

Doctor sues hospital heads; charges racial discrimination

By ANNIE NAKAO
SAN FRANCISCO — A Chinese American doctor at Martinez Veterans Hospital has filed a civil rights suit against the chief of medicine there, alleging racially discriminatory acts that he says have ridiculed him and diminished his duties as a staff physician.

The U.S. District Court suit filed on behalf of Dr. Edmund Jung names as defendants Dr. Michael Geokas, the hospital's chief of medicine and four other Veterans Administration officials. It charges that various statements and acts by Geokas singled out Jung for

discrimination and eventually caused his transfer to lesser duties.

A VA doctor for 26 years, Jung claimed in the suit that, after Geokas' arrival as medical chief in March 1974, Jung was subjected to various ridiculing statements and acts, and was transferred from his post as allergy section chief to the outpatient clinic at the hospital. Jung had been allergy chief since 1959.

Among the alleged acts by Geokas:

- The medical chief's announcements to the staff that "a group of persons, including plaintiff, all of

whom had Chinese surnames," would no longer remain on the medical service. At other meetings, the suit said, Geokas also announced that only "blond, blue-eyed residents, real American boys," would be recruited as physicians.

- Descriptions of Jung by Geokas that used the name "Chinaman," and mimicked Jung's facial appearance by pulling the outer corners of the eyes in a slanted fashion.

- The abolishing of the allergy section which Jung headed, and the offering of the same position to another doctor later.

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CLIFF'S CREW—Rep. Norman Mineta (at podium swears in new National JACL officers at recent Convention at Salt Lake City. Officers are (from left) Dr. Clifford Uyeda of San Francisco, nat'l president; Lily Okura of Washington, D.C.,

Floyd Shimomura of Sacramento, Stephen Nakashima of West Valley (San Jose), Dr. Jim Tsujimura of Portland, vice presidents; and George Kodama of West Los Angeles, treasurer.

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Ikejiri new JACL Washington rep.

WASHINGTON — Los Angeles attorney Ronald K. Ikejiri has been appointed JACL's new Washington representative.

His responsibilities will include serving as the official lobbyist for the League, providing the Japanese American perspective in selected national governmental policies, legislative advocacy, grants assistance, governmental relations, White House visibility, Asian American liaison, and case work on regulatory matters.

Ikejiri, a Sansei, was born in Los Angeles to Matsuo Ikejiri and the late Gladys Ikejiri. After graduation from Gardena High School, he went on to University of California-Los Angeles, where in 1971 he earned his B.A. in Public Service specializing in Urban and Community Development.

From 1972-1977, he undertook graduate study at UCLA in the administration of governmental and political organizations and was awarded the Master in Public Administration (MPA) in 1977. In 1976, Ikejiri graduated from the School of Law at Northrop University in Inglewood, Calif. with a Juris Doctor degree. At Northrop, he was elected the first class president of the Law School.

Prior to his appointment, he was engaged in private practice in Gardena, Calif. with emphasis on tax, business and real property law. Ikejiri's legal affiliations include the California State Bar, the Japanese American Bar and the American Bar Association.

For the past two years, as an adjunct associate professor in the College of Business and Management at

Northrop University, he taught seminars in organizational behavior, personnel management, labor law, international trade and management technology.

Commenting on appointment, Karl K. Nobuyuki, JACL National Director, stated, "JACL must be ready to enter into a new era of challenges and achieve-

ment. Ron can help guide us forward and make sure that our concerns are listened to and heard at the highest levels. He is a welcome asset to our team."

Previously a member of the West Los Angeles JACL Chapter, Ikejiri is presently on the Board of Directors of the Gardena Valley JACL Chapter.



Ron Ikejiri

Tateishi nominated redress chair

"One of the major reasons why I joined JACL was because I believed very strongly that reparations must be paid to Japanese American victims of wartime incarcerations. I want to be involved in the (redress) campaign," John Tateishi once told JACL president Clifford Uyeda.

He has just been named president of JACL's National Committee for Redress by Uyeda, and if ratified by National Board members, Tateishi's wish for involvement will be granted.

Tateishi, past president of the Marin County JACL chapter in 1976-77, has been co-chairman of NC-WNDC's Reparations Committee.

Los Angeles-born, Tateishi was incarcerated at Manzanar during World War II and returned to West Los Angeles where he was educated. He received his B.A. in English at the Univ. of California-Berkeley and his M.A. in English at the Univ. of California-Davis. He has taught at the University of London in England for three years.

Presently Tateishi teaches at City College of San Francisco, specializing in poetry and American literature. His wife Carol is the daughter of Paul Shinoda, who was post-war Gardena JACL chapter president. The Tateishis have two children—Stephen, 8, and Sarah, 6; and live in Kentfield, Calif.

New York JACL speaker makes claim:

Nikkei shame 'hides' mental illness

By BOYCE RENSBERGER
NEW YORK—Thousands of Japanese Americans, observing a powerful cultural tradition that emotions must be hidden and that mental illness is a disgrace, may be suffering needlessly by denying themselves or members of their families access to mental health treatment.

"This is something many Japanese Americans don't want to talk about—it violates traditions of family pride and face-saving, and

many Japanese Americans don't even like to talk about the fact that there may be such a problem," said Robert Moteki, a social worker, director of a mental health center in Queens, N.Y. and himself a JA.

"But it is a real problem and it is about time somebody said so," Moteki declared.

He created a stir at New York JACL's scholarship dinner by suggesting in his speech that as long as emo-

tionally troubled JAs denied expressing their needs for help, they were doomed to "a second-class feeling of envy and fear of those who are not so burdened."

Points to Shame at Origins
Moteki, executive director of the Long Island Consultation Center in Forest Hills, links the problem to what he sees as a tendency of some JAs to feel shame for their origins. He believes that the shame was heightened for many when they were herd-

ed into detention camps shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in World War II.

Their status as Americans thus challenged, many JAs felt it even more necessary than ever to prove their worthiness and to hide their sources of shame.

A sampling of opinions of other JA mental health professionals and behavioral scientists largely confirms Moteki's views.

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A CASE FOR REDRESS SECTION 1:

We shall reprint in sections the text of the 28-page JACL booklet, "The Japanese American Incarceration: A Case for Redress", which traces the events which led to wartime evacuation and internment. It has already been distributed to the major newspapers and selected libraries around the country. Single copy may be obtained without charge by writing to the JACL Headquarters. Nominal charge will be made for additional copies.—Editor.

INTRODUCTION

"No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. The accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation." These protections are guaranteed in the 5th and 6th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America.

