

Japan Emperor visit to U.S. under study

WASHINGTON — Moving to avoid a rift with Japan over President Nixon's new China policy, the White House has declared it would "welcome" a visit to the United States by Emperor Hirohito.

White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler also held open the possibility that the President might make a return visit to Japan.

Ziegler responded (July 27) to questions on the subject after former Undersecretary of State George W. Ball warned that Nixon's decision to visit China could undermine U.S.-Japanese relations.

Ball said the pro-U.S. government of Japanese Premier Eisaku Sato could fall over the issue before the end of the year.

The Emperor and Empress are scheduled to make their European tour between Sept. 27 and Oct. 14. The Emperor, personally, is said to be interested in making a trip to the United States.

In Tokyo Sato had suggested the Emperor Hirohito visit in an interview with Paul Miller, president of the Associated Press earlier in the day. Sato said good relations with the United States were of the "utmost importance."

Asahi Shimbun Dispatch

The Asahi Shimbun carried a dispatch from the New York correspondent Ritsuke Hayashi who said he had learned that the Japanese embassy in Washington, D.C., had been conferring since May over the possibility of an invitation to the Emperor to visit the United States.

He also reported that apparently these talks are now well advanced as he said he learned that several well-known Japanese restaurants in New York had been approached by Japanese embassy officials asking what accommodations would be available in the event the Emperor and his party come to visit the U.S.

Sato and Ball welcomed Nixon's decision to visit China, but both cited potential pitfalls.

Sato's relations with Nixon are known to be chilly as a result of textile negotiations. White House officials say Sato promised a comprehensive limitation on Japanese exports

in gratitude for the return of Okinawa to Japanese control. The President reportedly conveyed the assurance to the U.S. textile industry, to whom he had made a 1968 campaign pledge, only to find that Sato could not sway the Japanese producers.

Textile Deal Rejected

Rep. Wilbur D. Mills, (D-Ark.), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, worked out a partial deal with the Japanese, but Nixon rejected it in March as a "maneuver" that would not solve the problem.

Ball, the principal Vietnam dove in the Johnson administration, warned against allowing the textile dispute and the new China policy to sour relations with Tokyo. He noted that "Japan's economic level is 2 1/2 times that of China even though its population is eight times smaller."

"There is a danger," he told a group of reporters, "of exchanging a friendship with a real power for fragile relations with a potential superpower."

He contended that Nixon "obviously made some fairly firm commitments" in order to secure the invitation to visit China. He said the President probably provided a general timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops and the elimination of a residual U.S. presence in Indochina.

In return, Ball suggested, Peking probably agreed to end its longstanding insistence that North Vietnam fight a "protracted war" rather than negotiate a settlement.

Japanese royal pair to visit U.S. in fall

NEW YORK — Prince Hitachi, second son of the Emperor of Japan, and Princess Hitachi will visit the United States for 10 days in mid-September and participate in the opening ceremonies of Japan House, the newly completed headquarters of the Japan Society here near the United Nations.

It will be their first visit to the United States, arriving here on Sept. 10. Their return itinerary includes stopovers at Houston, Los Angeles (Sept. 18) and Honolulu.

RACIAL SLUR

Order Oakland police drop epithet after arrested CLer explains to chief

SAN LEANDRO — People who are still occasionally using the term "Jap" are willing to cooperate and stop using the term if they are made aware of the fact that it is considered offensive by the Japanese, especially on the West Coast.

James Ishimaru, Oakland JACL president, reported the following at the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council meeting here Aug. 1 at the Blue Dolphin, as an example of such a request and subsequent cooperation.

After it was reported that the National JACL is considering action against Paris fashion designer Kenzo Takada, who uses "Societe Jungle Jap" as his brand name, Ishimaru told the group.

About two months ago an Oakland chapter board member received a traffic citation for speeding and noted that the arresting officer wrote "Jap" in the open block on the citation form which asked for race.

Wrote Chief of Police

He wrote to Oakland Chief of Police Charles R. Gain, asking that the practice of using the abbreviation be abolished as it is objectionable to all Japanese Americans.

About a month passed by before the board member received a letter from Chief Gain that the matter would be taken up by the department heads.

Two weeks ago he received a second letter from the chief of police telling him that the term had been used for years and no offense had been meant.

Chief Gain said actually the only identification required

was "white, black and others," but for the sake of obtaining statistics designations were being made of Japanese, Chinese and others.

Will Now Use Initials

The chief added that instructions had gone out that henceforth the initials "J" for Japanese and "C" for Chinese would be used.

Ishimaru reports that Oakland police are now following Chief Gain's instruction. He knows for a fact that this is true, he reported, because "last week I received a ticket, (laughter)."

Ishimaru said that he made sure to look at the square block which was labeled "race." The traffic cop written a big letter "C."

—Nichi Bei Times

Polish American group reprimands Senator

CHICAGO — Senator John L. McClellan of Arkansas was reprimanded in writing recently for his use of the term "Polack," which Polish Americans regard as derogatory.

The Senator had said, in questioning "confidence man" Vincent Teresa on the ethnic composition of "organized crime syndicates," "... are they Italians, Polacks, Germans, or what?"

Thaddeus Kowalski of Chicago, chairman of the anti-defamation committee of the Polish American Congress, said that he wrote to Senator McClellan:

"Ten million Polish Americans demand an explanation and an apology regarding the term 'Polack' used by you. They find it insulting and ignorant."

MAYOR NORMAN MINETA

600 attend testimonial for 'the kid from J-Town'; wide support shown

SAN JOSE — The "kid from J-Town" was honored by members of that community this past week (July 29).

(In Los Angeles, the Nisei Week board announced Mayor and Mrs. Mineta will be grand marshals of the 1971 Ondo parade Aug. 22 climaxing the 31st annual festival.)

Over 600 friends of Mayor Norman Y. Mineta filled the Mediterranean Room of the San Jose Hyatt House to capacity to honor California's fourth largest city's second elected mayor in his 29th day of office.

Congratulatory and testimonial messages were given by I. K. Ishimaru, local businessman and grower who had been among his staunchest

Issei supporters, ex-Mayor Ron James and Richard Tanaka, president of the San Jose JACL chapter.

Recalling the anti-Japanese feeling rampant in California when he arrived in 1917, Ishimaru said he was on the verge of "turning around and going back to Japan."

But he stayed and he said the two proudest moments of his life were when he received his U.S. citizenship in 1954 and "when Norman was elected mayor."

Was Good Teacher

Ex-Mayor James noted that Mineta served under him for four years as vice-mayor and modestly said "I was a good teacher."

Tanaka noted that the turnout at the dinner was evidence of the confidence and support which the Japanese community had in the Nisei mayor.

James N. Ono, local attorney, served as toastmaster. Greetings from the city of San Jose was brought by City Manager Thomas W. Fletcher, who concluded by saying that he and all the city's workers wanted to say "thank you for electing Mineta as mayor."

In his response, Mayor Mineta said he had definitely found what ex-Mayor James had always said that no one can realize what the job of mayor entails until one is actually in the post.

Quotes Ex-Premier Kishi

The 39-year-old mayor said he was fortunate to have so many good people to work with and felt confident in the future of the city.

In closing he quoted a saying by ex-Premier Nobusuke Kishi — "If the leaders are pure, there will be harmony in the government."

"I promise to do my best," he added.

Presentation of a memento was made by Judge Wayne M. Kanamoto, who confessed that the box he was giving Mayor Mineta was empty. It was to be filled later with pictures being taken of the occasion by a staff of photographers.

Carolyn Uchiyama, a member of State Sen. Alfred E. Alquist's staff, represented the local Democratic senator presenting Mayor Mineta with a framed resolution recently adopted by the state senate congratulating him.

A musical interlude was presented by Mrs. Dorothy Hira, who sang a soprano solo.

Ministers Participate

This program honoring Mayor Mineta was opened by invocation by his minister, Rev. Michael Morizono of Wesley United Methodist church. Benediction was rendered by Rev. Kyosiro Tokunaga of the San Jose Buddhist Bet-suin.

The mayor's wife, May, sat beside him at the head table and also present were the mayor's son, David, 7, his father, Kunisaku Mineta and sister, Helen.

Sponsoring the all-community event were: Bank of Tokyo of California, Community Youth Service of San Jose, Jackson-Taylor Business and Professional Assn., San Jose JACL, San Jose Nisei Bowling Assn., San Jose Savings and Loan Assn., Wesley United Methodist Church, Young Japanese Adults, Buddhist Church of San Jose, Nichi Bei Times, Summit Bank of California and West Valley JACL.

—Nichi Bei Times

ACTION BOX

TITLE II REPEAL: With debate and vote slated in the House the week of Sept. 6, all chapter officers are urged to (a) visit congressmen at home during the August recess and urge their presence on the floor to vote on HR 224, (b) if writing to congressmen—send strong letter for repeal to both home office and in Washington, (c) contact local news media for support, informing them of crucial vote due after Labor Day. (d) Write JACL office, 2021 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20036: (202) 296-4494. (Aug. 6)

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NATIONAL JACL PLANNING COMMISSION Staff reorganization eyed

By HARRY K. HONDA

SAN FRANCISCO — The National JACL Planning Commission will convene here this weekend (Aug. 13-15) to consider long-range programs and policies of the organization as well as some immediate concerns, it was announced by Tom Shimazaki, planning commission chairman.

Expected to attend are commission members and staff:

David Takashima, Jim H. Matsuo (PSWDC), Shig Sugiyama (NC-WNDC), Dr. James Taniguchi (PSWDC), Joe Nishikawa (IDC), Walter Allen Jr. (MPDC), Dr. Otto Furuta (MDC), Bill Marutani (EDC), Jim Nakagami, M.D., v.p., research services; Masao Sato, Jeffrey Matsui, staff.

James Kubota of Fresno was appointed CCDC representative by Raymond Uno, national JACL president.

Sugiyama, NC-WNDC governor, is filling in for Mrs. Yo Hirakawa and Robert Matsui, regular commission members, who will not be able to attend.

The commission is expected to determine future of its members at the outset in addition to selection of a vice-chairman. Members are to have either a two, four or six-year term on the commission with the National President filling the vacancies as they occur each biennium for a 6-year term. The Endowment Fund and Scholarship Foundation committees employ a similar system.

It is the intent of the planning commission to be aware of current problems facing the organization and direct the JACL to a more fruitful endeavor through recommendations of goals or policies which may be presented as a blueprint for the coming decade rather than coming up with answers for current or specific problems. As one planning commission member noted, this is the area for the National Board or executive committee.

Staff Organization

Among the primary questions up for consideration concern national staff organization, now that it has expanded to nine full-time professionals. What is the most effective staff deployment geographically for the National Organization? In view of requests for regional directors from the Pacific Northwest, Northern California, Intermountain, Midwest and Eastern, what priorities should be allowed for such staff over projects or programs? And what are the priorities of administrative staff over programs?

