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Jerry Enomoto  
Nat'l President

JOURNEY EAST

This week we will journey into the Eastern District Council area for what promises to be a hectic, but rewarding, trip. I want to acknowledge in advance, with thanks, the work of the EDC officers and chapters in mapping an itinerary and otherwise accommodating us. My understanding is that, when possible, the National President has been expected to make a "pilgrimage" to the East for a variety of purposes, dealing with organizational business and national PR. While performing the function on "vacation" as best I can, I will have the chance to treat Joyce to a trip as a "reward" for her long suffering patience with me.

We want to thank Mike Masaoka in particular, for the personal attention he has devoted to making sure that the trip preparations are well in hand.

The initial stop on our swing will be Omaha, where it will be our good luck to join that Chapter in celebrating its 20th Anniversary. I note that Esther Hagiwara, Hiro Mayeda, Chiyo Tomihiro and Dr. Frank Sakamoto will also be there.

ENRYO

It is impossible to miss the storm of reaction precipitated by Dr. Kitano's remarks at the UCLA Symposium on Evacuation. Dr. Clifford Uyeda, who I finally met and chatted with over a drink at a recent JACL affair, has commented. Now that he and I have at last talked, incidentally very amiably, I feel less "enryo" in continuing our dialogue in print. I feel that Cliff again misses the point. What follows are my views, because I see no point in analyzing or interpreting Dr. Kitano or Rev. Shinto. They are quite capable of so doing, if they choose.

My thoughts on the "enryo syndrome," and I stipulated that its positive nature must be noted, are based on "self negating characteristics" that are important for us to examine within ourselves. The Nisei and JACL, like any minority group, can use continuing positive public relations and a good image. However, in these times, we need to look more at why many Negro and Mexican American citizens working for a place in the sun (not lawless rioters), sneer at us and identify us as part of the "establishment" who don't give a damn about them, and never have. I say that, whether we want to admit it or not, this has been true of many Nisei. As a Nisei and JACLer, I am proud of the fact that some areas in JACL are doing something concrete to change this image.

Cliff and I have no quarrel that the best attributes of our culture, including reasonable "enryo," has contributed to our good image. I only suggest that the unhealthy aspects of "enryo" have also prevented us from a realization of a broader and healthier potential, organizationally and individually.

I am less interested in praise, however genuine, for our "Nisei" successes, than I am in more evidence that Nisei and JACL have swung the weight of their prestige and tough lessons learned, squarely behind the fight for equality for all.

Lastly, I agree with Rev. Shinto that praise for us given while criticizing the more activist, militant methods of others, tends to perpetuate the hostility of those minorities who see us as condescending, unsympathetic and without real understanding.

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# San Jose starts nat'l convention countdown

SAN JOSE — Elaborate plans are being made for the third quarterly Northern California-Western Nevada district council meeting to be held on Sunday, Aug. 20, at the St. Claire Hotel here. Coincidentally, this date is exactly one year from the 20th Biennial National JACL Convention which will be hosted by the San Jose chapter. The quarterly session will serve as a "kickoff" for the 1968 convention.

Plans calls for a coronation ball to crown the JACL Convention queen on Saturday evening, Aug. 19, at the spacious McCabe Hall in the Civic Auditorium from 9 to 1 a.m. In order to accommodate both the junior and adult mood of dancing music, two orchestras are being arranged for the informal dress occasion. Queen contest is now in progress, and the winner will be duly recognized at the dance, which will be open to the public.

On Sunday, Aug. 20, a golf tournament in charge of Dave Saito assisted by Frank Sumida, is scheduled at Pleasant Hill course in East San Jose with starting time set for 7 a.m. Participants may obtain entry blanks from chapters or from Saito at 515 N. 1st, San Jose. A bridge tournament for pairs instead of teams will be held at Summit Bank building 8 a.m. with Karl Kinaga handling the details.

Civil Rights Panel

For the adults, Grace Hane and her committee will take care of registration starting at noon at St. Claire on Sunday, and the business meeting will proceed from 1 p.m. A civil rights panel and workshop with Bill Marutani of Philadelphia as one of panelists will be featured during the mid-afternoon. Marutani recently argued successfully before the U.S. Supreme Court in the anti-miscegenation case.

Junior JACLers will have a slightly different schedule for their meetings. Their registration will start 10 a.m. with business meeting set for 11 a.m. A junior fashion show is planned. The younger members will, then, join the adults for the panel discussions and workshops.

Tad Sekigahara and Herb Omura, co-chairmen for the two-day affair, are being assisted by:

Henry Uyeda, finance; Grace Hane, registration; Richard Tanaka, Jr. housing; Norman Mineta, pub. rel.; Phil Matsumura, pub. rel.; Mrs. Nancy Omura, fashion show; Grant Shimizu, banquet; James Ono, Coronation ball and panel discussion.

## Credit union goes to data processing

SAN FRANCISCO—San Francisco JACL Credit Union is converting its bookkeeping methods to data processing this month, according to Eddie Moriguchi, president.

"This is another step forward to streamline the credit union operations and to increase efficiency," Moriguchi said. The conversion will reduce the time-consuming bookkeeping chores for treasurer Ichiro Sugiyama by 75 pct. and allow him to spend his time in more productive services with loans, membership and insurance applications and explanations.

Service will be performed by Crocker Citizens National Bank, which serves some 160 credit unions.

## Inagaki will rest at home, no visitors yet

LOS ANGELES — "I'm doing well and plan to be home next week," onetime National JACL president George Inagaki told the Pacific Citizen Wednesday morning from his hospital bed, where he is recuperating from a heart attack sustained June 30.

The "no visitors, please" sign will still be hanging at home as complete rest has been prescribed. Inagaki also acknowledged the many telegrams and get-well messages received this past week.

## ARIZONA JACL TO HOST PSW CHAPTER CLINIC

PHOENIX—The 15th annual PSWDC chapter clinic will be held on the weekend after Thanksgiving, Nov. 25-26, host chapter Arizona JACL president Dr. Richard Matsuishi announced.

The So. Calif. JACL regional office is again coordinating reservations for a charter bus leaving Lili' Tokyo on Friday, Nov. 24, at \$15 round trip.

## Four candidates seek Miss Nat'l. JACL crown

SAN JOSE — Herman Wyatt, a former Olympic high jumper currently billed as "Next Harry Belafonte" will provide special entertainment at the San Jose JACL's coronation ball on Saturday, Aug. 19 at the McCabe Hall here. "Miss 1968 National Convention Queen" will be crowned during the informal dance which will be from 9 p.m.

According to Ben Matsuura, Jr., the four candidates, thus far, have been named. They are Cheryl Yoshimura, Carolyn Uchiyama, Robin Eto, and Alene Yamamoto.

The 1000 Club on San Jose JACL is making the arrangements for the intermission feature.

## Five apply for Dr. Nobe graduate JACL scholarship

LOS ANGELES — Five post-graduate students majoring in physical or biological sciences or engineering are currently competing for the Dr. Mutsimi Nobe Memorial Graduate Scholarship offered by the Japanese American Citizens of League, announced national youth director Alan Kumamoto this past week.

Vying for the grant are Dean Hayashida, Boise Valley Janet Hachiya, Gresham-Tredale; Richard Kiyomoto, Redley; Robert Yamagata, Spokane; and Takashi Sugano, Stockton.

Judging will take place in Chicago as in the past with last year's chairman Nelson Kitsuase again assuming responsibilities.

Announcement of the winner for the \$500 graduate award is expected in a few weeks.

# Evacuee seeks \$1.5-million from Canada

VANCOUVER, B.C. — A \$1.5 million claim against the Canadian government for confiscation of Issei-owned property in 1942 has been filed by two Vancouver lawyers on May 18.

First step, according to lawyers Ray MacLeod and Don Small, is to seek a federal justice department hearing for permission to sue the government, attacking the original sale of 640-acre property belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Torazo Iwasaki on Saltspring Island as invalid and seek damages.

No attempt would be made to reclaim the land or disturb subsequent subdivision of the property on lot sales, the lawyers added.

MacLeod and Small took over last January the case that Iwasaki, now 81, had been waging over the years unsuccessfully with letters to Ottawa and the provincial capital at Victoria.

Was a Citizen

When Iwasaki completed purchase of his Saltspring property in 1940 for \$3,950, he was a naturalized Canadian. When some 20,000 Japanese Canadians were evacuated in early 1942, the property was left in control of a government custodian. MacLeod identified the agent as Gavin C. Mouat.

In 1945, the Iwasaki property was conveyed to the Secretary of State, Ottawa, and on the same day again conveyed to Salt Spring Lands, Ltd., whose president was Gavin C. Mouat.

Still in Greenwood holding camp for Japanese evacuees, Iwasaki was informed in May, 1945, the sale of his property for \$5,250. In 1947, he received a check for \$4,932.99 representing the sale less commission. Refusing to recognize the sale, he returned the check to the Secretary of State.

Worth \$1.5 Million

In 1948, the government returned the same check and told him to cash it because that was all he was going to get, MacLeod related. Iwasaki continued the fight through the federal property claims commission, demanding a bare minimum of \$66,000. The

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# Defense of 'right of dissent' targeted as next Nisei battle

HONOLULU — Nisei war veterans have been called to a battle which looms larger than their fight against prejudice — the defense of dissent.

The call came appropriately from one of their own comrades in arms, now Circuit Judge Masato Doi who had just drawn criticism in Congress for acquitting a Univ. of Hawaii student in a flag desecration case (see Page 3).

