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## Tsujimura wants nat'l bd. to meet at different cities

SAN FRANCISCO—National JACL Board meetings will be held for the first time at different parts of the country, according to newly-elected president Jim Tsujimura of Portland, but "subject to funding". The tentative schedule for the biennium is:

1980: Sept. 26-28 — Los Angeles  
1981: Jan. 23-25 — San Francisco; April 24-26 — Washington, D.C.; Sept. 25-27 — Chicago  
1982: Jan. 29-31 — San Francisco; May 21-23 — Portland, Ore.

District governors and regional directors were expected to arrange for meeting rooms and two-night accommodations for out-of-town board members in private homes of nearby chapter members. A potluck supper Saturday was also suggested to enable the 18-member board to become better acquainted with local JACLers.

"Hopefully, the Board would be able to meet in the other districts in the subsequent biennium. I am aware also of the inconvenience this new travel format may cause for all concerned, but it is one way we might stimulate more interest in JACL and possibly increase membership," Dr. Tsujimura explained.



J.D. Hokoyama

## Hokoyama named acting nat'l director

SAN FRANCISCO—The National JACL Board at its first meeting Aug. 2 presided by Dr. Jim Tsujimura, president, named J.D. Hokoyama as Acting National Director.

Hokoyama has been serving the national organization as the Associate National Director for the past two years, working in the area of educational and cultural program development.

Hokoyama, a 34-year-old Sansei, has been involved in education for over 12 years. A Peace Corps worker in the late 1960's, he taught English and Literature at Loyola and Immaculate Heart High Schools and also served as the Maryknoll School principal in Los Angeles.

As Acting National Director, he will administer the programs and operations of the JACL National Headquarters in San Francisco and coordinate the activities of the organization's six regional offices and 110 local chapters across the Mainland U.S., in Hawaii and Japan.

Hokoyama is married and has one daughter. He will serve as the Acting National Director until a permanent National Executive Director is named by the JACL Selection Committee and is approved by the National Board.

## Ruby Schaar well

NEW YORK—New York JACL president Ruby Schaar, who had been hospitalized Aug. 24 at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, publicly acknowledged the many get-well cards and expressions upon her release Sept. 1. She was attended by Dr. Roy Ashikari, who assured her the operation was a success.

## JACL Board to meet at Li'l Tokyo Tower

LOS ANGELES—National JACL board members around the nation—the six nationally elected officers, eight district governors, two youth representatives, PC Board chair, and national legal counsel—were reminded by J.D. Hokoyama, acting national director, that with the first board meeting away from San Francisco in many years set for Sept. 26-28 in Little Tokyo Tower, they should:

- 1—Make flight arrangements immediately to take advantage of whatever special rates available.
- 2—While Board members will be housed in homes of chapter members in the Los Angeles area, it would facilitate planning if those who can stay with relatives can notify Headquarters promptly.
- 3—New business for the agenda should be submitted by Sept. 17.

National Board meetings are open to members, except for matters of personnel or litigation. The presiding officer has the prerogative as to extent of participation by nonboard members.

## Crosses afire on two lawns

RED DEER, Alta.—Cross-burnings at two homes recently, one occupied by a Japanese Canadian family, left the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the two households mystified as to the motives.

Crosses measuring five meters high, three meters wide were found burning on the front lawns of Mel Tamagi, a Canadian-born Japanese, and Allaudin and Parviz Dhanani, a Pakistani couple who emigrated to Canada six years ago from Tanzania.

While Tamagi felt the racist symbol might have been directed at the Pakistani owner of the house which he rents, Dhanani observed: "If people didn't want us here, they would have done it long ago... Why do these things happen? We're very friendly with our neighbors and everybody."

The RCMP said it had no clue as to whether it was a vigilante or teenagers who have nothing better to do.

## 'Invisible' people

HONOLULU—After being in Hawaii for almost 75 years and making up some 14% (150,000) of the state population, the Filipinos deserve better than the "out of sight, out of mind" treatment of the Hawaii Visitor's Bureau, which failed to list in its 1978 pamphlet any Filipino event under ethnic festivals, publisher Juan Dionisio declared recently.



The principle figures in James Clavell's 'Shogun', NBC-TV's 12-hour miniseries about 17th century Japan are Blackthorne (Richard Chamberlain, left), a shipwrecked English navigator; Mariko (Yoko Shimada, center), the Japanese Catholic convert who becomes his translator and lover; and Lord Toronaga (Toshiro Mifune, right), the most powerful warlord who is plotting to become Shogun—supreme military ruler. To be aired over five consecutive evenings, the opening three-hour segment is scheduled Monday, Sept. 15. (Check local TV listing for the hour.)

## Winner of Hayashi law scholarship named

WASHINGTON — Mari Mayeda of Oakland, Ca., was named as the latest winner of the JACL Thomas T. Hayashi Memorial Law Scholarship, according to Mike M. Masaka, chairman of the Law Scholarship Committee.

The scholarship now carries a stipend of \$700 per year, payable for a total of three years provided the recipient maintains a satisfactory average during law school. This year, for the first time, financial need was considered along with academic excellence and extra-curricular activities.

Ms. Mayeda is the daughter of Ted and Asako Mayeda, who are members of Oakland JACL. Her father was chapter president in 1963 and 1964.

Mari graduated from Oakland High School in 1976 and from UC Davis in 1979, majoring in history.

She completed her undergraduate studies in college with a GPA of 3.96, placing her fifth out of a total of 1,412 graduates. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi.

She will attend Harvard Law School.

Members of the selections committee this year included:

Harry Takagi (Washington, D.C.), Ki-yomi Nakamura (Seabrook), Ron Inouye (New York), and Kaz Horita (Philadelphia), substituting for Dr. Tom Tamaki.

Previous winners of the Law Scholarship who are continuing their legal studies will also receive \$700 this fall: Susan Kamei of Anaheim, Ca., who will be in her third year at Georgetown University Law Center, and Kevin Kengo Takeuchi of Stockton, Ca., who will be entering his second year.



MOSHI MOSHI: Jin Konomi

## For the Lack of Software . . . .

This is the first in a series by PC contributing columnist Jin Konomi on the "Japanese Language" as it is written which he has long wanted to do. No. 2 will delve into inadequacies of Japanese-English dictionaries. And No. 3 on Romaji, its

Japan, Inc.

El Cerrito, Ca.  
There is a highly successful corporation which is among the top leaders in the world. Its technologies and sales organization are models of efficiency, and its gross revenue is the envy of its rivals. But in one area it is lagging. Its operation cannot be computerized. Or rather, the computer is there, but it lacks the software. Strangely no attempt is being made to develop one.

This hypothetical corporation is the simplified, schematic model of a real life corporation. The hampered operation is communication. The immobilized computer is the language. The lacking software is a sensible system of writing. Now I am sure you can see the picture. This corporation is

Recently I read a small Japanese paperback. My enjoyment was spoiled by my inability to read 28 names. (This happens all the time to me in reading Japanese history. So many of the names can only be guessed.) This is a ridiculous situation for anyone well educated in the Japanese language and who is more than average in knowledgeability of things Japanese, and writes in Japanese. I use the dictionaries probably 20 times each day. Only last week, I came across a one-character name. It was not listed in the biggest Japanese dictionary of Chinese characters, so a friend in San Francisco was asked to look it up for me in another dictionary.

The *Encyclopedia Heibonsha*, probably the best in Japan, has a supplement listing more than

## Racist-like terms in 'Shogun' worrying Nikkei

LOS ANGELES—NBC-TV's 12-hour epic based on James Clavell's "Shogun" begins Monday night, Sept. 15 with the most brutal and violent aspects of the novel about an English navigator who becomes a samurai in early 17th Century Japan as the opener.

Because of some of the realistic scenes, parental discretion has been advised, an NBC spokesman said this past week after a group headed by JACL ethnic concerns chairperson Ron Wakabayashi previewed the first-night's segment at the Academy in Beverly Hills. But JACL's chief concern was the mass introduction before the million viewers on TV new volcanic expressions calculated as a substitution for "Jap".

Dennis Kunisaki, Pacific Southwest district vice governor, expected Nisei and Sansei parents would be calling upon the JACL to protest to NBC after their youngsters come home from school complaining about being called names. It was also pointed out that other Asian youngsters might similarly be teased.

Wakabayashi, after the preview, told NBC vice president for corporate information, Jay Rodriguez, that his bigger concern was the stimulant of the fascinating saga at this particular time of strained economic relations between U.S. and Japan.

NBC was prepared to show the remaining segments to JACL officials in hopes of allaying such fears, that after the opening night's episode a transformation in one's attitude would follow as it does Blackthorne (Richard Chamberlain), the lead character who comes to understand and appreciate life under the "Shogun".

## GOP gunning for Mori's seat in Sac'to

SACRAMENTO — The state Republican Political Action Committee having acknowledged ousting Assemblyman Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) is their No. 1 priority in the November general election, the Nisei legislator said he was not surprised but "feels confident" of his campaign strategy to be re-elected because of "my voting record".

While Mori's campaign will not be complicated by the struggle he had in the June primary where Speaker Leo McCarthy was being challenged by Assemblyman Howard Berman for the Assembly speakership, "the general election promises to be just as expensive (over \$500,000) and as much work", he said.

Mori is facing Gib Marguth.

## Wendy Yoshimura free on parole

BERKELEY, Ca.—Wendy Yoshimura was paroled Aug. 25 and is now living in Berkeley and working at a local fruit juice bar. She had been at a halfway house in Oakland for the past seven months while teaching watercolor painting to the elderly in San Francisco Japantown and serving juices at the Juice Bar Collective.

The parole office explained she had done excellent work in the work-furlough program after being released from the women's prison at Frontera, where she spent six months. She was imprisoned in July, 1979, for possession of a machine gun, bomb and bomb-making materials.

