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Mineta calls for better Asian/Pacific census data



Rep. Norman Mineta

WASHINGTON—Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.) has introduced HJ Res 567 which will require the U.S. Bureau of the Census and other executive departments to collect and publish reliable statistics that indicate the social, health, and economic conditions of Asian and Pacific Island Americans.

"The Census Bureau does not publish a single volume of census data for general distribution which provides detailed accurate characteristics on Asian and Pacific Island Americans by local planning areas such as census tracts, places of 2,500 to 10,000 in population, or by counties for any state," Mineta said.

"States with large numbers of Asian and Pacific Island Americans, such as Hawaii, Alaska, California, New York and Illinois are at a disadvantage when trying to request and implement funding from Federal programs because of the lack of detailed population characteristics for Asian and Pacific Island Americans."

Mineta went on to say that the dramatic increase in immigration from Asian and the Pacific Islands during the last 20 years has made it even more urgent to solve the census problem and that his bill will provide the more detailed survey of population characteristics which is necessary for the proper allocation of Federal, State and local resources.

280,000 Koreans live in U.S.

SEOUL—The number of Korean residents overseas has reached 1.05 million in 93 countries as of June 30, according to the Foreign Ministry. About 65 per cent live in Japan (653,000) and of the remainder, the United States accounts for 280,752; Canada, 21,345; and West Germany, 11,356.

School board official's remark on Buddha stirs controversy

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Remarks about the Buddhist religion by David K. Marty, president of the Folsom-Cordova Unified School District governing board, have angered leaders 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 for 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 Ruderman, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, and Floyd Shimomura, president of Sacramento's JACL.

"We're going to the board with a vigorous protest," said Ruderman. "I'm frankly amazed at what he said. We'd like to meet with Mr. Marty to find out what he meant."

Shimomura said he plans to write a letter to the school board 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 200 years 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 tries to raise 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 being 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 information about a nondenominational Bible course she is offering.

Mrs. Jarrett 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 appeared to be against it, Marty said he favored it.

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

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 Gedatsu or something, some Japanese religion ... They're an established church in Rancho Cordova, been there for many years. Say they had a released time, now would you say that they couldn't do that?"

Marty: "I would."

(Gedatsu 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 the universal life force and its relationship 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.

—Sacramento Bee

New relief laws urged for atomic bomb victims in Japan

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 the first week of August (Aug. 3-6). It was co-sponsored by the communist-affiliated Gensuikyo (Japan Council Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs) and the Socialist-supported Gensuikin (Japan Congress Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs).

Called the 1977 World Convention 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 laureates 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 nonaligned nations adopt an international treaty against nuclear weapons and other arms of mass destruction during next year's special UN General Assembly on Disarmament.

The appeal was handed to Hamilton Amerasinghe of Sri Lanka, UN General Assembly president, who was visiting Japan.

At the rally, the A-bomb victim and damage research committee reported nearly half of the approximately 20,000 people living within a 500 to one-kilometer radius from the center of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima died on that day, Aug. 6, 1945, or within 20 years.

The committee survey, conducted between 1969-1976, also determined there were 38,911 households within 2-km of the blast center with 80 pct. within the 500-1,000-km radius.

A week earlier, the Hiroshima Bar Assn. and the Nichibenren (Committee for

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Sumitomo Bank denies charge of job bias

SAN FRANCISCO—The Sumitomo Bank of California vigorously denied charges of job 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 waving demonstrators gathered at a noon rally, demanding the bank improve its affirmative action practices. The group represented a coalition 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 banking records" in the state in the area of affirmative action.

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

And they urged the state banking department to delay Sumitomo's pending acquisition of 19 Bank of California branches until that plan has been implemented and its results are evident.

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 of the positions of officer and manager were held by women, including Asians.

Of its 776 employees, 81 per cent are American citizen "minorities," a bank spokesman said, with 80 per

cent of all the bank officials being minorities.

However, he noted that the protesters do 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, 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 Sumitomo Bank of California does not discriminate against women in its hiring, training, promotion, compensation or termination policies.

Sumitomo officials said the claim being made by the protesters that bank will discriminate against 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, they said.

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

As for the new branches, the transfer may not be made for several months and Sumitomo's performance at them should be

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'Togetherness'...

EDC-MDC theme manifested at Washington-hosted confab

CHICAGO, Ill.—"Togetherness", the theme of the EDC/MDC Convention, ably hosted by the Washington, D.C. chapter, manifested itself in a variety of ways. The convention aimed to increase interaction and cooperation not only between the various district chapters, but also between these chapters and their legislative representatives, national JACL representatives, other Pacific Asian Americans, minorities and Americans in general.

In an action-packed four-day schedule, JACLers met with their legislators and aides, were privileged to hear Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.) speak on the implications of the Bakke case for all minorities (see PC, August 5), observed a moving presentation of a Nisei Veterans Plaque at Arlington Cemetery, shared in a panel discussion concerning Pacific Asian Americans and another on JACL National Issues, attended dis-

trict meetings and a joint session, and still found time to tour the White House, Capitol, and other points of interest.

Nisei Vet Plaque Presented

"Americanism is a matter of the Mind and the Heart; ... and not of Race or Ancestry" (FDR 2/1/43). This quotation and the motto, "Go For Broke," are inscribed on the plaque placed in the museum room of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery during formal ceremonies on July 30.

Presented by Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) on behalf of the National Nisei Veterans Association, the plaque was accepted by Brigadier General Jerry Curry, Deputy Commander for the Military District of Washington. Later, Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) laid a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The plaque will remain on

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Sumitomo bank defends its minority hirings

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judged after the acquisition, they said. Any complaints of current practices at these branches should be directed to the Bank of California.

In a subsequent action, Public Advocates, Inc., a public-interest law firm, filed a complaint Aug. 9 against Sumitomo and its parent bank in Japan with the state Secretary of Business and Transportation and state banking superintendent to block purchase of the 19 Bank of California branches on behalf of 10 minority women, veteran and consumer groups.

Also named respondents are 38 foreign-owned multinational banks in the states.

Donald Parachini, legal counsel and director for the bank, said the complaint was an effort to extract

was an effort to extract "concessions which could be not expected under normal litigation practice". He said the complaint "prejudges" Sumitomo and suggested that Public Advocates "wait until the (19) banks are in our system ... and see if we live up to their expectations or not".

The lengthy document, according to the Associated Press, charges the Sumitomo Bank of California excludes women, Japanese and Chinese Americans and Spanish-surnamed employees from policy-making jobs.

Complaint also proposes the state banking regulators stop expansion of multinational banks for one year "in order to ensure that appropriate community needs standards are developed".

Public Advocates also charged Sumitomo has violated state and federal anti-trust and banking regulations and called for appointment of a blue-ribbon panel to the governor regarding a "code of multinational social responsibility".

In the newly published Yellow Pages for Los Angeles at least 18 so-called Japanese banks listed. There were only two in 1953 when the Sumitomo and Bank of Tokyo (now California First) opened for business.

The influx is not mystery to bankers who explain the Japanese banks are following Japanese business, just as U.S. banks follow American business all over the world.

Nihongo cassette tapes ready

LOS ANGELES — Cassette tapes to accompany the new textbooks now being used by the California Japanese Language Schools Association in the primary and first grades are now available for purchase by students and anyone else interested in learning correct pronunciation, it was announced by Yoshichika Nikaido, president of the association.

The master tape of the spoken textbook supplements was made earlier this year with funding from the

Japan Foundation and the cooperation of Osamu Mizutani, director, National Language Research Institute of Japan.

Contents were compiled and edited by a committee of Japanese language teachers here, headed by Yoshiko Tanaka, vice principal of the Kyodo System. Years of experience in teaching Japanese as a foreign language to Japanese Americans who mainly speak English have gone into the new textbooks and their oral tape supplements which also contain Japanese children's songs as well as conversation.

1st Nisei to head Seattle high school

SEATTLE, Wash. — Chris Shuzo Kato became the first Japanese American to be appointed a high school principal. A native son of Seattle, he is to head Sealth High School.

He was vice principal at Cleveland High. A graduate of the Univ. of Washington with a master's from Oregon State, he joined the school system in 1953 teaching science at Denny Jr. High. Four years later, he was assigned to Queen Anne High and promoted vice principal at Cleveland in 1972.

A former national U.S. judo champion with a 6th degree black belt, he is president of the Seattle Dojo and is currently a Seattle JACL board member.

Intermountain talks up two conventions

By YUKI HARADA

BOISE, Idaho—Talk of two JACL conventions prevailed at the second quarterly session of the Intermountain District Council, chaired by first vice governor John Tameno of Ontario, Ore., here July 23 at Rodeway Inn.

(PC has learned Gerry Mukai has not resigned because of his move from Utah to Washington, D.C., as but four months remain to fulfill his two-year term. John Tameno, first vice governor, is the acting governor in the meantime.)

Tom Hori and Harry Suekawa of Wasatch Front North JACL, which will host the biennial district convention over the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend (Nov. 25-26) at Holiday Inn, Ogden, reported on plans to date.

Shake Ushio, National JACL Convention co-chairman, announced the 25th biennial national, will be held July 17-22, 1978, at the Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City. All IDC chapters were

urged to get involved by hosting an activity, social or whatever.

Meeting opened with Jim Oyama, Boise Valley JACL president, welcoming all JACL and JAYS delegates. The Intermountain district youth then went into separate session. In District Youth commissioner Frank Yoshimura's report, read by Alice Kasai, it was reported the youth center in Salt Lake City was in need of cleaning and repair.

The district is underwriting the IDC convention this

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May Day protest awards cut back

WASHINGTON—While the arrest of 1,200 demonstrators May 5, 1971 by Capitol police was sustained in the appellate court as being in violation of their right of free expression, the court rejected the district court jury's award of \$7,500 per demonstrator as out of proportion to the harm suffered.

A new trial was ordered on the award because the jury was not given specific instructions about the amount of damage they should consider.

160 pre-registered for YPCC 50th fete

SAN FRANCISCO — As of Aug. 5, 160 have preregistered for the No. Calif. Young Peoples Christian Conference 50th anniversary reunion Aug. 28 in Berkeley, according to reunion chairman Dave Tatsuno. Program starts with luncheon at Pacific School of Religion, at Scene and LeConte, and closes with a banquet at the First Congregational Church at Dana and Durant.

Pre-registration deadline was extended to Aug. 17, according to Yas Koike, 1808 Elm, Alameda 94501.

