



Priorities

DETROIT HOSTS 10TH BIENNIAL EASTERN-MIDWEST DISTRICT MEET

'Education and Ethnicity' Set as Theme, Focus on Role of Local Nikkei Communities

By HENRY T. TANAKA, National JACL President

Why did JACL withdraw its proposal to the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) but chose to retain its suspended Social Gerontology Project funded by the Administration on Aging (AoA)? Both programs focus on the Japanese Americans.

On the surface, it would appear that these two ac-

The OEO Proposal

tions are inconsistent if the sole determining factor was absence of sufficient involvement and cooperation with other interested and relevant Japanese American community organizations. In my opinion, there were many other factors that the board had to consider before making these difficult decisions.

The Gerontology Project was already underway, but a request to revise the plan because of federal cutbacks in training monies allowed for additional time needed to confer with other interested Japanese American groups on alternative plans. With the establishment of guidelines at the recent National Board meeting, a definitive procedure was suggested to confer with these groups.

Several Japanese American organizations in the country which have heard about the Gerontology Project for the first time, have expressed tentative interest in participating in the project. These groups will be consulted on the revised plan, which proposes a videotape on the elderly Japanese Americans and the development of other educational materials to be used as training aids.

Several JACL chapters have initiated, planned or participated with other groups in programs serving the elderly in their own communities and welcome any materials to improve their programs.

At the time of the National Board meeting, the research proposal to conduct a national demographic survey of the problems and conditions affecting middle-aged and elderly Japanese Americans was scheduled to be reviewed for funding by the Office of Economic Opportunity. Built into the proposal was evaluation on the extent of utilization of existing services, and planning of new strategies and programs which would be more responsive to the historical and cultural differences of these groups. These strategies would help mitigate against the maintenance of low socioeconomic status and related social isolation patterns.

This highly technical and sophisticated research study was long overdue. It provided for the collection of non-existent, relevant data, the development of culturally relevant measuring instruments and field methods, and the immediate utilization of such data for systematic planning of innovative social and health services.

The National Board deliberated at length before making its decision to withdraw its application to OEO. Because of the far reaching implications of this study in terms of future programs for older persons and the reliance upon the collection of accurate and meaningful data, it became very apparent that the full cooperation of other interested Japanese American organization would be essential. There was no way to seek this cooperation within the one week that remained before the project was slated for final review by OEO.

Since the Board meeting, we have learned that not only has the former OEO director been enjoined by the Federal District judge from dismantling the agency as of June 30, 1973, but an attempt has

DETROIT, Mich. — "Education and Ethnicity" has been announced by co-chairmen Harold Iwami and Elaine Akagi as the theme for the Tenth Biennial EDC-MDC Joint Convention to be held in the Pontchartrain Hotel, Aug. 31-Sept. 3.

The convention will focus on a general overview of Ethnicity as it relates to Education and more specifically on the role of the Japanese American community on this issue.

Principal speaker for the

JACler H. Hibino elected mayor of Salinas, Calif.

By HARRY IIDA

SALINAS, Calif. — Henry Hibino, Salinas city councilman since 1971 when he was elected by the largest number of popular votes among 12 candidates, was elected to head the office of Mayor by his fellow councilmen on July 2.

The 38-year-old Salinas farmer is the youngest mayor of the city has had in recent years. Prior to being elected councilman, he had served on the city's Recreation and Parks Commission during 1967-71, serving in the capacity of vice-chairman.

Mayor Hibino, in his inaugural statement to his fellow councilmen and the community, vowed his theme during his tenure would be "Community Involvement."

"All the people of the community must be willing to speak out and give us not only the benefits of their ideas, but the benefit of their effort as well. In private enterprise, customers are its business. In city government, we must recognize that people do not interrupt our business. After all, people are our business," he said.

Local Boy

Hibino grew up in the Salinas area, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Hibino had settled during the depression years. He attended local schools, and graduated from San Jose State University, majoring in Business Administration. He served his time in the United States Army, after which he returned to farming operations in Salinas.

He has been an active member of the Salinas Valley JACL for over 15 years, having served as its president for two terms in 1968 and 1969. He has also been a member of the 1000 Club since 1967.

Hibino and his family are members of the Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church. His wife, Evelyn, daughters Jill and Stacie, and son Ken, constitute the new Mayor's immediate family. In addition to his parents, his two married sisters live nearby. Chieko Shikuma, Watsonville, and Mary Oka, Salinas.

GEORGE TAKEI SEES CITY COUNCIL SEAT

LOS ANGELES — Actor George Takei last week (July 19) announced he was a candidate for the 10th Councilman seat vacated by Mayor Tom Bradley. A special election has been set for Sept. 18 as "a winner take all" affair.

Official announcement was made before prospective supporters of Takei at a dinner co-hosted by Frank Chuman and George Shinozaki and emceed by Clarence Arima, prewar Los Angeles JACL leader and Takei's neighbor for the past 25 years.

Takei, Wilshire JACL president, served as national JACL chairman on cultural affairs and spearheaded efforts to combat Asian stereotypes in the media and entertainment industry.

ABLE reactivated

LOS ANGELES — Asian Americans for Better Legislative Effectiveness (ABLE) has reactivated its bipartisan efforts to create a fund to help maintain newly-elected Assemblyman Paul Banat in office and assist other Nikkei candidates in their political bid, according to committee spokesman Edwin Hiroto (225-1501).

South African marries Japanese bride in Swaziland after refusal at home

DURBAN, South Africa — A white South African farmer who was refused permission to marry his Japanese sweetheart has married her in Swaziland.

Chris Butler, a 57-year-old dairy farmer, met 28-year-old Yuko Gejima, on a blind date in Bangkok, and she traveled to South Africa to be with him.

workshops and panel discussions to follow will be David G. Roth, Midwest Coordinator of the National Project on Ethnic America, of the American Jewish Committee. Participating in the panels will be members of the Japanese American community discussing their ideas and attitudes concerning what is happening with their own community regarding ethnicity and how it relates to education.

According to Joe and Karen Gersch, Detroit Chapter Workshop chairmen, the program is being finalized and panel members will be announced.

National President Henry Tanaka will convene the meeting of the National Executive Committee, which will be held in conjunction with the District Convention.

Format of the Convention will allow delegates to attend not only the business meetings and workshops but also to observe a portion of the National Executive Committee meetings in session.

Ample time has been set aside for boosters and delegates to enjoy shopping and the attractions in and around the Metropolitan Detroit Area.

Included in the booster activities will be "an Evening in Canada" tour, a visit to the world famous Henry Ford's Greenfield Village and Museum and a Bob-Lo boat cruise along the Detroit River which borders Canada and the United States.

The preliminary agenda: Friday, Aug. 31 8 a.m.—Registration 8 p.m.—Midnight Mixer

Saturday, Sept. 1 9 a.m.—Joint EDC-MDC Meeting 10-11 p.m.—EDC Meeting, MDC Meeting, National Executive Committee

1-2 p.m.—Lunch 2-3 p.m.—Orientation Session for Educators (Non-JACLers)

Sunday, Sept. 2 8 a.m.—1 p.m.—Workshop: Speaker (1 hr.), Panel discussion (1 hr.), Quiz Groups (1 hr.) 1-2 p.m.—National Executive Committee (Open Discussion) 2-3 p.m.—Planned Booster Activities 3-5 p.m.—Dinner 9 p.m.—1 a.m.—Dance

Monday, Sept. 3 9 a.m.—noon—Meeting

West Valley hosts NC-WNDC meel

CUPERTINO, Calif. — The West Valley JACL will host the third quarterly session of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council at DeAnza College on Sunday, Aug. 5.

Charles Kubokawa will present a slide show after the luncheon on "The Other Side of Japan." The Nisei aquanaut recently spent nearly a year on a government fellowship in Japan.

Early registrants may take in the Minolta planetarium show on campus at 10 a.m. near the DC meeting site at Forum No. 4, accessible from Stelling Rd. south of Stevens Creek Rd.

Gov. Harry Hatanaka will call the business session to order at 11 a.m. A tour of the Paul Masson Winery nearby is scheduled at 3:50 p.m.

Registration fees are: Official—\$8 (includes decanter of wine); booster—\$4.50 (decanter of wine available for purchase); JAV—\$4; business session only for JAVs and boosters—\$1.

Trial date set on alien hiring case

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Sept. 11 has been set as the trial date for the first case in the county to grow out of a federal effort to oust illegal aliens in the labor market.

U.S. District Court Judge Gordon Thompson Jr. will hear the case against two Nikkei foremen charged for harboring and concealing illegal aliens on the Ukegawa Bros. farm.

Chihiro Takamatsu and Seichiro Tsutsumi were served subpoenas on the spot when a June 12 raid revealed 15 illegal aliens working. The subpoenas required them to testify before a federal grand jury, which then indicted them. No new indictments have been returned by the grand jury since then, according to David Curnow, assistant U.S. Attorney.

While charged separately, Judge Thompson was uncertain whether their trials would be consolidated or follow one another.

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ELKS ABANDON 'WHITES ONLY' MEMBER POLICY

105-Year-Old Rule Dropped, Requires Two-Third Ratification

CHICAGO — The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks voted to end its 105-year-old "whites only" policy by voting 2,186 to 773 to admit other races, newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler Robert A. Yothens, 39, announced at the final session of the Elks national convention here last week (July 19).

The vote represented what Yothens called "a change of heart as well as a change of law."

The change, however, is not automatic as it must be ratified by at least two-thirds of the Elks membership nationally, noted Yothens, a Seattle attorney.

There are 2,183 Elks lodges with a total membership of 1,541,786.

Vote Due in September

The change will be submitted to the lodges in September and the vote should be completed by October. Yothens said it was "highly unlikely" the decision would be ratified. He attributed the decision to the recent U.S. Supreme Court refusal to rule on a Maine law permitting revocation of food and liquor licenses of private organizations that discriminate in restricting membership.

(Two similar bills, which are supported by the JACL, have been introduced this year in the California state legislature by Assemblyman Richard Alatorre (D-Los Angeles) and John J. Miller (D-Oakland), requiring a statement of nondiscrimination by applicants for issuance or renewal of liquor licenses.)

