

Raisei View

By MIKE MASAKO

(The Labor Day weekend heralded the return of Mike Masako's column, under the new title. Its appearance here is unexpected as the column had not reached us by deadline.—Ed.)

Crisis in U.S.-Japan Relations

When my family and I passed through Honolulu, San Francisco, and Los Angeles a couple of weeks ago, en route home from two months of sightseeing in some of the great countries and cities of the world, I was often asked what was the single most memorable impression I had of our circumjettling the earth. The answer was—and is—the deteriorating relationship between the United States and Japan, which—in my judgment—may well be at its most critical juncture since the end of World War II.

And, as an American of Japanese race, painfully aware of the tragedy and travail that the nation and we of Japanese origin in the United States experienced more than a quarter of a century ago when there was another bitter confrontation between the land of our citizenship and the land of our ancestry, I am hopeful that the trend toward resentment and a "tough stance" in both countries will be reversed and that—once again—understanding, statesmanship and partnership will prevail.

After all, when one gives the subject thought, there can be little doubt that today the U.S. and Japan are bound together as perhaps no two nations with such distinctively differing cultures and backgrounds have ever been—culturally, politically and—in a sense—militarily. The great community of interests of the U.S. and Japan is such that there ought not to be any major problems or troubles between them.

Japan is America's biggest overseas customer, while the U.S. is Japan's most profitable export market.

Japan is America's principal ally in the Far East, even though constitutionally it cannot resort to arms as an instrument of national policy.

Japan represents America's westernmost frontier, with its territories bordering on Communism's two major exponents—Red China and Soviet Siberia.

Japan is America's best showcase—a democratic nation, with a free enterprise industrial complex capable of competing with the most advanced of western nations, secure in its treaty relationships with the United States.

Both are described as industrial superpowers, but—in reality—the margin between the gross national products in the free world is so enormous that the difference might be between No. 1 and No. 10. And up to this time, the U.S. has more or less provided most of the leadership, with Japan more or less content to generally follow the lead.

Within the past six weeks, however, the Nixon Administration has announced two major new policies, without prior consultation as it were with its main Asian ally, that have forced Japan to seriously review its relationship with the United States.

The first, in mid-July, would reverse two decades of American foreign policy toward Mainland China by substituting a presidential visit to Peking for complete support for Chiang Kai-Shek. In the offing is possible diplomatic recognition of Communist China and its seating in the United Nations General Assembly and its Security Council.

Because of its geographical proximity and its centuries-old cultural and commercial ties, it would have been quite natural for Japan to seek early diplomatic relations with Mainland China after World War II. But, largely because of American leadership, the postwar governments of Japan have followed U.S. foreign policy favoring Nationalist China and opposing U.N. admission of the Peking regime.

Now, along with others in Asia and elsewhere which have followed America's lead insofar as Taipei is concerned, Japan is seriously questioning the worth of U.S. commitments.

The second, about a month later in mid-August, would—among other actions—reverse 35-year-old principles and practices relating to freer trade expansion and the ready convertibility of dollars into gold.

As far as Japan and most other American trading partners are concerned, the 10% ad valorem import surcharge and the refusal to freely convert dollars into gold are the two main aspects of the Nixon economic package that affects them most. Those supposedly directed across-the-board multilaterally, there is little secret that these economic weapons were directed chiefly against Japan, since 90% of its exports to the U.S. would be subject to the additional duties and since it has long claimed that the yen is undervalued in terms of the dollar.

For a nation like Japan that depends upon exports—and imports—for survival, these are harsh measures indeed, for it is estimated that Japan

Palmer House sued for \$1.25 million

CHICAGO — A \$1.25 million damage suit has been filed in circuit court against the Palmer House Hotel on behalf of two Japanese-American girls whose throats were slashed by an unknown assailant July 16, 1970.

The suit was filed by Carol Ranko Yamada, now 18, who was seriously injured in the incident, and Mabel Okubo, mother of Evelyn Okubo, who was stabbed to death.

The girls, both from Stockton, Calif., were stabbed at the hotel while attending the 1970 National JACL convention.

The suit charges that the hotel failed to provide adequate security for its guests. Miss Yamada was able to describe her assailant to police, but no one has been charged in the case.

ETHNIC IDENTITY IN HAWAII

Hawaii life style 'beautiful' set-up as rest of U.S. just starting that way

A series, "Who Are We?", on the various ethnic groups in Hawaii has been appearing in the Honolulu Advertiser. Leonard Luera, in talking with "a local boy" whose ancestral blend is Chinese, Hawaiian, Japanese and Japanese, found a "living example" of Hawaii, the Beautiful.—Ed.

Honolulu
Lang Akana, 18, is an ethnically active exception. He's a so-called local boy, but he's a zucchini who likes what he is, where he's going and, in his words, "the beautiful example Hawaii is living for the rest of the world."

"We're in a beautiful thing, this thing called Hawaii," Akana said recently, "because it's a thing that covers a whole spectrum of people."

"And when hard times come, everybody jumps in and pulls together."

Different on Mainland

"But on the Mainland it's different. Because of the racial biases they're into, they don't really have a local minority. And they think they have to knock down a few walls to get to it."

Akana's analysis isn't just an overnight thought or an imprinted reaction spawned by Hawaii Visitors Bureau propaganda. It's a feeling he developed after attending the Second National Conference of Youth Organizations United (YOU) at Mason City, Iowa.

At the conference were some 200 young people representing some 300,000 young people—blacks and whites, Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans, Indians, Chinese-Americans and other minorities—who belong to an estimated 350 ethnic groups across the country.

(According to the Washington Post, YOU is "the first and only national organization among the young poor." The ethnic organization was founded by East St. Louis, Ill., blacks on May 19, 1968.)

At Iowa Conference

Akana went to the conference as a representative of New Directions, Inc., a local youth-oriented organization which is an offshoot of another youth group here called Youth Action.

Once at the conference site (Mason City), he was assigned by the gathering's organizers to a western YOU region pow-wow group.

He was the only so-labeled Hawaiian in his group, and, for that matter, at the conference.

"At our western region discussion group (of about 20 persons)," Akana said, "there were blacks, chicanos, Indians, Chinese and other Orientals. And then there was me," Akana said.

The Akana "me"—an Island blend of Chinese, Hawaiian, Japanese, Spanish and a little bit of Apache Indian—made for a YOU dilemma.

Couldn't Be Figured

"I sort of freaked them out," Akana said. "I'd run down what I was and they couldn't understand, because with them it was usually all-black, all-chicano, all-Puerto Rican. There may be a few mixed types in, but not many."

"Like some of them thought I was from Chinatown in San Francisco, and others thought I was from Arizona, off the reservation."

"Once, I was in a hallway

and a brother approached me and started talking like Chairman Mao, I Ching, Zen Buddhism and all sorts of things. He asked me what I was doing to help my people's culture, so I explained to him that I had a little I Ching behind me, a Hawaiian nature-loving spirit and some of my mother's Japanese philosophy. Just my general head trip. "But he didn't seem to understand."

Manifest Destinies

"It was like that town we were in (Mason City, Iowa). I was just thinking about how beautiful it was to be in America."

"I looked at their kind of trip from where I'm from, and I saw that it's all right for them. All these neat white houses and things—like their families drove their covered wagons to that spot and built a town, a neat town."

"I could just see them—gaining their manifest destinies, extending them across the country and shafting everyone who was in the way. "It's something you don't see here, because the people here are different. And that's why their attitudes are different. It's like here we're hung-up on that Judeo-Christian righteousness trip, because it's hard to say you're better than anyone else."

"You can't see that all-white and right trip. You may bust a couple of heads trying to prove it, but in the end you'll have to go away friends."

Third World Movement

What does Akana (the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Akana) think about ethno movements such as the Third World?

"Well, it'll help educate a lot of somewhat apathetic kids as to where we're at in this land called the United States of America, and how we can go about educating the rest of America."

"That's important, because we've got lifestyles here that the rest of the U.S. has strived for but hasn't quite gotten yet, majority or minority."

"They're (the rest of the country) just starting to get it together, whereas we've got it."

"We've got a very beautiful situation, and once we get things going, we'll be a model."

'Something ugly' hitting Hawaiian aloha spirit

HONOLULU — Former Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall criticized what he feels is "something ugly" happening to Hawaii's social climate. He was referring to the incident last month of an American Youth Hostels tour canceling the remainder of its visit to Hawaii because two of its members were attacked by two masked men while camping on Kauai.

Udall, president of the Overseas Corp., now doing an open-space study for Hawaii, was speaking Aug. 17 to the Windward Citizens Planning Conference at Kaneohe.

"Although only a small minority was responsible for this beating, apparently a larger portion of the population sanctions it," Udall said. "For people to take the law into their own hands is like having the Ku Klux Klan in the Aloha State."

Irresponsible Fathers

While some of the estimated 25,000 marriages between Japanese women and American servicemen between 1948 and 1958 work out well, the officials say an alarming number don't.

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JAPAN IN BIG PITCH TO BOOST ITS IMAGE IN U.S.

Foreign Office Wants Special Campaign to Start This Fall

TOKYO — Japan's Foreign Ministry will ask the Finance Ministry to ask the Finance Ministry for an allotment of \$50 million (\$1.6 million) to finance public relations expenses in the United States.

The request is made in a budget estimate for the Foreign Ministry for fiscal 1972. The demand will be separated from similar publicity expenses designed for other foreign countries.

The public relations spending exclusively for the U.S. is aimed at correcting the worst of relations between Japan and the U.S. due to the textile dispute and balance of payments difficulties.

Economic Issues

According to the Foreign Ministry, the main purpose of the intensified publicity campaign in the U.S. will be to familiarize the American people with Japanese economic and trade policies.

American experts on Japan, and officials of the Japanese embassy in Washington, will be asked to speak on Japan in various parts of the U.S.

Publicity pamphlets and other literature will be distributed for the same purpose. These publicity materials will explain the eight-point economic policy and monetary policy of the Japanese government as well as the actual state of U.S.-Japan trade.

Long-Range Views

The Foreign Ministry also plans to ask U.S. congressmen, commentators and journalists to write on the importance of U.S.-Japan friendship in a broad and long-range viewpoint.

Foreign Ministry officials intend to start the campaign this fall.

Ethnic heritage act due House action

WASHINGTON — As the Congress resumed action this week (Sept. 8) the House was expected to consider the Senate-passed Education Amendments of 1971 which includes the Ethnic Heritage Studies Centers Act, introduced by Rep. Roman C. Pielinski (D-Ill.) and Sen. Richard Schweiker (R-Pa.).

The National Confederation of American Ethnic Groups, comprised of 67 nation-wide organizations, in the meantime, formed a national coordinating committee to establish guidelines for participation of ethnic whites in the studies centers project.

An inter-ethnic planning committee has also been formed, according to Paul M. Deac, Confederation executive vice-president, to prepare for an all-U.S. ethnic conference here Oct. 15-17 to insure participation of all interested groups in this history-making cultural project.

Japanese flags on display in peace garden burned

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) SALT LAKE CITY — An observation by Tomoko Yano appearing the Salt Lake JACL Newsletter last month may be the latest incident of economic tension between U.S. and Japan. The comment:

"We were slightly deflated a few days after all the kudos when the Peace Gardens were vandalized and it struck us that the Japanese flags which were a part of an international display were burned—maybe a disgruntled Toyota owner? It does break down, you know, from time to time... anyway, it is a sad and disillusioning incident and we can be thankful that our new torii was not damaged."

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Race tension over choice of Parlier police chief affects Nisei

PARLIER—The mayor of this racially-tense community was arrested last week (Sept. 2) on charges of suspicion of arson, following a fire that completely gutted his store the previous day.

Mayor Weldon F. Byram, 36, was taken into custody, several hours after efforts by firemen to save the 66-year-old structure failed. Fire investigators said the blaze was of incendiary origin and started in the rear of the store sometime before 4 a.m. Damage was estimated at \$110,000.

Sheriff Melvin Wilmerth declared "evidence developed by the deputies at the fire scene indicates that owner Byram was probably responsible."

The mayor was released the same day from the Fresno county jail on \$3,000 bail.

Stores Picketed

The store was one of three Parlier businesses owned by city councilmen that had been picketed this past month by the Parlier Fact Finding Committee, a Chicano group protesting the city council selection of a white reserve police officer, Patrick Carnahan, over an 18-year veteran on the Parlier city police force, Joe Martinez, a Mexican American, as chief of the five-man department. Martinez has since resigned from the force. Pickets were withdrawn

from stores owned by Byram, councilmen Shoichi Tsuboi and Richard Mangrum, on Aug. 24 to ease tension. But it flared anew the following night, around 11:45, when 22 calibre sniper gun fire pinned Tsuboi and two police officers, who had been spotted and reported to Tsuboi a glass door and two large plate glass windows were broken at his store. It was the second time since Aug. 3 that windows at the market had been smashed.

