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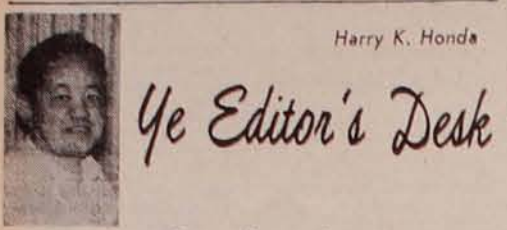
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## Ye Editor's Desk

### THE KOREANS IN JAPAN

While Japanese tourists and enterprises are going out to all parts of the world in their "age of internationalization" and showing great enthusiasm for cultural exchanges, it appears a real problem in internationalization has been unmasked in their homeland. During the past weeks, students of Kokushikan, a private university in western Tokyo, have aroused headlines after beating up a group of students from Tokyo Chosen Jr. and Sr. High School at the Takanobaba Station (two stops north of Shinjuku on the Yamanote Loop Line) on June 11.

Public criticism mounted in wake of this anti-Korean incident. Kokushikan university officials began reorganizing its educational policies, which have been labeled "ultranationalistic." The metropolitan police organized a special squad to investigate the incident and the university. Diet members also took issue, since the Korean students attacked attended a school operated for pro-Pyongyang residents and most of the assaults occurred in April and May as if they were timed for Premier Kim Il-Sung's birthday on April 15 and founding of the General Federation of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryun) on May 15.

Kokushikan ruffians have battered other groups and individuals but the bulk of the violence has been directed against Koreans with observers blaming the kind of education instilled at Kokushikan and their militaristic discipline. A faculty committee now proposes to abolish the university practice of observing national holidays by their defunct names and customs and without fanfare refer to them by the generally accepted titles of today, such as Tenno Tanjōbi instead of the old Tenchoetsu, Kenkoku Kinembi for Kigensetsu.

Kokushikan even cancelled this past week their traditional term-end ritual, which included singing "Kimigayo," an address by the university president and three banzais for the Emperor. Kokushikan observed Tenchoetsu as in the past with a parade in school uniform, reading of the Imperial Rescript on Education and shouting cheers for the Emperor—which will be suspended hereafter along with guard duty by students at the university gates.

The police, while taking measures to assure the safety of Korean students in Japan, found acts of violence involving Korean students totaled 126 in 1971, 142 in 1972 and 56 this year. Of these Kokushikan students were involved in 30 cases in 1971, 36 in 1972 and 27 this year. Uniformed police are riding the Odakyu Line trains, which pass by Kokushikan and are being posted at key train stations to prevent recurrence of the incidents.

The university also dissolved the cheerleaders club on grounds that its members were involved in the incidents. An arrogant group, they even intimidated rest of the student body—most of them from Hokkaido, Kyushu and outlying areas who stressed, "We don't want the people to think all Kokushikan University students act violently." University authorities further felt some students have an inferiority complex as other students look at them in their uniform, which goads them to impulsive reaction.

While the justice minister told a Diet committee his investigations of the repeated clashes between Kokushikan University students and Korean students indicated no ethnic overtones, some on the committee believed to the contrary, that Kokushikan's policy encouraged Japanese scorn against the Koreans and that there was a connection with the government's revised bill on immigration control which Koreans had protested. The foreign minister also hasn't ruled out student clashes might reflect the fact that Japan has not normalized diplomatic relations with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Kokushikan incidents represent "but a mere tip of the whole iceberg," according to a recent Asahi Evening News editorial, which felt the facts cut deep into fabric of Japanese society and the whole problem of education. Thorough reforms should be instituted, the editorial insists—and we'll list their four proposals since one of them mentions the Nisei experience in America.

First proposal cites the principle of nonviolence, to be pursued in all aspects of daily life. Acts of violence are inexcusable whether committed by right-wing or left-wing elements, "to say nothing of the inexcusableness of violent acts without cause and having no bearing on ideology." Differences of opinion can be debated without resorting to violence to which, the editorial adds, training in free debate in education should prevail at all levels. A pitch for student self-government in the primary and secondary schools was also injected.

Second proposal cites the principle of peaceful coexistence, delving into the area of international relations and emphasizing Japan must establish harmonious ties with neighboring countries and the citizens of these nations who reside in Japan. "A free and tolerant mind that denies to oneself the self-righteousness of making one's own position absolute is indeed the strength needed to realize peace, and it is on this point that Japanese education must place emphasis," the Asahi pointed out.

Third principle is respect for the minority. It is important for the Japanese to be humble and big-hearted and to recall the difficulties experienced by the Japanese American minority in the U.S. "to be able to appreciate fully the position of minority groups (in Japan)." Fourth point stresses international understanding after faulting the Japanese with insufficient understanding of other Asians. Listening to the opinions of Korean residents in Japan would be a positive effort and also be helpful "in improving our mentality and constitution," the Asahi concluded.



"Kunimi says he's going to title his book, 'From Those Wonderful Folks Who Gave You Watergate!'"

## In Defense of Ben-Dasan

(Prof. Mamoru Iga teaches sociology at Calif. State Univ., Northridge and is a member of the San Fernando Valley JACL.)

By MAMORU IGA

In the Pacific Citizen on Jan. 26, 1973, The Japanese and the Jew by Isiah Ben-Dasan (trans. by R.L. Gage) was reviewed by Allan Beekman. Since the review is a misleading and unnecessarily harsh one, I would like to write in Ben-Dasan's defense.

Before my comment on Beekman's review, a general introduction to Ben-Dasan's book and the basic frame of reference of Beekman's review will facilitate the reader's understanding.

Ben-Dasan compares the "ideal types" (or most "typical" traits) of the cultures of two peoples—the Japanese and the Jew. For example, the beginning chapter compares the Japanese who take safety for granted and the Jews who stay at an expensive hotel and scrimp in other expenses in order to insure safety.

Ben-Dasan's experiential knowledge of Japanese ways of life is presented in an easy-reading style, full of witty metaphors. The presentation is so entertaining that it has been a best seller in Japan. Allan Beekman in his review criticizes the book mostly from a "scientific" point of view. For example, the comparability of subjects and logical consistency.