JACL Protest

The Japanese American Citizens League, at its 1970 national convention in Chicago, called upon its chapters to refrain from using Elks Club facilities because of the discriminatory policy.

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GOV. REAGAN SIGNS JACL BILL

Offending license plates revocable



SAN FRANCISCO — David Ushio, National Executive Director of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), has issued a letter urging prompt action in the recall of license plates carrying the letter combination of "JAP" to the Dept. of Motor Vehicles Director Robert C. Cozens.

Ushio's action came following the signing of legislation July 13 by Governor Ronald Reagan authorizing the DMV to recall personalized license plates already issued, but found by the DMV to "carry connotation offensive to good taste and decency."

The bill was introduced by Assemblyman Robert Badham (R-Newport Beach) and co-authored by Sen. Milton Marks (R-San Francisco), Rep. Phil Marks (R-San Francisco), Rep. Robert Moretti (D-North Hollywood) State Sen. Milton Marks, Assemblymen Robert Badham, Willie Brown, (D-San Francisco), Alex Garcia (D-Los Angeles), and others who were supportive of JACL in protesting the offensive license plates.

In his letter to Cozens, Ushio stated: "In view of the legislation signed by Governor Ronald Reagan empowering the DMV

to recall offensive environmental license plates, the National JACL urges you to quickly recall all California license plates with the letter combination 'JAP' on them.

"In our meeting concerning this issue, you stated that this term, which Americans of Japanese ancestry find so obnoxious, offensive, and in bad taste, has no place on the license plates of California drivers."

"Now that you have the required authority, JACL trusts that prompt action will be taken to remedy this most unpleasant situation."

Copies of this letter were sent to U.S. Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), Sen. John V. Tunney (D-Calif.), Rep. Phil Marks (R-San Francisco), Rep. Robert Moretti (D-North Hollywood) State Sen. Milton Marks, Assemblymen Robert Badham, Willie Brown, (D-San Francisco), Alex Garcia (D-Los Angeles), and others who were supportive of JACL in protesting the offensive license plates.

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WATERGATE HEARINGS

Life under TV lights not all that glamorous, Sen. Inouye complains

WASHINGTON — The televised coverage in the Senate Caucus Room of the Senate Watergate Committee of seven and their investigators has catapulted them in stardom and their faces are as familiar to TV audiences as those of Johnny Carson or Flip Wilson.

On the air since the hearings began May 17, the coverage has also brought unwanted attention, an increased amount of do-me-a-favor mail and mobs they don't know how to handle.

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) said he doesn't see his family at all, having decided to send them back to Hawaii "until all of this is over."

"On the surface, it might seem glamorous and exciting — and it is exciting — but there is a price we are all paying. It's a rough life," he noted of the strained assignment.

Beauty Salon Poll

In a recent poll of Atlanta beauty shops, Sen. Inouye, 49, was voted "the sexiest man on the Watergate committee" while Georgia's Sen. Herman Talmadge came in second. Asked if he'd heard about

that, Sen. Inouye simply laughed his long, baritone chuckle and said his wife, Maggie, voted the same way.

The Nisei senator is not entirely sanguine about the effect of the Watergate hearings on his life. For one thing, a bank of blinding lights for color TV faces the senators' table and burns into their retinas day after day.

Sen. Inouye found he wound up with "horrible headaches" every day — so he took to wearing sunglasses until a woman called to say they made him look like "a member of the Yokohama Mafia."

He has had a new pair of slightly tinted glasses made and can still be glimpsed shading his eyes during testimony.

TV exposure could also prove a boon to four members of the committee whose term expires next year — including Sen. Inouye. Though most staffers insist their man isn't running for national office, at least four — Senators Howard Baker Jr. (R-Tenn.), Inouye, Talmadge and Edward Gurney (R-Fla.) — are being asked to do so by letter-writing fans.

JACL BLDG. POLL

Let's Make Sure We Do It Right!

CHICAGO — JACL chapters have received a ballot with regard to the National JACL recommendation to increase the National JACL Bldg. fund drive goal from \$175,000 to \$250,000.

"Now that we are going to build a JACL building, let's make sure that we do it right and build a structure that will take care of all our needs presently and in the future," declared Midwest District Governor Ross Harano.

Chapters have until July 30 to register their choice. Harano explained his vote

to increase the fund drive goal for three reasons: 1—"We are committed to the construction of a building. 2—"The \$175,000 will not be sufficient to house our increased National staff. Since the original proposal, staff has grown substantially and was not envisioned before the change of National Director. 3—"The \$250,000 should be sufficient to allow for the rapidly escalating cost of construction. According to San Francisco chapter members, costs in that city have risen at the rate of half per

Spokane housing project for elderly nearly completed, applications ready

Spokane 99201 (MA 4-3717), who is processing the applications, noted time is of essence for the 41 units available. Preliminary applications and background information may be secured in both Japanese and English by writing or calling Kadoya.

The chapter, two years ago, undertook the project to provide adequate housing for the elderly and was built under section 221 (d) 3 of the National Housing Act, which provides rent supplement that range between \$49 and a maximum \$163. Thus, a man and wife with a monthly income of \$200 would pay \$50, the rest being supplemented. If an individual or couple had a monthly income of \$280, they would pay \$70 with the government paying the difference that and \$163 or \$93.

Allowable Income

Maximum annual income allowable for occupants is \$4,300 for a single person and \$4,700 for a couple. Maximum assets allowable are \$3,000. Other eligibility requirements for these apartments are that: 1—Occupants must be at least 62 (if applicants are a man and wife, one must meet this requirement). 2—Or physically handicapped, of long duration or of indefinite duration, substantially impeding one's ability to live independently. It is understood that the applicant is able to care for himself. If the applicant is under age 62, assets are limited to \$2,000. A letter from a physician, clinic, or the VA is necessary.

Hifumi-en is limited to the above categories. It was noted by chapter president Denno Yasuhara as other FHA projects provide housing for those being evicted by a government agency. If housing is substandard or destroyed or damaged by a natural calamity.

Yasuhara also noted applicants determining the value of their stocks and bonds, as asked for on the preliminary application, should be based on current market and not the original purchase price. As for value of real estate, it is computed on original price less the unpaid balance. Since there is no time limit on disposition of assets above the maximum allowable limit, it may be accomplished prior to signing the official application form.

Two-Story Project

The two-story Hifumi-en features an inner courtyard with Japanese landscaping. Each apartment has a complete equipped kitchen with range and refrigerator, wall-to-wall carpets in the bedroom and living room, vinyl flooring in the kitchen and bathroom. Drapes are provided.

All utilities are included in the rental at no cost to the tenant. Telephones may be installed at the tenant's wish and all furniture must be provided by the tenants.

The units are approximately 575 sq. ft. Heat is thermostatically controlled in each individual room. Building is nearly fire-proof because of its concrete masonry and very little combustible material used in construction.

A conference room on the first floor may be converted for social and recreational purposes. Elevator and laundry facilities are also centrally located.

Applications from outside the Spokane area are also welcome, Yasuhara noted.

Canada arrests U.S. Sansei on dope charge

VICTORIA, B.C. — An American Sansei, George Roland Sonoda, was among 13 Americans charged with conspiracy to possess narcotics for the purpose of trafficking in a North Vancouver provincial court recently.

They were arrested aboard the Marysville, intercepted in Quatsino Sound, by immigration authorities who discovered a half-ton cache of marijuana and hashish aboard the converted U.S. patrol boat.

Smog Alert flags

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Among awardees at the recent Long Beach Beautiful program was Eunice Sato, president of the Long Beach PTA Council, for making Smog Alert flags for every school in the district and the city board of education.

Honda Motors to share anti-smog data with Ford

DETROIT, Mich. — Ford Motor Co. has contracted with Honda Motor Co. July 13 to receive technical information the Japanese firm has developed to reduce air pollution in automobile engines.

Honda's new precombustion chamber engine design will be adopted by Ford in time to meet the federal requirements of emission standards. Ford had agreements with other engine designers but none of them were developed to meet mass production schedules.

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1000 CLUB AND JACL FINANCES

Longtime Thousand Clubbers who have been watching 1000 Club Corner on our back page were probably happily surprised last week to find the current month-end (June 30) active total was 2,799 as compared with 2,454 last year. It's never been higher!

It should be explained, however, the 1000 Club totals fluctuate each month as a number of memberships lapse and these are not tallied as "current" at the month-end.

We have been saving the lines of type of each individual name as they have appeared in the 1000 Club Corner since last December 1 for use in our annual 1000 Club Honor Roll in the Holiday Issue. Thus far, we have saved 1,807 names—which means there are about 1,000 Thousand Clubbers who should be renewing between now and Nov. 30. To be published alphabetically by chapters, what has been saved shows Chicago far out in the lead with 206 names, followed by Sacramento (96), San Francisco (88), and New York (76). The five L.A.-area chapters (Downtown, East L.A., Hollywood, Progressive Westside and Wilshire) account for 79.

If the remaining 1000 Club renewals come through, along with newcomers, they will have contributed in excess of \$75,000 or about 20% of the national JACL budget of \$359,687. It was in recognition of this generosity and helpful group who comprise less than 8% of the total membership that the 1000 Club Honor Roll was initiated in 1952 by Pacific Citizen.

Thousand Clubbers (and others, too) might reflect on the current budget as was adopted at the last National Convention. Projected income from the chapters is \$302,750 with another \$25,000 anticipated from other sources. Projected expenses come to \$359,687—or a deficit of \$31,937.

Income projection was broken down to:

25,000 Regular Members (\$9).....	\$225,000
2,600 1000 Club (\$25).....	65,000
50 Fifty Club (\$50-5).....	2,250
100 Century Club (\$100-15).....	8,500
10 Corporate (\$250-50).....	2,000
27,760	\$302,750

The latest JACL Headquarters Bulletin (No. 2) reports 26,540 members as of mid-July. That doesn't include all the 1000 Club members who have enrolled this year but these will be tabulated for a final count in November. Numerically, the JACL membership now stands at 95.6% of the projected goal of 27,760. There is possibility that the chapters will meet its goal of \$302,750 by the end of the year—but this hope hinges upon the remaining 1000 Clubbers who will be renewing in the subsequent months, plus meeting the goals established for Fifty Club, Century Club and Corporate members.

