

Japan-U.S. amity bill action due

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) WASHINGTON—Speedy Congressional approval of the proposed Japan-United States Friendship Act was urged by Sen. Hiram Fong this past week (Sept. 15), in time for its signing by President Ford during Emperor Hirohito's visit here in early October.

The bill establishes a Japan-U.S. Friendship Trust Fund to promote better understanding between the two countries through a variety of mutual educational and cultural activities. The fund would be created from monies from two sources: (a) \$32 million from the Okinawa Reversion Agreement and (b) about \$14 million available in U.S. accounts in Japan under the Government and Relief in Occupied Areas settlement of 1962.

The Senate passed the bill without opposition last June. A House subcommittee held hearings on the measure earlier this month. Interest and possibly up to 5% of the principal annually from the fund would be used to support educational and cultural activities. Programs would be administered by a commission of six members to be appointed by the President and the Secretary of State and Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Ex-WRA worker helping resettle Vietnam refugees

RICHMOND, Va.—Retired social worker Helen Gannon, 66, who helped relocate Japanese Americans during WW2 is doing the same thing with Southeast Asian refugees throughout Virginia.

Mrs. Gannon heads the two-person Virginia Refugee Resettlement Coordination, established in July, to help with the relocation of Vietnamese and Cambodians recently arrived in Virginia. She said there were about 2,000 refugees here at the end of July and she hopes to accommodate 400 more before her office closes Oct. 1.

Most have settled in the urban centers of Northern Virginia, Tidewater and Richmond, but even Covington and Alta Vista have joined in the effort.

Among the resettled refugees is former Vietnamese Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky, who lives in a high-income suburb of Fairfax County.

Mrs. Gannon attributed help from churches finding sponsors, jobs and homes for the success in resettling refugees. A few businesses have acted as sponsors for trained Vietnamese businessmen. Doctors have done likewise for trained Vietnamese medical personnel.

While other states have encountered local hostility and resentment toward refugees, Mrs. Gannon said Virginia has done the resettlement differently "and I feel Virginia is going the right way."

When the last of the refugees has been relocated and her "moral obligations" are fulfilled, Mrs. Gannon said, "I will be happy to close this office and go back home."

D.C. AREA RESIDENTS FAVOR IMMIGRATION CUT

WASHINGTON, D.C.—While evenly split in 1973 over the question of immigration, local area residents now have come out strongly in favor of reducing immigration, the Washington Post recently noted in special telephone sampling of 1,500 conducted in February which was followed up with some 600 personal interviews in April.

The survey was conducted by the Manpower Administration's Bureau of Social Science Research. Analysts noted how much the recession has increased fears.

REDUCED IMMIGRATION?

In Peigs.	1971	1975
Agree	37	49
Disagree	48	36
Don't know	15	15
W—Whites; N/W—Non-Whites.		

San Diego Issei records all gone

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Records, books, correspondence, minutes and membership lists pertaining to the San Diego Japanese Assn., which were surrendered to the Justice Dept.'s FBI at the outbreak of World War II, have been totally destroyed, Donald H. Estes, San Diego City College history instructor, was recently informed.

Estes, who has been writing the Issei history of San Diego, said the early record of a people was literally destroyed. He sought the assistance of Sen. Cranston's office to ascertain the status of the Association records.

FBI Director Clarence Kelley told the senator the records were destroyed in an approved program which began in 1950 and completed in 1969, inasmuch as the association was dissolved after 1942 and the material was no longer of interest to the FBI or other federal agencies.

Tuati wins primaries for Seattle city council

SEATTLE, Wash.—Former city councilman Liem Eng Tuat showed comeback strength last week in the Sept. 16 primaries, winning 53% of the votes cast for Position No. 1 on the city council. He faces incumbent John Miller Nov. 4.

Tuati polled 35,018 votes to Miller's 27,841 who was second in the field. The Filipino American Peter Jamero running for the Seattle school board position (and the first Asian American here to run for a school board seat) pulled 2,295 votes, second to Suzanne Hittman with 2,337, and is in the general runoff.

For the Record

Kaz Oshiki, JACL national political education committee chairman pro-tem, was partially misquoted in the Anaheim Tri-District Conference story last week. He disagreed with Wayne Horiuchi the campaign for reparations might take 5 or 10 years; "it might take 19 years or it might take two. It is not necessarily true that it's going to be a long and arduous campaign. I'll depend upon the amount of enthusiasm and community support it has generated."

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JACL CALIFORNIA TRI-DISTRICT Stronger National voiced

By HARRY HONDA

Anaheim, Calif. If nothing else, the California JACL Tri-District Conference held here over the Sept. 12-14 weekend paraded the cream of JACL grassroots, arousing the minds of the other 150 delegates and officials in attendance. They surfaced best during the question periods.

While no Tri-District consensus was reached with official action, what was presented by the panelists from the three districts may affect future JACL policy on some issues when the districts reconvene in their respective sessions.

Northern California-Western Nevada panelists, who opened the Tri-District Conference Saturday morning at the Grand Hotel, spoke to the

need of a JACL regional office in Sacramento to serve the needs of all California chapters and the need for a legal defense fund to support impact discrimination cases affecting Asian Americans. Central California panelists, probably the best presentation among the three, related the farmer's side to the current farm labor problem. Their concern was to describe the situation as they saw it so that individuals would have the opportunity to better decide.

Pacific Southwest panelists weighed the issue of evacuee reparations, the same topic for the Tri-District's banquet speaker John W. Dean III.

On Sunday morning, the closing session dealt with the future of JACL, using the 1974 Holiday Issue article by Mike Masaoka as a starting

point for discussion. Although a non-action gathering, it attracted the most national officers and staff outside of a national board meeting or national convention. Six of the seven nationally-elected officers were present (Grayce Uyehara of Philadelphia was the only one absent); four of the eight district governors were present (Lillian Kimura of Midwest was the non-California governor here); ten staffers and secretaries from Headquarters and regional offices were here (some of them on their own); and the new national Pacific Citizen board of directors, who were meeting in conjunction at the same hotel Saturday. The youth were also represented by four of its top eight-member leadership.

ference co-hosts with the PS-WDC, also took advantage of the area's entertainment attractions to draw delegates who came with their families. However, expectations fell short to join the banquet hall for the talk by the former White House counsel. About 260 attended when 400 was hoped for.

Nevertheless, the second biennial Tri-District was acclaimed a success by those present and now the Northern California-Western Nevada District assumes the challenge to outdo the first two Tri-Districts when the next one is held in 1977.