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AAEC commissioners

LOS ANGELES—Candidates are being called for 12 voluntary positions to be filled this fall for the Asian American Education Commission of the L.A. Board of Education. Complete guidelines are available by calling the AAEC Office, 450 N. Grand Ave., H-133 (625-6796). Nominations close Sept. 16. Voting takes place Sept. 26—Oct. 7.

Dragon Boat race

SOUTH EL MONTE, Calif.—Under co-sponsorship of the County Parks and Recreation, the Lotus Festival Inc. and as Atlantic Richfield Co. community service project, the first annual dragon boat races will be held at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area from 10 a.m. till dusk on Aug. 20-21.

East West Players

LOS ANGELES—East West Players in Revue, in repertory with Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" will be staged Aug. 20-Sept. 11 at the E-W Theater. "In Revue" had been presented to college audiences in California and Oregon, comprising of excerpts from previous E-W productions, with discussions between cast and audience in conclusion.

JWRO coordinator

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese Welfare Rights Organization appointed Chris Naito as its first coordinator. She is active with the Pan Asian JACL and is treasurer for the Board of Directors for the Asian Rehabilitation services. JWRO is temporarily located at the old Union Church, 120 N. San Pedro St.

Koi for San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif.—California First Bank announced it will present 300 koi to the City of San Jose for its Japanese Friendship Garden pools when the drought conditions subside and the water level can be raised. It will help replace those lost last year due to disease.

Oriental antiques

LOS ANGELES—Choice items of the Oriental Antiquities Society will be shown during Nisei Week (Aug. 27-28) at Higashi Hongwanji, 505 E. 3rd St. Rarely seen lifelike prints of women by Tsukimaro and a scene by Kuniyoshi are among the displays.

Deaths

Aizen "Isui" Asano, 96, of Phoenix, Ariz., died Aug. 7. A resident here from the territorial days, the pioneer Issei came here from Miyagi-ken in 1907. Two years ago he and his wife celebrated their diamond wedding jubilee and were congratulated by the President. Other survivors are s Ryumon, Yasuo, d Natsuko Okamoto, Akiko Kakuda, Fumiko Hamaya-su, gc and ggc.

Christian work among Nikkei to mark centennial in October

SAN FRANCISCO — Work of Christian missionaries among the Japanese in North America began in 1877 in San Francisco. Come Oct. 5-8 at the Sheraton-Palace, a historic Centennial celebration of that beginning will be held.

A coordinating committee headed by the Rev. Casper Horikoshi of San Jose met Aug. 1-2 to put the finishing

touch to the year-long preparations for the centennial.

Delegates from around U.S., Canada and 200 from Japan are expected for the Centennial Celebration. It will also initiate a week-long conference of U.S. and Japanese churchmen.

A pastors' convocation will feature Dr. K. Kitamori of Tokyo Union Seminary as speaker and a panel discussion led by the Rev. Dr. Paul Nagano of Seattle. Simultaneous convocations of lay, Nichigo, youth and women delegates are included.

Program has several banquets, including one to honor retired pastors and widows. The closing banquet will have Dr. W. Thompson, president of the National Council of Churches, as keynoter.

Christian Daimyo to be remembered

TOKYO—An 8½-foot bronze statue of Takayama Ukon, the Japanese Christian daimyo of Takatsuki (near Osaka) who was exiled in 1614 and died in Manila will be unveiled soon in a new Japanese garden being completed here. The idea was conceived three years ago when the Southeast Asian Culture and Friendship Assn. decided to join Filipino women groups beautifying the city with a Japanese garden.

Jr. track meet

LOS ANGELES—The first U.S.-Japan junior track meet will be held at UCLA's Drake Stadium Aug. 20 under AAU auspices. The U.S. team will consist of top under-20 athletes in California while the women's team will be chosen from under-20 athletes nationally. Japan will host the 1978 meet.

Status symbol—beeper

WASHINGTON — About 750,000 radio pagers or "beepers" are currently in use and forecasts hold there will be 3-million in a decade. Washington Post feature further notes Sen. Daniel Inouye's beeper in his pocket advises him of the launching of Central Intelligence Agency covert operations.

The slogan 'Press On' has solved, and always will solve, the problems of the human race.

—Calvin Coolidge

NC-WN steps up community meetings on reparations bill

SALINAS, Calif.—In compliance with the 1976 JACL Nat'l biennial Convention mandate that Reparations be placed as the highest priority for Federal legislation in the current biennium, the NC-WNDC Committee on Reparation has been working diligently to resolve this issue, the district council meeting here Aug. 21 will be reminded.

The legislation on reparation is to seek redress for the injustices inflicted upon persons of Japanese ancestry by the United States Government during World War II. Persons of Japanese ancestry were interned and denied due process of law solely on the basis of national origin.

The Committee feels that it is extremely important that they should have a consensus, consequently it is asking that all members of the Japanese community be involved.

The Committee has drafted a questionnaire to be

answered by the members of the Japanese community. This questionnaire is prepared in both the English and Japanese languages together with a cover letter explaining its purpose.

Recognizing that there are strong and varied opinions regarding Reparations, the questionnaire has been designed to accommodate diverse opinions as well as to yield answers that will be useful in working towards Reparations.

JACL chapters in the NC-WNDC are expected to appoint a chairperson to coordinate with the District Committee. Because Reparations is the concern of all Japanese Americans in or out of JACL; these chapter chairpersons will act as the catalyst for the total community.

To date community meet-

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Garden, fountain dazzle Li'l Tokyo

LOS ANGELES — A highlight of the New Otani Hotel and Garden, opening Sept. 1, is its authentic one half million dollar Japanese natural earth "garden in the sky".

Augmenting the garden and placing a strong accent on the hotel's interest in aesthetics is the symbolic fan-shaped fountain (still under construction) that centers the urban plaza facing Los Angeles and First Streets and brings the cost of these two elements to one million 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 garden concept was created by the famed Japanese landscape architect Iwaki Zoen and has been in work two years.

The garden's stream and pond elements feature a seven foot waterfall, providing a romantic point from the hotel's "A Thousand Cranes" restaurant. All of the plant materials used are authentic to an Japanese garden, as is the bridge, the natural Sado Island red stones, and lanterns. Overlooking the garden is a 1,500 square foot stone terrace for special events.

The hotel's ground-level Canary Gardens restaurant-coffee shop opened its doors Aug. 12, serving breakfast from 6:30 a.m., lunch, and dinner until 9:30. Group service up to 60 is available on reservation.

"The garden provides a quiet beauty spot for contemplation in the heart of the city," according to the hotel's managing director, Thomas P. Cullen. Cost of the unique 1/2-acre garden substructure was \$250,000. The firm of Kaz Hanano Landscape, Inc. were landscape contractors for the garden in coordination with Fong and LaRocca.

The fountain design was created by Fong and is a joint project of the New Otani Hotel and the Community Redevelopment Agency. Concept of the fountain stems from a classical Japanese film made 15 years ago in the Ginza called "Let's Make a Date at the Yurakucho," according to Kunio Maeda, vice president of East West

Development Corp., hotel developer. Maeda hopes the concept of the film will be translated to "Let's Make a Date in Little Tokyo".

The fountain is executed in black granite and brick and has been designed so that with the water turned off it will stand as a dramatic piece of sculpture. All of the fountain's water will be recycled and the only loss will be by evaporation. A three way timer will be utilized to give the illusion of a misty fog-like spray at sunrise and sunset, a vertical spray in the afternoon, and a soft bubbling effect for evening. East West Development Corp. has assumed the maintenance responsibility for the fountain. □



LOS ANGELES—Latest attraction in Little Tokyo is New Otani Hotel's Japanese "Garden in the Sky", believed to be the nation's first natural garden in the sky with 16,000 sq. ft. of waterfalls, carp ponds and unique Sado Island red stones. The "A Thousand Cranes" restaurant (at right) with Japanese cuisine and the Genji Bar overlook the garden. Looking southwestward is the L.A. skyline of the financial district skyscrapers and a tip of the St. Vibiana Cathedral belfry, across the street from the hotel, which is scheduled to open Sept. 1.

Nisei Week names honorary marshal

LOS ANGELES — Takeo Atsumi, president of Kajima Corp., Tokyo, has been invited to be the honorary grand marshal of the Nisei Week parade Aug. 28. He will join U.S. Sen. S. I. Hayakawa, who was announced as grand marshal.

Atsumi joined Kajima in 1951 after service with the Ministry of International Trade and Industry. He became president in 1966 and carried out the wishes of his predecessor, the late Morinosuke Kajima, in building Little Tokyo's first high-rise Kajima Bldg. a decade ago.

Nisei Week parade route expanded

LOS ANGELES—With more participants in the Nisei Week ondo parade and the route expanded to nine blocks, there will be ample curbside space to accommodate the expected 50,000 spectators on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 28, in Little Tokyo.

A touch of Shizuoka has been added with 100 folk dancers from this prefecture performing the "Chak-kiri Bushi" (Tea-Cutting Song) and at the same time honor this year's festival chairman Hiromichi Kume, whose firm Anshindo is

headquartered in Shizuoka.

During the parade, starting from First and Central at 3 p.m., 10,000 sample bags of Shizuoka tea will be distributed to spectators. The paraders will go west on First St., south at Los Angeles St., east on Second St., and south on Central Ave., and west on Third St. and disband at San Pedro St.

There will be some 900 dancers altogether in the Ondo parade, 11 floats, 10 bands and 34 cars—for a total of 13 units.

As Little Tokyo's social highlight of the year, the Nisei Week coronation ball tomorrow night (Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m.) at the Bonaventure Hotel inaugurates the week-long festivity. Eight candidates are vying for the title of Miss Nisei Week. Nisei VFW Post 9938, David Monji chairing, is in charge of the dinner-dance. Tak Shindo's 15-piece orchestra will play the music of the Big Band era.

Through the week at such places as Nishi Hongwanji, Higashi Hongwanji, Old Union Church, the Uyeda Bldg., Ko-

yasen Temple, Zenshuji and the New Union Church will be a number of Japanese martial arts and cultural displays and demonstrations. A calendar of events available in Little Tokyo banks and stores carries a detailed schedule.

