



From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

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EVERYWHERE, EVERYTHING—Any more, it is becoming commonplace to pick up a magazine or newspaper and find a story about some interesting or unusual thing being done by a Nisei. Take, for example, the Feb. 13 New Yorker, which carries a lengthy report on the island of Guam by G.J. Kahn, Jr. He writes that one of the things that is continuing to bug Guam is the presence, real or imagined, of a few ragged, miserable stragglers of the Japanese military garrison that held the island until May, 1944.

Two Japanese enlisted men, Bunzo Minagawa and Masashi Ito, were captured in the Guamanian jungle in May, 1960, told the war was over, and sent back to Tokyo. They were believed to be the last of the holdouts, but since last summer others have been reported seen and every once in a while someone uncovers evidence that they're still skulking around in the caves and underbrush.

Last August, Kahn writes, Guamanian police and U.S. marines went looking for these stragglers and a Hawaiian-born Nisei named Edward G. Tsutsui was pressed into service as interpreter. Tsutsui, who works in a Navy warehouse, flew over the search area in a helicopter. Through a loudspeaker, he urged the stragglers, if any, to come out. Next day he boarded a U.S. Navy tug, which flew the Rising Sun flag to reassure the stragglers, and continued his urging.

Kahn also writes that Tsutsui's wife, also a Nisei, put out some bowls of rice and pickled plums and radishes, calculating that these surely would lure out a Japanese who had been existing for nearly two decades on coconuts and bananas. And like a Tokyo Rose in reverse, she spoke in alluring tones through a loudspeaker mounted on a police car, but nothing happened.

Or take the Jan. 31 issue of Weekend Magazine, a syndicated supplement distributed by many Canadian Sunday newspapers. It carried the story of one Mary Suzuki of Montreal who was jailed in Albany, Ga., for taking part in a Freedom March. In spite of her Japanese name, Miss Suzuki looked more Caucasian than Nisei, and I remarked on this to Larry Tajiri who happened to come by my desk. We agreed she might be half Nisei, and then he recalled the trouble he used to have with Finnish, Slavic and central European names, which look Japanese, during the war years when he scanned the nation's newspapers for items for the Pacific Citizen. I still remember the blonde girl of Finnish extraction, name of Maki, who was listed by the Seattle English sections along with Nisei who made high school honor rolls.

SOUTHEAST ASIA—A recent edition of the Associated Press Log reports that Yuichi (Jackson) Ishizaki, staff photographer based in Tokyo, was injured painfully but not seriously in a jeep accident in Vietnam. Jackson is a Japanese who speaks English like a Nisei and who has the general size and build of T. John Fujii.

The same issue of AP Log tells about Rene-Georges Inagaki, another member of the Tokyo staff, who was dispatched to Vietnamese, Laos. Inagaki was being escorted to a colonel's headquarters by AP's resident correspondent, Estelle Holt. As they walked through dark streets, they could see sentries, silent and menacing in the shadows. Estelle pointed her flashlight downward, saying: "Perhaps if they see a skirt and a woman's leg, they won't shoot."

They didn't, and it was a good thing she wasn't wearing slacks.

TAJIRI MEMORIAL—In this space last week we proposed the idea of a scholarship for journalism students to perpetuate the memory of Larry Tajiri, who edited the Pacific Citizen from 1942 to 1963. Editor Harry Honda sees merit in the idea, and suggests persons wishing to make contributions, or with idea as to how the scholarship should be drawn up, get in touch with Dr. David Miura, PC board chairman. His address is 2148 Shipway Ave., Long Beach 15, Calif.

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LYNCH CALLS FOR LICENSE LOSS FOR RACE BIAS

Law to Halt Realty Practice of Block-Busting Also Asked

SAN FRANCISCO—California Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch has asked the Legislature for a law revoking the state license of any one practicing discrimination in a licensed profession or business.

Lynch said he also will ask the current legislative session for a law to halt the real estate practice of "block busting."

He described the two civil rights proposals in an address to a George Washington's birthday reunion dinner of the Nisei Veterans of Foreign Wars here.

"There are still some basic concepts in our Constitution which are receiving only lip service," Lynch said. "An attorney general, I intend to see that these concepts of equality receive more than lip service."

