

New York inaugural

The first day of summer found us driving a new familiar route from Springfield, Va., to New York to attend the New York Chapter's installation dinner.

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JACL—SPECIAL BOARD MEETING: Part 3

Accept explanation to more issues

By HARRY HONDA

San Francisco No word has been received as to when transcripts of the National JACL special board meeting held June 7-8 at JACL Headquarters are to be available.

In Part I of this series, the rules of order governing the special meeting, appointment of the chairman pro-tem (Jerry Enomoto, past national president, who remarked he had no particular ax to grind in the controversy that led to the call of the special board meeting) and the agenda.

In Part II, the first five topics on the agenda were reported, the details based upon tapes of the proceedings supplied by PC Board Chairman Alfred Hata.

In Part III this week, the next two topics are covered. Next week, the concluding chapter will be published, dealing with the Gerontology Project and three of the seven administrative matters. The other four were not discussed as previous explanations sufficed. These four were:

- (a) Bob Suzuki case, (b) travel pool, (c) scholarship, and (d) Convention minutes.

Abstract

6—Ethnic Heritage Project. Responses by David Ushio to questions raised in MDC Memorandum were accepted. One question concerned a hiring complaint filed by Gloria Kumagai, the other on formation and role of the project advisory council in view of the resignation from that body of Donald Hata.

Ethnic Heritage

Eight questions in the May 20 Midwest District memorandum surrounded the belated start of the JACL Ethnic Heritage Project, the Gloria Kumagai complaint of discriminatory employment based on race and sex against National JACL, and resignation of Dr. Donald Hata as a member of the project's advisory council.

From JACL Nat'l Headquarters

Communication

HQ dedication to honor Issei

The Issei, the parents of all Americans of Japanese ancestry, will take center stage during the Dedication of the National JACL Headquarters Building on July 20 in San Francisco. As the plans for the day long Dedication unfold, the emphasis is to consecrate the building as a tribute to the Issei for their inspiration and sacrifices.

The Dedication ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. close to the building site. Every effort is being made to keep the ceremony as brief as possible so that the Issei who attend will not be over-tired. Mike Masao, perhaps the most highly regarded Issei among the Issei, will make the Dedication speech.

Further information on any of the current JACL programs can be secured by writing or calling National Headquarters, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco 94115, (415) 921-5225, or the local JACL chapter.

surely—thanks to imaginative programming, responsiveness, and a forward looking public relations effort by dedicated and hard working chapter members such as those installed Saturday night as chapter leaders.

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The arrangements for the dinner on the 26th floor Corinthian Room of the New York Sheraton were in the capable hands of V.P. Shig Kaneshiro and chapter sparkplug and go-getter Ruby Schaar. The main speaker for the evening was popular freshman Congressman and JACLer Norman Mineta of San Jose, Calif., who gave us an excellent insight as to

what's going on in Congress and the role of the "Freshman Class" of Congresspersons in his speech and in a lively question and answer period afterwards.

Mr. Mineta's speech was preceded by original songs and sketches by a group of young Asian American players (led by Alvin Ing and Catheline Okada Robin) recently incorporated as the Theater for Asian American Performing Artists through the assistance of the New York Chapter.

Dr. Leslie Hiraoka M.C.'d the long dinner program, which was highlighted by presentation of the chapter's annual award for outstanding service by Henry Iijima to Murray Sprung, chapter member and stalwart for over 25 years, current District Vice Governor and chapter Board member, and a familiar figure to JACL National Convention delegates.

My congratulations to all New York JACLers for a job well done during the past year. Good luck for the coming year to Ron and his Board of Directors, and special thanks to Ruby and Shig for their kind hospitality over the weekend.

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14 prep grads share \$5,950 in scholarships

Philadelphia Fourteen graduating high school seniors were named winners of scholarships administered by the National Japanese American Citizens League, it was announced recently by Mrs. Grayce Ueyehara, JACL Vice President for General Operations, who chaired the National Scholarship Committee of:

Albert Abe, PNW; Kerry Isari, IDC; Howard Yamamoto, NC-WN; Dr. James Nagasaki, CC; Mitsuo Senoda, PSW; Dr. Peter Suzuki, MP; Gordon Yoshikawa, M; and Tom Nakao, Jr., JAYS.

Seven young men and seven young women share the limelight. By district councils, Northern California—Western Nevada leads with five successful applicants, followed by Pacific Southwest with three, and one each from Intermountain, Eastern, Midwest, Mountain Plains, Pacific Northwest, and Central California.

