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By RAYMOND S. UNO
National JACL President

While in Los Angeles, Harry Honda and I visited a meeting of the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Agency at the Merit Savings Building. Al Hatate was chairing the meeting and gave us a lesson on how to cut meetings short which otherwise could become heated and prolonged. Al opened the meeting by saying Kango Kunitsugu, project

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director, will answer only general questions and if there are personal questions, ask Kango after the meeting. In addition, I think Al purposely turned the air conditioner off because no one had too much desire to talk too long because the room was getting rather hot and uncomfortable. Incidentally, Al ruled most of the questions personal.

After the meeting, I noted Kango going the rounds with a number of people and Al had a self-satisfied smile on his face knowing Kango was on his own and he (Al) didn't have to referee the debate. That was the last time I saw Al with a smile on his face. During the National Board meeting, he had a long face and plenty of wry comments about "O.K., but how are you going to pay for it?"

We next dropped down to Restaurant Horikawa and met Ed Hiroto, who ran for the State Senate, who was later joined by Kango, Al, Sachi Hirotsu (Kango's efficient and energetic helper) and Kats Kunitsugu, Kango's wife, probably to further discuss the many headaches of redeveloping Little Tokyo. Harry and I split to watch the ondo dancers practicing, but was too late, but met Kiyoshi Kawai who informed us this year's turnout has been large, but of course, that increases Kiyoshi's responsibilities so we wished him well.

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The National Board members must have all done their homework because it appeared everyone was adequately versed in all the subject matters to keep debate and discussion to a reasonable time limit and decisions were made much, much faster than I had ever hoped. I don't know whether it was the threat of staying up all night or what, but we kept fairly well in line with the agenda as set up and even had time for breaks and meals, as requested by my shadow and superego, Hank Tanaka, president-elect.

The National Endowment Fund can be a source of great breakthroughs in JACL programs if used properly. Thanks to Dr. John Kanda and his committee, stringent, but flexible guidelines were drafted and submitted for approval. I have no question in my mind if the guidelines are followed, the Endowment Fund will provide the source of some very innovative, valuable and necessary programming for JACL. It is hoped action will be taken immediately to reassess our position relating to the Endowment Fund.

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My 8-year-old boy visits next door frequently and sleeps over there often. He happened to be visiting when a Chinese American youth from L.A. came with a choral group to stay next door for a few days. He saw my boy and asked him if he were Chinese. My boy answered "No, I am half Japanese and half American." Without really knowing, he was close to a label we use often, Japanese American. Perhaps, in due time he will be sensitized to the word "Jap".

In the meantime, the National Board has gone on record to fight the trademark "Kenzo the Jap.". Regardless of the pro or con on the word, if people happen to be sensitive about it, and it offends them, then the word should not be used when objectionable and in bad taste.

Our Education Committee has worked hard in various areas and the guiding light and spearhead of much of the work was its chairman, Bob Suzuki. Thus, it was with much sadness we were informed of his departure from Southern California to take a position at the Univ. of Massachusetts, a respected school back east at Amherst. The only reason I remember the name of the town is because of an older school nearby where I had a cousin, Kaji Domoto, who graduated from it before the war and when I saw him in Japan, he reflected fondly about the school and some of his distinguished classmates.

Since the chairman of the Education Committee should have close working relationship and contact with Ron Hirano and the Education Commission, it was felt the chairman should be someone from Southern California.

Because future funding for this Commission must come from other than budgeted sources, it is imperative a new chairman be appointed and start working, primarily in the Southern California area, to find additional funding so the work of the Education Committee and Commission may continue unabated.

Hopefully a new appointment can be made before the end of this month. In the meantime, Bob has been ask-

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FURUTANI: On Second Thought

CCDC Farm Labor Report

During the first part of July, National JACL Coordinator Warren T. Furutani for Community Involvement was asked by the Central California JACL District Council to personally assess the labor problem confronting the Nisei growers. Accompanying him were Russell Valparaiso and James Endo who collaborated with Furutani in preparing this special report. —Ed.

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By WARREN FURUTANI

Its hot in Central Cal this summer. I guess it's always hot, but the intensity of the usual heat is augmented by the emotional uneasiness of the farmer, the unions and the laborer.

This is going to be a long summer, because the situations of the different strata of farming society appear to be in conflict. When I speak of conflict I am referring

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especially to the situation of the Japanese American farmer and UFWOC. This, of course, is the surface controversy with the basis being the eternal conflict of management and labor.

All the above is the rationale for why several of us (Russell Valparaiso, James Endo, and myself) went to Central California for five days. Ous task was to observe all the different perspectives involved in the controversy and to learn more intimately the true situation. I must frankly say that the life of an urbanite is vastly different from our rural counterparts. Our ignorance of the rural situation is a reflection of our insensitivity; and, therefore, the trip was extremely educational.

After observing the many different interests, feelings, and arguments a solution or conclusion to the controversy is very hard to form. The main reason being that the farmer/union controversy has many variables, and to generalize is a dangerous course.

The Most Oppressed

Even so, we can strongly state several things. And these statements are that, as human beings, we must support and reinforce the most oppressed in any human controversy. In the controversy of Central Cal, our concern should be with the laborer and the small farmer.

Also, even though the unions (UFWOC, Teamster and Macias) and the farmers (Nisei Farmers League) say their concern is with the laborers, from what we observed the true interest of the above mentioned groups is ultimately their own well-being, and that all the moral surface issues are facades that cover the basic issue of economics.

Understand we are not indicting the unions or the farmers. We are only trying to get to the "nitty gritty" of the issues. It is obvious whether UFWOC or any other union is good or bad, or whether the farmer is exploiting labor or has labor's best interest in mind, that the worker could best determine his or her own destiny.

The reason the laborer and the small farmer are the most oppressed is because of their future. Although it may seem that the lot of the California farm laborer is the best it has ever been. Their futures are clouded by automation and a diminishing job market.

The big farms will turn toward automation so they can compete or undercut their competitors and this means fewer jobs while the competition slowly eats away at the small farmer. A solution or stop gap for the laborer is a responsive union, but unions tend to forget the rank and file, and the union also applies another pressure to the disappearing small farmer.

Dim Futures Seen

Another thing the laborer must contend with is that although this is the land of the "American Dream," very few realize it. This means that the future of the vast majority of the laborers is generations more of toiling in the hot sun or moving to some ghetto and living a life of welfare.

The small farmer's future appears even more dismal. We have already mentioned the competition and union pressure. This still doesn't take into account that the small farmer works for a big farmer during the day to supplement his income and then with his family works his farm in the evening.

Also, you will find that the laborer on a small farm is beginning to make more than the farmer himself (small farmers have always had to pay more for farm laborers) because the small farmer is the first victim of the economic squeeze between big business and organized labor.

In this economic squeeze we must investigate to see who will benefit most from the small farmer losing his land. The answer is the big farms or big business because they will be the ones to buy the land or foreclose on the mortgages or loans.

Economic Stresses

The overall future of farming is directed down the path of all major businesses, and that is one where "free enterprise" succumbs to the growth of monopoly capital or in this case, "Agribusiness."

The future of the farm laborer is that of becoming a number among the rank and file unless labor unions become more responsive to their constituency, which is not traditional for most unions. This is all superceded by the basic contradiction between labor and management and will not resolve itself or change unless our economic system is changed (the worker seeking to get more money for his or her work, and the employer trying to get more work for his money).

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In the interest of being more informative and specific, the continuation of this article will breakdown into three areas: Unions, Farmers, and Laborers.

In the area of Unions we must first clarify the fact that there is more than one Union involved in the farming controversy. UFWOC, Teamsters, and Cornelio Macias all are trying to organize the farm laborers, and of the three UFWOC is the most representative of the laborer.

If a laborer joins the Teamsters it seems that he or she will be swallowed up in the big union machine and will not realize any direct benefits related especially to the farm laborer.

The Macias Union appears to be a "front" for the farmers because it doesn't seem to do anything except appease the workers and farmers. (No real benefits.)

So, therefore, the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee seems to be the main farm working union.

UFWOC's Aims

Understand that UFWOC does not represent all the workers. As a matter of fact, they don't even represent the majority. Nevertheless, in evaluating UFWOC we must look at it in the situation of the union then and now.

When UFWOC first started, most everyone we talked to (laborers, farmers, etc.) agreed that it was one with the workers. The organizers were in the field and the bond between the union leadership and worker was strong.

Also, besides the economic gains (even farmers admit that the presence of UFWOC raised their wages from $1.75 to $1.90) the best thing UFWOC gave the farm laborer was Dignity.

In the beginning the development of Co-ops (in Delano the Union purchased a plot of land called "40 acres" where they have a co-op gas station, the beginnings of a cattle ranch, and an almost finished health clinic), retirement villages and the realth plan were strong points for the Union.

But now as time has past what once were strong points are now weak because basically the Union and the worker have lost that once tight bond. This breakdown of communication has caused confusion and also mistrust among the rank 'n' file.

The Union because of its rapid growth is lacking in manpower; so regardless of how righteous the philosophy and theory of UFWOC, there is a breakdown in the Union's practice.

Results of this breakdown is the Union members not knowing how to take advantage of the Kennedy Health Plan or other benefits. No matter how many leaflets of procedure for the health plan are sent out, the Union must once again go back to the fields and patiently explain and be accountable to the "People."

The result of mistrust by Union and non-Union workers is festering and the most common question asked by the worker is, "where are our dues going?"

If you are in the Fresno area you can't visibly see the new clinics in Delano or Mexicali. Also you find that most local doctors and hospitals won't honor the Union Health Plan (they are supposed to). I'm sure you can understand the confusion of the Union and non-Union laborers, and as long as this confusion and these contradictions exist UFWOC becomes a farm workers Union that does not represent the farm worker.

Undermining Contradiction

Other actions that are undermining the once effectiveness of the Union deal on the level of contracts and boycotts. In the Union contract there is one section that is a contradiction to the philosophy of the Union. This section deals with the right of freedom of speech. It states, "Neither company nor its representatives will take any action to disparage, denigrate or subvent Union, nor will they promote or finance any competing labor organization."

When we talked to Union officials about this their answer was that this point was subject to interpretation, but like most rules, laws, or stipulations the interpretation is usually in favor of the law makers.

The question of the secondary boycott is not a simple one. Because a secondary consumer boycott can force buyers and farmers to sign a contract with a union, and the laborer on the bottom will have no choice as to whether he wants to be in the Union or not.

If the farm he is working for signs with the Union, the laborer, if he wants to work, must join that Union. In other words, the laborer has no self-determination.

On the other hand the secondary consumer boycott is the only tool that can effectively stop farmers from going elsewhere for laborers who will work for less and break a strike.

This is the history of minorities in America and apparently the newest group of minorities that are being brought to California for cheap labor is from the Arab countries. (The cycle of oppression and exploitation keeps going on and on).

Over-all, I would say that if UFWOC changes its priorities and corrects these many contradictions that are undermining the Union, it could once again be a vehicle for human rights and dignity. But if it continues on its present path, I am afraid that it will continue to separate itself from the people it is suppose to represent.

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The farmers are a very complex group of individuals. They differ in all aspects of human characteristics, yet their common bond is that they farm the land.

Traditionally farmers have been opposed to the unionization of workers. The reason varies but basically they either don't like it because then the worker would have bargaining power or that the farmer feels that he is treating his workers well so, therefore, there is no need for unionization.

Specifically speaking our trip brought us in contact with mostly Japanese farmers. These individuals represent a people who have worked hard, know the nature of struggle, and in many cases have become self-made successes. The pride and strength of these individuals are awesome, and as Sansei our understanding and respect for the Nisei grew.

No Racist Angle

In the Fresno area the controversy was started with the Japanese farmer and UFWOC. In our opinion, this conflict has nothing to do with race, but has everything to do with economics.

The problem of variables at this point comes into play. You see among farmers who have good and bad relationships with the worker.

The Japanese farmer has been traditionally good with workers in the area of conditions and wages. He isn't easy on them in terms of work, but that's because he does his six days a week, also.

In this light it would seem that a union is not necessary, but because of bad farmers and labor contractors (middlemen) a union for the farm worker is necessary as a protection from the exploitation by the bad farmers, and also as a guarantee for continued fair treatment from the good farmers.

The problem in Central Cal is that the Japanese farmer is aligning himself with all farmers, good or bad. This makes it difficult because they will become responsible for the farmer who has been exploiting labor. In many ways a danger presents itself because the Nisei Farmers League could be used as a tool of the big farms.

It seems that somewhere along the road to success, the Japanese farmer might be taking on the role of the farmers who historically exploited Chinese, Japanese, Filipino and the Chicano laborers. This is something that the Japanese farmer should be very cautious of.

In many ways the Japanese farmer has imposed many values on laborers. This is fine as long as they are positive. In some cases the paternalistic attitude and superiority complex of Japanese farmers bordered on the edge of racism (in many cases it is a subtle racism) and the mentality of a slave owner. It seems that the success of the Mexican and Filipino laborer is contingent on the philosophy of the "Quiet American."

The only way a minority can make it in White America is if he is quiet, works hard, saves his money, and doesn't rock the boat. The Japanese farmer thinks that this is the future of the progressive Mexican and messing around with Unions is a pitfall along the road to success.

'Hiring Hall' Conflict

In our estimation it seems that the Japanese farmer accepts the reality of the unionization of farm workers. The point of conflict is in the area of "hiring halls." This is a question of self-determination. Whether the farmer will continue to determine who works on his farm or whether the union hiring hall determines it.

The small farmer is negatively affected by the hiring halls. You see, the small farmer has a close relationship with his workers. He provides better conditions and a more personal relationship which benefits the farmer because the worker puts out more. This is a mutual situation where this close relationship benefits both parties.

The hiring halls would break down this relationship because the small farmer would receive whoever was first on the list in the hiring hall.

On the other hand, the union hiring hall is a means of job security for the worker and protection against the importing of cheap labor by farms or contractors. The Union would create a stable and secure labor force rather than double oppression — (a) unemployment of local workers and (b) exploitation of laborers imported from depressed countries.

The question of the "hiring halls" seems unresolvable because the farmer, big or small, does not want to relinquish this privilege (the right to hire and fire employees). This unbending posture is understandable, but it widens the gap between labor and management.

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EDC-MDC CONVENTION SEPT. 4-5 AT SEABROOK, 'NEW DIRECTIONS' THEME

By VERNON ICHISAKA

SEABROOK, N.J. — A challenge for charting a new direction for strengthening the individual JACL chapter's program is anticipated when the delegates from 12 chapters of commbined EDC-MDC gather for a joint convention here for the Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4 & 5.

The two-day sessions will provide the delegates with an opportunity to review the current national program and progress and to project their target for tomorrow as they deliberate together with many national staff members and board members.

Saturday's program and events, which will all take place at the Centerton Golf Club, starting at 9 a.m., will include joint sessions in the morning with Ira Shimasaki, EDC Governor, presiding and a separate district council meeting in the afternoon.

National board and staff members participating are:

Raymond Uno, National President; Henry Tanaka, President-Elect; and Kaz Horita, Vice-President; Mas Satow, National Director; Mike Masaoka and Dave Ushio, Washington Office; Jeffrey Matsui and Warren Furutani, Southern California Office.

Others to be on the program are:

Bill Marutani and Dr. Otto Furuta, National Planning Committee; Chiye Tomihiro, Public Relations; Dr. Scott Miyakawa and Joe Imai, East Coast History; and Victor Shibata and Allan Okazaki, EDYC and MDYC (Youth) Conference.

The dinner program will include President Uno's message, Mike Masaoka's report on his "world trip" and the installation of new officers of both district councils by National Director Satow.

"Hospitality Reception" social hour following the dinner program will be sponsored by the National JACL Convention Committee of Washington, D.C., headed by Harry Takagi at Centerton Golf Club to promote the first JACL national convention to be held in the Atlantic Coast at the Nation's Capital in 1972.

