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Asians seek $500,000 from United Way

Los Angeles

A larger piece of the United Way pie is being sought by representatives from various organizations in the Asian/Pacific communities, and a meeting seeking an increase in monies allocated to the community was scheduled Dec. 1 in Chinatown.

Invited were officials representing: United Way Region 5, United Way planning council, its Asian/Pacific subcommittee, budget committee.

Chinatown Service Center, which receives $16,000 annually, is currently the only Asian American agency funded for direct services by United Way of Los Angeles. According to PSWDC Gov. Paul Tsunei­

Wall, civic-mindedness is needed.

In most cases community organizations, agencies and institutions in the Asi­

Asian and Pacific communities have developed to a point where interface is realis­

Chun said that he has developed a system that could support existing structures should be fund­

The proposed center would be as follows:

- Gathering data on the Asian/Pacific communities that could be used to plan service deli­

Since our forecasting method is based on quiesc­

Mr. Kondo asked that the issue of whether the programs have been successful be addressed. He also said that the low cost of production and distribution should be considered in the future.

The Jungle Jap label on the Kenzo line should sell "just as easily if simply labeled 'Kenzou,'" the store owner was told. "We are just trying to stay in the business and not handle lines labeled with words derogatory to other races."}

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Chinatown witness emerges says wrong man convicted

Sacramento, Two reporters of the Sacramento Union, K.W. Lee and Stephen Magagnini, stunned readers familiar with the Chol Soo Lee case with their Oct. 27 front-page story that revealed the latest from San Francisco Chinatown saying the wrong man (Chol Soo Lee) was convicted in the 1973 "Alice in Chinatown" murder case.

Chol Soo Lee has been serving a life sentence at San Quentin since 1976 based on the guilt of his brother-in-law, the alleged killer of Yip Yee Tak, a crowded street corner in the heart of Chinatown on June 3, 1973. Lee was hoping for the slaying of an immigrant from Hong Kong that has been dubbed the "Alice in Chinatown" murder.

This is the reporter's scene picked together from information provided by X and other Chinatown sources.

TUE. JUNE 3, 1973 murder was not a contract job, as the prosecution maintained at Lee's change of venue trial in Sacramento a year later. Before the making of the case, the jury had been struck and reseated.

There were 30 and 40 persons at the bustling intersection of Grant and Pacific avenues the evening Tak was gunned down. However, only five witnesses—all Caucasians—came forward; three of those were interviewed by the police as part of the case against Lee, which was based largely on a specious photo-identification and lineup procedure.

Fictional names and aliases, is the implication of Lee's former defense attorney, Tong Yin (Tak) who was assisted Wong. The witness was never present and the lineup was comprised of Lee himself and several other men. The police officer was never interviewed after the slaying, was withheld.

TUES. BEFORE the shooting, Tak and another man were having coffee together in a Grant Avenue cafe. They were seen shakily preparing an assault in an apartment above the cafe. They left together when a verbal argument ensued, and minutes later Yip (Tak) was shot.

Ironically, the prosecution's analysis does not differ markedly from the scenario painted by the other Chinatown sources. The shooting took place, and the slaying, the alleged killer, an aspiring Wah Ching, spotted Tak, chased him half a block, caught up with him and fired the lethal shots.

Lee, THEN 20, was 5-2, weighed 120 pounds, and had a mustache. The police released a photo which bore the similarities of an unknown man.

Eight days later, one of the white witnesses selected Lee from a lineup that included four Orientals with mustaches.

This is what X saw shortly after hearing the gunfire: "He (the assailant) was running in front of the policemen. His hair was black, a little bit over his shoulder."

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As of Nov 30, 1978

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Yakim (23.70-50) Harry Shimata 16123, 11879 Odessa, Yakima, Wa 98902

San Francisco (25.50-60) Frank Falzon 14361, 6779A South Van Ness Ave, San Francisco, Ca 94115

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

Arizona (23.50-60) Hashok Toguchi 14361, 6779A South Van Ness Ave, San Francisco, Ca 94115

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This time, it was a ‘Harmonious’ trek to Puyallup

A full-page story in the Nov. 24 Seattle Post-Intelligencer was devoted to the incarceration of Nikkei during World War II, with Dr. Min Masuda the main interviewee. The same subject then made the front page of the Seattle Times (Nov. 26) Sunday. Additional coverage on the inside included an interview with Gordon Hirabayashi, one of three persons who challenged the constitutionality of Executive Order 9066.

