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A FOLTA FIRST—(From left): Les Hamasaki, Ruth Watanabe, Toyo Miyatake and Marjorie Shinno.

## Friends of Little Tokyo Arts honor photographer Miyatake

LOS ANGELES—Friends of Little Tokyo Arts last week (Aug. 24) conferred its first cultural achievement award to Toyo Miyatake, 83, esteemed as the artist-poet with his camera, before a happy crowd of 650 at the Biltmore Hotel.

The dinner, emceed by Bruce Kaji who grew up with the Miyatake children in prewar Boyle Heights, premiered a slide presentation of Little Tokyo history and some of Miyatake's historic pictures of wartime Manzanar. Charles Kamayatsu, Bob Okazaki and George Takei took turns in the narrations.

FOLTA, founded to establish works of art in Little Tokyo, is headed by Ruth Watanabe. Proceeds of the dinner will be used to transfer enlarged photographs of early local Japanese scenes to ceramic tile for placement in public areas of the new developing Little Tokyo, Mrs. Watanabe explained.

Acknowledging the commendations from state and local officials for his father was Atsufumi "Archie" Miyatake. Marjorie Shinno was dinner chairperson.



PICTURE THIS—Toyo Miyatake, this year's Nisei Week Parade grand marshal, snapped in front of his photography studio in Little Tokyo.

## HAWAII PRIMARY ELECTION—OCT. 7

## Close to 100 Nikkei names appear

HONOLULU—With filing for the Hawaii Primary Election on Oct. 7 now closed, Gov. George Ariyoshi (D) faces three challengers with in his own party, the leading contender being Honolulu Mayor Frank F. Fasi in a repeat campaign of 1974. The other two are relatively unknown.

Lt. Gov. Nelson Doi (D) chose not to seek re-election, thus attracting nine Democrats to seek the nomination. Four Nikkei surnames appear: Jean Sadako King, Wayne K. Nishiki and Mildred Wilson Shimabuku and William Masao Toyama.

There are no Nikkei names appearing on the list for the two U.S. House seats. Sen. Daniel Inouye's term ends in 1980 and Sen. Spark Matsunaga's in 1982.

Filing for seats in the state legislature are 17 with Nikkei names in the Senate and 43 in the House. The race for nine seats on the state board of education is crowded with 30 candidates—seven with Nikkei names. Incumbents Noboru Yonamine and George Adachi of Oahu will step down at the end of their

terms, while incumbent Richard Ando is a state senate candidate.

New political parties which sprouted in the 1974 and 1976 races are back again. Independents for Godly Government (IGG) changed its name to Aloha Democratic

Party. The Libertarian Party also fielded a slate of candidates for major offices.

The list of Nikkei-named candidates are as follows:

(Incumbents are asterisked. Figures in parenthesis after each heading indicate the number of seats available in the 1978 election. Unopposed candidates within any party are capital-ized.)

## State funding of private vocational schools hit

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — An investigation requested by Assemblyman S. Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) revealed abuses in the administration of California vocational education spending.

A report released by State Auditor General John Williams indicated that public schools are realizing millions of dollars in profits through contracts with private schools for vocational programs paid by state and local funds.

Mori charged that the Private Vocational Education Act of 1973, which authorized contracting for private

programs, has "opened the door to windfall profits for local school districts and created a bonanza for private schools."

One finding outlined that public schools receive \$24 million annually for vocational contracts, pay \$6.2 million of that to private schools for actual training costs, and keep the remaining \$17.2 million with no strings attached. Mori blasted the practice, calling it "an incentive to market at the expense of taxpayers as well as students who are funneling into the more profit-

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## CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT BILL

## Senate votes unanimously to pass

WASHINGTON — By a unanimous voice vote, the Senate Aug. 18 approved HR 9471, sponsored by Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.) granting civil service retirement credit to Japanese American civil servants for the time they spent in the internment camps during World War II.

"I am deeply gratified by

the overwhelming support given this measure by both the House of Representatives and the Senate. This legislation will provide some redress to those Americans of Japanese ancestry who were unjustifiably denied their constitutional and human rights," Mineta stated.

Retirement credit for Japanese Americans covered by Social Security was passed into law in 1972.

This legislation now goes back to the House for concurrence on Senate amendments.

Mineta expressed his certainty that the legislation would be on the President's desk prior to the adjournment of the 95th Congress.

The legislation grants credit under the Civil Service Retirement System to internees, 18 years of age and older, who were forced into the internment camps and later entered the federal service. Employees of the federal government are not eligible for Social Security benefits.

Mineta expressed his thanks to Senators Inouye and Matsunaga (both D-Hawaii) for sponsoring the legislation in the Senate and to

Senator Sasser (D-Tenn.) who chaired the subcommittee.

The bill was amended slightly, to make its effective date Oct. 1, 1978. The House is expected to agree to this Senate change, sending it to President Carter for his approval.

"I asked the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee for favorable consideration during its hearing in May, and I am very glad that they chose to respond to this need for correcting this grievous past injustice,"

Sen. Daniel Inouye said.

"Many of these former internees most affected are now among the eldest members of their communities, and I am sure that this action will be much appreciated by them," he said.

The bill expands legislation enacted in 1952 which granted Civil Service credit to persons who were already in the Civil Service system at the time of internment. This gives retirement credit to those who joined the Civil Service after their internment.

## Sansei seek seats in Washington state

OLYMPIA, Wash.—Christine E. Yorozu, 28, and Paul Shinoda, Jr., 40, are Republican candidates in the forthcoming Washington state legislative elections.

Unmarried, Yorozu is the first Japanese American woman seeking the nomination for No. 2 seat in the 31st District. Two others are competing for the same spot. A Univ. of Washington graduate in political science, she has served as legislative assistant in the House. The 31st District covers the south Seattle area. Six Democrats—all men—are vying for their party's nod.

Shinoda, incumbent, is unopposed in the party primaries in the Position No. 2 of the 39th District, which covers most of Snohomish county north of Seattle. A wholesale flower grower, he was the first Japanese American elected to the state legislature two years ago. He previously served in the Snohomish city council. He is a graduate of Torrance (Calif.) High School, the son of Alice and Paul Shinoda, now of Santa Barbara.

The Asian American vote may be a factor in the 31st district of Seattle but only 12 Japanese Americans reside in the 39th District. Shinoda said he was confident of re-election.

"It's pretty hard to unseat an incumbent up here. An office holder has to screw-up to lose," Shinoda explained.



Toyo Miyatake Studio

**PORTABLE X-RAY**—Proceeds from a recent Montebello Japanese Woman's Club Monte Carlo Fun Night went toward purchase of a portable X-ray machine. Club donated \$3,991.11 to City View Hospital for the equipment being admired by (left) Haru Yoshitake, Fun Night chairman; Ethel Kohashi, club president; and Edwin Hiroto, hospital administrator.

## CCDC seeking regional director

FRESNO, Calif. — Central California JACL District Council is stepping up its regional office operation to full time and announced a job opening for regional direc-

tor. Applications should be made by Sept. 30 with Judge M. Uchiyama, 313 E. Merced St., Fowler, Ca. 93625.

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## JACL EXECOM ACTION:

## 11 women to head national committees

Special to The Pacific Citizen  
**SAN FRANCISCO**—A conscious effort by Dr. Clifford Uyeda and the new National JACL officers to bring more women to roles of national leadership was demonstrated here over the Aug. 26-27 weekend.

Eleven women were named to chair a national committee, the most in recent memory for in the past, there were no more than three or four together, according to Pacific Citizen records.

The Executive Committee meeting was called primarily

to bring new officers up-to-date on current programs, activities and pending issues and to organize for the coming biennium.