On Sunday, Sept. 5, the JACL symposium, workshop, meetings and luncheon (Japanese bento lunch prepared by

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NATIONAL JACL PLANNING COMMISSION

30-item agenda reviewed

By HARRY K. HONDA

San Francisco

The temptation of the National Planning Commission to "dream and brainstorm" at its initial session here last weekend (Aug. 13-15) acquiesced to the more immediate JACL problems that begged for direction.

Tom Shimasaki, commission chairman, had an agenda of some 30 items as gleaned from previously submitted topics by Planning Commission members representing the district councils. Separate reports covering the basic problems, directions with possible alternatives and background are now being prepared.

And based upon individual or chapter reactions and further study, the Planning Commission will draft its proposal by the next meeting slated for the March 24-26, 1972, weekend, then delve into the long range planning to augment the report to the '72 national convention.

"We want to give the chapters an opportunity to assist us in the planning," Shimasaki explained when their delegates assemble at district council sessions this year.

"This shall indicate the priorities, as well, so that national committees will have an indication of direction in preparing their proposals for the next biennium (1973-74)."

Composition

By individual draws, members determined their tenure on the commission as follows:

2 Years—Mrs. Yo Hironaka (NCWN), James Kubota (CC), William Marutani (EDC), David Takashima (PSW); 4 Yrs—Jim Matsuoka (PSW), Joe Nishioka (IDC), Dr. Otto Furuta (MDC); 6 Yrs—Walter Allen (MP), Robert Matsui (NCWN), Dr. James Tsujimura (PNW).

The commission decided not to elect a vice-chairman from its midst. The chairman's tenure is for five years.

As vacancies occur each biennium, the National President will then appoint successors from within the same district to assure regional representation to serve six-year terms .

Tom Shimasaki

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Highlights of the major topics follow:

Scholarships — Despite inquiry for proportionate distribution of merit awards, the fundamental question involved method of selection, whether judging standards were administered evenly and that some equity in distribution of awards was desireable.

Concepts of "potential", were stressed. It was felt the "need" factor should be higher in the selections while the wishes of donors continue to be respected.

Visual Commuications—Acknowledgement of educational films to assist schools, serve as external public relations media, contribute to preservation of Japanese American history and their use by chapters as well as develop a film on JACL were noted.

Major concern was in the area of funding with the commission adding that such projects might best qualify for grants from the JACL Endowment Fund under certain conditions, if this prospect is approved by chapters.

The National JACL Board is on record in strong support of this committee, National Director Mas Satow reported.

Issei—National JACL focus on the needs of Issei on a crash-program basis was recommended, allocating national funds to support deserving local programs such as Pioneer Projects blooming throughout northern and southern California. A directory of Japanese-speaking personnel in agencies to assist Issei was also suggested.

JACL's role would also be more supportive than controlling, it was thought.

Youth Program-Jr. JACL—While motivation is necessary to sustain youth programs and Jr. JACL at the local level, the question boiled down to three alternatives:

(a) Expand national funding, (b) chop it down by denationalizing Jr. JACL or (c) divert attention to the 18-30 age group within the present JACL structure.

Chapters will be asked to assess Jr. JACL program at this juncture: what do we expect of Jr. JACL, do we want Jr. JACL, is the self-identity crisis among Sansei met in Jr. JACL?

Staff Organization — Need for staff help in districts outside California to keep chapters thriving was recognized, circularizing present staff as an interim measure was suggested and in view of JACL fund crisis, priorities ought to be established.

The commission is expected to recommend the hiring of two additional staff to serve in the Midwest and Mountain Plains area out of Chicago and the other based in San Francisco to cover the Intermountain, Pacific Northwest and Northern California areas.

The Washington representative (David Ushio) can be expected to service the Eastern district chapters.

National Committees—Each national committee will be asked to rate its own worth as a standing committee the next biennium. Consensus preferred ad hoc or specific projects be the basis.

Membership—Incentives to retain and expand membership were studied with fraternal insurance and reinstatement of the rebate system as possible factors. PC subscriptions to all members with transfer privileges was also voiced.

How to attract the 20-40 age group, proportional representation at district and national sessions, and revision of membership kit were also considered as means for expanding membership.

No details were discussed with reference to proportional representation.

Budget-Finance—With the prospect of JACL reaching a ceiling on membership dues, it was felt the Planning Commission could help set up priorities on programs. Special projects would then come under special assessments.

So that members can better understand the national budget, NC-WNDC Gov. Shig Sugiyama will offer a sample "program budget" presentation that pin-points where the money is going by program, office or function. Salaries of staff, for instance, would be shown apportioned across a line broken down by amount of time spent on a program, as per job description.

Public Relations— Greater emphasis on internal PR, explaining the role of JACL in the community was preferred than external PR which promotes the image of Nisei and JACL. In this connection, the problem of non-Japanese in America confusing Japanese Americans with the people in Japan was called the Nisei identity crisis. Attitude that Nisei are more self-defensive than the Sansei was also part of the same problem.

Community Involvement — In addition to the kinds of programs being conducted by the "foxes" under Warren Furutani, national coordinator for community involvement, one national program which JACL ought to mount was to have local United Way or similar agencies finance JACL community service projects.

JACL as a possible recipient might dramatize the campaign, but other Nikkei organizations should also be encouraged to be listed among qualified service agencies.

On question of coalitions with other Asian groups in areas outside the west coast or back East, JACL's extent of involvement would be governed by issues and availability of funds and manpower within the chapter.

Women in JACL—A more conscious effort to recruit women for national and district committees as well as professional staff was urged. Role of women at the chapter level has been firmly established so it behooves the organization to secure their talents on the wider scene, the commission felt.

National Board -Executive Committee—Question was on the composition of the executive committee, allowing the National President the latitude to select his own all-working committee and having any member of the National Board, which includes the governors and DYC chairmen as being available.

1000 Club—While it may be difficult to set a national policy to have 1000ers become service-oriented, the commission agreed the PSW proposal that special privileges for 1000 Clubbers be terminated. However, it was made clear that 1000 Club membership is not a special privilege.

Proxy Votes—Question of whether to abolish proxy voting, limiting a proxy to only one other person and establishing a proxy fee of $10 was referred to the Constitution committee, now chaired by Kent Yano of Salt Lake City.

That committee was also to asked to consider a total revision of the constitution and including a new section that would list standing procedures or operational policies now buried in the National Council minutes.

Miscellaneous—While most topics were not considered germane or "too local" for national direction, the commission covered the following:

Role of national convention, movement of National to Los Angeles, membership computerization, endowment dum, direct election of natio- fund usage, initiative-referenal officers, separate political-social action arm for JACL, President's Notebook to orient new leadership, bibliography on Nikkei, student aid, reparations for evacuees, archives, Evacuation commemoration day, orientation of new officers, illustrated booklet on Japanese Americans for juveniles, retirement home, changing the name of JACL, adopting "Jpn" as the abbreviation for Japanese, organizational sensitivity to JACLers in rural areas, Washington Office and inter-communications.

Some of the above issues had been resolved or referred to proper committees by the National Board at the interim meeting last month.

Minibike project

WASHINGTON — Rep. Edward Roybal (D-Calif.) said the National YMCA is getting $422,073 from the Justice Dept. and a fleet of Honda minibikes to have youngsters interested in the "Y". Teaching youngsters how to use minibikes "can serve as a practical approach to fight delinquency". Roybal said.

Ethnic ratios part job training plan

SAN FRANCISCO—New regulations that will grossly increase the employment of ethnic minority groups in state apprenticeship programs, have been adopted by the California Apprenticeship Council, James E. Stratten, Chief, Division of Apprenticeship Standards and Secretary to the Council announced today.

The action — the adoption of the California Plan in Apprenticeship — was taken by the CAC during their quarterly meeting in Long Beach, July 29-30.

Apprenticeship program sponsors have six months in which to implement the plan in their selection and training procedures. Full utilization is reached when the ratio of minorities in the apprenticeship program is equal to the ratio of minorities of the population in the program sponsor's labor market area.

D.C. congressional representation urged

WASHINGTON — Calling the District of Columbia as "America's last colony", Rep. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii) endorsed full voting represenation in Congress, at least one voting representative if not two senators and additional representatives based on population.

The House District Committee is presently considering a Matsunaga bill, HJR 212, and similar legislation.

As one who lobbied for Hawaii statehood following WW2 while a student at Harvard, Matsunaga recalled the same arguments now advanced against District of Columbia were heard when Hawaii was a territory.

200,000 waifs in Vietnam estimated abandoned by American fathers

WASHINGTON — The Pearl Buck Foundation announced Aug. 6 a campaign to help Vietnamese children abandoned by their American servicemen fathers. The New York Times has estimated there are more than 200,000 Amerasian children in Vietnam.

"The Amerasian children, whose fathers are American and whose mothers are Vietnamese, are the youngest 'casualties' of the war in Vietnam," Mrs. Pearl Buck told a new conference.

Mrs. Buck said these children carry a horrible stigma and are legally without family and citizenship.

"In Asia, the child belongs to the father, so these children are fatherless and have no legal status," Mrs. Buck said. "They are children without a country."

Mrs. Buck, who raised nine adopted children herself, said her foundation would try to help the children get an education in Vietnam as well as in other Asian countries where they are found.

Only if the child is less than five years of age will the foundation attempt to bring it back to the United States for adoption.

Mrs. Buck said a study by the Army chaplains indicates that one serviceman in 10 overseas is the father of an Amerasian child—a statistic he says is the same as durthe Korean War.

Mrs. Buck, a native of Hillsboro, W. Va., was raised in China where her parents were missionaries. She has written between 70 and 80 books and has been awarded the Nobel and Pulitzer prizes.

ACTION BOX

TITLE II REPEAL: With debate and vote slated in the House the week of Sept. 6, all chapter officers are urged to (a) visit congressmen at home during the August recess and urge their presence on the floor to vote on HR 234, (b) if writing to congressman—send strong letter for repeal to both home office and in Washington, (c) contact local news medias for support, informing them of crucial vote due after Labor Day. Relay all results to Washington JACL Office, 2021 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 296-4484. (Aug. 6)

JACL STUDENT AID: Applicants must file by Sept. 1, 1971. Applications available from JACL Nat'l Youth Program, 125 Weller St., Suite 310, Los Angeles, Calif. 90012. (Aug. 13)

Washington Newsletter

David Ushio

America's Last Colony

In this the nation's capitol, bumper stickers on D.C. registered cars tell interesting stories. Mixed with the "Free Calley" stickers of obvious red necks to the faded "Make Love Not War" of the young are new striking stickers of the potential Presidential candidates—McCloskey, Mills, and McGovern. But the ones that immediately caught my eye were the ones that read "America's Last Colony" and "Taxation without Representation."

The Last Colony is of course the District of Columbia which is the stepchild of Congress. It has for years been without elected representation and has every right to be concerned with the old American cry of "taxation without representation" as that is the very situation that exists in the District.

This situation is a paradox in the United States. One hundred eighty years ago President Washington met with Pierre L'Enfant in Georgetown to discuss plans for what was to become the District of Columbia the new home of the Federal government. Since then the citizens of this area have been more or less neglected as far as their rights are concerned. President Nixon recently has called for a New American Revolution to give to the people of Washington, D.C. the original rights that the first American Revolution was fought to obtain.

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Sometime ago the late Robert Kennedy had this to say about D.C. home rule:

"There is little need to dwell either on the case for home rule or its importance. We have allowed a classic situation of taxation without representation to persist on our very doorstep for far too long.

"The ramifications of this are enormous. It is not just a question of the District resident having no say in how much he is taxed and in what manner, although that is certainly important. The critical thing is that he has no elected official to turn to—no one to whom he can say, 'I and others like me won't re-elect you unless you are more responsive to our needs'.

"Under the circumstances, the District Commissioners, working together with Congress, have done the best they could. But the limitations have been crippling. The Commissioners can take no major action without turning to Congress, and most members of Congress, with some justification, act first in response to the place where the votes come from. The District resident, despite powerful advocacy on his behalf by a handful of interested senators and congressmen, always ends up at the end of the line.

"This is really a national disgrace . . ."

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In September Congress will be considering a so-called home rule bill which provides for an elected mayor and city council. At the present time the District of Columbia has a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives, Walter E. Fauntroy, a vibrant, dynamic leader who has pushed long and hard for the principle of home rule.

Delegate Fauntroy and Senator Edward Brooke of Massachusetts have recently announced that they will serve as co-chairmen of a national coalition for District self-determination. With its input and stimuli, hopefully, enough commitment will be generated to push through a strong new law to guarantee American citizens their rights.

One of the strong supporters of the D.C. drive has been Representative Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii. Recently the House of Representatives have been considering a resolution authored by Matsunaga which would not only provide for one voting Representative in Congress but also by statute for the election of two Senators and additional Representatives. Matsunaga who worked very hard for the admission of Hawaii as a state compared the situation in D.C. to that of Hawaii in past days.

"The denial of Congressional representation to Washington's residents brings back painful memories of the scores of years during which Congress enacted laws affecting my own State of Hawaii, then a Territory, while residents of Hawaii had no voice in Washington.

"I devoted a number of years of my life to securing that voice in Washington for the people of Hawaii," said Matsunaga who was a lobbyist for Hawaii statehood following World War II while he was a student at Harvard Law School.

"As I walked the halls of Congress trying to develop support for Hawaii's cause, I encountered many of the same arguments now advanced against full Congressional representation for the District of Columbia. I am no more impressed now than I was then by these arguments."

This nation in which we live must be consistent in its application of laws and its treatment of individuals. When we become arbitrary, justice and morality are the losers. Home rule for Washington, D.C. is one step to be taken to remove the paradoxes that weaken the moral fabric of this country.

By Jim Henry

Sakura Script

To Each His Own

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Tokyo

What is the prime requisite to good health?

There may be no clear cut answer to this question. Some individuals prefer to eat rich food and others the contrary to retain good health.

Take for example Yoshio Fukushima, 65, president of the Sanko Seisakusho Company of Yokohama. This man literally "lives on beer." He drinks 3,000 bottles a year.

When he was advised by a doctor 12 years ago to choose rice or beer to maintain good health, Fukushima did not hesitate to give up rice. Since then his diet has been: one cup of vegetable juice and a bowl of misoshiru (bean paste soup) for breakfast, two bottles of beer for lunch, another bottle around 3 p.m. and four to five more bottles with some dishes for dinner.

"My stomach and liver are in good condition," he declares, "and my doctor guarantees good health for at least 10 years."

On the other hand, Katsuhiko Ryu, 28, who works for a liquefied gas dealer in Hachioji City, suburban Tokyo, has been living on "natural foods" for over four years. He avoids any artificially processed foods.

Ryu's staple foods are unpolished rice and soybeans boiled together, misoshiru, tofu (soybean curd), natto (fermented soybeans) and mushrooms. He never uses artificial seasoning.

Ryu says he vomits whenever he eats artifically processed foods. Weighing 59 kilograms constantly, he moves many heavy gas cylinders every day without difficulty.

And just how are you getting along?

NEWS CAPSULES

Redevelopment

Little Tokyo Development Co. named the architectural firms of **Cashion-Horie** of Pomona and **Kajima Associates** of Los Angeles for its proposed $5-million retail-commercial development in the First Action Area straddling Moline Alley in Little Tokyo. Mark S. Horie, and John T. Cashion, both USC architecture graduates, were formerly associated with Nepture-Thomas & Associates and established their firm in 1964. Kajima Associates, also established in 1964, is headed by Hayahiko Takase, principal, a graduate from the Univ. of Tokyo with a master's from the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Current members of the development company are:

Henry Ida, Susumu Honda, Roy Hoshizaki, Kiyoshi Kawaratani, Akira Kawasaki, Jack Kohama, Nori Kuroyama, Henry Murayama, Herbert Murayama, Kenji Sayama, Ida Sera and Leonard Yamasaki.