Mike Ishikawa, Orange County JACL chapter president, and Henry Sakai, its immediate past president, co-chaired the conference that

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All agree something can be done

Anaheim, Calif. Tri-District Conference co-chairman Henry Sakai capitalized the thrust of the Sunday morning topic, "Future of JACL", in the final observation of the weekend JACL affair when he agreed with Dr. Roy Nishikawa that the idea is not to weaken National: "I know everyone doesn't agree with everything and yet we're all agreed that something can be done."

With the 1974 Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue article by Mike Masaoka offering two alternatives for the future of JACL as the basis for discussion, the two-hour session was opened to the floor after brief opening remarks by moderator Mas Hironaka and visiting Midwest District Governor Lillian Kimura, also chairperson of the JACL ad hoc committee on structure (reorganization).

There was a good mix of expression. Some spoke to the philosophy or rationale for JACL. Some got down to specifics, voicing needs and directions.

Hironaka spotted the National organization still at the crossroads since the big legislative issues of 20 years ago (naturalization and evacuation claims) were resolved. Kimura stressed JACL must continue to look at itself—as other organizations are doing.

Nishikawa wanted to know where the younger people were, providing input. None came forward Sunday morning.

Denny Uejima, onetime San Gabriel Valley JACL president, offered the first specific suggestions. He proposed JACL recognize other organizations into the membership, especially those in the same area of service and issues. (JACL does provide corporate memberships—those signed, so far, are from business and industry.) JACL and these groups can exchange ideas, talent and expertise.

WENDY M. YOSHIMURA

Sansei arrested with Patty Hearst

By ELLEN ENDO (Rafu Shimpo)

Los Angeles Friends and relatives describe Wendy Masako Yoshimura, 32-year-old Sansei born in the concentration camp at Manzanar, Calif., as a sensitive talented artist turned social activist.

Wendy was arrested Sept. 18 with Patricia Hearst and Symphonie Liberation Army companions William and Emily Harris in San Francisco.

Wendy's father, (Tacoma-born) Kibei Nisak Frank Masatoki Yoshimura raised in Hiroshima, continues to believe in his daughter's innocence.

In a telephone interview, he recalled that his daughter was a good student when she attended Roosevelt High School in Fresno and had even won awards for her art.

Wendy left home in 1972 after she was indicted in Alameda County on charges of illegal possession of explosives.

Yoshimura who, with his wife (nee Fumie Hase) has worked for 15 years a gardener in Fresno, had long hoped his daughter would give herself up.

Wendy spent a year at Fresno City College before transferring to Merritt College in Oakland. "I think that's where she met all those radicals," her father said. "My daughter has always been for the underdog."

After World War II, the Yoshimura family moved to

Uejima saw no conflict within JACL when several chapters springing up in a given area as multiple programs can be conducted. He also hoped the JAYs could be regular chapters to run their own programs for "subordinating them to the parent chapters is one way to kill interest."

2nd alternative

Veteran Central California JACLer Fred Hiratsuna questioned Masaoka's second alternative—stronger district councils with Headquarters activities decentralized to national legislation and public relations. If each district goes off in their respective directions which may be opposed by another—such as Central Cal which is for the farmer while the Midwest isn't—"under the common JACL name, the American public would be confused" and warned it wouldn't work.

Kimura quickly responded: "We would try to work out specifics where both Central Cal and the Midwest can agree on" and these would be hammered out at the national conventions. She felt the federal plan, as indicated in the No. 2 alternative, would allow each region to deal with their problem as it sees fit and in the long run, "JACL might be a larger group."

Sakai added that without No. 2, it means going back to the first alternative—an all-Nisei organization with the Sansei trying to build up their own all-Sansei organization.

Mike Ishikawa of Orange County noted the talk about a regional office at Sacramento during the NC-WNDC panel intrigued him because staff patterns were changing to where a regional director relates to three districts instead of a single district at present. (Stan Kiyokawa of Portland, PNW-IDC regional director, who was present at the Tri-District, is the exception to this rule.)

Hiroshima but returned to the U.S. in 1956.

Wendy studied at the California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, and later lived in a women's art collective in Berkeley where she was active in the women's and anti-war movements and the revolutionary Venceremos organization.

Friends said her actions were based on emotions rather than careful reasoning. "If anything, she was nonviolent," said one friend. "She was not very mature."

She spent one summer in Cuba, cutting sugar cane in the fields.

When told by the Associated Press that her daughter had been apprehended, Mrs. Yoshimura exclaimed, "Oh, my goodness! Oh, my goodness! She's a good girl. . . I didn't know she was with them—Ms. Hearst and the hellion—I never dreamed. I didn't think she was with Patty Hearst. I guess she'll phone me, won't she? It's a shock."

(Miss Yoshimura disappeared Mar. 31, 1972. She had been sought for investigation of conspiracy to bomb the Navy ROTC headquarters at UC Berkeley. When three men were arrested and pleaded guilty, she went underground.)

(Bail of \$250,000 was set for Miss Yoshimura by Alameda County Superior Court Judge George Phillips Sr.)

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Paul Tsunehisa, E.O. 9066 chairman, asserted his group was formed because the parent organization (JACL) didn't do anything here. He charged the leadership is split on reparations even though reparations is basically a "Japanese American problem" and blamed it on the JACL motto—"For Better Americans in a Greater America" (which he stumbled over) because to him it meant "becoming whiter than whites". Best response, he said, was in a regionalized set-up.

Jim Sempel of Selanoco championed the 2nd alternative which also proposed Headquarters be back in New York or Washington. "Since funding is a big problem, with Headquarters back there they would be in a better position to see where the funds are," he thought.

Reminding what John Dean had said about JACL being a "splintered group"—quoting his congressional contacts about the possibility of having a reparations bill passed, Chuck Kubokawa of Sequoia said, "We've got to come to grips with things. Otherwise this organization is going to go down the tubes. . . We've got to unify, help each other."

Through local activities, chapters can then push for support of a strong National, Kubokawa continued. "It's one of the strongest things we can do," he exclaimed, by getting together in areas of legislation and sounding off to the legislatures. As for lack of funds, he wondered if chapters have really gone out and raise funds—aside from scholarships.

National role stressed

Agreeing with Masaoka that JACL can no longer be all things to all people, San Jose attorney Steve Nakashima of West Valley JACL disliked regionalism because it appeared to him as "provincial" and he didn't like that term. He recalled how his chapter got started seven years ago when disenfranchised JACLers felt National was getting too much of the membership dollar. And as the discussion ensued and despite the bulk of the dues being sent to National, it was decided to support National because of its work on behalf of all Japanese Americans.