Four Issei pioneers will be honored at Horikawa restaurant on Monday, Aug. 20 noon. They are:

Saburo Muraoka, 77, of San Diego, founder-director of the San Diego-Yokohama Sister City Society, and recipient of the Japanese Order of the Sacred Treasure, 4th Class; Manno-suke M. Nishida, 81, proprietor of Wayside Nursery, Torrance, a Green and White Merit medalist of the Japan Agriculture Assn.; Yoshio Nishizaka, 81, life-long gardener in prewar Colorado and Los Angeles, a Green and White Achievement medalist of the Japan Agriculture Assn.; and Yoshifumi Takiguchi, 76, president-founder of Rose Frozen Shrimp Co. in 1952 and recipient of the Japanese Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th Class.

For further Nisei Week information, check with the Nisei Week Office, 324 E. 1st St., Suite 400, Los Angeles 90012 (680-0807).

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LOS ANGELES — Hiromichi Kume, v.p.-gen. mgr. of Anshindo Jewelry, is 1977 chairman of the Nisei Week Festival, being held Aug. 20-28 in Little Tokyo. On the Festival Board for about five years, he was instrumental in obtaining Japanese business support. The Anshindo has offices in Tokyo, Paris and Hong Kong. Kume came here with his family eight years ago from Tokyo to establish their Los Angeles office.

Airport-Little Tokyo bus service starts

LOS ANGELES—The RTD Airport Express Service, for Civic Center and Little Tokyo, has scheduled, effective immediately, hourly and half hour departures to and from the New Otani Hotel and Garden at 120 So. Los Angeles St. This service marks the first time that a scheduled Hotel/RTD service has been available to the Little Tokyo community.

NOTICE

TO OUR READERS AND PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSONS

THE PACIFIC CITIZEN has been out of the Sun Bldg. since the first week of June. That building on Weller St. is no more! It is unfortunate the local area telephone books for 1977-78 were published before our new address could be printed. The telephone number and our ZIP code are still the same, but we are now at:

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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 1086.

A group known as the Greater Sacramento Released Time Christian Education is asking the Folsom-Cordova Unified School District (adjacent to Sacramento) to go beyond merely informing parents that "released time" is possible but to involve the schools in sending home brochures and enrollment forms prepared by various church groups.

At a school board meeting discussing this issue earlier this month, the chairman of the board, David K. Marty, indicated that he would limit the distribution to Christian organizations only. In the context of making his point, he indicated that he would be opposed to Buddhist literature being distributed. He said, "Hey, this country wasn't founded on Buddha." A Jewish member of the board, Joel Moskowitz, was outraged and sent a letter to the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith in San Francisco.

The incident made headlines in Sacramento dailies on Saturday, Aug. 6—an issue usually featuring a church section, though the anti-Buddhist commentary had not been anticipated to break when it did.

The Sacramento JACL is planning to lodge a strong protest. Floyd Shimomura, president, upon being informed, was "frankly amazed at what he said". Buddhist churches in the area also mobilized.

The Sacramento JACL position might well be National JACL's. It is that if the school district decides to permit religious organizations to send literature home with students, it should be available to all religious organizations on an equal basis. This country was founded on the basis of religious freedom and government impartiality with respect to religion. The concept of "separation of church and state" was established over 200 years ago with the founding of this country. It is difficult to believe that a chairman of a large, metropolitan school district could be so insensitive.

30,000 Members, Maybe

National JACL is on the verge of signing 30,000 member this year—a goal that has been hard to catch over the past decades. It might be ascribed to the continued rise in membership dues and many Nisei who had been staunch members in years past now in retirement being more cautious on where to place their dollars.

Nevertheless, membership services provided by JACL, such as group air fares and health insurance helped the organization as of midyear to reach 92% (27,513) of its 1976 total of 29,775.

If the same number of members who joined during the second half of 1976 (2,700) renew during the same period this year, JACL will have mounted the 30,000 plateau for the first time. That's why we say JACL "is on the verge".

Friends of Roth

A tiny part of a grateful Japanese American community crammed into Little Tokyo Towers for dinner last Saturday in tribute to George Knox Roth. The program was highlighted by reminiscences of this rare personage who was on the air in Los Angeles for six weeks in 1942 to counteract the pro-Evacuation broadcasts, remarks by the honoree and several presentations. One of the latter was a check of some \$11,000, representing what the "Friends of George Roth" were able to gather in a brief span.

This account at the California First Bank, 120 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, Calif., 90012, will be maintained to enable more Japanese Americans to display their "kimo-chi". Roth is a kind of a man who will be more touched by a small expression from, say 11,000 people, than another \$11,000 check from a single person or two.

NC-YPPCC

(Following letter appeared in the Hokubei Mainichi several days after the appearance of Rev. Lester Suzuki's review of the No. Calif. Young Peoples Christian Conference also was in the PC last week. Unfortunately, we had not seen this letter in time to publicize the Lake Sequoia Retreat being held this week.—Ed.)

This is in response to "The Significance of the NCYPPCC," by Dr. Lester Suzuki.

Being the last chairperson for the now dead CCYPCC (Fresno section), I was very interested in Dr. Suzuki's article. Although CCYPCC continues to exist financially, the last Central California Conference was held around 1974 or 75. The past few years, CC has co-sponsored a snow rally along with Lake Sequoia Retreat in name only.

Dr. Suzuki is correct in stating that LSR is a remnant of CCYPCC, since several of the CCYPCC cabinet have been or are now involved with the decision making of LSR. There was a time several years ago when CCYPCC and LSR were the same organization, but they split up for reasons unknown to me.

The Coast Section (CRYPCC) died the year before Central Cal did. One of the Coast Section's former chairpersons, Steve Shiozaki, is now chairing Lake Sequoia. Both Coast and Central Cal sections have contributed greatly to the success of Lake Sequoia.

Contrary to Dr. Suzuki's statement that Lake Sequoia is "thriving well," LSR is walking on thin ice. The organization was beset with financial difficulty this year. The Northern California Japanese Christian Church Federation (NCJCCF) continues to support LSR, but the last "remnant" of the Coast and Central California's YPPCCs may yet go down the drain. Dr. Suzuki makes no mention of the success or failure of other sectional YPPCCs, and I assume that they are no more. What may be what's left of the YPPCC's might soon meet the fate of the others.

For this reason, I urge anyone interested to contact LSR. Rev. Lloyd Wake will be speaking this year. (LSR continues to contribute to the Kato Memorial, a scholarship Rev. Wake received 30 years ago.) This year's retreat will be Aug. 14-20.

BRAD SHIRAKAWA
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Creator-Creation

Editor:

Nisei Reverend La Verne Sasaki's statement that: "Buddhists believe in creation but not in a Creator" (West Wind: by Joe Oyama; PC, Aug. 5) differs from, but is not necessarily opposed to, a Christian faith in God.

His intellectual observation that discussion of the Creator is fruitless does not deny His existence.

Christians, too, do not try to prove

the Creator with logic. They accept His blessings like a babe accepts his mother's love; or a flower, the warming rays of the sun. Their faith in an all-loving, personal God is like an eternal spring of living water, bringing joy and comfort to an humble existence.

Fundamentally, Buddhism and Christianity are complementary, not contradictory. Each sees the same great Truths from different perspectives. Examination of these Truths from both viewpoints may bring greater understanding of how man can create a happier life for himself—and a brighter world for the generations to come.

MASARU ODOI
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San Benito teacher

Editor:

I, for one, cannot accept the weak and twisted apology expressed by John Buchanan (July 29 PC), the San Benito High School teacher who got into hot water for slurs regarding the Japanese.

As a military officer and a retired professional soldier, he appreciates the unparalleled war record of the 442nd Regiment and of the men, many enlisting from behind barbed wire concentration camps, who fought because their country, America, was at war and felt it was their duty to protect and defend America. But when he says there was "ample evidence of espionage" concerning Pearl Harbor, who does he mean? It may have been evident to the man in the street but apparently not evident to Washington or Washington didn't care.

While Buchanan remarks to his students that the Japanese had it coming to them, meaning the atom bombs dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima, he seems content to hide behind the hideous mushroom clouds because the bombs kept him from being transferred from Europe to the Pacific theater. But as a professional soldier, what was he afraid of? Yet, when his father, a naval officer, could not remain in the Pacific theater because of a heart condition, he calls it a "bum break".

And he sheds tears for Americans who fell on Corregidor. Why? Americans fell too, in Europe. Was war any different in one part of the world from another. I am sure he knows Gen. Sherman's statement: "War is hell". War is hell no matter where.

And did he know, as a history teacher, General MacArthur had informed President Roosevelt in January, 1945, the Japanese were seeking peace, and after the A-bombs were dropped, the Japanese surrendered with terms they would have gladly accepted eight months earlier?

DENNIS A. ROWLAND
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Editor:

The accusation that the National JACL is trying to expand a strictly local problem, that of the San Beni-

to's history (?) teacher, Buchanan, is as absurd as racism and as dangerous.

My feelings for the JACL are still critical, for I have a long memory, BUT my feelings for history and the human race are bone deep.

If we could learn from history, at least the history many of us have lived, humans would eliminate much of their self-made miseries. Hence, I would like to offer to Japanese, Japanese Americans and young students of history, two books of history any septuagenarian has lived, at less than cost. *Revisionist Viewpoints and The Saga of Hog Islands and Other Essays of Inconvenient History* by Dr. James J. Martin, renowned historian. These sell for \$2.50, and \$3.95 respectively. I will send them pp. to the above mentioned people for \$1.50 and \$2.25.

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The 'King and I'

Editor:

Recent articles appearing in PC concern a San Diego production of *Anna and the King*. While Anna Leon Owens' book is subjective in her reminiscences of Siam and the Broadway musical and later movie are fraught with stereotypes, it seems that there is a gut reaction to a play which is innocent in character and, certainly, not meant to be offensive. Certain stage actions and posturing can easily be remedied by the state director who, of course, dictates, step by step, each action his actors take throughout the play. The stilted dialogue for the Thais can, of course, be changed as the "toady-ing". What seems ominous is the seemingly unhumorous reaction to an innocent musical which intends no harm nor racial slurs but a pleasant evening in the theater.

I might remind the San Diego Union of Pan Asian Communities that a far older operetta by two staid Englishmen, Gilbert & Sullivan, exists by the name of *The Mikado*. Written about 100 years ago, this wild parody of Japan (which G&S never visited) has entertained, amused, and caused delight since the day of its inception.

Presented in London during a visit to England by a member of Japan's royal family, the operetta was banned during his stay. Upon his insistence, he was given a command performance and thoroughly liked the silly plot, parody, and pleasant music. With outlandish names like Yum-Yum, Pi-Bo, and the town's name of Titti-Poo, the operetta is so absurd that it is hard that anyone could take offense—the real Japan being vastly different from this 19th century Victorian presentation.