The four appointees to the National JACL Board were also approved:

Frank Iwama (Sacramento), legal counsel; Dr. Toaru Ishiyama (Cleveland), Judge Mikio Uchiyama (Fowler), board members; and Ellen Endo (Metro L.A.), Pacific Citizen Board chairperson.

The list of national committees and chairpersons (some remain unannounced pending acceptance [=]) is shown under the particular national officer who will oversee and serve as its liaison before the National Board as follows:

Vice Pres/General Operations LILY OKURA—1. Personnel: Ben Takeshita (Contra Costa); 2. Convention Guidelines: [=]; 3. Credentials: Helen Kawagoe (Gardena Vly); 4. Nominations: Grace Uyehara (Philadelphia); 5. Inagaki Prize: [=]; 6. Scholarships: Helen Mineta (San Jose).

Vice Pres/Public Affairs FLOYD SHIMOMURA—1. Constitutional re-

vision: Mikio Uchiyama (Fowler); 2. Political Education: Cherry Tsutsumida (Washington, D.C.); 3. International relations: Chuck Kubokawa (Sequoia); 4. Employment Discrimination: Dr. Tom Taketa (San Jose); 5. Against Defamation: Margie Yamamoto (San Francisco); 6. Awards & Recognitions: [=]; 7. A-Bomb survivors: Frank Kasama (Fremont); 8. Pacific Citizen: Ellen Endo (Metro L.A.).

Vice Pres/Research & Services JIM TSUJIMURA—1. Redress (John Tateishi (Marin); Retirement: Dr. Min Masuda (Seattle); 3. Youth: Cathy Hirakawa (NYCC); 4. JARP: Shig Wakamatsu (Chicago); 5. JACler of Biennium: [=]; 6. Japanese American of Biennium: Cherry Kinoshita (Seattle); 7. Census: Anna Peterson (St. Louis); 8. Nikkei Registry: [=]; 9. Resolutions: [=].

Vice President/Membership Services STEVE NAKASHIMA—1. 1000 Club: Steve Doi (San Francisco); 2. Health Insurance: Vernon Yoshioka (San Diego); 3. Travel: Hank Sakai (Orange County); 4. Bowling: [=].

Treasurer GEORGE KODAMA—1. Endowment Fund: (selected by committee); 2. Satow Memorial Project: Mike Masaoka (Washington, D.C.); 3. Hq Operations Fund (formerly Bldg Fund): Steve Doi (San Francisco); 4. Yamada-Okubo Fund: Frank Oda (Sonoma County); George Baba (Stockton); 5. Budget: [=].

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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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## Endowment Fund committee filled

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Two vacancies on the JACL Endowment Fund committee were filled by Dr. Clifford Uyeda and approved by the National JACL executive committee at its Aug. 26-27 meeting here.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles was named permanent member, succeeding the late George Inagaki. Nishikawa had served on the

committee in the past and helped to raise some of the contributions that comprise the fund. Tomio Moriguchi of Seattle, former national treasurer, succeeds Dr. John Kanda, Puyallup Valley, for a 6-year term. Other committee members are Yone Satoda, San Francisco, and Tom Masuda of Chicago. A new chairman is to be elected by the committee members.

## Nisei Week honors three pioneers of community

**LOS ANGELES**—Three men were honored last week at the 1978 Nisei Week Pioneer Luncheon for their multiple contributions to the Japanese American community.

Honorees were Yutaka Kubota, Frank W. Takasugi and Paul C. Takeda.

Kubota was born in Shizuoka Prefecture and came to California in 1916. He became manager of the So. Calif. Strawberry Growers Assn. and later the Japan California Agricultural Assn.

He was interned in Amache, Colo., returned to Los Angeles where he sold insurance. In 1957 he became an active partner of Shimatsu, Ogata, Kubota Mortuary. However, his lifelong interest has been kendo. He helped organize the So. Calif. Kendo Doshikai in 1928; the local branch of the Dainippon Butokukai in 1935; reorganized the Kendo Yudan-shakai in 1950, became its president and later vice president of the U.S. Kendo Assn.

In 1973, he was awarded the

Fifth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Japanese government. He and his wife Kin have two daughters, one son and 10 grandchildren.

Takasugi first settled in Ventura County after leaving his birthplace of Okayama Prefecture. After having been a farmer, he became a Japanese language teacher until 1929, when he ran the Corbett Lemon Ranch until the war. Before retiring in 1951, he was a gardener in Ventura and Oxnard.

He has been principal of the Japanese Language School operated by the Oxnard Japanese Methodist Church. In 1950 he obtained a ministerial license and became the church's regular minister.

He and his wife Tono have nine sons, two daughters, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Takeda was born in Hawaii in 1897, was taken to Japan at 6 and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce from 1952-62, and executive director of Sun Investment Co. until he retired in 1972. Other positions he has held are executive director of the Japanese Agricultural Assn.; president, Japanese Community Pioneer Center and charter president, So. Calif. Japanese Senior Citizens. He was awarded the Sixth Class Order of the Rising Sun from the Japanese government in 1974.

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A German missionary who introduced Hersey to the Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto and also described the 1945 atomic holocaust in detail led a hermit's life after the book was published. The priest also became a naturalized Japanese citizen and had changed his name to Makoto Takakura.

## MORI

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able courses ... such as cosmetology."

Released figures show that 70% of vocational education profited through private contracts are in the field of cosmetology, compared with 24% for sorely-needed programs such as vocational skills for handicapped pupils.

Mori pointed out that "most of the so-called 'private schools of cosmetology' identified by the Auditor General are supported over 90% by tax dollars."

"I am appalled that the extent of abuse exceeds even original estimates," he said. "It's costing taxpayers \$19 million a year to train cosmetology students."

## Deaths

Hamamoto, Juzo, 79, pioneer Napa orchardist, died Aug. 14. Surviving are w Itsuko, s William, Henry and d Kazuko.

Yamada, Tamaichi, 97, Portland Japanese community leader, died Aug. 9. He was executive secretary of the Mutual Hotel & Apartment Assn. for over 40 years, headed the prewar Portland Gakuen and worked post-war for repeal of alien land law and naturalization, the Nisei war memorial, Hiroshima Maidens and relief. He was decorated in May, 1966, at the Imperial Palace, Tokyo with Order of the Sacred Treasure. Surviving are w Hana, d Yona Nakamura (Van Nuys).

## Nikkei Service Center

FRESNO, Calif.—Several staff positions at the Nikkei Service Center 237-4006) are open for bilingual people to work with elderly Nikkei.



## Gardena councilman blisters Hayakawa's views on Evacuation

GARDENA, Calif. — City councilman Vincent Okamoto fired off a blistering letter (Aug. 18) to Sen. S. I. Hayakawa's statement on redress in the press made at the recent National JACL Convention.

While the senator was reported to have called the JACL proposal seeking redress as "ridiculous", the Gardena official regarded JACL's action as "sincere" and said it should not have been termed "ridiculous".

However, there was a report Okamoto thought the JACL proposal "inappropriate for a number of reasons", but which were not spelled out.

Okamoto also blasted the senator for his "unsympathetic views" concerning the wartime evacuation of west coast Japanese. Hayakawa told reporters it was "perfectly understandable" that the U.S. government would relocate Japanese Americans during the wartime situation. Okamoto found them "inaccurate, irresponsible and unworthy of a United States Senator".

Okamoto is a deputy district attorney in Los Angeles County, a highly decorated Vietnam war veteran and serving his first term as city councilman here.

"The concept of locking up thousands of innocent people to supposedly protect them from those who would do them harm is contrary to the Constitution and all the principles of equity and justice."

