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Ye Editor's Desk
CASE OF A SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

There is a striking parallel in the case of the Washington, D.C. Board of Education vs. its school superintendent and the case of the National JAACL Board vs. its national executive director. Both cases have been brewing since November last year. Both want to fire the people involved fairly—that due process has to be observed. Whether the D.C. Board of Education scenario fits the JAACL course of events remains to be seen.

Here is the D.C. Board of Education situation.

Supporters of the school superintendent, Mrs. Barbara Sizemore, have charged repeatedly the expected firing is being railroad and that the lengthy termination process is but a smokescreen and not true due process. The seven-member majority on the board, on the other hand, is expected to vote to fire her but moving slowly and cautiously to insure due process.

Both sides agree the ultimate issue is whether Mrs. Sizemore has been treated fairly—will be settled in court and she has told her staff and friends that she expects the judicial system to be the final arbiter.

Upon advice of the D.C. Corporation Counsel, the board has been taking the deliberate, lengthy course and some key decisions still remain to be made. The board has been advised it must take care of at least four basic steps:

- 1—A determination of whether a legal case of firing for cause exists.
- 2—A vote indicating its intent to fire on a specific date.
- 3—Adoption of a bill of particular charges against Mrs. Sizemore.
- 4—A hearing before the board on those charges if requested by the superintendent, followed by a vote on whether to dismiss her.

In late April, the board asked the Corporation Counsel to start the legal machinery by preparing a list of the charges. Most of the specific charges to the board's fairness in its treatment of Mrs. Sizemore have been directed at the board's activities in connection with an evaluation of the superintendent.

The board met in closed session April 28 and to adopt an evaluation form to be used in gauging her performance. It was filled out overnight and the board met May 1 to discuss the results with her, whereupon the board voted to initiate termination proceedings.

Specific criticisms made by her supporters, who include four board members, are that she did not agree with the evaluation form, it was filled out overnight, there was no opportunity for public participation since the evaluation sessions were closed and the seven-member majority had decided to fire her before the evaluation was completed.

Japan Today

VIET REFUGEES — Two young South Vietnamese refugees of Chinese descent were rescued while drifting off Singapore May 7 by a Pakistani freighter. They perplexed the Japanese government upon arrival five days later at Shimomoseki, wishing to seek asylum in Japan. The two were the first Vietnam refugees seeking refuge since the fall of the Saigon government. Four possibilities prevail, according to the Justice Ministry: (a) Expedite wish to seek exile in a third country, such as U.S., Canada or France, if the latter approves; (b) allow to remain in Japan if they have relatives or guarantors in spite of the problem the two have no passports; (c) approve their stay for a given time on condition that Pakistan, to which the rescuing ship belongs, will handle the case; or (d) if the two wish to return to South Vietnam.

According to the Education Ministry, about 600 Vietnamese and 10 Cambodian students are studying at Japanese universities at their own expense. Many of them are requesting delay in payment or exemption of tuition due to the political changes in Indochina.

Kinki University, Osaka, granted tuition scholarships (\$500 per year) to two Vietnamese aggie students to complete their studies there.

Many Vietnamese students are worried their passports might be nullified by the Revolutionary Government, concerned over the safety of their families at home, and how to meet living and tuition expenses.

25 Years Ago
In the PC, June 2, 1950

May 18—Chicago JAACL joins Illinois State Employment Service to battle job discrimination due to race.

May 18—Two Hawaiian Nisei soldiers "picketed violently" (first against U.S. military personnel since Occupation) by demonstrators at Communist-sponsored rally in front of Imperial Palace.

June 1—JAACL-ADC singles out removal of racial ban to naturalization in controversial McCarran omnibus immigration and naturalization bill.

June 1—San Francisco News editorial says paper will cease use of "Jap."

June 2—Milwaukee JAACL takes lead in opposing U.S. Wisconsin dairy jobs for Ent Nisei through Mayor's Human Rights Commission.

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'I get the distinct feeling there's a change of attitude around here now...'

INDOCHINESE REFUGEE ISSUE
Views of Two Ministers

By REV. LLOYD WAKE
Guide Memorial Methodist Church
San Francisco

There has been a loud response from the Japanese American community with regard to the Vietnamese refugees. It is very difficult for me to jump on this bandwagon which calls for open-armed welcome to the refugees, and calls for an angry response to those who question or oppose the refugee program. The issues are not that clearly visible to me. I believe there are some very sound reasons for questioning the program.