Doi was the keynote speaker of the seventh postwar reunion of Hawaiian and Mainland veterans last week (June 27), which had a record turnout of 1,100 (including 600 from the Mainland).

Recalling the prejudice against which the Nisei fought in World War II, Doi told his fellow veterans that, while others now bear the arms, "we at home must always bear in mind that which is being defended."

The climate for the Nisei in 1942 was one of suspicion and discrimination. It was an uphill battle for the Nisei to even win the right to wear the uniform.

Freedom of Expression

Doi reminded that the struggle for racial equality is part of something bigger—the struggle of individual rights and freedom of expression. He pointed out how his most recent acquittal of a young man charged with defiling the American flag was used by a Brooklyn district attorney to doubt the patriotism of the

people of Hawaii.

"This little incident is a yellow caution light on a deeper danger," Doi said. After the district attorney was told of the facts, he realized his error. But Doi noted that it was a warning showing how quickly man is wont to vent his distrust on fellow man. "A strange face or a strange name seems cause enough for fear. And the brush of fear is broad and indiscriminate..."

Judge Doi did not turn his back on the fact other racial groups, especially the Negroes, still suffer. "I do not ask that you condone the riots and senseless looting. But I ask that you do not react to them in such a way that you deny the basic tenets of our nation." He also reminded that the humiliating experiences of Nisei during WW2 as "the butt of prejudice" were examples of unreasoned acts of men who forgot the tenets of America.

Expressing his own support for President Johnson's course on Vietnam, he added: "But the hawks and doves who dissent from such a course can stand straight and state their thoughts. Expression of dissent is not to be equated with treason."

"The great genius of America is its belief that out of untrammelled expressions of men free and equal rise the truths which ultimately triumph."

Referring to what the U.S. Supreme Court said about dissent, Doi quoted: "... a function of free speech under our system of government is to invite dispute. It may indeed best serve its high purpose when it induces a condition of unrest, creates dissatisfaction with conditions as they are, or even stirs people to anger. It may strike at prejudices and preconceptions and have profound unsettling effects as it presses for acceptance of an idea."

And the "freedom to differ is not limited to things that do not matter much. That would be a mere shadow of freedom. The test of its substance is the right to differ as to things that touch the heart of the existing order." And even if the idea is one which we despise, Doi said, the answer is that in an atmosphere of freedom, truth will prevail in any contest with error.

## Eden Township CL award plan starts

SAN LORENZO — Marvin S. Kobori, recent Pacific High graduate, received Eden Township JACL's first Achievement Award of \$100. A second place \$50 award was presented to Dave Shibata. Both awardees are of San Leandro.

Son of the Yutaka Koboris, Marvin plans to attend Univ. of California as a pre-dental student. He has received awards from the Elk's, UC alumni, and California Savings & Loan Assn. He is also the chapter nominee for the National JACL scholarships.

Presentation of the chapter awards were made by chapter president Harry Tanabe during the benefit bazaar.

## Nisei neurosurgeon says U.S. GIs getting best possible medical care

HONOLULU — A year at the Army's Third Field Hospital in Saigon has convinced Capt. Raymond Taniguchi that U.S. fighting men in Vietnam are getting the best possible medical attention.

"And the best thing about it is the speed with which the wounded are attended," Taniguchi said.

"It's only a matter of from minutes to hours for a wounded man to be at a good medical facility, rather than from hours to days as it was in World War II."

"This is a big factor in cutting down morbidity—the length of time needed for convalescence—and infections. "We have a fantastic helicopter system, and this factor of speed is essential."

Taniguchi, 32, was chief of neurosurgery at the hospital and in his 12 months of duty there performed more than 200 brain and spinal operations on wounded men.

"There were times when we went day and night and another day without sleep," he

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Joanne S. Uehara



Patricia Y. Kusuda



Joyce A. Oishi

# 7 eye Miss Nisei Week title

LOS ANGELES — Four more Nisei Week queen candidates were revealed this past week: Patricia Kusuda of Orange County, Joyce Oishi of Gardena Valley, Joanne Uehara of West Los Angeles and Fumiko Craner of Long Beach.

The four join the previously announced candidates: Cathy Okamura of Hollywood, Stella Sano of East Los Angeles, and Darlene Hiroto of Progressive Westside.

The seven girls round out the court from which the 1967 queen will be chosen and crowned at a gala coronation banquet-ball at Century Plaza Aug. 12.

Daughter of the Minoru Kusudas of Santa Ana, Patricia, 20, is Miss Orange County in the 1967 Nisei Week contest, the fourth candidate to be announced. She is 5 ft. 2½, 106 lb. and measures 34½-22½-34. A graduate of Bolsa Grande High, she is currently attending UCLA majoring in sociology.

## Japanese Ambassador Shimoda presents credentials at White House

WASHINGTON — On June 28, Takeso Shimoda presented his credentials to President Lyndon Johnson at the White House and was officially acknowledged as Japan's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States.

Ten years after he served in Washington as the Minister Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, he was recognized as Japan's top envoy here in what many consider his country's most important diplomatic post.

Ambassador Shimoda has most impressive credentials as Japan's sixth post-war envoy to Washington.

Started in 1931

Born April 3, 1907, "Japan Report" summarizes his diplomatic career as follows: March 1931. Graduated from the then Imperial University in Tokyo and entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Subsequently was assigned to France, the Netherlands, China, and the Soviet Union.

June 1945. Chief of the Treaties Section, Treaties Bureau. Subsequently appointed Chief of the Archives Section and then of the Accounts Section.

November 1950. Head of the Japanese Government Overseas Agency at The Hague.

May 1952. Director of the Treaties Bureau.

January 1957. Minister Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the Embassy of Japan, Washington, D.C.

December 1960. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Belgium.

At Moscow

December 1963. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

June 1965. Administrative Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs.

April 1967. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America.

Among the concurrent appointments held by Ambassador Shimoda were (1956) Member of the Japanese delegation to the negotiation of the normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan

Her candidacy is sponsored by the Kazuo Masuda VFW Memorial Post 3670.

Daughter of the Goro Oishis of Gardena, Joyce, 18, was selected by Gardena Valley JACL. She is 5 ft. 3½, 115 lbs., and measures 34-24-34. She graduated from Gardena High where she was class cheer leader and class secretary. She intends to become an interior decorator. She was born in San Pedro.

Daughter of the Haya Ueharas of Santa Monica, Joanne, 20, was selected by West Los Angeles JACL. A Cleveland, Ohio, native, she is 5 ft. 3, 112, 34-24-35, and recently graduated from Santa Monica City College. She plans to become a home economics teacher and will enter UC Santa Barbara in the fall. She was queen of the West L.A. Jr. Track Meet and a Nisei Replays princess, a drill team sergeant at high school and teaches Sunday School at

Venice Free Methodist Church.

Miss Craner, the 19-year-old Nagasaki-born beauty, resides with her parents, the George Craners, stands 5 feet 4, weighs 110 and measures 34-24-35. A graduate of Paramount High, she will eventually reign as Miss Harbor, and hopes to become an airline stewardess.

All seven candidates begin charm courses at Fran O'Brien from July 11, according to queen committee chairman Roy Hoshizaki.

Baby Show

The Nisei Week baby show, for tots from 6 months to 6 years, will be staged Aug. 12, 9 a.m., at the Los Angeles Police Bldg. auditorium, 150 N. Los Angeles, according to the Theta Kappa Phi Alumnae, sponsors. Mrs. Gerald Takaki is baby show chairman.

Application calls for the child's name, birthdate, height, weight, name of both parents, address and telephone and may be submitted to Mrs. Kosobayashi, 527 Paloma Dr., South Pasadena, accompanied with a \$3 fee.

## Study launched on longevity of U.S. resident Japanese

SAN FRANCISCO — First phase of the medical study to learn why Japanese Americans live longer than other Americans began this past week with the distribution of 5,500 questionnaires to Japanese families here. Thousands of other families in the nine Bay Area counties are to be questioned later.

The study is under auspices of the U.S. Public Health Service, California State Dept. of Public Health and National Health is engaged in the research.

Persons of Japanese origin in California have an average longevity of about 78 years as compared with 72 years for other Californians, pointed out Dr. Reuel A. Stallones, project director and professor of epidemiology at UC Berkeley.

Results of the California study will be compared to data now being collected in Japan and Hawaii.

Dr. Stallones explained that "certain peculiarities in the occurrence of cardiovascular disease in persons of Japanese descent have puzzled medical scientists for many years. For example, the death rates reported from Japan for stroke are the highest of any country in the world, while the risk of coronary heart disease is reported to be very low."

"On the other hand, Japanese-Americans in California experience stroke and heart attacks with a frequency much closer to that of other California residents. Those in Hawaii reportedly have an experience intermediate between California and Japan."

Dr. Stallones said factors involved in migration and adaptation to different cultural settings may hold the key to serious medical problems.

"Research into the nature of the differences in diet, customs, and ways of life of Japanese in Japan, Hawaii, and California," he noted, "holds great promise in helping to explain diseases and other health questions."

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Washington Newsletter: Mike Masaoka

# Supreme Court

The recently concluded October 1966-June 1967 term of the Supreme Court of the United States was probably the most meaningful since the 1947-8 session two decades ago insofar as the direct interests of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country are concerned.

The nation's highest tribunal this past term (1) ruled that technicalities regarding filing deadlines should not prevent the redemption of pre-World War II yen certificates in the Yokohama Specie Bank by their Issei and Nisei depositors, (2) declared unconstitutional the interracial marriage bans of 16 States, (3) held that native-born and naturalized citizens may not be deprived of their American citizenship in the absence of voluntary acts of renunciation, and (4) decided that the California electorate voted illegally in upholding its so-called Proposition 13 which would in effect provide legal sanction for racial discrimination in the sale and rental of housing.

