

Sense of Identity

Part I

My family and I have just returned from Japan filled with wonderful memories of a most interesting and fascinating country. By good fortune I was able to take my sabbatical leave at the Institute for Virus Research, Kyoto University, and spend one year doing research in bacterial genetics in the laboratory of Dr. Takashi Yura, one of the leading bacterial geneticists in Japan.

After arriving in Kyoto on July 8, 1971, I soon realized what a hectic schedule I had been following as a professor of biochemistry at the University of California, Davis. At Davis I was kept extremely busy lecturing, doing research, writing papers, attending committee meetings, giving lectures at other universities, and fulfilling a hundred other duties.

At Kyoto I suddenly found myself involved only in research, writing papers, and

reading literature. With time on my hand I decided to study Japan and the Japanese as much as possible during the year. I learned much during the year about this fascinating culture, but would be the first to admit that I am only a novice in sociology. I therefore beg the reader to take the following account of Japan as a personal experience and not a scholarly analysis; the opinions are strictly those of my family and myself.

The Catalyst

What started me on this writing venture were two articles that I saw in the August 12, 1972 issue of the Hokubei Mainichi newspaper. One concerned the Nisei uneasiness over U.S.-Japan difficulties and the other was a book review of *Japan Unmasked* which was written by one of the outstanding diplomats of Japan, Ichiro Kawasaka.

The Nisei uneasiness over U.S.-Japan relations is a valid one since U.S.-Japan relations have taken a sharp but not yet ominous turn towards distrust. This feeling has come about because of Nixon's overture to the mainland Chinese without prior consultation with the Sato government. This eventually led to the downfall of the Sato government although it was not the only reason, since Sato had been in power as premier longer than any other postwar premier and the people were rather tired of his no-action government.

In any case, the Japanese had followed very loyally the U.S. policy in the Far East, e.g. agreeing to recognize the Taiwan government as the legitimate government of China. This was a bit of diplomatic blackmail, since John Foster Dulles would not sign the U.S.-Japan Treaty in San Francisco unless the Japanese agreed to this point. In all the subsequent actions of the U.S. up to and including the Viet Nam conflict, Japan has consistently followed the U.S. lead.

Test of Hypothesis

The abrupt action of the U.S. which established ties for the first time since World War II with China has brought about many types of feelings in Japan. The Japanese feel that as faithful *keiai* (follower) that their *tonosama* (lord) has not kept his faith in him. They suddenly realize that they were no longer the special ward of the U.S. and would have to develop a more independent foreign policy. They also realized that the U.S. was still very powerful and could assert its diplomatic and economic power at will even at the expense of its most faithful ally.

All of this is leading to a test of the hypothesis that Nikkei treatment by the majority U.S. population is directly related to the relationship between the U.S. and Japan. I think it would be safe to state that the relationship between the two countries will deteriorate further before it improves, since there are still some difficult economic problems to be solved between the U.S. and Japan.

At the moment the balance of payment favors Japan by about \$4 billion a year! Any department store will demonstrate to you that Japanese products are not only plentiful

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Priorities

By HENRY T. TANAKA
National JACL President

The gap in communications between National officers and the membership-at-large is a seemingly unresolvable problem. The exchange of reports and even the use of speed memos do not seem to effectively bridge this gap; in fact, it may inadvertently tend to widen the gap and add to misinterpretations. Some may not read their mail for whatever reasons.

National conventions, where major decisions are made which affect the future of

Relocation Center-Like Problems

JACL, provide the setting for maximum communication. Or does it? For the most part, National officers are so involved in clearing business sessions, National committee meetings, and participating in other duties that the membership have few opportunities to talk with National officers. There is little time; the occasion seems so inappropriate.

But the communication gap seems pervasive. The lack of communication between district councils is most apparent. Is it because they don't have much in common? Are district councils so involved in their own issues and programs that there is little time to consider how these might relate to other districts. Perhaps what is needed are more interdistrict council meetings, such as the biennial EDC-MDC conferences.

The gap in communication is even more noticeable between chapters in a given district, some more than others. Is each chapter so unique that it finds little common interest with its sister chapters? Are National issues and programs the only common ground? What about issues which are related to State programs or those which are urban/rural oriented?

The basic core of communication is relationship between individuals. Could it be that JACL at all its levels of functioning does not provide enough opportunity for members to relate to each other?

Is the structure of our programs such that it limits the extent to which members can relate to each other on a personal basis?

Do we inadvertently by our determination to "get things done and actions taken on issues" prevent others from getting involved?

Should there be small workshop sessions to allow for greater participation by our membership in a setting more conducive for discussion and decision making?

Effective communication and informed decision making begins at the chapter level between individual members.

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Honolulu to host nation's Nisei vets

HONOLULU — More than 1,500 veterans and their families are expected to attend a National Nisei Veterans Convention here June 25, 1973.

The event is being sponsored by the 442nd Veterans Club, Club 100, MIS Veterans Club and the 1399th Veterans Club.

The convention will coincide with the 30th anniversary of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which was formed in 1943.

Fred S. Ida was appointed general chairman of the convention. Akira "Flash" Fujiki is assistant general chairman.

Official registration forms will be distributed soon to all Nisei veterans organizations here and on the Mainland.

Swap teahouse for teepee, totem pole

LOS ANGELES — As a gift from the children of Los Angeles, the children of Nagoya — Los Angeles' Sister City in Japan — will receive a teepee and totem pole from the Griffith Park Boys' Camp sometime late this year.

This is no ordinary gift. The children of Los Angeles recently received an authentic Japanese Teahouse from Nagoya for the Boys' Camp. So this is a little thank you.

But still, a teepee? A totem pole? Where in the 20th Century can you get a totem pole?

Totem poles aren't too easy to come by, so you could do what Allen Perlmutter is doing. Make one.

Perlmutter, 25, an assistant at the Boys' Camp for the last six years, has been diligently working since mid-August on the 35-foot totem pole which Nagoya will receive upon its completion.

You grow up the day you have your first real laugh — at yourself. — Ethel Barrymore.

Language barrier blame for loss of state aid by Issei

LOS ANGELES—An open letter addressed to Ellis P. Murphy, director of the County Department of Public Social Services, and signed by leading staff members of the Japanese Community Joint Counseling Center accused the department of "lack of concern and insensitivity" in the case of an Issei whose Old Age Security grant was discontinued through language difficulties.

A social worker who did not understand Japanese, the only language spoken by the Issei, misinterpreted his answer of "No" to the question, "Do you desire food stamps?" and thought he no longer needed or desired old age assistance, according to the letter.

The letter urged the DPSS to utilize the bilingual skills of those already employed by the department.

The letter was signed by Harold Honda, president of the Southern California Society of the Japanese Blind; Susu Yoshida, counselor for the Japanese Welfare Rights Organization; the Rev. Kogi Sayama, social worker with the Japanese Community Pioneer Center; Carol Hatanaka and Mori Nishida, community workers with the Japanese American Community Services - Asian Involvement.

ASIAN FORTUNE TELLERS MAKE SOME PREDICTIONS

SEOUL — Some 100 fortune tellers from Japan, India, South Korea and Taiwan attending the International Predictors Congress here predicted President Nixon will be re-elected, that Taiwan will be merged with China within five or six years, and that the divided nations of Germany, Korea and Vietnam would be reunited within 10 years.

They also predicted the Democrats will win a U.S. presidential election in 1980. Asians would suffer one of its poorest harvests in history in 1977 and East Europe would be flooded in 1994.

On sabbatical leave from UC Davis, Dr. Roy H. Doi, professor of biochemistry, spent this past year in Japan doing research. It also allowed him to compile a 800-page diary of Japan, from which this series, "A Nisei View of Japan", has been prepared. Dr. Doi and his family are standing in front of Himeji Castle.



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Patsy, Sparky facing tougher bid

New federal election campaign act determines how donations recorded

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) WASHINGTON — Because reports from Honolulu indicate that Congressman Sparky M. Matsunaga faces his greatest challenge to re-election this coming November and because those of Japanese ancestry, especially in JACL, cannot afford to lose his leadership and dedication in the nation's capital, Mike Masaoka, veteran Washington Representative who terminated his professional relations with Sparky and sent it in care of Mike Masaoka, 2021 L Street Northwest, Washington, D. C. 20036.

This campaign, instead of a separate mainland committee as in the past, Masaoka has been appointed as an authorized agent, along with his secretary Mary Toda, to coordinate the solicitations in the continental United States by J. Ralph Brown of Honolulu, Hawaii, Chairman of the Friends of Sparky.

Friends of Sparky

Those JACLers and others of goodwill on the mainland who want to keep Sparky on the job in Washington, where he has done more for those of Japanese origin than any other Congressman in the past decade, should write out their checks to the Friends of Sparky and send it in care of Mike Masaoka, 2021 L Street Northwest, Washington, D. C. 20036.

New Federal Law

Because of the new 1972 Federal Campaign Act, which became effective this past April, Masaoka emphasized that those contributing up to and including ten dollars need only send in their names and addresses with their checks. If, however, they contribute \$10.01 or more per person, which means that a husband and wife for example may make separate individual contributions, they must include, in addition to their own names and addresses, their business or employment names and addresses, as well as their occupation.

