Ancient stone anchors off California shores cited as pre-Columban visit by Asian sailors

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—An ar­chaeologist said he is now convinced that Oriental sailors “discovered” the New World more than 1,000 years before Christopher Columbus.

Dr. James R. Mortary, professor of archeology and history at the Univ. of San Diego, said he believes that the most compelling ev­i­dence of early trans-Pacific voyages is four Oriental stone anchors found in the ocean floor off Southern California.

The subject was present­ed May 20 at a lecture spon­sored by the local chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America at the univer­sity.

“Investigations of the sites and analysis of the anchors have demon­strated their origin and some reason­able estimate of their age,” he said in an inter­view. “They are approx­i­mately 1,500 to 2,000 years old.”

One of the doughnut-shaped anchors was dredged up from a depth of over 1,000 meters off Santa Clara Island, near Los An­geles, said Mortary, who is known for his research verifying the auth­entic character of the an­chors. “The material of the anchors was found in shell middens which he refused to identify.”

“The sites are still under investigation and we don’t want them plundered by a bunch of divers,” he explained. “You see, they are in the Los Angeles-Santa Barbara area.”

Mortary and his team of anchors have been under intensive study for over a year and, he said, “are more con­sistent than specifi­cally dated by chem­i­cal techniques, a comparison with a number of materials has erased doubts about their origin and antiquity.”

We can now say that these stone anchors originated in the Asian mainland,” he said.

Mortary also cited much of the research verifying the authe­nic character of the an­chors for the Demo­Letic Pear­son of Los Angeles, an underwater archeologist. “The site is a recent­ly study of West Coast historical records that estab­lished that Chinese and Ja­panese mariners made at least 27 “accidental voy­ages” to North America in the past, and that the anchors were made in historical times up to 1919.

“Of all the vessels were junk-like ships and boats not much different or less sea­worthy than ancient A­ian vessels,” he said. “It seems reasonable that acci­dental voyages of Chinese mariners of what they called the “Diety Island” would also could have occurred in prehistor­ic times.”

Mortary counts as addi­tion­al evidence the discovery of broken pottery in Peru, which although it was A­merican made, bears a distinctive pattern of Japan.

Legend of Fu-Sang Mortary said that while some scientis­ts still quest­ion the evidence for trans-Pacific prehistoric voyages, a growing number of invest­i­gators are accepting the theory.

He said the more dis­cussive ar­chaeologist of the anchors, provide a possible ex­planation for the Chinese “Island of Fu”. The tale was writ­ten by a Buddhist monk in 60 A.D. The legend de­scribed a kind of strange herbs, fruits, and people.


Los Angeles—Kaz Ume­moto, in his second try for a legislative seat, ended No. 1 in the special 46th State Assembly District pri­mary last week (May 24).

A voter turnout of 32% ex­ceeded the county regis­ter prediction of 25% for the Nisei architect-urban planner garnered 2,064 votes (8.2%) in the 12-way race for the Democratic nom­i­nation. Front-runner Mike Roos faces Republican Sen. Nat Washington in the primary.

Undoubtedly dis­appointed with his tally, Ume­moto cried money was a de­cisive factor as Roos had$17,000 to $3,000.

If they keep involved we can win next time,” he said.

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WASHINGTON — Former Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield was sworn in as U.S. ambassador to Ja­pan on May 26 with ceremonies in the Capitol’s Old Senate Chambers.

Mansfield, present­ing his credentials to the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, said he believes that the two countries will continue to be strong partners in the future.

WASHINGTON — The Washington state legis­lature last week (May 27) passed the bill granting resi­dent tuition privileges to students whose parents are employees of foreign emp­loyers and here as nonim­migrants with an F-1 visa.

Pacific Northwest JACL District Governor Edward Yamamoto of Moses Lake, who spearheaded the cam­paign over the past several sessions, was told the bill is expected to pass this year.

JOYOBA oil sent to Tokyo perumery

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—A To­kyo-based cosmetic firm, Koi Plumper, will pur­chase 5,000 lbs. of jojoba oil at $5.00 per lb. from Apache Market­ing Cooperation As­sociation, in San Carlos, Ar­izona. Jojoba oil is known, natural substitute for the vanished sperm whale oil.

