











Bill Hosokawa

# From the Frying Pan

Boulder, Colo.

**IN SEARCH OF KNOWLEDGE**—The late afternoon rain had turned into a heavy, wet snow that blanketed the University of Colorado campus and weighed down the trees, still in full leaf. It was the kind of night when prudent folk stayed home with a good book or twisted the television knob in search of some passably amusing program. Yet, long before Dr. Masatoshi Yokota was to speak, the room reserved for his appearance in the University Memorial Center ballroom began to fill with students.

While virtually unknown in this country, Dr. Yokota is one of Japan's most eminent men. Until he retired in 1969 he had been chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Japan. Now he is a member of the International Commission of Jurists, a non-political organization headquartered in Geneva with its primary objectives the world-wide defense and promotion of the principles underlying the rule of law. His appearance at the University of Colorado was sponsored by the school's Center for East Asian Studies, the law school, the political science department and others. Prior to his address he had been honored at a dinner attended by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron White (an alumnus of the University of Colorado), Federal District Judge Alred Arra, Chief Justice Edward E. Pringle of the Colorado Supreme Court, President Frederick Thieme of the university, and various others.

But what could Justice Yokota say that would interest students at a college in the American mountain West? He chose to speak on the organization and functions of the Japanese Supreme Court. He read slowly and laboriously from his English text and his enunciation was difficult to follow. Still, the students listened attentively if a bit uneasily. Presently he stopped and departed from his text to make a most unexpected statement: "I have drunk too much beer tonight and I cannot see to read well. I am afraid I will mislead—" here he corrected himself—"mis-read what I have written."

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How can the Japanese Constitution be amended, with special reference to Article 9, the anti-war clause?

How is the right of eminent domain applied by the Japanese state, particularly regarding the effort to take over farmland needed for Tokyo's new airport despite farmer and student opposition?

How do the United States and Japanese Supreme Courts differ in their attitude toward ruling on political questions? For example, the American court ruled quickly on the publication of the Pentagon papers while the Japanese court declined to pass judgment on the legality of the U.S.-Japan Mutual Security Treaty.

The questions were translated for Justice Yokota by Prof. Lawrence Beer, director of the Center for East Asian Studies and a specialist on Japanese politics and government, and the responses translated from the Japanese into English. This was by no means a simple responsibility; I can think of few Nisei who could have done the job.

"We talk a lot about how we ought to have ethnic studies," a Saneji student told me later, "and I guess this evening proved the need. I had no idea what they were talking about. But more than that I found out that the study opportunities are already available and these Caucasian students have taken advantage of them while I've just been talking about it."

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## U-NO Bar

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kind of financial help anywhere else. I was very touched by a young Junior JACLER volunteering for the position of chairman of this committee. She also happens to be a very live wire, friendly, creative, fun-loving hard working, industrious young lady who was the past MDVC chairman—Kathy Kawakami, whose father, Joe, is another staunch and loyal JACLER Clubber.

Kathy, incidentally, is a product of Abe's influence and has turned out to be one of the most outstanding Junior JACLERs we have ever had. For a good cause and a good reason, give and give generously to a most deserving project, the Abe Highway Memorial Fund Drive. By the way, give now! Help Kathy say AT LAST!

Salt Lake Chapter JACEL held its first bazaar and art show and now that it is over, President Ben Aoyagi and his wife, Amy, can breathe and his wife, Kivo, watched and say, AT LAST!

They should, however, be quite elated at the results because of my observations, it was very successful. Sachi and Ernie Seko smoothly and efficiently handled the art show which attracted many Japanese American artists, but more so, many viewers and admirers.

Rupert Hachiya and Harry Tsutsui rounded up loads of helpers to cut vegetables and meat for the chow mein dinner which, as usual, fed many people. My wife, Yo, and mother got in on the act by helping to get sushi for take-out orders and were helped by loads of women again. They were rewarded by a complete sell out.

Alko Morishita chaired the hand-drawn sale and introduced and sold many new hand made items. Kokoro Saitow, Auxiliary president, and her ladies came out very strong. Our treasurer, Yui Okumura, and his wife, Kivo, watched the cash flow in, and by the end, just by the glow in their eyes, we knew we were not in the red.

Ben has learned that some of JACEL's adventures are like playing the stocks; you invest in many and if you hit one good one, it helps to pull you out of the hole. Never have so many JACEL members participated in one way or another in quite some time. Seeing so many familiar faces was really a gratifying experience.

