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● Harry K. Honda

## Ye Editor's Desk

### A CONTROVERSIAL PRO-ARIYOSHI SPEECH

Two weeks before the primary election day in Hawaii (which was last Saturday), a speech delivered by Acting Governor George Ariyoshi sparked a controversy that screamed racism in politics. That speech was reprinted in toto in the local press. Probably no other campaign speech was afforded such prominence.

And judging from the heat generated throughout the campaign, Democratic candidates in the gubernatorial primaries regarded nomination as tantamount to victory in November. Ariyoshi, according to the polls, was the front runner through September and the fact that he is the first Japanese American seeking that office found him fending charges of racial bloc voting.

The latest controversy surfaced at the Univ. of Hawaii where Ariyoshi was a guest at a question and answer session on campus. Student Paul Murakami who heard a campaign speech earlier at a meeting of the Club 100, a Nisei WW2 veterans organization, told Ariyoshi: "It sounds like you and your campaign people are trying to bring race into the campaign. Is the color of my skin tied to my vote?"

Ariyoshi responded by first denying any knowledge of a racially aimed campaign effort by his supporters. He added "a lot of racism has been thrown around in this campaign—I've heard many racial slurs thrown my way."

Thrust of the Club 100 speech was that the time has come in Hawaii when someone from any race can be elected governor. Dan Aoki, who delivered the speech, said it was written by campaign organizer Robert Oshiro to be a "philosophical" speech aimed at burying the spectre of racism in Hawaii politics—the point being that anyone can be elected Governor today and election of Ariyoshi would constitute another "breakthrough." It says how man can be governor if he's qualified.

The Oshiro speech contains excerpts from the 1959 State-of-the-State speech by Gov. Burns challenging the sons and daughters of immigrant families to achieve an amicable accommodation of a diversity of views through understanding of their respective backgrounds and heritage.

History familiar to the Hawaiian Nisei and Club 100 members is mentioned—how they returned from the war, got into politics and flourished "during the past 12 years of the Burns era." The speech then asks: "After Burns, what?" And the pitch continues for Ariyoshi to insure an "open society"—and not a transplant of Mainland democracy where racism (between the blacks-whites) may become a part of a society that can develop Hawaii into a "Watts."

The breakthrough Oshiro is referring to is cracking the psychological barrier that holds "we are not ready for a Japanese governor or that no Japanese can be elected a governor." (That line, were it

## 25 Years Ago

In the Pacific Citizen, Oct. 15, 1949

Judge Roche refuses bail request for Mrs. d'Amico, pending result of appeal... Judiciary group's action gives hope for Senate vote on Issei Naturalization measure before adjournment... Teru Shimada wins praise for acting in Bogart's "Tokyo Joe"...

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## Frying Pan

NEW FRANCE—The handsome, new Quebec Hilton stands near the crest of a steep hill looking out over the St. Lawrence River. Just across the street is the provincial parliament building, its stone walls stained by the grime of centuries, and beyond is the Citadel which the British seized in pre-Revolutionary times, thus ending France's foothold in the New World. But the French influence persists to this day in Quebec, as we quickly discovered at our first breakfast in this city.

The Quebec Hilton's coffee shop is operated cafeteria style. The guest goes through a line to pick out the dishes he wishes. At the end of the line is a bevy of bright-eyed young ladies who appear to be no more than junior high school age. Their job is to carry your tray to a suitable table and pour the coffee. But not one of them speaks English, or at any rate they don't appear to, although if one talks slowly and distinctly they seem to understand that it is water, and not another cup of coffee, that we wish.

Why, after centuries in a predominantly English-speaking country, does this minority cling so tenaciously to the French language and the French culture? We asked this question many times and got many interesting answers.

In the first place, French is recognized as an official language in Quebec Province and its existence is protected by law. Members of the legislature may speak in either language during their debates and deliberations, and many speak in both, switching from one to the other as the occasion seems to demand. (Some older Nisei can do the same with Japanese and English, using whichever language seems to be most expressive at the time.)

Beyond that, we were told, the French-speaking portion of the Canadian population—about one-third of the total—is convinced that the French culture is superior to any other and fosters it with Gallic fervor. Most of them have no particular love for the country of France. In fact, many Parisians consider French-Canadians as something of country hicks and look down their long Gallic noses at them. So when well-to-do French Canadians vacation in Europe they are likely to plan longer stays in London rather than Paris.

Still, Old Quebec, that part of the city within the ancient stone walls, is unmistakably French. In many places the bilingual signs, which are part of the Canadian way of life, are missing; if you can't read

## PC Letter Box

● From Our 60,000 Readers

### JACL Convention

(Reports and comments by chapter delegates shall be gleaned from chapter newsletters. Chapters without newsletters should urge their delegates to submit brief remarks direct to PC.—Ed.)

I was impressed with the inspirational spirit of the working cooperation between the members of the Portland and Gresham-Troutdale chapters. At times the two chapters may have their ups and downs, but when there is work to be done, the two chapters have proven that they can slug it out together. With the united cooperation of the two chapters, no project is insurmountable.