WASHINGTON — The govern­ing board of the National JACL has for­mal­ly adopted a “Message to the Japanese American Chris­tian Community” on the founding of the Japanese Gospel Society — first or­ganized by the Japanese Christian group in the U.S.

The message came May 6, with ceremonies in honor of the founding in Oc­tober.

Tape supplement for Nihongo textbooks in U.S. available

LOS ANGELES — Calif­ornia’s Japan-language Schools Assn. said its long­awaited tape cassette sup­plement prepared for Japa­nese-language students in America will be available in July.

The material, prepared under auspices of the Japa­nese Ministry of Education and funded by Japan Foun­dation Bank, is a tape cassette for the first and second grades, according to Yoshichika Ni­kaido, CCLA president.

Five additional sets are to be completed, according to Yoshiko Tanaka, who super­vised the taping sessions in Japan, and Osamu Mizutani, director of the Japanese Language Research Insti­tute.

CCLA emphasized the textbooks are needed to make use of the cassettes. JACL-sponsored classes may require by writing to: Japanese Language School Un­ited States of Am. 85 S. Moira Ave., Los Angeles 90006.
Pioneer Issei history located in new Santa Maria museum

SANTA MARIA, Calif.—On Mar. 28, a $1,000 cash donation was presented by President Pete Uyehara to the Santa Maria Valley Historical Society on behalf of the Issei pioneers in the Santa Maria Valley were presented by President Pete Uyehara to the Santa Maria Valley Historical Society.

In return, the historical society presented a plaque commemorating Issei pioneers for their contribution to the growth of the valley.

The presentation was made to Ted Bianchi, past historical society president, and Bud Ferguson, museum curator, at the county museum at 614 S. Broadway.

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JACL ad hoc group formed to job bias against Asian Americans

SAN FRANCISCO - Dr. Takesha of San Jose, Calif., has been named the chairperson of the JACL Ad Hoc Committee on Employment Discrimination of Asian Americans.

In making the appointment, JACL President James Murakami said: "The ad hoc committee will be reviewing all the data and information on employment patterns, employment policies, and other pertinent factors to be included in the study."

The ad hoc committee was organized by the JACL National Executive Committee at a special meeting, following a panel workshop on Employment Discrimination at the Triennial Convention in Reno, Nev. Dr. Taketa led the workshop at the Conference and has thorough background on employment problems.

Other ad hoc committee members are: Vice-President Mikio Uchijima of Fowler, Calif; Stim Suzuki and Florence Oki, all in San Jose; and Shig Sugiyama, past national pres., of Springfield, Va.

The JACL Legal Counsel will serve as a consultant to the committee, and members may be named at a later date.

The Committee hopes to compile data during the coming months and prepare a preliminary report for the JACL National Executive Committee meeting in Sep. 1977.

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Dr. Cunningham of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, said: "We are looking forward to the day when the Chinese people will be able to return to their homeland.

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

General Duties and Responsibilities

Under the general direction of the JACL National Executive Committee, the National Youth Director will:

1. Plan, implement, and/or coordinate programs and activities for Japanese American youth and Yats.

2. Provide technical assistance and general administration of youth and youth-related programs.

3. Conduct workshops and seminars which will be placed on the agenda for the Cultural Heritage Workshops, Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, Scholarships, and Student Aid.

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Further inquiries may be made to the Executive Director and application forms sent to JACL National Headquarters.

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Completion of Japanese Village Plaza projected for July 1978

Japanese Village Plaza—the artist's view

LOS ANGELES—Construction has begun on Japanese Village Plaza, a $5 million specialty theme shopping center in the Little Tokyo redevelopment area.

The project, permitting Little Tokyo's businessmen to continue their historic role of providing for community needs, was designed and funded by local businessmen, with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), which is also funding an adjacent building. The developer, David Hyun, an architect, and most of the 21 limited partners are long time area residents. The 2-4 acre plaza will reflect Japanese architectural tradition. The tiled, wood and stucco structures will flow from First to Second Street near Central Ave., through a winding, open mall in a setting characteristic of a small Japanese village, featuring blue tiles on roofs, exposed wood beams and windows reminiscent of ideal patterns.

In addition to the shops retailing such items as books, shoes and clothing stores, the CRA building will house district administration.

