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School board officials' remark on Buddha stirs controversy

New relief laws urged for atomic bomb victims in Japan

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Remarks about the Buddhist religion by David K. Marty, president of the Folsom-Cordova Unified School board, have drawn attention from members of the Anti-Defamation League and the local Japanese American Citizens League.

Marty said at a board meeting Aug. 2 he favored allowing students to leave school one hour each week to participate in a Christian religious instruction program but not for non-Christian programs.

"This country wasn't founded on Buddha," he said.

His comments evoked concern from Jim Rosenthal, director of the Anti-Defamation League, and Floyd Shimomura, president of Sacramento's JACL.

"We don't believe the board is acting with a vigorous protest," said Ruderman. "I'm frankly amazed at what he said. We'd like to talk with Mr. Marty to find out what he meant."

Shimomura said he plans to write a letter to the superintendent or to appear at the next meeting to protest the remarks.

"It's an outrage," said Shimomura. "I can't believe a chairman of a school board would hold views like that. I thought this battle was won two hundred ago."

Marty said Aug. 5 he thought he had made it clear he had withdrawn the statement during the meeting.

"As we were talking, I withdrew it," he said. "I have nothing against Japanese religion and I'd be glad to discuss the matter with them. He (Shimomura) is welcome to come to the board."

Marty also expressed his displeasure with fellow board member Joel Moskowitz, who had told Shimomura and Ruderman about Marty's comments.

"Every opportunity he gets, Mr. Moskowitz makes an issue," Marty said. "If I called the press every time I disagreed with something he said, I'd be calling the press all the time."

Moskowitz and Marty clashed in May when Moskowitz claimed some of the topics discussed in executive sessions were illegal.

The board discussed release time for Christian instruction after a citizen, Annie Jerrett, asked for board approval to distribute materials and to offer a nativization Bible course she is offering.

Mrs. Jerrett said her group, called the Greater Sacramento Released Time Christian Education Program, plans to implement the course for students in grades 4-6.

She asked that the students be allowed to leave school for an hour each week to be in the program and that enrollment forms be sent home with the students.

"Although the other board members agreed not to be against it, Marty said he favored it."

"I'm perfectly willing to go along with it because I feel, as Mrs. Jerrett said, this is a Christian nation," Marty said. "You know we wonder sometimes, it was founded on the word of God."

Moskowitz then asked if Marty was implying he would object to a non-Christian group seeking release time for students.

Marty: "Well, give me an example."

Moskowitz: "Well, for example, we have a Japanese community and Marty: "This country wasn't founded on Buddha."

Moskowitz: "No, I understand that but, for example, there's a church near us—It's Ge- dank, I think, in Philip's religion. They're an established church in Rancho Cordova, been there for many years. Say they had a release time, now would you say that they couldn't do that?"

Marty: "I would."

(General Church of America is a relatively new Buddhist sect which was started by the Rev. Kiyota in 1938—about the time it was organized in Japan seeking to understand its religion and its relation with human problems.)

The question of whether the district should grant release time for religious instructional purposes was referred to the county counsel for an opinion.

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HIROSHIMA, Japan — It was a big turning point in the anti-bomb movement in Japan as a unified ban-the-bomb conference was held here on Friday (Aug. 26). It was sponsored by the community-affiliated Genesukin (Japan Council Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs) and the Socialists-supported Gensuikin (Japan Congress Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs).

Called the 1977 World Conference for a Ban on Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs, it was attended by foreign delegates, including five from the Soviet Union who came for the first time in 11 years, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Sean MacBride of Ireland and Philip J. Noel-Baker of Britain.

The conference ended with a call for international action to abolish all nuclear weapons. The 120 delegates from 30 nations proposed the adoption of an international treaty against nuclear weapons and against war (in the event of destruction during next year's special UN General Assembly on Disarmament).