Despite my religious training which includes the admonition to welcome strangers and love our enemies, I have difficulty welcoming those who have profited from the war at the expense of their own countrymen, those opportunistic employees of the U.S. and Saigon governments, those who participated in the infamous CIA-instigated Phoenix program.

My difficulty stems from the experiences of some of my Korean brothers and sisters there in South Korea who have suffered immeasurably from the hands of the Korean CIA. Inhuman and cruel best describes them. Regardless of what country they are in, there is no basic difference in the operational style of the CIA.

I question the contention that these are really destitute refugees. Despite the U.S. airlift, many of them had to pay to get to this country. I feel sorry for the refugees because they are victims of the U.S. foreign policy of exploitation and colonization, and victims of the U.S. post-defeat, face-saving, guilt-ridden, panic-stricken evacuation program.

Naive attitude

To identify with the refugees simply because their skin is yellow, and to brand as racists all those who question the evacuation program reveals naive and blindness. Undoubtedly, some of those who oppose the program are racists, but others are calling attention to the gross inconsistency and injustices of

our government's lack of adequate response to the plight of the unemployed, the poor and the hungry in our own country and the sudden benevolent response to the refugees. I will not fight those whose real concern is for the plight of the disadvantaged in our country, nor will I let myself become a victim of the institutionalized white racism which pits the poor against the poor, and the powerless against the powerful.

The loud response from the Japanese American organizations and individuals against racists who use phrases such as, "we don't need any more Gook Klux Klan," or "send them back to Vietnam" is appropriate. However, I can't help but observe that many of these same organizations and individuals were conspicuously silent about the racism which characterized the Vietnam war. weren't Vietnamese called gooks during the war?

I believe the refugees should be screened to separate out the "bad apples." The government must respond readily and enthusiastically to the needs of all the disadvantaged in our country including some refugees. As Japanese Americans who have experienced the dehumanization of racism and exploitation we must be clear about our alliances and the targets of our righteous wrath.

On visiting the Vietnamese refugees

By REV. HOGEN FUJIMOTO
Buddhist Churches of America

San Francisco

On Friday, May 16, Rev. Junjo Tsumura and I of BCA Headquarters flew to San Diego to visit the Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees currently being held at Camp Pendleton, a marine training base. We were met at the San Diego Airport by Rev. Koju Terada of the San Diego Buddhist Church who accompanied us to Camp Pendleton.

The 18,000 refugees are being held in Camp Talega, a tent village located about 20

miles within the Pendleton boundaries. The village is made up of rows and rows of military tents. People milled about here and there. The younger children seemed carefree and untouched by the situation, but there was a definite air of gloom among the adults. We spoke to the Camp Chaplains about arrangements for BCA assistance and then we had an opportunity to talk to some of the refugees themselves.

The Vietnamese seemed to be very family conscious, and spoke in terms of family units. A woman I talked to spoke of her family unit of 12, consisting of herself, two or three sisters, some brothers, a sister-in-law with small children, and her parents. She was the only one in the family that spoke English, and she expressed a deep sense of responsibility for their future. She saw herself having to assume the major role in supporting the family unit, in the event some sponsor will accept them. How well I could understand her anxiety!

The refugees are being allowed to keep together in family units, and seemed to be pleased that they are being fed three solid meals a day. They expressed no concern about not having any U.S. currency to purchase any snack items between the meals.

Similar worries

Personally, I did not have the experience of living in the Relocation Camps during World War II, as many Japanese Americans did, therefore I have no real basis for comparison. However I can well imagine that I must have been quite similar. The worries, anxieties and frustrations among these refugees must be even greater than those of the Japanese Americans because of the language barrier, and the difficulty in making their adjustment, and the worry of finding sponsors and making a living here.

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Grayce Uyehara, Nat'l VP (Gen Op)
By the Board

NAT'L JAACL SCHOLARSHIPS

West Chester, Pa. my husband, Hiroshi, for spending the Memorial Day weekend with me in making a uniform hat using his mathematical skills.

The EDC judging committee made up of Philadelphia chapter members were to make the final selections on May 31. Judging are William Marutani, attorney; Dr. Herbert Horikawa, Dept. of Graduate School in Education Temple University; Allan Okamoto, chemical engineer in aerospace, at General Electric; and myself, school social worker consultant in Pupil Services.

Student aid

The application deadline for Student Aid was June 1. Student Aid grants of \$200 to \$500 are awarded on the basis of need.