"And JACL is the only base where people can come to find out how we feel. Those who don't want to join JACL can sound off, but that's their prerogative. . . We need a national organization," he said.

Nakashima commented the plight of Nisei farmers is a concern for all Japanese in America, but the problem of the boycott is not a Nisei issue and shouldn't be brought into JACL.

He also defended Headquarters being in California and its role in the license plate problem, "which is not a California-only problem" for it can be looked upon by other states.

Clarence Nishizu, Selanoco, JACL president and a long-time supporter of youth programs, insisted JACL should teach the youngsters about the organization so they come back later on to assume the reins.

Phil Shigekuni, San Fernando Valley JACL president, commented on several points. The idea of a federation didn't preclude National from concentrating on crucial problems of a national nature, and letting the regions and chapters sort out their own priorities. The point of disparity over boycott among the districts, he felt, indicated the internal strength of National to accommodate diverse opinions. A high school counselor, he said, "We should learn to accept differences and get together in spite of these differences." Judge Mikio Uchiyama, the

admitted the push for reparations was mixed but each chapter must decide what it wants to do. "As a regional thing, it won't carry. It requires national effort," he declared.

Nishikawa recalled a period in JACL (1952-54) when the districts were supposed to assume greater roles after the major national programs were successfully completed. National nearly fell into debt and at the following convention quotas to support National were raised. Looking at his own Wilshire chapter, "which is not that strong individually, but as part of the PSWDC we're that much stronger." Wilshire is all the more stronger by being a part of the National, he added.

District perspectives

Raising another perspective, moderator Hironaka noted California's 70 chapters comprise the bulk of the national organization but represented through three districts where as the other 30 chapters nationwide are covered by five district councils. Each district has a vote on the National Board along with the seven nationally-elected officers.

What Hironaka was alluding to was whether the California districts can multiply by breaking down the three—since only four chapters are required to establish a single district council.

Another thought was passed on by Lillian Kimura. At the recent EDC-MDC joint convention, it was suggested the elected board select its own officers as one alternative. Another felt district governors don't belong on the National Board because of additional pressures and duties.

Helen Kawagoe, national vice-president for public affairs, wondered why involvement at the chapter level on a national scale couldn't be maintained. She recalled \$8,000 was raised in conjunction with the National JACL Bowling tournament for national JACL's education office and the PC microfilm project. "This is where the action is. A fine program can be made a paying project," she argued.

Masamune Kojima, PSW governor, revealed "he tried to organize two district councils within the current Pacific Southwest area, but due to lack of interest, it was not pursued. In talking about reorganization, it means having strong leadership plus subsidy to get them going."

He maintained. He was looking for districts regrouped to address their own more regional interests—noting that in the PSW, as well as Northern Cal, distinct urban and rural issues prevail which might be better handled by closer regional planning.

Kojima thought Masaoka was quite accurate about the first alternative—that JACL will be an all-Nisei group.

Kojima noted regional directors are Sansei, "but we still have difficulty attracting younger members. . . maybe the first alternative might come by default." He thought Sansei were more issue-motivated but very selective for after it's finished "they go their merry way and are not interested in other issues or problems confronting JACL."

Hironaka threw out another

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Japanese TV Movies

By MAMORU IGA

Los Angeles Many Japanese Americans, young or old, in Los Angeles, seem to be enjoying Japanese movies on television. Television should provide entertainment, but if it helps Japanese Americans acquire some knowledge of Japanese culture, it would be more useful.

Since "democracy," in whatever sense, seems to be a common value among Japanese Americans, it would be appropriate to relate the movies to democracy.

Since democracy emphasizes the governmental responsibility to provide the opportunity for all to develop their potentials—to reason, love, self-expression, etc.—it always requires social criticism. From this point of view, most of Japanese TV movies, as seen in this area, either show little criticism of Japanese culture and society, or are simply unrealistic fantasies.

Generally Japanese people are eager to criticize themselves but seldom do they criticize society, contrary to general Americans who readily criticize society but seldom themselves.

Despite the general trend, there are some films, which show social criticism in a democratic direction. They are stories by Hanato Kobako, whose criticisms are embodied in his major characters, e.g. Kayo in "Zen no Han," Chiyo in "Betejako Monogatari" and Chizu in "Rakkyo no Hana."

The heroines of the latter two movies, Yukiko and Kayo, are growing to be mature women under the tutelage of Chiyo and Chizu, respectively. These women are mature, wise, independent-thinking and self-expressive, in sharp contrast with immature and indecisive males, e.g. Kayo's husband, Chiyo's oldest son, and Chizu's husband.

It is symbolic that all the mature and strong-willed women in the stories speak a form of Osaka dialect. Since their creator—Hanato—was born and reared in Kyoto-

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Osaka area, it may be natural that the characters use the dialect there, but then, why supporting characters do not do so? An answer among others is that the dialect reflects the merchant culture, and its use suggests a criticism against the authoritarianism which prevails in Japan.

The merchant culture was developed by groups of merchants, especially those from Sakai (Berkeley's sister city), who established an autonomous city in defiance against feudal lords in the 16th century, and those from Fushimi (in present Kyoto Prefecture) and from Ohmi (present Shiga Prefecture).

The merchant culture is characterized by the emphasis on self-profit, calculation, and self-assertion, together with the inclination to defy authorities in order to protect own interest. The values and attitudes—essential elements of democracy—are in sharp contrast to the samurai culture, with the primary stress on status, appearance, obedience, and conformance. The samurai was closed minded and fanatic.

As Donald Keene observed, to the samurai, "his values were unadulterated truth" and "the respect for an opponent's views made little sense." Since samurai culture dominates Tokyo, Keene maintains that the root of democracy may be seen in Osaka rather than in Tokyo (The New York Times Magazine, Nov. 6, 1969).

Samurai Culture

Of course, Tokyo had merchants too and all Tokyotites are not samurai. However, influential merchants in Tokyo, e.g. Mitsui and Mitsubishi, were seisho ("political merchant") and were only adjunct to political powers.

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Radioactive mill tailing affects Nisei farmer in western Colorado

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo.—George Mizushima, 55, grows peaches, tomatoes, melons and corn on 95 acres four miles south of here. Ten years ago he and others in the area became aware of the local problem of radiation.

Three years ago, work began to remove the radioactive uranium mill tailings, which had been used in constructing houses and schools around here during the period between 1952 and 1966. And the cost may rise to \$10.5 million, according to a recent federal General Accounting Office report.

One of the contaminated houses was Mizushima's. He had torn down a brick house where he had lived for 20

years, filling in what used to be the basement with tons of sand-lime residue from an abandoned uranium mine, to build a new home for the family.

