

Over 110 co-author House version of S 1647 bill



South Bronx, N.Y., as it appeared in this Los Angeles Times photo of summer 1978.

Nippon corporate investment sought to rebuild South Bronx

New York

A Japanese American businessman is promoting the reconstruction program in the South Bronx—an area of rubble and decay that drew national attention when President Carter visited the area in October, 1977.

Raymond Y. Otani, a member of the New York State Senate Task Force on Economic Development for the Bronx, was in Tokyo recently to discuss with Japanese leaders the possibility of inviting corporate investment in one of the most blighted urban areas in America.

"What I envision in the revitalization of the Bronx is an 'economic marriage' between Japan and the U.S. that will be

achieved through Japanese investment of capital, know-how and other business assets in the borough (of the Bronx)," Otani told a Japan Times reporter.

The South Bronx has been described as a "poisonous flower", abandoned as a war-torn area with burned-out buildings, stench and filth. But "if we could revitalize the borough with the help of Japanese corporations, it would not only help American economy but also make for a better understanding between the two countries," Otani said.

"In this sense, revitalizing the Bronx with Japanese participation through corporate investment would certainly help resolve the per-

ception gap now existing between the two nations," Otani said.

New York State is said to be ready to offer some 370 acres in addition to many incentives and business assistance to bring Japanese corporations to the borough, according to Otani, such as "up to 100% financing on a long-term basis, nearly 100% corporate income tax abatement and real estate tax reductions."

The state also is planning to open a vocational school in the Bronx to train workers and to provide incoming companies with a skilled labor force, Otani continued. The state is also interested in having small and medium-size companies to

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'East to America' by Wilson-Hosokawa to be published by Morrow in 1980

Chicago

The long awaited volume promised by JACL, now titled, "East to America: a History of the Japanese in the United States" (Morrow: \$10.95), and co-authored by Dr. Robert A. Wilson, UCLA historian, and Bill Hosokawa, is expected to be published by the 1980 JACL Convention, it was recently announced by Shig Wakamatsu, chairman of the JACL-Japanese American Research Project executive committee.

The publishing contract with William Morrow & Co., New York, has been executed. Morrow has published other well-known books on the Japanese in America:

"Nisei: the Quiet Americans" and "35 Years in the Frying Pan", both by Hosokawa; and "Years of Infamy" by Michi Weglyn.

In his Aug. 31 report to the JACL Executive Committee, Wakamatsu indicated the last 25 cartons of Frank Chuman's book, "The Bamboo

People", have been shipped out of the JACL-JARP warehouse. Approximately 9,200 copies were printed and of this total, JACL distributed 6,700. Wakamatsu said JARP does not intend to request additional printing. [Note: JACL chapters wishing to have PC sell their unsold copies should write the PC, attn: Dale Akutagawa.]

Status of other JARP-supported works:

- Japanese American Community: a Three Generation Study. By Gene Levine and Robert C. Rhodes. Scheduled for publication in 1980 by Praeger Special Studies, \$17.95. "In American sociology, this is the first national multi-generational study of an ethnic group since the classic 1918 study on the Polish immigrants. Our job is to get it out," Wakamatsu told the EXECOM.
- Planted in Good Soil: Issei Contributions to U.S. Agriculture. By Masakazu Iwata. Main manuscript is finished. Concluding chapter has yet to be written. Publication date may be a problem; no publisher.
- Pictorial History. By Michi Asawa and the late Toyo Miyatake. Univ. of California Press may publish.

Oklahoma bans alien ownership

Oklahoma City

Oklahoma Attorney General Jan E. Cartwright ruled that alien corporations cannot own property in the state, raising the specter that millions of dollars of foreign-owned property could be confiscated, the Wall Street Journal reported Sept. 19.

The attorney general had earlier ruled alien individuals couldn't own property and that the latest move extends that to corporations. There are exceptions, it was noted, by allowing ownership to an alien resident or one who inherits or gains property through foreclosure. But if the resident leaves, the holdings must be disposed within five years.

Rohwer cemetery in 'fine shape'

Los Angeles

Dr. Joseph B. Hunter of Little Rock, now 92 and assistant project director at Rohwer Relocation Center, reported the camp cemetery and Nisei GI memorial are "in fine shape", the Pacific Southwest JACL regional office was informed this past week.

The American Legion Post at nearby McGehee, Ark., and the Green Thumbs organization of the Arkansas Farmers Union have been caring for the grounds since the State of Arkansas named it a State Historic Site in 1969, the JACL was assured.

L.A. Koreans now 170,000, Yim says

Los Angeles

More than 170,000 Koreans have come to Southern California since 1971, according to Hank K. Yim, president of Korea Town Development Assn., which with the Korea Times sponsored their sixth annual Indendence Day parade along Olympic Blvd. between Vermont and Western Ave. Sept. 23.

Over 50,000 have settled in Olympic Blvd.'s Korea Town and an additional 15,000 migrate here each year, Yim added. Over 150 businesses of Korea Town's 700 stores and shops belong to the association.

Acupuncturists in Calif. 'independent'

Sacramento, Ca.

Calif. Gov. Brown has signed AB 1391, authored by Assemblyman Art Torres (D-Los Angeles), which removes legal restrictions barring the state's 1,000 licensed acupuncturists from practicing without prior approval of medical doctors and allied health practitioners.

Washington

As was indicated to JACL in mid-September, the House version of the JACL study bill for redress was introduced on Sept. 28 by not six members of the House leadership as planned but by 112 colleagues of Reps. Norman Mineta (D-Cal.) and Robert Matsui (D-Cal.)

Earlier in the afternoon, JACL Headquarters was advised that all of the 43-member California delegation except for three were co-authoring the bill (House rules allow 25 co-authors per bill) with Majority Leader James C. Wright (D-Tex.), Minority Leader John J. Rhodes (R-Ariz.), Rep. Peter W. Rodino (D-N.J.), House Judiciary chairman; Mineta and Matsui as principals.

Another co-signer, Rep. Sidney Yates (D-Ill.) was among those who helped JACL to secure Issei naturalization and evacuation claims over 25 years ago. (A complete list of co-authors was not received in time for this week's PC.)

The drive to have so many House members as co-sponsors was spearheaded by Mineta and Matsui. Their deep concern over the question of constitutional freedom as related to Executive Order 9066 warranted introduction by the highest order of congressional sponsorship in the House, they explained, and over 100 colleagues also agreed.

The Senate version (S 1647) would establish a Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, 11 members appointed by the President, two each by the House and Senate, to gather facts to determine whether any wrong was committed against those American citizens and permanent resident aliens affected by EO 9066 and other associated acts of the federal government and to recommend appropriate remedies.

(The last time a JACL bill garnered such heavy support occurred in 1971, when then Rep. Spark Matsunaga secured 148 co-authors to Repeal Title II to the 1950 Internal Security Act, while Sen. Inouye had 24 co-author a similar bill in the Senate. Bill was introduced first in 1969, then passed in 1971 and signed President Nixon Sept. 25, 1971, at Portland.)

Daruma Folk Festival nets \$14,000 for West Valley Srs.

San Jose, Ca.

The West Valley JACL had its second annual fundraising event, the Daruma Folk Festival, on Aug. 25, in San Jose. The net profit was reported in excess of \$14,000, which was for the benefit of the Senior Club.

