

## LULAC sees census key issue for U.S. Hispanics

Houston, Tex.

Ruben Bonilla, 32, a Corpus Christi lawyer, unseated Eduardo Pena, a Washington, D.C. attorney and former government executive as president of the 50-year-old League of United Latin American Citizens during its recent national convention here.

A 50,000-member organization with chapters in 30 states, Bonilla hopes to make LULAC as politically influential on the national scene as the Urban League and NAACP are for the blacks and calls the 1980 census the most important issue for Hispanics, for they are growing rapidly enough to become the largest U.S. minority by the late 1980s. LULAC is regarded as the most conservative among

Hispanic rights groups but it appears to be changing.

This year's convention (June 12-16) was unlike any previous meeting in that three-fourths of the delegates were women.

Republican Party state and national leaders were well represented, while Democrats were less in evidence. Calif. Gov. Brown, listed as Saturday night keynote speaker, did not show up. Nor did INS Commissioner Leonel Castillo, a Houstonian, who was scheduled to speak on Thursday. Labor Secretary Ray Marshall was the senior Administration official present and advocated what in essence was a renewal of the controversial bracero program, which ended in 1964.

## Henry-Chiyo Kuwahara Estate wills \$267,000 to scholarships

San Francisco

Beginning next year, National JACL will award several \$5,000 scholarships to college-level Nikkei students, the money to come from a new "Henry and Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarship Fund".

The fund is a trust created by Chiyo Kuwahara's last will and testament in which the National Japanese American Citizens League was named the residuary legatee to receive what was left of the estate after expenses and legacies were paid.

"JACL is overwhelmed and grateful. Many Sansei and future generations of Japanese Americans will be given opportunities they otherwise may not have," ac-

knowledgeable Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national president. "The Kuwahara gift continues the Issei legacy of emphasis on education."

Mrs. Kuwahara, who resided in Los Angeles, died in January, 1978, at age 76. Her husband, Henry, was 80 years old when he died in October, 1977.

In her will, Mrs. Kuwahara had instructed that the remainder of her estate (adjusted value on May 9, 1979, was \$267,280.29) be held in Lord Abbebt Debenture Fund, Inc., shares; that JACL convert ten percent of that into cash yearly to be given by the JACL scholarship committee in several dispositions of \$5,000 to "worthy candidates" at the college level. Any money less than

## JACL hails ruling on Weber case

Washington

The Supreme Court has dismissed the reverse discrimination suit of Brian Weber, a Louisiana white worker, against Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp., and held 5 to 2 that private employers and unions may adopt voluntarily affirmative action plans to open up jobs for blacks.

Action was hailed by JACL which has historically pushed for affirmative action and fair employment practice. Washington JACL representative Ronald Ikejiri said it was "one of the most important civil rights decisions in recent years."

The June 27 ruling says the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title 7, does not bar a corporation from giving preferences to black workers. It encourages the most helpful way of dealing with systematic past discrimination in the work place;

that is for management and workers, black and white, to sit down voluntarily and decide a plan of action and implement it.

The landmark decision further refines the approach to

minority employment. But Associate Justice Rehnquist and Chief Justice Burger, in a stinging dissent, charged the majority opinion betrayed the spirit of equality for both blacks and whites. "There is

no device more destructive to the notion of equality than the quota which creates castes," Rehnquist said, saying that it is a "two-edge sword that must demean one in order to prefer the other."

Associate Justice Brennan, Jr., writing the majority decision declared:

"It would be ironic indeed if a law triggered by the nation's concern over centuries of racial prejudice ... constituted the first legislative prohibition of all voluntary, private, race-conscious efforts to abolish traditional patterns of racial segregation and hierarchy."

## Yoshimura sentence delayed

Oakland, Ca.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Martin Pulich last week (June 29) continued until July 3 a decision on whether to jail or free on probation Wendy Yoshimura.

Her latest appeal of her 1977 conviction on charges of unlawful possession of explosives and weapons was denied June 15 by the state supreme court. Outside the courtroom, Yoshimura told reporters she was prepared to go to jail and that she

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## July 9 deadline for redress ballot nears

San Francisco

Monday, July 9, is the final day the chapters have to turn in their mail ballot to National JACL Headquarters on whether to ratify the National Board position endorsing the Redress Committee recommendation that a congressional commission approach be used as the first step in seeking redress for Japanese Americans.

The National JACL Board voted 13-1 to endorse the Commission approach.

(The results by chapter roll are scheduled to be published in the July 20 PC.)

At the same time, the Seattle Redress Committee has circulated a statement asserting the recommended commission approach violates the National Convention mandate since the Salt Lake Convention guidelines stipulating why of redress, who is eligible and how much would be paid, etc., were intended to be part of the redress bill. Instead, it suggested their so-called unique "bootstrap plan" be supported for "adhering to the letter and spirit of the SLC resolution".

National President Dr. Clif-

ford Uyeda pointed out the Seattle proposition, which had been considered by the Redress Committee, appears as if Japanese Americans are paying their own redress through income tax.

Redress should be paid for by "all the Americans," Uyeda declared. Nikkei legislators also told him that Congress would not construe the IRS check-off plan as redress from the U.S. government.

The Seattle Redress Committee indicated three members of Congress have volunteered to introduce or co-sponsor a bill that would establish for purposes of redress an IRS Nikkei Trust Fund that would be created by persons of Japanese ancestry who elect to allocate a portion of their income taxes for this purposes. Issei who suffered the most by E.O.

9066 and internment and whose number decline every year would be entitled to draw benefits first at the rate of \$10,000 per capita and paid \$15 per diem for being incarcerated in the camps during WW2.

The Seattle plan further provides Nikkei may elect not to collect their redress benefits, in which case the fund would be used for educational and cultural purposes.

According to Uyeda, the Congress is also reluctant to set a precedent that would permit special interest groups to earmark their own taxes for their own benefit. Furthermore, income taxes due and paid belong to the government and not the taxpayer. Any disbursement of such funds requires direct government appropriation.

## Tatsuno named All-American, may sign with San Diego

Honolulu

Univ. of Hawaii left-hander Derek Shizuo Tatsuno, 21, was picked to the 1979 All-American Division 1 first team by the American Assn. of College Baseball Coaches and has been the second-round choice of the San Diego Padres in the recent (June 5) free-agent draft. His baseball future was expected to be announced this week as he concludes a stint with the annual U.S.-Japan college baseball series in Japan.

The choice by the Padres was welcomed here by the Hawaii Islanders, San Diego's Triple A farm club.

Tatsuno is the first local player to be picked first team All-American in baseball. The All American honors were announced June 18 at the Flamingo Chuckwagon. He also established a number of NCAA pitching records this year:

Most wins, season, 20; most starts, season, 22; most strikeouts, season, 234; most strikeouts, career, 541.

Tatsuno had been drafted by Cincinnati when he fin-

ished Aiea High, but decided to attend UH instead. Sports writers here said if he returns to UH for his senior year, he could virtually put away the collegiate record book. He also sports a 20-game winning streak that ended in April, 1979.



Derek Tatsuno

## U.S. LEADERSHIP MAY BE COMPROMISED

## Eskimo whaling vs. moratorium major IWC issue

By HARRY HATASAKA  
Palo Alto, Ca.

The International Whaling Commission meets in London July 9-13. Two issues predominate: the possibility of a vote on whaling moratorium and Eskimo hunt of the Bowhead whale.

Conservationists continue to hear that the Eskimo Whaling Issue may again form a stumbling block, which will keep the United States from exercising full leadership on other important issues. This obstruction could be particularly crucial if a moratorium comes to a vote.