Never let it be said that one chapter is greater than the other, but nationally the Portland and Gresham-Troutdale chapters are second to none.

AL ABE  
Chapter President  
Portland JACL

I want to add a few remarks to those made by Al ABE.

All during the convention from early morning to the wee hours, Al was there as host, handy man, detail-man as well as official delegate.

Had some chaffering duties going after National President Henry Tanaka at the airport and feeling honored at being the first to meet the top man during Convention Week. To my disappointment, he did not arrive. Someone forgot to inform me of the change in his schedule. He was delayed because he had to coach a Little League team that day...

It was an experience of a lifetime, hosting such a national event. Didn't realize the myriad of unforeseen details involved which popped up during the Convention...

SHIG NAGAE  
Chapter President  
Gresham-Troutdale JACL

The week of July 23-27 for many of us will linger on as "the longest week there was", as that of mixed and confused emotions ranging from one extreme to the other, from tears of joy to tears of frustration, and finally ending in complete emotional and physical exhaustion.

We may ask, "Was it worth it?" There are, to be sure, many opinions... the following is but one.

If given the opportunity for an immediate repeat, it would hardly take one with clairvoyance to know what the reaction of the majority (here in Portland) would be. However, now in retrospect, if given the choice, should we have gone through with it? Yes... YES, if only to give our membership an opportunity of exposure to National JACL, the officers and staff, delegates, boosters, friends and all the intricate workings of our organization; if only to stir our community; if only to arouse our membership; if only to inject new or renewed interest in JACL; if only to refresh with vigor our commitment to our community and League.

To have accomplished these and more, it would seem it was well worth every minute of our time, every bit of our emotional strain and constraint and every ounce of our energy.

Words, somehow, seem hollow and fail to express the full extent of my sincere appreciation.

To each and every participant whether in the form of personal involvement, financial or in services, your continuing support are the pillars on which our organization is built...

To each and every commit-

tee chairman, co-chairmen and member, my everlasting gratitude. Yours was truly the ultimate of volunteerism and personal sacrifice. Due recognition for your individual and vital role could never be fully conveyed; perhaps partially acknowledged by your final outstanding achievement in knowing that the 23rd Biennial National Convention has been recognized as "the most innovative and the most successful, in terms of participation, in recent years."

It has been a privilege and an honor to have had the opportunity to work with all of you. I am confident that Henry Kato shares my feeling. Thank you for your cooperation and allowing me to serve as one of your convention co-chairmen.

JIM TSUJIMURA  
Portland Chapter President

Editor: This very obviously and frankly is a letter of praise for our chapter president Albert ABE.

It is well known by one and all that the job of a president may have some fringe benefits, such as prestige, but that mainly it is just plain hard work. This is the major reason why our JACL chapter has such difficulty in electing a new president year after year.

In Al we have a person who without pay, spends part of every single day thinking about our chapter, and planning for future events and programs. But maybe that's what a president is supposed to do. If so, okay. We can write that off as being part of the president's—any president's—job. Nothing special about that.

What is special in Al's case, however, is the enormous amount of physical energy he expends in carrying out the chapter's business. A few cases in point:

What chapter president regularly runs around picking up beer and soad pop and ice, as in the Kah-nee-ta outing during the convention?

What chapter president keeps a volleyball setup—consisting, in part, of heavy pipes and inflated automobiles tires designed and assembled by him—in his garage, as in the recent Japanese Community picnic?

What chapter president buys lumber, nails and screws; hauls his own tools; then helps build the storage closet and shelves at the Regional Office?

What chapter president actually goes out and buys prosaic items such as peanuts and chapter stationery and mimeograph paper, and then physically helps in the dissemination of information, as in this Newsletter?

These examples are only a few of the things that Al and his entire family really has done for more than nine months, all for the benefit of Portland JACL. I'm sure that he neither expects nor particularly wants any reward or recognition for the efforts of Abe family. Nevertheless, that recognition is very much due, and even before Al's term of office expires—to Al, to Pat, to Debbie, to John—I believe that our chapter membership should and does say to them, "Thanks you for your dedicated efforts. Well Done!"

HOMER YASUI  
Portland JACL

Mr. Nixon

Editor: It was a strange juxtaposition, if not an editorial game plan, to place the JACL National President's rationalization of the unconditional Nixon pardon as an act of jus-

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Matsui feels the penny-pinching is temporary. His staff will gladly provide the wrappers. The idea was suggested by one of the bank tellers.

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## Quality craft competition sponsored

SAN FRANCISCO — Craftsmen are being sought to take part in a national open-competition sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution's National Collection of Fine Arts, JACL Headquarters was advised this past week.

The competition is open to craftsmen in the United States who produce multiple works (editions of at least 10 copies of the same design).

Between 50 and 100 works will be selected for a seven-

month premiere showing at the Smithsonian Institution, followed by a three-year national tour. This tour is designed especially for small museums, art centers and library exhibitors in areas of the country where quality craft exhibitions are normally not available.