The appeal was handed to Hamilton Amerashe of the British National Union, the Ni- chibenren (Committee for visiting Japan.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Sumitomo Bank of California vigorously denied charges of discrimination leveled by representatives of several Bay Area women, black and Hispanic groups who rallied in front of the bank headquarters this past week (Aug. 3).

About 15 placard-carrying demonstrators gathered at a press rally, demanding the bank improve its affirmative action program. The group seeks the implementation of 12 organizations, including the NAACP, NOW, Hispanic Women's Network and the Women Organized for Employment.

The protesters said Sumitomo has one of the "worst bank records of the entire state in the area of affirmative action."

They demanded that the bank adopt an "acceptable" hiring plan for women with goals and timetables.

And they urged the state Department of Employment to deny Sumitomo's pending application for a bank of California branches until that plan has been implemented and reviewed.

Sumitomo officials vigorously defended their program of hiring women and minorities. As of May, 1977, bank officials said, 64 per cent of the 776 employees were women, including Asian women and 39 per cent were considered "minorities"—Japanese, Filipino and Mexican.

Of its 776 employees, 81 per cent are American citizens, the bank spokesman said, with 80 per cent of the remainder, the bank officials being minorities.

However, he noted that the bank does not consider Americans of Japanese ancestry as belonging to an ethnic minority.

At least two of the banks have black managers, they said.

He added that the bank has operated under a federally-approved affirmative action program, abiding by it, if not exceeding, all legal requirements.

A federal district court ruled last year in a civil rights class and individual action brought against the bank by the Asian Law Caucus that the Sumitomo Bank of California does not discriminate against women in its hiring, promotion, compensation or termination policies.

Sumitomo officials said the claim being made by the protesters that bank will not hire Negroes and Japanese women and minorities when it acquires the 19 Bank of California branches is false.

At least two of the banks will have blacks as managers.

"In reality, the new branches, by expanding the bank's pool of local and demographic scope will enable the affirmative action program to be even more effective in reaching, attracting and hiring members of qualified segments of ethnic minority background," they said.

As for the new branches, the transfer may not be made for several months and Sumitomo's performance record should be "Togetherness'..."

EDC/MDC theme manifested at Washington in Japan

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Garden, fountain dazzle Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES — A highlight of the New Otani Hotel and Garden, opening Sept. 1, is its authentic Japanese natural earth garden "in the sky." Augmenting the space and placing a strong accent on the hotel’s interest in aesthetics is the symbolic fish-shaped fountain (still under construction) that centers the urban park facing the hotels and arms Angeles and First Streets and brings the cost of these two elements to more than $2 million in dollars.

The Japanese garden is one of the nation’s first man-made natural earth gardens in the sky, according to Allen Fong of Fong & LaRocca Associates, landscape architects who have executed the plan. The original concept was created by the famed Japanese landscape architect Isamu Noguchi, who has been at work two years.

The garden’s stream and the elements are centered upon seven foot waterfall, providing a romantic point from which the hotel’s "A Thousand Cranes" restaurant all of which of the garden’s elements are authentic to an Japanese garden, as is the bridge, the enormous Sado red stones, and lanterns. Over looking the garden is a 1,500 square foot stone terrace for special events.

LOS ANGELES — Takeo Atsumi, president of Kajima Corp., has been invited to join U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, who was announced as grand marshal.

Atsumi, the company’s president, said his grandfather, Dr. James Tsumuraya, who has been chairman of the board, has held the position since 1950. Tsumuraya, who is a former member of the House of Representatives, is currently a member of the board of directors of the company.

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Nisei Week parade route expanded

Los Angeles — With more participants, a new theme and the expanded OJ (Operation Japantown) parade, Nisei Week ono parade and the route expanded to nine blocks, there will be ample curbside space to accommodate the expected 50,000 spectators on Saturday, Aug. 28, in Little Tokyo.

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EDITORIALS:
The Buddha Remark

Under California law, a school district may permit students to be released from public school during certain hours for participation in religious activities. Twice a year, the school is obligated to inform parents that this is possible with their permission. This is in accordance with Education Code Section 3088.