The judging will be done by a Seabrook Chapter Committee with Vernon Ichisaka, EDC Governor and former National Student Aid Committee member, as chairperson. Recipients will be notified after July 1.

Collegiate awards

Thanks to the continuing interest of Masao Satow, I have received a letter from Sumitomo Bank of California announcing reinstatement of the Collegiate Scholarship. Two \$500 scholarships which came to a standstill in 1972 are again available to California students who are already in college or applying to graduate school.

First consideration will be given to students majoring in business, economics, banking or international trade. These scholarships are in addition to the Sumitomo Bank of California's two \$500 freshman scholarships.

The deadline for the two Collegiate Scholarships will be July 1, 1975. The reinstated Sumitomo Bank Collegiate Scholarships are in addition to two other scholarships for graduate schools. They are Nisaburo Aihara-JACL Memorial Scholarship of \$500 and the Magoichi Kato Memorial Scholarship of \$250 for a medical student. Application forms are available by contacting Mrs. Gail Nishioka, National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94115. District chairpersons and regional offices may also be contacted.

Program review

The National Scholarship Committee with a representative from each district council will review the Scholarship and Student Aid Programs this fall. We are open to suggestions from the chapters to improve this important program.

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Freshman Awards

Even with financial need as a major criterion, we are still making the awards to students who have achieved academically. The folders for the 250 applicants were divided among the eight district scholarship chairpersons for initial rating. The applications were distributed in a manner where no district would be evaluating applicants from their own district in order to preserve confidentiality on family income.

The competition is quite intense as there are many students who have grade point average of 4 or straight A grades in high school. It then required careful study of the courses taken and their level such as advanced placement classes. The student's scores on the College Entrance Examination Boards were assessed but not all students took such examinations.

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Vietnam refugees

Editor:

Congressman Burt Talcott's letter (PC May 16) was an example of political rhetoric — it said nothing. The basic issue of the Vietnamese refugee situation as it pertains to Talcott's statement is racism, not the First Amendment as he would have us believe.

We in the Midwest were shocked by the racist statements that appeared in the press, especially those attributed to Talcott. Perhaps it is true that he had only given a sample opinion of his constituents and that the press played up one of these opinions; however, Talcott showed very poor political judgment in the statement that was released to the press.

Perhaps Talcott jumped on the bandwagon prematurely.

Minela

(Continued from Front Page)

a \$2 billion public service jobs program for another year and to create 760,000 additional summer jobs.

Principles of the Mineta bill include the following:

- a) Authority for up to \$5 billion in grants.
- b) Secretary of Commerce, through the Economic Development Administration, to issue rules within 30 days of enactment of bill.
- c) Factors for allocation would consider severity and duration of unemployment in project area, extent of under-employment and extent to which projects will contribute to reduction of unemployment.
- d) A 60-day decision period on applications; failing such decision, project would be considered approved automatically.
- e) Not more than 10% of all funds to be granted within any one state.
- f) 70% of the funds to be used in areas where joblessness has been higher than the national average for the three most recent months; remaining 30% to be first used in areas where unemployment is 65% or more but less than the national average; then in areas with less than 65%.

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THE ROOTS GO DEEP

San Francisco, Calif. In this last quarter of the Twentieth Century, when suddenly many of our fellow Americans are disturbed by the dramatic arrival of refugees from Vietnam, I wonder how many Japanese Americans are aware of the depths to which their own roots reach into United States history.

These whose orientation is primarily Anglo-Saxon are inclined to look upon Asian Americans largely as newcomers. Johnny-come-latelies who showed up in relatively recent times to grab a share of the American dream after its shape had been determined by the true pioneers.

The truth is that several thousand Chinese were in California before the 1849 Gold Rush, and additional thousands of Chinese helped build the railroads across the unpopulated West so that others might settle it.

The Japanese immigrants were of a later generation, but even they have been here for a substantial time. All this came to mind recently when Christ United Presbyterian Church of San Francisco, formerly the Japanese Presbyterian Church, celebrated the 90th anniversary of its founding.

Ninety years ago! That would be 1885, the year a 47-

Gardena retains Nisei Relays cup in 24th annual

By HARRY HONDA

Wilmington Four PSWDC Nisei Relays records were broken, one tied and five new events added to round out the 24th annual JACL track and field meet here June 1 at Harbor College.