In its 1947-48 term a score ago the Court (1) ruled in the Oyama case that California could not deny to its American-born citizens of Japanese ancestry the same rights of inheritance, etc., that are enjoyed by the native-born children of other ancestries, thereby for all intents and purposes invalidating the anti-Japanese alien land laws of some 16 Western States, (2) declared in the Takahashi matter that neither California nor any other State may deprive an alien Japanese because of his racial ineligibility to naturalization, of his right to secure a license to engage in gainful employment (fishing), and (3) held that the courts may not be used to enforce racially restrictive covenants in the sale and rental of housing.

The past Court was composed of Chief Justice Earl Warren and Associate Justices Hugo L. Black, William O. Douglas, Tom C. Clark, John M. Harlan, William J. Brennan, Jr., Potter Stewart, Byron R. White, and Abe Fortas.

The 1947-8 Court was composed of Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson and Associate Justices Black, Stanley F. Reed, Felix Frankfurter, Douglas, Frank Murphy, Robert H. Jackson, Wiley Rutledge, and Harold B. Burton.

Since the end of the last term, Associate Justice Clark has resigned and the President has nominated Thurgood Marshall to complete the nine-member bench.

According to veteran court observers, the 1966-7 term was an exceptional one, particularly in establishing major legal precedents.

At least eight such major precedents were set. The decisions put United States citizenship beyond the reach of Congress to revoke against a citizen's will; wiped out state miscegenation laws; struck down New York State's loyalty oaths for public employees; held that a prying microphone conducts a "search" subject to constitutional restrictions; expanded both the police power to search and the citizen's right to privacy; and stated that a lawyer need not choose between self-incrimination and disbarment.

The right to a speedy trial and the right of a defendant to obtain witnesses through court order extended two more Bill of Rights guarantees to the states.

To juvenile delinquents the same major safeguards provided for adults at criminal trials were provided, as well as a "more generous" interpretation of the Fifth Amendment's privilege against self-incrimination.

The Court exposed public figures and newsworthy people to the burden of proving—if they seek legal redress for defamation or nondefamatory falsehoods—that statements about them were published as known falsehoods or with reckless disregard for truth.

A state legislature cannot punish a legislator for speaking his mind on such matters as opposition to war, even though such matters are beyond the jurisdiction of such state legislatures.

The High Court reversed its field, at least temporarily, on the most visible part of the civil rights movement, holding for the first time this decade against demonstrators whose actions are accompanied by public disturbance.

And, a new constitutional dimension was added to the criminal code. A suspect is entitled to counsel even during police identification procedures, though this rule was limited to future "lineups".

Conspicuous to veteran observers among the matters which the Court failed to tackle were local reapportionment, state aid to religion, obscenity, and the rights of public housing tenants.

Noting that there was little public outcry against the Supreme Court's historic landmark decision against the miscegenation statutes, and against the nomination of Negro Marshall to the highest bench, certain pundits suggest that perhaps timing is the key to the many things that the Court did do and the few things it didn't.

All of which reminds us that the late Scotty Tsuchiya, who was a personal friend of Chief Justice Harlan Stone who presided over the so-called Evacuation cases, told us in the mid-fifties that the Chief Justice had hinted to him that had the Yasui-Hirabayashi-Korematsu questions been appealed in the Court of Last Resort in that decade, and not in the late forties when the scars of war had not yet healed, the outcomes might have been completely different.

The concluding paragraphs in Captain Allan Bosworth's "America's Concentration Camps" to the effect that the JACL has never given up its search for an appropriate case to test again the constitutionality of Evacuation has revived interest in this possibility.

Both National JACL Legal Counsel William Marutani of Philadelphia and National JACL Legislative Committee Chairman Harold Gordon of Chicago have exchanged correspondence within the past two weeks concerning such a test case. And, when Los Angeles Attorney A. L. Wirin, who served as special counsel on these Evacuation cases, happened to be in Washington about a week ago, perhaps by coincidence, he raised this same possibility with us as among the matters he is currently considering.

If Evacuation is ever to be challenged again on constitutional grounds, it seems that now is the proper time, for general public and official sentiment is still apologetic about the wartime Evacuation, persons of Japanese ancestry are generally well-thought-of by most Americans, and the next Supreme Court may be the last with what may be a liberal majority on matters of human dignity and decency.

Only Justices Black and Douglas remain of the 1945-6 Court that held that Evacuation was constitutional. Though they voted with the majority at that time, that the Evacuation was constitutional, they should be given an opportunity to reverse themselves.

## NEWS CAPSULES

### School Front

John Hayakawa, chief public health educator for the city of San Jose, is joining the Univ. of Hawaii school of public health in July. He was on the city staff since graduating UC Berkeley in 1954. Joseph Araki, asst. principal at Denver's Gilpin St. School, was appointed principal of Harrington Elementary School. His wife, Kate, is dean of students in the Denver school system. A certificate of merit for 20 years of perfect attendance went to Paul Yokota, once teacher and now principal at Marianna Ave. School in east Los Angeles. He has been principal since 1957.

Mary Matsuda of Livingston, Fresno State College graduate who has been helping Barstow children with speech and hearing handicap, has transferred to Kings Canyon Unified school district. Mike Nishimoto, who taught at La Quinta High, Garden Grove, for two years, is returning to his alma mater, Reedley High, as a teacher.

An achievement scholar in the state of Ohio for graduating with the highest grade point in her class, Joyce Yukawa of Dayton's Northmont High graduated with a 4.22 GPA and will enter Ohio Wesleyan in the fall. As an addendum to the Seattle Public Schools racial distribution report issued Dec. 6, 1966, a comparative study with the 1957 survey shows the increase of Japanese American school teachers after 10 years: 21 grade school teachers in 1957, 30 today; junior high, from 8 to 15; high school, from 5 to 20. The Rev. Mineo Katagiri, minister of metropolitan missions for the United Church of Christ, Seattle, gave the baccalaureate address at Kent Meridian High. Joyce Hamamura of Auburn (Wash.) High was among 15 top-ranking graduates of King County high schools winning \$600 scholarships renewable up to four years.

Associate Professor of Japanese Language Henry Saburo Tatum at Univ. of Washington is retiring Sept. 1. He received his M.A. from U.W. in 1935 and has been on its faculty since then. Fr. Frank B. Costello, S.J., executive v.p., Seattle University, who was honored by JACL for his work in behalf of the SJR 20 campaign, is giving his administrative duties to return to teaching political science. Believed to be the first Sansei to be recognized as East Los Angeles College's outstanding woman graduate, Elko Sakaniwa was conferred a trophy for her many service contributions to the college during her two years. She was AWS vice-president, a volunteer tutor, and pre-nursing major. Dennis M. Furukawa of San Mateo received bachelor degrees from two colleges last month, B.A. magna cum laude from Occidental College and B.S. with honors in physics from Cal-Tech. During the past three years, the son of the Atsushi Furukawa was enrolled in a 3/2 program enabling him to earn both degrees. Dennis Ikuta was salutatorian of his class of 70 seniors at Parlier High, where James Golski is principal. Harry Isaki is president of the school board. Roy Sunao Nakawata was named principal of the Hillcrest Dr. Elementary School in the Crenshaw-Santa Barbara area effective Aug. 28 by School Superintendent Jack P. Crowther.

awering questions from the congregation. The Rev. George Aki, ex-442nd chaplain, is minister of the church.

### Awards

Carolyn Fukuda, MDC representative in the National JACL Oratorical Finals in 1966, was the surprise recipient of the outstanding senior speech student award at the Thornridge High School Speech Banquet. She served as drama student director of the school production of "The Sound of Music" and secretary of the National Forensic League. In the fall, Carolyn will attend Bradley University.

Allen L. Iseli, son of Dr. and Mrs. Taiji Iseli, who graduated from Harvey Mudd College, Pomona, won a \$2500 annual scholarship for two years from the National Institution of Health. He will be a Ph.D. candidate in biochemistry at USC. Univ. of Washington Junior Constantine Furuta, 21, received the \$1000 Celine Corp. of America award in interior design. It was the largest amount ever given an individual student at the UW design school.

Issei pioneer Seichi Nakatani of Sacramento, a JACL 1000er was honored by the Japanese community for being conferred the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th Class, from the Japanese Government. He has been researching the story of the Okel, first Japanese girl buried in California in 1871.

### Churches

Zen Center of San Francisco has dedicated its new meditation house at Tassajara Hot Springs, about 40-miles inland from Big Sur in Los Padres national forest. The 160-acre property was acquired last year for \$150,000 and is reached from Carmel Valley over a 20-mile dirt road. Hollywood Independent Church had a Catholic teaching nun, Sister Camilla Edwards of Good Counsel School, occupy the pulpit last Sunday morning.

### Join the 1000 Club

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## Mixed blood youth victimized by his schoolmates killed by fear, say mother

LONDON — Nine-year-old Robert Merritt, victimized by his playmates at school because his mother was Japanese, walked to school every day for three weeks because he was afraid to travel on the school bus until the day he was killed in a car accident 100 yards beyond the bus stop.

The coroner at the inquest decided it was "accidental death." But Robert's mother—who is the daughter of the president of a Japanese newspaper and married to a British soldier—believes her son died from fear and hate.

The story was reported June 14 in the Daily Mirror, which printed a letter it had received from Mrs. Merritt.