However, during 1942-46, some 77,000 American citizens of Japanese ancestry and 43,000 Japanese nationals, most of whom were permanent U.S. residents, were summarily deprived of liberty and property without criminal charges, and without trial of any kind. Several

persons were also violently deprived of life. All persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast were expelled from their homes and confined in inland detention camps. The sole basis for these actions was ancestry—citizenship, age, loyalty, or innocence of wrongdoing did not matter. Japanese Americans were the only ones singled out for mass incarceration. German and Italian nationals, and American citizens of German and Italian ancestries were not imprisoned en masse.

This episode was one of



the worst blows to constitutional liberties that the American people have ever sustained. Many Americans find it difficult to understand how such a massive injustice could have occurred in a democratic nation. This booklet will attempt to explain how and why it happened, and what can be done to ameliorate the effects of that mistake. Professor Eugene V. Rostow once wrote: "Until the wrong is acknowledged and made right we shall have failed to meet the responsibility of a democratic society—the obligation of equal justice."

To Be Continued

Chinese pottery topic

LOS ANGELES—Tomoo Ogita, president of Japanese American Artists' Society, will show samples and speak on Chinese ceramics Aug. 22, 8 p.m., during the Nisei Week art exhibit at Nishi Hongwanji Aug. 18-27.

Gov't definition of 'minority' grows

WASHINGTON — The definition of "minority" is no longer a reference for oppressed black people and other nonwhite victims of racial discrimination. Women, white ethnics and poor whites are being covered.

Race no longer suffices as increasingly government agencies administering affirmative action plans and other programs involving minorities are basing their decisions on standards other than race.

"This is causing a great deal of concern," says M. Carl Holman, head of the Na-

tional Urban Coalition. "To suggest that everybody is or was a minority in this country cannot be sustained. Why invade our small piece of the pie?"

Since the Allan Bakke decision, the problem of defining minority groups has taken on new urgency.

But race is not the only disadvantage considered in government "minority" programs. Women are now competing with blacks and other minority-run businesses to provide tools and supplies for the government under a 1976 reform act rehabilitating railroads.

Women are also running banks to benefit from a program funneling federal deposits. The Treasury Department recently added "women" to its definition of minority-run banks.

Federal lawmakers and bureaucrats have defined the term "minorities to include but are not limited to Negroes, Puerto Ricans, Spanish-speaking Americans, American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts".

Regulations from HEW and those governing affirmative action explain it with

"blacks, Spanish-surnamed Americans, American Indians and Orientals".

The Public Works Act of 1976 defines minority enterprises as those more than half-owned by "citizens of the United States who are Negroes, Spanish-speaking, Orientals, Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts".

"Hispanics" has been confusing as reference can either be to the language or to the country of Spain.

Father Andrew Greeley, sociologist who has studied attitudes of white ethnic Americans, thinks there is a powerful case of underrepresentation of Eastern and Southern Europe ethnic groups in positions of responsibility—the Italians, Poles, Greeks, Jews and Arabs—who have been victims of prejudice in the past.

Others dispute this suggestion of the government looking into the white ethnics. Puerto Rican Julio Perez on the Small Business Administration thinks their problems can "in no way be related to the degree of indignities blacks and Hispanic Americans have received in this country".

Doctor sues

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• Transfer of Jung to the Intermediate Care Program and later, to the Outpatient Admitting Clinic, where Jung sees no hospitalized patients.

• Removal of Jung's name from an on-call roster, a method by which doctors consult with one another. Also, the suit claimed Geokas summarily cancelled Jung's long-standing assignment to teach resident doctors.

Also named in the suit are Clarence Nixon, the hospital's director; Wallace Koseluk, Nixon's predecessor; and two Washington, D.C. VA officials. Nixon and Geokas were not available for comment.

The suit, filed by Oakland attorney Robert Nolan, asks that Jung be restored to his post as allergy section chief at Martinez, and be given any promotions and privileges he would have received had he not been transferred.

The suit also asks that the court find the VA in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlaws employment discrimination because of race, and prevent VA officials from continuing the alleged practices.

The Jung case came to light last year when Gov. Brown appointed Geokas to the state Medical Quality Assurance Board, the agency that oversees the practices of all doctors in California.

The San Francisco-based Chinese for Affirmative Action community group objected strongly to the appointment, citing Jung's charges, and the governor's staff investigated the charges. Later, Geokas voluntarily withdrew his name.

At the time, Brown's appointments secretary, Dr. Carlotta Melon, said, "Based on the information obtained, we felt he (Geokas) was not the most suitable person to serve on the board." Geokas vehemently denied the charges, saying he had not discriminated against Jung or anyone.

The U.S. attorney's office here is defending the VA officials, including Geokas, since they are being charged in their official capacities with the federally run VA.

—San Francisco Examiner



UTAHNS HAILED—Calif. Assemblymen Floyd Mori (second from left) and Paul Bannai (right) cite the yeomanship and skill of two Utahns in planning the 25th biennial National JAACL Convention just concluded at Salt Lake City. Being honored are convention co-chairmen Judge Raymond Uno (left) and Shake Ushio, who holds a resolution of commendation from the California legislature.

Canadians seek redress

TORONTO—The National Japanese Canadian Citizens Reparations Committee issued a 16-point questionnaire last month to assess the feelings of some 21,000 JCs who were forced out in 1942 of their homes in British Columbia to inland ghost towns and mountain camps.

The committee is investigating the possibility of demanding compensation for losses due to evacuation.

Scholars of Asian Descent organize

HONOLULU—To advocate the rights of Asian scholars within the confines of professional organizations, the National Organization of Scholars of Asian Descent was formed after its April meeting in Chicago with Dr. Priscilla Ching-Chung of the Univ. of Hawaii as president. Local affiliates are also

being organized. Memberships at \$10 a year should be sent to:
NOSAD, c/o Dr. P. Ching-Chung, 1059 Iiwi St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96816.

JASC membership
CHICAGO—An original watercolor by Seattle-born artist Atsushi Kikuchi is being offered with \$100 sponsor memberships for 1978 by the Japanese American Service Committee, 4427 N. Clark St., Chicago 60640.

Problem of defining minorities has vexed the Bureau of the Census in its final preparation for the 1980 count. How does one place a person of mixed ancestry? As of now, it will be up to the individual to declare himself.

But in other programs, such as public works, a person's own declaration is accepted unless it obviously conflicts with reality as in the case of man who claims Indian status because he was one-128th part Indian.

Mineta bill backs small businessmen

WASHINGTON — Legislation to help small business get a larger share of government contracts has been co-sponsored by Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Cal.) by reducing paperwork required for bids.

Each federal agency would also be required to set goals for increasing the small business share of its contracts. And all low bid-

Seattle rules out students' racial slurs

SEATTLE—"No student will be allowed to engage in any expression which reflects personal prejudice towards any individual, person or group because of race, sex, age, handicapping condition, religion, national origin (or) languages," under revised rules adopted by the Seattle School Board.