The fund committee will simply keep a record in its own files of all contributions from \$10.01 to \$100.

Contributions of \$100.01 or more will be recorded with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the fund committee. "A copy of the report of the Friends of Sparky filed with the appropriate supervisory officer is (or will be) available for purchase from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402."

These latter requirements should not be troublesome to any JACLer or friends of Sparky because the contributions are entirely legal and within the law and Sparky is not the kind of Congressman to embarrass his supporters by his actions in Washington or elsewhere. The disclosure provisions of the law were intended to deter illegal contributions and to indicate the sources of campaign contributions of a national member of the Congress, Masaoka explained.

Why Re-Elect Sparky?

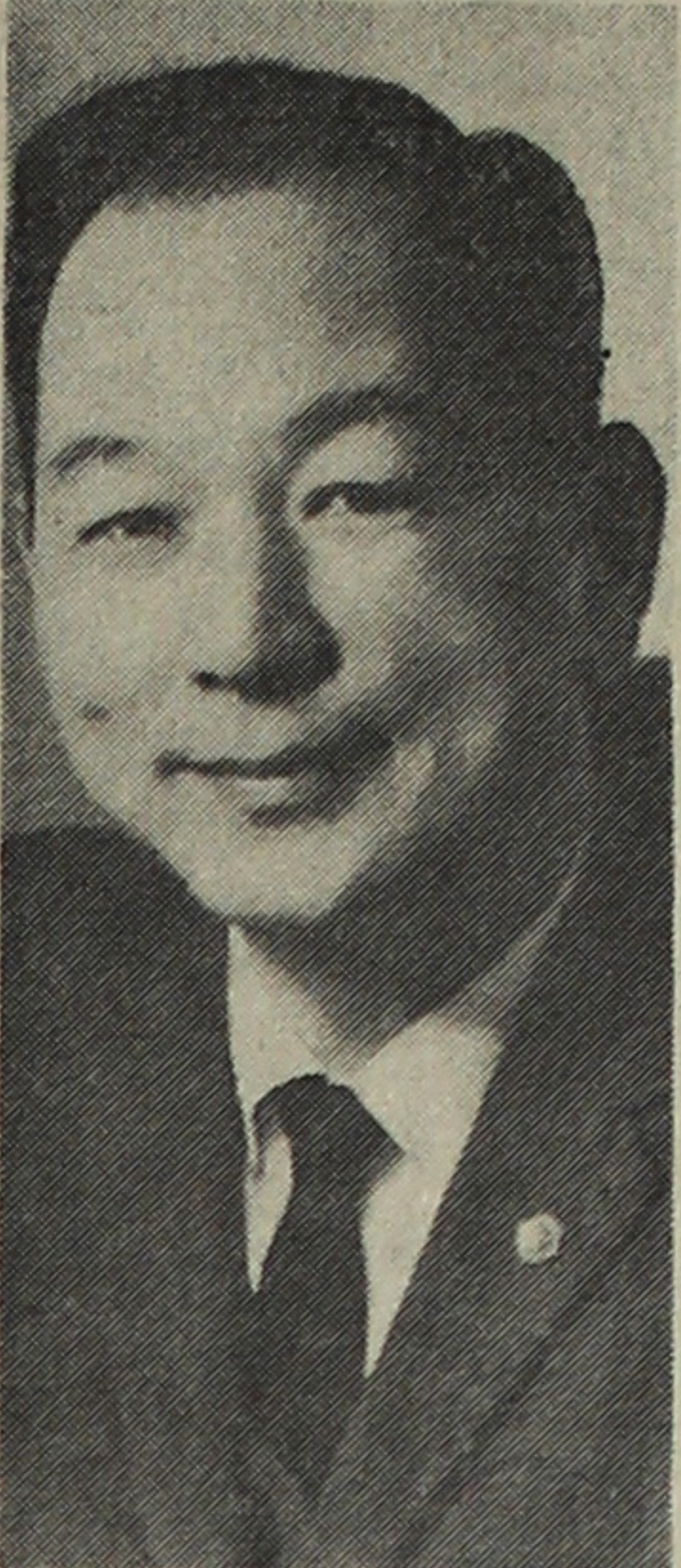
Since he was first elected to the House in 1962, Sparky has ably and conscientiously represented the best interests of his State of Hawaii and of the United States. He is not only personally popular with most of his 435 colleagues in the House and the hundred Senators but his influential membership on the Rules Committee "is equivalent to membership on all 21 standing committees of the House", in the words of former Speaker John McCormack. It is a tribute to his conscience and his leadership that he has sponsored so many bills to help the poor, the discriminated, the disadvantaged, the deprived, and the denied, of all races, religions, and national origins.

Prior to his election to the House, he served with both the famed 100th Infantry Battalion of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and with Military Intelligence Service Language School at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

While at the Language School, he was detailed to make several hundred speeches throughout the Midwest and East in order that Issei, Nisei, and Sansel evacuees might be welcomed from the relocation camps to these communities, where employment and housing would be available. After graduating from Harvard Law School and serving in the Territorial

McGovern office opens in Little Tokyo

LOS ANGELES — Stressing community needs can be met through the political process, Asian coordinator Jeffrey Matsui for the McGovern-Shriver campaign here said the Asian American political body can be developed into a meaningful force in local, state and national races. He made the comments at the opening of his Little Tokyo office at 313 1/2 E. 1st St. this past week. The telephone number is 680-1288.



Rep. Spark Matsunaga

PATSY MINK FIGHTING BACK HARD AT PRIMARY RIVAL'S VILLIFICATION

By ALLAN BEEKMAN

(Special to The Pacific Citizen) HONOLULU, Hawaii — Challenging Patsy T. Mink for the Democratic nomination in the October primaries, Attorney John W. Goemens is conducting a campaign of villification against her reminiscent of the one she faced in 1968.

As in 1968 when former Honolulu Mayor Neil S. Blaisdell viciously attacked her, Patsy is responding by becoming angry and fighting back hard.

The Friends for Mink Committee took a full page ad in the Sunday Star-Bulletin & Advertiser, (circ. 180,000) to rebut Goemens. The ad said:

Goemens Lies . . . His almost total reliance on lies and use of character assassination techniques insults the intelligence of the voters.

Best Attendance Record

From evidence adduced from The Congressional Quarterly and Congressional Record, the ad showed that contrary to the charge of Goemens, Patsy had the best attendance record of Hawaii's representatives in Congress, instead of the worst as he claimed; also, that she voted "Yes" on Military Construction contrary to his charge that she had voted "No."

These refutations, however, referred to his lesser accusations. He had called her a "traitor" and requested the U.S. Attorney's office in Honolulu to ascertain whether she had violated Federal laws in April of this year by talking with representatives of North Vietnam in Paris.

She recalled that similar charges were made against former Attorney General Ramsey Clark and Pierre Salinger, a former Presidential secretary; on August 23 the Justice Department issued a formal statement clearing both.

State Dept. Advice

She said she had not only conferred with the State Department about the proposed trip, "but on the question of whether I should go at that particular time and all of the other questions that might arise."

She said the accusations of Goemens are "simply a mimicry" of these discredited charges and reveal "his total



Rep. Patsy Mink

bankruptcy insofar as significant political issues are concerned."

In a TV interview, Goemens categorized these denials as raising a "grave question as to her truthfulness and character," and claimed he has obtained information from his contacts in the Department that "indicate the facts of the matter are not as stated by Mrs. Mink."

Comments Withheld

He said, "I consider this question of such seriousness that I shall withhold further comment until I have fully investigated the facts." Asked why he had not withheld information until he had investigated the facts, Goemens said he believes it necessary to explain his absence from the State during the most intensive period of the Primary Election campaign.

Consequently he was in Washington when the ad appeared identifying some of his charges as "lies."

Goemens came to Hawaii in 1960 to boost the candidacy of John F. Kennedy for the presidency. He is a friend of the Kennedys. Following the election, Goemens was appointed director of the Honolulu office of the U.S. State Department. He resigned this office in 1964 to run for the State House. He was elected, but since that initial success, his political career has been in eclipse.

FDA PROPOSES RULE AGAINST USE OF ASBESTOS-CONTAMINATED TALC

BERKELEY, Calif. — Support for the proposed Food & Drug Administration regulation banning the use on rice of talc not free of asbestos-form particles was indicated by the Asian Employees Organization of the Calif. State Dept. of Public Health.

The Bay Area Community JACL, in a statement signed by co-chairmen Ron Lai and Edison Uno, also endorsed the proposed ban of asbestos-contaminated talc for foods and food packaging.

Other interested parties may also comment by writing to the Hearing Clerk, Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Md. 20852, by Oct. 1, 1972.

Asian Employees, organized to safeguard employee rights as well as protect and promote the health and well-being of the Asian American community, contend asbestos is "a proven carcinogen for human beings" and hazardous to health.

This past year, disclosures

that asbestos is "a common and unavoidable contaminant" in the talc used to coat rice have been of concern—especially with most Asian Americans who are accustomed to eating the short-grain varieties of rice, which is coated by rice growers with talc and glucose for anti-caking and cosmetic considerations, while the long-grain rice is not coated.