On the Bowhead issue, the U.S. delegation will go to the meeting prepared to ask for a quota next year of 20 Bowhead whales landed or 27 struck and lost, whichever

comes first, compared with a quota of 18 landed and 27 struck this year.

The delicate U.S. position is compromised by the lack of cooperation from Eskimos this year. The Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission has set its own quota of 45 Bowheads. If it appears that the U.S. cannot control the whaling efforts of its own citizens, the U.S. may face an almost impossible task of persuading other nations to reduce their whaling efforts through lowering quotas. The Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission has stated it will ignore the present quota.

In a whaling policy survey conducted by the Whale Protection Fund, a representative sampling of returns overwhelmingly indicates

that the U.S. should push for the strongest anti-whaling possible in the upcoming IWC meeting.

The U.S. is pushing for expanded IWC membership by encouraging nations who are whaling conservationists, to join the IWC in order to offset recent memberships by Chile, Ecuador, Peru and South Korea, who are pro-whaling. An increase of the number of pro-whaling nations with the backing of some non-whaling nations can block any conservation proposals in the sessions since a three-fourths majority vote is needed to pass all proposals.

Although Chile, Peru and South Korea have not been bound by IWC regulations, they have consistently ig-

nored commission's attempts to conserve badly depleted whale stocks. During the 1976-77 season, all three nations exceeded the applicable IWC quotas for the species they hunted. Peru took 368 Brydes and Sei whales despite the IWC bans on hunting of Brydes. Chile took 76 Sperm whales up the coast of South America, disregarding the IWC's prohibition of Sperm whale catches in that area.

Korea took 43 Fin whales in the North Pacific, despite the IWC prohibition of commercial hunting of that species. During the 1977 season, the Republic of Korea took 1,033 Minke whales, twice the IWC quota for that species.

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## washington

"Toward an Understanding of Bakke," a 189-page book by the Civil Rights Commission, is available; contains complete text of decision on Allen Bakke case, EEOC's voluntary affirmative action guidelines and President Carter's memorandum on affirmative action. For a single free copy, write:

Publications Division, U.S. Civil Rights Commission, Washington, D.C. 20425.

**Bakke case decision** left HEW's civil rights and affirmative action programs for minorities and disadvantaged persons "almost entirely unaffected," HEW Secretary Joseph Califano says. Comment is based on departmental study which showed its programs were based on findings of past discrimination and did not exclude anyone because of race.

**Sen. Hayakawa's** for restitution in this case: "The United States should be tough and unrelenting in its demands that the Nicaraguan government conduct a thorough investigation of this cold-blooded murder. Nicaragua should also provide some form of restitution to Bill Stewart's family," the junior senator said concerning the recent murder of the ABC news correspondent.

## Deaths

**Minoru Harada**, 75, founder of Otagiri Mercantile Co., in New York City, died of heart attack at his home June 14. He was decorated with the Order of the Rising Sun, 6th Class, in 1973. Survivors are wife Hiroko, s Toshio Joe, d Grace Hatae (Monterey, Ca.), 5 gc.

**Christian S. Nakama**, 56, executive director of the Honolulu Committee on Aging since 1966, died June 16. A 442nd veteran, he worked in community health programs and was a delegate to the 1971 White House Conference on Aging.

**Joe Y. Sano**, 78, retired professor of Japanese at Univ. of Colorado, died June 7. A prewar San Franciscan, he taught at the Navy Language School during WW2 and later worked for the State Dept. at Washington, D.C. He is survived by wife Miya, s Joel, d Lorraine Jackson (N.J.), Diane Fritz (Fountain Valley, Ca.), br John and sis Michiko Seki (both Japan).

**Hiidenori Sueoka**, 57, Japanese ambassador to Ecuador and former Japanese consul general at San Francisco, died June 17 of cancer in a Tokyo hospital.

**Hoover Y. Tateishi**, 50, manager of Honolulu radio KZOO, died June 17. A professional translator and long associated with Hawaii radio-TV, he served a stint as an administrative assistant to then Rep. Spark Matsunaga in Washington in the 1960s.



(Hoover and his wife Marge briefly served as Hawaii correspondents for the PC.) Surviving are his wife Margaret, s Robert, Steven, d Yuri, p Rev Shoen and Tamae (Japan), br Rev Peter Shishio, sis Nobuko Aoki.

**Seen as the first bold step** toward establishing a cabinet-level Dept. of Peace, a Senate subcommittee has approved Sen. Matsunaga's bill to establish a federal commission to study proposals for a National Academy of Peace and Conflict. If it survives the full Senate appropriations committee, consideration on the Senate floor by the end of summer is expected. Matsunaga has been a leading advocate for a Dept. of Peace.

**On SALT II** treaty between the U.S. and Soviet Union, Sen. S. I. Hayakawa (R-Cal.) declared June 18 he was against it in its present form: "it will have to be examined in the framework of our total defense posture (and) whether or not we can adequately verify the Soviet's compliance with the treaty." He feared SALT II may become a national tranquilizer. Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), past chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, gave the treaty a strong endorsement. Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) has been leaning in favor. Inouye called the treaty "a significant and necessary step towards further stabilizing the nuclear arms race" and said he was convinced it would not compromise the nation's security.

**Minority ownership** of franchise is soaring (11% over last year) while the number of minority-owned business is not, according to two Commerce Dept. reports issued June 18. Of the reported 4,758 minority-owned franchise outlets, blacks had 43%, Hispanics 34%, Orientals 20% and American Indians 3%. Largest number of outlets were gasoline station franchises. Because franchisors are prohibited from keeping information on race, the data was difficult to obtain, according to Andrew Kostecka of the Commerce's industry and trade administration. The Commerce's office of minority business enterprise, which encourages minority ownership of franchises, in its report traced the historical progress of black-owned firms with 50% of them being in the South.

**Race barriers** in housing are still high 11 years after the Civil Rights Act, says the Congressional Black Caucus. But its chairman, Rep. Cardiss Collins says she is more interested in building additional public housing for her southside Chicago constituents than in dispersing them out of her district into the suburbs. Congress is now considering strengthening Title VIII to give HUD (Housing and Urban Development) "cease and desist" powers to prevent rental or sale of housing while a discrimination complaint was pending and to impose fines up to \$10,000 on brokers and developers found guilty of race discrimination.

**Federal civil service** job exams exclusively for Asian

Americans, blacks and other minorities so they can qualify for thousands of junior executive or professional positions may be reopened. But the general counsel of the Office of Personnel Management said it could engender lawsuits by whites charging reverse discrimination and attacks from members of Congress that the merit system was being violated. OPM's move is being based upon the 1978 Civil Service Reform Act, directing it improve its recruitment of minority group members.

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## the south

**The National YWCA**, at its recent national convention in Dallas, Texas, passed an emergency resolution relating to the exclusion of Asian-Pacific Americans from official lists of socially and economically disadvantaged (mainly referring to the Small Business Administration's omission of APAs from a list of eligible minorities in PL 95-507); and the inaccurate economic and social statistics of APAs, which hinders government and private organizations in determining those minorities' needs.

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## california

**Minority lawyers**, reported the California Young Lawyers Assn., have the highest levels of unemployment and underemployment (blacks 11.9%, Asians 15.7%, Hispanics 6.9%, Caucasians 4.8% are the jobless rates). The sharpest rise in unemployment occurred among minorities since the last CYLA survey, June 1977.

**Calvary Presbyterian Church**, 1239 S. Monroe St., Stockton 95206 has launched a new chapel building project with Harold Aoyama as chairman, Norman Shimakawa as project treasurer.

**Calif. Assembly** June 21 passed Assemblyman Mori's bill making it a crime for husbands to rape their wives. "This should be a clear statement that marriage ought to be a union of harmony, a union of cooperation, of loving, of caring," said the author. AB 546 goes to the Senate.

