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60,000 witness L.A.'s Nisei Week parade

LOS ANGELES — Some 60,000 people watched the sun drenched Nisei Week ondo parade in Little Tokyo Aug. 28. There were 11 floats, 11 marching units, 33 vehicles in the motorcade for dignitaries and 11 ondo groups for a total of 11 units.

Sen. S. I. Hayakawa had the honor of grand marshal to be in the lead car behind the 442nd veterans color guard who also carried their regimental colors. Takeo Atsumi, president of Kajiima International, USA, was honorary grand marshal.

Nisei Week prince Kevin Nozaki and princess Tara Akashi rode the Japan Royal Jelly float. Nisei Week pioneers Saburo Muraoka, Mannosuke Nishida, Yoshio Nishisaka and Yoshifumi Takiguchi sat in vintage T-Birds. The Curtiss Jr. High band with Alyson Mizuno, 1975 juvenile national baton twirler champion, was a parade special.

At a pre-parade press conference, Hayakawa said he felt Little Tokyo should be developed into an economic and cultural showcase for both Japanese and Japanese American interests.

Of the New Otani Hotel which opened this past week and other redevelopment projects under construction, the Little Tokyo area will be regarded as a measure of progress by the Japanese American community, Hayakawa added.

He also responded to questions regarding a personal assessment of President Carter, repeated his stand to confirm the Panama Canal Treaty even though his office mail was 99-1 against it, and support of the unitary tax treaty which is in opposition to Calif. Gov. Brown's stand.

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Attractions of Nisei Week parade in Little Tokyo include Loris Kurashige, 1977 Nisei Week queen (upper left); Sen. S. I. Hayakawa, grand marshal (upper right); and the young ondoists.

—Kashu Mainichi Photos



Little Tokyo's hot lunch program serves 200 a day, now in 2nd year

LOS ANGELES—Popularly known as the "hot lunch program" for the elderly, the 200 Issei and Nisei who frequent the Little Tokyo Towers dining room during the week from 11:30 a.m. can obtain more than nutrition, according to the Japanese Community Pioneer Center, Inc., program sponsors.

Now in its second year with Mrs. Emi Yamaki as

director, the service provides 210 meals per day, including 20 home-delivered meals. It started April 2, 1976, at the old Japanese Union Church with funding under Title VII of the Older American Act after community conscious Sansei spearheaded the drive for hot meals inside Little Tokyo.

An academic touch identi-

fies the program, entitled Koreisha Chushoku Kai. Scholars, ministers, priests and teachers had thought hard to come up with a name, Yamaki recalled. Koreisha means "persons of high age" with the character denoting love, respect, dignity of the elderly. Chushoku Kai stands for "middle meal or lunch pro-

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Enomoto's affirmative action plan for prison staff overturned in lower court, case now on appeal

San Francisco

Jerry Enomoto, director of the State Department of Corrections, spoke on the "Politics of Affirmative Action" at a recent forum held in San Francisco's Japantown. His remarks helped to clarify the reasons and needs for affirmative action in hiring and promotions.

Since becoming director of the Corrections Department, he has actively advocated affirmative action. Consequently, he was named in a reverse discrimination suit filed by the California Correctional Officers Assn.

Enomoto stated that for years women and minorities have been systematically denied access to certain jobs and promotions within the Dept. of Corrections. This discrimination caused inequality when comparing the prison inmate population with the number of minority correctional staff and excluded women from positions completely.

The prison inmate population is currently 55% minority, basically 35% Black and 20% Chicano. In 1968, only 8% of the staff were minorities, while currently, minorities compose 26% of the

staff. This improvement in the number of minority staff can be attributed to the effects of affirmative action.

Women were completely excluded from working within male prisons as correctional officers in the past.

In the last few years, this situation has changed and

women have been allowed to work in the male prisons. Approximately 150 women correctional officers are now working in the various male prisons.

Enomoto stressed that corrections work is basically dealing with people, with talking, listening, and communicating. Physical activi-

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CETA amendment aids Hawaiians

WASHINGTON — By unanimous vote, the Senate recently accepted an amendment to the 1973 Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA)

inserted by Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga to include native Hawaiians in programs earmarked solely for native Americans.

Atty. Gen. Bell to sign brief opposing Bakke

WASHINGTON — The Carter administration has decided to support affirmative action programs in the case now before the Supreme Court, according to New York Times writer Paul Delaney.

Officials reported the government's position would be given added weight by having Attorney General Griffin Bell signing the amicus brief. Normally, these are signed by the solicitor general. Brief is expected to be filed by an Oct. 1 deadline.

Case involves Allan Bakke, who charged he was denied admission to the UC Davis Medical School because he was white and despite having a better academic record than some minority members who were admitted under a special admissions policy.

The special admissions

policy was ruled unconstitutional by the California Supreme Court in a 6-1 decision.

In Boston, the American Federation of Teachers after a week-long convention in mid-August voted to reject racial hiring and admission quotas and filed a brief on the side of Bakke. It was the most hotly debated topic the 2,500 delegates took up. The vote was 195,135 for, 73,503 against the AFT position, with 688 abstentions.

The other teacher union, the National Education Assn. with 1.8 million members, backs racial quotas.

In Seattle, Marco de Funis authored the amicus brief in support of Bakke for the Young Americans for Freedom. On Aug. 23, DeFunis said submitting the brief

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Hawaii leaders stay cool to Japanese investment

HONOLULU—Hawaii may be the 50th state for the American school kids learning history.

But for the Japanese nationals living back home or operating business here, Hawaii is considered their "48th prefecture". And, rightly so.

A quick glance at the investments ledger books reveals why.

Since 1972, when they first "invaded" Hawaii by embarking on a buying spree that included major hotels, golf courses, restaurants and real estate, the Japanese have invested more than \$340 million in America's 50th state.

In 1972, there were 78 Japanese-owned companies doing business in Hawaii. Today, there are 116, an increase of 49 per cent.

Of the six largest hotels on Waikiki Beach, three—the sleek Sheraton Waikiki, the venerable Royal Hawaiian, and the stately Princess Kaiulani—are owned by Japanese firms.

Of the 23,961 hotel rooms available on Waikiki, 6,710 or 28 per cent, are Japanese-owned.

The Japanese own 12 major restaurants, 21 travel agencies, 23 retail stores, and at least 20 hotels, condominiums, and resorts, according to Hawaii's International Services Agency.

Land holdings by Japanese firms total 11,000 acres valued at almost \$90 million.

Just how many dollars flows out of Hawaii and into Japanese coffers is anybody's guess, but the \$340 million in their investment represents almost 60 per cent of all foreign capital investment in the state.

As more Hawaiians have become aware of Japanese invasion of their islands a mild apprehension has swept the state.

A 1975 poll by Hawaii's Dept. of Planning and Economic Development

showed that 90 per cent of Hawaii's residents favor some kind of government control of outside investment, and 22 per cent want an end to all foreign investment.

