



By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS — A traveler who has just spent seven weeks in the Far East is bound to come with some memories, and here are a few of them:

The incredible congestion outside Hanoi Airport in Hanoi, which is a tangle calculated to awe even a visitor who thinks he is prepared for the masses of humanity and automobiles in the world's largest city. But no one can be prepared for the overwhelming throngs of people and the huge concentrations of cars. They have to be seen to be believed, and even then it's hard to believe such congestion is possible.

The beauty of Hong Kong harbor by night. All that is gaudy is blacked out, the ships in the stream are ablaze in light, the skyline is as brilliant as Times Square with its electric signs advertising the commerce that is the city's lifeblood, and the luxury apartments stair-step up the peak.

The humidity of Saigon. It is not only possible, but inevitable, that one becomes dripping wet with perspiration while just sitting in the shade. The first evening in the city we stepped outdoors from the air-conditioned hotel and had the disconcerting experience of having glasses fog up, just the way they do when one goes into a warm room from the cold outdoors.

The strikingly attractive Thai singer with the fashionably throaty voice who kept reminding her nightclub audience: "Chew-night we love . . ." Popular American songs can be heard anywhere in the Orient, or the world, for that matter.

Two tornado funnels viewed from a helicopter as they churned up a mess in Vietnam's tortured Mekong delta. Continuously black and threatening, they seemed to symbolize that country's troubled present and future.

The vast rice-growing areas of Southeast Asia. Japanese paddies are scarcely more than garden plots hacked out of hillsides and in tiny villages between wooded slopes. In the Mekong delta, and in southern Thailand, the paddies stretch away as far as the eye can see, green with young rice, shimmering in the heat. No wonder the Japanese militarists hungered for this land, and Peking looks southward. One day, perhaps, factories will take over Japan's countryside (as they are doing already) and rice from Southeast Asia will help feed the workers in a peaceful and mutually profitable commerce.

The barred bars of Saigon. Steel screens have been installed to protect bar patrons on Saigon's Tu Do street from playful Viet Cong grenade-throwers. What a place to quench one's thirst!

The pleasure, after sloshing around in the humidity of Vietnam and Thailand, of seeing the trim, friendly, coolly-impetuous Japan Air Lines stewards in stifling-hot Bangkok airport. Just seeing them made the heat seem a bit more bearable.

REMINDERS OF FOOD — The city across the river from Bangkok is called Donburu. And up-country, in an area one ordinarily wouldn't pick for a leisurely weekend, there is another place called Udon.

A MATTER OF H'S — My host at a dinner in Taipei beamed when the waiter brought a plate of piping hot food. "This is wonderful stuff," he said in Japanese. "Fresh hebi." "Hebi," as any Japanese knows, means snake. I gulped and decided to be game.

But it wasn't snake at all. It was "ebi," which is nothing but shrimp, and probably for the same reason that Britain's rockneys add and drop their H's, he had added one. It turned out to be a fine dinner.

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Idaho Sasei competes in nat'l JAC net tourney

IDAHO FALLS — Mike Inouye, 18, won the boy's Idaho state Jr. Chamber tennis championship here and competed this week in the national tournament at Minneapolis. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Inouye, Sr., both Boise Valley JACLers.

The young tennis star graduated among the "top 25 seniors" just June from Boise High's class of 535 and will continue his studies in pharmacy at Idaho State. He was active in the government, honor societies and ROTC.

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Salt Lake JACL concerned over battle of educational forces in state of Utah

SALT LAKE CITY. — As parents with parental and community concern over schools and children, the Salt Lake JACL, Women's Auxiliary recently heard Mrs. Jerry Landis, Salt Lake Board of Education member, discuss the heated school situation here.

Mrs. Landis, a candidate for state senator, said positive assistance to the school problem could be rendered if elected. She spoke as a charter member of the Utah Citizens Organization for Civil Rights, hoping that the state's lagging standards would conform with the recently passed U.S. Civil Rights Act.

The JACL Auxiliary did not take an open stand on the question of the schools, but was heavily interested in the problem with the many kinds of questions that were later asked of the speaker.

The National Education Assn., of which the Utah Education Assn. is an affiliate, has imposed sanctions on Utah, which means that at least on its 300,000 members not to fill any school position in the entire state of Utah, although every teaching position is filled.

The state legislature will not be in session before school opens and before it should be considered whether greater state support for Utah's local public schools.

Hundreds of teachers who were

around last spring have ended down considerably in the face of severe public criticism for the two-day "teach-in" for all teachers. But one Utah critic feels that low salaries for teachers fit in with a philosophy that teaching is a service and an honor.

Japanese tones due for Nisei Week Sayonara Ball

LOS ANGELES—Ashton Gumbush and his orchestra, which will play for Nisei Week's Sayonara Ball Aug. 22 at the spacious Biltmore Hotel ballroom, will introduce several popular Japanese tunes, such as "Koriko no Tange".

The Nisei Week group and their court will be introduced at 10 p.m., according to Mitsu Uwatte, chairman, who added that at least 600 shirts are being arranged for dance guests. Tickets are now available at Radio 1270 Tokyo, 326 N. San Pedro St.

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LONG BEACH—Trio special event, announced Alan Shaw will emcee the 24th annual Nisei Week Orchestra Ball tonight at Ladbroke Hotel. He has covered such beauty events as the Miss Los Angeles Pageant and the Miss World contest.

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