Among the 1,807 names being saved for the next 1000 Club Honor Roll are 30 Fifty Club, 29 Century Club and 4 Corporate members.

As for the \$32,000 deficit, close scrutiny will be made by the National JACL Executive Committee when it meets over the Labor Day holidays at Detroit in conjunction with the joint Eastern-Midwest District Council biennial convention. Some of the deficit may be shaved because of amounts unexpended, but the year 1974 with a full staff and program to be met will be the acid test upon the organization's financial capability. It shall require the full resources of chapters and members to meet their budgetary commitment.

Finances doesn't make for light summer reading—but when is it?

FESTIVALS IN MIDSUMMER

Another Japanese American tradition catching wider public interest is the Obon Festival of mid-July. Primarily a Buddhist observance to express gratitude to the departed, the occasion has been popularized in Japan to one of joy with its colorful community dancing, lighting of elaborate lanterns and special spread of food. Wherever there are Buddhist groups throughout the U.S., the Obon Festival has become a showpiece for Japanese culture.

Though the connection was not with Obon, the Council of Oriental Organizations and the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Dept. successfully staged its second annual Day of the Lotus Festival at Echo Park on July 14—the traditional time in Japan when Obon is observed in mid-July. The festival was scheduled, instead, to coincide with the blooming of the gorgeous red and white lotus blossoms there. Yet, the Buddhist overtones could not escape us for the lotus is associated with Buddhism. "To sit on the Throne of the Lotus" to the Buddhist faithful means rebirth in paradise after death. Buddhist saints are depicted sitting on a lotus throne.

But Yankee ingenuity induced the Day of the Lotus Festival, which attracted Asian Americans who increased awareness within the community by their combined presence and cultural contributions. If the Obon can be secularized in America, this festival with Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Filipino, Thai and Samoan attributes is a charming transition.

JACL's youngest chapter, Metropolitan L.A., was among the participants with a food booth.

HILTON HOTELS' RESPONSE TO 1970 PALMER HOUSE DOUBLE TRAGEDY

He's still there.

'Iemoto' system survives in Japan's fine arts, music

David Ushio

HERITAGE

Iemoto means a great deal more and often has led to violent and sometimes bloody quarrels.

Interestingly, these more violent quarrels have taken place in the staid, somewhat conservative fields of art and music. Iemoto is the system which involves the awarding of the exclusive right to use the name of a school of music, dance or tea ceremony, Ikebana or a myriad of other related activities. This award becomes very important when the school involved is famous and the name being passed carries with it a great deal of prestige and tradition. In many cases the prestige may well date back hundreds of years.

Essentially, feudal in nature, Iemoto has a strict set of rules which are rigidly observed and imposed by long use and custom. These rules were rooted deeply in Japan's past at a time when great masters devised new techniques in their respective arts and so established new schools. The techniques of these masters were zealously guarded and passed on through their successors by means of the system that came to be called Iemoto.

Under the Iemoto system, the head of a particular school confers his family name on the pupil or disciple who has demonstrated a superior proficiency in his field. It is somewhat equivalent to granting a degree in the West for it constitutes a formal recognition of the student's status and ability. It further entitles the disciple to take pupils of his or her own and confer upon them the name that he has received. These pupils in turn pass on their skills and with it the family name.

The position of the school's patriarch remains in the hands of the master during his lifetime and is then passed on to a successor who bears the same family title. The family title thus becomes a valued trade name and by tradition no one is to infringe on this name or exploit it without proper authorization from the head of the school.

While this practice has no legal force in Japan, it is usually observed. Anyone violating this code runs the risk of popular censure and the very real danger of violent retaliation from members of the school in question.

Iemoto usually designates who will succeed him after his death or as is usually the case, his retirement. Generally, it is one of his own children or a star pupil adopted for the purpose of succession.

On the rare occasion when an Iemoto dies without an heir, the public is often witness to a bitter and acrimonious debate between two and sometimes more contending factions within the school.

Once a pupil has been awarded the family name, they become a Natori or "one who takes the name". The Natori is then eligible to take on pupils and pass on the family name to other Natori. The resulting groups are usually close knit and fanatically loyal to the traditions of their school.

The system of Iemoto has functioned successfully for hundreds of years in Japan and is by no means an anachronism. In fact, the Iemoto system has appeared in fields like modern western dancing in Japan.

The Iemoto system is a touchstone that enables a people to see their past in a living form and so contributes to their sense of their own place in the continuum of history.

JACL Campaign

I sent a letter directly to Director Robert Cozens of DMV calling attention to the fact that these license plates with the highly offensive letter combination "JAP" had been issued which in JACL's opinion required direct action on the part of DMV to recall the plates bearing this offensive term. Copies of the letter to Mr. Cozens and an appeal for support was sent to State legislators, United States Congressmen, United States Senators, and to the Governor of California. A news release based on JACL's position on this issue was sent to the major wire services, mass media, and local chapters and ethnic vernaculars. The response from the elected officials and from the mass media was very favorable to JACL's position.

The initial news release was published in the local papers and was seen in other newspapers as far away as Canada; Louisville, Kentucky; and other points in between. Local radio and news shows carried JACL's position on this issue and I was interviewed on a San Francisco TV news program at which time I discussed this issue at it pertained to Japanese Americans.

A few days later the President of San Francisco Chapter, Wes Doi, appeared on a San Francisco TV station—public opinion editorial—which was carried five or six times during the week and called attention to the reason why the word "JAP" has no place on California State sanctioned license plates.

Front-Page Matter

This initial publicity then led to a front page article in the San Francisco Chronicle which explored some of the basic problems of Americans of Japanese ancestry and called attention to particularly the insensitivity of institutions such as DMV for issuing, however unwittingly, this type of derogatory material. At the same time, support letters began pouring in from interested state and national political figures.

State Senator Milton Marks of San Francisco introduced initial legislation to empower the DMV to recall offensive plates when he learned that DMV claimed they could not recall the plates because no provision for recall had been made in the law.

After Director Cozens indicated that the official position of DMV was that they could not recall the plates, JACL requested a meeting with the Director in Sacramento to discuss the possible alternatives to remedy the situation. Members of JACL staff and I met with Mr. Cozens and his staff to explore these possibilities in the presence of Assemblyman Robert Badham of Newport Beach and a staff member of Assemblyman Alex Garcia who were particularly interested in legislation to correct this deficiency.

Deeper Problem

Many people believe that the use of the word "JAP" is not in bad taste nor offensive. Some Japanese Americans have written to me saying that "we have come too far down the path of success to be angered by the use of a silly three-letter word. Let the past be forgotten." There are many who would agree (and have every right to do so) that the use of the word JAP is justified in this day and age.

To me, usage of the word is offensive, however, it is symptomatic of a deeper problem.

As long as institutions such as DMV, society, as well as individuals are not cognizant of the history or discrimination that continues to plague minorities like Japanese Americans, the usage of such racist terms will continue.

The same racist usage of the term JAP accompanied by other descriptions, "sneaky, dirty, and disloyal" which was applied to Americans of Japanese ancestry in World War II is now resurfacing in 1973. Today it is applied again to Japanese Americans who become the visible targets of an animosity generated by trade competition between United States and Japan.

System Responsive

The combination of the letters JAP themselves may or may not be offensive when taken solely in the context of a convenient abbreviation for a person's initials. But given its racist history and the potential for rekindling similar latent feelings of hostility toward Japanese Americans, the term has no place in our everyday use especially not in official state sanctioned institutions such as DMV.

Recognizing the fact that the recalling of license plates by the State of California does not solve the basic problems that have plagued Japanese Americans historically, nevertheless, if nothing more many people have been sensitized to the feelings of Japanese Americans and the overall problems faced by organizations such as JACL.

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Japanese mind revealed through everyday customs

Jerry Enomoto

Perspectives

Having been introduced to the Pacific Citizen when his acquaintance, Kikuji Ryuko of Sacramento, had sent some copies of this paper right 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 TOSHIIKO KAMADA

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(3)What makes the guest say, "Doto o-kamainaku" (see last week's PC for translated English expression) when he is supposedly going to be entertained?

Apprehensiveness derived from foresight; because he foresees that he might cost the host time and money.

You may wonder why then the host does not say it simply by turning it down. If he cannot afford to do so, this is, however, partly because Japanese hosts are too considerate of the guests (especially of VIP's) to refuse things. This is what we call *giri*. So it is necessary for the guest to judge the situation. And this is what is called *enryo*.

Giri is a sort of duty with an obligatory feeling to repay a person for the on (favor or kindness). *Enryo* is a kind of consideration or thoughtfulness to save the plight of *giri*. *Giri* and *enryo* is a give-and-take in Japanese life, which constitutes Japanese politeness.

On the other hand, however, some drawbacks peculiar to Japanese also ensue from this. Generally speaking, Japanese are not used to assert their rights, speak up on things to discuss and negotiate. The ways of negotiations through mutual self-assertion with reasonable compromise have little developed in Japan where individual rights have been hardly exercised, and notion of privacy has developed only recently.

Ambiguity

I hear often foreigners complain that Japanese are very ambiguous in answering "Yes" or "No" (Some scholars point out the ambiguity in the structure of our language.)

Yet, you may understand us if you take it like this—Japanese say yes or no in consideration of other's convenience rather than his own. A Japanese host is sometimes too considerate of a guest to make his own demands known.

So it becomes necessary on the part of the guest in turn, as if to make up for it, to be too thoughtful to inconvenience the Japanese *enryo* (thoughtfulness) derived from "ki-o-kikassu-koto" (having quick wit to judge other's standpoint).

You may think Japanese *enryo* very odd, very roundabout, but we have developed this singular manner within a narrow island country to make our social lives as smooth as possible and not to hurt the feelings of each other. To be sure, mutual concession is a nice thing so long as it is carried out voluntarily.