## Coloradans to hear Mineta & Matsui

DENVER, Colo.—Nikkei congressmen Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui will discuss implications and start-up of the Commission to study the wartime relocation and internment of civilians at a dinner Friday, Sept. 19, 6 p.m. at Akebono Restaurant, 1255-19th St. Rep. Tim Wirth of Colorado will also attend.

## Judge Tashima inducted

LOS ANGELES—Federal Judge A. Wallace Tashima, 46, was sworn into office Sept. 4 at ceremonies at the U.S. Courthouse before a group of 200 friends and court officials. He is the second Nisei U.S. district judge, joining Judge Bob Takasugi.

practicability and some changes he is proposing in its orthography may just be interesting enough to suggest No. 4 for a completely new, more scientific approach to Japanese phonetics.—Ed. Note:

5,000 place names which mystify native readers and stymie foreign correspondents. You have to happen to know them in order to read them correctly.

The average person's inability to read names, and some words and phrases, creates a Catch-22 sort of difficulty. There is no way you can look them up in dictionaries, since these list the entries by pronunciations. There is one partial solution to the problem. You analyze the characters into radicals and bodies, locate the radical entries in a Chinese character dictionary, count the brush strokes of the bodies (right halves), go over the pages until you find them. Even then the pronunciations of Japanese names and some terms are so arbitrary and whimsical you can never be sure.

The above diatribe is not at all

irrelevant.

I have noticed that Pacific Citizen columnists habitually use Japanese words and phrases, and sometimes even whole sentences in Japanese. From this I assume that most Nisei and many Sansei and Yonsei have considerable or some familiarity with the language, and may even be able to carry conversations in Japanese. So why are not more of them bilingual?

I believe the answer is the *kanji*. Many of them were turned off because Japanese instruction traditionally laid such emphasis on the knowledge of the *kanji*. But for the insurmountable difficulty of mastering the *kanji*, many of them would have studied Japanese; those already studying it would

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## Merit Savings assets top \$100 million in 12 years

LOS ANGELES—Merit Savings & Loan Assn., by topping the \$100-million mark in assets last month, has earned the distinction of becoming the nation's largest minority-owned savings and loan, according to chairman of the board and president Bruce T. Kaji.

The achievement was celebrated at a gala VIP reception Sept. 11 at the New Otani Hotel and at Merit's four offices in Little Tokyo, Gardena, Monterey Park and Irvine during the first two weeks of September.

The Japanese American financial institution, founded in 1962, includes a wholly-owned subsidiary, Merit Service Corp., which is involved in housing and real estate development. Merit also plans to build new corporate offices in a high rise facility in Little Tokyo within the next three to five years. #

## PCYA 1981 program deadline for spaces set: Nov. 15

WASHINGTON — The Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C. is now considering applicants for the 1981 Presidential Classroom, the Washington JACL Office announced this past week in a memorandum addressed to JACL chapters.

PCYA, a nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational organization, offers high school juniors and seniors from public, private and parochial schools unique opportunity to

learn first hand the workings of American democracy, through an intensive curriculum of seminars, discussions, and on-site briefings, visits to the White House, State Department, and Capitol Hill.

Chapter may wish to completely finance the week-long program (expenses include \$25 registration fee, \$325 tuition, and round trip transportation costs), or to share expenses with the students' families.

In order to reserve spaces in the PCYA, 1981 Program, the chapter must send in an Admission Request Card and \$25 registration fee by Nov. 15, directly to the PCYA, P.O. Box 19084, Washington, D.C. 20036. Students' names and tuition are due on Dec. 15, 1980.

### House of Japan program

SAN DIEGO—Japan Day will be held on Sunday, Sept. 14 by the House of Japan in Balboa Park, featuring the Matsumai Kai, Kagoshima prefecture folk dancing group.

## Rev. George Nishimoto, 64, headed Cleveland JACL for third term

CLEVELAND, Ohio—The Rev. George N. Nishimoto, 64, executive director of the West Side Ecumenical Ministry who was serving his third year as Cleveland JACL president, died Aug. 24 after several months' illness with cancer. Final rites were conducted Aug. 28 at the Lakewood Congregational Church. Surviving are w Tosh, s

John Mark (Honolulu), Peter, br Tom and sis Michi Shingu.

Nishimoto, who was recognized by the recent National JACL Convention for his lifelong work among Japanese Americans, received his bachelor of divinity degree in 1945 from Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. He did some pastoral work in Camp Topaz, then became associate secretary of the Greater Chicago Church Federation in 1945-47 to assist in the resettlement efforts. He founded in 1947 the Kenwood-Ellis Community Center Church in southside Chicago, serving as pastor until 1961 when he became pastor of the Japanese American Congregational Church on the city's northside. In 1963, he moved to New York and became executive secretary for the Church Vocations and Student Care of the United Church of Christ. In 1974, he came to Cleveland to direct the West Side Ecumenical Ministry, a social service agency of 39 Catholic-Protestant congregations.

Rev. Nishimoto received a master's degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1950, and was awarded an honorary doctorate from Eden in 1971.

### deaths

**Andow, Echio**, 58, of Culver City, Idaho-born Nisei and veteran of WW2, passed away on Aug. 23 after a stroke. Funeral service was held Aug. 28 at the Chapel of the Shimatsu, Ogata and Kubota Mortuary, Los Angeles. The Rev. Harry Murakami officiated. Surviving are w Harriette, s James Echio, brs Kingo (Wis), Rinso (New York), Kenji (Chicago), grandson Echio James.

**Yaeko Inagaki**, 89, of Los Angeles, died Aug. 29. Mother of the late George Inagaki, National JACL president in the 1950s, was a naturalized citizen and a Venice-Culver JACLer. Surviving are daughter-in-law Yukie, grandson Christopher, granddaughter Patti Ueda and 2 ggs.

## Media producers hold first confab

BERKELEY, Ca.—The first national conference of Asian Pacific Producers in Public Broadcasting, held July 25-27 at UC Berkeley, attracted over 75 producers and directors as well as several dozen representatives from public broadcast stations and government agencies, according to Steve Tatsukawa of Visual Communications, Los Angeles, who served on the conference planning committee.

A sense of national priorities for Asian Pacific media people on the reality of relating the Asian Pacific American scene to the wider public became evident, Tatsukawa added. #

### 'Images' on TV

LOS ANGELES—Frank Kwan and Patti Hirahara host a monthly 30-minute TV feature, "Images", focusing on Asian Americans to debut Saturday, Sept. 20, 10:30 p.m. on KCSI(18) during the Asahi Homecast segment. First subject: an inside look at 1980 Nisei Week. #

### Kamon Art contribution

LOS ANGELES—A \$1,000 contribution to the JACCC was made by Kei Yoshida, instructor of historic dolls and Kamon art, this past week. It represented proceeds from Nisei Week lectures on family crests by Prof. Motoji Niwa of Japan. #

### Mt. Hood alert

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—While many feared Mt. Hood might join Mt. St. Helens erupting because of small tremors here this past summer, it appeared to be an exaggeration, but it did trigger Jan Kurahara, director of the County Emergency Services, to hold emergency sessions to prepare a contingency plan. The Mid-Columbia JACLer has been in charge of the agency for the past 18 years. #



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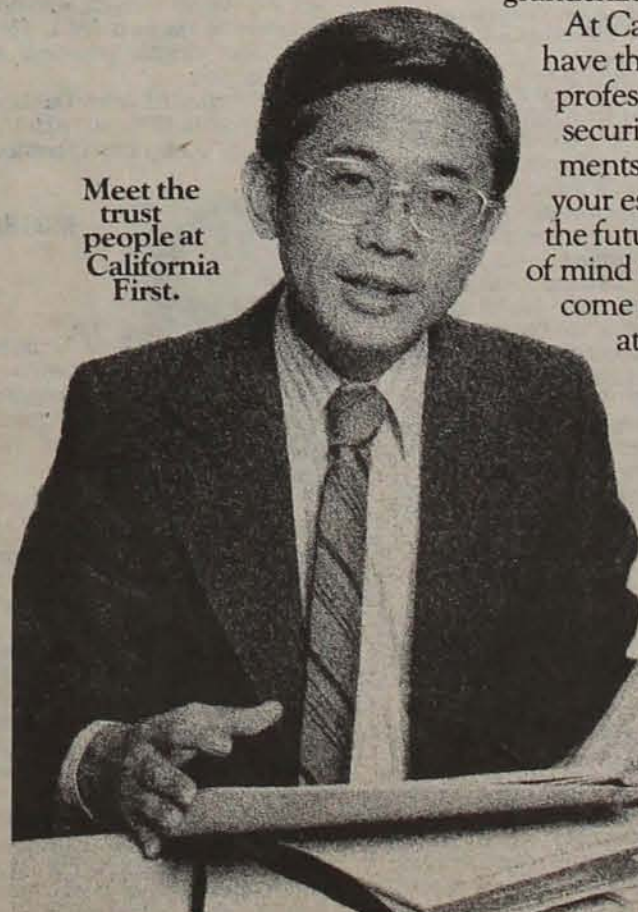
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# JACL Washington Office Index - 1979-80

An alphabetically arranged review of activities and concerns of the JACL Washington Representative Ronald K. Ikejiri, Esq., during the past biennium, as prepared for the 1980 Convention.

(This report, at the same time, launches Page 3 for material of national interest to JACL members. —Ed.)

By RONALD K. IKEJIRI

**AFL-CIO**—Consulted with Marvin Caplan, Legislative Director of the AFL-CIO on issues relating to labor and civil rights.

**AGING**—Cooperated with HEW on its Age Discrimination Act of 1975 by commenting on its proposed regulations.

**ALCOHOL ABUSE**—Advanced the work of the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, specifically in the area of minority programs.

**AMERICAN IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENS CONFERENCE**—Worked with the conference in support of immigration changes.

**AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS**—Corresponded with AJC regarding the lawsuit brought upon the U.S. Government by Sears, Roebuck & Co., in regards to its 1964 Civil Rights Act (employment discrimination).

**ASIAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, COMMISSION ON**—Corresponded with the State of Washington's Commission on Asian American Affairs, in regards to local (Wa.) and federal issues concerning Asian and Pacific Island Americans.

**ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROJECT TALENT SEARCH, S.F.**—Endorsed and supported the San Francisco Japanese Community Youth Council's efforts to obtain federal monies under the Talent Search Project.

**ASIAN AMERICANS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**—Maintained correspondence with AACI, a local California organization based in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**ASIAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND, New York**—Communicated with AALDEF, regarding the Fulilove case, in which the Justice Department's position threatened the elimination of Asian and Pacific Island Americans from the minority set aside program under the Public Works Employment Act.

**ASIAN AMERICAN RESEARCH SEMINARS**—Maintained active correspondence with the AARS, and their research into legislators issuing the Asian and Pacific Island American community, and advancement into public positions.

**ASIAN BILINGUAL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT CENTER**—Actively participated in the seeking of applications for grant monies under the Title VII Bilingual Traineeship Program at Seton Hall University.

**ASIA INSTITUTE—U.S. ASIA INSTITUTE**—Worked with the Asia Institute on various issues concerning Asian and Pacific Island Americans, in programs and projects in the U.S. and abroad.

**ASIA SOCIETY'S WASHINGTON CENTER AND CHINA COUNCIL**—Kept abreast of a calendar of events regarding the Asian and Pacific Island American community and related topics in the Washington D.C. area.

**ASIAN/PACIFIC OFFICE OF EDUCATION, HEW—DOE**—Submitted list of priority resolutions to the Asian and Pacific American Concerns Staff, and maintained correspondence on same. Maintained information regarding the DHEW's grants program. Supported the passage of HR 2444, to establish a Department of Education.

**ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES COUNCIL (APAFEC)**—Supported increased involvement by Asian and Pacific Island Americans in federal civil service employment.

**ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK**—National JACL, through the Washington Office, in cooperation with the Washington D.C. Chapter, sponsored an Inaugurating Reception honoring the principal co-sponsors of the Authorizing Resolution in declaration of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week: Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Senator Spark M. Matsunaga, Congressman Frank Horton, Congressman Norman Y. Mineta.

**ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN PUBLICATIONS DIRECTORY**—Maintained complete information on publications specifically concerning Asian and Pacific Island Americans.

**ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN RESEARCH**—Supported the APAR efforts on researching candidates' positions concerning specific issues relating to Asian and Pacific Island Americans in the 1980 Election Year.

**ASIAN AMERICAN JOURNEY**—Corresponded with AAJ, and received publications regarding issues related to the social aspects of Asian and Pacific Islanders in the United States and abroad.

**ATOMIC BOMB SURVIVORS COMMITTEE**—(See Attached Report) [This report is to be incorporated in the Convention Minutes.]

**BILINGUAL EDUCATION, HEW**—Responded to the Social Security Administration's survey regarding current and needed programs for bilingual education.

**BOAT PEOPLE**—Expressed concern and supported the Chinese American Cultural and Welfare Foundation's appeal to Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance, for continued help and assistance to the "Boat People".

**BUDGET CONFERENCE AGREEMENT**—Worked with the Americans for Democratic Action on amendments to the proposed 1981 Budget.

**CARTER ADMINISTRATION**—Received periodic up-dates from the White House on current Administration programs and policies.

**CENSUS**—Served on the Asian Pacific American 1980 Census Advisory Committee. Expressed concern that Asian and Pacific Island Americans be accurately accounted for in the 1980 census, and the need to monitor same.

**CENTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AWARENESS**—Attended seminar on drug abuse prevention, specifically as it relates to minorities. Supported the Center's efforts on same.

**CIVIL RIGHTS OFFICE, HEW**—Received information regarding institutions of higher education and issues related to enrollment of minorities, i.e. the Bakke case. Support of HEW's proposed 1980 General Hospital Compliance Report, specifically in agreement of the report's definition of "minorities" in reference to "Asian or Pacific Islanders".

**CIVIL RIGHTS, U.S. COMMISSION ON**—Received favorable response to request that the Commission's Civil Rights Consultation be held in Washington, D.C. during the Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. Received periodic up-dates on programs and policies carried out by the Commission.

**CLINIC FOR WOMEN, INC. T.H.E.**—Received information from the Clinic regarding legislators' districts and the needed programs and policies in each to address the issues and concerns of women.

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP PRACTICES**—Commented on testimony by the Club Membership Practices of Financial Institutions before the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, U.S. Senate.

**COMMON CAUSE, Washington, D.C.**—Commented on a draft of booklet put out by Common Cause, at their request, in which the Common Cause community can actively seek out the cooperation and support of minority communities in their respective geographic areas.

**COMMUNICATIONS ACT REVISIONS, H.R. 3333**—Expressed concern and support for Coalition for Public Rights in Broadcasting's efforts regarding communications policies and rights. Supported and participated in the efforts of the Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc. in making amendments to HR 3333.

**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**—Attended the Community Economic Development Conference of the Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment, Washington, D.C.

**CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS**—Exchanged ideas and viewpoints on issues of mutual interest regarding civil and human rights.

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS**—Received much information regarding reforms in the Administration's Consumer Affairs Office, and its impact on consumers and the community.

**CONSUMERS FOR WORLD TRADE**—Member. Supported CWT's position to have in-put into foreign trade policies being implemented by the Administration.

**CONTEMPORARY ART**—Supported and endorsed Murray State University's proposal for an exhibition of *Contemporary Art by Asian Americans*. Submitted recommendation to the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

**CRIME—JUSTICE FOR ALL**—Received statement submitted before the Subcommittee on Crime, House of Representatives, by Americans United Against Crime.

**DEMOCRATIC STUDY GROUP**—Received periodic Legislative Reports from DSG regarding issues specifically relating to Asian and Pacific Island American communities.

**DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM, Washington, D.C.**—Corresponded with the Department of Human Resources regarding its Drug Abuse Prevention Program.

**EDUCATION, Department of**—Participation in consultation meetings on the development of the new Education Department, specifically in relation to issues of concerns to Asian/Pacific Island Americans.

**EDUCATION, Office of, HEW**—Participation in meetings to discuss the development of revisions to the Regulation for Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

**EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE**—Member of the Working Committee for Affirmative Action, National Arts Awards Program, ETS. Developed policy statement for a Ford Foundation Grant.

**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS, National Commission on**—Received reports and statistics from the Commission regarding employment in the United States.

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION**—Acted as JACL's liaison to the EEOC. Attended meetings dealing with the Executive Order 12067, Charts Outlining the Coordinating Process, Employer Questionnaires, Survey of Federal Agency Equal Employment Function, etc. Received reports from the commission discussing the Weber decision, pertaining mainly to Blacks. Also received information on how to handle situation in which the employee feels he/she has been discriminated against.

**FAIR HOUSING AMENDMENT ACT**—Active with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, opposing all amendments to H.R. 5200.

**FAMILIES, White House Conference On**—Attended the White House Conference on Families, with in-put to proposed policies directly relating to Asian and Pacific Island Americans.

**FAMILY, Impact Seminar, George Washington University**—Attended Seminar on Families by GWU, "Family Impact Seminar".

**F.O.R. CLUB, Gardena, Ca.**—Consulted with the FOR Club in respect to its activities for 1980.

**FORD FOUNDATION**—Received publications containing pertinent information regarding East/West economics and other international issues.

**HAITIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY**—Corresponded and exchanged ideas with the SCHEMAS regarding issues of mutual concern, Asian and Pacific Island Americans. Exchanged organizational information.

**HANA INSTITUTE**—Guest lecturer to the HANA Institute at American University, on the JACL and relative issues of Asian and Pacific Island Americans.

**HEW, Office of Public Affairs**—Corresponded and met with Assistant Secretary Tom Donnelly of the Office of Public Affairs to discuss the inner workings of the office, and to exchange ideas in areas where JACL and HEW could be of mutual help.

**IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE**—Corresponded with the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, regarding the possibility of holding a conference in Washington, D.C. about current immigration laws and statutes.

**IMMIGRATION/REFUGEE, Select Commission On**—Received communication on the Commissions' meetings, and actions. Made recommendations to the President on candidates for the Commission, and corresponded with the Commission commending them for including Asian and Pacific Island Americans in the selection process. Attended and participated in commission hearings. Solicited views and comments from the committee to incorporate into JACL's participation of same.

**INDOCHINESE REFUGEES**—Received information regarding refugees, their population, problems, legislation and assistance.

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**—Received correspondence from Chuck Kubokawa regarding International Social Assistance Okinawa, ISAO, regarding possible JACL support to same.

**INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD**—Worked with the National JACL to submit Sheri Hamamoto as a candidate for the International Year of the Child Children's Advisory Panel. Sheri was selected as an alternate panel member.

## A separate report covering major efforts in the legislative area is forthcoming. —RKI

**JAPAN/AMERICA SOCIETY**—Member of the Washington, D.C. branch. Received publications and information regarding various activities and events on the Japan/American Society, relating to international issues and relations.

**JAPANESE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**—Member. Exchanged information and ideas of interest to JACL, regarding Asian and Pacific Island American issues.

**JAPANESE AMERICAN CURRICULUM PROJECT**—Corresponded with JACP regarding materials available on the Asian and Pacific Island American experience.

**JAPAN FORUM, Harvard University**—Received information and schedules on lectures and other events sponsored by the Forum. Supported the Forum's urging of WGBH-TV, Boston, to discontinue showing of *GI Diary*, depicting a biased anti-Japanese view of the war, and with use of the term "Jap" throughout the film.

**JAPAN TIMES WEEKLY**—Receive weekly publications, from Japan, addressing the issues relating to Japan, and also the U.S. in the context of Japan/U.S. Relations.

**JAPAN—U.S. FRIENDSHIP ACT**—Made comments on a preliminary draft of revisions to the Japan-U.S. Friendship Act, to the JACL International Relations Committee. Received annual reports on the commission, its programs and policies.