Y. Your attempt to rationalize such lawless government action because of 'war hysteria' is indefensible.

"If blacks living in the South were suddenly threatened with violence by the Ku Klux Klan, would your remedy be to round up all the blacks and ship them to the hinterlands and lock them up under armed guard for an unspecified number of years?"

"I think not. The reason being it would be immoral and illegal as hell."

Okamoto continued, stating that Hayakawa's opinions regarding the relocation camp experience would only serve "to perpetuate the stereotype of the Japanese American who refuses to remain silent in the face of inequity and injustice."

Okamoto claims this stereotype contradicts the senator's own personal philosophy.

osophy.

The councilman concluded his statement with an impassioned plea for an understanding of the camp experience.

"Sen. Hayakawa, you and I share one common element—neither of us can remember what 'camp' was like. You because you were never there. Me, because I was too young to recall. I do, however, have some conception of the tragic impact it had on my own family and friends."

"The relocation will always remain a painful and tragic period in their lives. I would very much hope that a person like yourself, who has not shared the experience, but who possesses an awesome reputation for semantic skills, will be less cavalier in your choice of words and more sensitive and thoughtful regarding remarks about camp."

## New York workshop to focus on being Japanese American

NEW YORK—A Japanese American Awareness Workshop will be sponsored by the New York JACL over the Sept. 30-Oct. 1 weekend at Stony Point Conference Center in Rockland County, 35 miles from the City.

Program highlights feature a keynote address by Philadelphia Judge William Marutani, small group sessions, a taichi demonstration led by Herman Kauz and an

original play by Phil Nash.

Workshop aims to understand the heritage and roots of the Japanese in America.

Registration, on a first-come basis, will be limited to 60 persons, Issei, Nisei, Sansei or others. Fee, which includes all meals, lodging and workshop expenses, is \$35 per person, \$25 for students/retirees, payable to the New York JACL and sent to:

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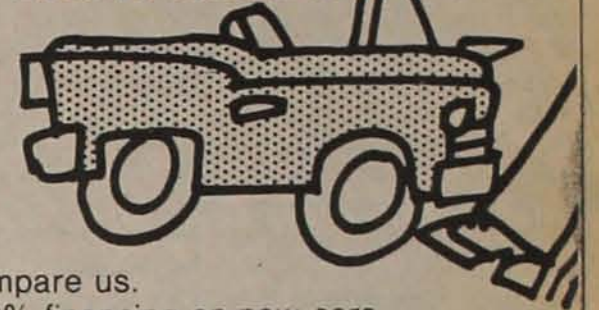
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**PARADING GIRLS**—Nisei Week queen Lisa Yamamoto (above) waves from float. Ondo dancers (at right) flourish osensu in each hand at Nisei Week parade in Los Angeles' Nihonmachi.

## Maryknoll sister to mark 50th year

LOS ANGELES—Friends of Maryknoll Sister M. Bernadette, an Issei nun who is celebrating her 50th year of work with the Japanese, will honor her on Sunday, Sept. 24, starting at 10 a.m. Mass at Maryknoll Church, followed by a program in the school hall from 11 a.m.

She joined the Maryknoll Sisters in 1928, then taught at Maryknoll School here and was in Korea in 1936-38. She is one of the people mentioned in the Houston book, "Farewell to Manzanar", where she spent 4½ years and then came back to Los Angeles, working with the Japanese-speaking group.

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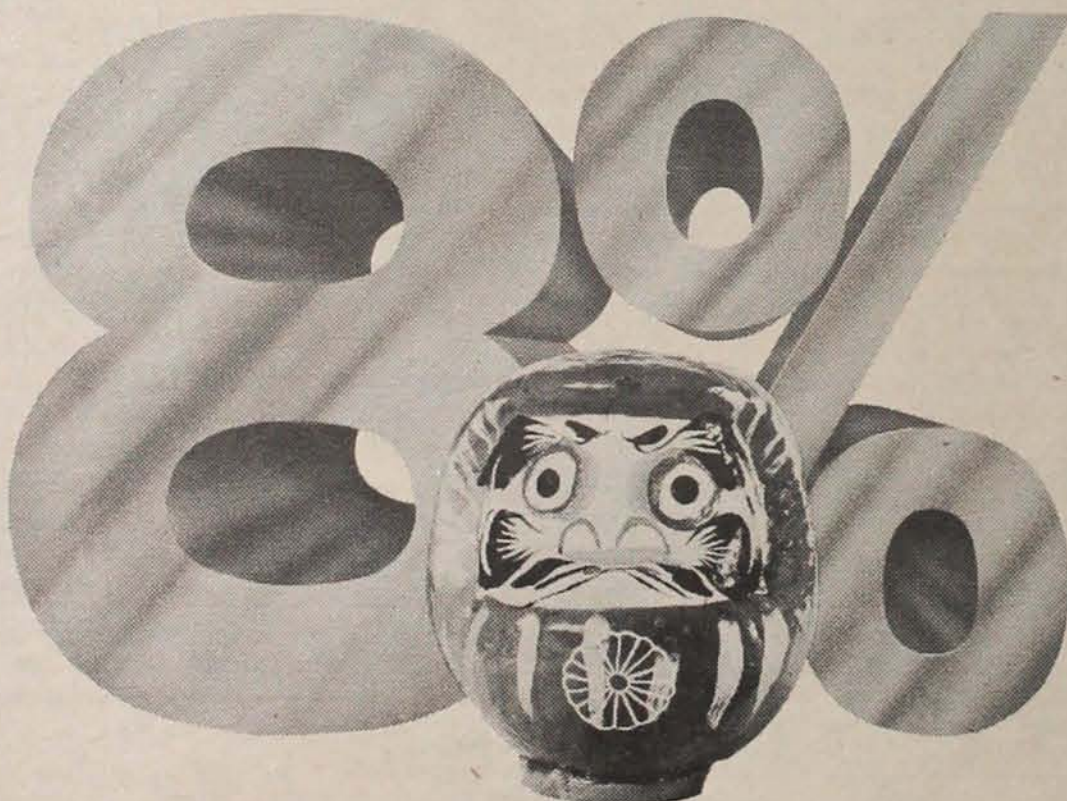
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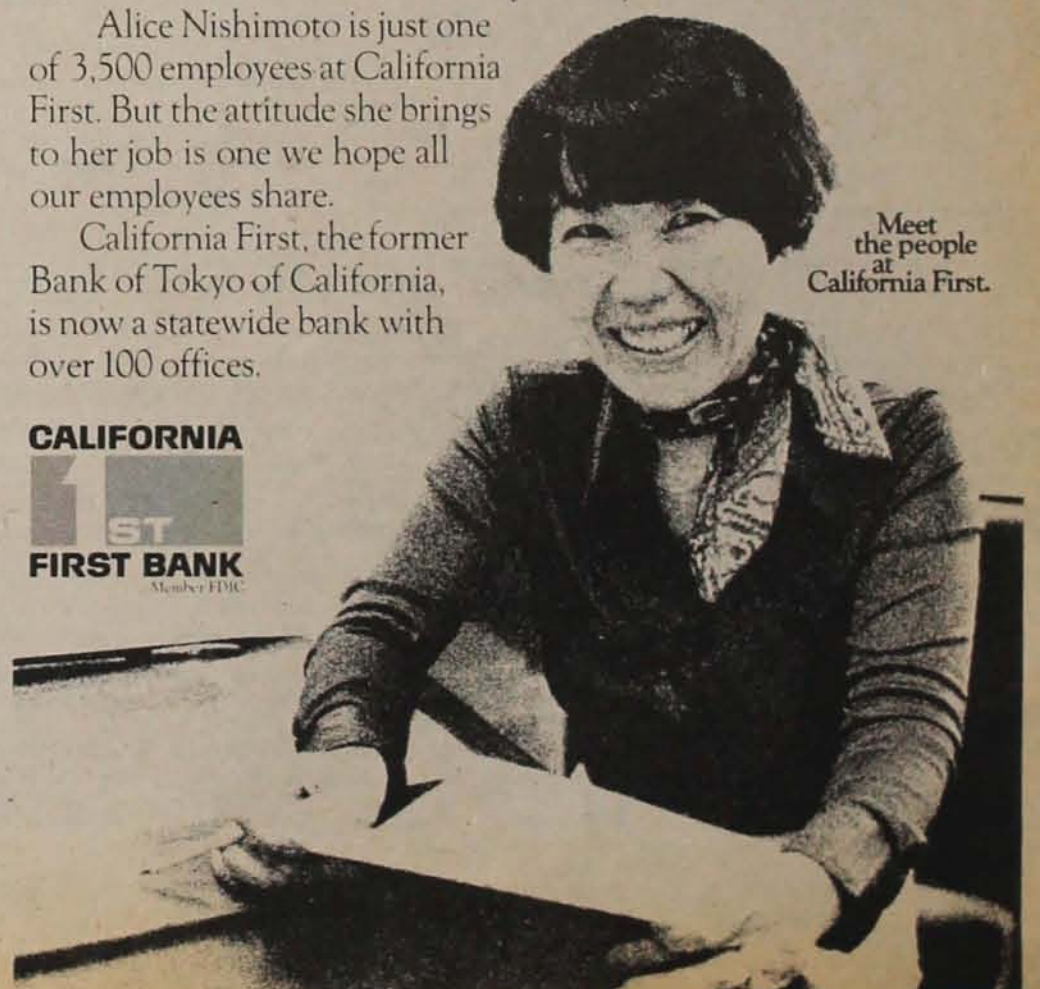
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## CLIFF'S COLUMN:

### Dissimilar 'Treason' Cases

This appeared as a guest column in *Hokubei Mainichi*, Aug. 23.—Ed.

By CLIFFORD I. UYEDA

San Francisco:

Similar labels do not necessarily mean similar contents. Because the post World War II United States court convicted two Nisei on charges of treason, the public is lead to believe that the cases are somehow similar. Nothing can be further from the truth.

Recently I was notified by phone from a journalist friend in Tokyo that an article will appear in the *Los Angeles Times* on Kawakita (Aug. 25 PC). A year ago in Tokyo I disagreed with the same journalist who said that the cases of Iva Toguri d'Aquino and Tomoya Kawakita have interesting similarities.

Tomoya Kawakita, born in Calexico, California in 1921, attended Meiji University in Tokyo during the war. In 1943 he renounced his American citizenship, took out Japanese citizenship, and during wartime he traveled to China on a Japanese passport. In 1945 he stated he was a U.S. citizen and received his U.S. passport to return to America.

The indictment against Kawakita was mistreatment of U.S. prisoners of war (POWs). His defense was that he could not be compelled to stand trial as an American for acts committed as a Japanese citizen.

The court ruled Kawakita a U.S. citizen, and following conviction he spent 16 years at Alcatraz until pardoned by President Kennedy on condition that he be returned to Japan and never seek entry into United States.

Iva Toguri had steadfastly refused to renounce her American citizenship although harassed unmercifully by the Japanese police. She refused to seek Japanese citizenship, was outspokenly pro-American despite personal danger, and risked her own safety to aid the sick and the weak Allied POWs at the Bunka Camp in Tokyo.

Iva was convicted solely on the uncorroborated testimony of two prosecution witnesses who had renounced their American citizenship, and who later admitted to false testimony at the trial.

The war produced untold sufferings to many Nisei stranded in Japan. But it is blatantly unfair to Iva not to recognize that she remained a proud and loyal American before, during and after the war in spite of her ordeal.

*History is little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind.* —EDWARD GIBBON

The Milwaukee Journal Saturday, Aug. 12, 1978

## A cruelty we should remember

Sen. S.I. Hayakawa of California is an extraordinarily forgiving man. He offers to turn the other cheek, not primarily on his own behalf but on behalf of thousands of fellow Japanese Americans who were cruelly uprooted and placed in internment camps in the western U.S. during World War II.

The senator opposes the efforts of the Japanese American Citizens League to win restitution for those who were deprived of their freedom in a period of war hysteria. He says the restitution effort will rekindle resentment and racism that no longer exist. As proof of that hostility to Japanese Americans has vanished, Hayakawa cites his own election from a state that once was a center of such prejudice.

Indeed, that animosity has diminished, and Americans of all backgrounds can be grateful for the more benign climate of opinion. Yet we do not agree that the

restitution effort does more harm than good. In the first place, those who were uprooted suffered real damages and have a right to seek recompense. Furthermore, anything as serious as the wholesale violation of the basic rights of Japanese Americans shouldn't be pushed into the nation's subconscious.

Even in times of relative harmony in race relations, the public needs to be reminded occasionally that the veneer of civilized conduct is thin, that some future national emergency could revive hostile feelings and provide the pretext for again persecuting a minority.

Incidentally, if some persons had a little better memory of past repression of racial and political minorities in this country, there might have been less inclination to thoroughly denounce UN Ambassador Andrew Young recently when he spoke of political prisoners in the U.S. There

## Home from Hiroshima

Editor:

Without the support of the Rev. Herbert V. Nicholson; Michi and Walter Weglyn, and so many others I would not have been able to go to Japan to attend the several anti-bomb sessions, especially the sacred and solemn ceremonies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Having previously met Mayor Araki of Hiroshima and Mayor Moritani of Nagasaki at the United Nations last May meeting them in their respective cities was tantamount to a reunion.

At the several TV and press interviews I stated that the use of the "A" Bombs at so late in the war was both cruel and unnecessary. The war was over to all intents and purposes. When told

that if Japan had had the Bomb she would have used it I replied that any nation losing a war would obviously use every weapon at its disposal to win a war; but, that Japan did not have the Bomb; that America had broken their code years before, and that the Bombs were used on secondary targets which contained mainly civilians. That one "A" Bomb could have been demonstrated by exploding it over an uninhabited area with advance notice given to the proper authorities and all proper precautions taken. I am almost certain that such a demonstration would have put an end to all resistance.

The general consensus was that there would be no more Pearl Harbors, no more Hiroshimas, no more Nagasakis.

DENNIS ROLAND  
American Burma/Thai Railroad  
and River Kwai Bridge  
Astoria, N.Y.

PS—I also visited a hospital in Hiroshima which was filled with patients still suffering from the effects of the "A" Bomb. One elderly patient spoke perfect English. I could not help but give her a hug and a light kiss on her cheek.

The nurses are real angels of mercy tending to the wants of their patients. The hospital itself was very cheerful and spotless.

After visiting the museum in Hiroshima I was asked to comment on it. All I could think was that this museum could only be visited by a handful of the world's peoples, by those who had the time and money to travel; that this museum should be brought to all peoples by making a documentary picture and showing it in all the principle cities of the world.

Theoretically, the war is still going on for the peoples of Hiroshima and

Nagasaki. On Sunday, Aug. 6, a boy of five passed away. I had met his folks. They informed me that he is a third generation victim of the "A" Bomb. There will be many others. When will it end?—DAR.

## Issei heirloom

Editor:

The male Issei in the early 1900's apparently felt that he had not "arrived" in America until he owned a gold pocket watch with a gold chain that dangled across the front of his vest.

If you own one of these heirlooms, put it in a safe place.

These gold timepieces, costly enough in their day, are today more valuable. The gold chain alone can bring over \$400 in today's marketplace.