There were no limits of the number of applicants from chapters or district councils this year for one of the fourteen scholarships, and over 250 applications were received and judged by the eight local committees before final selections were made by the Eastern regional committee.



Georgiana Kezele

Portland convention in 1974, Yamasaki was assured only three executive positions had been contemplated in the 1975-76 budget but when Hayashi was moved to San Francisco, "it resulted in more than three."

Yamasaki, then serving on the convention ad hoc budget committee, reminded staff salaries were a crucial issue at the convention, particularly at Headquarters, because of opposition to a concentration of executive staff at San Francisco.

"What troubles me here—as I said in my letter of resignation (as national legal counsel)—is the question of integrity," Yamasaki commented. "Subsequently I learned as a matter of fact that the day Shig (Sugiyama) asked for my resignation, he told me this issue of Don Hayashi's transfer—if you wish to call it that—had been planned prior to the Portland convention."

This, he said, was information he did not have in November and charged Ushio had not intended to keep his promise because he was bringing Hayashi to San Francisco.

While confirming his conversation with Yamasaki, Sugiyama differed with Yamasaki's interpretation that Hayashi's move had been "planned" prior to the convention. Sugiyama explained additional staff at Headquarters was contingent on the budget and the Hayashi move was "desirable"—not planned, if the budget allowed. The number of staff at a given locale was merely an indication but the National Council delegates took it to mean the maximum number. And that was not intended, according to Sugiyama, who helped prepare the national budget.

Yamasaki rebutted that the question was not what Sugiyama had intended but "what assurance was I given from Dave, as a member of the ad hoc committee, and then to go back and try to sell the budget to the ad hoc committee," more or less as Ushio's spokesman.

The budget issue became political, Yamasaki continued, because of its amount—\$592,000. One assurance he had from Ushio was the "ceiling on the number of executive staff at San Francisco."

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, past national president, contended "a lot of bad mouth is part of the reason for the special meeting," adding he heard PSW people saying Ushio couldn't be trusted, nobody believed him. "I am getting sick and tired of these rumors and insinuations about Dave" and then asked Yamasaki: "Is it not your duty to protect the national organization and its policies?"

Yamasaki quickly responded, "It certainly is and I believe. I discharged my duties to the best of my ability till I resigned."

Nishikawa contended Yamasaki and other National Board members should have responded the PSWDC was out of order when it issued its motion to impeach at the Feb. 9 meeting, "but I heard nothing." While JACLers can complain to their officers if they are unhappy, Nishikawa said procedures for impeachment are stipulated in the JACL Constitution "and these were not followed."

Presenting the issue from his perspective, Ushio declared there were never more than three executive staffers at Headquarters at any one time. When Hayashi came down in October, one of the assistant directors, Pat Nakakawa, was vacating to head the Ethnic Heritage Project, also based at Headquarters.

Ushio went on to explain his role as chief administrator, always alert to personnel

needs at Headquarters and planning ahead. Both of his assistant directors, Margie Yamamoto and Pat Nakano, had said they were going to leave JACL. Hayashi also said he was getting married, and couldn't take the travel required of a regional director and felt he had to retire.

Exercising what he termed as his "options," Ushio had the ethnic heritage project and asked Hayashi to consider a position at Headquarters. Yamasaki turned down the first offer of a position in Sunnyvale which came in mid-summer but later accepted another offer in San Francisco.

M. Steven Okamoto is the son of the Peter Okamoto of Elk Grove, Calif. Steve has chosen to attend Stanford in the fall and is interested in the field of law. Steve is a National Merit Scholarship recipient of a California Scholarship Federation member, and recipient of the American High School Students' award of his school to a CSP member, and will appear in the National High School Students' award.

Active with the Boy Scouts, Steve also was active with his school's marching and concert bands, pep band, is a School Board representative, Student Body president, and school literary magazine, and is National District's Affirmative Action Committee.

Under the federally-funded Gifted Students Program at Elk Grove High School, Steve has been enrolled at the Florin Japanese Language School for the past 3 years.

CHRISTINE KYOMI NOMA of San Francisco is the daughter of Mrs. Yoriko Kawamura and is affiliated with the San Francisco JACL. Chris has chosen to attend the Univ. of Calif. at Berkeley where she will pursue a career in law.

Statically, Chris is the recipient of a California State scholarship from her high school, the Otto Greenwald scholarship from UC Alumni, a San Francisco JACL Chapter scholarship, and the Ernest Cummings Cup Award for academic achievement.

