Viet refugees in Japan unhappy, few want to stay

Tokyo

Vietnamese refugees temporarily staying in Japan are unhappy over the hard-hearted policy of the Ohira government and want "more soup, rather than larger dishes." While welcoming the June 25 decision to double the number of Indochinese refugees to be admitted to 1,000, the refugees also recognize it would be insufficient and difficult.

The Daily Yomiuri learned very few Vietnamese now staying in Japan want to settle. Huruy Luong Thien, 29, an official with Home of Mediation.

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State-Fullerton, comia at in mathematics from Fordham University, New York City, said, "It's a difficult time to find work and I'm very anxious."

Other scholars. She said, "If we could do nothing but help people, I'd be happy." With a verdict of "not guilty" under government aid, the Japanese American Community Union (JACU) was receiving refugees at that time.

Three months are not enough, said Tadeas,t one of the few Vietnamese refugees who has固体 in Japan, "I don't speak Japanese and I can't find work."

Against these figures, Japan has admitted some 2,100 Vietnamese refugees, said the U.N. commissioner's office

Last April, the Japanese government said it would accept over 800 Vietnamese refugees, but only 1,500 have already been resettled in Japan.

A Vietnamese student who was stranded by the fall of the South Vietnamese government another year.

Japanese and Vietnamese families were permitted by the government to live in Japan permanently.

The government has extended the stay of 116 Vietnamese students who were stranded by the fall of the South Vietnamese government another year.

As a result, second only to the U.S. as a financial sponsor of the U.N. refugee relief program, having contributed about $10 million.

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Mary Chan Seid, AAPI public affairs/media chairperson, emphasized one particular tactic and intelligence gatheringers can be of any race or nationality, not necessarily Chinese.

AAIC affirmative action chairperson George Ayala, who hoped the memo would not be interpreted by managers as policy to remove or not assign Asian Americans from so-called "sensitive" positions.

Koe Nishimoto heads Oregon state FBI

Special to The Pacific Citizen

Oregon, Portland.

Koe Nishimoto, an MIS veteran and Hood River Valley Bank chairman, took over as Oregon state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at its national convention here last June 29.

He was a VFW member, his rise in VFW circles began in 1973 when he commanded the Portland Post 61479, then becoming District 11 commander, national Aides Committee, and as VFW member, he was named Adjutant for Oregon in 1976, a junior vice commander and finally senior vice commander last year.

Oregon VFW programs, which interests him most, include youth, community, scholarships, veteran hospitals in the Portland area as well as being very aware and sensitive to the veterans of the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Otischi Nishimoto of Hood River, he and the family interned in Tule Lake and Heart Mountain. He was drafted in 1945. By the time he finished MIS School at Ft. Snelling, the war was over. He was assigned to Eighty Army HQ engineers in Yokohama as an interpreter.

Married to the former Lilly Morikina, Belleview, Wash., they have two daughters and a son, all of whom are now college graduates. His father is still active at age 91. As a longtime Mid-Columbia JACLer, he served two terms as chapter president, and is active with the Lions and Diamond Fruit Growers Assn.
Denver, Colo.

A summer research project sponsored by the Denver Community Health Council is underway.

Four highly skilled volunteers are working at the Denver Heart Association to develop a health risk factors database.

Denver Post Managing Editor Paul Doobes, second-year student at the University of Colorado Medical Center, is responsible for the project, which is being coordinated by Dr. John Grant, assistant professor of health administration at the University of Colorado School of Public Health.

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Volunteerism cited as aid to personal satisfaction

By ELLEN NAKAMURA
Bridgeton, N.J.

Nearly 200 members and friends attended the Sea­brook JACL installation and graduates recognition dinner held at Centerton Golf Club on June 16.

Succeeding Terry O'Neill as chapter president, Peggy Fukawa was inducted to head the group. Installation of officers was conducted by Eastern District Governor Seiko Wakahayashi of Wash­ington, D.C., who had chaired the district meeting earlier in the day.