NAOMI KASHIWABARA  
San Diego, Ca.



## SECTION 3:

### JAPANESE ARRIVE

As the Chinese population rapidly declined due to the lack of women and the men returning to China, an acute labor shortage developed in the Western states and the Territory of Hawaii in the 1880s. The agricultural industry wanted another group of laborers who would do the menial work at low wages, and looked to Japan as a new source. At that time, however, Japan prohibited laborers from leaving the country. The United States pressured Japan to relax the ban on labor emigration, and Japan consequently allowed laborers to leave in 1884.

The American agricultural industry recruited Japanese laborers to work in the sugar cane fields of Hawaii, and the fruits and vegetable farms of California. From the handful who were here prior to the Chinese Exclusion Act, the Japanese population increased to about 61,000 in Hawaii and 24,000 on the mainland by 1900. The Japanese replaced the Chinese as the largest non-white ethnic group in the West Coast and Hawaii.

As long as the Japanese remained docile, their hard labor was welcomed, but as

soon as they showed signs of initiative they were perceived as threats to white dominance. Japanese farm laborers, together with Mexican farm laborers, conducted the first successful agricultural strike in California in 1903. Japanese farm laborers were well organized and engaged in collective bargaining for higher wages: many saved enough money to lease or buy land.

The Japanese farmers reclaimed much of the unwanted land and developed it into rich agricultural areas. In California, Japanese farmers produced 50-90% of some fruits and vegetables despite operating only 4% of the farmlands. Envy led to hate, and the prevailing anti-Asian animosities became focused on the Japanese.

The anti-Japanese campaign began with acts of violence and lawlessness: mob assaults, arson, and forcible expulsion from farming areas became commonplace. Soon these prejudices became institutionalized into law. As with the earlier Chinese pioneers, the Japanese were also denied citizenship, prohibited from certain occupations, forced to send their children to segregated schools, and could not marry whites. In addition, some laws were specifically directed against the Japanese, including the denial of the right to own, lease, or give gifts of agricultural land.

Like the Chinese exclusion movement before, California lobbied the federal government to stop all immigration from Japan. As a result of these pressures, Japanese laborers were excluded by executive action in 1907, and all Japanese immigration for permanent residence was prohibited by the Asian Exclusion Act of 1924. Japan considered the Exclusion Act a national insult, particularly since the United States had insisted upon Japanese immigration in the first place. President Theodore Roosevelt once remarked: "The infernal fools in California insult the Japanese recklessly and in the event of war it will be the nation as a whole which will pay the consequences."

To the dismay of the exclusionists, the Japanese population did not quickly decrease as the Chinese population did earlier. There

were sufficient numbers of Japanese women pioneers who gave birth to an American-born generation, and families decided to make the United States their permanent home. As the exclusionists intensified their efforts to get rid of the Japanese, their campaign was enhanced by the development of a powerful new weapon—the mass media.

Newspapers, radio, and motion pictures stereotyped Japanese Americans as untrustworthy and unassimilable. The media did not recognize the fact that a large number of persons of Japanese ancestry living in the United States were American citizens. As Japan became a military power, the

media falsely depicted Japanese Americans as agents for Japan. Newspapers inflamed the "Yellow Peril" myths on the West Coast; radio, movies and comic strips spread the disease of prejudice throughout the United States.

Trapped in segregated neighborhoods and with no access to the media, Japanese Americans were unable to counteract the false stereotypes. Even though those born in the United States were culturally American, spoke English fluently, and were well educated, they faced almost insurmountable discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations and social interaction.

## CROSSROADS TO SOMEWHERE: Wimp Hiroto

### An Open Letter to JACL

Gardena, Calif.:

WHEN FACED WITH a flight of stairs, a ladder or an escalator, which foot goes up first? How about when putting your pants on in the morning (okay ERA, panties, too)? And if told to "put your best foot forward," which would it be?

BEITWHATSOEVER, the Japanese American Citizens League today must be wondering about the old political ploy called a trial balloon. You know, have an unidentified "high government official" take a public stand on a controversial issue and then see how the politicians, editorial writers and public react.

Had JACL approached the \$25,000 Evacuation Redress question in this manner and nothing happened, great. But if slings and arrows resulted, then it would be back to the drawing boards for Prez Dr. Cliff and PC Chapter 1001-a.

Since the 30,000-member JACL sincerely believes it represents the total Japanese American populace (please don't edit to read "Nikkei, it sounds like a disease"), wouldn't it have been wiser to test the tepid waters before launching the Salt Lake City bombshell? Why shucks, people, you not only didn't check signals with Carroll Rosenbloom but you failed to touch base with the Hon. George "Horse" Yoshi-

naga. Forsooth and for shame!

BETHATASITMAY, you (JACL) have succeeded in disrupting the life and times of this observer.

Former acquaintances, unheard from for years, have made contact in hopes of tapping the "maybe" money. A former Riversider and pre-war pal claims he deserves some loot "because if we hadn't booted you out, you'd be eligible for nothing except taxes." Solid thinking.

Even the family is standing in line. Son #1 contends he deserves a separate share because he had no choice in the evacuation brouhaha—let alone being born a Japanese American. Son #2 feels he should get a double portion since father/mother weren't man/wife at the time he coulda been she/it, not to mention twins. As for Son #3, his comment can't be quoted in family newspaper.

But the weirdest request was a call from Canada. He wants to start a drive to make anyone ever imprisoned against his/her will eligible for a piece of the action. This would, he explains, embrace not only the 110,000 evacuees but all the drunks and wife beaters, not to mention income tax evaders and Watgate principals. He claims this would water-

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EAST WIND: Bill Marutani



Philadelphia:

I DON'T KNOW about you, but as an *inaka* boy from 'way back, I don't yearn for fancy dishes as some people appear to do. Not that I'd ever turn them down: it's just that, well, to me "gohan is gohan" and that's it. Toss in some *takana-tsukemono* backed up with two helpings of rice, and after it's all over you'll see a satisfied face emerge.

NOW YOU TAKE some of those fancy vittles that some people serve. Example: artichokes. The first time I saw one of those frustrated embryos of a banana plant, I couldn't imagine anyone chewing on them. Surely the tough-looking leaves would hang up in one's gullet, or passing that it would leave a trail of lacerated esophagus. Getting past all that, the worst was to come when that pointy leaf headed into the stomach—point first. Ouch!

YES, I'LL CONFESS I've partaken of artichokes. You'll note I didn't say "eat", for it's more like scraping the leaf between slightly clenched teeth. For the well-bred connoisseur there's supposed to be a subtle, delicate flavour (not "flavor")—which manages to escape this *inaka*-boy. If you hap-

## Nisei Soul Food

pen to be hungry, you'll have to do a lot of scraping with the choppers.

I UNDERSTAND that artichokes thrive in the vicinity of Watsonville and Salinas in California. In fact, there's supposed to be a town called Castroville—I had to look it up on the map—which is said to be the "Artichoke Capital of the World". No doubt there are a number of Nisei artichoke growers there who make a fair, country living growing that spiny-looking vegetable. If they depend on the likes of me to keep the industry going, they would go kaput tomorrow.

ON THE OTHER hand, come to think of it, we Nisei nonetheless ingest yet rather strange vegetation. To name but a few that quickly come to mind: burdock roots ("gobo"), terrific as *kimpira*, but-terbur stems ("fuki", often

with *iriko* floating about), bamboo shoots ("takenoko"), lotus roots ("renkon"), great flavored with *dashi-kombu* and young fern ("warabi"). I've even tried leek soup in thick potato soup, and liked it. One thing I've not gotten around to trying, although I've been meaning to do so, are dandelions, both as a salad or in place of spinach. Wife Vicki, who has much more exotic tastes than her *inaka*-husband, prepares a mean spinach dish with *goma* and condiments, but I can't get her to try some dandelions... thus far. In fact, in these parts, just across the river in New Jersey, they actually raise dandelions commercially. Which I don't understand. I've been growing luxurious crops of dandelions on my lawn without trying. From the first hint of spring

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EL PIMENTERO: Frank Fukazawa

## Tips on Panama

It's the pride of the Americans.