Gov. George Ariyoshi has also expressed some concern over recent population boom in the state, many of them coming from the mainland U.S.

However, the poll indicated that 72 per cent felt it was important to the state's economy to attract more investment from firms on the mainland.

"There is a fear among some people here that the Japanese are taking over the islands," said Ken Kwak, international trade specialist with Hawaii's International Services Agency. But, he assured that was

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Issei church set for centennial fete

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Over 300 representatives of various Japanese Christian groups will gather Oct. 5-9 at the Sheraton-Palace to celebrate the centennial of its mission in North America.

It was in 1877 that ten Issei met as the "Fukuin Kai" (Gospel Society) and that Kanichi Miyama was baptized. He was ordained for the Methodist Japanese mission in 1886. He returned to Japan in 1890.

Among the special projects marking the 100th year are an Issei church history by the Rev. Sumio Koga and a filmstrip written by the Rev. Michael Morizono.

Cars' greatest challenge to Tokyo

SEATTLE, Wash.—Dr. Ryokichi Minobe, governor of Tokyo, addressed the opening session of the 14th biennial Japan-America Conference of Mayors and Chamber of Commerce Presidents here Aug. 21.

He said the city has been fairly successful in cleaning up air and water pollution the past 10 years but car emissions still are a major problem.



Director and staff of the hot lunch program stand in front of the Little Tokyo Towers dining facility where 200 are served Monday to Friday. They are (from left) Kiyo Shishido, nutritionist; Setsuko Takeshita, secretary/bookkeeper; Emi Yamaki, program director; Yaeko Murayama, sight aide; Takashi Ichikata and Kay Kitabayashi, senior aides.

Retired state auditor heads Contra Costa's Sakura-Kai

RICHMOND, Calif. — William Waki, retired California State employee, was introduced as the new coordinator for Sakura Kai, the senior citizens group for Japanese speaking residents of West Contra Costa. It was announced at a farewell luncheon given for the first coordinator, June Sakaguchi, who is retiring after four years.

Waki is a native of Watsonville but has been a long-time resident of El Cerrito. He is a graduate of UC Berkeley and was a Japa-

nese language instructor at the U.S. Army Military Language School during World War II. He has been past president of the Contra Costa JACL and has been very active on the board of the Berkeley Buddhist Church.

Since his retirement as an auditor for the Board of Equalization, he and his wife Tae have decided to devote much of their time to community service. Their daughter, Mrs. Amy Shinsako, will also be involved in this family effort to help the elderly Japanese of this area.

A drink a day may keep heart disease away

BOSTON, Mass.—A six-year study of heart disease among 7,705 men of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii has led Dr. William Kannel, a leading authority on causes of heart disease, to conclude neither coffee nor moderate use of alcohol causes heart attacks and that a few drinks a day may actually help protect against heart disease.

The examination by the federally-funded Honolulu Heart Study headed by Drs. Abraham Kagan, Katsuhiko Yano and George Rhoads, and the editorial comment by Dr. Kannel appeared in the lead article of the New England Journal of Medicine Aug. 25.

Several other American and European studies of a similar nature have found similar evidence, Kannel said.

"It is encouraging to note that not everything one enjoys in life predisposes to cardiovascular disease. There is nothing to suggest, for the present, that we must give up either coffee or alcohol in moderation to avoid a heart at-

tack," Kannel commented. "I am sure that many who read this editorial will be quite willing to drink to that statement."

The survey noted that in the 294 (less than 4%) who developed coronary heart disease, there were fewer moderate drinkers and more non-drinkers than the group's average.

Dr. Kagan told the press moderate drinking consists of one, two or possibly three drinks a day and he defined a "single drink" as a 1½-oz. jigger of whiskey, a bottle of beer or—with less certainty because of "so little evidence" on wine drinkers—a 4-oz. glass of table wine.

But the doctors cautioned heavy drinking can severely harm the heart and other organs; that alcohol and coffee may have to be limited in some (with irregular heartbeat, for instance), and that evidence on coffee is perhaps not complete.

The Honolulu data still under development may show some connection between moderate alcohol consumption and some kinds of strokes, Kagan reported.

HOT LUNCH

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gram".

At least three meals a week are Japanese or Chinese in preparation. The staff is bilingual. Information imparted during the course of the meal is in both Japanese and English, covering such areas as nutrition, special services and related activities enhancing their cultural heritage.

Overall, the Japanese Community Pioneer Center has rendered wholehearted support to meet the goals of this Title VII project by sponsoring classes in art, sewing, calligraphy, English conversation, and occasional field trips. The goals are to help participants maintain maximum health, independence and dignity as long as possible, reminded Yamaki.

Besides meeting the need of elderly to congregate, their participation has meant new friends and re-

kindled anticipation, a chance to dress up and some have abandoned the "enryo" attitude, Yamaki noted. "People aren't reluctant to ask for different kinds of services, such as Social Security, escort service or even simple questions," she explained.

Volunteers — about 30 — also play a significant role in the program. A council also helps in menu planning, method of getting donations and procedure.

The program is expected to reach into Boyle Heights, where over 200 elderly Japanese are believed to be living. Yamaki said a site is available but the question of financing needs to be resolved.

When the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center is completed, the Koreisha will be among the tenants. It is Mrs. Yamaki's hope a multi-purpose "one stop" senior citizens center can be established. "We feel that our work has just begun," she declared.

Trace mineral link to epilepsy

CHICAGO—Pregnant women with a deficiency of the mineral manganese may give birth to epileptic children, a Canadian Nisei researcher said this past week (Aug. 30).

Dr. Yukio Tanaka of St. Mary's Hospital in Montreal said his studies provide the first link between manganese deficiency and convulsions in humans. He said the condition may be relieved by a dietary supplement of the trace material.

Tanaka presented his findings to the national meeting of the American Chemical Society here.

Health

Dr. Joe Yamamoto, 54, of Los Angeles, professor in residence and director of adult ambulatory care service at UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute, has been nominated president-elect of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis. For 19 years, he has been chief of the adult outpatient psychiatric clinic at L.A. County-USC School of Medicine. He is currently working with the county mental health association to start an Asian mental health center.

Mark M. Mayeda, 32, of Venice, California, is the new executive director of the Asian Rehabilitation Services, Los Angeles, succeeding Sachio Kano, who is remaining with the agen-

cy to focus on the sheltered workshop portion of the program, it was announced by John Hatakeyama, ARS board chairman. Mayeda is the eldest son of Hideko and Rev. Sentoku Mayeda of the Gardena Buddhist Church, and ARS fiscal manager prior to his appointment.

The Univ. of Washington School of Medicine's CIBA Pharmaceutical Co. Award, a collection of medical books to sophomores making outstanding contributions in health care to the community was presented to Seijo Oi of Seattle. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Shoji Oi. Seijo organized 20-30 volunteer medical students to staff blood pressure and health screening stations during the past year.