The radioactive tailing has been removed and the new home sealed. Similar remedies have been taken on about 40 percent of the 500 sites in need of immediate action.

A recent study made by Univ. of Colorado medical school professor indicated infant mortality in Mesa County, where Grand Junction is the county seat, from birth defects was 50% higher than the rest of Colorado and that the county had more deaths from cancer than all the rest of Colorado.

From JACL Nat'l Headquarters Communication

Bicentennial flights proposed

San Francisco JACL chapters or district councils interested in sponsoring a domestic travel program to the East Coast in celebration of the U.S. Bicentennial are being urged to write National JACL Headquarters.

The JACL Travel Committee will make plans if response indicates interest.

It was also announced the last block of seats on the JACL charter flight to Japan on the JAL jumbo jet leaving

Oct. 8 from Los Angeles and San Francisco is now filled. Los Angeles passengers for the Oct. 8 flight are flying via United to San Francisco to board the JAL-747.

The four flights leaving in the next ten days are all full. Minutes of the July 26 Travel Committee meeting have been distributed. New guidelines for the 1976 travel program are about to be distributed to committee members, agents, chapter travel chairpersons, National Board and staff and all chapters.

Membership passes 96% mark

JACL membership report ending Aug. 31 indicated 27,669 (96.3%) have joined this year—up 740 since the July 31 report.

While there was some readjustment of ranking among the top ten chapters on membership, East Los Angeles JACL was eased out of the picture by Orange County JACL, which had been No. 11 in July.

A total of 32 chapters out of 98 now on the roll have passed last year's membership.

District Breakdown (As of Aug. 31, 1975)

PNWDC	1,669	88.5%
NC-WNDC	10,953	66.8
CCDC	1,529	97.4
PSWDC	8,742	98.9
IDC	1,323	96.6
MPDC	409	85.0
MDC	2,080	92.1
EDC	936	91.8

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S.Fran	1,494	Sequoia	844
Gerdesa	1,465	Chicago	812
S. Jose	1,202	B. Fern V	779
West L.A.	1,199	B. Staten	688
San Fran	671	Orange City	666

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.

EDITORIALS

The Editorials Are Back

An attempt to regain the aura this corner embodied in decades past with Editorials was among the several recommendations seeded by the Pacific Citizen national board of directors when it met for the first time Sept. 13 in conjunction with the recent JACL California Tri-District Conference in Anaheim.

As "the publication of the Japanese American Citizens League," the editorials here shall honestly attempt to discharge its prerogatives with timely comment, resolute salvos or an occasional cat-calls.

What the editorials shall demonstrate henceforth are association of ideas that address JACL policies. The self-righteous cynic might wonder, "What JACL policies?" These have been perceived and promulgated by actions of the JACL National Councils.

JACL has weathered an internal storm of unprecedented magnitude. Yet the national JACL is really a league of 98 chapters with national programs coordinated by National Headquarters, district programs by the district councils, and local programs of all types handled by the chapters. JACL is still the potential force for community good that it always was. And this will be one of the many themes which we hope to communicate vigorously.

John W. Dean III

The appearance of former White House counsel John Wesley Dean III at the recent California JACL Tri-District Conference in Anaheim was anticipated with a great amount of curiosity for he was to speak on congressional reparations for Japanese American evacuees, a program which the JACL has had under consideration for many years.

Earlier this year, Dean in an exclusive interview with Playboy Magazine stated he was interested in helping the Japanese American evacuees. They were incarcerated during World War II by the American government, which never really made any amends for some of the worst treatment ever administered to any group of people. He said it was going to be a "pet project" of his.

Dean told how he first became aware of the issue, then encouraged Japanese Americans to fight for reparations. He stressed the immediacy of this campaign and lastly challenged the JACL to provide the leadership.

While he may have disappointed some in not spelling out in what form the redress ought to be, for he viewed that as a problem further down the road, the task at hand is to have the facts of Evacuation known to all because "any fair-minded American who is familiar with the facts (can't) deny the rightness of your redress, but unfortunately not very many Americans are familiar with the facts."

It may have been a shock to hear that his congressional contacts had told him "JACL as not being together... it did not know what it wanted. So it won't get it." Some may have interpreted that to mean JACL should forget reparations because unanimity within the organization was lacking.

But that is not what Dean said. He was only referring to reparations because JACL can get together on other things and this, too. While Japanese Americans exist as a visible minority, there will be ethnic problems to which JACLers can close ranks and solve together.

● Harry K. Honda

Ye Editor's Desk

TRI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Now that the editorials are back (see above), the remainder of the column space will be ours to handle. We do not aim to retire "Ye Editor's Desk," which will more or less be on a personal plane as some of the pieces have been in the past.

The first national PC Board meeting prevented us from covering the Tri-District Conference workshops, but from all appearances in chatting with delegates—it was a fruitful affair and the Pacific Southwest District and specifically Orange County JACL are to be commended for staging a successful affair. We gathered that many discovered what JACL is doing and can do and what JACL ought to mean to the community. JACL continues to peel for justice, to strive for understanding and work for the common good.

It was regrettable an observer from the Japanese companies doing business in California was not present to hear the traditional stand of the United Auto Workers against racism and not bow to the narrow "Buy American"

Hawaii Revisited

By EDISON UNO

San Francisco. Believe-it-or-not, it's mid-September in San Francisco and our fireplace has consumed a stack of firewood we've been saving all year. The furnace thermostat is set at 70 degrees. It's cold, damp, foggy and dreary. One consolation we have is that our best weather comes in October and November, an ideal time to visit the City by the Bay. The summer is over, although you couldn't tell if our climate is any indication. School has started, people are back to work, and the aftermaths of the non-schedules over the past few months remind us that it is indeed over... summer 1975 is only a memory.

MINORITY ONE

For us, it was "lucky come Hawaii"—that vacation spot in the Pacific, the 50th State, the state of sun and surf, aloha, mahalo, manana, pineapple fields, plantation life, ugly condominiums, surfers, beautiful natural fans, too many tourists, fantastic hues of blue, green, azure waters, a life-style and environment where Asians are not the minority, pidgin, and all that which makes the Islands unique.

This was our second vacation to Hawaii the first being some four years ago when we did all of the tourist things. This time we decided to make it a leisurely, relaxing, restful stay and we intentionally avoided the tourist attractions. In a word, it was fantastic—the only way to go.

Out of the 16 days there, we must have spent a dozen trips to the various beaches, each having its own feature, sometime it was the seclusion, sometimes the surf, sometimes

the protected shelf and reefs, but always the beautiful clear water, white sands, and the warm sun. It takes little practice to become a beach bum in Hawaii.