The short-grain rice is preferred by Japanese, Korean and Filipino ethnic groups in America; while the Chinese and white Americans have preferred the long-grain varieties, it was noted.

Despite the washing of rice before cooking, as recommended specifically on the labels, the Asian Employees noted electron microscopic studies have shown all talc and asbestos are not removed despite repeated washings.

It was also pointed out that Japan, purportedly the originators of the rice coating practice, has banned talc as an additive in rice or any other food product. All rice sold in Japan today is uncoated, the Asian Employees added.

Immediate Ban

The Bay Area Community JACL also recommended industries and purveyors be enjoined immediately from all sales of asbestos-contaminated or suspect of being asbestos-contaminated foods and packages. It recalled that in the past some products were publicly declared to be a health-hazard but that businesses were allowed a grace period to deplete their existing stock before the product was permanently removed. The product, thus, goes on "sale" to the detriment of the misguided consumer.

"Clearly, the health and welfare of millions of Americans should be at stake and welfare should not be construed as an economic consideration," the chapter stated.

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Grand Opening

SAN JOSE — The Bank of Tokyo of California will open its Westgate branch at 1494 Saratoga Ave., on Sept. 25, according to Mike Iwasaki, vice president and manager. The new office will be the bank's second branch in San Jose.

GYO OBATA, ARCHITECT

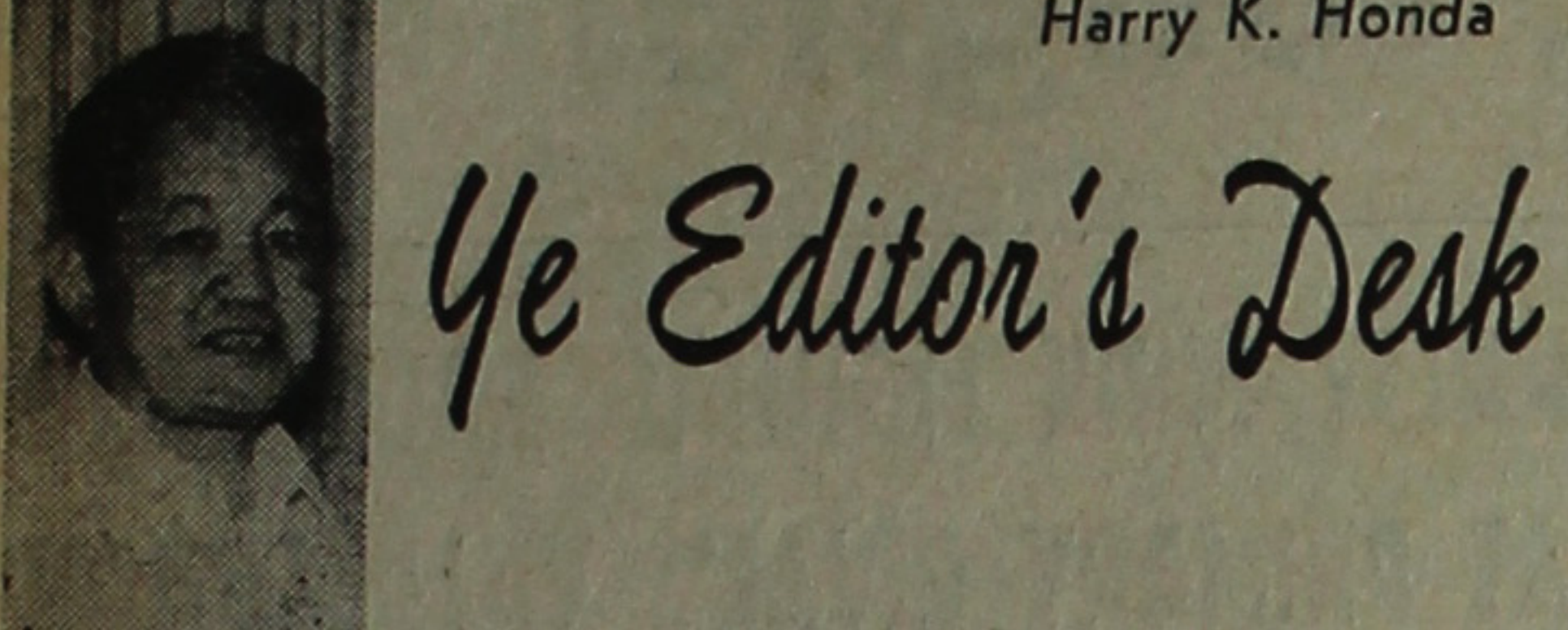
Launching the Air and Space Museum

(The PC Washington Bureau) WASHINGTON—The Smithsonian Institution begins construction this month on a new \$40,000,000 home for its National Air and Space Museum, designed by St. Louis architect Gyo Obata. The National Air Museum was established as a branch of the Smithsonian in 1946. The Congress in 1966 authorized \$40 million for construction but money wasn't appropriated. Obata designed a building for the Mall site (on the south side between 4th and 7th Sts.) but it was estimated to cost \$70 million. Obata went back to the drawing board and returned with a \$40 million building.

It is scheduled to open to the public on July 4, 1976, as a national center for education about the science and technology of flight and its social, cultural and political meaning. Architecturally, it goes along with the modern National Museum of History and Technology opened in 1964. Housed will be the Wright Flyer, Spirit of St. Louis, the X-1 and Apollo XI command module. A spacearium to project star shows and audio-visual presentations of air and space flights, film theater and over 20 exhibit halls on two levels are also included.

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Harry K. Honda

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MATTER OF A QUORUM

In most societies, the by-laws provide a quorum as large as can be depended upon to be present at every meeting. For the National JACL Council, it's a simple majority of the member chapters (48 out of 94) and the same for the Pacific Southwest District Council (14 out of 26). Our bringing up this subject of a Quorum at this time was whether the PSW had legally approved a statement urging a "no" vote on the controversial California Prop. 22—the so-called agricultural labor relations initiative. Had the statement been read without council response, we would have let this pass.

In the brief discussion that ensued, however, one delegate called for a "yes" vote to Prop. 22. Another mentioned the proposition might not appear on the ballot because of many complaints that signatures to the initiative had been fraudulently acquired and they asked to have their names removed. There were no objections on the voice vote in support of the statement but the question of a quorum being present was raised, though unofficially.

Robert's Rules of Order dealing with Quorum says, "The chairman should not take the chair until a quorum is present. . . . The only business that can be transacted in the absence of a quorum is to take measures to obtain a quorum, to fix the time to which to adjourn, to adjourn, or to take a recess."

The PSWDC constitution further provides matters being presented for the first time are to be considered as "special orders" for subsequent action and only read after committee reports are concluded and before taking up unfinished business. Normally, new issues are reviewed by the district executive board and then presented with recommendations to the district council.

It was obvious to us that many of the delegates had slipped away from the meeting soon after the lunch break but no attempt was made to ascertain a quorum for the second-half. The tradition here is that once a quorum is established at the opening hour, it's duly constituted to conduct business till adjournment—so long as no one questions it and no one has to date in the many years we've covered these meetings.

Mas Hironaka, who knows Robert's Rules from long practice as district governor of many years, properly suggests a motion to reconsider as a step to clarify the situation. The other is for absent delegates to express themselves to the governor and district secretary within 30 days.

In legislative bodies, where members are paid to be present, the quorum is usually the majority; but in the English House of Commons, the quorum is really small, 40 out of 630 or about 6%, and in the House of the Lords, it's three out of about 1,000. Where the quorum is small, it becomes necessary to require notice of all bills, amendments, etc., in advance.

With JACL chapters where attracting members is difficult, quorum may not be necessary so long as the meeting is properly called with an agenda, etc., and is attended by the number of people as can be depended upon to attend when weather is not exceptionally bad.

SO MUCH TO SEE AT THE FAIR

The biggest county fair in the world and bigger than our state fair in Sacramento, the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona will be attracting thousands daily till Oct. 1. We make it a point to catch the cultural presentations and this year artisans from New Mexico demonstrating their skills in woodcarving (actually it looked like a wooden door slab), sand painting, silver jewelry and pottery had us consume more time than we had planned to spare during our one day visit. In their midst, however, was a Chinese artist drawing horses "sumi-e" style.

In the adjoining building for home arts—which we've skipped in the past—was a gastronomic pleasure with its array of canning and baked goods festooned with blue ribbons. Someone ought to turn in a jar of homemade takuwan. Rest of the building was overloaded with items any homemaker would swoon to have—only this printer's devil has no way of identifying them specifically.

Each day of the fair is devoted to some segment of the population, its culture or industry—so it was German American Day, Mexican Independence Day, etc., this past Saturday. In other years, there have been Japanese American Day with Nisei Week beauties and Japanese officials as special guests. But the Japanese touch prevails in the garden house this year with an outstanding assembly of bonsai. It's the first time we had the sensation of physically enjoying bonsai for it made us forget our aching feet. We had been tramping around the fairgrounds for five hours.