Friendship Garden koi back in pond

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Two years ago, parasite infested the pond at the Japanese Friendship Garden and over 600 Japanese koi died. In mid-May, the 170 which had been rescued and transferred to another lake in Kelley Park were returned to the pond.

City completed $17,000 worth of improvements to prevent a recurrence. Officials first tried to blame the dead koi to workers cleaning the pond, one of them a Nisei.

Yuppies thrive in Nisei Village

The population of the Japanese American Nisei Village has been growing rapidly as young, urban professional Japanese Americans move in. While a traditional Nisei community still exists on the north side of the area, a new community of Japanese Americans with a different emphasis has formed near the center of the village.

The new community is centered around a small shopping center called the Village Plaza, which was developed and is now being run by a local Japanese American business group. The center includes a variety of specialty shops, including restaurants, clothing stores, and a Japanese bookstore.

The business group, which includes some of the Village Plaza's owners, is also involved in community affairs, such as sponsoring events and supporting local organizations.

In addition to the shopping center, the area also includes some residential housing and additional community facilities, such as a community center and a Japanese cultural institution.

The growth of the Nisei Village has been driven in part by the increasing popularity of Japanese culture and cuisine among younger generations. The area has become a popular destination for both Japanese Americans and non-Japanese Americans alike.

San Jose's Fuji Towers now filled

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The 140-unit, six-story Fuji Towers for senior citizens is a year old and has 101 tenants. Some 32 residents and members of the San Jose Buddhist Church Housing Corp., sponsors, gathered April 20 to commemorate the opening.

Mrs. Natsumi Kimura was introduced as the first tenant by Jim Yamaichi, board chairwoman, Mrs. Kim Futagaki is the eldest and Mrs. Annie Witek is the senior of all at age 90.

Proposal for elderly housing was initiated in 1972. Henry Yaman served as chairman through the construction phase. Swenson Co. of San Jose built the project at No. 5th and Taylor. Sam Tashima is manager. Other board members include: Akira Kamaya, Yosh Uchida, Karl Tokunaga, Tom Tsuchida, Chaika, exec. ass't.; Yoromo Bopp, Yo-shina Aka, Frank Ingagi, May Washida, Mill Kinthish, Kiku Nishitani, Bill Thompson, George Yamaida, J.R. Ishimasa and Henry Yamate.

Issie church starts consumer protection

EL CERRITO, Calif.—With a one-year $7,500 grant from the National Organization for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ, the Sycamore Congregational Church began a consumer protection project with Japanese-speaking residents here in April.

The Rev. Kenichi Ota, graduate student at San Francisco Pacific School of Religion, is researching the extent of consumer problems within the Japanese-speaking community. Case studies are to be shared with other Japanese groups and consumer protection organizations.

Those with problems may call Rev. Ota (415-6288) or the Sycamore Church, 1111 Naveiller St. (525-0727).

Church bazaar

ALAMEDA, Calif.—The Alameda Buddhist Temple bazaar carnival will be held June 26-27 at the church grounds, 3250 Pacific Ave., with Ichiro Nakahara and Kiyoshi Naito as general chairman.

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JACL Insurance

Our organization presently provides health insurance coverage for approximately 17,000 Nisei and other former Japanese American evacuees, and we have been involved in the formation of the National Health Insurance Group, which was started in 1965. At that time, we felt a health insurance program should be made available to our members as an additional service for our hardworking and dedicated JACLers. As you know, insurance coverage is the type of program that group participation has advantages over individual participation.

In our plan’s short history, the membership has grown to about 12,500 subscribers and now involves five districts and a substantial surplus. Adjustment in benefits to account for inflation have greatly increased the total sum of payments. And as the rule of population growth decline, the fee has shifted more and more to the elderly side: there will be fewer workers contributing to the fund and a larger number collecting payments.

President Carter has made sweeping proposals to correct faults in the Social Security system, especially the elimination of the future benefit adjustment made five years ago, elimination of ceilings on the tax which employers pay based on a worker’s salary and allowing some of the personal funds from Treasury to make up slight income when unemployment goes over 6%. As expected, the President’s program has touched off a lively debate over who will foot the bill for funds needed to restore financial integrity to the system.