One suggestion that a regional director might service chapters in two district councils was made at the recent National JACL Board session. At the Chicago convention, the Pacific Northwest and Midwest District Councils each requested fulltime regional directors with negative results. The Intermountain District Council, at its first quarterly meeting this year, went on record in need of a regional director.

Regional directors have traditionally expedited program and projects, coordinate public relations, troubleshoot or

Gordon Hirabayashi to address CCDC confab

FRESNO — Gordon K. Hirabayashi, a professor in sociology at the Univ. of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, was revealed as main speaker for the annual Central California JACL District Council convention here in November in a brief announcement appearing in the Fresno JACL newsletter this past week.

Dr. Hirabayashi contested the wartime curfew and exclusion law against Japanese Americans in a case that had the U.S. Supreme Court prevail against him.

JACL STUDENT AID Sept. 1 filing deadline approaching

LOS ANGELES — National JACL Student Aid Committee Chairman, Dr. Roy Nishikawa reminded students who wish to apply for JACL student aid of the Sept. 1, 1971 deadline.

The JACL Student Aid Program had previously been piloted in the Pacific Southwest District Council area where Dr. Nishikawa and his committee initiated the program.

The intent of the program is to aid students on the basis of financial need, as opposed to the scholarships which are based on academic achievement. Over the past two years over 20 students have received student aid grants to help them continue their education.

The program for the first time is open throughout the country. It continues to be available to students in various categories, ranging from

help organize local chapters, and enhance the JACL situation of more frequent visitations of chapters.

Regional Directors

In the past five years, there have been no regional directors, though the responsibility of the associate national director in Los Angeles included servicing chapters in the Pacific Southwest District.

The assistant national director at San Francisco, a position currently unfilled and vacant, was also servicing chapters in Northern California.

The Midwest District was serviced by a regional director for several years in the 1950s.

During the war and immediate postwar years, JACL regional offices were also maintained at New York, Denver, Seattle, Fresno and San Francisco (when national headquarters was situated at Salt Lake City).

The National JACL Board is on record for a review of National JACL administrative staff.

National Director

The role of the national director has also been discussed, some feeling he should serve as the spokesman for the national organization and for Japanese Americans. The National Personnel Committee, at its March meeting, had instructed the National Director to speak out on issues for the organization.

The JACL Constitution defines the duties of the National Director to keep the organization functioning, primarily as an administrator. Should the Personnel Committee's recommendation be followed, other questions surrounding the director, such as: should the current functions of the National Director be relegated to an Executive Director to free him to travel abroad, establish essential contacts, become known, and be provided with an expense account for such purposes?

In connection with staffing, nearly 80 per cent of the national budget (\$248,000) covers personnel and overhead to expedite programs and projects. Some salaries are directly connected with a particular project, as in community involvement, education, and Washington office.

Budget-Finance

The Planning Commission has been asked to explore the whole area of budget-finance. Some guidelines could be established on allocation of funds for there is a natural tendency to fund those projects or programs which make the most attractive presentation to the National Council, according to one JACL official.

It is also recalled National Council may authorize projects but deny funding when the overall budget is considered.

Another internal issue deals with the structure of national JACL standing committees in view of the trend in recent years to establish ad hoc committees. It appears to some board members that such a system is more effective when the particular project is specific and draws those most interested or motivated.

Question here is whether standing committees in general should be eliminated.

Standing national committee

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Vietnam declaration

SAN FRANCISCO — The National JACL International Affairs Committee revealed its member Penny Nakatsu is the author of the committee statement on U.S. involvement in Indochina (PC, Aug. 6) that was endorsed by the National JACL Board.



NIMH EXECUTIVE—K. Patrick Okura (right), newly appointed Executive Assistant to the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, with Dr. Bertram S. Brown, NIMH Director, and Mrs. Okura, attended a recent performance of "King Heroin" at the Washington Theatre Club.

K. PATRICK OKURA

NIMH exec lauds 'King Heroin' play

WASHINGTON — K. Patrick Okura was recently appointed Executive Assistant to the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health. The onetime National JACL president will assist Dr. Bertram S. Brown, Director, NIMH in a wide range of activities, including those related to drug abuse.

After seeing the play "King Heroin," a series of vignettes to point out both the physical and social conditions surrounding heroin, Okura said that the play made the idea of community action toward preventing drug abuse even more alive in his mind.

Dr. Brown stated that Okura generally would assist him in overseeing the Nation's mental health program. "He will be helping to prevent all types of mental illness in this country," said Dr. Brown.

Okura comes to the NIMH, a component of the Health Services and Mental Health Administration in the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, from the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute, Omaha, where he has had extensive work experience in prevention. He was the administrative director for the Division of Preventive and Social Psychiatry.

Okura has worked also in the crime and delinquency field as a probation officer in the Douglas County Juvenile Court. Before that he served as a staff psychologist at Father Flanagan's Boys' Home.

Recognize Symptoms

"It should be emphasized that laymen cannot treat overdose cases. They can best help by recognizing the symptoms and getting the person to emergency medical attention," they said.

"If you suspect that an individual has taken an overdose of drugs, check the basic life systems, such as heartbeat and respiration, first. Every effort should be made to wake the person up."

"However, avoid liquids, es-

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ONETIME JACL 'FOX' APPOINTED BERKELEY ASIAN COORDINATOR

BERKELEY — The appointment of Glenn Watanabe, 23, as Asian American Studies Coordinator for the Berkeley Unified School District was unanimously confirmed Wednesday night (Aug. 4) by the Board of Education in a special session.

In contrast to the heated session on Monday night, the Board of Education quickly voted 5-0 to hire Watanabe. As the first item on the agenda, the Board took action after the Teachers Negotiating Council recommended Watanabe's appointment.

All five Board members, Mary Jane Johnson, Samuel Margowitz, Haziah Williams, Marc Monheimer, and Louise Stoll voted to make an exception to the no-outside-hiring rule and appoint Watanabe.

Over 80 Asian Americans, in the audience, were prepared to speak, but the Board came out of a closed session and immediately approved the appointment without debate.

Monday Hassle

On Monday night, the board first refused to consider the recommendation on Watanabe's appointment. Asian community representatives, on the agenda schedule, had been denied permission to speak since the Board president argued the matter had been referred to the teachers negotiating council, which was to meet the following evening.

The Asians demanded to be heard, an emotional outburst followed and after order was restored, five addressed the board. They were:

Full-time Position Watanabe will be responsible for the development of Asian American Studies, English as a second language, and Bilingual-Bicultural programs for the Berkeley schools. This will be a full-time position and the scope will include all grade levels, pre-school, and adult education.

A native of San Francisco, Watanabe received his A.B. degree and teaching credentials.

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'JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES'

Anti-Nikkei Bias

The Tokyo Asahi Evening News has been running a series on "Japan and the United States" and recently one of the "Prejudice in California" appeared.—Ed.

Tokyo

Ogai Mori was an army surgeon turned literary luminary of the late Meiji and Taisho eras (1868-1912 and 1912-1926).

While in military service during the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05, he composed a prophetic verse on the battlefield near Liaoyang one rainy day. It ran in verbatim translation:

Win the war,
And Japan will touch off
A yellow-peril scare.
Lose the war,
And Japan will be dubbed
A savage country.

(Mori obviously meant "a savage country that had the temerity to fight a white nation.")

Mori had been right. As soon as peace was restored, Kaiser Wilhelm II wrote, in all seriousness, to U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt to the effect:

"The yellow peril is on. The Japanese army may conceivably invade the American continent. In that event, I will send German reinforcements to aid the U.S. forces."

The White House laughed off the Kaiser's message. The Washington government saw through the German emperor's design for power politics — to divert the attention of the major powers to the East and lessen their pressure on Germany.

Yellow Peril Scare

But U.S. politicians on the West Coast, with its large population of Oriental immigrants, seized upon the yellow-peril scare to their own ends.

The postwar depression triggered a mass exodus of Japanese laborers to the United States. Those entering

California shot up in number from the prewar average of 1,000 yearly to 12,000.

The California state legislature passed a resolution against letting the "13th star" turn yellow.

Former Director Takeshi Higa of the American Affairs Research Institute recalls his 40 years as a former Japanese labor immigrant in the United States in these words:

"America had been painted as bed of roses to me. I had been told that, as a farm worker, could make \$1 (¥2) compared with ¥0.40 to ¥0.50 in Japan a day."

"A bed of roses! My work was literally hard labor — developing cornfields on red soil under a scorching sun. I slept in quarters hardly better than a chicken coop."

Recount Experience

"Out in town, while I was listening to a Salvation Army street sermon, somebody smashed a fist in my back. 'At a movie theater, the ticket-chopper shouted, 'You Jap! Go up to the garret!'"

"On my third day in America, I sorely regretted having come over."

Professor Edward Alsworth Ross of Stanford University cited three reasons for the agitation against Japanese labor immigrants in those days:

- 1—Their lack of assimilability in American society;
- 2—Their willingness to work for lower wages;
- 3—Their lack of a sense of democracy.

Professor Ross accurately sized up one side of the average Japanese labor immigrant, to be sure.

But Professor Jiro Suzuki of Tokyo Metropolitan University presents a different picture.

"In the 1880s, country politicians on the West Coast had made ammunition of agitation against Chinese immigrants for successful election campaigns."

"They found new ammunition in Japanese immigrants. That, I believe, is the real truth."

Segregated Schools

When education authorities of San Francisco started closing the local schools to Japanese children, President Roosevelt sent Commerce and Labor Secretary Victor Howard Metcalf to San Francisco as mediator.

Metcalf persuaded the education authorities to open the local schools to Japanese children.

The Japanese government reciprocated by agreeing to curtail Japanese emigration to the United States voluntarily under a secret agreement between Foreign Minister Gonshuke Hayashi and U.S. ambassador to Japan Thomas James O'Brien.

But despite governmental efforts on both sides of the Pacific to the contrary, American anti-Japanese agitation began to shake Japanese-American relations to their foundations.

"Ladies, your husband has

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Lodi brothers give 8 acres to school

LODI — Six brothers of the Yamada Farms (Bob, Carl, Sid, Clarence, Bill and Richard Yamada) have donated eight acres of their land on Union Island for construction of the Delta Island Elementary School.

The school district will spend \$650,000 on this land to construct an eight-classroom school, which will include a nursery, administrative offices, and an auditorium. It will open in 1972.

Cultural show

GARDENA — Preparations are underway for the 11th annual Japanese Cultural Show to be co-sponsored by the city and the Gardena Valley Gardeners Assn. on Sept. 25-26 with John Fujikawa as chairman.



Washington Newsletter
David Ushio

Pakistan East's Million Bengalese

Our newspapers have, over the years, brought us the views of tragedy and of suffering brought on by conflict and war—names and places such as: Dachau and Auschwitz, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Pearl Harbor and Okinawa, and of late Biafra and My Lai. Reappearing from the past is the American Indian account of the massacre of Wounded Knee.