We spent three marvelous days in Lanai, the small pineapple island located about half way between Oahu and the Big Island. Thanks to the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Sakoda, parents of my former secretary, we enjoyed the isolation from the big city and the tourist traffic. There is very little to do on Lanai except to rest and relax. We felt a bit guilty enjoying the fantastic beach there almost by ourselves. Mr. Sakoda took me out in his small boat trolling for what ever fish were running. Our luck wasn't as good as the last time we managed to haul aboard a number of dolphins (mahi-mahi); this time we had to settle for a few stray bonita (aku), but it was great fun to bounce around in the mid-Pacific waters—plenty of fresh air, sea spray, and the carefree attitude of total freedom by isolation.

Returning to the urban pace of Honolulu, we imposed ourselves on my brother and sister who call the Islands home. My sister and her husband recently returned to Honolulu after a two year assignment in Guam. He received a promotion in the Federal Aviation Administration and is now back in Hawaii as a division chief. My brother and his family have been residents of Hawaii for a long time, he holds down the YMCA in Wahiawa. We enjoyed family reunions, picnics, outings, and sightseeing. One of the real treats was to go seaweed (ogo) gathering on Ewa Beach and puka shell hunting at Meili Beach.

We looked up old friends and made new ones too. Attorney Fred Abe, former San Francisco JACL chapter president, lunched together to talk about old times. Fred commutes to his downtown office from Waiolana, a good forty minute drive; but he seems to enjoy the country living and looks just great. We sure miss his leadership in the Bay Area.

We had a pleasant surprise when we lunched with Dr. Dennis Ogawa of the University of Hawaii. Dennis introduced us to Ms. Bobbie Kaita, a Samsel teacher who is involved in Asian American studies, and the television celebrity, Ms. Barbara Tanabe, formerly of Seattle who now has her own daily news show at 6 and 10 p.m. on Channel 2 in Honolulu. We were pleased to hear that Dennis is publishing another book. His latest one, Jan Ken Po is an excellent history of Japanese in Hawaii.

Another surprise was running into a very dear friend from camp days, Cherry Matano, an administrative aide to Congressman Spark Matsunaga, flew into town from Washington in time to get together with us. Over thirty years ago we went to Federal High School together at Crystal City Internment Camp in Texas.

It's raining in San Francisco—it's hard to believe this is mid-September. Well, we've had our share of sunshine, but it's hard not to daydream and think "lucky come Hawaii!" once more.



... and here's an invitation to serve as a mediator at the next JACL Convention.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

The Food Growers

Denver, Colo. The evening paper the other night published a think-piece by Erwin D. Canham in which he suggested that in the long run agricultural production may be the greatest force in the world.

"More than petropower," he wrote. "Long after most of the oil and gas has been extracted from the earth and under the seas, with only enough husbanded to keep on making fertilizer and other necessities, the power of agriculture will remain. It is a renewable resource. It provides food, it could provide more fiber than it does, and it could provide fuel and energy."

Canham went on to say that with the exception of Australia and New Zealand, North America is the only area that grows enough grain to export. The United States is also the largest exporter of rice and provides more than 90 per cent of the world's soybean exports. Then he asked a series of provocative questions:

"Already to some degree, but much more in the years ahead, the United States will have to decide what to do with the agripower. Will it simply sell its surpluses to the highest bidder? Will it give away food, as it did with its surpluses in the 1950s and 1960s? Will it try to use food exports politically, as it has occasionally done? Will a food 'cartel' dominated by the United States play a still more severe role in the world than the OPEC cartel does today? Or will the pressures of starving peoples become so great, morally and politically, that fundamental changes in policy and way of life become inevitable?"

Difficult questions all, and for some reason I got to thinking of Frank Yamaguchi who with his wife Shigeko farms a bit over a hundred acres of sandy soil in the South Platte Valley near Platteville, Colo. I could have thought of a lot of many other farmers, like Bob Sakata who produces vast mountains of sweet corn and sugar beets not far from Yamaguchi's place, and the Mizokami brothers who fill carload after carload with spinach and lettuce in the San Luis

valley, and Don Tanabe who specializes in picking cucumbers, and all the other Nisei farmers with marvelously productive green thumbs who coax magnificent crops out of the soil of Washington, Oregon and California, Arizona and Idaho and Nebraska and even Kansas and New Mexico and Texas and a lot of other places.

What brought Yamaguchi to mind, I suppose, is that I had seen him recently. The Yamaguchi youngsters are all grown and gone now, and that means he doesn't have to half-kill himself laboring in the fields. He plants just enough beans and potatoes to make him a comfortable living. The beans go to the cannery and the potatoes go to a Utah plant that converts them into chips.

When the beans are mature the cannery sends a fleet of mechanical harvesters which rattle and rumble through the field while Frank takes it easy. Frank just raises the beans and the cannery harvests them. But Frank still digs the spuds and the chipper picks them up, 25 tons at a time, in a big semi truck that drives right up to his yard.

Aside from this, Frank grows a few rows of sweet corn, several acres of a variety of potatoes that will keep through the winter, and a wide variety of garden crops for himself and his friends.

This kind of truck gardening, as compared to large-scale farming, would seem to be more trouble than it's worth. That is an estimation that he agrees with. But then he says with a smile: "I guess I grow them out of pride; I like to hear my friends tell me how much they enjoyed my vegetables."

That, somehow, seems to epitomize the spirit of the American farmers and in very indirect way answers some of Erwin Canham's questions. The American farmers will continue to grow the crops that help feed an ever hungry world because of the pride in their skill, in the productivity of their soil and the pleasure of feeding others.

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We are about to begin five National Youth Programs which will run simultaneously for the next eight months straight.

This was a boon year for each of our programs. We had greater response and interest in all of our programs than in any year previous. Total number of applications for all of our programs and the total number of awards and recognitions given were greater than any year before. We are confident that 1976 will see a continued upward trend!

The Presidential Classroom for Young Americans (PCYA) has already begun for 1976 since the sessions this year will begin a month earlier (January). All chapters have received two mailings on the program, and many have already indicated their intention to sponsor students in 1976.

All indications are that our 1976 total of chapter sponsored students will exceed our previous two years of participation. Spaces are limited in the program as the increased popularity of the PCYA makes enrollment more difficult.

Chapters which are still considering the sponsorship of young people should indicate their interest to the National Youth Director as soon as possible, and interested young people should contact their local JACL chapter.

This was the revival year of the JAL-JACL Cultural Heritage Fellowship Program. Our four 1975 recipients have returned from their summer of studying and touring in Japan for six weeks. They are available to JACL chapters and district councils for presentations which include their slides of their summer. Plans are being worked out now for the recipients to be traveling and visiting with JACL chapters and districts.