Further information and entry forms are available by writing to: The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560.

Selection will be made from slides in February, 1975, and the exhibition will open on July 4, 1975.

Competition is aimed at the working production craftsman producing useful objects. Emphasis will be directed away from the artists who produce unique art objects using craft techniques and materials.

Both contemporary designs and traditional, handcrafted entries are invited. The objects cannot be one-of-a-kind or mass produced beyond the personal control of the craftsman. They must be produced principally by hand rather than with assembly-line techniques.

The article cites five reasons why Japanese management is successful, among them: closer attention to the personal well-being of its employees, stressing of consensus as the way of making decision, emphasis on flow of information, and initiative from the bottom up.

**WOMEN**—The all-male tradition of the Maritime Self-Defense Force was broken when seven women enrolled at the MDSF officer school in Etchima, Hiroshima (which had been Japan's "Annapolis" before WWII). Their training will conclude Nov. 15.

**SUMMER NOTES**—For the first time in 20 years, beer consumption dropped during June-July-August by 2.6%. Mood for thriftiness, the prolonged rainy season and brief and cool summer were cited by the National Tax Administration as causes for the decline. . . . An adventurous canoeist paddled from Shimoda to Misaki in his plastic kayak—a 600-mile voyage that took 16 days, putting ashore when seas became rough and at night. He was disgusted by the amount of rubbish littering the shores facing Japan Sea. . . . Amateur rock musicians, in search of a place to practice freely without disturbing others, have established a "rock village" in Iizakamachi—a mountain village about 20 miles from Fukushima where an old inn-farmhouse, long vacant, has been taken over. This past summer, thousands of rock fans converged on Koriyama in the same prefecture for a One-Step Festival.

**FLORA - FAUNA** — Knotweed seeds found in an earthenware in Akita have been germinated by an agrobiologist in Okayama. The seeds were estimated to be 4,000 years old—from the mid-Jomon period. . . . Fireflies from Kumamoto are to be raised in a concrete aquarium under construction at Tokyo's Gyosen Park, where they thrived till pollution came. . . . Some 20,000 homes in Tokyo's Koto-ku were invaded by flies in mid-September. The flies were believed to have been bred at a reclaimed land site in the western areas of the ward. . . . Amid the boom in herb medicine, villagers in eastern Nagano-ken are in Takai-gun are raising mamushi as a pep-producing elixir. (A mamushi is a pit viper). . . . Ten thousand cherry tree seeds from Hiroaki (Aomori) were presented to Winnepeg as a centennial gift from the Japan Sakura-no-Kai.

**Pension bonus repeal passed by Calif. legislature**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The legislature last week (Oct. 2) passed the bill repealing its early pension bonus and the Governor said he would sign it even though he and other constitutional officers will have their pensions cut. . . . Passage of the repeal ended a public outcry that began last June when an AP story named young legislators would be eligible for lifetime pensions under the early retirement law passed in 1965. . . . The 40-member Senate passed the measure by the bare two-thirds majority needed, 27-1. The 80-member Assembly concurred 85-0. . . . Assemblyman Paul Bannal (R-Gardena) was among the few who sought to have the pension bonus repealed during the regular session in August and later urged the Governor to call a special session after the Legislature had adjourned Sept. 20.

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• Richard Gima

## Aloha from Hawaii

**Hawaii Today**

John Craven, the state's marine affairs coordinator, has suggested that future underwater rights in Hawaiian waters might be more appropriately determined under ancient Hawaiian land practices. Craven says there are two principal conflicting concepts of offshore ownership. One is the small island concept which Craven says involves territorial waters being determined by concentric circles around each island. The other, Craven says, is the full archipelago theory, involving a line connecting the outermost points of each island with the enclosed ocean space thought of as land for legal purposes. . . . Honolulu ranks third highest among 40 big city areas in the U.S. in family budgets required by retired couples to the U.S. Department of Labor officials. They said only Anchorage, Alaska, and Hartford, Conn., have annual budgets higher than Honolulu's.

Although women outnumber men aged three to nine in the Dept. of Education's payroll, DOE report shows the men held a vast majority of the upper level positions. The department report promises to work towards balancing the situation among the same DOE employees. The report found that there are four times as many men as women in senior management positions and twice as many men as women in staff and curriculum specialties positions. The report also showed there are 13 times as many women as men serving as elementary teachers while there are slightly more women than men serving as secondary teachers.

**City Hall**

The City of Honolulu has sued the State to obtain clear access to land on Sand Island where the City plans to break ground Oct. 1 for a sewer treatment plant. Deputy corporation counsel Robert Rothwell said the complaint was filed in circuit court "after all amicable solutions to the problem were exhausted." . . . The Honolulu City Council reprimanded councilman Cleason Chikauye for not revealing he had received \$245 in legal fees from a developer of a housing project that the council approved in 1973. The council's vote was 7 to 0 with Rudy Pacarro abstaining. . . . George Kaneko, a building engineer for Hawaiian Telephone Co., has been appointed by the city council to fill the council's 6th District seat. He succeeds James Shigemura, who has been named a judge.