Since over 104 million Americans pay taxes into Social Security and some $3 million receive benefits, public attention to this debate will be widespread and the consequences—social and political—of whatever package Congress accepts will be manifold. It will become a striking example of how government, business and labor can work together to the public’s benefit. And since the debate has developed in the same corresponding period, many people have become more aware of Social Security.

Now that I am a co-chairman of the National Health Insurance Commission, I would like to take this opportunity to extend an appeal to all JACLers, especially those enrolled in our health insurance programs to set aside some of their spare time to participate and support our many local and national level activities. This participation can also be due to our insurance support.

Over the years, many of our members and their families have benefited by having the privilege to be a part of this program. In return, I would like to take this opportunity to show our gratitude by actively supporting us. I am sure they haven’t joined JACL just for insurance coverage.

In conclusion, I will interject an analogy which involves the false belief about the dog and his tail. The way things are going, our insurance program will evaporate unless we act. They can help us change this trend.

JACL National Chairman

San Francisco

Short Notes

Editor: Inadvertently, several words were

**Comment, Letters & Features**

Tell us what you think...briefly.

**JACL Insurance**

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We then thought of some basic facts. The truth is that the health care system in Japan is not turned off. Most simply, don’t know anything about the organization, its purpose, and its history. After a rather cursory overview of JACL highlighting its origin, size, organization, and goals, some of its more notable achievements, and the organization itself, the remaining issues might be possible. The solution of course, is to make mechanisms whereby the young people can come into contact with JACL and learn about its purpose and goals. I think that the time has come, and the balance should be encouraged.

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**Sense, you’re not ‘turn off’ JACL**

By FLOYD SHIMOMURA
Sacramento JACL

On Monday, May 9, I had the opportunity to speak to the History class at McClatchy High School. The subject is one I am particularly interested in, of course, JACL.

Most of the students were Asian. Many, I would guess, were not familiar with its history. After the last class discussion, I think most of us who are involved in JACL believe that teenagers are, for some reason, “turned off” to JACL. That is not true. In fact, it is not expected that all people will be enrolled in our health insurance program. But there are things that people must be aware of, such as lack of knowledge.

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By HICHI MATSUMOTO
(Sacramento JACL Newsletter)

We call ourselves fishermen but “hontoni yuttara” we’re “bento” fishermen. When we go to the market we pass the “buddhah” pattern of others: “how much will the ‘kanaka’ cost?” for translation. Editor.

**A fishing story with a Kanaka accent**

By GARY KAWATE & the J.R.

JACL and the “Good Guys Club”. It started this way: “Kaerishina” one Sunday afternoon after a day of basking in the sun in Keiki Beach, the tri-mariner skippered and manned by two hawses ran aground in the scoup of the incoming tides, wind piling in fast not to mention poor weather. Orders from her skipper (you must know who), all three of us from the overboard, the boat raced to the rescue and after some groaning and grunting had the boat in navigable waters in short time.

Thinking about it now, the “omoshiri” part is when all five of us were in the chan- deep waters and pushing the ili-mariner off the reef, the two haccies in union said “heave” and we budhadses said “yoisho”. The language different but the “imi” is the same and with everybody contributing his all, the difficult turned into a routine way.

On another Sunday, Gary “megu” tsaute caught all the fishes himself. The Beeg Fisherman’s total was a big “O” (tailentine) but made up for it by giving us “kawakiri” the kind big plastic bag you use for your trash. Him “ni kon su” lock and key. He pitched it on the floor, “sono mana” lock and key. He pitched it on the floor. Later on, the boat, he “wakere” the spoils into a plastic bag but “kawakiri” gave me to his customers. But they’re so greedy, he says.

We don’t know if we are the “the hard luck guy”. Always telling us how many big fishes Stanford Naka­ mura and he caught the last time out—they usually go on Wednesdays. Wonder if he told. Stanley the same thing on Sundays that he tells us on Sundays.

Our last time out, the “oakaya” kaukau we bought was tasty but the end result was not too good. Something that we ate must have “atta­ ru” us guys because all of us just wanted to “diah” or “driv” the mouth mouth. Everybody was looked up that the government failed to heed the interests of the local people.

The lesson of creating a better living environment, as we all know, is not limited to Narita.