In all that is humorous, let's keep *Anna and The Mikado*. Attempting to be these performances reminds one of a more ominous age when scholars were jailed for reading Darwin.

JOSEPH HALPRIN
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'Bamboo People'

Editor:

I was pleased to see the review by Cameron K. Wehringer of Frank Chuman's book *The Bamboo People*. It is worthy to note that the reviewer commented on Earl Warren's conversion from avid racist to civil libertarian. We all ask, "Was it subconscious guilt at causing the unhappy and immoral incarceration of a whole group of innocent people without benefit of legal process that caused the great turnaround?"

I often think that, although we Nikkei paid a very high price by the imprisonment in concentration camps, in terms of history and progress, perhaps it was a small price to pay for later progress for others, such as the blacks. Younger people cannot fully comprehend the injustices met-out by the majority people against the people of minority backgrounds before the Desegregation Case. After that, the society rapidly opened up. Also, Mr. Wehringer and the Editor noted, that all the Nikkei wanted was pursuit of happiness. Today, many people demand "happiness", not the "pursuit" of happiness.

I forgot to mention that Mr. Wehringer is my law partner of many years and is a regular reviewer of books for the American Bar Association Journal and an author of many articles and books. I've been trying to interest him in writing a novel about our experiences. My wife Nancy, who was an editor at Doubleday (publisher of "Roots") has also been trying to interest a few well known authors to undertake such novel.

I agree with Wehringer that all of the present books brought out by Nikkei are good, but may be a bit too dry for the ordinary non-Nikkei. To a Nikkei these books are of shared experiences. To any outsider, without the same experience the facts would not evoke similar responses. I suspect that it may be an outsider who will shortly take the facts and set forth in a manner understandable to the general population, a romantic and breathtaking novel of our experience.

After all, when you think about it, the Nikkei experience is many good novels rolled into one... any human experience which rises and falls and then rises again is breathtaking.

MOONRAY KOJIMA

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Short Notes

Editor:

After reading about "Rookie Sakata slams 1st Homer" (PC, Aug. 5) how many Japanese Americans know that Walter Yonamine, from Maui was the first Nisei to play professional football? In 1947, Yonamine played his first season with the San Francisco 49ers. He suffered a broken hand playing summer baseball in 1948. That ended his career as the first and only AJA to play major league pro-football.

T.S. SHIRAKI

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A Corner for Our Guests:

More Roths Needed—Even Today

By CHIZ SATOW

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

As the months and years fly by, how quickly we forget. It has become even difficult to recall the hectic and dark days just prior to Evacuation.

Hence, we are happy and pay tribute to the Pacific Southwest District Council committee which held a testimonial dinner for George Knox Roth. Among those present, perhaps, were grateful people who never forgot. Mas would have been among the first to have endorsed and publicized the affair for the Japanese American community owes so much to Mr. Roth.

As we look back, if there were more George Knox Roths among us, Evacuation may not have been recorded

as the inherent and ugly chapter of American history.

We presume Roth knows extreme hatred, cruelty and deprivation of his own rights brought on by his deep conviction and desire to see justice implemented. His only crime was an over-zealous interest to forestall the mass evacuation of Japanese Americans. He went on the air to foster civic goodwill and understanding. How cruel that we lived in a society which condemned a man who had so much faith in us.

It goes without saying that war allows only one kind of relationship—either friend or foe. Rare is a person like George Roth who

did not allow anything in between. He did not succumb to hysteria and collective hatred stirred by the extreme conflict, nor bend to the powers in politics or accept hazardous generalizations of that period. He had the courage to stand alone in a very unpopular cause.

Those of us who lived through this period of history can be or were comforted by his deep compassion and his capacity to suffer with us.

In honoring this man, we can never repay him for his quality of humanity and unselfish concept of human decency.

The signs of times have been very mixed and bleak

in recent years. The virtues of patriotism and value of national security seem to be pushed out of shape to sickening extremes. Certain classes or groups of people are being treated as "outsiders", as the enemy or subversive. Is history repeating itself? Our hope would be for sensible and rational people everywhere to recognize these dangers or we shall all struggle into total destruction.

With all this narrow and selfish concept, we need many George Roths to achieve national security and human rights for all people, regardless of race, creed or color.

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From Happy Valley: Sachi Seko

Some thoughts on turning 50

Salt Lake City
If life began at forty, the decline begins at fifty. Only a few days into this golden year, I notice the encroaching changes. Nothing drastic yet, but the apparent falling apart. The hair whitens and the mind wanders.

One is no longer certain of the direction of his life, or of life for that matter. I begin to rely on old disciplines. They are more than simple habits. They assume the importance of signposts. Aging in a changing world, it becomes difficult not to be lost in a maze, consumed in the confusion of the times.

It is only within one's past that the core is found. Only that is known. What today or tomorrow may contain cannot be entirely foretold. So before proceeding on this journey, now half a century old, time to locate the centering on my map.

The intricate geography of one's interior remains an untraveled continent. It is as if when passing through a long corridor of doors, we have politely closed each behind us. We are deaf to the echoes of our passing footsteps.

I return to the beginning, to the first door's opening. It is springtime in the park. High upon a swing, I am pumping faster and faster, as Grandfather lets me go. And I am laughing, unafraid of falling, because I know he waits down below.

It disturbed me not that I was born a Japanese American. To tell the truth, I was content, simply being myself. There were two parts within me, of race and country. So firmly were they melded, that where one began and the other continued, I never knew.

Then came the time of long processions and exile in the desert. Two countries were waging war and within me the angst of halving. In the wind is often carried the

smell of desert sage. In the brightness of the stars, I remember that faraway place. Sometimes it seems that the journey ended there. In some ways it did for me.

Grandfather had his country and I had mine. It was not a time of choosing for us, but of simply having separate loyalties. I remember the night he left on the first part of his return to Japan.

I closed my eyes and feigned sleep to avoid the farewell. By the pressure of the finger on my hand, I knew he shared my deception. It was the first and last time that I disobeyed his code of facing up.

"American," he used to say, as he stroked my straight black hair. And in those years that followed, I said it sometimes with a vengeance.

Years pass and with it other processions. Civil rights and ethnic identity assume new importance in the rhetoric of young revolutionaries. I am a grown woman when this occurs.

From the desert, I have not returned to freedom. Although that is what I believe it to be. My mother leads me now, backward to my people. I see the garish lights of neon signs reflected on the snow, as through the hovels she takes me.

She has changed. The war has changed her. Little remains of the woman in high fashion clothes with her cloches and cartwheel hats. Although she studies for her citizenship tests in English, she reverts more often to her native tongue. The language returns to me and I begin to think Japanese.

My mother encourages me in the lessons which do not end for a quarter of a century. She welcomes the dying and the dead as one does royalty. Noticing my reluctance to bend over a foul-smelling bed, she says,

"Remember your people."

And I believing, become her accomplice on that lonely, lost street. There comes a day when I want to make some record of this region of my life. My mother learns of my attempt to write haiku.

It did not please her, as I thought it would. She, who even in her last years, had bent nightly over her desk, writing with unbroken discipline. It was to me, the plainest of her children, that she passed her passion for literature.

"You who lack beauty and grace, will at least have an appreciation," she repeated as together we recited poetry.

But now, I had no right to attempt haiku, she said. Then the truth, "You lack the Japanese psyche."

Once abandoned by country, and then by my own mother. It is autumn when I am once again a wanderer. And in the streets, I hear the din of sometimes ugly voices. The third generation proclaims its Asian identity and sprouts the rhetoric of camps. They, who were born long after.

They prod me with their taunts and call me "banana". And I do not know whether it is rage which silences my tongue or my overwhelming grief for them.

My grandfather and my mother are both dead. They died knowing who they were. Summer shadows show by their early hour that season's end is near. The time of wandering is almost over and my time of choosing is near.

But for a moment, let me pause beneath this tree. There is a rock to sit upon. The wild plum tree spreads its boughs to shade me. On its thorned branches, golden glistens the fruit. The time of gathering has come.



From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

Nevada's 'Geisha'

Not long ago we happened to spend a long weekend at South Lake

Tahoe, a one-street town suffering from a peculiar form of schizophrenia. The southern half is in California, which is a relatively pure and pristine state. At this time of the year the town is like dozens of other mountain-lake resort communities—bumper-to-bumper with tourists, most of whom, seem to be headed for Nevada.

The northern half is in Nevada, and you know what that means. It's bumper-to-bumper with people bent on proving that anybody with a little luck can bet \$100 in the casinos and emerge with \$50, or maybe even \$25.

All that separates the two halves is an asphalt street which can be crossed at any time of the day or night without going through customs, immigration inspection or quarantine. There isn't even an inspector to ask whether you have oranges in the trunk of your car, which is what always has happened when I drove into California on other occasions.

The most foolish thing anybody can do in South Lake Tahoe's Nevada-side, next to gambling, is to stand around watching other people gamble. Unfortunately, I did a good deal of the latter because it took no more than six minutes to lose the \$10 I had set aside for a fling at the blackjack tables. ("Don't gamble any more than you can afford to lose," the bus driver had warned, and everyone knows that bus drivers are this nation's 20th century philosophers who deserve to be listened to.)

I had put down my crisp, new \$10 bill and received ten chips in return. This was one of those \$2 minimum tables. I wagered the minimum, stopped at 15, and the dealer, a nimble-fingered girl with devilish glint in her eye, turned up a 19. The next time I had two face cards for a 20, and she hit 21 on her last card.

That's the way it went—bing, bing, bing,

bing, bing—five times in a row, and she had all my chips without even once paying me. That's when I became a spectator.

People who seem to know about such things have said that Las Vegas, Reno and Lake Tahoe have different characteristics. Tahoe seems to be a family type gambling resort. There were a goodly number of three-generational Japanese American parties, grandma looking after the kids while the young couple sat around the blackjack tables or yanked on the slot machines.

After a while, it occurred to me the lady blackjack dealers, in South Lake Tahoe at least, are the American counterparts of Japanese geisha. When they want to be the dealers are witty, charming and friendly. If you play at their tables long enough, the more friendly ones cluck sympathetically when they take your money on a close one. They're happy for you when you win, and appear genuinely remorseful when they draw a six on the 15 and take your money away.

So, as with the geisha, you put down your money and enjoy a friendly, platonic kidding relationship with a pretty woman, and after a while when your money is gone you walk away telling yourself that you had a good time. At least that's the way it seemed to me after gambling had become a spectator sport.