JCC president

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Tom Uda of La Mesa, former San Diego JAACL president, was elected president of the San Diego Japanese Coordinating Council, an umbrella group to coordinate groups working with Japanese.

ders would have to show small businesses are included in subcontracting plans, Mineta explained.



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Jerry Enomoto's leadership in human relations praised

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Jerry Enomoto, Director of the California Dept. of Corrections, has received several awards for his contributions in the field of human relations and affirmative action.

Enomoto, who served as national president of JACL for two terms, was honored in May by the California Peace Officers Association with a citation of gratitude for his professional service and efforts to promote public safety.

During the same month he received the Equal Opportunity Performance Award given by Black Advocates in State Service.

Earlier this year Enomoto was presented with a plaque from the California Association of Black Correctional

Workers who praised his "humanitarian efforts and significant contributions to the field of criminal justice".

Enomoto has also been honored recently by IMAGE (International Mexican-American Government Employees) and was given the State Business and Professional Women's Top Hat Award in recognition of his advocacy of equal employment opportunities for women.

Matsuri gets aid

SAN FRANCISCO — The Cherry Blossom Festival, which received \$6,500 from the city of San Francisco last spring, will get \$4,355 for the 1979 festival, it was announced by Roger Boas, chief administrative officer. Prop. 13 had thinned the city's contribution to support of cultural arts by half.

Little Tokyo honors ex-project manager

LOS ANGELES—About 200 members of the Little Tokyo community and friends paid tribute to former Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Little Tokyo project manager, Michael Oh, at a dinner held at the New Otani Hotel on Aug. 4.

Oh, who resigned the post last month to devote full time to private business, re-

ceived presentations from the State of California, city and county of Los Angeles, as well as various development groups and community organizations. Oh had been with the CRA for 3½ years and was Little Tokyo project manager since November of 1976.

The event was sponsored by the Mayor's Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee (LTC-DAC).

Carter hosts Asian Americans

WASHINGTON—President and Mrs. Carter hosted a White House reception Aug. 1 for 150 Asian American business and community leaders. Coordinated by Esther G. Kee and Joji Konoshima of the Democratic National Committee, it was the first time in history a President of the U.S. hosted a reception for such a diverse group of Asian Americans from around the country.

The President commented on how Asian Americans as an integral part of the U.S. scene have made valuable cultural and scientific contributions and added their participation in the political system was welcome. Mr. Carter promised to help the Asian American community.

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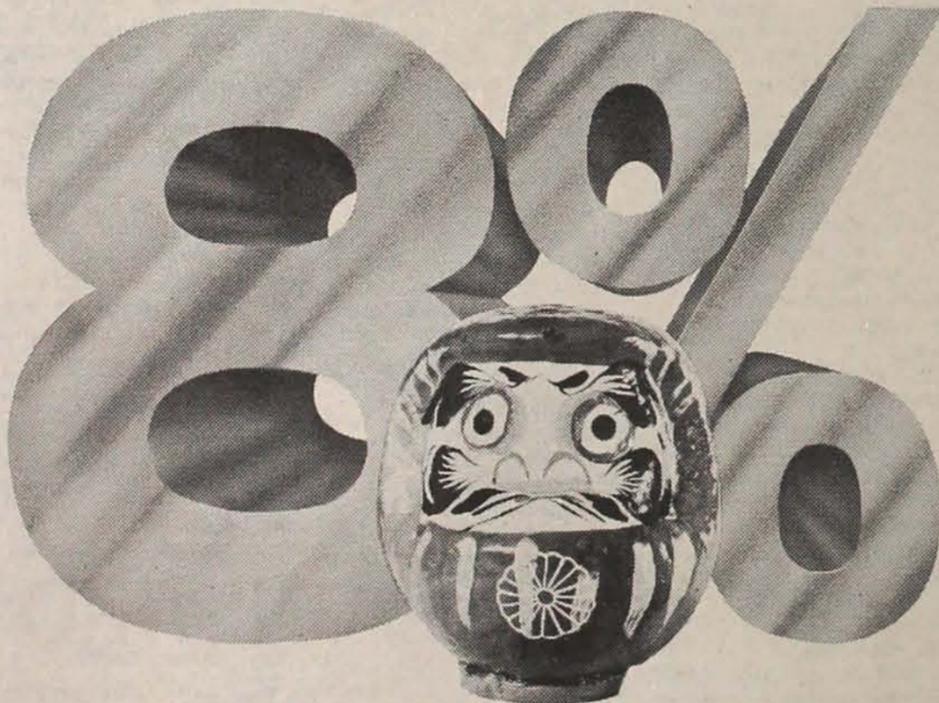
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EDITORIALS:

Racial Epithets/FCC

J.B. Stoner is a candidate for governor of Georgia. He has TV ads there saying: "If Gov. Busbee is re-elected, he will pass more civil rights that take away from the whites and give to the niggers." The Atlanta NAACP complained to the FCC over his use of the racial epithet.

Milton Gross, chief of FCC's Fairness in Political Broadcasting Division, responded July 26 that the FCC cannot censor a candidate's remarks unless they present "a clear and present danger of inciting to violence ... Once a station agrees to sell him time, it has no choice over the contents of his message ... Unless there is imminent lawless action, the FCC cannot institute prior restraint."

Julian Bond of the Atlanta NAACP rebutted that if Stoner is not barred from using the racial epithet on the air, "we will be forced to find a candidate to buy time on local stations to use the 'seven dirty words' ... The word in question is offensive and obscene to at least one-fourth of Georgia's population, and quite probably the others as well."

It should be clear the FCC only listens to what the U.S. Supreme Court says. Only two months ago, the court ruled seven dirty words were offensive to certain segments of the audience—in this case, children—and banned them from the air. If any prior restraints are required, permission of the courts will be necessary. Administrative relief or remedy will not be countenanced unless "clear and present danger" exists.

A political candidate who stoops to use of racial epithets says something about the virulence of the white backlash in the state. But the entire nation is hurting when "good taste" must be ordained by nine men at the Supreme Court.—H.H.

Mental illness and Nikkei

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Dr. Minoru Masuda, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Washington in Seattle, said, "In the Japanese cultural tradition, you don't express any emotion, whether anger or shame. You don't wear your heart on your sleeve. Emotion in itself is not necessarily bad, but one just does not discuss it."

Psychosomatic Symptoms

When JAs do show up in health facilities, he said, "it is likely to be a result of a psychosomatic symptom such as headaches, muscle aches, asthma, etc. Their problems have deviated from the mental to physical symptoms, which are more acceptable to their society. One thing for sure is that when they do show up, they're in greater trouble, their illness is further along."

Recognizing the problem among his own friends in Seattle's Japanese community, David Okimoto, a Sansei, helped establish the Asian Counseling and Referral Service. After five years the service has built up a substantial clientele among the Korean, Vietnamese and Filipino communities but not

among the JAs, who constitute the largest Asian group in Seattle.