About 350 participants, officials and fans sunned themselves under clear skies, kissed throughout the day by a cool sea breeze as Gardena Valley's juggernaut defended their overall team championship with 245 points, amassed in four divisions, which were reclassified this year by age group:

A—Open, B—15 and 18 yr. olds, C—13 and 14, D—12 and under.

Climax was the special David Ito Memorial C 600-yd. run won by Kelly Maki, Gardena, in 1m. 30.2s. Frewer Ito specialized in this event, holding a league mark of 1:27 that stood for 30 years. Trophy was donated by his widow Tohi and his 442nd buddies of Co. G. Ito, charter president of the San Gabriel Valley JACL, was a staunch fan and worker postwar with Nisei Relays.

There was unusual interest generated this year with special 100-yd. dashes for the men (over age 30) and girls. Dr. Bob Watanabe, who helped stage the first Nisei Relays in 1951 and then a UCLA speedster, shined with 10.6 to best a field of five, while Karen Ueda of Gardena was clocked in 11.8s. winning her event. Winners were:

- CLASS "A" (Open) 100—Weldon Nomura (WLA) 9.8; 200—Bruce Ohine (Gar) 23.3; 400—Howard Nakashima (WLA) 52.8; 800—Howard Nakashima (WLA) 1:59.8 (New record); old mark H. Kawamoto 2:00.4, 1964; Mile—Victor Kasuga (Gar) 4:20.70; 1.5 Miles—Craig Iida (SGV) 8.3; 1.50 Low—Weldon Nomura (WLA) 12.7 (Tie); 2 Miles—Mark Chamori (Gar) 25.1; 3 Miles—Paul Johnson (OC) 51.8; 4 Miles—West Los Angeles (Craig Yamamura, Steve Ma, W Nomura, Kevin Kozai) 48.2.

CLASS "B" (15-18) 100—Wesley Iguchi (WLA) 10.4; 200—New Event—Craig Watanabe (WLA) 22.4; 400—New Event—Craig Watanabe (WLA) 58.8; Mile—New Event—Kelly Maki (Gar) 4:28; 1.5 Low—Glen Inouye (WLA) 14.8; 1.5—Roy Higa (Gar) 5.1; 1.5—Craig Watanabe (WLA) 5.4; 2 Miles—Robert Yamamura (WLA) 54.3; 3 Miles—David Wei, G Inouye, W Iguchi, C Watanabe) 49.3.

CLASS "C" (13-14) 100—Peter Iwasaki (V) 11.2; 200—Peter Iwasaki (V) 21.2; 400—John Tonal (SFV) 48.9 (New record); old mark T. Furuta 1:24, 1961; 800—John Tonal (SFV) 58; 1.5—Craig Nakahira (Gar) 17.3; 400 Relay—Gardena (Daiso Kobayashi, Randy Okada, Philip Matsumoto, John Hayashida) 31.1.

CLASS "D" (12 and Under) 50—David Nakahira (Gar) 6.4; 100—New Event—Richard Hayashida (SFV) 1:04.8; 1.5—Richard Hayashida (SFV) 15.1; (New record; old mark T. Mizus 15.24, 1971); 400 Relay—Venice Culver (Roy Kaneshiro, Mark Tomita, Bruce Morimoto, Paul Yamamoto) 38.8.

SPECIAL 100-YD RACE Girls—Karen Ueda (Gar) 11.8; Men (over age 30)—Robert Watanabe (WLA) 10.6.

CLASS CHAMPIONS A—West Los Angeles 100, B—West LA 81, C—Gardena 90, D—Venice Culver 44.

OUTSTANDING ATHLETES A—Weldon Nomura 24 pts; B—Craig Watanabe 24; C—Peter Iwasaki 24; D—Richard Hayashida 24 pts.

OVERALL TEAM SCORES (Nisei Savings Perpetual Trophy) Gardena—243 Orange City 64 West LA—216 San Fern V—61 Venice Cal—63 East LA—8

Chapter Pulse Scholarship

The San Fernando Valley JACL and Community Center scholarship awards program June 7, 8 p.m., at the community center, 12953 Bradford, Pacifica will feature Justice Stephen Tamura of the state appellate court as main speaker. He is the ranking Nisei jurist in the state.