The Festival theme, Daruma, had been selected since it represents the spirit of determination and perseverance which exemplifies the elderly Nisei and Issei members of the Senior Club. The Festival featured Japanese foods, performances of banjo playing, dancing, taiko drummers, and demonstrations of sumie painting, bonsai, and mochi-tsuki. Many local Nikkei artists and artisans also participated.

The Senior Club had a special booth of Japanese items, such as futons, zabutons, happi coats, mon pillows, cement jizos, cement lanterns, daruma dolls, aprons, bamboo trays and more, which were hand-made by the senior members.

The Senior Club provides a once-a-week lunch, five-day-a-week escort service, monthly calendar and newsletter, classes, information and referral, translation of information, assistance with county and community social services and recreation.

West Valley JACL has been instrumental in acquiring the Senior Clubhouse, writing proposals for grants and hiring a program director.



CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP—Japan Air Lines became a JACL diamond corporate member (\$1,000 annual dues) in ceremonies at the St. Francis Hotel. Pictured (from left) are Steve Doi, 1000 Club chairman of JACL; Dr. Clifford Uyeda, JACL pres.; Toshiyuki Kashiwabara, JAL's general sales manager, the Americas; Akira Kondo, JACL Western Regional mgr., and Mrs. Kondo.



DOWN TO EARTH: Karl Nobuyuki

'Operation '80s' passes EDC-MDC 'test'

San Francisco:

Aug. 23-26 were the dates for the big event. The 13th biennial joint conference of the EDC-MDC was set to go in Bloomington, Minn. All of the advance indications were that the conference would be heavily action oriented. And the theme of the conference, "The '80s and Beyond: Whither JACL," was a timely challenge to our national organization.

The general format of "Operation '80s" had successfully undergone two preliminary reviews. The first in the NC-WNDC and the second in the IDC. The EDC-MDC joint conference would be the greatest test before the content would be presented to the National Executive Committee.

There were some pre-convention jitters on whom the National office would send to the conference. The budget situation was tight, and we weren't sure if our finances could warrant both the national president and myself

to attend. Dr. Uyeda and I were both concerned that the membership might feel that we were not being fiscally prudent in regards to our travel budget if we both attended the conference. Dr. Cliff felt that it would be better if I went because of my familiarity of "Operations '80s". I thought that Cliff's attendance was more appropriate because he was national president. Our dilemma was quickly resolved by an adroit phone call from MDC governor Lillian Kimura. Dr. Cliff and I quickly came to a consensus that we would both go and "go for broke".

It is my personal opinion that there is no more an intense JACL business session than the EDC-MDC conference aside from the National Convention itself. If there is anything right or wrong about the way things are going in JACL, you'll hear about it at the EDC-MDC conference. It is the best pre-national convention warm-up that one can experience.

I could not do justice to the conference by trying to summarize all that took place in this column. For example, I have been in several workshops on aging and retire-

ment, but the one hosted in the Twin Cities brought the issue home. I must acknowledge Dr. Dan Kuzuhara of Chicago and Yasuko Ikuta of Cleveland for one helluva experience. The only thing I could say to summarize what was discussed is: "Sansei have got to hear what the Nisei have to say ..."

On Sunday morning, Aug. 26, the EDC-MDC agenda had scheduled the staff presentation of "Operations '80s". The room was filled with delegates and all the tables were filled with the exception of the head table. There only Governors Kimura and Seiko Wakabayashi, President Cliff and I were seated. Behind us was a ten-foot schematic of JACL operations—the basic diagram for Operation '80s.

President Cliff began with an inspiring overview of the JACL organization. He talked of the value of differing opinions and shared with the group his personal experiences as national president. It was, as if to say, "Though the job of national president is a difficult one, it is filled with a great personal enrichment obtained through the continued interaction of vol-

unteers."

As in the past, my job was to share the concept of "Operations '80s". It was not my job to "sell" but rather to ask the membership if they as volunteers could rally around a multi-faceted operational program for JACL. Nor was it my intent to suggest that the format of "Operations '80s" was particularly new. In fact, I commented that the initial thrust of the plan was stimulated from the old JACL Planning Commission of 1960. Shig Wakamatsu and the late Abe Hagiwara were the key facilitators.

For me, I felt it important to convey to our JACLers that I want very much to be a part of JACL and that I believe there are tens of thousands of Sansei who would also if they (we) were given the opportunity to learn about their (our) history as Japanese Americans ... that a vital link in the development of true Japanese American history is locked in the minds of the Nisei ... and the time for its release is now. I felt the need to share with the group my own personal feelings that the dream of Nikkei history in American textbooks must become reality and that this story of an American subculture must be shared with the American people.

As I left the Twin Cities and headed for Washington, D.C., with Ron Ikejiri, I felt energized. The EDC-MDC joint conference endorsed "Operations '80s" and I had some great news to share with my co-workers.

Schools may bar 'illegal' students

Dallas, Tex.

Federal District Judge Robert Hill temporarily upheld the right of the Dallas Independent School District to deny enrollment to children of illegal aliens. Impact of about 2,000 to 6,000 such children reported in the area "could have a detrimental effect on the quality of education (in the) district schools," the judge said.

Wife found slain in Monterey Park

Monterey Park, Ca.

A young insurance salesman, Nozomu Miyata, came home late Monday evening (Sept. 24) only to find his wife Takako, 23, strangled to death on the couch in their

living room. Their young daughter was found asleep in the bedroom unharmed.

According to Detective Risen, the victim had been dead for two hours.

PAUL T. TEKAWA: 1913-1979

MIS Language Instructor

Monterey, Ca.

Tsutomu Paul Tekawa, retired director of the Far East Language Division of the Defense Language Institute, died Sept. 11 in a hospital after a heart attack sustained while accompanying Japanese visitors to Salinas. He was 65.

Born in Los Angeles, Tekawa grew up in Yamanashi-ken, Japan, and returned to the U.S. in 1933. He finished Calif. Agricultural College (UC Davis) and in 1938 joined the editorial staff of the pre-war Japanese American News, San Francisco. After Pearl Harbor, he went to work for the U.S. Army, where he helped decipher the Japanese code and later became an instructor at the MIS Language School at Presidio of San Francisco.

Tekawa stayed with MISLS through Ft. Snelling and finally to Monterey in 1946. He

Death

Rev. Masaji M. Goto, 66, of Fresno, drowned to death Sept. 21 while fishing along Kings River. Surviving are w. Teruko, s. Alpha, d. Dawn, sis. Tami Mayeda, Kimi Kuwano (Santa Monica), Lillian Aki (Illinois) and Julia Ohki (Livingston).

was assistant to Col. John Aiso, director of academic training, at Snelling.

In 1971, Tekawa was presented with the Army's Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

A member of the Monterey Peninsula JACL, treasurer this past year, and active in the Masons, he leaves no survivors. His wife, the former Violet Oshima of Stockton, died in 1976.

Rev. Masaji Goto drowns in river

Fresno, Ca.

Body of the Rev. Masaji Martin Goto, 66, of Fresno, who left home Sept. 21 to fish along the Kings River and never returned, was found along the river bank the following morning near the Winton Beach recreational area. Coroner's office said cause of death was drowning. Funeral services were held Sept. 25 at the Christ United Methodist Church.

Goto had retired about a year ago, but continued to teach language classes in Dinuba and Bakersfield as he had in other Central California churches.

Rancher shot to death, 3 youths held

Stockton, Ca.

Bill Shunji Satow, 59, owner of an east Stockton hatchery, was fatally shot in the chest at his home Sept. 20 and died a half-hour later at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Authorities are holding three high school youths for investigation of murder. Investigators said fingerprints of one of the three were found inside the Satow house which had been burglarized nine days earlier.