There is something for everyone at the Fair—live entertainment, animals, unusual produce, rides, hobbies, feature exhibits, bazaar of imported goods, fine arts, junior fair, a gold mine, etc. In a way, it's like a many-faceted diamond that only this county can be.

25 Years Ago
In the Pacific Citizen, Sept. 20, 1947

JACL plaque recalling Canada cancels sixth boat 442nd rescue of "Lost Battalion" for repatriates as voluntary program abandoned by government . . . Visits by U.S. officer (Lt. Harry Konishi of Plateville, Colo.) stands pat in Trieste boundary dispute against Yugoslavia . . . One Issei killed, three injured in Kiraku-tel, San Jose restaurant building fire . . . Tax certificates no longer required of Issei aliens traveling between Hawaii-Mainland . . .

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Sonoma Co. Jrs. disclose reasons for stay with JACL

By **NANCY OKAMOTO**, Pres. Sonoma County Jr. JACL
Santa Rosa
The Sonoma County Chapter of the Jr. JACL has unanimously decided to remain as part of the national organization for many reasons, some of which are as follows:
We feel that this action of seceding from the Jr. JACL ignited by the appointment of David Ushio was rash and taken without proper consultation with all the chapters in

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the district and that this is not the time for such action to be considered. As David Ushio was recommended by the personnel committee and the National Board and selected by the National Council, he should be given a chance to show what he would do in the position. No person is perfect; each has his own imperfections of character, some being worse than others. If after a reasonable period of time in office, it is felt that David Ushio is not doing a satisfactory job, THEN such action may be considered.
Emotionalism, one way or another, can blind a person from seeing the actual facts and true feelings and therefore, such a large decision like this one should NOT be made in only a few days or emotionalism will cloud the results. Thus, we were shocked to learn that such action was taken without our knowledge or consultation.
Community Ties
Many of the reasons why we chose to remain part of the Jr. JACL had to do with our relationship with the community and the JACL. We have a close relationship with the Seniors in our community and have worked closely together with them on many beneficial community projects. They do not dominate us telling us what or what not to do, but rather they advise and help us when we need assistance with some of our projects. This is a good and solid alliance which has been built over the last six years, and it would be a terrible tragedy to break this bond when there isn't a good reason to.



'I earned a few medals, too!'

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

NBC-TV essay
Editor:
We hope PC readers made a special effort to see the NBC-TV production, "Guilty: By Reason of Race", last Tuesday, Sept. 19. They should be urged to send their reactions, positive or negative, to the producers in New York and with a copy to the California Historical Society.
There is a strong possibility if public response is favorable, NBC may make the film available to schools, organizations, teachers and community groups.
Letters should be addressed to:
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Director's Report
BY MASAO W. SATO

NATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES—Our remark at the recent PSW meeting that the 1972 National Council Minutes would be out by Christmas was in facetious vein. Actually, except for one more report which was given orally only and has to be transcribed from the tapes, the raw minutes of all the sessions are in writing and need only some editing and organizing. As a matter of fact, the first three sessions of the National Council have been stenciled for reproduction. We are pushing for the end of October completion of the Minutes.

CONVENTION SEQUEL—Convention Chairman Harry Takagi reports the Convention response was better than expected, thanks to our members, so in addition to returning the five grand loan from National, the Convention Board has contributed \$2,500 to National. We trust this sets a precedent for other Chapters hosting National Conventions.

SEQUOIA CHAPTER—Along with National President-Elect Shig Sugiyama we were invited to join the Sequoia Chapter Board in honoring their President Chuck Kubokawa as an honoree in the Nisei of the Biennium program. That particular evening Ming's in Palo Alto was crowded so we shared a dining room with another group of about twenty people. In the presentation of the Silver medallion to Chuck for the second time, this time properly engraved and before his fellow chapter members, members of this other group joined in the applause for one of America's first aquanauts. Of course, in making this presentation I deliberately raised my voice to be sure they all heard the details.

CITIZEN 13660—We were happy to be among artist Mine Okubo's friends at a homecoming dinner in her honor in connection with her show at the Oakland Art Museum. Since the show included her work depicting Evacuation, we were happy to supply the Museum with her book to be sold. We still have some copies left for our members at the special rate of \$5. Last we heard the retail price was up to \$7.50 and even more now.

SPECIAL SUPPORTERS—After attending the National Convention as an Official delegate, Jerry Irei decided to hustle some special support, so besides himself we have Ben Takeshita, Tosh Adachi, Dr. Thomas Oda, Joe Oishi, and Dr. James Tanaka extending their 1000 Club memberships to Fifty Club support, so seven of our eight Fifty Club members to date are from Contra Costa.

In addition, Mrs. Peggy Shirai has joined her husband, Dr. Shohei Shirai, as a 1000 Club Life Member.
A telephone call from 18 year 1000 Clubber Charlie Matsubara of Albuquerque has resulted in the, his brother Frank of Los Angeles and sister Mrs. Walter Shibata of Albuquerque donating 1000 Club Life Memorials for father Daikichi, mother Toshi and brother George Haruki.

Meantime National Treasurer Al Hatate decided to help his own cause to raise the budget deficit National Council delegates left hanging by becoming our 22nd Century Clubber.

One action of the new National Board not announced was to make a distinction between 1000 Club lump sum Life Membership and what has been up to now 20 year accumulated Life membership. It was decided to designate the latter simply 20 year accumulated 1000 Club membership and drop the Life Membership designation. In a moment of weakness we offered to design a special certificate for those who have achieved this category. Our records show that of the 114 who have, 111 have continued beyond the 20 years.

BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY—Our vacation turned out to be somewhat of a busman's holiday, although a very pleasant one, meeting with our Reno Chapter enroute to Salt Lake for the IDC meeting. The Reno meeting was at our friend Willie Fong's China Club, which is now devoid of any gaming tables and confined to the best Chinese food in Reno, pending his plans to build a hotel on the site.

The Salt Lake Chapter was most gracious in designating a banquet in our honor. It doesn't seem that we moved National Headquarters back to San Francisco 19 years ago. Then to Las Vegas where we conferred with one of the top executives in the Howard Hughes organization toward exploring the answering some of the questions posed by Hawaii's wish to host our 1075 National Bowling Tournament there.

Dr. Doi—

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ful, but of high quality and reasonable price, a fact which I would like to discuss later.
But with the increasing competition between U.S. and Japan industry, politicians who are very attuned to their constituency will start waving the yellow peril flag once more. This is where the JACL will probably have its hands full in the future, i.e. to convince the majority population that the Nikkei are not Japanese, but Japanese Americans. So this may become a personal problem for all of us Nikkei.

American Attitudes

What concerns me even more is the fact that our government policy has taken this turn. There apparently are two extremes in the way one treats Japan. The Reischauer method is to say that Japan can do no wrong and we have to use the most gentle, but paternalistic method of handling the Japanese. The Nixon technique on the other hand says "just ignore 2,000 years of ritual culture and treat them like we do our other friendly allies such as Greece, Spain, Europe, etc."

I believe our country should be following a policy somewhat between these extremes taking into account the Oriental customs of ritual and yet not be completely overwhelmed and seduced by it so that we think they can do no wrong. The Japanese can be just as greedy, generous, cooperative, stubborn, belligerent, peaceful and any other character as well as the American or European.
One wonders who advised Nixon about the China trip. The complete disregard of faith, loyalty, and respect which the Japanese regard as very important in people to people dealings indicates that our government was completely ignorant of Japanese culture or purposely handled the situation in the way it did, which was rather callous to say the least.

In a conversation with a Harvard University professor, who is an expert in Chinese law, he was of the opinion that Nixon had listened to Reischauer, but had purposely wanted to jab Sato in his politically, since Sato had given the textile manufacturers in the U.S. such a hard time during the textile negotiations. It is my great hope that the U.S. government will analyze the cultures of foreign countries in the future to avoid such things as the Nixon shock of Japan.

'Japan Unmasked'

Returning to the other newspaper article which stimulated me into writing about my experiences, I was surprised to see such a harsh indictment not only of the book, but of the author.
I'm certain that the reviewer was stating his opinions honestly, but I'm afraid he read the book with an American mentality and forgot that the book was written by a Japanese. He asked "Kawasaki's book is filled with numerous generalizations, unsupported allegations, pat statements, and contradictions." This is exactly how I might have interpreted Kawasaki's book a year ago.
It was fortunate that I read it in Japan after having been in Japan for six months. The thing that convinced me that I was a Japanese American and not a Japanese is that when it comes to conscious expression of thought I am purely American; my unconscious behavior may be conditioned quite a bit by my Meiji Jidai (Period) parents. The Japanese do speak in generalizations in order not to hurt someone's feelings; they also make pat statements during conversations to be safe; and Japan and the Japanese are the most difficult people to understand, since there are so many contradictory (in American minds) aspects of life in Japan.

In reading about the Japanese and their culture I found two books to be extremely helpful and my personal research into the ideas expressed in these two books showed that most or almost all the ideas were valid. The two books are *Japan Unmasked* by Ichiro Kawasaki and *Japanese Society* by Chie Nakane. For a popular and a scholarly account of Japan these are two very good easy reading books. In fact many of the points which will be discussed in these articles stemmed from my research into ideas expressed by these two authors.

