LULAC considers bus key issue for U.S. Hispanics

Houston, Tex.
Roben Bondala, Jr., a Corpus Christi lawyer, unseated Eduardo Pena, a Washington, D.C. attorney, in the Senate 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 indicator that the blacks for they are growing rapidly enough to become the largest U.S. minority group. By the late 1980s LULAC is regarded as the most conservative among Hispanic rights groups but it is now moving to changing.

This year's convention (June 12-16) was unlike any other in league history, three-fourths of the delegates were women.

Republican Party state and local leaders were well represented, while Democratic leaders, notably 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 delegate presentation official and presented what was essential in a new-era, a new, a new-ideas program, which ended in 1984.

JACL halls ruling on webcase

Washington

The Supreme Court has dismissed the reverse discrimination suit of Brian Weber, a Louisiana white worker, against Kaiser Aluminum Chemical Corp., and held to 2 that private employers and employees may adopt 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 Dejut 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 employers to take affirmative action in their hiring practices with systematic past discrimination in the workplace.

Henry-Chivo Kuwahara Estate wills $267,000 to scholarships

San Francisco

Beginning next year, National JACL will disburse $5,000 scholarships to college-age Nikkei, money to come from a new "Henry and Chivo Kuwahara Scholarship Fund." The fund is a trust created by Chivo Kuwahara's last will and testament, which the National Japanese American Citizens League was named the residuary beneficiary. 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," an

knowned Dr. Clifford Uyeda, national president. The gift will continue the Issei legacy of em-

Kuwahara, who resided in Los Angeles, died in Jan-

uary, 1978, at age 76. Her husband, Henry, was 80 years old when he died in October, 1977. In her will, Mrs. Kuwahara instructed that the residuary of her estate (adjusting for discounted $267,280.29) be held in Lord Abbott Debenture Fund, Inc., shares that JACL convert ten percent of that into cash yearly to be used by the JACL Scholarship committee in several dispositions of $5,000 to "worthy candidates" at the college level. Any money less than $5,000 remaining will be held by JACL to be added to the fol-

The Los Angeles County su-

The late Henry Kuwahara, who worked at the Los Ange-

ers wholesale produce market most of his life, retired in the late 1950's. He was one of the market's salesmen for Wako Securities in Little Tokyo. He and his wife were both Issei, coming from Niigata Prefecture. They were at Poston during the war.

Of the legacy to foster edu-

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minority employment. But Associate Justice Rehnquist and Chief Justice Burger, in a stinging dissent, charged the majority opinion betrayed the spirit of equality for blacks and whites. "There is no device more destructive to the notion of equality than the quota which creates caste," Rehnquist said, saying that it is a "two-edged sword that must be handled one in order to preferable the other." Associate Justice Brennan, writing the majority decision declared: "It would be ironic indeed if writers approved by the majority concern over centuries of racial prejudice and its effect on the traditional patterns of racial degeneration and hierarchy."

July's 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 representatives on whether to ratify the National Board position endorsing the Justice Department's recommendation that a congres-

ional 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. (Continued on Page 5)

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 Bow-

head whale.

Conservatives continue to hear that the Eskimo Whal-

ing Issue may again form a stumbling block, which will keep the United States from exercising full leadership on whaling's many other important obstructions could be particu-

larly crucial if a moratorium came in.

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 U.S. position is compromised by the lack of cooperation from Eskimos this year. Although the Eskimo Whaling Commission has set its own quota of 45 Bowheads, it appears that the U.S. cannot control the whal-

ing efforts of its own citizens, the U.S. may face an almost impossible task of persuading other nations to reduce their whaling efforts to the necessary lowering quotas. The Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission has said it will not accept the present quota.

In a whaling policy survey conducted by the Whale Pro-

tection Fund, a representa-

tive of the American Eskimo Conservation Society, overwhelmingly indicates that the U.S. should push for the strongest anti-whaling possible in the upcoming IWC session.

The U.S. is pushing for ex-

pled IWC membership by re-electing many whaling conservationists, to join the IWC in order to offset recent memberships by Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Korea, who are pro-whaling countries, number of pro-whaling na-

tions with the backing of the IWC. The U.S. can block any conservation proposals in the sessions where the U.S. holds the majority vote is needed to pass all proposals.

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

nowledged to foster edu-

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Tatsuno named All-American, may sign with San Die-

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Univ. of Hawaii left-hander Derek Shizawa Tatsuno, 21, was picked to the 1979 All-

American Division I 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 base-

ball future was expected to be announced this week as he concludes a stint with the an-

annual U.S.-Japan college base-

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9066 and interment and whose number decline every year would be entitled to draw benefits first at the rate of $1,500 per capita and paid $15 per day for being incarcerated in the camps during WW II.

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

poses. 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 tax-
payer. Any disbursement of such funds requires government appropriation.

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Washington

"Toward an Understanding of Bakke," a 186-page book by the Civil Rights Commission, is available, contains complete text of decision on Bakke case, EEOC's voluntary affirmative action guidelines and President Carter's memorandum on affirmative action. For a single free copy, write:


Bakke case decision left HEW's civil rights and affirmative action programs for minorities "almost entirely unaffected," HEW Secretary Robert E.atto says. Comment is based on department's study which showed its programs were based on findings of past discriminations and were aimed at including anyone because of race, sex or age.