Now the talk is that the bazaar should be an annual affair. Quick, Ben, run for cover. During the bazaar, we were favored by the visit of Warren Furutani and Victor Shibata. Most of the people recognized them right away by saying, "I have seen your picture in the PC and I have read your columns." I told Warren and Victor that Salt Lake is an unusual place because the JACELers in this town read the PC from cover to cover. I think they were both somewhat surprised but also glad to know so many people know about them and read their columns. They recognized them without even having met them.

The Salt Lake and Mt. Olympus Junior JACELers rented a cabin and had a two-night, three-day get-together with Warren and Victor in the evenings. They began Saturday for a showing of films brought by Warren and Victor from cover to cover. I think they were both somewhat surprised but also glad to know so many people know about them and read their columns. They recognized them without even having met them.

AT LAST—FINIS!

## BOOK REVIEW: Lee Ruttle

### Evacuation Story for Children

**JOURNEY TO TOPAZ**, by Yoshiko Uchida, illustrated by Donald Critchell; N.Y., Charles Scribner's Sons, 149 pp, \$4.95 (9-12 year-old reading lists).

Many words have been written by qualified authors on the forced evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from their homes on the West Coast to hastily improvised detention camps in desolate areas early in 1942. Up to now, all such books have been primarily for adult reading. Now a book has been written for young people.

It is the story of eleven-year-old Yuki Sakane, her Issei parents, and her brother, Kenichi, who attends the University near their modest home in Berkeley. There are good neighbors, Caucasian and Japanese-American friends, her own dog, Pepper, all in Yuki's world. As far as Yuki knows, she is just another happy American child anticipating the joys and surprises of approaching Christmas. But it is 1941.

On December 7, the Sakane family, like so many others throughout the United States, felt shock and disbelief at the news on the radio. Yuki was bewildered. When the FBI men came to take her father away, she still could not comprehend. Yet she could read in her mother's eyes, her brother's sober manner, his special gentleness toward her, and in the comforting words of Mrs. Jamieson, that some momentous thing had happened to change her life.

With Father sent to a detention camp in Montana because he worked for a Japanese firm in San Francisco—it was up to Ken to take his place as guardian of the family. Then came the order that they had ten days to get ready to leave their home and could only take with them "as much as they could carry." There were agonizing decisions to be made. What to do with this? What about Pepper? Wasn't he just as much a member of the family? Yuki even plotted how she might smuggle the dog aboard the bus that would take them away.

Finally a home was found for Pepper, and the first leg of their journey began. At the camp that ride there was the humiliation of being herded into a horse stall at Tanforan Race Track (an "Assembly Center for Enemy Aliens"). There were daily adjustments to enforced routine, barbed wire, armed guards, short rations, inconveniences of every kind—inadequate toilet facilities to utter lack of privacy.

But adjustments they made. They improvised even beyond what they themselves could imagine. They made new

friends. Yuki found Emi and her grandparents.

Eventually the word came that they were to leave Tanforan. They would join a contingent headed for Topaz, Utah. New doubts and little fears crept into Yuki's mind. At least, Tanforan was in California, while Utah was some distant, almost unheard of place. There were more "good byes" as they boarded the train—and final glimpses of San Francisco Bay as they sped into the night.

They could not know what to expect at Topaz—but there was more barbed wire, armed soldiers, flimsy tar-papered barracks. And, the far reaches of the Utah desert with its pools of white dust that infiltrated everything—clothing, body and soul. As if it's con-

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## Aloha from Hawaii

by Richard Gima

### Hawaii Today

Circuit Court Judge Yasutaka Fukushima has ruled that political activity cannot be used against anyone seeking employment. He made the ruling in awarding judgment to Neil Abercrombie, a Univ. of Hawaii teaching assistant. Abercrombie had sued three Leeward Community College officials for not giving him a job earlier this year because of his participation in politics. He said, "The university administration through the state attorney general has refused to reconsider my job application despite the ruling."

### At State Capitol

Ten appointees to the Public Compensation Appeals Board were sworn in by Gov. John A. Burns in a ceremony Sept. 9. They were: Thomas K. Hugo, Ray N. Tanaka, Ben Y. Matsubara, Donald Rickard, Ronald Edwards, James Rathburn and Frank Hester; Neighbor Island Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee — Wallace Fujii, Wilbert Yee, John Perreira, Jr., Christopher Cockett, Earl Pacheco, Shoji Kaya, Nancy Nakatani, Robert Tanoue, Roy Nagata, Philip Yamagata, Goro Sadaoka, Antonio Wong, Donna Carswell and Koichi Masaki.