She wrote that Robert had been tormented by the children at the local junior school near Sedbury, Gloucestershire, in the west of England, calling him a "wog", a "Chink" and a "B— Jap," according to the paper.

### Watch Smashed

The day before he died, they took away a watch his parents had bought and smashed it against a wall.

The next day, Robert was so upset, he did not want to go to school. His mother made him go because it was two days only before the holidays. Ten minutes later, he was dead.

Mrs. Merritt — whose Japanese name is Mizue, meaning "flowing water"—said Robert had "always said he wanted to grow up to be an English gentleman. But people in Chestow and Sedbury didn't give him a chance to have his wish. "God only knows how much my son must have suffered," she wrote, according to the Mirror.

"I accepted England as my new home for the last 12 years, and now, because of

what they have done to my poor son, I feel ashamed to be called a British subject.

**Grandfather Informed**  
"I have informed my father of this tragic affair and I feel sure the Japanese people will feel this is an international scandal."

Mrs. Merritt added: "If you print this, I only hope some other little child like mine will be saved. I have three more sons and I don't wish anything to happen to them like what has happened to their big brother."

The paper reported that the headmaster at the local school said that he and Robert's class teacher had kept a watch out for any discrimination, as they knew that children can be cruel to one who is "different." But they saw no evidence of it.

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July 9 (Sunday)  
Sequoia — Giants Night, Candlestick Park.  
CCDC — Mtg. Freeway Lanes, 2 p.m.  
Sequoia — Community picnic, Dunes Beach (postponed from June 4).  
Philadelphia — Dinner reception for Jerry Enomoto, Forest Inn, Ambler, 5:30 p.m.  
New York — Reception for Jerry Enomoto, Firenze Restaurant, 6 p.m.  
Mt. Olympus — Lagoon night, July 15 (Saturday).  
Berkeley — Family bowling, Albany Bowl, 7 p.m.; Sandy Kays, chmn.  
Orange County — Potluck dinner, Buddhist Church, 7 p.m.  
July 15-18  
EDC—Spcl Mtg. Washington, D.C. hosts: Ambassador Hotel, K & 14th Sts.; Sat. banquet, 7 p.m.  
West Los Angeles — Crenshaw Square carnival.  
July 16 (Sunday)  
Downtown L.A. — Golf tournament, Rio Hondo CC, 11 a.m.  
Chicago-Milwaukee — Pre-EDC conv rally, Illinois State Park.  
Arizona — Bowling tournament, July 18 (Tuesday).  
Pasadena — Bd Mtg.  
Sonoma County—Ice skating party.

July 20 (Thursday)  
Seattle—Bd Mtg. JACL Office, 8 p.m.  
Solinas Valley — Bd Mtg. Title Ins Co. meeting room, 6 p.m.  
July 21 (Friday)  
Hollywood — Japanese Flower View Gardens, 7 p.m.  
July 22 (Saturday)  
Chicago — Jr JACL outing, Ravens Park.  
Twin Cities — Jr JACL outing, July 23 (Sunday).  
San Fernando Valley — Beach outing.  
Milwaukee—Picnic, Brown Deer Park.  
Contra Costa — Picnic, Wildwood Acres.  
Seattle — Golf tournament, Spanaway and Meadows Park (men), Carnation course (women).  
July 24 (Wednesday)  
Venice-Culver — Dodger Night (Pirates), Dodger Stadium.  
July 28 (Friday)  
San Diego—Bd Mtg.  
July 29-30  
IDC — Quarterly Mtg. Rexburg JACL hosts: Rick's College.  
July 30 (Saturday)  
PSWD C — Quarterly Mtg. West L.A. hosts: UCLA.  
Proq Westside — Pancake Breakfast, Food Giant Mt. Coliseum and Crenshaw, 8 a.m.  
Hollywood — Ikebana, Flower View Gardens, 2 p.m.  
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By Bill Hosokawa

## From the Frying Pan

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**SENATOR FROM HAWAII**—Senator Dan Inouye from Hawaii, first Nisei to serve in Congress, was still recovering from serious chest surgery and we were unable to meet him during our recent visit to Washington, D.C. But we've just finished reading his autobiography (Journey to Washington, Prentice-Hall, \$5.95, or \$5 through the JACL's Washington office), a thoroughly delightful book. One feels he knows Dan Inouye after reading it.

This is the story of a boy from the slums of Honolulu who on Pearl Harbor day wakes up to discover that he is somehow different. Summoned to man a first aid station after the attack, Inouye is making his way through the crowded streets on his bicycle when the realization dawns:

"The acrid smell of the smoke had drifted up from Pearl and people, wide-eyed with terror, fumbling for some explanation, something to do, had spilled into the streets. What would become of them, I agonized, these thousands, suddenly rendered so vulnerable and helpless by this monstrous betrayal at the hands of their ancestral land? In those first chaotic moments, I was absolutely incapable of understanding that I was one of them, that I, too, had been betrayed, and all of my family.

"An old Japanese grabbed the handlebars of my bike as I tried to maneuver around a cluster of people in the street. 'Who did it?' he yelled at me. 'Was it the Germans?' It must have been the Germans!"

"I shook my head, unable to speak, and tore free of him. My eyes blurred with tears, tears of pity for that old man, because he could not accept the bitter truth, tears for all these frightened people in teeming, poverty-ridden McCully and Moiliili. They had worked so hard. They had wanted so desperately to be accepted, to be good Americans. And now, in a few cataclysmic minutes, it was all undone, for in the marrow of my bones I knew that there was only deep trouble ahead. And then, pedalling along, it came to me at last that I would face that trouble, too, for my eyes were shaped just like those of the poor old man in the street, and my people were only a generation removed from the land that had spawned those bombers, the land that sent them to rain destruction on America, death on Americans."

**JOURNEY TO WASHINGTON**—From that moment, Dan Inouye's destiny was set. He fought to get into uniform. He served with distinction in Italy and France, hoping to come home a corporal. Instead, he was awarded a battlefield commission. Two days before German resistance ended in his sector, nine days before the war in Italy was over, Inouye suffered the wounds that cost him his right arm. And with the loss of that arm, his dream of becoming a surgeon died.

It was during the long, difficult period of recovery and rehabilitation that Dan Inouye of today began to take shape. He writes: "What Sakae (Takahashi, an old friend with whom he was hospitalized) was saying, and what I came to believe with all my heart and soul, was that the time had come for us (Nisei) to step forward. We had fought for that right with all the furious patriotism of our bodies and now we didn't want to go back to the plantation. Times were changing. We wanted to take our full place in society."

"In time, I came to think that I could direct my best effort toward these ends as a lawyer. Nor did I ever envision myself studying law so I could defend the needy and protect the rights of the hard-pressed. From the first, I thought about the law in its purest sense, the law of the land. I wanted to help make the laws. I wanted to become a lawyer so I could go into politics."

Dan Inouye's story is exciting and inspiring. Every Nisei ought to read it. More than that, every American should read it, for it is an American story.

Sakura Script: by Jim Henry

## Vietnam Question

The cry comes up now and again that Japan and the Japanese are opposed to the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war.

On the other hand, to what extent are the Japanese themselves contributing to the American war effort in Vietnam? This question loomed up recently when two incidents became an issue in the Diet.

A Japanese crewman working on a U.S. Navy LST was killed by automatic rifle fire when the ship was hit by the Vietcong. Four other Japanese seamen were seriously injured.

The propriety of Japanese seamen working on LSTs was discussed in the Diet and the government, recognizing freedom of employment, said it would continue to issue passports allowing the crewmen to leave Japan as workers on the American ships.

At the same time, the government was in a difficult position regarding Japan's export of weapons, because Prime Minister Sato and International Trade and Industry Minister Wataro Kanno had made seemingly conflicting statements. Sato stated before the Audit Committee of the House of Representatives, in replying to an opposition interpellator, that the export of "defensive" weapons was permissible under the current domestic laws. This conflicted with Kanno's statement that the government had adopted the policy of not allowing the manufacture of weapons for export.

1,440 Japanese Employed

To what degree the Japanese and Japan are involved in the Vietnam conflict is herewith reviewed.

It is said the Japanese oppose the war and refuse to become involved, however the All Japan Seamen's Union report that there are about 1,440

Japanese seamen working on 28 U.S. Navy LSTs. They are hired directly by the Navy on a yearly contract basis. The majority of the men renew their contracts as they expire. Inquiries are received every day by an employment agency that specializes in finding seamen jobs.

One high official of the union commented on this, saying: "The more the Diet and mass media take up this problem, the more inquiries we receive. We never encourage our members to work on LSTs. It is only natural for seamen to want to work on LSTs when they hear so much of the high wages."

(The LSTs carry war materials from such ports as Yokohama, Yokosuka and Sasebo to South Vietnam and return with tanks and aircraft in need of repairing.)

**Camerman's View**

Bunyo Ishikawa, a cameraman who has been covering

## Boise Valley JACL honors graduates, urged to be ready for leadership

CALDWELL, Idaho — State Sen. Phil Batt (R-Canyon County) advised graduates being honored by Boise Valley JACL at a recent dinner dance to "be ready" when the opportunity arises to take the lead.

Some 150 guests were present, including graduates from grade school to college, at the College of Idaho Student Union, where Batt traced the progress of the American way of life, noting "the basic human values stay pretty much the same."