It was also reported that boys first asked the victim to let them use his telephone, but when he refused and pointed to a nearby public phone, they asked him for a dime. When he refused again, he was shot with a .38-cal. weapon, investigators added.

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Fred Moriuchi

A statewide marketing organization, the New Jersey Apple Industry Council elected **Fred Moriuchi** of Moorestown as chairman at a recent reorganization meeting, which saw efforts to promote its product throughout the Eastern seashore with the state department of agriculture. He is an active Philadelphia JACLer as are his parents, the Tak Moriuchis.

Longtime Pocastello-Blackfoot JACLer **William Kawamura**, head of the Idaho ASCS (Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service) office for Blaine County was presented the highest State award for service to agriculture. The award was based on distinguished performance resulting in efficient and effective administration of ASCS programs.

● Awards

Allan Grant, 73, of San Francisco, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, was decorated by Japan with its Order of the Sacred Treasure, 2nd Class, for his longtime efforts in support of the young farm trainees program, based at Berkeley. He is also among Americans who smoothed the way for Japanese to return to California after the war.

The 1979 Nisei Week Festival honored three Issei community leaders and pioneers: **Bunsuke Shinto**, 84, West Los Angeles gardener; **Keiji Uyeno**, 76, Los Angeles nurseryman and flower shop owner; and Hawaiian-born **Frank M. Yonemura**, 76, nurseryman regarded as "Mr. Gardena".

An Issei couple in Monterey, **Tajuro and Eiko Watanabe**, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently with over 200 friends and relatives at the Carmel Valley Golf and Country Club. Hosts were their two daughters and families: the James R. Greens and Gordon Miyamotos. Decorated by the Japanese Emperor with the Order of the Rising Sun last year, Tajuro Watanabe was an abalone fisherman and a community leader. Congratulatory messages were received from President and Mrs. Carter, Rep. Leon Panetta and Monterey Mayor Gerald Fry.

San Diego JACLer **Vernon Yoshioka** won the Firebrand Target Program paint scheme contest at Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical, where he has been an employee since 1960 after graduating from MIT. Reproduction of his winning entry adorn in-plant bulletin boards.

● Government

Hiroshi Kitamura, councillor in the America Bureau of the Japanese Foreign Office, will succeed **Tamio Amau** as consul general in San Francisco, Jiji Press reported Sept. 1. Amau has been recalled to Tokyo for reassignment.

Marina (Ca.) City Council appointed **Terry K. Yamamoto**, a retired Army noncom and now a distribution clerk with the U.S. Postal Service, to a two-year term on the city planning commission recently.

Progressive Westside JACLer **Toshiko Yoshida** is president of the Los Angeles City Human Relations Commission. She is one of the original appointees to the commission, which was founded in 1966, and served five terms as vice president.

Benton Hom, president of the Sacramento Chinese American Citizens Alliance, is chairman of the Sacramento City and County Human Relations Commission. He has been a commission member since 1975, is special assistant to Secretary Mario Obledo for Health and Welfare, an Army reserve colonel and unit commander at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Calif. Gov. Brown appointed **Greg Marutani** of San Francisco to the State Manpower Services Council, an advisory to the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) program, who is replacing Phyllis Sachiko Matsuno, who resigned. A San Francisco JACL board member and coordinator of a Japanese historical society project, Marutani has also coordinated crime prevention education programs in Nihonmachi.

● Sports

Canadian Sansei **Dale Setoguchi**, 21, of Taber, Alta., was drafted from the Alberta Golden Suns, a Jr. Hockey League team, to play the half-year season in northern Japan with a semi-pro. Choreographer **George Minami**, in his fourth season with the Oakland Raiders staff, produces the half-time routines for the Raiderettes, who spend Saturdays before the game at his Hayward studio learning and working out. According to staff writer Linda Ramirez of the Hokubei Mainichi, **Donna Sterling**, 18, whose mother is Japanese, is the first Nikkei Raiderette.

1980 Presidential Classroom space open

Washington

JACL chapters and applicants interested in the 1980 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans are being reminded by the Washington JACL Office that the initial deadline for admission requests and space reservation is Nov. 15. The space request and \$25 registration fee should be remitted to:

The PCYA, PO Box 19084, Washington, D.C. 20036 (202-638-2234).

Matsui calls for end to age bias

Washington

Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Cal.) called upon the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights to prepare a report detailing the nature and extent of housing discrimination against the elderly, noting that it was a "serious problem" that should be "ended once and for all".

Information is needed by Jan. 31, 1980, to draft effective legislation, the Sacramento Democrat said in his letter to Chairman Arthur S. Flemming.

16 nominated for L.A. school posts

Los Angeles

Sixteen have been nominated for 12 seats on the L.A. City Schools Asian American Education Commission. Voters (age 16 & up) of Asian-Pacific descent in the school district may request a ballot by calling the AAEC Office, Rm H-133, 450 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012 (625-6796) between Oct. 1-12. Candidates are:

Japanese—Tak Aoki, Colleen Cohn, Paul N. Fujimura, Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi, Chieko Inouye, Ayao Konishi, Pat Takaki.

Filipino—Visitation P. Bayan, Jess Trompeta, Adelaida I. Villanueva.

Korean—Donn H. K. Moon, Mary Lee Shon, H. Henry Whang.

Chinese—Clovis Gyetvai, Leland K.H. Sun, William K. Wong.

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Academic activities are balanced with cultural events: an evening at the theatre, visits to museums, art galleries, the monuments offer students a rich diversity of experiences in the nation's

BRONX

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take advantage of the investment privileges.

Questioned about the high crime rate in the Bronx, Otani told the Japan Times, "I do not think the security problem is serious enough to make anyone hesitate about coming to the Bronx."

Otani also noted Japanese leaders, including the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of International Trade & Industry, Finance Ministry, JETRO and Keidanren, appreciated the program would be a means to strengthen U.S.-Japan economic ties. He acknowledged a start has been made and hoped fruitful results come forth within two years.

The senate task force is expected to revisit Japan early next year to hold a series of seminars for corporations interested in the program.

It would not be accurate to think the entire borough of 1.5 million as being part of the "South Bronx" problem for to the north are great parks—Van Cortlandt and the Bronx Zoo, Fordham University, shopping hubs, ethnic communities and civic improvement organizations.

capital.

JACL urges local chapters to sponsor students for this year's programs. Chapters may wish to completely finance the week-long program (expenses include \$25 registration fee, \$275 tuition, and round-trip transportation costs) or to share expenses with the students' families.

In order to reserve spaces for the PCYA 1980 program, chapters must send in an Admission Request Card and \$25 registration fee by Nov. 15, 1979 directly to the PCYA Washington, D.C. office.

Interested parties should contact local JACL chapters who have received the necessary forms, information, and brochures for the PCYA, 1980. Names of students se-

lected for the program and tuition are due Dec. 15, 1979. There were 31 JACL-sponsored students (see April 13 PC) in the 1979 program.

On a much higher level, applications for the 1980-81 White House fellowships are now available from:

The President's Commission on White House Fellowships, Box 7737, Washington, D.C. 20044 (202-653-6263).

This program was established to give outstanding individuals not employed in Federal government except career military first-hand year-long experience in government. Minority groups and women are encouraged to apply. Request for applications must be postmarked by Nov. 15; completed returns no later than Dec. 1.