Science

Lunar material brought by Apollo XI and XII indicates the presence of amino acids, the most conspicuous being glycine and alanine in extremely small amounts, a team of scientists reported this past week. Among them was **Dr. Kaoru Harada** of the Univ. of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla., in the report to the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science. "Amino acids are of unique interest in this context because of their special chemical nature as nitrogen-containing carbon compounds, and because of their special significance with reference to an understanding of the origins of life." While anything which could be called "living", in the sense of self-multiplying, is not demonstrated in the examined sample of moon soil, the presence of either amino acids or of even simpler molecules out of which these acids can be formed has been established, the researchers claim. The finding is significant as new evidence of the presence of a number of important "prebiotic" molecules in the space of the solar system and in certain meteorites. Prebiotics are chemicals out of which biotic or living objects are formed and evolved.

U. Alexis Johnson

Alexis Johnson mentioned as U.S. envoy to Peking

WASHINGTON — Undersecretary of State U. Alexis Johnson is the man "most talked about" as the ideal candidate as U.S. ambassador to Peking if relations are established between the United States and the People's Republic of China, according to Washington Post society columnist Dorothy McCardle.

Former ambassador to Japan and now occupying the No. 3 position in the State Dept., Johnson is remembered as having addressed the National JACL Convention at Seattle in 1962 and greeting the first JACL-Japan Tour delegates in 1967 at Tokyo. He is also the top-ranking career officer in the American oreign service.

Washington Post Society columnist Dorothy McCardle said in a column Aug. 8 that Senator J. William Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has told friends privately he would like to be the first U.S. Ambassador to Communist China.

"However, the man most talked about as the ideal candidate for the tough post came out of Kansas many years ago to become one of America's most self-effacing and distinguished diplomats," the Post columnist said.

"He is Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs U. Alexis Johnson, who is the number three man at the State Department."

Neither the White House nor the State Department would comment on the report.

Johnson met with Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-Lai during the 1954 Geneva Conference. He also conducted negotiations for three years with Chinese Communist officials, obtaining release of some Americans held prisoner by the Chinese Communists at the time.

Those negotiations occurred when Johnson was Ambassador to Czechoslovakia.

After serving in Prague, Johnson became Ambassador to Thailand, Deputy Ambassador to South Vietnam, and Ambassador to Japan.

The Post also reported earlier that Marshall Green, 55, assistant secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific affairs is a "logical" candidate for the same post.

Politics

Political "rebels" in San Francisco, including **Edison Uno** who has been dubbed the maverick member of last year's county grand jury, are figured to come up with a slate of anti-City Hall candidates on the November ballot, according to Chronicle writer Jerry Burns. Uno revealed to the Nichi Bei Times he has not committed himself to run for any public office though he had been involved in the early planning with Alvin Duskin, environmentalist and dress manufacturer who is reputed to be the center of the movement. Burns reports **Gordon Lau**, Chinese American attorney, is among the group.

Health

Univ. of Hawaii professor in electrical engineering, **Dr. Frank T. Koide**, is hoping his studies of a toad's nerve will help save human hearts. He established the biomedical engineering program at the University, one of the few of its kind in the country, where analytical engineering technique are applied to solving medical problems. He is experimenting with generating a magnetic fiield around a sciatic nerve, similar physiologically to man, and stimulating the nerve with electrical impulses. Studies so far indicate less energy is required to excite the nerve enclosed in magnetic field.

San Luis Obispo County health officer **Dr. Howard Kusumoto** has endorsed the proposal to fluoridate domestic water supply provided by the Lopez Lake Project, covering the communities of Arroyo Grande, Pismo Beach, Grover City, Oceano, Avila Beach and San Luis Obispo.

Travel

Toyota Motors in Nagoya has started airlifting spare parts to the U.S. to replenish dwindling stock due to a protracted walkout by west coast longshoremen. Some 36 tons of component parts were shipped in the first group, comprised of three chartered flights by Japan Air Lines.

Representing the Honolulu-based Hawaiian Airlines on the mainland as sales manager, covering the U.S., is **Mas Takano**, previously regional sales manager for the Pacific Northwest and Northern California at San Francisco. He will be responsible for administration of sales offices now in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York. He joined Hawaiian Airlines in 1963. He is active with the Kiwanis, Alameda JACL and travel industry groups.

Press Row

Jon Funabiki, "Sansei Speaks" columnist for Hokubei Mainichi, is presently editing the youth section of the San Francisco Monitor, the "Minimon" during the summer while the actual editor is on leave. The tab insert took first place for youth coverage among Catholic newspapers in the U.S. and Canada.

Vital Statistics

Rep. and Mrs. Spark Matsunaga announced the marriage of their daughter, **Karen Chiyono**, to **George R. Hardman, Jr.**, of Long Island, N.Y., on July 17 at Holy Redeemer Church in Kensington, Md. Couple had met while attending St. Leo's College in Florida. A school teacher, Hardman is an honor graduate of St. Leo's.

Music

Robert Fontes of Pico-Rivera, assistant manager for loans at the Bank of America Sunset-Echo Park branch in Los Angeles, is director and marching instructor of the Maryknoll All Girls Drum and Bugle Corps comprised of 60 girls from the Little Tokyo area. He is also director of the All America D&B Corps and Band Assn., formed in the 1930s.

Government

Reno JACL vice-president **Tak Kubota**, who represented the State of Nevada at the Boy Scout world jamboree in Japan this month, has accepted a position as farm labor agent with the State Employment Dept. at Las Vegas.

Richard T. Yukihiro was the lone Japanese American among the 151 graduates of the Los Angeles Police Academy. Son of the Henry T. Yukihiros of Anaheim, married to the former Pamela Drake, he has been assigned to the 77th St. Station. The Los Angeles-born officer graduated from Western High (Anaheim) in 1967 and from Fullerton Jr. College.

Organizations

Ten Hawaii men listed in the 1971 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America include **Walter S. Kurimitsu** of Wahiawa, **Bert T. Kobayashi Jr.** and **Muneo Yoshikawa** of Honolulu.

Courtroom

Mrs. Yae Wada was the jury foreman in the second Huey Newton trial which ended in a mistrial Aug. 8 when the jury was firmly deadlocked 11-1. The court was informed the jury deliberated for six days and was "at a deadlock". The Black Panther Party co-founder will stand trial Oct. 12 for a third time for the 1967 slaying of an Oakland police officer. Newton was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in his first trial and served 22 months in prison before the verdict was overturned by an appeals court.

Business

Burlington Northern announced the appointment of **Taul Watanabe** as Executive Director International Trade with headquarters in Seattle. Recently with the Port of Seattle in Far Eastern trade development, he was president of a Los Angeles bank and member of the Los Angeles Harbor Commission.

Great Western Savings & Loan had asst. secretary **Mrs. Emiko Ebata** of its Gardena office interpret when a group of 42 bankers from Japan visited GWS's Belmont Shore office in Long Beach recently. The Japanese bankers had been studying U.S. economic and business methods at Cal State Long Beach this past month in a travel program sponsored by the America-Japan Society of Tokyo and the Japan Society of New York in cooperation with the Council on International Educational Exchange. **George Takayama** of the GWS electronic data processing dept. demonstrated the IBM 360-Model 50 computer terminal.

Fairchild Semiconductor, Mountain View, appointed **Harry Suzuki**, electrical engineering graduate from San Francisco City College with the firm since 1961, as manager of their new Osaka office. He had been stationed at the Tokyo office since November, 1968.

Recently elected to the Los Angeles-Orange County Better Business Bureau board of directors was **Yasuo Yoshida**, v.p.-finance of Mattel, Inc., world's leading toymakers, a prewar Chula Vista resident who joined Mattel as an accountant after graduating from UCLA in 1950 and gradually elevated to his present post.

Berkeley Nisei shoe repairman **Ted Goto** was honored as the best in the nation in his trade by the Shoe Service Institute of America, which held its national convention at San Francisco July 25. He learned the trade under the GI Bill studying at Laney College, one of the community colleges in Oakland which has a reputation for excellence in its technical courses. He is an active Alameda JACLer.

Architect

The second of the World Trade Center's 110-story twin towers in New York City was topped out formally July 26, in rainy weather in which the topping-out beam was lifted to the 1,350-foot level through a cloud. The South Tower and its twin North Tower which was topped out last December, are the city's tallest structures. **Minoru Yamasaki** of Detroit designed the twin towers.

Alan Y. Taniguchi, dean of the Univ. of Texas School of Architecture, was installed as president of the Assn. of Collegiate Schools of Architecture at its recent convention in Detroit. Some 90 schools are represented in the organization. He is also a member of the National Architecture Accrediting Board, which accredits schools and departments of architecture.

Education

Philip Lum was named as the first Chinese American high school principal in San Francisco. Serving as assistant principal of Lowell High School, he takes over Balboa High in the fall.

Dr. Laurel Glass, who was honored by the San Francisco Asian American community July 29 upon her reappointment to the city Board of Education, is remembered by Nisei who recall her weekly visits to Tanforan assembly center to visit her friends. The **Rev. Lloyd Wake** of Glide Memorial Methodist Church told of her concern at a dinner hosted by the Asian American Education Task Force . . . Fowler rancher **Harry Hiraoka**, State Center Community College District trustee, was named its legislative representative to the California School Boards Assn. and to the Fresno County education committee. Last April, Hiraoka was re-elected to the board by the largest margin of victory of any of the four winners.

Military

Tokyo police identified a Japanese merchant, **Kazuo Kobayashi**, 41, specializing in amateur radio equipment, as the suspect buying U.S. military information from American servicemen stationed at Tachikawa near Tokyo and selling it to "some crazy foreigner" whom police also identified as an military attache at the Soviet Embassy. Kobayashi was arrested July 21 with diagrams of the F4 Phantom missile firing system in his possession. U.S. military reported an American airman was involved, working with Japanese police too frustrate Russian espionage. The matter was said to be "controlled and unclassified".

Sports

Maui-born **Jesse Kuhaulua**, wrestling in Japan under the sumo name of Takamiyama with the rank of Komusubi is engaged to be married with fashion designer **Chikako Takami**, 24, of Morioka City, Iwate, in the fall after the grand sumo tournament.

Outfielder **Kerry Inouye** of Sedwick, Colo., with the Revere High School champions of the 1971 Class A eastern league was the top hitter with a .400, salutatorian of his class who was also named to the all-conference football team, plans to enroll at Colorado State University. What's remarkable is that the son of the Tosh Inouyes has played with only one arm, his right arm having been amputated after it was caught in a farm machine when he was four years old.

Churches

Sam Tonomura, assistant pastor of Gardena Valley Baptist Church, was appointed executive director of the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society, headquartered at Los Angeles, succeeding **Dr. Paul M. Nagano**, now pastor at Seattle's Japanese Baptist Church . . . The **Berkeley Buddhist Church** marks its 60th anniversary with special services Oct. 10. BCA **Bishop Kenryu Tsuji** will deliver the principal sermon.

Local Scene

San Francisco

Hokubei Mainichi is passing on its newspapers received from Japan to the Kimochi Issei Project lounge at the Webster St. bridge of the Japan Center. The newspapers, in turn, will be sent to the San Mateo Issei Center.

The Nikkei Lions voted to donate $500 each to two local community youth groups, Kimochi, Inc., and Japanese Community Youth Council. Representatives from both groups had previously addressed the group of their programs, club president Kaz Kariya added.

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Los Angeles

A group of Sansei has organized the Venice Pioneer Project with a Japanese movie planned for Aug. 28, 7 p.m., at Marina del Rey Jr. High, 12500 Braddock Dr., as the kickoff function. The project will be similar to programs now underway in Gardena, Long Beach, Orange County, West Los Angeles, Little Tokyo, and San Fernando in the Southern California area.

The West L.A. Asian Festival held Aug. 7 at the West Los Angeles Civic Center Mall, co-chaired by Mrs. Toy Kanegae and Leon Fenster, drew a record number of spectators. TV-motion picture star George Takei emceed the evening program, while cultural displays and food from China, Japan and Korea were featured. Program is co-sponsored by the City Recreation and Parks Department and the West L.A. chamber of commerce, hosted by West L.A. JACL.

PIGTAIL PAGANINIS

Szigeti Training Three Japanese Girls

PARIS—There is good news for Women's Lib on the musical front: the new breed of violin virtuoso is feminine.

In an artistic realm previously reserved for males, young women are winning top prizes and honors in international music contests from Paris to Moscow. They are being engaged for star performances with symphonic orchestras throughout the world.

European impresarios and critics call it an impressive breakthrough.

To date, most of the young ladies happen to be tiny and black-eyed and Japanese. So much so that New Yok Times-man Donald Henahan has asked, "Is there an underground factory in Japan turning out violin virtuosos?"

In Switzerland

As a matter of fact, there is, but it's not in Japan. The pigtail Paganinis are being turned out by Joseph Szigeti, the great master of the violin, at his Swiss villa overlooking Lake Geneva in Baugy sur Clarens.

Szigeti, a moving spirit in the world of music since the beginning of this century, no longer plays in public. At 79, he prefers to train those who do.

His best-known disciples—"my wonder girls," he calls them—are Masuko Ushioda, Yoko Kubo and Teiko Maehashi. Between concerts in all parts of the world, the girls fly to him eagerly for weeks of additional coaching that will perfect their playing and prepare them for future performances.

"We follow him to Majorca in winter, or wherever he happens to be," confided the doll-like Masuko. "Sometimes we must be detective to find his hideouts."

Each girl gets 45 minutes a day or more with the master. She practices alone for from 4 to 8 hours daily in order to perfect such difficult works as the Paganini Concerto No. 1 or the Bartok No. 2. She may work for more than a year with Szigeti before he is satisfied and gives his approval for a public performance. But, agree the girls, the results are worth it.

Joseph Szigeti, supposedly retired, sandwiches his coaching sessions in between hops to world capitals where he judges international violin competitions. He has written two books, "With Strings Attached" and "Szigeti On The Violin," contributes articles to

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Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo.

THINGS YOU LEARN BY READING—Newest thing in the booming bowling industry is an automatic, computerized scorer and where, outside the United States, do you suppose they're using this equipment? Why, only in Japan, of course, where there is an unprecedented demand for recreational facilities. The automatic scorer, manufactured by Brunswick, is beginning to appear in the more affluent American bowling emporiums. Its computerized scoring unit automatically tabulates scores for each bowler by frame and projects them on a screen as the game is being played. One automatic scorer serves four bowling lanes simultaneously.

A five-story recreation center called the Brunswick Sports Garden was opened in the Ikeburuko district of Tokyo less than a year ago. There you can bowl, play indoor golf, billiards, practice golf drives, drink cocktails, eat, and even have your car washed.

Brunswick's press release, unfortunately, didn't say anything about the availability of a hot bath and massage, or pachinko games. The sports garden is a joint enterprise of the Brunswick Corporation and Mitsui, and I bet they coin money there about as fast as the United States mint. If you should happen to be looking for the place, watch for a building with a great big bowling pin on the roof.

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OF RATS AND POT—A team of scientists from Kyushu University's pharmacological department, under direction of Prof. Show Ueki recently extracted a drug called THC from marijuana plants and injected it into rats. Shortly, the ordinarily peaceful rats became pugnacious to the point of biting to death mice in the same cage.

When THC was administered daily for 30 days, the rats continued their attacks on mice even after the injections were suspended. It was found that some of the rats continued killing mice for more than 100 days after they were taken off pot extract.

A report on this experiment says: "It is too early to apply this find to human beings, but it is conceivable that people may experience some abnormal effects in their brain functioning when smoking marijuana." Which sounds like typical Oriental understatement. The interesting point, however, is that at least some Japanese scientists are concerned enough about marijuana to begin studying it.

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PICTURE-TAKING MACHINES—When my younger brother was 10 or 12 years old—that was so long ago that I've forgotten the details—he was given a box Brownie camera by the Eastman people because he happened to have been born the same year the Brownie was first marketed. Or something like that. The details of the promotion stunt really don't matter. The point I'm trying to make is that this camera was little more than a light-proof box with a spring shutter, and if you could hold it reasonably still it took a fairly decent photograph. Like the Ingersoll watch, it was a very simple device, and probably just about as inexpensive.