Pulse

September Events

San Mateo JACL, co-sponsor of the Sept. 28 community picnic at Beresford Park, announced those over age 65 will be guests and given a free bento. Others attending may order them at \$3.50 from the chapter.

San Francisco JACL sponsored a Japanese cooking demonstration by Mrs. Morisawa Sept. 17 at Japan Center's Kikkoman Center.

Chapter also reminded Sept. 29 is the absolute deadline for the Keiro-Kai outing at Angel Island on Oct. 4. The boat

ride will be free to seniors 70 years of age or older and their spouses. Registration forms are available at the local Japanese banks, churches, Hamilton Senior Center, Paper Tree and T. Okamoto & Co. Chapter is also urging \$2.50 sponsor donations be sent to (Checks payable to S.F. JACL): Yosh Nakashima, 3400 California St., #303, San Francisco 94116.

October Events

An old-fashioned box-lunch social and fun night will be held by West Valley JACL on Sunday, Oct. 5, 8:30 p.m. at Grace Methodist Church with Steve Nakashima and Helyn Uchiyama in charge of auctioneering. Each decorated box prepared by the women will have a dinner for two with the men bidding for

it. There will be a maximum price, it was added. Chapter will supply the dessert and drinks.

A special prize will be awarded the most original box. Since this is not a fundraiser as most box socials are, for these who made or bought boxes will be given a special discount on the forthcoming charter bus trip to Lake Tahoe.

Chapter also announced support of the Chi-Am Circle benefit fashion show to be held Oct. 18, 11:30 a.m., at the Cabana Hyatt House, Palo Alto. Funds go toward support of the Asian American physically and mentally handicapped at the Agnew Residential Facility for the Developmentally Disabled. Helyn Uchiyama (867-0255) is accepting reservations at \$7.50 per person until Oct. 10.

August Events

Marin JACL with 30 charter members became the newest chapter in the National JACL during the Aug. 10 NC-WNDYC summer quarterly session hosted by San Jose JACL at the Hyatt House.

Among the activities for the month was the chapter wine tasting party held Aug. 15 at Larkspur with Jerry Enomoto, state director for the Dept. of Corrections as special guest. Persons in Marin County wishing to join (dues are \$15, transfers \$3) should write to: Joanne Shibata, 70 Mt. Muir Court, San Rafael 94903.

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NC-WNDYC canoe trip attracts 80

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Approximately 80 JAYs attended the NC-WNDYC canoe trip down Russian River on Sept. 7. The 15-mile journey was organized by the Sonoma JAY chapter, with Wes Kawase as chairman.

The large turnout could be attributed to the success of a previous district canoe trip held in July; representatives from CCDYC and PSWDYC enhanced the attendance of this trip.

According to Grant Horuchi, chairman of NC-WNDYC, "I was exceptionally pleased with the massive turnout of youths; hopefully we will have even more participation at future district activities. Special thanks to Jim Murakami for his assistance."

Other district happenings: NC-WNDYC will officially vote to accept a new chapter, Livingston-Merced-Cortez, on Oct. 12 at their district meeting. Election of district officers is also on the agenda for this meeting.

On Nov. 8-9 the San Francisco JAYs will host the second district workshop. For further information contact: Vicky Mihara, 688 17th Ave., San Francisco, 94112. (415) 397-3055.

Aki Matsuri

SAN FRANCISCO — The three-day Japanese folk festival, Aki Matsuri, will be held this weekend Sept. 26-28 at Japan Center. All events are free except for the Saturday evening dance program. Schedule of events are available in Japantown.

MIS-Norcal elects

SAN FRANCISCO — The MIS Assn. of No. Calif. elected John Shimoda of Corte Madera president at its annual meeting here Aug. 30. He succeeds Tom Kobayashi.

CALENDAR

Sept. 27 (Saturday) Washington, D.C. — Issei Appreciation Dinner, Chinese Community Church, 1011 L St., 7 p.m.
 Selanoco — Chapter mtg.
 Sept. 27-28 PNWDC — Portland hosts, Qityr session, Coliseum Travelodge.
 Sept. 28 (Sunday) San Mateo — Comm picnic, Beresford Park.
 Oct. 1 (Wednesday) West Valley — Sr Citizen flu shots, Club House, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Oct. 4-5 Dayton — Oktoberfest booth, Art Institute.
 Oct. 4 (Saturday) San Francisco — Keirokai Outing, Angel Island, 14 Fisherman's Wharf, 10 a.m.
 Oct. 5 (Sunday) West Valley — Box Social-Fun Night, Grace Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 11 (Saturday) Salinas Valley — Issei Appreciation, Y.M.B.A. Hall, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 12 (Sunday) NC-WNDYC — Mtg.
 Oct. 21 (Tuesday) Salinas Valley Bd Mtg., Bank of Tokyo, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 25 (Saturday) Sequoia — Issei testimonial, Philadelphia — Issei testimonial.
 West Valley — Mtg., Tak Takel, state dir of consumer affairs, 8 p.m.

Future of JACL —

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proposition: "Where are the programs to attract 1000 Clubbers?" As membership chairman for San Diego, he noted with the increase in 1000 Club dues this year (from \$25 to \$35), they are renewing at the lower regular membership rate and blamed it on less incentives and programs for 1000ers.

No. Cal. opinions

Wes Doi, NC-WNDYC governor, noted the problems expressed thus far seldom came up in his district meetings. "We provide 40% of the national budget, but there is no excitement to change the structure around," he reported. The Sanel are also coming into the picture, but he also felt "we are not working hard enough to get the Nisei".

On the matter of funds, Nakashima urged the JACL legal counsel to get together with other attorneys who prepare wills for Nihonjin who want to leave something for National. Insurance men can also help, added Mrs. Kawagoe, by having JACL listed as beneficiary.

Dr. Harry Hatasaka, immediate past NC-WNDYC governor, supported Doi's observation that JACL should strengthen its present structure rather than restructure. Better communication can lick the present administrative hang-ups, he said. As a national group, it meets a strong motivating human factor of self-preservation. "It's one reason why so many are in JACL," he said, "whether active or inactive."

Those not in JACL today may face a problem later on, Hatasaka said, and they will need JACL. "We've got to be prepared!"

Uejima submitted that when Masaoka left JACL, national strength and directions went, too. Hence, his piece was telling members today through his alternatives that "if we're going to be a national organization, we've got to do it by ourselves and get on our own two feet."