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New Ideas

San Francisco

The National Council meets once every two years. The National Board meets once a year. The Executive Committee meets twice a year. Within these bodies are vested the legislative and the executive powers of the organization.

Committees are where concerned JACLers participate at a grass root level. They are the heart beats of the organization. It is there that our concerns and our directions are first born.

That the committee chairs can and often do change with each biennium is its strength, not weakness. It brings in new ideas and direction. Intellectual stagnation is the worst fate for committees.

Too often the organization's functions get into a rut—doing the same thing year after year automatically. The procedures may be comfortable but there are seldom any innovations.

Cherry Kinoshita is the new chairperson of the "Japanese American of the Biennium" Committee. The major changes she recommended were unanimously approved and adopted at the Executive Committee meeting on Sept. 8. Among the well-thought-out changes, the major one is the elimination of runners-up.

No one wants to be a runner-up. Also everyone wants to be the winner. Being No. 2 is no distinction. It only means you didn't win. In 1980 there will be up to three distinguished Japanese Americans selected in different categories. All are winners.

Other major changes are also present in the selection process. These will be announced later.

Cherry Kinoshita is a native of Seattle. She went to Minidoka, then out to Minneapolis, where she was active in the Twin Cities Chapter. She attended University of Minnesota and the University of Washington. She was the first woman president of the Seattle JACL Chapter, 1977. Currently she is also on the Pacific Citizen Board. She is married and has one son.

The 1978 delegates to the national convention remember Cherry as a strong advocate of women's rights. I was personally fortunate to have her give one of the two seconding speeches for me during the nomination. #

YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry Honda



1979 Readership Survey

It's been five years since PC had its last readership survey. The trends and choices indicated then in the 1974 and now are about the same ... which shouldn't be surprising as the people who have been taking the paper are still basically Nisei-oriented and the features which were popular five years ago and still going strong today continue to remain heavy choices.

Because of cost, we lowered the number of readers to be surveyed. In 1974, it was every 20th subscriber (1,006 questionnaires out, 254 responding = 25%); this year, it was every 50th subscriber (480 out, 166 back = 35%). Distribution in both cases reflected the district breakdown of our readership. This year it was 70% within California, 6% Pacific Northwest, 9% Intermountain and Mountain-Plains, 9% Midwest and 4½% elsewhere in the U.S. It'll be interesting to see if the 1980 Census reflects a similar geographic spread for persons of Japanese ancestry.

In 1974, news of concern and about Japanese Americans, local JACL chapter news, national JACL activities and articles about Japan (in this order) were the lead choices. This time, the lead

choices were news about Japanese Americans, then about life and people in Japan, JACL at the national level and the JACL at the local level. There were some shifting of ranks among the top four, but none of the others listed as "news / features you would like to see" surfaced. Shown were items as youth, other Japanese in the Americas, Asian/Pacific Americans, ethnic minorities in general and a blank line for suggestions. Some which came were:

A columnist relating "first-person experiences" ... On sports: who's making it—and where ... More "conservative" columnists ... An "op-ed" section by interested members besides what letters might provide.

To ascertain how "enjoyable" current PC features are, the questionnaire had five squares per row to check: A—most enjoyable, B—very enjoyable, C—fair & keep, D—not enjoyable, E—no opinion. Knowing how statistics can lead or mislead, be interpreted or misinterpreted, we'll run our raw tally here.

FEATURES	A	B	C	D	E
Book Review	21	37	63	14	06
Chapter Pulse	18	41	60	08	17
East Wind	30	70	28	03	15
Pimentero	04	24	46	05	45
Happy Valley	33	41	41	06	20
Frying Pan	74	47	23	02	10
Letters	47	59	33	02	09
Moshi Moshi	16	39	44	04	31
News Briefs/PC People	52	56	33	02	07
Nisei in Japan	29	54	43	08	16
PC Cartoon	38	43	42	14	12
Random Musings	06	36	52	05	11
Spartan Beat	09	31	42	11	40
35 Years Ago	33	51	39	11	14
West Wind	18	57	36	04	25

DAYTON DAILY NEWS

Mountbatten & Japanese

Dayton, Ohio

What piqued Earl Mountbatten to omit the Japanese as guests at his own funeral has "diminished him", noted the Daily News editor Arnold Rosenfeld in his Sept. 11 column. That discordant note written in the funeral script by the supreme allied commander in Southeast Asia during WW2 might have been a lifelong grudge born after the war, Rosenfeld commented.

(Mountbatten, a victim of Irish terrorists, was laid to rest Sept. 5 following a state funeral.)

But the editor was also reminded of another WW2 attitude that sours him on life in America when "we packed thousands of American citizens of Japanese ancestry off to concentration camps in the West with scarcely a blush, explanation or legal justification, rating only a footnote in our history."

"When the war ended, many Americans said they never knew what was happening. That nice Japanese family down the street had just, well, gone away one day. It was a chilling counter-

part to what the Germans were saying thousands of miles away on another matter."

Rosenfeld also noted the outstanding propaganda films produced by Hollywood during the war, but "I am appalled that they are still shown routinely as entertainment rather than as painfully corrosive examples of the world as we perceived it at the time. We were hopping mad at the Japanese then—and for many good reasons—and racial slander was one of our best weapons."

"... Such headlong racial bigotry, still available on television without apology or historic explanation, can only be watched with a sense of humiliation. Civil rights groups never raise the issue on behalf of the Japanese. Kind of

interesting that," Rosenfeld added parenthetically.

(Shunichi Kase, public information director for the Japanese Foreign Ministry during WW2 and a witness of the Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri Sept. 2, 1945, commented: "On the

35 years ago

in the pacific citizen

OCT. 7, 1944

Sept. 14—CBI-Roundup (GI newspaper for the China-Burma-India Theater) discloses Nisei GIs serving with famous Merrill's Marauders and Allied Forces in China. Heroics of Sgt. Kenny Yasui of Los Angeles capturing 16 enemy Japanese on Irrawaddy River featured.

Sept. 25—Univ. of Washington president, Dr. L.P. Seig, assures UW will accept Nisei students.

Sept. 26—Canada's Cooperative Commonwealth Federation raps slogan: "Not a Jap Between the Rockies and the Sea", attributed to Ian MacKenzie, Liberal Party pension minister.

Sept. 27—"Ban the Jap" Committee wants Pasadena City Schools to oust Esther Takei

