cowboy - a Paniolo boy. Yoshi "Toe" Yoshino's golden voice sang several songs.

After a few songs, Ray concluded the program with everybody holding hands and singing "Hawaii Aloha" and "Aloha 'Oe". Many in the gang said "Hawaii Aloha" and holding hands gave them a togetherness feeling and a sad parting.

The mainland people were M/M Michael Doi (Stone Mountain), M/M Tad Hashimoto (L.A.), M/M George Kinoshita (Sacramento), M/M Ken Miya (Harbor City), M/M William Sato (So. Pasadena), M/M Yoshi "Toe" Yoshino (L.A.), M/M Mas Hamada (Ogden, Utah), M/M Tom Kasai (L.A.), M/M Henry Maeyama (Suisan), M/M Henry Sakato (L.A.), M/M William Omoto (Monterey), M/M Masao Takahashi (Torrance), M/M Roy Terada (Denver), Mrs. Kete Okazaki (Seattle), M/M K. Tataoka, Masaru Abe, J. Sumi, Deke Sato, and Yeiki Matsui.

Donations of food, liquor, desserts and money from: Roy Nakatani, Stella Tanigawa, Carol Inafuku, Evelyn Tsuda, Poka Anamizu, Hajime Kodama, Robert Nakamura, Aki Nosaka, Tad Hashimoto, Roy Nakayama, Doira Aimoto, Irene Brunn, Yasuo Takata. Sakae Tanigawa made 40 leis and Masaru Hamada (Utah) donated \$25.00.

Again, many thanks to the people who helped to put this get together on short notice: Evelyn Tsuda, who coordinated the affair and used her bank account to pay for the dinner; to all the Chapter Presidents; Paul Nanamori, who helped us with the parking; Ray Nosaka and the Baker Chapter gang. The Mainland group really enjoyed it.

Sonsei & Elaine Nakamura travelled during the latter part of June and early July to Cincinnati Ohio to visit Sonsei's brother, Richard. Sonsei had not seen him for 36 years, so it was quite a reunion. The most striking thing he found was the cost of housing. His brother had bought a home in a new subdivision for about \$100,000. It is a three story, brick house with air conditioning on a 14,000 sq. ft. lot. Sonsei says the prices are still low there.

Jimmy & Carol Inafuku also took a trip to Las Vegas and made a small deposit.

Last month, I made a mistake in the name of Richard 'Butter' Murakami. It was printed in last month's Puka Puka Parade as "Masami Buster Murakami".

I have not heard from anyone to date. Please, if you know his whereabouts, contact me at 988-2819.

CHARLIE CHAPTER NEWS: Kazuto Shimizu

Summertime is vacation time. I found that out when I tried to gather C Chapter members for the Post Nisei Veterans Reunion Get-together held at the clubhouse on July 2. Mike, Warren, and Stanley Kimura were away - vacation time. Many others couldn't make it on the basis of the last minute calls. But those who could make it were treated to a very good feeling type of get-together with our "Mainland Comrades" and their wives. Former Co. C members who came were: Masao & Elma Takahashi (Torrence, CA), Milliam & Margaret Omoto (Monterey, CA), and Jim & Mrs. Tateoka (Idaho).

I wish to thank the B Chapter members for spearheading this function and letting us in on it, especially Yasuo Takata and Conrad Tsukayama. I know it was not easy to get all the names and the hotels of those who needed transportation to the clubhouse. I also thank Stanley Akita for helping me with my shuttle problem.

Warren and Mille Fencil dropped in at the clubhouse. He's an honorary member from Morris, Illinois and the 34th Division. Warren and Millie attended the NVR in Kona but missed the get-together at the clubhouse. They spent a week in Honolulu to meet their many friends in Honolulu.

Douglas Higa is teaching men's hula at the Palama Settlement. He would be tickled pink if Club 100 members called to join his class.

You want to hear other news about C Chapter members? Come to the chapter meetings. There should be lots of vacation time news. Masao, we'd like to hear about your trip to Cassino.

DOG CHAPTER NEWS: Helen Nikaido

Here's a bit of news from Cudahy, Wisconsin. Steve Brinza (D) writes that he picked up a Hush Puppy shoe entry blank featuring a \$10,000 award to a youngster on their 18th birthday. A month later, his daughter-in-law was notified that she may be a winner and that she had to send a picture of herself and her baby. She did win and, when Steve's granddaughter reaches 18, she will receive \$10,000. Boy, some people are lucky, aren't they? Steve also writes that his #2 son's wife gave birth to a baby boy weighing 8 lbs, 6 oz. Two months later, he tipped the scales at 15 lbs. Wow! Future grand champion (yokozuna) in the sumo world? Congratulations!

The Statewide Company D Reunion was held on June 22, 23, 24, 1990. Nineteen participants from Hawaii, 16 from Kauai, 7 from Maui, and 62 (including guests) from Oahu. Friday night was an informal get-together at the clubhouse. We had catered food. It was nice to have Matthew and Loretta Matsunaga, son on the late Senator Spark Matsunaga (D) attend. We welcomed him, not as a politician, but as a part of the Dog Chapter family. Matthew, hope you will join us in future Family Nites.

Saturday night was the teahouse party at the Rainbow Gardens. The following report was covered by Kay Harada: Cocktail hour was from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Martin Tohara started the evening festivities welcoming all of the outer island members and their wives, who were given a lei or corsage. Ben and GLoria Tamashiro said the grace before dinner. President Yoshiichi Okazawa gave a welcoming address. Joy Teraoka sang before dinner as she said that she couldn't sing on a full stomach. The Japanese food was delicious and enjoyed by all. During dinner, Martin started the lucky numbers and also karaoke. Motoyoshi Tanaka of Hilo started singing, followed by Jane Matusnami, Ruth Tsutui, and daughter, Pat. Ray and Aki Nosaka lead the group singing. The party ended a little after nine when all the door prizes were given out.

This year, there were only three golfers from the outer islands: Miles Shiroma (Maui) and Shimoe & Maxie Mukai (Kauai). All together there were 12 golfers who enjoyed playing at the Kaneohe Marine Corps and Fort Shafter Golf Courses.

I hope the outer island folks were satisfied that their wish had been granted (the teahouse party). I heard you all had to crawl before getting up to get your prizes. It was "yoi sho" "yoi sho". Just like the jets taxiing on the runway before taking off. Fred Yamashige said his back hurt and he couldn't sleep that night. Blamed it on the back surgery. Fred, why don't you admit it was due to old age? I told you, you're forty years too late. Florence Mitsunaga saw a chair in the restroom and used it instead of suffering by sitting on the floor.

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The following information was furnished by Mary Hamasaki: Cash donation: Hosakas, Kawasakis (Hilo), Mitsunagas, Sekiyas, Toharas, Yoshiokas. Island donations: Hawaii: 6 cases of papayas, namako & opihi (Tom Kadota), sakuraboshi (Kaisens); Kauai: 2 boxes of taro chips; Maui: 2 boxes of potato chips. Food, Beverage, & Miscellaneous donations: Herbert Yamamoto, Nakayama, Urabe, Okazawa, Kaya, Teraoka, Matsunami, Sumida, Harada, Hosaka, Tsukayama, Yoshida, Tsutsui, and Tohara. Goody bags (handmade items), glove dusters and adult booties made by Jane Matsunami, pressed flower cards by Florence Mitsunaga, and knit dish cloths by Mary Hamasaki were given to the ladies. Recipients of the golf awards were Max Mukai, Miles Shiroma, Shimoe Mukai, Iwao Fujimori, Conrad Tsukayama, Francis Takemoto, and Richard Hosaka. We were fortunate to have parking facilities from the City & County of Honolulu.

Sunday morning brunch was served at the clubhouse. I would like to thank the following ladies who came out to help prepare the breakfast: Kay Yoshioka, Jane Matsunami, Stella Nakayama, Mary Hamasaki, Lilliam Fujimori, Rhoda Kawamata, Dorothy Tohara and Kay Harada. Special thanks to Mary Hamasaki for making up the program sheets and name tags and to Paul Nanamori, our executive secretary, for the program printing. Thank you Sandy Miyao, daughter of Takao & Alice, and Danny Kaisen, son of Tsugio & Yoshiko, for being so helpful on Friday night. Many thanks to Yoshikiyo Mugitani for all the help given us during the reunion. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the participants and the co-chairmen and their committee for their hard work to make this a very successful and enjoyable reunion. We may not have had the time to sit down and chat with all of you, but it was good to see you all looking well.