## S.F. Foundation aids Asian agency

**Oakland, Ca.** Asian Community Mental Health Services received a \$22,121 grant from San Francisco Foundation to assess needs and strategies for expanding the direct counseling component of its current service program.

**ACMHS** is entering its sixth year as a community based organization providing mental health related services to Chinese, Japanese, Filipino and Korean communities. The center is located at 1322 Webster St., Suite 402, Oakland, Calif.

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## los angeles

**Security Pacific** Charitable Foundation pledged \$25,000 to the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, joining a growing number of U.S. foundations that have contributed, including:

The Kresge Foundation of Michigan, \$150,000; Irvine Foundation of Orange County, \$100,000; Ahmanson Foundation, \$35,000; Times Mirror Foundation, \$10,000; and Santa Anita Foundation, \$5,000.

**Nisei Week Carnival** booth rental will not cost \$50, as recently announced, but \$165 plus insurance. Carnival chairman Kei Yamaguchi explained the \$50 was deposit, not total cost for booth. Carnival, set for August 18-19, will have a general committee meeting July 19, 7:30 p.m., California First Bank. Those interested in booths should attend, or contact Yamaguchi, 663-3919 or 663-6092.

**Japanese mime** Kusumi of Osaka makes his American concert debut at Inner City Cultural Center July 13-15, 8:00 p.m., with the first Japanese deaf-mute pantomime group, Pinocchio.

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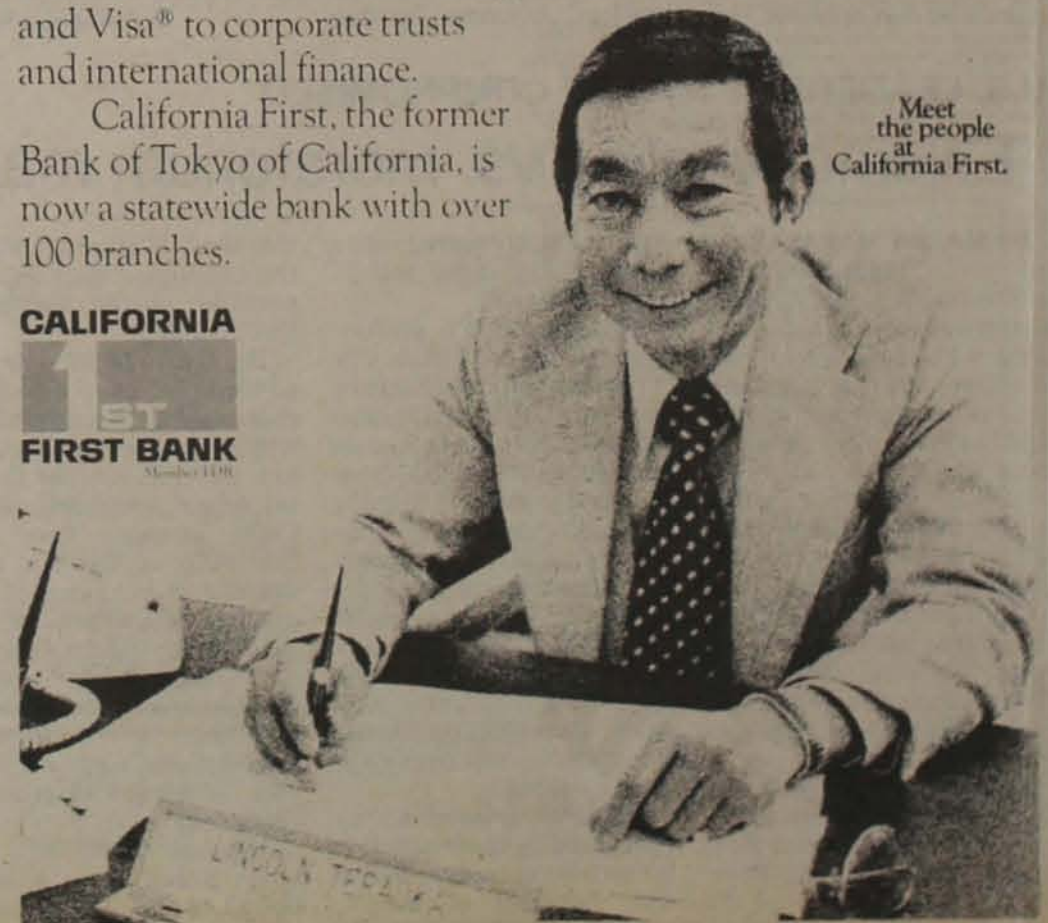
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## WINNINGEST ALL-A STUDENT

## Wendy Hanamura amasses \$19,000 in scholarships

Oakland, Ca.

It's a rare combination to see the academic accomplishment of Wendy Hanamura here draw the education writer of the Oakland Tribune to ask the high school graduate how it was done and then read several days later, the paper's lead editorial urging: "Let's hear it out there for Wendy."

On June 19, Tribune writer Kathy O'Toole reported how the Oakland High School graduate piled up more than \$19,000 in college scholarships and a couple dozen awards in her senior year—more than any student in the memory of veteran Oakland high school teachers.

She maintained a straight A average while serving as class president and yearbook editor and holding down a part-time job in a local architectural firm. She won national, regional and local competitions, turning down scholarships from Yale, Reed and UC Berkeley but opting for a four-year scholarship to Harvard.

Explained Wendy Hanamura: "Most high school students look for the easiest teachers. I picked the ones who were the toughest. . . . Oakland High has a lot of teachers who've been there 20 years and they are dedicated. I found out I had the

same preparation as the kids from private prep schools. There are just fewer of us at Oakland High who take advantage of the opportunities."

The Tribune editorial focused on the last five words in its conclusion:

"The teachers and the classes are there for all. . . . We wish more students would simply 'take advantage of the opportunities'."

The Tribune commended the last part of Wendy's statement "to all high school students everywhere—particularly those who are continually complaining that school has nothing to offer them,

that the teachers are indifferent or incompetent, the curriculum irrelevant, and so on."

She didn't have time for such complaints, the editorial continued. She was too busy taking advantage of the opportunities at school whose 12th graders overall have one of the poorest standardized test scores averages in the state.

Because of this situation, Hanamura and other top achievers at Oakland High were worried that they wouldn't be able to compete in the national or regional competitions. But she won \$4,000 in the nine-county contest sponsored by Pacific Gas & Electric; \$2,000 in the Bay

Area Engineers Week; and was among 850 students across the nation to be select-

ed for outstanding writing ability by the National Council of Teachers of English, and a National Merit Scholar.

Her parents are longtime Alameda JACLers Howie and Mary Hanamura.



Oakland Tribune Photo  
Wendy Hanamura and her many awards won at Oakland High.

## Appointment to Annapolis speeds up naturalization

Riverside, Ca.

Tomoko Ishikawa, who was born in Japan, turned 18 on June 21, and therefore became eligible for American citizenship.



Tomoko Ishikawa

However, her case is different from the many others hoping to complete the naturalization process—she has been appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, but must be a U.S. citizen in order to attend. Her problem—the Naval Academy induction is July 6. It normally takes six months to a year to complete the naturalization process.

She is lucky because John Longville, district representative for Rep. George Brown (D-Riverside, Ca.) has tried to "speed up" the process for her. "Normally we don't bother to go through all this trouble, but we were so impressed with her. We feel she is deserving," Longville said. "Deserving" because Tomoko was one of two valedictorians at her Arlington High School graduation, a straight-A student all through high school, yearbook editor, senior class secretary, winner of three scholarships and member of the girl's swim team.