A group known as the Greater Sacramento Religious Education Foundation (GSRF), a religious organization formed in the area, has been advocating for the right of students to participate in religious activities during school hours. The GSRF has been successful in securing permission for students to attend religious services during school hours, and has even provided funding to support these activities.

However, the GSRF's advocacy has raised concerns among some community members, who argue that it is inappropriate to allow students to leave school during the school day to attend religious services. These concerns are often based on a misunderstanding of the law, which actually allows students to attend religious services during school hours without violating the constitution.

Moreover, allowing students to attend religious services during school hours can have a positive impact on students, as it can help them develop a sense of community and belonging. It can also provide an opportunity for students to learn more about their faith and to develop a sense of responsibility for their actions.

In conclusion, the GSRF's advocacy for the right of students to attend religious services during school hours is not only consistent with the law, but also has the potential to benefit students in a variety of ways. It is therefore important that the GSRF continues to advocate for this right, and that schools and communities work together to ensure that students have the opportunity to participate in religious activities during school hours.
Salt Lake City

If life be but a forty, the decline begins at fifty. Only a few days into this golden year, I notice the encroachments changing. Nothing drastic yet, but the apparent falling apart. The hair whitens and the mind wanders.

One is no longer certain of the direction of life or of the significance of the things that happen. They assume the appearance of being unimportant. The war is being waged and there is no time of choosing for us, unless we choose to rely on old disciplines. Part of us returns to Japan. Bent nightly over her desk are the hands of her children that were far from sufficient. She has little time to think. She is springtime in the park. I see the garish lights of na". And I do not know if the wind is often carried the foul-smelling bed, she says, "If the wind is often carried the foul-smelling bed, she says, "I thought it would be. She who even in her last years, had bent nightly over her desk, writing with unbroken discipline. I was the first and last to note that I disobeyed her code of facing up.

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calendar

August 18-20
NC-WNDC—JAY'S Tri-District Conference, UC-Davis, Sac dis­cussion at San Francisco. Aug. 20 (Saturday) Alameda—Bowling Awards dur, alumni City—Banquet Festival, Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, 6:30 p.m.

August 21 (Sunday) Monterey Peninsula—St. Cecilia Day, Indian Village, Pebble Beach. NC-SNDC—Unique arts in Salinas Valley JACL, host, Salinas Court Cir., 10 a.m.

August 24 (Wednesday) Contra Costa—Baseball Night, Aves vs. Tanners, Coliseum.

August 25 (Thursday) Sacramento—Miss Nisei Ball, 7:30 p.m.

August 27 (Saturday) Contra Costa—Baseball Night, West Los Angeles—JACL volleyball tournament.


1980 convention date tentative

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The 1980 National JACL convention, chaired by John Yasumoto, recently indicated the tentative date will be the first week of August while the search continues for a convention site. JACL will be celebrating its 50th year.

Following subcommittees have been organized: Arrangements—Mike Ino (711-5984), Program & Activities—Gary Nakamura (445-0464). Special Activities—Greg Marutani (550-2001).

More seats open for Sept.—Oct. flights

SAN FRANCISCO—Additional seats are now available on JACL Group Flights No. 9, Sept. 25-Oct. 16. And No. 10, Oct. 12-17, both departing via JAL from San Francisco, it was announced Aug. 11 by the National JACL Travel Committee.

chapter pulse

— Cleveland

A busy November is in store for Cleveland JACL, as it prepares for the Nov. 12 Holt L. S. Shiro and Craig Sakaguchi, Jr. High and hosting the annual Midwest District Youth Workshop for Thanksgiving weekend.

Holiday Fair of arts & crafts and food will be held to include the showing of a Japanese movie in the school auditorium in an admission sale with proceeds to be shared by JACL and owner of the article. A call was also made to save unneeded jewelry and home items for use on the Surprise Tree.