Gunfire Incident

The sniper began firing at Tsuboi as he approached the officers and the trio ducked behind a large self-service ice machine in front of the market to escape the gunfire. Police said the shots were fired from a cluster of homes some 200 yards west of the market but declined to speculate on a possible motive. About 15 rounds were fired.

Law enforcement personnel from the area were immediately summoned to seal off the area, but were unable to find the snipers.

Sho's Food Center is on the same block where an arson fire early Aug. 21 caused \$65,000 damages to Ben's Bodega, operated by the Koga brothers, a Mexican restaurant and a Chinese social hall.

Meanwhile, the Parlier Fact Finding Committee said a second attempt would be made to recall the councilmen who had made the appointment. The first petitions were rejected because of technicalities.

Parlier's 1,993 residents are predominantly Mexican American (85 pct.).

S.F. Chinese lose appeal to stop school bussing

SAN FRANCISCO — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas was understood to have rejected an appeal from Chinese parents fighting a court-ordered integration project that forces their children to be bussed to schools outside Chinatown.

Determined to preserve their Chinese cultural heritage, the parents have threatened to boycott schools when classes open this week.

Virtually every organization in the densely-populated 17 block Chinatown neighborhood has opposed the court-ordered bussing on grounds it would destroy their pattern of life and culture.

Douglas refused their appeal to stop the integration-by-bussing order in a written court opinion mailed from Yakima, Wash., the San Francisco Examiner reported. Douglas is vacationing in Washington's Cascade Mountains.

Parents Argue

The Chinese parents argue that their children are being bussed purely because of their race, denying them their constitutional rights.

Citing an 1875 Supreme Court case on the rights of a San Francisco Chinese laundryman, Douglas said the U.S. District Court integration order handed down in July applied equally to all San Francisco children regardless of racial or ethnic background.

The 1875 ruling told the State of California it could not deny a license to operate a hand laundry to Yick Wo just because Wu was Chinese. The principle, in Douglas' view, is that rights and laws—and court integration orders—apply equally to all races.

Paternalistic Thinking

"This is exactly the type of paternalistic thinking I expected," attorney Quentin Kopp, who represents the Chinese parents, said in a telephone interview Aug. 30. "They've applied the right principle but in the opposite way."

To send these children to other schools solely on the basis of their race violates their constitutional rights," said Kopp.

Nixon proclaims 1971 minority language year

WASHINGTON — The year 1971 was proclaimed by President Nixon as "Year of World Minority Language Groups," on Aug. 17 in support of the international linguistic efforts to produce an alphabet and grammar among some 2,600 vernacular tongues now without written form.

Skilled linguists from many nations are working in remote areas in cooperation with foreign governments and universities to pioneer in this area of languages, the Presidential proclamation stated.

WASH. SUPREME COURT RULES ON 2 ALIEN RIGHTS

Seattle Prohibition of Alien Civil Service Workers Invalidated

OLYMPIA — The State Supreme Court on Aug. 26 handed down two important rulings on the rights of aliens.

In one case, the high court struck down a Seattle City Charter provision that aliens are not eligible to take the city's Civil Service examination.

In a related area, the high court ruled that aliens may practice law in the state if they meet all other requirements.

Justice Marshall Neill, who wrote the majority decision in the 5-2 ruling against the Seattle City Charter, said: "We hold that such provision (excluding aliens) constitutes an invalid interference with the laws of the United States in a field of federal supremacy."

However, Justice Frank Hale, who wrote a lengthy dissent which was also signed by Justice Robert T. Hunter, contended federal law should not be a factor in the case.

"Being unable to find any signs of such federal policy—I doubt its existence," Justice Hale wrote. "Should it be located, I doubt even more that it would prove superior."

The appeal was brought by 18 Seattle city engineers who are resident aliens and who have said they intend to become U.S. citizens.

The men were employed by the City of Seattle under provisional appointments. As such they could be removed from their jobs under terms of the City Charter any time a qualified U.S. citizen was available for the job.

The Supreme Court majority said it was not necessary to deal with all of the specifics of the case.

"We are of the opinion that the federal supremacy in the field of immigration precludes the city from establishing citizenship as a condition to eligibility for Civil Service examination for general public employment," Justice Neill wrote.

He said the comment applied to jobs designated as needed by the U.S. Secretary of Labor.

In a broader area, Justice Neill said, "Discrimination solely on the basis of alienage, a process inconsistent with the principles of a free and open society, is also highly suspect under the specific constitutional precepts of the Fourteenth Amendment."

The high court ruling on the engineers reversed a decision by King County Superior Court Judge Charles Z. Smith. The case was sent back to Judge Smith for action in accord with the ruling.

Welfare eligibility of aliens in Cal. clarified

SAN FRANCISCO — The new section on eligibility of aliens in the Welfare Reform Bill signed last month by Gov. Reagan was expected to give the Issei more protection than they had last January, NCWDC Governor Shig Sugiyama said this past week upon receipt of the particular text in the bill.

The text follows: Sec. 24. Section 11104 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

11104. Any alien who is otherwise qualified for aid shall be eligible to receive public assistance if he certifies under penalty of perjury that to the best of his knowledge he is in the country legally and is entitled to remain indefinitely, or if he certifies that he is not under order for deportation, or if he certifies that he is married to an individual not under order for deportation.

Such certification by the alien shall, upon receipt, be forwarded to the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service for verification. Aid shall continue pending such verification.

If an alien has been residing in the United States continuously for five years or more at the time the county department requests certification of his legal right to reside, the affidavits of two U.S. citizens attesting to such continuous residence by the alien shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the alien is entitled to be in the country for purposes of determining eligibility.

If an alien subject to the provisions of this section is not fluent in English, it shall be the duty of the county department to provide an understandable explanation of the requirements of this section in a language in which the alien is fluent.

In Los Angeles county, Issei indigent along with many persons of Mexican ancestry were told to provide proof of their "legal residence" in order to qualify for welfare assistance.

GIs abandon 'hanayome'

LOS ANGELES — When Yasuko Nakajima married Bill Brown in 1954 she was a girl from a farm village working in a Tokyo restaurant and he was a lonely American GI, the Associated Press reported.

Because she had heard about rich Americans, she thought Bill was wealthy, but later learned he was an enlisted man with practically no money.

Bill's family did not accept his Japanese bride when the couple returned to the Port of Long Beach. He stayed with her and got a job as a traveling salesman. Things didn't go well with their separation.

Now Yasuko Nakajima Brown (not her real name) works as a barmaid, lives in a run-down house infested with cockroaches and often gives dog or cat food to her two children because she can't afford anything better.

OSC Estimate

Officials at the Oriental Service Center here say Yasuko's situation is similar to many of the 2,000 Japanese wives in the Los Angeles area who have been abandoned by their husbands.

Isolated from American society because of their difficulty in speaking English and cut

off from their families in Japan, who opposed the interracial marriages, many Japanese wives come to the center.

Yuki Yamagita said the center deals with about 50 abandoned Japanese wives a year. The center affords them a place to talk about their problems and it seeks outside help.

The center, established in 1968 by the Office of Economic Opportunity, is believed to be only one of its type in the country.

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"Marriage of a war bride with a second-generation Japanese man is unusual—an affair maybe, but marriage is most unlikely because of family opposition."

Where Are They?
Most of the abandoned wives work in restaurants in the city's Little Tokyo district or other Japanese restaurants as barmaids.

"They feel comfortable working in a Japanese restaurant where they can understand the language, said bartender Richard Hamaguchi.

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Capital Scene

David Ushio

Plight of Issei Needy

On a recent trip I met an interesting Nisei lady who engaged me in a long conversation about various subjects centered around topic of JACL concern. Her candid comments are, in my opinion, worth noting.

Quite indignantly she expressed dissatisfaction with what she has been reading in the Pacific Citizen concerning the plight of Issei senior citizens. Her comments ran something like this, "It bothers me that many people are saying that the time-honored adage that 'Japanese take care of their own' is a myth. It sounds as though all Issei are suffering in poverty and that their Nisei children just don't care anymore about their families." She went on to tell me that her own parents had lived with her family in the same home since she and her husband were married. They had cared for them through all their lives and the Issei parents were happy and thankful and most of all content to know that their children cared. "They have both passed away now and it is quite lonesome around here now that they are gone."

She pointed out that her husband's older brother had cared for his parents in his own home for years and that a great many of their Nisei friends had Issei parents living with them now. "I just don't believe that Nisei are abandoning their parents to live in poverty, I think that a great many Nisei are offended by the blanket statement that Japanese Americans do not care of their own because we do."

My first comment was to say that in a great many cases Japanese American families do indeed take care of their Issei folks. My own grandmother has lived in a home built next to my parents' home for many many years. Before that she lived with us in our home. Obachan's home is cozy, with all the modern conveniences that anyone could hope for. As a matter of fact, as I grew up living next door, I recall that the family provided her with a color TV long before anyone else had one and some of my fondest memories are of weekend afternoons watching baseball or football games with my grandfather on their color TV. The yards are adjoining with beautiful gardens in between which Obachan spends hours each day cultivating.

My Nisei friend said, "So you know what I mean; your family has taken care of your grandparents!" I replied that, yes, a great many Nisei do indeed care for their Issei parents but that doesn't necessarily mean that all Japanese Americans take care of their own or that all Issei have families to take care of them. If the society-at-large believes the blanket statement that all aged Japanese are being taken care of by their families, then those Issei who have no family or who do not enjoy the care of their families are the ones who suffer. They suffer because government social service agencies set up to take care of the elderly who need help, divert their attention elsewhere because the agency is under the impression that all Issei are provided for because "Japanese Americans take care of their own."

In fact, a survey taken of Issei residing in the Little Tokyo area has uncovered many revealing statistics. One question was asked as to in case of emergency do you have someone to turn to for help. Thirteen percent of the Issei replied that they had no one at all to turn to. Eighty-nine percent stated that if care were necessary they would prefer to stay in a hospital rather than in a nursing home or with a relative.

My Nisei friend was astonished to learn that in fact many Issei were not being cared for and that she would like to know more. So I dug up some information that had been provided to me by various groups in the country regarding the status of the pioneer generations living in Asian American communities. Some of the more disturbing statements were in the area of housing. A summary statement of a recent survey indicated among other things that most of the senior citizens were living in one room apartments, or at best one room and a small kitchen. Moreover, 65% do not have a phone readily available, 12% do not have a heater or hot water in their rooms, 67% do not have private toilets, and 58% do not have any cooling device for hot weather.

Needless to say, the Nisei lady to whom I had been talking was appalled at this discovery. When I indicated to her that according to my understanding many of the aged are single bachelors who have never married and who, even if all Nisei took care of their own parents, would still suffer from lack of care. Over 50% of these men are 70-years-old or older and were the pioneers who came to this country to seek their fortune only to be trapped by discriminatory laws in the "Yellow Peril" era.

Another report describes the results of a dental clinic which was conducted on the behalf of the Issei recently. A few conclusions are revealing. Thirty-eight percent of those examined had some sort of denture or denture related problem. A very high percentage were not working nor was the necessary dental care covered by Medicare or Medicaid. The report revealed some very disturbing cases:

"1—An atomic bomb victim who needs extensive work and special attention.

"2—A 69-year-old man with no teeth surviving on \$73 per month with another person.

"3—Another participant not only has no teeth, but can hardly talk because of the pain.

"4—Another has six teeth left and it's extremely painful when chewing food with these teeth. He has not been able to afford to see a dentist since 1956, over 15 years ago.

"5—A 62-year-old has not seen a dentist since before WW2 (except for teeth cleaning) and has several teeth missing.

"6—Others have been refused because they are on Medicare.

"7—Another has had no care for 21 years and has had cerebral palsy since 1968."

After talking at length to my Nisei friend she said to me, "I can see why many young people are disturbed by the stereotype that Japanese Americans take care of their own. Now I can visualize the heartache and loneliness that many Issei are facing. I only wish I could do something." She went on to say, "But it still bothers me to be labeled a person who doesn't take care of my parents, because I do."

Stereotypes and myths are part of the struggle we as Asian Americans face in all areas. Whether it is Japanese Americans take care of their own or Japanese Americans do not take care of their own. Either way it is a false representation. In the case of the aged Issei, many are cared for beautifully by their families but when only this aspect is publicized the result is the myth that leaves the poverty stricken Issei without care that he rightfully deserves.