Sen. Hayakawa's for restitution in this case: "The United States is responsible under international law and unrelenting in its demands that the Nicaragua government thoroughly investigate this issue of the cold-blooded murder. Nicaragua should also provide some form of restitution to Bill Stewart's family," the senator said concerning the recent murder of the ABC news correspondent.

Deaths

Minoru Harada, 75, founder of Oriental Mercantile Co., in New York City, died of heart attack at his apartment on June 4. It is reported he died of a heart attack and was found dead in his apartment on June 1. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Hiroko, Toshio Joe, and Grace Nadeau (Monterey, Ca.), 5 sons.

Christian S. Nakama, 56, executive director of the Honolulu Civil Rights Commission, died in a car crash on the Pali Highway on June 13. He was well known for his community health programs and was a delegate to the 1971 White House Conference on Aging.

Joe Kato, 38, retired professor of Japanese at Univ. of Colorado, died June 11 in Los Angeles. He had been a member of the faculty for 26 years. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Yoko, 2 sons, and 2 daughters.

Masahiro Seki, 53, Japanese ambassador-designate to the United Nations, was killed in a plane crash in Hawaii on June 12. He was on his way to the 1978 Civil Service Reform Act meeting in Washington. The plane crashed and burned on takeoff from Honolulu International Airport.

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Weber Case

WASHINGTON WRAP-UP: Ron Kojiri

The Washington State Court of Appeals, in a June 27 decision, upheld a race discrimination suit brought by several members of the 442nd Combat Team against the University of California. The court ruled that the University of California had refused to reserve positions for minority students, in violation of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The court found that the University had engaged in a pattern of discrimination, and that the plaintiffs had been denied equal protection under the law. The court ordered the University to take steps to remedy the discrimination, including affirmative action programs and the establishment of a trust fund to compensate the plaintiffs.

The decision was seen as a significant victory for civil rights activists and a blow to the University of California, which has long been criticized for its failure to address racial discrimination.

A Point of View: Redress

This is a point of view on the issue of Redress. The suggestion that payment of money for the gross violations of my rights as an American and the ignorance of my sorrow and origin is 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 believeingly 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 absurdly try to substitute the value of sincerity, seek individual reimbursement for $25,000, per any or some sum for those who have lost and risen above this blight and found a new niche in America. For those who have been redressing, whatever the method, more power to them.

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 moral of this country is founded upon acknowledging wrongdoing by some meaningful monetary means. Even if such may not deter—indeed, would not deter—the likes of the cabal that was a means to an end, it was a means to an end.

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Tragedy of Vietnam's 'Boat People'

Denver, Colo.

The minority had been resettled for a long time. They now, differences, 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 force them to leave their homes by surveil-

lance, 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 coun-

try. When they refused, the Japanese slaughtered them.

Following the brief but bitter Chinese-Vietnamese war of a few months earlier, thecontres became bitter. The ethnic Chinese minority. The Chinese in Vietnam, perhaps a million out of a total population of 50 million, is system-

atically being forced to choose between imprisonment and death on one hand and slaughter by other ethnic minorities with scarcely more than the clothes on their backs and a remote possibility of escaping and surviving to make a better life after.

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 is belief that one is a member of a minority, as in Hitler's Germany or in the American Evacua-

tion of 1942, what counts is one's ancestry.

There are, of course, important differences between how the United States treated its Japanese American mi-

nority 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, Indonesia, and Hong Kong, faced with their own

diversity 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 which 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, friends and ally of Vietnam, could persuade its Southeast Asian clients to desist, but hasn't tried.

There is also an unseemly silence on the part of another group which, one would think, would be the first to pro-

tect the rights of members 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 suffer-

ing, 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 pro-

viding the boat people with money and hospitality. But none of this has happened.

Have the Japanese Americans become so self cen-

tered, so completely mired in petty, that they cannot see beyond their own selfish preferences? If the Japanese American voice has been raised in support and sympathy for people who are suffering from a far worse injustice than their own, it hasn't been heard.

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35 years ago

JULY 1, 1944

June 11—Movie critic Jimmy Stewart introduced Hollywood film intended to inflame hatred against Nisei. In open letter to Will Hays (movie codebreaker) read over Blue Net-

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Mountain Plains district re-elects Kawamoto

Albuquerque, N.M.

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

The banquet which highlighted the weekend had Karl Nobuyuki, executive director, as keynote speaker. Kathy Hironaka, National Youth Coordinator chairperson, also made a presentation. Ken Yonemoto was emcee. Ken Yonemoto is district governor; Tak Mayeda, Milu, vice governor, Colo.; Ron Nakado, Omaha, vice governor, Neb.; Ron Shibata, New Mexico, vice governor, N.M.; Hiro Sakahara, Houston, vice governor, Texas; Suy, Keisho, Ft. Lupton, treas.; and Haruho, Arkanasas Valley.

