









By Bill Hosokawa

# From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

**CATCHING UP**—And where has the summer gone? My usual to say the older a fellow got, the faster time seemed to go. He seems to have had something there.

The two older offspring are off to college, Mike to Ore-State University for graduates work, Susan to the University of Colorado for her first year. This home which once had six sounds a little hollow with only four. Pretty soon we will be just two of us left, and what do we do after we keep watching for letters and we're delighted when we arrive . . .

Our TV set is about to give up the ghost, and that's no lie. It's ten years old, came World Series time which ought to be long enough for any TV set. Seems it got more use in the first year than the nine following years. About the watching we do nowadays are Ben Casey and Bonanza. After the first hour, when the yard work is out of the way, maybe we'll get to watch a few football games . . .

Talking about yard work, we're about ready to harvest first tomato off the three plants we put in about Memorial Day. This has been a sorry year for the tomato crop. We added up the cost of plants, fertilizer, water, insecticide, and time, and judging from the lonesome appearance of the vines, the tomatoes we harvest will cost about \$2.50 each. But they're cheap at that . . .

The deep breathing and grunting from the next room. 2. son, name of Pete, working out with barbells which brought with his savings. When a youngster puts out his money, you've got to figure he's serious about whatever he's doing. In addition to the building muscles which are his, he probably wants to be ready to take on his brother when he comes home for Christmas . . .

Akiyo Yoshimura of Colusa, Calif., who was one of 14 who served with Merrill's Marauders in Burma, writes the Marauders Association has sent a protest to the Pentagon about misrepresentation in the recent movie about that outfit. You may recall the movie made no mention of part the Nisei played. That would have been all right, except that the movie showed a Japanese-speaking Filipino fighting on the enemy and saving the Marauders. Apparently the reason was the picture was shot in the Philippines, somebody wanted to keep the Filipinos happy. So far anyone can recall, there were no Filipinos with the Marauders, but all of the 14 Nisei proved to be heroes and half were won battlefield commissions . . .

Kay Tateishi couldn't resist dropping us a postcard from Burma where he had gone to cover the Far East games for Associated Press, Tokyo bureau. The games turned out to be largely a political tug-of-war, but Tateishi's department is impeccable. Kay is one of the veterans of Nisei journalism, which means anybody who tried his hand at writing the hungry 'thirties . . .

Friendly gardener suggests we apply di-ammonium-phosphate on the lawn which remains puny in spite of devoted attention. This isn't to be confused with tri-sodium phosphate which the ladies use for swabbing down greasy walls. Ammonium glutamate which is an old Oriental potion for giving up the hash . . .

After spending the best part of Sunday afternoon washing windows, it seems a good idea, once U.S. astronauts reach moon, to assign our best scientific talent to developing a technique that can be made spotless and shiny simply by turning on it . . . Any dissenters?

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A description of a visit to the Mayor's office would hardly be complete without mention of both Yonemura, the president and gracious receptionist who has graced the front office for a number of years. There are several Japanese secretarial capacity on the Mayor's staff, but Ruth who hails from Chicago, gets the shoptalk.

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table: George Fuzumi, Phil Hayashida, Dr. Kay Tada, Harry K. Kawabe, Goro Minami, K. Matsuzaki, H.T. Kubota, Tak Kubota, Tad Yamaguchi, Hui Mushi, Edie Shumura, Mayor Gordon S. Clinton. Not shown are Jim Matsuzaki and Peter Ohaki who

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came later and JACL office secretary Yohko Matsumoto (out of camera range). The group was shown around the penthouse facilities of the mayor's office atop the new city hall.

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**TOMMY KONO FAILS TO QUALIFY FOR LIFT TEAM**

YORK, Pa.—One of the biggest surprises in the weightlifting world was the news that Tommy Kono failed to qualify for the U.S. team competing this week in the world championships at Budapest, Hungary.

Kono, an Olympic and eight-time world champion, is accompanied by the seven-man team as captain and alternate. The Sacramento-based Nisei, who set world records in his career was eliminated when he missed all of his stiches in the 181-lb. class. Gary Cleveland of St. Louis won this spot with a 945-lb. total.

**Little League champions for Oregon coached by son of Snake River Crier**

ONTARIO, Ore.—After a very successful season as coach of the Ontario Little League All-Stars, Val (Bert) Ogawa has returned for his sophomore year at Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah. He is currently fullback on the football squad.

During the season he has seen his All-Stars win the Oregon State championship and go on to the divisional playoffs in Victoria, B.C. The All-Stars broke a six-game losing streak when they lost the provincial championship game to the Hawaii State Champions from Honolulu, 5 to 3.

Among the players that comprised the Elks 1400 All-Stars were Mike Sasaki and Tom Koyama, both of the Snake River Crier.

Coch Ogawa is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ogawa, active in the local Judo club and a JACL member.

## 'Made in Japan' souvenirs at Indian reservation fail to attract tourists

TORONTO—When tourists visiting the Curve Lake Indian Reserve began turning their noses up at Japanese-made souvenirs made in Japan, Clifford Whelan decided the Indians had better start making some of their own.

He showed some of the results of that decision this past week at the first public meeting of the tourist industry committee of the Ontario Economic Council at Queen's Park.

JACL committee members passed a 125-minute-long resolution from hand to hand. Whelan, who operates a resort at the reserve 20 miles north of Peterborough, explained the venture's aims.

"All started with imports. It all started with the imports. People would come into the store for souvenirs but walked away in Japan or Hong Kong," said Whelan. "The only way to overcome this was to start making them ourselves."

Whelan said he started the venture about a year ago without government aid. He got together some other members of the band who still had some of the old skills and got them to start producing items for sale.

The older ones began to teach the younger members of the band.

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## San Jose CYS basketball program starts, honor Li'l League world champs from area

SAN JOSE—Sign-up for the Community Youth Service basketball program for youth between the ages of 8 and 14 commences at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Knappa Hall, Jackson and 28th St., from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Each parent must accompany the youth to register. It was announced by San Jose JACL, co-sponsor of the CYS program.

San Jose High School basketball coach Hagan will be the featured referee. Movies on the sport and refreshments will conclude the evening.

Dr. Tom Tacheta, chapter president, presented CYS trophies to all members of the Moreland area Little League world champions at a dinner last Saturday. County Supervisor Sam Della Maggiora, enco, related a heartwarming incident occurring at the world series last month.

After Vaughan Takahashi hit the home run in the final game against the Los Angeles Angels, he was approached by a member of Japan's Kintaro team for the home-run ball as a souvenir. As much as he himself wanted that historic ball, Vaughan willingly gave it to the Kintaro player, thus expiating the fine spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship, the underlying purpose and aim of Little League baseball.

**CYC double-header**

SAN JOSE—Marshall Angels of the Los Angeles Little League (11-12 years old) lost a double-header against the San Jose Little League Youth Service team which included the performances of Duane Kubo and Milton Murata of the Moreland world championship team.

In the first game, the visiting Angels were ahead 2-0 going into the last inning. Duane Kubo and Duane Kubo of San Jose each hit

"It is surprising how the younger ones picked it up," he said.

He began an aggressive sales campaign which saw the handicrafts offered for sale in various places as well as on the reserve. "The sales outside actually brought more tourists to the reserve looking for other items," he said.

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