I saw a poster recently that read "I believe in the dignity of the individual." Stereotypes destroy this dignity.

NEWS CAPSULES

Government

Redevelopment

Little Tokyo Development Co., builders of the proposed \$5 million commercial shopping center straddling Moline Alley in Little Tokyo, named Tom Kamei as its structural engineering consultant, joining the firms of Cashion-Horie and Kajima Associates as project architects. He was structural engineering consultant for the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project, reporting in 1969 that 75 percent of the area buildings was structurally unsound or unfeasible for rehabilitation. His survey was a major factor behind LTRP's successful application for a federal urban renewal program, according to project director Kango Kunitugu.

Education

The scarcity of summer jobs may be one reason the course in Japanese conversation at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Center at Toronto was the largest it has ever been. Forty teenagers, all of them third generation Canadians attended two nights a week for six weeks, said Robert Kadoguchi, executive director at the center. Other summers it was very hard to bring enough teenagers together for a course he added.

Koki T. Asakura, 26, formerly the Urban League director of education and youth opportunities, was appointed ombudsman for the Pasadena United School District, a position funded by the federal government through the Urban League Pasadena-Foothill branch. The Baton Rouge (La.)-born official who grew up in the Pasadena area where he was an honor student at both high school and city college is a Cal State-L.A. graduate now a Ph.D. candidate at the Univ. of Illinois. Specific provisions for an ombudsman-type program were spelled out in recently announced guidelines for federal aid to desegregating school districts. His major assignment is to investigate "real and imagined" infringements of parents and student rights, define such rights and responsibilities in the integration process, disseminate information and train leaders to implement integration.

Politics

Richard Tsukiji, candidate for a Sacramento City Council post, called for a third-party mediator in contract negotiations between the city and its public employees, especially those in the safety sector such as police and firemen who should not be allowed to strike and thereby jeopardize community safety and welfare. He is in support of Measure B on the Sept. 21 ballot, calling for compulsory arbitration.

Press Row

Honolulu Star Bulletin writer, Arlene Lum, 29, received permission to enter mainland China Aug. 23 to spend about a month traveling and reporting where few American journalists have been permitted during the past 22 years. She had been in Hong Kong for several weeks studying Chinese culture and was intending to return home. Journalism major Paul M. Tokunaga is in his junior year at Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo was chosen managing editor of the campus daily, "Mustang." He is the 19-year-old son of the Katsumi Tokunagas of 880 Monica Lane, Campbell, Calif.

Entertainment

For more than a year, Marcus Mukai of Tacoma has been letting the sunshine in the musical production of "Hair." He had been plucked from the Miami show in which he had started in April, 1970, to join the national touring company this January and it opened in

Seattle last month. Mukai said he plans to leave the show after its Vancouver, B.C., performance to organize a soft rock-combo group for possible nightclub appearances in the Northwest.

Government

The Tokyo Shimbun reported Armin H. Meyer, U.S. Ambassador to Japan, will resign shortly to run as a Republican congressional candidate from Illinois. An Embassy spokesman denied the story.

The name of Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi, L.A. county chief medical examiner and coroner, was back in the news last week in the wake of another county personnel notice. This time the 30-day suspension of Public Administrator Baldo M. Kristovich, the state code provides the coroner to assume the post if the public administrator fails to perform his duty. And if the coroner cannot, then the supervisors may appoint a suitable administrator. Meanwhile, Kristovich has denied the charges, including the showing of "favoritism" to judges and other officials in the sales of automobiles from estates under his control. Kristovich said he would appeal with the Civil Service Commission.



Dr. Thomas Noguchi

mission. Dr. Noguchi himself was vindicated by the Civil Service Commission after a six-week hearing in 1968 when he answered charges against him by the county counsel.

Music

Gifted Japanese guitarist, Aiko Ito, and her French husband Henri Dorigny were presented in a Sacramento recital of 17th-18th Century guitar music at Parish Hall Aug. 18. The major piece was Vivaldi-Bach's Concerto in D.

Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, president of San Francisco State College, will be narrator for the Oakland Symphony's presentation of Peter Menin's Cantata de Virtue next February. It is based on Robert Browning's poem, "The Pied Piper of Hamelin."

Lyric coloratura soprano Aemiko Inuma, whose most recent appearances have been to Alice Tully Hall, Radio City Music Hall and the Juillard School of Music, will make her European debut this month in a performance with the National Symphony Orchestra of Oslo, Norway. From Oslo, she will travel through Denmark, Switzerland and London.

Business

George Y. Fujii of Salt Lake City, chief building appraiser of the Utah State Tax Commission, has been awarded the M.A.I. (Member Appraisal Institute) designation by the governing council of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers, the highest level of membership in the institute, a standing only 4,200 appraisers have qualified for since the institute was founded in 1932.

Fourteen huge tires, each weighing 3.3 tons, to equip 200-ton dump trucks, were recently developed by Bridgestone Tire Co., Tokyo, and sent to America, according to Jiji Press. The firm is proud of its foresight in having completed a factory specializing in

super-sized tires ahead of the America tire giants in view of a growing demand for larger dump trucks among overseas mining interests to make up for the shortage of skilled labor. The tire measures about 12 ft. wide in outside diameter and over 3 1/2 ft. thick.

Crime

A young Japanese couple, hitch-hiking westward across the U.S., was robbed and the husband, Tsutomu Takahashi, 25, was critically wounded Aug. 24 by the suspect, according to his wife, Shizuko, 24, on Interstate 40 east of Amarillo. Investigators, searching for a "dark skinned man with sideburns," extended their search to eastern New Mexico when a service station attendant in Portales, N.M., (on US 60) said a man fitting the description stopped for gasoline the same day about 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Takahashi said the suspect gave them a ride in his white van-type vehicle from Columbus, Ohio. Investigators said \$1,700 in travelers checks belonging to the Takahashis were found on a farm-to-market road about 95 miles east of Amarillo.

Radio-TV

NBC News' "Today" program will originate for a week, starting Oct. 4, from Japan — covering traditional and contemporary aspects. The videotaped broadcasts will be flown back to the states for airing a day or two later.

Health

With the hiring of Dora Arakaki, ADA, a Japanese American dietician, Gardena Community Hospital is now serving Japanese foods several times a week, it was reported by Robert B. Elfont, administrator. Named administrator last May 3 he has made other innovations at the hospital which reflect the heavy Japanese background of the community.

China-born Dr. Julius F. Sue and Univ. of Oregon Medical School graduate is president of the French Hospital medical staff, which is located in Chinatown Los Angeles. In the process of expansion, it will double its present capacity to 150 beds. Dr. Sue was a medical officer with the U.S. Army Air Force during WW2 in India and China.

Dr. Charles L. Allen has been named medical director for Metropolitan State Hospital, Norwalk, succeeding

WILLIAM HIROTO

From the Crossroads to Yamato

LOS ANGELES — Former publisher of the Crossroads weekly newspaper, William T. "Wimpy" Hiroto, 42, has been named vice president of Yamato Restaurants' San Francisco, Century City and Newport Beach operations. It was announced by Kenji Ishizaki, Yamato chairman.

Hiroto last month (Aug. 27), discontinued publication of his all-English newspaper in Little Tokyo, founded by the late Robert Uno in 1948.

"We are extremely pleased to obtain the talents and services of Mr. Hiroto," Ishizaki stated. "He will immediately engage in policy decisions and operational procedures for our restaurants."

"His public relations-journalism background will be invaluable in the areas of promotion as well as his proven abilities in customer and employee relations."

"My brothers and I have been well aware of the necessity to broaden our management base and were delighted that he (Hiroto) would be available to be the first to join our team," Ishizaki says.

The Yamato chain is owned and operated by Kenji and brothers, Kobo and Joe. Hiroto received his A.A. at Riverside College and B.S. at the Univ. of So. Calif., majoring in journalism. An Army

Dr. George Abe, who was director for 11 years. The Nisei physician will be staff consultant on a half-time basis. The Calif. Dept. of Health Care Service commended the staff of Keiro Nursing Home at Los Angeles following its recently concluded Medical Inspection. The inspector had no recommendations for improvement, noting their high nursing standards, progressive rehabilitation program and excellent social services department. "While it does not mean there is no room for improvement, the inspection team report (of April, 1971) was a compliment to the hard-working staff at Keiro and an encouragement to continue maintaining the highest standards," assistant administrator Arthur Ito commented.

Military

Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) today urged high school students to compete in the 25th annual "Voice of Democracy" scholarship program sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary. A Life Member of the VFW, Matsunaga said "All students can win in this contest. Some of the most important prizes are increased self confidence, the ability to communicate effectively, and valuable practice in expressing ideas clearly." The National First Prize winner will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to the college of his choice. Each State winner will receive a five-day, expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national contest. The theme of the 1972 contest will be "My Responsibility to Freedom." Entrants will be required to write and then tape record a three-to-five minute radio broadcast script expressing their views on this subject. Students may obtain additional information through their high school principals and the VFW.

Awards

San Francisco Japan Week scholarships of \$500 each went to four Bay Area students and a Univ. of Colorado coed. There were 28 applicants. The fund was established last year with a \$50,000 surplus from the successful 1969 Japan Week festivities. The recipients are: Mary-Ann Eiko Hattori, 2134 Grove St., San Francisco; Linda Kiyotake, 7450 Bryant St., Westminister, Colo.; Kazuo Chris Maizawa, 1709 Hopkins St., Berkeley; Stephen Arthur Nakajo, 368 Arguello Blvd., San Francisco; John Hideki Sugiyama, 36784 Riviera Drive, Fremont.

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Local Scene

Los Angeles

Interest in Japanese architecture, which Dr. and Mrs. James Roorda developed through UCLA extension courses, has led to their construction of an authentic tea ceremony house in their garden of their Rolling Hills home. It was week-end building project over an eight-month period. Koichi Kawana, design consultant at UCLA and Extension course instructor on Japanese art and architecture, lauded the Roorda structure as superior in detail. Kawana resumes his UCLA Extension classes Sept. 22 on campus in architecture

Sports

Joe Kishi, veteran West Los Angeles golfer and businessman, signed a 14-year lease with the city of Costa Mesa to take over the entire operation of the city's two golf courses — Mesa Linda (3,500 yards) and Los Lagos (6,600 yards). The city also appropriated funds to enhance the condition of the courses. Some \$100,000 worth of improvements are planned, in progress or completed. Kishi is president of E.J. Elliott Co., which operated golf carts at Griffith Park, Rancho Park and Sepulveda golf courses.

Vital Statistics

The newly-wed Jon Hatakeyama (nee Connie Yasuhiro of Fremont) are at home in San Francisco following the Aug. 22 ceremonies at the So. Alameda Buddhist Church with the Rev. Yukawa officiating. A Fresno State College graduate now studying dentistry at UC Medical Center, the bridegroom was a Fresno Jr. JACL president at the time he met Connie at a Jr. JACL convention. The bride, a Hayward State graduate, is a manager-buyer with Emporium.

A son was born Aug. 28 to Mrs. and the late Maj. Dennis H. Uyenoyma (killed Jan. 13 while on a military mission in Korea) at Cape Cod (Mass.) Hospital. For both sets of grandparents, he was their first grandson.

Deaths

M. Justin Herman, 62, director of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, died Aug. 31. He is credited with building the city's Japan cultural and trade center other than the owner-builders, National-Braemar, Inc. He also encouraged the current redevelopment of the Nihonmachi area.

and Sept. 29 on art at the Wilshire Sinai Temple.

Parents of the L.A. Chinese Drum & Bugle Corps will honor L.A. Superior Court Judge Delbert Wong, cinematographer James Wong Howe and Assemblywoman March K. Fong (D-Oakland) at its Moon Festival dinner-dance Sept. 18 at the new Convention Center. The corps is comprised of some 140 youth, believed to be the largest all-Oriented youth musical group in the U.S.

In honor of Mrs. Kaoru Shimano, founder and long-time teacher of the Rafu Daiichi Okaen. A group of her former students and graduates will host a luncheon Sept. 26, 12:30 p.m., at the Kawafuku Restaurant. Reservations may be mailed at \$5 per person to Toshiye Nagata, 3926 Rio Hondo, Rosemead, 91770 before Sept. 18.

A wealth of information on the veterans benefits under the G.I. Bill will be available with W.W. Kessler, VFW Dept. Service Officer, as speaker at the Santa Barbara Savings and Loans Assn. on Sept. 11, 8 p.m., according to the Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9938.