**JUSTICE, U.S. Department of, Iranian Students**—Maintained National JACL's position regarding the treatment of Iranian students, consistent with the Constitution, based upon the WWII relocation and internment experience of Japanese Americans.

**JUSTICE, U.S. Department of, Asian/Pacific American Federal Employee Council**—Attended reception and program addressing issues of Asian and Pacific Island Americans.

**LA RAZA, National Council Of**—Received La Raza newsletter, and exchanged articles of mutual concern pertaining to minority groups.

**LABOR, U.S. Department of, News**—Receive newsletter. Of particular interest are articles regarding the CETA program, and other issues having direct impact on minorities.

**LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS**—(Member, Executive Committee.) Continue to participate as a member of LCCR for the past 30 years.

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**—Continue liaison with Library of Congress on access to the Library, as a research and resource center, for Asian and Pacific Island Americans.

**MALDEF**—Cooperated with and co-sponsored a reception for the Voters' Rights Act in Washington, D.C. Continue to maintain communication with MALDEF regarding issues addressing the minority communities, and continue to work on issues of mutual interest and concern.

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT**—Attended White House Briefing on the MHSA. Received correspondence regarding the Act and its components. Of particular interest are those sections discussing problems of minorities with unique concerns based upon discrimination and racism.

**MERIDIAN HOUSE INTERNATIONAL**—Attended an Orientation Seminar, "Japan Today". Cultural emphasis, and U.S./Japan Relations concerns.

**MIGRATION STUDIES OF NEW YORK, INC., Center For**—Receive newsletter; articles pertaining to Vietnamese Refugees and their immigration to the United States.

**MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**—Corresponded with legislators regarding S. 2565, the bill to establish a Minority Business Development Agency, to amend the bill to include Asian and Pacific Island Americans to the list of minorities eligible for assistance under the bill.

**MONITOR—CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CHANGE**—Received newsletter, dealing with the Budget and its impact on agencies and programs with direct effects on minority communities.

**MOTTL ANTI-BUSING AMENDMENT**—Worked in close association with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights to defeat the Mottl Anti-Busing Amendment. The bill was defeated in the House.

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS**—Member. Issues of concern to the Asian and Pacific Island American communities discussed.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC EDUCATION**—Received conference material by the NAAPE, relating to issues of education in their relations with Asian and Pacific Island Americans, i.e. bilingual education, refugee education.

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION**—Received information regarding the Institute's Grants Program.

**NATIONAL PEACE ACADEMY**—Received program material published by the Academy, on topic of Educating for Peace.

**NEIGHBORHOODS, Ad Hoc Coalition**—Attended Coalition meetings, focused on legislation directly affecting the community, i.e. CETA, Community Development, etc.

**NORTHROP**—Corresponded with, and supported the educational activities of Northrop University, Los Angeles, and its programs.

**OLDER AMERICANS ACT 1978, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**—Corresponded with Honorable Senator Spark M. Matsunaga regarding the Commission on Civil Rights' proposed study of racial and ethnic discrimination in federal programs relating to the elderly. Letters to Commission members urging inclusion of Asian and Pacific Island Americans in the study, and allocations for programs to same.

**OPIUM ISSUE, Yves St. Laurent**—Support the Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc. in protesting the use of the name "Opium" for a new perfume by designer St. Laurent, regarding derogatory effects on the Chinese American and other Asian/Pacific Island American communities.

**PACIFIC ASIAN COALITION**—Received newsletters from the Coalition addressing the problems that Asian and Pacific Island American communities face.

**PACIFIC ASIAN ELDERLY RESOURCE CENTER**—Letters of support for the establishment of a National Resource Center for the Pacific/Asian elderly, to the U.S. Commission on Aging.

**PACIFIC/ASIAN AMERICAN MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH CENTER**—Received newsletters addressing the issues of Asian and Pacific Island Americans' mental health problems, programs and events focused on same.

**PAPPAS, JOHN T.**—American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association—National JACL Headquarters made presentation to AHEPA on Redress. Met with and exchanged ideas with a former National Officer of AHEPA in Washington, D.C., concerning issues of mutual concern and interest.

**PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM**—National JACL sponsors, through local chapters, the JACL Presidential Classroom for high school students. Handled through the Washington Office, and Washington-based Presidential Classroom.

**RADIO-TV MONITORING SERVICE**—One-half hour tape on "Your Turn" Show, aired 4 July 1979, WDMV, regarding Redress.

**REDRESS, National Committee On**—(See attached report.) [Refer to the Convention Minutes.]

**REFUGEE ACT OF 1979**—Corresponded with several community organizations, regarding sea-lift of refugees, and expanding the quota for refugees permitted to enter into the United States.

**RENFREW HEARINGS**—Testified against Judge Charles B. Renfrew in his nomination for Deputy Attorney General, based upon comments made against Asian and Pacific Island Americans in a law review article written by the Judge. Judge Renfrew was confirmed as Deputy Attorney General.

**SBA SECTION 8(A)**—Request for Certification of Asian/Pacific Americans as a socially and economically disadvantaged group to the Small Business Administration. Congressional and community support certified Asian/Pacific Americans.

**SOCIAL SECURITY, National Commission On**—Solicitation to membership to attend public hearings on the formation of a National Commission on Social Security.

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**—Met with the Office of Commissioner, Mr. Dwayne Wickman, regarding the payment of social security payments to Japanese Americans, with information forwarded to the Pacific Citizen for publication to general membership.

**SOO, JACK, Smithsonian Institute**—Attended a presentation ceremony of artifacts belonging to the late actor Jack Soo, at the Smithsonian's National Museum of History and Technology.

**SUZUKI—NEBRASKA HOUSING DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT**—Provided assistance and support to Peter and Carol Suzuki in their housing discrimination complaint against Gateway Realty in Bellevue, Nebraska.

**TAKATA, TOMIE, Naturalization**—Urged and provided support to Mrs. Tomie Takata, to apply for naturalization papers.

**TRANSPORTATION, U.S. Dept. of**—Received periodic up-dates on programs and policies implemented by the DOT. Of particular interest is the Nominations for the Presidential Ranks of "Distinguished" and "Meritorious" Senior Executive, of which there were no women or Hispanics among the nominees.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES, INC.**—Received a Board Resolution in support of the JACL Commission Bill.

**U.S. JAPAN CULTURAL CENTER**—Received newsletters regarding lectures, programs relating to U.S./Japan cultures and relations, in Washington, D.C.

**U.S. JAPAN TRADE COUNCIL**—Received publications, and maintained communications with Director on relative issues. Supportive of the Council's commitment towards development of strong U.S./Japan relations.

**UCLA ENDOWED CHAIR**—Supported the Project for AJA Chair in the Japanese American Studies at UCLA.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT**—Received a report on youth employment, which did not include a racial breakdown on Asian and Pacific Island American youth.

**VISTA**—Support and testimony for federal allocations to continue the VISTA program.

**VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS**—Received publications from Asian American Students Center, Inc. Discussed establishment of the Asian American/Pacific Island Photographic Archives.

**WHITE HOUSE, Office of Ethnic Affairs**—Communication with Office of Ethnic Affairs in regards to Asian and Pacific Island American concerns.

**WORKING WOMEN**—Support of National Association of Office Workers position to urge banks to comply with Affirmative Action Programs.

**WEBER VS. KAISER ALUMINUM**—Decision supports guidelines of Affirmative Action Programs issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, JACL supported the position as relayed by the decision.

**YELLOW PERIL TRADEMARK**—National JACL, Washington Office, corresponded with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, to deny use of the name "Notes from the Yellow Peril" by the Telecommunications Publicity, Inc. Former Washington D.C. JACL Chapter President, David T. Nikaido, active in the denial of the trademark.



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## Priorities

Portland, Ore.

Of the many concerns expressed and programs approved by the National Council for the next biennium, the consensus has earmarked Redress as the top priority issue. Likewise, Membership Development, Ways and Means, International Relations, Aging and Retirement, Youth and Leadership, Long-range Planning, and Affirmative Action are key issues. No attempt will be made to prioritize them; they are all of vital importance to the growth and survival of JACL. It is my hope to address these topics in future columns.

At the moment, Redress commands our attention. President Carter has signed this bill into law. The presidential pen has provided a powerful impetus in propelling our movement forward. Even now our organizational machinery is gathering momentum.

In the near future, a JACL coordinator will be appointed to assist districts, chapters and members in all aspects of the upcoming hearings. A great deal of co-operative effort will be required to move resolutely and successfully toward our desired goal.

At present, that desired end appears to be clouded by controversy. There seems to be much confusion in regard to the working or interpretation of the 1980 Recommended Guidelines on Redress. It behooves me, therefore, to mention that the Guidelines that were adopted are exactly just that—*guidelines*. Nonetheless, to clarify some of the points in question, an article from the redress chair, John Tateishi, will be forthcoming.

Redress, understandably, is an extremely sensitive issue to some and its possible resulting ramifications are of concern to others. Nevertheless it is the imperative of our organization—and of all who believe in human and civil rights—to unwaveringly and unequivocally pursue justice. We must emphatically state that JACL's bottom line recommendation is monetary compensation. Further, for those who so desire, individual payments must be an option.

Whether the Commission and Congress agree with this is another matter.



BY THE BOARD: by Vernon Yoshioka

## Membership

San Diego, Ca.

How do we increase the membership of JACL? What will convince the majority of the Japanese American community to join JACL? And who is going to do this for our organization? As the newly elected Vice President for Membership and Services I will attempt to find the answers to these questions.

It is becoming quite evident that JACL will not grow because of some miraculous plan from National Headquarters. Or that by setting membership goals that growth will happen.

JACL has grown in the past and continues to grow because you have asked a friend to join. You have shared what JACL means to you and indicated that the cost of membership was worthwhile. We must emphasize and re-emphasize this outreach and encourage all of our members to share JACL with their friends.