**Labor-Employment**

The average unemployment level for the second quarter of 1974 on Kauai was 9.3 percent, according to the county's quarterly economic report. "This was the worst three-month period in Kauai's past," said Herman Teixeira, county statistician. . . . Hawaii's fishermen said they will strike after Nov. 3 unless they get a wage hike—and a huge hike at that. Francis Kennedy, business manager for the Hawaii Fire Fighters Assn., released the results of a strike authorization vote taken recently throughout the islands.

## Japanese firms in U.S. out-do U.S. counterparts

NEW YORK — Interviews with more than 20 Japanese companies operating in the United States "suggest that in many instances they are out-performing American companies in the same industries," according to the Harvard Business Review this past week.

The periodical attributes their success to some superior features of Japanese management techniques over American practice.

The magazine cited the case of a U.S. firm with a transistor assembly line in Atlanta that produces 15% less than an identical plant which the same U.S. firm operates in Tokyo.

Meanwhile, Sony Corp. has a television factory in San Diego identical with its typical assembly line in Japan. However, under Japanese management, the American workers produce as much for Sony in San Diego as the Japanese assemblers do for Sony in Tokyo.

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**CHAPTER PULSE**

**Installation**

**New York installation slated for Oct. 19**

New York JACL will conduct its 1974-75 installation dinner on Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Corinthian Room on the 26th floor of New York Sheraton Hotel, 7th Ave. and 56th St.

Murray Sprung, EDC vice-governor, is handling reservations at \$15 per person. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

The Eastern District Council will meet during the day at the same hotel in The Classroom from 10 a.m. In addition to the business session will be a workshop on education, according to EDC Gov. Grayce Uehara.

Dr. Robert Suzuki, assistant dean of administration at the Univ. of Massachusetts college of education, will be main speaker on "Ethnic Heritage Studies". Onetime national JACL education commission chairman, he is nationally regarded for his innovative approaches to creative and multi-ethnic education.

Reservations may be made by Oct. 14 with Ruby Schaar (SC4-5205).

**Scholarship**

**Wasatch Front North awards \$100 scholarship**

Wasatch Front North JACL presented a \$100 chapter scholarship to a college sophomore, Louis Sugimoto, majoring in business administration at Weber State.

Announcement was made at the Sept. 28 general membership dinner meeting at Ramada Inn by chapter president Tom Hori and scholarship chairman and v.p. Gerrold Mukai.

Awardee is the son of the Ray Sugimotos of Roy, active in scouting and the Ogden Japanese Christian Church.

**October Events**

**'Sponsor a Senior' for picnic, S.F. asks**

A call to "Sponsor a Senior"

**Riverside JACL to hear Convention report**

Riverside JACL will hold its general meeting Oct. 12 at UC Riverside's International Lounge in the Commons. Board members will convene at 6:30 and the general meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Chapter president Peter Sakaki and his wife Chiyo will report on the National JACL Convention, which they found fascinating. "Every member of the JACL must go to a National Convention at least once," they declared. "Imperfect as it is, it is better than not trying at all. And most reassuring is that at every session, most of the delegates were present, which to us indicated the positive, cooperative feeling among Japanese Americans."

The recently completed chapter directory is expected to be available at the meeting.

**Two films planned for Issei appreciation fete**

Eden Township JACL will honor local area Issei at a potluck supper Oct. 11, 6 p.m., at Eden Japanese Community Center, followed by two Japanese films (with English subtitles): "Girl with Bamboo Leaves" and "Ken," a story about kendo.

Mas Yokota is Issei appreciation night chairman. Those unable to attend the dinner are welcome to see the films, scheduled to start from 7:30. No admission is being charged.

**Thought for the Week**

No king ever wielded a scepter more powerful than a 10¢ pencil in the hands of an American citizen when he sits down to write his Representative (in Legislature)—Rep. Ed Derwinski.

## INTEGRATING THE IVIES . . .

## EEC on Harlem Heights

By DR. LESLIE S. HIRAKO (New York JACL)

NEW YORK — Since the dawn of the American Republic, Harlem Heights in up-town Manhattan has continuously been the site of both historical events and great institutions. In its current high-rise, congested state, typical of densely-populated New York, one can hardly recognize the heights-aspect of Harlem Heights; it does, however, overlook the Hudson River on one side and on the other, Harlem, the world's most renowned ghetto.

Despite the proximity to the black community, the white-dominated institutions on Harlem Heights have been only too sluggish in integrating, and Morningside Park separating the institutions from Harlem has evolved as a no-man's buffer zone with each side going its merry and not-so-merry way.

Such delineations did not exist in the early days of the Republic. In September, 1774, when the area was considered nothing but wilderness, General Washington's army retreated from New York through Harlem Heights as the British and Hessians were in pursuit. As the new nation extricated itself from Europe and forged its own brand of leadership, New York became a world capital with a pre-eminent role.