Whatever these places bring to mind, and it undoubtedly varies from person to person, one fact that threads them all together is that hundred of innocent people were wantonly killed in the process we justify as war. However tragic the history books and newspapers tell us the event may have been, the conscience of many people are dulled and weary for our lives have become accustomed to hearing of the plight of some unfortunate people "somewhere over there" or "somewhere in past history."

For the past few months an entire ethnic group of people have been dying from the ravages of civil war. Some have referred to the process as genocide; government officials in neighboring countries compare the tragedy to the systematic procedures of Hitler and his extermination policy of the Jews in World War II. Over 100,000 people have been killed—men, women, grandparents, and babies murdered; villages plundered; women raped then decapitated; children wandering aimlessly, parentless, with the grotesque distended stomach prevalent when malnutrition is rampant. Over 7,500,000 refugees flee toward the borders of the neighboring nation which desperately tries to house and feed the starving masses on less than 15 cents per day per person.

This is the situation in Pakistan today as the Bengalese people face annihilation in the civil war waged in that country. One report has indicated that 68,000 cases of cholera had surfaced in one refugee camp with no little hope of stopping the spread.

With the desperate situation in Pakistan, the cry of concern among the people of the United States remains subdued. Some Congressmen and Senators have spoken out in dismay about the Administration policy. Senator Kennedy, Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Refugees, has pleaded for action by the government. Others have criticized the United States policy of supporting West Pakistan because the aid, both military and economic, given by the United States is being diverted to exterminate the Bengalese people of East Pakistan. United States diplomats state that good relations must be maintained with Pakistan to curb any attempt by Peking to gain a foothold with West Pakistan.

In the meantime thousands die daily. Cold geopolitical rationale by the Administration appears to be immoral in many eyes. Newsweek magazine quotes one high level Administration member as saying "We are more interested in stability than morality at the moment."

International relations experts explained to me that the United States policy is pragmatic and only has long range security of the world in mind although most agree that the official policy makes the United States appear indifferent and immoral; a far cry from the traditional image of a compassionate American.

Others, among them Nisei, have told me that life in India and Pakistan means little, that death and disease is a way of life, that one must look pragmatically and realistically at the situation. When one does so, our indifference both as a nation and as individuals is justified.

Just how many of our neighbors felt the same way when 110,000 Japanese Americans were "pragmatically evacuated" from their homes? Just how many Americans agreed that Calley killed only "gooks" who don't value life anyway?

Can we as Asian Americans afford to be indifferent?



By Jim Henry

Sakura Script

Echoes of the Past

Tokyo. Earthquake and war eradicated nearly all the buildings of the Meiji era in Tokyo and, in the past decade or so, many of the survivors have vanished with roadwidening, subway and other construction projects.

Soaring land prices and the bulging population are likewise responsible for skyscraper and underground construction, which is now destroying the landmarks of the Taisho era. The graceful old buildings are crashing down daily under the wreckers hammer to be sped away by hordes of dump trucks.

It seems only yesterday that tears were being shed, petitions circulated and righteous anger demonstrated, when Frank Lloyd Wright's quaint old Imperial Hotel was sentenced to death.

The old Imperial and its associations with many who have passed on or left these shores must certainly evoke nostalgic memories to oldtimers.

Now the old Shimbashi Station has been leveled and a new one is fast taking

shape. The days of Tokyo Station, the largest red brick edifice in the city completed in 1914 are also no doubt numbered.

Not long ago one gave little thought to structures which were taken as permanent landmarks. The survivors from pre-war days are the Nippon Kangyo Bank at Hibiya, Dai Ichi Insurance where Gen. MacArthur ruled from SCAP, Meiji Insurance, Tokyo Kaikan, NYK and other buildings of the same era. They have a charm and nobility so sadly lacking in many of the box-like structures of today.

The new buildings meet the trend of the times for height, size and general functions but, as one Japanese remarked, "Most resemble piled up chunks of tofu (soybean curd). They give the impression that anything curved or rounded gracefully would be against some modern law."

Fortunately, one phase of our times has had few, if any, complaints—a miniskirt setting off a nice pair of legs. Yes, Mom, even here! Kimo-

Justice Dept. view on anti-pollution informants rapped

WASHINGTON — Role of Asst. Atty. Gen. Shiro Kashiwa in his task to enforce the 1969 Refuse Act against water polluters was openly criticized in a recent Newsday Special syndicated feature, "Our Environment," co-authored by Steward Udall and Jeff Stansbury.

One of the attractive features of the Act, said the writers, was the provision encouraging citizens to collect information about polluters, hand it over to the Justice Dept. and collect half of any resulting court fines.

"The fact that you cannot find out how many Refuse Act complaints the department has received, how many it has taken to court, and how many it has turned into convictions (such information is) apparently confidential," they felt.

Ready to Apologize

Udall and Stansbury reported the department has secured convictions and court fines on less than 15, out of the thousands of information leads it has received. "We'd be overjoyed to apologize if we're wrong," they added.

At a recent House subcommittee hearing chaired by Rep. Henry Reuss (D-Wis.) on conservation and natural resources, Kashiwa told the group he had hoped for some kind of regulation "that doesn't encourage too many bounty hunters bringing these suits in with the idea of a reward."

Commented the columnist: "There's a spectacle for you—a Justice Dept. official begging Congress to water down the strongest anti-pollution law ever passed. . . . The Justice Dept.'s policy betrays an unseemly fear of the citizen who has become so concerned about pollution that he actually wants to help his government do something about it."

Berkeley —

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tials in 1970 from UC Berkeley, where he majored in psychology and minored in Asian American studies. He was one of the initial organizers of the Asian American studies classes at UC Berkeley.

Last year, Watanabe served as one of the first field organizers (FOs) for the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). His numerous community activities include the S.F. Asian American Education Task Force, S.F. Center for Japanese American Studies, S.F. Japanese Community Youth Council, S.F. Junior JACL, Bay Area Community JACL, and the East Bay Japanese For Action.

His student teaching was done at Oakland Technical High School and Berkeley High School West Campus, where he taught Asian American studies and U.S. history. He has also served as a tutor and counselor for Educational Opportunity Program students in Hunter's Point (San Francisco), West Oakland, and Washington High School (San Francisco).

41 Applicants

Currently, Watanabe is the coordinator of the Oakland Chinatown Community School, and is involved in a number of projects with Asian American senior citizens and youth.

Forty-one candidates from throughout the United States applied for the Berkeley position. The Asian American Task Force Selection Panel screened the applications, conducted interviews, and finally recommended one candidate to the Superintendent and School Board.

2nd Bank of Tokyo office in San Jose seen

SAN JOSE — The Bank of Tokyo of California filed with state authorities for establishment of a branch office adjacent to Santa Clara County's Westgate Regional Shopping Center, Saratoga and Atherton Aves.

Plans call for a 5,000 sq. ft. office, drive-up windows and abundant parking, according to Kaoru Murakami, manager of the bank's San Jose office at 990 First St.

SAN FRANCISCO — Sumitomo Bank of California is still climbing in the national ranking among the nearly 14,000 U.S. banks. With total assets over \$354 million as of June 30, Sumitomo is now the 208th largest, according to the American Banker. It was 216th as of Dec. 31, 1970.

Sumitomo first entered the "top 300" circle in 1967 when it was ranked 291st. It was first chartered in 1954.

Conservationists seek whaling moratorium

WASHINGTON — In a House subcommittee hearing July 26, conservationists appealed for legislation to set a 10-year moratorium on whale hunting, citing one whale is killed every 12 minutes—42,266 were hauled in 1970.

Opponents pointed out a moratorium on U.S. whalers would have little effect on depletion as an accord must be reached with the Soviet Union and Japan, which account for 85 per cent of whales killed.

NEWS CAPSULES

Nisei Week

Atsuko Sugiura, 22, Sister City Queen from Nagoya, will participate in the Nisei Week Festival as a guest of the Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Affiliation. She is 5'3" and weighs 110 lbs. A senior majoring in foreign languages at Nanzan University, she was chosen from a field of 24 college and university students in the Nagoya area. During her stay in Los Angeles she will be the house guest of Mr. & Mrs. Solchi Fukui, Dr. & Mrs. Y. Kikuchi, Miss Jo Ann Uemura and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Aihara.

Press Row

National JACL convention queen in 1968, Tetsu Toyota of Portland, who joined the KKK news staff at Los Angeles last fall is now writing and airing the "Action Reporter" features. A 1969 graduate of Oregon State, she earned her master's degree in journalism at UCLA last year. She is a member of the Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary journalism society for women. "Teenage Date-Line" columnist Ele and Walt Dunaway, syndicated nationally by Bell-McClure, have ended their Hawaii Date-Line edition Aug. 1, which has been appearing weekly in the Honolulu Advertiser since its very beginning in April, 1962. The column was syndicated in November, 1964. Ele is a Hawaiian Nikkei.

Kalayaan International, based in San Francisco (P.O. Box 2919) as a Philippine international community news service, published its first monthly in June. The offset tabloid is edited by Emilio Jacinto as a "movement" newspaper. . . . The farewell edition of The Rafu Shimpo in 1942 (April 4), telling of the Japanese child report for evacuation is being offered as a reproduction. Interested parties may write to Mrs. Ellen Endo Kayano, English section editor, 242 S. San Pedro, Los Angeles 90012. No price was indicated.

Crime

The second suspect, Allen Yow, 17, of San Francisco was arrested July 29 in the hold-up and kidnapping of Alan Mayeda, Daly City shopkeeper. The first suspect, Albert Lew, 17, had turned himself in to police a week earlier. The case is expected to be brought up before the San Mateo county juvenile court soon.

A houseful of young people at the Fre Ba Sak House, a drug rehabilitation center in Los Gatos, was arrested by

Drug abuse—

Continued from Front Page

pecially hot ones, because they may help to melt the drugs and introduce more of them into the system.

"Usually, the Los Angeles County General Hospital is the nearest facility that is equipped to handle overdose cases. Immediate attention is given at the Emergency Section located in the main building."

The JACS-AI and JACL staff workers said the increased number of overdose cases may be attributed to a number of factors, among them the doldrums of summer vacation and the introduction of new drugs into the market.

Unmarked Drugs

Two of the drugs recently involved in the overdoses are unmarked and manufactured by underworld operations, according to staff workers.

"One of them is a pink capsule about the size of a Contact cold capsule, the other is a white cylinder about a quarter the size of a cigarette filter. The content of both pills is suspected to be secenal, a barbiturate derivative that is addicting," they said.

They added that the analysis is incomplete and asked anyone knowing any means of having the pills analyzed to call the JACS-AI office at 689-4413.

"The third pill is a disc that is about the size of a Cert, with an incision on the back. The trade mark, Rorer, is stamped on the front. This drug is extremely dangerous and is similar to the drug Doriden which caused many deaths last year," the staff workers said.