In my walking tours around the casinos I encountered an impressive number of Oriental faces, both among the customers and the employees. The employees must get sensitivity training along with their other schooling because black, brown, white and yellow seem to get the same kind of courtesy; all their money is the same shade of green.

Oh yes, there really is a lake at Lake Tahoe. You can see it if you happen to go outside the casinos.

NC-WNDC

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ings have been successfully held by the French Camp, Lodi, Salinas Valley and San Mateo County Chapters. These meetings were attended by Paul Takata, Ben Takeshita, John Tateishi and Cherry Tsutsumida from the District Committee, who are available for all meetings.

Meetings are being scheduled soon by Gilroy and San Benito County Chapters.

Berkeley, Contra Costa County, Diablo Valley, Marin County, Sonoma County and Watsonville Chapters have designated chairpersons and community meeting dates will be announced.

Community chairpersons announced thus far are:

Hiroshi Shinmoto (French Camp), Dennis Morita (Lodi), Tom Miyana-ga (Salinas Valley) and Kaz Kumitani (San Mateo).

NC-WNDC Committee on Reparations is composed of: Ben Takeshita and John Tateishi, co-chairmen; Michael Ito, Paul Takata and Ms. Cherry Tsutsumida.

You can make more friends in two months by becoming really interested in other people, than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.

—Dale Carnegie

HIROSHIMA

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the Protection of Human Rights of the Japan Federation of the Bar Associations) said a survey had been conducted the past five years and they concluded the two existing laws for relief of the atomic bomb victims were far from sufficient.

The Japanese attorneys said the government should assist foreign victims of the atom bomb, particularly those Koreans and Taiwanese who were forcibly brought to Japan to work as laborers and were in Hiro-

shima and Nagasaki at the time of the atom bombings.

The Nichibenren, calling for new laws to assist the victims, said the government should act on the following principles:

1—Dropping of the atomic bombs was an act of belligerency which constitutes a violation of international law, because of atrocities and indiscriminate killings of civilians involved.

2—Such victims have the right to demand payment of compensation by the U.S. government for the suffering caused by the bombing.

3—As the Japanese government renounced its right to demand the payment of compensation by the U.S. government in concluding the peace treaty, the Japanese government itself should assume the responsibility for payment of the compensation.

L.A. Times editorial backs Roybal bill

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Times editorially supported Rep. Edward Roybal's bill (HR 5150) to provide federal compensation for medical services to survivors of the atomic bomb explosions over Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

In its Aug. 7 editorial, the Times noted "Roybal believes that the compensation would work out to about \$1,000 per person per year. We think that Congress should approve this humane proposal. The government of Japan provides aid to atomic bomb victims in Ja-

pan. The government of the United States certainly should do the same for the victims in this country."

The Times editorial also notes Roybal has been introducing the same bill for the past seven years but now feels most optimistic it would pass this year.

(Co-author Rep. Norman Mineta and 24 others are co-sponsors of the legislation, which has been endorsed by the Japanese American Medical Assn., Los Angeles County Medical Assn., the California Medical Assn., and the JACL.)

calendar

August 18-20
NC-WNDYC—JAY's Tri-District Conference, UC Davis; Sat disco-dance at San Francisco.

Aug. 20 (Saturday)
Alameda—Bowling Awards dnr., Union City—Obon Festival, Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, 4:30 p.m.

August 21 (Sunday)
Monterey Peninsula—Sr Citizens Day, Indian Village, Pebble Beh.
NC-WNDYC—Qtrly sess: Salinas Valley JACL hosts, Salinas Comm Ctr, 10 a.m.

Aug. 24 (Wednesday)
Contra Costa—Baseball Night, Ayes vs. Tigers, Coliseum.

Aug. 25 (Thursday)
Sacramento—Mtg, Nisei Hall, 7:30 p.m.

August 27 (Saturday)
Contra Costa—Issei outing.
West Los Angeles—JAY's volleyball tournament.

August 28 (Sunday)
Contra Costa—Golf tournament.
Santa Barbara—BBQ picnic, Tucker's Grove.
Berkeley—YPPC 50th anny reunion, Pacific School of Religion.

1980 convention date tentative

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — The 1980 National JACL convention board, 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 Ito (771-5884); Program & Activities—Gary Nakamura (445-0440); Special Activities—Greg Marutani (558-2001).

More seats open for Sept.-Oct. flights

SAN FRANCISCO—Additional seats are now available on JACL Group Flight No. 9 (Sept. 25-Oct. 16) and No. 20 (Oct. 12-Nov. 7), 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 Holiday Fair at Euclid Central Jr. High and hosting the annual Midwest District Youth Workshop over the Thanksgiving holiday week.

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

The chapter picnic on Saturday, Sept. 10, will be at the Neosa Camp in Leesville.

● Downtown L.A.

Downtown L.A. JACL sponsors its annual Dodger Night on Friday, Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m., when the team hosts St. Louis. Tickets at \$2.50 are obtainable 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 Frazer has set a tentative date of Oct. 16 at Paradise Park. Details are likely to be firmed by the next chapter meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, 8 p.m. at Osaka Restaurant. A Japanese movie will be shown after the Sept. 12

meeting.

Chapter hosted a pool party last Sunday (Aug. 14) at Dula Center with the chapter providing the hot dogs and hamburgers.

● Salinas Valley

The Salinas Valley JACL acknowledged the bequest of \$2,500 from the late Sho Furutani, who also gave generously to the local Japanese churches. To anyone's recollection, it was one of the largest gifts presented to the chapter, the chapter newsletter reported last week (Aug. 8). The chapter board was to determine how best to perpetuate the name.

Donations during the year and interest from the Yama-to Cemetery Fund could easily support hiring a part-time caretaker, it was noted at the Aug. 8 board meeting. While volunteers have assisted till now, it was felt the time has come to employ a caretaker.

● San Francisco

Yasuko Fukuda, daughter of the Hiroshi Fukudas, was named recipient of the San Francisco JACL scholarship. A 3.6 graduate from Lowell High, her selection was based on scholarship, need, service, personal statement and letters of recommendation.

She plans to enter the medical field, and because of her familiarity with the Japanese American community, she is anxious to serve the Issei in particular. She heads the Youth Fellowship of Christ United Presbyterian Church and was officer of the Lowell Japanese Club and other activities. On the scholarship committee

were:

Rev. Lloyd Wake, Yori Wada, Yas Abiko, Daro Inouye, Howard Imazeki, and Cherry Tsutsumida.

Community groups have joined San Francisco JACL in planning for a picnic tentatively set for Sunday, Oct. 9 at Marx Meadows, Golden Gate Park. Those with ideas may call Mike Ito, chapter president (771-5884), Ty Kawase of Kimochi Kai (563-5626) or Richard Furukawa of the Japanese American Postal Club.

● Sequoia

Sequoia JACL launched its senior citizens program when it chartered a bus June 9 for a trip to San Fran-

cisco'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: Kizo Furiya, Shojiro Nishimura, S. Tamura and Mrs. Kiyo Sasagawa.

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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Mountain Plains JACL offered open Blue Shield enrollment

SAN FRANCISCO—Following a series of meetings with the Mountain Plains District JACL Chapter members in the states of Colorado and Nebraska, the following chairpersons were designated to handle the applications 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.

Person's in the following chapter should contact these chairpersons for further information:

Arkansas Valley JACL: Haruye Saiki, 521 Raton, La Junta, Colo. 81050 (303) 384-9584.

Mile High JACL: Kiyoto Futa, 1282 Brentwood, Lakewood, Colo. 80215 (303) 237-4472.

Omaha JACL: Peter Suzuki, 907 Hackberry Ct., #1902, Bellevue, Neb. (402) 291-7197 or c/o Urban Studies, Univ. of Nebraska-Omaha, PO Box 688 Omaha, Neb. (402) 554-2658/59.

San Luis Valley JACL: Shirow Enomoto, P.O. Box 750, Alamosa, Colo. 81101 (303) 589-2935.

Issei Service Center hires coordinator, community aides

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

At the same time, the hot meals program was started last month to serve 35 elderly Japanese in Fresno county. They meet for lunch at the local Buddhist Church annex.

In their first news re-

lease, explanation was given to the California Rent Assistance Law (up to \$17.50 per month) for senior citizens with less than \$5,000 household income for 1976, refunds to certain Fresno city utility users and of lectures on social security.

The center is located at 912 F St.

Birthday party

FRESNO, Calif.—The monthly Issei Service Center birthday party was held Aug. 13 at the Fresno Buddhist Church, honoring 14 Issei born during the month of August. Newly-hired Service Center coordinator Kathy Saiki and community outreach aides, Donald Tsuruoka and Craig Sakaguchi, were also introduced.

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§ Midwest Comments

EDC-MDC Concerns

Three concerns which were discussed at the EDC-MDC Convention were inter-marriage, Asian American perspective, and the non-involvement of Sansei in the 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 perspectives, speaker after speaker expressed the conviction that JACL needed to be more concerned and involved with other Asian American groups. And, as what is now a common theme at 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 rescission 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. While these are of concern to all of us, it is not difficult to assume they would be a larger issue for the Nisei. For the servicemen and their Japanese-born wives, the Sansei, and other Asian American groups, WW2 may not be the critical issue they are facing in today's society.

The JACL has made some effort in other areas including affirmative action, quality education, ethnic studies, and media concerns, areas in which there may be broader appeal to an "expanded" membership. These efforts have been limited, however, in comparison with WW2-related projects. The reason may be that there has been very little leadership emerging from other than the Nisei in the organization. We can't expect the Nisei, who are generally not personally involved in getting jobs, or taking Asian American studies courses, or worrying about a good public school education for their children, to assume responsibility for programs in these areas.

We hope that some of the people who expressed interest in inter-marriage, Asian American 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 if you're not willing to work to make the changes.

—MDC Page Editorial Committee

SPEAKING OUT:

Diverse Views Healthy

By HENRY TANAKA

Cleveland, Ohio

Diverse viewpoints from our JACL officers, staff and membership are essential to the process of informed and responsible decision making. I appreciate Masaru Odoi and Richard Kawanishi's response to my recent article (PC July 22). We need JACLers who are willing to speak out!

My plea for JACL to continue its active role as a human rights advocate was unfortunately misinterpreted by Masaru Odoi (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 the necessity for a fair hearing and justice system before any possible statement be made on the merits of impeachment.