Dr. Hideki Kitano, neurologist formerly at Lafayette Clinic in Detroit, has associated with Kaiser Hospital and the Univ. of Hawaii Medical School in Honolulu as instructor-researcher. He is setting up the state's first epilepsy clinic. Dr. Richard Korsak, chief of neurosciences at Kaiser, said Hawaii has gained a foremost expert in this field. Research that the Nisei physician continues at the University may lead to more breakthroughs in understanding and treating epileptic seizures.

New health drink

OITA—A mushroom (shiitake)-mineral water health drink being bottled here, reputed to be effective in preventing cancer, is attracting Middle East petrodollars. Of the 7½-million bottles produced this year, 5½-million are to be exported to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

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Japanese Community Pioneer Center
120 N. San Pedro St.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

Noontime luau set for WLA lunchers

LOS ANGELES—Kapualani hula dancers and singer Phyllis Budzyn will entertain at the West Los Angeles United Methodist Church, 1913 Purdue Ave., on Sept. 16 during the senior citizen hot lunch program directed by Mrs. Kay Okitsu. The project serves five hot meals a week.

San Mateo JACL gets CETA funds

SAN MATEO, Calif. — Two one-year positions were announced by the San Mateo JACL for a Japanese historical researcher (\$800/month) and a clerk-typist (\$600/month).

The project, funded by the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) and under direction of the chapter executive committee, calls for a graphic, tabular, pictorial and written report of the Japanese community in San Mateo County.

For additional information, see:

Yasuko Ito (343-9198) or Ernie Takahashi (573-2222).

Nutrition coordinator

OAKLAND, Calif.—Kimiko Oura, nutrition project director with East Bay Japanese for Action since its inception in September, 1975, has moved to Seattle. Laura Date was named her successor as of Sept. 1.

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has brought him "full circle" as he had challenged the Univ. of Washington law school's admission procedures in a similar case that the high court declared moot in 1974.

DeFunis is optimistic the supreme court will rule in favor of Bakke.

The YAF brief noted a long line of high court cases demonstrated the evolving principle that the Constitution is color-blind. Race is a "suspect criterion" that is justified only on the grounds of a "compelling state interest," de Funis wrote. "No compelling state interest is found here." □

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Children's theater

LOS ANGELES—East West Players Children's Workshops, geared for children between 7 and 14, commences for an 8-Saturday session Sept. 24, 10 a.m.-noon, at San Gabriel Valley Community Center and the Belvedere Recreation Center. A \$15 fee will be charged. Classes are limited to 15 students who will discover "story-telling, stage make-up, puppetry, Eastern theater and more," according to coordinator Sachiko Penny Lee (660-0366).

Hokubei Mainichi

SAN FRANCISCO — The Hokubei Mainichi (North American Daily) has moved to its new home at 1746 Post St., facing Japan Center, and resumed publication Aug. 8 after a one-week hiatus to complete the move. At the same time, Linda Ogawa Ramirez, 22, Univ. of Texas graduate in journalism, has joined its English section.

Instant food

TOKYO—The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reported 80% of the Japanese families now buy instant food. So-called fast food business has risen also to change Japanese eating habits.

Kinokuniya Stores

LOS ANGELES—Japan's famous Kinokuniya Book Stores has opened its second branch in the U.S. in the New Otani Hotel arcade Sept. 1. Its first American outlet in San Francisco's Japan Center opened nine years ago. (There are five other Nikkei bookstores in Little Tokyo.)

New restaurant opening

LOS ANGELES—The Inagiku Restaurant is due to open in mid-October at the top lobby atrium tier of the Bonaventure Hotel. It will be divided into six areas. A major restaurant group in Japan under direction of Ki-ichiro Asano, its first overseas venture opened in 1973 at New York's Waldorf-Astoria.

Nisei Trading moves

LOS ANGELES—Nisei Trading Co. is moving to 249 S. San Pedro St. from its three-story building on E. 1st St. which will be demolished to make way for Japanese Village Plaza.

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OWI's Parachute News found HAWAII

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TOKYO—A complete collection of the U.S. Office of War Information leaflets air-dropped during the latter part of World War II over Japanese troops and over the Japanese mainland has been reported to be in the possession of Morikazu Akitake, 69, of Tokyo.

The Mainichi Daily News recalled Japanese authorities gave strict orders against reading the leaflets, "Rakkasan News" (Parachute News), but as the situation worsened, many Japanese began to put more trust in what was held to be pessimistic information about Japan's campaign in the dropped material.

The propaganda war began in earnest in 1945 when it became apparent that the course of war in the Pacific had turned clearly against the Japanese. In order to weaken the resolve of the Japanese and hasten the

conclusion of war, some 4.6 million leaflets were dropped by Americans over Japanese territory.

Akitake had been a civilian worker in Manila in 1943, but was drafted into the Japanese army in order to defend the city while regular troops retreated into the mountains. He was captured in February, 1945, and because of his English ability was assigned with 10 other prisoner journalists and Nisei MIS linguists by the OWI to put out the paper, which was being printed in the former Mainichi Shimbun office in Manila.

There were 23 editions published in 1945. First edition related the B-29 bombings over Tokyo and Nagoya. Advances of U.S. troops in the South Pacific, growing political turmoil inside Japan, hardships being faced by the Japanese at

home, antiwar short story of famous writer Ashihei Hino, the new type of military weapon—the A-bomb—five days after it was dropped on Hiroshima, were some of the stories published. Last edition announced the acceptance of the Potsdam Declaration and surrender.

Military

Aki Oshida of Pacific Grove, Calif., was elected president of the Military Intelligence Service Assn. of Northern California. It meets next at San Jose's Fung Lum Restaurant, Sept. 24, 5 p.m.

Paul Suguro, a June graduate of Seattle's Cleveland High and an appointee of then Rep. Brock Adams, has reported to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He is the son of the Kallio Suguros ... Howard Hieshima of Chicago is the new commander of the American Legion Illinois Sixth District Council.

not true.

Actually, say members of Hawaii's business and political communities, much of the opposition and resentment toward Japanese investment stems from old World War II prejudices.

"People here still remember Pearl Harbor," said Philip Loyd, a Honolulu contractor. "They feel they were attacked once with bombs and now they are being attacked again with Japanese yen."

(In Denver, the American Legion passed a resolution recently asking Japan-made souvenirs not be sold at the Pearl Harbor memorial.)

But most of local leaders, recognizing the realities of today's economic order with its multinational companies, and its complex systems of credits, are not alarmed by Japan's "new assault" on Hawaii.

"If we don't complain

about mainland-owned hotels here, how can we complain about Japanese-owned hotels?" Kwak asked.

"After all, we are trying to turn Hawaii into a regional business center. We are trying to attract multinational corporations to establish regional offices here. We want to attract quality people for quality jobs." □

Banzai Cliff statue

TOKYO—The 10-ft. statue of Kannon placed by a Sendai Buddhist altar equipment maker in 1972 at Banzai Cliff in Saipan has disappeared without a trace. Tourists from Japan have said it has been missing since November. Statue was placed in memory of the mothers and children who hurled themselves off the cliff to escape capture during the closing days of the war.