Beekman begins with his criticisms of the subjects of Ben-Dasan's comparison as incomparable:

"He (Ben-Dasan) takes the correct view that the Japanese are a nationality, but is vague about what constitutes a Jew. Though he implies he has been in Israel, where the two million residents come from to different countries and are culturally and racially distinct, he seems to assume the Jews are a race."

Although Beekman assumes that Ben-Dasan regards the Jews as a race, there is no evidence for it. Beekman attempts to convey to the reader that because of the homogeneity of the Japanese and the heterogeneity of the Jews, they are not comparable. Probably it is correct.

**'Ideal Types' Compared**

However, Ben-Dasan does not attempt a scientific analysis, but a comparison of the "ideal types" (in Weberian sense), or the most "typical" traits, of two cultures—Japanese and Jewish. He wants to illuminate the "national personalities" of the two peoples by "turning the light of inquiry" on their distinctive traits.

The Jewish "national personality" is a generalization from the cultures carried by peoples whose basic value orientations are based on the Old Testament. Therefore, Ben-Dasan's Jews include Christians, whom he calls believers of the Christian version of Judaism (Japanese Edition, p. 115). Their culture is what we usually call the Judeo-Christian tradition. If

he attempted to be scientific, the book would not have been a best seller.

However, the fact that it is not "scientific" in a narrow sense does not mean that it is not valid nor real. If Beekman sticks to "scientific" minutiae he has to answer himself the question how the Japanese as a nationality and the Jews as a race can be comparable, which is suggested in the above quotation.

**'Race' Undefined**

The difficulty involved is exemplified by the fact that there is no perfectly scientific definition nor classification of "race" yet. Some writers (e.g. Ashley Montagu) even propose to eliminate the word from scientific endeavor because it is "man's most dangerous myth." After all, Ben-Dasan deals with stereotypes (prefabricated image of a large group of people).

Stereotyping classification is an indispensable ingredient of our daily thinking, although educated persons make effort to provide the justification for its use. This is exactly what Ben-Dasan does. He abundantly provides evidence to justify the stereotypes of both Japanese and Jews by behavioral examples.

Next, Beekman criticizes as unsubstantiated the statement by Ben-Dasan that "in Suzuki's own country where the very concept of the ghetto is all but nonexistent." He contends that the writings by Lafcadio Hearn and Tooton Shimazaki prove the existence of the ghetto. This criticism is not really valid; both statements are independently correct.

**No Comparable Term**

There has been prejudice among Japanese people against outcasts (e.g. Eta) and against outsiders (e.g. Koreans). However, there is no Japanese word comparable to "ghetto." The settlement of the object of prejudice has been called buraku, which means "neighborhood community," and therefore applicable to any hamlet. Later they qualified the term with "tokushu" (special), but even tokushu buraku is much more general than "ghetto."

The Beekman's contention shows that he ignores chronological change. At the time of Hearn (1850-1904) and Tooton (1873-1943), there was stronger consciousness of anti-minority prejudice among Japanese people than today. The consciousness has been traditionally weak in the areas other than the western part of Mainland Japan, and even there, thanks to the defeat in the last war, which broke down Japanese racism, anti-minority prejudice seems to have rapidly declined in favor of class prejudice.

**Class-Status Bias**

Since one of the basic functions of anti-minority prejudice is to provide a scapegoat, and the prejudice based on class-status difference provides as good a scapegoat as does the anti-minority one in

## Japanese mind revealed through everyday customs

Having been introduced to the Japanese mind when his acquaintance, Kiyohiko Ryuko of Sacramento, had sent some copies to gain further insight into the life of the Japanese American, Mr. Kamada is offering a series of background articles on the Japanese ethos. The writer teaches high school history in Chiba-ken—Editor.

### By TOSHIHIKO KAMADA

Just suppose someone calls at my house. He stands in front of the genkan (vestibule) of my house with his overcoat taken off and says, "Konichiwa" (Good day) or "Gomen-kudasai" (Excuse me). I come out of the living room to see the visitor and we greet almost simultaneously. If he is my friend or acquaintance or V.I.P., I show him to the drawing room. Then my wife appears with two cups of tea on a tray (tray) meant for us. She bows and says to the guest, "Irasshai-mase" (Welcome to our home).

The visitor bows in turn, and greets and offers a present if he brought one with him. She accepts it with the words of thanks and withdraws from the room with the gift she received without unwrapping it in the presence of the guest. The guest and I (host) talk over the tea.

After a time, I say, "Ohi" (Hey!) to call my wife, who answers "Hai" (Yes) and comes into the room to ask me, "Is it that?" And I nod and say, "That's it." She nods and disappears and soon reappears with a tokkuri (boiler) of sake (rice wine) with assorted foods.

The tokkuri (guest) says, "Dozo o-kamari naku" (You don't have to take the trouble to entertain me so much). My wife says, "Taisaiha mono mo goraimasen ga, dozo go-yukuri" (I'm afraid we can't have much to entertain you, but please have time and enjoy yourself, I hope). Now we have a pleasant chat over the sake, and when the tokkuri is emptied, I call my wife again with "ohi". She appears, answering "hai" expectedly, with another tokkuri of sake (warmed moderately if it is in winter).

I suppose you cannot possibly make head or tail of what I have written so far, and the above mentioned Japanese customs must be a mystery full of contradictions and contrasts to American manners.

This, however, is quite consistent to us Japanese. There's no accounting for customs to be sure, but they seem to have something to do with our history and our way of thinking.

(1) Why does a visitor take off his coat before he is allowed to do so by a host or a hostess?

We feel, for some reason or other, something familiar or accessible to save the stiff (if not awkward) by so doing. In older times, samurai (warrior knights) used to take off to entrust his long katana (sword) before the entry of the tycoon's residence.

Besides the practical reason to show that he has no evil weapons or bad scheme, the visitor would probably be able to express his confidence in the host in this manner. And the next thing for a visitor to do is he is allowed to enter is to take off his shoes.