Richard Kawanishi's concern that JACL may be dubbed a "radical" organization has little cause for alarm. As he states, most JACLers tend to be moderates. The extreme liberals or conservatives are unlikely 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.

I wish Mr. Odoi was right in saying that "human rights is so well protected in our great democracy". Oppressed people of color (includes all Asians), and the economically disadvantaged would disagree with him.

Mr. Kawanishi's view that human rights are earned must be questioned. Our Society guarantees the inalienable human rights to equal opportunity, the four freedoms and the pursuit of happiness. Perhaps Mr. Kawanishi is referring to the fact that the exercise of one's human rights cannot violate the rights of others.

I was struck by the responses to my passing comment about the "so-called conservatism" in JACL. Perhaps the issue of conservatism vs. liberalism in JACL is worthy of a future PC article. The terms are used by some to characterize the West Coast from the Midwest/Eastern chapters. Yet, within each district council these terms are also liberally applied. And the terms may be used differently depending upon the situation.

For example, I believe in a prudent, conservative fiscal management for JACL. On the other hand, my liberal views are aroused when human rights are threatened by discriminatory statements and actions based on race, sex, age, national origin, creed, religion or handicap.

Speak out! Diverse views are healthy for JACL.

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Midwest regional office to stay open

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Midwest District Chapters voted at their July 29 meeting in Washington, D.C., to continue their regional office at its present level. Again, the conclusion reached by the delegates was that a professionally staffed office was vital to the implementation of district and national programs.

Thomas J. Hibino, Midwest Director, in a report of

1976-77 Regional Office activities, cited accomplishments in the areas of programs such as the congressional education efforts and the monthly MDC page, along with such outstanding efforts as those on behalf of Iva Toguri and the successful negotiation for and production of five half-hour television shows on Japanese Americans for NBC. In addition, close working rela-

tionships have been established with Region V's Office of Civil Rights (OCR), DHEW, as well as many local and national concerned organizations.

"While we have previously had contact with OCR, our work this year has gained JACL respect and credibility as an informed advocate for the rights of Japanese and Asian Americans," states Hibino.

On the subject of scaling down the operations of the regional office, Hibino notes, "If the operation is to be scaled down, professional staff would 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, Hibino 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 racially intermarried couples and the JACL.

The Council also voted to contribute \$50 to the newly established George Roth pension fund.

EDC-MDC

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permanent display among those of various infantries and associations which have made similar presentations.

Legislators Lobbied

Congressional visitations ranked high in JACLers' priority list during the conference. After a briefing by JACL Washington representative, Wayne Horiuchi, delegations met with legislators and/or their aides to convey JACL concerns and positions upon such issues as internment credit, medical aid for A-Bomb survivors, Indochinese refugees, and reparations.

Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.), who hosted a congressional luncheon in the Rayburn Building on behalf of the visiting EDC/MDC delegates, stressed the importance of JACLers meeting with their legislators, since many legislators rarely

have the opportunity to hear directly from Japanese Americans about their issues and concerns.

A follow-up program to be conducted by the MDC chapters includes letters keeping legislators apprised of current JACL concerns, and follow-up visits in hometowns after Congress recesses in the fall.

EDC/MDC Joint Session

As an outgrowth of the panel discussions and the separate EDC and MDC meetings several resolutions were moved for consideration by both districts. All resolutions were adopted.

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 chapter president's manual which National JACL distributes.

Additional resolutions were passed requesting that the EXCOM at its September meeting move toward the formation of a national JACL committee on retirement for older Nisei, members and non-members alike; development of a task force on Pacific Asian Americans comprised of JACL members from each district; and completion of the JARP definitive history of Japanese Americans project, removing it from the present author and placing it in new hands if necessary.

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fall, allocating \$2,000 to Wasatch Front North. Theme will be "Government and JACL".

Hid Hasegawa of Idaho Falls was designated IDC nominations chairman. Ken Nodzu, second vice governor and program activities chairman, reminded quarterly reports should be updated. These will be the basis for the IDC chapter of the biennium honors.

Tameno is making arrangements for the next quarterly meeting set for Sept. 24 at Twin 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". He is also conducting a feasibility study for a film documentary on the "Re-assimilation of Japanese Americans after World War II".

Wayne Yamamura, Boise State student, presented his slide-lecture, "Idaho's Japanese: A Chapter in the State's Growth", which was funded by the Idaho Association for the Humanities.

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

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Arkansas Travelers of the Texas League (AA), his address for the third straight year.

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 2.00 when St. Louis called him up. He stayed five weeks, worked in seven games, pitched 13 innings but his ERA was a fat 7.62.

Currently, the Honolulu native has lowered 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 they at least give me a shot at Triple A ball? If I had a chance on that level and bombed out, then I wouldn't be complaining."

Arkansas Manager Tom-

my Thompson said he has the greatest confidence in Kurosaki, who was signed in 1973 as a free agent out of the Univ. of Nebraska. "He's the best we've got," Thompson noted. "Ryan comes in and throws strikes. He rarely has a bad outing." Kurosaki is hoping someone in St. Louis is listening.

Sports

Harvard wrestling team captain Milt Yasunaga achieved a personal season record of 10-1-1 in his senior year. More exceptional, however, is his Rhodes scholarship for the next two years at Oxford. The two-time Hawaii state wrestling champion finished his four years of college work with an A average. ... Former Hawaii State Sen. Steere Noda, 85, received the world's highest wrestling award, the International Amateur Wrestling Federation Gold Cross Award, for lifelong contribution to the sport. He had been on the National AAU wrestling committee for more than 47 years, personally sponsoring many wrestlers and teams. Noda also received similar recognition from the U.S. Amateur Wrestling Foundation in 1970.

George Bryan, hefty 19-year-old Kahuku (Hawaii) High graduate, was given the professional sumo name of Taro Wakatakami—derived from the first name of the head of his Takasago Stable, Taro Asashio, and the last name of Daigoro Takamiyama. ... David Ishii, Univ. of Houston All-American collegiate golfer, won the prestigious Hawaii State Amateur match play championship July 31 on the last hole over Stan Souza, senior at Brigham Young and the first Hawaiian to play in the Masters.

Seattle golfers in 1000 Club play

SEATTLE, Wash. — Jim Matsuoka and Luana Yoshino were champions of the sixth annual Seattle JACL 1000 Club golf tournament played July 31 at Jackson. It was chaired by Roy and Jo Sakamoto. Prize winners were:

MEN—J Matsuoka 75-16-59, Dr. Sab Kajimura 79-18-61, Eddie Shimomura 83-21-62, Mits Kashiwagi 81-18-63.

WOMEN—L. Yoshino 99-34-65; Jo Sakamoto 100-33-67; Reiko Tsubota 93-25-68 and Kimi Nakanishi 106-38-68; Kiyo Sakahara 91-20-71 and Esther Kashiwagi 111-40-71.

Seattle Nisei to head board of optometric examiners

TORONTO — Dr. Kelly K. Yamada, Seattle, was elected president-elect of the International Association of the Board of Examiners in Optometry during the recent meeting here. He will be installed as president at the July, 1978 meeting in New Orleans. He is the only Doctor of Optometry from the State of Washington to have attained this high office in this association.

Dr. Yamada is a graduate of Broadway High School, Seattle; attended the Univ. of Washington and later, the Univ. of California at Berkeley. In 1950, Dr. Yamada received his degree as Doctor of Optometry from the Chicago College of Optometry.

He opened his first office in Seattle in 1951 and moved to his present location in September, 1959. He has been a member of the Washington Optometric Assn. and the King County Optometric Society since 1952. He was president of the King County group in 1967-68, at the same time he was on the board of trustees of the state association. Dr. Yamada is presently a member of the Washington State Optometric Board of Examiners.

Dr. Yamada has been a JACL member since 1933. He was Seattle JACL president in 1953. He joined the Rainier Rotary Club in 1962 and was president in 1963-64.

His family includes his wife, Sallie Dean and three children; Dexter, Terrence and Marcia F. Yamada Almassy.

'JAWS' inspector TOKYO—Having studied two years in Britain with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, veterinarian Keichi Takaishi, 28, of Nihon University and the Japan Animal Welfare Society (JAWS) was being regarded as the first animal inspector in Japan.

Tim Imai, 17, son of Lodi JACLers, son of the Ozzie Imais, was invited to the U.S. national bicycling championships at Seattle, competing in the 25-mile time trial event July 28. He is a member of the Stockton Bicycle Club, a recent Lodi High graduate.



Joseph Marshall Photo

SEATTLE, Wash.—Jerolyn Yoshihara was selected queen for the Kobe-Seattle Sister Cities. She is the daughter of the Takeo Yoshiharas of Seattle.

Music

Singer Yukiko Sakakura, mother of two children, full-time music major at CSU-Hayward and wife of Fremont JACL president and bank official Bill Sakakura, has recorded two new 45-rpm on the Sak label. The Japanese pair, "O Matsuri" and "Anata" (Darling), were composed by her. The American pair are catchy songs by young composer Claudio Madeiras, "Sugar Face" and "Not for Me Baba".

Univ. of Nevada-Las Vegas faculty member, Masatoshi Mitsumoto, 40, was conductor-musical director of the first Laguna Beach (Calif.) Summer Music Festival July 25-Aug. 3. A student of the cellist Piatogorsky, Mitsumoto has played with the Yomiuri-Nippon Symphony, Las Vegas Symphony, and the Japanese Philharmonic Orchestra of Los Angeles.

Okinawan dance to be videotaped

HONOLULU—The Univ. of Hawaii and Hawaii Public Television will videotape the Aug. 19-20 presentations of the Majikina Honryu dancers, foremost performers of Okinawan dance and musical art, according to Dr. Nobuyuki Nakasone, president of the Hawaii branch of the Majikina Honryu.

Nakasone's wife, Yoshino, who established the Hawaii branch, is the daughter of Iemoto Yuko Majikina, who heads the group. Influences of Japan's Noh and the artistic elements of China and the South Seas are blended in the Okinawa folk dance. Okinawan court dances date from 1715.

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Pioneer Issei landscaper retires at 87

Last time the PC carried a story about this Issei, he was seen mounting the bronze state historical plaque at Manzanar (Apr. 25, 1975). It elicited nation-wide interest from Nisei teachers and curriculum specialists who saw in him his Issei pride unbent by detention. The long-time Venice-Culver JACLer recalled that his feelings at the time of building the Manzanar guardhouse and camp cemetery memorial was "as a Japanese who was never discouraged by the circumstances of camp life to do his utmost and not let any American or any man laugh at the workmanship of his efforts."—Editor.