The 1990 Reunion was co-chaired by Robert Yoshioka and Conrad Tsukayama, assisted by corresponding secretary Kay Harada. Charlie Kawamata and Ken Suehiro took care of the beverages. The following were the subcommittee chairpersons: Finance - Conrad Tsukayama, Friday Nite Welcome - Iwao Fujimori & Hiromi Urabe, Golf - Richard Kondo & Sadashi Matsunami, Program - Martin Tohara & Mary Hamasaki, Registration - Edward & Kay Harada, Saturday Nite Banquet - Richard Hosaka & Katsumi Nakayama, Sunday Brunch - Kenji & Helen Nikaido, and Transportation - Ken Mitsunaga & Etsuro Sekiya.

Poor "Ka" Nakayama couldn't enjoy his beer with "Mako" and Fred as he was recuperating from his throat surgery. He had an ulcer in his throat.

Next year's reunion: Islands to check total number wishing to have the reunion in Las Vegas, otherwise, Maui will host in 1991.

Have you seen Harry & Myra (Ben & Gloria Tamashiro) on the Bankoh's latest commercial on TV and in the newspaper? Aren't they the cutest couple? They look so natural.

RURAL CHAPTER NEWS: Ted Hamasu

The Rural and Baker Chapters had the responsibilities of collating and preparing the July issue of the PPP for mailing. We, Ruralites, and others living in the central plains of Oahu contented with the ever increasing bumper to bumper morning traffic to make it for the 0830 starting time. I commented to Mike Hamamoto, sitting beside me, that I was glad that I have retired and out of this rat race of going to work through this traffic every morning. It took us 45 minutes to get from Pearl City. It normally takes only about 25 minutes. The Ruralites living in Wahiawa must have travelled about an hour plus to reach the clubhouse on time.

When we arrived at the clubhouse, everything was ready to roll. Some people must have shown up real early to have it all set to go. A big mahalo for your assistance. Led by our prexy, Walter Iwasa, was Jesse Hirata, Hakaru Taoka, Lefty Mizusawa, Masaharu Saito, Yukio Tanji, Robert Furuta, Hideo Tokairin, Seiso Kamishita, Michael Hamamoto, Sus Ota, Mataka Takeshita, who joined us in June from Rural Chapter. Oh, yours truly was also there.

Evelyn Oshiro, our production manager was surprised and very happy to see all the help that day. There were many ladies there helping. I thank you all for giving us a hand. (Kongo mo yoroshiku onegai itashimasu.) It took us about a couple of hours to put the PPP together, after which we stood around drinking coffee, munching on pastries, greeting the guys that you don't normally see around and try to catch up with their past and present. It gave me a good feeling to know that the PPP we put together that day will be delivered in the hands of the members living on the other islands and on the mainland.

KAUAI CHAPTER NEWS: Ben Morimoto

On Father's Day, June 10, our club members celebrated the day at the Coco Palms Hotel. The only trouble that some of us had was with parking. The parking was some distance away from the dining place and required quite a bit of walking. It was a luncheon affair and the foods on the table (self serving) was plentiful and delicious. There was no surprise when people went back for seconds. All in all, 48 heads were counted. It was good to see M/M Kenneth Zaima joining the members on this occasion.

On checking with a Dog member, the following "Doggies" from Kauai attended the Dog Company Reunion in Honolulu: Larry Sakoda, Jack Hada, Kelly Fujimoto, M/M Kiyoshi Teshima, M/M Kazu Mizuno, M/M Mako Takiguchi, M/M Kazuo Senda, M/M Maxie Mukai, and M/M Tommy Matsushige. This number comprises nearly 75% of Dog members of our club. No complaints for they all enjoyed this reunion.

The next general meeting of our club will be on Sunday, August 12 at the Tip Top Cafe.

MAUI CHAPTER NEWS: Tom Nagata

Maui Chapter members attended a dinner meeting at Hazel's Cafe, Wailuku, on Tuesday evening, July 10. President William Nakahara presided over the meeting and called on Secretary Edward Nishihara to read the minutes of our last meeting. Following that, the treasurer's xeroxed financial report as passed out to the members and was accepted and approved without change. On the agenda for the evening was the on-going controversy by the Honolulu members as to the proper disposition of our clubhouse. After some discussion, the members decided to adopt a "wait and see" position for now. The president reported that Kaoru Moto was discharged from the Kahului Hale Makua nursing home following his therapy for a fractured hip surgery. He is resting at home now and we all wish him a speedy recovery. The Mutual Assistance by-laws were discussed and the need to revise our hospitalization policy in regard of sending flowers to members in need of medical treatment. The president had appointed a committee of chapter officers to meet and revise the by-laws to meet the changing needs of members as they grow older.

The large framed pictures of our honored KIA members on display during our annual September 29th Memorial Service has another addition to house the pictures of our deceased Maui Chapter members as they pass away and are displayed along with our fallen KIA comrades. Wataru Kaneshina was instrumental in contracting and obtaining this large picture frame and also four large cloth covers to encase the frames when not in use. He has also volunteered to house the four picture frames and wooden stands in his storage room and Toshio Iwami assisted in the transportation of same with his big truck. We extend our sincere thanks to Wayne, son of Jack Gushiken, for the use of his storage room for the past 20 years. Mahalo!

There will be a pulehu steak dinner and meeting at the Iao Valley Kepaniwai Park at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15.

HAWAII CHAPTER NEWS: Jimmy Maeda

We would like to extend our congratulations and thanks to Fred Fujimoto and his committee for successfully putting on the National AJA Veterans Reunion at Keauhou, Kona from July 26 - July 1. The Welcome Banquet was held with over 1,600 veterans and guests under the clear night skies of Kona. The affair was held outdoors on the parking lot of the Kona Surf Hotel with table cloths, china, and silverware. No paper goods. The food was good and the desserts were delightful.

The delegates to the reunion by the 442nd chapters and the MIS Veterans were plentiful. Representation to the reunion by the Club 100 or 100th Inf. Bn. member was very poor. It could have been due to several reasons: Company "D" Reunion in Honolulu, the upcoming Company "F" Reunion on Kauai, and the Club 100 Mini-Reunion scheduled for September in Las Vegas. It also could have been the initial high cost of the Kona reunion. George Taketa, Hawaii Chapter president, James Maeda and Toshimitsu and Evelyn Kondo represented the Hawaii Chapter. The four from the Big Island and George Hagiwara, president of Club 100, and his wife, Hazel, hosted the hospitality rooms. The hospitality rooms at the Keauhou Beach Hotel were beautifully decorated with orchids that Jimmy

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Maeda obtained from his Hilo friends. There were many former Puka Puka-ites with their wives visiting the hospitality rooms. They were from Chicago, Ogden, northern California, Seattle, and Los Angeles. Many of the visitors held dual memberships, Club 100 and Military Intelligence Service. We were somewhat disappointed to learn that Tom Kasai and his Los Angeles gang were staying at the King Kamehameha Hotel, about 5 miles away. We thank the wives of George Taketa, Jimmy Maeda, and Toshimitsu Kondo for preparing and furnishing the pupus. Since the Club 100 members did not have the connection with the Kona fishermen, no ahi or aku sashimi was served to our guests. We hope that they were able to enjoy some at the other hospitality rooms.

The Hawaii Chapter Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 23 at the Hawaii County Veterans Cemetery starting at 10:00 a.m. David Fukuda, from Kula, Maui, will be our speaker. David is the son of Toshio Fukuda and the late Mits Fukuda. Yasuo Iwasaki is the chairman of the Memorial Service Committee.

Our prayers of condolences to Buck Shimabukuro for the loss of his mother, Uta Shimabukuro, of Laupahoehoe, Hawaii.