One Caution

I think we have to caution ourselves that when we read a book by a Japanese, it was written by a person with a different cultural background and a way of thinking which may be quite different from that of an American. And that is one fact to which I can attest. The Nikkei who has gone through the American education system from his youth is American as apple pie. I was really shocked one day when I found out that my ancestors hadn't come on the Mayflower.

Unfortunately the Nikkei have been deprived of a valuable part of their education and this has given many of us a difficult time in understanding ourselves (is this the identity crisis that many youths and oldsters have faced).
Part of the reason for writing these articles is to give the Nikkei a sense of identity, to give him and the general public an understanding of Japan and the Japanese, and to make your next trip to Japan more enjoyable.



William Marutani

East Wind

Philadelphia
QUIET NO MORE—I'm not quite sure just how this is all going to turn out. In the meantime, however, it has been a potpourri of evolving revelations and additional insights, peeling off veneers of shibboleths, all generously interspersed with turmoil and much frustration. Since last year I have been patiently (and underline that word) working as part of a community minority group whose size and composition seem to fluctuate like a blob of amoeba—the only constant is that the group of some 30 or 40 is entirely Black except for a Puerto Rican here and there. And, this lone Oriental.

In the group are those who have engaged in numerous "sit-in's" in government facilities, some who have gone unexpectedly on a Sunday morning to a church to stand before a shocked congregation to demand reparations, a former leader of the Black Panthers (a fellow who "has his head together"); a number of names are Muslim; dashiki's and Afro's are prevalent and the jargon is of the grass-roots, so to speak, with unabashed use of four-and-more-letter words. Heard frequently enough, these words begin to have specialized meaning and emphasis—although because the meanings can be elusive, I personally opt for a defined, precise and established jargon. (Which rule I shall proceed to violate with impunity in this and other writings.)

The most troubling aspect of this group is the inter-necine activity that constantly goes on: open but all-too-frequent and unnecessary. Members are censured or voted off, officers are suspended or removed entirely from office, motives are constantly questioned: as a result, meetings tend to be chaotic and results are excruciatingly slow to realization and even then are tenuous.

At the outset I had hoped that the members would become weary of this sort of jockeying and bickering, that once some people went through this phase and got things off their chests that we could get down to business in some orderly fashion, that meetings wouldn't run four and five hours with very little being accomplished. I was determined to "keep my cool". But I failed.

At the last meeting when one of the more vocal members continued to harrass, disrupt, monopolize, and so on, my months of simmering silence could no longer be contained and I "blew it", calling this member to task in a very un-Oriental-like loud voice emphasized with a banging of the table. (I was angry with myself even as I was speaking, for permitting someone to set me off.) Well, that put me on that member's "list" and after that I was a constant target of sniping, including a name-calling in which I was labelled a so-and-so "nigger". (I had ambivalent feelings about that episode.) However, by that time I was firmly determined that no one was going to rile me up and the sniping made no penetrations.

Somewhat puzzling to me, when the meeting finally broke up (after midnight) one of the other members came up to me to congratulate me. For what? For blowing my cool?

I've been called a lot of thing in my life and no doubt will continue to garner labels and epithets, but I'm still trying to figure out just what it was, precisely, that I was called the other night. I'm curious.

EDITORIAL: Washington Post

The Conversations With Japan

Sept. 11
An air of cheerful realism seems to have informed the meeting last week between President Nixon and Prime Minister Tanaka of Japan. The two countries are apparently getting used to the idea that their national interests are diverging. They also seem to be getting used to the idea that diverging interests are not necessarily a threat to each other. At Honolulu, the United States dropped the hectoring tone in which it has addressed the Japanese over the past year, and Japan no longer finds it necessary to be defensive and plaintive in reply.

The communique at the end of the meeting was a bland and rather dull affair, which is another way of saying that the most interesting points were the omissions. The American position in the recent trade talks has been a series of loud demands for unilateral concessions and threats of the terrible things that would happen if the Japanese refused to come through. The Honolulu meeting contented itself with announcing the next billion dollars worth of American sales to Japan. The announcement does not have a great deal of economic importance, since most of the sales would have been made anyway. But the list is a useful reminder to Americans of the scale of our present markets there.

Shortly before the Honolulu meeting the President's special representative for trade, Mr. Eberle, had been in Japan attempting to extract from the Japanese government a commitment to reduce the trade imbalance over the next two years. He came home full of disappointment and public complaints about the intransigence of the Japanese. There was no echo of this attitude in the Honolulu communique. It spoke only of Japan's intention to reduce the imbalance to "a more manageable size." Mr. Nixon has been extremely wise to drop this insistence on arithmetical commitments, if in fact he has dropped it.

The attempt to hold the American Japanese trade figures to a fixed schedule is dangerous for two reasons. To begin with, a good deal of the trade now follows triangular patterns involving third countries, so that the bilateral statistics do not accurately reflect either nation's real stake. Even more important, Garbage is a collector's item . . .



From the Frying Pan

Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

VISITOR—Earlier this week Denver was visited by a contingent of some 45 to 50 men representing the Biscuit Bakers of Japan (or something like that), manufacturers of confections, purveyors of noodles, and producers of sundry other items that consume American wheat flour. Since Colorado's parched eastern plains grow a good many bushels of the type of wheat that the Japanese like, their pilgrimage to the source of their supply was laudable as an educational and goodwill venture.

A few months before that Fuji Tours International (whose president is George Togasaki) made Denver a port of call for a group of more than a hundred Japanese who make their living in the distribution and sale of meat. One of their stops was the Monfort operation an hour's drive north of Denver where up to 100,000 head of beef cattle are being grain-fattened at any one time. (I once visited a farm in Matsuzaka, Japan, where a total of 10 steers were being fattened on steamed grain in what was described as one of the largest meat-producing operations in the area.)

In between, we have had individual visitors like the delightful Prof. Kaname Saruya who is touring the country via second-hand Toyota in an effort to get a better understanding of the problems of ethnic minorities in the United States, and groups like the 100 or so students who spent a couple of weeks at the YMCA camp in Estes Park in the course of a study-vacation.

Visitors like these from Japan, bent on helping to balance the international monetary situation, may be no novelty in coastal communities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. But hereabouts, a thousand miles from salt water, the arrival of such foreigners is usually an occasion for alerting the celebrities and making something of a to-do. In fact, the visit of wheat-buyers was deemed important enough by the state department of agriculture to urge Frank Torizawa, the Grover Whelan of Denver's Japanese community where visitors from the old country are concerned, to set up cocktails and other refreshments. (Frank promptly recruited his wife May for the task of loading down the tables at the Buddhist Church with such typically American goodies as boiled octopus, raw filet of fresh tuna and green horseradish, planked fishcake and the like. Two bartenders kept the glasses filled.)

A certain curious pattern follows in each of these mass meetings as visitors and local Nisei hosts seek manfully to break the ice. It usually starts with the Japanese visitor asking, in Japanese, of course: "Have you been in this country very long?"

That usually leads to a brief and inadequate explanation that the Nisei are the American-born, American-educated, offspring of Issei immigrants who left the old country a long time before our visitors themselves were born. I say inadequate because most of our visitors cannot seem to understand that there were such people as Issei who did indeed produce a generation of Nisei. Then the next question is:

"Do you have occasion to return to Japan often?"

With a Nisei's imperfect command of Japanese, it is difficult to point out that one cannot "return" to Japan if he didn't come from there originally. So it is wiser to overlook the fine points and say that yes, one does indeed visit Japan occasionally on business and what astonishing changes have transpired!

From this point the conversation turns to the wonderfully appetizing Japanese food on the table, and naturally we must see that the bartender is not left to feel neglected. Meanwhile, the Nisei hosts are kept busy explaining the ingredients of the Japanese hors d'oeuvres for the benefit of Caucasian guests, and interpreting their comments for the benefit of the Japanese visitors. Everyone, of course, is properly genial and appreciative, but names are hard to remember and we'll probably never see each other again.

It's been a long and interesting summer.



Sakura Script

By Jim Henry

Snacks of Snakes

TOKYO—Need a pick-me-up? Head for Akihabara, the big wholesale electronics district in Tokyo. There, hidden away around a dusty corner, is a place the electronics people go to get themselves recharged—the Ana Restaurant.

The Ana serves fresh snake. Not just powdered ones, not snake potions, but real, live fresh snake, cooked to order.

It's very good you . . . it says here.

The snakes, poisonous or otherwise, are full of vitamins and juices and other goodies—according to Shinsaku Matsui, proprietor of the Ana for 20 years.

I ordered the last of eight items on the menu—snake-burger.

According to old Japanese tradition, I was first introduced to my dinner—a two-foot nonpoisonous Shimohebi.

I'm not sure he was happy about it—his handshake was cold and dry. In fact, he tried to bite me.

Then the snake (one of 100 fresh, live ones shipped to the Ana daily from a suburban

farm) was hung up, stripped and cleaned.

His throat was cut and the blood drained into a glass.

