

Shigeki Sugiyama

To the Point

THINGS BEFORE THE EXECOM

I took a breather last week and skipped a column. The weather here was so unbearably hot, muggy and suffocating that getting some of the accumulated chores around the house (like cutting the lawn) caught-up completely drained any energy which might have been left over for cogitating over a typewriter.

The weather finally broke yesterday with cooling showers—delightful showers which have washed away the pollutants in the air (at least for the time being) so that we can once again breathe without too much effort. The relief has come just in time to see me off for the Executive Committee meeting in San Francisco this past weekend (Aug. 9-10).

As this is written, the results of the EXECOM meeting are not known. However, the agenda is lengthy and we can only hope that the important programmatic issues which have been hanging fire for several months now will have been resolved.

A major concern is our current financial status. We face another deficit for this fiscal year since our income has not reached the level anticipated in the National Council approved biennial budget. We'll be paying back planned expenditures substantially for the remainder of the biennium so that income and expenditures will hopefully be in balance by the end of the next fiscal year. It will be

well if we can do this without jeopardizing the success of ongoing programs.

Despite our financial difficulties, we must continue progress in the various current programs as well as take on new challenges which face us today that cannot be ignored. This will mean increased reliance on assistance from volunteers to do much or most of the work.

One of the new initiatives which should be taken is the provision of assistance and aid to the Indochina refugees. Executive Director Dave Ushio and Washington Representative Wayne Horiuchi have been in consultation with various Federal agencies for the past few months to determine the various ways in which JACL (nationally and at the chapter level) can assist in the relocation and settlement of refugees. If enough chapters are willing to assist by sponsoring refugee families, we should be able to render substantial and immediate direct assistance to the refugees. More detailed information will be provided directly to the chapters after the EXECOM has had a chance to review the various options.

Since I'm shooting in the dark at this point in regard to the various matters to be taken up by the EXECOM, I'll leave it at that—with hopes that I'll have some good or encouraging news to report in my next column.

David Ushio

Dialogue

HEADQUARTERS DEDICATION

San Francisco

In the July 20 dedication of the new National Headquarters of the Japanese American Citizens League, we dedicated more than just a building. The glass, steel, concrete and masonry on Sutter Street in San Francisco is a magnificent tribute to our Japanese American heritage as well as a symbol of hope for the future.

We are sorry all members could not attend the dedication ceremonies. The dedication reads: "JACL dedicates this National Headquarters Building in honor and memory of the Issei whose courage, foresight and pioneer spirit gave Japanese Americans the inspiration and guidance to become Better Americans in a Greater America."

We are not only unreservedly proud of our heritage but humbled by the profound experience of our tradition. This building is an enduring tribute to our sacrifice that began with the first Issei who immigrated to American shores. A sacrifice that was retold thousands of times in Relocation Camps and in Nisei lives on foreign battlefields. A sacrifice that continued in the insidious forms of racism and discrimination.

With this National Headquarters we have a practical environment where we may carry out the functional operations of the organization. We have a library, a research institute and a museum of Japanese Americans. We have rooms for meetings and conferences. We have a visitors' center and hospitality house. As the permanent home for

the oldest and largest national human rights organization representing Americans of Japanese ancestry, we have an instrument for realizing the shared goals of every Japanese American.

Some have said, "Why spend money on a building?" But we have built more than just a National Headquarters. Those who have contributed have shown their commitment to the future of JACL. This is a commitment to advancing the rights of citizenship for all Japanese Americans and for all peoples who strive for the benefits of racial justice and human dignity.

Challenge tackled

When the Building Fund Campaign was launched almost two years ago, there was a feeling of confidence. There was also an unmistakable sense of the tremendous challenge before us. The goal we had set for ourselves could not be achieved without the unselfish commitment of a dedicated membership. This required the willing sacrifice of thousands of individuals and the unstinting hard work of hundreds of volunteers in JACL chapters across the country and in the national organization.

As a result, more than 5,500 have contributed nearly \$450,000 and still the gifts come in. This was done in record time. Professional fund raisers are amazed at the type of participation we have had from our membership when I tell them about it. My only

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From JACL Nat'l Headquarters

Communication

1973 memo on Reparations

The opening part of the three alternatives to a proposed Reparations Bill, as discussed by Harry Matsunaga, then Washington JACL representative, in an April 1973 memo circulated to chapter presidents and district governors, was published in the Aug. 8 issue. Here is the concluding portion. The background and basic concept was reprinted in the Aug. 1 issue—Ed.

(Continued from Last Week)

ALTERNATIVE NO. 2

Reparation Payments to Include All Nikkei Residents of Western Defense Command

C. Some General Considerations with Regard to Alternative No. 2: It should be evident that extension of reparation payments to Nikkei residents of the Western Defense Command who were not evacuated and detained raises a number of difficult issues not present in a bill designed only to pay those who were evacuated and detained.

This is not to suggest that the claim of the former group is any less valid or important than the claims of the latter. However, it is imperative that we consider and answer the questions outlined above if we are to develop the strongest legislation possible.

It is also imperative that we recognize that the most just or equitable legislation may not necessarily be the easiest to obtain.

ALTERNATIVE NO. 3

Reparation Payments to a General Fund Rather Than to Individual Claimants

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

Nat'l JACL facing deficit of \$30,000

By HARRY HONDA
(Ye Ed's Desk)

Decisions or recommendations of the National JACL Executive Committee (EXECOM) which met this past weekend, Aug. 9-10, at National Headquarters, San Francisco, on various matters were not known at presstime, but one of the main concerns was that of the 1975 budget.

National Executive Director David Ushio, in an Aug. 1 report, revealed the JACL financial picture as of June 30, 1975, was extremely critical. It looked like this:

1—JACL faces a \$30,000 deficit at the end of the 1975 fiscal year (Sept. 30).

2—JACL staff has been instructed to reduce unessential operations, travel costs, office supplies, telephone, Xeroxing, and possibly postage.