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the league, small businesses (under 50 employees) said they have laid off 39 employees to date and expect to lay off 43 more in Sept. This will mean a drop of 23.3 per cent by the end of Sept.

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William Marutani

## East Wind

### 'Give a Damn'

Philadelphia  
(This is the promised follow-up to the previous column in which, by way of a post-script, this writer had referred to another statement which I had made earlier this month at the EDC-MDC Conference in Seabrook.)

UNFORTUNATELY, "ENRYO" has not always been one of this writer's strong points. And so it was that in seeking to capsize the EDC National Planning Commission Report, I had hastily summarized that I "didn't give a damn" for JACL. I feel constrained to make certain that that remark be placed in context as intended.

AS ONE OF MANY who has labored in the vineyards of JACL (for several decades), where I had been privileged to serve with many dedicated, fellow Nisei, I have felt and continue to feel a great affinity and respect for JACL. And as to the shortcomings of JACL, having served myself on the National Board for twelve years, I must assume my share of the responsibility.

Among my reasons for not continuing to serve: (a) I felt that we "old timers" should gracefully step aside to make room for younger generation and (b) I felt that it might be beneficial to step out and seek a fresh perspective of JACL as an organization.

Having stepped aside I continue to retain a keen interest in JACL and its potentials. So how do we explain that blatant assertion "Don't

give a damn for JACL?" Let me try to place the assertion in perspective.

**AN OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD** in being so enmeshed for so long in JACL or organizational matters is to gravitate toward, and at times become overly-preoccupied with, the organizational structure, needs, problems, etc., at the risk of placing people in a secondary role. And I repeat: as a member of the National Board for some dozen years, I assume my full share of a heavy condemnation that may be due.

But having stepped back and out, a fresh assessment, right or wrong, has been possible; and that assessment is that the emphasis, — first, foremost and lastly, — must be upon and for people, the needs of people. All else must be secondary. And so in this context, I stated that I did not "give a damn" for an organization, as such. An organization, including JACL, has relevance and meaning only if it places the people first, foremost and above all. This is not to say that JACL has not striven to do so, for it has. At the same time, however, tendencies to become submerged in the organization must be avoided.

AND SO IT WAS that in the EDC Report, prime emphases were placed upon five groups of people: the Issei, the Nisei, fellow Oriental Americans, the "activists," and the women. Once all of these five priorities are firmly established, then all else must fall into line, including any organizational structure and activists. To the extent that any organization may not be so responsive, then such damns itself. And whatever this writer, or anyone else, may add verbally is, in a sense, redundant.

I MIGHT CONCLUDE that I personally, have confidence that JACL will even more acutely address itself to these areas. To do otherwise would, in varying degrees, invite demise.

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## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

### Farm labor issue

Dear Editor:

I am replying to Mr. Fred Hirasuna's letter of Sept. 10 to correct some of his information about the United Farm Workers, who currently estimate their dues-paying membership at 60,000. (This estimate includes both seasonal and year-round workers.)

First of all, however, I wish to make clear that, while we may differ in our stances regarding labor issues, I can only respect and admire Nisei farmers for the years of toil, sacrifice, and devotion which they have poured into their land.

In a clever attempt to discredit UFWOC by placing its leaders in bad light, Mr. Hirasuna has quoted leaders making "incriminating" statements. It is my firm belief that these quotes are misrepresentations of UFWOC philosophy, when presented out of context as Mr. Hirasuna has done.

Mr. Chavez's statement in Rhode Island must be understood against a background of commitment to non-violence which is in itself a discipline. Thus, "without rules or regulations" does not mean, as Mr. Hirasuna would have us believe, sanction of chaos and violence. Rather, Chavez was referring to the unique approach he has taken to organizing, which focuses not only on purely economic issues, but on the development of group and personal identity and dignity.

Chavez' existing reality of the economic and political power struggle in which the laborer, hitherto unorganized and weak, had barely survived.

The goal of growers, according to Mr. Hirasuna, is to have farm workers determine their own future. He argues that UFWOC's procedures run counter to that goal, and are in some cases unlawful.

### Change of Time

In the first place, it is slightly ironic for growers to claim to be so concerned for the self-determination of farm workers, and to appear as though they initiated that concept. Before Chavez' movement, the powers that be were only too happy to disregard workers' aspirations for self-determination.

Since UFWOC began, however, a favorite tactic of growers has been to twist appearances, to put UFWOC in a defensive position. All this concern for workers' rights, and even the actual increases in wages and benefits offered by some non-union growers, are a direct result of the initiative taken by UFWOC.