"The patent on Rorer will run out this year, which means manufacturers will use similar drugs to make it in various forms. When a patent runs out, it has meant a great influx in the availability of the drug by young people," they warned.

Investigations by the staff and other agencies have indicated that the drugs are manufactured in the United States. "In 1969, only 400,000 barbiturates were prescribed by physicians; yet pharmaceutical houses manufactured between 8 and 18 million by various estimates," staff workers said.

Both JACS-AI and JACL have joined together in a summer offensive against drug abuse, staff workers said.

A drug abuse seminar for community workers and interested parties is scheduled Sept. 11-12.

"We need the support of the whole community. With the rate of drug abuse at its highest level to date, a serious coordinated effort to remedy the problem is badly needed," they said.

the newly formed Santa Clara County Narcotics Bureau and the Los Gatos police over the July 17-18 weekend. John Hideo Watanabe, 19, of Los Gatos, Operation Drug Alert counselor, was booked on suspicion of possession of marijuana.

Local Scene

San Francisco

Health

Seattle JACLER Ted T. Taniguchi was installed as vice-president of the Washington State Pharmaceutical Assn., the first hospital pharmacist to serve on the WSPA board. Director of the University Hospital pharmacy service, he graduated from the U.W. College of Pharmacy in 1949, and was one of the first students to enter a master's degree program in hospital pharmacy at Univ. of Michigan, receiving his M.S. degree in 1951. He was chief pharmacist at age 24 the following year at Harborview Hospital, Seattle. In 1959, he joined the University Hospital as a charter member to establish the pharmacy department. He is active with the Buddhist Churches of America, serving on the national board as secretary.

Organizations

Frank Hattori, veteran Seattle JACLER and onetime National 1000 Club chairman, has completed his term as Lions International district governor covering British Columbia, State of Washington and northern Idaho. Takeshi Kubota, PNWDC JACL governor, is vice-governor of the same Lions district. Seattle JACL board member Richard Ishikawa is president of the Seattle First Hill Lions Club. Mrs. Midori S. Uyeda, PNWDC corresponding secretary of Seattle, was appointed executive secretary of the Washington Notary Public Assn.

Flowers-Garden

A floral arrangement by Mrs. Muriel L. Merrell, onetime Hollywood JACL president, photographed by Archie Miyatake, has been chosen for one of the 12 calendar pages in the 1972 Vision of Beauty pad published by the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., St. Louis, Mo. Entitled "Gusty Winds," the contemporary mass design features fresh and dried plants in hues of yellow, orange and red. An antique pottery olla caught in a large piece of manzanita with beach stones at the base completes the picture.

Isuko Uenaka of Cupertino Nursery was elected to the board of directors of the American Assn. of Nurserymen at the association's 96th annual convention held in Dallas. In business for 23 years, the Nisei horticulturist was 1967-68 president of the California Assn. of Nurserymen and also active in the San Jose community, Rotary and chamber of commerce.

Redevelopment

San Francisco's new Toho Theater opened July 28 to an SRO audience, marking the start of the Nihonmachi Community Redevelopment area. Guests filled all of the 285 seats with 50 others standing around the three sides to witness the opening ceremonies and two film features. The San Francisco JACL champagne grand opening party was held two days later.

Government

Two Farlier city councilmen, Richard Magrum and Shochi Tsuboi, had their stores picketed peacefully last week (July 31) because Pat Carnahan was named police chief instead of veteran officer John Martinez. Over 100 persons, mainly with Spanish surnames, marched into town to launch the picket line. By a 3-2 vote, Tad Fujita was retained for a third year term as chairman of the Westminster City Planning Commission in Orange County.

Courtroom

Osami Maruyama of Los Angeles, who is a certified public accountant with the Internal Revenue Service, has passed the California state bar examination as of June 29. He is a 1959 graduate of USC in accounting. . . . Fred Y. Abe, immediate past San Francisco JACL president and practicing attorney in the Bay Area for nearly a decade, has left with his family for Honolulu to take the Hawaii bar examination and be admitted there.

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among key speakers at the Action Coalition program Aug. 6 at St. Mary's Cathedral community hall. The Japanese Community Youth Council and Bay Area Community JACL were among sponsors for the Aug. 6 event.

Kimochi, Inc., has discontinued its weekend movie bus-escort service from Nihonmachi movie theaters. The youth group had initiated an Issei service project in March but found very few Issei left on public transit to get into J-town.

Opportunities for Asians and other minorities at KGO-TV (7), the ABC outlet here, are now open at the production level, according to Herb Victor, program director, and John Petrie, executive producer of the TV station. Six positions open are TV director, production assistant, film cameraman, production editor, floor crew and graphic artist.

The Japanese-American Religious Federation will sponsor a benefit dinner on Sept. 11 at Miyako Hotel for its Nihonmachi housing project for the elderly. Tickets are \$12.50 and obtainable at local Japanese churches.

A multi-story high-rise of 120 units for the elderly and 158 units of low-rise townhouses for low-to-moderate income families are being

planned in an area bounded by Post and Laguna and overlapping a portion of Octavia. Estimated cost is approximately \$6,100,000. Construction will begin this December, 1972.

Seven organizations will co-sponsor the annual Japanese community picnic Oct. 10 at Sigmund Stern Grove. Japanese officers, midshipmen and crew from a maritime training ship are expected to be in port at the same time and will be guests. A fund of \$5,000 will be needed to support the affair. Participating organizations are:

Nihonbai Kai, Japanese Chamber of Commerce, JACL Chapter, Japanese Speaking Society, Kimochi, JCYC, and Chu-Hokko Nikkei Jinkai (Central and Northern California Japanese American Committee).

Sacramento

The Hiroshima Kenjinkai here held its annual Japanese services last Sunday, Aug. 8, for those killed by the atomic bomb during World War II at the Sacramento Betsuin. The services have been conducted for many years.

Oakland

East Bay Japanese for Action Issei Project will re-evaluate past projects and plan new programs at an outing Aug. 21, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at Kennedy Grove Regional Park.

San Jose

Entries are now being taken for the San Jose Nisei Bowling Assn. Handicap Mixed Fours League, which will start Friday, Sept. 17, 9:15 p.m., at Futurama Bowl. Those wishing to enter may call: Mich. Fujihira 258-9795 (S.J.), Reiko Nakamura 378-7225 (Sunnyvale), Lou Suzuki 365-3781 (Redwood City).

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Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

R.I.P.—It was with characteristic flair that editor William Hiroto announced the impending death of his 23-year-old Los Angeles Nisei weekly newspaper Crossroads. The entire front page of the July 30 issue was devoted to a black-bordered box containing the large black letters, "R.I.P." under which in more modest type were instructions to see page 2. There he announced that Crossroads, 23 years and three months old, will die Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1971, with funeral services to be held the following Friday, Aug. 27, publication date of the final issue. There was no further explanation although Hiroto puckishly requested that flowers be omitted.

Still, it would not be fitting to permit a publication like Crossroads to vanish from the scene without an eulogy of sorts even though its death may be noticed by few and mourned by even fewer.

It was typical of Crossroads' casual and charming approach to matters at hand that even while Hiroto was announcing suspension of publication on page 2, he should also print a subscription form on page 5 inviting one and all to send \$5 and get the newspaper for a year.

The news contained in Crossroads was minimal, and in this sense it was hardly a newspaper at all. Page 6 of the eight-page tabloid largely was given to hints for the home handyman and questions and answers for women worried about bad skin, brittle fingernails, acne scars, falling hair and other misfortunes. Page 8 was generally a bulletin board for various Nisei golf clubs, and perhaps one reason for the publication's demise is that golfers either don't read or there simply weren't enough of them to maintain the circulation.

Much of the rest of the paper was turned over lately to some dreadfully earnest columnists who loved to pontificate about almost anything, some chronically indignant letter-writers who would have been dismissed as crackpots by an editor less hard up for material with which to plug the columns, and a Bay Area essayist, one of whose avocations seemed to be issuing press releases about his own activities.

All this notwithstanding, Crossroads was a delightfully entertaining paper reflecting many aspects of Nisei community life usually ignored by other publications. Perhaps the best part was Hiroto's own column, made up largely of chatty, irreverent observations about the foibles of the mortals about him. Hiroto's columnists could work up a sweat scolding eloquently for hundreds of words; Hiroto could puncture egos in a paragraph, wink knowingly and slyly in a sentence, set tongues to wagging with a dropped hint. He was fun to read, and I hope some Los Angeles editor has the perspicacity to sign him up to continue his observations.

Perhaps there was little "value" in Hiroto's form of journalism or else it would have survived the economic demons that do in newspapers. Yet Crossroads did serve a function and the tiny, straitened world of Nisei journalism will be the poorer for its passing. There were, I'm afraid, too many readers like me who enjoyed the paper from afar and failed to support it. For years Hiroto had me on his mailing list. He never bothered to send me a bill, or if he did I managed to ignore it, and still the paper arrived regularly each week. And if this is a sample of the way the business was run, it was inevitable that malnutrition should take over.

The least I can do, then, is to make note of Crossroads' untimely and foreordained death. Rest in Peace.

AREA CODE 206: Joe Hamanaka

Unemployment Picture

Boeing is meeting still. And Seattle is down with a helluva cold.

Aerospace-oriented Seattle has an unemployment problem not unlike the middle-30s when the nation was struggling out-from-under the Great Depression.

No exaggeration. There's a county-wide "Neighbors in Need" food donation program going on. Food banks are all over the city. Donations are taken at fire stations. And Washington Truckers Association vans and volunteers pickup food donations at 20-25 supermarket lots. Civil Defense emergency foods were distributed the other week.

Boeing's work force is now at 38,000. They say 8,000 more will be let-go by year's end. In 1970 some 46,000 lost jobs at Boeing.

There just isn't enough business around for Boeing. The airlines are finding the 747's too big for the present volume. The Everett plant has slowed roll-outs from seven a month to five.

And Boeing is quickly diversifying its product mix. The best thing one can say for Boeing now is that the company is leaner, hungrier and tougher. A stiffer corporate backbone, for developing new muscles to meet the challenges ahead.

Meanwhile, the old law of supply and demand. Suddenly, an engineering degree does not assure employment. Experienced aero specialists fall victims to cutbacks. Some go hungry.

Some Nisei families are feeling the pressures of living. But quietly. Like the Issei, much of their troubles are hidden. One can't tell by looking at their children.

Job opportunities for engineering grads are like what the older Nisei faced in the middle-30s. Many Nisei grads in those days, unable to find jobs here, took the boat for Japan.

Of those who remained in Seattle, many worked at the Pike Place Public Market and lesser jobs outside their chosen fields of study. Others left Seattle for Eastern centers, missing the added stigma of the Evacuation.

We now have what might be called "selective" Depression here, hitting the aerospace and related workers the

hardest. The banks are not hurting, retail sales are OK, the restaurants are making it, fishing is good, car sales are up.