3—All staff travel outside the district is frozen indefinitely with some exceptions.

4—National officers and committees have been asked full cooperation in curtailing their travel.

20% cut

"None of us is happy with this necessity, but in the interest of balancing expenditures (with income) and making up for the 1975 deficit as well as meeting our commitment to retire the previous biennium's deficit, the 20% cuts in the current budget are reasonable," Ushio explained.

Shig Sugiyama, national president, and Tomio Moriguchi, national treasurer, met with Ushio over the July 19-20 weekend to study the current year financial picture as well as assess the coming fiscal year and prepare recommendations for the EXECOM

meeting. Ushio was asked to have staff prepare an expenditure budget at the spending level of \$460,000 (or about \$102,900 less the \$562,900 budget adopted at the 1974 National Convention).

The staff projection for the final FY 1975 quarter, ending Sept. 30, anticipates \$88,700 income and \$132,160 expense. Year-end totals would read \$503,093.87 income; \$534,505.02 expense — \$31,411.15 deficit.

Accordingly, Wes Doi, NC-WNDC governor, and Masamune Kojima, PSWDC governor, having been informed of the current financial picture, they generally agreed with Ushio who regretted the staff positions they had interviewed persons for will not be able to be funded in view of the budget cuts.

Board members and staff were expected to advise and comment on how financial obligations might be met and budgetary figures raised.

FY 1975 budget

While the 1974 National Convention approved a \$562,900 budget, based upon a significant membership increase. If this increase has not been realized, a secondary spending level of \$535,900 (or \$27,000 less) was established.

It now appears the 1975 membership will be about the same as 1974 (28,727). And the 1974 fiscal year was abbreviated to nine months because of the change instituted that year to have the JACL fiscal year begin in October. The JACL fiscal year previously coincided with the calendar year.

On an adjusted basis, in-

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SAN FRANCISCO—Now hanging at National Headquarters before the room of the National Executive Director and the connecting National Board room is this scroll, encased in clear plastic, being held by Masao Satow (left), Mike Masao and George Inagaki who made the presentation during the recent JACL Headquarters Bldg. dedication banquet at the St. Francis.

—West Doi Photo

MASAOKA-SATOW DEDICATION

Executive rooms at Nat'l Headquarters dedicated by ADC to two JACL leaders

SAN FRANCISCO — Among the names listed in the JACL Building Fund acknowledgments from time to time are some carrying an asterisk, indicating ("—Masaoaka - Satow Dedication).

The mystery was dispelled during the recent Headquarters Dedication banquet here when George Inagaki, past national president, presented a plaque memorializing the contributions of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee and two of its key members: Mike Masaoaka, ADC's legislative director, in Washington, and Mas Satow, national JACL director, in Salt Lake City-San Francisco.

"These two great names in JACL belong in a permanent place of honor in JACL's National Headquarters," Inagaki said, "as a symbol of the best of our generation."

Masaoaka and Satow were described as "two who stand head and shoulders above the rest of us in their contributions to the growth and stature of our JACL."

While ADC's victories were in the legislative halls in Washington and the various states, in the courts of law and in the field of education, Inagaki recalled the two most significant achievements were the elimination of racial exclusion from immigrant and naturalization laws which enabled Issei to become U.S. citizens, and enactment of the Evacuation Claims Act.

Surviving members of the ADC and those who recognized the efforts of the two JACL stalwarts were approached by Inagaki and his special committee in March

Farm labor housing

WASHINGTON — The Senate has appropriated \$12.25 million for low-rent housing for domestic farm labor. Sen. John Tunney noted unfunded applications with Farmers Home Administration amounted to \$25 million in 1975.

Deceased
Assisting Inagaki on the special committee were Tats Kushiya, Roy Nishikawa and Frank Chuman.

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FBI STILL KEEPS LIST OF SECURITY 'RISKS' ON FILE

Maintained Full Time Till JACL Had Title II Repealed

WASHINGTON — The FBI maintained for two decades a secret list of about 15,000 Americans "targeted for detention" in case of a national emergency, a bureau spokesman admitted Aug. 2.

The FBI had not previously admitted existence of the "security index." When asked why the agency was admitting it now, the spokesman said, "we're admitting a lot of things these days."

The list included Communist Party officials and "people who might commit sabotage or espionage in case of a national emergency," the spokesman said. It was started under provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 and was maintained until 1971, when Congress repealed the emergency detention provisions (Title II) of the act.

The JACL was responsible for repeal of this provision. "When the law was repealed, we did away with the list. There's no way we could maintain it because the President doesn't have the authority any more to detain anyone," the spokesman said.

However, the New York Times reported Aug. 3 that the list is still being maintained by the domestic intelligence division in expectation of a possible reinstatement of authority.

NYT reporter John Crewdson was informed by ACLU legal director Melvin Wulf in New York that he had never heard of the FBI's security index. But he called the practice "clearly unconstitutional," in the absence of any legislative authority to detain individuals in the event of any emergency. Under the First Amendment, Wulf noted, "You're supposed to have a

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Pres. Ford signs Voting Rights Act

WASHINGTON — President Ford last week (Aug. 6) signed a seven-year extension of the 1965 Voting Rights Act in a Rose Garden ceremony, declaring "the right to vote is at the very foundation of our American system." Without his signature, key provisions of the 10-year-old law would have expired after midnight Aug. 6.

The JACL joined the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights in rejoicing the extension.

The 1965 law banned electoral discrimination against blacks in seven Southern states. The 1974 amendment now broadens coverage to areas within 24 states where more than 5 pct. of voting-age residents are of the "language minority groups," which includes Asian Americans.

PSWDC CAMPAIGN FOR JWRO TOPS \$2,500

LOS ANGELES — Contributions from 192 JACLers and friends in the Pacific Southwest District Council toward the Japanese Welfare Rights Organization during the first week of August came to \$2,789, it was announced by the So. Calif. JACL Regional Office. Among major donors (\$50 and up) were: Carl Kawagoye, James Oda, R. Mat Enterprises, Eagle Produce Co., Kiyoshi Sonoda and Victor M. Carter.