But we need more than enthusiasm for JACL, we need to know what JACL is all about. "What is the future of JACL? Where is JACL going? And what is unique about JACL?" Three tough questions posed at the National Convention by Mr. Tom Arima of the Contra Costa Chapter. His premise is that we need to define what it is that keeps us working and volunteering for JACL.

Because of its diverse cross section JACL is the sounding board for the Japanese American community. Its national scope makes it our only forum for issues of our concern. And like it or not, it has been recognized as a spokesman for the whole Japanese American community. We need to emphasize this primary reason for JACL's existence, and we need to convince our friends and relatives that their help is necessary to continue.

Unless JACL is vital and growing, there will be fewer and fewer people interested in listening to or caring about our concerns.

Redress is our big issue right now. Redress can only happen because of this JACL organization. But we must also keep in mind our goals for education, public relations, international relations and anti-discrimination. In short, JACL is the Japanese American community leadership that is working for a better United States of America.

This year your JACL membership brochure is being designed for you to share it with a friend. Although inflation has hurt us all, there are few places better than JACL for investing your time and money.

## Letterbox

### ● Matter of Redress

Editor:

The undersigned is happy to read in Pacific Citizen the various articles and successes on the way to redress for the wrongs committed by our government nearly forty years ago. While they were few in number, perhaps only three that I can think of, those politicians dedicated to the rights of all citizens were turned out of office the next time around.

Needless to say, the deeds of the "Famed 442nd" and other Japanese-Americans took just a few short years to convince the run of the mill politicians and others amongst us, how wrong they had been.

And now we are down to the question of attempting to redress those many persons ordered off their land and places of business with little or no restitution for their losses, not to mention the intangibles such as dignity, privation and social injustices.

While I do not remember the details, I have read that some were paid off or reimbursed on the basis of ten cents on the dollar.

For that reason the suggested redress of \$15,000 should not be considered out of line; if for no other reason than to prevent such injustice being wreaked on another unprotected weak minority such as happened by an overly excited government in 1942.

For the many successful recipients that may have compunctions in the matter, let them donate such funds to the universities specializing in Japanese and/or Asiatic culture.

GUNNAR OLSBORG  
Seattle, Wa.

### ● Onward Jerry

Editor:

Jerry Enomoto: His unconquerable spirit and innate goodness to humanity will never be vanquished despite people like Mr. Way.

His column (PC, Aug 1-8) was refreshing.

New Mexico's gain is California's loss.

M. YAMANAKA ISEKE  
Palo Alto, Ca.

### ● Scholarship awards

Editor:

I was checking the scholarship winners in the latest issue of "PC". No doubt it is wrong of me to make any comments, but the way these scholarships are handed out seems rather uneven.

Of all the scholarships handed out, the Kuwahara Memorial seemed to use the poorest judgment. I'm not criticizing the winners, of course, for they are all brilliant, young people. But that is precisely the problem—I think overqualified individuals are being given preference in this and some of the other scholarships.

In contrast, I'd like to mention, the company I work for gives out 12 scholarships a year. Two of these are deliberately given to students with poor academic records, preferably from a minority or handicapped background. These are the sort of people who certainly need more help, than say, a 4.0 grade point graduate student who already has three degrees.

Referring back to the Kuwahara scholarships, the judging seems rather biased. Of the five winners—three are Harvard students, and the other two are writing plays. Presumably therefore, if one aspires to this scholarship, one must go to Harvard, and write a play. Is this the best criteria in the real world today?

VAUGHN M. GREENE  
San Bruno, Ca.

### ● Short Note

Editor:

As a constant, admiring reader since about 1943, I was pleased that the PC, July 18-25 issue finally caught up with me after my many changes of address.

I should have written long ago to express appreciation for the various items in the PC, your capable and praiseworthy efforts. Of particular interest was the piece by Bill Marutani, whom I hope to meet before long.

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(This corrects the address as it appeared in Marutani's (July 4-11) column.—Ed.)



### ● Hibakusha heroine

Editor:

The redress bill has successfully passed the legislative process through the signing of the bill by President Carter, but there are those of us who have worked for many of JACL's issues who fervently hope that JACL can now give first priority in the legislative area to the successful adoption of a bill in behalf of the Hibakusha in our midst.

Congressman Danielson's HR 1925 is the eighth annual bill submitted in behalf of the Committee of Atomic Bomb Survivors—Nisei in America—and there is no hope of its passage this session of Congress. Some of you were at the Wednesday night workshop at the last convention which focused on the status of the Hibakusha and featured Dr. Allen and Dr. Maki-noda as speakers. In my view, the

highlight was the videotape screening of the interview with Judy Enoki by James Okazaki and Frances Politeo. After the workshop I telephoned Judy Enoki who was terminally ill in Los Angeles, and told her of the videotape and how well it was received.

My wife and I had visited Judy several times in the past few months, at her home and in the hospital, and we were impressed, as everyone was who came in contact with her... at her marvelous spirit and courage. She was an outspoken advocate for help for the hibakusha, with special insights as one who worked as controller for the Suicide Prevention Center in Los Angeles. Simply because of her commitment, her best friend Frances Yamada Garnett was able to break through the trauma of her own experience at Hiroshima and finally come to the position where

she was able to verbalize the horror of being a 13-year-old in Hiroshima on the day the bomb was dropped.

About ten days ago I told Judy Enoki that we would get the bill for the Hibakusha for her. This morning (Aug. 21) at ten a.m., Judy Enoki died of cancer.

PAUL TSUNEISHI  
Los Angeles

### Redress hearings

SAN FRANCISCO—To prepare for commission hearings on the WW2 internment and relocation of civilians, the JACL Committee for Redress is forming a nation-wide committee of psychiatrists and sociologists to assist in an impact study of the concentration camps upon Japanese Americans, it was announced by Carole Hayashino, assistant coordinator and John Tateishi.

FROM HAPPY VALLEY: by Sachi Seko

## 'He taught me... how to be free'

Salt Lake City

With summer's end, the long days and short nights are gone, taking with them travelers who have briefly appeared at our door. Mostly, they arrived unannounced, sparing us frequent anticipatory trips to the window and the rehearsal of proper amenities, that never come off as well as spontaneous exclamations of surprise. It was a Monday when Pat paid us a visit.

She was a friend of my youngest sister. They were the same age, and for a time being inseparable, we used to tease they were more like twins. So it seemed only natural that we informally adopted Pat as part of our family. That was a long time ago. Pat moved to the east and my sister went west. Yet, every few years, Pat returned to visit, remembering to stop by, bringing us up to date, keeping in touch. On one trip, she brought a newly acquired husband.

When I opened the door, I asked where Tom was. "Oh, I'm alone," she said. Many of my friends now take separate vacations, especially those who come on obligatory family visits, so I did not pursue his absence. How long was she staying in the city? Only overnight, just passing through. I suggested I make reservations at a restaurant for dinner that night, so we could have a real visit. Pat asked, "Isn't that a roast I smell in the oven?" I assured her Nicholas would be happy to make a feast of it. "No, let's eat at home," she said, opening the refrigerator door to examine the vegetable bin. As she made her selection, I gathered ingredients for the salad dressing. Pat is a superb cook, so her presence is welcome in any kitchen. The conversation turned to food, as it always does with her. I mentioned that Tom's chicken recipe was still appreciated and often used in our house.

She smiled at the mention of his name, and then said, "I've left him."

There have been so many separations and reconciliations between them that I accepted the news with the same equanimity I display on receiving the weather report. At the beginning of their marriage, we used to make small wagers on its survival. However, after the 10th and 15th years, we decided they needed or deserved each other, a determination made on the fluctuating amount of interest we invested in their marital melodrama. In more expansive moments, we confessed our envy of a marriage

so alive that it constantly generated new sources of disagreement. I used to ask how she tolerated living with such excitement. Her answer, "Why should I eat hamburger when I can have filet mignon." Rebuked by her reply, I complained she only had food on her brain. "Bristles don't become you," she said, her wink removing the sting from the words.

"I'm on my way to California," she said. "I've left it all behind. Tom, the house, the dog, the cat. I'm starting over by myself."

"You don't ever stop playing games, do you?" I asked. "You'll change your mind. You couldn't live without him."

"I can't survive with him," she corrected.

One of Pat's fantasies, in an enormous and amusing repertoire, used to be that some day she would find herself a Japanese husband. "A nice, old, rich one with whom I will dine on a simple meal of rice and fish. And after dinner, we will sit in silence, on separate silk cushions, sipping tea and inspecting our navels."

I reminded her of this story, saying she would probably remarry. Maybe this time, one of her own race. "No, I couldn't do that," she said. "No one will ever be able to match Tom."

Then, I wondered, why had she left him? "It was because of Tom that I could leave him," she said. "He gave me the courage to do it. All the time I was driving this distance, something I never could have done alone before, I kept thinking I had Tom to thank for this. You know, he's some man. He showed me how large the world is. 'Take a big look at what's out there,' he used to say. He taught me how it felt to be free. I owe almost everything I am to him."

She had to leave shortly after dinner because there was a long drive the next day. Later that night, my husband and I were discussing the collapse of her marriage. "She's stupid," he said. "She had a big investment in it. She could have stuck it out. And she gave him the house? So what did he give her?"

"He gave her courage, even courage to leave him," I said. "That's quite a gift."

My husband looked at me sideways, expecting an explanation of my reply. I made no elaboration, knowing husbands, particularly Japanese husbands, can have no comprehension of women's secret dreams. A month later, I who abhor driving, am serenely driving across the desert. It is only a dream, of course.





FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

## Dr. Coggins: WW2 Mystery Unfolded

Denver, Colo.

After more than 35 years of writing this column, I have learned not to be surprised at anything that happens as a result thereof. But occasionally some extraordinary things take place. Take, for instance, the June 6 column based on a story about Dr. Cecil Hengy (that's correct, Hengy) Coggins, written by Dr. Eugene G. Laforet and published in the April 25 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Coggins, you may recall, is the physician whose curiosity led him to a career as a Naval intelligence officer prior to the outbreak of World War II. In that role he wrote the operations manual that guided naval intelligence.