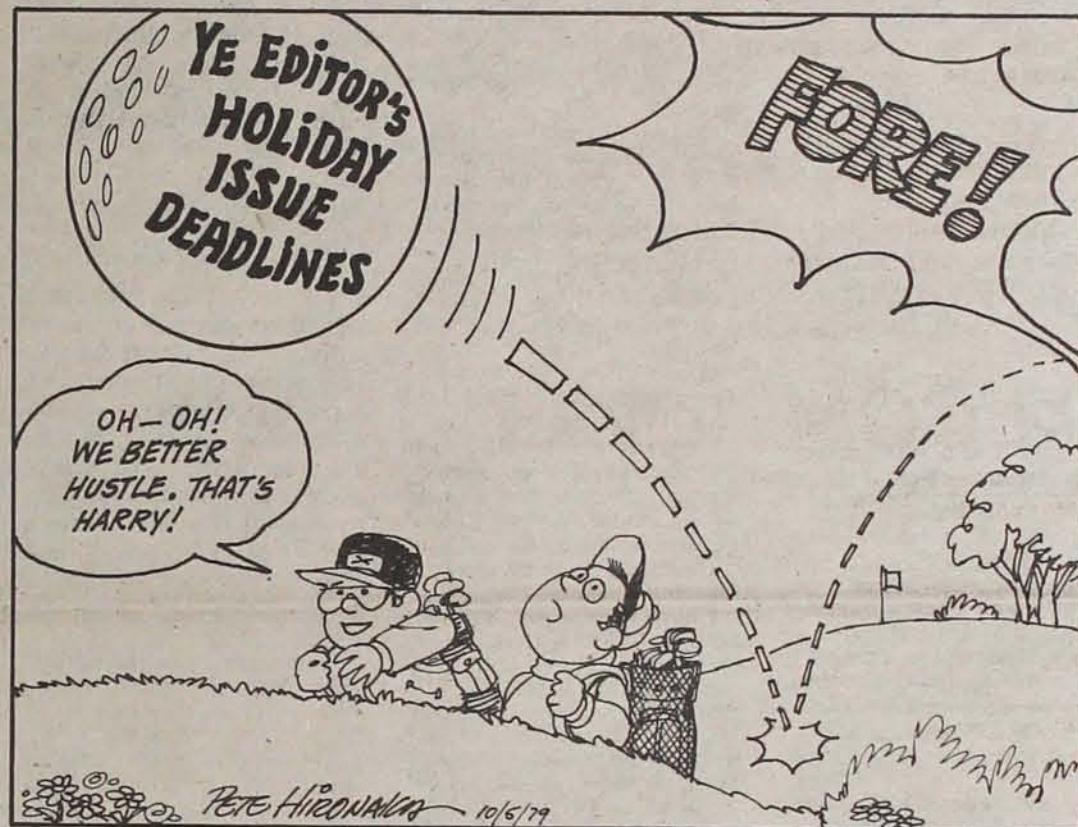
whole, the British people are large-minded. Lord Mountbatten seems to have been an exception ... I did not expect a man of that caliber to be so narrow-minded." Neither the Foreign Ministry nor the Imperial Household Agency commented on the snub.) #

from Pasadena Jr. College; wants state legislature to amend Education Code to bar all students of Japanese ancestry from public schools.

Sept. 30—Calif. Assemblyman Chester Gannon (R-Sacto) brands National JACL as a New York outfit acting as "pressure group" for Nisei; he was chairman of the interim Assembly committee on Japanese problems.

Oct. 2—U.S. Judge Pierson M. Hall denies Dr. George Ochikubo's petition for injunction against U.S. army exclusion order to return to west coast.

Oct. 2—WRA Director Myer credits change of U.S. public opinion of Japanese Americans improving due to war record of Nisei in U.S. Army.



FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

Waiting for my son for a change

Salt Lake City:

On a sunny September Sunday, our son left on his first business trip. Last month he was hired as the assistant director of admissions at Westminster College, a small private institution. He was representing the college at a conference in Kansas City.

As I helped assemble the necessary articles, I was reminded that we are in the process of change in the family. Over the years, my son and I have spent considerable time at the airport, waiting for the arrival and departure of his father. Sometimes, there were just a few days between trips. When our son was very young, I used to comment that he probably didn't recognize his male parent, a remark made only partly in jest.

Last Sunday, after our son left, my husband started the lawnmower. He has not cut the grass for years. It was a chore, among so many others, that he assumed his son would perform. There was a time when the equipment was too heavy for Alan, but he stubbornly pushed it up the road and across the path that separates the rock garden. Often, in earlier attempts, the grass had an uneven appearance like a poor haircut, but practice eventually produced a perfectly manicured lawn. Twice a week, in warm weather, he performed the chore. No one had ever asked him to do it.

As I observed my husband's impatience and exasperation at having to mow the lawn, other memories came to mind. Of

times when our son took his place in his absence, or when the company had first claim on his attention and time. It occurred to me that during most of the crises that have involved family or friends, it was Alan who was there.

I recall times when my immediate presence was imperative because of sickness or death. Watching me dress, Alan would say, "You shouldn't go alone." I am a nervous driver and was always glad to have his company. But reaching our destination, I invariably said, "You wait in the car."

And invariably, with disconcerting directness, he said, "I want to come." It was never, "I should come with you." He spared me gratitude and guilt, although I knew that no right-minded child would "want to come" where I was going. And I remember that his first long-panted suit was navy blue, the proper ceremonial color. I had to stoop then, so he could help me with my coat, a gesture of his youthful chivalry. And I resisted taking his hand to preserve his dignity.

He comes home tonight from Kansas City. Actually, it will be 2 a.m. before he lands, drives home. My husband sleeps. The dog, unaccustomed to his master's absence, periodically goes to the front window. Below us spreads the sleeping city. And in the midnight sky, I see lights of planes coming and going. Tonight, I wait for Alan, who has waited with me all these years. #



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Scholars from Japan snap stereotype

Denver, Colo.:

All three men named below in this column were born in Japan. After completing their educations in that country, they came to the United States at various times to take graduate work.

Masao Miyoshi was a student of English at Tokyo University. He received a Fulbright scholarship to pursue his studies in an eastern university, married an American girl, got in trouble with the immigration authorities and was deported. Not long afterward he returned legally as the spouse of an American citizen—a sort of male war bride. He now teaches at the University of California and has an unusual arrangement whereby he also teaches one quarter a year at the University of Chicago.

Akira Iriye was born in Tokyo and was 11 years old when the war ended. He became interested in history and political science and came to the United States, getting his Ph.D. from Harvard. He taught for several years at Harvard before moving to the University of California, Santa Cruz. Presently he is at the University of Chicago.

Kuniaki Hata was a music student in Japan and a contemporary of Seiji Ozawa, the reknown symphony conductor. Hata, also, came to the United States to further his studies. He is a member of the music faculty at the University of Colorado.

You would expect each of these scholars to be teaching something in relation to Japan. But it doesn't always work that way.

Dr. Miyoshi's specialty is Victorian English literature.

Dr. Iriye's field is American foreign policy, more specifically policy in the Pacific during this century. Both he and Dr. Miyoshi have published books in English.

Professor Hata teaches voice but specializes in European opera.

Is all this unusual enough to be noteworthy? Maybe, maybe not.

However, we're so accustomed to stereotypes that we lift our eyebrows just a bit when we hear that scholars born and educated in Japan are teaching Americans in university courses totally unrelated to Japan, Japanese history or Japanese culture.

The stereotype says that Japanese make good scientists—medical researchers, microbiologists, surgeons, even chemists and physicists. They're good at figures, so they excel as statisticians and accountants, as computer designers and technicians, in electronics and miniaturization and engineering. They're artistic, the stereotype says, so they make good architects and designers and do well in the visual arts.

The truth is that some of us of Japanese heritage are gifted in these fields and some of us aren't. The danger of a stereotype is that it takes away our individuality and lumps us all in a mold that may or may not fit.

Thus it is distressing that some of us take the attitude that just because we happen to be of Japanese heritage, we ought to take an interest in things Japanese. Some of us will, just out of curiosity or natural inclination, or familial influence or whatever. And some of us won't give a darn about the fine and beautiful aspects of Asian culture and go off to study Scandinavian furniture design, Iranian rugs, or French impressionistic painting.


Miyoshi, Iriye and Hata are three people I've run into recently. There must be many others like them who had the intellectual curiosity to pursue interests out of the mold and helped break old stereotypes. They certainly haven't turned their backs on their Japanese heritage, but neither are they bound and restricted by it.



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EXECOM Actions in Brief:

Continued from Last Week

Planning Commission

Proposal withdrawn by staff because of cost.