Salt Lake City

Basketball competition may begin among Issei here this November if the community athletic program is launched successfully, according to Jimi Mitsunaga and Tatsi Misaka, who are coordinating a league to be comprised of eight teams from Ogden, North Davis and Salt Lake City. And if there are enough 8th and 6th graders wanting to play in a Pee Wee League, a clinic will be incorporated into the program. Purpose of the leagues was to acquaint Issei throughout the area.

Twenty-five Issei were guests at the Issei Center program Aug. 21 at the Japanese Church of Christ. Mrs. Karl Nakamura presented a program of local talent and a Japanese luncheon was served by Mrs. Floyd Tsujimoto and committee. A chartered bus trip to observe the seasonal change of canyon colors is slated for this month. The center is also soliciting funds for its program. Contributions may be sent to Salt Lake Issei Center, 242 S. 4th East, Salt Lake City 84111.

Porcelain show

LOS ANGELES — "Blue and White Porcelains of the Far East" are on display at the L.A. County Museum of Art through Oct. 31, representing a historical survey that goes back nearly 700 years when cobalt-blue designs under a transparent glaze began to dominate ceramics production in China, according to George Kuwayama, senior curator of Far Eastern art.

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Because people get hurt, need for JACL continues

(To properly identify those present and participating in the Planning Commission sessions, they are: TOM SHIMASAKI, chairman; DAVE TAKASHIMA, JIM MATSUOKA, Pacific Southwest; JAMES KUBOTA, Central; SHIG SUGIYAMA, No. Calif. Nevada; Dr. JIM TSUJIMURA, Pacific Northwest; JOE NISHIKAWA, Intermountain; WALTER ALLEN JR., Mountain Plains; DR. OTTO FURUTA, Midwest; BILL MARUTANI, Eastern; JAMES MURAKAMI, Nat'l. v.p. research & services; MASAO SATOW, JEFFREY MATSUI, staff; HARRY HONDA, PC.)

SHIMASAKI — I'm going to ask Otto to start discussion on membership.

FURUTA — First part of this topic, the 18-30 group, has been discussed and the need to get them into JACL programs. In the Midwest, what bothers us much is that membership is stagnant, so that the 18-30 group is important potentially.

MATSUI — The real gap we have is the 25-40 group, the ones who grew up out of camp in the 50s and 60s. It's a funny group. They really have no feel or responsibility toward the Japanese community, for one thing. The Greater Pasadena Area chapter (which is that 25-40 group), when they talk to their friends in that age group, find they are not active in the community. They feel detached from their community. I find they're proportionately very much anti-JACL and seem to know the least about JACL. We don't seem to communicate well with that group simply because we don't have many in that age group. So after talking to the CPA chapter, they tell me we'll have to wait until after these people who have kids are finished raising them to their teens. Then these people will find some use for an organization like JACL.

FURUTA — While that may be true, but our problem in the Midwest is that same people who have been in JACL for so long are the same people who are being asked to serve the chapter over and over again. They pretty soon get to a position of being worn out and ask the younger people

to take over. So where are the younger people? They're not around. And these are the people who have the attitude and the drive to get things done.

MATSUI — Except in our area, I don't think we have really had them (the 25-40) around.

SATOW — As I go around Northern California, we have some in the 25-40 age group. There are some chapter presidents in their late 20s and early 30s. I think it all depends on how chapters operate at the local level.

SUGIYAMA — I think some of our chapters are making a conscious effort to get them. It may not be a dramatic thing yet, but the trend is there. You can see the effort to bring down the age-level, like in Sacramento and San Francisco.

SATOW — It's getting so that I don't know who the chapter presidents are in Northern California. At least I knew chapter presidents as they had served earlier on chapter boards.

SUGIYAMA — Even at the National Board, I felt I was the youngest district governor there.

MATSUI — In spite of what people say about the Board, it is representative of the membership. The age group is 40 on up. But I am not saying we don't have any in the 25-40 age group as we see some starting to come in about a year ago at that age group.

SATOW — So, it's a gradual process.

SHIMASAKI — Did the Membership Committee submit a report to the National Board?

MURAKAMI — None was made.

SUGIYAMA — Let's look at the people in the colleges. We know they're either committed to existing activities or inclined in that direction and not interested in JACL because of age disparity. But when they get out of college, that 20-40 group will face reality, by trying to get established during this critical time, becoming a part of the establishment, meeting the immediate needs of family. And some

may be fortunate to get a good 8-to-5 job and get into professions where they do have more time to devote to things outside of their immediate needs for survival.

But it's difficult to track these people down. The people who bowl, for instance, and who spend more time than what JACL membership dues are on one night) feel bowling is more important to fit their outside needs than other outside concerns. This is a reality we must face.

Even the younger people we have on, we try to involve them, and on to the chapter board, but they aren't willing to spend more time, so it's a valid argument. I don't have an answer, but it is another reality of life.

TSUJIMURA — I think this age group (25-40) because of family grouping is up at their most critical time. You have to spend more time with the kids, etc. But after that, they'll have enough time.

SHIMASAKI — We've got to have a membership drive. We've got to have more members to fund some of the things we've been talking about.

I recently went to a wedding which wasn't a Japanese affair but there were about 20 of them and I asked if they were JACL members. None said they were. Then I asked them if they had any strong feelings against JACL. None said they had. Then I asked them if they would join. Couple didn't answer but others said they would.

So it's a matter of asking. I refuse to believe we can't increase membership.

SUGIYAMA — Talking about the 25-40 age-group, perhaps we can have chapters programs involving the younger group and I don't mean Jr. JACL — but the sub-20 age group. We can get their parents involved, demonstrate to them what JACL can do.

SATOW — It's a matter of involving people, whether they are members or not. We have to see they can do something that's easy to do and then thanking them and recognizing them. These are the things to do. It's easier to ask the standbys or the same people, but then we are doing them a disservice, too.

SUGIYAMA — There's a psychological gimmick and I don't know whether it's valid or not, but people have the idea that to make friends, you have to do something for someone else. But I think that's the wrong approach. You can gain friends by asking someone to do something for you. We can perhaps get non-members in by asking them to help JACL.

SHIMASAKI — I don't believe a person grows in stature unless he is involved in the lives of other people. Seems to me, by looking around the community, there are wasted lives because of their talent and we don't involve them in the vital problems of the community. How do we challenge people to do this? We have to get people involved and then we can have good members.

MATSUOKA — With reference to the older Nisei group, they know what it is to be discriminated against and saw a need for JACL, but the 18-30 group has not really encountered overt discrimination so it's pretty hard to convince them to JACL. So it comes back to what image JACL has.

And since the younger group has not faced discrimination personally, obviously the younger people will say JACL is not relevant to them, even when JACL's program is fighting for equality.

SATOW — So maybe we should ask some of these younger people like Frank Iwama, Dennis Nishikawa, etc. (of Sacramento), how they became involved in JACL. We can learn much from young adults in JACL today.

MATSUOKA — We go again to the image of JACL. These young adults do not feel JACL is the vehicle for doing what they think needs to be done in the community.

SUGIYAMA — This may be your views because of your associations, but looking at the silent majority, the image of JACL is not whether what JACL is doing for the community but what it can do for me. And I think the large majority of these young people (25-40) are concerned about self, though some have feelings for the less fortunate.

MATSUI — Are you saying that the majority of the Sansei feel JACL is irrelevant to serving the community?

SUGIYAMA — The concept I am pointing to is a particular segment, the Sansei from affluent families, but I am trying to show that all Sansei are not that class.

MATSUI — I am hearing quite the opposite. The young people feel that JACL is only serving one segment of the community — the middle-class. Looking back the past 15 years after all the laws were repealed or passed, JACL might have come quite dormant by satisfying this segment only, and since it had been adequate in the past, they're keeping paying their dues. But for the young person growing up in the past 10 years, they perceive JACL has not been relevant to the needs of people asking for help.

SUGIYAMA — I am saying people in the 25-40 group are trying to get the good things of life, are trying to get established. I am not referring to the college-level group you refer to who are not set in

direction and have no personal commitment, still without any problems about security. These people I am talking about have started or are about to start buying a house, making payments on their car, etc., and therefore not concerned about helping others right now. Even chapter dues seem too much.

FURUTA — Are you saying there's nothing we can do about that group?

SUGIYAMA — I'm not saying that. I am talking about what people are saying why they are not joining JACL because it's not relevant. And in most cases, relevant means service to the community. I question the validity of that statement in terms of one joining JACL in terms of social needs.

SHIMASAKI — Is a national membership drive feasible?

HONDA — When PC computerizes its subscription list, it can be a great tool for chapters on that score. Or work out a renewal campaign conducted by mail and have the membership committee handle the mop-up and concentrate on the new. Right now, the committees have enough working on renewals.

KUBOTA — The BCA started a campaign to keep their membership and give something to the membership in return and also make use of the funds, which might attract a lot of the 18-30 age group — and this may go against those selling insurance — but it may be the thing JACL might consider... a fraternal insurance thing.

SUGIYAMA — It's not really insurance for the payoff is only \$500, but a "sustaining membership" thing so that some people now refer to as instant koden. Out of this, a trust fund has been established.

KUBOTA — In the 18-30, married couple group, it has been a positive, attractive factor that is analogous to the JACL health insurance plan in holding this group together. In the Fresno area, JACL grew because of health insurance since that was competitive with other health groups. Some are even haku-jin. Now people are waiting for open enrollment.

MARUTANI — Situation may have changed, but several years ago I checked with several life insurance firms about fraternal insurance and they turned me down.

SHIMASAKI — One of the obstacles here is the big reserve that is required in this type of program. It'll take all of the endowment fund to establish it because it would be self-insured.

KUBOTA — Nevertheless, it's something we should consider since other organizations have done it.

SUGIYAMA — What is our potential membership? Say, we set a goal of 50,000. Let's say JACL, other than the BC, is the only nationwide organization representing any of the Asian American community. While some say JACL does not represent all Japanese Americans, it is the only nationwide organization that has a responsibility to that community. When the outside community wants a contact with Asian or the Japanese communities, whom do they come to except to JACL? So the need is there for JACL. We're looked upon that way so it's incumbent upon JACL to expand its membership, make it more representative and gain their support.

SHIMASAKI — Is this your recommendation?

SUGIYAMA — Yes. In fact, I tried to establish at our first district meeting to set a goal of 2,000 new members. In the absence of a nationwide emphasis to increase membership, when I got up to ask for that, I got nowhere. There is no incentive — and now that we cut down rebates, there goes another incentive.

SHIMASAKI — If such a recommendation to have a goal is adopted by the National Council, then the President will have to appoint someone to the membership committee with that in mind. And the appointee will also have a specific function to do. I favor a national membership drive on a much more aggressive basis than what has been conducted heretofore.

KUBOTA — Being one of the oldtimers here, we (Fresno) have gone on an all-out membership drive at the local level. But the feedback is, what are we doing? In our farm area, they see we're doing the same thing over and over and no gain locally.

SUGIYAMA — We should push JACL as being the only national organization now and get more support and become more legitimately as spokesmen for the Japanese community. So the approach is not what JACL can do for you, but what you can do for JACL so that JACL can do those things that you think ought to be done.

MATSUI — So if they come back and ask, what are some of the things you (JACL) have done so far as for helping us.

SHIMASAKI — It'll be a hard concept to sell when soliciting the average person for membership. We have to tell he's going to get something.

SUGIYAMA — There have been enough programs around by now so that they're bound to be a success somewhere.

SATOW — Another thing about membership is that people join because the right person had asked them.

MARUTANI — Shig, what got you into JACL?

SUGIYAMA — Both my brother and sister were on the membership committee and I had a membership card waiting for me. I couldn't say "no" to them, there was obligation to them.

SATOW — Then you didn't join because JACL was the only national organization that was...

SUGIYAMA — No.

SATOW — So, there were practical or personal considerations...

SUGIYAMA — But that reinforces what I was trying to say, that people will join if you ask them to. Then when the end of the year came around, I found myself elected to the chapter board... at least, I was asked.

MARUTANI — It was a willing arm-twisting then...

How about you, Dave?

TAKASHIMA — When I was in the youth program, I saw JACL as a Nisei organization. And I thought that there might be some changes made. And I felt there was an opportunity to make them, so I got involved to make them and joined...

SATOW — And I hope you're not getting discouraged...

TAKASHIMA — I've been discouraged, though. JACL, however, is a dynamic organization; it has shift, it's got potential. The challenge is there.