Dr. Coggins' activities early convinced him of the unquestionable loyalty of Nisei. So convinced was he that when he had reason to suspect radio transmissions from

Japanese-manned tuna clippers sailing from San Pedro and San Diego, he located a Nisei name in a directory of ham radio operators and enlisted him to monitor the messages. Before war's outbreak he was transferred to Hawaii and there he recruited a number of Nisei to provide information for the Navy. No doubt his faith in the Nisei played a large part in preventing the evacuation of Japanese Americans in Hawaii, and in the formation of what was to become known as the 100th Infantry Battalion.

My column ended by asking where Dr. Coggins might be, if indeed he were still living. That produced a paset of letters including one from Dr. Coggins himself, and another from Dr. Laforet who practices in Newton Lower Falls, Mass.

Dr. Coggins, it turned out, lives in happy, busy retirement in Monterey, Calif., where his dentist is Dr. John K. Ishizuka. Not only that, but his youngest son, Bill, had been a swimmer and boxer on teams coached by my son, Mike, at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., some

15 years ago. And another son, Dr. C.H. Coggins Jr., presently head of the renal studies unit at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, was a one-time professional associate of Ms. Kei E. Kaneda, social worker and a member of the New England JACL chapter. Small world!

While in San Francisco recently I drove down to Monterey for lunch and a pleasant chat with the good doctor whose 78 years rest lightly on his shoulders. He has had more than a passing interest in writing, having authored an article on Nisei loyalty in Harper's back in 1943, and had thought vaguely of writing a book on his experiences as a naval intelligence officer.

But other interests kept getting in the way, and he hadn't given the Nisei much thought until Dr. Laforet came to interview him one day. What Dr. Laforet had in mind was a book about physicians who had made a mark outside the field of medicine. Eventually Dr. Laforet's article appeared in the Journal.

Dr. Laforet himself has an interesting Nisei connection, namely his wife Mitsuko Tashiro, also an M.D., whose father came to the United States from Kagoshima around the turn of the century and spent many years as a professor of bio-chemistry in Cincinnati where Mitsuko (and her two M.D. brothers) lived.

Perhaps Dr. Coggins will get around to writing his story. If he does the episodes involving the Nisei will be only a small part of it, for he went on to play a key role in various Pacific war activities including a stint with the so-called Rice Paddy Navy behind Japanese lines on the Chinese mainland. But he has nothing to be more proud of than the part he played in helping the nation to understand that the Nisei were loyal Americans at a time when they were under unjust but grave suspicion. #



EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

## Of Sea Cucumbers, and Things

Philadelphia

THOSE NISEI WHO reside on the East Coast, but not in New York City or its immediate environs, miss two things that those of you on the West Coast, - as well as some parts in between, - take for granted: (a) Japanese restaurants and (b) *nihon ei-ga*, preferably "chambara," if available. And so whenever we travel to the West Coast, the *shoku-ten's* and the *eiga-kan's* are invaded as soon as we unpack. Sometimes even before we unpack. This craving is not limited to Nisei, for the Issei are no less deprived. Recently, a Nisei was relating how an Issei parent returned to a *manju-ya* no less than three times, each time loading up with those delectable delicacies. (Out here we get them from the store's freezer, when available.)

YOU DENIZENS OF the West Coast matter-of-factly inquire where we get ingredients for a good *nihon-meshi*. While some Chinese or Korean-operated shops carry some goods, those of us in Philadelphia or New Jersey usually have to travel a distance, in our case some 35 miles to a store in Browns Mills, New Jersey known as "Haruko's." There, in addition to the customary canned goods as well as dried foods, we have access to many fresh ingredients including *toh-fu*, various *zuke's*, *tako*, *satsumage* and so on. On our periodic trips, we take along an ice chest and return with the car loaded down as if it were carrying bootleg whiskey.

DURING OUR LAST visit to Los Angeles, longtime friend Betty Yumori and newly-acquired friend Soichi Fukui treated Vicki and me to a fine Japanese dinner in the Japanese Village Plaza. One of the dishes was something we'd not had in years: *namako* or sea cucumbers. (To the uninitiated, don't let that vegetarian label mislead you: a sea "cucumber" is a slimy marine invertebrate with a flexible body and having short tentacles surrounding the mouth. Sea urchin and starfish are members of the same class.) Revolting as that description may sound, to the devotee, *namako* in horse-radish sauce is a real treat. Expensive, too.

AS I WAS crunching on the *namako* (it contains cartilaginous matter, which lends character to the dish), my thought fled to my youthful days when my Issei parents thrust a preparation of *namako* for this American lad to eat. (Yes, I ate it, albeit not with relish the first time. Or the second time.) And then I remembered that there was thrust in front of me other revolting foods that I now consider a rare delicacy: *kazuno-ko*. And I remembered a series of other foods that are so very expensive today that, back in those lean years on the farm, we partook with some degree of regularity. And it occurred to me, that comparatively poor as we were then, we indeed feasted "pretty high on the hog," so to speak. Puzzling.

SOMEONE ONCE COMMENTED that you can live and enjoy life like a rich person, only it doesn't cost you as much. While I haven't quite figured that one out, I'm beginning to think that maybe there's some truth in it. #

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Aug 18—Army lifts secrecy veil over MISLS-Ft Snellings operations; Gen Bissell lauds nearby newspapers for voluntarily keeping secret and Twin Cities people for accepting Nisei without public incident. . . . Nisei troops to be "language bridge" in Occupation of Japan.

Aug 20—Most of Canada's 23,000 Japanese want to remain, RCMP survey shows.

Aug 22—WRA official sees "no more Little Tokyos" in talk to Exchange Club, Los Angeles, as evacuees return slowly.

Aug 27—Army Sec McCloy confirms 42nd will NOT be redeployed to occupation duty in Japan.

Aug 27—Calif Dept of American Legion reinstates two "all-Japanese" posts (Townsend Harris/San Francisco and Commodore Perry/Los Angeles) sus-

pending during war for "security reasons".

Aug 27—UP writer Leslie Nakashima files first story by an American journalist describing atomic holocaust of Hiroshima; went in Aug 22 to locate his mother, who was safe.

Aug 28—White race-baiters rapped by Rep Sam Dickstein (D-NY), chairing House immigration subcommittee hearings in California, as "super-restrictionists" on Orientals; urges Tule Lake expatriates to seek return of citizenship.

Aug 29—Nisei mechanic (Takeo Miyama, 37) stays on job at San Francisco Muni Railway shop; Mayor Lapham, State Sen Shelley, others back evacuee's right to civil service job despite strike threat by AFL machinists who insisted job should go to returning GIs from the City.

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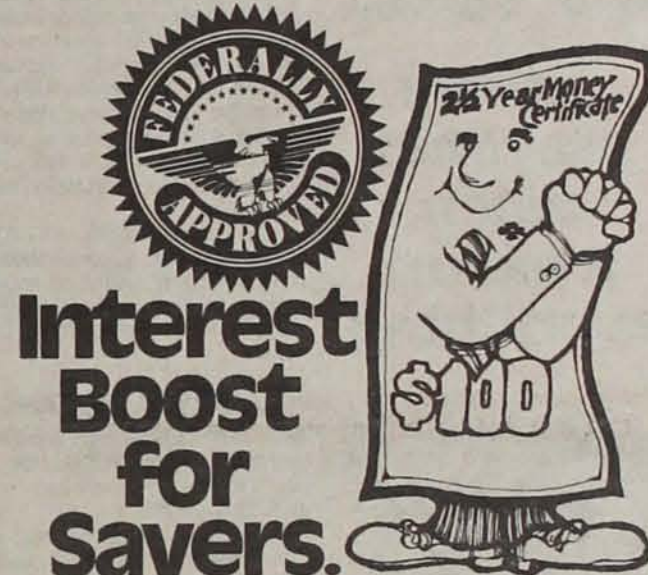
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## Little Tokyo's Skyline

Los Angeles

When you are in the midst of changes, the day-to-day differences are not that noticeable. As I drive or walk through Little Tokyo, I am more annoyed by the excavation, dust and re-routed traffic than with the new concrete structures that are rising.

One of my biggest surprises was not a structural change but a sign change. The San Kwo Low Restaurant on East First Street was a Chinese landmark where our family went to eat after weddings, funerals and rare dinners out. The new of the restaurant is the "Great Wall", specializing in Mandarin and Szechuan (Sichuan) cuisine. We used to go in from the rear kitchen and order take-out chowmein but now that they serve cuisine, we will have enter through the front entrance.

There are several big structural changes going on presently. The Weller Court arcade building is taking up a half block and the sign I see is Matsuzakaya—a well known Nagoya-based department store. Another new structure is the set of buildings a block away in the Honda Plaza.

In a way it is unfortunate that when the National JACL Board members meet here over the Sept. 26-28 weekend, they will be seeing Little Tokyo in transition. But there is enough of a base to keep their interests keyed-up during the three days so that they will look forward to any subsequent visit to L.A.'s Little Tokyo.

Incidentally, if any of you are in town those days, drop by the Little Tokyo Towers and get acquainted or reacquainted with your new National Board.

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### ● Fresno

All members who are 65 years or older will be guests of the chapter and will be honored at a dinner on Friday, Sept. 12, at the Villager Restaurant in the Fig Garden Shopping Center at Palm and Shaw. The entree for the dinner will be broiled chicken. Karen Tokunaga of Hanford, the Fresno Chapter's choice for the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans scholarship will speak about her trip to Washington D.C. For information call Alex Araki (229-3529).

### ● Gardena Valley

To help the chapter continue its program, youth activities, scholarships, etc., Gardena Valley JACL's fund raiser, a wine-tasting party, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 14, 1-4 p.m. at Hyatt House Hotel Penthouse Room.