We Are One meeting

LOS ANGELES—Retirement planning is to be discussed at the We Are One meeting Sept. 16, 8 p.m., at the Calif. First Bank branch at Jefferson and Crenshaw with Paul Oda, president of the Little Tokyo Hot Meals Council, as speaker-moderator. Hana Shepard will chair.



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EDITORIALS:

Bilingual Education

Under the Bilingual Education Act enacted by the Congress in 1969, nearly \$500-million has been appropriated through 1977. Through 1976, there have been nearly 1,900 federally funded projects involving 46 languages for about 1.1-million participants, according to statistics from the National Advisory Council on Bilingual Education.

The question now being raised is whether bilingual education is paying off? Some educators say bilingual instruction magnifies differences among ethnic groups and thus hinders assimilation of non-English speaking students. Others are also worried that bilingual education is cutting into the budget for athletics, music, art and other special programs.

Advocates of bilingual education—and many JACLers are in this corner—say the concept of bilingualism is a bridge for language minorities to gain equal access and participation in American society. For the non-English speaking child, bilingual education does not compete with the dominant or English language in a classroom but allows for progress in math, science and other subjects without having to wait until a proficiency in English has been established. The same child is further helped in gaining that proficiency in English.

Other collateral questions over the merit of bilingual education show programs can either be "transitional" or "maintenance"—short-range vs. long-range. Transitional programs are designed to bring the language-minority child into the mainstream of society as quickly as possible, until the child is "caught up" with English-speaking children. Maintenance programs strive to educate students as bicultural-bilingual citizens by giving equal weight to both languages and culture.

But the differences between the two approaches have created division within the teaching community. The Spanish-speaking and Asian American proponents insist anything short of the maintenance approach discourages cultural and ethnic pluralism in American society. Yet others argue there is no U.S. responsibility to finance and promote teaching of ethnic language and culture or preserving the mother tongue at the expense of quality education.

A recent Editorial Research Report notes a study conducted for the U.S. Office of Education by the American Institutes for Research in the Behavioral Sciences that Spanish-speaking children enrolled in 38 bilingual programs were not learning to speak and read English as quickly as students who were picking it up on their own.

Very little other evidence appears to indicate whether bilingual education is paying off. The Editorial Research Report adds that true effectiveness of the program cannot be determined until the shortage of adequately trained bilingual teachers is cleared. The General Accounting Office last year found only 27% of the teachers involved in projects were trained to teach in bilingual classrooms and only 69% were bilingual themselves. The Office of Education notes a shortage of textbooks and other instructional materials has handicapped the program.

Hence, the questions over merit of bilingual programs or the approach seem picayune when one looks at the Office of Education estimate that as many as 3.6-million school-age children have English-language difficulties—and deserve attention. While most of the participants have been Spanish-speaking children, it is also interesting to note that more than half of the 46 languages covered are of "American stock"—20 different Native American tongues, four Eskimo and Samoan. Eight are Asian: Cambodian, Chinese, Ilocano, Japanese, Korean, Punjabi, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

Another federally funded project language, Pennsylvania Dutch, might be "American", except that's a German dialect introduced by immigrants in the 17th and 18th centuries. We now wonder whether Meiji Era Japanese brought by the Issei over the past 100 years might similarly qualify as "American Japanese". Of course, the brand of Nihongo being taught nowadays to our Sansei has been updated since the Nisei spent hours after regular school in the prewar era.

Nikkei Influence

Editor:

Reading Barry Saiki's article (PC, Aug. 5), I was appalled at the limited knowledge of Buddhism. The human rights stance of President Carter's is Buddhism. He understands that liberation is freedom from all that confronts man to become—the quality to be human.

Saiki sounded as though Buddhist churches were only shells without substance and meat. But there is more, such as "small is beautiful" economics as though people matter as written about by E.F. Shumacher.

MIYO MORIKAWA

Chicago, Ill.

Saiki's article was not intended to delve into the Buddhist philosophy but to only cite the architecture of its temples.—Editor.

The Nisei Novel

Editor:

Moonray Kojima (PC Ltrs., Aug. 19) thinks that it may take an outsider to write a "romantic and

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ty with inmates is a very small part of the job. He stated, "We hire women to be women, and not to make men out of women." His experience with the women correctional officers has convinced him that they create a positive and healthy influence in the environment of prison life.

Enomoto has been accused of discriminating against white staff members because of his belief in affirmative action. He explained,

"When you try to go through a process of equalization, that very process will require for a period of time that certain people wait. The competitive pool will get large with the addition of minorities and women. That is not something I created. I'm not trying to deliberately abuse white people."

Nevertheless, in the suit filed by the Correctional Officers Association, known as Minnick case, the Judge found the Corrections Department guilty of discriminating against white officers. The judge ordered that race, sex, and national origin should not be used as a benefit, preference, or advantage in hiring or promoting within the department. The department is appealing the decision, but has to

Enomoto's affirmative action policy at prisons endorsed

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Jerry Enomoto, director of the Calif. Dept. of Corrections, received strong support and endorsement of his affirmative action policy from the Japanese American Citizens League in a letter dated Aug. 19, signed by National Executive Director Karl Nobuyuki, and addressed to Mario Obledo, Secretary of Health and Welfare Agency.

At the same time, the JACL saluted Secretary Obledo for his courageous stand in supporting affirmative action as a process to obtain equal employment

breath-taking novel" of the Evacuation experience. I'm an outsider, at least I'm not a Nikkei, and I have written two thirds of such a novel. My Nisei husband was imprisoned at Pinedale, Tule Lake and Minidoka and I have done extensive research on this subject.

I have been working on the book for six years. During that time I also went to college, got a teaching career in orbit and raised a family, so the writing has been slow. I have a rough draft and I hope to finish it by the end of the year.

I am not a well known writer, in fact I'm not known at all, but I have taken all the writing courses at Eastern Michigan University because I want it to be as well written as possible. My own writing teacher has given me a lot of help and encouragement.

Moonray is right, there is much drama in the Nikkei experience. I do not feel qualified to write from the Nisei point of view because I am not Nisei so my main character is a young wasp nurse who falls in love with a Nisei farmer from the White River Valley in Washington. She

comply with the order until it is reversed.

During the trial, Enomoto was accused of practicing reverse discrimination. He responded to these charges by saying, "There can't be reverse discrimination unless there is discrimination in the first place." Since there has been a history of discrimination which systematically denied women and minorities a chance, affirmative action is a step in trying to correct the past inequalities. Minorities and women had to wait a long time for opportunities, now, others will have to wait for a while until a balance in the workforce is reached, Enomoto added.

Enomoto's closing remarks stressed that women and minorities have made gains despite the setbacks, but must be sensitive to the situation around them. The Minnick and Bakke cases attack affirmative action and should be important issues to any organization concerned with civil rights. "We have not come up a path long enough so that we can forget about equal opportunity in hiring or jobs, because the very existence of such things as these cases indicates we have a way to go."