(EDITORS' NOTE: The keynote address delivered by Mrs. May Horio at our 48th Anniversary Banquet is printed here as received for publication. Thank you, Mrs. Horio. - Ray & Aki)

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE SPEECH: May Horio

(Originally given at the State Capitol. Revised for Club 100 48th Anniversary - June 7, 1990)

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I feel very humble and amazed that I have been asked to speak to you. When I think of the pain, suffering, and sacrifices you experienced, my suffering diminishes in comparison. On the other hand, loss of freedom and civil rights, are another kind of suffering. Looking backward to the memories of 1942 and the subsequent years, was difficult and painful for me. However, I am glad I was forced to do it.

One thing about looking backward, you know how it is going to end. Life has been a series of good news and bad news. Look backwards, says the historian. History has a way of repeating itself. Learn from the mistakes of others. Look inward, pleads the psychologist. Understand yourself. Look outward, says the sociologist. Understand and help your fellow human beings. As I recalled the past, I realized that my life's processes had included looking backward, inward, outward, and, in the addition, I have looked upward -- to God.

I was born and reared in Alameda, California in the Bay area. There were 10 of us children, and my parents had been operating a dry cleaning store. Between December '41 and May '42, there were many changes and upheavals in our family. Four older children were already out of the home, one of them having just volunteered for the US Army. I was a student at S.F. State College. Two sisters married hurriedly went off to the rural areas of California, rumors being that you would be safe from evacuation. One sister, who aspired to be a singer, hurriedly left for Denver. I mention these details because it was traumatic for me to adjust to these rapidly changing, unnatural events. I said good-bye to Shig Horio, a very special person in my life, as he left hurriedly with his parents for Salt Lake City, one jump ahead of the groups evacuation. We thought we would never see each other again.

So, you can imagine the tumultuous feelings of sadness and loss I experienced, with the evacuation orders becoming a reality. The two sisters who went off to the rural areas, ended up in different camps, one having to endure the harshness of the Arizona heat and dust storms, and the other, the bitter cold of the Colorado winters. In May 1942, my parents, two brothers, and I were interned at Tanforan Assembly Center, a hastily converted camp, from a race track. My parents were forced to close the doors of their business and leave. Time blotted out, mercifully, many details of those early days and weeks. However, the imagery in recall still trigger feelings of loss, grief, rage, despair, and powerlessness.

For example: I cannot describe all my feelings when I stepped inside the horse's stall, which would be our home for the next six months. The odor of the previous occupants could not be eradicated with the white wash they had

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put on the walls. Other remembrances of standing in line for our first meals, holding out tin cups and plates, or going to the latrine and showers, which had no doors or curtains, or being stopped by an armed guard as I searched for the latrine at night. "Where do you think you are going?", I was asked. We had not been allowed to take any flashlights and I had lost my way and wandered toward the gate.

The lack of privacy, not only within our own cabin, but with our close neighbors, was cause for more feelings of despair and pain. One of my sisters, who was a newlywed, shared with me her feelings of humiliation, rage, and pain of the early days and weeks. High priority was looking for material to stuff the large knotholes in their cabins for privacy. She said she felt as if her legs had been cut off for the future. When the impact hit her, she cried bitterly. I, too, cried for a couple of weeks, every night, under my covers. Then, I decided I had to make the best of it. Thank God for the flexibility and adaptability of the human spirit.

A community was beginning to form at Tanforan. All able-bodied adults were expected to work. Since I wanted to be a nurse, I volunteered to work in the camp hospital. For a 40-hour week, I received \$8.00 a month. The physicians were paid a little more - \$19.00 a month. I plunged into the work with enthusiasm. I'm glad I never had to be the patient. I want to share one interesting experience. A patient needed emergency surgery which could not be done at the camp hospital and so was being transferred to a hospital in San Mateo. I was asked to accompany him in the ambulance. It was a glorious, exhilarating feeling just to be riding on the highway. After the patient had been hospitalized, we stopped to buy a hamburger. I don't know which tasted better, the hamburger or the brief moments of freedom.

At this time, I want to say something about my mother. Both my parents were Christians, but my mother had the greatest impact on us. She was our anchor, our rock. She was always a quiet, gentle, nurturing woman and her rock of faith was anchored in a God who would not desert us, no matter how bad life seemed. Not once did she criticize the U.S. government and, when we asked her how she felt about the Japanese government, she simply said her heart hurt but that she had chosen America and this was her country now. Eventually, my three older brothers volunteered to join the U.S. Army. They and my parents were criticized severely by people who opposed this and were threatened. At times, the cooks were so mean in the mess halls, they gave me parents less food as punishment. My mother was a four-star mother. They left Topaz in 1945.

Back to my story. I couldn't afford nurse's uniforms, so I was fortunate in having Shig Horio supply me with uniforms and other necessities. However, Shig was having his own problems. He had completed two years of medical school at the University of California and was trying to get into another medical school. Fate was kind and he was able to enter the third year at the University of Utah. Meanwhile, he worked on the railroad and as a busboy at Hotel Utah.

Fate was kind to me. When the population at Tanforan was transferred to Topaz, Utah, for our permanent relocation center. I'm going to skip the details of our early weeks there because my story will get too long. Early on, thanks to Shig sponsoring me, I was able to leave Topaz to attend the University of Utah. By then, camp restrictions were being lifted to allow students to leave or seasonal workers to go out to work. While I was overjoyed in being out of camp, my troubles were only beginning. It was very difficult being separated from my family, being in a strange city, having no money, and then being told that they would not accept me in their nursing school because they did not know what to do with a Japanese American. Other nursing schools expressed the same attitude. Can you imagine any school or agency today saying, "We don't know what to do with you, because you are a Japanese American?"

Those were disturbing times for me and I dropped out to assess what I would do with my life. Meanwhile, I worked as a domestic for my room and board. Twenty-three years later, my husband suggested I go back to school and I received my Master's Degree in Social Work in 1970. The irony was that our commencement speaker was Chief Justice Earl Warren, who was the attorney general in California during the time of the war hysteria.

Subtle, indirect discrimination profoundly affected and changed our lives. Shig had tried to volunteer to become a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army, but had been turned down because of race. So, when the war was over, the returning veterans received higher priority than nonveterans for residency in training in medicine. However, in 1953, married, with three children, four years into private practice, with thousands of dollars borrowed to start the

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practice, Uncle Sam tapped him for service in the Korean War. The good news was he was assigned to Hawaii. We never returned to San Francisco to live.

And now I want to say something about my brothers and sisters and their camp experiences. Do you know we had never talked about those experiences with each other? So, when I was asked to give this speech, I wrote them and asked them to recall just one or two experiences.

My oldest brother, John, after his service with the military as a Japanese language specialist, went to college and received his Master's degree. His thesis was Legislative History and Administrative Procedures of the Evacuation Claims Act and it was widely quoted in the courts and at congressional hearings on reparations to internees. His entire professional career was devoted to opening up equal opportunities for minorities in employment and for the right to eat in any restaurant. In addition, he was an active member of the JACL in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

My sister, Ruby, the would-be singer, was way ahead of her time. She became a voice therapist, married, widowed, and, in her later years, became an active JACL-er, opened her home for the JACL office until she became ill. She died three years ago.

My brother, Joe, shared a funny remembrance with me. He worked as a security guard in camp, earning the princely sum of \$4.00 a month. One of his duty stations was to be at the post exchange when scarce items came in. Remember, this was war time. When sanitary napkins became available, the women would line up. One day, a teenager became angry and kicked my brother in the shins because they had run out before it was her turn. She survived and today is a practicing physician. On a more serious note, Joe volunteered for the 442, even though he had a wife and a young baby. He felt no one would hear their cries behind barbed wires.

My sister, Sue, the one who ended up in Arizona, went back to school when her children were in their pre-teen years and earned a degree in social work. She devoted her career to working as a minority student counselor at S.F. State College.

Another sister, Aiko, also went back to college after her son was grown. She said she had nothing but negative remembrances for the most part. She recalled being refused service in a restaurant in Pric, Utah, after being released from camp. She and her husband felt terrible about it and said they could identify with how blacks felt. Aiko became active in the Redress movement and went to Washington to testify.