The chapter picnic on Saturday, Sept. 26, will be held in the Neosha Camp in Leesville.

— Downtown L.A.

Downtown L.A. JACL announced its annual Dog Night on Friday, Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m., when the host team St. Louis. Tickets at $2.50 are available for reserved seats behind home plate at the three banks in Little Tokyo California First, Sumitomo and Mitsubishi.

Nonmembers are being charged the regular $3 rate.

— Las Vegas

Las Vegas JACL announced October will be luau month. Chairman Don Frazier has set a tentative date of Oct. 16 at Paradise Park. Details are likely to be firming by the next chapter meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, 8 p.m. at Osaka Restaurant. A Japanese movie may be shown after the Sept. 12 meeting.

— San Francisco

San Francisco JACL has already allotted open Blue Shield enrollment

SAN FRANCISCO—Following a series of meetings with the Mountain Plains District JACL Chairmen representing the states of Colorado and Nebraska, the following chairpersons were designated to handle the application for the Special Open Enrollment that is being offered starting July 15 through Sept. 1, 1977 for an effective date of Oct. 1, 1977.

A goal of 200 has been set by Blue Shield for this enrollment.

Issei Service Center party coordinator, community aides

FRESNO, Calif.—Now in its third year, the Issei Service Center, sponsored by Central Valley JACL, District Council, has hired Kathy Sumida as coordinator and two community outreach aides Donald Tsu­ma and Craig Sakaguchi.

At the same time, the hot dogs meal was started last month to serve 350 fresh­ly Japanese in Fresno count­y. They meet for lunch at the local Buddhist Church annex.

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lease, explanation was given to the California Rent Assistance board (75.50 percent) for senior citizens with less than $5,000 house­hold income, $1976, to allow funds to certain Fresno city utility users and of lectures on social security.

The center is located at 912 E. 12th Avenue.

Birthday party

FRESNO, Calif.—The mostly Issei Service Center birthday party was held Aug. 15 at the Fresno Buddhist Church, honoring 11 Issei born during the month of August. Newly­appointed Service Center coordinator Kathy Sumida and community outreach aides Donald Tsu­ma and Craig Sakaguchi, were also intro­duced.

Community groups have joined San Francisco JACL in planning for a picnic ten­tative set for Sunday, Oct. 15 at 9:30 at Golden Gate Park. Those with ideas may call Mike Ino, chapter president (771-5884). Ty Kawa­se of Komochi Kais (568-6266) or Richard Furukawa for information.

Sequoia

Sequoia JACL launched its seniors citizens program when it chartered a bus June 9 for a trip to San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. Twenty-five senior cit­izens accompanied by 11 es­corts enjoyed a tour of the Asian Art Museum present­ed in Japanese by curator Yoshiko Kakudo.

Group will determine fu­ture programs. On the sen­ior citizens committee are: Kaye Pomper, Sherry Sato, S. Tamura and Mrs. Kaye Saagawa.

The chapter also held Assertiveness Training ses­sions in June. Such matters as how to handle the situation when one is called a "jap" or when one hears it used in place of the word "Japanese" were discussed by Janelle Louie, who led the sessions.

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Midwest regional office to stay open

On the subject of scaling down the operations of the regional office, Hibi notes, "If the situation is to be scaled down, professional staff need to be eliminated or at least reduced to part-time. This would substantially change the nature of the activities in which the office could be involved, particularly if professional staff were to be totally eliminated."

While many of the activities in which the regional office has been involved have direct impact on Chicago Asian Americans, Hibi adds that the results of such activities could well have implications regionally and nationally.

In other items for consideration, the Midwest Council formed a task force comprised of Cincinnati members to identify problems and develop programs concerning racial intermarriage couples and the JACL. The Council also voted to contribute $30 to the newly established George Roth pension fund.