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opportunities for all Americans.

"We applaud Mr. Enomoto's example and are encouraged by his strength and fortitude," Nobuyuki told Obledo. "We proudly stand as a member of your team."

While the letter makes no mention of the litigation involving Enomoto as director of the Dept. of Corrections, the so-called Minnick Case is on appeal. Alleging reverse discrimination, the plaintiff was sustained in the San Francisco superior court earlier this year. □

marries him three weeks after Pearl Harbor. Her bigoted parents disown her and part of my story concerns her relationship with her parents.

Lisa, the Caucasian wife, follows her husband, Tadashi, to camp and works in the hospital at Pinedale and Tule Lake. Tad's father dies of pneumonia at Tule Lake and Lisa's brother, Jack, is killed in the war. Tad's brother, Pete, is a "No No Boy" and goes to Japan after the war, and his brother-in-law join the army as linguists and go to the Pacific just as their families are moved to Minidoka, leaving brother Pete behind at Tule Lake. Tad's mother, two sisters and Lisa move into an apartment in Detroit, which is Lisa's home town. Tad is reported missing and Lisa gives birth to a baby girl.

Lisa takes a job at Children's Hospital in Detroit. That evening a second telegram is delivered. Tad has been found. Lisa tells her baby that her Daddy is coming home. This is the end of the first part of the novel.

Part two begins with a reunion of Tad, who has lost his left leg, and his family. There is a touching scene when he sees his six-month-old daughter for the first time. The rest of the book concerns the Nisei efforts to rebuild their lives, both on the west coast and in the middle west. I think that this in itself is a very dramatic and inspiring story. I tell of how Pete goes to Japan and

eventually returns to America bringing a young cousin with him. The cousin's parents were killed in Hiroshima. Tad and Lisa take over her grandfather's very neglected and run down farm. After many years, they put the farm on a paying basis.

I also go into the rebuilding of the strained relationships between Lisa and her parents. In time they grow to like Tad and his family and finally invite the whole clan to their house for Christmas.

I try to touch on all aspects of the Evacuation and its effects on the Japanese Americans. Near the end of the book, Tad's now teenage daughter questions Tad about the Evacuation and his feelings about it. He finally has to face the painful fact that his government betrayed him and his people. I write of the prejudice that the Japanese Americans faced and still face, both overt and covert.

This is a very rough outline, very hastily typed but I couldn't resist writing and telling you about it. If anyone around there would like to see a chapter or two I will be happy to send a copy. Oh, yes, the title is "The Long Road from White River". This is just one novel written from one point of view. I would still like to see a novel of the Evacuation written by a Nisei. There is room for many novels on this subject.

LOIS MORIOKA

Belleville, Mich.

East Wind: by Bill Marutani

Wandering Thoughts

(While Clipping the Hedge)

Philadelphia

THE OTHER EVENING as I was clipping our hedges, in order to while away the time I was letting my mind drift to various thoughts. It makes the task considerably easier that way, and it also relaxes the mind. More and more I find that every time I do some menial task around the house or yard, the question that crops up in my mind is: "What am I doing here?" And then I begin to re-convince myself all over again that I've got to try again to convince Vicki that we ought to move into town, into a compact townhouse. Where I don't have to worry about mowing grass, trimming trees, sweeping off the drive way, painting the outside woodwork, etc. back to mowing the grass, and going the cycle for the umpteenth time.

THERE ONCE WAS a time that I actually looked forward to performing these tasks. Not only performing them, but performing them the "hard way". Let me explain. The other evening, the hedge was being clipped with an electric clipper; but it was not always so. For a number of years I persisted in using hand shears in the belief that the exercise was good for the upper body, not to mention the walking back and forth. And when it came to mowing the grass, for the same reasons I persisted in a gasoline push mower: no self-propelling rig for me, and a riding mower was out. Exercise was the thing.

WELL, THAT DIDN'T last too long. When clipping the hedge, or mowing the lawn, took me hours, my energetic enthusiasm would be transformed into grumbling. We had vigorous, healthy kids: I could not understand why I consistently got "stuck" with these tasks. Every time. (Sound familiar?) Or if I managed to enslave one of them to undertake some duty of upkeep, it was more of a hassle and bother than simply to go out and do the task myself. And so it went.

NOW, I DON'T remember we Nisei giving such a tough time to our Issei parents. And our Issei parents imposed some pretty heavy demands upon us, labor-wise as well as scholastically. And while we may have grumbled (never openly, however) we went ahead and completed what we were told to do. And did it when we were told. It never crossed my mind that I might ignore a mandate from my parent and think I could get away with it.

IN THE CASE of our Sansei youth, I decided to use the ploy of a small tractor to cut the grass. For I was getting weary of coming home, eating, and then rushing out to push the mower around the yard at night. So, as I say, a small tractor: with an electric starter to boot. For a while, that tractor was going around our yard like some device at an amusement park. And the poor grass never got a chance to grow; the tractor tires just matted them down. But then all-too-soon the novelty wore off, and you know who is now atop that tractor to cut the grass. At night with the headlights on.

OH, ABOUT THOSE electric clippers for the hedge. A few Christmases back, frau Vicki "surprises" me with the device. (I must admit that I did not, upon opening the package, exclaim: "Just what I wanted!") It appears that she was beginning to feel sorry for me, out there "exercising" my weary pectoral muscles. For I was beginning to understand, and feel, what the Issei meant when they said: "Kata go koru." And these days, they do. They sure do. □



A Corner for Our Guests:

August: a month of memories for Nisei

By CHARLES MOURATIDES
(Lerner Newspapers)

Chicago
For North Sider Lillian Kimura, August is the month of memories. They are memories of fear and outrage.

It is the fear felt by a Japanese American as a teenager, when she was ordered to the concentration camp in Manzanar, in August, 1945. The outrage comes from witnessing the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Aug. 6 and 9, of that same year.

Many Americans have found the decisions of Presidents Roosevelt and Truman justified because of the war. The first ordered the round-up of Japanese Americans, the second ordered the bombing.

As a new generation of Americans has been brought up without personal memory of those events, their importance grows dimmer, their significance is viewed only as part of history.

But Kimura does not forget. "Among Japanese Americans the memory of the bombing and the concentration camp lingers on," she says.

It has affected all Japanese Americans, even those of the third generation.

"Most other people, when they meet they ask each other, 'Where are you from?' We ask, 'What camp were you in?'"

"It's a bond between people. In addition, it has some social meaning. If you were at the Heart Mountain, Wyo., concentration camp, it probably means that you came from the Pacific Northwest. If you were held at Manzanar, you could have been a 'Yogore,' sort of a hillbilly.

If you were just out of college or high school and you were sent to the concentration camp, you never can feel secure in society. That's why many Japanese Americans have entered technical fields as opposed to other people-oriented fields."

American-born Kimura, a governor of the Midwest District of the Japanese American Citizens League and president of the Japanese American Service Committee here, is an Uptown resident.