Once at the terminal, El Colon, stay in the premises of the station which is guarded by the U.S. police and however tempting, NEVER venture into town!

3. Near the station an indescribable mess of slums swarm with hungry people everywhere. You could be stripped naked in three seconds! If you must go through the ghetto, TAKE a taxi: it strangely protects you like it does in the wild zoo of Kenya, where the lions touch their noses on the glass but do not harm.

While local policemen stand here and there, their main concern is not to protect you but only to make long documented reports after you have been robbed. Nobody comes to your rescue. The crowd enjoys the scrambling scene which is for them a daily normal happening. So is it for the police who oddly is punctually at the scene RIGHT AFTER the victim is assaulted and knocked flat on the street in



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

## Three Impressions

Denver, Colo.:

Where we live and sometimes play, there isn't much opportunity to encounter the mainstream of Japanese American thought and activity, if there is such a thing. The action is out on the West Coast, primarily in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, which we visit but seldom.

About the only way we can keep in touch with current thinking is through the pages of Pacific Citizen which, because of its natural limitations, can provide only a few quick glimpses each week. These may or may not portray the situation accurately; there is no way of knowing.

Thus a national JACL convention, like the one held in Salt Lake City in July, provides a welcome chance to meet people from all parts of the country, sound them out, and get a feel for what's going on. With this in mind, let me report to you three entirely subjective impressions gained at the convention. These impressions are admittedly superficial and perhaps inaccurate. They are, nonetheless, impressions that struck an outlander, as it were, and may provide a basis for dialogue.

THE FIRST IMPRESSION is that even though there were many younger men and women at the convention, the old bulls seem still to be in charge of the herd. They dominated discussions in the National Council. Where were the young turks who should have been on hand to challenge the oldsters and bring a new thrust to the organization? Except for a few, they weren't there. What JACL needs, as much as anything, is a program that will attract the young. Designing that program will become an ever more difficult problem as Sansei and Yonsei find other interests drawing them away from the Japanese American community.

With proper deference to Dr. Clifford Uyeda, the new president, let us say his is a fresh face little known to the JACL membership and alien to JACL politics, but he is retired from his profession as a

physician. He obviously is no youth but he can do the organization great service by attracting young blood.

THE SECOND IMPRESSION is that many Japanese Americans who in the past considered their ethnic background to be a handicap to their aspirations, now would like to depend on their ethnic minority status to help propel them forward. That statement requires a bit of explanation.

I got the impression, particularly during a lively discussion of the role of Japanese American in the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, that some Nisei felt their ethnicity qualified them automatically to understand Japan better than other Americans and therefore they were entitled to prominent roles in U.S.-Japanese relations.

In reality, there are deplorably few Nisei or Sansei who rank with the top Caucasian Americans as scholars of Japanese history, psychology, art, theater, literature, economics, philosophy, sociology, etc. Undoubtedly Japanese Americans who apply themselves to these subjects can and have become as expert as anyone, perhaps even more expert, but few have, and this isn't the kind of knowledge acquired by osmosis.

THE THIRD IMPRESSION is that Japanese Americans as a group are naive about the realities of American politics and government.

They shouldn't be; they were the victims of the worst kind of power politics during World War II. They shouldn't be, because they overcame mountainous odds to win citizenship for the Issei, eliminate race as a restriction in immigration, and repeal Title II of the so-called concentration camp law. But perhaps the struggle that preceded these and other legislative victories has been forgotten, or is not understood by the present generation. Many doors in Washington can be opened for us now by Nisei members of Congress, but we must not expect to get what we want just by making a pitch for justice. There is much more than that, and the sooner this is understood, the better. #

real Latin American feelings.

5. There are only limousines parked at all first-class hotels. Don't ride them regardless of the driver's welcoming grin, but do so if you can negotiate the fare in Spanish. Otherwise, you will pay three times the normal rate. It's the same shopping on the streets.

6. Airport lounge for passengers is packed on both sides with free-duty goods. It's useless to buy anything; the prices are too high. Wait till the next stop, you will have better luck.

CASH is the word here. Personal checks are not acceptable and \$100 bills are received with suspicion for fear of counterfeits. When checking in the hotels, you must fill in a certain column marked "Representando" (representing X company). Even if a make-believe company is not filled in, you can be charged a "deposito", 100% of your stay in advance. They don't seem to understand that many elderly rich travellers don't have any occupations.

My conclusion: Panama is a place for Panamanians and not for outsiders. If you must go, double your insurance.

## HIROTO

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down (sic) any possibility of racist backlash. And showing great fiscal responsibility, he suggests a rider that would make those still behind bars, trial pending or writing a book ineligible.

WHATEVER IN THE HELL becomes of Evacuation Redress, the \$3 billion question persists. But if you belatedly wanna conduct a public poll, chalk me up as "waver-ing".

If JACL can guarantee there'll be no shortfall from the windfall, vunderbar! Then I can turn around and contribute the \$25Gs to any public official who persists in putting his (right/left) foot in his mouth.

IN THE EVENT PC readers are still wondering where this contributor stands on "The Question", he submits quotations from Thomas Carlyle and Bertrand Russell to "clear" the air: "I do not believe in the collective wisdom of individual ignorance."—Carlyle; "If fifty million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing."—Russell. #

## 35 Years Ago

IN THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

Sept. 4, 1943

Aug. 20—American Federation of Teachers, AFL, in national convention, urges release of loyal Nisei from camps.

Aug. 27—Few oppose postwar return of evacuees to west coast as State Senate Interim Committee on "Japanese Problems" opens hearings in Fresno.

Aug. 28—Hawaii dispute over habeas corpus proceedings seen as test of military rule over two men held incommunicado under military law.

Aug. 30—Nisei baseball players attend Brooklyn Dodger tryouts at Ogdens Affleck Park.

Aug. 31—Idaho Attorney General Miller's opinion that children placed by federal war relocation not entitled to free schooling in Idaho is reaffirmed.

Sept. 1—New barbed-wire fencing erected at Tule Lake for segregation center.



# Calendar, pulse, memos

## Contra Costa

The Contra Costa JACL will host the East Bay Issei Housing Benefit Show featuring Teddi and Nancy Tanaka, well-known entertainers from Hawaii, on Sunday, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Kabuki Theatre, 1881 Post Street, San Francisco.

Teddi and Nancy Tanaka, popular entertainers with American and Japanese

songs are now appearing at the Outrigger East in Waikiki and twice yearly at the Kona Hawaii Supper Club in Santa Ana. There will be a no host cocktails from 6:30 p.m. and a reception after the show.

Tickets at \$10 per person are available from:

William Nakatani (526-9228), John Shinagawa (222-0141), EBJA (848-3560), San Francisco—National JACL Office, California First Bank, Japan

## Fresno JACL awardees



Holding Fresno JACL scholarship plaques are John Shimada (left), business major at CSU-Fresno and son of the Hisao Shimadas of Fresno, and Lynda Fumiko Kubota of Hoover High and daughter of the Hideo Kubotas of Fresno. Both awards include a 200 award. Dr. Frank Ng (right) is chapter scholarship committee chairman.

Center, and Paper Tree, Buchanan Street Mall.