But our unemployment is 15%, as compared to the nation's 6%.

Unemployment compensation? There's a limit, and they say 70,000 in Greater Seattle already have exhausted that period. Within a year, 50,000 more will be facing the end of benefits.

Food stamps? Surplus commodities? Welfare? One has to be a poorest poor. And Nisei families have never been that poor. And the Issei "shimatsu" thrift tradition has it that we don't get on welfare. No breadlines. No free food lines.

"Nihonjin no haji ni naru" is an Issei teaching—be strong, don't shame your people.

During the Depression, we Main Street "know-nothing" kids used to point at a particular Issei mother of six children, in dirty clothes always, daily pulling home a kiddie cart full of vegetable scraps she had gathered from the waste cans at the market on Second and Washington.

Never asking for help from the city or community. Her kids wore clean clothes and looked well fed at Bailey Gatzert School, while the mother walked Nihonmachi streets in rags.

She's gone now. But her kids are here, grown, and each with fine families. This Issei mother comes to mind now—on hearing the other night at an investment club meeting that a Nisei unemployed was seen looking through the garbage at a Safeway Store.

It's degrading, humiliating, frightening. For those who have to sell homes, cars, cash in insurance, exhaust savings. Once comfortable, now not so. How long, this?

Maybe it's our system. Maybe there's something to be said for Japan's employment-for-life system. Maybe it's our administration. Our Senator Jackson thinks so. (Maybe Scoop Jackson is our man for 1972.)

Our Issei weathered the Great Depression. Ask an Issei, he'll say: "Ganbare"—hold on. "Genki dase"—do your best. "Shikari se"—brace up, be strong.

NISEI WEEK QUEEN, HIGHLIGHTS TO BE INTRODUCED ON KNBC SUNDAY SHOW

LOS ANGELES—Tom Snyder's "Sunday Show" this weekend (Aug. 15) on KNBC-TV (4), 10:30 a.m.-12 n. will scoop the Little Tokyo vernacular in introducing the 1971 Nisei Week queen who will have been selected the prior evening at Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

The show will be telecast live from the garden front of Homa Hongwanji at E. First and Vignes. Soichi Fukui, festival general chairman, will introduce other Festival highlights, such as flower arrangement, bonsai, calligraphy, kendo and the special Nagoya doll exhibit.

Kango Kunitzugu will relate the progress to date of his Little Tokyo redevelopment project.

Nisei Week Ball

Over 600 are expected to witness the Nisei Week coronation, according to Kiyo Maruyama, ball committee chairman with the Japanese American Optimists as sponsors.

Queen contest co-chairmen Roy Hoshizaki and Harry Yamamoto revealed the names of

the seven judges: Ms. Penny Tani Sakoda, 1968 Nisei Week queen; Hideo Tamai, pres. Japan Traders Club; Mrs. George Bradford, flight director, Pan American Airlines; Joseph Campanella, actor, Universal Studios; Robert Reed, actor, Paramount Studios; Frank Senné, production director, Stardust Hotel, Las Vegas; and Frank C. Westmore, makeup artist, Paramount Studios and Max Factor.

Treasures for Queen

The Nisei Week queen will be awarded a trip to Japan through courtesy of Nissin Foods (USA), Inc.; silk furisode kimono, Marukyo Corp.; silk fukuro obi, Japan Air Lines; \$100 savings bond, Sumitomo Bank of Calif.

Seven candidates vying for the 1971 Miss Nisei Week honors are:

Audrey Miura, Long Beach-Harbor; Margaret Nishimoto, Pasadena; Diane Takel, West Los Angeles; Joyce Kikuchi, East Los Angeles; Lynn Shibata, Citrus Valley; Karen Kitagawa, Gardena Valley; and Connie Nakao, San Fernando Valley.

Estimate 200,000 Chinese refugees in Hong Kong eligible to enter U.S.

WASHINGTON — The State Department has agreed to release an initial \$100,000 to help needy refugees in Hong Kong who intend to emigrate to the United States, Sen. Hiram L. Fong reported this past week (July 30).

Some 250 Hong Kong refugees per month of the estimated 200,000 in the British crown colony currently are eligible for conditional entry into the United States under the U.S. refugee program.

"I am very happy now that this aspect of the immigration policy of the United States is being implemented equally and justly in Asia as well as other parts of the world," Fong said.

Integration Aids

The \$100,000 will be used to cover costs of such aid as interest-free transportation loans, English language instructions, medical examinations and X-rays, visa fees and integration assistance so the refugees can be assimilated more easily into the American way of life.

The funds were released following meetings and exchanges of letters between Fong and various officials concerned, including Francis L. Kellogg, Special Assistant on Refugees and Migration Affairs to Secretary of State William P. Rogers.

During these exchanges, the senior Senator from Hawaii pointed out that the refugees in Hong Kong were not being provided the same assistance provided refugees from Europe, mainly Eastern Europe.

Fong said that he has received reports of refugees from Hong Kong, because of the lack of assistance made available to those from Europe, having to go into heavy debt, being exploited through usurious interest rates, and

having difficult times adjusting to their new surroundings.

Fong stressed to those in charge of the U.S. refugee program that Asian refugees should receive the same treatment accorded those from Europe.

A U.S. refugee center was established in Hong Kong last Nov. 1 following strong representations by the Senator. The center processes the conditional entry applicants.

Also, at the insistence of the Senator, U.S. immigration authorities a few months later allocated 250 entry visas per month to the refugees in the Crown Colony. Until then very few, if any, got U.S. entry under the refugee category provided for in the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act.

Hawaii consumer booklet

HONOLULU — The State Office of Consumer Protection has published its first multilingual informational brochure to protect island residents who cannot read or write English. Translations have been made thus far in Japanese and Ilocano, a Filipino dialect.

Sapporo Olympic coins

OSAKA—The Japanese Mint Bureau will issue ¥100 coins in January, 1972, to commemorate the Sapporo Winter Olympic Games. Made of nickel, 300,000 will be issued.

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WHING DING—Cast of the Milwaukee JACL presentation at an orientation session for 1000ers going to Japan this October are (from left) Ed Jonokuchi, Miyako Mukai and Henry Date.

1000 CLUB CHARTER FLIGHT

Milwaukeeans stage pre-flight skits

By FRANK SAKAMOTO

Chicago

The most unique, the most hilarious, the most informative skit was put on by the Milwaukeeans. Eddie Jonokuchi did it again! The 30 Milwaukee members making the 1000 Club trip prepared a satire on what to expect in Japan.

Skits began with the Sat Nakahiras departing from Chicago O'Hare field with their luggage and whisky. Henry Date and Eddie Jonokuchi immediately taken to the bath house, Miyako Mukai welcoming all to the "Whing Ding", and of course, the big "Whing Ding" where Eddie is being served by Miyako.

We thank the Milwaukee contingent for coming down to entertain us, and the 1500 Clubbers making this trip for coming out. In fact, Mas Nakagawa did a quite extensive research on what to expect and what not to expect, even to the extent of asking the girls not to wear girdles that are too tight and to be sure to use moisturizer.

ed makeup.

Yes, it is a most informed group that is leaving for Japan. When I received a call from Dr. T. Inouye, the 1000 Club chairman from San Jose, and told him about this, he told me that I was wrong. He said that he already had the second orientation meeting, and that theirs was the most informed group going to Japan. This means, no matter where you are departing from with the group, the 1000 Club members on the flights

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1971 NISEI WEEK FESTIVAL

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13	
8-10:30 p.m.—Issei Night (Nansensu Troupe Dance).....Koyasan Hall	
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14	
9 a.m.—Baby Show.....Little Tokyo Theater	
1 p.m.—Kempo, Aikido, Karate (All American).....Koyasan Hall	
6 p.m.—Coronation Ball.....Beverly Wilshire Hotel	
7:30-9 p.m.—MSA—Reach Out.....Union Church	
SATURDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 14-15	
12n-8 p.m.—Goh Tournament.....Sun Bldg., Rm. 306	
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15	
8:30 a.m.—SCNGA Golf Tournament.....Montebello Country Club	
12n-5CN Women's Golf Tournament.....Alondra Golf Course	
1:30-3 p.m.—Akita Dog Exhibition.....N. San Pedro Parking Lot	
1-10 p.m.—AAU Judo Tournament.....Koyasan Hall	
1:30 p.m.—Buddhist Memorial Service.....Homa Hongwanji	
7:30 p.m.—JACS: Asian Involvement.....Union Church	
MONDAY, AUGUST 16	
9:30-11:30 a.m.—Opening Ceremonies.....City Hall	
2-3 p.m.—Pioneer Center Reach Out.....Union Church	
7:30-9 p.m.—Japanese Popular Music (I).....Koyasan Hall	
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17	
12n—Pioneer Luncheon.....Kawafuku	
7:30-9 p.m.—Japanese Popular Music (II).....Koyasan Hall	
7:30 p.m.—Yellow Brotherhood.....Union Church	
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18	
7:30 p.m.—Japanese Pop Song Contest.....Koyasan Hall	
7:30 p.m.—JACS: Reach Out.....Union Church	
WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 18-21	
1-4 p.m.—Nagoya Doll Exhibit.....Homa Hongwanji	
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19	
7 p.m.—Mingo: Japanese Folk Music.....Koyasan Hall	
10 p.m.-12n—Church Federation: Reach Out.....Union Church	
FRIDAY, AUGUST 20	
7:30-9:30 p.m.—Shigin Talkie.....Nishi Hongwanji (Old)	
7:30-10:15 p.m.—Talent Show.....Koyasan Hall	
7:30 p.m.—Agape Fellowship Youth: Reach Out.....Union Church	
FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 20-22	
1 p.m.—Bankai, Sunae (Sand Painting).....Sun Bldg., Rm. 202-303	
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Mayor Antonio K. Vindina of Kauai has issued two strong public statements—one aimed at Kauai County Chairman Ralph Hirota and the other at Kauai Police Chief Dewey Allen. Vindina has charged that (1) Hirota had made public statements which were "shabby fabrications designed to discredit my administration and to bring me into disrepute"; (2) Allen had said things to the press which have been "rash, irresponsible and incredible." Both Hirota and Allen have declined comment.

The Kauai County Council has approved Mayor Vindina's appointment of Karu-masa Morita to the police commission, following a three-week deferment. The action was coupled with a stern warning to the administration and the police commission that they must first act to set the commission's own house in legal order.

Names in the News

The Rev. Richard M. Trelease, Jr. has been elected Episcopal bishop of New Mexico and Southwest Texas. Trelease, 50, was ordained in 1945 at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu and was the first rector of St. Christopher's Church in Kailua. He left Hawaii in 1954.

Mrs. Jane Isoshima Asher, daughter of the late Isoshima of Honolulu, is director of education for The Grove School for multiple-handicapped children in Chicago. Currently visiting in Honolulu, Mrs. Asher said, "We handle children who can't be taught in public school programs because their handicaps are so severe. We have youngsters

with physical and emotional disabilities and brain damage. They range from 3 to 19 years of age and many of them have no speech." Mrs. Asher is accompanied by her children, Gregg and Judy.