Citing a 1970 study of mental illness among JAs in California, Dr. Harry Kitano, a professor of sociology and social welfare at the University of California at Los Angeles, said, "Unless a mentally ill Japanese gets too obnoxious, he doesn't appear as a hospital statistic. Many Japanese Americans may need care, but their way of showing aberrant behavior does not lead to that kind of help."

Few Emotional Outlets

Kitano said Japanese traditions offered few outlets for troubling emotions. Rather, the accepted behaviors are silence and what the Japanese call *gaman* and *bushido*, which roughly means drive and overcoming adversity.

"When the Japanese were incarcerated," Okimoto said, "they had to sell their possessions and there was a real stigma against being Japanese. After World War II the big push was to become 150 percent American, to be whiter than white, to get an education, to not make waves, and not to show or admit to having problems."

Comment, letters, features

Evacuee Camp Art

Editor: I was delighted to read Bill Hosokawa's article (PC July 21) on "Evacuee Camp Art." The book he mentions, Allen H. Eaton's *Beauty Behind Barbed Wire* is one that I have treasured since it came out in 1952.

May I add my voice to Mr. Hosokawa's in supporting the suggestion of Ruth Hashimoto of Albuquerque that this art of the relocation camps be collected and placed on display at JACL headquarters in San Francisco?

These art works are dramatic evidence of the deeply-rooted esthetic sensibility of Japanese Culture, which remained dormant until the forced idleness of relocation camp life. They reveal a cultural heritage that the Issei brought with them, of which little remains among us Nisei and Sansei. But we mustn't forget.

S. I. HAYAKAWA
Washington

Redress—No

Editor: As I gaze at the magnificent jacket cover of "The Bamboo People" by Frank Chuman, I wonder why this photo as well as the contents of the book has not been enough to dent the reparation movement. Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that the main factor behind the Evacua-

tion was: Materialism. Since money is being sought under reparation, it can also be termed: Materialism!

Reparation must be paid so that never again will there be another similar incident. That is a laugh! Do people really exist who believe that in the next holocaust the Oriental races in the USA will not be unjustly persecuted? In fact, they will wish they were safe behind barbed wires!

HASHIME SAITO
Tucson, Ariz.

JACL & the E.R.A.

Editor: Could it have been a male chauvinist gremlin who caused you to err in reporting that among the Convention actions,

Convention tennis tourney results

SALT LAKE CITY—Results of the tennis tournament held during the National JACL Convention were announced by Arthur Miyazaki, tournament director. Participants from as far east as Washington, D.C., and as far west as Hawaii competed.

MEN'S DIVISION
Sgl: Open—John Imaizumi (SLC).

the resolutions "to abolish JACL Women's Auxiliaries" and "to boycott states which have not passed the E.R.A." were "defeated by heavy margins" (P.C. July 28).

The E.R.A. resolution was defeated by the National Council vote, but the resolution calling for affirmative action within JACL "to encourage, solicit, and designate qualified women members to take leadership roles and decision-making positions" definitely PASSED by a large majority.

In looking over the dismal past record of our organization, it is statistically evident that there has been a glaring lack of any attempt to give JACL women members a representative voice (how few women have been national officers, national committee chairpersons, district gover-

nors, or chapter presidents?). After a 50-year history of playing the refreshment-providing, minute-taking, letter-typing roles, our Nikkei women members may have to be encouraged to take leadership positions. There are many qualified women extremely capable of assuming these responsibilities; it merely means giving them the same support and confidence accorded to male members, and judging them by the same standards.

A further correction: There was never any suggestion that Women's Auxiliaries "be abolished." The paragraph of the resolution "that Women's Auxiliaries be encouraged to dissolve ... and merge with their primary chapters" was replaced by less objectionable wording prior to passage of the resolution.

Certainly the JACL Women's Auxiliaries are a potent, viable force with admirable accomplishments. Precisely it is because they are such active and productive segments of JACL that they should not be considered just a helping arm; they could undoubtedly do the same vigorous job within the main chapter—and put the men to work helping them. Why not even become an independent chapter of their own?

Although this type of thinking was unacceptable to many of the women delegates, the resolution at least served to introduce these ideas. If women cannot think of themselves as fully capable in every respect, they court defeat by their own self-image. Perhaps once nurtured, our concepts of self-worth will grow. A Pogo-ism that comes to mind from all this is ... "We have met the enemy, and they is us."

CHERRY KINOSHITA
Seattle, Wa.

There is no room for unsigned letters here.

Deaths

Rev. Iwakichi Haratani, 97, of Oakland and retired minister of the Japanese Methodist Church died July 23. Surviving are w Tei, four sons James, Joseph, Thomas, David, three daughters Mary Kiriara, Grace Aikawa, Irene Yamamoto and 20 gc.

Masao Koga, 73, well-known composer of popular songs, died July 25 at his home in Tokyo. Prewar he had written ondo numbers for Nisei Week and appeared postwar in west coast concerts.



CELEBRATED VOLUNTEER—The JACLer of the Biennium medal recognizes volunteerism at its best within the organization. For dedication and service this past biennium, past PNWDC Gov. Edward Yamamoto of Moses Lake, Wash., (seated) is conferred the award from Dr. Jim Tsujimura (left), winner of the same award four years ago, and Nobi Azumano of Portland, chairperson of the award committee.

Some JAs who are knowledgeable about mental health do not agree that the detention camps had a lasting impact.

"I don't think that did damage to second- and third-generation Japanese Americans," said Dr. Tatsuji Iida, a psychiatrist at Fuller Memorial Hospital in Attleboro, Mass., who is an Issei. "That was a temporary setback and the Japanese have the resiliency to snap back."

Seek Remedy in Family

Iida did agree that Japanese tend to hide their emotional problems and, if help is needed, to try to find it within their families.

Yosh Nakagawa, who manages a chain of sporting goods stores in Seattle, agreed. "Japanese American families have been better able to cope with emotional problems than American families because the family unit is stronger in our culture," he said.

Nakagawa conceded, however, that emotional problems were often kept within the JA family when it would be better to seek treatment outside.

In Moteki's view, an individual's ties to his families can work for good or for ill. "My Japanese heritage has both strengths that have enriched my life and demands that I have experienced as crippling," he told the audience.

The Japanese family is a source of collective strength and pride, he said, but by the same token, family members feel an obligation not to damage their pride by admitting the shame of a mental problem. A person may receive valuable support if his illness becomes the responsibility of the entire family, but, he noted, the burden can demoralize the whole family that must cope with it in the absence of real treatment.