On Nov. 25, newly-elected Congressman Mike Lowry said on KOMO-TV that he would help push redress legislation through Congress. Why did Seattle media suddenly show interest in a subject over 30 years old? A puzzling question, if one didn’t know about the JACL-sponsored Day of Remembrance for the evacuation and incarceration of Nikkei, celebrated Nov. 25 with a four-mile long caravans of buses, trucks and cars to Puyallup Fairgrounds, the former site of Camp Harmony, where Seattle area Nikkei were held before being relocated to more permanent concentration camps.

The event could truly be tagged “newsworthy”, judging from the media coverage it garnered. The event will also be on 20/20, ABC’s television magazine show. Certainly, there was an impressive group of speakers for the program at Puyallup. Among the speakers were Hirabayashi, Masuda, the actor Mako, Shosuke Sasaki, Seattle Mayor Charles Royer and State Supreme Court Justice James Dolliver and Lawson Inada. (See Dec. 1 PC for more.)

Royer (noting that he was only 3 years at the time of Evacuation) said, “It’s good to be reminded . . . It’s time to hold this country’s feet to the fires of the past.” “I applaud you for the actions you’ve taken thus far,” Royer told the crowd of 2,000. “And I am with you now and will continue to be with you in the future until the matter of redress is resolved.”

Ron Mamiya, who chaired the event, has voiced hopes that other district councils will also recreate the Evacuation to help educate the public about it. Indeed, if other similar events become as successful as Seattle’s in terms of gaining publicity on the Evacuation, it should be a sweet help to JACL’s redress program.

—Sharon Suzuki
Redress—Pro and Con

Editor-

Redress is definitely necessary. The Japanese are a gentle people but the Evacuation isn’t something we can just ‘forgive and forget’. Even monetary reparations are not necessarily, and I’m strongly against any implementation of such plans. How can a price be put on an individual’s loss, or the obvious individual differences and inhuman losses there are psychologically effective to think about. I didn’t go through camp experiences but if I had, I wouldn’t be happy just getting money back after all the hard I’ve been through—the losses of property and business, the pain of West Coast prejudice, the physical discomforts at camp, and the sense I’d feel of being treated by my own government like a traitor. American and from the government trying to take away my money isn’t something I estimate how much should be disbursed individually if we went through such taken into account.

How will Japanese Americans look to other Americans if we demand monetary restitution? We will appear to them as a race of beggars who demanded our money and then smiling, saying, ‘Okay, you’re not getting any money after all.’

That, to me, is the obvious individual difference and inhuman loss. But we cannot buy back something with money that we could live easily without it.

The only end one can see in getting reparations is that we will forever be temporarily rich for a few years. People will probably know just as little about the injustice of the Evacuation as they did before.

I would suggest a plan of reparations designed for a deeper, more lasting effect. Instead of a nationwide education plan could be launched. Some sort of written apology from the government could be publicly presented. It would show that the United States finally meant it when it committed and was willing to admit it to all its people and some federal funding could be granted for a project related to the subject.

One might talk of something like the word of ‘Hokoku’—the notion of ‘gratitude’—like the obvious individual difference and inhuman loss. But we cannot buy back something with money that we could live easily without it.

There are extreme examples that one might look to. There is a case, ruled under the anti-evacuee law in early America for two or three weeks, the plight of the Japanese Americans. There is some work put through some other countries. The Japanese now have a sense of self-respect and seeing my classmates became sensitized to the injustice of the Evacuation. That is, to me at least, would be worth more than a $25,000 check.

MARK ABE
Bloomington, Minn.

Sansei in Japan

Editor-

We have been reading with interest your articles on Japan by people who have been there. Now our next one. "A Sansei in Japan" series in some of your September issues. Though a down on a tooth level, think I was still a little bit concerned thought the viewpoint is not near, they were just following the lead of the most recent writers of Japan—i.e., it is an "exotic" and "mysterious" image. There is the desire to imagine real people living there. This view is also recognized by the Japanese themselves—their "uniqueness".