Lynch said the bill for revoking licenses if discrimination is practiced would be introduced by State Sen. John Hunsdale (D-Alameda).

"This bill would include doctors, dentists, insurance adjusters, and many service businesses such as barbers, beauticians, and realtors," he said.

Block-Busting

"Our other proposal would halt the vicious block-busting practice, real estate people encourage the racial ghettos of our urban centers," he said.

"Block-busting is basically the fraudulent method of convincing white residents that the presence of minority group neighbors will cause immediate deterioration of their property."

"The real estate speculators thus are able to buy homes from white citizens at below market value and resell them to minority citizens at an inflated price."

Lynch said he did not believe there was basis for speculation that the Legislature will not look kindly on civil rights legislation this year following the passage of Prop. 13. The initiative measure nullified the state's anti-discrimination laws in housing.

"Hopefully such proponents of Prop. 13 as the California Real Estate Assn.—which stressed its belief in equal rights and termed the Rumford Act a matter of property rights—will support this legislation," he declared.

"I cannot see that either of these proposals could be construed as an attack on property rights."

"One is also concerned at overt discrimination. The other attacks a practice which homes resellers have long exploited."

Nisei architect called for rapid transit help

BRECKENLEY—Rai Y. Okamoto, one of the architects hired by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency to draft preliminary plans for Nishimachi, will serve as a design consultant for Berkeley's new downtown rapid transit station.

"The city council had voted a 'grand entrance concept' originally suggested and prefers a design which will produce the maximum improvement of the downtown area between University Ave. and Bancroft Way on Shattuck Ave."

Women Architects Grad

SEATTLE—Barbara C. Murata, one of the few Hawaiian-born girls to pursue an architectural career, graduated this month from the Univ. of Washington. She completed her upper division studies here on an alumnae scholarship.

She said her interest in architecture came during a 1957 visit of skyscraper New York City.

Pathologist honored

DENVER—Dr. Ben Miyahara was among four local physicians named diplomates of the American Board of Pathology. He is pathologist at the Denver General Hospital.

County GOP Chairman

LA JARCA, Colo.—Ray Joseph, longtime San Luis Valley 1000er, emceed the Lincoln Day dinner at attended by 100 County GOP members. He is county GOP chairman.



"DON'T WAIT till the pain starts before you look into our excellent JACL Major Medical Plan," Charles Kamayatsu (in bed at City View Hospital) of Hollywood says as he files his claim through Fred Ogawara, Capitol Life representative. Examination revealed a return visit will be necessary in the near future. Others receiving claim checks include Ryo Tanabara of Downtown L.A., Tom Ikenaga of West Los Angeles, and Mrs. Jane Otsawa of East Los Angeles.

JACL major medical policy holders offered \$10,000 five-year term life insurance

LOS ANGELES—On the heels of its successful JACL major medical health plan initiated by Capitol Life Insurance Co., the company is now offering major medical plan participants a \$10,000 five-year term, renewable and convertible life insurance policy at standard rates.

Announcement of this second achievement in the JACL group insurance program was made last week at a meeting of JACL leaders and agents at the Tai Ping restaurant. The term insurance is immediately available, according to general agent Paul Chinn.

The term policy is open to major medical plan holders up to age 65, with double indemnity and waiver of premium features available. Those currently in the plan must sign by July 1, 1965, with new certificate holders required this option within 90 days after entering the health plan.

The policy may be converted to any desired plan regardless of the state of health. Other features of the term policy include:

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- Milton Edwards, who reviewed the JACL major medical program now available to PSWDC and CCCC members, said that over a 1,000 persons have signed up since the plan was initiated in May, 1964. By the end of this year, he anticipates 2,000.

Edwards also cited the support of Saburo Kido, who through his "Observation" columns in the Shin

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ISSEI DENTIST AWARDED AMERICANISM MEDAL

HONOLULU—Dr. James Z. Kashiura was presented the DAB Americanism Medal and Award as the outstanding naturalized citizen of the year here this past week.

A naturalized citizen since October, 1963, the Issei dentist was first president of the Citizens Study Club and is president of the Naturalization Encouragement Assn.