—New York Times

chapter pulse

● Detroit

Detroit JACL sponsored its annual community picnic July 30 at Hines Park in Warrendale with John Miyagawa in charge. Barbecued chicken teriyaki was served with corn-on-the-cob by a cooking crew headed by Tom Tagami.

But the big news items in recent weeks were the appearance of Sen. S.I. Hayakawa of California at the eighth annual Far Eastern Festival over the June 23 weekend at the Riverfront Plaza and the human interest feature in the Detroit Free Press about Toshi Shimomura, cultural booth chairwoman at the ethnic fair for the fifth consecutive year.

Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Filipino cultural displays were part of the ethnic festival held on weekends at Third and Michigan Ave. Sen. Hayakawa happened to read about it in the local paper and came to visit.

● Houston

Promotion of Japanese culture and helping to raise funds for the Mexican American community will be Houston JACL's aim at the International Folk Fair September 29-Oct. 1. Meanwhile, the August chapter calendar has:

1. Western Night on Aug. 4 at Northwest Park Clubhouse to host ten visiting

Japanese students attending Wilhelm School.

2. Minyo folk dancing classes the first and third Thursdays, 8 p.m., at 9506 Meadowcraft.

3. Welcoming Japanese cadets Aug. 29-31 with the Japanese Consulate General, Japan America Society of Houston and the Seaman's Center as co-hosts. Interpreters will be needed, according to Tosh Yamauchi (747-2886).

At the recent JACL graduates picnic at Bear Creek Park, mementos were presented by Dr. Jerry Elliott to:

Jack Fujimoto, Anita Hall, Dwight Nishimura and James Sakahara.

● Marin County

What started as a foggy day on the dock in Tiburon turned out to be a rather sunny and enjoyable outing at Angel Island for close to 50 Marin County JACLers and family for its annual picnic July 9.

Besides the games for little kids and the "big kids" arranged by Paula Mitsunaga, picnickers enjoyed hiking, wading and playing ball on the green.

Meantime, the chapter will host the second annual NC-WN district council invitational volleyball tournament being scheduled for Sept. 24, Terra Linda High School gym.



NISEI IN JAPAN: Barry Saiki

Travel Habits Changing

TOKYO:

THE NEW TOKYO International Airport at Narita is in the third month of operation and one thing looks certain, at least to this writer.

The good old custom of seeing off friends leaving Japan for home is dead.

The billion-dollar airport—aptly dubbed “err-port” by an English-language weekly—is still being guarded by thousands of cops. Rigid restrictions are still clamped on visitors and anti-airport harassment continues.

Long before its delayed opening on May 20, residents of the capital were saying “Hell no, I won’t go” about heading for Narita airport, located more than 65 kilometers from downtown Tokyo.

And even when the day comes when visitors are freely admitted, it’s not likely that I will haul myself to the place way out in the sticks of Chiba Prefecture. Not even if a childhood friend I haven’t seen for more than 40 years makes a visit to Japan. (Clark Harada, I’m sorry about that.)

SEEING OFF YOUR pals in the old days was quite easy. In the prewar period, when traveling was done by NYK ocean liner, one could take a special boat train from Tokyo to dockside in Yokohama, arriving in a

matter of 40 minutes or so.

Going to the crowded old Tokyo International Airport at Haneda also wasn’t too much of a chore or hard on the pocketbook either. In fact, a few years ago, I recall, I made two trips to the airport and back in one day without thinking too much about the taxi fare.

Going to far-off Narita by taxi, however, is a different ball game. The prospect of a long, long ride setting you back more than 50 bucks one way is enough to make anyone balk. Unless he is a sheik from an oil country.

ON JULY 30, the island’s motor traffic changed from driving on the right-hand side of the road to the left, as in the rest of Japan.

Driving on the right was instituted for Okinawa during the U.S. occupation. The

switch to left came more than six years after Oki was formally returned to Japan on May 15, 1972.

For the switch to the “Japanese way,” road signs and traffic signals, of course, had to be shifted.

Steering wheels on automobiles have to be changed sooner or later, doors of buses must now be located on the left side and new street-car stops have been constructed.

There were fears that the switch is going to bring on more auto accidents in Okinawa, which has some 300,000 automobiles and the highest traffic accident rate in the nation.

Okinawa’s capital city of Naha is said to have rush-hour traffic jams that are even worse than Tokyo’s or Osaka’s. The switch made it worse the first weekend.



MOSHI MOSHI: Gene Konomi

Did ‘furo’ spawn American hot tubs?

Continued from Last Week

A young American woman who wanted to study flower arrangement went to Kyoto and put up at an inn. That evening, as she luxuriated in

the *furo*, the *sansuke* came into the bath room. (A *sansuke* is usually the *ryokan*’s handyman who gives the guests professional soaping and rubbing down for gratuities.) At the sight of the round yellow object in the water, something alien that did not belong there, he

reached over to examine it. The young woman, taken by surprise, stood up in the tub (a very illogical behavior, to be sure). The *sansuke* gave a loud shriek of horror, turned, and dashed out of the room.

About the same time, some resident Americans, having had a surfeit of Japan’s usual quaint charms, were beginning to look for new thrills, and were finding them in the *sentō*. Here was the public bath, immersion style, at its ultimate in elegance and luxury; a large, raised tub of gleaming tiles (or travertine, in extra fancy establishments), brimming with clear, hot water (very hot in the Tokyo area); a large tiled area around the tub for soaping and scrubbing; and showers for the final rinse off. Once over the initial embarrassment of being gawked at by the less well endowed and equipped Japanese, the American was soon lost among the bathers in a camaraderie of common equipment. What has started as a kick ended up by becoming a deeply satisfying cul-

tural experience.

BACK IN AMERICA, these adventurers must have had many nostalgic moments when they longed for another dip in the *furo* or *sentō*. One such initiate into the mystique of the Japanese bath saw an empty wine vat for sale. He exclaimed (silently, for he did not want to show his eagerness): Eureka! This is it! He bought the vat, hauled it home. He cut it into half, substituted a steel plate for the head arrangement for heating the water from the bottom, set it over a fire pit, open end up, filled it with water, and started a fire. The first hot tub in America was born.

The idea caught on rapidly. There are now about 10,000 hot tubs in the United States. Sensing a potential boom, some makers have already begun to market their hot tubs.

The growing fraternity of hot tub buffs is a powerful confirmation of my view that hot tubbing—whether in *furo* or *sentō* or redwood tub, or for that matter, an empty

oil drum—is the most civilized, most enjoyable mode of bathing. But the phenomenon gives me a deep satisfaction for another reason, too.

For over a century, since the days of Commodore Perry, the balance sheet of cultural trade between Japan and America has always been in American favor.