Midwest Comments

E-D-MC Concerns

Three concerns which were discussed at the E-D-MC Convention were inter-marriage, Asian American perspective, and the non-involvement of Sansei in JACL. Each of these issues seems to have surfaced again and again in the organization during the last few years.

In raising the issue of inter-marriage, the Hoosier Chapter explained that it often appeared as if the JACL was for American-born Japanese only, and that many former servicemen and their Japanese-born wives were not sure whether or how they "fit in." During the program on Asian American perspective, a few JACL members expressed the conviction that JACL needed to be more concerned and involved with other Asian American groups. And, as what is now a common occurrence in JACL get-togethers, a number of persons lamented the non-involvement of Sansei at all levels of the organization.

It seems to us that the common question in these three concerns is whether or not the JACL is going to expand from its traditional Nisei orientation in attitude and programming.

Many of our recent national organizational efforts such as the resolution of Executive Order 9066, the pardon of Iva Toguri, civil service and social security retirement credit for internees, and reparations are all clearly World War 2 related. Whether these are of concern for internees, and reparations as education for their children, to assume responsibility for related. While these are of concern, "radical" organization,

SPEAKING OUT:

Three Locallons

Kawanishi's response to the President of the U.S. or the Congress recesses in the fall. EDC-MC Joint Session was a "discovery of panel discussions and the separate EDC and MDC meetings.

Included were resolutions supporting the National Academy for Peace and Conflict Resolution, the concept of ERA, the Salt Lake City National JACL Convention in 1978, and the updating of the JACL committee on retirement matters.

We hope that some of the people who expressed interest in inter-marriage, American Asian activities, and Sansei involvement will not simply sit back and ask that the JACL do something about it, but instead make the effort to ensure that it is done. As the saying goes, "you can't complain unless you do something about it."

Michigan

"...a Madison fellow, allocating $2,000 to Washtenaw Front for the "Michigan Government and JACL". Hid Hasegawa of Idaho Fells, a "radical" nominations chairman. Ken Nodzu, second vice governor and program activities chairman, reaffirmed quartely reports should be updated. These will be the base is for the IDC chapter of the biennium honors.

Takemoto is making arrangements for the next quarterly meeting set for Sept. 24 at Two Falls, Idaho. Dr. Robert C. Sims, associate professor of history at Boise State University, spoke after dinner on his current research, "Japanese Americans in Idaho, bearing a feaibility study for a film and the assimilation of Japanese Americans after World War II.

Wayne Yamana, Boise State student, presented his slide-lud, "Idaho's Japanese in the State's Growth", which was funded by the Idaho Association for the Humanities.

Terry Yamada was dinner emcee, Yoshiko Takahashi offered invocation at the no-host dinner.

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Diverse Views Healthy

By HENRY TANAKA

Diverse views from our JACL officers are encouraged. Oppressed membership are essential to the process of informed and responsible decision making. I appreciate Masary Odo and Richard Kawanishi's response to my recent article (PC July 22). We need JACLers who are willing to speak up. I'm still waiting.

My plea for JACL to continue its active role as a human rights organization was unfortunately misinterpreted (PC Aug. 5). For the record, National JACL did not call for or support any effort to impeach the President of the U.S. or the JACL.

In fact, in both cases, JACL advocated for a fair hearing and justice system before any possible statement be made on the merits of impeachment.

Richard Kawanishi's concern that JACL must take a "radical" organization has little cause for alarm. As a matter of fact, most JACLers Tend to be moderate. The extreme liberals or conservatives are likely to make significant impact on JACL.

To me, a responsible advocate is one who respects the views of his adversaries. He engages in rational, logical and sensible ways to advocate his facts-based position.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—If the Cardinals thought enough of Ryan Kurosaki to give him a five-week test, why haven't they given a man his chance for a sharper pitch at least a Triple A look? If you have the answer, send it C.O.D. to the 25-year-old right-hander, care of the Arkansas Travelers of the Texas League (AA), his address for the third straight straight.