I am very thankful for the sacrificial services of those of you in the 100th and 442, because as a result, the redress effort became started. I am thankful too, for the major efforts of Senator Inouye and Senator Matsunaga. Of course, the grass roots efforts are what moved it along to successful conclusion. I am hoping my 90-year old mother-in-law will hang in there so she can receive her check. Sad to say, her only surviving son died in January of this year.

So, here I am, still working as a social worker. My three children are married and I have one precious grandson. My husband died in a car accident several years ago. I have been very active in peace and human rights activities. In 1983, when it wasn't a popular thing to do, a small group of us went on a peace mission to the Soviet Union. We went by way of Washington, D.C. and Senator Matsunaga was there cheering us on and saying the trip was a success just because we were doing it. The Soviets thanked us for coming with tears in their eyes.

Last year, I had the unexpected opportunity to go to South Africa. I had long wanted to go because I was concerned about apartheid. Two of us carried missions money from my church, Makiki Christian Church, to the first school for black girls, founded 100 years ago. It was an exciting, eye-opening experience to talk with whites, blacks, and coloured about apartheid and how it affected them. The Blacks were amazed and touched that we were concerned enough to travel halfway around the world.

In conclusion: The bad news was the forced internment. The good news is the process of my spiritual journey through life, in which my vision expanded to include the world. Mom was right. God was, and still is, faithful and continued to guide me. I close with a paraphrased quote from John Donne: "No man is an island entire of itself. Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main... Any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in

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mankind. Therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls. it tolls for thee."

Thank you.

(EDITORS' NOTE: At the 48th Anniversary Banquet, June 7, 1990, seven members of the Club 100 received well deserved recognition for years of devoted service to both the club and the community. The following was taken from the special program booklet, written by Ben Tamashiro. - Ray and Aki)

PROFILES IN SERVICE: by Ben Tamashiro

The club motto, "For Continuing Service", has room for all kinds of expression. within its spheres of action, then, age and time become challenges rather excuses. Many in the club personify that spirit of service and tonight we are honoring seven of them.

SHIGERU INOUE (Medics Chapter: Coming up in September is our 45th Annual Memorial Service. A key element at these services takes place at the end of the program, the refreshment time. When one stops to think about it, the setting seems as unlikely a place for such a gathering. But somehow the refreshments set up under the shade of the large banyon trees provide an ambience which serves to draw us to an exchange of greetings, there to talk story about days gone by, update ourselves about the health and welfare of each other and swap a vision or two about the future.

For the past 28 years - that's right, 28 consecutive years! - Shigeru Inouye has made it his personal charge to provide that euphoric environment for us and, despite the fact that having everything ready is somewhat in the order of setting up under field conditions, he has personally been leading Medics Chapter in this operation these many years to ensure that this is what we get. In fact, he has made it more than a chapter event; it has become a family affair with the whole Inouye family pitching in.

Shigeru was club president in 1960. It gives us great pleasure to honor him for his years of unselfish service to the club.

JIM LOVELL (Headquarters): Jim first came to Hawaii in 1930 from Nebraska as an industrial arts teacher. Up to then, his only contact with Orientals was with a Korean boy when he was in the fifth grade. So where did he begin his first teaching job? At Washington Intermediate School where the student body of 2,400 was 95% Japanese.

When Jim's grandfather came over from England, he first wandered around the Midwest before settling in Hastings, Nebraska; probably drawn to the town for its name, just as we remember the Battle of Hastings in English history as being one of the major battles that turned the course of history. The year was 1066 and William the Conqueror from across the Channel had invaded England and defeated the Anglo-Saxons. Out of the consequent Norman rule of England has come much of English law and government language, literature and architecture. It's a noble legacy that has been passed on to Jim who himself was born in Hastings.

When the 100th was formed in 1942 against the backdrop of what to do with the Japanese in America, "Old Man" Turner picked Jim to be his second-in-command. The mix of the traditions of English knighthood and the samurai code of ethics has proved to be a most fortuitous combination; a relationship of love and respect for each other fashioned on the playing fields of Hawaii, fine-tuned on the training grounds of McCoy and Shelby and bonded on the battlefields of Europe.

We honor Jim for his inspiration and leadership throughout the years.

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SPARK MATSUNAGA (Dog Chapter): Say the name - Spark Matsunaga - and you immediately visualize a man of action: 36 years in politics, from his first election to the Territorial House of Representatives in 1954 till his death on April 15 in a Toronto hospital while a U.S. Senator; contributions to innumerable civic and community activities; a military experience beginning with his ROTC activities at the University in 1940, service with the 100th Infantry Battalion, the Military Intelligence Service Language School, and the War Relocation Authority; a clutch of scholastic honors, decorations and awards; intense interest in veterans affairs, including being president of Club 100 for two terms, 1953-54; author and poet; spearhead for the legislation, The Civil Rights Act of 1988, designed to pay \$20,000 to each surviving Japanese American interned during World War II. In death, one of his most cherished legislative acts, the creation of the National Academy of Peace, is coming to fruition under the banner of the Matsunaga Peace Foundation.

These are but attestations to his signature declaration that "I am foremost a servant of the people, a public servant." It is a true reflection of his humble beginnings on Kauai: born in Kukuiula, raised in Hanapepe.

If ever a member symbolizes continuing service in all of its connotations, that member is Spark Matsunaga who has brought honor and glory to the club. It is fitting that we reserve a place for him alongside the other honorees.

SAKAE TAKAHASHI (Baker Chapter): Sakae was another of the many in the 100th who was born and grew up in the sugar plantation environment; in Makaweli, Kauai. When the 100th was formed in 1942, he was among one of a small band of Nisei officers chosen to lead the outfit. After the war, he became a principal cog in the Democratic Party of Hawaii. He served two terms as president of the club in 1949-51. An attorney and former state senator, he was one of the founders of Central Pacific Bank. He recently retired from his long association with the bank.

We honor him in particular for his role as chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, a responsibility he took on when Mits Fukuda died. When Sakae came on board, the committee had come to a point when a decision seemed to be in order as to whether the club would continue to chug along as at present - or try to project itself into the future by aligning with the upcoming Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. Sakae led the way into that decision. He then made himself available to local and outside island chapters to explain the proposal. He took on this task when by nature he is one who prefers to work or stay in the background rather than being up front.

When the members voted last year to go with the JCCH, he quietly went about with the difficult task of implementation. A major purpose of the Cultural Center is to have a facility where people can go in to the future to get a story line on the Japanese in Hawaii, including that of the 100th Infantry Battalion and other Nisei units. Many people are beginning to get involved in this vast project, from historians, writers and architects to professionals in the museum field. The array of talent working in the interest of the 100th is a promising aspect of the club's association with the JCCH.

We honor Sakae for his contributions and leadership at this difficult time of transition.

YASUO TAKATA (Baker Chapter): Yasu is currently president of Baker Chapter. It is just another instance of how he continues to serve, at both the chapter and club levels. He was club president for two terms, 1976-77.

But we would like to honor him especially for his chairmanship of the proxy voting last June on the question of whether the club should join the JCCH, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii. In matters of this sort, the legal requirements mandate at least two-thirds affirmative vote of total membership to make any proposal binding.

The administrative details and volume of paperwork involved were things that the club had not experienced before. Yasu had to ensure that each member was in receipt of his proxy and all the other informational and voting guides. Then, as the proxies began arriving in the clubhouse, he had to keep track of each on inasmuch as members had the option, at the June membership meeting, to let their proxies stand or make a change by casting ballots on the spot.

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In the final tally, he had to combine these votes into one.

That he accomplished this with a minimum of fuss and bother is a credit to his skill and devotion to the task at hand. It is with great pleasure that we honor Yasu for all of his contributions to the club.

TAKESHI TESHIMA (Baker Chapter): Takeshi was an original member of the 100th. A Kibei, he returned to Japan after the war and has been there since, engaged in the import business with headquarters in Tokyo, providing restaurant supplies and equipment to establishments all over Japan.

And according to his good friend, Hajime Yamane, Takeshi today also provides equipment to such establishments as the McDonald's hamburger chain in Japan and has expanded his business into China and Korea.