Frankly, think this a dangerous attitude—possibly it puts the Japanese in many Japanese eyes as "obvious" manifestations of Japan in the U.S. in the post-war era. And even quite perceptible objects of suspicion. As you are well aware, when this suspicion is aroused, more so than in other countries, Americans tend to demonstrate their "patriotism" and criticize the Japanese for any cause on any handy Nikkei.

What is the real Japan, then? Frankly, I don’t know. I do know that Japan is unique, but only as the U.S. is unique and every country is unique with another country. It is up to us, the writers and the Japanese would like to believe, but we can see a difference that is but introduced by the Americans themselves in the customs and politics are still politicians. Bureaucrats are still very much in Japan and to be hard to believe, even more so.

The style is business is different, but as the most perceptive American can see, parts are recognizable. The social structure is more formalized, but the key word here is "formalized," all societies have some hierarchy. The more obvious is a lack and worry of the bread winner is still to get a job, to tend the home and the family and be able to pay the rent or buy a house, and to keep at least enough to eat. The Suzuki’s old. Some of the others small and others big, a few for that matter, maybe have a noticeable thing on the order of "Hokoku"—the notion of ‘gratitude’—like the obvious individual difference and inhuman loss. But we cannot buy back something with money that we could live easily without it.

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35 YEARS AGO

In the PACIFIC CITIZEN

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For any cause that will help all man.

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Columnists have spoken—Ed.

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WAYS... I HAVE TO
KEEP REMINDING THEM
THIS IS 1978...

YEAH...AND IT'S ALWAYS, 'I
REMEMBER BACK WHEN WE
WERE YOUR AGE...'

EAST WIND: Bill Marutan

Shortages and Short Pencils

By EARL G. WATERS
Sacramento

Those who demand boy­
cotts and other sanctions
against countries such as
South Africa and Rus­
sia, whose standards do
not match up to their civil
rights notions, should
study California history.

It provides one of the
blackest blots on freedom
in the nation's record. And
it happened only 36 years
ago.

On a bleak day in Jan­
uary 1942, federal, state and
local police swooped down
on more than 120,000 Cal­
ifornians, herding them in
to trucks with only such
personal belongings as
they could carry, and
hauling them off to inter­
ment camps.

There had been no
charges against any of
them, let alone any
or any other semblance of
the due process guaranteed
by the Constitution. And for
more than three years these
people were con­

fined behind barbed wire.

The reason? They were
of Japanese ancestry.

THE EXCUSE was that
America was at war with
Japan, precipitated by the
treachery of attack on Pearl
Harbor on Dec. 7 by the
Japanese Imperial Navy.

Everyone in California of
Japanese descent was
deemed a threat to the se­
curity of the nation.

Ignored were those of
German-German origin,
who told their wives and
had their relatives and
friends living in the rest
of the population while Ori­
entals are easily dis­
tinguished from the others.

The obvious question
was "What about the Chi­
inese, then, because they
are often confused with
and the Japanese?" The irra­
tional response was that
everybody can tell the dif­
ference, which isn't so, for
many Japanese and Chi­
inese often have difficulty
telling each other apart.

THE REAL crime was
that it could happen in
United States to anyone. A
high percentage of the
Japanese incarcerated were
citizens. But even those
who were not committed
to no offense. As to the
threat to security, a far
larger number of Japanese
resided in Hawaii, yet none
there were imprisoned.

To this date, not one act
against the United States by
Japanese-Americans has ever
documented. Conversely, some
of the Americans who were
convicted and sentenced ago.
Calendar, memos

FROM REGIONAL: George Kondo, Northern California

May 27, 1979

Placing a Plaque

TULE LAKE
May 21, 1942 — March 20, 1946
POPULATION: 18,800

Tule Lake was one of the ten American concentration camps established during World War II to incarcerate 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, of whom the majority were American citizens, behind barbed wire and guard towers without charge, trial or establishment of guilt. These camps are reminders of economic, racial and political exploitation and expediency can undermine the constitutional guarantees of United States citizens and aliens alike. May the injustices and humiliation suffered never here never recur.

THAT'S THE TEXT of the plaque for the monument at Tule Lake concentration camp. The plaque is being erected by the State Dept of Parks and Recreation in cooperation with the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council.