Even today, we say "geta o azukeru" (entrust our clogs), when we give an entire confidence in a person and entrust matters of importance to him. Of course, what is vital is not the shoes or clogs themselves but "the footing of life," so to say, which is likened to them. We Japanese have developed this sort of custom based upon mutual confidence or trust, which is considered possible only within a narrow realm of an island country like Japan; she has seen few foreign invasions except for the Mongol invasions to be able to enjoy a peaceful life. Japanese history also saw wars of course, but they were different from the type fought in the continent. They were, so to speak, sort of tournaments in which Japanese samurai was able to give a kind of confidence even in his enemy. It was a way with Japanese warriors to tell their names and lineages aloud before they got into a sport-like fair fighting. As a matter of course, strategy and tactics were adopted to win the battle, nevertheless, the spirit of fair fight did not perish.

The example was General Nogi who fought a series of tenacious battles with Russian Army at Port Arthur. He gave a confidence in the Russian general and his soldiers who surrendered after their due fights and permitted them to have the swords at the meeting. The famous words to describe the scene was "yesterday's fiend is today's friend."

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### Wanted: JACL Youth Director

By COLIN HARA  
Co-Chairman, Midwest District Youth Council

WANTED: One affable, energetic, and imaginative person to coordinate, implement & develop programs for the JACL-JAY program. Ability to deal with a variety of people in general, & Nisei, in particular, a must. Position: National Youth Director. Inquire: JACL Headquarters, San Francisco.

Chicago  
So, the position remains unfilled after months of vacancy. This has led to problems with JACL-JAY's progress. Our Project of the Biennial has suffered for lack of a person to coordinate the activities in the various districts. Communication between DYCs has lapsed into an erratic pace with confusion and frustration setting in periodically.

The National Youth Coordinating Council (NYCC) has functioned well. Otherwise, though the pace has been sluggish and misdirected at times, the DYCs chairman have tried to keep up a continuity of leadership. Cohesion of the NYCC is high and spirit runs with the constant hope that the National Youth Director would soon be uncovered.

This article will serve notice of the fact that we are searching for applicants to the position of National Youth Director. If you would like to apply, please write to JACL National Headquarters, Japan Trade Center, San Francisco.

### Let's Fight Illiteracy in the U.S.

By JAMES M. WATANABE  
Governor, Pacific Northwest District Council

Another graduation has come and gone; and, as usual, the Nisei have done well academically. In Spokane two Nisei were valedictorians of their respective schools, and many others have received scholarships to colleges. If one were to statistically enumerate the grade point average (GPA) of the graduates, the usual bell-shaped curve would be skewed to the left. Furthermore, in the Inland Empire another Nisei was a valedictorian and another a salutatorian of their respective schools. Over the past few years I have found that the Nisei had higher average GPA than the average 2.5.

The Nisei of a generation ago had similar records. In 1929 the valedictorian and salutatorian at Elsie High School (Puyallup Valley) were Nisei. Up to Evacuation one or the other or both were usually Nisei.

In Grodzin's "American Betrayed," there is a quote from Steiner, J. F. (Behind the Japanese Mask, MacMillan Co. 1943): "In a Seattle high school the Japanese have had nearly three times as many valedictorians and honor students as would be expected from their number in the total school population." In early 1942 there were 424 Nisei enrolled at the Univ. of Washington which had a total enrollment of 8,400. At Univ. of California there were 315 Nisei enrolled.

One must remember that this was at the edge of the depression and the average age of the Nisei was purported to be about 17.

I have often wondered why this was so. Miyamoto (U. of Wash. Sociology Dept.) is quoted as saying: "The record is an important proof of assimilation, though it also reflects the inflated status given to scholastic endeavor in the Japanese home and community."

I believe one of the principal reasons is the shortness of the Japanese American history in the United States; an accident of history so to speak. If one were to graduate from college and had to work in a fruit stand or janitor, generation after generation, the desire for academic excellence would drop precipitously. The second factor is ethnic pride. The Jews and Chinese Americans are good examples of this. The third factor is discrimination. Japanese American students are often discriminated against in the job market. It is not only power to the people but power of the people.

The message is very clear. We must continue to generate interest in education so that our Nisei and Yonsei will continue to maintain good scholastic achievements.

In the total picture we must help to reverse the trend for all Americans. There are organizations such as Washington State Literacy Council, a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to decreasing illiteracy. The U.S. Office of Education, a division of HEW has recently funded a program called the "Right to Read," which has as its major objective to insure that by 1980, 99% of those under 18 will have the skills to read to the full limits of their desire.

This is one area where we may be of great value, not only as JACLers but as an American. Let's get involved. It is not only power to the people but power of the people.

### Against Repressive Legislation

By ROSS HARANO  
Governor, Midwest District Council

Chicago  
Those of us who actively worked for the repeal of Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 all too well remember the efforts of the House Internal Security Committee (HISC) and particularly the efforts of its chairman, Richard Ichord of Missouri, to prevent the passage of repeal legislation designed to eliminate the possibilities of concentration camps in America.

At the National JACL Convention in Washington, D.C., the National JACL Council adopted a resolution supporting the abolition of HISC and the reaffirmation of the jurisdiction of the House Judiciary Committee over matters now handled by HISC.

There are many reasons why HISC should cease to exist. Of the 17,230 bills introduced in the last session of Congress, only 13 bills were referred to HISC of which 5 were duplicate bills. Of these bills, only 3 were reported out of the Committee for a vote and only one was passed by the House. And yet, HISC's staff of 30 is one of the largest and most expensive of the Committee staffs in the House.

HISC maintains dossiers on more than 750,000 Americans that are routinely examined by representatives of 25 Executive agencies, including the U.S. Civil Service Commission. No House action, Executive order, or other legal authority supports this procedure. Shades of Watergate!

In the present session of Congress, 60 Representatives have introduced resolutions to abolish HISC in the House. A total of 50 of these Congress-

EDITORIAL: Honolulu Advertiser

## Their Faith, Our Victory

July 4

It is especially fitting that Independence Day winds up the 10-day national Nisei Veterans Reunion sponsored here this year by the 42nd Combat Team, 100th Battalion, Military Intelligence Unit and 139th Engineers.

For this is a group that fought for freedom at home and abroad and won a victory that enriched the nation and especially these islands.

The stories have been told many times, the bravery in the Pacific and the China-Burma theater, the medals, the testimonials—all that in grim contrast to the fact many of these men went to war while their families were interned in Mainland relocation camps, a dark chapter in the saga of American faith and justice.