Dr. Kashiura came to Hawaii at the age of 15, working for \$18 a month as an immigrant laborer on a sugar plantation. In his spare time, he studied English. Three years later, he became a houseboy in Honolulu where he attended Mid-Pacific Institute. He worked his way through Vanderbilt University and started practice in 1952.

First California gray whale captured alive for Sea World by Nisei commercial whaler, considered top U.S. sharpshooter

SAN DIEGO—A Nisei commercial whaler, whose experience as a harpoonist is widely recognized, has sided in the capturing and impounding of the first California gray whale.

Ken Hamai, 38, residing at 2724 W. Winter St. in Los Angeles, was asked in January to join an expedition from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in a hunting foray at Seamount's Lagoon, Baja, California, that nearly resulted in victory for the whales.

The captive whale, by longest to be about two months old, was revealed publicly Feb. 27 at a press conference at Sea World. She is 16½ feet long and weighs 3,500 pounds. Officially she is unnamed, but her human associates call her Graveli-Gertie—Gigi for short.

Hamai was asked by Dr. Robert W. Elner, associate research biologist at Scripps, who wanted his service for a full month but settled for eight days. Sea World veterinarian Dr. Dwayne Kenney and physicist Jack Schultz also accompanied the expedition.

Elner said that Gertie was taken even though experience proved that tagging an adult gray whale was too great a task and risk with the equipment available.

In hunting the mammals, the scientists used two vessels—one was the 85-foot Falcon and the other an 18-foot catamaran.

The first technique in attempting to net the whale proved futile and Hamai took over with his harpoon.

As soon as the harpoon entered the whale, he pulled the line and shot overboard. Action then moved to the Falcon and the 26 feet of steel cable and 300 feet of half-inch nylon line tied to a 30-gallon oil drum.

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Twice whales rammed and put Tokyo Topics: by Tamotsu Murayama Press Club Receptionist

TOKYO—Every newspaperman coming to Japan is met by Mary Ushijima's charming smile, and words of welcome at the Tokyo Foreign Correspondents (Press) Club. She is the receptionist, telephone, notebook, pen and ink, and Press Club everything.

Her radiant personality leads an aura of warm hospitality after a visiting newsmen sustains a miserable time at International Airport, where the cold shoulder is usually given foreigners.

She is the daughter of the late Komuro Ushijima of Centerville, (now Union City). After graduating from high school there, she came to Japan, got married to the Knoshiba family, which was prominent as sake brewers in Fukuoka.

It was the same family which paid the boat fare of Kintji Ushijima, generally known as the Potato King of the Shokunin District area, to America. His name (George Shima) is known to every historian of Japanese life in America but this is the first time this

writer has found this new facet of the Ushijima-Knoshiba clan.

She is also related to Dr. Frank Kato, president of the Chuo Hospital on the Giza, who is well known among the foreign community in Tokyo.

Mary Ushijima says there are still many pioneers in Fukuoka who are able to relate the stories of the Potato King in the making. This writer remembers Mr. Shima, when as president of the Japanese Association of America he fought against the alien land law and anti-Japanese immigration.

Muslike U.S. a lot—deported for 6th time

PITTSBURGH—There's no doubt about it—Hatsuyoshi Tsuruhama likes the United States.

The 35-year-old native of Kumamoto, Japan, has been deported from the U.S. five times since 1961.

He was indicted recently by a federal grand jury for illegal entry for the sixth time.

Police arrested Tsuruhama earlier this month in Westernmost county and sentenced him to eight months in jail for trespassing after he was found walking along Pennsylvania Railroad tracks.

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meet the needs of our National program.) While a committee chairman needs only to be conversant with the knowledge of his particular assignment, the president must become knowledgeable in numerous areas in order to do an effective job.

Once the overall picture of JACL is obtained, it becomes easier to carry out my third suggestion, that is, to evaluate the Chapter program and activities on the basis of National goals and membership and community needs. This evaluation should be done annually.

Activities and services should be geared to meet the interests and needs of the membership and the community, and should be consistent with the National aims. It should take into account public relations, youth, civil rights, athletics, cultural heritage, and other areas of National as well as local interest for a well-balanced program.

The creation of a healthy atmosphere for the acceptance of JACL at the local level is extremely important and is dependent to a large degree upon the attitude of the Chapter leaders. Too often the Chapters are primarily concerned with activities which do not reach the general populations of the Japanese community. Too often Chapters try to go it alone instead of inviting or joining other organizations in functions which concern the community-at-large.