Toastmaster Henry Suyehira and chapter president George Koyama of Nampa welcomed the graduates. Idaho State graduate Anita Jo Nishioka of Middleton responded. The Rev. L. L. Shaver gave invocation and benediction. On the committees were:

Taka Kora, Ann Koyama, co-chairs; Chickie Hayashida, Junji Yamamoto, Mae Koyama, Marlene Yamamoto, Emi Kido, Yoshie Yamada, Kathy Miyasaka, Irie Fujishin, Rina Yamashita and Terry Yamada.

"Your legacy is indeed a proud one, Batt said. "Your parents, relatives, and friends have carried out the highest degree of citizenship to achieve their well-respected position in life.

"We all know of examples in our lives when people with a desire to be a success or to realize the goals set for them

themselves have undergone any type of strenuous training or faced any perilous odds of danger to achieve their goals," he added. He listed the American astronauts as one of the better examples.

"Everyone has goals for himself," Batt said, "and he can reach them merely by believing in himself."

Cash awards of \$50 were presented by Kay Inouye for scholastic achievement to:

Barry Fujishin, Homedale; Marsha Nakamura, Nampa; Susan Inouye, Boise; and Janice Suyehira, Emmett.

Honorees were: Colleges—Barbara Yoshida, Univ. Idaho; Anita Jo Nishioka, Idaho Alan Sakamoto, Phillips Yamashita, Barbara Yoshimura, College of Idaho; Anita Jo Nishioka, Idaho State.

High school — Barry Fujishin and Amy Hirai, Adrian; Yasuyo Ariga, Caldwell; Marsha Nakamura, Nampa; Peggy Yamamoto, Homedale; Edward Ogawa, Wally Tamura, Middleton; Rita Takahashi, Parma; Penny Okazaki, Borah; Susan Inouye, Boise; Janice Suyehira, Emmett; Patrick Takasugi, Rex Dol, Vallivue; and Janice Nakatani, Cascade.

Eighth Grade—Julie Hirai, Alan Oyama, Tyrin Ogawa, Patty Masenaka, Judy Hami, Roberta Kondo, Vicki Nishikawa, Joni Uda, Kenneth Kubosumi, Duane Kido, Jo Ann Shigeno, Richard Suyehira, Steven Miyake, Chris Yamamoto, George Takeuchi, Dewey Kawahara.

## Brooklyn DA questions Hawaii's patriotism

WASHINGTON — A Brooklyn district attorney who questioned the Americanism of Hawaiian residents outraged three Hawaiian congressmen last week.

"The House on June 29 approved and sent to the Senate a bill making it a crime to desecrate the American flag."

In a letter released by a House committee investigating flag-burning, District Attorney Aaron J. Koota referred to two Hawaii acquittals and said:

"We must realize that the background of the state of Hawaii is not as steeped in the same spirit of Americanism as are the other states of the union. Hawaii has a foreign ideology as its background and that is probably explanatory of the court's attitude."

Koota was referring to the cases of Univ. of Hawaii students Noel J. Kent and Peter Lombardi who were arrested at a political rally when they hung a poster that caricatured the U.S. flag to show their displeasure with the war. Among other things, the poster displayed dollar signs in place of stars on the flag.

While a lower court con-

victed the pair of publicly defiling, defying and casting contempt on the flag, the convictions were reversed by Circuit Court Judge Masato Doi.

Rep. Patsy T. Mink was "outraged to read Mr. Koota's totally ignorant statement which impugned the loyalty and Americanism of all the people of Hawaii."

Rep. Spark Matsunaga said Koota "does not realize that the people of his own state of New York have a background of foreign ideologies even as much as Hawaii has". Matsunaga pointed out that an American flag was not actually involved in the case, only a symbolic replica.

442nd Veteran

He added, "I would match Judge Doi's Americanism with any living citizen of New York, including Mr. Koota," Doi was a much decorated vet-

**Mr. Kido's Travelogue Will Appear Next Week**

eran of the 442nd and a graduate of Columbia University law school.

Sen. Hiram L. Fong joined in condemning the Koota letter. "No finer group of Americans can be found anywhere than in Hawaii . . . We are second to none in our regard for the flag and for the tradition of America."

In Honolulu, Judge Doi was mildest in comment: "Although I violently disagree with the allegation that we have a 'foreign ideology' here,

**San Gabriel Valley JACL charter day set**

LOS ANGELES—San Gabriel Valley JACL, recently reactivated chapter, will have its installation of 1967-68 officers at a Charter Day dinner Nov. 11 at the Diamond Bar Country Club, Covina, according to Jeffrey Matsui, associate national JACL director.

A chapter which deactivated with Evacuation in 1942 was made the 90th active unit in the national organization this past month.

I realize that every person is entitled to his own opinion. But it would be unrealistic for me not to realize that there would be in our country a few people such as the district attorney who would be expression opinions which have not basis in fact."

**Rep. Matsunaga attends Seoul inauguration rites**

WASHINGTON — President Johnson selected Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) as the lone member of the House of Representatives in the United States delegation attending the inauguration of President Park of Korea July 1. Heading the group was Vice President Humphrey.

Matsunaga, flattered by the selection, commented: "It is not so much an honor for me as it is for Hawaii, for once again Hawaii is being recognized for the significant role that it can play in cementing better relations between the East and the West. Fortunately for Hawaii and the nation, President Johnson is convinced of this."

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## Old Monterey

Perhaps the Sansei will find it hard to believe but there was for their parents the halcyon days of yore when they were carefree and young. Although they never had slogans, such as "Sex and the Sansei," "Social hour at the Hofbrau, pants preferred" (we should hope so), they somehow "enjoyed" their way until now. Recently we trotted happily to Monterey to meet JACL chapter's executive board for we remembered that some days of our youth were spent there.

It is always pleasing to see the wind swept pine trees, the rolling sand dunes, and the fury of white capped waves beating the rocks along the shore. Later, when we used to wander along the Izu Peninsula, we would tease our hosts by telling them that it looked just like Monterey. At Atami, we remember looking at a single pine tree overlooking the coast, much the same as the lone cypress shown on travel posters of Monterey, and hearing the story of Konjiki Yasha. Two young lovers who vowed eternal love, until one day, the young man heading the call of gold, gave the boot to his girl friend, "Yes sir, right at this very pine tree" and headed for Tokyo.

In our day, there were many young men who vowed eternal love among the pine trees of Monterey. But, alas, most of them heard of the glitter of Japan, where every man was God, and the young girls were born just to cater to their every whim. So, they all gave their girls the boot and headed for Tokyo and riches. They never did find the gold.

Somewhat they all came home and some even went back to Monterey. As with all good things in life, it isn't easy to get to Monterey for it's not on any main highway. One must make the effort. Now, the sardines are gone, the sea lions no longer wake you up with their barks and progress has come in the form of tearing up buildings to make freeways and tunnels under the streets so that the tourists can get to the ocean one minute faster.

As we sat in the old JACL building, sitting beneath age-beaten charts of Japanese characters, we talked about human relations and the JACL's participation in local community problems. Then the members of the ladies' auxiliary came in, made and served coffee and cake to us elders who were debating such weighty questions. The ladies did it so softly, so well, cleaned up and left, and never once did they say a word. So we knew that all was not lost, and the men had, after all, found the riches they looked for in their youth. Ah, nothing like a good dose of cultural heritage!

## Sounding Board Jeffrey Matsui



## Cultural Values

Whenever mention is made to Nisei parents about maintaining cultural heritage, they agree—and quickly arrange for judo lessons for sons and ikebana classes for daughters.

A more sincere and meaningful way of preserving the better part of our old culture, in my opinion, would be to teach it to the next generation through everyday practice and example. I'm not speaking, of course, of ikebana and judo but of cultural values such as maintaining fidelity and respect for the elderly in spite of the fact that they grow materially less productive with age.

The larger Caucasian Community speaks admiringly of the Oriental culture which provides a place for the aged where he continues to receive the recognition, respect and love that all living persons need.

Yet today, you hear more and more stories of how an aged person was ignored by her Nisei son or daughter after she was no longer need as a baby sitter.

Our problem seems to stem from a notion held by a very large segment of the Japanese American Community that each time we abandon another part of our old culture, we take another step forward toward becoming "Americanized." And the funny part is that they also talk a lot about assimilation with the larger community. Assimilation, according to The American College Dictionary, means: "the merging of cultural traits from previously distinct cultural groups."

But what have we thus far contributed to the cultural traits of America? Nothing—unless we go back to counting ikebana and judo classes. And at the rate we're throwing out everything considered "Japanese," we'll have nothing to contribute in the future.

So maybe it's time we stopped just taking from America and started sharing something with her. Our way with the Elderly may be a good place to start.

## Accent on Youth Alan Kumamoto



## Let It Begin with Me

With white, red, yellow and black colors serving as background four quadrants of the campaign button read Brotherhood U.S.A. "Let It Begin With Me." This was a symbol for the 17th Annual Brotherhood, U.S.A. Human Relations Youth Workshop of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

We were assigned directly from JACL to form the professional pool helping to expose 200 high school students from Southern California and as far as Albuquerque, N.M.; El Paso, Texas; Tracy, Calif.

Typical days began with flag raising, breakfast, a morning session with a caper (student) role playing sociodrama, presenting the various topics, i.e., generation, creditability, institutional, group "gap," etc. Student led discussion groups followed.

After lunch and a rest period, two free choice interest sessions were provided back-to-back with professional staff serving as an authority and discussion provoker.

Swimming, horseback riding and archery, informal baseball, ping pong and horseshoe competition took up free time. Evenings after dinner were constructively spent with intriguing films, a talent show, dance, chorus concert, model Town Hall meeting, etc. Circle

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# Washington mecca for EDYC youth next week

By NORMAN ISHIMOTO

WASHINGTON—To coincide with the EDYC Summer Quarterly and the visit of JACL President Jerry Enomoto, the Washington, D.C. Junior JACL is planning a Capitol tour of the nation's capital.