Chris is currently a co-chairperson of the San Francisco JACL and also found time to participate in various school programs: Executive Council of the Student Body, Senior Board Chairperson, Japanese Club, Girl's Athletic Assn., Self Scheduling Program Committee, Girl's Service Society, and California Scholarship Federation.

HARVEY LEE NEGORO of Fresno is the son of the Yukiko Negoro and is affiliated with the Fresno JACL. He has chosen to attend the Univ. of Calif. at Los Angeles this fall where he will major in biochemistry, leading to medical studies.

Distinguished as the valedictorian of his graduating class, Harvey has received Achievement Awards for math, science, music, and language arts, as well as Bank of America Certificate Award in social studies.

During his high school years, he participated in various high school sports with the North-West State Club, his school's newspaper staff (serving as editor-in-chief during his senior year), and is a 1st member of the California Scholarship Federation.

Also active in community sports, Harvey found time to participate with the North-West State baseball team, Asian League basketball, and J.V.A. basketball. He is currently president of the North-West Fresno Jr. Y.M.C.A.

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MARIE ELIZABETH CULVER is the daughter of the Harold Culver of Wurtsboro, New York. She will be attending Syracuse University in the fall but has not decided on a major as yet as she is interested in both art and chemistry.

Ranked number 1 in her graduating class of 238 students, Marie is the recipient of a National Merit Scholarship and a commendation, a Byrnes University Citizenship Conference scholarship, and is a member of the National Junior and Senior Honor Societies.

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A recipient of a Police Benevolent Prize in Courtesy, Marie was a representative of International Youth Day at Camp Rising Sun (a summer camp for youths of all countries).

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KEITH MINORU MIZUTANI of Canoga Park, Calif., is the son of the Minoru Mizutani and is affiliated with the San Fernando Valley JACL. Keith is a member of the Merit Scholarship and is attending the Univ. of Southern California in the fall where he will major in biology, while fulfilling a course of study for pre-medicine.

Keith has distinguished himself being the recipient of an Elk Club National Scholarship at the local level, is a four-time recipient of a Scholar Athletic Award, recipient of a Los Angeles City Youth Award, and a recipient of the Optimist Club youth award, and Optimal Club essay contest award.

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In his community, Keith was a chairman and participant in the "Ride-On for Leukemia" in 1974, participant in the "Nisei Relay," and a member of the "Summa Games," served as Assistant Supervisor for Youth Services at a local elementary school, campaigned for school board issues, and served on the community advisory committee.

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JACL Scholar: \$700

GEORGINA LYNN KEZELE of Whittier, Calif., is the daughter of the George L. Kezeles and is affiliated with the Selanoco JACL. She will enter Univ. of Southern California in the fall to pursue a career in special education to work with children.

Scholarship: \$600

DALE TETSUO YAMASHITA of Salinas, Calif., is the son of the Toshiyasu Yamashita and is affiliated with the Salinas Valley JACL. Dale has chosen to attend Stanford in the fall where he will

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Friday, July 4, 1975

Harry K. Honda

Ye Editor's Desk
TO KANAB AND BACK

It was four days of breathing smog-free air, being dazzled by the splendor of Utah's color country (Zion, Bryce Canyon National Parks and in between), and relishing the change of pace—even if we pay the price of catching up on return.

It was another one of those quick vacations before summer school starts for our youngsters at home. The 1,800-mile trip included two stops at Las Vegas—Sunday Mass and breakfast on the Strip enroute to Kanab and a Chinese dinner away from the Strip Wednesday evening before heading home Thursday morning. We don't know how many drive through Vegas and not fall to the lure of Dame Fortune—but this was the first time we weren't diverted. That's only mentioned for the record.

The Japanese angle about the Vegas trip was the front-page story Sunday about two being apprehended in Tokyo for alleged extortion in connection with a gambling trip to the Southern Nevada attraction. Our brother-in-law Jim, who's been there for nearly five years managing an insurance firm, feels charter groups from Tokyo will be flying in direct—by-passing Los Angeles and San Francisco, once McCarran Field becomes international. He thinks opportunities for Nisei in business are also worth considering as the city, now about 300,000, will hit a million in population. Incidentally, a Las Vegas JACL chapter is still in the works.