Now comes word that Canon, Inc., of Japan is marketing what it calls the F-1 model for professional photographers. The camera is designed to be used with more than 40 different kinds of interchangeable lenses and 180 other accessories. The shutter is said to last for 100,000 exposures and its highest speed is 1/2000th of a second. The F-1 itself is made up of more than 10,000 parts, which is said to be 10 times more than what goes to make up the conventional single-lens reflex camera.

All of which is an indication, I suggest, of how complex life has become since my brother and I were in short pants. I am not at all sure that we are any happier or more content now, but of course it is a very difficult matter to hold back progress.

San Franciscans revisit Topaz

Mr. Midzuno, 49, a postal supervisor with the U.S. Postal Service in San Francisco, and his wife were both evacuated to Topaz WRA Center in 1942. Last month, the family, now including daughter Barbara and son Robbie, trekked to Utah to retrace their own Evacuation.—Ed.

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By K. ROBERT MIDZUNO

San Francisco

No one has ever accused me of being sentimental and so the reasons I chose to take my family on a trip back to Topaz, in the desert of Utah's wastelands may be obscure to my friends. Perhaps it was plain curiosity or maybe curiosity is the excuse I will use to hide the real reason for my private pilgrimage back to my past, over a quarter century ago when as a young man I was removed from my home and friends in San Francisco to the War Relocation Authority's camp popularly known as Topaz Relocation Center, Topaz, Utah, 1942.

Our journey this year may have begun a long time ago, when the magnetism of old memories draws one from reality into the past.

As we drove southwesterly from Salt Lake City early in the morning last July 21, we wondered what would be our discovery of the past as we made our way down Highway 50. Flashes of the past quickly crossed my mind as I sat driving the endless highway towards the small town of Delta, a two hour drive from the capital city.

Like many of my fellow Nisei who experienced the wartime internment in one of the ten WRA relocation camps in America's wastelands, I often blocked out the very thought of that period of my life as if it was a shameful verdict of some crime that was responsible for the punishment resulting in exclusion and confinement.

The town of Delta looked better than what I remembered 28 years ago. The small theater, the post office were new, and a few buildings were recognizable as I remembered them; a few other new buildings could not disguise the sleepy Utah town. As I remember the streets were narrower in those days, but today it is quite wide as the main street is State Highway 6 and 50 that stretches across the plains of the Mormon state.

At the lonely gas station I asked directions to Hinckley, one of the small towns in the vicinity of Topaz. Little did I realize that Topaz may no longer exist as a name of a hamlet, especially to the young station attendant who was probably born after the camp was demolished.

After passing Hinckley and coming to a wooden sign indicating we were in Abraham, a left turn brought us to an old farm house, beyond which was nothing but barren flat land and desert. There were no visible signs of the camp so we asked a farmer the directions to the former camp site.

He told us to follow the electric power poles to the very end, a strange direction to follow but to our surprise it brought us to a site where three men were working by a water pump.

We asked politely if they could tell us where Topaz was located and the elderly farmer who must have been in his seventies told us that we were standing where Topaz used to be.

The anxiety and suspense of our mission seemed to come to a quick unexpected climax. This was Topaz, 1971.

We had arrived at our destination, a dream fulfilled, a mission accomplished. We felt the heat of the noon day sun pounding down upon us. Lost in the vastness of the emptiness, the memories shattered by the climax of the moment of rediscovery came down as hard as the sun burning into our memories we longed for so many years.

The old farmer told us to look around, the only remains of the camp was the cement base of the water tower which supported the water tank that was so vital to the thousands of internees at Topaz.

I remember the silhouette of the water tower which was close to Block 28 where I lived in one of the many barracks. I recall the sand storms, the weeds that grew through the cracks in the floor, the bitter cold winters, the bugs and insects, the mess hall lines, the inconveniences of making trips to the community latrines, the barb-wire fences, and watchtowers, and the many memories so long ago dusty in my mind.

As if to justify the trip, I told my children, "Dad and Mom lived about 100 yards beyond that cement foundation." I don't know if I said it proudly or out of shame.

But how can our children visualize what is not there today? How can they feel the emotions of uncertainty, despair, hopelessness, and the feelings of helplessness we suffered without any justifications whatsoever?

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Unexpectedly, the reaction of our 18-year-old daughter and 14-year-old son was one of shock and disbelief. "You lived in this kind of place?" they asked, seriously questioning how anyone could survive the heat and nothingness of the environment. We could only respond that we had no choice, and "yes, we lived here for two years in a camp called Topaz."

The farmers were busy irrigating acres of some type of corn from the pump and well where we first encountered them. We wandered off looking for signs of the camp, a futile attempt as we realized that the forces of nature had long returned the camp site to its original state, the desert wasteland that made life so difficult for so many.

Topaz is a name that has such a false beauty. Like Minadoka, Manzanar, Poston, Amache, Tule Lake, Jerome, Gila, Heart Mountain and Rohwer, it is a name that is as obscure as history itself.

As we walked over the camp grounds my wife and I had some nostalgic memories. Our thoughts were of distant times and distant friends as we wondered the fate of many friends and neighbors we had in Topaz.

We left in the heat of the day, exhausted, thirsty, but satisfied. Our mission accomplished, our memories refilled, the past revived, and the present recharged. Our fulfillment was complete.

We drove back towards Delta where the irony of the whole episode came into sharp focus when a saleslady at the drug store recognized us as Japanese Americans and told us that the camp was gone.

She added that there is a Japanese farmer in the area, but she only knew him as "Tom" and could not remember his last name. She probably could not remember Topaz either, we speculated.

Our last stop before heading to Bryce and Zion National Park was to see the train station from where many of us boarded to relocate in 1944 and 1945. Somehow it looked different too, it was painted white.

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It is difficult to capture the feelings of one's return to a place once called "home." We hope that by relating our recent trip to Topaz, the reader will have a vicarious experience to re-live the past.

We have found it most satisfying and can begin to appreciate the concerns and interests of our Sansei children and their search for identity, sensitivity, awareness, and involvement.

Aside from our personal memories, we brought back a few odd looking rocks from the camp site. These rocks have been placed in our aquarium, a constant reminder of Topaz, the past, the present, and our future.

Our trip to strange sounding places fulfilled a secret desire, but more important it confirms an honest conviction that if we were to face the consequences of 1942 again, my wife and I would join those who may say, "We won't go!!!"

1971 NISEI WEEK FESTIVAL

Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 18-21
1-9 p.m.—Nagoya Doll Exhibit .....Hompa Hongwanji

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19
7 p.m.—Minyo: Japanese Folk Music.....Koyasan Hall
10 p.m.-12m.—Church Federation: Reach Out.....Union Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20
7:30-9:30 p.m.—Shigin Taikai .....Nishi Hongwanji (Old)
7:30-10:3 p.m.—Talent Show .....Koyasan Hall
7:30 p.m.—Agape Fellowship Youth: Reach Out.....Union Church..

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 20-21-22
1 p.m.—Bankei, Sunae (Sand Painting) .....Sun Bldg., Rm. 302-303
1 p.m.—Photo Exhibit .....Zenshuji Temple
1 p.m.—Senior Citizen Art Exhibit .....Sun Bldg. Pioneer Center

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21
12:30-3 p.m.—Kempo; 6-10 p.m. Karate (So. Calif.)...Koyasan Hall
6-9 p.m.—Ondo Dancing .....Weller Street

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 21-22
1 p.m.—Artistic Doll Crafts, Bonsai, E-Sarasa.....Zenshuji Temple
1 p.m.—Calligraphy .....Kajima Bldg. Arcade
1 p.m.—Nisei Week Carnival .....Weller St. County Parking Lot
1 p.m.—Flower Arrangement, Tea Ceremony .....Union Church
1 p.m.—Mission Information Booth .....Union Church
1 p.m.—Japanese Sword Exhibit .....Merit Savings & Loan
1 p.m.—Roketsu Zome (Batik) .....146 Weller St.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22
8 a.m.112n—Tennis Tournament .....El Camino College
12n-6 p.m.—Kendo Tournament .....Koyasan Hall
5:30-8 p.m.—Nisei Week Parade .....Little Tokyo

Arizona State coach's daughter back as student union activity coordinator

TEMPE, Ariz. — Christine Wilkinson tried to leave university life, but she couldn't.

All through her undergraduate years at Arizona State University, she was involved with nearly every kind of activity. She tried to leave it all behind and teach in high school. That wasn't quite what she wanted, so she became a high school counselor.

Still not content, she found she missed college and its hubbub of activities. So counselor-teacher Wilkinson left Coronado High school in Scottsdale and returned to ASU—as activities director for the Memorial Union.

Now Mrs. Wilkinson begins a new phase of college life—as coordinator of student activities. Before, she worked with all events held in the Memorial Union building. Now she will work on programs for the MU, but will also coordinate those with the activities planned by the Associated Students, the Residence Hall Association, the Associated Women Students and all other registered student organizations.

Student Activities

Her coordination duties are planned "to insure against repetition and duplication of expenditures and facilities," according to George F. Hamm, vice president of student affairs. She will work closely with a staff of five—one to head each branch of student activities.

Mrs. Wilkinson will report directly to Dr. Leon G. Shell, associate dean of students in Dr. Hamm's office. She is responsible for recommendations regarding all activity-related expenditures, and for developing a master calendar schedule, Hamm said.

Mrs. Wilkinson said she enjoys working with students. "They have many great ideas and plans, and I like to help work them out." That's basically what she did the last time she was on campus — but she sat on the student side of the desk then.

She attended Arizona State University until 1966, when she graduated with distinction in secondary education. She then attended the University of California at Berkeley and received a master's degree in counseling psychology. Along the way she spent a year studying in Rome, Italy.

While a student, she was a member of Spurs, Natani and Mortar Board (all women's honoraries), Pi Beta Phi sorority, and student governing board, among others. She was listed in the Who's Who of students, and was named in Outstanding Senior Women. She served as activities vice president her senior year.

She now serves on the ASU Alumni board and was selected to appear in the most recent edition of Outstanding Young Women of America. Her old job at ASU entailed working with six committees for activities: the campus hostesses, Criadas (upperclassmen service group), ideas and issues, art shows and exhibitions, films, and entertain-

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10,000 Honda minibikes donated to national YMCA project to reach youth

LOS ANGELES—A local project involving 15 minibikes which American Honda Motor Co. donated to the YMCA has been fully developed to a national program under a $422,073 grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration of the Justice Department.

This is the first time in the history of YMCA that it will be engaged in research from inception, according to Fred Y. Hoshiyama, associate national director in urban development for the National Council of YMCA.

The original group, which convened at the Northeast YMCA in Highland Park, was comprised of youngsters referred by the probation department and schools. The positive results which took place encouraged both the YMCA and American Honda Motors, through its vice-president and general manager, Hirohisa G. Nakamura, to consider a national program.

Alan Kumamoto, former chairman of the Northeast Branch YMCA urban action committee, and Matt I. Matsuoka, public relations manager with American Honda, were instrumental in the development of the National Youth Project Using Minibikes (NYPUM).

It was Nakamura who made the decision to donate 10,000 mini-bikes to the National Council of YMCA's for the nationwide youth project.

'Now' Tool

The uniqueness of this project is that the mini-bikes merely serve as a tool, Hoshiyama explained. It is a "now" tool in that it turns youth of this age "on" and when youth are "turned on," the youth worker has a better chance to develop self-confidence, self-worth, and self-discipline in them. The junior high age is the hardest age for any youth serving agency to work with.

Characteristics of this program are: the focus is on predelinquent and delinquent youth who often gets into the juvenile justice criminal system and because of the high recidivism ends up as a more hardened and experienced criminal; the groups must be small in number, so that there is a close and intense relationship between the youth worker and the boys and girls; the program must be participant centered; the philosophy of work is to reach out and to meet the total needs of the youth; there must be collaboration of community resources and organizations in behalf of youth, so that the total combined efforts will keep the youth from the juvenile criminal justice system.

Funds for training will be used to set up regional training centers to train youth workers in this innovative way of work and technical assistance monitoring services to the local YMCA's and to other organizations which will be sponsored by the YMCA's throughout the United States.

Funding to train workers and research is for the first year only, which will develop 100 such local projects across the nation. The project is for two years where 10,000 mini-bikes and 500 local programs will be established.

The project cost for the first year includes $434,000 in-kind contribution for a total of $856,073. The second year budget is for $2,555,532 for a two-year budget total of $3,411,611.

Nisei Ambassadors

CHICAGO — Music of the Nisei Ambassadors Drum & Bugle Corps has been recorded into an album ($4.50) featuring music from its 1967-70 repetoire.

Believe It or Not

RACINE, Wis. — It's against the law to buy a 20-cent firecracker in the state of Wisconsin, says Loren Norman in the Racine Labor, but anyone can buy a stick—or even a case—of dynamite.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY—Sumitomo Bank of California's Crenshaw branch in observing its 10th anniversary marked the occasion by donating $500 to two local community projects, the Issei Pioneer Center and Yellow Brotherhood. Here, branch manager Minoru Uyeda (in dark suit) hands check to Jeff Hirose, Jim Okamoto and Gerald Toto while Yellow Brotherhood director George Izumi (left) looks on smilingly.
—Cut Courtesy: Rafu Shimpo

KUNIO KABUTO

Sumitomo Bank's new president at S.F. compares U.S., Japan, Brazil banks

SAN FRANCISCO — With a solid background of experience in three different types of banking, Japanese, American and Brazilian, Kunio Kabuto, president of the Sumitomo Bank of California, takes on his new responsibilities with some rather special advantages. This is particularly the case when he is the head of a bank which is itself a specialist in international banking.

While there are many areas of similarity in U.S. and Japanese banking, Kabuto makes it plain that banking in Brazil is something different.

"They are still far from automated," says the alert 50-year-old Japanese banker. "Bookkeeping is still done by hand. Banks must have 27 percent full reserve for all deposits on a monthly basis (except for time C/D's with escalation clause). There is no call money at all."

New York Experience

A native of Tokyo, Kabuto is a graduate of Keio University. He joined the Sumitomo Bank Ltd. in Japan immediately after graduation and during his first 14 years with the bank he served in the international banking department in Tokyo and in the bank's New York, handling import-export financing, business development and loans.

Kunio Kabuto

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"I lived out on Long Island," he recalls, "and it was a one-hour commute by train both ways. I started out early in the morning and did not reach home again until late in the evening. Those were tough years, but I came out of it with four solid years of experience of banking in this country."

He returned to Japan where he served as sub-manager of Sumitomo Bank Ltd.'s Nagoya branch, then as manager of one of its Osaka branches and in 1966 became manager of a large branch in Kobe.

In 1967, he was selected to take over as president of the Banco Sumitomo Brasileiro S.A., a subsidiary of The Sumitomo Bank Ltd.

Of his new responsibilities with the Sumitomo Bank of California, Kabuto speaks with enthusiasm and zest.

"It is a great challenge, especially to follow such a fine president as Mr. Yamasaki. (Isao Yamasaki has been president of the Sumitomo Bank of California since February, 1966 and is now chairman of the board.) This is a wonderful bank and I am proud and happy to have the opportunity of leading it to still higher plateaus."

Kabuto's enthusiasm stems from the fact that the Sumitomo Bank of California, which opened for business only 18 years ago with assets and total deposits at the end of its first year of around $5 million each, now has total assets in excess of $354 million and total deposits of over $300 million. More importantly, the bank's net earnings in the past seven years have surged from a modest $390,000 in 1963 to $2.7 million in 1970, up a fantastic 596 percent.

Kabuto fully intends to maintain this momentum. His broad experience in the international banking field as well as a thorough appreciation of all phases of domestic banking, make it highly likely that he will do just that. He is an banker who lives in the present and the

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JACS, Yellow Brotherhood each receives $500

LOS ANGELES—As part of its celebration of its 10th anniversary, the Crenshaw office of the Sumitomo Bank of California has made contributions to the Japanese American Community Services of Southern California and the Yellow Brotherhood. A cashier's check for $500 was presented to each organization by Minoru Ueda, vice president and branch manager.