Harlem Heights became an integral part of this development by attracting a goodly concentration of renowned institutions. Columbia University, for example, which was already established in Manhattan at the time of the Battle of Harlem Heights, moved there in 1897. It was followed by Teacher's College, Barnard College, Union Theological Seminary, Jewish Theological Seminary, and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine (head of the Episcopal Church), Riverside Church, Juilliard School of Music, Manhattan School of Music, and St. Luke's Hospital. Because of this concentration, the Heights vied with Harvard and Cambridge for the self-dubbed title of Acropolis of America. In this rarefied atmosphere, the inhabitants grew oblivious to the developments in the valley where the last stream of immigrants, the blacks from the South, was making their home.

It is surprising to note how long the two communities existed side-by-side and in peace. But the inevitable eruptions came, making Harlem and its Heights the focal points of another revolution. During the end of my first summer as a student at Columbia, when all New York was sweltering in its annual for the San Francisco JACL Keiro picnic has been issued by Nob Mihara, chapter picnic chairman.

Picnic will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12, at Juniper Serra Park in San Bruno. Senior citizens are being offered a day complete with picnic lunch, games, prizes and entertainment. Sponsorship means a contribution of \$2.50 or more to the picnic fund and should be forwarded to Dr. Yoshi Nakashima, 3400 California, San Francisco 94116.

**Philadelphians hold sing-along for Issei**

A Chinese dinner and a sing-along led by Mrs. Takakashi marked the Philadelphia JACL party for the senior members at China City Restaurant last Saturday afternoon (Oct. 5). Mrs. Kondo accompanied at the piano.

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No king ever wielded a scepter more powerful than a 10¢ pencil in the hands of an American citizen when he sits down to write his Representative (in Legislature)—Rep. Ed Derwinski.

heat wave, 125th St. in Harlem exploded in the first black riot of the sixties. Within a stone's throw of the rioting and vandalism, the inhabitants of the Heights surprisingly went along their own, business-as-usual way, rationalizing that the riots were local and a job for the police. The embryo revolution thus went unnoticed by the wise men on the hill. Four years later, the Heights itself exploded.

In 1964, the year of the Harlem riots, Congress passed a landmark Civil Rights Act primarily confronting discrimination in employment. This commenced a stream of legislative activity establishing the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and affirmative action programs. Many states and municipalities followed with human rights divisions of their own. The institutions on Harlem Heights, however, remained nonplussed by the black civil rights movement.

In 1968, Columbia, without consulting its black neighbors, began building a gym in Morningside Park. As an Ivy League university of prestige and influence, Columbia rarely consulted with anyone, let alone the poverty-stricken community whose park it was invading. It was the Columbia way. Years of pomp and circumstance, the production of Nobel Prize winners and Chief Justices, the awarding of Pulitzer and Bancroft Prizes all had a way of conferring a smug arrogance on the University. The noble pursuits, however, failed to hide the uglier aspects: ghetto landlord, principal military researcher of A-bombs and napalm, perpetuator of racist and sexist policies. . . . The students saw and were startled.

In 1968, the highly publicized student riots crippled Columbia and its administration, bringing to a halt the Spring Semester and construction of the gym. Like the preceding Harlem riots, the campus riots, in themselves, did very little towards preventing discrimination. However, their effects on the Congress, courts, and American people, particularly via discussions in the media, paved the way for major political action. Strangely enough, neither Harlem nor Columbia has changed much since upheaval days: one is still a poor ghetto and the other a smug university with the all-white male faculty. Nevertheless, a recent EEO Conference at Columbia represents the way the University is being forced to integrate its activities.

Ten years after the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission set out to commemorate the event by holding a series of symposia in major cities throughout the nation. The New York Symposium included four workshops: (1) equal opportunity and affirmative action laws as they affect public and private educational institutions, (2) voluntary programs—corporate responsibility, (3) an overview of EEOC's com-

pliance function and its judicial impact, (4) positive approach to equal opportunity for women.

I was invited to be a member of the education panel (#1); I was further surprised to learn that the Symposium was to convene in Low Memorial Library of my Alma Mater. While obtaining my master's and doctorate at Columbia, I came to experience the institution's attitude towards minorities.

The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures was a classic example. According to the 1971 Catalogue, only one of the twelve associates and full professors bore an East Asian surname. On the other hand, five of the six lecturers (low-paid and non-tenured) were Asian.

I enrolled in the Japanese language program at Columbia for two years. Prior to that, I had developed an ear for Japanese because my parents spoke it at home in Hawaii and I had taken it for several years in an afternoon language school.

My lecturer at Columbia turned out to be white with the most pathetic Japanese accent. He furthermore had the gall to tell me that Hawaiians spoke a "low-class" Japanese. This was indicative of the gross attitudes the white male professors held and advanced. Needless to say, the rationalizations helped promote them, while keeping the low classes as serfs. Nice for them, but it's not lasting.