Longville, calling it "extraordinarily unusual to get an application through like this,"

explained that the normal waiting period had been waived in Tomoko's case because "it's in the public interest to have her attend Annapolis."

"They want her. They feel having her in Annapolis is a benefit to the United States," he said. "But we're still not sure it's going to work. She's cutting it very tight."

Ninety women are accepted at Annapolis each year and so far there are 203 out of a student body of 4,300 midshipmen. A four-year education at the academy is valued at \$39,000. Middies also receive \$345 a month, then must serve five years active duty with the Navy.

Tomoko told a Press Enterprise reporter that she doesn't like ships. While she's determined to attend Annapolis, she laughingly admitted, "I get seasick."

But her senior class adviser, Elaine Muir, has faith in Tomoko's abilities. "She's extremely bright, efficient, very sweet, warm and personable,"

Muir said. "Everything she does, she does well."

Tomoko "doesn't take herself seriously, but she takes her tasks seriously," added Gloria McCloud, the Arlington yearbook adviser.

Tomoko is the daughter of former Riverside JACL vice president Masami Ishikawa and his wife, Fumi. Both are Japan-born, having emigrated to Canada in 1967. Her father recently joined Micro Computer Systems Div. of Intel Corp., Santa Clara. While in Riverside, he worked for Bourns, Inc.

## KUWAHARA

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arship program, one of his nieces, Fuji Kuwahara, recalled how her uncle was unable to finish school here because of the anti-foreign atmosphere. He had come to America in 1912 at age 14. But she regarded him as a "self-taught" man and a wise person. What her uncle and aunt left is clear evidence of that, she quietly added.

The Downtown L.A. JACL was instrumental working with National Headquarters.

For national JACL, the trust represents the largest single gift of its kind. It prompted legal counsel Frank Iwama to comment that JACL needs to update its material on leaving a bequest to JACL.

Renew Your Membership

## Salinas to honor its Mayor Hibino

Salinas, Ca.

Friends of Henry Hibino will host a recognition dinner for the three-term mayor of Salinas on July 6 at the Salinas Community Center's Sherwood Hall, which can accommodate 530 people, according to Tom Miyana, committee chairman.

The city council has pro-

claimed July 6 as Henry K. Hibino Day. His public service began in 1967 when he was a city parks and recreation commissioner. In 1971 he was elected to the city council and subsequently chosen mayor three times. He did not seek re-election to the term starting this week.

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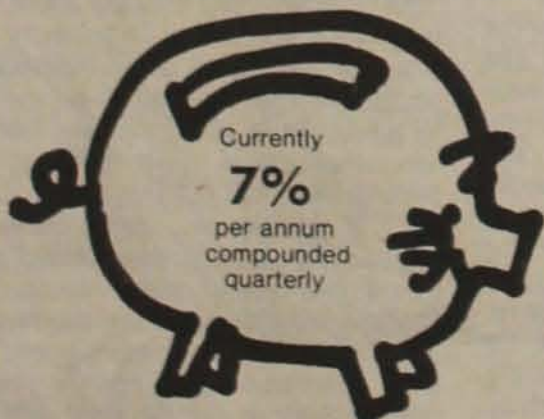
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## Remembrance

We have all heard about a 442nd veteran, on his way home from the war, was denied a haircut in San Francisco with a remark, "We don't cut Jap hair." This incident, which happened to Senator Daniel K. Inouye, was held to be an exception. Apparently it was not so. Many 442nd veterans who came through California on their way home to Hawaii experienced similar treatment.

One veteran was stopped in a shopping center in Los Angeles in December 1945, thrown into a paddy wagon by a military police, put into a stockade near Union Station with a remark, "We don't want Japs returning to the West Coast."

He was stripped of his uniform with all the campaign and Purple Heart ribbons on it and made to wear a prison garb with a giant "P" on its back. Daily he was forced to scrub garbage cans and floors with a rifle pointed at his head.

"As I looked into that soldier's face with a rifle, I said to myself, 'So this is what I had fought for! So this is what my buddies had given their lives for!' It tore up my heart."

"For decades I couldn't talk about it. I was ashamed—ashamed of the humiliation and ashamed that America could be this way." Tears welled into his eyes.

"Our stories must be told," this veteran stated. "It is painful, to me and to America. But it must be told. If those of us involved remain silent, we contribute to the false picture of America of the 1940s."

Many Nisei are beginning to feel the same way. Their experience was unique in American history, and history cannot be erased. Only by analyzing history, as painful as it may be, can we hope to improve upon it. This is the value of Alex Haley's "Roots" and the value of the film "Holocaust."

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Ikejiri

## Weber Case

Washington

The Supreme Court ruled last week (June 27) that private employers can legally give special preference to minorities and women in hiring and promoting for traditionally segregated jobs. It upholds an employer's right to voluntarily offer affirmative action programs for fair employment without government intervention with imposed formulas and quotas. The decision overturned a lower court victory won by Brian Weber in his suit against Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical for denying him admission into a training program designed to increase the number of blacks in skilled craft jobs.

The 5-2 court decision is an important victory for JACL, civil rights advocates, unions, women's rights groups as a mandate to push for affirmative action programs across the country.

The Weber ruling is much broader in its effects and applications because it involves the workplace within the private sector in contrast to the Bakke decision in which a white applicant to the UC Davis Medical School was turned down because positions had been reserved for minority students. The court ruled the Univ. of California, by the actions of the state rather than the private sector, had to admit Bakke, but that race could be taken into account to overcome past discrimination.

The ruling in the Weber case gives a major psychological lift to the civil rights movement which has been slowed down by last year's much publicized Bakke decision, which confused the issues of affirmative action and reverse discrimination. The JACL considers the Weber ruling to be one of the most important civil rights decisions in recent years.

From Nobuyuki Nakajima

## A Cadillac at \$50,000 vs. Quality

The other morning a friend of mine came into my office, fuming and boiling. He saw a television program the night before and learned that a Cadillac cost \$50,000 in Japan because of a high import duties. He said no wonder we have such a large trade deficit.

I just love to seize this kind of opportunity and argue. So I asked him how much would be a fair price. Apparently he was taken aback because he wasn't prepared to answer. Being one of the good-natured Euro-Americans, he was conditioned to be critical of Japan under the influence of mass media. The Cadillac car wasn't the real issue.

But I went on to pose a few more questions. Assuming Japanese would reduce the tariff, how many Cadillacs could we sell at \$15,000? How much would it contribute to the balance of trade?

He said we probably wouldn't sell many and it wouldn't have much effect on the balance of trade. We discussed about selling large-size American cars to Japanese, but the conclusion was the same. We agreed that we don't have much of a chance in selling compacts and small cars, either, because they developed such high quality compact cars.

By this time the original issue had disappeared. He was



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## A variety of views of Redress

Editor:

Because of the national redress campaign, other worthwhile programs of National JACL appear to have come to a grinding halt. Whither the JACL history project, gerontology program, the talent bank, travel program expansion, updating the health insurance program, and most important, the innovative activities challenging the Sansei and Yonsei into JACL?

While many have suffered because of the 1942 mass evacuation, many also looked upon it as a wartime sacrifice. Others, albeit very few, felt it was an advantageous blessing.

The one common area of agreement holds Executive Order 9066 was wrong. Some have risen above this blight and found a new niche in America. For those who have lost and are seeking redress, whatever the method, more power to them.

But for National JACL to be the catalyst by asking its members to a campaign to secure for all evacuees monetary tokenism is shameful and not in keeping with the traditions of JACL. Let those who have a strong enough case for indemnification band together and battle for remedial compensation. Let National JACL assist, but if no one else can help, then the group ought to look at reality and proclaim it an impossibility.