Down the hatch.

It was cool and very sweet. The heart and kidneys are swallowed whole.

Next, snake-sash was ground up fine and popped into a frying pan.

With the snake you drink a strong medicinal wine, made from sweet wine aged seven years in barrels full of mumsu (poisonous vipers) and medicinal herbs.

If the snake does nothing for you, the wine will—it's 60 proof.

They say snake meat is an instant pickup—you feel new energy right away.

I felt something shortly afterward, but I'm not sure it wasn't the snake biting me back.

As I left, Matsui presented me with a box of snake powder capsules—made from poisonous vipers.

Take two a day, he said, and health is yours.

I'm not sure it works because I haven't taken any yet.

Asian groups funded \$524,000 from HEW

WASHINGTON—Five west coast Asian American groups were granted a total of \$524,422 from the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, it was announced Sept. 5. Recipients were:

1—Special Services to Group, Inc., Los Angeles, \$249,932, for the Asian American Social Workers planning project centered in Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

2—Y W C A Demonstration Project for Asian Women's Center, Los Angeles, \$117,000 to develop a center for counseling, child care, drug abuse education. (See Sept. 15 PC).

3—Japanese Community Pioneer Center, Los Angeles, \$54,038, to establish the Japanese American Sightless Institute. (See Sept. 15 PC).

4—Kimochi Inc., San Francisco, \$53,432, to expand its work with the elderly.

5—Filipino American South of Market Neighborhood Assn., San Francisco, \$50,000, to assess services to Filipino residents.

Kimochi, Inc. grant for study of Issei needs

SAN FRANCISCO—Kimochi Inc., organized primarily by San Francisco third generation Japanese community volunteers, was one of five research grants for studying the social and cultural problems facing Asian American groups.

Kimochi was organized in 1970 and has conducted an ac-

Matsunaga--

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on November 7. And, the sooner the contributions come in, the more effectively can these funds be used to reelect Congressman Spark M. Matsunaga.

JACLer Sparky

Since he came to Washington ten years ago, Sparky and his wife Helene have been members of the local JACL chapter. They have been more than merely nominal members; they have been active members willing to accept any responsibility to help others and the JACL program.

Sparky himself is a Thousand Club member, too.

For the past decade, Sparky has cooperated fully and enthusiastically with JACL's legislative and other Washington programs. On the House floor, he has become known as the spokesman for those of Japanese and Asian origin in the United States, promoting helpful bills and activities and protesting unfair, discriminatory, and demeaning legislation, activities, and programs not just those which involve Congress or the government but the general public throughout the country.

Special Events

When the 22nd Biennial National JACL Convention was held in Washington this past June, Sparky's office and he himself cooperated to make the special events so outstanding and memorable. He was responsible for the tours of the Capitol, the Supreme Court, the White House, and the Library of Congress. He arranged that the Caucus Room of the Cannon Office Building be made available for an unprecedented session of the National JACL Council.

He also arranged for the history-making three hours of tributes on the floor of the United States Congress to the contributions of the Japanese to the United States.

He participated willingly and graciously in all of the major public events of the Convention, including the Congressional Banquet, the Testimonial Luncheon, the Arlington Cemetery Memorial Services, and the Convention Banquet.

Nisei of Biennium

That he was honored from among many outstanding Japanese Americans as the Nisei of the Biennium by the JACL indicates not only that he has contributed most to the dignity, the welfare, and the available opportunities of those Japanese ancestry in United States but also that he is held in the highest esteem and affection by his fellow JACLers.

Probably no other Japanese American was more deserving of this signal honor, and probably no other Nisei of the Biennium was more popularly acclaimed.

For a better quality of life for all Americans, for more friendly relations between the United States and Japan, and for a more effective and successful JACL program in Washington, the Friends of Sparky in Hawaii and all of the other 49 States invite contributions which will help assure the re-election of Congressman Spark M. Matsunaga.

Japanese consulate in Dallas urged

TOKYO—Texas business executives here for the second Japan-Texas Assn. conference ended Sept. 12 with establishment of another Japanese consular office in Texas at Dallas. One presently exists in Houston.

The Texans also urged Japanese air transports connect with the new international airport between Dallas and Ft. Worth, which was designed by Nisei architect Gyo Obata.

Last year, Texas exported \$280 million in grain, cotton, machinery and other products to Japan while importing \$324 million in goods from Japan, mainly manufactured goods.

visit their doctors offices and largely interpreter service in welfare cases. "We hope to be able to serve more such cases," Miss Ouyue added.

While the Kimochi grant was for \$53,432, such federal grants include up to 10 per cent for evaluation purposes and therefore the actual funding available to Kimochi is closer to \$48,000, it was explained.

Sightless Institute to push 2 1/2-year program

LOS ANGELES—While the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare grant covers expenses for a year, the objective of the Japanese American Sightless Institute as proposed is a 2 1/2 year program, according to Harold Honda, president of the So. Calif. Society of the Japanese Blind.

As an educational institute it intends to make learning interesting, relevant, and participatory for the Japanese American blind. The program goal is to develop individuals who have basic communication skills in Braille and typing, self confidence and socially adjusted for employment.

Another objective of the institute is to develop a cadre of community instructors, who are sightless, sightless student and community people represented by members of the Pioneer Center board, to administer and direct the center through the coordinator who will be assisted by two sightless instructors. The two sightless instructors will be chosen by the students of the program.

S.F. Chinatown gets pre-school HEW grant

SAN FRANCISCO—The Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare Office of Child Development granted \$31,000 in first year funds to the EOC Community Action Program for a pre-school education project in Chinatown.

Some 120 Chinatown children will be involved in a two-year study, according to Charles Jung, CAP director.

NATIONAL JACL CONVENTION

Inside PSW Delegation

By HENRY S. SAKAI Orange County JACL

As a delegate to the 1972 National JACL Convention, having taped and participated in all the National Council sessions, I am appalled by some of the reports (of other delegates) that have appeared. Although I hate rhetoric, it seems some people excel in it and just like to hear themselves talk or write as the case may be, so I guess I'll let off a little steam, too. As Jerry Enomoto says, "Let the chips fall where they may."

On the Contrary

First thing I want to get straightened out is Tom Shigetani's report (PC, Sept. 8) titled, "A Tough Experience." I don't think there was a power struggle or that the competence or credibility of the National Personnel Committee was being questioned. Nobody said they weren't competent, honest or dedicated. If Tom didn't hear any statement by the opponents to the selection committee recommendation that were factually and made him concerned or at least caused some doubt, then he either wasn't there or fell asleep. I'm not questioning the way he voted, only his statement that he heard no facts.

Once again the group that challenged the National Board (and this was practically all the PSWDC delegates except for perhaps Selanaco and maybe Gardena although Tom told us after the voting he wanted to vote "No" but had to go along as directed by his chapter's Board) did not demand that the PSWDC delegates abstain from voting for a President-Elect, although the possibility of not voting was discussed but no demands were made.

Tom's whole article sounds like there was a small group of trouble makers there trying to tell everyone what to do, which is not true at all since all the PSW delegates except Gardena and Selanaco voted against David Ushio. Finally the leaders of the dissident group (whoever they are) did not demand that Helen Kawagoe read a "position" paper that most of the chapters did not support.

The Defense

So let's set the record straight in defense of the so-called "bad guys" that Tom has painted. Yes, during the middle of the week there were some heated discussions by some of the group about what stand or position to take, however nothing came of this since Helen felt she could not agree with what some of the people wanted. Therefore things were in limbo until the last day and everyone was asking what is PSWDC going to do, say nothing or what?

So on the last day during the last session, Harry Kawahara drafted up a fairly non-controversial statement (submitted in the July 21 PC) that Helen read and except for a couple changes agreed to read with no arm twisting required. At a break in the session we got all the delegates that were there to meet with us along the wall. I read the statement twice to all those present and everyone agreed, even Dr. Roy Nishimura who traditionally is very cautious. So we all sat down very happy that at least PSWDC was going to make some statement and that Helen was willing to read the

statement. I don't know where the Gardena people were but I thought they were there too.

Although some people thought the statement was pretty weak, most of us thought at least it was better than nothing, so everyone was pretty content. Then about a half-hour later Helen came to me and said she couldn't read it because in stating that we thought that priorities should be given to community services rather than membership services, we were being hypocrites by voting for only a 50 cents increase in dues instead of a \$1.50. I said I really didn't think that had anything to do with our statement.

Misunderstandings

From then on things went to pot and in the written poll that Helen took, I'm not sure whether the delegates who were asked knew what they were voting on since afterwards, several delegates wanted to know when the statement was going to be read and some said they weren't polled. Perhaps if we would have caucused again, we could have gotten it straightened out or at least everyone would have understood, but as it was, it became hopeless with time running out and yes, tempers got a little warm.

So I don't think it's fair to make it sound like the old western movies where there were good guys and bad guys and where virtue and goodness wins out over evil. I'm really sorry Tom's article got into the PC since this is

something that could have gotten straightened out within the PSWDC since it did get into the PC, I feel it necessary to set the record straight. I'm not questioning Helen's reason for not reading the statement since I told her myself to do what she felt was right, even if I didn't agree with her on the last day as I indicated.