Kimura is a national program consultant of the YWCA. She received her master's degree in social work at the University of Illinois when she came from California. After the war, the Japanese American community here swelled from 300 to more than 15,000, most of whom live on the North Side and the northern suburbs. She traveled to Japan for the first time in recent years as a visitor.

For many years, the Japanese Americans preferred to avoid drawing attention to themselves or the war years.

Even now, when a more activist generation is replacing those who have been passive, Japanese Americans find themselves in the same boat any American could be at any time.

Most of us, immigrants, or the sons and daughters of immigrants, cannot help but be faced with the same question: If the ancestral country were at odds with our nation, how would the majority of Americans react to us? Would there be subtle discrimination? Outright bigotry? Concentration camps? (They called them relocation centers during World War II.)

Can any American—Germans, French, Spanish, Jewish, Chinese—be sure that the passions of a war or economic misfortune will not arouse hatred?

If it happened to the Japanese Americans, generally recognized for their high culture, and their tradition as law abiding and hard working citizens, can it happen to any of us?

Kimura admits the way one American views another has improved over the years.

"I think it has changed," she says. "But it is very fragile. Even today we feel the impact of any adverse relationship between America and Japan. Whether it's the introduction of Japanese products in the U.S. markets or the killing of whales.

"People forget that we are Americans. Some of us have never been to Japan.

"Even the Korean bribery scandals have caused some adverse reaction against the Japanese.

"People fail to distinguish."

That's why third generation Japanese Americans have not forgotten the concentration camps. Often, when they meet they ask each other:

"What camp were your mother and father in?"

NISEI WEEK

Continued from Front Page

With a longer parade route, spectators were afforded a better view as the crowds were dispersed over eight blocks. But viewers also became impatient at the gaps between front units which either marched rode on cars and floats while the kimono corps danced but never at the brisk pace set by the marchers.

In the past,ondoists were all grouped at the end to signify a colorful end to the annual festival.

One enthusiastic viewer was Gloria Carter Spann, sister of President Carter, who watched from the Parker Center parking structure. It was her first visit in L.A.



From the Frying Pan: Bill Hosokawa

Pun, Books & Mail

Denver, Colo.

If you like puns, particularly Japanese puns (not to be confused with buns), you may find this one amusing. I heard it from Mary Masunaga, who heard it from Sara Terasaki. Sara heard it from her mother who lives in Nebraska or some such outlandish place. I don't know where her Mom heard it; maybe she made it up. You may have heard it already.

Anyway, it starts with the observation that the Japanese feel very good about the current administration in Washington headed by President Carter and Vice President Mondale. Why, you ask. Because, it is explained, *kata monderu*.

I'm not going to clutter up this space by trying to explain it for non-Japanese-speaking readers. You're just going to have to ask somebody who can.

The mail has brought two paperback books which I must acknowledge here only briefly because there hasn't been time to do more than leaf through them.

The first is Vincent Tajiri's *Valentino* (Bantam, \$1.95), a biography of the fabled, tragic screen lover who died in 1926. The book has been getting warm reviews. "With the eyes of a master photographer," says one, "Tajiri has given us the images of the man and his life instead of the ponderous historical, psychological, or sexual implications so many biographers are wont to include."

Tajiri, as most of us know, for many years was envied by thousands who wished they had his job. He was photography editor of *Playboy Magazine*. (I remember him telling me about his work: "What you look at in a model is the eyes; if the eyes aren't right she doesn't make the grade.") Now living in Van Nuys, Calif., he has been editorial director of four recently published photographic books but this is his first solo effort. Tajiri is no stranger to the printed word. For a time in the 'Thirties he and his

brother, Larry, made the English section of the Japanese-American News in San Francisco the most literate and lively of Nisei journals. *Valentino*, which has no Nisei angle, should be the start of a fine writing career for Vince.

The second book is Rex Gunn's *They Called Her Tokyo Rose* (\$5.50 by mail through JACL headquarters), a recounting of the tragic Iva Toguri saga. Gunn, who covered her trial for the Associated Press radio wire, has done a remarkable job of documenting the record, and for this reason the book is a valuable addition to history. Unfortunately, in the first edition the printers have fouled up footnotes and misspelled proper names, corrections which should be made for the second printing.

The pardoning of Iva Toguri is covered in a brief epilogue in which Dr. Clifford Uyeda's name is consistently misspelled. This would have been a much more valuable work if Gunn had had access to Uyeda's own written account of his committee's dramatic battle to win a pardon for Miss Toguri.

Catching Up With the Mail: To Sumio Doi of South Lake Tahoe—Of course you're right. Blackjack dealers aren't supposed to do a lot of talking on the job, but I sure ran into some gabby ones.

To Fujiko Kitagawa of Englewood, N.J.—You're right. I have written that I think the evacuation reparations push is a bum idea. And I agree it would be better to focus our energies and resources on some project like challenging the Constitutionality of the Evacuation.

To Shigeya Kihara of Monterey, Calif.—More power to your project of getting a book written about the Japanese American experience in Military Intelligence Service. Joseph D. Harrington (Apt. 204, 2910 Pierce St., Hollywood, Florida 33020) has been asked to write the book and he wants to hear directly from veterans about their experiences. □

Priorities: Henry Tanaka

In Lieu of an Ombudsman

Few persons will challenge the view that organizations exist primarily as means to serve its membership; rather than the membership to serve the organization. Yet, not infrequently, organizations like JACL get top heavy, and without realizing it, gradually move away from the general membership.

The voices of the individual members are muted or distorted, or perhaps silenced, intentionally or otherwise. We have no ombudsman to insure that these voices are heard and given proper consideration. At times, we insist that individuals follow the tortuous route of JACL structure.

I am still of the opinion that a "federated plan" is a reasonable solution to JACL's problems of communication, paternalism and its inability to achieve organizational goals and objectives.

To expect national unity for all which JACL stands and fights is unreal. Another Evacuation, or such similar event that threatens the lives of Japanese Americans, would be needed to mobilize an all-out JACL effort. Short of such events, it seems to me that national legislative issues serve as the principal focal point for national JACL thrusts.

Recently, I read a Midwest Office report by Tom Hibino, the regional director. It was an excellent report. I believe it represents convincing evidence as to the necessity and importance of having a full-time, knowledgeable and experienced regional director. That is, if we want JACL regional offices to be more than just "window dressing."

In the Midwest, the complex issues of civil rights, bilingual education, anti-defamation and public relations handled by the JACL Regional Office could not have been dealt with by volunteers alone. These issues demand the energy, skills, and knowledge of a professional person who is committed on a full-time basis.