Kurosaki is anxious to get back to Busch Stadium, where he played briefly in 1975 when he was setting the Texas League on fire and the Cards were at one of their lowest points. His ERA was below 2.0 when St. Louis called him up. He stayed five weeks, worked in seven games, pitched 13 innings but his ERA was fat 7.62.

Currently, the Honolulu native has lowerered his ERA to 2.34—his best since his rookie season at Modesto in 1974. Through July 10, he has pitched in 33 games, worked 69 innings, allowed 77 hits, given up 18 earned runs, struck out 44 and walked 19.

Such figures leave Kurosaki with one question: "Why won't St. Louis give me a shot at Triple A? If I had a chance on that level and bombed out, then I wouldn't be complaining."

Arkansas Manager Tom.

Seattle golfers in 1000 Club play

SEATTLE, Wash.—Jim Matsukura and Luana Yoshi- no were chosen for the inaugural Seattle JACL 1000 Club golf tournament played July 31. The selection was done by chairman Bob Sakahara and his committee. The club was started by the Japanese American Citizens League.

Matsukura is a 54-year-old man and the husband of Florence Matsukura, who is the president of the Japanese American Citizens League of the state of Washington.

Matsukura was chosen for his golfing ability and his contributions to the club.

TOKYO, Aug. 17—U.S. Army Capt. William C. Joiner, a 25-year-old Marine from California, was named the American Legion's national youth athlete of the year.

The Legion is the nation's largest patriotic organization.

Joiner, who was born in San Francisco, is a member of the U.S. Olympic team and a member of the U.S. Army team.

He won the national cross-country championship in 1975 and the national championship in 1976.

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Pioneer Issei landscaper retires at 87

Last time the PC carried a story about this Issei, he was seen mowing the bronze statue of Seisho-ten at Manzanar (Apr. 25, 1977). In eliciting nationwide interest in Japanese-American gardens, Mr. Kado, now 87, started working for the Catholic cemeteries here in 1946. He began his grotto building in Southern California nearly 20 years earlier.

A convert to the Catholic faith in 1929, he was confirmed Peter, which means rock. That was the year he built his first of approximately 75 religious grottoes and shrines, reflecting the different places of devotion in Japan, including a 30-foot Lourdes grotto at Immaculate Conception Church in downtown Los Angeles.

In 1954, on Lincoln's Birthday, Ryozo and Hana Kado took the oath of allegiance as American citizens.

"It is a real privilege. I am happy to become an American citizen and aim to be a good American," Mr. Kado said.

In retirement he plans to go on building Lourdes grottoes, but smaller ones, miniature tableau models for his friends. He also has his hobby of growing miniature bonsai trees. And he will continue as a consultant for landscaping at the cemeteries.

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Asians saluted in western Penna.

SHARON, Pa. — Ethnic background of Shenango Valley in western Pennsylvania was saluted by the Herald in a 12-page Heritage edition June 28. Prominent coverage was given to Masashige Moriyose, 75, and his wife.

Moriyose came to America as a lad of 10, studied in San Francisco, did graduate work in electrical engineering at Cornell University and then joined Westinghouse in 1924. They were the only Japanese couple in the valley for years. Since the war, some Japanese brides have settled with their Caucasian husbands.

In the past decade or so, some 60 Korean immigrant families have settled in the area including Shenango Valley, Youngstown and Ashtabula, Ohio.
Enola Gay' co-authors tell of Americans killed in A-bomb blast

A new book, "Enola Gay" by British writers Gordon Thomas and Max Morgan Witts, tells of American prisoners of war who were captured two weeks earlier were among the 23 American prisoners of war who had been taken prisoner in the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945.

For 32 years, this information has been suppressed, co-author Thomas said in a recent interview in London. (In 1970, when the documents in the United Press International archives listed the names of American POWs in Hiroshima, the American army in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hiroshi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission as a member of the United Press International after Hirohi Yamagda, the Japanese officer in charge of the 2...
Japan germ warfare test called 'living cemetery'  

TOKYO—A Japanese television documentary charged last November that Japan had conducted germ warfare tests involving as many as 3,000 Chinese prisoners during World War II through various local, national, and international trials.