While redress seems to be splitting the Nikkei community here, it is tragic to see some octogenarian Issei waiting for a federal windfall of \$25,000.

MIKE IWATSUBO  
Fresno, Ca.

Editor:

The National Board, at its last meeting on June 2, passed a motion affirming the decision of the National Redress Committee which chose the commission approach to redress. In the discussion period, prior to voting, I tried to point out that it was inappropriate and unwise for the Board to consider the motion because of the following:

1—The National Council is the policy-making body of the JACL.

2—The National Board has the duty of implementing the policy decisions of the Council.

3—The decision of the national president and the chairman of the Redress Committee to poll the Council, in order to establish a bona fide policy, is a clear indication of their uncertainty that the commission approach falls within the mandate adopted by the Council at the convention in July, 1978.

4—In the light of the above, the Board would be usurping the functions of the Council in trying to establish policy.

The Board easily passed the motion to affirm with one negative vote and two abstentions.

I charge that the National Board has overstepped its bounds, and in its misguided zeal, has taken an action which constitutes misfeasance of the powers allotted to it, namely, the Board had infringed upon and pre-empted the functions of the National Council.

MINORU MASUDA  
Seattle, Wa.

## Higher Education

Editor:

I was pleased to know Taro Kawakami shares my view on Higher Education (PC May 11). I sincerely wish that all Japanese American youths will become useful citizens of our country and this requires having higher education.

But Kawakami disagrees with "my observations of American occupation of Japan". I would like to remind the reader that it wasn't my observation against

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his. It is my experience against public opinion. The situation is entirely analogous to the redress issue, in which JAs' experiences are at odds against generally held public beliefs.

NOBUYUKI NAKAJIMA  
Sheffield, Lake, Ohio

## Awa Maru tragedy

Editor:

Relative to the loss of 2,007 Japanese during the inadvertent sinking of the Awa Maru (June 15 PC) in 1945, the accident was doubly unfortunate when one realizes according to the Wedemeyer Reports that Japan had already sued for peace and was only awaiting the terms rather than the horrendous atomic bombs.

Perhaps one correction is in order in the last paragraph rela-

tive to the gross loss of life at sea during WW1 and WW2. The greatest loss for one ship was the lighted German Red Cross hospital vessel, Wilhelm Gustloff, fleeing Gdynia, Poland, in March or April of 1945 out into a black night on the Baltic where the ship was torpedoed with the loss of more than 5,000 men, women and children.

GUNNAR OLDSBORG  
Seattle, Wa.

## Short Note

Editor:

Dohmo Arigato for the article on the PC ... It now seems as if I've arrived.

I thought of ways to show my appreciation, but decided to rather than send you a bottle, am contributing to the Okubo-Yamada Fund \$25 in your name. Perhaps you don't realize how

great it is to see it in the PC, especially knowing that so many will read it!

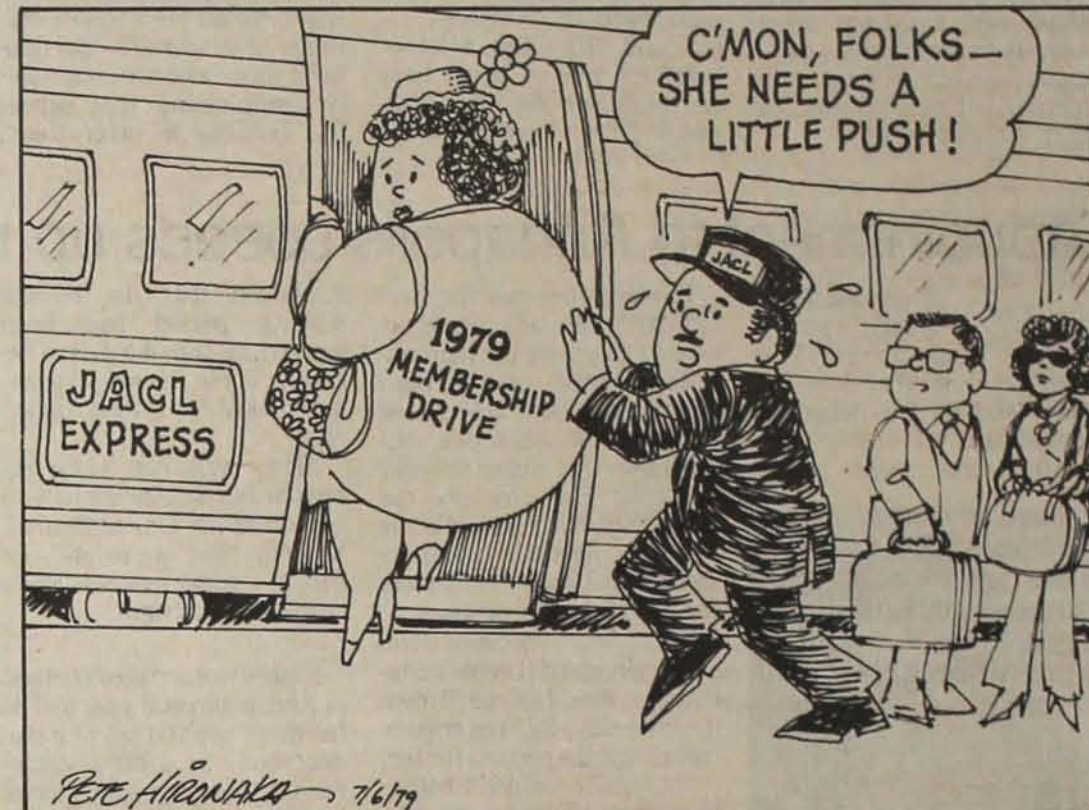
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The Okubo-Yamada Fund, I'm sure, would like to see more people acknowledging publicly in the PC in the same fashion, but please—not in the name of the editor.—Ed.

Editor:

Yoshie Hashimoto Otori (June 15 PC Letters) phoned me last night from her home in New Jersey. What a wonderful surprise. She heard about my attempt from her sister in West Covina, who saw my letter seeking her whereabouts. I thank you and the PC for such effective helpfulness.

ARNOLD LARSON  
Loleta, Ca.



EAST WIND: Bill Marutani



## A Point of View: Redress

The suggestion that payment of money for the gross violations of my rights as an American and the ignominy of being summarily hauled off into concentration camps like a common criminal, is an anathema to me. Nay, even a common criminal was and is provided with the protection of the panoply of rights guaranteed under our laws and the U.S. Constitution—precious rights I had so believably learned as an American lad and held sacred but which were non-existent to me, my parents, my friends. Because of race. No amount of money could repay, reimburse, restore what happened.

AND THUS IT is that I must differ with those who so assiduously, albeit with sincerity, seek individual reimbursement of \$25,000 per person, or any sum for individuals. I find it personally insulting as an American that my freedom, my liberty, my dignity can be "bought". And such a paltry sum at that.

AND YET AT the same time, I favor the program of seeking redress from the government which caused our imprisonment. Why? There are a number of reasons. The social mores of this society are founded upon acknowledging wrongdoing by some meaningful monetary measure. A simple apology is insufficient, for such may not deter—indeed, would not deter—the likes of the cabal that was recently swept out of the White House. Or those similarly inclined. And do not delude yourself for a moment that such do not lurk within this land.

ALSO OUR SOCIETY is civilized so that we disavow old biblical concepts of "an eye for an eye". And so I seek no retribution, no engendering of guilt feelings,

and certainly no physical revenge or demonstration. Rather, because *United States v. Hirabayashi* and companion decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court remain good law in this land—lying about like a "loaded gun" which a recently deposed White House occupant seized in an attempt to justify his Executive excesses—I, we, have not choice other than to turn to that right embedded in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: "the right ... to petition the government for a redress of grievances." We owe it to our Nation.