In the long run, the concerted, effective strategies and efforts of regional offices will serve to establish a solid "base of operations" for mounting and sustaining legislative support on issues of interest to National JACL. The immediate benefits are to chapters and their membership in learning how to become more sensitized, informed, and sophisticated in legislative activities and human relations projects. □

calendar

Sept. 9 (Friday)
Seattle—Nikkei Retirement Seminar, Bannan Hall, Seattle Univ., 7 p.m.
Fresno—Issei birthday party, Nikkei Sv Ctr, 12:30 p.m.
Puyallup Valley—Inst. dnr.
Sept. 10 (Saturday)
PNWDC—Qtrly sess, Spokane JACL hosts.
Contra Costa—Barbecue dnr.
Cleveland—Picnic, Neosa Camp, Leesville.
Fremont—Food Bazaar, Fremont Hub Shopping Ctr, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sept. 11 (Sunday)
NC-WNDYC—Volleyball, Terra Linda High, San Rafael.
Sept. 12 (Monday)
Fresno—Nikkei Sv Ctr mtg, 7:30 p.m.

Alameda—Mtg, Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
Las Vegas—Mtg, Osaka Restaurant, 8 p.m.
Sept. 13 (Tuesday)
Sequoia—Bd Mtg, Palo Alto Issei Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Stockton—Bd Mtg, Calif 1st Bank, 8 p.m.
Sept. 14 (Wednesday)
Orange County—Bd Mtg, Calif 1st Bank, 5th & Main, Santa Ana, 7:30 p.m.
Washington, D.C.—Bd Mtg, Susie Ichii's res.
Sept. 16 (Friday)
Sonoma County—Benefit movie, Enmanji Hall, 7:30 p.m.
West Los Angeles—Sr Cit luau, WLA United Methodist Church.
Seattle—Nikkei Retirement Seminar, Bannan Hall, Seattle Univ., 7 p.m.

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Saint Louis—Issei day.
Salt Lake—Monte Carlo night, Buddhist Church, 7 p.m.
Sept. 17-18
Nat'l JACL—EXECOM Mtg, Hq, San Francisco.
Sept. 18 (Sunday)
Cincinnati—Pioneer picnic, Buyo home, Osgood, Ind.
Sept. 21 (Wednesday)
Mile-Hi—Mtg, Cathay Post, 8 p.m.
Sept. 23 (Friday)
Seattle—Nikkei Retirement Seminar, Bannan Hall, Seattle Univ., 7 p.m.
Sept. 24 (Saturday)
IDC—Qtrly sess, Ponderosa Inn, Burley, Idaho, 1 p.m.
Garden Grove—Wintersburg Presbyterian Church food festival, 13711 Fairview, 4-9 p.m.
West Valley—Issei appreciation night.
Sept. 24-25
Contra Costa—Golf tournament.
Sept. 25 (Sunday)
Cincinnati—Bd Mtg, Fred Morioka's res, 1:30 p.m.
Washington, D.C.—Chapter picnic, Sonoma County—Nisei GI Memorial Service, Enmanji Temple, 2:30 p.m.

Nikkei Service Center

FRESNO, Calif.—Monthly birthday party for Nikkei Service Center participants will be held on Friday, Sept. 9, 12:30 p.m., which will include luncheon and games. Luncheon cost is \$3.75.

Optimist Clubs

TORRANCE, Calif.—Five Optimist clubs (Crescent Bay, Upton, San Fernando Evening, Mission San Gabriel and Crenshaw) will hold their joint installation dinner Sept. 11 at Del Conti's Restaurant here.

Volleyball tournament

SAN RAFAEL, Calif.—The NC-WNDYC/Marin Invitational Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for noon on Sunday, Sept. 11 at Terra Linda High School. An "awards dinner" (hot dogs and soft drinks) will follow. If your chapter is interested in playing, there is still time. For more information concerning rules, directions, and entry fee, contact Paula Mitsunaga (415) 388-7260.

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entertainment, games and door prizes. Herb Okamoto and Dennis Yata are festival co-chairmen.

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Intermountain changes site

ONTARIO, Ore.—The third quarterly meeting of the Intermountain District Council has been changed from Twin Falls to Burley, Idaho, according to acting Governor John Tameno. This session will be held at the Ponderosa Inn on Sept. 24, commencing at 1 p.m.

Support for the District Convention in November and attendance of Youth Advisers from all chapters are high on the agenda. Other topics include:

Revenue sharing funds, Youth program, National Convention Report, Program and activity, Reparations, District nominations, Pacific Citizen, Scholarship, Old and new business.

chapter pulse

● Fremont

Fremont JACL's annual beef teriyaki sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. at the Community Mall food bazaar at the Fremont Hub Shopping Center.

● New Mexico

On August 2, the New Mexico JACL hosted a welcome reception to Albuquerque and New Mexico for 35 students from Japan who were touring the United States as part of an English language course being offered by the Pacific-American Institute.

With 50 members and the Mayor of Albuquerque in attendance, the Chapter members and students took turns singing their favorite songs in English and Japanese.

On the reception committee were:

Mrs. Taro (Tazue) Akutagawa, Mrs. Mike (Jean) Yonemoto, Toshinobu Yoshida and Takao Uchiyama.

● Sonoma County

The annual Sonoma County JACL Nisei GI memorial service has been rescheduled for Sunday, Sept. 25, at Enmanji Temple starting at 2:30 p.m., in place of the traditional last Sunday in October when these services were first held 30 years ago.

(Sonoma County JACL is probably the only chapter to continuously observe this JACL-instituted memorial. Last Sunday in October was selected because of its proximity to the date the 442nd RCT had rescued the Texas "Lost Battalion" in the Vosges Mountains, a campaign which had cost the 442nd more casualties than the number of men rescued, but an event that crushed anti-Nisei bigots during WW2 on the homefront.—Ed.)

The chapter is sponsoring a Japanese movie benefit on Friday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m., at Enmanji Temple.

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Detroit City Council member Maryann Mahaffey greeted citizens at the opening ceremony of the Far Eastern Ethnic Festival in July, that featured queen Cathy J. Hironaka, Michigan State graduate, and JACL booths. Ms. Mahaffey, who was a recreation worker in Poston II the summer of 1945, is a JACL member and immediate past president of the 75,000-member National Association of Social Workers. Others at the booth (from left) are: Rev. Koshin Ogui, Cleveland Buddhist Temple; City Councilwoman Mahaffey; Walter Miyao, Detroit Health Dept.; Michiko Tagami, membership chairperson, Detroit JACL; Cathy J. Hironaka, queen; and Tom Tagami, Detroit JACL board member.

Houston Nisei lass

From PCYA to Girls State

HOUSTON, Tex. — Anita Hall, a junior at Stratford High School here is becoming well versed in governmental processes. In February of 1977 she was selected by the Houston JACL to attend the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans (PCYA).

During the week long session in Washington, D.C., Anita studied the workings of the three branches of the Federal Government. And as a special treat, President Carter invited the PCYA class to be part of a welcome reception for the visiting President Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico. "It was thrilling," says Anita, "President Carter walked right by me!"

For Anita, an honor student and daughter of Houston JACLers, Ed and Mie Hall, this was only the beginning. She was selected to represent her school at the Bluebonnet Girls State in Austin. On June 14-24, she and approximately 600 other delegates convened to learn the operations of local, county, and state governments.