Political Education/Census

Agreed with Cherry Tsutsumida, chair of the political education committee, to express official National JACL concern

with respect to Asian and Asian American undercount in the 1980 Census. Congressional delegates have already written to Secretary of Commerce Kreps, but constituent organizations have been silent thus far, according to Tsutsumida.

Redress

Received progress report

from John Tateishi, who noted: (a) San Francisco-based legislative planning subgroup is being organized, (b) fund-raising campaign, and (c) congressional liaison requires coordination.

Concerning passage of bill in Congress, Washington JACL Representative Ikejiri noted three areas of concern: (1) Pub-

lic education—to be a function of the redress chair with specific oversight responsibility on media coverage. (2) Legislative—a function of JACL staff, regional offices and Pacific Citizen. (3) Fund-raising—function of the redress chair with specific committee to have responsibility for fund-raising. The Washington Office, in the meantime, would develop a "redress

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This testimonial to Harry will be held at the Biltmore Bowl in Los Angeles on October 20, 1979. Among those who will be on the program are Judge William Marutani of Philadelphia, who will serve as Master of Ceremonies, and Father Clement, now of Seattle, who will entertain us with anecdotes of life with Harry. Baritone Butch Kasahara and his combo will provide entertainment and music for dancing.

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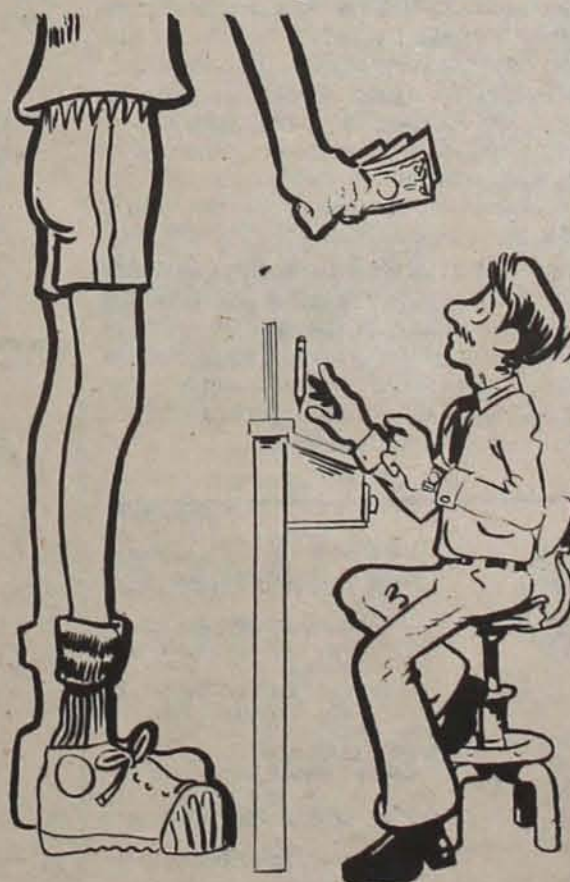
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FROM PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: John J. Saito

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ful of her, but I wanted to see the whole meeting.

The meeting proceeded as most meetings proceed, but things got a little interesting with members kidding each other and then I realized that the majority of the members were grandparents.

Then the chapter talked about planned activities and past activities and they weren't letting any grass grow under their feet. They had just realized a neat profit from their fireworks sale which left me envious. Upcoming was a pancake breakfast and camping trip with a fishing derby. They were going to the mountain campsite in their van caravan. I could almost imagine a column of vans going up into the moun-

tain with these hot rod grandparents.

They have an annual picnic, at which time the chapter presents scholarships. The chapter has a "Sunshine Girl" who sends get well cards to people in hospitals.

The highlight of the evening was this bingo game. All members bring a wrapped present and place it on the table. As the game is played and Bingo is called, the winner takes a prize. After the table is cleared, Bingo is continued with winners taking prizes from other winners until the designated time to quit. One of the biggest winners was a great-grandparent, Mrs. Arikawa, mother of National V.P. Lily Okura and Yayoi Ono. The chapter had just celebrated Mrs. Arikawa's 87th birthday, and I hear that she attends every chapter meeting and function. She is not only a beautiful lady but a generous one. She loaded me up with most of her bingo winnings and wouldn't take "no" for an answer.

It wasn't a long walk from the meeting room to where my car was parked, but my arms were slightly aching by the time I unloaded the packages in the trunk of my car.

Thank you, Carson, and especially Mrs. Arikawa. #

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EXECOM Policy—Effective Oct. 1, all national committee chairpersons are expected to follow new administrative procedures with respect to future meetings and expenditures. (a) Prior approval is required from the National Finance Committee. (b) All funded committees are to submit projected 1979-80 budget of expenditures prior to any release of funds.

Nat'l Ways & Means Committee—Established by EXECOM Sept. 9 to better coordinate various fund-raising activities to assist national programs; Treasurer George Kodama is presently chairperson. Any fund-raising event that would draw upon the JACL membership for substantial financial support shall re-

NC-WN volleyball tourney Oct. 7

San Rafael, Ca.

The 3rd Annual NC-WNDC Marin Invitational Volleyball Tournament is coming up on Oct. 7 at the Terra Linda High School Gym, San Rafael. Games start at noon followed by swimming for those who want to cool down. Registration is \$25 for senior JACL teams and \$15 for JAYs. Mail team rosters and checks made out to:

Marin JACL c/o Paula Mitsunaga, 2230 Dwight Way, Apt 207, Berkeley, Ca. 94704, (415) 848-8867.

Last year, the Sonoma County Seniors won the tournament which drew eight teams, including a squad from National Headquarters, Sacramento, Contra Costa, San Jose and Berkeley.

quire prior approval from this committee.

MDC Meeting—The Midwest district will meet Oct. 13-14 in Chicago with constitutional revision as the major agenda item on Saturday afternoon. Sunday morning reports will include redress (by George Sakaguchi) and affirmative action (by Mike Yasutake).

NC-WNDC Board—Permission was granted to survey coordinator Dr. Isami Arifuku Waugh, who received a State Dept. of Parks and Recreation grant to assist a State Office of Historic Preservation project, to address the next district council quarterly session Nov. 4, 9 a.m., at Watsonville JACL Hall. It was also recommended NC-WNDC treasury surplus at the end of the year (at least \$1,000) be transferred to the district legal assistance fund.

a NC-WNDYC will hold its elections Oct. 27-28 ... NC-WNDC executive board will have five positions up for election Nov. 4 ... DC membership committee chairpersons met Sept. 22 at the Satow Bldg. to gear up for the 1980 campaign ... Ron Mayeda chaired the DC constitutional revision meeting

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Sept. 30 at the Satow Bldg. ... District redress meeting has been called for Oct. 28, 10 a.m., at the Satow Bldg.

If men believe, as I do, that this present earth is the only heaven, they will strive all the more to make heaven of it. —SIR ARTHUR KEITH

FROM THE MIDWEST: Bill Yoshino

Whither JACL

Dr. Kaz Mayeda, the new MDC Governor, was born in Santa Monica. Interned at Manzanar, Kaz and his family moved to Salt Lake City where he received his B.S. and Ph.D. at the Univ. of Utah. Currently a Professor of Genetics at Wayne State University, Kaz has resided in the Detroit area since 1962 with his wife Betty and their three children.—B.Y.