In her keynote address to the graduates, National JACL Vice President Lily A. Okura cited examples of discrimination and prejudice still faced by the Japanese American community today. The speaker was introduced by Sunkie Oye. Mrs. Okura noted that be­

ing the “quiet American” does not help the Nisei and the Sansei to further their goals, that the Japanese American must be more assertive and patient of his work. Otherwise he will not command high­ersalary in the future.

The speaker maintained all the reason to a fulfilling, happy life was to give self­lessly for the welfare of others, through dedication and volunteer efforts. Altruism is the key.

“It’s wonderful if you can obtain a high-level, well-pay­ing job. But the most important thing in life is happiness. Often that happiness can be found in helping others and your personal satisfaction knowing that you have assist­ed others,” Mrs. Okura concluded.

Three Silver Pins

Three members who have served in various capacities, with the outstanding record of contribution in time and talent to the welfare of the community, were award­ed the covered JACL Silver Pins. Charles T. Nagao made the presentations to: John Omi, Bill Tagawa and Taro Yamasaki.

Jayne Mukoyama recognized the graduates of ele­men­tary, high school and coll­

Buffalo teacher training offered

Washington

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Applicants must either be a native speaker or functional speaker of English and a functional speaker of Japa­nese, Chinese, or Korean.

In the next two year program, the trainees work toward a degree in bilingual educa­tion, fulfill academic require­ments for teachers certification and take bilingual and multilingual courses. The grant provides for payment of tuition and some fees.

Anyone interested should submit curriculum vitae to: Dr. John Young, Director; Chi­nese, Japanese, Korean Bili­ngual Education Teacher Train­ing Program, Seton Hall Uni­versity, South Orange, New Jer­sey 07079; (201) 762-9000 ext. 372.

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**Justice**

Wendy Yoshimura has been sentenced to one to fifteen years in prison for renting a garage in which her mother lived and which contained illegal weapons and explosives. According to the judge, Wendy’s later association with Patricia Hearst and her alleged association with the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) was played a major role in her conviction although these associations came long after the garage incident for which she was indicted.

The defense claimed it was outrageous to be convicted on the basis of guilt by association, that our legal principle only permits trial for specific charges against an individual and not for alleged crimes of other people a person may know.

Both the California Court of Appeal in April 1979 and the California State Supreme Court in June 1979 refused to hear her appeal. District Attorney Philip United according to her appeal for a temporary delay in imprisonment. Judge Pulpich cited the recent California Supreme Court’s Tanner decision and stated that she had no power to grant probation and that imprisonment is mandatory despite Miss Yoshimura’s “exemplary conduct” since being free on bail for two years.

The Tanner decision upheld the “use a gun, go to jail” law. Miss Yoshimura at no time used a weapon in the commission of any crime. She was charged with possession of illegal weapons and explosives because the garage she rented held these materials.

Patricia Hearst, in spite of her deep involvement in the SLA criminal activities with the use of weapons, is completely exonerated. The presence of illegal weapons in a garage rented by Miss Yoshimura are free on probation; two of the three did not serve any time, and the third involved an arrest of the same date. Miss Yoshimura, began her prison term on July 17, 1979.

The Wendy Yoshimura Fair Trial Committee, chaired by the Reverend Loyd Wake of San Francisco, met with the attorney general to appeal her powers and her elementary secretary on July 11, 1979.

Is there fair judicial procedure for all citizens alike? Why was she punished under the “guilt by association” law for the actions of others, whereas this law is often applied to other groups not designated as “American”?

**Thoughts on Tofu**

Editor:

In the July 17 Family Circle Magazine article, “Tofu: Hope for making tofus, which can be made with soy bean and onion salves. Byproducts of soy bean are used as base for soups, stew, and gravies. For those who live in areas where tofu is unavailable, I feel this is a very important information worth publishing.

Different chapters putting out editions put out an edition for a recipe for making tofu as well as many more people who supply tofu which include tofu.

**Short Notes**

Editor:

I’ve heard from many people about our friends who are truly 6-PCU (June 29 Pic Ura) … It is possible that the Bill the Mary’s Guild of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church.

YURUKO ONODA

Chicago, Ill.

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**A variety of views of Redress**

Editor:

I was heartened to see, at long last, an opinion expressed by another member of the National Committee for Redress (NCR). However, I do take strong exception to Bill Marutani’s “A Point of View: Redress” (July 5 PDC).