MARUTANI — Well, there are challenges in any organization. What about you, Otto?

FURUTA — I have the same reasons as Dave's, but I have never been in the Junior program. I was never in JACL at all till I got to St. Louis. Before that, while a student at Colorado, I was in their Japanese Club, then we got to know some JACL leaders like Masao, Jerry Enomoto who were interested in organizing a Junior program with Mile-Hi. Then when I went to St. Louis, I listened to chapter president at the time about the problems they had (and it was to get a chapter president), so the challenge was presented to me.

SUGIYAMA — Another point to stress here is the Japanese factor. It's the common link that JACL has in terms of membership.

MARUTANI — But why should there be a "link"? That's what my kids ask. They say we're uptight by counting on that Japanese bit; just relax.

SUGIYAMA — Perhaps that's the difference between Nisei and Sansei. Nisei perhaps have more pride in being Japanese, understanding "hail"...

MARUTANI — The Sansei don't buy that; they can't comprehend that. They say we're hung up on Evacuation and all that, they are saying, "Relax pop; we're not that bad. Why keep crusading that Japanese bit? Even some Nisei are getting to think that way."

If we can come close to the answer of what draws us together, then we can address ourselves to the question of membership and not twist people's arm.

MATSUI — Once you get into JACL, there is a matter of pride. You also see how the system is working and you want to protect the welfare of others even if the others don't care whether they are being made fools of.

There should be an organization for people when they get hurt — so they can come over and get help or put their anguish into JACL and push for positive programs to help themselves and others. Right now the young people may be PO'd about us and do their own thing or join other groups to do things for other minorities. So we shall have to wait, waiting for them — the young people — to come out of it.

But we need a conservative and stable organization like ours that understands there are frustrations and anguish

and then channel that energy rightfully. Perhaps that's why we have young people who drop out with pills for escape. Maybe JACL is not the thing for them.

But, with people like Takashima and Matsuoka coming in, the mechanism will be established in JACL so that young people frustrated in society can come in and straighten things out rather than blowing themselves out.

MARUTANI — What about others who don't bat themselves out, who don't take pills...

SHIMASAKI — Rather than come to a decision now, let's save the rest till Sunday morning and move on.

Sunday Session

SHIMASAKI — On membership, what is the national chairman supposed to be doing? Is there anything written on that?

SATOW — Generally, he should assist in recruitment of members, putting out whatever material that would be helpful.

Jeffrey, did you put out that material (membership kit) on your own or at the direction of the chairman? Actually, wasn't it a repetition of what was worked up before?

MATSUI — Well, we have been putting the stuff out regularly with some slight changes... but we know it's got to be changed for there needs to be work put into it. Initially, I did it because Dave Miura said "What are we paying you for?"

SHIMASAKI — When we talked about fraternal insurance the other day and we talked about conducting a membership drive on a national scale, somehow by some means — and we don't know by what means — but definitely we have to increase our membership. I won't say it's the only way but it would be a better way of funding some of the projects that we have in mind.

SATOW — To be really effective, a national membership chairman would have components in the district councils who know which chapters have no members when the first report is made and can push these chapters. A letter from us is not enough. Someone has to ask the district and say, "I see your district membership is down. What seems to be the reason? Are people sitting down on the job?"

Basically, the membership kit was developed several years ago for chapters who wanted to use it. It was available on a voluntary basis. And chapters have used certain parts of the kit.

Matter of a national membership drive has been raised before. We have rural communities and some other things that make it difficult for them. As for the kit, I have wracked my brains on that and felt some kind of leaflet on JACL be given to the members that says, "This is what JACL is doing and this is the reason for your joining and support."

HONDA — Another idea that PC Board has always had was that PC should go to every member. Since we have couple membership, the PC Board feels that if the second PC were made transferrable and sent to a friend who was a potential member and he reads about the organization and what it is doing so that the next time around when he is asked to join, half of the sales talk would have been done by his reading the PC. We may then be able to expand through this direction.

SATOW — Would the price have to go up?

HONDA — No, it would still be the same. And there is a by-product to this plan. It would also eliminate the PR committee request to send the PCs to their congressmen and to minority organizations. There would be enough spouses who might be encouraged to transfer their subscriptions to them...

SATOW — That's good but wouldn't it raise the cost at the National level?

HONDA — Yes.

SATOW — Instead of sending out 15,000 now to our members, it would mean 25,000. That's where the cost is. It means \$3 times 10,000; that's \$30,000 additional for the budget.

MATSUOKA — Maybe we should look at it from the standpoint of initial investment.

SATOW — Out of the national dues of \$8.50, we are now committed to \$3.00 for PCs. So a lot of people forget that National is only getting \$5.50 in dues — though be-

cause of the couple situation is involved, we are getting more than \$5.50 per member. So maybe we are paying over-all about \$2 per member for PCs.

We also get tied up with postal regulations which insists that the cost of the paper be tied in with membership and when people see that they say they are entitled to a PC and then we have to explain about couple membership. We have a husband who gets his but the wife won't get it so they knock off \$3. That's sharp bookkeeping.

HONDA — To me, making PC available to all is a means of expanding membership because we all don't have time to explain what JACL is doing.

SATOW — But some people getting the PC are even asking that now. Let's face it.

HONDA — But a prospective member would read the paper to find out what's happening.

SATOW — There are other means of boosting membership through clinics and helping the chapters and districts. In San Francisco, for instance, I remember when a new membership chairman took over, he would junk certain ideas which had worked pretty well and go on their own which would mess up. The drive would be delayed. Consequently people would be calling our office asking when's the membership drive.

HONDA — We also have this situation where people say "we don't want the PC." Some are Issei who can't read English well.

SATOW — Some of these things on membership can be worked up in the President's Notebook. For instance, some chapters have installations in November and December. They miss a bet by not signing up members there. In many cases, this may be the only thing they attend.

MATSUI — Talking about PC for every member, it's really not a gimmick — for wider the circulation, the greater the influence JACL has and become more effective. A newspaper does have power; people read what's going on and see different views. The PC is supposed to be a membership paper. There are about 25,000 members but PC's total subscription is about 19,000. This is why we don't get around as much because we are holding back on the circulation of the paper, which is our best weapon to recruit more members and be more effective. I wonder if it's worth the money we are saving by not providing PC for every member in the long run.

SUGIYAMA — On another point, when we decided to eliminate rebates, maybe it was a mistake for there could have been some modifications on that by allowing rebate if

you only go over by so much percentage which would still provide that incentive to increase membership.

SATOW — The Eastern chapters were the ones which pushed for abolishing rebates. But if we went along on that kind of basis, it might have been acceptable for it would be equitable to almost every chapter.

MARUTANI — There would have to be preconditions on that. Number one: You would have to meet the DC quota. And if I read you correctly, Shig, you would have to exceed last year's quota by a certain percentage...

SATOW — But if your last year's membership was exceptionally high, we'll run into trouble.

FURUTA — It's been my observation, at least in St. Louis, that between National and the chapter, the communication is lacking. Let's put more pressure on the district membership chairman.

SATOW — Some have, some don't. We have insisted on membership components in the district councils.

MURAKAMI — Going back to the membership kit, is there a membership slip or application form in it? Lots of time, you specifically don't have that membership form with you and someone asks you he'd like to join, so we then say, "I'll have the membership chairman send you a card." So if we had something handy, a separate application form, it would help.

MATSUI — In our case, we ask them to send us a check to the office and say "We shall then check with you and send it out to the chapter later."

SUGIYAMA — That application form would be tremendously helpful. We don't carry that big form around with us. When people join, they expect to fill out something.

MATSUI — Well, the kit has to be revised. It needs changes bad. We have Bob Nakamura coming up with a different kind of kit.

SUGIYAMA — Let's come up with something we can all carry around — maybe to fit the wallet — to hand out to interested people. If the chapters had those, it would help.

HONDA — Even the PC has a simple subscription blank, listing our rates, with a place for name, address, etc.

SATOW — These are the kinds of things a membership committee should work on. In fact, it's not too late to work on this for next year. Next month, I will be ordering 1972 membership cards.

SHIMASAKI — In fact, we have only seven months till the next National Planning Commission meeting. So, it means a lot of work for the membership chairman to know he has only two months

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Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Los Angeles, Calif.

THE BROAD SWEEP OF HISTORY — Late last month the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association held its 64th annual meeting on the campus of the University of Southern California. There scholars of various degrees of erudition read, heard and discussed such diverse topics as "The Conflict of Science and Theology in the Twelfth Century," "Late 19th Century Pacific Slope Penitentiaries, Reality and Myth," and "The Prosopographical Method in Ancient History."

There were also some sessions that I would have liked to attend. For example, in a discussion titled "Generals and Admirals vs. 'The Establishment,'" there was a paper on Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japan's ambassador in Washington at the outbreak of war in 1941. There was also a session on "Samurai Christians" with special papers on Kozaki Hiromichi, Inouye Tetsujiro and Kitamura Tokoku who must have left their mark on Japanese history but whose names, unfortunately, mean nothing to me.

What makes the Historical Association's meeting pertinent to this column, however, is the fact that one of the sessions was devoted to "Western Reactions to the Relocation of the Japanese Americans." Prof. Robert A. Wilson of the University of California at Los Angeles was chairman, and papers were read by Prof. Leonard J. Arrington of Utah State University and Roger Daniels of the State University of New York, Fredonia. Professor Arrington's paper had to do with Utah's reaction to WRA's decision to send evacuees into that state while Professor Daniels, who until recently was on the University of Wyoming faculty, studied that state's reaction. Professor Harry H. L. Kitano, also of UCLA, was cast in the role of "commentator" on the Utah paper, partly on the strength of his experience as an inmate of the Topaz WRA center in Utah, and I had a similar role regarding Wyoming.

For those of us who'd just as soon forget about the evacuation experience and go on to more immediate matters, the interest that still exists in that chapter of history is not a little surprising. Professor Wilson's session drew a standing-room only attendance with some persons in the audience standing throughout the two hours devoted to the subject.

The essence of Professor Daniels' presentation was that while West Coast pressure triggered the evacuation, the hostility of residents and political leaders of states scheduled to receive the evacuees resulted in a much more repressive program than WRA intended. This hostility, Daniels said, forced Milton Eisenhower, WRA's first director, to abandon plans for handling the relocation "with a minimum of restraint and duress." He adds:

"Had there been, in the four months between Pearl Harbor and Salt Lake City (Eisenhower's disappointing meeting with western governors), an educational and propaganda campaign conducted by the federal government designed to make resettlement acceptable to the people of the interior West, a different result might have ensued. A relocation followed by a quick resettlement was indeed possible, just as a truly voluntary evacuation had been possible; whether or not these possibilities would have worked is, of course, an unanswerable question. They were logical alternatives, but they were never truly attempted."

Professor Arrington's theme was that Mormons, the dominant group in Utah, had a long history of friendship with the Japanese as a result of their missionary endeavors, and this resulted in a less hostile attitude toward the evacuees. Short of violence, the degree of hostility is hard to define, but Professor Kitano's recollections of some of his experiences as a teen-age harvest hand in Utah during the war indicated that not everyone in that state was moved by missionary admonitions to love ye one another.



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Another 'Dec. 7' for Nikkei seen

By SACHI SEKO
Editor, Salt Lake JACL Newsletter

We have been revolving in a circular motion of history and now we are nearing the end of a cycle. President Nixon's announcement of his impending meeting with the Emperor and Empress of Japan in Anchorage together with his dramatic announcement of the Peking trip have brought Asia to the forefront of national political concern. You cannot read a paper or listen to a news commentary

time motion. We have watched with awe, sometimes with fear, if not distrust, the revolutionary movements in politics, education and theology. Perhaps, we Nisei have felt secure in this sophisticated world where suddenly things Japanese were "in." Long ago there was a saying that every man must survive two world conflicts. Many things come in pairs.

Another 'Dec. 7'

For sometime I have had this premonition that our generation will once again be forced to unite as one voice. I have even been as bold as to suggest that the year will not be later than 1972. On December 7, 1941, our average age was 17 or 18. We no longer are excusable on the grounds of inexperience and age.

JACL is the only organized, national body we have. As members we are highly critical, non-supporting and to a degree, disenchanted. But whether it desires to be or not, JACL is recognized as our official common voice. At one time we vowed that we would not live to see our children crucified. It is time to honor that obligation. It is time to carefully re-evaluate our JACL and its leadership. It cannot be accomplished through osmosis. It demands our personal attendance and attention. Now.

PNWDC to meet Sept. 26 near Portland airport

PORTLAND — The Pacific Northwest district council will meet on Sunday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m., at Rodeway Inn near the International Airport here.