The chapter-affiliated American Japanese Association, a youth group, will hold a benefit dance on Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Community Center for Gardena Japanese Cultural Institute.

Chicago: 27-Lester Katsura, 25-Dr Kenji Kushino, 25-Thomas Okabe, 10-Richard M Yamada.  
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Seattle: 25-Richard K Murakami, Mabel K Shigaya.

Sonoma: 25-Edwin Ohki.  
Stockton: 25-Frank Inamasu, 21-Wm U Nakashima, 26-Kazuo Ueda.  
Twin Cities: 10-Fumio P Hangai, 24-Sumiko Teramoto.  
Venice Culver: 14-Dr Rodger T Karne, 28-Ike Masaoka, 5-Caroline K Take-moto.  
Washington, DC: 27-John Y Yoshino.  
SUMMARY (Since Dec. 31, 1979)  
Active (Previous total) ..... 1,655  
Total this report ..... 44  
Current total ..... 1,699

## PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The California State Office of Economic Opportunity is the State agency responsible for administering the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). This is a new federal program established by Public Law 96-223 to help low-income households meet the rising cost of heating during the winter.

The following is a summary of the proposed major provisions and requirements of LIEAP:

### Eligibility

— Eligibility for LIEAP benefits is based on the level of household income and vulnerability of the household to increases in the cost of home heating.

— The following households will be eligible for LIEAP supplemental payments:

SSI recipients who are in independent living arrangements will receive LIEAP applications in the mail December 1, 1980.

AFDC recipients and other households whose gross income is equal to or less than 125 percent of poverty level can apply for a LIEAP supplement during the months of December, 1980 and January, 1981 and must be responsible for paying their own utility bill for heat. Application for LIEAP assistance does not relieve the applicant from the responsibility of paying his/her own utility bills.

Operators of subsidized housing who supply heating to eligible tenants are also eligible. These building operators must also apply for a LIEAP supplement during the months of December, 1980 and January, 1981.

### Supplement Payment

— The application filing period will be December 1, 1980 to January 31, 1981.

— Payments will be made directly to energy providers for all households and building operators.

— General energy vouchers will be the method of payment to those whose energy costs were incurred through rent.

— There will be a one-time supplement payment for eligibles. Payments will be made March 15-31, 1981.

### Outreach and Intake

— At least 70 community action agencies and community based organizations will process applications and conduct extensive outreach and application efforts statewide.

### Fair Hearings

CSOEO will provide for a fair hearing process to address LIEAP grievances.

### Public Hearings

Eight public hearings to receive comments on the proposed CSOEO State Plan for LIEAP have been scheduled during the month of September (see schedule below). The proposed State Plan fully describes the scope of the program. A copy of the proposed State Plan may be reviewed at City and County libraries, local community based organizations and community action agencies throughout the state.

Persons making oral presentations at the hearings are requested to provide a written statement at the conclusion of their remarks. Written statements may also be mailed to the LIEAP/State office of Economic Opportunity, P.O. Box 1319, Sacramento, CA 95806. Comments must be received no later than September 30, 1980.

The public hearings will be held at the following times and locations:

<b>September 10, 1980</b> State Office Building 2550 Mariposa Mall, Rm. 1036 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fresno, CA 93721	<b>September 15, 1980</b> State Office Building 2135 Akard Ave., Rm. 10 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Redding, CA 96001	<b>September 19, 1980</b> State Office Building 350 McAllister St., Rm. 1194 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. San Francisco, CA 94102
<b>September 11, 1980</b> State Office Building 28 Civic Center Plaza, Rm. 875 (Enter 6th and Flower Ave.) 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. Santa Ana, CA 92701	<b>September 16, 1980</b> State Office Building 202 S. Willowbrook Council Chambers 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Compton, CA 90220	<b>September 22, 1980</b> State Capitol Building Rm. 2133 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sacramento, CA 95814
<b>September 12, 1980</b> State Office Building 107 S. Broadway, Rm. 1007 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Los Angeles, CA 90012	<b>September 18, 1980</b> State Office Building 1350 Front St., Rm. B 109 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. San Diego, CA 92101	

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## Midwest chapters to meet Oct. 3-5

DAYTON, Ohio—The Midwest District chapters and youth council will meet over the first weekend of October here at the Holiday Inn, starting with workshop on self-defense Friday, Oct. 3, 9:30 p.m., a full schedule Saturday from 9 a.m. with an afternoon workshop on leadership development, dinner at nearby Sinclair College, and adjourning by Sunday noon. MDC Gov. Kaz Mayeda will preside at the business sessions.

Dayton host chapter president Vicky Mikesell, 640 Bickleigh Rd., Dayton 45459, is accepting hotel reservations until Sept. 20. The hotel is situated off I-75 (1st St. exit). Rates are \$31.08 sgl, \$41.07 dbl, and \$45.51 tpl. Conference registration fee of \$20 includes the dinner Saturday and activities.

Mas Yamasaki (514-433-2996) will chair the golf outing scheduled for Friday morning. George Sakaguchi and Ross Harano will present the redress report Saturday morning. Group leaders for the leadership workshop include James Taguchi, Elaine Prout, Kaz Mayeda, Daryl Sakada, Jackie Vidourek. Henry Tanaka will lead the wrap-up discussion Sunday.

## NC-WNDC to discuss two policy items

SAN MATEO, Ca.—In addition to voting on adopting a new district council name (NC-WN-Pacific) at the forthcoming DC session Sept. 14 at Bay View Federal Savings & Loan here, two more "codified policies" are up for adoption:

a) Travel expense reimbursement to be at 20¢ per mile.  
b) Raising the per-capita assessment to \$1 per member starting 1981, based upon membership of the chapter as of Dec. 31, 1980. The assessment is expected to offset the reduced support from the National JACL budget allocation to NC-WNDC by \$5,000 per year.

The district council executive board also recommends the district legal assistance fund be named in memory of Joyce Enomoto.

## Calendar

\* non-JACL event

### ● SEPT. 12 (Friday)

Fresno—Sr Cit (Nisei) Apprec night, Villager, Fig Garden Ctr.  
Philadelphia—Bd mtg, Jack Ozawa's res.

San Jose—Mtg, Cal First Bank, 7:30pm.

### ● SEPT. 13 (Saturday)

Alameda—EBIH benefit barbecue.  
Berkeley—MIS dnr mtg, Numano's Sake Tasting Rm, 6:30pm.

Fresno—SJV-JA Proj mtg, Wright Theater, CSU-Fresno, 8pm; Jeanne W Houston, spkr.

North Hollywood—Luau for Leo McCarthy, Wat Thai Temple, 2909 Cantara, 5:30pm.

San Jose—JACL Dance Club dnr-dance, Bold Night Restaurant, Sunnyvale.  
West Los Angeles—Steak bake-fun night, Japanese Institute, 2110 Corinth, 6pm.

### ● SEPT. 14 (Sunday)

Chicago—Nisei Post 1183 Issei Apprec night, Rizal Ctr.

Gardena Valley—Tasting of Wine, Hyatt House Hotel (Airport), 1-4pm.

NC-WNDC/San Mateo—Qtrly sess, Bay View Fed S&L, 9am.

Salinas Valley—JACL picnic, Toro Park.

San Diego—Japan Day, House of Japan, Balboa Park.

Tiburon—Nakayoshi Club picnic, Paradise Park, 10am.

### ● SEPT. 16 (Tuesday)

San Gabriel Valley—Fall Seminar: pre-retiree't planning, ESGV JCC, West Covina, 7:30pm; Togo Tanaka, spkr, "Investments".

### ● SEPT. 17 (Wednesday)

Los Angeles—Asn Busmn Assn-JA Bar Assn-Chn Lawyr Assn joint dnr, Mirwa Restaurant, 7pm.

San Mateo—Bd mtg, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8pm.

### ● SEPT. 19 (Friday)

Denver—Redress dnr, Akebono Restaurant, 6pm; Reps Mineta, Matsui, Tim Wirth spkr.

● SEPT. 20 (Saturday)

PNWDC/White River Valley—Dist sess (2da): Sat—informal mtg, WRV Buddhist Ch, 7:30pm; Sun—bus mtg, Turtle Too Restaurant, 9am, 50th Anny

WRV JACL dnr, 4:30pm, Dr Jim Tsujimura, spkr.

Berkeley—MIS dnr, Numano's Sake Tasting Rm, 6:30pm.

Los Angeles—Rep Mineta reception, Kaz Inouye res, 11401 Chalon Rd, Bel Air, 6:30pm.

Los Angeles—Bankei exhib, JACCC, 5:30pm reception.

Los Angeles—AADAP 10km race, Griffith Park Crystal Springs, 8am.

Salinas—Chicken take-out sale, Lincoln Ave Presbyterian Church.

San Mateo—Bonsai club exhib (2da), Central Park Rec Ctr, demo at 3pm.

● SEPT. 21 (Sunday)

St Louis—Bd mtg, Yuri Sata's res, 7:30pm.

White River Valley—50th Anny dnr, Turtle Too Restaurant, 4:30pm; Dr Jim Tsujimura, spkr.

Chicago—Fuji Festiv dnr, O'Hare-Marrriott Motor Hotel, 5:30pm; Lillian Kimura, honoree.

● SEPT. 24 (Wednesday)

San Francisco—Parent-Youth mtg, Sumitomo-Geary Office, 7:30-9pm; Activities for JA youth.

● SEPT. 26 (Friday)

Nat'l JACL/PSWDC—Nat'l JACL Bd mtg (Fri 7pm—Sun noon), Little Tokyo Tower, Los Angeles.

● SEPT. 27 (Saturday)

Philadelphia—Issei luncheon, Murakami's.

Salinas Valley—Reno fun trip.

Garden Grove—Food Festiv, Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, 4-9pm.

San Mateo—JYO Awards dnr, Buddhist Temple, 4:30pm.

● SEPT. 28 (Sunday)

San Mateo—Comm picnic.

Stockton—Golf tournament.

West Los Angeles—Issei Apprec dnr.