Average Middle-class

My personal observation is that JACL is a middle-class establishment organization and that's what they want to be and stay, therefore they chose to eliminate the so-called radical slice in the Southern Calif. Regional office since their programs concerned primarily the lower (economic) class, "problem" people. Since some districts thought that PSWDC was getting all the benefits and that Alan Nishio would have probably supported the programs in the southern region, there was just no way that Alan could be selected.

So for all those articles being written about how democratic, libs & delibs, how exciting, etc. . . sounds like so much rhetoric. . . the National Council made their choice saying what type of organization they want to be, which is their right so let's quit making excuses and forget it. . .

Need for Listening

As for Jerry Enomoto's article Perspectives (Sept. 1 PC) and talking about Murray Sprung's statement at the convention, as well as other similar statements that were made, all these people make me think about those people

Health Fair a continuation of JACS community information services days

LOS ANGELES—The Japanese Community Health Fair, a continuation of the past two Community Information Services Days, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Maryknoll School, 222 So. Hewitt St.

Sponsored in the past by Japanese Community Pioneer Center and Japanese American Community Services-Asian Involvement, Community Information Services Days were held for the purpose of informing community Issei and Nisei of legal, social and medical services available to them through governmental agencies as well as services provided by grass roots organizations. Need for such an event was displayed when over 1,000 inquiries were made at both CISD's held in August, 1970 and June, 1971. Of specific interest were the medical facilities available. According to one technician attending the Chest X-Ray unit, "This is one of the biggest turnouts we've had using these units."

During both CISD's, Asian Social Services Task Force members participated in providing social services information. Seeing the need, especially for medical services, the Task Force undertook coordination of this annual event with particular emphasis on health needs.

Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi, Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner for the County of Los Angeles, has been named honorary chairman. He has also consented to be one of the lecturers.

Those who would like to volunteer some time to help at the Health Fair, should call Curtis Yamate at 721-9314 or George Umezawa at 624-0837.

Okamoto freedom among Arab demands at Munich

MUNICH—The Arab terrorists who triggered the Munich massacre Sept. 5 at the Olympic Village listed the release of 250 Palestinian prisoners held by the Israelis as one of their demands.

Among those they also wanted released was Kozo Okamoto, lone surviving Japanese terrorist who was captured after the Lod airport massacre at Tel Aviv on May 30.

SINCE PROFILE: Hito Okada

Pearl Harbor Changed His Life



day in December, 1941, from behind his desk at the Japanese American Citizens League National Credit Union, 242 4th East, where he is treasurer-manager.

In February, 1942, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066—an instrument allowing military commanders to designate areas "from which any or all persons may be excluded. . . . And 'any or all persons' meant 110,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Timber Inspector

At the time, Mr. Okada was a 10-year employe of West Coast Orient Co., inspecting stands of timber in the Pacific Northwest. Born in Tacoma, Wash., in 1907, he'd earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Washington. He'd always thought of himself as a bona fide American citizen.

"It was kind of a shock," he said. "When we got the notice of evacuation, we had a decision to make: Either to fight it or to cooperate with our government—the American government.

"During the hostilities, 110,000 Japanese Americans were interned—it was called 'protective custody'—in relocation camps in inland areas. Many lost all their possessions and their life savings. You could take only what you could carry—and many of these Japanese Americans were very old people. . . .

In late April of 1942, Mr. Okada received a registered letter; "Mr. Okada will pro-

AT UNIV. OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Expo '70 contributes Sanyo Pavilion, \$200,000 in grant for Asian Centre

VANCOUVER, B.C.—To help defray the capital cost of establishing a Centre of East Asian Studies on the Univ. of British Columbia campus, the Japan World Exposition Foundation has donated the Expo '70 Sanyo Pavilion, a grant of \$100,000 from its 1971 budget and another \$100,000 from its 1972 budget.

Other Japanese sources have pledged \$700,000 toward construction of the center.

The Canadian federal government is prepared to join the British Columbia provincial government and private donors with matching funds up to \$400,000, according to Mitchell Sharp, secretary of state for external affairs.

One of the few financially successful world exhibitions, Expo '70 at Osaka dedicated its profits to assist projects throughout the world aimed at perpetuating the theme of Expo '70—Progress and Harmony for Mankind.

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September Events

San Gabriel Valley to hear Furutani

Warren Furutani will speak on "Goals for JACL" at the San Gabriel Valley JACL meeting on Saturday, Sept. 23, 8 p.m., at the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, it was announced by Kenji Sahara, chapter president.

Riverside JACL Plans beach party barbecue

Riverside JACL will have a beach party barbecue at Huntington State Beach on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2 p.m., with Terry Yamaguchi in charge of the potluck arrangements. Six-ounce steaks at 75 cents each are being offered on a reservation basis—deadline for that was last week (Sept. 15).

Other events of interest to Riverside members include the annual JACL International Student Festival Oct. 15 at Poly High and the community Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the First Christian Church.

Installation

Mayor Mineta to address Orange County inaugural

San Jose Mayor Norman Mineta was announced as the main speaker at the Orange County JACL installation dinner to be held next Jan. 20, according to program chairman Henry Sakai.

Mineta, who addressed the National JACL Convention banquet in Washington, D.C., is a widely-sought speaker and articulate spokesman for the U.S. Mayors' Conference committee on legislation.

Ben Shimazu and Karie Aihara will co-chair the installation banquet.

The chapter will have its election meeting Oct. 11. Eight vacancies exist on the new board. The board meets in November to elect officers.

CALENDAR

- Sept. 22 (Friday)
Selanoco—Gen Mtg.
- Sept. 22-24
Nat'l JACL—EXECON Mtg. San Francisco.
- Sept. 23 (Saturday)
Sequoia—Family bowling night, San Carlos Bowl, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 24 (Sunday)
St. Louis—Fall Festival.
- West Los Angeles—Issel Appreciation Day.
- Orange County—JAY Mtg. Sept. 28 (Thursday).
- Sacramento—Gen Mtg. Nisei War Memorial Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 29 (Friday)
San Diego—Bd Mtg. Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 1 (Sunday)
Alameda—Issel Appreciation dinner.
- West Los Angeles—Issel program, Oct. 3 (Tuesday).
- Sequoia—Bd Mtg. Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6 (Friday)
West Los Angeles—Earth Science mtg. Westside YMCA.
- Oct. 2 (Monday)
Alameda—Bd Mtg. Buena Vista Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- West Los Angeles—Election Mtg. Oct. 10 (Tuesday).
- San Mateo—Bd Mtg. Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.
- Oct. 14 (Saturday)
San Mateo—Monte Carlo fun night.
- Oct. 15 (Sunday)
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CONGRATULATIONS—Raising Ed Tokeshi's hand in victory is National JACL President Henry Tanaka, who congratulated the successful conclusion of the JACL-JWRO campaign to raise \$8,000. Close to \$9,500 was acknowledged. Joining them are PSWDC Gov. Helen Kawagoe and Mas Uyesugi, DC social service committee chairman.

Convention—

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who drive around with "America Love It or Leave It" stickers on their bumpers. Part of the reason that we have so much violence and discontent in this country by the young, minorities and liberals is that everytime they protest, the establishment gives them the "America Love It or Leave It" routine, maybe it would be better if we tried to understand "why" they are protesting and correct the cause if justified. For instance, almost one-third of the delegates voted against Ushio and had the vote been tabled until later in the week, the vote probably would have been closer. I hope the JACL leadership takes this as an indication that maybe something is wrong and needs correction rather than saying there were 26 1/2 poor losers; there is such a thing as good winners, too.

Necessity for Appreciation

One other thing, I think it was pretty inconsiderate of the JACL leadership both at the National and District level not to honor or send a letter of recognition to Jeff Matsui for the many years of service he gave JACL as Associate Director, The City Council of Los Angeles and the Board of Supervisor of

L.A. County both presented resolutions recognizing his services. Yet the National or District did nothing, only a telegram from Mas Satow expressing his appreciation of Jeff's services and regrets that he could not be there at the dinner was read. Yes, I read some of the letters sent to Betty Yumori and Mitsu Sonoda sent by some of you saying you couldn't come and also enclosing a donation, but none were official JACL. After all Jeff was the number two or three man in JACL and probably did more for the community and improving the image of JACL than most of you put together, even though he didn't broadcast it. So I think the leaders ought to eat a little humble pie once in a while too if they expect the losers to heal the wounds.

(The PSWDC at its last quarterly session Sept. 10 voted for a resolution recognizing Jeffrey Matsui's five years with JACL.)

Of all the speeches at the convention, I think Mayor Norman Mineta had a real message for all of us although I think many people didn't get the message soon enough.

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Okada—

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ceed, for the convenience of the United States government, to Salt Lake City, Utah, effective.

So, leaving his wife and young daughter in a government "assembly center" at the Pacific Northwest Live-stock Exhibition grounds, Mr. Okada found himself in the Utah capital where he'd been ordered to live.