What America exported have had cataclysmic impact on Japanese life: *Romaji* (Dr. Hepburn, the inventor, was American), motion picture, jazz, mass production technology, cybernetics and so on. Against these, the Japanese offerings have been embarrassingly small. Zen, ikebana, *sukiyaki*, and several others, have been here for over half a century, but it is only recently that they have come into vogue. And their impact has been negligible.

But with the hot tub Japan has finally made a significant payment to offset its cultural debt to America. For the hot tub *could* have a far-reaching and profound influence on American life style.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

‘Who’s in Room 721?’

Salt Lake City:

NOT ALL THAT happened at the national JAACL convention here was as grim as the two previous columns might indicate. There were touching incidents, and amusing ones, too.

For example, take the meeting of the Mas Satow Memorial Committee which, due to the heavy schedule of events, was scheduled at 6:30 a.m., that’s right, 6:30 in the morning, on Friday, July 21. Whoever it was that posted the notice indicated the date as 7-21.

Jim Murakami, perhaps bleary-eyed from a late session the previous night and the night before that and the night before even that, read the notice to mean the meeting would be held in room 721. So at 6:30 a.m. he made his way up to the seventh floor and finding the door to room 721 closed, knocked vigorously. Nothing happened. He knocked again. About that time he began to suspect that something might be amiss and hurriedly left.

Eventually Murakami located the meeting room, which was on the first floor, but he didn’t bother trying to find out who had his/her slumber disturbed in room 721.

AMONG THE INTERESTED guests at the convention were Prof. Kaname Saruya of Tokyo and his wife, Shima. Professor Saruya teaches American history at Tokyo Women’s College, and he and Shima visit the United States almost every year to gather material for his lectures, magazine articles, books and television appearances. The fact that he was being trained as kamikaze pilot at the time the war ended may be responsible for giving him some unusual perceptions about and fondness for the United States.

Professor Saruya was telling newly-found friends Ernest Seko and Tak and Helen Kawagoe about an earlier trip to the States when he rented a car and drove through the Rocky Mountains over some

hair-raisingly precipitous roads. “My wife Shima,” he explained, “was very frightened. She would close her eyes. She is afraid of high places. She has hydrophobia.”

There was stunned silence for a moment, followed by an explosion of laughter as it was explained to the professor that hydrophobia means rabies, the mad-dog disease, and what he really meant was acrophobia.

Afterward, as he mused over his error, Professor Saruya said he had been telling the same story to many Americans. He had never been corrected, but he had noticed some odd looks being directed at Shima.

On their last trip to the States the Saruyas while driving cross-country made a stop for lunch, went looking for restrooms and were confronted by two doors, one marked MA and the other PA. This baffled them completely. Fortunately they seem to have made the right choice, but they didn’t learn the meaning of the signs until some time later.

That reminds me of the story about the American who took her pet dog along on a visit to Japan. At customs or quarantine or whatever it was, she had to fill out a form. To the question, type of dog, she wrote “Boston Bull.” According to the story the Japanese inspector examined the form, looked at the dog, carefully crossed out the word “bull” and penciled in “cow.”

ONE OF THE more moving moments occurred when Jiro Aoki of Seattle was honored for having attended every JAACL convention including the founding gathering in 1930. Aoki has been partly paralyzed by a stroke, but he keeps showing up.

Later, Hito Okada recalled that when he was elected JAACL treasurer for his second term in 1940, the national budget was \$400. This latest convention approved a budget of \$806,500, and maybe that can be considered progress.



EL PIMENTERO: Frank Fukazawa

Too Modernized

was one of those victims when I landed at the San Francisco Airport.

I was booked to stay at Hyatt House, about five miles from the Airport. After clearing my 60 lbs. baggage at customs, I carried this weight to the taxi stop. A sort of supervisor came up and asked, “Where are you going?”

“Oh, to the Hyatt.”
“There is a phone right down there and all you have to do is phone them up and their hotel bus will pick you.

It’s free.” I went right down there, carrying, pushing my 60 lbs., but no courtesy telephone.

On the way, a husky policeman shouted, “Be careful! You’ll be killed! ... Oh, the telephone is in the Central Terminal!” After shovelling along for about half-mile, to my delight there was a bank of phones to all famous hotels in San Francisco.

“Hello, is that Hyatt

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Our globe-girdling correspondent in Tokyo is on the road again. Here’s his first stop—San Francisco.—Editor.

San Francisco:

“Modern Age”, a Charlie Chaplin film, sarcastically predicted with humor that man would become the virtual slave of the monstrous machines he himself was producing. Well, it appears I

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ON INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE

MDC slates workshop Aug. 26

CINCINNATI—An Interracial Marriage Workshop for Midwestern JACLers will be held on August 26, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Queen's Gate Holiday Inn in Cincinnati, Ohio. The workshop is co-hosted by Hoosier and Cincinnati chapters.

The proposed objective of the workshop is to determine the specific needs and interests which JACL members of interracial families seek from their MDC chapters.

Discussion leaders will conduct informal workshops on discrimination, language barriers, the leadership role of the naturalized citizen, and concerns for the children of interracial marriages.

A registration fee of \$5, which covers a morning snack, lunch, and all xeroxing and copying fees, should

be sent by August 21 to Judy Ibarra, 3427 Muddy Creek Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238, (513) 922-4228. Only a limited number of telephone reservations can be taken after that date. Please make checks payable to "Cincinnati JACL."

"We have managed to keep the registration fees very low for this workshop, since the Midwest District Council is subsidizing it to the tune of \$300," said Bill Alexander, co-chairperson of the workshop.

"We would like to encourage all interested chapter members to please come to the workshop and offer their comments for consideration and discussion," he added. "It is only through this kind of interaction that we can identify problems and seek solutions."

Alexander anticipates an

attendance of 40 to 50 persons for the workshop.

He said that registration forms and additional information is in the hands of chapter presidents, and urges that registration forms be submitted through those presidents in an effort to coordinate matters.

MDYC board elected

MINNEAPOLIS — A new Midwest District Youth Council board was elected at the National JAYs Convention in Salt Lake City.

Serving as co-chairmen for the next biennium are Wade Kojima and Mark Abe, both from the Twin Cities chapter. Both were committee chairpersons for the JAYs sixth biennial convention.

John Ishiyama, first vice

EDC/MDC Confab's '79 site chosen

MINNEAPOLIS — The 1979 EDC/MDC Convention, to be hosted by the Twin Cities chapter, will be held July 26-29 at the Sheraton-Ritz Hotel in downtown Minneapolis.

The Sheraton-Ritz was the site of the 1976 Military Intelligence Service reunion.

Sam Honda, convention chairman, said that the JAYs have committed themselves to holding an

MDYC/EDYC convention around the same time in Minneapolis.

It was announced at the recent national convention that two Midwest chapters were prepared to sponsor the 1979 two-district meet: Twin Cities and St. Louis. St. Louis withdrew its bid since the Missouri State legislature has not, as yet, passed the ERA Amendment.