Born and raised on the Big Island, he maintains strong ties to Hawaii. Throughout the years, he has been an avid supporter of the Club 100, interested in anything that takes place here, always hungry for news about the boys. Whenever he hears about any of them being in Tokyo, he makes it a point to get in touch, entertain and assist in any way he can.

Countless numbers of our boys have fond memories of Takeshi's hospitality. He is a workaholic but at the first word that a 100th guy is in the city, he'll drop everything to take care of the visitor from Hawaii or the mainland. As we say in our lingo, he goes "all out."

In sum, he is like a Hawaii Visitors Bureau in reverse. For the great Aloha he maintains for the 100th, we honor him - in absentia.

MARTIN TOHARA (Dog Chapter): At one time or another, Martin has served on most every committee at the club level. He's been chairman for almost anything you could name - from Clean Up to Apartment, Memorial Service to Banquet. His great forte is talking; as such, he's been a master-of-ceremonies for more things than you could think of. He has represented the club at numerous functions including eight years as club representative at the ROTC graduation ceremonies at the University and the several high schools. If the club had a committee for dog catching, you can bet the he would have talked himself into being that, too.

He's been vice-president seven times. But president? No. How come? Simple. He's been on the Nominating Committee itself for 15 years!

On the other hand, he has never accepted invitations to join the many civic organizations around town. He's turned them all down. Why? Because he felt that he would then be spreading himself too thin. For you see, from the very beginning, he had set for himself a priority - that he would give everything he had within him to the service of the club. And so he has turned aside all other demands upon his time. It's a great kind of dedication that few - maybe, none - can match.

It is a distinct pleasure to honor Martin for his many years of such support to the club.



A VISIT TO THE SCANDINAVIAN CAPITALS AND RUSSIA: Kenneth Otagaki

On June 2-17, 1990, Janet and I cruised the Baltic Sea on the M.S. Crown Odyssey visiting eight countries - Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and the Netherlands. It was smooth sailing all the way and luckily the weather was ideal, cool and comfortable. Tilbury, England was the embarkation and disembarkation port.

The cruise ship carried a total of 1,050 passengers, with a staff of 470 Greek, Filipino, Chinese, and Italian crew members who provided excellent service. Mealtime was always the highlight of the day with lavish cuisines to suit one's taste. We simply closed our eyes and had our heart's fill of caviar, pickled herrings, shrimps, smoked salmon, lobsters, and steaks - all of which are no-no foods for a large number of mature travellers like us. For breakfast, we chose the buffet style where we can take as little or as much or as many different kinds of foods we so desire. How we miss the blueberry griddle cakes, rolls, and the beautiful assortment of fresh fruits every morning - strawberries, cherries, plums, and watermelon.

There are any number of things to do each day, it's your choice - music, lectures, games, movies, shopping, exercise, swimming, casino shows or lounging on the deck chairs to nap or read.

On the morning of the third, we were already sailing through the famous Kill Canal which was engineered and constructed about 100 years ago through miles of West Germany lowlands, saving the ships from sailing the stormy northern coast and several hundred miles to the Baltic countries. At the end of the canal was our first port of call, Travemunde-Lubeck, where we visited St. Mary's Church known for its organ of great historic value. An organ music was specially performed for us.

After covering other bristling sectors of the city, we were taken to the border dividing East Germany from the West. A high wired fence marked the division line with guard posts on the western side which, in time, will all be dismantled. Future visitors will not be able to see this historic World War II spoils of victory and defeat.

The next country was Gdymia, Poland, known for its major port. It is changing rapidly from Communism to a Democracy. There were many youth group hawking everything from trinkets to amber necklaces, although this activity is not sanctioned by the local authorities. Gum chewing, smoking, and fancy haircuts appeared to be the "in thing" among them. The highlight of the your were the visits to the Gdansk shipyards and labor leader Wallesa's home. According to our guide, the Russians used the Poles to their economic advantage over scores of years.

Following a day at sea, we docked at Leningrad, Russia early in the morning of June 9th. Passing along the River Neva, many historical places were pointed out to us among which was the green colored Winter Palace. Within this building is the world's most fabulous Hermitage Art Museum. The beautiful paintings and mosaics and richly decorated columns in the St. Isaac's Cathedral were worth seeing. At the Berioska (foreign currency store) were souvenirs of all sorts - amber, caviar, lacquered boxes, matryoshka nest dolls, etc. In the outskirts of the city, we also saw unkempt streets, dilapidated buildings and several long lines of people waiting to purchase foods and other necessities. If Leningrad, the cultural center of Russia, is a grim and depressing as observed in some areas, the Soviet Union appears to be faced with very serious social and economic problems in the foreseeable future. There were two evening options: a visit to the Hermitage Art Museum or to the performance of Russian dancing and music at the Palace of Culture. We took the latter because of minimum walking.

Unlike Poland and Russia, the next five countries - Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and the Netherlands are seemingly enjoying democracy and the fruits of economic development. The streets are paved, clean, and lined with trees; buildings, on the whole, are modern and well maintained; and business appears to be booming. People are well dressed, markets and shopping centers are busy and so are the places for relaxation like the kiosks and sidewalk coffee shops. The more affluent families have beautiful homes and imported cars like the Mercedes and Volvo.

Helsinki, Finland is a very charming city with a lot a greenery and space. We were taken to the Silrilius Church, known for its walls of solid rock and hundred of steel pipes welded together with copper wires.

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How well I remember Stockholm, Sweden for its outstanding Milles Garden of the late Carl Milles, Sweden's famous sculptor. The impressive, terraced lawn enhanced by trees, flowers, and a large fountain is truly a perfect setting for his sculptured columns of work. Covering the area was long and tiring but the delightful experience derived from this tour was worth every minute spent.

The display of the Swedish Crown Jewels, located in the Royal Treasury of the Amalienborg Palace was magnificent. It brought back fond memories of our 1973 trip to Tehran, Iran, where we had the privilege of viewing the late Shah's Royal Jewels of far greater elegance and number of pieces.

One associates Tivoli Gardens and the statue of the Little Mermaid with Copenhagen, Denmark. Tivoli is a fun place for the young and old as there are rides, games, theaters, restaurants, stores, and even slot machines. Everybody was simply having a grand time! For memory's sake, we touched the famous mermaid sitting on the rock before bidding farewell to the city.

Of interest was the Viking Ship Museum in Oslo, Norway, where three authentic Viking ships were on display. A close look at the artifacts show workmanship so precise that it makes one wonder how the ancient shipbuilders ever produced such fine vessels with their crude tools.

Our last port, Amsterdam - The Netherlands is a city of canal and houseboats. A one hour canal tour covered the narrowest house (size of the width of its front door), the wealthy merchants' homes with very elaborate gables and private residences converted to banks and business offices. We viewed in passing Anne Frank House. A long line of tourists were waiting to be admitted into the building. At the Rijks Museum, our last stop, we saw the collections of the Dutch Masters and Rembrandt's famous "Night Watch".

The homeward journey was again long and tiring, a 10½-hour flight from London. At Los Angeles, where the custom inspection took place, we transferred to a TWA. After a delay of about 1½ hours, due to mechanical problems, we were finally airborne without any further mishaps we arrived safely home.

Caution: To circumvent some of the inconveniences like we experienced, especially on the first leg of our trip, select a good travel agency. Plan carefully.

(EDITORS'S NOTE: Daniel Valk, a judge in New York, and strong supporter of the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team, was asked to deliver the memorial prayer at the opening night dinner of the 15th National AJA Veterans Reunion held in Kailua-Kona, June 27, 1990. It is reprinted here with his permission. - Ray & Aki)

MEMORIAL PRAYER: Daniel Valk

Honored Guests, Visitors, Fellow Veterans, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am deeply humbled, and given an honor that I do not deserve, in that you have chosen a Sansei Russian (on both sides), Jewish Haole Kotonk, from allegedly racist Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, to give the Memorial Prayer at this Opening Kau Kau of the 1990 reunion. Among you are Medal of Honor recipients, elected officials, clergy and lay officials of various religious denominations. Unfortunately, one individual that is no longer with us, the late junior United States Senator from Hawaii, Captain Spark Matsunaga of Dog Company, 100th Infantry Battalion, having won his greatest fights in the halls of Congress with the passage and signing into law of the Civil Rights Act of 1988, commonly known as the Redress Bill.