For about 45 youths from Philadelphia, Seabrook, Washington and some guest Clevelanders, the July 13-16 meeting promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime event.

In a two day pre-business tour, delegates will be treated to a special U.S. State Department briefing on the current Midwest and East Asian crises; a Congressional tour of Capitol Hill, meeting their respective congressmen, and a luncheon in the Rayburn House Office Building, arranged through the offices of Rep. Spark Matsunaga (Hawaii); and a special tour of the White House for early registrants.

Also planned are tours of the Supreme Court, Library of Congress, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington at night (Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, Washington Monument) and a special memorial service at Arlington National Cemetery with the opportunity there to see the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of

the Unknown Soldier and to visit John F. Kennedy's recently-completed grave.

The nature of these tours demonstrates some of the advantages of Junior JACL membership, especially for Sansei of the EDC area. These events are expected to considerably strengthen the infant Eastern District Youth Council, which will celebrate its first birthday at the EDYC-MDYC Convention at Chicago in September. On the business end of the youth activities, EDYC Board elections will head the list of agenda items. Susan Baba of Washington will succeed outgoing Chairman Scott Nagao of Seabrook, as she has been named on both chapter slates. Other important discussion items are the district's treasury, the Chicago Convention and the formation of new Junior JACL chapters.

The youth luncheon, to be emceed by Washington Junior JACL President Anne Fukutome, will feature short talks by youth leaders on "What Youth Wants of JACL." Featured are EDYC Chairman Scott Nagao for Seabrook, Laurel Marutani for Philadelphia, EDYC Representative Norman Ishimoto, and Cleveland

Jr. JACL President Bill Tashima. The topic will be expanded into a discussion at the joint adult and youth afternoon session, which will also cover other topics of mutual concern.

Besides the nature of the attractions of Washington, D.C. as a city, a major attraction was the housing of visiting delegates in private homes,

Under 21: Russell Obana

## Youth Today

(Russ Obana, Jr. JACL national chairman, was principal speaker at the San Jose Jr. JACL recognition banquet May 20. Following is basically the text of his speech.)

San Jose Community involvement can take many faces. It can involve social service involvement, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church, school, etc. These involvements tend to create an atmosphere for developing better citizenship.

The Japanese community is involved in these areas but as the community name implies, the involvement is with Japanese. There is nothing wrong with this but the lack of involvement in the "other community" or the outer community could have its effects.

Actually, one can compare the "tippie" community with the Japanese community. The "tippies" are those people who have discarded the hustle and bustle of everyday life. They have ventured down to

the Haight-Ashbury district to live as they wish and to be left alone. And why shouldn't this be, it's the same as Nihon-machi—people of the same background coming together?

The youth of today are involved in the social service involvement but they are also leaning in other directions. The other community involvement area are—as I call them—"movement '67". Why the interest all of a sudden in the other community?

I would guess that the youth of today are shouldering more responsibility. This is due to pressure or education. There are, of course, many other reasons, such as the political picture and mobility. Also youth is idealistic and tends to aspire to the top of an

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**HIGH POINTERS**—Nisei Relays queen Gayle Sasaki stands with outstanding athletes (from left) Robert Kakehashi (Venice-Culver) of the Cubs division, Alan Hamane (Pasadena) of the Midgets, Ed Kanemoto (Long Beach-Harbor) of the Juniors, and Paul Nishimoto (Orange County) of the Open division.

## The Rule of Law

Alameda County Bar Assn. sponsored an essay contest in observing May 1 as Law Day. This year's first prize of \$150 went to Ellen Iwataki, 15, of Fremont High School in Oakland. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Iwataki, Alameda JACLers.

BY ELLEN IWATAKI

Oakland There are some quotations which seem to express a thousand thoughts, to embody whole concepts, and to provoke brilliant ideas in only a few words. "No man is above the law, no man is below it," once said by Teddy Roosevelt, seems to be such a quotation. Every person will probably have a different interpretation of it, and this is mine.

To say "No man is above the law" is to say, essentially, that all men are equal. The law is theoretically sacred. It is simply ever-present; it is that invisible force by which man governs his entire life. Man has made the law and, because of this, one might say that man is the law. It has become a basic, intangible part of him. There is no man anywhere on this earth who is

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## Workshop theme

PORTLAND — A workshop theme, "Samsel on Sex", was announced for the Pacific Northwest District Youth Council summer conference being held Aug. 4-6 at Lewis & Clark College.

Keynote speakers and discussion leaders will include: Dr. John Bussman, clinical instructor of pediatrics, Univ. of Oregon Medical School; Dr. George S. Hara, clinical instructor of obstetrics and gynecology; Dr. David Moore, clinical instructor of obstetrics and gynecology; Mrs. Betty Pollen, director, sex education, Portland Public Schools; and Dr. Joseph B. Fraumeni, prof. of physiology, Univ. of Oregon Medical School.

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## Rule of Law—

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superior to the law. He is constantly, continuously under its jurisdiction and must strictly play the rules of the game that the law sets down. One might even go so far as to say that democracy is successful partly because of this very reason. There is no privileged class in a democracy. All men must meet the demands of the law which, in turn, means that he meets the demands of his fellow men who are the law.

"No man is below the law" is an equally important facet of democracy. This, to me, means that, conversely, the law is not superior to any man. That is, no man is lower than any other man. All have an equal right to protection by the law just as they have equal opportunities in life. Some may argue that it is unrealistic to say that all men have equal opportunity. Unfortunately, this is probably true. However, every man, no matter what race, creed or color, has equal opportunity. Unfortunately this is probably true. However, every man, no matter what race, creed or color, has equal rights to the jurisdiction of the law. The law is like a solid, secure, community bomb shelter which belongs to everyone and which everyone has the same right to use and to be protected by. Just as the law is that force which presides over every man's life, it is also that fortitude in which he is able to seek shelter. To say that "no man is below the law" is also an essential "material" with which democracy is built. Without it, equality among men would become a farce with absolutely no meaning or depth. In a sense, the law rescues one of the basic principles of democracy from complete extinction.

"No man is above the law, no man is below it" is a tremendous statement if one imagines the implications behind the seemingly simple facade. For me it is the explanation for the success and prosperity of democracy and the answer to the moral question of equality of all men everywhere and any time.

## Deaths

### SEATTLE

Kawaguchi, Kunitaro, 64: June 10—w. Matsuno, Jack Y. (Olympic), d. Mes Joshua Hata, James Suzuki.

Iwata, Fukujo, 66: June 13 — w. Torae, s. Masayuki, Takashi, Theodore, Thomas M., b. Harry Midelo.

Hayashida, Ichiro, 68: Bainbridge, June 9 — w. Nobuko, s. Hiroshi, d. Judy Ann, Hisa Matsudaira, Yasuko Mito, Tomiko Igashira, Susan Fujita, b. Saburo, Tsuneichi, Torachi (Japan).

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Soejima, Ben K. June 21 — w. Somo, s. Bryan, Roy, Ben J. (Portland), d. Mrs. Kerry Mori (Seattle), 10 gc.

### HONOLULU

Fukuda, Mary Hisayo, 69: June 3 — w. Mitsuo, Bert, Howard, d. Mrs. Henry Kurihara, Mrs. James Yamaguchi, Rosaline Fukuda, Sister Mary Emiko Fukuda, 18 gc.

Funai, Yae, 68: June 5 — s. Lloyd, Richard, d. Leatrice, stepmother Tatsu, b. Francis, Richard, stepis Dora Burd.

Kawaguchi, Ito, 82: June 5 — s. Isuke, d. Mrs. Gary Matsuwaki, 5 gc, 5 ggc.

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## Vietnam War ...

### Honolulu

Raw power is all Hanoi understands, Gen. Dwight E. Beach said June 29 in strongly supporting U.S. policy to keep bombing North Vietnam. If we quit the bombing, the Pacific Army commander said, Hanoi will get the psychological lift it needs to keep its campaign moving to throw out Saigon's government. To stop the bombing, he said, is like condemning another 10,000 American servicemen to death. The U.S. killed-in-action today (June 30) is 11,393. Retired Gen. Mark W. Clark favors a hard-line, get tough approach to ending the Vietnam war. He said the Vietnam was just that Red China should be slugged if it enters the war, that military targets in Haiphong should be hit, and that the domino theory opinions June 27 while breakfasting at the Holiday Isle Hotel. He was the honored guest of the five-day Nisei Veterans Reunion that began June 27. Clark said more ground forces are not needed in Vietnam—just great military application of naval and air weapons already in the American arsenal.

### Killed in Action ...

Army S/Sgt. Kenneth K. Lima, 33, became Hawaii's 93rd fatality in the Vietnam war June 22 when he was killed in action against the Viet Cong. He was a former ROTC instructor at McKinley High School. He had left here for Vietnam only two weeks before being killed. Lima was the son of David K. Lima, and Mrs. Violet Spencer, both of Honolulu. Other survivors include his wife, Peggy, and three sons. He entered the army in 1954. Army Capt. Edward E. Strombeck, 33, became Hawaii's 94th fatality in the Vietnam War when he was killed in a plane crash.

## Nisei pushing job for summer plan

PORTLAND — John Yoshino, deputy chief of the Federal Highway Administration's equal opportunity division, was in the Pacific Northwest last week seeking road construction work for disadvantaged youngsters in the 16-21 age bracket with the aid of Associated General Contractors and various community groups.