PAUL S. SAKAMOTO: San Jose JACler

Named district school superintendent

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — The Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District board of education promoted its deputy superintendent, Dr. Paul S. Sakamoto, 41, to the superintendency as Daniel Predovich leaves the office Nov. 30.

The decision which came June 30 on a 4-1 vote of the board members in executive session, Sakamoto, who had the district's No. 2 official for three years, previously taught, counseled and was principal at Sunnyvale High School from 1956-59; earned his Ph.D. in educational administration at Michigan State, and became associate dean of student services at San Jose State.

In 1972 he was on a screening committee for administrative positions in the Mountain View-Los Altos district and was selected for one of those very jobs.

He has been in charge of curriculum and instruction and acting superintendent in

Miki-Ford talks productive



Prime Minister Takeo Miki

WASHINGTON—Prime Minister Takeo Miki and President Ford met this past week (Aug. 5-6) for a comprehensive review of various subjects of mutual interest, which the White House said was "productive and reflected the strength and breadth of the existing friendship between Japan and the United States."

Basic principles and common purposes were reaffirmed. The joint U.S.-Japan announcement to the press following the meeting emphasized continued constructive

and creative cooperation toward the goals of world peace and prosperity were of "fundamental importance."

The two nations pledged to maintain and strengthen the dialogue through semi-annual meetings between the Secretary of State and the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Miki, who became prime minister last December, was making his first trip to the U.S. in that capacity and partially as prelude to the visit of Emperor Hirohito to the United States in October.

Asian affairs

The Prime Minister and the President discussed developments in Asia following the end of the Vietnam war. The President assured the U.S. would continue to play an active, positive role in Asia and would continue to uphold its treaty commitments there. They agreed the security of South Korea was essential to the maintenance of peace on the Korean peninsula, which in turn is necessary for stabil-

ity in East Asia. Both hoped the dialogue between North and South Korea would proceed to ease tensions and to eventual peaceful unification.

Further, they recognized the contribution of the U.S.-Japan treaty of mutual cooperation and security to stability in the Far East. Mr. Miki was assured U.S. would abide by its defense commitment to Japan.

President Ford reaffirmed the U.S. pledge to use nuclear weapons to defend Japan, if necessary. Prime Minister Miki, in turn, reaffirmed his nation would never rearm and "will never acquire nuclear weapons" before a National Press Club audience at the close of his two-days in Washington.

The Miki-Ford talks were hailed for producing "close, personal rapport" between the two leaders.

At the Press Club, Miki said Japan will abide "without any reservations" by the whale quotas proposed by the International Whaling Commission in June. He reiterated his faith in democracy:

"Democracy is said to be on trial because it is a clumsy and inefficient way to bring some measure of unity to the complex and social forces in the contemporary world. I do not believe it. My faith has never wavered that democracy is born out of diversity and thrives on it."

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72-branch bank merger with Togin one step closer

Other issues

On other international issues, the joint statement said both hoped for prompt settlement of the Middle East situation and early conclusion to negotiations between Soviet Russia and the U.S. on the limitation of strategic arms.

On nuclear proliferation, they agreed both U.S. and Japan should work positively in international efforts to prevent its proliferation and promote development of adequate safeguards. Miki intends to proceed with steps to bring about Japan's ratification of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty at the earliest possible opportunity.

On world economy, trade, energy and increasing interdependence of nations, they agreed the two nations share

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Shareholders of Southern California First National Bank approved its sale to the Bank of Tokyo of California by a 79 pct. majority, an SCF spokesman revealed this past week (Aug. 7). The sale still needs approval of government regulatory agencies and shareholders of the subsidiary of the Bank of Tokyo, Ltd., of Japan.

The sale for \$68 million would create California's eighth largest bank with assets of \$2 billion and over 95 branches. Recently, the Bank of Tokyo of California petitioned for a name change to California First Bank, if the merger is approved.

M was approved by SCF shareholders by a vote of 2,901,092—85,291. A bare majority was needed.



PHILADELPHIA—William M. Marutani dons his robe upon being sworn in as judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 1st Judicial District, on June 26 with his wife, Victoria, assisting. Seated in the background are their children (from left): Nancy, Marla, Wesley and Mrs. Laurel Snyder.

BILL MARUTANI: Philadelphia JACler

Sworn in as Judge in June

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — On June 26, William M. Marutani was sworn in as judge of the Court of Common Pleas in the 1st Judicial District of Pennsylvania. Administering the oath was presiding judge Edward J. Bradley.

Besides his children and wife, Victoria, who placed upon him the judicial robe, a great number of other Japanese Americans and other people representing a cross-section of other ethnic back-

grounds were witnesses, exhibiting the strong support behind the first Asian American jurist on a court of record east of the Rockies.

The Philadelphia JACler was born in Kent, Wash., in 1923. He was editor of the school paper at Enumclaw High (which explains his yen as a contributing columnist for the Pacific Citizen), graduating in 1941. World War II interrupted his pre-law studies

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PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM

San Francisco
Following the completion every year of the programs JACL sponsors for young people, each goes under some change and revision to hopefully improve the functioning of that program. We are now in the midst of revising the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans program, the National Scholarship program, and the Cultural Heritage Fellowship program. (The Student Aid, Graduate Scholarship, and JAYs programs will soon follow.)

The JACL chapters that sponsored students to a session of the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans (PCYA) in 1975 were asked to submit their criticisms and suggestions to the National Youth Director prior to the revision of the program for 1976. From the input of the chapters and young people who participated a new plan of operation for 1976 has been worked out which will hopefully enable the program to run more smoothly in the future.

An example of some of the changes which are going to be implemented follow.