Two others that I feel must be singled out for remembrance were members of both of our groups who died side by side in the Challenger diaster, Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka and Astronaut Judith Resnick.

Let us fervently pray that in the future there will never be a need for another American to become eligible for membership in a wartime veterans organization. We now honor and remember all of those Americans, from Lexington through Panama, who by their supreme sacrifice during our beloved America's hours of darkness, need, and trial, made it possible for us to be here tonight.

I will now recite an English translation of the traditional Hebrew Memorial Prayer for the Dead:

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"Extolled and hallowed be the name of the Supreme Being throughout the world, which he created, and which He governs according to His righteous will. Just is He, in all His ways, and wise are all His decrees. May His Kingdom come and His will be done in all the earth. Praised be the Lord of Life, the righteous Judge, for evermore."

Whatsoever praise we would render unto Him, howsoever, we would adore the Most High One, we would yet fail to give Him the glory due to His Great Name. Even in this hour of remembrance of our honored dead and our sorrow on their passing, we feel the majesty of the Supreme Being and will give thanks for His manifold mercies.

May the Father of Peace send peace to all who mourn and remember and comfort all of the bereaved among us who today remember our fallen comrades and our comrades who have since departed this life.

To all of those departed, whom we now remember and honor, may peace and bliss be granted them in life eternal. May they find grace and mercy before the Lord of Heaven and Earth. May their spirits rejoice in that everlasting good, which the Supreme Being has set up for those who fear and love Him, and may their memory be a blessing unto those who treasure it. Amen.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWS: Tad Hashimoto

The Matsunaga Peace Foundation was incorporated in Honolulu, Hawaii as a nonprofit public charity and is creating a permanent Board of Governors. A capital fund drive is actively underway to identify a core group of founders and supporters. Contributions and inquiries may be addressed to the "Matsunaga Peace Foundation, P.O. Box 1038, Honolulu, Hawaii 96808." Club 100 donated \$100.00 to the Matsunaga Peace Foundation.

Our thanks to Aileen Yoshino who donated \$150.00 to Club 100 in memory of the late Kenji Yoshino.

Shizu & Fukashi Hori (9285 N. Maryland, Niles, Illinois 60648) donated \$50.00 in thanks and memory of Kenji Yoshino. Ed & Amy Nakazawa donated \$100.00 to our club. They won some money in a reverse raffle at a 442 function. Thanks to all for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Henry & Elsie Hayashi had to cancel their trip to the Kona reunion. Elsie's mother passed away. Our condolences to the Hayashi family.

On June 27, 1990, it was United Airlines flight to Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, with one stop-over in Honolulu. On this plane were about 60 100/442 people. Yoshi "Toe" Yoshino took charge of our group when another group leader had to go out of town at the last minute. 100th group from L.A. were: Yoshi & Molly Yoshino - group leader (H), Tom & Ruth Kasai (B), Henry & Kazuko Yoshitake (A), Henry & Fumi Sakato (B), William & Irene Sato (A), Mas & Elma Takahashi (C), Jim & Ko Tateoka (C) from Idaho, M/M Miya & family, and Tad & Sue Hashimoto (D).

We arrived in Kona and our baggage was unloaded on tables forming a half circle, stacked on top of each other instead of the bags moving back and forth. So, we had to around back and forth looking for our bags. Seems to me that they haven't improved the airport since I was there about 12 years ago. We arrived after 6:00 p.m., had to find our bags, then sort them by hotel - King Kamehameha, Kona Hilton, Keauhou Beach Hotel, and the Kona Surf Resort. It got late so we had to be bussed directly from the airport to the 7:30 p.m. Welcoming Banquet at the Kona Surf Hotel. We would get our bags and room keys after the banquet. Our group stayed at the King Kamehameha Hotel. There was about 8 miles between the King Kamehameha and Kona Surf Hotels, with the two other hotels located in between. This was an inconvenience to all.

The Welcoming Banquet was held outdoors at the Kona Surf Hotel in the evening with red and white lanterns above which lit the area. Heard they used 14 busses for transportation for the Welcoming Banquet and about 13 busses for the Farewell Banquet. Dinner was Oriental buffet style with a great assortment of food to please evryone. Speaker was Vincent Okamoto, highly decorated Vietnam veterans, and the Honorable Greg Ogin, deputy managing director for the County of Hawaii. M.C. was Clifton Tsuji. Also saying a few words were Colonel James Hanley, Leonard Oka, Warren Fencl, and Glenda Nagami, PhD.

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The next evening, there was a Polynesian Luau held at all four hotels. We had to attend the Kona Hilton Hotel, so we were bussed there. We enjoyed a leisure cocktail hour on the beach with time to renew acquaintances and meet new friends. Then we went indoors and had a nice evening with good Polynesian food and entertainment. When this ended, we were bussed back to the King Kamehameha Hotel.

For Chapter Night, on our own, Toe Yoshino arranged to have dinner at the King Kamehameha Hotel. We met in the lobby and, on the few tables they had out there, we enjoyed an unexpected appetizer - fresh tuna sashimi that fisherman Henry Sakato had caught that very day. It was good. Then we all went into Moby Dick Restaurant and had dinner. Attending were George Terada (Hilo), Bill Omoto (Monterey, CA), M/M Frank Nishimura Jr. (Seattle, WA), M/M Susumu Okada (Kauai), M/M Henry Maeyama (Suisun, CA), M/M Jim Tateoka (Hazelton, Idaho), M/M Joe Tamura, M/M George Kinoshita, M/M Scott Takahashi, M/M Mas Takahashi, M/M Miya & 2 daughters, M/M Tom Kasai, M/M Toe Yoshino, M/M Hank Yoshitake, M/M William Sato, M/M Henry Sakato, and M/M Tad Hashimoto.

Then came our Farewell Banquet Night. The reunion people in the three other hotels were bussed to the Kona Surf Hotel. The Kona Reunion Committee (and all of us) were hoping it would not rain as all of the activities were held outdoors. We were relieved that it did not rain despite dark clouds and a few raindrops. Continental style dinner was served buffet style with a large assortment of hot and cold items, lots of desserts and, of course, Kona coffee. Our M.C. was Nelson Doi (judge), a great speaker with a voice to match. Also speaking were Matsuo Takabuki, 442nd Co. L, senior trustee of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate, and the keynote speaker, the Honorable Ben Cayetano, lieutenant governor of Hawaii, who is a Filipino. Cayetano said the deeds of the 100/442nd R.C.T. also helped the Filipinos in many ways. Also speaking was a Japanese Canadian who thanked the Japanese Americans. What the 100/442nd have done has benefited the Japanese Canadians in Canada and even those in other nations. Our friends, Bob & Margaret Tanoue, came from Paauilo (near Hilo) to attend the Farewell Banquet and even stayed overnight at a hotel so that they could take us to the airport.

We missed Henry & Elsie Hayashi who had to cancel because Elsie's mother had passed away just before the reunion. Saw Conrad Kurahara, Dick Oguro, Joe & Toshi Tamura, Toshio Hamataka, Yeiki Matsui, Henry & Teresa Maeyama, Lloyd Toda, whose wife, Michi, could not come due to an operation. Saw George Hagiwara, who received a presentation. Met John Tsukano, author of the book, Bridge of Love, and met Dr. Glenda Nagami, who looks like a cute little girl but who is with the Department of the Army (Military History Institute). She wants veterans to answer a questionnaire of WWII data and send any artifacts that could be studied to tell of our history. The artifacts would be kept in the archives forever to be used by historians and researchers. Our records would be different because discrimination and racial prejudice was involved. Be sure to answer the questionnaire and send it in, if and when you get one.