**Historic Landmark**

Hotel del Coronado is being designated as a National Historic Landmark—where Edwin installed the lighting system in 1886, where seven Presidents (Harrison, McKinley, Taft, Wilson, Roosevelt, Johnson and Nixon) have slept, and only incidentally where the Pacific Southern Railway and San Diego JACL held a joint installation dinner nearly four years ago.

The honor being bestowed upon the 90-year-old hotel reminds us of JACL efforts a decade ago to have the monument for Nisei GIs at the wartime evacuation camp at Rohwer, Ark., similarly designated. Of all the camps, JACL continues to feel Rohwer has the most to muster the wide public support needed to convince the National Park Service.

**A Corner for Our Guests:**

**Lessons of Narita**

Removal of the symbolic steel towers at Narita, where local farmers and sympathizers oppose the opening of the new Tokyo International Airport, has cleared away a major obstruction but the basic problems continue—such as noise pollution, supply of jet fuel and transportation of passengers to and from the airport.

Many homes near the airport are still exposed to excessive noise. Airport authority is concerned about fuel supply since the union in charge has some extreme radical activists. And the question over adjusting the westward expansion of the Tokyo International Airport at Haneda and the new airport remains unresolved. The hope is that the problem is resolved before the new airport opens.

The problem has persisted on and off since the government failed to heed the interests of the local people.

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The Charm of ‘Genji’

Denver Colo.

You would hardly expect that a column on an 11th Century novel written by a Japane­
ese noblewoman would stir up much re­
son from Pacific Citizen readers. But af­
ter conducting this column for lo, these many years, I have learned that anything is possible.

The column of April 29 entitled The Tale of Genji resulted in communications from two readers, which is two more than most of these columns draw. They both make a point, or several of them, so I’d like to share them with you.

The first is from Warren Taeueishi of Bethesda, Md., who modestly failed to iden­
ify himself as chief of the Orientalia Divi­
tion, D.C. Let me quote from his letter:

“Bill Hosokawa is entitled to his likes and dislikes, and I can’t complain too much if he finds it difficult to stay with The Tale of Genji long enough to finish it since I have the same trouble myself with books I should read, like War and Peace. I find it a little sad, however, when he asks rhetorically: ‘Is it wrong or undesirable or unnatural or odd that a Japanese American should be more interested in African art, Indian sand painting, Italian operas, Russian literature, Renaissance painters or Strauss waltzes than kabuki and Hiroshima prints?’ Sad be­
cause Murasaki Shikibu’s Genji, as a mas­
terpiece of world literature, should be a part of the intellectual baggage of every modern reader—and not just Japanese or Japanese American readers.”

Then Dr. Taeueishi suggested that my basic orientation is “shoved toward things of value in the Western tradition,” one in­
dication being that I wrote that Johan Gut­
berg “invented movable type some 450 years after Lady Murasaki completed her manu­script.”

“Practically everyone,” Taeueishi ad­
monishes, “knows nowadays that printing in virtually all of its aspects was and is a Chinese invention.

“Paper was invented in China in the 3rd Century of the common era. Printing was

invented in China probably in the 8th Cen­
tury, although the earliest extant samples of printed texts come from the peripheries of the Chinese cultural sphere in the form of printed Buddhist texts from Korea (dated possibly 751 C.E.) and from Japan (dated ca. 767-770 C.E.).

“So printing was known in Japan for over 200 years by the time Murasaki committed her romance to paper in the first quarter of the 11th Century. Shortly thereafter, in the 1060’s, a Chinese documentary source in­
forms us that an artisan named Pi Shong invented ceramic movable type. The early use of cast bronze type in Korea is well known . . . Gutenberg’s ‘invention’ and con­
tributions were substantial; his printed books remain unsurpassed. He is indeed the father of modern printing—‘in the West—but he did not ‘invent’ movable type printing.’

Taeueishi concludes by promising to fin­
ish War and Peace if I agree to do the same for Genji. He also suggests that I read the new Seidenshooter translation instead of the older Waley. ‘Waley’s translation,’ he says, ‘is sometimes more his own invention than Murasaki’s fiction.’