General Fred Weyand, the Pacific Army Commander, put it clearly in addressing Sunday's memorial service at Punchbowl: "Your faith in your country was greater than your country's faith in you."

Much has changed since these men went off to serve some three decades ago. In Hawaii, Nisei veterans were a key element in the social revolution that has taken place. Today many are leaders in government and business.

near; many more are known as good friends and neighbors.

It's in that spirit of accomplishment and quiet confidence that the veterans and their families, including some 800 from the Mainland, have gathered for a reunion they hold every three years.

This is a gathering, as most such are, devoted to mellow memories and renewing old friendships. That is natural enough.

Yet there is also the feeling this is also a group at the prime of achievement, and that these World War II veterans, plus those from the Korea and Vietnam conflicts, will be key figures in our multi-racial society for many years to come. That entails a responsibility for vital and progressive leadership in changing times.

There is, in fact, a thought from a University of Hawaii futurist: of all the groups in Hawaii, none seems more adaptable than the Nisei veterans who have been part of so much dramatic change over so many years.

Whatever that future, however, we can for now all join in thanks to the Nisei veterans. With bravery, modesty and effort, they have made their special victory one for us all.

Ben-Dasan also discusses Japanese mysticism, represented by such phrases as gen-gai no gen (word beyond wording), ri-gai no ri (reason beyond reasoning), or ho-gai no ho (law above laws).

### Harsh Conclusion

The concluding statement by Beekman: "This book is not to be taken as a serious analysis, but is fairly entertaining when read as fantasy" is unnecessarily harsh.

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### 25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, July 24, 1948

ADC officials confer with Justice Department to set procedures for indemnification. California Nisei Army officer (Kan Tagami) serves as aide to MacArthur. Prosecution winds up case in fifth week of Kawakita trial in California court. Seek to revoke Order 88 limiting Hawaii Issei. San Francisco supervisors move to initiate redevelopment plan. 41 Canada evacuee holdouts evicted as Moose Jaw hotel finally closed by government. Nisei veteran (Nobuyuki Onishi) weds girl he met in Italy. Masaoaka opposes proposal to file new test case on California's alien land law.

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men were from states in which a JACL chapter exists. Below is a list of these representatives:

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Check this list to see if your Congressman is included. If he is not, write him and ask the following:

1—Will he support proposals in the House to eliminate HISC and reaffirm the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee over internal security.

2—Will he oppose the main-

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Bill Hosokawa

## From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

**ADVENTURE IN A FOREIGN CULTURE**—While many Nisei and some Sansei have a nodding acquaintance with aspects of Japanese culture, not many have either a deep understanding or appreciation of the finer points. The reason is that few Japanese Americans have had the time and opportunity, if indeed they possessed the interest, to make a penetrating study of such esoteric arts as calligraphy, the ceremony of tea, the Noh drama and the like. Chances are Nisei and Sansei are much more expert on various phases of the American culture, such as it is, and that is natural since they are Americans. On the other hand a number of Americans not of Japanese extraction have probed exhaustively into some parts of Japanese culture and have been able to interpret them to other English-speaking persons.

Comes now a fascinating book in English—and the universal language of photography—that explains the mystique of sumo wrestling. Sumo is cultural? Sumo, in which great elephants of men push and tug at each other? Well, yes. As the book points out, the sport has roots reaching far into Japanese history. Sumo tournaments command the kind of popular interest in Japan that is comparable to the American madness over the Super Bowl and the World Series, which certainly are important factors of the American culture.

The book is titled **Takamiyama** (Kokansha International, \$10). The authors are Jesse Kuhaulua, one-time Hawaiian village boy who in 1972 became the first foreigner to be crowned sumo's grand champion, and John Wheeler, a New York-born student of Asia. Takamiyama is the name given Kuhaulua when he became a sumo wrestler and he relates through his experiences the story of sumo. To the average non-Japanese viewer, sumo is a tedious, boring sport which seems to be endless posturing and ritual preceding about three seconds of violent action. But Kuhaulua, telling his own story through his collaborator, makes sumo come alive.

Kuhaulua was a 300-pound high school football player on the island of Maui when his Nisei coach, Larry Shishido, urged him to take up sumo to strengthen his legs. Although Kuhaulua is of Hawaiian ancestry, he took quickly to sumo, winning more by virtue of his bulk at first rather than finesse. In fact his performances were so impressive that when a group of Japanese sumo wrestlers toured Hawaii, Kuhaulua was invited to go to Japan and join the stable. When it appeared that a National Guard commitment would prevent Kuhaulua from going, the 442nd Veterans Club interceded on his behalf with Gov. John Burns.

And so a 19-year-old lad who spoke no Japanese and was not particularly fond of Japanese food flew off to Tokyo to make his way in what must be one of the world's most exclusive professions, sumo wrestling.

Kuhaulua's book is a moving story of struggle, discouragement and ultimate triumph with penetrating insights into the strange world of the sumo wrestlers. Along the way, as he learned the traditions and rituals and underwent the rigorous physical training that is part of the sport, he was sustained by the warm friendship of Mrs. Takasago, wife of the wrestler who had recruited him.

Jesse Kuhaulua says he is the first authentic foreigner to make good as a sumo wrestler. Only one other American, a Nisei named Kichiro Ozaki, reached the top division in 1944 under the name of Toyonishiki, but of course he could pass for a Japanese.

Kuhaulua writes that one of his proudest moments was when he received congratulations from President Nixon. But when he retires he probably will settle in Japan where "I've met some of the kindest people in the world who respect what I have done and really accept me as one of them."

Takamiyama is a fascinating story.

## PEPPERMINT WHIRL

### Strike, Holidays—All in Day's Work

By K. Patrick Okura

Executive Assistant to the Director, NIMH



A general transportation strike the first in 100 years in Japan's history that almost stopped the activities of the entire country; a series of holidays that almost eliminated an entire week; and organizational changes at home that almost clouded the atmosphere of the entire trip—but none of them were allowed to mar the official visit of the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health and his Executive Assistant, on their U.S.-Japan Mental Health Mission.

The three-man delegation of Dr. Bertram S. Brown, Director of NIMH; K. Patrick Okura, Executive Assistant to the Director, NIMH; and Philip Hallen, President of the Maurice Falk Medical Fund of Pittsburgh, Pa., spent the two weeks in the latter part of April and the first part of May visiting various psychiatric facilities and mental hospitals in Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Nagoya, and Kobe.