The reunion ended with an impressive Memorial Service on Sunday. Present at the service were Serge Carlesso, president of Bruyeres-Hawaii Committee, and Pierre Moulin, president of Go For Broke, French Club. They had also attended the veterans reunion held in Reno, Nevada. Moulin spoke and made presentations. He said our 100/442nd deeds would be held in eternity. U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye was asked to say a few words. He said, "Never ask a politician to say a few words" and got a few laughs. He just said a few words and thanked everyone for the honor. We met quite a few of our fellow travellers at the reunion. We had gone to the Bruyeres Reunion and East European Tour, July 6-24, 1989 (by Kokusai Travel of Los Angeles), went to Bruyeres for three days, then Germany (East & West), Austria, Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia. We were there at the Berlin Wall before they started tearing it down and also to the countries now fighting for freedom.

Time to leave. A great time had by all. I'm sure there were meetings of ones who had not seen each other for forty something years and seeing friends you saw at the last reunion. Now we say this may be our last reunion because of our age, but plan to go to the next reunion. Aloha and mahalo to everyone who participated in some way.

After the reunion, we went to Honolulu for three days, staying at the beautiful Ala Moana Hotel. It was a very good choice, so convenient to the Ala Moana Shopping Center. We were invited to Club 100 for a very enjoyable evening with leis, good food, and great entertainment by Ray Nosaka and his Aloha Singers. Mahalo most of all to all our good friends who took the time and effort to greet us all. We had a wonderful time. Yasuo Takata was a great M.C. Met

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many friends and it looks like they are taking good care of themselves as they look good. We all say thanks for your hospitality and may we meet again soon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(NOTE: The following paragraph was inadvertently omitted from Hakaru Taoka's letter which was published in the July issue. - Ray & Aki)

The writer and even Lauiki mention that the JCCH plan to turn over Club 100 property is a "give away" project at \$400,000. They fail to mention and consider what the 40 years annuity payment JCCH is supposed to make will mean to Club 100. Assuming the annual gross income is \$100,000 at the time the Club property on Kamoku Street is turned over to JCCH in 5 years, JCCH will pay \$100,00 per year for the next 35 years for a total of \$3,500,000. Is this considered a give away? The Club 100 is also assured of operating comfortably for at least during that period after most of us are gone.

MR. EDITOR Puka Puka Parade

July 8, 1990

FOR THE RECORD

QUOTE: "THE TIME HAS COME, THE WALRUS SAID, 'TO TALK OF MANY THINGS; OF SHOES AND SHIPS AND SEALING WAX AND CABBAGES AND KINGS'" UNQUOTE.

Truly the TIME has come to talk of the NITTY-GRITTY of the DILEMMA now facing Club 100 and its memebtrs - in the DISSOLUTION of the Club and its properties, Real and furnishings et al!

Let us harken back to 1985 (could have been 1986) when Hajime Yamane was a Vice-President of the Club. It was in this year that he reported out the complete report of the 1983 Long Range Planning Committee's most comprehensive report naturally, spanning nearly 16 months of research, study and deliberations, on the subject of the future of Club 100 and its members! Then reminded Baker Chapter members that this report need not be acted upon immediately, as there was a grace period of 10 years hence to really act on it. Nothing was heard of this report henceforth.

I did detail portions of the report in an earlier issue of the PPP. No copies were made available nor run-off. I must admit at this point I snitched a copy a la Watergate style!

About a year later, in 1986, when he was President and in the driver's seat of Club 100, the merger proposal came to his attention. He appointed a Long Range Planning Committee (#3), and was also a member of said committee.

I content that this committee is not a new one, but an old, old committee resurrected from a 2-year hiatus.

In his report to Baker Chapter, following the first meeting with JCCH, he was bubbling over with excitement and enthusiasm for the JCCH project. And, thereafter, he never did address the 1983 report of the LRP Committee, although Hajime and I battled verbally but privately over the matter of including the recommendations of the 1983 LRP Committee in the final balloting!

At subsequent chapter meetings too, I asked for updated written reports on the negotiation in process on the JCCH merger, but to no avail. All I got were evasive, crispy, and sometime even incoherent verbal statements and a retort repeated over and over again, that a full, complete report will be forthcoming. Which never came, so I quit attending Baker Chapter meetings and functions, in utter disgust!

A full report on the JCCH proposal did finally come out, was it a month or so prior to the balloting was to take place? Now in the last issue of the PPP, the LRP Committee Chairman's very long report has surfaced, which is really a rebuttal primarily to my letter that appeared in an earlier issue of the PPP, prior to the Chairman's report.

It has laid down a seemingly withering smoke screen of charges and counter-charges; accusations as well as an insinuation that the proponents of the Lauiki Proposal have not done their homework properly as regards especially

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to the IRS's rules and regulations applicable to the Lauiki Proposal and that the title to our clubhouse property was worthless and useless! Really? This latter statement must be a supposition.

I am asked rather politely why I did not attend the general membership informational meetings, nor attended any of the committee's meetings which are not secret, but open to all members to attend.

"Fools step in where even Angels fail to tread." I may be stupid, but I am no fool. Has anyone ventured into a lion's den, invited or uninvited and come back out unscathed? Fortunately, there are pockets of 100% visibility in the withering smoke screen from which other members will address the pros and cons of both mergers.

I contend, however, that there is the one underlying, overriding factor that has never been expressed fully and clearly - The LRP Committee itself and its logo: Long Range Planning. Since its rebirth, resurrections this LRP Committee #3, as so labelled, has been biased, authoritative (Military style) and had a singleness of purpose to execute the JCCH Proposal to final completion, expediently as possible and at all cost!

If such be the case, and it looks so suspiciously so, then the Long Range Planning Committee is a misnomer. It should have been named the JCCH Proposal Plan Committee. Yes? No?

The Long Range Planning Committee has had an illustrious career; lo, being in existence for over 25 years, though sometimes in hibernation for years at a stretch during its time. In its early years, it planned successfully an Old Timer Sport Greats of the Club gathering, but its highlight has got to be the 1983 Committee Report.

And at no time has this committee ever requested a DISCHARGE, nor been voted on by Board of Directors! Therefore, I cannot perceive why the committee has been numbered 1, 2, and 3? To me, this committee has been one and the same throughout, with few personnel changes too.

When Hajime Yamane resurrected it in 1986, when the JCCH offer was made, did He (Hajime) give specific orders to the committee to study this plan only? Or did the Committee decide to pursue this course of action without even giving thought to its massive 1983 Report? A true committee should consider, study, and then recommend or reject all recommendations/proposals received, known or perceived, from all angles, negative and positive as well as the effects of the IRS, Real Estate angle and all other other factors that could influence each proposal/recommendation. Isn't this process GOSPEL? By Jove, KOSHER!

When the Lauiki Proposal was finally allowed to surface at a Board of Directors meeting of the Club, at which the Board by 4 to 1 decision favored the JCCH Proposal, then, in essence, the Board acted as the LRP Committee, by not referring this matter to the proper committee - the LRP Committee, which is the proper procedure??

By the Bye, another Proposal has been received - the Cadmus Properties Corporations Proposal. A \$5,400,000 outright purchase offer. This latest proposal has not been submitted to neither the LRP Committee nor to the Board. How will this proposal be disposed of?

We are in truth, very rapidly coming to an IMPASSE; and an inevitable shouting showdown that could be ARBITRATION, or the last resort court room "shooting match" which will be a costly affair as the Club will lose, regardless of the outcome. We really do have a way out! I am putting the MONKEY squarely on the back of the LRP Committee where it ought to be anyhow. The Committee is the key.

The Committee can, so it should, declare a MORATORIUM, place on HOLD further negotiations with JCCH, immediately; RECOMMIT the JCCH proposal in toto to the committee as well as permit the Lauiki Proposal into the committee, and draw up plans for the run-off balloting with both proposals on the ballot. This is what it is all about that I have been advocating all along - Give the members a CHOICE OF SELECTION!

Or, if the Committee chooses, a CONFERENCE COMMITTEE of 5 members from the JCCH Plan & 5 members from the Lauiki Plan formed to meet in a joint session.

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Per chance, re the proponents of the JCCH Plan apprehensive, afraid that they will lose out in a run-off voting? Well, the proponents of the Lauiki Plan too face the same fate!