The other communication is from Ruth Schneidemer of Whitestone, N.Y., who also en­
courages me to tackle Genji but gives me con­
tradicting advice: ‘Genji is really quite fascinating,’ she writes, ‘the Waley ver­
ion (is) more readable than the new Seid­
enshooter translation. Once you start, it grows on you and in my case, I could not put it down. I also had, like yourself, felt that I should read it, and was so immeasurably enriched and have since sought out various translations for the sheer pleasure of it. It has created in me an insatiable appetite for things and matters ‘Heian-jidai.’

As soon as I have stood in a corner for a reasonable length of time in penance for wrongly crediting Johan Gutenberg, I shall make another attempt at Genji. But maybe I’ll try Shogun first—no cultural master­
piece but a rousing tale nonetheless.
At the Garden dedication

chapter pulse

Eden Township

Eden Township JACL is gearing up for its 14th annual bazaar for the June 11-12 weekend. The Eden Japanese American Community Center will proceed with going to community work and maintenance of the center.

Japanese food will be featured in the dining area along with hot dogs, cake and refreshments. Doors open from noon to 4 p.m. Miya Miyahara and Ichinasho are co-chairs.

Eden Township JACL honored high school seniors last month at its fifth annual scholarship dinner May 21. About 75 members and friends were present at the event chaired by the Rev. Arthur Tsuneshi, scholarship chairman.

Rev. Oshta was fascinating in his talk about personal experiences and religious philosophy. He expounded old Buddhist myths related to practices in U.S. and modern Japan. Mr. Oshta said this task is a serious problem. It is a lively discussion followed and as a result there will be future meet the JACL and see if he will be "Do We Need JACL?"

Steve Nakajima, chair presented and explained that over 3,000 Orange County Japanese families have been asked to become members. JACL benefits and accomplishments were briefly explained and included in the mailing.

Multicultural Center

Portland

JACL of Portland JACL Folkfest Co-Chairman, Don Sakata, announced last April that plans were shaping up for the second Annual Portland Folkfest. Plans are needed from all Nikkei organizations to help with booth design and demonstrations. The JACL would like to be a part of the JACL. The center celebrates its fifth anniversary at a midday party Saturday, June 11, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Eden Japanese Community Center. Invitations have been sent to Japanese senior centers of Berkeley, Richmond and San Mateo. Program includes lunch and entertainment.

Mid-Columbia

Two more $200 awards will be given to the Mid-Columbia JACL, its annual commemorative for non-Japanese children in appreciation to the support the chapter has received from the community-at-large and many non-Japanese joining the JACL.

The chapter has been presenting three $300 JACL scholarships to Sansei graduates. From 1977, the chapter provides a total of $1,300 in scholarships.

San Fernando Valley

Outstanding students in San Fernando Valley will be recognized by the local JACL at the Japanese American Community Center during the annual scholarship awards program on Friday, June 3, 8 p.m. at the community center, 1295 H Street, Sylmar.

Eleven students will receive cash awards and 12 students are being cited for their academic achievement and leadership. The community will also honor Richard Stevens, adviser at Kennedy High School, who for years motivated many high school pupils. Guest speaker will be Warren Furutani, who will explore the importance of maintaining one's own cultural heritage.

Beverly Oyama, scholarship committee chairperson, is being assisted by Nancy Gohata, ence, and other members.

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BOISE, Idaho — The Boise Valley JACL will host the next Intermountain JACL Council meeting on June 25-26 weekend, according to the vice governor John Tamen.

Nisei Relays raises $300 check

Tad Ikemoto (right), v.p., Japan Hoyal Jelli America, Inc., presented a $300 check in support of Nisei Relays the Sunday (June 5) at West Los Angeles College. Accepting the contribution are Dr. Robert Watanabe (left), Relays co-chairman, and Glen Isomoto, Pacific Southwest JACL regional director.

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Taco Reunion set for August

TACOMA JACL. A reunion of former residents of the Tacoma Japanese Community is set for Aug. 12-14. The program includes a memorial service for the late Mr. and Mrs. Yasu- masu, principal of the pre-war Nikkon Gakko, tour of the city, banquet at the new Bi-Centennial Pavilion and picnic at Surprising Lake. A gathering of 400 is anticipated. Responses are being received from some former Tacominers as Dr. Tom Tamaki and Kaz Horiya, Pennsylvania; Ken Hayashi, Dr. Clif- ford Udvard and Yoko Nakamura, California; and the Kubo in New York. Yoko Nakamura, N.Y., is the contact.

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