Since the EDC and MDC

endorsed ERA at its 1977 convention in Washington, D.C., it was felt that the 1979 convention should be held in a state which supports ERA.

Not going to Japan

CHICAGO—The nephew of Iva Toguri last week said she is not going to visit Japan as had been reported in Japan. "She says it's too expensive," David Toguri said Aug. 1. The dollar had dropped to its postwar yen-conversion low of ¥184.70 to one dollar the same day.

St. Louis Issei patriarch dies

ST. LOUIS—Yukinobu Yamamoto, 95, the "patriarch of Japanese Americans in St. Louis" passed away on August 8.

Yamamoto, a long-time supporter of the JACL, was presented with the Fifth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Japanese government in 1968 for his work with Issei and his contributions toward improving Japanese-American relations.

Yamamoto was one of a group of Japanese who traveled to St. Louis in 1904 to conduct a Japanese bazaar at the World's Fair.

He was going to stay in the U.S. for a few years, make his fortune, and return to Japan, but, as he once said, "I never did make a lot of mon-

ey."

Yamamoto founded and for many years operated the Fo-jo Film Developing Services in DeSoto, Missouri.

In the 1950s, he was instrumental in obtaining the services of a Japanese Baptist minister who for many years traveled throughout the Midwest to perform religious services for the Issei

in rural communities.

He was a friend to Japanese Americans, young and old. During and after the World War II years, Yamamoto and his wife, Manet, who passed away earlier this year, entertained and fed many of the Japanese Americans who passed through St. Louis after being released from relocation camps.

FUKUZAWA

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House? I'm at the Central Terminal. Could you kindly bring your bus over here?" "What, at the Central? We'll pick you up in 15 minutes but you have to go back to the TWA arrival."

IF THIS WERE Saudi Ara-

bia, I could leave my 60 lbs. right there without worrying about any theft and walk back unencumbered. But I had arrived in an industrial, developed country supported by the American Bar Association, where things strangely do get stolen if you are not careful. So, I trudged right back the half-mile with the 60 lbs! I waited 15 minutes, 30 minutes and finally almost an hour. No service bus arrived. Coming to the limit of my patience, I crossed over to the taxi stop again. This time, the policeman completely stopped the entire traffic to let my 60 lbs. pass.

The supervisor smilingly looked up, "Well?" I said, "Transport and telephone in a developed country are too complicated. I've got right down there and back again but still no transport. You've got to help me."

"Well, legally we can't overcharge you and it only costs £1.95 to Hyatt but if you wish to go downtown after checking in the taxi is yours." I chartered the taxi.

Was I an INAKAMONO or a victim of this modern courtesy telephone service? I thought if MAN behind the machine doesn't move, NOTHING moves, regardless of its innovation. Am I wrong? #

JOB OPENING

Midwest District JACL Regional Director

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Director will be responsible for the administration of the Regional Office and staff which includes the day-to-day supervision of the clerical and volunteer personnel.

Other responsibilities are: 1) provide technical assistance and advice to chapters and the District Council on programmatic matters, membership development, etc.; 2) establish and maintain effective contact and communication with Asian American organizations, public and private human service agencies, local, state and federal government offices; 3) plan and implement programs and projects authorized by the District Council and by National mandate; 4) represent JACL in public contacts with government bodies, academia, business, minority and civil rights groups, etc.

The director must be able to function with limited supervision and direction. General supervision will be given by the district governor and the district board. District policy and direction is set by the district council.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's degree and at least two years paid work experience in a human service, civil rights organization, or related experience. Ability to write reports and correspondence, basic ability to maintain office bookkeeping and set up the regional office budget.

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... and what happened at the convention

Excerpts of papers distributed to chapter delegates, summaries of biennial reports and actions of National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League in convention July 17-22 at Salt Lake City are contained in this "Convention Wrap-up". The Pacific Citizen is responsible for any omissions, discrepancies or misinterpretations. The official action and papers will be contained in the convention minutes.—Editor.

Organization Structure

Continuing from the report issued at the 1976 Convention, the Ad Hoc Committee on Organization Structure said the time has come for a constitutional convention. The National Council responded with a \$2,500 budgetary allocation.

Process would involve the general membership who can determine the purpose and mission, help set goals and objectives and develop a new document for JACL.

An important resource is the State of the Arts report issued by Karl Nobuyuki, national executive director—a year after being in office—at the May 13-14, 1978 EXECOM session in San Francisco.

Pacific Citizen

With the past biennium considered as the "years of change, improvement and accomplishment" (returning to tabloid format, adding in-house photocomposition and in-house address labels), the Pacific Citizen board chairman Al Hatate said he was pleased with fulfilling a previous convention mandate to publish a supplemental issue (July 7 PC) and asked for comments, pro and con.

The PC Board shall continue to see that PC operations are conducted in a business-like manner, even though faced with uncontrollable cost factors, such as postage and presswork.

Program-Legal

Under a one-year JTBI grant, a program and legal staff person (Lorrie Inagaki) was employed at Headquarters April 1, 1978 to develop JACL capabilities to deal with issues of concern to the Japanese American community and assist chapters on various issues. Her report covered the program aspect as follows:

1—Japan-U.S. Friendship Act. To awaken the Administration and Congress to the fact that no Nikkei has ever sat on the Commission.

2—Anti-Discrimination. To pursue a coordinated campaign to reduce racial stereotyping in mass media. Currently on a case-by-case basis, including support for the Kenzo issue.

3—Employment Discrimination. To assist in investigation and aid attorneys representing Nikkei plaintiffs. Forms are being designed to facilitate in tracking the status of various cases as they come to JACL's attention.

4—Asian American appointments. To assist in determination of JACL support for Asian Americans up for promotion, etc.

5—Census 1980. To assure accurate count of Japanese American communities.

6—Multi-Cultural Education. To establish ethnic history as integral part of the educational systems, work on educational TV series on Japanese Americans and funding from Ethnic Heritage bill pending in Congress.

7—Intergroup/Public Relations. To work for tighter relationships with other Asian American groups.

8—Nikkei Talent Registry. To assist EDC project establish a reference of professional-vocational talent.

9—Alien Land Law. To work for defeat of Calif. AB 3627, which bars non-resident aliens and alien businesses from owning agricultural lands.

10—Internment Credit—To support the Committee on Internment Credit, dealing with requests for information from the public.

Redress Fund

After Sally Nakashima of West Valley JACL donated \$100 that she had won as a prize at the 1000 Club whing ding to the JACL Redress Campaign Fund, it triggered an avalanche of 10 more contributions. PNWDC Gov. Bones Onishi followed by turning over the district's Inagaki Prize and Seattle donated half the first prize it had won as the Chapter of the Biennium. St. Louis and Sacramento donated their Inagaki Prize awards as well.