By DR. KAZ MAYEDA
(Midwest District Governor)

The theme of the EDC/MDC Conference, "Whither JACL," appropriately identified the dilemma of the aging Nisei. The organization has served us well in the past, but as our needs change, will it continue to survive and serve a useful purpose or become a relic of the past and pass into oblivion? During the Conference, much attention was paid to the future of JACL and what role the organization must play in the future to enable it to survive into the year 2000 and beyond.

I believe the viability of JACL as a national organization will depend upon our course of action in the next few years. Next year, we have the opportunity to modernize our Constitution. If we approach this most important project perspicaciously, the JACL can be made into a strong, relevant organization with a lasting future. We should not lose this opportunity to make it come to pass. Also, at the National Biennial Convention in San Francisco, we will have the opportunity to set into motion some excellent programs, such as International Relations, Affirmative Action, and the NISEI Institute. Let us not be timid or parochial in our approaches to the national goals, but let us strive to set our goals high and achieve them, for surely we cannot fail.

For too long, we have depicted ourselves as the *Quiet* Americans and not as *Proud* Americans with a biological and cultural history which enables us to take a unique position in our society. The cultural heritage passed on to us from the Issei, mixed generously with the New World culture in which we are nurtured, together with our genetic heritage, a unique combination of Mongol and Polynesian genetic admixture, indeed, make us unique. We must overcome being ashamed of our biological heritage which makes us a visible minority. The quiet, subservient, non-obtrusive Japanese Americans with a *Shikatanagai* syndrome must be eradicated.

We Japanese Americans must strive to overcome our timidity and make an intensive effort to better our organization for the future. We will then take our unique position in this society which will give us the opportunity to make our contribution to world peace and understanding and make this country a better place, not only for ourselves, but for those generations yet to follow. Are we ready to accept this challenge? #

calendar

- OCT. 6 (Saturday)
Seattle—Queen Comm benefit disco, Dome Rm, Arctic Bldg.
- Alameda—Issei dnr.
- Contra Costa—Ladies night.
- Washington, D.C.—Picnic.
- Sacramento—Bazaar, Japanese United Methodist Church, 11am-6pm.
- OCT. 7 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC-Marin County—Volleyball tourn, Terra Linda High.
- St. Louis—J/School picnic, Tilles Park.
- Dayton—Gen mtg, election, potluck dnr; Citizens Federal Bank, Whipp Rd and Rt 48, 2pm.
- Anaheim—Rev Satoshi Hirata testimonial, Grand Hotel.
- Cleveland—Chow mein dnr, Buddhist Church.
- OCT. 9 (Tuesday)
Stockton—Nomin mtg, Cal 1st Bnk, 8pm.
- OCT. 10 (Wednesday)
Washington, D.C.—Bd mtg, Tsutsumida res.
- OCT. 12 (Friday)
Oakland—Bd mtg, Sumitomo Bk, 7:30pm.
- OCT. 13 (Saturday)
MDC—Mtg (2da), Chicago.

- Philadelphia—Sr cit luncheon/movies, Happy Garden Restaurant, 1-4:30pm.
- San Fernando Valley—Mtg, JACC, Pacoima, 8pm; Robert Nagata, spkr, "Estate Planning".
- Hayward—Yamato Bonsai Exhibit (2da), Southland Shpg Ctr, 10am-6pm.
- OCT. 14 (Sunday)
Contra Costa—EBIH benefit fashion show, Goodman Hall, Jack London Sq, Oakland, 12-3pm; Jan Yanehiro, hosts.
- Las Vegas—Luau, Paradise Park.
- OCT. 19 (Friday)
Chicago—Ann'l mtg, JASC Bldg, 4427 N Clark, 6pm; boxlunch RSVP, 7:30 spkr, Christina Adachi.
- Hoosier—October Int'l Festival (3da), Convention Ctr, Indianapolis.
- OCT. 20 (Saturday)
EDC—Qtrly sess, New York JACL hosts.
- Hollywood/PSWDC—Pac Cit 50th Anny dnr-dance, Biltmore Bowl, Los Angeles, 7:30pm.
- Los Angeles—AADAP 10-km race, Griffith Park, 8am.

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JACL helps put up metal sculpture

Los Angeles
"Ten Chi Jin" (basic components of Ikebana—heaven, earth and man) is the title of Michael Todd's 12-ft. metal sculpture unveiled Sept. 22 at the Japanese Village Plaza. Sponsored by Friends of Little Tokyo Arts (FOLTA), it was purchased through funds donated by Japanese Village Plaza and the Hollywood JACL.

FOLTA is planning other projects to integrate fine arts inside Little Tokyo, the next being a photo mural chronicling the lives of Issei to be dedicated soon in the Japanese Village Plaza. #

chicago

Annual Meeting
Chicago JACL's annual meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 19, at the JASC Bldg., 4427 N. Clark St., starting with 6 p.m. boxlunch, election of officers and Christiana Adachi as guest speaker at 7:30.

RSVP is mandatory for the \$5 boxlunch (call JACL Office, 728-7170) but money will be collected at the door, it was announced by Donna Ogura, meeting chairperson. Christina Adachi is past program director for Chicago ACLU, past ERA Committee coordinator and currently with the Illinois Film Office and a Woman '79 announcer on radio WLS.

Hiro Tokubo, chapter president, has departed for a new

-news briefs-

Los Angeles

Merchants at Japanese Village Plaza will mark the Japanese holiday of Sports-Health Day (Oct. 6-7) with a varied program for all ages, martial arts demonstrations. Mobile health units to test blood pressure and the eye free of charge will be open noon-5 p.m. both days.

Assemblyman Paul Bannai will speak on voter registration and the state issues on the Nov. 6 general election at the Little Tokyo Towers, Oct. 11, 3 p.m., it was announced by the JACL office and George Koyama, Tower resident on the committee to register voters.

FOLTA (Friends of Little Tokyo Arts) will sponsor an arts festival Oct. 20-21 from noon till dusk at Japanese Village Plaza, which is marking its first anniversary in Little Tokyo.

K-WEST Radio general manager Monte Gast will review applications from persons responding to his Sept. 20 "official notice" for employment, though no specific openings exist for the present, JACL regional director John Saito was informed. Gast's office: 6430 Sunset Blvd., Suite 418, L.A., 467-1224.

Seventeen pictures from Visual Communications' Asian American photograph archives, depicting aspects of Little Tokyo from 1907 to the present, are on display through Oct. 17 at the L.A. Institute of Contemporary Art, 2020 S. Robertson Blvd., noon-6 p.m., Tue.-Sat.

The South

Despite threatening skies, nearly 200 Japanese Americans in Georgia picnicked Sept. 16 at Ft. Gillem. Old-timer Bill Ozaki of Woodbine had come 250 miles, but oldest person present was Dr. George Miyakawa, with his wife, visiting with their sons and their new granddaughter, Amy Miyakawa, of 11 days and the youngest at the picnic. Mikio Ishimaru emceed and put on a karate show. Highlight was the food each family prepared, including Japanese and Hawaiian fare. Local merchants donated items. Copies of the Pacific Citizen were also available. Another picnic in the spring is being planned.

job in San Francisco, but he plans to attend the chapter's 35th inaugural dinner Dec. 1 at Orrington Hotel, Evanston. Channel 2's TV news anchorman Bill Kurtis is scheduled to be guest speaker.

chapter pulse

monterey peninsula

Fall Barbecue Coming
Monterey Peninsula JACL is getting ready for its annual fall barbecue at Toro Park near Salinas on Sunday, Oct. 14.