At one time, educational institutions were exempt from the equal employment provisions of the Civil Rights Act. But because of their bigoted practices in hiring and promoting, Congress, in 1972, amended the Civil Rights Act, to specifically include all educational institutions. Quite a blow to centers of learning whose mottoes are "Truth," "Truth and Light," and "In the Light, You Shall See the Light." Apparently, Congress had seen neither truth nor light in the employment practices of our major universities; the law was amended to per-

mit aggrieved individuals the right to take a campus to Federal court.

The Executive Branch also added teeth to the concept of equal employment opportunity when President Lyndon Johnson issued Executive Order 11246 prohibiting employment discrimination in any institution or enterprise that holds a federal contract. As recipients of large sums of Federal grants, the major universities were forced to submit and receive HEW approval of affirmative action plans in hiring and promoting. The threat for noncompliance was grant-money suspension or termination.

Columbia and a few other universities, which receive millions in Federal aid, found themselves under sharp attack for their white, male faculties. Despite the obvious grumbling about a drop in quality, Columbia, like Harvard and Berkeley, will comply with the HEW Guidelines because it has no legal or moral alternative. The holding of the EEOC Symposium at Columbia is indicative of the new compliance attitude of the University.

On the morning of the Symposium, I entered Low Memorial Library. Its rotunda splendidly ornate with Ionic columns, statues of Socrates and Aristotle, and portraits of past university presidents, among them, Nicholas Murray Butler and Dwight David Eisenhower, symbols of Western culture.

In contrast, the gathering had more black and brown faces than I had ever seen in my five years on the Ivy League campus. De facto integration was coming to Harlem Heights.

Of some interest to Asian Americans at the Symposium was the answer given by Eleanor Holmes Norton, Chairwoman of New York City's Commission on Human Rights, to the question: "Do you consider the Asian American a minority?" Her answer was affirmative; any racial group, with physical traits used by the majority for discriminatory purposes, was considered a minority. (The HEW Guidelines are quite ex-

licit: "Minorities are defined by the Department of Labor as Negroes, Spanish-speaking, American Indians, and Orientals.")

Ms. Holmes cautioned, however, that the law is evolving specific definitions of the term, minority, to fit specific cases. This was particularly true in the major court cases recently won by women and blacks against AT&T, the steel industry, and Detroit Edison. In these cases, the only complainants were blacks and women and hence, they were declared minorities, and only they shared in the settlements. In other words, as far as the courts and EEOC are concerned, it is incumbent that a minority group charge discriminatory practices before redress can be effected.

During lunch, I sat next to the New York Vice Chairwoman of the National Organization of Women (NOW). I had heard about NOW's step-by-step pamphlet on how to sue one's employer on the basis of sex discrimination. I asked her to send me a copy of the publication, and she readily agreed.

In the banter over the roast beef, I congratulated her on NOW's success in the recent court cases, and we agreed that all minorities and women were in the same boat. She then remarked in a friendly yet constructive manner, that the Asian community was really too quiet.

As Columbia's motto goes: In the light, you shall see the light.

**S.F. Asians expect \$257,000 NIMH help**

SAN FRANCISCO — A \$257,000 staffing grant from the National Institute of Mental Health is anticipated for the San Francisco Richmond district. Among the 60,000 residents to be serviced will be more than 10,000 Asians.

A Richmond District Asian Caucus, established in May, has been meeting frequently to assess and express their particular needs and last August proposed a model for a multi-center, to be staffed by the Richmond Asian Multi-Services, Inc.

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**THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON**—By reckoning of the Oriental Zodiac, this is the Year of the Tiger, but a brilliant young Asian American playwright gives notice that it will go out as the "Year of the Dragon." If the West Coast premiere of his new play is any indication.

Frank Chin's funny-sad play about sons and fathers and the East-West twin bumping into each other like cars in an amusement park ride is the third play in the ninth season of the East-West Players, and it looks like a critical and popular success. If the enthusiasm of the knowledgeable opening night audience on Wednesday, October 2, is any indication.

The play is set in San Francisco's Chinatown, but it plumbs the heart of a Chinese American family. In comparison to which "Flower Drum Song" only skimmed the frothy surface.

Pa—patriarch, dandy and robust in spirit but dying physically—pins Fred, his eldest son and unpublished writer of the Great Chinese American Novel, on the head of a dilemma.

Should he leave Chinatown, which he professes to hate, for the Great Outside, where the twin possibilities of success and failure beckon and repel him at the same time?

Ma—a cyclonic combination of tigress and little girl—adds her own tony touch to Fred's life, which is further complicated by a gun-toting younger brother who feels he belongs when he guns the getaway car down Grant Ave. for a gang of thieves, glibly talking a Chinese that he barely understands.

Enter his sister Sisay, who has married a white man, who is promoting his wife as Mama Foo Foo, author of a cookbook, possible teacher of Chinese cooking on TV, with marvelous vistas of frozen Chinese food and nationwide franchises dancing in the sky. Not to mention the silent enigma, China Mama, who arrives in answer to a summons from Pa, who wants his Chinese family around him when he prepares to bid farewell to this incarnation.