Now to deal with the specific issues: It occurs to me that growers would quickly abandon their avowed goal if they would discredit the union for using violent methods. Growers will not escape facing the hard questions raised by UFWOC. Let us stress again: UFWOC is committed to a policy of non-violence, which in a strike situation is daily impressed upon supporters.

Larry Itliong was being honest in admitting that some violence may have occurred, in isolated incidents. An entire organization should not be judged by the mistakes or virtues of a few individual members. (Just as an entire race should not be judged by stereotypes, as David Ushio wrote in his Sept. 10 column.)

On the other hand, I cannot accept all of the "evidence" referred to by Mr. Hirasuna. He stressed question how the affidavits were obtained, and the positions of the workers from whom they were obtained. Also, I do not consider the uttering of "obscene" phrases to be part of the kind of total violence that growers would like to have us attribute to the union.

### Free Elections

Next, to the issue of free elections. The following is the usual UFWOC procedure for attempting to open negotiations with a grower. Let the reader judge for himself which party is most concerned about allowing workers freedom of choice. According to union organizers with whom I have spoken, UFWOC

first seeks authorization by the workers. This authorization process is considered, by the federal government, an acceptable method of determining representation. In it, the union's representatives go out into the fields of a grower to ask the workers if they are interested in having UFWOC represent them and if they are willing to strike in order to gain that representation.

The individual worker decides for himself, and turns in a card. A neutral party counts the cards. If a majority of workers have authorized UFWOC, the union sends a letter or telegram such as the one described by Mr. Hirasuna. The reader sees right away that there is first an agreement, and then a contradiction between what I have cited as union procedure and what Mr. Hirasuna claims: "The grower investigates and finds that none of his workers belong to UFWOC" (agreed); they are not yet members, "or has any interest in joining" (contradictory); if the majority had not authorized UFWOC, it would not even have sent the letter.

If within two to three months the grower recognizes the union and agrees to negotiate, UFWOC offers elections, in addition to the already existing supervision of UFWOC has no election whenever growers have allowed them to be held. Whenever growers have not allowed elections, the workers have responded in such numbers to the consequent strike that employers have been hard pressed to find strikebreakers ("scabs") and "loyal" workers.

In July and August of 1970, after Chavez had asked Salinas lettuce growers to hold elections, the growers without consulting the workers signed "back-door" contracts with the Teamsters Union. In local resistance to this undemocratic action, 7,000 workers walked off the fields. Later, recognizing UFWOC, one grower said, "I have 60 workers and all 60 went on strike." Another grower recognized UFWOC because "I need 700 workers. I signed a contract with the Teamsters, but I only have 100 workers in the fields."

Growers in that situation learned the hard way that if they did not first recognize their workers' choice, those workers would again make their choices known. (Facts taken from information on the Salinas strike printed by the California Migrant Ministry, September 1970.)

### Wary About Intentions

Skepticism about growers' intentions engendered by such actions as described above, was probably the basis for Dolores Huerta's testimony, which was partially quoted by Mr. Hirasuna. Skepticism is warranted, as admitted in retrospect by one of the largest and first table grape growers to sign UFWOC contracts:

One of my major objections to Chavez and the union all along was that I felt the worker should be able to make the choice of whether he wanted the union. But in the meantime we all sat back and did nothing about giving him a choice—there were opportunities to have elections. (The Farm Quarterly, Sept.-Oct. 1970.)

Let us refer to the Heublein case cited by Mr. Hirasuna. A Chavez letter to supporters states that elections were offered to Heublein on July 22, 1971. Heublein was not interested. Furthermore, Heublein "refused to consider key aspects of the standard industry contract presently in effect with other unionized wine companies."

These aspects included wages and benefits: Union grape workers receive a minimum guarantee of \$2.40/hour plus health and welfare benefits, rest periods, grievance procedures, holidays and vacations with pay, overtime pay, etc. Heublein prefers the status quo which for its

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workers are no more than 200/hour, no guarantee, no benefits.

The reader may judge for himself which situation the worker would prefer.

Another aspect of the contract Heublein refused to consider was the union hiring hall. To be sure, the hiring halls have not always been able to fill the growers' needs perfectly. But UFWOC contracts (for example, the contract with Mont La Salle Vineyards, Section 14b) allow that, if the union is unable to provide the number of workers needed, the grower is free to hire workers from other sources.

UFWOC contracts also provide that, if a dispute arises over the quality of work done by hiring hall labor, the employer has the "sole right to discipline and discharge employees for just cause" (Mont La Salle contract, Section 10a), provided that he adheres to certain terms which protect the worker from unfair dismissal.