The August rummage sale netted over \$1,000 which has been turned over to the chapter building fund.

chapter pulse

philadelphia

Sr. Citizen Event
Philadelphia JACL's appreciation luncheon Oct. 13, 1-4:30 p.m. at Happy Garden Restaurant will feature a Japanese film, "Otoko wa Tsurai", co-starring Kiyoshi Atsumi and Chieko Baisho, and a Japan travelogue. Senior citizens are free. Others will be charged \$8. Reservations are being handled by Hiroshi Ueyehara, 1535 Marlboro Rd, West Chester, Pa. 19830.

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san fernando valley

Estate Planning
San Fernando Valley JACL will sponsor a talk on "Estate Planning" on Saturday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m., at the San Fernando Japanese American Community Center, 12953 Brantford St., Pacoima.

Robert Nagata, a partner in the law firm of Nagata and Masuda, Los Angeles and a certified tax specialist, will speak on tax planning, trusts and wills.

Mitzi Kushida is chairing the meeting. #

'Pacific Overtures' Los Angeles

East West Players' highly acclaimed "Pacific Overtures" reopens Oct. 11 for Friday-Sunday at its E-W Theater. Group rates, student and senior citizen discounts are available by calling 660-0366. Mako, who starred as the reciter in the 1976 Broadway version, recreates that role. #

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workbook" as part of general redress source book.

Recommended the JACL regional offices fully assist in National campaign.

Resolutions from Districts
Adopted or reaffirmed concept of six resolutions submitted from the joint Eastern-Midwest District Convention, Aug. 24-26, as submitted from Lillian Kimura: (1) Establishment of a civil rights education and support project; (2) Spokane JACL vs. Washington State University; (3) JACL-Japan relations; (4) Wendy Yoshimura; (5) A-Bomb

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Survivors; (6) Support for Mas Yamasaki, Dayton JACL (Details are in the Sept. 21 PC Midwest Page.)

Received for information only two resolutions from the Pacific Southwest District Quarterly, Aug. 26: (1) Oppose Calif. Prop. 1; (2) Support Southeast Asian refugees.

Thousand Club

Endorsed recommendation by 1000 Club chair Steve Doi for a new "business/professional" membership category, responding to requests for something under the corporate club levels. (No dues structure was stipulated.)

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Koda used to be called the Rice King. It was he who revolutionized rice culture and turned it into the precise, fail-proof industrial production. Using the airplane for sowing seed, for instance, was his idea.

The quality of food products usually deteriorates as soon as they are industrialized (bread, for instance, and vegetables, notably tomatoes). One of the exceptions is

rice. California rice is probably the best in the world. Certainly it is incomparably superior to Japanese rice, with its tradition of over 2,500 years. In fact, to the blasé palate of visitors from Japan the first taste of gohan made of California rice is an experience in gourmet that they do not forget soon, or easily.

California rice comprises several strains of *Oryza sativa* developed by Koda in his laboratories.

Koda's work with rice is by itself alone a great enough achievement to assure him a prominent place in the Nikkei Hall of Fame. But that part of him can be forgotten easily. Who among the PC readers remembers the man who received the Nobel prize for his Green Revolution?

But one phase of his life should never be forgotten by Nikkeijin. He was the leader and prime mover of the very first Nikkei movement for civil rights. When the state's victory in California vs. Fred Oyama threatened the Nisei farmers' ownership of their

lands which had been purchased by their fathers in their minority, it was Koda who came to Oyama's rescue by organizing a defense committee and raising the funds.

When it was apparent that the Association for the Defense of (Japanese) Civil Rights which he headed and the fledgling JACL were competing for the limited available funds of the then still weak Nikkei communities, he gracefully dissolved his own organization and concentrated his talent and effort to raising funds for JACL. In the latter organiza-

tion he spearheaded the movement to win the right to naturalization for the Issei, throwing in considerable sums of his own money.

That I had kept on thinking Koda was still living, fifteen years after his death, is a measure of his greatness. How I became interested in this great man is another story I would like to tell some time—if I can last that long. But a better idea is for some younger people to undertake his biography, which is surely more interesting than those more prominent figures in politics, for instance. #

Reischauer speaks on Japan at San Diego club founding

San Diego, Ca.

A group of San Diegans was privileged July 15 to spend an evening with a giant, the former U.S. Ambassador to Japan Dr. Edwin O. Reischauer of Harvard, at the dinner sponsored by the newly formed East Asia Society of San Diego. San Diego JACL president Mas Hironaka extended greetings of the local Nikkei community at the affair.

Reischauer's ninety-minute talk was delivered without text but with considerable humor and deep insight. What follows are this writer's hasty notes and impressions on the "Overview of Japan".

Japan is a much faster paced and hectic place than the U.S. Our style of living is much slower by any compar-

ison.

Japan has learned from the first oil crisis how to adapt. There is no panic over oil—as there is in the U.S. They have learned how to live with the crisis.

The Japanese GNP (measured in real terms—not dollars) is up 5.6% this year. Their economy is just better better organized than ours.

The Japanese are without question the best educated people in the world; 92% of her youth get through high school—and they can read when they get finished. This means Japan is a nation where rather menial jobs are held by persons with a solid education.

There is some uneasiness in politics. The Liberal Democratic Party is losing its ma-

jority to the tune of about 1% a year. There is some fear (which is justified) that a coalition of the political right may be able to obtain a paper thin majority.

In Japan a politician, like the present prime minister—Ohira, with charisma is one who keeps his mouth shut, smiles and says Hmmm, to everything.

Japan has some problems, too. Most Americans would not want to be Japanese. The society is heavily group oriented, although some young people are moving to a more individual form of life style.

There is intense pressure on children to succeed. It is a very expensive place to live. The Japanese would snicker

at San Diego prices.

The Japanese are still agonizing over the 125-year-old question: "What is a Japanese?" There's a psychic scar from their desire to catch up with the West or be Western. What they don't realize is that they have caught up.

All things considered, even though the Japanese don't realize it completely, Japan is simply a tremendously Japanese country.

—DON ESTES

San Diego JACL Newsletter

japan today

The elderly (over age 65) population in Japan has topped the 10-million mark for the first time, the Prime Minister's Office announced Sept. 15. Respect for the Aged holiday. Survey showed 10,290,000—an increase of 390,000 from the previous year.

Popularity of a five-day work week is spreading, a private labor-industry survey indicated, with 327 head offices of 2,300 major companies queried observing the shorter work week.

Lan Lan, the female giant panda which died Sept. 4 at the Tokyo Ueno Zoo will be stuffed. Another is expected as a replacement from China, which had donated a pair in 1972 in celebration of the reopening of Sino-Japanese relations.

Nan Nan was the pet name for a huge sunfish on display for 426 days at the Kamogawa Sea World in Chiba-ken. Still unnamed is another captive sunfish on display now over 426 days—and a new record—at the Matsushima Aquarium in Sendai.

Japan gears for Oct. 7 election

Tokyo

The Liberal-Democratic Party holds an edge in the Oct. 7 general election, according to a Yomiuri Shimbun poll covering all 130 constituencies in the 511-member lower House.

LDP and opposition parties were evenly matched in the House prior to dissolution. Yomiuri poll now indicates 227 LDP "almost certain to win"—though short of a 271-seat majority. At least 182 seats were up for grabs at the time time poll was made. #

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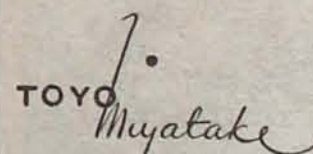
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