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tional organization and have said so quite openly at both District meetings and National Conventions. We do, however, still support National and feel in do otherwise would not be to the best advantage of the Japanese but throughout the country.

SAN DIEGO JACL: Vernon T. Yoshioka

We May Disagree but Support Staunch

The National JACL is presently undergoing growing pains in regard to its new national (staff and) organization. The problems have been graphically laid out for the membership in the weekly editions of the Pacific Citizen: Gerontology, staff hiring policies, the location of the National Headquarters and so on.

We, as a Chapter, have not always agreed with the National JACL.

I want you to tell me what concerns you have about JACL. These inputs should include not only your criticisms and suggestions about the local Chapter, but about what kind of things the National JACL should be doing or not doing as the case may be.

A healthy dialogue within the Chapter is the best foundation on which to build meaningful programs not only here, but throughout the country.

A Bright Side

It is often said that there are two sides to every story, and this is true. There has been a mass of confusion, misunderstandings, rhetoric of distrust and allegations of lack of concern and feeling which was precipitated by the Gerontology Program.

The third side, or the bright side, would be real if the National JACL could recognize the fact that it needs to communicate more with the various community organizations and local chapters which will directly affect the community groups and local chapters.

There has been a great deal of concern over the various programs which the National JACL has been proposing to the Federal Government where-in they claim to represent "all Asians." Possibly the Gerontology Program has that bright side and the National JACL has come to the realization that it should communicate with the various organizations which they claim to represent. If the National JACL has come to this realization because of the Gerontology Program, that program definitely will have a bright side, and I hope that the National Board does see the LIGHT.

Priorities

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been made to add additional monies to OEO.

Had the study been approved and funded, a total of more than \$318,000 would have been granted to implement the first nationwide research project focused on the unmet needs and problems of 105,000 Japanese Americans; 65,000 between the ages of 45-65 and 40,000 over 65.

The proposal, as written, is too valuable in terms of future program planning and development for the aging Japanese Americans to be shelved. We now have time to discuss the proposal with other interested Japanese American groups and receive their reactions and comments. Hopefully in the very near future, this proposal will be resubmitted for funding with the full endorsement and cooperation of these groups.

"Chiaroscuro" is reserved for Chapter Presidents, whose reports to their own chapters (as found in newsletters) may be of interest to other chapters. Contributions directly to this corner are also welcome—Ed.

25 Years Ago

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From the Frying Pan

Bill Hosokawa

OUT OF THE PAST—Jim Sugioka dropped in the other day and we had a great time talking over lunch. I finished my meal somewhat before Jim did because he was always a pretty able talker and the years haven't handicapped him much in that department. In fact, even in retirement, Sugioka has the same chipper, bouncy outlook that sustained him through a long life of service.

Who is Jim Sugioka and why should we be writing about him in this column?

Well, he is one of the older Nisei and a long time ago he was the important fellow in the JACL movement. He was secretary of the national JACL at the time of the Evacuation. But he resigned to join the national staff of the Christian Church, an action which drew considerable criticism from some JACL stalwarts who felt he was abandoning his responsibilities. Sugioka simply says he thought he could do more for the evacuees through the church. Because he is an independent sort of person, and because he has a colorful personal background, Sugioka's story may be of more than passing interest to our Sansei readers, if any.

Sugioka grew up on his father's apricot orchard near Hollister beyond the southern end of the San Francisco Bay Area. He won a degree in electrical engineering and was hired by a Texas utility. Stationed in Dallas, he designed electrical sub-stations. But after a couple of years he decided to strike out on his own, went back to California and took the examination for an electrical contractor's license. The officials had never had an Oriental show up for the examination and had some pretty stout doubts about whether they ought to accept his application. Sugioka stood on his rights, passed the examination and was given a license, probably the first for a Nisei.

Shortly afterward the war came along. Sugioka volunteered for military service but the doctors classified him 4-F. Unwilling to be confined to a camp, he set out for a town he knew in Missouri. Somewhere in Nevada he was stopped at an Army roadblock. An officer told him friends in Hollister were trying saying to reach him. When Sugioka telephoned, his friends warned him that word had got around in the Missouri town that a "Jap" was headed their way and a lynching party was being organized. Sugioka headed for Rocky Ford where he had relatives, moved later to Granada WRA camp.

After he moved to Indianapolis, headquarters of the Christian Church, Sugioka enrolled in night school to study for the ministry. Eventually he became an ordained minister. At war's end there were many opportunities to go back into the electrical engineering business and he was sorely tempted so he could give his family the material things that were beyond a clergyman's means. But he stayed with the church where his engineering background proved invaluable. Instead of preaching, he was assigned to supervise purchase and installation of power plants and other equipment in overseas missions.

Along the way he found time to attack discriminatory barriers. For many years some insurance companies, who hired Japanese agents, charged their Issei clients an extra premium. They justified this policy saying there were no reliable actuarial figures about Issei mortality. Some of the companies were reluctant to pay on policies of Issei who died during the early days of the war. Sugioka was among those who protested. When a company official explained lamely that he wasn't sure it was legal to pay a non-citizen, Sugioka reminded him that citizenship status was never questioned when the company collected premiums. He cancelled his own policies in the company and threatened to stir up other cancellations, and eventually the discriminatory provisions were removed.

Sugioka also found that the church, while preaching brotherhood, was paying Whites more than its racial minorities—including Sugioka—for equal work and he pecked away at that policy until it was eliminated. It's been an interesting life for Jim Sugioka and he's savored every moment of it.

GARDENA CARD CLUB LITERATURE ACCUSES MAYOR

Other Councilmen Also Named as 'Political Puppets'

TORRANCE, Calif. — Superior Court Judge John Shea has rejected a lawsuit to stop distribution of Gardena card club literature, which depicts Mayor Ken Nakagawa, Councilmen William Cox, Al Denfill and Donald Dear as political puppets of Ernest Primm, operator of the Rainbow and Monterey Clubs.

The suit claimed Nakagawa and the three city councilmen were smeared in campaign literature circulated before an election last May to decide when card clubs should be open.

The judge said July 12 the mayor and the city of Gardena have no grounds to file suit. Judge Shea said if parties named in the leaflet feel they are libeled, they should bring suit on their own — not as city officials. The judge said it is improper to use city funds to fight a legal battle against criticism of public officials. The ruling ends a temporary restraining order issued in May to halt distribution of the material.

'City Can't Be Libeled'

The judge also noted City Attorney Walter Anderson had cited the wrong section of the State Election Code in his brief. Anderson said the literature violates election law because it had no address and did not identify the sender, but the section cited covered candidates for election and not ballot issues, the judge said.

Attorney Jack Tenner, representing Charles Amador, Normandie Club p.r. man, noted Gardena cannot bring suit because a city cannot be libeled.

"Everything alleged in the literature is within the orbit of the First Amendment," Tenner said. "I have a right to say the mayor is a crook. If it's libelous, let him sue before a jury."

"Nakagawa is worried about the next election," Tenner continued. "I can say things I want about anyone in public office."

Kamada—

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But if it comes to be done in an unreasonable or a prescribed manner of compromise, it would result in going into a tedious absurdity. Japanese enryo is always accompanied by a pitiful of this sort. So it has come to be rejected as a life-less "lip politeness" by not a few Japanese especially since the end of the war. Admitting what they say, I don't still agree with them; as a result, the swing of the pendulum went too far, engulfing us in serious problems — some radicals have gone to the extreme of self-discipline — hence demonstrations. Pre-war Japan was marked by ultra spiritualism, so to speak. Now vulgar materialism is seemingly rampant in post-war Japan. (Above all, lunatic actions by radical students and self-centeredness in rice and other commodities by some shoshu (firms) are the targets of public resentment. Though steps are being taken to remedy this. Nevertheless, such lunacy is jeopardizing our reputation.)

Yet as to what Japanese are, I hope you will not draw a hasty conclusion only from what you see superficially.

Traditional Virtues

Time-honored virtues such as manners of modesty, industry and mutual confidence are still active among us — at least, among middle-aged and middle-classed Japanese, I believe. Customs and manners could be good or bad according to the ways one avails of them. Good sense would enable enryo to be a kind of virtue as the token of a tender and apprehensive mind unless it is molded into a distorted form.

(4) Why doesn't my wife (hostess), in the above-mentioned case, unwrap the present in the presence of the guest, the gift-maker? Tender appreciation is an essential part to Japanese give-and-take of the gift — what matters to us Japanese in gift-making is not necessarily the value of the gift itself but the worth of the very good will which prompts the gift-maker to do so. We often hear or say, "ki-wa-kokoro," (a little but hearty present is a token of the nicest mind) or "hinja-no-otto." (What little gift dedicated by the poor is heart-lightening and worthy of the praises and thanks.) So the gift should be accepted with the equal thanks regardless of the value of the things. Accordingly, we don't have to examine the content or sing its praises to the recipient.

Unselfishness

The spirit of *cha-no-yu* (tea ceremony) stemmed from this unselfish appreciation of simple, natural dedication, which has been developed into a refined cult of the art of living, in that we appreciate and praise sipping tea made in a humble hearth in a humble *chashitsu* (tea room, originally a hut) with tenderness and politeness, instead of gorgeousness and vulgarity, transcending worldly desires and



GROUND BREAKING—Masashi Kawaguchi (with shovel), president of Fishing Processors, breaks ground on Friday the 13th for the firm's new \$3-million building in south central Los Angeles. With him are (from left) Kay Kawaguchi, Fishing v.p.; Bishop Ryuei Masuoka, Homa Hongwanji, who officiated; and Akira Kawasaki (right), Los Angeles manager, Bank of Tokyo of California. —Cut Courtesy: Kanhu Mainichi

Nisei-owned firm breaks ground for \$3-million frozen shrimp facility

LOS ANGELES — Countering a growing trend in Southern California of Japanese-owned companies putting up multi-million dollar facilities, a Nisei-owned company broke ground July 13 for a \$3 million facility at 1324 E. 15th St.