In the past, those students who have attended session in the latter part of March have found that due to a regular congressional spring recess they had little or no success in meeting with members of their state congressional delegation. So, in 1976 the Classroom sessions will begin a full month earlier so as to avoid the spring recess and permit all of our young people in all of the sessions to have the opportunity of meeting with some of their state representatives.

Also, rather than having many of our students' paperwork tied up in the administration of the Presidential Classroom in Washington, D.C., through the cooperation of the Classroom staff, all application and processing of students sponsored by JACL will take place through the National Youth Director's Office in San Francisco. This should ensure for quicker and more efficient processing.

From all of the reports which have come in from students who have participated in the past, JACL is proud to have the opportunity to continue its participation in this very unique and outstanding program for young people. The Presidential Classroom for Young Americans is not just another course in government. It is an intimate, unique opportunity for our young people to view the government as it functions and to talk personally with some of the people that make the system work. The Classroom provides the kind of first-hand look and experience that very few of us will ever have the opportunity to know.

The JACL chapters which have participated in the past by sponsoring students have witnessed the confusion and difficulties which go into running a program on a national level, but the returns to our young people are without limit. We look forward to the continued success of the PCYA for our young people.

Any questions on the Presidential Classroom can be directed to: Gail Nishioka, Youth Director, JACL, 1785 Sutter St., San Francisco 94115, (415) 921-5225.

Reparations

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the public's attention or awareness of the injustice is likely to be over. However, with a continuing annual program, there will be a constant reminder of the injustices suffered by the Japanese Americans.

2—A scholarship fund would be easy and inexpensive to administer. For example, the legislation could provide that the President or Congress would be periodically responsible for naming a board of trustees. The trustees could then determine the kinds of criteria on which the scholarships would be awarded and a small, probably part-time administrative staff would be responsible for the actual paper work involved in applying for and awarding the scholarships.

The costs of administering the program would be minimal and could be taken from the interest earned on the fund principal.

3—While the fund would not directly benefit the individuals who actually suffered during WW2, it would provide a most possible recognition of the travails of that generation of Japanese Americans. Since the fund would be established in the name of Japanese Americans, it would stand as a recognition of the injustices which they all suffered.—Barry Matsumoto.

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CITY OF CARSON JACL—PSWDC's newest chapter in Carson raised \$500 at a recent pancake breakfast at the neighborhood Better Foods Market. The promotion picture shows (from left) Fumi Takahashi, ways and means; Joe Sakamoto, chapter president; Assemblyman Paul Bannai; Sak Yamamoto, Carson mayor pro-tem; and Rita McCormack, publicity, prepping for the benefit held July 20.

Prime Minister Miki in sentimental homecoming in weekend visit of L.A.

LOS ANGELES — Anyone who has lived a while in Los Angeles cannot ignore the magnetism of the City of the Angels. Thus it was for Japan Prime Minister Takeo Miki, who was winding down his nine-day U.S. tour and spent the weekend (Aug. 8-10) here.

Miki is Japan's first post-war head of government to have studied in the United States, specifically here in Los Angeles. After an earlier trip around the world in 1929-30, he resided for nearly four years (1932-35) here to study English. Because the exchange rate suddenly plunged from \$40 to \$20 to one yen while here, he took on a job teaching Japanese to Nisei children at Shwa Gakuen to support himself.

Past national JACL President Frank Chuman is among his Shwa Gakuen students, many of whom have continued to maintain contact with their "sensei" (teacher). "That school was partly responsible for me not mastering English fully," he told L.A. Times correspondent Sam Jameson in Tokyo before he embarked on his first trip abroad as prime minister—significantly to the United States, as President Ford mentioned in his toast during the White House dinner Aug. 5. Mr. Ford's first overseas trip as President was to visit Japan last year, which Ford then noted reflected the "or-

Marulani—

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at the Univ. of Washington, and interned with his family for nine months near Fresno, Calif. He resumed his studies at Dakota Wesleyan, Mitchell, S.D., earned his law degree at the Univ. of Chicago, and admitted to the American Bar Assn. in 1954.

Active in community affairs, among the many organizations to which he belongs are the JACL, Small Business Administration, Nationalities Service Center, Philadelphia Bar Assn.'s civil rights committee, U.S. Civil Rights Commission and American Civil Liberties Union.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served as lieutenant in military intelligence during WW2.

Marulani's distinguished career in law included his argument before the U.S. Supreme Court in the anti-miscegenation case of Loving vs. Virginia (1967) for JACL in which the court held unanimously for the plaintiffs.

For his work as a civil rights lawyer in Bogalusa, La., in the summer of 1965, he was recognized as the "JACLer of the Biennium". He served the JACL as president of the Philadelphia chapter (1955), as Eastern District governor (1959-61), national 3rd vice-president (1962-64) and as national legal counsel (1962-70).

Pennsylvania Gov. Milton J. Shapp appointed Marulani to a vacancy on the court in March. Senate confirmation was required.

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Shimada, Asami cop JACL bowling honors

(Special to The Pacific Citizen)
EL CERRITO, Calif.—National JACL Bowling Tournament, a handicap affair for the first time, culminated here at Golden Gate Lanes this past week (July 29-Aug. 2) with one link to its previous 28 annual tournaments—the all-event championship based on scratch scores.

Fuzzy Shimada of Santa Clara and Nobu Asami of East Bay shared the honors as the premier tournament champions. Both have been all-event winners previously. In fact, Asami won the event last year.

Shimada, the first Nisei to roll a perfect game in 1949, claimed the 1975 men's all-events trophy with 1822 on games of 630-607-585; while Asami did it with her 1653 on games of 509-549-595.

Prizes were distributed on a handicap basis with a share going to scratch efforts in lieu of squad prize distributions which marked the JACL bowling classic in the past, tournament director, Hi Akagi explained.

About 160 bowlers competed in the new mid-summer event. Previous JACL tournaments were held the first week of March. Fourteen men's and ten women's teams were entered.