As an added feature will be a 15-minute film on Manzanar produced by Brian Mayeda, one of the 10 scholarship winners being honored. SFVJACC coordinating council chairman Harold Muraoka is program emcee. Scholarship committee is headed by Nancy Gohata. Fuki Shimizu and committee are in charge of the program. Winning \$100 scholarships are:

- Sharilyn Kakudo, Granada Hills High, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Kakudo; Elizabeth Kubota, Poly High, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kubota; Brian Mayeda, Van Nuys High, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terno Odew; Keith Mizutani, Canoga Park High, son of

S.F. JACL Olympics not at Kezar

SAN FRANCISCO—The 1975 JACL Junior Olympics has been moved to the athletics field at Skyline College, it was announced by Gary Nakamura, meet chairman. Skyline College is located in San Bruno (just outside of San Francisco) at 3300 Skyline Blvd.

The meet will be held on Sunday, June 15, from 10 a.m. Contestants should report on the field by 9 a.m.

"We will be using an all-weather track," Nakamura explained, "so we will allow only quarter inch track spikes on the field."

The track and field events are open to all young Asian athletes, both boys and girls. Last year's meet attracted 200 youngsters from Northern, Central and Southern California.

Among the celebrity athletes scheduled to make appearances at the meet are Bob Lee, quarterback with the Atlanta Falcons; Tony Cline of the Oakland Raiders; and Bruce Gessert, placekicker for the San Francisco 49ers.

Further information and the application forms are available by calling: Gary Nakamura (415) 445-0320 days, or Dr. Yosh Nakashima, JACL President, 2400 California St., San Francisco 94118; (415) 567-1532.

Mr. and Mrs. Morio Mizutani; Richard Nakazawa, Monroe High; son of Mr. and Mrs. Mas Nakazawa; Carl Niizawa, Granada Hills High, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Niizawa; Susan Nishizaka, Kennedy High, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nishizaka; Glenn Takata, Chatsworth High, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Takata; Lyura Tomita, Granada Hills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Makko Tomita; and Joyce Ueda, Menlo Park High, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matsuo Ueda.

Sixteen students to be honored with certificate of achievement are:

Candice Cleve, Jeanne Derran, Nancy Doran, Nancy Endo, Don Furushiro, Stanley Hashioka, Debra Hori, Jean Iwai, Lynn Kawasuchi, Susan Morita, Kristine, Moridani, Rhonda Murotake, Carol Nakashioya, Regina Sakaida, Wayne Wadamoto and Linda Yoshimura.

San Jose's Outstanding Young Man of the Year, Mike Honda, will be guest speaker at the West Valley JACL Graduates Night program June 28, 8 p.m., at Grace Methodist Church.

Honda, who is also San Jose JACL president is chairman of the San Jose city planning commission and in educational research at Stanford with the Native Americans and Spanish-speaking Americans. Local high school graduates to be honored include:

- Corbin Imai, Eric Ishimaru, Merik Karwowski, Vieki Konno, Mary Ann Shinta, Janet Sumida, Audrey Uchiyama, Christine Yagi

by Enmanji Temple and the JACL. High school graduates will be introduced. New residents in the area have been extended a special invitation to attend.

The chapter is also supporting Enmanji's annual teiyaki dinner to be held July 13.

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Japan-U.S. Friendship Act may help future Little Tokyo cultural center

LOS ANGELES — George J. Spark Matsunaga, George Daniels and Norman Mineta; and legislative assistants to Senators Hiram Fong and John Tunney.

Doizaki also attended the Japan America Society bazaar where he met former Ambassador Triesse, former JACL Washington representative Mike Maskaoka, Mrs. Takeshi Yasukawa, wife of the Japanese ambassador to the United States and Shig Sugiyama, national JACL president.

Doizaki said he was hopeful that because of the nature of the proposed Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles, funds might be available from the Japan-U.S. Friendship Act, if not for capital expenditure, at least for library or provision for expert personnel to direct the library, museum and other cultural activities proposed for the center.

Presiding at the postponed board of directors meeting May 27, Doizaki reported on his meeting with key U.S. senators and congressmen who are interested in S 824, a bill introduced by Senator Jacob Javits of New York in the 93rd Congress and passed by the Senate but was not acted upon by the House.

The bill, designated the Japan-United States Friendship Act, provides for disbursement of \$32 million, 10 percent of the sum being paid by Japan for the reversion of Okinawa, to be used to foster cultural understanding between the two nations.

Under the aegis of Wayne Horiuchi, Washington JACL representative, Doizaki met with Senators Javits, Daniel K. Inouye and Alan Cranston;

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Aloha from Hawaii

By RICHARD GIMA

Governor's Office Honolulu

In wake of Gov. Ariyoshi signing the state officials' pay raise bill, Honolulu Mayor Fasi said he had never seen the people as angry as they are now, adding that the present per capita cost for state and local government is now probably higher in Hawaii than in any other place in the world.