As for unpolluted air cleansing our lungs, we thought we had even detected the "new car" smell in our 1973 Maverick while sight-seeing through magnificent Zion National Park. Yet being a longtime Angeleno, we didn't choke either upon our return. Somehow our bronchial system made the adjustment willingly. The Utah air, we might add, was a bit cool and dry—almost autumn-like, so the denizens of the Utah color country were explaining. It was even a cool 85 in mid-day Barstow on our return trip. The hottest part of the

Seminar on aging

PHILADELPHIA — A seminar on the aging Asian American, particularly the Japanese, will be hosted by the local JACL on Sunday, Oct. 31, with Dr. Herbert Horikawa of Temple University and John Briscoe, executive assistant to the President of Bryn Mawr College, in charge of planning. Seminar is expected to be the beginning of a series of such meetings, according to Briscoe (215-525-1000 x-284).

1975 MEMBERSHIP PROGRESS

Horizontal performance line is 1975 membership percentage as compared with 1974 total.



'It's the Bicentennial Ondo.'

PCYA REPORT: Denise Abe
Experience Not to Be Missed

Denise Abe of Orange, Calif., was sponsored by the Downtown L.A. JACL this past spring as a participant in the 1975 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans. Daughter of the Jimi Abe, she just graduated from Villa Park High School with high honors — voted by the faculty as top senior girl of her graduating class. Of special interest is the fact that she is the granddaughter of our PC Circulation Manager Yuki and Charles Kamayatsu — Ed.

Orange, Calif. A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans provides a totally unique educational opportunity for high school students. From the moment the plane lands in Washington, D.C. to the last bus ride for the airport, the hectic pulse never quits. For the 354 students participating in the largest classroom to date, it was an eye-opening experience that left us in a continual state of exhaustion.

The purpose of A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans is to "provide a concentrated study of United States Government to selected high school students through their personal involvement and contact with the institutions and leaders of the Nation." These goals are accomplished through seminars (lectures with question and answer periods), tours of Washington, and small discussion groups conducted by PCYA students and staff.

The scheduled highlight of the week was a day on Capitol Hill where we were to meet our representatives and senators. Our classroom was set during the week of Easter vacation and subsequently, Congress adjourned the day before our planned visit. Many of the PCYA participants met only with staff aids of their congressmen, however, we were fortunate to meet with Rep. Norman Mineta of San Jose, Calif. Later that same afternoon, Congressman Mineta addressed the entire classroom in a seminar concerning the daily activities of a representative. From his talk, we gained an understanding of the tremendous amount of paperwork and man hours that go into conscientious public service.

Congressman Mineta was not the only politician we had the pleasure of speaking with. Rep. Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii invited a group of PCYA students to lunch in the dining room of the New Senate Office Building. Congressman Matsunaga explained the unique problems of representing a state halfway around the world.

Meeting with the other students was by far the most educational part of our trip. As we were all brought together through our common interests in politics and government, it was not uncommon to find several students from a variety of states with the aspiration of becoming lawyers and politicians at the same college.

A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans is an experience not to be missed. The trip was completely enjoyable with the exception of the food and bedding. The JACL support of the program is evident by the number of students sponsored by various chapters across the country. Some of the names of JACL-sponsored students were: Deanne Kasal, Portland; Lois Shimazaki, Eden Township; Jeff Kawaguchi, San Francisco; Keri Fujii, Warren, Miss.; Ki Son Hahn, Chicago; Ellen Nose, Rockville, Md.; Olivia Marutani, Philadelphia; Maria Kamiya, Ballico, Calif.

We sincerely hope the JACL will continue their active support of such a worthwhile program.

QUESTION BOX

Q—My wife and I are interested in living in Japan for a year, hopefully paying our way while there. Can you give us an idea of what's involved. —VFK, Ridley Park, Pa.

A—This is quite complicated. The Japanese Consulate has a small booklet, "Foreigner's Guide to Immigration Procedure in Japan", may answer most questions. While Japan does not encourage entry of aliens for work or residence due to many problems involved, the best chance for Americans to secure employment there seem to be with a U.S. branch office or firm. The Commerce Dept. has list of U.S. companies doing business in Japan, available at a nominal cost. A person who match his skills with requirements as listed. About teaching positions in Japan, refer to the Institute of International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York 10017. And a specified visa at the Japanese consular office is required. (The PC is indebted to local Japanese consulate general for the above background.)

25 Years Ago

In the PC, July 1, 1950

June 16—Etsu Sugimoto, Japanese author of "Daughter of Samurai", dies at age 78 at her Tokyo home; had lived in U.S. for 40 years.

June 25—South Korea invaded by Communist North Korean forces.

June 27—President Truman signs private bills for 24 Japanese brides of U.S. servicemen and veterans, largest group ever admitted in one group.

June 29—Honolulu singer James Shigetani wins national Ted Mack's Amateur Hour 1950 contest.