The results:
Special Events
WOMEN'S SWEEPERS
Martie Tsutsumi (EB) 692-130-
822; Helen Yawata (EB) 730-90-

CALENDAR

Aug. 13-17
JAY—Cal. Tri-District, Fresno
Aug. 16 (Saturday)
Los Angeles—Nisei Week coronation ball, Beverly Wilshire Hotel, 7 p.m. dinner; 10 p.m. coronation.
Aug. 19 (Tuesday)
Salinas—Bd Mtg. Bank of Tokyo, 8 p.m.
Aug. 21-24
EDC-MDC—Cleveland hosts: Joint Conference, Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea.
Aug. 23-24
IDC—Idaho Fall hosts: Qtrly Session.
Aug. 24 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—Swim Meet, Gunn High, Palo Alto.
Sept. 12 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Bd Mtg. Ray Master's cos.
Sept. 16 (Tuesday)
Salinas Valley—Bd Mtg. Bank of Tokyo, 8 p.m.

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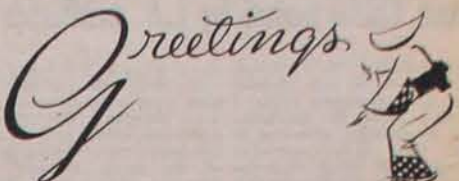
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Problems facing recent immigrants from China noted by L.A. professor

HONOLULU — New Chinese immigrants in Los Angeles and San Francisco show a "strong sense of disillusion and discontent," according to Cal State L.A. sociologist Lawrence K. Hong, who was here recently for the Conference on Asian Studies at the Univ. of Hawaii.

About 100 scholars from the Mainland attended the three-

day meeting here in late June. Dr. Hong said 158,995 Chinese immigrants entered the U.S. between 1968-1973 as compared with 17,813 in the previous 15 year period. Most of the recent arrivals are young, raised in Hong Kong and with "a strong sense of cultural pride and superiority commonly found among the Chinese people." Many are college-educated, had well-paying jobs before emigrating, but as newcomers with language difficulties and other problems, many find it impossible to obtain a job in keeping with their former social status, he said.

"This discrepancy between former status and current status is psychologically stressful for many of the recent immigrants," he said. For social and economic reasons, many live in the Chinatown areas and "are dismayed with the traditional attitude and life-style that pervade in their new neighborhood," Hong continued.

A third problem, he said, is that "Chinese have always been an apolitical people," emphasizing racial and cultural identities rather than national identity. While Americans are "highly political" in contrast, they often ask recent Chinese immigrants whether they prefer the government of mainland China or of Taiwan and newcomers are frustrated because of their reluctance to "commit themselves to either side," Hong said.—Advertiser

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HOUSE CLEARS BILL FOR U.S. FOLKLORE CENTER

WASHINGTON — The House Rules Committee cleared Rep. Spark Matsunaga's bill to establish an American folklife center in the Library of Congress.

The center would be authorized to make grants, loans or enter into contracts with individuals or groups for development of material on American folklife as well as production of plays, workshops, displays, and audio-visual materials. The center would also maintain a national archive to collect creative works, artifacts and materials illustrating aspects of American folklife.

High influx of Asian immigrants, tourists to stay

WASHINGTON — Aside from the new influx of an expected 127,000 South Vietnamese refugees, official figures show immigration from Asian countries into the United States consistently running ahead of Europe for the past 10 years. The predominant Asian trend is expected to continue.

The Department of State, in an annual report from its visa office, said that European countries, traditional source of new American citizens, received only 84,813 permanent visas in fiscal 1974 compared with 117,090 in 1965.

At the same time, the number of permanent visas granted to Asian countries jumped from 15,186 in fiscal 1965 to 121,813 in fiscal 1974.

Non-immigrant visas — for tourism, business and such transients as foreign airline and ship crews — increased to 3,156,293 in fiscal 1974, up 11.4 per cent over the previous year.

"Immigration to the United States totaled 381,176, which is about 1 per cent higher than the fiscal 1973 total of 378,117," Thomas M. Recknagel, acting administrator of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, said in a preface to the report issued in May.

"The growth of immigration was again due to primarily to the increase in the number of visas for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens. This minor increase in the total volume of immigration belies the geographic changes, which are characterized by increases for Asia, the Caribbean and Mexico, and by decreases for Europe and Canada."

UC Berkeley reunion

MONTEREY, Calif.—UC Berkeley Nikkei alumni will hold their eighth annual reunion and golf get-together Oct. 11-12 at Rancho Canada with overnight accommodations at the Casa Munras here. Applications are being accepted by Mo Noguchi, 8 Drake Cove, San Rafael 94903 at \$47 per package. Saburo Ikeda, defending champion, is reunion chairman.

KAGERO GOLFERS MARK GOLDEN JUBILEE

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The Kagero Club, founded in 1925 by 14 Issei and Nisei golfers here, celebrated its golden jubilee at a gala banquet Aug. 3 at Sacramento Inn. It is the oldest active public golf club around, according to Tak Tsujita, who chaired the celebration.

Name of the club means "morning mist," appropriate since members have played on Sundays from the crack of dawn when dew was still fresh on the ground until dusk, according to Bob Fukushima's story of the club published in the 50th anniversary booklet (\$5, care of Tsujita, 1821 - 16th St., Sacramento 95816).

Many Kagero members were relocated to Tule Lake during WW2 where they designed a nine-hole course. There were tournaments where an errant ball landing outside the camp was retrieved by the MPs, the club historian Fukushima noted.

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Asian American small entrepreneurs relatively ignored in minority aids

By CLAUDIA LEVY
(Washington Post)

WASHINGTON — As major Japanese industries grab a foothold in the faltering American economy, small business owners of Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Filipino ancestry are concentrating mainly on survival.