It is all slightly bizarre, wildly funny, unusually true and tenderly touching. The three tour de force parts of

● Allan Beckman

# Book Review

## ANALYSIS OF MISHIMA SUICIDE

**THE LIFE AND DEATH OF YUKIO MISHIMA**, by Henry Scott-Stokes Farrar, Straus and Giroux, New York, 244 pp., \$10.

Shortly after midday, Nov. 25, 1970, Yukio-Mishima stepped down from the parapet of the balcony of the eastern army headquarters, Tokyo, and retired to the office behind. While ambulances had carried away a general, five colonels and a sergeant he had wounded with his razor-sharp 19th century sword, he had harangued the garrison assembled below.

The garrison had jeered. Disappointed but resolute, Mishima began the final scene of his performance.

Beneath the gaze of the commander of the garrison, dressed to a chair, and backed by four uniformed members of his private army, the Shield Society (Tatenokai), Mishima began to strip off his clothes. One of the Shield Society members present was Masakazu Morita. Another was Eijiro Koga.

Stripped almost naked, Mishima knelt, dagger in hand; Morita raised the 17th century sword. Mishima plunged the dagger into his belly and drew it sideways. As Morita swung to behold him, Mishima toppled forward; the sword slashed the fallen man's shoulders and back.

As Mishima weltered in his blood, his entrails spilling on the floor, Morita slashed twice more. The third blow almost severed the neck from which blood spouted as the head cocked at an angle from the body. Taking the sword, Koga completed the beheading.

After prayers for Mishima, Morita tried to disembowel himself but bungled. Koga beheaded him.

The haranguing and suicide had been filmed by newsmen and police. The grisly, dramatic end of the man once considered likely to win the Nobel prize for literature caught the attention of the world. What had caused Mishima to do the deed?

According to a manifesto Mishima and his followers

had distributed from the balcony, and according to his haranguing, Mishima had been dramatizing his objection to the Constitution of Japan, which outlaws war and a standing army. According to the author of this biography, a London Times bureau chief in Tokyo at the time who arrived at the scene minutes after the suicide, the publicly stated motive is minor or even irrelevant. The real motives are found in the life and writings of Mishima.

The author tells of his first glimpse of Mishima, their first meeting and their blossoming friendship. Then comes a beautifully written chapter detailing the last day in the life of Mishima. Thereafter, the author probes for clues to the bizarre suicide.

Mishima won fame in 1949, at age 24, with his candid autobiographical novel *Confessions of a Mask* (Kamen no Kokuhaku), "the best of Mishima's many works" and the biographer relies on it heavily.

Mishima delineates his awakening sexuality; bisexual, he preferred men. "The book describes the genesis of a romantic idea which impinges directly on his eventual decision to commit suicide: the notion that violent death is ultimate beauty, provided that he who dies is young."

By 1970 he may have felt his work as writer was done. He had made a fetish of body-building; he must have feared his body must succumb to deterioration.

He was besotted with dreams of suicide. Narcissist, masochist and exhibitionist, he went to the Self-Defense headquarters that fateful day only incidentally to protect the Constitution; he went primarily because his instincts bade him die and his flair for showmanship directed method and place.

Well-researched and well-written, the biography gives new and valuable insights into the life and work of his tormented author. Glossary, chronology, index and a bibliography of Mishima's works make the volume handy for reference.

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### Awards

Minoru Yasui, executive director of the Denver Commission on Community Relations, was presented the 1974 "No Bars Hold" award, highest recognition given by Employ-Ex, a counseling and employment service for ex-offenders funded through Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. The agency, founded in Denver 20 months ago, places about 50 people each month with 290 participating companies. Employ-Ex also honored other community leaders, organizations who have aided their group, and to ex-offenders making progress in their jobs.

### Business

Executives of Japanese electronics manufacturing firms last month visited Tandy Corp. Fort Worth, with an eye toward eventually locating operations in the Metroplex. The visitors were guests of North Texas Commission and Tandy, which maintain offices or operations in Japan. Runaway costs in the Orient have forced electronics firms to consider locating at least their assembly operations in the U.S. to save expensive shipping costs if nothing else, one businessman explained.

### Courtroom

Fuji Industries Corp., Tokyo Kogyo, Subaru of No. Calif. and Constantine's Imported Cars of Richmond were named defendants in a million-dollar suit for damages filed in Contra Costa County superior court Sept. 23 by Sylvester White, 62, who said he was left bed-ridden and disabled after a traffic accident last June in which his '74 Subaru seat belt failed, causing him to be thrown from the car.

Won Taek Kim is on trial for second-degree murder of his brother-in-law Henry Nakagawa, 42, in a Seattle superior court. Nakagawa was fatally stabbed May 3 during a family quarrel. Kim said he was attacked by his sister while Nakagawa grabbed him from behind. The prosecution claims the woman shot her brother in the arms after her husband had been stabbed by Kim.