Gov. Takeshi Kubota revealed the agenda will include reports on the coming 1972 national convention in Washington, D.C., the 1973 JACL national bowling tournament being hosted by Portland JACL, and the recent National Planning Commission session and plans on the 1974 national convention here.

Mas Satow, national director, is scheduled to report on the national organization.

Even the most superficial knowledge of American history reveals that prejudice in this country has been rooted in color. America imported black slaves and yellow labor, took Mexican territory and used its residents as cheap labor.

The minority movement is an uprising of the oppressed who have always been categorized as second class citizens. To us racism has been synonymous with America. As long as we continue to exist with our yellow skins and our Japanese heritage, it is a fact, that to some, we are identifiable only as Japanese. There is no severing the umbilical cord. For I am, I am.

'Buy American' We note a news item which announces the display of stickers which read, "Buy American." And that I am, too. Not by right of birth alone or by naturalization. But because I have felt the spittle at my feet, have known the lash, and bear yet exposed the ugly scars of our American-style Auschwitz.

We are hopeful that national and global thinking have expanded tremendously in recent years. World travel at phenomenal speeds indicates how small the sphere is. Even going to the moon is a rou-



SUMMERTIME VISITS—Members of San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary, accompanied by young people from Kimochi, Inc., visit Issei at Laguna Honda Home (left) and Hatoyama Rest Home. The Auxiliary also donate \$200 to the Hatoyama Home and \$300 to the Kimochi, Inc., with \$100 of the latter earmarked for the social service committee. Residents at the Laguna Honda were given bedside decorations and manju, while those at Hatoyama home were given Japanese papers through courtesy of Nob Mihara of the Paper Tree in the Japan Trade Center.

CHAPTER PULSE

September Events

Nisei 'success story' panel discussion topic

One of the most interesting meetings under joint sponsorship of West Valley JACL and the Young Japanese Adults, will be held Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m. at San Jose Grace Methodist Church.

Participants on a panel for discussing the Newsweek article, "Success Story: Outwitting the Whites" and on problems of Nisei and other minorities will be fielded by:

Edison Uno, Fred Hirasuna, Dr. Tom Taketa, and a replacement for Isao Fujimoto (who cannot

missing the boat. Tickets are \$10 per person. Those interested should contact Jim Ishimaru at 839-8313 (days) or 339-0566 (evenings).

Issei-Nisei-Sansei art show planned with dinner

More than 20 Japanese American artists will be represented in an art show held in conjunction with the Salt Lake JACL Chow mein dinner Sept. 13, 2-8 p.m., at the Japanese Church of Christ. It is the first time that Issei, Nisei and Sansei talent will be combined in one exhibit. Some pieces will be for display only, others may be purchased.

West L.A. area Issei to be treated Sept. 19

The West Los Angeles JACL and its Auxiliary will host the Issei Appreciation Day at the Felicia Mahood Recreation Center, on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 2-4 p.m.

Gift items which were hand made by Auxiliary members will be presented to every Issei attending. A special movie of the Japanese Imperial Family will be shown through courtesy of the Japanese Consulate Office. A "bento" box

lunch will be provided all Issei. There is no charge.

For additional information or transportation request, persons may call Toy Kanegai 820-1133 (day), 820-3592 or Marion Susuki 826-0241.

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Asians in America
DAVIS — The UC Davis Asian American Studies Division has published its "Asians in America: A Selected Annotated Bibliography" (295 pp., \$4), which was prepared by Isao Fujimoto, Michio Y. Swift and Rosalie Zucker. Institutions are being charged \$5 for the \$50-item book.

'Gohan' in cans

TOKYO — Though labeled "fresh from the oven," cooked rice in cans now on the store shelves in Japan doesn't taste as good as freshly-made "gohan." But its popularity is rising among sportsmen and those who want more leisure time.

QUESTION BOX

Film: 'Manzanar'

Q—Where can we obtain a copy of Bob Nakamura's prize-winning film, "Manzanar"?—J. Y., Chicago.
A—Orders for the 16mm color-sound film are accepted by the JACL Visual Aid Committee, 3222 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles 90016. Price and details sent upon request.

honored guests. For names inadvertently omitted, please contact Mrs. Minami (278-1881).

Those attending are requested to ring their own eating utensils. Reservations should be made with Kaz Kawaguchi or Ted Kitayama, with check enclosed, \$1.75 adults, \$1 for children 12 yrs. and under.

Eden Township barbecue to honor graduates

The annual Eden Township JACL fall barbecue will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Eden Japanese Community center, starting at 6 p.m. Co-chairmen Kaz Kawaguchi and Ted Kitayama will be assisted by:

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may lose up to about two billion dollars in trade with the U.S. alone this year because of the surcharge.

And, if the yen is revalued upward drastically in terms of the dollar, it could mean the actual extra burden placed on Japanese goods in the U.S. could become prohibitive for marketing purposes.

There is no doubt that Japan's import and investment restrictions, its export drives and its financial manipulations all contributed to the President's actions. And, this is not intended as an apology for Japan. Nevertheless, the irritation and even the anger of certain officials and businessmen may be understood in not only the thing but also the manner in which the Nixon package was promulgated.

The Japanese were preparing to accelerate the liberalization of their import and investment opportunities at American insistence; they also were preparing to send their ministers to Washington for Sept. 9-10 meetings with their American counterparts to discuss trade and economic affairs.

And, while the Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs was dispatched to Europe immediately after the announcement in order to inform and explain the program to those concerned, no ranking special envoy or official was sent to Japan until more than two weeks had passed.

Through recent statements issued by leaders on both sides emphasize the need for close U.S.-Japan partnership in the immediate future, they cannot hide the fear and prospect that these two drastic and dramatic announcements.

Some of these apprehensions suggest that the Japanese may decide that it can no longer afford "to put all their eggs into the single United States basket," that perhaps they should seek export and import markets elsewhere that perhaps they should prepare for nuclear defense on their own and seek a revival of militarism.

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Hawaii Today

Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

District Magistrate Jon J. Chinen reports his book, "Original Land Titles in Hawaii," has gone into second printing. He also is the author of "The Great Mahele" and "Just Compensation in Eminent Domain Proceedings." Onetime PC contributor Chinen is also in the private practice of law.

A reception for the Ayumi-no-Hiko group of Japan was held Aug. 27 at the Waikiki Resort Hotel on Koa Ave. Club 100 sponsored the dinner reception which included entertainment by visitors, including Hisaya Morishige, Machiko Kyo and others. Ayumi-No-Hiko is a group of entertainers who perform throughout Japan and in other countries to raise funds for charity.

The 15-year-old Hilo High School students were working as researchers in a summer program sponsored by the National Science Foundation. They were Ruby Kadota, daughter of the Harold S. Kadotas, and Miyu Miyasaka, daughter of the Kiyoshi Miyasakis. They were selected on the basis of achievement. Their main task has been to verify what constitutes a public situation, as opposed to a private one, or decide one where only two persons are involved.

Hideo Okimoto, elevator operator and receptionist at the Alexander and Baldwin building in downtown Honolulu, has retired after 40 years of his ups and downs service. People in the building, big and small, gave Okimoto an aloha party on the occasion of his retirement. They gave their director of vertical transportation and his wife round trip tickets to Japan. The trip to Japan will be Okimoto's first in more than 50 years. "I want to go to Hiroshima where I lived as a boy," Okimoto said. "It was a little village inside a rice patch. I wouldn't miss going back there again."

At State Capitol

James H. Takushi, state director of personnel services, points out that State Merit System regulations forbid any discrimination in hiring or promotions in state jobs. "If we are truly to make change in the merit system and have more women in higher positions, we would have to have more women who can meet the requirements of the system," Takushi says.

School Front

The Lahaina Luma High School gym and the Sacred Hearts School classroom building were destroyed by fire on Aug. 21 and Aug. 17, respectively. Arson has been suspected. Both are schools in Lahaina, Maui. Loss in the Sacred Hearts fire has been estimated at \$300,000. Loss in the Lahaina Luma fire was hard to establish. The gym was built more than 40 years ago and had been scheduled for replacement in a year or two. It's "full house" at Hawaii's six community colleges: the Univ. of Hawaii, campus in Manoa and Hilo College on the Big Island. The following is the enrollment situation at the eight colleges:

Univ. of Hawaii, 23,500; Hilo College, 1,500; Hawaii Community College, 1,600; Honolulu Community College, 2,437; Kapolei Community College, 2,960; Kauai Community College, 484; Leeward Community College, 6,116; Maui Community College, 1,236. The Manoa campus figures include 17,676 undergraduates and 4,927 graduates who have already paid an advance tuition deposit, and 700 students whose applications are still being processed.

Traffic Fatality

Mrs. Mae E. Ohta, 38, and Guy C. Tanabe, 14, were killed in separate auto accidents on Oahu Aug. 25. Guy lived at 45-243 Puuwa Rd. in Kaneohe and Mrs. Ohta lived at 2330 Palolo Ave. in Honolulu. They were Oahu's 76th and 77th traffic fatalities of the year, respectively. Mrs. Ohta was killed on Kalahele Highway near Hawaii-Kai when her car collided head-on with a car which had crossed the center line. The Tanabe boy was killed in Waimanalo when the car in which he was riding collided with an oncoming police car, veered off the road and hit a mango tree.

Business Ticker

Frank Cooper, a senior vice president of the Bank of Hawaii, has blamed the newspapers for harming the island fishcake industry by publishing stories about the level of mercury in the fish product. He made the charge during a talk to the 14th annual meeting of the Western States Weights & Measures Assn. Cooper said the sales of fishcakes plummeted immediately after the newspapers printed stories that the product was "overpolluted with mercury." Cooper said he brought up the point to illustrate his argument that consumerism should be "responsible."

Honolulu Police Chief Francis Keala said on Aug. 25 that "suspicious Mainland groups" are trying to buy local businesses "with the aim of gaining a foothold in Hawaii." At least eight bars and restaurants have received offers from these Mainland representatives, Keala said. He refused to disclose their names.

Disqualification asked of Takabuki electors

By ALLAN BEEKMAN
HONOLULU — Atty. Thomas P. Gill filed a motion in the State Supreme Court asking that the five justices disqualify themselves from ruling in the case of the appointment of Matsuo Takabuki to the Bishop Estate board of trustees.

Though no-part Hawaiian, Gill is the spokesman for a group of Hawaiian civic groups and Hawaiian individuals seeking to oust Takabuki, also no-part Hawaiian. The Hawaiians complain that Takabuki's no-part Hawaiian status and national origin unfit him for the post.

The sole beneficiary of the wealthy Bishop Estate is the race-segregated Kamehameha Schools from which Gill and Takabuki, though born in Hawaii, were barred from enrollment.

The motion says that since the justices chose and appointed Takabuki as the fifth Bishop Estate trustee, they could not rule on the validity of their own decision.

The motion asked that names be drawn by lot to replace the justices after they disqualified themselves.

BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

10 Stories by Author of 'Black Rain'

L.T. LOOKKEAST AND OTHER STORIES, by Masuji Ibuse, translated by John Bester; Palo Alto: Kodansha International Ltd., 247 pp., \$7.95.

Born in Hiroshima Prefecture in 1898, Masuji Ibuse is known in the West for "Black Rain," which appeared in 1965. In this novel, told through the diaries of three characters, he describes the tragedy caused by the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima City.

Ibuse majored in French at Waseda University, and pursued an interest in painting through the School of Fine Arts. While still a student, he published "Salamander," a whimsical tale about an amphibian condemned to imprisonment in a cave because he has outgrown the entrance. He endows the salamander with human attributes such as thought and speech. Though humorous, this caricature of human foibles is heavy-handed compared with Ibuse's later offerings.

"Salamander," which appeared in 1923, is included in the present volume with nine others written over the interim through 1955, when he published "Yosaku the Settler." The stories show his development; most mirror Japanese life at the period when each story was written.

The story of a brave, dedicated, public-spirited policeman, entitled "Tajinko Village" (1939) shows a Japan unlike that depicted in "Lieutenant Lookkeast" (Yohai Tai-

cho), in which the characters, except for the demented protagonist, are war-weary, disillusioned, and cynical.

Army Background

The army had provided him with the background for this story when, for some obscure reason, they sent the apolitical author to Malaya as a reporter. He spent his time there lecturing on ancient Shinto scriptures but soaked up enough military lore for the portrait of Lieutenant Lookkeast, a sobriquet acquired by a chauvinistic officer.