In informal presentation ceremonies at the bank, Ueda handed the checks to Jeff Hirose of the Yellow Brotherhood and to M. Nishimura, a worker at Pioneer Center, project of the Japanese American Community Services of Southern California.

The two organizations were nominated for the cash gifts by the Sumitomo Bank's Crenshaw advisory board.

Calif. Senate cites Nisei Week '71

SACRAMENTO—The California state senate, in a resolution co-authored by Sens. Mervyn Dymally of Los Angeles and Ralph C. Dills of Gardena Valley, memorialized the Nisei Week Festival and paid tribute to the five honored Issei pioneers.

It was presented this week during the Pioneer Issei Luncheon at the Kawafuku Restaurant at Los Angeles.

The resolution recalled the celebration is "devoted to the ideal of promoting friendship between all people from all lands and to the furthering of the cultural and creative life of the Japanese community".

Copies of the resolution were given to Soichi Fukui, Festival chairman, and to the five Issei: Miyazo Fujisawa, Hiroji Hosaka, Masuo Mitamura, Jiro Morita and Toyo Miyatake.

Little Tokyo prepares for another Nisei Week parade

Over 50,000 spectators are expected to line the sidewalks of Little Tokyo on Sunday, Aug. 22, to view the spectacular 1971 Nisei Week Parade—expected to be one of the community's finest and most colorful. All 34 units of the parade, led by the Los Angeles Police Motorcycle Drill Team and Mayor Norman Mineta, grand marshal, are expected to be in position in the immediate area of the temporary parking structure on San Pedro St., north of First St. by 4:30 p.m.

Joyce Kikuchi, the East Los Angeles JACL aspirant, was crowned Miss Nisei Week of 1971 last Saturday.

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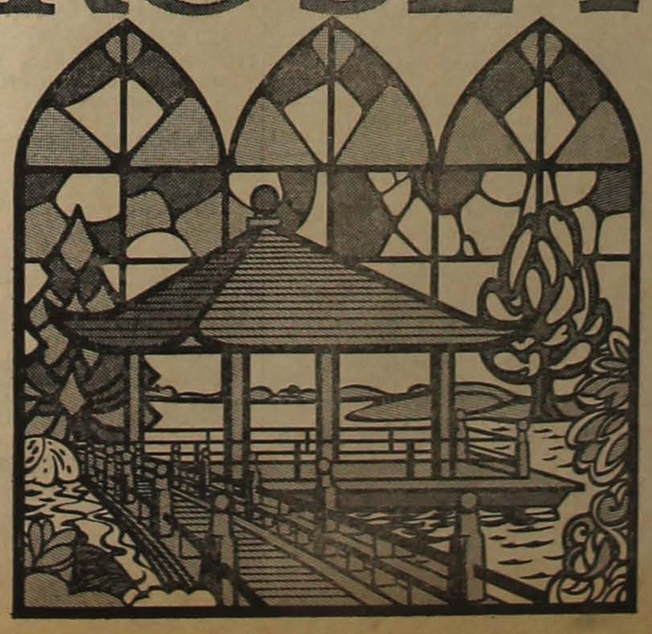

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SACRAMENTO JACL: Frank Iwama

Total Community Involvement

Sacramento

Although the JACL was originally fostered for the specific purpose of furthering the cause of Japanese Americans, the time has now come for our organization to expand its horizon to include service for the betterment of the total community. Only by making the community within which we must function a better place for everyone, be it for the benefit of our black, brown, red, white or yellow

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neighbors (in alphabetical order to reflect our impartiality), will the ultimate goal of judging every man on his own particular merits instead of his outward appearance be reached.

I am proud to announce that several Sacramento JACLers have become involved in various organizations which are oriented toward the goal of benefiting our total community.

Some of the members who have come to my attention include:

VP **Stanley Taniguchi**, member of the Sacramento County Grand Jury; immediate past president, **Carnegie Ouye**, member of the Multi-Ethnic Advisory Committee to the Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees; **Roy Imura**, representative to the Greater Sacramento Area Plan for minority employment in the trades and crafts; **Dennis Nishikawa**, representative to the Sacramento Plan for Equal Employment Opportunity in the Public Sector; **Ken Nakamura**, member of the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Area Economic Development Corporation; **Henry Taketa** and **Percy Masaki**, members of the Citizens Advisory Committee of Consumnes River Community College.

I have had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society of Sacramento County and the Metropolitan Sacramento Urban Coalition.

I know that there are several other worthy JACLers who are presently serving community organizations but have not been made known to me. To those persons I want to extend my congratulations for their unselfish effort to make our community a better place for everyone.

There are numerous community oriented organizations which are actively seeking volunteers to serve in different capacities. Please consider their plea, for the future course of our community may depend upon your action or inaction.

NC-WNDC lauds Watsonville 'CL in its effort to remove Elks all-white stand

By MASAKO MINAMI

SAN LEANDRO — The third quarterly meeting of the Northern Calif.-Western Nevada District Council, hosted by the Eden Township chapter was held here on Sunday, Aug. 1. District Governor Shig Sugiyama presided over the meeting.

Some of the topics discussed were:

1—National Student Aid Program applications may be obtained by writing to Ron Wakabayashi, Field Director for Youth Service. Forms must be filed by the student applicant as well as confidential financial statement by the parents. Deadline for the receipt of all forms will be Sept. 1, 1971.

2—Constitutional revisions were submitted by Haruo Ishimaru and some changes were made. Haruo will report back to each chapter by mail so voting can be done at the November meeting in San Mateo.

The Board recommended keeping the present system of one chapter, 2 votes but it was suggested that any chapter wishing to make any changes should write up the advantages, etc., and present it at the November meeting.

3—Gov. Sugiyama reported on the National Board meeting held on July 23-25.

4—The National will be contacted to reopen the question of using the Endowment Fund for the purpose of establishing specific programs such as student loans.

5—Ishimaru suggested DC sessions start at 10 a.m. Objections were made by the San Mateo chapter which is hosting the November meeting. Apparently plans are being made according to the present system. However, it was suggested that other chapters bear this in mind for the coming year.

6—The District Council is on record commending the Watsonville chapter in their efforts to have the "white clause" removed by the Elks club.

The National JACL Visual Communications Committee display of graphic material by Bob Nakamura of Los Angeles concluded the meeting.

Tom Kitayama was master of ceremonies for the banquet following the meeting.

The Aspiration was given by Rev. Kosho Yukawa of the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, followed by a few words of welcome by Ich Nishida, president of the Eden Township.

Of the 16 winners of the National JACL Scholarship, five youths were from the District. They were invited for the special presentation at the banquet. Those attending were:

Paul M. Tsukada, Sacramento chapter, winner of $500 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship presented by Tad Masaoka.

Joyce Kobori, Eden Township chapter, winner of the $500 Sumitomo Bank Award presented by K. Shimizu, manager of the Oakland bank.

Marilyn Oshiro, San Jose chapter, winner of the $250 Dr. Takashi Terami Memorial award, presented by Shig Sugiyama.

Benediction was given by Rev. Arthur Tsuneishi, of the San Lorenzo Holiness Church.

Aki Hasegawa and Harry Tanabe, co-chairmen, were assisted by:

Toshi Hasegawa, Momo Kawakami, Kazuko Okada, Ich Nishida and Masako Minami.

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NC-WNDC slates two Japan flights in '72

BERKELEY — The Northern California - Western Nevada JACL District Council will sponsor two flights to Japan in 1972, according to Tad Hirota, coordinator.

First flight takes off July 14 and returns Aug. 14. Second flight takes off Oct. 13 and return Nov. 3.

CALENDAR

Aug. 20 (Friday)
San Jose—Open Mtg, Bank of Tokyo, 8 p.m.; Film: "Subversion?".

Aug. 22 (Sunday)
Detroit—Comm Picnic.

Aug. 23 (Monday)
Berkeley—Bd Mtg, American S&L, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 24 (Tuesday)
Prog, Westside—Gen Mtg, Senshin Buddhist Church, 8 p.m.; "Consumer Beware", Rosemary Enseki of FTC, Ida Honorof, KPFK, spkrs.

Aug. 26—29
Tri-District Jr. JACL—TDC Conference, Bannockburn, Riverside.

Aug. 28 (Saturday)
IDC—3d Qtrly Session, Ponderosa Inn, Burley, Idaho, 1 p.m.

Aug. 29 (Sunday)
PSWDC—3rd Qtrly Session, Greater Pasadena Area JACL hosts: Pasadena Japanese Cultural Institute, 595 Lincoln Ave., 9 a.m.

Sept. 4 (Saturday)
Contra Costa—Barbecue, Alvarado Park.

Sept. 4—5
EDC-MDC—Joint biennial convention, Seabrook JACL hosts, Centerton Golf Course Clubhouse.

Sept. 7 (Tuesday)
Gardena Valley—Mtg, No. Gardena Meth Church, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 8 (Wednesday)
Orange County—Bd Mtg, Bank of Tokyo, Santa Ana, 8 p.m.

Sept. 12 ((Sunday)
Sacramento—Flu clinic, 12-4 p.m., Buddhist Church, Japanese United Methodist Church. (For transp: call 391-2610, 445-1846 or 383-4615)
Santa Maria—Comm Picnic, Boysville.

Sept. 13 (Monday)
West Los Angeles—Bd Election Mtg.

Sept. 16—18
Reno—Rummage sale, Amer Legion Hall.

Sept. 18 (Saturday)
Salt Lake—Chow mein Dnr, Japanese Church of Christ.

Sept. 19 (Sunday)
San Francisco—Issei Appreciation day.
West Los Angeles—Issei Appreciation day, Felicia Mahood Ctr.
Milwaukee—Bon Voyage party.

Sept. 24—Oct. 2
Portland—Japan Week festivities.

CHAPTER PULSE

August Events

Issei guests of chapter at Tachibana dance show

A busload of senior citizens from the **Watsonville JACL** Issei Center were transported Aug. 14 to the new Mountain View Buddhist Church to attend a program of kabuki dances staged by the highly acclaimed Tachibana Dance Group from New York.

A top performer was Sahomi Tachibana, sister of George Abey of Mountain View, who went to Japan as a young girl to learn the dance.

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Scholarship

SAN FRANCISCO JACL

Chapter Awards—$500: Gary Mizono, s of John Mizonos; $250: Elizabeth Uno, d of Edison Unos, both Washington High graduates.

$750 in awards given by San Francisco JACL

Gary Mizono and Elizabeth Uno were named the winners of the 1971 *San Francisco JACL* scholarships at the champagne opening of the new Toho theater in Nihonmachi, a benefit for the local chapter's scholarship fund.

The checks were presented by George Yamasaki, Jr., San Francisco JACL president, in a special between-show ceremony.

Both winners are 1971 graduates of George Washington High, Gary in January and now attending UC Berkeley where he is a pre-med student and Elizabeth this past June and planning to enroll at Mills College in the fall.

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Civic Affairs

San Mateo reply to Newsweek draws comment

The **San Mateo JACL** response to the Newsweek feature on "Outwhiting the Whites" was reprinted in the Peninsula Bulletin, black publication in East Palo Alto, in its July editorial column with the following additional comment:

The commonalities of the minority people of the nation are obvious to all thinking people. Their differences in tradition, culture, etc. . . . are equally as obvious. What must be understood by those in positions of political prominence or journalism's hierachy is that the minorities of the nation not only are aware of their commonalities, but, are for the most part, working for unity with singleness of purpose.

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ment (which includes the Memorial Union coffeehouse).

Before returning to the ASU campus in that capacity, she taught a year and a half and counseled a year and a half at Coronado. In 1968 the Miss Christine Kajikawa married a physical education teacher and basketball coach.

Between his sporting events and her ASU programs, Mrs. Wilkinson is finally involved in enough activities — and happy about it.

Christine's parents and Mr. and Mrs. William Kajikawa, long-time Tempe residents and Arizona JACLers.

Bill is a member of the faculty of Arizona State University and freshman football coach. He has been varsity basketball and baseball coach, and was an all-around athlete here in 1933-37. His wife, Margaret, is a bank executive and was recently named Tempe "Woman of the Year."

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Buddhist Women's Club) will all be held at the Upper Deerfield Municipal Building on Highway 77, Seabrook. Mas Yamasaki, MDC Governor, will moderate the Sunday symposium session.

The registration fee and cost of events to the delegates has been announced as follows:

Registration — $1.50, Saturday luncheon— $4, Saturday Dinner—$7.50 and Sunday Japanese Bento luncheon—$3. (Total: $15 per delegate).

John Nakamura, Seabrook Chapter President, 433 Carlton Ave., Millville, N.J. 08332, is taking care of the motel reservations. Guests from the National Board and staff are being housed at Vineland Circle Plaza Motel, Vineland, N.J. 08360.

Original plans for holding highly social oriented, convention-type of meeting which was scheduled for Atlantic City by Seabrook Chapter was reluctantly revised.

The early part of the year, the host Chapter wished to comply with the changes taking place for the youth group program and the activities committed for 1971 by many of the Chapter leaders of these district councils.

Seabrook Chapter in rearranging its plans to accommodate the coming business type of meeting schedule is still planning on an excursion to the shore points on Sunday afternoon. These trips will be arranged for the family members, boosters delegates, as well as official delegates who are interested to share the famous recreational facilities of the New Jersey Coast.

McWilliam's book

NEW YORK — Carey McWilliam's "Prejudice: Japanese Americans", published in 1944 analyzing the forces prior to and during WW2 which placed Japanese Americans in relocation centers, has been reprinted with a new introduction by the author, now editor of The Nation. It is obtainable at $10.35 postpaid from Amerasia Resources, Inc., 165 W. 66th St., New York City 10023.

Large-scale computers may aid chiefs fighting big fires, says Nisei savant

LOS ANGELES—Fire chiefs of the future may fight large-scale fires with large-scale computers.

To support his belief that engineering can solve some of the world's social problems, Dr. Ken Kato devoted his doctoral research at the Univ. of Southern California School of Engineering to developing the theoretical foundation for the establishment of a computerized fire control system.

"In essence," explains Dr. Kato, "the system will consist of a computer simulation model to keep track of hundreds of data inputs and process this information to determine the most efficient way to use the available fire control forces—equipment and personnel—in the various regions of the total fire area."

The new system of controlling large-scale fires is far from being a solution that is "just around the corner." Considerable additional research and development would be required in order to implement this systems engineering method with an actual operational system.

Once such a computerized system were set up, it would provide the fire chief with up-to-the-second information on the hundreds of factors that must be considered and to decide how best to fight a fire.

As an Aid

Dr. Kato emphasizes that this method will not replace the chief who presently dispatches equipment and personnel to the fire based on his past experience and knowledge of the area. "Instead, the computer method should be viewed as a powerful aid in supplementing human judgment and intelligence by providing a systematic means of assimilating and utilizing all information relevant to the fire control problem to determine the best course of action," he notes.

The computer complex making up the heart of the fire control system would consist of a data bank, central data processor, and data display unit. "Existing large computers might be satisfactory for the central data processor, but considerable effort would be required to set up such a computer complex."

The data bank, consisting of computer disc memories or magnetic tapes, would contain records of the terrain including mountains, valleys, brushland and the location of natural and man-made obstruction to fire spread such as rivers and freeways. "Other information would also be stored such as the importance of historical landmarks and recreational sites as well as industrial plants, agricultural and residential developments," added Kato.

Visual Image Response

During a large-scale fire, a continual flow of information from the location concerning the status of the fire and the effectiveness of the fire-fighting crews in controlling it would be fed into the computer in addition to the informtaion stored in the data bank.

The computer would process this data and provide a visual image on the screen of the data display system of the current state of the entire fire.

Furthermore, the computer would determine the most efficient way to allocate the available control forces to the fire location and display this optimum utilization of control forces on the data display screen.

In the event of sudden changes in fire or weather conditions, the computer can instantaneously revise and update the optimum allocation procedure. "This method of constantly updating all relevant information would allow the fire chief to plan for necessary tactical changes as soon as they are required."