Following the first three days in Tokyo in conference with the NIMH of Japan, as well as with the Ministry of Health and Welfare officials; a day at the Tokyo University Department of Psychiatry; and a day at the Nihon University, we found ourselves caught in the middle of the transportation strike and no way to get to Kyoto where we were to meet with the chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Kyoto University, and his staff. We finally were able to find our way aboard Pan American Airlines, and had to rely on good old Yankee ingenuity for us to find our way to the Kansai area.

### 'Golden Weekend'

Also, during the two-week stay in Japan, we ran into the so-called "golden weekend" which, started with a two-day holiday celebration of the Emperor's birthday, which was then followed by May Day, Constitution Day on

## Irate foes of 'Polack jokes' on TV seek FCC help to obtain equal time

WASHINGTON — Polish Americans, stung by what they called a barrage of demeaning "Polack jokes" on ABC-TV, petitioned the government June 25 to force the network to give them equal time to respond.

The Polish American Congress, in filing the petition with the Federal Communications Commission, said it spoke for 10 million Polish Americans.

Attorney Thaddeus L. Kowalski, chairman of the Anti-Defamation Commission of the Polish American Congress, said "we intend to fight the increasing bigotry in the media."

### ABC-TV 'Not Alone'

"If necessary, his will be the first of several suits," he said. "ABC-TV is not alone in its responsibility for presenting a negative and insulting image of the Polish American in its national programming."

The petition mentioned several shows but singled out an ABC broadcast of the Aug. 10, 1972, Dick Cavett Show hosted by Steve Allen.

"An alleged 'apology' was made by Steve Allen on Aug. 11, 1972," the petition said.

"This statement was not an apology at all, but was surrounded by a comic setting and was the basis for more demeaning humor, rather than a serious expression of regret."

### Request Denied

The Polish American Congress said Kowalski made several requests to ABC for

### Racial Stereotype

ABC was accused of a "consistent policy" of portraying the "dumb Polack" image, i.e., lack of intelligence, lack of personal hygiene, comic apparel and obnoxious physical features.

Kowalski said the Polish American community wants an "opportunity to show the true character of their culture and heritage and not the false and insulting stereotype that the networks now portray."

"The current barrage of allegedly 'humorous' jokes, skits and monologues is anything but funny to the victims and only encourages prejudice and discrimination," Kowalski said. "At this point in history, respect for cultural diversity should be a primary concern of the media."

## 'GUILTY BY REASON OF RACE'

## Reactions from Japan

On Mar. 20, NBC-TV's "Guilty by Reason of Race" was telecast in Japan. Tagged as "Japanese Descent," it was promoted as a discussion on the Nisei in America "and taking up the deplorable fact that even today, these Americans of Japanese ancestry suffer discrimination and are treated as second-rate citizens."

(It was first aired on the NBC-TV network last September, relating the hardships and loss of dignity by Japanese Americans who were evacuated in 1942 and placed in concentration camps. The message was that "it could happen again.")

Reaction to the Japanese showing appeared in the Japan Times "Readers in Coincidence" column in succeeding weeks, opening with John E. Guyton who said he watched the program intently and was able to understand it all since it was in English.

### Initial Letter

Guyton was offended by the Japan Times "TV Choices" capsule description, asserting it was "completely erroneous" and noted there was no mention of discrimination affecting Japanese Americans today.

While not objecting to the authenticity of the program, "most people in America know how badly the Nisei were treated during the war but the war has been over a number of years and most Americans have forgotten," Guyton added.

Stating he lived in the Gardena-Torrance area for the past 11 years and noting Gardena has a Nisei mayor, he reported "the average Nisei in America lives much better than his ancestors in Japan. The average Japanese (in Japan) has an apartment with two 6-mat rooms, kitchen and shares a community bathroom and has no yard... no central heating or air-conditioning, no automobile, works 10-12 hours a day and takes a major vacation if lucky to another country every 15 years."

### 'Average Nisei'

"On the other hand, the average Nisei (in California) has a 2-bedroom house with kitchen, den, living room, bathroom, garage and sets on a 50x150 lot... has heating and air-conditioning, one automobile, works eight hours a day and takes a major vacation every five years."

During his 11 years in Gardena Valley, Guyton said he did not detect anti-Nisei discrimination... and that Nisei are much better off than the average working Caucasian. "If anything, there is jealousy and they (myself included) are envious of the Nisei as they have more," Guyton concluded.

In subsequent weeks, Japan Times published rebuttals from three Nisei in Japan.

### Nisei Reaction

Glen S. Fukushima, who identified himself as a Stanford graduate and a concerned student of Asian-American affairs who lived an almost equal number of years in Japan and California, found Guyton's comparisons "fatu-

gus and insane." For instance, he may have more material comforts than Africans, have no right to complain of injustices perpetrated against them now, to say nothing of the past.

Fukushima, who also lived in Gardena, said Guyton's assertion that most Americans know how badly the Nisei were treated was "patently false" since, till quite recently, few textbooks in American schools mentioned "relocation" and even his classmates at Stanford were totally unaware of the incarceration.

From Aichi Prefecture, Mrs. Toki Yamaguchi told Japan Times readers she was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y.

While not subjected to the humiliation of relocating to designated camps in 1942, she recalled the search of her home by FBI agents who, having found nothing, left muttering — "You just watch your step!"

### Erroneous Concept

Mrs. Yamaguchi was prompted for the benefit of Japanese subscribers to correct Guyton's notions that Nisei are on an equal basis with Caucasians in all fields of endeavors and that discrimination is not existent as that view is "erroneous and very naive."

She also pointed out that while life may be all-sweet in Torrance-Gardena for the Nisei, there are not typical American cities because of the heavy concentration of Japanese in Torrance-Gardena. "It is grossly misleading to the Japanese reader for (Guyton) to attempt to use these two cities as examples... that Nisei do not suffer discrimination."

The third Nisei reader, who signed as Jackie U., admitted not seeing the program but was spurred by Guyton's letter to write.