"Lieutenant Lookkeast" had always been fond of bowing to the east. Even on board the transport, he would have his men fall in on the deck, bow towards the east, and give three cheers whenever some good news came over the radio.

Even after the army discharged him as unfit for further service, and he had returned to his native village, he continued his extravagant forms of devotion to the cause. His irrational behavior was irksome to the villagers. When the cause was lost and he continued to exhort them, they often found his behavior intolerable. Perhaps it became most objectionable to them after they learned of the inglorious incident that had landed him in the hospital, bereft him of reason, and caused his discharge from the service.

A Satire

In "Lieutenant Lookkeast," Ibuse satirizes militarism and the militarists, and a vein of satire runs through his work from his first published story, "In Carp" (1926), however, he has progressed from endowing lower forms of life with human attributes to transferring their problems to humans for solution.

In "Carp," a man without a place in which to quarter the fish, receives the gift of a live carp. Human foibles are humorously exposed through his attempts to find a suitable place in which to quarter his fish.

"Life at Mr. Tange's" is the story of the strange relationship between Mr. Tange, 67, and his manservant, 57, who entered the family service as a homeless waif. There is an even stranger relationship between the manservant and his wife, who lives apart from him.

Offbeat Themes

Ibuse's penchant for the offbeat theme is reflected in "Pilgrims' Inn," a lodging run by foundlings who pass a lifetime beneath its roof; in "Plum Blossom by Night," in which the protagonist finds catharsis in alcohol from the gnawing guilt originating in an unpaid debt; in "Old Ushio," in which an old man who rents out stud bulls falls foul of his squeamish son who feels the occupation is indecent.

It is shown also in "Yosaku the Settler," a historical tale about a tomb robber. His interest in lower forms of life is reaffirmed in "Savan on the Roof," about a pet wild goose.

Able to translate by John Bester, the stories make for a racy reading.

Great Barrier Reef

Some of the mystery of one of the natural wonders of the world are colorfully unfolded in THE AUSTRALIAN GREAT BARRIER REEF (Tuttle: \$6.75) by British naturalist-marine photographer Keith Gillett. The 50 plates in full color show the corals and the creatures that live among them—sea anemones, shellfish, crabs, octopuses, sea slugs, starfishes, turtle, sea snakes, fish and birds.

Gillett, in his introduction, notes the Chinese knew of the eastern coast of Australia more than 2,000 years ago, exploring the seas in search of the much-prized sea-cucumbers for their soup. Japanese history books, he adds, also relate of visits to the Great Barrier Reef as far back as the 15th century. Cart Cook is credited with being the first European to discover the reef in 1770.

Indeed, the 110-page book whets the appetite and makes one aware of the natural legacy which should be always cherished. For a skindiver, Gillett's book is a lavish but all-too-brief look under the sea.—H.H.

Fukushima dismisses Sept. 11 primary case

HONOLULU — Circuit Judge Yasutaka Fukushima dismissed the suit of George K. Piliwale, a candidate in the special Senate election in Leeward Oahu. The election is being held to fill the vacancy resulting from the assassination of State Sen. Larry Kuriyama.

Three House incumbents, Democrat Reps. Joe Kuroda, Mitsuo Uechi, and Republican Rep. Howard K. Oda, are among the 13 candidates vying for the post. Piliwale contended that these incumbents should be ruled out of the contest on constitutional grounds. Fukushima ruled that Piliwale had not named the proper defendants in the suit.

In the meantime, Oda, the sole Republican candidate, complained that the news media should keep out of the polling business and focus on the issues of the campaign. Oda needs only one vote to receive the nomination in the Sept. 11 primary, but is considered to have small chance of winning in the General, October 2.

He said polls tend to re-

inforce the leading candidate while eliminating the others. He contends that newsmen should "spend more time publishing the views of the candidate."

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PLANNING COMMISSION TAPES

One of the fascinating chores with the Planning Commission is our transcribing the tapes of the recent meeting as "extracts" for the PC, the first of which on JACL staff appeared this past week. And while we do not intend to reprint the entire series, which cover some 25 general topics, we shall reprint the six most interesting and meaningful topics—where some input from the general membership is desirable.

We have endeavored to retain the color and patois of the various speakers, substituted the pronouns like "it" and nouns like "thing" with more identifiable terms. We ignored interruptions in many instances as well as some of the long prefacing comments. Oftentimes, the kernel of their comment came at the next to last sentence and the closing sentence neatly packaged their introductory remarks.

A literal transcription of how it was said would have been very inane in print. Which explains why legislators in Congress are expected to clean up, tighten and edit their own remarks on the floor before it is published in the Congressional Record. Because of our own deadlines and, perhaps the experience in the past with situations like this, we trust our extracts and pruning is acceptable by those being quoted.

As we tried to relate the hopes of the National Planning Commission, the extracts are being printed to provide the chapters with this unique background so they can help the Planning Commission frame its proposals for the next convention. Actually, these extracts serve as a tool for the chapters to help come up with some other ideas and thereby participate at the pre-planning stage, as it were.

Tom Shimasaki, National Planning Commission chairman, hopes to have available to bulk of the chapters before they meet for their final district council meeting this year—a summation of all the topics for more detailed study.

With about 15 extracts already transcribed and ready for mimeographing or reprinting in the PC, we've noted an illuminating trend. Not taking into account the length of the remarks but the number of times we felt matters of substance and relevant to the topic under discussion were uttered, the three staff present at the meeting have been recorded 157 times as compared with 288 times for other 11 commission members (or nearly 1:2). The National Director is noted with 84 entries, followed by the Commission Chairman's 74 entries and the NC-WNDC representative with 72.

Due to the nature of the matter under discussion, the more immediate concerns facing the organization, it was inevitable that the more knowledgeable members present contributed the most during the three-day session last month. Because of the composition of the commission was entirely new, a lot of background was necessary, too, which can explain the number of entries by the National Director.

The whole count is not in as there are some more tapes to transcribe—but the trend has been set. Yet, we're certain at the next Planning Commission meeting, when the proposals are to be drafted for the convention, the commission members would be twice as vocal as they were this last time—which is the way it should be.

And if the immediate concerns can be packaged with a minimum of discussion, there is a good chance the better part of the 1972 Planning Commission meeting (slated the last week in March) will be devoted to long-range schemes and directions—which is essentially the function of the Commission.

With Planning Commission members now serving a maximum of six-year terms (though for the first three bienniums, the lengths of tenure have been staggered so that some terms expire in 1972 and others in 1974), the continuity engendered by the longer tenure should be of significant benefit to the organization as a whole.

There was also discussion whether standing committees ought to be abolished altogether and structure committee business on an ad hoc or specific project basis. Perhaps the test here is whether the function of the committee is better served if its members are willing or need to serve six-year terms to retain the classification of a standing committee. There are now several committees which are so structured—Endowment Fund, Scholarship Foundation. We believe the objective or purposes would best determine how a committee ought to be structured.

An effective committee, standing or specific project, would be able to refine its proposal so that it can secure necessary funds to implement programs to fruition. As the organization continues to grow, more and more reliance on functioning committees will be sought—for involvement by members in JACL on such committees has been a cherished goal. If we can be permitted to do some dreaming, the Planning Commission might reserve a portion of its next session for direct chapter participation.

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Form labor issue

Editor:

I have just read Mr. Warren Furutani's report on Farm Labor (PC, Aug. 20).

Rarely have I been privileged to read as fair, instructive and comprehensive report on a subject of intense emotions and great complexity.

Mr. Furutani and the Pacific Citizen have performed a remarkable service to their readers in presenting his articulate views.

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Editor:

Mrs. MacPherson's faith in Cesar Chavez and UFWOC is overwhelming (PC, Aug. 27). Their statements are accepted without a shred of substantiated evidence. No effort is made to investigate at first hand actual conditions in the field. The charisma of Cesar Chavez and a very efficient propaganda machine have gained for him an army of idolatrous followers who believe that he can do no wrong. In the matter of non-violence, Cesar states that there is no violence. His followers say that there can be no violence because Cesar would not allow it. They forget that Cesar himself said at Providence, Rhode Island, on October 16, 1969: "Organizing farm workers has to be done without any rules or regulations. The only law is the law of the jungle—and only the fittest survive, and it's in this atmosphere we have to organize."

Page after page of affidavits, sworn to by Mexican workers, have been compiled, showing the kind of violence and methods of violence used by UFWOC organizers and pickets. When faced with such evidence recently at the PS-WDC workshop on farm labor held in Pasadena at the last quarterly meeting, Larry Iliong, one of the vice presidents of UFWOC, admitted that there had been violence. His excuse was that UFWOC could not control all of the actions of its pickets and organizers, but he stoutly maintained, the official UFWOC policy was non-violence. Judgment must be based on actual happenings, not "official" policy.

Opposed to UFWOC

The Nisei Farmers League is admittedly opposed to UFWOC, not to mention the farm workers per se. The NFL maintains that UFWOC does not represent the majority of the farm workers who are presently non-UFWOC. It is estimated that UFWOC's official dues-paying membership is about 5,000. The Nisei Farmers League will abide with the wishes of the majority of the farm workers, working for their members, whenever such wishes are expressed by an election by secret ballot, supervised by state or federal authorities, so that there can be no intimidation by either UFWOC or the growers. Negotiations can only be had with an organization that truly represents the majority of the workers.

The present UFWOC method is to force growers to sign by whatever means necessary; once the grower is signed, automatically his workers must join the union in order to work for him. If any worker does not wish to join the union, he must seek another job. This is much faster than seeking membership from individual workers.

Organizing Tactics

Even faster for UFWOC is the method employed against Heublein, and others like Puex, Standard Brands and S.S. PIERCE COMPANY. Heublein is a huge corporation with its fingers in many enterprises. They bought 82% of United Vintners, a cooperative winery owned by Allied Grape Growers with a membership of 1,700 independent grape growers. UFWOC pressured Heublein into signing a union contract specifying union labor for its own (Heublein) ranches and specifying that an increasing percentage of all grapes crushed by United Vintners be harvested with union labor. This automatically sought to pressure the workers of the 1,700 grape-growing members of Allied Grape Growers into joining UFWOC—much easier than approaching the thousands of workers for individual membership.

How did they put the pressure on Heublein? They demanded that Mayfair Stores take Smirnoff vodka and Swiss Colony wines off the shelves—both of these are distributed by Heublein. They made the same demand on various liquor stores. When refused, they started picketing these stores. They threatened a nation-wide boycott of the other products manufactured or distributed by Heublein. This type of secondary boycott has been almost universally condemned, even by such liberal newspapers as the Los Angeles Times, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Fresno Bee (McClatchy). The consumer is given no chance to judge for himself whether he wants to boycott these products—the choice is made for him by UFWOC.

Workers By-passed

All of the above may seem complicated, but the net result is that farm workers are being bypassed. They are not given the opportunity to decide for themselves whether they want to join the union. It becomes a case of join, or don't work. In the Heublein case, even the growers are being bypassed.

UFWOC claims that growers will not negotiate with

them. Their standard approach is to grower to send him a letter claiming that they "represent the vast majority of the agricultural workers" of the grower; therefore, they want the grower to meet with them "for the purpose of negotiating a collective bargaining agreement." The grower investigates and finds that none of his workers belong to UFWOC or has any interest in joining. He, therefore, ignores the letter. Many of these letters go to farms that have no farms and no farm payroll. This is the basis for UFWOC's claim that growers refuse to negotiate with them. They have nothing to back up their claim that they represent the "vast majority" of the grower's workers. These letters always contain the threat: "If you do not recognize the Union, we will have no alternative but to strike and boycott your product."

Free Election Issue

UFWOC opposes any type of election by farm workers which would give them a choice of any organization to represent them. Dolores Huerta, generally recognized as second in command at UFWOC, in her testimony against the free election proviso of the Cory Bill stated: "Farm workers don't know what an election is. They don't understand democracy." The Nisei Farmers League believes that the farm worker is fully capable of making his own decision in the matter of UFWOC, any other union, or no union.

Any good farm labor bill must make this provision for free elections by secret ballot, and under proper supervision. Contrary to Mrs. MacPherson's statement, the Cory Bill does not forbid boycotts, secondary boycotts are prohibited under the National Labor Relations Act. The Fresno Bee (McClatchy newspaper), generally considered pro-Chavez, stated editorially on August 11, 1971:

"... the basic truth is that UFWOC is hitting out at innocent third parties... Action should be taken to discourage this boycott. Such tactics always are deplorable."