Dr. Kato admits to an eagerness in seeing the system work in areas that have been continually plagued with fires. "Out of research will come a more unified effort to solving fire fighting problems . . . and this is my contribution to that effort."

With Edison Co.

Dr. Kato, a system protection engineer with Southern California Edison Co., earned his Ph.D. and M.S. degrees at USC and his B.A. at UCLA. A native of Los Angeles, he was graduated from John Burroughs High School, Burbank. He has served as a member of the technical staff of Hughes Aircraft, Culver City, and the professional staff of TRW Systems, Redondo Beach. He also served as senior engineer of the Northrop Corp., Hawthorne.

At USC, Kato was the recipient of the Archimedes Circle Fellowship and a member of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

Dr. Kato is married to the former Jane Miyamoto. The Katos have one daughter, Lisa, four months old. They live in Inglewood.

Ethnic TV special

LOS ANGELES—"Nisei: Two Worlds", an NBC-TV news special, was televised locally July 31 as part of the ethnic documentaries depicting the creative and performing talents of Southland minorities. Yuki Shimoda was host; John Omori, producer; Yuki Shimoda and Mrs. Kats Kunitsugu, writers.

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Violinists —

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music publications, answers an immense professional correspondence, and plays his two famous Guarneri instruments. He also turns down contracts to play in public.

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U.S. Citizen

Born in Budapest in 1892, Szigeti has played professionally since the age of 12. It was he who brought Benny Goodman and Bela Bartok together in New York to make Bartok's "Contrasts" trio recording that included Szigeti and was dedicated to him.

"I went to America for a 20-day visit, stayed 20 years, and now carry an American passport," Szigeti reported, "I fell in love with California and still love it."

What caused him to return to Europe and buy his Swiss villa? "My granddaughter was born there," he smiled. "Any romantic grandfather will understand that I want to be near her."

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ed to continue as chairman until a replacement is found. Anyone suggesting names of a new chairman, please let me know immediately.

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Our National Youth Program has the tough assignment of generating new leadership every few years because the youth are in a transitional stage. I have felt, after being somewhat closely allied with the youth program, JACL should make room for a young adult group of 18 and over to whatever age the young adult feels he can make a contribution to younger people, after which, he moves into the regular JACL program.

For those under 18, chapters and possibly district councils can have programs promoted, sustained and programmed for whatever needs the young people of the area desire. The primary and sole responsibility of these under 18 groups would be the chapter and funding, financing, and expenses should be borne by the local chapter, or district council.

Since the Youth Program is still evolving, the young people will probably come up with a program that will reach the maximum amount of young people wherever they are, and provide worthwhile and meaningful projects, workshops, conferences and so forth as long as such are needed. As I have stated over and over again, the only way any program can be successful, and particularly for the young people, is if the Chapter backs the youth program up 100% plus. Therefore, I hope the advisors, commissioners and all others concerned will assist the youth in every way possible.

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After the first day of the National Board meeting, a few of us went down to Betty Yumori's and imposed on her hospitality for "ochazuke" and for some, a short (?) game of poker. I never did find out whether Jerry Enomoto or Bob Takasugi was the better bluffer, but to hear them talk to each other, this was the day they had been baiting each other for during the past year; regardless of who won, just hearing the two "go at it" was plenty of entertainment for the rest of us. The non-players took off early, but I noticed the following morning the "big spenders" were awfully quiet for the first part of the Board meeting.

One area which I felt was covered rather inadequately was the matter of having staff members responsible for assisting certain committees to which they have been assigned.

With the additional staff and continuation of the committee system of programming, it has been my feeling that assigned staff must, in one way or another, become an integral part of the committees to which they are assigned and the committee chairmen should utilize staff for assisting in housekeeping as well as administrative aspects of the committee functions.

Otherwise, our committee system will always be a hit or miss proposition, thus, making national programming a difficult, if not impossible, function. Without effective national programs that involve chapter and district council participation, there seems to be an important gap missing, a void, which must somehow be filled.

It was good seeing George Inagaki during the National Board meeting. He looked very good and seems to be well on the road to recovery. Also, we are grateful to Dennis Nishikawa, an aide to State Senator Mervyn Dymally, for making presentations to our Jerry Enomoto from the California State Legislature.

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The PSW District Council Executive Committee wined, dined and provided an opportunity for Board members to let their hair down to get to know each other better and to also talk shop on a personal and factual basis.

Thanks to Dr. Kiyoshi and Mitsu Sonoda for their generosity and hospitality, Dr. Roy and Alice Nishikawa, Dr. Dave and Barbara Miura, Tak and Helen Kawagoe, Betty Yumori, Ritzi Kawakami, Chiz Kameta, Aki and Toshi Yoshida, Aki Ohno and others, as usual, know how to make strangers feel at home. The whole Board, including the youth, were able to talk without the formality of Parliamentary Procedures. I guess the young people enjoyed themselves because I heard one of the boys comment, "I can dig this kind of stuff."

Helen Kawagoe, the energetic and go-getting Gardena Chapter president, was trying to explain to me how her husband, Tak, has quietly been swallowing his pride. One time, he was cleaning up the house and people were supposed to be coming for a meeting. He asked her if she couldn't give him more time to clean the house because he didn't want the visitors to see him doing that kind of work. He also cooks and does a lot of other chores I know my wife would give her right arm to have me do.

This women's lib is OK, but what happens when some of us can't cook, iron, or keep house?

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future and is extremely sensitive to the fact that change is continual and that in such a world it is essential to be flexible.

Message to Staff

In his first pronouncement to the bank's staff in San Francisco, Kabuto said: "We are living in a world of rapid and continual change — in our living, in science and technology, including banking. Changes are taking place in the entire system of banking — in concepts and in operation and we, as bankers, must be alert to these changes and we must be flexible enough to move with the times and adapt ourselves to these movements. Therefore, let us all make sure that we are moving forward, adjusting to change and particularly that we keep looking ahead, to anticipate change, to be ready for new developments and to operate as a sound and reliable, but also as a viable banking institution, which reacts positively to the promise of the future."

Kabuto, in private life is a stamp collector, a gardening enthusiast and an ardent golfer with a 7 handicap.

He lives with his wife and two daughters in a charming home in the Richmond District of San Francisco.

"It's a great deal better than a one hour commute from Long Island by train," he smiles.

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Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

Political Scene

Honolulu

Gov. John A. Burns has declined to rule himself out as a potential candidate for another term in 1974. He has emphasized the fact that he is not actively formulating plans for a campaign three years from now, but he has indicated that a fourth term bid is not out of the question. **Dan Aoki**, the governors administrative assistant, says, "We're not closing the door. He's not a lame duck governor." It appears now that **Mayor Frank F. Fasi** may be a gubernatorial candidate in 1974.

Three island labor leaders are describing **Brian Casey** as a "defeated politician" who's paying off obligations to Mayor Fasi on the installment plan. Casey is the city's deputy director of auditoriums. The labor leaders are **Eddie DeMello**, ILWU legislative lobbyist; **Walter Kupau**, president of the Hawaii State Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO); and **Robert McElrath**, ILWU regional director. The three are among those singled out by Casey as "probably involved" in the state supreme court's appointment of **Matsuo Takabuki** as a Bishop Estate trustee.

Kekoa David Kaapu, 34, has resigned as city urban renewal coordinator. Kaapu says he again will prepare to enter the political arena. He is a former city councilman who ran for mayor in 1968 but lost in the primary to **Frank F. Fasi**.

At State Capitol

Outgoing state attorney general **Bertram T. Kanbara** has endorsed the appointment of **Matsuo Takabuki** as a Bishop Estate trustee and has suggested that Takabuki's critics are taking a narrow view of the estate and its role in the community. It was one of his last acts as state attorney general. Said Kanbara: "Speaking personally, may I state that I have known Mr. Takabuki for about 15 years. I know him to be a man of integrity and good judgment, of exceptional competence, particularly in the fields of finance, real estate and law, and of considerable vigor."

George Pai has been named acting attorney general to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Atty. Gen. Kanbara. Pai, a 1956 graduate of the Univ. of Michigan, obtained his law degree from the Univ. of Southern California in 1961. His wife is the former Jung Hi Kim. The couple has three children.

Business Ticker

Developer **Joe Pao** has lost a round in his fight to build townhouses on the slopes of Mt. Olomana in Windward Oahu. The city planning commission by a 7-2 vote denied Pao's reqeust for rezoning that would permit the 89-acre townhouse development. The next move is up to the city council.

"More than one out of every four cars sold on Oahu today was made in Japan and, much to the dismay of Detroit, that percentage appears to be increasing." The statement is according to **William Kreger** the Honolulu Advertiser's financial editor. In terms of makes, **Toyota** in 1970 was the top-selling car on Oahu with 4,836 new cars registered. In second place was **Chevrolet** with 4,448, followed by **Ford** with 4,109 and **Dodge** with 3,439. Datsun ranked fifth with 3,370 cars registered, followed by **Volkswagen** with 3,183, just slightly ahead of **Plymouth's** total of 3,105.

Mamori Nagao, native of Lahaina, has been promoted from assistant branch manager to manager of the Bank of Hawaii's West Maui branch. He joined the branch in 1953.

Names in the News

Teruo Himoto, president of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, was tossed into the chamber's new pool at its dedication July 15. The pool and an adjoining cocktail lounge are the latest additions to the chamber's facilities at 2454 S. Beretania St. Other facilities include a banquet hall, offices, club rooms and gardens.

Mrs. Clorinda F. Nakashima has been named postmaster of Hanalei, Kauai, post office. She is the wife of Shizuo Nakashima. Mrs. Nakashima, 38, received her appointment under the new merit selection basis established for the postal service by recent congressional action.

Charles E. Tuttle, a Tokyo publisher, said in Honolulu recently that he is interested in reprinting Hawaiian histories, folk tales and diaries which have long been out of print. His firm has more than 40 books on Hawaii in print. According to Tuttle, his firm has more books on Japan in English than any other publishing house in the world.

Sports Scene

Ken Miyaoka has returned to the throne as king of Hawaii's amateur golfers by winning the Manoa Cup for the fourth time in 11 years at the Oahu Country Club. His previous victories came in 1961, 1966 and 1968.

Ken Suzawa, Univ. of Hawaii pitcher, has been named most valuable player in the 1971 Hawaii Baseball League. Suzawa, a lefty, is a graduate of Baldwin High School on Maui.

Six Mainland university basketball teams have been invited to take part in the 8th Annual Rainbow Classic scheduled for Dec. 27 to 30 at the Honolulu International Center. They are **Arizona State, Temple, Minnesota, Northwestern, UC Berkeley and Texas Christian.**

Congressional Score

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye is part of a group of U.S. officials who are seeking an invitation to visit Mainland China. He is part of the U.S. delegation to a U.S.-Japanese conference on parliamentary matters to be held in Tokyo Aug. 19 through 21.

Rep. Patsy T. Mink, who backs mainland China's bid for a seat in the United Nations, thinks "this could be the year for it." She said she was delighted to learn of President Nixon's acceptance of an invitation to visit Peking by May, 1972. "I think it's the end of an era of our policy of containment and it opens the way for normalization of relations," Mrs. Mink said.

Appointments

James H. Takushi, director of the state's Dept. of Personnel Services, reports that practically all state vacancies for professional positions are filled except for six physician specialty jobs in the State Dept. of Health. Takushi said his department has ceased recruiting for psychologists and social workers on the Mainland. He said, "We haven't been able to place all of Hawaii's new social work graduates—including some with master's degrees." As of mid-July, **Harry Chang**, the Dept of Education's personnel recruitment administrator, reported that 215 teachers—tenured or with contracts—were yet unassigned. The group includes 175 elementary and 40 secondary teachers, with the vast majority on Oahu.

Mayor Frank F. Fasi has announced the following appointments: **Mun Charn Wong**, zoning board of appeals; **John A. Rolfing, Jr.**, electrical advisory board; **Henry George**, board of water supply; **Stanley S. Takahashi**, board of water supply; and **Mrs. Herma Budroc**, Honolulu committee on aging.

Univ. of Hawaii

John Farias, Jr., 36, has been elected chairman of the Univ. of Hawaii board of regents. He is believed to be the youngest person ever to hold that post. Farias is director of the Big Island's Dept. of Research and Development.

Neil Abercrombie, a Univ. of Hawaii teaching assistant, has sued three Leeward Community College officials for not giving him a job. He said he was rejected for the position of student activities coordinator at the college because of his "involvement in politics." He named as defendants **Leonard Tuthill**, provost; **John J. Prihoda**, dean; and **Horace Clay**, associate dean of special programs. Instead **Stuart Uesato** was chosen coordinator May 14.

Brian L. Sakamaki, 26, is the youngest person ever to be appointed to the Univ. of Hawaii board of regents. He is a 1971 honor graduate in business from the UH and works for the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

Dr. Earle Ernst, 59, chairman of the department of drama and theater at the Univ. of Hawaii, has resigned, effective June 30, 1972. He has given no reason for his action. Asked why he resigned, he declined to comment. He joined the UH faculty in 1940 and became department chairman in 1960.

Crime File

Carl T. Miyamoto, 22, who finished Konawena High School in 1967, has been charged with the first degree murder of his friend, **Sanford Goya**, 24, of 3531 Kaimuki Ave. Goya, the son of the Yeitaro Goyas, was shot in the head and chest. He was found lying on the front porch of his home. The shooting occurred July 21. Police said Miyamoto tried to strangle his sister, 28, in her Notley St. apartment in Kalihi after the shooting. She was taken to St. Francis Hospital where her condition was reported to be fair. Detectives said a motive had not been established for the killing or if the beating was tide to the shooting.

Entertainment Scene

Ice Capades has filed a $22,000 suit in federal court, saying it is owed the money from its May performances at Honolulu Internatinal Center. The suit was against the City, former HIC box office manager Elroy Runnels and Pacific Insurance Co., which bonded Runnels.

Education

Dr. Philip K. Ige, former provost of Kauai Community College, has been named assistant superintendent of instructional services in the State Dept. of Education. The post formerly was held by **Dr. Arthur F. Mann**, who asked to be relieved of his job. He was named principal of Mokulele Elementary School. Other appointments: **Dr. Albert Miyasato**, Windward Oahu school superintendent, to superintendent of the Honolulu District; **Jimmy Izu**, acting Honolulu district superintendent, to acting Windward Oahu school superintendent.

Additional appointments: **Aobert T. Okamoto**, Kuhio School principal; **Morris M. Otoshi**, Lanakila School prin.; **Mrs. Alice C. Masatsugu**, Kalihi-uka School prin.; **Mrs. Frances F. Shimotsu**, project director, English language and cultural orientation project, Model Cities; **Charmaine M. Tavares**, project coordinator-evaluator, physical education project, Model Cities; **Dorothy B. Douthit**, project coordinator-evaluator, education center project.

Also, **Harold Higashi**, Haleiwa Elementary School, vice principal; **Wallace Higashi**, Moanalua Elementary School v.p.; **Herbert Uesugi**, Wheeler Intermediate School v.p.; **James Ireijo**, project director, Model Cities education center, Waianae-Nanakuli; **Rokuro Tomita**, Lehua School principal; **Sam Oshiro**, Pohakea School principal; **Randall Honda**, curriculum specialist, compensatory education; **Winchell Y. L. Lee**, Laie School principal; **Isamu Nojima**, Keolu Elementary School v.p.; **Herman M. Aizawa**, Kailua High School first v.p.; **Alfred Miyamoto**, Hauula School principal; **Wallace H. Fujii**, Hana High and Elementary School prin.

Hawaii Today

Robert C. Loveless, project director for the Model Cities Program, says that according to statistics a large number of some racial groups, including Hawaiians and Samoans, are in lower-paying jobs. He says that 20 per cent of the cause is discrimination and 80 per cent is due to "failure of our educational and rehabilitation institutions to understand and meet their problems."