In a high-security camp near Harbin, Manchuria, from 1941-1945, the scientists allegedly killed prisoners by infecting them with various plagues, cholera, anthrax, and typhoid. The scientists escaped possible prosecution by sharing the findings with American occupation forces, according to William E. Brown, a reporter Haruko Yoshinaga.

"All the major documents were given to the United States," she said. "This is how we really don't know what happened between the two governments.

Yoshinaga traveled throughout Japan to track down 20 former members of the germ warfare unit, codenamed "Unit 731". The group was a part of the Chinese division of the infamous Japanese Kwantung Army.

Five former members of unit 731 told Yoshinaga they were promised complete protection in return for cooperation with U.S. authorities.

The Soviet Union charged in 1949 that Unit 731 was set up to conduct experiments on humans in preparation for bacteriological warfare. About 10,000 personnel were captured by the Russians and put in a camp in Ussuri.

A month before Japan's surrender, the unit's workers reportedly killed their remaining prisoners, dynamited the buildings to conceal their activities and fled to Japan.

In an interview with the Washington Star, one member of the unit, Dr. Scuo Akiyama, 58, said "731 was a death factory or a living cemetery." He said he and others were more involved in the experiments on living humans should be prosecuted.

When the unit disbanded the germ researchers were employed at major cities and never to speak of their work with 731, even with close relatives.

Silent for 30 Years

"I will regret it to my death," he said. "I spent for 30 years, and nothing can change that. These people were my friends and I didn't have the courage to condemn them."

Dr. Akiyama said he attended monthly meetings at which scientists from other divisions reported on death experiments. He described experiments in which some prisoners in groups were vacinated then all were exposed to a disease. Prisoners who survived once, he said, were subjected to continuing tests until they died.

According to Yoshinaga, some scientists in the death unit now hold eminent positions in government and leading universities.

Intermarriage in Japan rises

TOKYO—A total of 6,945 Japanese men and women married foreign nationals in 1975, according to a recent survey by the Health and Welfare Ministry. Total number of Japanese couples who were wed that year was 941,628.

Number of Korean men marrying Japanese women has been increasing while the number of Japanese husbands has been decreasing, the Ministry noted. The survey:

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Medicaiity of Sports

TOKYO—The Japan Amateur Sports Assn. hasn't given up its four-year fight to establish a Ministry of Sports to promote health through physical education. The ministry would unify sports and recreation-related administrations and documents were scattered in 11 ministries of government, with a budget of ¥1.5 billion. The campaign gained momentum during the recent Upper House election.

Construction business stays calm in quake-ridden Japan

TOKYO—A common fear among Japanese inhabitants is that of earthquakes. In any one day, a tremor shakes in some part of this island nation. And you’ll be surprised," said a young American student who asked whether the dining hall would collapse, "to learn that so many people, Japanese and foreigners alike, share the same concern.

The great Tokyo-Yokohama quake in 1923 left its mark in the minds of residents, who are now conscious of "earth mass and fire and destruction."

A resurgence of apprehension took place only a year ago, when a group of Japanese seismologists predicted another major quake would strike densely populated central Japan.

Some scientists predicted a tsunami, 60 miles west of Tokyo, as the center of a major event that would dwarf the 1923 disaster.

Yet there is one field in Japan unaltered by threats from earthquakes—the construction business.

What made them feel they were immune? One key figure in construction industry's sense of security is Dr. Yoshihide Muto, a renowned expert in earthquake architecture. A former university professor, Dr. Muto has spent his life devising a new method of construction—"flexible buildings" that sway to withstand strong earthquake jolts. He devised a "sitting wall" made of slabs of reinforced concrete with several slits in the wall to absorb the tremors.