Effort is part of the 1967 Youth Opportunity campaign which hopes to provide more than 1 million jobs this summer for the nation's disadvantaged youngsters.

Yoshino met with contractors to find jobs in 24 federally assisted road projects throughout Oregon as well as suppliers, office work and other construction-based occupations.

Focus is also aimed at the Negro and other minority groups. Job-seeking youths should register with the state employment service, Yoshino urged.

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by Richard Gima

### Class reunion ...

The McKinley High School class of 1932 is planning a reunion July 14 at Ala Moana Banquet Hall. Those in charge of the reunion are Margaret Tom, Clarence Okamoto, John Kousma, Sophie Kaiti and Betsy Takamoto. Hilo High School's class of 1932 will hold its 15th anniversary reunion in Hilo Aug. 4 through 6. Robert Nomitsu and George Yoshimura are in charge. Colbert Imal, 17, a Kaimuki High School junior, was selected as Hawaii's outstanding all-around boy. Colbert, son of Hazel Imal of 3532 Hinahina St., will spend the summer at Camp Pocono, Pa., for leadership training and fun.

### Miyagi Issue ...

Ne wton Y. Miyagi, secretary-treasurer of ILWU Local 142, was sworn in June 30 as a member of the state land board, and opposition to his appointment was mounting hourly in the state senate. He undoubtedly will be the center of a heated controversy when his name comes up before the state senate for confirmation. Miyagi has been a controversial figure in island life for several years, having once refused to answer questions posed by the U.S. Senate's Committee on Internal Security. He once infuriated patriotic and anti-Communist groups with a report supporting the revolutionary transformation of Cuba under Fidel Castro. Miyagi has replaced Richard L. Summers, a Hawaiian Electric Co. vice president who has served two terms, the legal limit.

Wilbert H. S. Choi, Makiki nurseman, was named to the Land Use Commission June 29 by Gov. John A. Burns. He has replaced Robert G. Wenkam, who failed to win state senate approval for reappointment to the commission.

### Testimonial ...

Nearly 200 took part in the testimonial dinner honoring Charles J. Fern, prominent figure in Kaula sports activities many years ago, made up a large part of the gathering at the Tip Top Cafe to honor "Kaula's Father of Sports" Joe Shiramizu was mc. The \$100,000 "Mayor Eddie" Kam Mo Memorial Center was dedicated June 18 at Makawao, Maui, his home town. Although Tan's title officially was county chairman, he was addressed as mayor. So the board of supervisors decided to follow this preference in naming the new community center.

### Organizations ...

Mauli's Kahului Lions Club celebrated its 14th annual chart night at Tokyo Tel June 23 with its 1967 officers' installation banquet. Ted Takamatsu was installed as the club's new president. G. Alan Freeland, past Lions Hawaii district governor, made the keynote address.

Tom Moriarty will be installed as president of the Kahului Jaycees for the coming year at a meeting in the Richardson Club, Pearl Harbor, on July 1. He is assistant vp. of Imperial Finance Co. Mrs. Charles K. Yamashiro was elected president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Hawaii Medical Assn. at its recent annual meeting on Coconut Island. She is a past president of the woman's Auxiliary to the Honolulu County Assn. and has been active in numerous community volunteer service groups in Hawaii.

State Senator Larry N. Kuriyama, chairman of the higher education committee, says Hawaii is the only state without a differential on non-resident students. A student from California pays \$332.50 to attend the Univ. of Hawaii (same as a Hawaii resident), but our youngsters pay \$1,200 to attend the Univ. of California (\$220 for a California resident).

"You will note that many of the states exact an exorbitant price to attend their state supported institutions," Kuriyama says. Dr. Harold K. Kosumi has been named program specialist in elementary guidance and counseling for the State Dept. of Education. Since 1964 he has been assistant professor of psychology at Long

## Vietnam War —

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said. "We would take the most critically wounded first and let the others wait."

"Very often there would be as many as six surgeons working on a man—one on an arm, another on a stomach wound, I on the brain or spine."

"We worked as a team and we were very proud of it. It seemed to be the most practical way to do it."

Taniguchi is a Roosevelt High School graduate. He spent two years at the Univ. of Hawaii before going on to Washington University, St. Louis, and to Tulane Medical School.

He was in his neurosurgical residency at Duke University when the Army called on him in May, 1966, for two years of service.

"Although I like the academic medicine—the ivory tower—it was a wonderful year for me," he said of his Vietnam experience.

"You never see those types of wounds in civilian practice but it may help in other types of surgery."

Taniguchi said that frequently soldiers of the Army of South Vietnam would be brought to the hospital. If they had wounds requiring emergency treatment, they received it rather than being sent on to their own hospital.

The young doctor was on a seven day leave before reporting to his next duty station, either the 249th or the 106th Army General Hospital near Tokyo. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Taniguchi, 84-B Coe Way in Nuuanu.—Advertiser.

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## Ye Editor's Desk

### IS IT DEROGATORY?

Till a reader in Northern California called attention to use of "buddahead" as derogatory (see our PC Letterbox on this page) from his point of view, it has been our belief that Japanese Americans generally kept this expression within the group to mean themselves. It might have been an improvement over the pre-World War II "boochi". When the 442nd went in training at Camp Shelby, the Nisei from the Islands popularized the term "buddahead". Their buddies in arms from the Mainland were called "kotonks".

The humorous contention among the Hawaiian Nisei in the 442nd was that if you struck the head of a Mainland Nisei it emitted the "kotonk" sound as if the head were hollow. One might then assume a head of the Hawaiian Nisei was solid and gave no sound. By the end of the war, the "kotonks" were showing their heads were just the same and "buddaheads" became an "in" word meaning Japanese Americans. There was nothing abusive about the use of these two words—"buddahead" and "kotonk"—but like all slang expressions in use today, they are coarse in nature and the idiom of a special class.

It was the Nisei from Hawaii, with their style and syntax, who made "go for broke" their regimental motto. Today, we see its use on the U.S. sports pages to mean what the 442nd meant by the motto—all-out effort. In due time, "go for broke" will be cited in the dictionaries.

"Buddahead" was picked up by the Sansei and at Roosevelt High in Boyle Heights, where Japanese Americans have always been strong in numbers since the '30s, the Sansei even shortened that expression to "head". Typical usage of that younger crowd: "How many 'heads' attended the dance? ... Let's go to 'head'-town."

We have never heard "buddahead" to be derogatory—not even from those of the Buddhist faith. In fact, a scene in MGM's "Go for Broke!" says "buddahead" is preferred over "Jap".

At best, "buddahead" is a colloquialism likely to appear in conversation only among American slang users of Japanese descent. I can't see an Issei using it in their conversation. As used in Perspectives in citing Father Clement as an "honorary buddahead", we saw it as a term of salute from a Japanese American who wanted to say Father was one of Nisei in kind and spirit.

One facet of this report still needs to be explored. How did "buddahead" come to mean "hard head"? Is there any connotation with Buddhism?

When we first heard "buddahead", we heard it as "buda-head" or a person with piggy traits—and thought it apropos to the Hawaiian Nisei who called us Mainland Nisei "kotonks". They wanted to hog all the glory because the "kotonks" were too empty-headed to do anything about it. When hearing that term later with a "d" sound, we surmised that the "t" sound had been softened because of its nearness to an "h" sound—and Hawaiians seem to have trouble enunciating clearly the "th" sound (though they are not alone in this situation).

We're "tenderfoot" (that's a colloquialism which is nearing an aura of respectability, thanks to the Boy Scouts) in the lore of origin of words—so let's hear from the erudite.

### NUMBER 90 AND 91

Pacific Southwest District Council has a right to be proud in providing the National JACL its 90th and 91st chapter this year in San Gabriel Valley and Riverside, respectively. For the longest time we rested on 89. If the motivating spirit to organize the two new chapters in Southern California was the "youth" (and not necessarily as a parent's excuse for a Jr. JACL unit), there is nothing to stay this momentum in the Sansei-loaded Southwest.

Nucleus members in both chapters are also aware of their PR role in the wider community. This aspect of chapter programs is one that Associate National Director Jeffrey Matsui is keen on developing throughout the national organization—at least, letting the chapters gauge for themselves how effective their programs are from a public relations standpoint. He has yet to publicize this chart he has shown to some chapters in the Pacific Southwest.

At the second organizational session of the Riverside chapter last week (after a fine Japanese dinner with the Ed Mitomas), National Youth Commissioner Kay Nakagiri was most impressive in relating the responsibilities of the Nisei as parent and what JACL can provide for the youth. It is hard to squeeze his positive message into this column. But JACL as an organization, he said, should be prepared to provide some of the answers the Sansei will eventually ask of themselves. A point of self-realization strikes that prompts them to ask, "Who are we?" It takes more than just listening to a lecture, reading a book about their heritage or being with other Sansei. It takes in all these and perhaps working together as well in a common endeavor that the Sansei can feel to be their own distinction to the greatness of America. And that requires organization.



Good Ole Summertime, 1967

## Letters from Our Readers

### 'Buddaheads'

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regards to a recent article written by the JACL National President Jerry Enomoto (Perspective, June 23). In an otherwise fine article he uses the term "buddahead" which, for various reasons, I consider derogatory to the Japanese people and at best unintelligent for the stature of a person holding the office of the JACL presidency.

Knowing that persons of minority groups tend to be oversensitive at times, I will try to be objective in my statements. Not too long ago I had a Caucasian acquaintance use this term which at best has strained our relationship because I do not even let Japanese people use this term "buddahead" without raising an objection.