The company is Fishing Processors, which produces over 80 per cent of the frozen, ready-to-serve shrimp marketed in Southern California.

Friday the 13th held no fears for President Masashi Kawaguchi, who began his firm with \$3,000 in capital and a dozen employees at the corner of E. Second and Geary St. near the Maryknoll School almost 20 years ago.

Two-Story Building

Kawaguchi said he hoped the new building will be up by Valentine's Day next year. Bishop Ryuei Masuoka of the L.A. Homa Hongwanji presided at the groundbreaking ceremony.

The two-story building, occupying 45,000 square feet of floor space, will house the second processing plant of the company as well as 8,000 square feet where one million pounds of frozen seafood can be stored. Administrative offices as well as a 135-car parking lot occupy the lot.

When completed, total annual output by the combined processing plants will be 10 million pounds. The new plant will have the capacity to turn out 30 million pounds of products.

We are used to, "Socha desu ga, doko..." (This is what a simple tea I can make, would you please help yourself to it?) when we make tea for a guest.

This is also the way when we make a gift—we say, "Sochira desu ga..." (This is a little and simple present, would you please...?) Moreover, this is, as you can conjecture, why the hostess in the above instance is modest enough to say, "Tashika mo no arimashen ga..." (I am afraid we don't have much to entertain you, but...)

Some of you may wonder at it saying to yourselves, "Since the host (or hostess) invites the guest to a dinner, the dinner ought to be a luxurious one to treat the guest as such."

However you can make out what is meant by the words if you take it this way — the essential part to Japanese entertainment does not lie in the feast itself but lies in the very warm hospitality which prompts it. You can apply what is true of Japanese gift to the Japanese entertainment as well. Just as the "ki-wa-kokoro" is said of gift, so "sato-mochi yori kokoromochi" (heartly welcome is more delicious than sweet rice-cake) can be said of feast.

Modesty, Humility

And it is a custom with a Japanese host (or hostess) to say, at the beginning of a party, the words of modesty (even when the feast is a gorgeous one, often times). Naturally, the host should refrain from singing the praise of his luxurious dinner, and the guest too should appreciate the dinner with the equal thanks regardless of the scale of the dinner party.

This attitude of modesty was obviously derived from Confucianism introduced from China dating from the fifth century. Some Japanese say nowadays with some plausible reasons, this morality became inactive and stereotyped and faded away, pointing out its mechanical aspect, denouncing it as hypocritical or inhuman. But if so, how is it that Confucianism can survive this long? The effects of feudal policies as they maintain? Confucianism could not possibly have thrived in Japan this long, unless it has something worthwhile to be sustained by the general public. Perhaps this has something to do with the fact that Voltaire, a great figure of the French Enlightenment, was an ardent admirer of Confucius. Does this fact not speak of the truth that Confucianism has also something common with the Enlightenment based upon human nature? Confucius preached "Heavenly Principles" which includes natural laws and customs as well as orders and systems of human society at large.

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INSTEAD OF 'FROM' Traveling light to Vegas

NEW YORK — From Las Vegas comes word of a radical new lifestyle for Japanese who are affluent enough to commute across the Pacific to America.

The changed way of traveling is forcing the gambling casino operators in Las Vegas to change their time-honored way of doing business.

It seems that flying squads of visiting Japanese executives are taking time out from their dealings at major industrial points across the country to hit the tables at Las Vegas.

Their new lifestyle calls for them to travel with lots of luggage. Nevertheless, they are traveling light; that is, so far as clothes are concerned. Their suitcases are loaded with dollar bills. To avoid paying for excess baggage, they are limiting the overload from their wallets to \$500 and \$1,000 bills.

Standards Changing

No mystery about it. Japan's interlocking army of international trading companies is writing a P.S. to the standard economic texts on devaluation.

Until they started, the theory was that devaluation was supposed to help the country doing the devaluing.

When America let herself get caught in today's vicious circle of domestic inflation and overseas devaluations, the winner in her continuing confrontation with Japan was Japan — and by a landslide.

Three devaluations later, with a fourth ready to be triggered the moment anyone in Washington moves to freeze American interest rates, Japan is still winning — and by a landslide more overwhelming than ever.

When the stock market ran into trouble late last year and early this year, the reassuring word from the Wall Street sophisticates was not to worry because the Japanese were coming. The idea was that the Japanese would use their windfalls from dollar devaluation to buy chips in "Las Vegas East" — as disillusioned players have been known to describe the New York Stock Exchange.

The Japanese knew better. They are using their rubber dollars to stretch their control over the overseas physical asset they have always needed to supplement the poverty to which the accident of geography sentenced them.

Of course, it's an ill wind that blows no good. Although Wall Street has been left high and dry by its failure to lure the Japanese into sharing its

misery, America's real estate operators can thank them for a bailout in time's very nick from their increasingly precarious high-flying, low-financed boom.

One sure way to attract an otherwise unavailable piece of property is to raise the asking price—provided the property is a big one and suitcases full of thousand dollar bills are needed to beat the sheriff to the punch.

Las Vegas

Las Vegas West, meanwhile, is being hit by shock waves from the changed Japanese lifestyle. As the direct result of the greening of its tables by the visiting Japanese players, Las Vegas is finding itself forced to change its way of doing business.

Setting in cash — with no ifs, ands or buts about playing for time — has always been Las Vegas's stock in trade. Until the Japanese hit town, "the house" was expected to deal with its customers from strength. And Las Vegas casino operators, however greedy, have always put a systematic and austere limit on players with a proclivity for going broke.

The first group of visiting Japanese financial firemen to descend on Las Vegas with a suitcase "flat" to use the formal financial terminology, changed all that.

'Cheap' Dollars

Setting in cash is more than ever the name of the Las Vegas game today. But the question is who can hope to pay up. No argument about it—the visiting Japanese firemen can't; their cheap dollars are subsidizing them in the role of good sports.

Now the question is whether "the house" in Las Vegas can. "The houses" there say that, confronted with anything like the daily avalanche of top-

rated Japanese names hitting the tables, they cannot. The Las Vegas table operators have been cutting back American players for years. Any time they cut back Japanese players, the shoe is on the other foot.

The question posed by the multimillions a day the Japanese are showing up with is whether the gambling house operators will be able to pay off if the Japanese hit the jackpot on the scale on which they are ready and anxious to buy chips. If they do, "the house" will be on the spot to pay off—not the players.

Any time proprietors of the Las Vegas casinos start worrying about their ability to pay off, it's high time for all American dollar-users to start worrying about who's doing what to whom with money formerly thought to be theirs.

Right now, the Las Vegas table proprietors are afraid of getting in too deep with Japanese players regarding this as the best game in town. As one Wall Street man put it, the Japanese were "plain lucky" to have missed out on grabbing Pearl Harbor in 1941, but instead, to be cashing in on Las Vegas.

POSTON CAMP HISTORY NOTED IN LOCAL BOOK

PARKER, Ariz. — To raise funds to convert the town jail into a museum, the Save-the-Jail Committee has published a 43-page book, "History of the Town of Parker, Ariz." (\$1.25, c/o City Library, Parker, Ariz.).

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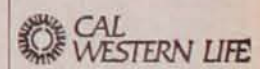


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Scholarship

Three scholarships
presented at Seattle

Three scholarship winners were honored at the Seattle JACL meeting June 19. They were Melna Ann Sakura (Cleveland High), daughter of the Kenneth Sakuras who won the \$100 Rev. Andrews scholarship award; Michael Kono (Franklin), son of the Yoshihiro Kono and Karyo Yoshihara (Roosevelt), daughter of the Takeo Yoshiharas, both recipients of a \$300 Minoru Tamasa Memorial scholarship.

Pre-law major at Univ. of Washington, Kono also won the \$500 Sumitomo Bank of Calif. award administered by National JACL while Miss Yoshihara received a Seattle Milk Fund scholarship to cover a full year's tuition at Univ. of Washington where she will major in nursing.

Heading the scholarship committee was Hideo Watanabe, assisted by: Pat Sado, Tomio Moriguchi, Barry Kadoshima, Mary Kashtani, Mark Fugami and John Matsumoto.

Stockton JACL honors
scholarship awardees

Four local scholarship awardees were honored at a Scholarship Awards luncheon on June 10 by the Stockton JACL.



Laurie Dobana

The \$500 Stockton JACL-Elizabeth Humbarger High School Scholarship was awarded to Laurie Dobana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Dobana of 1020 So. Monroe St. and a graduate of Edison High School. She has also received a California State scholarship, UC-Davis Regent's scholarship, Kiwanis Club scholarship and the CSF scholarship.

The \$250 JACL-Elizabeth Humbarger Scholarship for a Delta College student went to Anthony C. Wan, son of Mrs. Shuk Leung Wan of Hong Kong, China.

Susan Kasa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jisaburo Kasa of 2809 Poole Lane, one of the recipients of the National JACL Scholarship awards, received the Gongozo Nakamura Memorial Scholarship of \$400. A graduate of Franklin High School, she has maintained a 4.0 grade point throughout high school and is the class valedictorian.

Two other Stockton JACL scholarships of \$100 each were presented to Stephanie Oka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Oka of 1146 W. Flora St., a graduate of Amos Alonzo Stagg High School and Curtis Endow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Endow of 137 W. Clay St., an Curtis Endow also received the U.C. Regent's Scholarship, California State scholarship, Kiwanis Club scholarship, Soroptimist Citizenship Award, Edison Honor Band Service Award and was chosen for the All City Baseball and Football Team.

San Fernando Valley
honors area scholars

The San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center and the JACL honored outstanding high school graduates at a scholarship

CINCINNATI SCHOOLS
ADD STUDY ON JAPAN

CINCINNATI, Ohio — The curricula for first and fourth grade students of the Cincinnati schools, starting this fall, will include new units on Japan, following the successful pilot program held this past year (1972-73) with the assistance of International Institute, Travelers Aid and the local JACL chapter.