IN SO DOING, however, to besmirch our motives with demeaning focus upon individual payments, destroys what should be a noble act on our part. In particular, I personally find it offensive the suggestion of "tax credits", emphasizing as it does a fiscal aspect, seeking to extract funds by a painless method. That is not our objective. If it is, you may count me out.

BUT MAKE NO mistake about it; I repeat: I seek redress. In memory to our Issei, who suffered upon suffering. (The suggestion that we ought to get the money to take care of our dwindling Issei is an emotional appeal to deception: they, and perhaps we, will not live to see it. Moreover, if we are so concerned with the plight of our Issei, and we should be, then let us take care of them, and not look to Washington.) If it were my choice, I would choose to place the redress sum into a trust fund and based upon a pre-established standard, use the yield, and principal if need be, for the benefit of all deprived and needy in our land, without regard to race, creed, color, sex or national origin. That, in my mind, would be a fine tribute to our Issei. And to ourselves.



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

## Tragedy of Vietnam's 'Boat People'

Denver, Colo.

The minority had been resented for a long time as uncooperative, clannish, different, too successful in business. When war came, it gave the majority just the opportunity it needed to get rid of them.

The first step was to harass them with police surveillance, firing them from their jobs, imposing a curfew on their neighborhoods.

The second step was to give the minority the option of being locked up in detention camps or leaving the country, forcing a quick decision by seizing their property and closing their businesses.

When did all this happen? In 1942 in America? Yes, but it's also happening today. In Vietnam.

Following the brief but bitter Chinese-Vietnam war of a few months ago, Vietnam decided to get rid of its ethnic Chinese minority. The Chinese in Vietnam, perhaps a million out of a total population of 50 million, is systematically being forced to choose between imprisonment and death on one hand, and on the other evacuation from their homes with scarcely more than the clothes on their backs and a remote possibility of escaping and surviving to make a new life elsewhere.

Dispatches from the Far East say the citizenship of the so-called boat people being forced out of Vietnam doesn't mean anything. What determines whether one stays or is forced to leave aboard any old vessel that floats is ethnicity; as in Hitler's Germany or in the American Evacuation of 1942, what counts is one's ancestry.

There are, of course, important differences between how the United States treated its Japanese American minority and how Vietnam is persecuting its Chinese. But there are enough horrifying parallels to stir sympathy and anger.

The United States, Great Britain, France, Australia and a few other nations have provided refuge for a limited

number of the displaced. Japan has not been very helpful. Vietnam's over-crowded near neighbors, notably Thailand, Malaya and Hong Kong, faced with their own poverty problems, have refused to accept any more boat people. Thailand is forcing tens of thousands of Cambodians, who fled the Vietnamese advance, back to their war-torn country. Malaya has announced it will expel the 70,000 boat people who have reached its shores and shoot on sight those who try to land.

Three Communist powers in position to help ease the situation have been strangely silent. Vietnam is at the root of the problem. It can end its genocidal policy whenever it wants to. Communist China could, if it chose, absorb more of the Chinese refugees than it has. And the Soviet Union, friend and ally of Vietnam, could persuade its Southeast Asian clients to desist, but hasn't tried.

There is also unseemly silence on the part of another group which, one would think, would be the first to protest this kind of mistreatment of a minority. That would be the Japanese Americans, who were sensitized by an earlier experience and even today are embarked on an ambitious crusade to "educate" the American public about the wrong their government perpetrated nearly forty years ago.

One would think that on the basis of their own suffering, which they insist Americans must not be allowed to forget, they would be among the first to express their outrage at Vietnam's barbarous policy, to demand that the American government pressure Hanoi to cease and desist, and set an example for all freedom lovers by providing the boat people with money and hospitality. But none of this has happened.


Have the Japanese Americans become so self-centered, so completely mired in self-pity, that they cannot see beyond their own selfish preoccupations? If the Japanese American voice has been raised in support and sympathy for a people who are suffering from a far worse injustice than their own, it hasn't been heard. #



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## WHALES

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At their recent meeting in Costa Rica, delegates to the Convention on International Trade and Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) took steps to further international protection for whales. Delegates adopted a British proposal that all species of cetaceans not on Appendix I be placed on Appendix II. The recommendations also add three species of small cetaceans to Appendix I.

Established in 1973, and now composed of 51 nations, CITES sets rules for International Trade and Endangered and Threatened species of wild life and plants.

Appendix I contains those species which are found to be threatened with extinction. Trade of these species is prohibited.

Appendix II includes species which are not presently threatened with extinction, but which may become so, unless their trade is subject to strict regulations.

A third appendix lists species which are considered to be in need of conservation regulation within a given country and re-

### Hearings set for new SSA regulation

Washington

Social Security public meetings to discuss proposed rules on disclosure of official records and individual information under SSA Regulation No. 1 will be held as follows:

July 10—Boston, Denver; July 12—Atlanta, San Francisco; July 17—Chicago, Dallas; July 24—Washington, D.C.

Washington JACL Office urged JACL chapters to check with the nearest SSA Office to sign up as a participant in the SSA rule-making procedure.

quires the cooperation of other nations in any national regulation of trade.

(According to the Journal of Commerce correspondent in Tokyo, if an all-out whaling moratorium persists, the Japanese delegation can be expected to stalk out of the organization in a huff and "probably would prove a tragedy for many thousands of the still surviving mammals throughout the seas." Prospect of the Soviet Union, another determined major whaling power, following suit is still conjectural.)

On April 4, Prime Minister

Malcolm Fraser of Australia announced that his government would ban whaling in their waters and that all the recommendations of the inquiry into whales and whaling would be adopted. Fraser's statement was made before the Australian House of Representatives.

Noting that there are substitutes for nearly all whale products, Fraser said, "Importation into Australia of all whale products and goods containing whales would be banned beginning Jan. 1, 1981. The government is to prohibit all whaling within

the impending 200-mile Australian fishing zone, including any extension of the zone to include a fishing zone off the Australian Antarctic Territory." #

## NAKAJIMA

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slightly embarrassed and wished to change subject. He said I should buy a TV because there are many interesting programs. I asked him which model to buy. He recommended certain Japanese models. So I asked him if he wouldn't be concerned about the balance of trade. He said this was different because he was talking about quality.

Well, I still haven't bought a TV. Am I contributing to the balance of trade?

## 35 years ago

in the Pacific Citizen

JULY 1, 1944

**June 11**—Movie critic Jimmie Fidler protests proposed Hollywood film intended to inflame hatred against loyal Nisei in open letter to Will Hays (movie censor czar) read over Blue Network. (Movie was to show Nisei intrigue and espionage that culminated with bombing of Pearl Harbor.)

**June 20**—Rep. John Phillips (R-Cal.) files petition in House protesting return of Japanese evacuees to California.

**June 21**—Toronto liberals fight Ottawa move to disfranchise Japanese Canadian citizens in Wartime Elections bill.

**June 21**—California VFW rejects Lomita Post resolution banning all persons of Japanese ancestry from California, recognizing hundreds of Nisei GIs are overseas serving honorably.

**June 22**—Newell (Cal.) Star reports Army investigation into fatal shooting of Shiroichi James

Okamoto, 31, by Tule Lake MP on May 25 completed; findings of coroner's inquest absolving soldier of blame not in final judgment, says paper.

**June 26**—Gordon Hirabayashi charged with draft violation; he is protesting Selective Service Form 304-A, specifically designed by Japanese Americans.