J. Linden Merkley of Pacotello, who surrendered to Long Beach (Calif.) police and booked on suspicion of murder in the May 10, 1973, slaying of Michiko Zermano, 41, whose bludgeoned body was found in her home at 321 Maine Ave., was released Sept. 16 for lack of evidence. She was slain by a "tall man" who came to the door at night, according to the victim's five-year-old daughter, who was also injured by the intruder but managed to hide until the next day, when she led concerned neighbors to her mother's body.

### Churches

The Rev. Takayuki Ishii, the recently appointed minister of Fresno Japanese Congregational Church, hails from Tokyo, graduated from Meiji Gakuin and the McCormick Seminary in Chicago where he was ordained.

### Health

St. Louis JACLER Betty Uchiyama is the originator of a puppet show that teaches grade school children the principles of dental hygiene. The show is presented by the St. Louis Dental Society women's auxiliary. The So. Calif. Japanese Dental Society honored Dr. Yoriyuki Kikuchi, 88, its founder and charter president for three years (1915-1917) at a testimonial Sept. 21. The Kyotoborn dentist graduated from USC in 1914 and has been in continuous practice. He volunteered to go to Manzanar in 1942 and headed the dental clinic. In 1965, he was named a fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry. He is also active in Sister City affairs and the Omote Senke Tea Ceremony Society. He holds the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 4th Class.

Dr. Yosh Maruyama, physician, is chairman of the radiation medicine at the Univ. of Kentucky College of Medical Sciences at Lexington. A UC Berkeley graduate and UC Medical School, he is considered an authority on cell radiobiology and on the treatment technique of Hodgkin's disease, according to the 38th edition of *Who's Who in America*. He is the son of the Edward Y. Maruyamas of Pasadena.

## CALENDAR

Oct. 11-13  
MDC—St. Louis hosts: Fall Mtg. 8114 House, 6470 Foreyth, Clayton.  
Oct. 11 (Friday)  
Eden Township—Evelyn Night, Eden Japanese Comm. Center, 9 p.m.  
Oct. 12 (Saturday)  
Milwaukee—Bridge party. Riverside—Gen Mtg. UIC Comm. Int'l Lounge 7:30 p.m.  
San Francisco—Keiro picnic, Serra Park, San Bruno.  
West Valley—Family potluck, Grace Methodist Church, Saratoga, 6 p.m.; Comm. Richard Stratton, USN, spkr.  
Oct. 13 (Sunday)  
Pocastello—Gen Mtg. JACL Bldg. 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 15 (Tuesday)  
CCDC—Council Mtg.  
Oct. 18 (Friday)  
St. Louis—Ed Mtg.  
Oct. 19 (Saturday)  
New York—Inst. Div. Sheraton, 870-7th St. at 30th St., 7 p.m. Dr. Robert Suzuki, spkr. "Ethnic Flag"  
EDC—New York hosts: Fall Mtg. New York Sheraton 10 a.m. Oct. 20 (Sunday)  
East Los Angeles—Inst. Night,

### 'MEALS A LA CAR'

## Sacramento Nikkei directs project taking meals to aged, handicapped

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The Calif. Office of Aging July 2 announced a renewed grant of \$10,018 was made to Meals a La Car, Inc., a Sacramento project directed by Elsie Takaguchi.

Program started last year involves delivering meals two times a day, five days a week, to some 68 elderly persons who cannot leave their homes, are handicapped or heart-attack patients. A hot lunch and cold sandwich supper is being provided free at a cost of \$2.50 maximum per day.

Meals a la Car had applied with the U.S. Office of Aging, Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare for funding and membership in United Way to sustain the program.

Dr. J. M. Stubblebine, state director on aging, said the grant was based on the basis the county or community in due time will be able to finance the program when their continued need is established.

Last spring when Miss Takaguchi had applied for funding, she told the Sacramento Union her eyes were opened to the neglect of old people in America during her stint as project director.

Four clients on the program were found unconscious, she said, when a volunteer came with a noon meal one Monday. "A lot don't eat weekends and by Monday, they

are quite weak. There are a lot of dizzy spells. They don't like to bother people and just ask someone to get milk and bread from the store. Many lose 50% of their weekly nutrition by skipping breakfast and weekend meals. We are just keeping them from starving to death," she said.

There were 20 state grants made in all, amounting to \$800,000 for projects in 17 counties.

### Kimochi serves daily 100 hot lunches daily

SAN FRANCISCO — Kimochi Nutrition and Hot Meals program is currently serving an average of 85 senior citizens a day at the Kono Church hall.

While a \$51,690 grant covers cost of food and salaries for eight staff positions, rental of the church hall is not and Kimochi will soon initiate a fund drive to meet this cost as well as implementing new workshops and classes at the Kimochi Lounge.

The nutrition program was created with two main objectives: (1) to provide lunches at a very low cost to elderly persons, 60 years and older, give days a week; and (2) to emphasize the importance of nutrition to the elderly with an emphasis on Japanese food.

Guests who are under 60 may come to the luncheon program once a month for a

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