### Discrimination Cited

A spouse of a native Japanese, living in Tokyo for four years now, she was reminded that her sister and brother-in-law couldn't buy a house in St. Paul, Minn., when they first moved there in 1945, because they were "Japs."

Stressing the fact that she is an American first and Nisei second, she told of discrimination she encountered in Japan because she was an American or a "gaijin"—even though she looked like a native. "Most of the unpleasant incidents (however) were from Caucasians, Americans who couldn't accept the fact that I was an American, too," she revealed.

### JAPAN POLLUTION FILM WINS MONTREAL PRIZE

MONTREAL — "Minamata," a 24-hour Japanese film portraying citizen reaction to mercury poisoning that was maintaining and killing people, recently was awarded the Grand Prix at the First International Film Festival on the Human Environment.

The winning film's point of departure was the crippling and killing nerve disease caused in Minamata, Kumamoto village where a paper mill was located.

The source of the pollution was known, but the powerful mill managers were able to fend off the first protests.

The film then portrayed the successful effort to arouse public opinion and ended on a note of hope when the protest movement produced action. (In reality, the Minamata mercury poisoning case developed when wastes from an industrial chemical plant were dumped into the nearby sea, affecting the fish the villagers were eating.)

### Examiner 'Update' finds 'Shiga' flying still

SAN FRANCISCO — Wondering what became of the Japan Air Lines DC-8 "Shiga" that landed in the bay about a mile short one foggy morning in 1968, San Francisco Examiner's Update found she's still flying.

As of early June, JAL reported the plane — no longer dubbed "Shiga" as the airline has dropped the practice of naming its carriers—has logged over 82 million miles since the accident, flying the Sydney, Moscow and transpacific runs — though not into San Francisco.

### Japan scrap metal firm to be built in N.Y.

AUBURN, N.Y.—Mayor Paul Lettimore said (June 21) the new steel plant to be built in his city with Japanese capital will help not hurt environment of the area.

"The plant is going to live 100 percent on scrap metal," Lettimore said. "It's going to remove the thousands of automobiles and farm vehicles you see parked around the countryside."

Lettimore said that "every method will be taken advantage of to comply with federal, state and local anti-pollution laws."

The Auburn mayor also reported at a press conference in the St. Regis hotel in New York City to reports that American steel firms were critical of the entry of the Japanese into the industry here.

### CHP patrolman aided

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Quick action by a passing physician, Dr. Robert K. Nagamoto, Gardena, was able to save the life of California Highway Patrolman, Sgt. Robert Caldwell, who had his legs severed in a motorcycle accident June 10 on the Marina Freeway.

## OWN RESTAURANT JUST REMODELED

### Nisei protests site of state building

DENVER, Colo. — Recommendations that the block on E. 16th Ave. at Broadway be selected as the site of a new Colorado state judicial building has drawn a strong protest from a Nisei restaurateur now in business there.

Leo Goto, who's Leo's Place is at 4 E. 16th Ave., said he would suffer a huge financial loss if the proposed site is chosen for the new state building.

In a letter to the Denver Post, Goto told the state legislators judicial building site committee that he and his associates had spent over \$300,000 to remodel the restaurant. "If the state condemns the property," he wrote, "we will receive none of the condemnation award, but we would have no money to pay off our existing debt or to remodel a new restaurant."

A site consultant from New York, Dr. F. Michael Wong, hired by the state committee recommended the block bounded by E. Colfax, E. 16th Lincoln St. and Broadway for the new building.

### READER SUGGESTS ORIGIN OF 'GOOK'

DEL MAR, Calif. — The June 1973 issue of Intellectual Digest published the following letter:

"In the new supplement to the Oxford English Dictionary, it lists 'gook' as 'origin unknown.'"

"The Korean word for American is 'Miguk' (me-gook); for Korean it is 'Hanguk'; for Chinese, 'Chungkuo.' You can just imagine some wide-eyed Korean child pointing at the tall, round-eyed, white-skinned GI and shouting for all to hear, 'Miguk!'"

"And it certainly doesn't take much to picture the disparaging soldier mumbling, 'You gook, all right.'"

### Five valedictorians all Asians for first time

SAN FRANCISCO — For the first time in the 37-year history of George Washington High School, five Asian American students shared valedictorian honors for their graduating class of 585 students last month (June 12).

The straight A average valedictorians were Brenda Okawachi, daughter of the H. Okawachis; Diane Tokugawa, daughter of the George Tokugawas; Fred Hom, Shirley Wong and Joan Wu.

### Theater organist

LOS ANGELES — Pipe organ virtuoso Maria Kumagai of Tokyo presented a concert June 17 at the Wilshire Theater under auspices of the American Theater Organ Society. She has been in the U.S. since 1969 and has played at the San Francisco Grace Cathedral and at Detroit.

## By the Board—

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Those JACLers who wish to participate in the activities of this Committee should write to me at 1322 Argyle, Chicago, Ill. 60640.

"shibui" hotels in the world. We had two purposes in making this U.S.-Japan mental health trip. First, as an expression of goodwill in the psychiatric and mental health field, and also an opportunity for Dr. Brown and I to learn more about Japanese psychiatry and its mental health activities.

It is our hope that our visit will not only bring about better understanding and some transcultural activities between the two NIMHs but also will encourage our government to enter into a bilateral agreement to carry out collaborative mental health projects.

One of the interesting side-lights was the communications crisis of a sort. In order to keep in touch with the home office and keep up the process of organizational and NIMH I would place a call to my office once a day during our first week in Japan.

The complicating factor was that we were staying at the Okura Hotel and it was difficult for the telephone operator to believe that my name was Okura and after assuring the operator after three or four attempts, I finally managed to get through to my office. The Okura Hotel still is probably one of the most

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## Con artists bilk

### Dallas Japanese buyer of \$122,000

DALLAS, Tex. — A daring swindle, perhaps the largest in Dallas history, has left a Japanese exporter-importer \$122,000 poorer, two suspects charged with one free on bond and the other still at large with the money.

Detectives arrested Jimmy Earl Ecranbrack, 36, July 6 and charged him with swindling Kunihiko Maemoto, 31, Ecranbrack was free on \$5,000 bond posted by his attorney shortly after the charges were filed.

A second suspect, Eugene Czekoy, was still at large July 7 after being charged in the con game.