June 29—JACL membership expected to top 10,000 for the first time in national history in July-August.

Stan Kiyokawa
Honto-Ni
ASIAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Rarely in our society are there individuals and agencies that anticipate problems and begin dealing with them by taking preventative measures. We have traditionally approached problems with band-aid solutions, after the fact, which very much limit our effectiveness.

To emphasize the point of a preventative education approach to problem solving, the office of Asian American Affairs, State of Washington, and Mitch Matsudaira, director, come to mind. Prior to the initial impact of publicity on the Vietnamese refugees Mitch's office was preparing and educating community organizations and legislators about the upcoming problem, stressing the need for Asian-community input in the process.

Governor Evans' initial statement and commitment was a product of Mitch's input to take a strong stand on this critical issue. To date, the State of Washington has established the first formal program dealing with assembly and placement services for these refugees. (See June 27 PC.)

The many Asian-community organizations now have direct input into the assembly and placement process to view this situation from an Asian perspective. The assembly center located at Camp Murray offers an information and service center, a desk manned by full-time staff to offer needed services to sponsors and the refugees themselves. The desk is paid for by the State of Washington. Mitch has stressed the importance of finding out from the refugees themselves what their needs are, rather than agencies and individuals making general assumptions as to what they think the Vietnamese need. In many cases this is much too common of an occurrence.

The other areas of concern voiced through Asian American Affairs Office are:

- Mutual agreement of both parties for sponsorships to protect both parties.
- Utilization of Asian case-workers wherever possible.
- Emphasis of cluster concept of placements to get more than one family in an area.

These are just a few concerns that have been voiced. This example of direct input demonstrates the importance of an agency such as Mitch's. Their work has made tremendous impact for Asian Americans and I cannot help but overemphasize its importance. During this period very little time is taken to publicize their efforts because of the need to provide services and not take advantage of the situation to gain visibility. My column has been devoted to spotlight the tremendous job Mitch and his staff have done, to direct support and recognition where it's due.

Nai'l JACL
(Continued from Front Page)

Stephen Nakashima noted it was sound practice of executives to secure enough votes and proceed, not spend money to call all of them. Kimura took exception: "If we follow your logic, I would never be called—because you said I'm so far away." Dale Shimasaki, another EXECOM member, mapped the tension: "Why wasn't I called? It's 15 cents from here to Berkeley."

Moriguchi insisted Hayashi should have been on the JACL payroll for a nine-day period between Dec. 15 (when the 30-day termination notice ended) and Dec. 24 (deadline for EXECOM members to respond to the recommendation to hire Hayashi). His request to have EXECOM members present to be polled was turned down. Enomoto said it was unfair "to put staff people on the spot."

MPDC Gov. Mits Kawamoto couldn't understand all the complaining at this stage since the majority vote to continue had been cast.

Frank Iwama said "no gap" between Dec. 15 and Dec. 24—the nine days Moriguchi held Hayashi should not have been on the payroll. Iwama explained the personnel manual provides non-clerical staff are appointed by the National Director, subject to approval by the National Board which, to him, meant Hayashi was on "temporary appointment"—akin to Jerry Enomoto's appointment by Gov. Brown on Feb. 5 as director of the State Dept. of Corrections which was temporary until the State Senate confirmed, 90 days later. "If the results came out that Hayashi was not confirmed, then at that time Don would have been told he was finished," Iwama said.

In retrospect, when the board disallowed the Hayashi appointment in November, he should have reverted to his original position, according to Sugiyama, since his resignation was contingent upon his position in San Francisco.

PSWDC alternate Mike Ishikawa observed the obvious attempts made to expedite the hiring of Hayashi was "like the tail wagging the dog". Rather than calling them all, Ushio's call to certain members "demonstrates an attitude in dealing with the National Board..."

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NO-NO BOY

Denver, Colo. State, reasons that other Nisei will understand and which make up the warp and woof of the novel. The penalty for having said no was a two-year prison sentence. Ichiro has served it, and returns to Seattle as the story begins, seeking there to find peace within himself and in his relations with his family and society.

"No-No Boy" attracted little attention at the time it was published and from what I can gather it was not a commercial success either for Okada or the publisher. Nisei did not buy the book. Many looked at it somewhat askance, as if it were a loathsome or unclear thing.

Why? Perhaps because the story dug too deeply into their psyches at a time when they were still raw and lacerated from the Evacuation experience. Perhaps the Nisei did not want to look too deeply into their souls as reflected in the society that Ichiro Yamada found so hostile, and in the agony and shame and frustration that Ichiro experiences as he seeks to find himself.