Many minority groups among themselves use derogatory terms (nigger, etc.) but it would be very unwise for outsiders to do so. Being of no religious group myself, I feel that this does not have any religious connotations and certainly is not a term of endearment with me.

It is again stereotyping a group (we are not all Buddhists) and the term "Jap" is less offensive to me. My main reason for my objections is that the Japanese people themselves use this term in an unsensitive manner.

I would like to say in all fairness that I have not heard the term used too freely by intelligent Japanese which led to my surprise to see it in the Pacific Citizen and written by Mr. Enomoto.

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### Obana-

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Ivory tower. Impossible, you say!

Well, isn't it better to live half-way up the tower than in the dungeon?

Along with this responsibility factor, the youth realize that the community is the place where they will have to live. Therefore, they want a say as to the condition the community will be or when it is handed over to them.

At the same time adults must try and understand what the youth are trying to do and say.

The long hair, the wild clothes and demonstrating, peaceful or otherwise, are looked down upon for the most part without trying to understand what they're all about. (I object to "otherwise demonstrations", too.) This is an age of social change and of value change; so try to understand this when you see the youth. The problem seems to be a lack of communication and therefore understanding on both parts.

The Japanese youth of today were generally raised in a conservative atmosphere. I often wonder if this is the cause of the passive attitude in involvement. The youth of Japanese ancestry by and large are too occupied with being "cool" or "in". I hope they realize there are other things in life. This is admittedly a generalization but as of today, not too general.

If you want to worry about the "Japanese image", then the passive or token attitude toward community involvement will not help this image one bit because others can see it for what it is. If I seem to advocate getting arrested for "sitting in", why not? If men are willing to die for what they believe in, being arrested is not of a great consequence.

In closing, I must advocate getting involved in the community. The community I have been talking about, as you may have guessed, is our country.

### Mixed blood children

Dear Editor:

In the San Francisco Chronicle of June 14, 1967, there was an article by the Copley News Service regarding the "new untouchables of Japan". In the past the untouchables were the Eta or Burakumin, and the Koreans residing in Japan. The new untouchables, according to this article, are the mixed-blood children of American service men and Japanese women, the aftermath of World War II and the American Occupation of Japan.

According to this article, these unfortunate children, many of them now young men and women, are "treated like subhumans in the superficial morality of Japanese society." The article asks, "Prejudice toward mixed-blood children existed in Japan before the war. The Japanese are kind people. Why are they so cold toward children of mixed blood, a coldness which cannot be found in any other country?"

Is it because we think of ourselves as a pure race and a superior kind of people? Anthropologically the Japanese are certainly a mixed race. This is self-evident if one seriously studies the different types of Japanese in Japan, and even in the United States. Many Nisei have inherited this ancient Japanese prejudice and hold up their hands in horror at the very thought of one of their children marrying outside of the Japanese group. They lose sight of the fact that individual qualities are far more important than the matter of race.

If we are going to be prejudiced against mixed-blood children, one of whose parents are Japanese, we had better be prepared to be prejudiced against a very large group. There must be 50,000 or more children of the Japanese war brides who now live in this country. And if we include the mixed-blood children of other races, we would need to be one of the most prejudiced groups in the United States. We are neither for nor against inter-racial marriages. A marriage is between two individuals, not between two races. To exhibit prejudice against the mixed-blood children of such marriages would be a sad commentary on the morality of Nisei society as a whole.

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## 25 Years Ago

in the Pacific Citizen, July 9, 1942

U.S. District Court throws out Native Sons' suit to disenfranchise Nisei; Native Sons sought specifically to have Nisei voters in San Francisco County removed from the rolls.

Calif. Gov. Olson asks Army to halt evacuation, voices belief in loyalty of vast majority of Japanese; but Gen. DeWitt denies request. (Olson had hoped evacuees in centers could be released to work on farms of Central valley.)

Army imposes ban against Issei evacuees self-government bodies at assembly centers.

Nisei instructors revealed teaching Japanese at U.S. Navy language school at Boulder, Colo.

National ACLU to fight evacuation test cases to U.S. Supreme Court. Pending cases: (1) Korematsu, charged with violation of exclusion order; (2) Hirabayashi, same violation; (3) Wakayama, seeking writ of habeas corpus for release from Santa Anita Assembly Center; (4) Yasui, violation of curfew; (5) Native Sons' as amici curiae defending Nisei ACLU also pro-

By the Board: Dr. Dave Miura

## Who Are We?

It's quite hot here in Sinaloa, Mexico, as I rush to make the PC deadline for this week's "By the Board." The rainy season has just started so it is rather muggy. The buzz of the air conditioner is disturbing as I frantically try to collect some thoughts worth gathering.

Alan Kumamoto in a recent column (PC, June 16) wrote: "... and in passing, do Japanese American youth sometimes wonder who they are."

We all know the history of America is full of men who have contributed to its greatness. The history books record for all posterity the names of these persons. But there are countless others who are not so named but who nonetheless are part of its history. The Issei are largely in this group.

The Issei are now few, old and tired; but their stories are very many, interesting and invigorating. The JACL History Project is doing a wonderful thing, researching and writing the stories of their life.

Imagine a young man of 15 or 16 coming to the United States, unaware of the future, overcoming the many obstacles in his way. In the beginning, most of them filled the common labor market. As they found their footing, they entered other fields. Their role in promoting agricultural wealth throughout the West is an acknowledged fact. They cleared and drained the swamp lands, pioneered new farming methods in potato, rice, fruits and vegetable production. They became merchants, doctors and dentists.

In 1913, funds were raised in California to form an aviation company. But it failed with the crash of the airplane, killing the Issei pilot.

In short, to those who wonder "who are we," they are the direct descendants of the men and women with vision, courage and the will to work hard, who in spite of difficulties of language, prejudice, lack of education, succeeded. The thing to remember is the fine solid foundation the Issei laid for us.

The Issei today may look tired and old, but remember 50 years ago they were young, vigorous, full of fight and ambition. They were the dreamers with "guts" and the people "who made the West."

This may read terribly corny to some, but we believe these are the qualities that make us proud of our parents, our grandparents and of ourselves.

### Henry-

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to drink. They seemed to be well aware of their delicate position.

The working conditions are quite attractive, wages ranging from \$140 to \$160 a month for the lowest paid and \$500 to \$600 for the highest. Quite a bit in yen, but the wages must be high for the men are exposed to constant danger.

But seamen are not the only Japanese contributing to the American war effort in Vietnam. There are a number of others who are involved in one way or another.

For example, there are about 50,000 laborers working on U.S. military bases scattered throughout the country. You could say they are "participating" in the Vietnam war, if you stretch your imagination a bit.

### Special Procurement

A heated discussion in the Diet on the justification of export of military weapons brought into the limelight the munitions industry, known in Japan as the "special procurement industry."

Income from special procurements, or purchases by U.S. military and other spending, ranged from \$300 to \$350 million annually between 1962 and 1965. But this figure shot up to \$490 in fiscal 1966.

Large orders amounting to over 100,000 include those for automobile parts, fuel oil, agricultural products, telecommunications equipment parts, cement and parachutes.

As to whether these procurement orders are proving profitable, a survey conducted on 310 companies picked at random from those registered with the U.S. Military Procurement Agency in Japan revealed that they produced rather interesting results.

On the question, "Are the procurement orders contributing to your company's business?" nine percent replied

"they are contributing greatly," while 45 percent answered they were "contributing to a great extent." Forty-two percent did not recognize any contribution while two percent answered "these orders are doing more harm than good to my business."

### Slightly Profitable

Which comes to the direct question "are these orders profitable?" Five percent said "very profitable" while 79 percent said "slightly profitable." Only 10 percent replied they were not making any profit. In other words a majority of them made a profit on military purchases and seemed satisfied.

These are known as "direct" special procurements for they are made by the U.S. military procurement agency in Japan. Other than these, there are the "indirect" procurement orders. They are the export to America of products whose production cannot catch up with the local demand because these industries have been converted to the Vietnam war effort.

Production of machine tools and color TV sets cannot meet the domestic demand in the U.S. Hence the export of these items from Japan has risen considerably.

The rise in exports to Southeast Asian countries, which are benefiting from American war spending, can also be regarded as "indirect" special procurements because these exports would not have resulted if U.S. military spendings related to the Vietnam war had not benefited these countries.

The Nippon Kangyo Bank, after conducting a survey, reported that this type of "indirect" procurement increased from \$150 million in fiscal 1965 to \$600 million in fiscal 1966 and is expected to rise to \$720 million in 1967.

### Controversial Question

Now and then voices are heard that "the bulk of the napalm bombs being used in Vietnam are made in Japan." Is this true?

Last autumn a group of young anarchists attacked a machine-gun manufacturing company in Tokyo with a slogan, "Stop manufacturing weapons. Stop sending weapons to Vietnam!"

Japanese news photographer Ishikawa, commenting again on this point, said: "I used to see ammunition boxes with Japanese company names printed on them stacked high in the open in South Vietnam three years ago. But I haven't seen any during the past year or two. They must have been leftover from those procured from Japan at the time of the Korean war."

It is extremely unlikely that weapons manufactured in Japan are exported in any considerable quantities today, for permission must be obtained from MITI (Ministry of International and Industry).

According to MITI, the export of weapons amounted to a little over 1,100-million yen between 1953 and 1966. The major items were 10,000 rifles to Thailand for use by the Thai police force and pistols for private use to the U.S.

In any case, however, many Japanese are deeply involved in some way in the Vietnam war even though not involved in the actual fighting.

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