With 535 people attending the Contra Costa JACL picnic July 16 at Napa Valley Ranch, committee chairmen Jack Imada and Jerry Irei said it was the biggest turnout yet.

Besides the usual picnic features of good food, games and fellowship, picnickers saw a nearby grass and brush fire being doused by two airplanes dropping chemicals.

## Fresno

Gary Yamamoto will be moderator of a panel on "Money and Management" at the Fresno ALL-JACL dinner meeting on Saturday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m., at Stanley's Restaurant, 1713 E. Shaw Ave. Tickets are \$6.75 per person with attendance limited to 60, it was announced by Donna J. Jolivet (439-3476), in charge of reservations.

Chapter executive board and advisory board of the community center hosted a dinner June 30 for Tom Grubbs, director of the chapter community center and Asian community worker, whose contract was terminated because of passage of Prop. 13. He had been community worker for the past two years. On a part-time basis starting July 5, Mrs. Taeko Hartnett has been in charge at the center.

## Monterey Peninsula

Janet Iyoya and Gregg Satow were awarded \$250 scholarships during the Monterey Peninsula community picnic at the County Fairgrounds June 11.

Picnic co-chairmen were Eric Pickering and Herb Tanaka, representing the local JACL chapter. Other picnic sponsors and committeemen included:

Buddhist Church—Otis Kadani, Presbyterian Church—Goro Yamamoto; Nakayoshi Club—Susie Miyagawa, K. Akeda; VFW Post 1629—Jim Suzuki, John Baker, Bob Mirikitani.

## MARUTANI

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till the first stiff frost, I yank them, poison them, stamp on them—and they thrive.

THE NISEI GALS in these parts are pretty dog-goned good cooks, I must say. It doesn't take much urging from them to get me to set aside whatever ritualistic *enryo* I superficially pose. Nisei soul food is something I'll never tire of. You can take the *inaka*-boy out of the country, but you can't take out the *inaka* out of the soul.

## San Mateo

It was a large turnout of 65 at the San Mateo JACL Kei-ro-kai dinner held June 11 that was co-sponsored by the San Mateo Gardeners Assn., Sturge Presbyterian Church and the San Mateo Buddhist Temple. Each sponsoring group had contributed \$150 each toward expenses. Other contributions in the way of prizes, flowers and money were also acknowledged from:

Sumitomo Bank of Calif., California First Bank, Takahashi Co., Mid-Peninsula Gardeners Assn., Mas Kariya.

Richard Kume and Sak Yamaguchi were emcees. Sahei Kawakita responded for the Issei guests. The Ikoino-Tomo entertained with songs. Greetings were extended by Richard DeLong, city manager; and Vice Consul Shuitsu Tametsuji.

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## Seattle

John Matsumoto emerged victorious over John Sato in the 7th annual Seattle JACL 1000th Club golf tournament at the Jackson course July 30 after a sudden death playoff. Helen Akita won the women's flight.

There were 54 participants in spite of four other Nikkei golf tournaments and three big picnics scheduled the same day. James Matsuo and Luana Yoshino co-chaired. Prize winners (handicaps in parenthesis) were:

**MEN'S FLIGHT**  
61—John Matsumoto (23), John Sato (14); 62—Kay Yamaguchi (21); 63—Dr. Pete Yoshino (11); 64—Frank Kawashima (21); 65—Roy Sakamoto (22), Toru Sakahara (18), Hiram Akita (13); 66—Dr. Terrace Toda (22).  
**WOMEN'S FLIGHT**  
65—Helen Akita (23); 72—Luana Yoshino (30), Aya Shimomura (24); 74—Fumi Noji (33); 75—Reiko Tsubota (28).

## Japantown folder

SAN FRANCISCO—Japantown here has published a new folder to introduce visitors to the many shops, art galleries, entertainment facilities hotels under 19 categories, its history and map of the seven-block area.

## Calendar

\* A non-JACL event

- SEPT. 3 (Sunday)  
\*San Diego—Bazaar, Ocean View Church.
- SEPT. 8 (Friday)  
Philadelphia—Bd mtg. R. Gaspar's res. 8 p.m.
- SEPT. 9 (Saturday)  
Contra Costa—Barbecue  
\*Los Angeles—"You and Your Environment" workshop, Japanese Retirement Home, 9 a.m.
- SEPT. 10 (Sunday)  
West Los Angeles—Issei appreciation lunch
- SEPT. 11 (Monday)  
West Los Angeles—Normin mtg.
- SEPT. 12 (Tuesday)  
Stockton—Gen mtg. Cal 1st Bank, 8 p.m.  
Sequoia—Gen mtg. Palo Alto Issei Hall, 8 p.m.
- SEPT. 13 (Wednesday)  
\*Los Angeles—Interracial marriage seminar, Pioneer Center, 120 N. San Pedro, 7:30 p.m.
- SEPT. 15 (Friday)  
Sacramento—Benefit movies (2 da), Buddhist Church, 6:30 p.m.  
\*Los Angeles—City Employee As Am Assn dnr, Hyatt Regency, Broadway Plaza, 6:30 p.m.; Judge Robert Takasugi, spkr.  
\*Seattle—70th army banquet, St Peter's Episcopal Church.
- SEPT. 16 (Saturday)  
Fremont—Food sale, Fremont Hub Mall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
\*Seattle—Chow mein dnr, Nisei Veterans Committee hall.  
Fresno—Dnr mtg, Stanley's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.; Panel: Money & Management; Gary Yamamoto, mod.  
West Valley—Bridge social, El Paseo Comm Ctr, 7:30 p.m.

## SEPT. 17 (Sunday)

- Contra Costa—Benefit show, Japan Ctr Theatre, San Francisco, 7:30 p.m.; Teddi & Nancy Tanaka.
- \*San Francisco—Comm picnic, Golden Gate Park Speedway Meadow, 10 a.m.
- \*San Francisco—Buddhist Church picnic, Oakland Regional Dist Park.
- \*West Los Angeles—Oriental cultural bazaar, United Methodist Church, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Las Vegas—Outing, Mt Charleston Peak.
- Salinas Valley—Chapter picnic.
- SEPT. 19 (Tuesday)  
San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.
- SEPT. 21 (Thursday)  
\*Sacramento—As Amer Public Employees conf (3 da), Woodlake Inn.
- SEPT. 22 (Friday)  
San Diego—Bd mtg.
- SEPT. 24 (Sunday)  
NC-WNDC—Invit volleyball tournament, Marin JACL hosts, Terra Linda High, 12:30 p.m.  
\*San Diego—Pioneer day, Buddhist Church.
- SEPT. 29 (Friday)  
Houston—International Folk Fair (3 da).
- SEPT. 30 (Saturday)  
Cincinnati—Luau-Gen Mtg, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 4:30 p.m.
- New York—Japanese American Awareness workshop (2 da), Stony Point Conference Ctr, 9 a.m. Sat-1 p.m. Sun.  
\*Reno—Sac'to NBA bowling tournament (2 da), MGM Grand Lanes.  
\*Chicago—JASC Fuji Festival dnr, Preston Bradley Hall, Public Library Cultural Center.
- OCT. 1 (Sunday)  
Stockton—Golf tournament, Van Buskirk course, 10 a.m.

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## No Kanji on T-Shirts

Recipients of the JAL-JACL-JTBI Cultural Heritage Fellowships to Japan this past summer, starting with this issue, share a few of their own personal experiences as a Sansei in central Tokyo. The fellowship allows recipients to explore their ancestral culture as it relates to centuries of history but also to observe what it is like to be Japanese today.

By RICHARD YAMASAKI

Tokyo:

For myself, I've been attempting to tune-in to the college/young adult age group in Tokyo, mainly because of the common age range which we share but also because there has been a tendency on my part to try not to stick out too much from everyone else, at least externally, so that someone a mile away will not automatically notice that I am a "gai-jin".