In this sense the novel was published before its time. The Nisei were not ready for it. Since then they have matured and the old wounds have healed. Today more of them, and the Nansel as well, would be able to appreciate John Okada's skill as a novelist whose typewriter mirrors the society he knew.

What makes all this pertinent is that not long ago Tuttle released its rights to the book, making it possible for another publisher to re-issue it. The Univ. of Washington Press is reported to be considering a reprint. One of those strongly urging the Univ. of Washington Press to take it on is Frank Chin, the Chinese American playwright whose powerful "The Year of the Dragon" was on national educational TV recently.

"No-No Boy" Chin writes from San Francisco, "is one of the great works of American fiction. And it's the greatest Asian American work, period. Stylistically, structurally, no American work has captured the sound and multi-schizoid thought and mood of the 'Forties. And certainly no work has explored the soul, culture and sensibility of Japanese America as deeply as Okada's work."

Okada is dead now and there is no one to push for a re-issue of his novel except like Chin and others who remember Okada's talent. After hearing from Chin I took my copy of "No-No Boy" off the shelf and re-read it for the first time in perhaps 15 years. It was still a moving story about a tortured Nisei, more timely now and more acceptable since we as a group are less up-tight about—if no less aware of—our problems.

Chin had urged me to write to Sam Solberg of the Asian American Studies program at the Univ. of Washington who is spearheading a drive to persuade the U. of W. Press to re-issue the book. After I read the novel again, I sat down and wrote Solberg endorsing his efforts. If you have a copy, perhaps you'll want to do that, too.

Indo included in Smithsonian festival

WASHINGTON — Japanese folk dancing will be featured at the Smithsonian Institution Folk Festival here Saturday, July 5, with Mrs. Teru Fukuda as dance coordinator. The festival, which is the first of its kind to include both male and female participants of any age, is staged July 2-6, lures over a million spectators and participants. The JACL will operate a Japanese food booth during the week.

Onoists from New York, Chicago, Seabrook and Washington are to participate. The Folk Festival, to be held at the Smithsonian Institution, is the largest of its kind in the world. It is a celebration of the rich and diverse folk arts and traditions of the world. The festival will feature a wide variety of folk dancing, music, and crafts from many different cultures. It is a unique opportunity to experience the beauty and diversity of folk arts from around the world.

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SPECIAL AID TO BUSINESSWOMEN IN U.S. URGED

Credit availability Topic of Utah Civil Rights Group

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights urged President Ford to declare women a "socially and economically disadvantaged" group eligible for special aid in setting up businesses.

Last year, a federal survey found blacks, Asians, Indians and other minorities owned about 4% of the country's businesses in 1972 but there is little information on the number of firms specifically owned by females or the extent of their participation in government contracts, the commission said.

Two agencies charged with assisting disadvantaged business owners — the Small Business Administration and the Commerce Dept. Office of Minority Business Enterprises — have shown little interest in establishing special women's programs, the commission added.

An estimated \$270-million in noncompetitive federal contracts has been earmarked this current fiscal year for disadvantaged entrepreneurs in programs designed to help them become self-sustaining. The SBA, however, said it does not consider anything "minority" about women and has argued they are just as eligible as men for SBA programs, noting \$98 million worth of loans out of \$1.6 billion went to 2,000 women or about \$20 million to 635 minority women.

Credit availability

In Salt Lake City, the Utah Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, chaired by Raymond S. Uno, a past national JACL president, submitted its findings and recommendations on Credit Availability to Women in Utah. Another Salt Lake JACLer Alice M. Kasal serves as secretary to the state advisory committee.

The committee examined three main areas where women encounter difficulties because of their sex or marital status: credit cards, personal loans and mortgages. Through a number of interviews with credit managers and loan personnel in the state, the committee found that arbitrary decisions based on sex and marital status were being used to deny credit to women and found policies that systematically discriminated against married women as opposed to single women.

Women upon marriage had to reapply for credit, often in her husband's name. Creditors often unwilling to extend credit to a married woman in her own name. Creditors often unwilling to include the wife's income when a married couple applied for credit. Divorced women have trouble re-establishing credit. Some mortgage lenders requesting signed statements from married couples providing information on their birth control practices and plans for children.

As the first state advisory committee report, Uno's committee recommended federal financial regulatory agencies require permanent data with regard to race, sex and marital status of credit-loan applicants from institutions under their supervision. Private credit-loan institutions were also urged to establish policies based upon measurable variables and not on sex or marital status. "Sex discrimination in credit is totally at odds with the reality of modern day America in which more than 33 million women work and make up more than 40 percent of the labor force," according to Arthur S. Fleming, chairman of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights.