Don Sugahara, 19, of 2443 Nihili St., Honolulu, was rescued from a cliff above the Wilson Tunnel July 5 after spending about 24 hours stranded on a ledge, part of the time tied to a tree to keep from falling. A second hiker who was with Sugahara at the time, Glenn Yoshida, 24, leaped 30 feet from the ledge and walked a mile down the slope to safety. He suffered a facial fracture and was listed in satisfactory condition at Kapiolani Hospital.

Capt. Thomas Davies, who's serving a tour of duty at Hickam Air Force Base, loves children. The captain, a bachelor, has adopted two Negro-Korean boys, aged 4 and 8, from a Korean orphanage. "You know," said Davies, "it's happened in every war. Americans go into a country to help it and leave behind them a lot of fatherless children. I thought it might be a good thing if someone brought a couple of them home."

Melvin Bell, the San Francisco lawyer in a Honolulu interview, said the U.S. Supreme Court is not a court but a "political following" of President Nixon. Of the court Bell said, "It's going to be the lowest level of a coal mine." Bell was in Honolulu to represent Young Hee Phillips, wife of the Honolulu oilman Wendell Phillips, in divorce proceedings. Bell said the couple were married recently in Korea but separated only 10 days later. He said Mrs. Phillips is a very prominent person in Korea who wants to work on the mainland.

Jack Kellner, 35, Honolulu TV personality, was named rector of the newly created State Office of Information. He will assume his post in Sept. He is married to the late John Kato, and they have two children.

Rinzo Takata, 90, is a part-time yardman and he enjoys doing his thing. Every Thursday morning Mrs. Richard Hager of 4680 Aukai Ave., Kailua, picks him up and takes him home after his work is done at the Hager home.

"I've been scared to death," said Mrs. Hager, "because he works so hard. Until a few years ago we had no idea how old he was because we inherited him from the previous owners of the house. We've been here for 10 years."

TAKABUKI INVESTED AS TRUSTEE OF BISHOP ESTATE, PROTEST STILL ON

By ALLAN BEEKMAN

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)
HONOLULU — As the bells of historic Kawaiahae Church tolled in protest, Circuit Judge Yasutaka Fukushima (July 29) invested Matsuo Takabuki as a trustee of the Bishop Estate.

The Estate owns about nine percent of the land of Hawaii, and is worth about \$400 million. The Kamehameha Schools is its sole beneficiary.

In Hawaii only those of aboriginal descent are considered Hawaiians. Because of a swindle perpetrated by the local organs of propaganda, the belief is current that the will of the founder of the Estate restricts admission to the schools to Hawaiians. Consequently, the schools are race-segregated, probably in violation of Federal law.

Why the Protest

In the past, Hawaiians have accepted non-part Hawaiians as trustees of the Estate. But they regard Takabuki as particularly objectionable because not only is he non-part Hawaiian, but they have also been taught to regard him as a foreigner. As a boy, Takabuki was registered in the public schools as of Japanese nationality and carefully disqualified from being anything else.

Fukushima seemed impatient with the faction appearing against the investiture. He said to attorney Allas S. Haley, representing the anti-Takabuki action, "The court still holds that you have no standing."

Fukushima then ordered Robert E. Brown, attorney for the Bishop Estate trustees, to continue the court routine to vest Takabuki with title to Bishop Estate assets as co-trustee.

Brown called as witness Associate State Supreme Court

Justice Masaji Marumoto. Marumoto testified that the Supreme Court made the appointment of Takabuki June 18.

Brown then asked that the appointing document be introduced into court as part of the Bishop Estate files.

Arthur K. Trask, one of the attorneys protesting Takabuki's appointment, arose and said, "I would like the court to withhold the admission of that document as evidence of the appointment of Mr. Takabuki until I have, or the Attorney General has questioned this witness."

The contest between attorney and judge was great. Most of his life Trask has been stigmatized as "part-Hawaiian." But the 1970 Federal census has recognized him as Hawaiian without debilitating modifier. On the other hand, Fukushima has remained non-part Hawaiian and Japanese.

'No Standing'

Fukushima told Trask, "The court will now rule that you have no standing."

Fukushima then verified the petition for investing Takabuki and signed the order. "Call the next case," ordered Fukushima.

Air Force Col. Curtis Kekoa, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for a Hawaiian Trustee, seemed discouraged after the court session. But asked if his organization would continue to fight the appointment, he said, "Of course."

The Rev. Abraham K. Akaka, who had led the fight against Takabuki, pointed out that it was not only his church, Kawaiahae, whose bell had tolled in sorrow of the appointment; church bells had tolled in unison throughout the Islands.

He said, "The tolling of the bells was a proclamation of our Hawaiian people's faith in God, our stand against injustice and oppression of our Hawaiian people, our confidence in one another..."

Takabuki's Comment

Newly-invested Bishop Estate Trustee Takabuki said he has been clearing up his other business matters, including resigning as vice president of Capital Investment Corp., so he can devote full time to Bishop Estate matters. He said, "I don't want to be a party to public controversy which may cause a polarization of attitudes within the community."

Political Scene

Rep. Mitsuo Uechi, who has lined up with the ILWU camp, has won the union's endorsement for a special Leeward Oahu senate election. Uechi, a Democrat, is a former union official himself. Between 1961 and 1966 he was executive secretary and lobbyist for the Hawaii Federation of Teachers, an AFL-CIO union.

Mayor Frank F. Fasi dropped a broad hint July 9 that he will be a Democratic candidate for governor in 1974. He made the suggestion in a signed editorial appearing in his own tabloid, The Honolulu News. Both the editorial and a front page story, written by former newspaperman Brian L. Casey, were devoted to the Bishop Estate takeover of trustees.

Hawaii Today

The Honolulu Post Office began flying out surface mail by air on July 10 to Los Angeles and San Francisco. Postmaster H. C. Chao said surface mail will continue to be flown from Hawaii to the West Coast "until we get orders to the contrary." Both mail and 1st class letters have been flown to their destinations. Air mail has first priority, and first class goes on a space available basis.

Congressional Scene

The United Nations should conduct a plebiscite to see whether the people of Taiwan wish to get rid of alleged discrimination and oppression under Pres. Chiang Kai-shek, Rep. Spark Matsunaga suggested in Honolulu July 10. He said the Taiwanese, who comprise the vast majority on the Nationalist Chinese-run island, are second class citizens because of a "repressive political atmosphere" fostered by Chiang. He made the comment in a speech before the Japanese Jaycees during a banquet at the Hawaiian Village.

Crime File

Heroin valued at \$385,000 was seized by police recently in a Kailua raid. Three persons were arrested in the case after a three-month team effort by police narcotics detectives, federal agents and customs inspectors. Those arrested were Charles D. Yaw, 39; his wife, Alice Yukiko Yaw, 38; and Alfred K. Bumatai, 47.

Police arrested 11 men July 8 in a raid on what they described as a professional floating dice game in a 10th floor of Pawa hotel. Charged with taking part in gambling and freed on \$100 bail each pending arraignment in district court were George E. Kila, Donald C. S. Wong, Thomas Suzuki, Hisashi Ishimaru, Kitami Namba, Benjamin Ah Yen, Douglas L. Wong, Clifton Beppu, George Noble, Stanley Mizuo and Vernon S. Oshima.

Honolulu Scene

The Moiliili Community Center and two Moiliili churches—Moiliili Hongwanji Mission and the Church of the Crossroads—have banded together for the first time to form a recreation-education center for retired men and women in the Moiliili-McCully area. The center is open at 2555 S. King St. each day between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. A year's membership card costs one dollar. The center is issuing free city bus passes to all registrants over 65 so that they may ride to the center.

Business Ticker

Yulchi Shibasaki, general manager of the Hotel New Japan in Tokyo, said in Honolulu July 6 that his hotel is interested in a hotel site in Hilo opposite the Naniloa Hotel. He added, however, that the Tokyo hotels plans for building a hotel in Hawaii have progressed no farther than the "just looking" stage. "Though hotel owners are not in trouble yet," Shibasaki said, business in general just is not as good as it was last year. He said he was surprised to find so many hippies in Waikiki. "We have hippies in Japan but not near hotels. It is very bad for business," Shibasaki said.

Bank of Hawaii and First Hawaiian Bank raised their prime lending interest rate to 6 per cent July 7. Bank of Hawaii started the move on April 26 when it lifted its prime rate from 5 1/2 per cent to 5 3/4 per cent. First Hawaiian made the same changes May 5.

The Old Plantation Restaurant, formerly "Trader's," is being sold. The restaurant, according to its owner, Les Thompson, is currently conducting a public demonstration sale.

New chick sexing classes to start

LANSDALE, Pa.—The American Chick Sexing School is accepting applications for the next class starting on Sept. 7. Demand for expertly trained chick sexers is even greater during times of inflation and economic recession, according to school director George Okazaki. Expert chick sexers enjoy incomes from \$12,000 to \$24,000 per year.

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BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

Director's Own Story of Relocation

UPROOTED AMERICANS: The Japanese Americans and the War Relocation Authority During World War II, by Dillon S. Myer, The Univ. of Arizona Press, 360 pp., \$8.50.

On Saturday, June 13, 1942, the Dillon Myers were entertaining at their home in Falls Church, Virginia. Among the guests was Milton Eisenhower, director of the War Relocation Authority (WRA).

Immediately after the Pearl Harbor attack, the Justice Dept. had picked up and interned about 3,000 Japanese aliens considered potentially dangerous. This action was insufficient to appease the West Coast bigots and their dupes. These extremists had insisted upon the evacuation of all Nikkei; their criterion had been headed the order had been issued; more than 100,000 Nikkei had been uprooted from their homes and incarcerated in assembly centers.

The WRA had been established to cope with the situation. On this day, however, Eisenhower was excited by an invitation he had received to become a deputy in the Office of War Information. He asked if Myer would be interested in taking over the directorship of the WRA.

Through this inquiry, Myer became director. He moved into the post unformed into the Nikkei and their background, and unable to foresee many of the problems he would encounter. But he brought to the task administrative ability, an open mind, and a warm heart. He applied himself to getting the evacuees out of the horrid conditions of the assembly centers and into better quarters.

The WRA established nine relocation centers for the evacuees. Later it established a tenth center in New York State to handle evacuees from the European war zone.

Evacuating the Nikkei caused problems where there might not have been any. The order to evacuate gave confirmation to the charge of untrustworthiness. Graciously stigmatized, subjected of the humiliation and hardship of evacuation, some turned malignant. Inside the centers, pro-Japanese groups terrorized pro-Americans.

Further, Myer had assumed the extremists would be satisfied when their objective of evacuating the Nikkei was realized, but this expectation went unrealized. The Hearst press, and other hostile mediums, continued with reckless and virulent denunciations of the evacuees and accused the WRA of coddling them. Congressmen harassed and investigated.