First, there is the question of human rights. The American Convention on Human Rights was adopted by the OAS in 1969 and signed for the U.S. in 1977, and submitted by President Carter to the Senate in 1978. It contains statements on civil and political rights. Article 10 is called “Right to Compensation.” It states: “Every victim of a summary or arbitrary detention shall be compensated in accordance with the law in the event he has been sentenced by a final judgment through a miscarriage of justice.”

This right is supported by law, and therefore this law would effectively deny American citizens this fundamental civil right.

Finance Secretary of the JACL said that $25,000 is a “paltry sum” and is “insufficient to compensate” with relatives in U.S. relocation centers.

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Chapter Vote on Redress

Denver, Colo.

There's a saying that statistics can be made to prove just about any kind of case. It came to mind after reading in the July 20 Pacific Citizen that JACL chapters by a five-to-one margin had approved the so-called commission approach for trying to persuade the United States government to "redress" the wrongs committed in the evacuation of Japanese Americans 37 years ago.

The Pacific Citizen story said: "Redress Committee President Dr. John Tateishi said the 5 to 1 margin indicated 'substantial support' and that time has come for the national organization to unite in the campaign." This column is being written neither in support of nor in opposition to JACL's plan, in whatever form. It is merely an exercise in numbers in which may or may not be valid, you'll have to draw your own conclusions.

As Pacific Citizen pointed out, there are 107 chapters in the national organization. Seventy of them had cast their ballots by the deadline. To summarize the outcome, 57 chapters voted for the commission approach, 10 voted against, 3 abstained, and 1 (Pacific Citizen erroneously reported 38) failed to cast ballots.

Thus, in a head-to-head count of yeas and nays, there were 57 for and 10 against, which would make it a margin of 5.7 to 1. So Pacific Citizen, in calling it a 5-to-1 majority vote, was being conservative.

So fun, let's look at the figures another way. In addition to the 10 chapters which voted against the proposal, there were 3 abstainers and 37 which either opposed or didn't vote. But 37 of those failed to endorse the proposal. So, in terms of those who favored the proposal and those who failed to favor it, the tally was a much closer 57 to 50.

Of course, in any election the outcome is determined only by the ballots cast. If you don't vote, you don't count. In the 1976 presidential election, only 53.3% of registered U.S. voters went to the polls. And since Jimmy Carter received 40,287,263 popular votes out of approximately 158 million eligible voters, he was elected by about 2% of those entitled to vote.

But let's get back to JACL. Pacific Citizen's story did not indicate how many members were represented in the 57 chapters that voted for the proposal. But, even in the absence of official membership figures, there's a way to make a pretty good guess. In the June 22 Pacific Citizen there is a list of chapters with membership as of the end of May.

So you take the 57 chapters that approved the proposal, look up the membership of each, and add up the numbers. The total is a bit over 14,000-14,099 to be exact.

The total JACL membership at the end of May, according to Pacific Citizen, was 26,821, all but 37 of whom were affiliated with the 107 chapters. Take the total 26,821, and subtract 14,099, the number represented by the 57 pro-commission chapters. The difference, if my mathematics are correct, is 12,722 members in chapters that voted against the proposal or didn't vote at all. In raw terms, then, the difference in total membership between the pro-commission chapters, and chapters that either opposed or didn't vote, is only 1,377. Of course, this figure isn't precise since membership is of the end of May, and the voting deadline was in July, but the ratio should be fairly close.

What amounts to in that the 57-to-10 victory for the commission approach, when translated into terms of individual votes, isn't quite as overwhelming a mandate as it appears to be. And whatever one reads into the figures, it would seem only realistic to recognize that fact.

Redress: How Much?

Philadelphia IN A PREVIOUS column we wrote that while we disapproved individual redress payments, we fully supported the concept of redress. We suggested that for what happened to us—to our Issei parents, our fellow Nisei—that $25,000 is an insubstantial paltry sum by way of recompense. If recompense be the goal, then individuals should seek millions—not a potage of $25,000. We expressed our own viewpoint that the redress sum might be applied to the needs of not only the Issei and Nisei but also for all inhabitants of this land—without race, creed, religion or national origin. That that would be a fitting tribute to our Issei parents. And to us.