These eighteen words will remind every generation of Americans of the injustices inflicted upon their own citizens and people of another human race and person. Many JACL rights. The three sentences above were agreed upon after months of debate and study. Working with nine different versions, 25 chapters of the district endorsed the statement in 1975 fall meeting hosted by Fremont JACL.

THE COMMITTEE PREPARING the text first met in October, 1974. When the State Historical Resources Commission convened, Sonoma Nov. 5, 1975, the JACL-proposed text appeared on its agenda for the first reading. A strategy meeting was called by John Tateishi, chairman of the National JACL Redress Committee, this weekend (Dec. 9-10) at Headquarters. A timetable for the campaign is expected soon. Judge William Marutani

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Flags for Watsonville JACL...

Paul Hira, Watsonville JACL president (center), watches Sylvia Panetta, wife of Congressman Leon Panetta (D-California) and Assemblyman Henry Mello fold an American flag following a recent presentation of the U.S. and State of California flags from Panetta and Mello, respectively. The flag has been borrowed flags in the past.

REDESS

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other war crimes against the nation were descend­
ants of early American families.

WHILE THE Years have dimmed the memory of this horrid­
ous action by the government against its own citizens, it has not been forgotten by the American Japanese, many of whom later served valiantly and with great honor in the armed forces of the United States.

And the nation is about to be reminded of its fateful deed. For the Japanese American Citizens League has announced plans to seek reparations for its people for their years of false imprisonment. They will ask Congress for $3 billion to partially compensate them for their humiliation.

Calif. Datelines

The winter meeting of the MIA Assn. of No. California will be held Dec. 16-17, p.m., at Holiday Inn, Carmel. Steve Magyar, authority on Monterey Peninsula history, will be guest speaker at the 7:30 dinner.

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Chapters to look at retirement program

San Francisco

Major thrust of the National JACL aging and retirement program at the chapter level will be "self-programming," it was announced by Dr. Minoru Masuda of Seattle, chairperson of the committee which met here Nov. 17-18 to formulate program direction and implementation.

The A&I committee was enthusiastically endorsed and established at the recent national convention. Serving on the national committee are:

Sharon Fujii, San Francisco; Dan Kuzumoto, Chicago; Yoshiko Ochi, West Los Angeles; Yoshiko Ochi, Idaho Falls; Mrs. Kazuo Morita, Omaha; Karen Nishida, Fresno; Yoshie Togasaki, Contra Costa; ex-officer, James Tashima, nat'l v.p., research & service; Kari Nozaki, exec dir.

"Self-programming" involves a do-it-yourself instructional packet that will describe all the things needed to be known for a chapter to initiate a local "aging and retirement" program.

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Twin Cities to host EDC-MDC '79 confab

Minneapolis

The 1979 JACL/EDC-MDC joint convention will be hosted by the Twin Cities chapter in July at the Sheraton-Ritz Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. Sam Honda is convention chairman.

The district youth are also planning to converge at the same time.

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India's first floating nuclear power station, the Kudankulam Plant, has completed its seventh test run in a key step towards commercial operations. The plant, designed to provide 1000 megawatts of power, has successfully demonstrated its ability to generate electricity, a crucial milestone before it can be connected to the national grid. The test run, which began in April this year, involved the use of nuclear fuel and lasted for 24 hours. Officials from the Nuclear Power Corporation of India (NPCIL) and the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) were present at the site to monitor the test. The Kudankulam Plant is being constructed in two stages, with the first unit expected to start commercial operations in 2013. The second unit is scheduled for completion in 2015. The project has faced several delays due to technical issues, funding problems, and regulatory hurdles.

The successful test run is a significant achievement for India, which is investing heavily in nuclear power as a way to diversify its energy mix and reduce its dependence on fossil fuels. The country's nuclear power capacity currently stands at around 5000 megawatts, with plans to increase it to 20,000 megawatts by 2022. The Kudankulam Plant is one of the key projects in India's nuclear expansion strategy, and its successful operation will help the country meet its growing energy demand.

The test run involved a series of technical checks and safety tests to ensure the plant's reliability and safety. The first phase of the test lasted for four hours, during which the plant was able to generate power without any issues. In the second phase, the plant was operated for another 18 hours, with the fuel rods being cooled by water. The test run was concluded with the successful shutdown of the reactor. Officials from the NPCIL and the AEC were satisfied with the performance of the plant and its systems.