When Myer asked the cooperation of Dave Beck, West Coast labor leader, in the program of relocation, Beck said, "I believe that all of them should be relocated in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, and I will fight you to the last ditch in the program that you have presented."

Despite adversity, the WRA kept up its own public relations program, secured clearance for evacuees to work outside the camps, and encouraged the enlistment of citizen evacuees into the Armed Services. The tide of public opinion finally turned in a more favorable direction, especially as the result of the splendid war record made by

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THE CANNIKIN PROJECT

Being a Californian, the significance of statements in recent weeks by the Hawaiian congressional delegation against the underground nuclear test at Amchitka (one of the tiny islands near the western end of the Aleutian chain) escaped us. Our assistant Washington JACL representative Dave (who sends us tear-sheets from the Congressional Record) quit supplying us with remarks on this topic as nothing had been carried about it in the PC. What our Nisei congressmen and senator had to say on the subject, he felt, was of concern.

Even the local papers seem oblivious to what has been dubbed the "Cannikin Project" for more home-front enigmas such as the Lockheed loan guarantee, dock strike and welfare reform.

This past week however (after clearing away our National JACL Board file) the "missing" pieces appeared in a New York Times wrap-up story to materialize the concerns of Senators Fong and Inouye and of Representatives Matsunaga and Mink.

A hydrogen bomb, called "Cannikin"—a code name for the project, is scheduled to be tested underground this fall in Amchitka. The bomb is intended as a warhead for the Safeguard antiballistic missile system. The test is necessary, according to Rhode Island Senator Pastore, to determine the energy output in terms of "thermal radiation, neutrons, fission products, X-rays, gamma rays and shock waves". In event of an attack, the missile warhead would be exploded outside the atmosphere "with X-rays as the kill mechanism" for incoming warheads. The Cannikin warhead must have a maximum X-ray output, Pastore explained, as well as low-fission output of radioactivity to reduce radar blackout effects that would blind radar that guides the ABM.

That is why the bomb, rated at five megatons, is being exploded in a mined cavern 6,000 feet down. Each H-bomb has in its core a "trigger" of plutonium, carefully shaped to create the explosion needed to start the fusion reaction that is the H-bomb blast. One aim of the warhead is to unleash a flux of neutrons that would penetrate the plutonium of incoming bombs and heat it so that it would lose this designed shape and untrigger the bomb. The X-rays could damage the heat shield on incoming bombs; and if sufficiently strong, cause the shield to disintegrate so that the warhead would burn on re-entry into the earth's atmosphere.

But scientists (who maintain it will not work) are saying ABM will not work because attacking rockets can trick it with decoys or overwhelm elements of it with a concentrated attack from rockets with clusters of warheads or the ABM radar guidance system will be blinded by the radioactivity of the first burst.

The Atomic Energy Commission went to Amchitka in 1966 to replace its Nevada sites which would not withstand the power of big bombs. A one-megaton bomb was exploded at Amchitka in 1969 to determine the extent of damage. There were no earths, no tidal waves (tsunamis) and wildlife loss was confined to a few fish in ponds near the blast site.

Pastore contends if we are going to have the Safeguard system, "we are going to have this test".

Inouye and Fong, both seeking to postpone the test till after May 31, 1972, along with Matsunaga and Mrs. Mink, fear Cannikin would trigger tidal waves that might heap devastation on Hawaii. Five earthquakes from 1946-1960 caused tidal waves that took 200 lives and damaged property estimated at \$55 million in Hawaii.

The senators added a postponement would create a better climate for an agreement with the Soviet Union at the SALT talks at Helsinki, remove a potential obstacle to the President's journey for peace to Peking and support his efforts to achieve a lasting peace in the Far East.

The AEC has spent over \$165 million on Amchitka to prepare for the test and another \$19.7 million is being sought for the next test. While the Senate has rejected the Fong-Inouye amendment to delete the \$19.7 million from the AEC appropriation bill, both Fong and Inouye who are on the appropriations committee are now pushing for an amendment to prohibit the AEC from using any funds for the test before the end of next May.

Mrs. Mink sees no reason for testing an ABM missile now obsolete, and fears more the after-effects of the blast, the largest nuclear explosion ever attempted. Matsunaga feels the proposed enhancement of our national security attributable to Cannikin is, at best, "arguable". But the House has voted 272-108 for the test.

Why blast a warhead for a missile which in all likelihood will never be used? Even if Cannikin performs according to design, what assurance is there the AEC will leave a testing site which may seem ideal for multimegaton bombs? And if Cannikin fails in some way, work toward a new test would surely follow. Hence, the importance of many forms of opposition: fear of earthquakes, tidal waves, wasting \$20 million, etc.

To some Nisei GIs, Amchitka was the first combat zone in the Pacific during World War II as it was the staging area for the recapture of Attu and Kiska 200 miles on the west. The ponds there bred some of the biggest mosquitos they had ever tried to avoid.

FOR POSITIVE THINKING

Lack of positive thinking on our part caused our omitting an important "hot" in our comment last week about Crossroads coming to our assistance. "Not forget" may take up more space than "remember", a point at times when writing, but not worth the hazard. I trust Wimpy understands.

Sansei columnist to bury rhetoric but not his readers

By JON FUNABIKI

San Francisco

"Some of your articles are cleverly written and yet I get this feeling that you're writing what you are because you don't want to rock the boat," writes Julie Sumida, of Palo Alto.

The Don't-Rock-The-Boat-Syndrome has been applied to Japanese Americans so often, one might think we invented it. We didn't, of course, and

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it doesn't apply to every Japanese American.

Does it apply to this column? I hope not.

There is a difference between not wanting to rock the boat ("Keep your mouth shut, everything's fine — or will be!") and not wanting to create needless and meaningless confrontations and polarization ("Keep cool, let's work together!").

What I mean is, you can rock the boat (promote social and political change) without resorting to name-calling, backstabbing, window-breaking or rhetoric. That's what I'm trying to do.

May I digress for a moment on the subject of rhetoric? Readers will note that I do not use rhetoric in this column. I've heard enough of it, both in the press and on campus to realize that rhetoric, whether it comes from the political left or right — is a substitute for thinking and action. The human mind is numbed by it.

Rhetoric also turns people off, which is why I don't use it. Sure, I could spell "America" with the K or end every column with "off the pigs" — or, on the other side of the coin, "law and order" — but it would do no good. To be sure, people would stop reading. That would kill my efforts to communicate.

In this column, I have been wandering through a variety of subjects in a variety of formats, trying to find out what is the most appropriate combination for this column. I've swung to the left, to the right and run straight up the middle. I know. Can I tell you why?

I, like many Sansei, am muddled somewhere in the middle-ground, between those people who believe everything is fine and those people who believe everything is terrible; between the involved and the uninvolved; between the conservatives and the liberals; between the radicals and the moderates.

There are damn few Sansei who really have strong convictions (or well thought up convictions) about anything political or social. Those who do are already actively involved in the community, in one way or another.

But the majority of Sansei are probably more like me. Their ideologies, only partly formulated, their identities, only partly discovered. They are not completely sure what to do with their lives, where to do it, or for that matter, why do anything at all?

So for them (and myself) I wander. Maybe one column will hit somebody right on. Then that one column will have been worth writing, even if every other reader disagrees with it or finds it irrelevant.

I'll probably continue to talk to and report about people from the left, right and inbetween. It's good to listen to other people — especially if you disagree.

P.S. Julie, thanks for writing. I'll try to answer some of your other questions later.

Hokubei Mainichi editor's note: We believe we have found just the guy we were looking for in Jon Funabiki as conductor of this Sansei column. We worry none anymore.—HMI

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Q—How can we contact the UCLA project on Japanese Americans?—K. Y., Chicago.

A—The Japanese American Research Project at UCLA may be contacted by writing to Dr. Harry Kitano, director, Asian American Studies Center, Campbell Hall 3235, Univ. of California, Los Angeles 90025 (879-3576).

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Aug. 17, 1946

Two-thirds of U.S. citizens believe false reports of Nisei espionage, National Opinion Research Center survey finds.

—442nd RCT deactivated in Hawaii Aug. 14; Hawaii Gov. Stainback says Nisei GIs aid in drive for statehood.

Former Calif. state employees seek reinstatement, 88 Nisei suspended by Personnel Board on unsubstantiated charges of disloyalty.

Early decision by Calif. state supreme court assured in alien fishing law (Torino Takahashi case).

Dillon Miller turns down job to govern Puerto Rico, takes interim post as Federal Housing Authority commissioner.

Disciples of Christ international convention demands legislation to repay evacuees.

New Denver, B.C., biggest of the evacuee housing centers for Japanese Canadians, now "ghost town" as last group of 550 relocate.

Makizo Ogata of San Francisco secures first papers for naturalization, had taught Japanese at Navy language school in Boulder, Colo.

Parma (Idaho) American Legion post seeks state legion support for backing evacuee claims proposal.

Bids on 4-6 building at Amache WRA Center opened.



LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Harrington School

Editor:

Some months back you had a very unfavorable article with a headline of very negative nature regarding Joe Ariki. This is typical of some of the syndicated newspapers in large cities, newspapers which delight in using headlines to attract attention. But, I was very much surprised to see this happen in the PC.

I am very late in writing about this, and there is no good excuse. Excuses, yes, but one always has time for what is important. Hectic schedules, shot nerves, etc., yes, and I knew I'd cool down soon and get to it, so here I am.

What really bothered me was — here's this stark headline as was in the Hakujiin paper, making the man look guilty — but in a Nihonjin paper that's supposed to fight for Nihonjins! It really did get to me.

The article had to do with Joe Ariki, a principal at Harrington Elementary School in Denver, Colorado. The parents were picketing. They were unhappy with the results of their children's standardized testing scores. Nihonjins would have said HAJI to admit such low IQ's, but some people are so ignorant they picket and advertise it! Nihonjins (I don't know — maybe not all would today, but traditionally they did) would have said, "What can we do to help the child at home to better his IQ?"

I am not a teacher in that school, but as a fellow Nisei teacher of 18 years in Denver, and having taught in the poverty area close to Harrington area for 15 years I feel qualified and impelled to speak.

Joe Ariki is a quiet, unassuming person who has spent many dedicated years with Denver Public School children, especially in the poverty area. He has done outstanding work and has risen to become a lone Nisei principal in Denver. His wife, Kate, also a dedicated and excellent teacher is the Dean of Girls at Manual High School.

Teaching or being an administrator in a poverty area school has its shogal problems, as many a Nisei and Sansei teaching in core city schools throughout U.S. will tell you: one has to count on ten, bite his tongue, get used to being accused of being prejudiced; get told, "you're not Black, you're not even White, you're just pale!" They say many a silent prayer of hope, of thanks, and after sweating it out, still come through with compassion and love left for the next child. That's Joe Ariki.