Nita Yamaguchi, chairman of the recently formed Cincinnati JACL education committee, said her committee will continue to assist teachers in the new social studies program and coordinate efforts with the Cincinnati Board of Education to avoid duplication and ensure maximum benefit for students.

Seattle JACL funds
drug abuse study

SEATTLE, Wash. — Funding up to \$100 was authorized by the Seattle JACL to prepare a study to determine drug abuse among Japanese American students here.

Four schools to be surveyed are Cleveland and Franklin High Schools, Asa Mercer and Sharples Junior High Schools.

Univ. of Washington student Bob Watanabe had requested local JACL sponsorship. Ben Nakagawa, chapter president who is also principal at Wing Luke Elementary School, noted there was no hard data available while Alan Kurimura, International District Youth Council staff member, was convinced a survey is needed "to open the eyes of the Asian communities."

awards night June 2 at the community center. Dr. Donald Hata, Cal State-Dominguez Hills professor of history, addressed the audience of about 200 on "Japanese Americans in a Cultural Pluralistic Society."

Harriet Nishizaka and Mitzi Kishida co-chaired the event. Eight \$100 scholarships, two \$50 leadership awards and 11 scholastic achievement plaques were presented. The eight scholarship winners all had grade point averages better than 3.8. The honorees were:

Scholarships — Lanny Matsuda (San Fernando High), son of the Benji Matsudas; Reginald Ariyasu (Monroe), son of the George Ariyasus; Karen Mayeda (Monroe), daughter of the Teruo Mayedas; Alan Kawasaki (Verdugo Hills), son of the Sumio Kawasakis; Byron Iijima (Kennedy), son of the Naomichi Iijimas; Wesley Minami (Covina Park), son of the Merio Minamis; Michael Yamane (Covina Park), son of the Richard Yamanes; Gary Kanemura (Granada Hills), son of the Kazuichi Kanemuras; Leadership — Wesley Minami, Sandra Ueda.

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July Events

West Valley co-hosts
Hakone Garden festival

The West Valley JACL and the Hakone Gardens Japanese Cultural Society will co-host the third annual Obon Festival to be held on July 29 at the Hakone Gardens in Saratoga.

The program, starting at 5:30 p.m. will include traditional dancing, kendo and judo demonstrations, haiku contest, and Japanese gifts, according to general chairman Haruo Ishimaru.

Santa Barbara honors
1000 Club life members

Several hundred people attended the recent (July 1) Annual JACL Community Picnic sponsored by the Santa Barbara JACL at Tucker's Grove. Guests of honor were Santa Barbara's Mayor David Shiffman and his wife, Assemblyman Don MacGillivray and his wife, JACL National Executive Director David Ushio and PSWDC 1000 Club Chairman Akira Ohno.

The daylong picnic included a barbecue, prizes and a special presentation of Life 1000 Club memberships. Ushio made the presentation to Tom Hirashima, Paul Shinoda, Dr. Yoshio Nakaji, Caesar Uye-saka and Ikey Kakimoto.

JACL Travel Talk

To Hawaii: \$395
● Something new is here — a National JACL Tour to Hawaii, departing from Los Angeles via Western Airlines on Nov. 8 (Thu.) for a deluxe eight-day three-island vacation, staying at the Kuilima Hotel with its 18-hole golf course and uncrowded beaches for several days and later at the Hawaiian Village in Waikiki. Information and reservations available at Mitsui Line Travel Service, 327 E. 1st St., Los Angeles, Calif. (MA 5-1505).

To Japan: \$350

● Current JACL chapter members can join this charter flight to Japan departing from San Francisco via Japan Air Lines Oct. 16 (Tuesday) and returning Nov. 4 (Sunday). A group from the Intermountain and the Pacific Southwest districts is joining the Northern California contingent on this flight being administered by the Sacramento JACL. Information and reservations available by writing to Tom Okubo, 1121 Lake Glen Way, Sacramento, Calif. 95822 (422-8749).

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DR. KENNETH MATSUMURA, 28

Hepatic support device developed,
patented; ready for clinical trial

BERKELEY, Calif. — A 28-year-old physician-scientist said he has developed the world's first artificial liver by harnessing the capabilities of living liver cells.

Dr. Kenneth N. Matsumura of the private Immunity Research Laboratory said (July 2) development of an artificial liver had long been believed a near impossibility because, unlike the kidney and the heart, the liver has a variety of complex functions.

Liver failure is one of the most common causes of death. An estimated six to eight million Americans suffer from varying stages of progressive liver failure.

The liver not only detoxifies poisons and filters body waste products, but also synthesizes blood clotting proteins and plays a vital role in the metabolism of fats and sugars.

Matsumura said his book-size, several-pound invention, called a hepatic support device, is designed to be used outside the body, like an artificial kidney, processing blood from a patient and returning the treated blood.

Matsumura said he has put in nearly 10 years of research for the device. He has been granted a patent on it, clearing the way for clinical trials.



JUDGE APPOINTED—Hollywood JACler John Hopson, 47, was appointed presiding judge of the South Gate Municipal Court and enrobed July 26. A Los Angeles police officer while studying law at Southwestern Law School, he began the private practice of law in 1955. He and his wife Irene, both graduates of South Gate High School, have four children, son Kirt who is a policeman in Bell, daughters Lillian and Michelle, who are dental technicians, and Suzanne, a Univ. of Colorado student.

Cincinnati JACL to
handle Tojo scholarship

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Augmenting the Cincinnati JACL student aid program, Frances Tojo has established a Rufus Tojo memorial scholarship of \$200 for a Cincinnati JACL youth. The award would be made on scholastic achievement.

The chapter previously announced \$200 was available in student aid, the award being made based upon need as well as other qualifications.

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Hawaii Today

Honolulu
Honolulu's retail food prices increased 1.4 per cent in April over the previous month, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The latest advance brought the Honolulu area's food index to 1314 or 7 per cent above the level of a year ago. The sharpest price movement for April was in the meats, poultry and fish group, which increased 2.6 per cent. On the down side, dairy products prices dropped 0.6 per cent, mainly because of the lower prices for butter, cheese and evaporated milk.

Federal employees in Hawaii will keep their 15 per cent cost-of-living allowance, Rep. Spark Matsunaga said May 23 in Washington. He said federal workers in Alaska will keep their 25 per cent differential and those in the Virgin Islands will keep their 5 per cent.

Business Ticker

Construction of an 87-acre plant nursery in North Kohala on the Big Island started May 23. The nursery, owned by Hilo nurseryman Tamotsu Kitagawa, is backed by loans of \$1 million from the state's Kohala Task Force and Hawaii County funds. Lt. Gov. George Ariyoshi said the nursery will provide jobs for Kohala Sugar Co. employees who are scheduled for layoffs.

A group of local investors represented by developer Clarence Ching is proposing to convert the Aloha Tower into a foreign trade center. The idea also could involve some apartment units, Harold Spector, vice president of Loyalty Mortgage Co., one of Ching's companies, unveiled the idea recently at a meeting of the Downtown Improvement Assn. and representatives of the Outdoor Circle.

Names in the News

Ruperto Balao, the Philippine diplomat who resigned in protest against Pres. Ferdinand Marcos' martial law

regime, has a message for Hawaii's Filipinos. Balao, who quit as acting consul general in Los Angeles and requested asylum in the U.S., urges Filipinos in Hawaii to oppose an extradition treaty being negotiated by Washington and Manila. The extradition treaty, Balao said, would hang over the heads of the Philippine people in the Islands. He charged that the Marcos government is already trying to suppress its critics in the U.S. by cancelling the passports of staff members of Filipino publications in this country and requesting that the writers be deported.

Kauai County councilman Eduardo E. Malapit failed May 23 in his effort to have a road on Kauai named after him. Malapit made a motion to have a roadway near his home in the Poipu Beach area of Koloa named Malapit Road. But his motion failed by a 2-2 tie vote. Sometimes, it seems, you can never win.

About 1,600 persons attended the testimonial dinner for Dr. Fujio Matsuda, former state transportation director, May 27 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. Sen. Inouye was master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Jean Arakawa, Aiea High School teacher, has received a National Business Assn. award naming her the Univ. of Hawaii's most outstanding business education graduate of 1973. She is one of the state's 12 certified professional secretaries.

Seven senior citizens were named Hawaii's outstanding elderly men and women May 24. They were Mrs. Leona Greenhalgh, Oahu; Mrs. Haruo Watanabe, Kauai; Mrs. Matsuo Okamoto, Hawaii; Hisashi Nagai, Hawaii; Basilio Fuentes, Kauai; Dr. Gerald Waring, Oahu; and Toyoki Kimura, Maui.

Herbert Minakami, head of the public works department of aial County, is resigning to move to an engineering post in Honolulu. His new job is understood to be in government service. There has been no hint of any rift between Minakami and the rest of Mayor Francis Ching's administration.

Mayor Frank Fasi is building a home at 2054 Maikiki St. The estimated cost is \$140,000. The Fasis have eight

children running around their home.

Courtroom

A circuit court jury on May 23 found Masao L. Tsukiyama, 44, guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm and of possession of drugs. Tsukiyama is a reputed crime syndicate figure who was threatened with federal court contempt charges last year. He is liable to a maximum year's imprisonment.

Congressional Score

Rep. Spark Matsunaga has joined more than 20 other House members in calling for substantial reductions in the number of U.S. troops stationed in Europe. Matsunaga and his colleagues introduced a House Concurrent Resolution May 21, calling for phased reductions in U.S. troop strength over the next 1½ years.

Sen. Hiram Fong announced the reappointment of Thomas K. Kaulukauli of Hawaii as U.S. Marshal for the Hawaii district. He was originally appointed in 1969 by President Nixon on Fong's recommendation.

The National Register of Historic Places has added the Falls of Clyde, one of the last of the steel-hulled sailing ships, now docked at Honolulu Harbor pier 3; the Lanakila Complex on the Big Island; the Kapuniwa Bldg. and St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu. It was announced by Sen. Fong's office.