● SEPT. 30 (Tuesday)

San Gabriel Valley—Pre-retiree't mtg, ESGVJCC, West Covina, 7:30pm; George Yanase, spkr, Investment frauds.

Tulare County—Dnr mtg, Yen Ching Restaurant, Visalia, 7pm.

● OCT. 3 (Friday)

MDC/Dayton—Dist sess (Fri 9pm—Sun noon), Holiday Inn, Dayton; Sat dnr—Sinclair College.



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● **Entertainment**  
"Battle Beyond the Stars", a PG-rated movie directed by Jimmy T. Murakami, stars Richard Thomas, George Peppard, Robert Vaughn, Sam Jaffee, John Saxon, Darlaine Fluegel in what some reviewers say is a tacky comic-strip remake of "The Magnificent Seven" in outer space with more than a touch of "Star Wars".

Jon Shiota's play, "The Commission", was featured by the Los Angeles Actors Theater at L.A. City College in early August at its Festival of World Premieres. An absorbing tale of a Nisei IRS agent checking out a Japanese businessman, starring are Jesse Dizon and Sab Shimono. Times stage writer Lawrence Christon rated it "fine".

East West Players, Los Angeles, named Fay Chiang of New York City to its staff as consultant, and UCLA graduate Patti Yasutake as production assistant to Artistic Director Mako and Executive Producer Rae Creevey. Ms. Chiang, director of the Basement Workshop Inc., will commute between New York and L.A. to advise the EWP board toward expansion of goals.

● **Medicine**  
Jeffrey Inokuchi, son of Lt. Col (US Army-Retired) and Mrs. Dick H. Inokuchi of Pacific Grove, Calif., received his doctor of pharmacy degree from UC-SAN Francisco, and is in his residency at UC-San Francisco medical Center. A graduate of Monterey High School, and UC-Davis, he is a member of the national pharmaceutical honor society. His sister, Sharon, is a third-year student at Harvard Medical School.

● **Religion**  
Sansei minister James Izumi is assisting the Rev. Yusuke Hidaka, pastor of the Christ Presbyterian Church of Hollywood. Izumi, who is awaiting ordination, is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Hiroshi Izumi (Japanese-speaking pastor of Union Church), a graduate in sociology from Cal State L.A. and in theology from S.F. Theological Seminary, San Anselmo.

## KONOMI

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have stayed with it till they had mastered it.

A complete break with tradition seems to be indicated. Emphasis now should be not so much on the writing instrument of the language but on the language itself. Once freed from the *kanji*, which has been called the cultural millstone around the Japanese neck, the Japanese language is probably one of the simplest in the world. Except for a few archaic words, all its nouns come in the singular form; verbs and verbal adjectives have two tenses, present and simple past; these have five modes, but their conjugation is very regular. Other tenses are handled auxiliarily.

Actually you need grammar only to read classics. In short there is no need for non-natives to struggle with this language.

The *kanji*, essentially no more advanced than the hieratic writing

### 1940 reunion want list

"FREMONT, Ca.—The Washington Union High School Class of 1940 will have its 40th anniversary reunion Sept. 20, 7 p.m. at the Rendezvous, 555 Mowry Ave. with Rosemary Sessa Ramsell (415-793-0983) and Delphine Ornellas Soito (797-3382) trying to locate Nisei class members, whose whereabouts have been lost due to the Evacuation. Missing are:

George Inouye, Misuko Sakata Noshikawa, Fusako Sakata Sata, Myoko Goto Uyemoto, Mielko Hase Kiyoi, Takane "Jack" Hayashi, George Nakamura, Mary Sakaiye Matsumura, June Nakamura Yamamoto, Mitsuye Nakamura, Sasaki, Toshio Furusho, Elaine Nemoto, Segeko Nogami, Kazui Tate, June Sakaki Okuda, Alice Nitta Yoshinaga.

### Reunion

Unlike previous reunions, the third Poston III high school reunion to be held on April 17-19, 1981, at the Hacienda Inn, Fresno, is expected to attract in excess of 1,000 peoples as all Postonites are being invited.

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of Egypt, create the Catch-22 difficulty which frustrates the Nikkei and other foreigners who would like to tackle it on their own. English-Japanese dictionaries give the Japanese part in traditional Japanese, ie., *kanji-kana* writing. Japanese-English dictionaries list Japanese terms in *Romaji*, but their usages are given in *kanji-kana* Japanese. Unless you know the *kanji* there is no way you can use these dictionaries.

By now the solution I propose should be obvious to you. Dictionaries written entirely in Roman script. There is one such dictionary: Morio Takahashi's English-Japanese Dictionary published immediately after the war. It is woefully inadequate, and only half of the solution, but still better than none. (I may be accused of reverse nepotism—or is it avunculus?—in recommending it, for Mr. T. was my wife's uncle. I do so only because it is the only one around.)

I hope some one will think seriously about this matter.

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## Yoza Buson, Poet and Artist

Yoza Buson was born in 1716 and died in the year 1783. He was born in the Osaka-Hyogo region. Not much is known about his early life, but he left his village at the age of twenty and proceeded to Edo (Tokyo). He studied painting and learned to write haikai or

haiku under the masters of the Danrin School. When the master under whom he was studying died, he left Edo at the age twenty-seven and wandered throughout the Kanto and Tohoku regions. He gradually built up his reputation and became widely known as a painter.

His poetry is characterized by a style that can be called elegant and charming. Later he established himself as a central figure in the world of haikai poets and formed a group called the Sanka Sha.

Both he and Basho shared the same feelings about the world. Both saw and experienced the world as the source of misery. While Basho tended to immerse himself in the gloom of introspection which turned into a kind of loneliness and sought in misery a rationale for existence, Buson dealt with misery in transcendent terms. He sought to rise above the vulgarity and commonality of the world and combined classicism and romanticism in his art, all the while striving for a transcendent,

esthetic expression. He wrote about the past, the classical, the ephemeral and what can perhaps be called the mysterious and tried to mold an esthetic world out of what was ordinary and vulgar. Although he interpreted the vulgar in transcendent terms and eschewed what was ordinary, he frequented the theater and loved *shibui* which would have marked him as a person with plebeian tastes.

Like Basho, Buson traveled extensively, especially later in life and toured the various regions in Japan. Later he established a residence in a city near his birthplace, but wanderlust worked its way into him again and he traveled through the island of Shikoku.

Chomei and Kenko dealt with the world on entirely different terms. Chomei, you will recall, was a kind of dispassionate observer both of the outer and inner world. When he wrote about his inner life as an artist, it was with a degree of pleasure derived from the introspection of an artist. Kenko tended to wax didactic and commented on the affairs of the world with an attitude of rectification. Basho took the ordinary and wrought art

from it, while Buson attempted to create an esthetic world—art-for-art's sake—out of the ordinary. Although steeped in it, Buson tried to transcend the ordinary and escape from the vulgar in his art, in spite of his fondness for the theater.

The four poets and artists mentioned were all working within the framework of the tradition that has characterized Japanese literature and art. But they are diverse and different, just as the more

individualistic Western man who prides himself as being different and unique from everybody else is different. One wonders, as far as individualism is concerned, whether social or artistic milieu has in the end anything to do with the individualism of the artist. Perhaps one can say that whatever the milieu the artist is always unique in his own right and that being an artist, he is really a spokesman for the collective consciousness of his time.

## Japanese parents want back child adopted by Kauai couple

OSAKA—The district court here has rejected (June 16) a suit filed by an Osaka couple seeking return of their daughter who was adopted by a Hawaiian Nisei couple with help of a pediatrician last February.

This is the first time that a case involving adoption of babies involving Japan and a foreign country has been brought before a Japanese court, according to the Japan Times.

The court said because the adoptive parents of the child live in a foreign country, Japan has no jurisdiction in the case. Plaintiffs intend to appeal to the Japanese supreme court.

Attention was focused on future deliberations in the court as there are such problems as differences in laws of Japan and the United States and court jurisdiction over such cases.

The baby was taken by the Nisei couple in Hanamau, Kauai Island, at the end of last February, according to the plaintiffs.

An attorney for the local couple plans to visit with the Nisei couple and if they do not consent to return

of the child, he would file a suit with the Hawaiian court.

The suit was filed by a 33-year-old company employee and his 25-year-old wife. Their names were not made known.

In filing the suit, the plaintiffs claim that Japanese laws do not permit parents to abandon parental authority over their child.

Therefore, they said the adoption agreement and documents signed by them are not valid.

The woman gave birth to a baby girl out of wedlock on Nov. 30 last year at the clinic in Ishinomaki, Miyagi Prefecture, operated by Dr. Noboru Kikuta despite opposition of the family of the company employee.

Dr. Kikuta, who was asked by the family of the employee to arrange the adoption of the baby, persuaded the woman to have her baby adopted by a couple in Hawaii.

Dr. Kikuta, an obstetrician-gynecologist at whose clinic the baby was born, stirred up a controversy several years ago for

### Fuji Festival benefit

CHICAGO—The 10th annual Fuji Festival benefit dinner, sponsored by Japanese American Service Committee on Sunday, Sept. 21, 4:30 cocktail hour, 5:30 filet mignon dinner, at O'Hare Marriott Motor Hotel, will honor Lillian Kimura, who served as JASC board president from 1973-1979. Gene Honda, news director for radio WKIO, will be emcee. Aki Hara, Sansei songstress, is the featured entertainer. Donation has been raised to \$50 per person. For reservations, call 312-275-7212.

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Kimio Kimura of Japan was the landscape architect. Eden Township JACL and members actively assisted in the project. Cultural displays and demonstrations augmented the dedication program.

### AADAP 10-km run

LOS ANGELES—Asian American Drug Abuse Program hosts its second annual 10-km race on Saturday, Sept. 20, starting at 8 a.m. at Crystal Springs area, Griffith Park. Late registrations (\$6 for shirt or \$2) will be available at 6:30 a.m. or call AADAP (293-6284).

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