The Kudankulam Plant is a joint venture between NPCIL and Tamil Nadu Electrical andicotical Corporation (TNEC), with a private partner, NPCIL, owning 51% of the plant. The project has faced opposition from environmental groups and local residents, who have expressed concerns about the safety of nuclear power plants. The government has been working to address these concerns, and has taken steps to improve the safety and security of the plant.

The successful test run is a significant development for India's nuclear energy sector, and is expected to boost the country's efforts to reduce its carbon footprint. The Kudankulam Plant will play a crucial role in India's nuclear energy expansion strategy, and will help the country meet its growing energy demand while reducing its dependence on fossil fuels.
A way of life in the quiet valley

Denver, Colo. It isn't likely that Akira Kawanabe soon will be examining a commission to build a high rise or a skyscraper in his hometown of Alamosa or other towns in the sprawling six-county San Luis Valley, a bit larger than New Jersey.

Four years ago the architect slipped away from his practice with a Denver architectural firm and into his family to his native valley. There, he soon found himself out of the post of planning director of the Council of Government based in Alamosa. Finally the man had what he wanted, a practice of his own.

The firm, Akira Kawanabe, Architect, Planner, Solar Consultant, which survived early, lean days, now has a staff of two draftsmen and a secretary. There he is, the sole practicing architect in the San Luis Valley, a community of 15,000 spread over 6,000 square miles. He has spent the past two years building a new office.

He is well aware of the valley's problems—five persons per square mile, relatively high unemployment, and lack of income families. Occasionally he looks in on Denver.

He attended the international convention of International Solar Energy Society where he gave reports, one of them summarizing the valley's approach to this energy source.

There's one factor which distinguishes this architect's work-service experience from those of his urban brethren. Unlike most of them, who confine their attention to the client at hand, Professor Kawanabe and his chief staff members are more interested in the understanding and development of the energy source to constructive uses. Akira is a cabinet officer of the San Luis Valley Energy Assn., and in charge of its publication, the Newsletter. Organization of the association itself was educational. He and others with whom he has worked learned that it wasn't enough to spread the word about the association and its goals, beneficial to the valley. They realized that the valley folk were less interested in the association, more interested in understanding the energy, how it can be harnessed to use in their own homes and farms.

In his own practice Kawanabe became acquainted with locally available, heat-saving building materials—doe and scoria (pumice, of volcanic origin). Scoria, increased insulating quality of the aggregate for buildings. It is available in the San Antonio Mountain near Anto­nito in the New Mexico border. Rural folk have other energy conservation methods.

On low technology level they are rather simply designed equipment, such as solar crop dryer, more effective than drying crops in the sun. In Ft. Garland east of Alamosa, a solar greenhouse was built on Charlie Haya­sha's farm. It grew unripened produce all winter.

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Takei elected ATPA v.p.

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George Takei, vice president of the So. Calif. Rapid Transit District's 11-member Board of Direc­ tors, was recently elected vice president-human resources of the American Public Transit Association, the nation's public transit organization.

"Eighty percent of most transit agencies' budgets are allotted to personnel needs, therefore, greater emphasis needs to be placed upon the development of cost effective methods which encourage human resource awareness," said Takei. "Pres­ently, the APA Human Resources Board is plan­ ning a grant program designed to fund human re­ sources training at member transit companies."

Takei is best known as an actor, especially for his role as Mr. Sulu on the Army enlistment bonus.

Los Angeles

Army enlistment bonus of $300 is offered to recruits with high school diplomas in Korea, Japanese, and college-aged persons interested in clerical work. Those interested should immediately apply to take a required clerical test to be given nationally in January and February. The final deadline for applications to be submitted is January 12, 1979.

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- **Agriculture**
  Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) was awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree by the Future Farmers of America. It is the highest recognition the national organization gives to adults who have given outstanding service to the FFA, and Matsunaga is the only senator to receive it. Regarded as an expert on agriculture, he has helped establish new markets for papayas in Japan and authored legislation to help save Hawaii's poultry industry. He also supported the development of the state's macadamia nut, Kona coffee and feed grain industries.