A week of festivities honoring Hawaii's Okinawan community has been planned for July 22 through 28. The United Okinawan Assn. of Hawaii has announced it will be co-sponsored by the association. The Okinawan Assn. of Hawaii, 1000 W. Wai'aleale, is sponsoring a series of events. One of the main events will be a program of Okinawan dance and drama to be held July 27 and 28 at Farrington High School auditorium.

The Very Rev. Charles A. Kekumano, pastor of St. Anthony Church, Wailuku, Maui, has been named the new chairman of the Chamorro College board of trustees. He succeeds George E. Freitas.

Tourism
Lion Country Safari, Inc., with headquarters in Los Angeles, is negotiating for a possible North Shore (Oahu) site to establish one of its wildlife preserves, president Harry Shuster announced. The park would require a minimum of 250 acres and cost \$7 million to \$8 million to establish, exclusive of land costs, Shuster said.

Deaths
Sadato Morifuji, 61, founder of Fair Dept. Store and Hawaiian Woolen Co., died May 22. He was a past director of Central Pacific Bank and of Kuakini Hospital.

Henry Kamakana, 57, 30, resident of Liliha, died May 22. He was a past director of the Hawaii State Police and a past director of the Hawaii State Police. He was a past director of the Hawaii State Police. He was a past director of the Hawaii State Police.

BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman Ordeal of International Couple

ALIEN RICE: a Novel of Mixed Marriage, by Ichiro Kawasaki. Tuttle, 152 pp., \$5.50.

The title of this novel derives from the analogy between the experience of the Biblical Ruth and that of the heroine of this story, the Scottish Alice. After following Naomi to a strange land, Ruth, "aick for home . . . stood in tears amid the alien corn . . ." according to poet John Keats.

To the British Keats, corn meant wheat. Rice is the grain crop of Japan, the country to which Alice emigrates.

London Romance

The story begins in London where Saburo Tanaka, of the Tozai Trading Company, asks permission of the manager to marry Alice, the manager's secretary. The manager points out some of the pitfalls of such a marriage.

With his overseas allowance, Saburo has an ample income; Alice receives a generous salary. If he is recalled to Japan, the overseas allowance will terminate; there will be no place in the firm there for Alice. Also she might be unfitted for acceptance into the Tanaka family.

Undeterred by such warnings, the couple weds. Immediately there appear ominous portents of difficulties to come.

As a foreign employee, Alice has been required to work only the specified work hours of each day. Saburo is expected to devote all his waking hours to the firm, much of it entertaining at company expense.

On weekends, he leaves her to play golf. "In Japan you cannot do business without playing golf." When playing trade ministry officials in Japan, he explains, he not only paid all his expenses but deliberately lost bets to them. Such covert bribery is repugnant to her principles.

Recalled to Japan

When he is recalled to Japan, his fears are realized. She is a head taller than her husband; in Japan everything is crowded and understated. Roads are jammed with traffic. She is shocked when she sees a man nonchalantly urinating by the roadside.

Hibiya Park is "so small and shabby that it could hardly be called a park in the Western sense of the word." The company apartment in which they move is so small that "Alice nearly bumped her head at the entrance." It is so far from his office that Saburo must spend three hours each day commuting to work.

He leaves home each morning at 7:30. Since he must

spend much time entertaining in bars and night clubs, he seldom returns home until after midnight.

Loss of the overseas allowance reduces them to poverty. At the office, his colleagues show their jealousy of him. The department head is a Kelo graduate and partial to Kelo men; he shows prejudice against Saburo, a graduate of the Tokyo University of Commerce.

The yellow press pillories Alice when she founds an English language school and engages in real estate transactions. At school, classmates taunt her son with being an atoke.

Shortcomings Exposed

The author, who created a furor with his Japan Unmasked, frankly exposes what he considers the shortcomings of his nation and his people. He seems particularly concerned that the custom of expense account squandering of money forces the white collar worker into dissipation and prevents him from gaining a decent income.

The naïveté shown in the choice of title appears throughout the novel. Though generally idiomatic, the prose is rich in clichés. Sometimes he errs in his choice of a word: instead of replying humbly to his superior, Saburo replies "humiliatingly."

The author renders his dialogue stilted through insufficient speech contractions. He further mars the dialogue by attaching to it redundant speech tags.

Such triteness and artifice impart a quaint Victorian flavor to the narrative. On the other hand, he sometimes employs a word in a sense that, though technically correct, may impress the reader, born to the English language, as highly unusual.

Such aberrant diction is particularly noticeable in his description of sex and in his use of unneeded humor. The first sex scene between Alice and Saburo.

Despite such faults, and others, he tells a straightforward, convincing story of a couple unflinchingly facing adversity and bravely struggling for a place in the sun.

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First Impressions of 'Queen City'

Cincinnati, Ohio
This city has grown considerably since I had last seen it—its new freeways, huge shopping centers and general suburban sprawl. Driving into the inner city at night, the residential areas seem dark by comparison because of the many trees and sparse old-fashioned street lighting. There had been a lot of rain this year so the trees and shrubbery look somewhat grotesque.

The air, in contrast to Manhattan, feels considerably fresher—so fresh that to acclimate myself, I had to walk up one of the more congested older commercial streets to breathe in some of that good old carbon monoxide. Manhattan style.

Writing from New York, a former professor neighbor of our's wrote, "A friend of mine once remarked about the air here, as one of the advantages of New York life: 'You don't have to breathe what you can't see.'"

Mind Boggling

Being a longtime resident of Manhattan, I could not get used to seeing all of this free space at first—the wide residential areas, many tree covered parks within the city, open lots, hills, and even meadows covered with dandelions, which we picked and had in our salads. I was not used to seeing mulberry trees growing within the city, wild cherries, and seeing cottontail rabbits hopping around in our own backyard. We are on top of a mountain and downtown Cincinnati with its skyscrapers is below.

As a typical claustrophobic New Yorker, when I first visited my brother-in-law's (Dr. Yasuo Sasaki) basement, I thought to myself, "What could all of this space be used for—instead of being used for storage space?" I was thinking of the crowded conditions in Manhattan.

After seeing Harlem, I was surprised to see the relative affluence of the Blacks living there—their big homes (many of them white elephants abandoned by the whites), and their neat, well-kept homes in the suburbs. I got the impression

that Black owners were prouder of their newly acquired homes than whites because they didn't take ownership for granted.

Parking Meters

I could not get used to the parking meters. They are actually benevolent, charging from only "one to five pennies" and even then the motorists do not use them because if you look around, free parking space is often available. In Manhattan's Eastside, the charge for parking is 25 cents for a half hour. I have also read of motorists shooting competitors in arguments over parking space.

I was also struck when I saw a huge hook and ladder fire truck returning to its base, mindfully stop at a red traffic light. Once in Manhattan I was given daggers by traffic policemen who violated the red light and had to jam on their brakes abruptly to avoid hitting me.

I could also not get over the courtesy of the drivers—such less of that hostile, competitive driving that one would find, for instance, on New York's Westside highway.

In Manhattan, more or less, it's every man for himself, but here I would say at least seven times out of ten, the other driver will wave to you to go ahead and make that turn.

People Bunched Up

Recently, I met a fellow Manhattan expatriate by sheer luck in a downtown movie, and he said,

"When I first saw you I thought I was back in New York. I didn't know whether I was here or in New York. (He was recently contracted to play with the Cincinnati Symphony orchestra.)"

"When I first came here, I saw people all bunched up at the street corners, waiting, and I wondered what they were doing. I realized that they were waiting for the lights to change!"

New York's jaywalking is an on-going Fellini movie.

Suzuki, Toyota, Etc.

Driving on the freeway, what struck me most were the huge billboard advertisements of some of Japan's leading products, and the large advertisements in the newspapers proclaiming, "Suzuki of Cinti. Is now the World's Largest Suzuki Dealership." "Kawasaki Honda is No. 1."

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In contrast, I just don't see any Japanese people around here, let alone any Nisei. Since coming we met two Nisei around the end of March and haven't met any others since. Writing a column may become a problem.

Stockton holding 'Japan Week'

STOCKTON, Calif. — Stockton Buddhist Church has expanded its annual Obon festival into Japan Week with each evening highlighting some aspect of Japanese culture.

Underway since Sunday, July 22, with Obon dances, there were demonstrations and exhibits in calligraphy, origami, Japanese dining etiquette, the martial arts, flower arrangement, tea ceremony, kimono fashion show and koto recital.

Tonight (July 27), a Tange Sazen movie is being shown from 7:30 and gala carnival Saturday and Sunday will include cultural demonstrations by out-of-town experts and talent in kendo, karate, calligraphy, and the Wakaba Youth Band from San Francisco.

Japan Center site of Aug. 4 cultural festival

SAN FRANCISCO — The second annual Asian American Cultural Festival will be held Aug. 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Japan Center and Buchanan YMCA. Participants will include groups from the local Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Malaysian, Vietnamese and Korean communities.

Funds are being provided by the San Francisco Art Commission to assure the festival next year to be coordinated by Filipino community members in the Neighborhood Arts Program.

L'i Tokyo hotel agreement OK'd

LOS ANGELES — The Community Redevelopment Agency board unanimously voted July 18 to enter into a participation agreement with Kajima International, Inc., to build a 400-room hotel in the Little Tokyo Redevelopment project area.

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Stephen N. Sato, who in 1968 joined Ivac Corp., San Diego manufacturing firm of electronic medical instruments, now heads the firm as president. Sato held various positions with the company and was director and executive vice president since May, 1972.

San Jose realtor George Land said he has sold Dean Martin's estate in Southern California to Hideshi Kobono, president of a Japanese soft drink firm, for less than \$1.5-million, and Kim Novak's 23-acre estate at Big Sur to Sam Narita, an advertiser, for about \$750,000. Kobono told Land he wanted an American home to invite guests, both Japanese and American. In Tokyo, Land was asked about anti-Japanese feelings in California. He said he couldn't guarantee none existed in America but said he felt that in general friendship could be sustained.

Bank of Tokyo of California president Masao Tsuyama, joined by mayors of Palo Alto, Los Altos and Mountain View, geared up a flowerbedded tractor July 3 to break ground for another BoT branch at Palo Alto at 4291 El Camino to replace its present office at Los Altos. The new office will include a spacious hospitality room for civic and cultural activities.