The Cory bill is not a perfect bill. Both growers and UFWOC object to some of its provisions. Changes were being made to overcome these objections. The overwhelming fact is that some type of farm labor legislation is urgently necessary to bring order out of the present chaos. Both sides to this controversy should recognize this fact, but any legislation proposed or passed must recognize the right of the farm worker to make his own choice of the conditions under which he chooses to work.

To set the record straight, the Central California District Council has never officially endorsed the Cory Bill. Both the CDC and the Nisei Farmers League believe that with modification agreed upon by both labor and management, the Cory bill can be made into an effective measure that will be fair to farm workers, growers and the consuming public.

To condemn the entire labor-contractor system because of the actions of a few merely shows the bias of Mrs. MacPherson. The citing of the Yuba City tragedy as an example of the labor contracting system is clearly out of line. Legitimate, state-licensed labor contractors perform a definite service for both farm workers and farmers. Shyster contractors soon lose the support of both workers and employers and do not last long.

Farm Work Practices

The Union hiring hall has been subject to much criticism by both union farm workers and farmers. Workers have not been supplied when needed, incompetent workers have been supplied, and Union dispatchers have been accused of favoritism in work assignments.

The use of pesticides is under strict regulations of state and county authorities. The pesticide scare has been a propaganda weapon. To illustrate, UFWOC required one union firm to wait 21 days for re-entry into a parathion-treated field. Another firm in the same area was required to wait only 2 days. Why? Pesticide control should be under the regulation of proper governmental authorities, not subject to the untrained and inadequate personnel available to UFWOC. UFWOC claims of excess aldrin residue on grapes sold in Washington, D.C., were proved false.

Picketing should be limited. Experience has shown that when pickets are large in numbers, violence of various types occur. We have the case of a Nisei grower harvesting two acres of plums, picketed by 150 pickets. Orderly, informational picketing does not require great numbers, or the use of verbal abuse and obscenities, or physical violence, or destruction of property.

Cory Bill

The five-man board proposed in the Cory bill, admittedly provides for appointment by the Governor of the State, but it also provides that such appointments must be approved by the Senate. It also provides that there shall be two representatives from labor, two from farm employers and one representing the general public specifically not associated with agriculture or labor.

Farm workers are not all vehemently opposed to the Cory Bill. The 3,000 workers who went to Sacramento were mostly UFWOC members who were ordered to go and who were mostly from four union shippers.



The Creature That Surfaces

Amazon at Dawn

By GEORGE YOSHINAGA

Sao Paulo, Brazil
For a minute I thought I was landing back at Los Angeles International Airport. The smog hung heavy over the city of Sao Paulo. It was much worse than the famed smog over Elly!

What a contrast, for only a few hours before our Varig plane flew over the Amazon River region just at dawn. It was one of the most beautiful sights of my tired old

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eyes have ever seen. From 33,000 feet the blackness of the jungle below, contrasting with the reddish hue of the river and the blue sky presented nature's prettiest canvas.

Sao Paulo has been a disappointment so far. It is a dirty city with too many people. About 80 per cent of the cars are Volkswagen "bugs." Even the taxi cabs are bugs. I rode over from the hotel in a bug taxi. As you can imagine, it only seats two because the seat next to the driver is removed so that the passengers can get in and out of the vehicle.

Cab fares are reasonable. About a dollar to drive the distance as from L.A. International to downtown. The weather is mild. A little on the cool side now. They tell me it's near winter here.

Of course the language is always the problem. According to those travel folders, one who speaks English will have no problems in Brazil, but that is wrong.

The cab driver gave me my first clue of this. Then too, the public announcements at the airport about changing flights are made in Portuguese without English translations. I just followed the crowd when I thought I should be making my move to get from Rio de Janeiro to Sao Paulo.

Clearing immigrations and customs in Sao Paulo is a hectic mess.

I thought they moved slowly in Japan. Here they have just one person to take care of each flight.

I was sleepy, tired and in need of a bath but had to stand around close to one hour to clear the formalities. As yet, I haven't had the opportunity to go rubbernecking but what I saw on my ride in from the airport hasn't whetted my appetite too much.

One of the happiest features of the trip so far was the pleasant traveling companion I had from New York to Rio.

She was an attractive Chinese girl from Honolulu. I guess the ticket counter thought Orientals should sit together so he assigned her seat next to mine.

Usually, in the countless thousands of miles I have traveled, my luck hasn't been too good as far as seat companions are concerned.

Most of the time I have a fat woman who snores or a cold Japanese businessman type who smokes a lot.

At any rate, this Chinese lass was going to Rio to serve as maid of honor at a wedding of her girl friend who

in the Salinas area.

We invite Mrs. Cheryl Ogawa MacPherson to come to Central California to make her own objective examination of the entire situation. We will provide her with all local transportation and consideration, just as we did in the case of Warren Furutani, James Endo and Russell Valparaiso. We believe that she will come to the same conclusion: that UFWOC no longer represents the ordinary farm workers.

Nisei farmers sincerely wish to "further the cause of freedom and justice in this land." They are firmly convinced that this can only be done by allowing farm workers to make their own free choice of an organization to represent them, or to work without a union.

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is getting married next week to a Brazilian she met when on vacation here last year.

That is what is usually referred to as a whirlwind courtship.

My stay in Brazil will be more or less whirlwind, I plan to leave in four days.

One reason is that bossman Hiro is leaving for Japan on Sept. 8 and he requested a little assistance at the salt mines.

Otherwise, I might be tempted to stick around this neck of the woods for a little while longer.

Now they tell me.

After gulping down 7 glasses of tap water the hotel people say, "No, no, you mustn't drink the water from the tap."

Quick, the Pepto-Bismol, please.

The food here is not to my liking. The steaks are good and it costs about \$2 for a filet dinner, but who can eat steaks three times a day?

Talked to my first Japanese here. Name of Kojima. He's been here 15 years. Claims there are now over 700,000 Japanese in Brazil.

Though most of the Japanese came here to farm, many have moved into the city to start their own businesses.

In riding around town, I see many Japanese walking about, much as in Los Angeles.

The only difference with the Japanese here as compared to the ones in America is that all of the Japanese here speak Portuguese as well as their own tongue.

Many Japanese in the states don't speak English.

Portuguese sounds like Spanish at times but mostly it's hard to understand. At least with my high school Spanish.

Incidentally, in checking the

central Sao Paulo phone directory, I noticed that there are six Yoshinagas listed. Wonder if I have any relatives here? Yoshinaga is not as common as, say, Tanaka or Yamamoto, you know. There are 45 Tanakas in the same book.

That's my quickie report from this hamlet.

—Kashu Mainichi

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left this year. We've discussed membership a little bit more. PC to every member will mean \$30,000 additional at the present rate to the National Budget.

HONDA — We feel the \$3 rate for every member is right for at least the next biennium.

SHIMASAKI — So it means that if we get 3,600 more members, that would pay for the additional cost. We should recommend to the PC Board that this be studied.

HONDA — We have studied it and we're ready to go.

SUGIYAMA — Would increase in circulation be justification for increasing advertising rates? And more revenue?

HONDA — Yea, but not more revenue necessarily. Advertising would become more selective. For some people, the rate might be too high so they'll drop. Maybe the rates will go up another 10 cents a column inch to \$2.50 per.

I shall, of course, ask the PC Board to come up with something along this line for the next convention.

Gold Rush

On the 18th of August, precisely at 10 o'clock in the morning, a bizarre gold-rush occurred in the center of Tokyo. When the department stores in Nihon Bashi opened at 10, a mob of women from all social classes swamped the jeweler's section and completely bought up all the gold articles costing from \$100 to \$100,000 a piece! All sold out in one hour! There are lots of rich people here.

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Director's Report

BY MASAO W. SATOW

IDAHO WEEKEND—Intermountain District Council had a well attended quarterly meeting this past weekend (Aug. 28-29). Governor Ronnie Yokota steered a lengthy agenda efficiently so delegates were able to start homeward Saturday night instead of the usual Sunday morning layover. President Tom Uriu of Snake River flew to the meeting in his own plane.

The meeting at Burley in the hub of Idaho's Magic Valley necessitated our flying into Boise and catching a ride with Jack Ogami of Snake River and Governor Ron. Near Twin Falls the freeway cuts off toward Jerome, which brought back memories of the several visits we made to Minidoka Relocation Center. While the other camps were laid out in a square, Minidoka followed a river bed, and we recalled the long cold walk to the furthestmost block in wintertime. Incongruous that while over 9,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Northwest were cooped up in Minidoka, other Japanese residing in Idaho were free to move about. It appears hardly any Sansei will keep up farming spuds, onions and sugar beets, pioneered by the Issei in this area.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP—Mrs. Fusako Yonemura, Seattle JACLer, has sent us through William Mimbu, Trustee, \$5,000 for a scholarship in memory of her husband, Mitsuyuki, who succumbed recently to a lingering illness. This annual scholarship of \$250 to start next year will be the 17th among the National JACL Freshman Scholarships.

Mitsuyuki served in the Army from July, 1941, to December 1945, and saw service with the 442nd Combat Team, 100th Battalion. He is a life member of the Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee. Mrs. Yonemura writes: "It was always our wish to be able to set up a Scholarship for the Japanese American young people. I am very proud to present this gift."

GROUP HEALTH PLAN—With the inclusion of PSW, PNW and IDC in our NC-WN JACL-CBS group health plan this year, total subscribers number over 4,800 with coverage extending to 10,000 plus. Since the inception of this plan in 1965 through 1970, approximately a million and a half in benefits have been paid out. Our thanks to the JACL-CBS Chapter Commissioners for their devoted efforts as liaison between subscribers and our JACL-CBS office and California Blue Shield.

ATTENTION, BOWLERS—We need some indication from bowlers as to their team participation in the ABC Tournament in Long Beach next year in conjunction with our 1972 National JACL Tournament at South Bay Bowl in Redondo Beach, March 6-11. According to Frank Baker, ABC head man, the Hawaii delegation has reserved Sunday, March 5, and Monday, March 6 is also booked up. We have tentatively reserved our Nisei squad for Tuesday, March 7. ABC Tournament deadline is Nov. 3.

So we may know how many teams to accommodate, please let us know at JACL Headquarters as soon as possible if you plan ABC participation in our special squad, or notify Don Aoki, 1972 Tournament Chairman, at 1326-A West 168th St., Gardena, Calif. 90247. Frank Baker assures he will be with us at the Tournament Awards Banquet on March 11.



El Pimentero

Frank Fukazawa

Nixon Shokku

While President Nixon prepares a shock therapy for the recovery of the American economy, the psychological bomb he has dropped abruptly on top of Japan has had a thundering "shokku" (shock!).

The economic scene in Tokyo for the first four days after the announcement, was close to panic. I visited the Tokyo Stock Exchange where roughly an average of 150 to 200 million shares exchanged hands daily. The dealers were coming out of the stark and cold building with an attitude as if they had just returned from a funeral. I sensed it had hit the bottom.

Blue chips like Matsushita, Sony, Mitsubishi were tumbling at a rate of 50 to 60% an hour. This is too fast for the Exchange to swallow, so they put on a so-called official stop which means no further buying and selling is permitted. It is like throwing in the towel in boxing, to prevent any further damage for the poor boxer. In this case the poor shares.

Conversely and simultaneously, the New York Stock Exchange was rallying for an ever historical high average price.

News Magazines

Magazines like Time, Newsweek, Business Week, U.S. News & World Report are all featuring the new doctrine of "Nixonomics" as they called it and are assessing its pros and cons.

Here in Tokyo, the weekly magazines — Shukan Mainichi, Shukan Asahi, Shukan etc. — have suddenly suspended all their obscene features and are concentrating for the first time on a subject very respectable...

"How to cope with the Nixon Shokku". From the front cover to the back, even with elimination of the ads, all space available are dedicated to this one subject.

Besides, one chapter in every Shukan magazine is certain to carry ways and means to make money during this Shokku period. To survive and profit during the depression is written as if you could wake up in the morning and discover golden eggs in your backyard. The Shukans are selling like hot cakes just for the reason they carry these irresistible topics.

I just wondered, why the smart reporters didn't quit their jobs and venture out on their own to make money as they preach it. None of them has yet tried it but as a result who does will be in for a real "shokku".

25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Sept. 14, 1946

Washington State Democratic Convention urges Evacuation Claims Commission to pay for Japanese American losses, naturalization privileges for Issei... Reinstatement of Nisei civil service workers indicated at California Personnel Board fails to press charges of "disloyalty"...

San Francisco school system employs first Nisei teacher (Toshiko Senda)...

Calif. appellate court upholds right of alien Issei to lease business property (Hayashino theater case)...

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