By JOHN TRUXAW
(Los Angeles Tidings)

Los Angeles
The "wizard of rocks", Ryozo F. Kado, retired Aug. 1 as landscape architect for the cemeteries of the Los Angeles archdiocese.

One of the world's outstanding builders of rock gardens and natural shrines, 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 christened Peter, which means rock.

That was the year he built the first of approximately 75 religious shrines, half of them representations of the cave at Lourdes, France, where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette.

The first was a natural rock shrine to St. Anthony in the Charles Von der Ahe gardens.

Mr. Kado's first Lourdes grotto was erected a year later in the Carmel of St. Teresa cloistered gardens in Alhambra and his first large Lourdes grotto in 1936 alongside Immaculate Conception Church, Los Angeles.

One of the best known is the Lourdes of West shrine at St. Elizabeth's Church, Altadena, dedicated in 1936. Mr. Kado put 135 tons of red volcanic rock into this shrine, setting each stone himself.

One of his creations, a Lourdes grotto, is ensconced in Little Tokyo, too, in the patio of the Maryknoll Father's rectory at 222 S. Hewitt St.

He considers his best work to be in Holy Cross Cemetery. There over the past 30 years he has created beautiful gardens, streams, waterfalls and shrines, including a 30-foot Lourdes grotto.

Ryozo Kado was born in 1890 near Mount Fuji in Japan's Shizuoka province. His parents were Buddhists and tea growers. A brother was a Shinto priest.

Ryozo became a Methodist at 19 and was sent to the United States as a tea salesman at the age of 20. The young Japanese was more interested in rock gardening than tea and in 1915 moved from Cleveland to Los Angeles to apprentice himself to Chotaro Nishimura, who had built part of the royal gardens in Japan.

He learned the secrets of natural rock work and "married the boss' daughter". Ryozo and Hama now



Tidings Photo

On the day of his retirement, Ryozo Kado and his wife Hama visit the Lourdes grotto at Immaculate Conception Church in downtown Los Angeles.

have two children and three grandchildren.

Mr. Kado went into business for himself. Along with his nursery, he laid out rock gardens at the homes of several Hollywood stars and prominent citizens.

A turning point in his life came in 1928 while he was building a garden for Mrs. August O. Luer. Mrs. Luer talked him into studying the Catholic faith, which he later accepted.

Another turning point came with the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. The Kados found themselves as prisoners with other Japanese Americans in the Manzanar Relocation Center. They lost their home and their business. The work of a lifetime was wiped out.

Mr. Kado was not an idle prisoner. He went to work at the desert camp creating gardens, calming trouble makers and directing youth activities. After 35 years the only structures remaining at Manzanar are two he built, a memorial shrine and the entrance guardhouse.

In 1943, with a letter of commendation from the camp commander, he went with his family to work for the Maryknoll Fathers and Sisters in New York. There he took charge of landscaping and built shrines.

The Kados returned to Los Angeles in 1946. Since then Ryozo not only has beautified the archdiocesan cemeteries but he also has built shrines and improved landscaping at many churches, schools, seminaries and convents.

In 1954, on Lincoln's Birthday, Ryozo and Hama 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.

Last month the couple returned from Lourdes, France. Devoted to Our Lady, they have made several trips there over the years. Lourdes has been Mr. Kado's greatest inspiration.

In retirement he plans to go on building Lourdes grottoes, but smaller ones, miniature tabletop 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.

He is confident that Eligio Velasquez, who has worked with him at the cemeteries for 24 years, is capable of carrying on the basic landscaping and care of the grounds.

"Maybe next year we will go to Japan for a visit," he said.

Father Paul Dotson, associate director of the archdiocesan cemeteries, noted that Mr. Kado not only had created enduring shrines to Our Lady, but lasting memorials to himself as well. "He will never be forgotten," he said.

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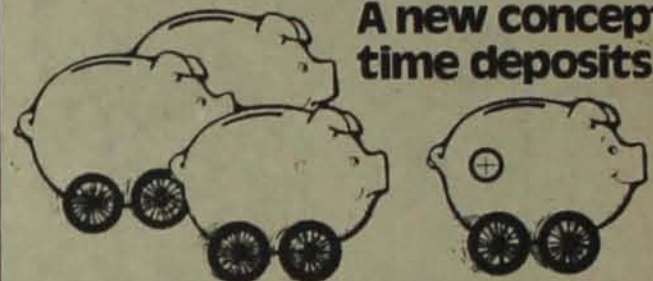


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Tokyo

Tokyo's subways have come up with a series of large, colorful posters with clever captions to remind commuters to hang on to their belongings, umbrellas especially, when leaving the trains.

The trouble is that some of the posters have been too attractive: they have soon become the target of collectors and have disappeared.

One such popular poster had Marilyn Monroe on it with an umbrella in her hands. It bore the legend "Kaerazaru Kasa" or "Umbrella of No Return". This, of course, was a play on the title of that Marilyn Monroe picture about a certain river.

The latest subway poster, rivaling the Monroe one in desirability, features Tamasaburo Bando, the star Kabuki *onnaga* or female impersonator.

The Ginza subway area had 25 such Tamasaburo posters but only one remained in mid-July, according to the Hochi Shimbun. That lone one was being closely guarded by subway workers against poster thieves.

On this poster, Tamasaburo, in full feminine regalia, holds a *karakasa* or bamboo and oiled-paper umbrella. "Owasuremono Juhachi-ban", the caption (at the upper right) says.

In Japan, the term "juhachi-ban" has several meanings besides "No. 18". The term can mean a Kabuki drawing card, as Tamasaburo is. Or it can mean one's favorite trick or performance, one's hobby or one's speciality. Thus the caption puts across the idea that the umbrella is a favorite *wasuremono* or article left behind.

In the month of July, the popular Tamasaburo was starring in a play at the Kabuki-za in Tokyo in which he had no fewer than seven roles—including that of the heroine, her sweetheart and her rival in the love affair.

'Oh! Cookie Face' ...



A lot of beauties — real girls, that is — have been brightening posters in Japan and the standard new face among them has been a lass named Masako Natsume.

The 19-year-old coed leaped into prominence this summer by appearing in a bikini sans top in a series of ads for Kanebo cosmetics.

Miss Natsume, who exudes vim, vigor and vitality, was reportedly picked for the Kanebo "Oh! Cookie Face" ads from among 600 girls.

Her statistics are 86-58-86 centimeters and she is 164 centimeters tall and weighs around 50 kilograms. A sophomore in college, she is already doing some television work. □

Asians saluted in western Penna.

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

Morisuye 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 here in Sharon 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.

Bookshelf

Historic siege

• Researchers and students of Japanese history, plus the sons and daughters whose parents or grandparents hail from Kagoshima and Kumamoto prefectures, will welcome the TRUE STORY OF THE SIEGE OF KUMAMOTO CASTLE (New York: Vantage Press, \$5.95, 72pp) by Takehiko Ideishi as translated with introduction by Dr. James H. Buck, Japanese language officer with the U.S. Army during the Occupation and Korean conflict. He also has written on Japanese military history and defense policy.

Artillery officer Ideishi, a survivor of the Imperial Army forces which formed the garrison at Kumamoto Castle, had delivered a series of talks of the 1877 war (Satsuma Rebellion) in 1917, which were then stenographically recorded. Dr. Buck has translated what was the turning point of Japan becoming a modern nation, assuring the new Meiji government could maintain internal security.

Jack London

• The summer edition of PACIFIC HISTORIAN (Univ. of Pacific, Stockton, \$10 per year) devotes the entire issue to San Francisco writer Jack London (1876-1916). The opening article of his horse & buggy trip in 1911 from his home in Mill Valley to Portland tells of his Japanese valet Nakata, who accompanied London and his wife Charmian. In another article, Prof. Hensley Woodbridge of Southern Illinois University reviews the reputation London's works enjoyed abroad—noting London's "The Call of the Wild" appeared in Japanese in 1907. The professor added his Japanese correspondent intends to soon discuss London's view of the yellow race.

Tired of jogging?

• Perhaps the three books published together June 25 by Japan Publications (distributed through its U.S. outlet at 200 Clearbrook Rd., Elmsford, NY 10523) were timed to help counteract rising cost of medical care. But to judge how effectively, one ought to try out the exercises which are illustrated and explained step-by-step.

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Whereabouts sought

BEAVER, W. Va. — The whereabouts of the natural mother Sumie Tanizaki (Japan) of two children, Billy, 19, and Janice Marie Wallace, 18, is being sought by Mr. and Mrs. James Wolfe, 366 Mankin Ave., Beckley, W. Va. 25801. As the adoptive parents, they would like to have Billy and Janice Marie meet their natural mother and their brother, Jimmy. The natural parents were married in Japan in 1956 and lived in El Paso, Tex. Letters addressed to Mrs. Sumie (aka Tanayaki) Wallace Kudiss in El Paso were returned.

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Illinois attorney Jerry Teplitz, who field-tested his methods in "progressive relaxation" at seminars and college workshops and eliciting a consistent response: "It works!", puts it together in his HOW TO RELAX AND ENJOY ... (\$6.95, softcover). For instance, his two-minute Shiatsu cure for headaches and hangovers shown several times on TV

drew floods of mail from appreciative viewers.

The third book BIO-RHYTHM FOR HEALTH DESIGN (\$6.95, softcover), however, is unlike the first two. Author Dr. Kichinosuke Tatai, an expert in psychosomatic medicine and Japan's representative to the International Association for the Prevention of Suicide, deals with the physical, sensitivity and intellectual cycles of biorhythm (PSI Theory) and

demonstrates how they relate to sports, surgery, business, "slump", etc. "Biorhythm" is defined as the biological clock within a person that governs activity and repose. Hence an awareness of those susceptible days permits one to take due care and avoid unnecessary risks. The author is honest enough in the opening chapter to admit the PSI Theory is theory and opposed by scholars who have their theories.—H.H.

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Introduction to Written Japanese

READING JAPANESE, by Eleanor Harz Jorden and Hamako Ito Chaplin, Yale U. Press, 607 pp., \$30 cloth; \$15 paper.

When Japan first emerged from its preliterate state, the literate wrote exclusively in Chinese. As the Japanese came to realize their native tongue could be a literary language, they adapted the thousands of Chinese pictographs to the language of their own country.