Relatively ignored in the black-oriented minority enterprise efforts of the federal government, some Asian American entrepreneurs are cut off by cultural differences from the arena of American commerce. And the inroads of Japanese industrialists have led to misconceptions about the business success of Asian Americans, these small business owners say.

Other Americans look at Japanese companies moving into this country and say, "Look at the Asian community; it's doing extremely well," one business development official said. "But they fail to distinguish between national and Asian Americans, who experience all the problems inherent to ethnic communities: lack of managerial talent, equity capital or the opportunity to get into growth industries."

In reality, Asian American businesses are largely mom-and-pop retail operations serving ethnic communities, limited in their growth because they have traditionally looked to friends, relatives and their savings for expansion capital instead of banks or federal loan programs.

"Historically, experience has tended to make us very withdrawn from the system," says Tsutomu "Toot" Uchida, head of the Los Angeles-based Asian American National Business Alliance. "The idea has been not to bitch, but to make

due with what we have," Uchida says. "There have been no ways to get into senior management, policy-making jobs. That's true today."

Overlooked Asians

One result of that and the fact that there are no Asian Americans in top administration posts, is that in six years of operation, the Commerce Department's Office of Minority Business Enterprise has funded only two Asian American business development organizations, his and one in San Francisco, while directing its resources to black, Spanish-speaking and American Indian programs, Uchida says.

According to the General Accounting Office last month, the program to help "disadvantaged" business owners become self-sufficient by giving them federal procurement contracts has met with minimal success.

Over 8,900 subcontracts totaling \$737.1 million over the past six years have been awarded by the Small Business Administration. In a GAO study of 110 companies, only 18 were found operating profitably.

Hawaii, with a large native population, has only recently been promised a \$200,000 OM-BE grant to set up a business development group. OM-BE has said in the past that it did not have the money to begin operations there.

According to Alma Henderson, staff assistant to Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), the promise of funding was made by OM-BE director Alex Armendaris on the same day investigators from the General Accounting Office told the administrator

his L.A. regional office showed a pattern of discrimination against Asian Americans. Well over 60 per cent of America's oriental population lives on the West Coast.

Armendaris told a reporter that he feels the Asian American programs have "progressed quite well" and that he was more concerned that rural American Indians were not doing as well.

A lack of federal interest in Asian American business — some 66,000 were found to exist in 1972 — may be "our own fault," said Uchida, a management consultant of Japanese ancestry whose organization has helped set up more than 100 businesses in three years. "We have not articulated our needs. Other ethnic groups don't look at us as minorities in the national strategy meetings, it's always black-brown-American Indian."

Until a staff member of OM-BE added his organization's name, he said, no Asian American representatives were invited to a national conference on minority business held in March at the White House.

In the Washington area, which had 951 Asian Amer-

ican firms in 1972 and was 10th largest among metropolitan regions, new Chinese arrivals have tended to open restaurants and laundries instead of venturing into more risky enterprises, said Dr. William Chin-Lee, a Chinatown internist, who ran unsuccessfully for D.C. delegate.

Chinese in D.C.

In this respect, they are not unlike their counterparts in other cities, said the doctor, who is an organizer of Diplomat National Bank, planned as the city's first Asian-oriented financial institution, but not yet chartered.

"It is much easier to get loans from Chinese credit unions than it is to get credit from established institutions," he said. For Asian Americans, it is often "a matter of communication and identity ... Bankers do not know from the communications — whether this person can do well in his business."

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Los Angeles

I had been asked to write something about the 30th anniversary of the atomic bomb drop on Hiroshima, and frankly I find myself at a loss of words. What can one say about that horrible day that has not been said already and more ably than my words can express?

In fact my reaction was closer to "So what else is new?" And the only reason I didn't say so to Sumi Ujimori who asked me was that I didn't want her to think "What a cold, uncaring person Kats Kunitugu is!"

But being a profound pessimist about human nature, I find that any picnic "chink-kai" (songs for the repose of dead spirits) at this point leaves me with a bad hypocritical taste in my mouth. My honest opinion is that "We did it before, and we can do it again" in the words of a popular World War II song.

I look around myself, and I find a vast wasteland of uncaring persons, with a few exceptions—both about the fate of the 300,000 fellow human beings that perished or were maimed at Hiroshima-Nagasaki and about the fact that a similar fate hangs over our heads daily.

Disclosures about Watergate and more recently the CIA leave me, at least, with very little hope that some yahoo general or a president or a big thumb in the Kremlin

Richard Gima

Aloha

Univ. of Hawaii

The Univ. of Hawaii has been granted \$164,000 in federal funds for an 18-month research program into various aspects of tropical agriculture, especially taro and sweet potato production, Senator Pong has announced. The money comes from the U.S. Agricultural Research Service and goes to the university's College of Tropical Agriculture with Leslie Swindale and Kenneth Otogaki as principal investigators.

Names in the News

Island conservationist Robert Wenkam called for a limit on the number of tourists. In effect, he said too many visitors will ultimately destroy this island treasure. Attorney E. Dennis Chong, 35, will represent consumer interests before the state public utilities commission. He was named exec. dir., Public Utilities Division, State Dept. of Regulatory Agencies.

BOOK REVIEW: by Allan Beekman

Survey of Slavery from Ancient Times

SLAVERY AND RACE: The Story of Slavery and Its Legacy for Today, by Henry Marsh, St. Martin's Press, New York, 180 pp., \$9.95.

In 1440 Portuguese mariners brought back to Europe some blacks they had captured in Africa. Three years later a Portuguese ship returned with more than 200 captive blacks—men, women and children; these captives were sold at public auction.

The trade in black slaves grew. When Christopher Columbus discovered the New World in 1492, he opened to the slave trade an inexhaustible market. In 1503, the first shipload of black slaves sailed from Lisbon for the New World.

Though the Portuguese appear to have been the first Europeans to kidnap blacks into slavery, they did not found the institution of slavery. Slavery existed before the dawn of history. Except for those born into slavery, the principal source of slaves was prisoners of war. The Bible makes frequent reference to slavery; the Mosaic law lays down rules for the possession and disposition of them.