According to **Dr. Thomas K. Hitch**, chairman of First Hawaiian Bank's research division, Hawaii's economy outclassed that of the Mainland in every area except construction. Total personal income from 1969 to 1970 rose 12.1 per cent in Hawaii and only 7 per cent on the Mainland. Per capita personal income in the same period went up 8.8 per cent in Hawaii and only 5.7 per cent on the Mainland.

For the first time in more than 20 years, products of mainland China are on sale legally in Honolulu. According to the Star-Bulletin, all are foodstuffs labeled by firms in Hong Kong.

13 vie for state senate seat on Sept. 11 primaries

BY ALLAN BEEKMAN

HONOLULU — Thirteen candidates (12 Democrats) are seeking election to the Senate seat Larry N. Kuriyama won without opposition last year.

An assassin shot down Kuriyama, in a still unsolved case, as he returned to his Aiea Heights home from a political rally just before the General Election. The State Legislature has passed a bill authorizing a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Kuriyama.

The Primary Election is scheduled for Sept. 11, the General for Oct. 2.

Rep. Howard K. Oda, of Wahiawa, is the only Republican to file for the office. Since Hawaii election laws prohibit write-in candidates, Oda is assured of nomination if he receives only one vote.

A victory for Oda in the General would give the minority Republicans increased bargaining power on bills requiring a two-thirds vote. Democrats now control the Senate 16-8.

Also, the election of Oda to the Senate would leave Republican strength in the House unaffected; Gov. John A. Burns would be required to appoint a Republican to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Oda.

Voter registration for the last election, however, shows 34,901 Democrats registered for the District as opposed to 5,394 Republicans. 7,622 who cast ballots in the General, but failed to vote in the Primary, are registered with neither party.

Consequently, the 12 Democratic candidates may be assumed to be running on the assumption that if nominated they will be elected.

Among the most favored of a number of strong candidates fielded by the Democrats are Reps. Mitsuo Uechi and Joe Kuroda. George Piliwale, 35, also a candidate, has challenged the candidacy of the three House members in the race on the ground that the State Constitution forbids incumbents to run in an election such as this.

Piliwale, a Waianae photographer, had asked Lt. Gov. George R. Ariyoshi to rule the trio off the ballot. After a hearing, Ariyoshi denied the request. Piliwale plans to take the case to court, where it appears that his plea will again be denied.

If permitted to run, the two Democratic State Representatives will be among the most favored candidates. Yoshiro Nakamura, 45, a Wahiawa attorney who served in the City Council for eight years, is also considered a formidable contender.

BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

Four in Performing Arts Series

NOH: The Classical Theater, by Yasu Nakamura, tr. by Don Kenny, Walker/Weatherhill in collaboration with Tankosha, 248 pp., $5.95.

No other country has as varied theatrical forms as Japan; no country has carried the theatrical art higher. From the milieu of perfected forms, Japan has assigned Noh an especially honored place.

Like most arts, Noh had an humble origin. But in the dawn of the Muromachi Period, Kan'nami Kiyotsugu, developing and polishing the basic principles of his art, began to write dramas around the primitive song and dance playlets of the day, his genius imparting life and form to them.

His troupe progressed to giving performances in Kyoto, the capital. There the 16-year-old shogun, Ashikaga Yoshimitsu, saw Kan'nami's 11-year-old son perform and became enamored with him. Infatuated with the boy and his art, Yoshimitsu extended his patronage to Noh. This official patronage was to last 500 years, encouraging the development of Noh and imparting the aristocratic due that characterizes it.

The boy who had attracted the favor of Yoshimitsu was to become known as Motokiyo Zeami (1363-1443). He was to surpass even his father, becoming the greatest playwright, critic, and actor of Noh.

Zeami wrote about 200 Noh plays, of which 124 still remain in the repertory. The most beautiful and powerful poetry of the period is found in Noh.

Hagoroma (Feather Robe) tells the story of angel whose heavenly garment is stolen while she bathes, preventing her from returning to her celestial home. A selection from the Arthur Waley translation goes:

Now upon earth trail the long
mists of Spring;
Who knows but in the valleys
of the moon
The heavenly moon-tree puts
her blossom on?
The blossoms of her crown win
back their glory:
It is the sign of Spring.

But Noh is as much dance as drama or poetry. All the roles are played by men. Trained to their art from early childhood, these actors, who are also singers and dancers, emerge upon the 18 square foot stage across a six foot wide bridge leading from the dressing room. A chorus occupies an area to the left of the actors; instrumentalists sit at the rear of the stage.

The stage has few props, such being considered an impediment to the free flow of the imagination. Imagination is needed to enter into the spirit of the play, for unreality is the theme.

Armando Martins Janeira, who considers Noh one of the greatest arts, says,

"The characters of Noh are not real living people, but pure spirits, souls of men, symbols of the elements, spirits of the supernatural world. The souls of poets and warriors, the spirits of flowers and trees or of snow and of moonlight appear. In addition there are essences that live in the water and in fire, animal spirits, dragon kings, saints, hungry spirits, angry devils thirsty for revenge.

The chief actors are masked, for they represent types rather than individuals. There are said to be 125 varieties of these masks, chiseled from wood with a coating of plaster lacquered and gilded. The varieties fall into five general types: old persons (male and female), gods, goddesses, devils, and goblins. Through movements of the head, the actors seem to give expression to the masks.

They underplay the roles, communicating their feelings with stylized gestures. Weeping is performed by a movement entitled **kata-shiori**, a hand before the eyes, the head tilted forward.

Those who attend Japanese movies may occasionally catch a glimpse of Noh on film. But Noh is declining in Japan; it is seldom performed elsewhere.

The author says, "There is every possibility that Noh will die out if some financial aid is not given in the near future . . . there should be substantial government support for Noh as a national art."

In this handsome, profusely illustrated book, translated into idomatic English, the author goes into all the phases of Noh, including its origin, and the influence wrought by the changing society of Japan that froze it into the forms we see today. A glossary of Noh terms might have been helpful. There is a chronology of the evolution of the art, beginning in 200 B.C. when "Song and dance formed part of tribal ceremonies and festivals."

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Niwa's Novel

First published in serial form as "Bodaiju" in 53 installments for a magazine, Fumio Niwa's THE BUDDHA TREE (Tuttle: $2.25, paperback) is a 36-chapter contemporary novel in the Japanese style as translated by Kenneth Strong.

This is Niwa's first novel translated into English, though he has authored 78 novels, 106 volumes of short stories and 10 volumes of essays. And more are likely to follow as he depicts the weakness of mankind in a sensitive manner. His revelation of the materialism of the modern Buddhist church in Japan makes this a book of unusual distinction. It is not said in condemnation, however, for Niwa's literary form transcends denominational notions.

This was our first experience with the discursive style of Japanese writing—an untidy method we felt—but one to which we became accustomed midway.—H.H.

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Japanese Verbs

The 201 most widely used verbs in the Japanese language are compiled in handbook form by Roland A. Lange, Ph.D., in his 201 JAPANESE VERBS (Barron's Educational Series, $2.95). What makes this unique in the field of language study is that the 201 verbs are fully conjugated, formal and informal, affirmative and negative, honorific and humble.

While fully romanized in presentation, Prof. Lange (at Columbia) sticks with the Kunrei system rather than the Hepburn systems most Nisei are familiar with—so that we find Lange writing "otya o nonda" instead of "ocha o nonda" (I drank tea).

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'ART & TECHNOLOGY'

One hardly expects to spend $10 to pass an afternoon at an art museum, but that we did with our two daughters in tow, paying a modest admission to see the "Art & Technology" exhibit at the L.A. County Museum of Art before the show is dismantled for goood this month-end. The 400-page guide to the exhibit came to $7.50 plus tax—so all we had left were two pennies in our pocket before we saw the first piece inside.

Outside was the first of the "A&T" creations—a giant, undulating icebag of the ochreous of pinks in color, made of polyvinyl and topped with a silver-gray cap. It was also the entrance piece at the U.S. Pavilion at Expo '70 in Osaka—a point which drew our attention when the exhibit first opened here in the spring. Since we hate crowded museums, we wait till the specials are ready to leave and then we pick to go on a Tuesday—a day-off for us after the PC is put to bed.

The "A&T" exhibit was viewed by over 10 million in Japan, says the guidebook, wherein we found a familiar name—designer Ray Komai of New York then attached to the U.S. Pavilion, and youngest brother of Rafu Shimpo publisher Akira Komai of Los Angeles.

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The most brilliant piece (this we mean literally) was a darkened room where over 100 photoflash strobe units covered by two-foot square plexiglass mounted on two walls flashed in unison. One winks when one flashbulb pops in front of you—so the "art" comes when a hundred lights blaze unanimously. There's a little warning posted before entering the room for viewers not to linger more than 15 seconds because of the intensity of light. There were no candlepower figures indicated either.

But the sensation was such that we stepped out for a minute and went back for art of this kind was our first. Where do you see color mutations generated upon the retina in a pitch-dark room that range from the initial silvery flash, a glimpse of turquoise, then some red and a more lasting magenta? Our daughters squealed with delight, so it seemed, though it was difficult for us to explain why that was art.

Most of the Japanese Expo visitors did not pause long enough to experience this chromatic charge of "light sculpture" as it is called.

All the kids in another room (we'll include ourselves) were bewitched by that earthy, light-tan mud erupting at random in a 12-foot square tank. The adults stood back to better appreciate the mud bubbles popping into a variety of shapes while the kids, more accustomed to playing with mud, stood next to the tank unafraid of getting splattered. We have seen mud pots boil, emitting a sulphurous odor but the Art Museum spared us that.

It was Kaz Horita's firm, the Container Corp. of America, which provided precut pulp patterns shaped as tetrahedron and octohedron for the massive structure that was an esthetic cavern of cardboard. Our respect for museum decorum to look only robbed us from becoming "involved" by scribbling graffiti to the walls of that paper cave as other museum-goers had generously brandished. A picture in the exhibit guide, in fact, shows up a conglomeration of Kanji on the walls in the Japan show.

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There are several other rooms comprising the exhibit, but space prevents our going into detail . . . The plasma display of huge columns filled with illuminated gas reminded one of the aurora borealis . . . The infinity reflection system using argon laser beams was accomplished in a parallelogram-shaped room measuring 23 by 46 feet. The illusion of stepping into a hallway that stretched the length of Miracle Mile was dramatic . . . The images devised by computer technology were like abstract heiroglyphics to this nonmathematical eye . . . The rain model was easy to enjoy as L.A. temperatures soared past 90 for nearly two weeks straight.

Unlike other guide books for special exhibits, the "A&T" report included a maze of technical data that an industrial engineer might better appreciate. But that was the intent of this amazing production—"to effect a practical interchange between artists and members of the corporate-industrial society". It was significant enough to serve as contemporary American art at the Osaka Expo '70, rivaling that bit of moon rock which lured record crowds there at the U.S. Pavilion.

As we left the gallery, at the foot of stairs facing Wilshire Blvd. was a five-piece oompa band—tuba, trumpet, drums and horn—playing a piece we haven't heard since World War II: "Let's Remember Pearl Harbor". It completely stripped the artistic fabrication mounted within us by "Art & Technology". Even the stylistic water sculpture from the fountains behind that band couldn't save the shattered fragments of illusion and wonderment. Our two daughters, thank God, were spared for they will remember this fanciful and daring exhibit, which was first displayed in Japan where their grandparents were as children about the same age.

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Nisei sense of values not found in 'success tales'

By SACHI SEKO
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When a child becomes a man, he questions his identity in that universal, eternal search for self. The Sansei ask, is it truly in the "success stories" the Nisei insist upon imposing, or does it lay someplace in that time of hate and humiliation, material poverty and social leveling.

We, the living witnesses, have maintained our stoic silence. Each year our numbers

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diminish and soon there will be few who will remember.

Walk again the backward road which leads home to the place where men were men, and things of no value. Feel beneath you the stubble of the stubborn weeds and the stones which rub against your soles. The path becomes obscured each year, and more than a quarter of a century has passed.

We have changed, too. Not only do the faces become blurred and the voices dimmed by time, but we have formed a hard crusting of hasty condemnation or apathy. Sadly, we have lost that better part of ourselves.

The searching pain of the branding iron was placed upon our skins. Years later, where is that mark? Is it covered by long-sleeved denials? There is not sufficient forgetting in our lifetime to erase that scar. To the nth degree we share the black man's suffering for each time another human is subjected, our skins burn again. That is, if we are mortal and moral.

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I remember the time when we were nothing and we were everything. The cesspool was not lonely nor black, for you were there. Fragile is each soul we encounter and fleeting the time together. When destinies are unmarked, we fill the hours with truth. We share the best we have to offer. There is no "I" but "we".

Unburdened by the mundane, the mind exults and races unfettered, over tar-topped roofs, with the speed of wind. It glories in sunrise and sunset, perpetuation of life. It stretches its imaginary hand to touch the stars which hang so close.

What was that cultural heritage which kept us strong? It could not have been habitual or practiced things. Anyone can learn a language, prepare foreign cuisine or develop arts peculiar to a race. Our survival was dependent on ethics centuries old, carried in the bosoms of Issei immigrants, the dogma by which we were raised.

Discipline, honor and a sense of obligation, one to another; the ingrained code of a people misunderstood and often too quickly rejected. Yet, the code was effective and practiced. It prevented self-destruction among us.

Caged like animals in barbed-wire enclosures, identified only by government-issued family numbers, fed upon rations later confirmed to be less than the requirements for prisoners of war, buckled by dysentery, waiting in lines to use make-shift latrines of boards placed over openings — we survived, with grace.

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It is sad to see how men as splendid as we once were are reduced to something less. We forget that once in our time of history we were one. Today, we cannot aspire to belong to the community of man unless first we attempt to gap the cleavages among ourselves. We must capitalize on our similarities rather than than be torn asunder by small differences.

It is ironic that perhaps it will require the white voices of the communications media to indicate not only to us, but to the nation at large, the fallacy of the "success stories."

We are hopeful that it is only the minority who ridiculously pursue self-images which are reflections so obscure of only themselves.

Over 110,000 of us bear witness to the fact, break silence now, and utter however inadequately, that the real legacy of value we leave can be found on that backward road which leads to Gila.

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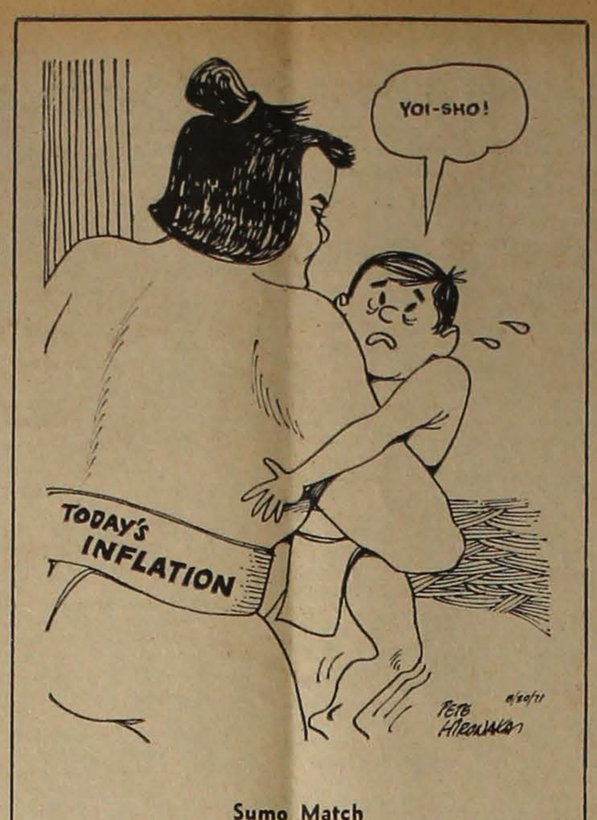

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

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Newsweek Article

Editor:

I was bemused reading the reactions (PC July 2) to the Newsweek article. However, after thinking it over, I came to the conclusion that it would have been predictable.