The case began unraveling July 5 when Maemoto contacted police expressing fears he had been bilked.

He said he delivered the money, in \$50 and \$100 bills, to the two Dallas men at a Harry Hines Boulevard cocktail lounge. He said the money was in exchange for promised shipment of American-made golf equipment.

The "deal," made during a two-week period, was for 5,000 dozen golf balls at \$5 a dozen, 1,000 golf club sets at \$75 a set and \$44,000 worth of other golf clubs.

Maemoto called his office in Japan earlier in the week and the office authorized delivery of \$150,000 cash from its Japanese bank to a bank in Carrollton. Maemoto took \$122,000 from the bank and gave it to the suspects.

### Osaka population

OSAKA — The population of Osaka metropolitan area totaled 8,023,352 as of May 1 to become the second most populated prefecture in Japan. Tokyo is first with 11,530,000 as of last October.

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## ANNY SEMONCO

## Her Handicap motivates art students

Following recent article was reprinted this month by the Cleveland JACL Newsletter from the Tampa, Fla., Tribune-Times. The Newsletter's editors, Yoshi Kadowaki and Peggy Tanji, were moved to comment: "We have watched Anny grow up into a fine young lady and share in her mother's pride in her indomitable spirit and outstanding accomplishments."

Tampa, Fla. Motivation is a stock word these days in Robinson High School art classes — all because of a 21-year-old Japanese-born intern from the Univ. of Tampa, who wears a smile as if God made it especially for her.

Why does Anny Semonco motivate? Well, it's hard for a young high school "artist" to be lackadaisical when you see someone like Anny hobbling around on crutches with such an abundance of energy. For Anny Semonco, born with cerebral palsy and "half-orphaned" at 11 months, the classroom is a second home to her. She loves to motivate others, adores art and is inspired by young people.

It's no accident that Anny can crack aside her handicap and pick up the challenge of a teaching career in competition with the less hampered.

Hiked, Swam, Dived

Anny's progressed because her mother, Kyoko or Dolly, a professional ballet dancer in Japan before she married an American Army sergeant after World War II, permitted her opportunities to perform feats that a cerebral palsy victim shouldn't be doing. Like hiking in the woods with her Girl Scout troop, swimming, diving off the board and taking a crack at gymnastics.

With good reason, Anny feels "If you are going to train handicapped children, you have to start early." In her case, therapy began at 4. The spunky Japanese American coed with dark-rimmed glasses also has this advice for mothers of the handicapped: "Baby the handicapped and you'll nurture a cripple." It's her contention that "Lots of parents of handicapped children are too cautious. I think the kids should get the opportunity to try things out. Sure, it's frustrating when you find out you can't do certain things. But you definitely have to find out your limitations for your own self. Too many people like myself are locked away in nursing homes."

She was born three months premature weighing 2½ pounds. From the moment of birth, she had to fight for her life.

### Palsy Victim

The mental retardation condition doctors thought she had, it developed, was cerebral palsy. Her father never found out. When she was 11 months, he was riding in the rear of a car with two soldier friends. An electric streetcar sliced through the back of the vehicle, killing him instantly. At 2, mother and daughter moved to a strange land (Cleveland) with unfamiliar people (Anny's father's relatives).

While other children ran and played, Anny had to huddle along, first on a wheel chair, then with crutches. But she was "bitter" on the contrary: "Smiling is my hobby," she says. "For some reason, I never seem to see the bad side of people."

However, that doesn't mean she won't admonish you if you deserve it.

### Admonishes All and Self

Once she penned a letter in the Minaret, chastizing students for their apathy in failing to attend the president's inauguration in greater numbers. Then in another letter to the editor she challenged the university administration to explain why it was necessary to raise tuition. And before the general election last year, she wrote a letter to the editor in The Tribune urging people to vote.

She admonishes herself as well. "I never wanted a wheel chair because I felt it would make me lazy. I do feel if I had exerted myself more with my exercises, I would be walking better than I am now." The major ailment she has failed to enter more art shows "because I lack self-confidence" although she does plan to submit some work this year. She is working on a political-type

book of cartoons on the accomplishments of student government.

Now, after almost four years, Anny is about to finish up her academic career with a bachelor of fine arts in May. The final stretch is being spent from 7:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day in the art classes of Robinson High where Anny makes assignments, critiques work and give out grades to about 100 students in five classes as part of her teacher internship requirements.

### Intern Teacher

Robinson art teacher, William King, says her work as an intern has been well above average. "She has a good attitude and the kids recognize it. I would say she has had a good influence on the young people."

Anny's future is a bit uncertain. Like most other soon-to-be college graduates, she's ready to consider any job, whether in art, advertising or teaching in Tampa or elsewhere. "But I would be happiest working with people. And I do want to do something for the handicapped," she declared with that winsome smile.

## CHAPTER PULSE

### Scholarship

### Cortez JACL honors two with scholarships

Students of Cortez JACL members, graduating in all levels of education, were recently honored at an outing and weiner bake at Sea Cliff State Park in Santa Cruz County. A day of fishing, swimming, volleyball, and general fellowship were enjoyed by those attending.

Especially honored were the recipients of this year's Cortez JACL Scholarship Awards: Agnes Masuda, daughter of the Carl Masudas, and Fritz Fidel, son of the Stan Fideis.

### Washington, D.C. awards three scholarships

The Washington, D.C. JACL at its June board meeting voted to award chapter scholarships to Donna Omata, \$150; Janet Ishimoto, \$100; and Brian Iwatake, \$50.

Funds for the scholarship are derived from the annual bazaar held jointly with the Japan America Society of Washington. The chapter sells Japanese food items at the one-day event.

### Installation

### San Diego JACL names its installation speaker

Bill Hosokawa, Denver Post associate editor and author of "Nisei: The Quiet Americans" was announced as guest speaker for the San Diego JACL installation dinner Nov. 17 at the Hotel del Coronado. It will be the chapter's 40th anniversary and prewar chapter presidents are being invited as guests of the chapter.

### July Events

### Bloodmobile slated July 21 at Bukkyokai

With sufficient interest shown through signatures of persons offering to donate blood, the San Mateo JACL has scheduled a blood mobile unit to be stationed at the San Mateo Buddhist Church on Saturday, July 21, from 8 a.m. till noon.