SAN JOSE—Michael Honda, serving his second term as San Jose JACL president, was re-elected as San Jose Jaycees' Outstanding Young Man of 1974. A program associate at Stanford Center for Research and Development in Teaching, Honda is also chairman of the San Jose City Planning Commission.

BUCHANAN ST. MALL CONSTRUCTION STARTS

SAN FRANCISCO—The one-block Nihonmachi pedestrian mall on Buchanan St. between Post and Sutter Sts. will be an integral part of the plan to revitalize Japantown as the street was closed to vehicular traffic June 27 in anticipation of conversion.

With a completion date by the end of 1975, designs by Okamoto Associates and Van Bourg, Nakamura, Katsura and Karney are being reviewed by the Nihonmachi design committee and San Francisco Art Commission. Sculptures by Ruth Asawa are being included.

Polluted rice

TOKYO — Cadmium-polluted rice has been developed into low-cost quality building material. Puffed under pressure and mixed with plastic, it can be used for thermal insulation, auto bumpers and other purposes, according to the Tokyo Institute of Technology.

Mineta heads 94th Democratic class

WASHINGTON — Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.) of San Jose was unanimously elected chairman of the 94th Democratic Freshman Class of the House of Representatives this past week (June 24).

In a statement issued after his election thanking his colleagues for their confidence, Mineta unveiled a plan to help "restore the credibility of the Congress as the most viable and effective force of government."

Quote of Note

A bad man is worse when he pretends to be a saint.—Francis Bacon.

Different text for Tu'e offered

LOS ANGELES — The Manzanar Committee has expressed serious objection to the text of the proposed Tule Lake historical landmark plaque, which was reported approved at the May meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council.

Asserting the wording is "historically inaccurate" because it omits the unique role of Tule Lake when it was a maximum security segregation center, the Manzanar Committee released its wording submitted to the Tule Lake Committee in October, 1974.

TULE LAKE May 21, 1942-March 20, 1946

One of the ten concentration camps incarcerating 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II, the majority being American citizens. Bounded by barbed wire and guard towers, Tule Lake later became a maximum security segregation center confining renegades and those considered disloyal by the United States government.

In violation of their constitutional rights, internees in the camps were imprisoned without due process and equal protection of the law. Tule Lake must serve to remind us of the racism, economic and political exploitation undermining the constitutional guarantees of all Americans. Freedom denied to one is freedom denied to all.

San Jose Mercury Photo

Senate subcommittee blasts refugee aid

WASHINGTON—The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Refugees, chaired by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), on June 8 charged the Ford Administration program for resettling Indochina refugees was a "loppy laissez-faire approach" and said the program lacks the "sense of urgency and high-level concern" that marked the effort to evacuate refugees from South Vietnam and Cambodia.

The subcommittee evaluation predicted significant numbers of refugees would remain in resettlement camps for more than six months and perhaps more than a year. Pace of refugee departure is still below 1,000-per-day as established by the Interagency Indochina Task Force.

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FOR REFUGEES AT PENDELTON San Diego UPAC to open center

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Permission was granted the Union of Pan Asian Communities by U.S. Interagency Indochina Task Force to open an Asian American resources center to assist refugees at Camp Pendleton, according to UPAC administrative coordinator Beverly Yip.

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Aloha from Hawaii

By RICHARD GIMA

Hawaii Today

Windward Oahu tenants of Waialeale-Waikane Valley are protesting the new rental charges from their landlord, Mrs. Elizabeth McCandless Marks, as illegal but police have barred tenants from serving formal notice at her home. State farm officials maintain developer Joe Pao is trying to drive them out of the area. Heela Kea residents, about 50 of them, met with the Hawaiian Electric Co. president to have the firm postpone their eviction from substandard homes in the area, a part of the Bishop Estate. District Judge James Shigemura postponed court action against four fishermen who refused in May to move from their homes on Mokuauia Island in Keahi Lagoon. Counsel for the fishermen doesn't think the State owns the islets in the lagoon. The men were cited by police with trespassing and challenging them in court. Master plan to expand Fanebhowl will increase the capacity of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and ease sightseeing through use of tourmobiles. Complete details will be announced at the Aug. 29 with groundbreaking set for next year.