Chapters that have become an integral part of the community through their willingness to work with other organizations and have provided a diversified program of activities have invariably been very successful in their membership drives as well as other undertakings.

One program which is becoming increasingly popular is the health plan. I do not think it is proper for an organization such as ours to encourage membership solicitation by door-to-door agents whose primary interest is to sell health insurance. I strongly advise against such practices, lest JACL become stereotyped primarily as an organization to join for health insurance. My current recommendation is that it (the health insurance) be kept in its proper perspective. It should be considered as one of the many services and benefits offered by the Chapters to their members.

As such, each Chapter should assume the responsibility for servicing its policyholders including enrollment, premium collections, etc. The close liaison and contact offered at the Chapter level are greatly desired in creating a good relationship between the Chapters and its constituents. This influences the latter's attitude favorably toward other Chapter activities, as has been experienced by several Chapters in our District Council.

My fourth and final suggestion is to carry out the program effectively. This entails not only the assigning of responsibilities to various committees, but also of providing proper guidance and follow-up to ensure successful accomplishment of the assignments. Selecting the right person for the right job is especially important.

New Nihongo class opens Mar. 4 in Sun. Bldg.

LOS ANGELES — Yoshiko Tanaka, a 15-year teacher of Japanese language and culture, announced the Mar. 4th opening of a new evening class in elementary Japanese at the Sun Bldg., Room 309, 125 Weller St.

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Limited credentials for language teachers asked

SACRAMENTO — Assemblyman E. Richard Barnes (R-San Diego) last week introduced a bill to grant limited teaching credentials for elementary school foreign language instructors. The measure would facilitate the mandatory program to have foreign language taught in grade schools throughout the state.

Barnes pointed to refugees and other qualified persons in the state who can teach but lack some of the formal training required for a credential.

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HAWAII'S REAPPORTMENT TASK TOUGHENED BY U.S. COURT ORDER

HONOLULU — If a House bill by Congressman Celler calling for equalizing congressional districts by population passes, Hawaii and New Mexico (which both have two at-large representatives elected) will be hand-picked to draft districts in a contiguous, compact pattern.

In Hawaii, the problem is centered on the preponderance of voting strength on Oahu, which has about three-fourths of the registered voters.

Political observers here feel that a part of Oahu will need to be included in a second district which would include the neighboring islands.

Congressional Quarterly reports that 35 states would have to redistrict around the Celler bill pass.

State Reapportionment Locality, a special three-judge U.S. District Court on Feb. 17 ruled that the State Senate must be reorganized by constitutional convention.

Kanahua Abe, State Senate president, said he would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Legislators have been held by Attorney General Bert Kibbey that the filing of an appeal will not automatically bring a stay of

execution of the court's decision. The court decreed that terms of all state senators would end in the 1966 elections, in which voters would name a new senate with half of the members elected for two-year terms and half for four-year terms.

The court also indicated it would reorganize the legislature if the action is taken by the legislative convention or the electorate.

Million Dollar Sales SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — National Tokusaku, general agent in San Jose for the Franklin Life Insurance Co., has qualified for the first Franklin Million Dollar Conference, to be held at the Abergyn Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico, this month.

Rep. Mink in 'maiden speech' in House supporting own 'Gi Bill for Teachers'

WASHINGTON — Rep. Patsy T. Mink (D-Hawaii) delivered her first speech in the House Feb. 17 in support of her bill to finance advanced training for elementary and secondary teachers.

Described as a "GI bill for teachers," it would set up a teachers' subcommittee leave program under which federal grants up to \$1,000 a month for living expenses would be available to teachers with more than 10 years on the job.

"At a nation, we cannot any longer merely praise our school teachers for their dedication and

effort in the National Defense against the Committee on American Activities Feb. 15. Mink said any attempt to glorify and idealize a citizen is to the most basic and human rights of freedom."

RUAC Floor Fight She declared her belief "in strength and wisdom of the American people to be able to judge themselves those within their communities whose ideas it be rejected. I do not believe America needs congressional, sure regulating and deterring for our citizens what ideas American or un-American."

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