- **Education**
  Cincinnati JACR-Jr. Sachi Kariya was selected as one of four Cincinnati public school teachers to develop a program for Minimum Competency in the Language Arts. She represents grades 1–3; the other teachers are developing materials for grades through 12. Study will have wide impact as the results are made available to the public.

- **Government**
  Fremont (Calif.) City Council appointed Fremont JACR board member Abebe Tukulimo to the city’s Sister City Committee. She joins George Kato, another JACR who was appointed earlier this year to the same committee.

- **Honors**
  Yoshiko Uchida, Los Angeles County’s Affirmative Action Compliance Officer, announced that Berendette Gigo, a noted Filipino American community leader, was appointed an Equal Employment Compliance Investigator. Gigo is the second Filipino American to be appointed to a key position by Uchida. The first was Nancy Rosario, who was promoted to rank of Assistant Secretary on Oct. 1.

**Affirmative Action programs cited....**

Los Angeles County Supervisors Pete Schabarum, James Hayes (far left), Kenneth Hahn and Ed Edelman (far right) flank the NACO award recipients, including Mike Ishikawa, Jr. (third from right). Los Angeles Affirmative Action Compliance officer/director. The County’s Office of Affirmative Action Compliance received two awards from the National Association of Counties for its ethnic minority and women hiring programs. The Office of Affirmative Action Programs is located in the Personnel Department.

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Before dinner on Saturday night, Rudy Tokiwa, former vice president of Company K, made announcements regarding the June 25, 1979 National Nisei Veterans Reunion to be held in Hawaii, re-publication by Co. K Club of “Story of the 442nd pamphlet (which is out of print) and the proposed 1980 trip to Bruyeres, France for a special reunion.

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Suicide rate in Japan continues to increase.

Tokyo—Suicides are on the rise in Japan, a trend some attribute to the breakdown of traditional family units and the pressures of big city life.

Last year there were more than 20,000 self-inflicted deaths, an increase of nearly a third from 1973. Subsequently, Japan ranks eighth after countries such as West Germany, Austria, France and Czechoslovakia in the so-called international "suicide league."

While the level of Japanese ritual suicides, or hara-kiri, have remained fairly constant, there has been an alarming rise in the number of arbitrary and family suicides.

A Japanese sociologist professor has made a study of the "methods to which they resorted from the new pattern of family life after mass migration to cities in the 1960's when Japan's so-called economic miracle was taking shape."

Professor Susumu Iizuka said more than 500 families averaging four members killed themselves last year compared with only 336 in 1971.

Before World War II family suicides were usually close relatives and neighbors who were always in hand in times of personal distress.

But now, when 60 percent of Japan's 112 million population live in only two percent of the land area, more and more families are finding themselves isolated in concrete jungles and have not adapted to the new pattern, according to Iizuka.

The report was submitted Oct. 14 at the annual meeting of the Japanese Criminal Sociology Society, and will be presented at a seminar to be held shortly in Freiburg, West Germany by Professor Naoki Mizazawa of Keio University.

As for Iizuka, there were 10.7 times as many births, 54 times as many assault and battery cases than the figures announced by police.

Iizuka based his findings on 661 residents in Tokyo's 23 wards, all above 17, separately reported and each time crime had occurred when crime was still centered on the mother, which is reflected in the fact that 60 percent of the "michizuru" suicides are instigated by the wife or mother.

Family suicides are usually

Tokyo's safest city-in-world image challenged.

Osaka

Challenging the widely accepted notion that Tokyo is the safest city in the big cities, researcher Akira Ishii of the University of Tokyo Faculty of Law reported when minor crimes were included, Tokyo has 34 times as many crimes as shown in police statistics.

Ohira elected prime minister

Tokyo

Masayoshi Ohira, who will become Japan's prime minister next month, said friendship with the United States will remain the cornerstone of his foreign policy. In a 105-page policy statement to members of Bonin Islands to be autonomous in 1979

Tokyo

The Ogasawara (Bonin) Islands will become an autonomous local municipality under the leadership of a local leader to be chosen through public election after April, 1979, it was recently declared by Tokyo Governor Ryotichi Minobe. The islands are under direct administration of the Tokyo metropolitan government.

Some 600 miles south-east of Tokyo, the Bonin Islands were returned by the U.S. to Japanese administration 10 years ago. Some of its inhabitants are descendents of Yankee whalers and English sailors.

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