**June 26**—U.S. District Judge Blake Kennedy, Cheyenne, Wyo., finds 63 Heart Mountain evacuees guilty of violating draft; their citizenship was already established when placed 1-A and ordered to report for pre-induction, judge says in response to contention that being in camp clouded their citizenship; U.S. District Judge Foster Symes, Denver, finds two evacuees at Amache guilty of draft evasion. (WRA reports over 3,300 called from camps as of May 31 since draft was reopened in January and 1,100 accepted; 139 reported as having declined to report.)



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## Mountain Plains district re-elects Kawamoto

### Albuquerque, N.M.

The Spring District Council meeting of the Mountain Plains District was held on March 30-31 at the Airport Marina Hotel here, hosted by the New Mexico Chapter.

The banquet which highlighted the weekend had Karl

Nobuyuki, executive director, as keynote speaker. Cathy Hironaka, National Youth Coordinating Council chairperson, also made a presentation. Ken Yonemoto was emcee. New

district officers elected at the meeting were installed by John Salvo, Secretary for Commerce and Industry, New Mexico. They are: Mits Kawamoto, Omaha, dis-

trict governor; Tak Mayeda, Mile-Hi, vice gov.-Colo.; Emi Nakadoi, Omaha, vice gov.-Neb.; Ron Shibata, New Mexico, vice gov.-N.M.; Hiro Sakahara, Houston, vice gov.-Texas; Sam Koshio, Ft. Lupton, treas.; and Harue Saiki, Arkansas Valley, sec.

At a redress workshop, participants were Minoru Yasui and Charlie Matsubara. There was also a "Future of JACL" workshop, at which Nobuyuki, Hironaka and John Yonemoto participated. Ron Shibata was coordinator of the conference.



Scene from the Friday evening "Welcome to New Mexico" mixer.

The seven chapter scholarship winners for 1979 were announced by Miki Himeno, scholarship chairperson, as follows:

Theresa Marie Yamate, Alhambra High; Nancy K. Ibuki, Garfield High; Nancy M. Kane-mori, Mark Keppel High; Mark Nishiyama, Montebello High; Kathy M. Naruko, Roosevelt High; Paul F. Imai, Schurr High; and Ethel Kameyama, Wilson High.

### chapter pulse

#### fremont

Fremont JACL's graduation dinner at Rendezvous Restaurant May 27 was memorable in that two of the 12 high school graduates being honored finished with a 4.0 grade point average: Glenn Kishiyama, valedictorian at Irvington High; and Susan Kimura, co-valedictorian at Mission San Jose High.

Kishiyama will attend General Motors Institute, Flint, Mich., on a full scholarship to major in electrical engineering. Kimura plans to major in genetics at UC Davis.

Rod McDonald of Ohlone College, who is deaf and blind, was guest speaker, talking on

how he overcame his handicaps and living life to his fullest. Ron Nakayama, chapter president, concluded the meeting with remarks and commended the parents on their great achievements.

### chapter pulse

#### hoosier

Hoosier JACL's annual picnic will be held on Saturday, July 14, 11 a.m., at Province Park, Franklin. A large shelter house has been reserved should weather become inclement, picnic chairman Bill Alexander noted. Soft drinks and green tea will be provided, but families were expected to bring enough food for themselves plus two.

A bus has been chartered for the Ginza Holiday in Chicago on Saturday, Aug. 18. Reservations by Aug. 10 should be made with Michiko Selby (635-1479). Roundtrip fare will be \$15.20.

### chapter pulse

#### marin county

Marin County JACLer Hank Yamagata was recognized as the "member of the month" by the chapter newsletter for June. He helped youngsters for the JACL Olympics and is responsible for the annual sports night program, held recently at Terra Linda High School gym with a program of basketball, volleyball and badminton.

Yamagata hails from Wilmington, Ca., finished Modoc High and attended Humboldt State on a partial athletic scholarship. He taught at Humboldt State for eight years and phys-ed at Terra Linda High the past 13 years. He is married and has four children.

The May spotlight turned on Fayette Taylor of Greenbrae, a charter Marin County JACLer, who is deputy IRS regional counsel for 11 western states. An Oregonian who served in the South Pacific during WW2, he finished law school at the Univ. of Wisconsin, joined the IRS in 1953. A maritime and Civil War history buff, he believes JACL membership nurtures his in-



Ruth Hashimoto, official greeter for the City of Albuquerque and charter New Mexico JACLer, presents Red Carpet welcome to Albuquerque to Mountain Plains Gov. Mits Kawamoto, Omaha.

terest in cultural and political life of the Japanese American community. He is married and has three children.

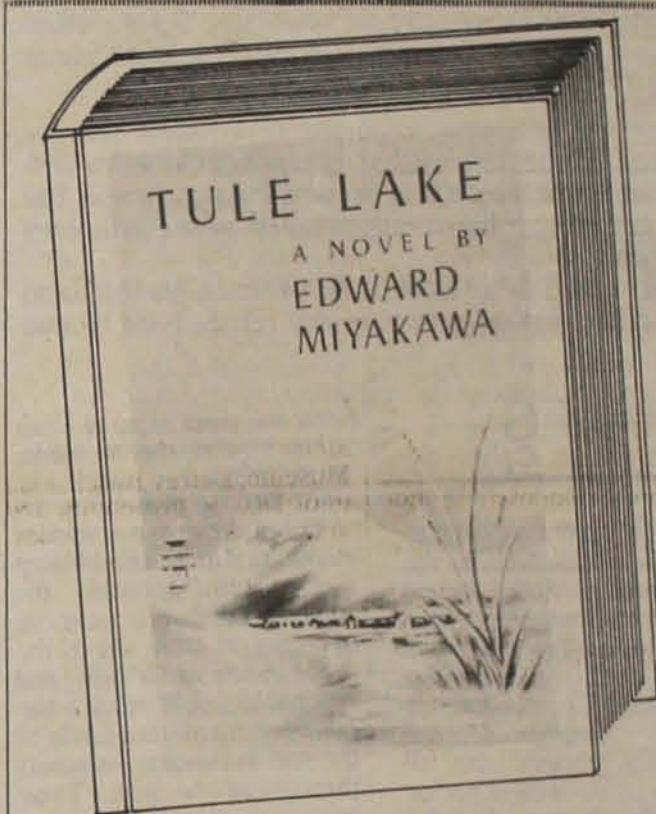
The spotlight began in the May issue to reveal the rich talent and varying interests of members as well as to further the sense of chapter community by knowing each other a little bit more.

### chapter pulse

#### seattle

Seattle JACL announced the names of four scholarship winners. They are:

Minoru Tamesa Award—Susan Namatame, Renton High; Sharon Miyake, Franklin High; Jill Hashimoto, Cleveland. Rev. Emery Andrews Award—Teresa Imanishi, Nathan Hale High.



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- Were they truly disloyal to America?
- Of the ten relocation centers, why did Tule Lake become the most violent?
- Why did Tule Lake have a stockade?
- Why did thousands of young Japanese Americans renounce their American citizenship?
- What was the Denationalization Bill passed in Congress? Was it constitutional?

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## calendar

- **JULY 7 (Saturday)**  
NC-WNDYC—Volleyball tournament, Contra Costa hosts.  
\*San Francisco—MIS reunion, Miyako Hotel, 6:30pm; Joseph Harrington, spkr.
- **JULY 8 (Sunday)**  
East Los Angeles—Benefit steak bake, Legg Lake, South El Monte, 11am-2pm.
- **JULY 10 (Tuesday)**  
\*Fresno—Benefit movies, Betsuin Annex.
- **JULY 11 (Wednesday)**  
Washington, D.C.—Bd mtg, Redden res.
- **JULY 13 (Friday)**  
Oakland—Bd mtg, Sumitomo Bank, 7:30pm.
- **JULY 14 (Saturday)**  
Riverside—Sendai Festival (2da), Riverside Mall.
- **JULY 15 (Sunday)**  
Contra Costa—Summer benefit dance.
- **JULY 16 (Monday)**  
French Camp—JACL bazaar, Community Hall, 4pm.
- **JULY 17 (Tuesday)**  
\*San Jose—Obon Festival, Buddhist Church.
- **JULY 18 (Wednesday)**  
Hoosier—Picnic, Province Park, 11am.
- **JULY 19 (Thursday)**  
Reno—Potluck picnic, Bowers Mansion, 11am.
- **JULY 20 (Friday)**  
\*Cleveland—Bon Odori, Buddhist Church.
- **JULY 21 (Saturday)**  
\*Seabrook—Obon (2da), Buddhist Church.