### Lose Favor

Many labor contractors, on the other hand, are despised by farmworkers. They are too often greedy, heartless men who live by trading the labor of farm workers' bodies to the grower offering the best price.

Without the security of the hiring hall, farm workers have been at the mercy of labor contractors for their livelihoods. They have commonly been "herded" into trucks lacking proper ventilation, water, toilet facilities, and driven to destinations determined by the contractor.

On to the issue of secondary boycotts: The National Labor Relations Act does prohibit secondary boycotts. However, the reason UFWOC has had the legal right to employ such boycotts is that farm workers are not covered by the NLRA! They have always been excluded from enjoying the benefits of the NLRA; why then should they be limited by the prohibitions of the Act?

We move now to Mr. Hirasuna's objection to UFWOC's requirement that, "once the grower is signed, automatically his workers must join the union" under contract to work for him. Unless this provision is made, employers can hire anti-union labor which would undermine union efforts, and "live off of" the benefits which union workers have worked so long and hard to attain.

### Pesticide Controls

Finally regarding pesticide regulation: reports from the California Department of Public Health clearly indicate that closer supervision is required for the protection — not only of field workers, but all agricultural workers — not to mention the consumer and the total environment.

This is part of the task of the joint three union and three grower representatives) Health and Safety Committee established by UFWOC contracts.

The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee has a long, hard task ahead. However, it has built into its structure certain provisions which should ensure that the laborer's membership never become separated from the needs of the rank and file. Union members on each ranch develop their own leadership. These are mechanics to be worked out, and mistakes will doubtless be made. But that is how full self-determination must be achieved.

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### KKK still active

WASHINGTON — Ku Klux Klan membership may have diminished in the past decade, but is still active with 4,500, according to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, who noted this was almost six times the estimated membership of the Black Panther party.

### CALENDAR

Oct. 1 (Friday)  
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JACL—Ct. Fellowship Impressions.  
Oct. 2 (Saturday)  
Stockton—Benefit movie, Buddhist church hall, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 3 (Sunday)  
Alameda—Issei Appreciation Nite, Buddhist temple, 4:30 p.m.  
Bay area—Nisei long-overdue benefit, home of Paul Takagis, 7028 Colton, Oakland, 3 p.m.  
San Mateo—Issei Dnr S.M. Gardeners Bldg, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 5 (Tuesday)  
Gardena—Vol. Serv.-Nig. St. Gardena Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 7-10  
Detroit—Old World Market.  
Oct. 8 (Friday)  
D.C.—Aki-no-Ichi Bazaar, St. Catherine Labourer School, Wheaton.  
Oct. 10 (Saturday)  
Detroit—Election Mtg. Brightmoor Comm. Ctr., 4-20 p.m.  
Oct. 11 (Monday)  
West Los Angeles—Bd Mtg., 8 p.m.  
Orange County—Bd Mtg., Bank of Tokyo, Santa Ana, 8 p.m.  
Oct. 15 (Friday)  
Contra Costa—Ladies Night.  
Oct. 16-17  
West Los Angeles—Earth Sci Show, New YMCA Bldg.  
Oct. 17 (Sunday)  
Detroit—General Mtg. Henry Tanaka, spkr.

## Ruttle —

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tant infiltration were not enough, it often rose in a frenzy and became a dust storm. It was during one such storm when Yuki's little friend, Emi, collapsed and from then spent most of her time in the hospital.

The tragedy of Emi's grandfather's sudden death was the next shattering blow to Yuki's crumbling world. While hunting arrowheads near the fence, he was shot by an over-zealous guard.

But all was not darkness, sickness, deprivation and death. Another Christmas was near. A telegram came from Father: "Being released on parole. Will join you soon. Love, Dad." It was like a Christmas miracle, for on December 24, Father did arrive at Topaz! It seemed as if the whole camp joined in the joyous reunion.

In February another decision had to be made. After much soul-searching, Ken decided to enlist in the Army. This new separation in the family was soon tempered with everyone's pride in Ken's decision.

As opportunities occurred, more people were granted permission to leave Topaz for inland cities. The breath of Spring was in the air — and with it, Hope. Emi was released from the hospital. In the final chapter Yuki says, "Hello, world," from outside the barbed wire. It was good to be back.

Although classified as juvenile reading, many adults will find this book enlightening. It is written with skill, sensitivity and a confidence gained from first-hand experience. The characters in "Journey to Topaz" are fictional, yet live on the pages because they were truly drawn from life. Events that actually happened are neatly welded into a story form that makes for easy reading. Threads of gentle humor are woven delicately throughout. There is path-

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