Crime File

Hilo police are baffled by the June 9 burglary of the Payless Dept. Store on Kinohiwa St. Assistant Kenneth Shousey, 33, is missing and his blood-stained car was found at the airport. Investigators said \$100 in cash and an unknown amount of jewelry are missing. Grand jury indicted Pearl Harbor employee David Chan, 33, on charges of kidnaping his wife to death May 13 during a domestic quarrel at home. Two men were held in connection with the death of a beach wagon operator, Michael Hiraoka, 38, in his McCully district apartment June 4.

Sports Scene

Ed Chal is the acting athletic director at Univ. of Hawaii, assuming office July 1. Basketball coach Stanley Chung succeeded Ticky Vasconcelos as athletic director at Honolulu Bishop High School. A female (Kakumiyama) Kubaian finished the recent sumo tournament at Tokyo with a 10-3 record and was expected to be promoted to the Komusubi rank.

All-time football lineman Norman Kasahira with Kamohamoham and Town Team and former president of the Hawaii Public Links Golf Assn. is the association's 1974 Sportsman of the Year. The Hawaiians (WFL) have signed three former NFL gridirers: Albert Holmes, Ben Jones and Jim Kalil. Former Syracuse star and Ottawa quarterback in the Canadian Football League the past four seasons, Rex Canada, has also signed. The Kauhane basketball schedule this fall may be its toughest facing Oregon, Weber State, UNLV, Arizona State, Centenary, Seton Hall, St. John's, Massachusetts, Univ. of Washington, Stanford, Long Beach State, San Jose State, UN-Las Vegas, Pan American and Portland.

Former principal Shira Amikawa chancellor for community colleges and Ralph Miwa chancellor of the proposed West Oahu College, expected to open in January with 200 students. Sen. Dan Inouye attended the UH Class of 1950 reunion held May 30 at the Inn of the Sixth Happiness in the Palama area. The UH Alumni honored the classes of 1925 and 1950. Principal Kenneth Okuma of Aiea Haina School retired. He had been principal since 1966.

Hawaii Council of Teachers of English elected Mae Yamazaki of Aiea High School as its president. Francis Wong, former Kailua High School math teacher, has returned home from Laos May 26. He was a member of the Univ. of Hawaii education team to set up a secondary school system that used the Laotian language. An Hlocano-English program set for 10 elementary schools in the Kailua-Palama area will be Hawaii's first bilingual program, starting in the fall at a cost of \$314,197.

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MARLA ANN KAMIYA of Bakersfield, Calif., is the daughter of the late Marjorie Kamiya and is affiliated with the Cortez JACL.

Active in her school's Math Club, Spanish Club, Drama Club, Health Career Club, California Scholarship Federation, school newspaper, speech team, and co-ed volleyball team.

In her community, Marla was a volunteer at her city library, was a member of the JACL.

JOHN HAYASHI of St. Louis, Mo., is the son of the late James Hayashi and is affiliated with JACL of St. Louis Chapter.

Number one in his graduating class, John is the recipient of the American Legion leadership award, Optimist award, valedictorian's trophy, certificates from the Missouri Interscholastic Press and Southern Illinois School Press Assn., Scouts Young American Award, American Legion citizenship award, D.A.B. Citizenship award, and Harvard Bok award.

Book Review

THE WOMAN BEHIND PRINCE SIDDHARTA

LADY OF THE LOTUS: A Biographical Novel of the Wife of the Buddha, by William E. Barrett, Doubleday, New York, 374 pp., \$7.95.

In 1962, Daisei Studios of Japan released an epic, "Shaka", starring Kojiro Hongo as Prince Siddharta and Charito Solis as his wife, Yasodhara.

In this novel, the author makes Yasodhara the central character. He renders the villain rapist of the film, Devadatta, innocuous by making him a homosexual unattracted to women.

The couple are born on the same day—she in the neighboring principality of Koli, ruled by her father, Siddharta.

Such men even propose themselves as husbands to Yasodhara, considered widowed by the departure of Siddharta.

From his research springs a theory about the origin of the Goddess of Mercy, Kannon, introduced near the end of the story.

The veteran author has 13 other novels to his credit, including "The Last Hand of God" and "The Lilies of the Field".

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Oberlin students seek Asian American counselor

OBERLIN, Ohio—The Asian American Alliance at Oberlin College is seeking applicants for a joint position of Asian American counselor-coordinator and Third World dormitory director starting this fall, according to Dean Hal Payne of Developmental Services and current Asian American counselor Donn Ginoza (216-775-8464).

The counselor-coordinator helps to identify needs of Asian American students, develop and coordinate programs to meet these needs. The dorm director is responsible for daily operational and personal problems arising in Oberlin's year-old Third World dormitory, it was explained.

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