- **JULY 19 (Thursday)**  
Twin Cities—Midwest-East DYC conference, Twin Cities JAYS host (4da), Bethel College, St Paul.
- **JULY 20 (Friday)**  
\*Monterey—SFCJAS Asilomar III (3da).
- **JULY 21 (Saturday)**  
\*Los Angeles—SCYPCC luau, Seicho-no-Ie, Gardena.
- **JULY 22 (Sunday)**  
\*San Francisco—Nihonmachi Streetfair (2da).
- **JULY 23 (Monday)**  
NC-WNDC—Invit swim meet, Gunn High, Palo Alto.
- **JULY 24 (Tuesday)**  
\*Los Angeles—Poston IHS reunion, New Otani Hotel.
- **JULY 25 (Wednesday)**  
Contra Costa—Picnic.
- **JULY 26 (Thursday)**  
Seattle—1000 Club golf tourn, Jackson Park.
- **JULY 27 (Friday)**  
Santa Barbara—Barbecue, Tucker's Grove.
- **JULY 28 (Saturday)**  
Philadelphia—Picnic, George Nakashima's, New Hope, 2pm.
- **JULY 29 (Sunday)**  
Cleveland—Buddhist Church picnic.
- **AUG. 5 (Sunday)**  
Watsonville—Picnic, Sta Cruz Cty Fairgrounds.
- **AUG. 12 (Sunday)**  
NC-WNDC—3rd Qtrly, Cortez JACL hosts.
- **AUG. 19 (Sunday)**  
Contra Costa—Picnic, Turtle Rock Ranch, Walnut Creek, 10am-7pm.

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A Hiroshi Kashiwagi play, Bob Nakamura-Visual Communications' new film "Hito Hata: Raise the Banner", and songs by Philip Gotanda are conference highlights. For registration, call: Yuki Kawaguchi, registrar, 626-6th Ave., San Francisco 94118, (415) 751-8783; Joyce Yamamoto (415) 387-4271, or Nancy Araki (415) 589-7173.

## cultural events

"The Japanese", award-winning three-part series by Hawaii Public Television, airs July 1, 8 and 15 (three consecutive Sundays) at 7 p.m. on KCET in Los Angeles. Check local listings for other PBS stations.

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## sports

Winners in the Sumitomo Bank's fifth annual doubles tennis tournament in San Jose June 17 were announced by meet director Pete Nakahara as follows:

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tanabe-Allison Low; B—Tracy Takami-Karen Ishimaru. MIXED DOUBLES: C—Haruki Takamoto-Patricia Takamoto.

## COURT

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had a packed suitcase in the car.

Defense attorneys Dennis Riordan and James Larson argued the judge had power to set a year prison sentence and place the defendant on probation. But prosecutor Gerry Horner argued that the judge had no such power: "What we have here is possession of dangerous items

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One such event was the Japanese festival. All I understood in the beginning was that the people had an uproariously good time.

Sake flowed copiously. The tables were laden with good food—everything from char-

coal-broiled seabream seasoned with salt to pickled fish wrapped in kelp. Songs were chanted and bellowed. The people formed long dancing lines. The *O-mikoshi* bobbed and wove its way down the major thoroughfare on the shoulders of shouting young men dressed in tight white shorts. Visits were exchanged all around the town. More sake flowed, and more songs were sung.

One of the festivals I remember was called *Tanabata* or *Hoshi Matsuri* (Weaving Loom or Star Festival). It had a charm all its own. I did not understand the meaning behind the festival at the time. These early experiences were tinged with strangeness because of the language problem. But I remember enjoying the festi-

vities and the food.

The children tied strips of paper inscribed with poems and strands of brightly colored thread to the bamboo branches. In the cool of the summer evening, we would dress in our *yukata*. Armed with round bamboo fans (*uchiwa*), we would go to the river and set the bamboo branches adrift.

*Tanabata* usually occurs on the seventh day of July. The streets of the shopping districts are filled with bright paper pompoms and streamers and the people, especially the young, make merry and feast.

It all started in China during the Tang Dynasty (618-906). In the original fairy tale, the beautiful Princess Weaver

star and the handsome Herdsman star fell in love and neglected their duties of sewing the celestial king's robes and tending to the cows. The angry king set them apart on either side of the Milky Way, although the Princess Weaver was his daughter.

He gave them permission to meet only one night a year, but the Princess Weaver and the Herdsman despaired of ever seeing each other again because they could not get across the river of stars. One day a magpie spied the Princess Weaver crying because she could think of no way to meet her lover. On the appointed night, the magpie and its friends gathered at the Milky Way and formed a bridge with their outspread wings for the lovers to cross, and thus they were able to meet on the same night each year by the help of the magpies.

The story found its way into Japan, and the *Tanabata Matsuri* was celebrated during Empress Koken's reign in the Nara period (710-784). Emperors and their families composed poems for the occasion.

Later the people of Tokyo celebrated the event during the Tokugawa period (1600-1868) when it became the custom to hang strips of paper and threads of different colors on bamboo branches. The people would pray to the Herdsman for bumper rice crops and to the Princess Weaver for better skills in calligraphy, weaving, sewing, and in all kinds of arts, from music to composing

poems, and then set the bamboo branches, decorated like Christmas trees, adrift in the nearby river.

Such were the poetic origins of the *Tanabata*, just one of many festivals that occur throughout Japan. The matsu-

ri go to the very roots of Japanese folklore and history. A trip to Japan during the summer months would not be complete without viewing or even participating in the celebration of the celestial couple coming together.

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### press-radio-tv

"We Teach Our Children", a 45-minute documentary on the Los Angeles busing experience produced by USC cinema-TV students, was scheduled to air on KABC-TV (7), June 23. **Holly Yasui** of Denver was co-production manager. ... Hollywood trade paper, *Daily Variety*, reported a campaign is underway to have the Smithsonian Institution give permanent recognition to the late **Jack Soo** of the *Barney Miller* cast by accepting props associated with the Nisei detective: coffee pot, cups and chopsticks.

**Gordon Morioka**, son of the Fred Morioka, Cincinnati JACLers, joined the photographic staff of the Cincinnati Enquirer in March. He had been with the Dayton Journal *Herald*.

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### religion

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## Pacific Sq. marks Tanabata

Gardena, Ca.

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odist Church has been appointed Fresno district superintendent effective July 1. It consists of 54 churches with about 14,000 members. ... The Asian Presbyterian Council nominated and the United Presbyterian Church named the Rev. **Yusuke Hidaka**, pastor of the Christ Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, to the task force on Biblical authority and interpretation for the 2.7-million church. Twelve scholars were named to the group which held its first meeting in Atlanta in January.

Home residents and the Japan Club of Gardena High School.

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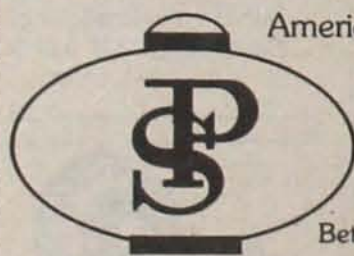
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