At her height, Athens is said to have had 155,000 citizens and 70,000 slaves. But in his discourses, Socrates scarcely mentions slaves—"to such an extent was the institution taken for granted, and the social conscience of even the best of men lulled by custom." Plato appears to have regarded slaves as subhuman; he assigns no part to them in his scheme for an ideal society.

To Aristotle the slave was an animate tool without claim to human qualities or rights. Victims in a just war, according to Aristotle, had demonstrated their superiority and so were justified in enslaving the vanquished.

Implicit in the argument of Aristotle is the assumption that defeat works on the vanquished a physical, mental and emotional metamorphosis that renders slavery their appropriate sphere.

... as it was proper for hunters to increase their property by capturing animals, so was it proper for civilized men using the art of war, to hunt both beasts and men... because of his great influence on European thought (Aristotle) must bear considerable responsibility for the slave trade. In the early Roman Empire, half the residents were slaves.

lin would not take it upon himself one day to push that fatal button.

A few weeks ago, I went to see the conclusion of "Senso to Ningen" (War and Human Beings), the Japanese movie epic about the Showa era. Four of three years were spent in Japan, some 50 or 60 miles from Hiroshima. The Feb. 26 Incident... the start of the so-called China Incident... the rabid ultra-patriotism were within my experience, not something I read in history books.

The massacre of whole villages of Chinese men, women and children by the "brave" soldiers of the Imperial Japanese Army was something of those 1930's years when I lived in Japan.

One is left again with the conviction that given the circumstances, we would have participated in bayonet practice against live human beings, that were the German guards at Dachau, we would have said nothing about the gas chamber execution of the Jews, that were we Col. Paul W. Tibbets, we would have climbed into the cockpit of the Enola Gay and completed that fateful mission over Hiroshima.

Whatever hindsight scruples we have now are just that—hindsight scruples. My reaction hasn't changed from the one I had when I made a running visit to the Atomic Bomb Museum in Hiroshima four years ago—only the awful realization that human beings are capable of anything - including utmost cruelty to other human beings.

Perhaps the only Chin-kon ka we can sing for all the victims of man's inhumanity to man is the realization that there but for the grace of God or fortune go I.

& Places

Orange County

Co-sponsored by the Orange County Interfaith Community and Pacific Asian American Center (formerly Council for Orange County Asian Americans), a workshop on how to sponsor an Indo-Chinese refugee was held June 30 at Santa Ana College.

Stockton

Japan Week and Obon Festival were combined during the week of July 20-27 at the Stockton Buddhist Church. Cultural and martial arts and demonstrations took place in the evenings inside the week with a weekend bazaar from the afternoon.

PC's People

Organizations



ALVIN T. SATAKE

Active Berkeley JACL and Lions Club member, Alvin Satake was installed president of the Berkeley Jaycees July 20 at Spenger's. He is chief accountant and office manager of Shepard Co., a property management firm. Washington, D.C. JACLER Lily A. Okura was elected to the National Capitol Area YWCA Board for a three-year term. She served a number of years on the Omaha YWCA Board and was the first woman elected to the Omaha YMCA Board in 1971.

Government

Acting city manager Robert Oshima, 37, of Commerce City, Colo., resigned last month to accept a position with the Colorado Secretary of State's office. Oshima was also finance director and ex-officio city clerk at Commerce City.

Ft. Lupton (Colo.) city councilman George Uyemura was among those voting 4-2 recently to drop negotiations to annex a 1,000-acre Rancho development. A factor against annexation was the problem of providing an adequate supply of water.

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women appointed Sue Kunitomi Embrey and Paula Higashi Essex as new members. Embrey will serve on the Department of Water and Power subcommittee and Essex will work with the City Administrative Officer subcommittee. The May-

LITTLE TOKYO SHOPPING CENTER PROPOSAL ASKED

LOS ANGELES — Development proposals for the specialty shopping center in the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project, to be located on Moline Alley between 1st and 2nd Sts., are being requested by the Community Redevelopment Agency from property owners by Sept. 5, according to Sachie Hirotsu, project director.

Proposals will be reviewed by the CRA board and staff. Following selection, CRA will then negotiate with a developer on an "exclusive rights" basis, during which time the developer must prepare a final proposal for presentation to the CRA board. Proposal would include design plans, financing sources and a construction schedule.

Business —

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about 700 here.

Frank Fong, a lawyer who followed in his late father's footsteps to become head of D.C.'s Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association and unofficial mayor of the city's Chinatown on H Street NW, says that banks have begun to grant credit in recent years.

"But not too many old Chinese would like to use that credit," he said. "They don't want to even borrow money from the SBA" (Small Business Administration). They prefer to save up instead, often pooling resources with friends, he said. "They don't want to get involved with too many financial problems."

Business-related booklets free at AANBA office

LOS ANGELES — The Asian American National Business Alliance, 1543 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles (213-382-7381) has hundreds of free booklets, pamphlets, and other business related publications on "how to get started in business" or solve current business problems, such as: "Checklist for Going into Business," "Choosing the Legal Structure for Your Firm," "Is Your Cash Supply Adequate?" Tatsuemu Uchida, AANBA executive director and Gerold Morita, district counsel, Small Business Administration (SBA) were guest speakers at the June 26 general meeting of the Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee (LTCDAC). Relocation and opportunities for financial assistance were the topics highlighted.

Pockets of slavery still exist. Even where it has been abolished, its effects still spread a baneful influence. Though occasionally slipping into the argot of racism—referring to "barbarian blood" and the Jewish "race"—the author gives a masterly account of the institution of slavery. He speaks his well-organized, well-written narrative with thrilling episodes of societal counteraction to slavery; ancient and modern slave revolts, including such famous ones as that of Spartacus the gladiator; polemics, such as Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin"; crusades, such as that of John Brown who, in his scheme to free the slaves, seized the Federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry in 1859.