It's not an uncommon thing to hear an angry and unreasonable parent say—"I'm going right downtown, and you are going to lose your job." I've heard teachers get threatened, I've been lucky so far. All you need is the wrong person, wrong situation, and the wrong time.

It was unfortunate that Joe happened to have some militant, feisty people who wanted to cause him trouble. I believe too, that there is some confusion, when parents want a minority administrator and they get a minority administrator, but find that minority does not necessarily mean Black. Then they have to react by making noises.

Actually everything has died down, but the papers for the virtues expounded in admiration of that "great ethnic group" with all that "earned dignity and respect" — So tell me, then, in her fight for the mere right to exist, living under the openly voiced threats of her ultimate destruction and the total annihilation of her people and a struggle against tremendous overwhelming odds, why is it that tiny State of Israel and Mama Golda's brood of "well-behaved children" are having to fight such a desperately lonely battle? While their survival is existing on the verge of a sudden overnight oblivion, other nations are doing their bit by noisily politicking and loudly clucking self-serving claims. (If only Moses could have had the sense enough to perform his miracle in the direction of one of the many oil-rich spots in the area instead of the Red Sea and the barren Sinai Desert!) Let us just hope that, after having had Nuremberg for the loss of 6 million lives as a result of our silence and inaction, we will not someday have to account for the loss of another 2 million.

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Editor:

Thank you for printing Miyo Himeno's letter in the July 23 PC. Greetings and thank you also to Mrs. Himeno. Beautiful! I hope she represents the silent majority. My sentiments exactly.

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A CANADIAN VIEW

On Being Japanese

The following is the complete text of a speech entitled "On Being Japanese in Canada," given by Dr. David Suzuki, University of British Columbia professor and star of the C.B.C. Television series "Suzuki On Science," given at the Toronto Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre on June 15. A capacity crowd attended.

By DAVID T. SUZUKI

Continued from Last Week

The Japanese have had a unique history in Canada, yet how many of the Sansei are aware of it?

1—How many know there were race riots in Vancouver in the 1920's?

2—How many know that even Canadian-born Japanese couldn't vote until 1948?

3—How many know that until after the war Japanese weren't allowed into many professions and that there were quotas in medicine?

4—How many know that the War Measures Act was invoked to suspend every civil right of Japanese at the time of the war?

5—How many know that the CCF—Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (now New Democratic Party) in B.C. took a stand against the evacuation and in so doing guaranteed its political defeat?

6—How many know about the treatment of "ima" in the internment camps, of the beatings and intimidation by young toughs?

'All the Way'

I've talked to a Sansei who told me "I'm for Canada all the way. We were at war then and I support the necessity for the evacuation."

I've talked to others who will say the Evacuation was unpleasant but it had a happy end result by breaking up Japanese centers and pushing them into diverse occupations. For the great majority of Nisei, the post-war years were spent working to re-establish a new life, trying to forget the war years and frantically "assimilating" into society.

We have assimilated so well we display all of the narrow-mindedness towards other minority groups and our elders are ignorant of a vital event in Canadian history. Why was the evacuation under the War Measures Act so horrible? In my view, it is easy to guarantee freedom, justice when times are good. But it's only when times are tough that these guarantees matter, that's when freedom and justice are most vital for the individual in a democracy.

Too Great a Price

Because of our race, Canada denied Japanese Canadians all rights guaranteed to citizens and thereby reinforced General DeWitt of the U.S.'s famous racist statement "A Jap's a Jap no matter where he's born. They're sneaky and can't be trusted."

That's why, no matter how well the end result turned out, the means used demanded too great a price in the erosion of democracy.

If we believe in this country and the ideals for which it stands, then as Japanese Canadians, I feel we have a very special role in Canadian society. As the major group against whom a massive suspension of civil rights was unjustly and cruelly invoked, we owe it to the people of this nation to constantly remind them of what fear and prejudice can do.

We must prick the conscience of the country.

Where was the voice of JCCA and of the Japanese people when the War Measures Act was again invoked across Canada with the FLQ — Front de Liberation de Quebec — as the excuse? Our voices should have been screaming "Look, Canada, look at us! You did it to us."

During the Second World War, the RCMP investigated hundreds of citizens' reports about Jap spies and in no case was any verified.

Again when the FLQ rose up, a situation in which fear, rumor and distrust could perpetrate suspension of civil rights happened all over. Where was our innocence until proven guilty?

A Sick Society

A society which can subject, at will, any person to deprivation of privacy, a society which can throw a blanket of fear and remove all rights of free speech and criticism, is a sick society. I accuse the Japanese of a gross immorality in failing to remind Canadians of what that sickness can lead to.

I accuse the Japanese community of a defection of responsibility by their failure to educate their children of the past so that they too can carry on that responsibility. Because of our experience we should be hypersensitive to prejudice and that responsibility and the privilege of voting.

How many of us vote and carefully follow all of the issues of civic elections?

How many of us act when cases of discrimination are reported?

Uptight Community

In Stevenson, the Japanese Canadian community reaction to my appearance on television has been negative. Why? Because of my hair and mustache — I'm projecting the wrong image.

This is most painful to me because it reflects exactly the same prejudice and ignorance that has always characterized racists—passing judgments on people's appearance. Japs are sneaky and can't be trusted — Why? because they look different. If we, who have suffered from bigotry, can't rise above prejudice ourselves, where is the hope?

Let me summarize my points then.

I feel that a heritage of culture from Japan is a dead weight.

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issue for the Sansei. Some aspects as diet, male chauvinism and personal habits may linger but by and large, Sansei reflect Western culture and values.

The identity crisis reached at the time of dating and marriage has to be worked out by each individual. I suspect that the counter-culture of young people in North America with its de-emphasis on standards of appearance will make it easier for Sansei and Yonsei.

Special Responsibility

So long as our slanted eyes and yellow skin result in our categorization in Canada as Japanese Canadians, we will be burdened with a responsibility to that racial group. As Canadians, our past history confers on us a very special responsibility in making this society a place of justice.

There is no point in recalling the Evacuation in order to feed on hatred and bitterness, rather it is to learn from past history in order to avoid repetition of the same mistakes.

We have failed the first test miserably in not vehemently reminding the government of the horror of the War Measures Act.

We have failed to instruct the Sansei in the best way possible by personal experience, of the injustices perpetrated by bigotry and fear. We have failed to recognize that discrimination against blacks, Indians, Jews or hippies is prejudice potentially directed at us.

We have failed by believing the myth that Canada is a democracy and a land of equal opportunity—I say this not to generate a revolution or cynicism but so that we can see what has to be done to improve society.

Talk It Up

Can we do anything now? It may in fact be too late to educate Japanese Canadians as to their social responsibility. But it can be by overcoming our reticence to talk about the Evacuation and by rejecting it in conversations wherever relevant. That's what educating people is all about.

JCCA has had a long and fascinating history, yet fewer than half of the Sansei at the Univ. of British Columbia had ever heard of it and only a handful knew what the initials stood for.

If organizations such as JCCA—Japanese Canadian Citizens Assn.—are going to remain simply as clubs for promoting cultural exchanges with Japan, bowling leagues and picnics, then I propose that a new organization be established. How about JAP (Japanese Against Prejudice)? This organization should have as its primary aim, educating the Japanese and white community about social responsibility, drawing extensively from the Japanese experience.

A primary need is an archive for the collection of editorials, newspaper reports, films, TV shows and books about Japanese in North America. We should immediately begin to tape conversations with Issei who are disappearing rapidly, yet are a store of information.

In this way, a reference collection could provide a wealth of material for research and study by scholars. So much can come out of this:

1—What were the genuine motives of people in power at the time of the Evacuation?

2—Was economic profit a big factor?

3—What was the psychology and structure of society in the internment camps?

4—What has been the long term psychological and economic effects of the Evacuation?

5—How does the present Japanese population function and integrate?

Other Programs

Numerous vital and relevant questions come to mind, yet we are letting this slip away from us.

Such an organization should begin programs to set up symposia, seminars and informal discussion periods. Such a group should attempt to look at the underlying basis of prejudice, to join with other minority groups in order to work for a better society.

Such a group could work to a consultative role in government decisions affecting minority groups.

Well, this is all grand idealism. Let me close by saying that this society is only as good as its individual members.

We can only decrease prejudice so long as we free ourselves of narrow-mindedness. We can no longer continue the delusion that what's done is done and we should just work to assimilate ourselves — we have a special responsibility.

In a better society of the future, the term Japanese-Canadian hopefully will be no more meaningful than the terms chubby or freckled.

—New Canadian

Prejudice in California

Continued from Front Page

earned you money. Don't spend at Japanese shops."

Posters with words to this effect turned up on the streets.

Denied Land Ownership

The Japanese were deprived of the right of naturalization and banned from owning land in the United States.

And the anti-Japanese immigration act of 1924 closed all doors to Japanese immigrants to the United States.

"These developments," says critic Ayako Ishigaki, "converted the Issei residents, who had virtually forsaken their fatherland, into '200 per cent patriots' of Japan."

Remittances home by Japanese immigrants, including donations of money for armament, reached \$20,000,000 in a peak year.

Tokyo newspapers urged that the Japanese combined fleet be "massed in Golden Gate Bay."

Count Nobuaki Makino, Japanese delegate to the Paris Peace conference which ended World War I, sought to end the state of undeclared Japanese-American war.

He moved at the conference table that the principle of racial equality be included in the Covenant of the League of Nations.

Makino's move was killed by Anglo-American opposition — but drew applause from the U.S. Negroes and the other colored peoples of the world.

Support Makino Stand

One New York Negro took home a Japanese he met on the street. A large portrait of Count Makino was hung on the wall.

"We respect him as much as we do Lincoln," the host said on the verge of tears, gripping the guest's hand firmly. "We want you Japanese to stick it out."

In a 1919 issue of "Chuo Koron", an influential Japanese monthly, Dr. Sakuro Yoshino, champion of democracy in the Taisho era, preached the unity of the three major peoples of East Asia (Japanese, Chinese and Korean) against U.S. racial "oppression."

But Dr. Yoshino was preaching an impossibility: Japan's annexation of Korea and her advance on the Chinese continent had incurred the hostility of the other East Asian peoples.

During World War II, the 115,000 Japanese residents of the three West Coast states — men and women, young and old — were confined in only 10 relocation camps.

Yet the Nisei in U.S. military service proved their loyalty to the United States by the sacrifice of their blood — as shown by the daredevil flight of the 442nd unit on the Italian front. Casualties among them exceeded 40 per cent.

Did the dark age of the Japanese immigrants in the United States end with the end of the Pacific War?

"You would think the Nisei and Sansei are morally and mentally 100 per cent American," says critic Rinjiro Sodei, recently back from Los Angeles.

"But what looks like a yellow power movement is rising among them. I wonder if, in the heart of American society, there still lurks prejudice against the yellow skin, a prejudice which may erupt at any moment."

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