In the process of attempting to superficially blend in with the crowd, I have noticed a few interesting things.

As far as casual dress is concerned, I haven't had much difficulty in this area because the style is pretty much the same as in the U.S. A lot of students wear blue jeans and T-shirts. It was interesting for me to discover that absolutely none of the T-shirts worn have Japanese characters written on them. Words are either in English or French. A popular T-shirt worn by thousands is black with white block lettering—"JUN cool elegance" and another with "ROPE" written across it. It's not uncommon to see three or four people in a group with the "JUN" T-shirt in.

Something else which was surprising is the fact that very few people in Tokyo wear zori or any type of sandals out on the streets.

ONE NIGHT, SOME of us had an opportunity to go to a disco, the Canterbury House in the Shinjuku area, to see what was going on with the young people. Although most of them were having a good time out on the floor dancing without partners and some of the girls were dancing with each other, some of the guys looked like they were right out of the '50s with their cuffed blue jeans and T-shirt sleeves rolled up on their shoulders.

While at the disco, I had an interesting experience which many Sansei may be able to relate to. I met this Caucasian guy named Jeff from California. He had been working in Japan for about 1-1/2 years. He was able to speak a fair amount of Japanese. After we were inside a few hours, a couple of us wanted to go outside to walk around the Shinjuku area and then return to the disco after a brief period. So Jeff explained in Japanese to the doorman what we wished to do: to obtain a pass to re-enter.

The man at the door then directed a question to me (in Japanese, of course) instead of to Jeff because I looked Japanese. After a brief period of silence, Jeff had to explain that I couldn't speak Japanese, much to his shock and amazement.

It seemed rather humorous and somewhat embarrassing, but this experience is quite common. Unlike Is-

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tsuo Shito.  
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## Business

**Rocky Aoki**, 39, the Japanese wrestler-sportsman turned restaurateur, is now starting another chain—gambling casino hotels. As principal shareholder of Hardwicke Co., New York, he announced purchase of 50% interest in the former Ritz-Carlton Hotel at the Atlantic City Boardwalk. Another front-runner for an Atlantic City casino license, the Howard Johnson Regency Motor Hotel, is in litigation over control against Caesar's Palace of Las Vegas. In a separate deal, Aoki and another Japanese businessman hope to convert the aging Shelburne Hotel on the Boardwalk into a casino hotel next year.

A transplanted Gardena Valley JACLer, **Virginia C. Lee** has started her own real estate firm, Puna Realty, in Pahoa, Hawaii. Leo's Place, a Denver restaurant co-owned by **Leo Goto**, ranked No. 263 among the top 500 independent across the country by total receipts, according to trade magazine Restaurant Hospitality. Leo's Place grossed \$1.17 million last year.

## Courtroom

Two Nikkei women, **Susan K. Tomita**, a student from Santa Clara, and **Karen Shiraki**, a San Jose secretary, were among seven women selected to the Santa Clara County grand jury for 1978-79 and impaneled by presiding Superior Court Judge J. Barton Phelps. **Eleanor Mirikitani**, 28, of Honolulu became the Big Island's first woman prosecutor when she joined the Hawaii County staff as deputy. A graduate of Univ. of Puget Sound Law School, Tacoma, she is the niece of former state senator Percy Mirikitani.

## Education

**Prof. Ronald Takaki** was appointed coordinator of the Asian American Studies Program at UC Berkeley's Dept. of Ethnic Studies. He succeeds **Prof. Ling-chi Wang**, who returns to full-time teaching after serving the program as administrator for two years. Takaki hails from Hawaii, graduating in 1961 from the College in Wooster, earning his doctorate in history in 1967 from UC Berkeley and briefly taught at UCLA.

**Janice L. Yoshiwara**, graduate student at Western Washington University, was appointed director of minority affairs at Fort Steilacoom Community College, Tacoma, Wash., it was announced by Robert Stauffer, college president. She will also teach courses in ethnic studies, counsel students and develop programs. She is the daughter of Florence Yoshiwara and Dr. Andrew Yoshiwara of San Mateo, Calif.

## Entertainment

**Sumi Haru**, producer-moderator of

KTLA's "Gallery" show, was elected president of the Los Angeles-based Association of Asian/Pacific American Artists (AAPAA). She also serves on the national board of SAG and AFTRA.

## Government



NIMH Photo  
Bok-Lim C. Kim

President Carter appointed **Bok-Lim C. Kim** of La Jolla, Calif., to the National Commission on the International Year of the Child, 1979. She is currently engaged in the study of Korean-American children's identity in Chicago and Los Angeles, chairing the National Committee Concerned with Asian Wives of U.S. Servicemen and had been with the South Korean Ministry of Health and Social Services. She is associate professor at the School of Social Work at the Univ. of Illinois, Urbana and active with research groups on the problems and needs of Asian and Pacific Americans sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare and National Institute of Mental Health.

San Jose attorney **George Hinoki** was selected chairman of the Santa Clara County planning commission. The San Jose JACLer has been serving on the commission since 1975.

## Press Row

**Koji Ariyoshi**, editor of the Honolulu Record who died in 1976, was inducted into the Honolulu Press Club's Hall of Fame by the club's board of governors recently.

## Religion

**Cardinal Paul Yoshio Taguchi**, 76, archbishop of Osaka, will be among members of the Sacred College of Cardinals assembled in Rome to elect the successor to the late Pope Paul VI. Taguchi studied and was ordained in Rome in 1928, became apostolic administrator of Osaka in 1940, archbishop in 1969 and cardinal in 1973. Only other Japanese cardinal was the late Peter Doi, archbishop of Tokyo.

## Aid to Hibakusha bill before House Judiciary

WASHINGTON—The Mineta-Roybal bill (HR 5150), providing payments of medical services to the Hibakusha, Japanese Americans suffering from physical injuries due to the atomic bomb explosions of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, is now pending before the full House Judiciary Committee.

The bill was favorably reported last June 12 by the Judiciary subcommittee on administrative law and governmental relations, chaired by Rep. George E. Danielson (D-Calif.).

In Alameda, Calif., Kanji Kuramoto, president of the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors in the United States, called for letters of public support now be addressed to the House Judiciary Committee chairman, Rep. Peter Rodino Jr. (D-N.J.). Other committee

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In San Francisco, the story of the Hibakusha was sensitively described in a comprehensive article by Dorothy A. Stroup in "California Living" Aug. 13, the Sunday magazine for the Chronicle-Examiner. It was one big step in publicizing the plight of A-bomb victims to the non-Japanese community.

Author of the article, "In the Shadow of Hiroshima", she teaches English as a second language at the Univ. of California Extension and also taught English in Hiroshima from 1960 to 1963.

Not only is medical care costly, but specified treatment for radiation victims is currently not available, the article noted. The U.S. government, on the other hand, has spent \$83 million on research for A-bomb victims in Japan where medical treatment is available free.

## 'Reflections'

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—A 30-minute film on the hardships within Japanese relocation centers will be shown on KXTV (10) on Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m. Portions of the Tule Lake Pilgrimage this past June will be included.

## IN TOKYO

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sei and Nisei, most third generation Nikkei are not fluent in the Japanese language. This communication difficulty is compounded with the fact that Sansei look somewhat similar to native Japanese youth and also have Japanese surnames; therefore, the assumption is often made that we are able to speak Japanese.

Most of the people I've encountered in Tokyo have been quite understanding with my lack of fluency and, fortunately, many of the college students are able to understand a little English which combined with my broken Japanese has allowed me some amount of communication and contact with individuals here.

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