AND SO FOR how much redress should we be petitioning our Government, and on what basis? On the one hand, again it should not be a token sum: what was imposed upon our Issei parents and us, the manhunt, internment and repatriation of the precious rights embodied in the Bill of Rights to our U.S. Constitution—these deserve something more than token redress. On the other hand, the sum cannot be exorbitant as to be punitive—even though under enlightened standards of justice, a sum might be just. But then, how much?

BACK IN 1942 the property losses suffered by the Issei and Nisei—and we refer only to actual property losses, not to psychological damages or even reasonable expectations of earning which were lost while we all incarcerated behind that in property losses alone, conservatively the loss was at least $400 million. Now, taking an outdated interest rate of 6% per annum, $1 would double every twelve years. Since 1942, some 37 years have passed; therefore, the $1 lost in 1942 would be doubling every twelve years and by 1978 would be $8. That's at 6% per annum, mind you; not 9% or 10% or more, available from banking certificates.

GETTING BACK to the $400 million in actual property losses suffered in 1942 by the Issei and Nisei, and applying the foregoing principle, that $400 million would be worth $3.2 billion. Yes, that's a lot of money. But then what the Issei and Nisei were caused to use was a lot of money, and that's where we started. The sum of $3.2 billion would only restore what was lost in property only.

IT IS TRUE that under the Evacuation Claims Act approximately $38 million was eventually paid out to Issei and Nisei, and the $107 million amount of the $3.2 billion, reducing our property loss claim to $3.162 billion.

THERE WILL BE many out there who will say all this is a pipe dream, that it is ridiculous. And perhaps it is. But it is no more ridiculous than the actual losses which were ignored or underestimated by us, and that was no pipe dream. And again, we remind you: it does not take into account many other damage items well recognized under our Anglo-Saxon system of justice.

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B. Affirmative Action. A presentation by the chairperson of the JACL national employment discrimination committee. Topics include: (1) Employment discrimination as it affects Japanese American, (2) Discrimination in education, and (3) Asian American women and discrimination.

Pocket's containing convention registration and information have been sent to EDC-MDC chapters. Individuals may also contact:

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SEABROOK Graduates—Highlighting the Seabrook JACL installation of 16 was the recognition of four Seabrook JACL Scholarship winners standing with outgoing chapter president Terry O'Neill. From left to right, Kris Katoh, Christopher Otani, and Tracy Hirata. Mrs. Peggy Fukawa was installed as the new president while the keynote address was delivered by Nat'l JACL Vice President Lily J. Okura of Washington, D.C.

Tule Lake Plate Dedication San Francisco

The JACL Tule Lake Plaque Dedication Committee acknowledged 18 more contributions totaling $300 in a July 18 report for a grand total of $16,157.70. Statement of expenses indicated $9,077.71 (71%) for construction, $1,374.00 (10%) for programs; $773.70 (5%) for a second plaque, and $264.65 (2%) for administrative. Total expenses were $13,904.99, leaving a $2,252.51 balance to account for accounts payable and projected cost for sending donor recognition.

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Shigemitsu, M.A., Chemical Engineer, Geo­

This week’s Seabrook Chapter meeting was presided over by President Terry O'Neill, and Secretary/Tabulars Claudette Lam. Secretary/Past President Harry K. Ikuma, Fred Ram, and Treasurer/Treasurer/Clerk Paul Turner.

I joined the JACL.

Dinner—4:30 to 11:00

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Tule Lake plaque dedication filmed

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veterans

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politics/elections

Wayne Horitoh, former Wesley United Methodist Church, is a candidate for the Utah District Council. He is currently active in the Utah District Council and a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, San Jose.

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radio

San Francisco freelance photographer Tak Kuro accompanied the press corps party covering the President's visit of Japan and South Korea. He said he financed the trip himself, planning to spend around $50,000.

Rocky Aoki, the millionaire entrepreneur owner of the Benihana restaurant chain, will be his own show on United Television Broadcasting (Channel 12) in Los Angeles on the last Sunday each month.

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