The Governor has signed the bill changing the status of East-West Center from a unit of the University to a separate nonprofit educational corporation to be run by an 18-member board whose members come from Hawaii, the Mainland and it is hoped from the Pacific basin.

Gov. Ariyoshi said he will oppose the start of new domestic satellite phone service in the U.S. unless Hawaii residents enjoy the same long distance rates as those on the Mainland.

Congressional Scene Rep. Spark Matsunaga reported the House Rules Committee, of which he is a member, cleared the 1975 Voting Rights Act extension bill through 1983, which includes voting rights to ethnic minorities and for Hawaii. It may mean bilingual ballots.

He is co-sponsoring a bill to establish a "Center for Health Education and Promotion," a clearinghouse for community health education programs. Feb. 18 would be designated Bataan-Corregidor Day in memory of the 40,000 World War II defenders in the Philippines under a Matsunaga bill introduced last month.

Hawaii Today Encyclopedia of Hawaii—a reference work for businessmen, government agencies, institutions, students and individuals—is among 20 projects listed for the year-long 1975 Bicentennial celebration here. There were 37,007 Mainland migrants moving to Hawaii last year, up 121 from 1973 but still the second lowest number since 1966. Peak year was 1972 when 44,288 Mainlanders moved to Hawaii. Most of them (42.4%) hail from the Pacific coast states.

Names in the News Honolulu developer George Hewrickson is chairman of the state Republican party, succeeding Carla Corey, who was elected national committeewoman. Soviet geophysicist Vyacheslav Kovalev, 27, deserted the Russian science ship Dmitry Mendeleev during a mid-May stopover in Honolulu reportedly for his love of a Honolulu woman who spent four months of the same ship as a microbial-ontologist. Nisei entertainer Teddy Tanaka and his wife, Nancy Yoshiko Bess, opened an engagement May 15 at the Hikoi Hotel's Opus One Club.

Neighbor Island Major thoroughfares in downtown Hilo will be one-way streets. For instance, Kilauea will become one-way in a Hamakua direction; Keawe-Kilauea in a Puna direction.

The 108,000-acre Hawaii Ranch Co. in Ka'u, Big Island, has been sold to Parker Ranch. It is believed to be the largest ranch sale in island history. Two Hilo men—Attorney Gilbert Hara, 37, and Alvin Tanaka, 30, survived 24 hours at sea, clinging to their capsize fishing boat off Cape Kumukahi until spotted by a searching helicopter and rescued May 18. Both men were reported to be in good physical condition when found.

Univ. of Hawaii The UH board of regents decided the name, Fortues Hall will remain for the new social science building. The late Stanley Fortues was on the UH faculty from 1923-48 and an internationally known psychologist.

More than 2,000 received degrees at the May 18 commencement exercises held at Honolulu International Center. It was only one of six college graduation ceremonies held the same day on Oahu.

Quote of Note

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Kats Kunitzugu On Margin

GOOD WRITING

Los Angeles "You and Your World" is a classroom educational magazine with a nationwide circulation. Earlier this year, the magazine held its annual short story contest in which students are asked to write an ending to a short story which ends in suspense, much like the classic, "Lady or the Tiger?"

First place winner this year was Eleanor Meltzer, who attends Beaumont Intermediate School. She bested entries from 300 classrooms in 49 states to win.

Eleanor is the daughter of Robert Meltzer, one of the leading watercolor artists in Southern California, and Betty Hikiji Meltzer, formerly of Lawai, Kauai, whose parents Chuchi and Miyoko Hikiji still live there.

There is Lawson Inada's "Japanese Gemetry", a roiling tumultuous confrontation with self, so unblinkingly honest that it will shake you up. There is Jeffrey Paul Chan's "Jackrabbit", a masterpiece combining emotional impact with such skill in characterization and in evoking a certain setting and mood that I am tempted to shout, "Hal-lalujah!"

There is Hisaye Yamamoto's "The Brown House", which I recall correctly, was the short story which appeared in Harper's Bazaar. It makes me fervently wish that Hisaye will again take up her typewriter.

We hope that such talented writers will find a wider market than those provided by ethnic publications, because I fail to find any difference in quality between the short stories and poems in Yardbird and those magazines which regularly feed into the "Best American Short Stories of..."