In adapting the pictographs, or characters, of monosyllabic Chinese to polysyllabic Japanese, scholars found they must

devise a means of representing the sounds of Japanese. They did so by ascribing phonetic values to some of the Chinese characters, making each character represent a Japanese syllable, in a system now known as *kana*.

Finally these pioneer phoneticians simplified and abbreviated each *kana* symbol until *kana* bears only a hint of the original character.

Modern Japanese includes two systems of *kana*: *katakana* and *hiragana*. The student of Japanese must master both.

So, at the first step, an

American trying to learn to read Japanese faces a difficulty absent from most Western languages, most of which are written in the same roman letters as English.

Early Japanologists tried to surmount this difficulty through representing Japanese words in roman letters in a system known as *roma-ji*. The *roma-ji* system devised by Dr. J. C. Hepburn is the one used in most reference books.

The authors of *Reading Japanese*—Eleanor Harz Jorden, professor of linguistics at Cornell, and Hamako Ito Chaplin, senior lecturer

at Yale—have passed over the Hepburn system in favor of a deviant *roma-ji* that "reflects *kana* spelling and tradition rather than pronunciation."

Consequently the user of this textbook must learn not only the *Reading Japanese* system of *roma-ji*; to use essential reference books he must also learn the Hepburn system. In applying himself to two systems he risks confusion and discouragement.

Aside from the imposition of this unnecessary obstacle, the book does much to smooth the way to learning to read Japanese. For example, Japanese has absorbed many words from English. Written in *kana*, such cognate words tend to retain much of the English meaning, differing from the origi-

nal chiefly in accent. Capitalizing on the principle that we learn most readily by associating the thing to be learned with something we already know, the authors have introduced many such cognate words into the text.

The book also introduces 425 of the most essential of the more than 2,000 Chinese characters the student of modern Japanese must learn. It depicts these char-

acters in both the printed form (*kaisho*) and the semi-cursive (*gyosho*) form.

Intended for use as a classroom text or for self-study, *Reading Japanese* is correlated with the two-volume *Beginning Japanese* by the same authors.

Tape recordings and cassettes on *Beginning Japanese* are available.

—ALLAN BEEKMAN

'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 80,000 persons killed 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 National Archives listed the names of American POWs in Hiroshima was declassified, the Army reported 20 American airmen as being killed but only two were fully identified and a third partially by surname. The search was made at the request of the United Press International after Hiroshi Yanagida, the Japanese officer in charge of the 23 American prisoners, revealed his wartime mission on July. Yanagita recalled among the 23 was a woman.)

In the book, named after the B-29 bomber that carried out the world's first atomic attack on Aug. 6, 1945, Thomas and Witts write that an estimated 23 Americans were being held in Hiroshima at the time. The authors said 10 of them had been taken prisoner in Okinawa and the rest had been shot down over Hiroshima on July 28, 1945.

"The fate of the American prisoners of war is not certain," they add in their 327-page book. "Two were reported to have been escorted, wounded but able to walk, to Ujina. One was seen under a bridge, apparently dying, wearing only a pair of red and white underpants. Two were said to have been battered to death in the castle grounds by their captors." Ujina is in the port section of Hiroshima.

Witts, also interviewed with Thomas, said "We cannot say for certain what happened to every single person because the official records themselves are neither accurate — they're often contradictory — nor are they comprehensive."

But the authors named six U.S. Army Air Force personnel who they said were killed in the Hiroshima attack.

Thomas and Witts expressed the belief that guilt feelings were attached to the attack and because of this the American deaths were not disclosed.

"There's no doubt in our minds," said Thomas of the Hiroshima attack, "that the relatives, the wives, mothers, sweethearts of these dead men, believed their menfolk were killed by enemy action." One man, Staff Sgt. Julius Molnar of Kalamazoo, Mich., rear turret gunner on a bomber named Taloa, one of the two B24s shot down on July 28, was

reported killed in action and posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, they said.

None of the 10 men captured on Okinawa, presumably U.S. Marines, were named. But in the interview, the authors listed five other men in addition to Molnar as having died in Hiroshima on Aug. 6.

The identified them as 2nd Lt. James M. Ryan, bombardier; Sgt. Hugh Atkinson, radio operator; Sgt. Buford Ellison, flight engineer; Cpl. John Long, nose gunner; and 2nd Lt. Durden Looper, co-pilot. All were from the crew of the B24 Lonesome Lady, shot down over Hiroshima.

The Pentagon in Washington, asked about the authors' claim, said: "There were between 10 and 20 American POWs in the Hiroshima area at the time of the bombing." To the extent there were casualties cannot be greatly documented.

(The UPI report in 1970 from Washington identified the three killed in Hiroshima as S/Sgt. Ralph J. Neal, B-24 turret gunner who had been listed Missing in Action 10 days after the bombing and Norman Roland Brisset. A third man was identified only as Blanket. Personnel records for Neal and Brisset showed their families had been notified they had been killed by the atom bomb.

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SEATTLE, Wash.—Attorney Dan Danilov, himself an immigrant who came to the U.S. in 1947 from China, has published a concise, 40-page book, "A Welcome to U.S.A." (Welcome Publications, Seattle 98111, \$5), designed for those trying to locate extensive material in layman's language about U.S. immigration law.

Danilov, who has specialized in immigration and nationality laws for nearly two decades after being gradu-

ated from the Univ. of Washington Law School, formatted the book so that it can slip into a No. 10 envelope and be sent to friends or relatives abroad.

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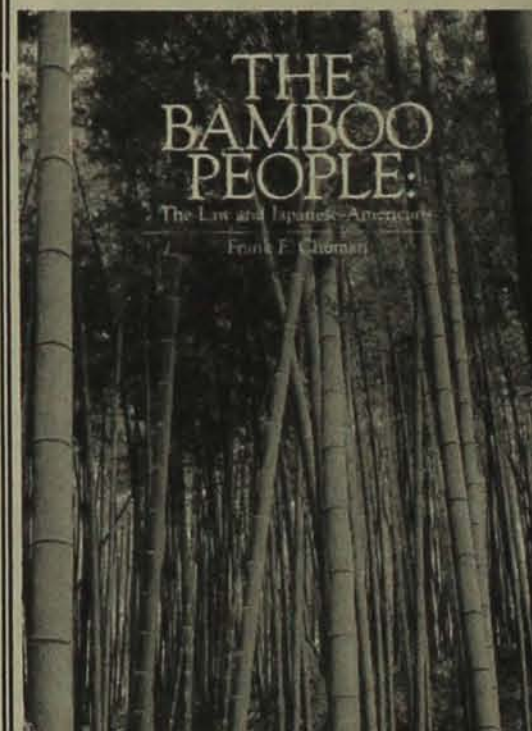
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Japan germ warfare test called 'living cemetery'

TOKYO—A Japanese television documentary charged last November that Japanese scientists killed at least 3,000 Chinese prisoners during World War II through bacteriological warfare experiments.

In a high-security camp near Harbin, Manchuria, from 1941-1945, the scientists allegedly killed prisoners by inflicting them with the plague, cholera, anthrax and typhoid. The scientists escaped postwar prosecution by sharing the findings with American occupation forces, according to TV reporter Haruko Yoshinaga.

"All the important documents were given to the United States," she said. "They know everything. I don't know what happened between the two governments."

Japan Scene

A gold bar salvaged from the wreckage of a Tokugawa Shogunate navy ship (Kaiyo Maru) which sank in 1868 is the talk of the fishing town of Esashi near Hakodate. The 30-ryo bullion is valued at ¥1,500,000 (\$5,660) but as an antique it may fetch between 10 and 20 million yen.

The Gifu Prefecture Assembly has adopted the new school education guideline including the raising of the Hinomaru flag and singing the national anthem, Kimigayo, at official school functions. While labor and educational organizations plan to protest, the Assembly said character-building needs to be cultivated to stem the rise of juvenile delinquency.

The National Museum of Ethnology is scheduled to open Nov. 15 at the EXPO-70 site near Osaka. Categories include Oceania, America, Europe, Africa, West Asia, languages, music and culture. Unique will be the videotape section with voice cassettes in either Japanese or English. Two Japanese nutritionists are in Papua New Guinea to study how the mountain-country natives maintain their health on sweet potatoes, roots and almost no meat or fish. Tokyo Station, built in 1914, is becoming a Mecca for Sunday painters because of talk about demolishing the red brick building.

Intermarriage in Japan rises

TOKYO—A total of 6,045 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 American husbands has been decreasing, the Ministry noted. The summary:

INTERMARRIAGE IN JAPAN	
(m) male, (f) female	1975 1965
J-(m) & non-J (f)	3,222 1,067
1,994 Koreans	
574 Chinese	
152 U.S. & others	
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1,554 Koreans	
631 Americans	
394 Europeans & others	
243 Chinese	

Yoshinaga traveled throughout Japan to track down 20 former members of the germ warfare unit, code named "Unit 731." The group was a part of the "Ishii Corps" of the defunct 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 living persons" in preparation for bacteriological warfare. About 20 lower-level personnel were captured by the Russians and pleaded guilty. They were repatriated to Japan in 1956.

A month before Japan's capitulation, 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 Post, one member of the unit, Dr. Suetō Akimoto, 58, said 731 was "a death factory or a living cemetery." He said he and others more deeply involved in the experiments on living humans should be prosecuted.

When the unit disbanded the germ researchers were warned to stay out of the 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 was silent for 30 years, and nothing can change that. These people were my friends and I didn't have the courage to condemn them."

Dr. Akimoto said he attended monthly meetings at which scientists from other divisions reported on death experiments. He described experiments in which some victims in a group were vaccinated 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.

Her hour-long expose was aired by the Tokyo Broadcasting System.

'Baby' hotel

YOKOHAMA—The first "baby hotel" opened here in April, caring for youngsters up to age 3 at any time and for as long or short a time the parents want. Owner remodeled his two-story house to accommodate 15 babies.

Ministry 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 departments now scattered in 11 ministries and agencies, with a budget of ¥181 billion. Their campaign gained momentum during the recent Upper Diet election.

Construction business stays calm in quake-ridden Japan

TOKYO—A common fear among Japan's 110 million 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 when asked what bothers him most in his three years in Tokyo, "to learn that so many people, Japanese and foreigners alike, share the same fear."

The great Tokyo-Yokohama earthquake of 1923 still reverberates in the minds of the older generation, when 99,000 persons died in a mass of 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 Suruga Bay, 60 miles west of Tokyo, as the center of a quake worse than the great 1923 disaster.

Yet there is one field in Japan unalarmed by threats of future quakes—the construction business.

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