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or's Advisory Committee, formed to improve the status of women in city government is a 60-member voluntary organization representing the various geographical, ethnic, and socio-economic groups in Los Angeles.

Health

Dr. Tomlin Harada, chairman of the World Friendship Center in Hirschman and surgeon who spent many years treating survivors of the atomic bomb blast, was a recent Los Angeles visitor, meeting with a medical group hosted by Dr. Thomas Noguchi, county chief medical examiner-cumcor.

Understood to be the first Sansel-owned dental clinic, Dr. Jon Y. Hatakeyama of Fresno established his Evergreen Park Dental Clinic July 7 at Morgan Hill. The first Fresno Jr. JACL president, he is a graduate of Fresno State and in dental surgery from the Univ. of California, San Francisco. He was in associate practice three years in Sunnyvale and is married to the former Connie Vasuhire.

Dr. Shiroaki Ikeda of Pasadena is part of the experimental cardiology team at Huntington Memorial Hospital tackling cholesterol deposits inside artery walls. Directed by physician Richard J. Bing, professor of medicine at the USC medical school, the team found the addition of the substance ketocholesterol to the plasma reduced the amount of cholesterol by an average of 90 per cent. Ketocholesterol is chemically identical almost to cholesterol but has a different metabolic action.

Education

Prof. Susumu Nakamura has retired from his 40-year position with the UC Berkeley Oriental Languages Dept. and some 200 well-wishers recently attended a testimonial dinner in his honor. During WW2 he was head Japanese instructor at the U.S. Navy Language School at Boulder, Colo. Among his graduates was Prof. Siedensticker, noted translator of Japanese novels... Julia Sakata of Mountain View, Calif., at Foothill College is recipient of the Fred Nitta scholarship, administered by the Buddhist Churches of America to honor the outstanding Buddhist youth of the year.

Festivals

Each group among the 200 Obon dancers participating in the July 5 Folk Life Festival, sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution, held its own practices for three months at New York, Philadelphia, Sea-

St. Mary's Pre-School fall program to start

LOS ANGELES — State accredited teachers and assistants staff the St. Mary's Pre-School, 981 S. Mariposa Ave., starting Wednesday, Sept. 10, it was announced by Mrs. Isabelle Black, director (3387-1336, between 9 a.m.-2 p.m.).

Cooking, gardening, science, music, puppetry and many experiences with different types of art material all help to enrich a child's vocabulary and help in speech development and ability to read. Mrs. Black explained. Enrolling a child in a good pre-school often determines the child's success in school in later years, she added.

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Courtroom

Grace Nagai of Stockton was sworn in as a San Joaquin County grand jury member July 10 by Presiding Superior Court Judge John B. Cechini, who called the 11-women, 8-men panel a "fine cross-section of our community".

Sports

Back in March, the Fox Hills Country Club members in Longmont purchased the club property from its owner-developer Phil Skrhina for a reported \$750,000. Renamed the Longmont Country Club, the board of directors is headed by Jim Kanemoto. The 145-acre course is west of Longmont on Colorado State Hwy 119.

Business

Berkeley-born Robert I. Nagata was named senior vice president at the San Francisco head office of Bank of Tokyo of California. He joined the firm in 1953, headed both the Crenshaw and Santa Ana branches and was recently administrative assistant to the president at the head office... Sumitomo Bank of California named Jack S. Kusaba senior vice president at the San Francisco main office. A graduate of Hastings School of Law, he joined the bank in 1954, was promoted vice president and trust department manager in 1967 and assumed additional responsibility as bank secretary in 1969.

Recently deputy general manager of the Bank of Tokyo Ltd.'s Los Angeles Agency, Kanji Kojima was named vice-president and manager of the Bank of Tokyo of California Gardena branch, succeeding Koretsugu Kodama, who returns to Japan for reassignment.

Isamu Kurokawa, manager of Sumitomo Bank's Sacramento branch, has been named manager of the San Francisco main office, succeeding Hyu Asanizu, who has been recalled to Tokyo for reassignment with the parent Sumitomo Bank Ltd. Kurokawa

joined the bank in 1953 in Japan. Jell Hikawa, manager of the operations administration dept. at the San Francisco main office, was named vice president-manager to succeed Kurokawa. And succeeding Hikawa will be Yasuhiko Okiyama, deputy manager of the operations administration dept. Wells Fargo Bank's international division, San Francisco, named Etsuko Tanabe its international banking officer. She joined Wells Fargo in 1972 with five years experience with trading and securities firms in Japan.

Milestones

James Shigeo Miyano, of Petaluma, Calif., died of heart attack while at work Aug. 1. He was an active member of Sonoma County JACL and Enmanji Buddhist Church.

Elections

Liem Tual, who made an unsuccessful run for the office of mayor in Seattle in 1973, announced July 23 he is a candidate for city council in the September primaries. He is seeking the office now held by environmentalist John Miller. Tual served on the city council (1969-73) and was council president (1972-73).

Book

San Francisco lecturer Karl Yoneda on the Asian labor movement in the U.S. authored "The Heritage of Sen. Katayama (1859-1933)", founder of the Communist Party of Japan (New York: Political Affairs, Mar., 1975; 25c). Katayama lived, studied and organized in the U.S. off and on

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LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles District Attorney's office issued a criminal complaint on July 31 against Joe Mitsuhiro, who has been charged with 22 counts of grand theft and forgery.

This action arose following an intensive investigation conducted by the California Dept. of Corporations of improper loans and transactions in the Pasadena Japanese Credit Union. Mitsuhiro had served as a member of the Supervisory Committee of that credit union located at 595 Lincoln Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

The Dept. of Corporations had previously revoked the license of the Pasadena Japanese Credit Union, and the business and assets of the credit union are currently being liquidated. During the investigation process, the department discovered certain irregularities which resulted in the filing of the criminal complaint by the Los Angeles District Attorney.

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