My green door, whispered Lisa, and the pain seemed to disappear.

Allan Beekman Book Review

ETHNIC AMERICAN SHORT STORIES, edited by Katherine D. Newman, Pocket Books, Paperback, 254 pp., \$1.45.

In her introduction, the editor who teaches multi-ethnic literature at West Chester (Pa.) College, says that the themes of these 19 stories "are universal, but the responses to them are culturally unique."

Selected from widely divergent groups, her collection covers the spectrum of life in America. Some of the stories appear innocent of unassimilated foreign influence; in others, characters may be assumed to be speaking a foreign tongue.

There is only one foreign-language story, "Champs," by Pedro Juan Soto, translated from the Spanish by Victoria Ortiz, about a Puerto Rican youth who begins to achieve status in his barrio through his skill in billiards.

Most of the action in Jordan Peele's "A Piece of Polento" takes place abroad. But the story concerns an American, who had been ashamed of the "alien ways" of his Italian father. After the death of the father, the son visits the paternal family home in Italy, observing peasant life at firsthand, he comes to understand and appreciate his immigrant parent.

Foreign culture permeates many of the stories, even though the action is portrayed against the American background. In "The Law," by Hugh Nissenson, the shadow of a German concentration camp spreads its pall over a Jewish family in New York. The family looks forward to the Bar Mitzvah of their 13-year-old son as to an ordeal. He must respond to the reading of the scroll of the Law before the congregation and he stammers badly.

In "The Colonel and the Santo," by Fray Angelico Chavez, the colonel, bent on bestowing a decoration, visits the family of a soldier slain in the South Pacific. At the rural New Mexico home of the dead hero, the visitor makes an unusual discovery.

Nikkei stories In "Seventeen Syllables," by Hisaye Yamamoto, the wife of a Japanese immigrant farmer loves to write haiku. Her husband resents this distraction from the work of the farm; the daughter is drawn to a Chicano farmhand.

In "No Place Beneath the Rising Sun", a tragedy occurs in a Honolulu Japanese language school, Dec. 7, 1941 while Japanese planes attack nearby Pearl Harbor. By me, and my wife, Take, this story first appeared in the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue of 1961.

"Yes, Young Daddy," by Frank Chin, shows the love of an American girl of Chinese ancestry for an uncle who recalls for her becoming romantically involved with a relative.

In "The Guns in the Closet," by Jose Yglesias, a cultured Spanish-English speaking father becomes involved in the revolutionary activities of his bilingual, Columbia-educated son.

In "The Gift Bearer", (classified as Irish) by Philip F. O'Connor, the wife and son of an alcoholic manifest their disapproval of the machinations of his visiting brother who is lending him deeper into vice.

In "Raymond's Run", (Black), by Toni Cade Bambara, Souseky, the protagonist, dedicates herself to increasing her self-esteem and wins the respect of her schoolmates, she also gains respect for them and her competitors.

In "The Doll," by Gerald Haslam, a 12-year-old refugee from the Oklahoma dust-bowl and his imbecile uncle show a woman that her conception of herself as being imbued with Christian charity is unrealistic.

The remaining eight stories are classified as Chicano, Greek, Black, Irish, Cuban, Polish, Mexican, Norwegian, two are American Indian. Prof. Newman also chairs The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States (MELUS). Her published works include "The American Equation: Literature in a Multi-Ethnic Culture."

Local Scene

Los Angeles

A "Pop" clinic will be sponsored by the Asian Women's health committee on Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at THE Clinic for Women, 2950 S. Western Ave. The \$2.50 fee will cover lab costs and no one will be turned away, assures Karen Chomori (627-3288).

An International Buddhist Refugee Relief Aid Committee, headed by Rev. Thich An Hahn, of the International Buddhist Meditation Center, 928 S. Hampshire Ave., Los Angeles 90006, has been organized to find sponsors and collect clothing, blankets and funds for Indochina refugees in the U.S. Dr. Thich Thien An, IBMC abbot, has appointed Buddhist chaplains to assist in distribution of donated items and funds.

East West Players premiere a double-header June 25 with Nisei playwright Bill Shinkai's "Revelations as a Tight-Eyed Devil" and "S.P.O.O.S." First play is a satire about everything some Asian Americans think they are but really aren't; the latter a farce about everything you have always wanted to call Asians and were never afraid to. Shinkai is currently a staff writer for the CBS-TV show, "Tony Orlando & Dawn".