Sally Nakashima (W Vly).....\$100
Pac NW Dist (Harold Onishi).....100
Seattle (Ted Taniguchi).....250
Sacramento (F. Shimomura).....100
St. Louis (George Sakaguchi).....100
NC-WN Dist (Chuck Kubokawa) 300
Orange Cty (Gloria Julagay).....250
WLA JACL & Auky (T. Kanegai) 500
Selanoco (Clarence Nishizu).....200
Eden Township (Ich Nishida).....200
Portland (Al Abe).....100

Convention Total: \$2,200

Satow Memorial Fund

Authorized by the National Board in March, 1977, fund drive began for the purpose of:

- 1—Writing the JACL History (Bill Hosokawa has been commissioned).
- 2—Distribution of history to key government decision-makers and se-

lected libraries.

3—Preservation of related historic matters about Japanese in the U.S., especially those in government archives.

Campaign chairman Mike Masaoka asked that it now be named the Masao and Chiz Satow Memorial Fund. First report of funds received is to be made.

Scholarship-Student Aid

Within the past biennium, four new scholarships have been added to the National JACL scholarship program, according to Dr. Izumi Taniguchi of Fresno, committee chairman. They are:

- (1) \$1,000 California First Bank Scholarship (restricted to Californians), (2) a second \$500 James Michener scholarship, (3) \$350 Saburo Kido Memorial award established by the National JACL Board, and (4) \$300 Giichi Aoki Memorial scholarship.

In 1979 several awards

will be made from the Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarship endowment fund established by the will of Chiyo Kuwahara, Los Angeles.

Because of the increasing number of applicants (260 this year), paperwork associated with judging has become overburdened. Recommendations to streamline the process are being considered.

JACL has been requested to publish a scholarship directory for Japanese American students.

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Fremont

Fremont JACL board voted last month to contribute \$25 to the national Anti-Kenzo campaign being conduct-

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● **AUGUST 20 (Sunday)**
Milwaukee—Picnic, Deer Park Area 3.

● **AUGUST 21 (Monday)**
Santa Barbara—Picnic, Manning Park Area 3.

● **AUGUST 22 (Tuesday)**
Los Angeles—Nisei Week parade, Little Tokyo.

● **AUGUST 23 (Wednesday)**
San Francisco—CANE picnic, Heather Farm Park, Walnut Creek, 10 a.m.

● **AUGUST 24 (Thursday)**
Sacramento—Mtg. Nisei Hall, 1515-4th St.

● **AUGUST 25 (Friday)**
Los Angeles—FOLTA Awd dnr for Toyo Miyatake, Biltmore Bowl, 7 p.m.

● **AUGUST 26 (Saturday)**
Houston—Minyo dance class, 9506 Meadowcroft, 8 p.m.

● **AUGUST 27 (Sunday)**
San Diego—Bd. mtg.

● **AUGUST 28 (Monday)**
Los Angeles—MISLS '48 reunion dnr.

● **AUGUST 29 (Tuesday)**
Nat'l JACL—EXECOM Mtg (2 da), Headquarters, San Francisco.

● **AUGUST 30 (Wednesday)**
PSWDC—Nisei Week carnival (2 da), Little Tokyo, E. 2nd & Los Angeles St.

● **AUGUST 31 (Thursday)**
NC-WNDC—Otrly sess, West Valley JACL hosts; Ramada Inn, Santa Clara, 9 a.m.

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pc's people

● Awards

Mrs. Teru F. Sasaki of Ft. Banning, Ga. won the Georgia Chicken Cook-off with her recipe for "Obaa-Chan's Chicken." She won an all-expenses paid trip to Tampa, Fla., to compete against other state finalists.

● Business

Gary Saji, executive vice-president of Suntory International, Los Angeles, welcomed the Ondeko-za Drummers from Japan during their recent U.S. tour. Suntory, second largest distillers in the world, is a major supporter of the group, which abstains from all alcoholic and tobacco products because of its strict training regimen. When Singer Co. announced its corporate net earnings recently, it was Fred Fukichi of New York who served as the spokesman with Singer chairman Joseph B. Flavin. Fukichi noted the U.S. sewing market has been soft for a long time, adding "maybe women now have less time to sew." But overseas sales and markets have increased.

● Courtroom

First federal judge of Filipino ancestry, Federal District Judge Alfred Laureta of Honolulu was sworn into office July 14. Former circuit judge on Kauai, he will serve the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, a new U.S. territory, at Saipan.

● Entertainment

East West Players board of directors announced Rich Momii, 29, as its new administrator, succeeding Norman Cohen who held the post for four years. Momii is a Los Angeles High School graduate, made his first EWP appearance as a musician in 1974. The past 18 months, he was assistant administrator.

● Government

Miles Hamada, assistant executive director of JACL in San Francisco was named a director of the Friends of San Francisco Public Library. At the same annual meeting, attorney David K. Yamakawa was elected to the group's advisory council.

Yoshio Kosai of Tacoma and John Sato of Seattle were reappointed by Washington governor Dixie Lee Ray to the state's Commission on Asian American Affairs. The commissioners serve until June 30, 1981.

Fred H. Seiji of Vallejo, Calif. has been appointed to the state Board of Registration for Professional Engineers by Gov. Jerry Brown. Seiji, 48, is a land surveyor who has worked for HMM Inc. and Caltrans.

● Honors

Sam Migita of St. Louis Chapter, who celebrated his 100 year birthday in March, was honored recently by the City of Rock Hill, during its Senior Citizens Day. He received a plaque in commemoration of the event. Robert Hayashi, son of James and Alice Hayashi of St. Louis, recently received two outstanding awards: The Missouri State DAR Good Citizens Award and a cash grant presented by the St. Louis Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. The second award is only presented to three graduating seniors in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Bob will attend Stanford in the fall.

Mary Arie of Sunnyvale, Calif. was given the "natori" title and the name Misayasu Bando by Mitsugoro Bando, master of the Bando School of Dance in Tokyo.

● Music

Onetime student of Jascha Heifetz, UC Santa Barbara faculty member Yukiko Kamei was featured violin soloist at the Laguna Beach Summer Music Festival July 14. She made her debut in Tokyo five years ago. The music festival director is Masatoshi Mitsumoto.

● Radio-TV

Jan Yanehiro and Steve Fox, regular co-hosts of San Francisco's "Evening Magazine" on KPIX (5), began their third year Aug. 7 with an hour show. Same prime-time evening hour format is now being used by other Westinghouse TV stations in Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburgh and Baltimore.

● Sports

Keith Nakasone, a senior at San Jose State Univ., was named to the 8-member U.S. Judo Team that will compete in the Pan American Games and the Kono Cup later this year.



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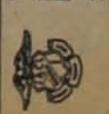
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