"The delegates actually set up and ran their own mock government," says Anita. "This included campaigning and holding elections for various offices from City Council to Governor of the state." At this convention, she was elected County Tax Assessor and



Anita Hall

Tax Collector.

If she chooses to expand on her recent experiences, Texans are sure to find her name on the voting ballot one of these days, one Houston JACLer added.

YPCC's 50th draws 350

BERKELEY, Calif. — A huge turnout of 350 Nisei gathered to mark the 50th anniversary reunion of the No. Calif. Young People's Christian Conference here Aug. 28.

Dr. Fred Stripp, the key-note, had addressed the YPCC in 1937 and again at Tule Lake during the war. "You came out of the dark days in American history without bitterness, without hatred," he remarked. Some in the audience recalling those years were seen dabbing their eyes with handkerchiefs.

Sumile Morishita, now Mrs. Nobuno Oda of Tokyo, and second YPCC chairman, recalled the early years of the Nisei Christian movement in her banquet speech.

Religion

The Rev. Masao Kodani was appointed head minister of Sen-shin Buddhist Church in southwest Los Angeles, while the Rev. Hoshin Fujikado, who had been head minister, serves in Japanese language programs, it was announced by Bishop Ken-ryu Tsuji of the Buddhist Churches of America. Other reassignments followed with the retirement of the Rev. Kyoto Nagatani of the Visalia-Dinuba Buddhist Churches with the Rev. Chijun Yakumo of Seattle succeeding him. The Rev. John Ishihara has completed studies in Japan and will assist at Gardena Buddhist Church part-time while continuing post-graduate work at Claremont College.

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New Jersey Asian Americans hold first awareness workshop

NEWARK, N.J. — The New Jersey chapter of Pacific/Asian Coalition held its first Asian American awareness workshop here July 9. Most of the 30 participants were of Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Filipino ancestries. There was one Indian and another born Indonesian-Japanese parentage.

Rhoda Galima-Kerr and Ron Osajima, coordinators, said the workshop was designed to elicit individual responses concerning experiences and stereotypes.

Participants discussed significant dates and events affecting Asians throughout U.S. history, studied 1970 Census data to show how Asian

Americans compared with the general population and explored stereotypes by compiling a list of situations having the most negative impact. Surprisingly enough, ethnic groups working separately came up with a similar list of stereotypes which cause the most impact, the coordinators noted.

Corky Lee of Asian CineVision, New York, showed two slide-tape shows: "Racism in Comic Books" and "Grain of Sand" - the latter a multimedia presentation of the agony, loneliness, alienation, determination and hope which make up the Asian American experience.

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Award

Karen C. Ishizuka of San Diego, Calif., has been selected for inclusion in the 1977 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America, persons between 21 and 36 who are being recognized for their achievement in the home, profession or community.

Sports

Althea Tome, 17, of Honolulu won the USGA Girls National Jr. Golf tournament at Huntington, W.Va., held Aug. 6 by defeating a Texan, Melissa McGeorge, 17, 3 and 2 in a four-hour match. The Japanese American girl who will attend Univ. of Hawaii on a golf scholarship is only the second Hawaii golfer to win a USGA women's event. **Jackie Pung**, now a pro, became the first when she won the National Women's amateur crown at Portland in 1952.

Sadaharu Oh ties home run mark

TOKYO—Japanese slugger Sadaharu Oh belted his 755th career home run on Aug. 31 to tie the home-run record held by Hank Aaron of the United States.

The 37-year-old Yomiuri Giants first baseman hits curled up like Stan Musial and with leg up like Mel Ott, two superstars of baseball of yesteryear.

Little League champs

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa.—Taiwan defeated El Cajon, Calif., 7-2, for the Little League World Series title here Aug. 27. It was Taiwan's sixth title in seven tries since 1969.

Ringside Seat: George Yoshinaga

Numbers 42 and 13

Los Angeles

The Japanese are a group of people who have many strong beliefs in areas we may refer to as "old wives' tales".

One of the stronger beliefs among the Japanese is that the number 42 is very bad luck.

Basically, they will tell you that the number four is "shi" in Japanese while the number two is "ni".

Put them together and the spell "shini" or death.

When Elvis Presley died recently at the age of 42 the Japanese all nodded their head with a "what did we tell you" regarding the age of 42.

The Japanese say that if you can survive the age 42 you can expect to go merrily on your way to a ripe old age.

Evidently, over half the world doesn't know about the curse of "shini" because that's the total population over the age 42.

In Japan they fear the number so realistically that you won't find a hotel room with the number 42.

No athlete will wear such a number on his uniform either.

Of course, when USC's Ricky Bell showed up for the Japan Bowl last year he asked for his favorite number which was 42.

On the other hand, the Japanese put no significance on the number 13 which most people in America figure to be bad luck.

U.S. Senators **Alan Cranston** (D) and **S.I. Hayakawa** (R) have circulated letters to their Senate colleagues to co-sponsor a resolution to attract the 1984 Summer Olympics to the U.S.—and hopefully to Los Angeles. A similar "Dear Colleague" letter was introduced in the House by Rep. **Yvonne B. Burke** (D).

Government

The recently-signed federal strip-mining controls law sets standards for environmental protection to be met at all major surface mining operations for coal. The Honolulu Star-Bulletin noted that while Hawaii has no strip mining, the state can take part of the credit in its passage for a central figure in the effort was former Rep. **Patsy T. Mink**, now a State Dept. official, who chaired the subcommittee on mining of the House Interior Committee.

Legislation authored by **Assemblyman Floyd Mori** (D-Pleasanton) affecting motor vehicle license fees for severely disabled persons was signed into law by Gov. Brown on Aug. 1977. AB 822, which passed through both houses without a dissenting vote, exempts from vehicle taxes on modifications necessary to the mobility of disabled persons exceeding \$200 in value.

Business

Shigeo Kameda, Hawaiian-born Nisei who was stranded in Japan during WW2 and served in the Japanese submarines, has retired after 23 years with Japan Air Lines. He was managing director and v.p., flight operations, in Tokyo. Between 1958-1971, he held key managerial posts in JAL offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York.

It is interesting to note that in the Kajima Building on First and San Pedro there is no 13th floor. The number jumps from 12 to 14.

Many athletes don't seem to care about the so-called bad luck aspect of the number 13.

Frankie Albert, the old Stanford football star, who first made the T-formation popular, wore the number.

Just for the record, the next Friday which falls on the 13th is in January, 1978.

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—Kashu Mainichi

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couver symphony orchestras and guest-conducting throughout the world.

Entertainment

Japanese Americans with roles in Universal Picture's "MacArthur" starring Gregory Peck include retired Seattle hotelman **Dick Kimura** as Foreign Minister Shigemitsu; **Art Furukawa** of Seattle, aboard the USS Missouri; and **Tad Tanabe**, L.A. Muni Sports director, a diplomat; and 12 unnamed in the surrender scene.

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JACL cancels theater tour

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