The chapter hopes more donors would come. While no specific instructions have been given as far as eating before donating blood, breakfast will be served to all who contribute.

### Bay Area Community sees slides on Cuba

Neil Gotanda, who recently returned from working in Cuba with the Venceremos Brigade, was scheduled to present a slide-talk of his Cuban experiences at the July 15 meeting of the Bay Area Community JACL at the Bank of California branch in Berkeley. A member of the Bay Area chapter and Asian Law Caucus, Gotanda spent six weeks constructing housing for workers in a new town being built in Havana province.

### JACL-AAA joint meet set in New York

A joint meeting of the New York JACL and Asian Americans for Action in New York City will be held July 20, 7:30 p.m., at the United Asian Communities Center, 43 W. 28th Street. Arranging the meeting were Tami Ogata, JACL education chairman; Ken Masuda, Mrs. Mitzi Fromart, AAA; and Michio Kaku, Asians on the Alert.

### French Camp slates annual bazaar July 21

Family fun and food galore are promised at the annual French Camp JACL bazaar July 21 at the French Camp Community Hall. Festivities start at 4 p.m., according to George Komure and Tom Nishihara, co-chairmen. Kimi Morinaka and Dorothy Ota are in charge of the food booths, which feature



**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**—San Fernando Valley JACL and the SFV Japanese American Community Center honor area scholarship winners (from left): Kuren Mayeda, Michael Yamane, Wesley Mizutani, Lonny Matsuda; standing—Gary Kanemura, Alan Kawasaki, Byron Hijiima and Reginald Ariyasu. Awardees each received \$100 in recognition of their outstanding academic and extra-curriculum achievements.

Japanese items along with traditional American carnival items.

### Nikkei pioneers greeted at Old Timers luncheon

By FRED NITTA

Close to 40 Issei and Nisei longtime residents were among the 150 present at the Old Timers lunch held July 4 at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple auditorium. The annual luncheon, hosted by the Pajaro Valley Historical Assn., was co-sponsored by the Watsonville JACL.

Local attorney Hubert Wycoff and Samsel pharmacist Ernest Ura, presidents of the historical group and local JACL respectively, were in charge.

Wycoff greeted the attendants with a brief explanation for the lunch. He said that this year's lunch was dedicated to the Issei and their descendants for their contribution to the culture of Watsonville and becoming significant community members. He introduced Kumajiro Murakami, 92, as the oldest member among attendants. He came to Watsonville in 1908 and has been farming until recently when he handed the operations to his son.

Tom Nakase, vice-president of JACL, was the master of ceremonies who introduced Rev. Tetsunori Hirota of the Buddhist Temple for invocation.

Following the lunch Rev. Sumio Koga, minister of the Westview United Presbyterian Church, related the brief history of his church. Tom Tuo spoke about the history of the Japanese community in the Pajaro Valley including that of the Buddhist Temple. As entertainment, Mrs. Nobuo Shimomoto of Seaside, presented a classical Japanese dance. The party closed with benediction by Rev. Sumio Koga.

Other highlights were the Japanese cultural exhibits of flower arrangements by Ikunobu Ikebana-school of Watsonville, bonsai, old historical pictures of the Japanese community, suiseki and old Japanese gold coins.

The members of the Watsonville ARA and Fujinkai helped to prepare the barbecue lunch.

### Riverside JACL plans Japanese movie night

Riverside JACL is showing two Japanese films at UC Riverside in Room LS 1500 on Saturday, July 28, 7:15 p.m. Titles are "Portrait of Chieko," story of poet-artist Takamura's devotion to his wife, and "Samurai from Nowhere." It was also announced Glen Michel, chapter president, will move in August to Sacramento and that Jim Urata, past president, will serve as president for remainder of the year.

### West L.A. schedules Japan trip orientation

Orientation meeting for people interested in travel to the Orient (Tokyo and Hong Kong) via 73 Autumn Adventure Charter Flight, sponsored by the West Los Angeles JACL, will be held July 20, 7:30 p.m., at the Felicia Mahood Recreation Center, 11388 Santa Monica Blvd. The Charter flight is scheduled this year for Sept. 28 to Oct. 20 and follows last year's successful Summer '72 Charter Flight, and again via Northwest Orient Airlines.

Representatives from Japan Travel Bureau, Northwest Airlines, and tour directors in charge will answer questions and provide information regarding preparation for the trip; such as, passport, visa, yen exchange, travel insurance, special tour arrangements and accommodations.

Special feature of the meeting will be the presence of a doctor who will donate his time to administer required inoculations for those signed up for the flight and/or tour. Special arrangements have

also been made with a local photographer for passport pictures to be taken from 6:30 p.m.

## August Events

### Portland sets date for community picnic

The Portland JACL community picnic will be held on Sunday, Aug. 12, at McIver Park, Area B, from 11 a.m. till 6, according to Jim Iwasaki, chairman. Free pop, ice cream and beer will be served.

## June Events

### Pasadena JACL presents scout of year honors

Pasadena JACL presented its Scout of the Year honors to Jeffrey T. Moriyama, son of the Sam Moriyamas of Pasadena, during the Troop 41 court of honor June 25 at the Pasadena Cultural Center. A fine student and athlete, Jeffrey Moriyama was also given his Eagle Scout badge by John Schmink, San Gabriel Council scout leader.

### Imperial Valley honors Sansei WAC enlistee

A going-away dinner for Judy Anne Kodama of California was co-hosted last month by the Imperial Valley JACL and the Women's Club. The daughter of the So Kodamas had just graduated with honors from Calipatria Union high school, where she edited the school publication and was a graduation speaker. She will report for WAC basic training in communications at Ft. McClellan, Ala., next month.

### Alamedans initiate church building fund

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Buena Vista United Methodist Church tore down its old two-story chapel and is now constructing a new, one-story educational building, which will complete the new church complex that began in 1964, when the parsonage was built. The present sanctuary was built in 1966.

While the total project cost will be around \$40,000, a drive to raise \$12,000 over the next five years has been started with Haruo Imura as chairman.

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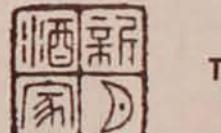


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