As we used to say in the Army - "Cool Head, Main Thing" and "CCC" (Calm, cool, and collected!) MAY COOL HEADS PREVAIL!! And MAY DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES ALSO PREVAIL!

MOST SINCERELY,

Richard S. Oguro

P.S. I certainly agree! To TAMPER with any portion of a Board Minutes is certainly a dastardly act. Let's have the culprit apprehended pronto and just punishment metted out.

I will be the first to admit that the recapping of the telephone conversation between the Committee Chairman and Divers, of the Lauiki Plan, was written up on hearsay information. However, it was inserted in my letter to show that the Chairman of the LRP Committee did listen to a verbal offer of the Lauiki Proposal, though not in a formal, written form and which the Board of Directors did have a hearing on.

And allow me one last post script to apologize as well as say THANK YOU to the LRP Committee CHAIRMAN. After everything had been said and done on this letter, I took out the Chairman's Report once again to see if I had covered all bases. My apology for slurring over the report the first time; but THANK YOU for the elucidation on the President-Committee relationship on this ebtire JCCH Merger Proposal. The then-president DID mandate the committee to work ONLY on the JCCH Plan!

To Club Members and the Board:

We, 25 members of the 100th Golf Club (40%), have signed a petition opposing the Lauiki, JCCH, or any other proposal whereby club members lose control of our property or facilities.

We are fortunate that our experience "war" background "Hyakusho No Kodomo"; education "Tokyo High"; and age make us unique for such a large group. In the prime of our retired life, we can now choose whatever hobby interest us: bonsai, Green Thumb, karaoke, music, etc., because we have the facilities and finance to make it economically feasible. When our baby-sitting days are over, we will need each other more not less. The vote to give the club to JCCH was a mistake, let's correct it.

Why we oppose the following proposals:

- 1) Lauiki: We don't need the money now. We need the facilities. Also, a delay or change may be the end of our club activities.
- 2) Grand Iolani Holdings - \$5,400,000 offer: We oppose this offer for the same reasons as Lauiki.
- 3) JCCH: Financially, it's a give away. Museum, what's wrong with the present location; Charity - we have the capability to do it ourself and credit it to the "100th Inf. Bn. Memorial Fund".

Arthur Tamashiro
Spokesman for the 25 Golf Club
Petitioners

CLUB 100's MONTHLY BULLETIN for AUGUST 1990

CHAPTER MEETINGS: All meetings start at 7:30 p.m., except as noted.

ABLE	Saturday	August 25	Lounge Area (8:00 a.m.)
BAKER	Friday	" 17	Lounge Area
CHARLIE	Monday	" 20	Back Room
DOG	Saturday	" 18	Lounge Area (8:00 a.m.)
HEADQUARTERS	Thursday	" 16	Back Room
RURAL	No meeting scheduled		
KAUAI	Sunday	August 12	Tip Top Restaurant (12 noon)
MAUI	Steak Fry	" 15	(see bulletin for more information)
HAWAII	Thursday	" 23	AJA Hall (11:00 a.m.)

GROUP - COMMITTEE MEETINGS: All meetings start at 7:30 p.m., except as noted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Thursday ...	August 9	Board Room (7:00 p.m.)
BONSAI	Thursday ...	" 23	Board Room
D.A.V. HANELE	Thursday ...	" 30	Board Room
GREEN THUMBS	Monday	" 6	Hall (7:15 p.m.)
KARAOKE	Friday	" 10	Hall (6:30 p.m.)
MEMORIAL SERVICE	Thursday ...	" 16	Back Room (9:30 a.m.)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY 12, 1990 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

1. Mike Tokunaga, Anniversary Banquet co-chairman, reported that \$3,686.62 was spent for the banquet. Subtracted from the income from dinner paying members and a club appropriation of \$2,200.00, the club ended up in the black with a balance of \$748.38. The committee recommended that next year's banquet be held at another site due to the limited parking and somewhat unsafe conditions for women at the Empress Restaurant and surrounding area. Baker and Rural Chapter will host the 1991 banquet.
2. The board unanimously voted to join the "Go For Broke - National Veterans Association". Annual dues for non-profit organizations is \$100.00. The 442nd, MIS, and 1399th Veterans have already joined.
3. The directors unanimously supported Senator Daniel Akaka's efforts to name the proposed veterans medical center on Hawaii after the late Senator Spark Matsunaga. The medical center will be located just below the Tripler Army Medical Center's parking lot.
4. Rural Chapter's motion to have an impartial ad hoc committee appointed to study the various proposals the club has received and make a recommendation was approved by the directors.

MAUI CHAPTER'S STEAK FRY will be held on Wednesday, August 15 at Kepaniwai Park at 6:00 p.m.

CLUB 100 ANNIVERSARY DANCE is scheduled for Saturday, August 4 at the clubhouse. Cocktails are from 5:00-6:00 p.m., with dinner from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The food will be catered from Suehiro Restaurant.

ABLE CHAPTER BINGO & KARAOKE NITE will be held on Saturday, August 25 at the clubhouse. Cocktails will be served from 5:00-6:00 p.m., with a lavish Japanese buffet dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. Parking will be available at Ala Wai School on a first-come, first-served basis.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S NOTE: Just a reminder - I will be attending my Army National Guard Annual Training from July 21 - August 4, 1990. Please feel free to leave a message on the "Message Board", located on the office counter, and I will get back with you when I return ... A special Mahalo to Betty Hada. Betty comes in every Thursday to help me in the office. She has just about mastered the IBM "what is that beeping sound?" typewriter and was responsible for running off 2/3s of last month's Puka Puka Parade (which, if you recall, was pretty ~~voluntuous~~ ~~voluntuous~~ it had a lot of pages.) I look forward to Thursday now, not only for Betty's help (which is a Godsend), but because she tells hilarious stories. It's the one day of the week that I don't have to talk to myself. Mahalos plenty, Betty! ... A big THANK YOU to Aki & Ray Nosaka for completing last month's and this month's Parade. Without your help, I would have been here til midnight running this off. It is such a pleasure to work with two dedicated editors like Ray and Aki. They make my job so much easier. - Paul

Iro-Iro

*Fido, Be Mine...
Not content with having convinced the Japanese public that one must buy candy for sweethearts and friends (and your boss, if you know what's good for you) on Valentine's Day, Japanese confectioners are striving for even more February loot. A large Tokyo department store this year dedicated space for the latest twist on Valentine treats: chocolates for dogs. They came in various shapes and sizes, in brown or white chocolate, and, according to the manufacturer, "contain 13 different vitamins." Business was, alas, predictably brisk. ♥*

- **Suntory just introduced** a new line of sodas flavored with the blossoms of cherry trees, plum trees or Mediterranean lemon trees. Or, for a special treat, try their new Yogurina, a *yummy*-sounding mixture of soda and yogurt.
- **And speaking of the ever-changing world of beveragedom:** A Japanese brewer has determined that classical music played during *sake's* fermentation process improves the flavor, and is now marketing Mozart Sake.
- **In January,** a shipwrecked Indonesian seaman survived 10 days adrift at sea by eating his clothes.
- **Too bad he wasn't nearer Okmulgee, Oklahoma,** where the local citizenry captured the giant pecan-pie record recently. The megatart measured 24 feet in diameter, weighed 13,000 pounds and contained over half a ton of pecans. [No, JAL doesn't fly to Oklahoma, but almost every person in Japan can hum it...]
- **And speaking of nuts,** almost all of the 1.3 million copies of Dragon Quest IV, released in Tokyo on a February Sunday, were snatched off store shelves immediately. A mile-and-a-half-long line, which began forming on the previous Friday, waited outside a discount store which was selling the computer game for about \$60. Police have requested that retailers sell the game only on Sundays in order to prevent Quest-crazed children from cutting classes to buy it.
- **And in a related story,** Nintendo sells a video-game lock called Homework First.
- **Sorry, Tokyo:** Kowloon's Walled City is the most crowded area on earth, with three million people per square mile. Hong Kong's overall average, however, is a roomy 13,614 per mile.
- **Toys "R" Us** [no pronunciation jokes, please] plans to blanket Japan with 100 stores, which we guess means shorter lines for Dragon Quest.

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