Masaru Odori of Gardena proposed JACL launch a big U.S. Bicentennial project, like retelling the Evacuation story.

Chuck Kato, visiting from Seattle, agreed with that and urged JACL push for reparations. About Masaoka (and this drew some chuckles), he got the feeling "there was a Godfather back there". Saying he was new to JACL (about two years), he urged a strong National but not one that has to listen to the Godfather. "And the way we communicate with Headquarters is all fouled up," he concluded. "All instructions come from top down but not from bottom up."

As a wrap-up, Hironaka said the Pacific Southwest district may have appeared to be going in 14 different directions but insisted, "we are not as divisive as some other delegates think we are... because we argue like hell among ourselves." It is a ferment by which the district keeps moving ahead, he explained.

VERY NUTRITIOUS, LESS BONY

Nisei once sold a lot of shark meat

LOS ANGELES — Since 30 million people are said to have seen the shark-infested film, "Jaws", and with the spearing of two white sharks off Southern California waters in recent weeks, the subject of selachiphobia (fear of sharks) has been running heavily here for the moment.

The Los Angeles Times reporter Luisa Kam Mont carried the subject a step further, noting that a man-eating shark could be eaten by men.

Frank Tsuchiya, active Downtown L.A. JACLer and head of Pacific California Fish Co., told her: "What's the deal? We used to sell a lot of it 10 years ago and before. It's very nutritious and less bony."

"But the new generation doesn't like it because of the word 'shark' (in Nihongo it's fuka). I guess that they are turned off by the thought of a man-eating shark."

Of the species commonly sold currently in California, few if any are carnivorous. Mont reported shark meat had been sold as sea bass, halibut, swordfish or cut up and sold as scallops. Federal food laws now prohibit mislabeling of food and to soften the impact, retailers are allowed to advertise it as "white" or "gray" fish but stores must specifically respond when asked by customers what kind of white fish it is.

Shark steaks have been selling for \$1.39 a pound and

tastes as good as swordfish, which sells for \$3.50 a pound, one Newport Beach fish vendor said.

Prof. Iga —

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women in Osaka-Kyoto (or commonly called kamigata) culture.

On the other hand, women in the samurai family had little to contribute, except providing the heir to the family line and taking care of the husband's daily needs. They were conveniences in peace and burdens in wartime.

Therefore, the samurai was taught not to be emotionally attached to women, even to his wife, because it would blunt his desire to sacrifice himself for his lord. In 1967, Mishima Yukio told one of his followers to break up his engagement to a woman, because leaders "must not weaken their readiness to die with marital or any other bonds." (John Nathan, Mishima, 1974, p. 257).

In conclusion, Japanese Americans should be aware of both strength and weakness of Japanese tradition. Only when they compare American and Japanese cultures, they may be able to formulate an ideal image of society, against which they can evaluate both. In this sense, Japanese movies provide good instructional materials for their development.

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EAST WIND: By Masaharu

The Times Known as 'Fuukeiki'

Bicentennial City, Pa.

THE MATERIAL POVERTY of the late '30s that I, along with my fellow Nisei, experienced somehow continues to haunt my present lifestyle. For example, because in those lean years something modest as a frankfurter, singed in "sato-joyu", was a treat, and a hard-boiled egg sliding around in that universal condiment, "shoyu", was great (all with a heaping bowl of steaming rice, of course) to this day I enjoy them on a par with steak. Nay, perhaps more because the luxuries of steak were somewhat delayed in entering my life and, therefore, I never developed an ecstatic yearning, such as some people have.

LOOKING A BIT further, the frugal lifestyle of those days of yore permeate other facets of my habits today. Thus, if I can walk, I'll not take the trolley or bus; and if I can take the trolley, I won't take a cab. This rote habit recalls, with some embarrassment for me today, of an incident when a gal-friend had travelled from New York City to meet me in Chicago where I was on furlough. After meeting her at the train station, I automatically and unconsciously headed for the nearby "El" station, with her luggage and all—rather than gallantly calling a cab. She was kind enough not to call me a cheapskate, although perhaps it was because my rank was all of a PFC.

I FIND THAT in this poverty syndrome, I am not alone. Some years ago I visited the home of a well-known Nisei in the Southland, as they refer to it in California. I recall seeing a realistic-looking six-shooter in a realistic-looking "fast-draw" leather holster, all hanging at the bottom bannister of the stairs. (The reason it was all so realistic-looking was because they were the genuine articles.) I suspect that this represented a fulfillment to this Nisei of one of this boyhood hangovers in which he was now indulging himself since he could now afford it. To tell the truth, I must confess to a very vague stirring within me when I see some neat-looking boy's cowboy outfit, recalling my boyhood yearning for a cowboy outfit that I never got as I paged through the Montgomery Ward catalog.

IF YOU THINK that Southland Nisei and I are the only ones with vestiges of mores and habits of the '30s, I refer you to another nameless Nisei who happens to be a rather well-to-do (aren't they all?) doctor. With all his financial resources, he sometimes travels cross-country by train (which is understandable, if you happen to like trains) but by coach.

I SOMEHOW SUSPECT that some of you out there, particularly if you happen to be a Nisei who experienced part of the '30s, also have some habits that are carry-overs from those days.

And I suggest one need not be paranoid about it; in fact, there are some very positive, indeed healthy, aspects to the syndrome: We are secure in the assurance that no matter what happens, including depression and material poverty, we can damn well survive. In fact, a number of us refer nostalgically to those bleak days as the "good ol' days".

AND IF YOU think about it, that's quite a load off one's mind.

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Wada also found time to write numerous articles for purchasing publications, serves on the Cook County health

and his family worship, six years as a Little League coach-manager and three years with Junior Achievement. He and his wife, Phyllis, have three children.

His father, Gosaku Wada, was a bollermaker for the Union Pacific at North Platte until his retirement. He died in 1969. His mother Hina lives with his sister and brother-in-law, the Paul Kamizukas, in Kansas City, Mo.

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HAWAII TODAY — About 10,000 young people leave Hawaii for the Mainland every year in search of jobs, according to Rep. Spark Matsunaga, who says the State must create more job opportunities. Hawaii's unemployment rate, Matsunaga said, has been worse than the national average in recent years. . . . Rep. Patsy Mink has repeated her intention to run for the U.S. Senate next year—no matter what Sen. Hiram Fong or Rep. Spark Matsunaga plans to do in 1978. She said a formal announcement could come in October-November.