Los Angeles Headquarters City Assn., organized in 1961 to foster commercial-industrial development with emphasis on headquarters locations in the city, honors Little Tokyo and Chinatown at its 14th annual awards luncheon June 12 at the Music Center. Manuel Inadomi, Japanese Chamber of Commerce president, is accepting the plaque for Little Tokyo.

Assemblyman Robert Badham (R-Newport Beach) will be guest speaker at the Japanese American Republicans of Southern California dinner June 9, 7 p.m., at Temple Gardens, Garden Grove, it was announced by Mrs. Ruth Watanabe, president.

S.F.—East Bay Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) has opened his Pleasanton field office at 1811 Santa Rita Rd., with Karen Kinney, 25, in charge.

Eden Japanese Senior Center, meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Eden Japanese Community Center, will observe its third anniversary June 7, 1:30 p.m. Its June calendar finds Teshio Yamada discussing "Irons" on the 12th and Mrs. Nellie Sakai instructing on how to make yarn poodles on the 20th in the morning half and Mrs. M. Inouye instructing Minyo in the afternoons on both dates. Those requiring transportation may call Masako Minami, coordinator (278-1881).

Seattle Kazuo Ito of the Tokyo Yomiuri Shimbun and author of the Issei History of the Pacific Northwest will be in the Seattle area in late July to seek material for a follow-up book on the Nisei experience. Local contacts are Sam Shoji or Ken Nakano at the JACL Office.

Yen-dollar ratio

LOS ANGELES—Japan's yen is expected to stabilize at ¥290 to \$1 through September, according to economists of the Fuji Bank. Since January, the rate had fluctuated between 285 and 300 yens to a dollar.

PC's People

Government

The Oxnard Nikkei dentist, Dr. Tsujio Kato, who is mayor pro-tem, is 1975-76 chairman of the Ventura County Assn. of Governments, comprised of nine cities and county board of supervisors as a voluntary cooperating group. Mrs. Mitsuo Saito, active West Los Angeles JACLer, resigned as vice president of the L.A. Municipal Arts Commission May 8 because of other commitments but she will continue to serve on the commission.

Awards

Caldwell (Idaho) High School honor student Jeannie R. Hirai was designated an All-American Senior by the National Panorama of American Youth, which annually recognizes 3,600 outstanding seniors nationwide. National Maritime Union college scholarship of \$10,000 was awarded to Tanya Fumiko Mesley, 17, of Yokohama. Her father sails as chief electrician on Military Sealift Command vessels. NMU awards nine \$10,000-scholarships each year.

Crime

U.S. District Court Judge William Orrick Jr. sentenced Quailand Tom, 40, to five years in federal prison May 14. Former manager of a San Francisco branch of San Francisco Savings & Loan had voluntarily surrendered himself after fleeing to Taiwan last year after embezzling at least \$589,000 for gambling in Nevada casinos. The Justice Dept. filed in April a civil suit in the Hong Kong supreme court to recoup \$4.3-million in U.S. military aid allegedly spirited out of Saigon in an embezzlement scheme. Named were David C. Simmons and Richard Kenichi Sakai, both former military attaché office civilian employees with the U.S. Embassy in Saigon and four other defendants.

Military

Two Nisei WAC officers completing orientation courses at Ft. McClellan, Ala., in May have been assigned permanently to career branches: Lt. Keiko Inui to Finance, and Lt. Terumi Tsubokawa to Signal Corps. Golden Gate Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9879 has elected its first non-Nisei commander. Senior vice-commander this past year, Orville Summers was installed as commander May 24.

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He served with the Army in Japan, where he met and married his wife, Yuki, who has headed the post's Auxiliary.

Herb Makabe is the new commander of Perry Post 525, American Legion, Los Angeles, succeeding three-term-er Allen Deng. The post will have an installation dinner June 7, 6:30 p.m. at Imperial Dragon restaurant with 17th District Commander Leonard Peplowski as installing officer.

Entertainment

Elements of the Noh theater, choreographed by Kenzuke Haga, appeared in the Terry Schreiber production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet", which had a limited run (Apr. 30-May 25) in New York's Schreiber Studio. Mitsuo Kotamura was in charge of music and special effects.

Milestones

Fukujo Arita, 89, pioneer Issei nurseryman in Portchester, N.Y., died May 14. Decorated by the Japanese government in 1970 with the Order of Sacred Treasure, 6th class, he came to the U.S. in 1905, was a naturalized U.S. citizen and survived by three sons and two daughters.

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