First of all, I grew up with Nisei in California and many are still my friends which is the reason I happen to read that PC. It seems to me one of the characteristics of the Nisei as I knew them in California was that they could not accept compliments gracefully and it seems the years haven't changed that part of the Nisei.

As written many times their achievements are nothing short of a miracle. This fact is truly a remarkable phenomenon in American history. Why can't the Nisei accept the compliments that naturally results when an outsider reviews the Nisei story. It represents probably the only success story of an ethnic minority in America.

To me it is strange how the Nisei are trying to tear down the validity of the Newsweek article. It dawned on me that when I was in high school a number of times many of the Nisei refused to run for positions of leadership even though they had all the qualifications. I wonder if this sense of inferiority still exists in the Nisei today.

Are they afraid to be in the limelight? Are they afraid to be the model ethnic minority because they would receive a lot of flak from other minority groups? It seems that they would rather play it cozy by submerging themselves with the pack of oppressed minorities. That indeed is losing one's identity. In a sense what I am asking is, do the new Nisei of today lack guts?

To put things in proper perspective, it seems obvious that the sentiments expressed in that issue of the PC gives a distorted picture of where the Nisei are today. It may represent a California manifestation. I see a more encouraging picture on the East Coast where the Nisei are demonstrating that they are true leaders who are contributing constructively to strengthen this country. In practically every professional field you will find a Nisei in a leading position. And they are not afraid of being on the hot seat. I conclude Kobayashi was right, in an inoffensive way, they have outwhited and outwitted the whites. The Nisei should be proud of this fact as are all other Americans.

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Sansei Generation

Editor:

Dr. David Suzuki's speech (PC, Aug. 6-13) leads me to interject a few thoughts about the Sansei. Personally, I don't agree with the good doctor that individual actions would carry so much weight that all Japanese would be judged by the actions of a dumb, bright or average Japanese: this would be carrying egocentricism too far.

The Sansei generation is lucky they have it so good that some of them ignoramuses are prone to laugh at the actions of their elders, such as parents and grandparents during the fatal days after Dec. 7, 1941.

The JACL was a gullible, sitting duck for the conspirators who planned to drive the Japanese out of the Western states and take over their businesses, predominantly agriculture, for they all knew the immense profits that were made during World War I. The JACL officers were called to Sacramento during the times of indecision and final determination to evacuate all enemy aliens and other Japanese, citizens or not.

Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, was sold a bill of goods in Hawaii and his observation upon his return to California triggered the final word on the "Japs must go" edict.

A politically ambitious attorney general played on the patriotic yearnings of the young JACL officers and suggested that the best way for them to prove their loyalty was not to impede but to go along with the order. As far as I knew at that time, no mention was made by him of the alternative — to fight for our rights as citizens and there was no discussion of the possible consequences of such a course of action. The JACL chapters weren't polled, and the titular heads made the deal to evacuate as the young Japanese Americans were gullible, impressionable and manipulated by the Establishment. So, part of the blame must rest with JACL leaders (of that time), if we are adamant in saying, "it was a mistake".

On the other hand, it would have been disastrous for those who would have been martyrs to the cause of legal rights with, no doubt, many deaths and injuries as a result of a decision to stay and resist efforts to dislodge us from our homes and businesses.

We were lucky to evacuate voluntarily as everyone had a chance to do so. Many were fearful, unable and wanted "protective custody". In a sense, this protection was good for the majority who couldn't go anywhere, considering the mood of the general public which was one of anger and hostility to all Japanese. If we didn't have Pearl Harbor and Japan had simply declared its alliance with Hitler without overt action, things would have been different.

The Sansei and succeeding generations should be on their guard and be wary of their relationships with the majority whites. The ethnic background is conducive to segregation as in all species of animals and the greatest predator today is the white man —as South Africa, Rhodesia and Vietnam attest all too well.

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Dr. Horii, a prewar JACL chapter president in Los Angeles, may have forgotten that the JACL decision to cooperate with the U.S. government — though under protest — in Executive Order 9066 was made at a special emergency convention about a month later, the actions of which were binding upon all chapters. Even Gordon Hirabayashi, who actively opposed Evacuation and went to jail (instead of voluntarily leaving), has defended the basic JACL decision at the time as sound. The Nisei then were in a position more like the Blacks in some Mississippi delta town of the 1960s as far as their civil rights were concerned. The Sansei, who are now beginning to understand the plight of their parents and grandparents, are not laughing at their elders. And Sansei needn't worry about the relationship with the majority white but with racists, irrespective of color.
—Ed.

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25 Years Ago

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War Dept. authorizes Hawaii to retain 442nd RCT colors, veterans turn over colors and guide-ons to Governor . . . War Assets Administration decides to salvage WRA center buildings for lumber to build veterans housing . . . Ex-442nd Sgt. George Otsuka offered farms by people in Texas, had complained his neighbors in Harris County near Houston didn't want him because of his ancestry.

Test cases filed in Salt Lake City Issei to test deportation statutes . . . Fred Wada of Huntington Park and Frank Tsuchiya of Los Angeles pledge $1,000 donation to Nat'l JACL to start "Thousand Club" . . . Hawaii sugar plantation workers in CIO plan strike if demands not met . . . American Veterans Committee post in Los Angeles adopts Pfc. Munemori as name . . . Fifteen Denver Issei apply for first papers . . . Five Nisei, stranded in Japan, return to U.S.; returnees cleared by Allied HQ in Tokyo (among them was Tomoya Kawakita) . . . Honolulu AVC asks President to expedite return of stranded Nisei and Issei in Japan with relatives who served in U.S. military.

Fifty needy Issei aged housed by San Joaquin County welfare office in former labor camp near Stockton . . . Earl Finch, one-man USO for 442nd at Camp Shelby, moves to Los Angeles to Counsel Nisei veterans entering business.

Kenjinkai picnics still thrive in Southern Cal

By KATS KUNITSUGU
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Speaking of ethnic, yesterday (Aug. 8) we went ethnic all the way and attended an old-fashioned kenjin-kai picnic with all the trimmings at Elysian Park. It was the first one we'd gone to in about eight years.

We are not from Wakayama-ken, but Betty and Ben Yumori of Culver City are, and after talking Betty into cooking enough obento to feed

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Napoleon's troops, we descended on the Yumori Clan.

Actually, I got out of cooking by offering to go early to Elysian Park Area 9 and reserve a good shady spot for everyone. It was a hot day, and it gave me a good excuse to get out to the sylvan glade, spread my mat out and do both the Times' and Examiner's Sunday crossword puzzle before the horde descended.

It was a good place to be yesterday. There was a breeze all day, there was entertainment from 12 o'clock on, there was Betty, our Jewish Momma, telling us to eat, eat, eat and the rich Wakayama-ken picnic provided all the soda pop we could drink and all the ice cream (albeit slightly melted) that we could eat, not to mention all kinds of prizes if we would only get off our fat behind and run.

I kind of miss the soda pops in the bottles from Star-Beverage that used to grace all the picnics of yore. It was a tradition to get sick on all the wicked strawberry soda pop at the picnic that our parents wouldn't let us drink the rest of the year.

There was something for everyone. The kids ran off to explore the hillsides and collect aluminum to string into a long lei. The Kansuma dancers, in spite of the heat, danced beautifully, with our friend Tats Minami's daughter Sumi one of three students making their stage debuts at the picnic. The Tachijin-kei Club went to a lot of trouble preparing the lion dance and the unique "Issun Boshi" dance with outsized papier mache masks. Both the Miyako Band and the Dream Band did "Nagasaki wa Kyo mo Ame-datta," which has replace "Hone-made" as Betty's favorite Japanese request number. Matao Uwate, all dressed up, sang the newest hit song from Japan (in very good voice, surprisingly) before rushing away to emcee the Toshio Mishima Show at the Kabuki Theater. And the whole thing concluded with a rousing "Tanko Bushi," but we were too hot to join the circle.

It was a real nice clambake.

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(At the Fukuoka Kenjinkai picnic, the coal miner songdance "Tanko Bushi" is also the finale and we felt it was proper because coal is mined in the prefecture. But Wakayama is a better known for its fishing and mikan. In the dozen of Sundays during the summer, there can be two or three Kenjinkai picnics being held for Los Angeles Japanese. The Hiroshima picnic is the king of them all from attendance figures.—Ed.)

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everyone is supposed to be worried about. As we stated earlier, the real self-interest of the worker can only be maintained by the worker. As it stands now, the farmer and unions are only paying lip service to the plight of the worker.

Situation for Workers

There are many different situations for the workers: For example: if you are a year-round worker (on one farm) or a seasonal worker (migrant worker). This situation can be best characterized by Malcolm X's terminology of "house nigger" and "field nigger."

The year-round worker usually gets paid more, treated better and, therefore, supports the farmer. While the migrant worker (who is the majority) is the one to be more exploited. He is the one who really needs the workers union.

Also, if you are a new immigrant your standard of living is lower so wages seem better. Even though some go back, the immigrant workers' standard of living soon becomes Americanized so their situation eventually equals the American workers.

The overall situation of the farm laborer will always be that of the oppressed. He is a part of the over-all society that fluctuates from minimal wage employment, to unemployment, to maybe welfare. As long as the present economic system in America stays the same, the difference of economic and social class will remain unequal.

In conclusion, the controversy of the farmer and the union at this point is unresolvable. If this conflict becomes intensified, we urge everyone involved to take a look and see who will be hurt and who will benefit.

Our only answer is that the big farms get the large subsidies, and only big business can get huge loans from the government. It seems that the common people will once again take the back seat to what is important in America today and that is big business, (which includes many big unions).

Jerry Enomoto

Perspectives

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FROM TEHACHAPI—Nobody relishes moving and we have all talked about what a hassle it is, how did we accumulate so much junk? etc. Well, it all happened to us again after over five years, when we bade farewell to Sacramento. It was really a sad parting because we enjoyed the capital city of California, and the friends we made there.

Our good friends and JACLers, Mike and Nami Suzuki, were kind enough to host a few nice people at a buffet dinner for us on our last evening in Sacramento. I will mention the non-Sacramentans there, Ellen Kubo from Penryn and Yone and Daisy Satoda. Yone, former National Treasurer, looked relaxed and fit and even though I'm sure he misses the activity and good fellowship of JACL, he is enjoying the extra time with his family that his "retirement" brought.

A number of thoughtful people have written and called, expressing their good wishes upon my new assignment. To all those good folks I want to say "thank you".

Having been a northern Californian all my life, it will be a new experience to go south. To the uninitiated, Tehachapi (means four seasons) is a town of some 4,000 population, 4000 elevation, located about 40 miles east of Bakersfield off Highway 58 enroute to Mojave. Most people I've talked to recall seeing the town name on 58, which intersects with the highway to Las Vegas in Mojave.

The California Correctional Institution is about 10 miles out of Tehachapi, at the end of State Route 202. We will be living in one of four residences located about a half mile from the institution, and will welcome visits from anyone who is not in a great hurry to get to Las Vegas, or get a home from that glittering mirage. Since it will take a little time to get acquainted, we will be happy to see familiar faces.

The other Sunday, enroute south, we stopped a while at the NC-WNDC meeting to say a temporary goodbye to our JACL friends. We wish all the folks in Northern Calif. well; and District Governor, Shig Sugiyama, best wishes for the rest of his term.

Being in the middle of getting my bearings on the job, and getting moved in, I will ask our good Editor Harry's indulgence in settling for these brief and simple words this week.

To Turkey Hill

By JOE OYAMA

New York

Recently my wife and I took a trip up the New York Thruway to Mr. and Mrs. Manken Ishii's in Turkey Hill, Kerhonkson, New York. This is black bear and deer country, and the Ishiis live on the highest tree-covered hilltop in that area of the rolling Catskill foothills. Turkey Hill is a little over a hundred miles from smog-covered New York City.

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Driving into the Ishiis' was reminiscent of the opening scene from the film, "Ugetsu", although the road leading up to the Ishii farm entrance was paved all the way. It was late afternoon and the trees and high shrubbery seemed to form a circle over the road. We could hardly see the view on either side of the road.

When we got to the Ishii house, a huge, ancient wooden affair, there was a clearing and stately trees shaded the entire area. There were benches under the trees. The Ishii house is something really to behold—a museum piece. It was built, according to its present occupant, 370 years ago, which was in the year 1602, and was occupied by Governor Dumond from Holland. I'm sorry that I do not have more historical facts about this. Mr. Ishii built the veranda around this big house.

According to Mr. Ishii, when they first occupied this house some thirty years ago, "The second floor was covered with two feet of dirt and decayed leaves, and trees and shrubbery were growing all over the place—inside the house. We cleared it out and discovered a foot thick solid spruce floor. The roof was constructed of pine so it didn't hold up. They should have used spruce!"

The huge second floor the Ishiis don't use any more. "Our legs—we can't climb the stairs any more, so we live only on the ground floor now."

Communal Houses

On this property the New York Buddhist Church maintains a very well kept up communal house, tastily furnished, opened to members of the New York area Japanese communities. It is called the Teruya House, named after its donor, and located within walking distance from the Ishii manor. It has five neat rooms upstairs, and each room can accommodate two persons. (For emergencies there are cots). Each room has a wooden plaque above the door engraved with poetic names like Kiku (chrysanthemum), Take (bamboo), Ume (plum), and Matsu (pine)—the Shochikubai.

On this property, where, once, when the Governor lived (about 1602), thousands of wild turkeys roamed (hence, the name, Turkey Hill). Here the United Church of Christ, Japanese American of New York also maintains its comfortable guest house hidden among the trees and also a separate dining hall in the Ishii compound.

Dumond Family

Not far from the Ishii mansion on the way to the Teruya House on the side road stands a tall, lone, massive, macabre maple tree with solid trunks and branches that reach out like arms. The leaves on this tree are an eerie, irridescent green, shimmering in the wind. This tree has been feeding on the graves (I counted them, there were at least twenty!) of the descendants of the Dumonds all buried in the shade of this ghostly tree.

Why is it, I asked myself, that trees which feed on the dead have such stark and lush appearance, even sinister) with such solid limbs I had no desire to walk past this tree after dark.

Out of curiosity, one afternoon, I went underneath this tree to investigate the old graves to see if I could unearth a bith of history. It was midafternoon, but dark underneath the tree. Not one stone was standing. They were all lying prone half covered with dirt. I read:

"Sarah, wife of John D. Dumond Died Feb. 18, 1865/ aged 69 years 2 mo. & 6 d's."
And the poem underneath read:

Mother yet we hope to meet thee
When the day of life is fled
Then in Heaven with joy to greet thee.
Where no farewell tear is shed!

A second grave:

"Ornelia daughter of Jo Ann Eliz. Dumond who departed this life Sept. 11, 1808/ 11 years & 29 days."
The poem underneath read:

Just nipt amidst her o'ning bloom
Ohere the lovely infant lies!
Secured from all the ills to come
Ere the tempest'ous billows rife.

Near the trunk of the tree there was a tiny grave marker gray with dust:

"In memory of Infant son of H & S. Jane H. Dumond/ Died Dec. 5, 1851/ aged - day.

Lying against the trunk of the tree, there was a walking stick left there possibly by Mr. Ishii, because he always uses a walking stick, and also a small collection of tulip leaves, a crude wooden cross, and a weatherbeaten board gravemarker (with all inscriptions lost due to age) propped against the tree.

Had Mrs. Ishii placed the tulips just above the grave of the Infant Dumond son?

Back to the Ishiis

Getting back to the Ishiis, we shall again write about the living for—for the tired, for the weary, for the cynical of Manhattan or anywhere else the Ishiis are an inspiration in living.

Their basic optimism and love of life is tonic for the washed ashore from Manhattan. They drink goats milk and have no children, and because they have no children, my wife surmises that they have had to take better care of themselves and have lived to the ages of 93 and 86 respectively. Mr. Ishii, the younger of the two, will hold up a glass of Turkey Hill well water and savor it like champagne, and proudly proclaims, "Water like this—no matter where you go you cannot drink!"

And it was the best water that I tasted in my life, only because Mr. Ishii had said it.