EDUCATION — Prof. Frederick Tom of Cornell University was named acting dean for the new Univ. of Hawaii's Hilo Branch college of agriculture, succeeding Robert Ota, who resigned to accept a job with the Bank of Hawaii. . . . Students who smoke in Hawaii public schools this year will be subject to suspension or dismissal. The State Board of Education deferred action on a one-year experimental program that would designate open areas on campus for smoking for students 15 or older. . . . St. Augustine's School in Waikiki, according to a Catholic diocesan fact-finding committee, is "a disaster" from an organizational point-of-view. The PTA is demanding its principal last year, Sister Anna

Kamaka, be reinstated and removing management and administration of the school from the jurisdiction of the pastor, Fr. Anselm Gouveia.

State Board of Education has made the following appointments: Mrs. Lucetta Fudge, program specialist at State School Libraries; Janet James, principal, Aiea Elementary School; Maile Akana, principal, Kailani School; Doris Choi, vice principal, Hahaione School; Ronald Toma, district curriculum specialist; Tetschi Saito, principal, Ilahi Elementary School; Tsugio Suzuki, principal, Makalapa School; Edward Kawamoto, principal, Makakilo School; Nellanette Tyau, principal, Pohaika Elementary School; Isaac Balicanta, principal, Maili School; and Mike Hara, vice principal, Kailani School.

Edmund Toma, director of safety and security, Dept. of Education; John Wollstein, program specialist for foreign languages; David Moriyma, Washington Intermediate principal; Billy Southwood, Niu Valley Intermediate principal; Shinichi Watanabe, Kawanakoa principal; Thelma Nip, v.p. Farrell Intermediate; Stanley Igawa, Laupahoehoe High principal; George Miyashiro, v.p. Hilo Union Elementary; Ralph Murakami, Lihikai Elementary principal; David Keala, Lahaina-Luna principal; Stephen Petro, Kuloana principal; Roni Kula, Molokai High principal; Nichols Beck, v.p. Hanalei Elementary; Thomas Muramaru, v.p. Kapa'a High and Intermediate; Hideyasu Fukuhara, v.p. Pearl City High; and Matthew Kaonahi, v.p. McKinley High.

BUSINESS TICKET — There's a glut of unsold condominiums in Makiki, McCully and Waikiki. Nearly half, according to Dillingham Corp., are unsold. . . . Tokyo Broadcasting System Pacific has sold its Imperial Hawaii Hotel, Lewers St., Honolulu, for \$8.5 million to a hui headed by Calvin Lui, owner of Hawaiian Adventure Tours.

Japan Today

CHROMIUM HORROR — Ten years ago Nippon Chemical Industrial Co. dumped its chromium slag in Horecho marsh in Edogawa-ku, Tokyo. It hardened enough for homes to be built but the slag was toxic. When it rained, a stream beside the pile turned a deep yellow. On windy days, dust from the pile swirled, causing skin diseases. Finally in August, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government ordered the firm to detoxify the area and cover it with asphalt. . . . Mainichi Shimbun reported 30 had died in Japan of lung cancer because of chromium poisoning. 13 of them in Yubari, Hokkaido. Other cases were reported in Tokushima, Chiba and Hiroshima where chromium producing plants operate. Survivors banded together to seek compensation. . . . In Tokushima, a university team added toxic manganese to the list of fatal pollutants.

. . . In Tokyo, high-rise apartment (danchi) complexes in Koto, Edogawa and Sumida wards were subjected to chromium tests as these had been built under its urban renewal program on sites that were once factories, which used the slag on landfills. While chrome is familiar as a plating metal, industrial application of chromium compounds are used in dyes, pigments, printing ink, metal preservatives and for synthesis of pharmaceuticals and for analysis work. Concern over chromium poisoning has spawned two words, "hexavalent chromium" or "hexachrome", into popular usage as this is the most toxic chrome compound.

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LOS ANGELES — The USC Asian American Tutorial Project has initiated its sixth year of service to immigrant communities, such as English as

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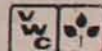
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PC's People



OMAHA—Mitsuo Kawamoto, who heads his own consulting firm in urban planning and landscape architecture here, was elected secretary-treasurer of the American Society of Landscape Architects at its 75th annual meeting in mid-July at San Antonio, Tex. He is also Mountain Plains JACL district governor who hails from Fowler, Calif., finishing Michigan State in urban planning and a master's degree in landscape architecture in 1957 from Iowa State.

Education
Former Seattle JACL president Ben Nakagawa has been named principal of Hawthorne Elementary School. A teacher since 1961, he advanced to vice principal and associate principal in various schools prior to becoming principal at Genesee Hill in 1971 and at the new Wing Luke Elementary School the same year before taking his sabbatical in 1973-74. . . . U.S. authority on Chinese and Japanese art, Dr. Charles D. Weber of Manhattan Beach, Calif., is acting associate dean in fine arts at the USC School of Architecture and Fine Arts. He hails from Newport, Ky., and taught at UCLA, Univ. of Bridgeport, Hunter College, Brooklyn College and Univ. of Hawaii.

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Health
Dr. Rodger Kame, Los Angeles optometrist was guest lecturer at the Utah Optometric Assn. congress in Salt Lake City, speaking on the use of microscope in general and contact lens practice. As lecturer and clinical instructor in contact lenses at the Southern California College of Optometry and vice president of the Los Angeles County Optometric Society, he has lectured to many professional groups and postgraduate seminars.

Government
Los Angeles City Human Relations Commission re-elected Jessie Mae Beavers and Toshiko S. Yoshida as president and vice-president, respectively, for another year. Toshiko is spearheading a 1976 Bicentennial program saluting each day a single, living woman who has helped significantly to advance human welfare. Long Beach City Councilwoman Eunice Sato was named alternate delegate to the So. Calif. Assn. of Government's general assembly being held in October. Mayor Thomas Clark and City Manager John Mansell of Long Beach, Calif., appointed 80 civic leaders to serve on various city commissions. Among them were Dr. Y. Fred Fujikawa, human relations; Dr. Saburo Takehita, senior citizens; and Dr. John Kashiwabara, Municipal golf.

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U.S. Bicentennial
Chicago film producer Henry Ushijima has been commissioned by National Assn. of Realtors to produce a U.S. Bicentennial documentary, "Uncle Sam—The Man and the Legend", with actor E.E. G. Marshall as narrator. Film is being shot in Troy, N.Y., where the real "Uncle Sam" (Samuel Wilson) spent most of his life.

Radio-TV
On the Seattle KOMO-TV staff since 1969, Michael Eguchi has been named traffic systems manager for the ABC affiliate. Son of the Hiro Eguchi, he had been working while going through college, graduating from UW in radio-TV in 1970 and currently

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Welfare
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& Places
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Rafu Dai-ichi Gakuen Gakuyu
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Cleveland
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