Fred Kosaka, vice president and general manager of Union Federal Savings and Loan at Gardena, has been removed from intensive care at Harbor General Hospital, Kosaka suffered a heart attack in mid-June and has shown considerable improvement.

Oakland attorney Mas Yonemura was named to the nine-member board of directors of the San Francisco-Oakland Helicopter Airlines, which was recently reorganized.

Henry Ushijima of Des Plaines, Ill., will receive the Golden Eagle Award from the Council on International Non-theatrical Events at its annual convention in November at Washington, D.C. for the Henry Ushijima Films, Inc. production, "Holiday Packaging".

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Politics

Dr. Donald T. Hata, 33, assistant professor of history at Cal State-Dominguez Hills and a member of the Gardena City planning commission since January, 1972, was appointed by the Gardena City Council June 30 to fill the vacancy created by the election of Paul Bannai to the state assembly. Dr. Hata's term expires April, 1976. Had not the city council made the appointment, a special election would have been necessary.

Dr. Raymond L. Eas was elected vice-mayor of Oakland by his colleagues on the city council July 4. An optometrist, he succeeds Frank H. Ogawa, who held the post for the past two years. The Nisei councilman was commended for a job well done as vice-mayor.

Salinas Valley JACL's Henry Hibino, 28, was elected Salinas mayor by the city council on July 2. Elected to the city council in 1971, Hibino operates a farm and has active in civic affairs.

Flower-Garden

Ikenobo Society in Seattle recently concluded exhibits at the Seattle Public Library and Seattle Rose Society Show, under direction of its senior professor Patricia Swerda, a Seattle JACLer. At the library were visitors from 27 other states and 7 foreign countries, for instance, who were introduced to the Japanese art for the first time.

Courtroom

Keeping a campaign pledge to have minority participation in the Los Angeles City Attorney's office, City Attorney Burt Pines (who assumed office July 1), added Stanley Ueyehara, 33, as a deputy city attorney. He is a 1972 graduate of Southwestern Law

School, admitted to the State Bar June 29 and worked for nearly two years as a law clerk in the city attorney's office. He holds from Maui, Hawaii and has one child. During his senior year of law school, Ueyehara received the Jurisprudence Award for Civil Procedure. The Samuel will work in the criminal division handling misdemeanor trials.

The Orange County grand theft conspiracy case (July 6 PC) involving former Westminster mayor Derek McWhinney and co-defendant Tad Fujita, former Westminster planning commissioner, came to an initial close July 10 with Santa Ana Superior Court Judge John Flynn announcing sentence for the pair who are still free on bail pending appeals of the May 19 conviction. Fujita was placed on three year's probation and ordered to serve six months in jail and pay a \$2,500 fine. McWhinney was sentenced to one to ten years in state prison for conspiracy to commit grand theft in connection with an agricultural lease. Defense attorneys were denied a motion for a new trial. They contended the conviction was based on uncorroborated testimony of George Mural, the farmer who was attempting to renew his lease of farm land and told by the defendants to contribute \$5,000 to the re-election campaign fund of Supervisor Battin and pay another \$5,000 in cash if he wished to renew his lease. Using money furnished by the district attorney's office, Mural took \$3,000 in cash and turned it over to Fujita, which resulted in the arrest of the two men.

Agriculture

Harry Kubo of Parlier, head of the Nisei Farmers League, said July 6 the fruit harvest in Fresno and Tulare counties is well on its way with more workers on hand than is really needed. The Fresno sheriff's said it had no reports of violence as UFWU pickets moved from ranch to ranch trying to entice workers to leave the fields. The Cesar Chavez-led union is trying to get ranchers to renew UFW contracts, which expired in April. Some growers have signed with the Teamsters.

Sports

Tatsuo Seino, Toshiba America, Inc., operational manager, won the first annual U.S.-Japan golf tournament July 9 at the Riviera Country Club — site the L.A. Open last January — with a three-over-par 71. Over 100 players competed from the Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka trophy, first-class roundtrip ticket to Japan via Northwest Air Lines, a set of woods from L.A. Sporting Goods, a week's stay in Japan from Northwest Orient Express, a 15x21-inch color portrait from Tokyo Miyatake, and a lion cub named after him at L.A. Country Safari. Beneficiaries of the tournament were the Kato Nursing Home and Pacific State Hospital for the Mentally Retarded, each receiving a \$1,000 check.

Frank Yoshioka of San Jose emerged as low gross champion with a one-over-par 72 at Pasatiempo to win the first Suntory International golf tournament on July 1. A field of 260 competed over four flights.

Education

Carol F. Ishimoto, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, has been promoted from senior cataloguer to Head of the Catalogue Department, Harvard College Library. In addition, she was recently elected vice-chairman and chairman-elect of the Catalogue and Classification Section of the American Library Association.

Detroit Jr. JACLer Kent Y. Hirozawa, 17, of Seasholm High School in suburban Birmingham won a National Merit Scholarship Corp. grant from BASF Wyandotte Corp. worth up to \$1,500 a year. A finalist in his junior year in the Michigan Mathematics Prize competition and winner of a Detroit News scholastic writing award, Kent plans to major in physics.

Phoenix (Ariz.) College was the site of a 10-day crash course (July 3-14) for 60 visiting students from Japan participating in the World Youth Visit Exchange summer program. Martha Firebaugh, Phoenix College librarian who speaks fluent Japanese, and Dr. Wilfred Walden, dean of community services, coordinated the visit.

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History professor at Miami University (Ohio), Dr. Edwin Yamachi of Hilo, Hawaii, is author of "Pseudo-Christians: Gnosticism and Heresies in the Early Church" (Tynard Press, London) and "Erdmann Publishing, Grand Rapids, Mich.), which delves into the Mandaeans, a sect in the lower Tigris and Euphrates, with critical interpretations of Patristic, Hermeneutic, Syriac, Coptic and Jewish texts about Gnostic influence. He has been on the Miami faculty since 1969 and received promotion to full professorship July 1. He previously taught at Shelden College, Brandeis University and Rutgers State. He is editor-at-large for "Christianity Today", consulting editor on history with Journal of American Scientific Affiliation, and has authored five other books or monographs and many papers in Near East religious history.

Organizations

California Historical Society, San Francisco, through its trustee Edison Uno, as acting chairman, organized an eight-member public relations committee composed of media specialists to (1) expand the general visibility of the Society throughout the state; (2) promote awareness of the Society's open membership policy; and (3) plan for eventual public funding assistance. Uno was also re-elected a trustee to the board.

Native Californian William Hamada was installed as president of the Gardena Rotary Club. Currently district manager of Canadian Pacific Airlines in Los Angeles, he is married to Tokyo-born Fusae, now a naturalized U.S. citizen, and they have three children. Kenneth just out of college, Michael senior at Gardena High and Lillian, who starts junior high in the fall.

Music

Twenty-three Placer County Samsel are touring Europe with the Del Oro High School band, the Golden Eagles, to participate in the International Band Festival in Vienna this summer. Featured soloists will be trombonist Ronald Makita and clarinetist Don Hamasaki. The 90-member aggregation won the Governor's Trophy three years in a row during the Sacramento Camella Festival. This past week (July 16) the band won the concert competition in the Vienna Festival.

Atsuko Azuma of Japan makes her Los Angeles debut in the So. Calif. Lyric Opera production of "Mme. Butterfly" in Italian Nov. 18 at the Shrine Auditorium. The production is also the debut of the Van Nuys-based opera company starring local professional talent with internationally known singers.

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18-Ryono, Dr. Robert
11-Sakamoto, Tony T.
WASHINGTON, D.C.
4-Kanachi, Emi
WATSONVILLE
9-Tao, Tom

Toples", in the Hokubei Mainichi of San Francisco July 2. Now retired from the active practice of law, he has moved from Los Angeles to his prewar bailiwick in San Francisco. While in Los Angeles, he headed the old Shin-Nihon where he wrote his "Observations" almost daily in the 1950-60s.

Medicine

A City of Hope scientist, Kazuo Ikeda, Ph.D., has been awarded grants by the National Institutes of Health and the California Chapter of the Committee to Combat Huntington's Disease (CCHD) to support his research into this hereditary disease. The head of the neurophysiology section will probe the relation between abnormal genes and physical behavior, a key to better understanding and possibly effective treatment of Huntington's disease, which is marked by uncontrollable jerky "dancing" movements of the arms and legs, personality changes, and other symptoms. At the present time, no cure is known for Huntington's. Symptoms usually do not appear until middle age and by then the afflicted person may already have had children, who themselves have a 50-50 chance of developing the malady.

Awards

Shizuma Matsuo, the late chairman of the board of Japan Air Lines, was given the "Edward Warner Award" by the International Civil Aviation Organization for outstanding contributions to the development of modern civil air transportation. Only five individuals and two institutions have received the award since it was established in 1937. Matsuo spent more than 40 years of his life to development of civil aviation in Japan until his death at the age 68 in December, 1972.

Jiuli G. Kasai, president of the Japan-America Cultural Society, Inc. (Japan), was recognized by the Emeritus Club of the Univ. of Chicago

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Alumni Association, Kasai, who received a Ph.D. degree from the university in 1913, was honored June 1 for his long service to the cause of Japanese-American relations.

Military

Anthony C. Yamada, son of the Richard Yamadas of Honolulu, was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Coast Guard during graduation ceremonies at New London, Conn., on June 6. He is to report aboard the buoy tender Basswood based at Guam. (During time of war, the Coast Guard is a branch of the Navy, but in peacetime, it is a service of the Dept. of Transportation. At all times,

Entertainment

Janey Kawaguchi of the City Center Jeffrey Ballet of New York was home in Seattle, June 3-9, performing at the Opera House. She studied at the San Francisco Ballet and School of America Ballet at New York.

Thought for the Week

No mind is thoroughly well organized that is deficient in humor.—Samuel Butler, Coleridge, English poet-critic (1772-1834).

Merit Savings Announcement

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