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

Nobuyuki, 16th to chair, 1978-79, was re-elected 20th to chair.
conferences

American Kitchen Conference III at Monterey Peninsula will be held July 20-22. Presented by the Junior League of Monterey for Japanese Tracking, the major theme is the Nikko experience of Familylessness/Maleness to be discussed at mini-talks, seminars and film. Among the speakers will be Dr. Aiko Oda, Watanuki Yamanaka, Dr. Clifford Uyeda, Nikki Bridges, Dr. Aiko Oda, Richard and Eiko Yamakawa. Topics which conferences may choose at the small interest sessions include: male/female interaction, mid-life changes in perspective, social impact of out-marriages and future of the Nikko subculture, psychological/social issues of bi-racial children. A Hiroshi Kashiiwagi play, Bob Nakamura-Visual Communication, new film's "Hito Hata: Raise the Banner", and songs by Philip Obata are conference highlights. For registration call: Yuki, Fukuoka, registrar, 626-66 Ave., San Francisco 94134, (415) 360-7552, or Yamamoto (415) 387-4271, or Nancy Ani (415) 389-7135.

Cultural events

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

Yakumo Japanese Ceramics" is at the Morikami Museum, Delray Beach, Fla., until Dec. 9, presenting 130 years of Japanese ceramics, including ikebana, ikebana, pots, raku kilnware.

fund-raising

A thousand T-shirts with the "Yankee Samurai" symbol designed by Seattle artist Frank Fujii are being sold at $6 each to raise funds to pay for a wall of more than 500 to attend the Camp Mi- nikko plaque dedication on Aug. 15. Orders are sent to August JACL, 316 May river Avenue South, Seattle 98104.

sports

Winners in the Sumitomo Bank's fifth annual doubles tennis tournament October 6-11 were announced by court director Pete Nakihara as follows:


As has a packed suitcase in the car.

Defense attorneys Dennis Rieken and James Larson argued the judge had to set a year progress sentence and place the defendant on probation. But prosecutor Gary Hara argued and contended that the judge had no such power: "What we have here is pos- session of dangerous items that the state legislature de- termined were so dangerous, it removed the trial court's power to do so without delegation."

Rieken said that the "reason she was prosecuted with such vigor was because of her association with Patricia Hearst" and that "since that testimony was laid to rest, it's referring to President Carter's commutation of Miss Hearst's sentence last February," Wendy should be given the same opportunity to re- turn to her life, which had already been given Miss Hearst."
The Celestial Couple

I went to Japan after the war straight from the camp. I was still a boy. Needless to say, Japan was nothing like the Taishō period. The language barrier was almost insurmountable. While overcoming it, I lived a life as if unfolded in a small town in Shizuoka. It was during that time that many events that endeared Japan to me forever.

One such event was the Japanese festival. All I understood in the beginning was that the people had an uproarious good time. Sake flowed copiously. The tables were laden with good food—everything from char-grilled beefsteak seasoned with salt to pickled fish wrapped in help. Songs were chanted and bellored. The people formed long dancing lines. The Onashiki bobbed and wove its way down the major thoroughfare on the shoulders of young men dressed in white tight shorts. Visits were exchanged all around the town. More sake flowed, and more songs were sung.

One of the festivals I remember was Tanabata or Hoshi Matsuri (Weaving 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 sadness because of the language problem. But I remember enjoying the festivities and the food.

The children tied strips of paper inscribed with poems and strands of brightly colored threads onto the bamboo branches. In the cool of the summer evening, I would dress in a yukata, armed with round bamboo fans (uchiwa), 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 pompons 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 placed them on either side of the Milky Way, although the Princess Weaver visited him during the festival.

He gave them permission to meet only one night a year, but they could not get across the river of stars. One day a magpie spied the Princess Weaver crying because she could not think of a 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 compiled poems for the occasion. Later the people of Tokyo celebrated the event during the Tokugawa period (1600-1868) when it became the custom to weave colored threads on different colors of bamboo branches. The people made their own small Compiled poems for the occasion. Later the people of Tokyo celebrated the event during the Tokugawa period (1600-1868) when it became the custom to weave colored threads on different colors of bamboo branches. The people made their own small poems, and then set the bamboo branches adrift.

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Gardena, Ca

Pacific Square shopping center is celebrating Tanabata Matsuri this week. The 40-shop mall is decorated with garlands of paper and straw. The festival is said to have originated in China and was introduced to Japan in the Heian period. The festival is observed on the seventh day of the seventh month of the lunar calendar, which falls on July 7 this year.

On July 7, the final day when Japanese myth says that the two lovers come together, the haniwa, or straw effigy, will be burned to separate them until the next year. The festival is believed to symbolize the meeting of the two lovers when the universe is in harmony.

The festival begins at 6 p.m. with a performance by the Gardena High School band. The festival continues with a fireworks display and a dance performance by the Gardena High School dance team. The festival concludes with a midnight fireworks display.

The festival is open to the public and is free of charge. Visitors are encouraged to come and enjoy the festivities and learn about Japanese culture.

For more information or to get involved, please contact the Gardena High School band at 310-533-2860 or the Gardena High School dance team at 310-533-2860.