At first he lived with friends, then found a small apartment. "I paid six months' rent in advance," he recalled. "But I hadn't been in the place more than 10 minutes, by golly, when the place was surrounded by neighbors demanding that I get out."

He tried to buy a place of his own. "But the only property anyone would sell me was on the westside, behind the old Union Pacific depot." Eventually, he found a place in Murray.

Other Japanese Americans were ordered to a relocation camp called "Topaz," near Delta in Millard County. Virtually prisoners of their government, they watched... and waited.

As that first year dragged on, "It suddenly dawned on me that some people in the camps were coming out. First, students were released to attend college. The University of Utah, in fact, was the first university to accept Japanese-Americans from the camps. Then came the sugar beet workers, who worked in Utah and Idaho fields."

Although badly shaken, the small nucleus of the Japanese-American Citizens League remained intact. Organized in 1920s, JACL's first aim was to involve Americans

of Japanese ancestry at the ballot box—through registration and voting drives. But with a majority of its members behind barricades—their lives and dreams seemingly twisted beyond repair—JACL faced a much larger challenge.

"Some Japanese Americans living in Utah and Idaho still had some money," Mr. Okada explained, "so we pooled our small resources, and in September of 1943 organized the JACL Credit Union." Mr. Okada, national JACL treasurer since 1938, became its manager.

Filing Cabinets

He walked to a row of filing cabinets in the credit union's compact, modern office and removed an old ledger book with a worn red cover. "Here it is — Oct. 31, 1943. We started out with \$1,355.50 in assets, and made the first loan the same day. It was for \$100."

When the war ended, the JACL headquarters didn't return to San Francisco, but remained in Salt Lake City with offices on the fourth floor of the old Beason Building at 25 E. 2nd South. But because the league's membership still was on the West Coast, it moved its national offices back to San Francisco in 1953. But the credit union—chartered by the State of Utah—remained here.

Today, that original deposit of \$1,355.50 has grown to \$1,654,551.80 in assets. Total membership is 1,586, of whom 717 are borrowers. On July 1, it declared its sixth consecutive 5.5 percent dividend.

While other JACL chapters — San Francisco San Diego Chicago and Minneapolis-St. Paul — have their own credit unions, the one in Salt Lake City remains the "na-

tional" office. Bulk of the loans are made through the mail, with little "walk-in" business, Mr. Okada said. And while most transactions are among JACL members in Utah and Idaho, the credit union's operation can still be described as nation-wide.

Looking back to the war years, Mr. Okada said the nightmarish evacuation and relocation "eventually was good for me. I like to help people and see them being helped."

Pushing Logs

Without it, "I'd probably have gone back to the West Coast after the war — and still be pushing logs around," he laughed.

Today, he's a 32nd-degree Mason, a Shriner, member of the Governor's Advisory

Committee on Credit Unions and a similar panel on consumer credit, past president of the Utah Central Credit Union, and past president of the 11,000-member Salt Lake City Bowling Assn. Last year he won the "most-improved bowler" title in his Shrine league. And in 1965, the Salt Lake Kiwanis Club created a "credit union" classification so he could join.

He and his wife, Aiko, live at 4274 Park St. (540 East). Their daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Babbidge is a dance instructor in Torrance, Calif.

Nearly 30 years ago, Hito Okada couldn't find a place to stay. In the years since, he's found a good deal more: A rewarding job, a home and family... and acceptance by his fellow Americans.

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Congressional Score

Honolulu
From Sen. Hiram Fong's office: "Federal funds provided by Congress through the Administration on Aging and ACTION are assisting a variety of Hawaii programs specifically for the elderly. Hawaii residents over 65 number 45,000, or almost 60 percent of the total state population. It has grown nearly 2 1/2 times as fast as the national rate in the last 10 years—51.3 percent versus 21.1 percent. . . . The Retired Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP) is operating in Honolulu and Hilo. It assists older persons interested in volunteer service activities. . . . Eight community service projects in Hawaii are being funded under the Older Americans Act and administered through the Hawaii Commission on Aging."

Sen. Fong says he is preparing a bill to create an independent, bipartisan Social Security commission to review and recommend improvements in the system. The commission, he says, would seek the most efficient ways to channel help to those covered under Social Security, to check into scope coverage and adequacy of benefits, and to eliminate inequities.

From Rep. Spark Matsunaga's office: (1) Matsunaga has joined other members of the House in introducing legislation which protect veterans from a reduction in their VA pensions when the recently enacted 20 percent increase in social security benefits takes effect. (2) Matsunaga has called on Secretary of Labor James Hodgson to rescind his announced freeze on new hirings under the Emergency Employment Act of 1971. (3) Matsunaga opened his campaign for re-election Aug. 21 with headquarters at the old Ilima Drive-in on S. King St.

City Hall

Harry C. C. Chung, chief money raiser for Mayor Frank Fasi, has according to the Honolulu Advertiser, masterminded the building of an estimated \$800,000 Fasi campaign fund. Chung was one of those named and pictured by police in now-discontinued briefings on organized crime in Hawaii. . . . Richard Sharpless, the city managing director, said on Tuesday that he is asking Fasi to resign his post because McClung is trying to dump Sharpless's boss, Mayor Fasi. Sharpless said McClung "has maneuvered himself into an irreconcilable conflict of interest."

Political Scene

The Kauai division of the Hawaii Government Employees Assn. is backing six Democrats seeking office in the coming election. They are Rep. Patsy Mink, incumbent mayor Antonio Vidinha, and four county council office seekers—Eduardo Malapit, Raymond Souza, Louis Gonsalves and Shigetomi Kubota.

John Goemans, Patsy Mink's Democratic opponent in this year's primary race, is asking the federal government to rule on Congress. Mink's April trip to Paris, Goemans wants to know whether Mrs. Mink should be prosecuted for meeting with North Vietnamese negotiators at that time. Goemans is an attorney and former state legislator. He earlier called Mrs. Mink "a traitor."

Carla Coray, chairman of the Republican party in Hawaii, has issued a statement calling for Mayor Frank Fasi to set the record straight concerning Harry C. C. Chung, the mayor's campaign manager. Chung, according to the Honolulu Advertiser, had been named in police dept. briefings in 1970 on organized crime in the Islands. Mrs. Coray asked Fasi to reply on the Chung charges made in the newspaper.

Medical Notes

Dr. Ira Hirsch, head of the state's Division of Communicable Disease, says recent im-

migrants to Hawaii are largely responsible for the rise in certain diseases in Hawaii, including TB and leprosy. Hirsch reports that 70 percent of new TB cases last year were among immigrants to Hawaii and half of these cases occurred during the first year of residence. He said 85 percent of new leprosy cases were foreign or Samoan-born over the past 2 1/2 years. . . . Trustees of Kapiolani Maternity and Children's Hospitals have voted to create a comprehensive medical center for maternity and children's health care by sharing facilities and services at a single location. Both institutions will remain independent and autonomous, each with its own board of trustees, while sharing common services at Kapiolani's Makiki site.

Honolulu Scene
The city will begin express bus service between Hawaii Kai and downtown Honolulu early in 1973, the City Traffic Dept. has announced. Roy Parker, deputy traffic director, said the service would begin as soon as the state completes improvements to Kalaanooe Highway.

Names in the News
Three Kauai men have been included in the 1972 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America." They are Jerome Hew, Dennis Yamada and Rudy Sina. . . . Dr. Tai Terence Barrow, an anthropologist specializing in Polynesia, is suing Bishop Museum officials and trustees for a total of \$2,550,000 in damages and court costs. Barrow's suit charges that he was the victim of "severe harassment" by Dr. Roland Force, museum director, before Barrow submitted his resignation in Mar. 1969. . . . You have, or course, heard of burglars swiping everything but the kitchen sink. Right? And on Aug. 30 you guessed it; they took the sink. Sadao Aoki, vice principal of Kapiolani School, Hilo, told police a \$300 stainless steel sink was stolen from the school.

Connie Haines, who sold millions of records in the big band era with hits like "What Is This Thing Called Love," says she's decided to make Hawaii her home. She says she has been given several offers to work here and is studying these before deciding. Her son, who's here with her, is a student at McKinley High School.

Nils Ueki, budget planning and management chief with the State Dept. of Budget and Finance until Aug. 31, began his new job as associate dean of the Univ. of Hawaii's summer session on Sept. 1.

Katherine Horio, 1970 Cherry Blossom Queen, became the wife of James Bassett Aug. 26 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Kaneohe. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Shigeru Horio, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Velma Ewaliko of Kaneohe. The new Mrs. Bassett is a U. of Hawaii student, and Bassett is the Pacific sales agency manager at the Ala Moana Hotel.

Crime File
There were 24,530 crimes in Hawaii in 1971. The number increased about 8 percent over the 1970 figure, the recent FBI report shows. Hawaii ranked seventh in the nation, with a rate of 3,570 crimes committed per 100,000 inhabitants. The 1971 crime rate increased here about 5 percent over the 1970 figure.

Sports Scene
Golden Richards, the wide receiver from Brigham Young Univ. who was the national punt return champion last season, has enrolled at the Univ. of Hawaii. Last year he ran back 33 punts for 624 yards, an 18.9 average, and four touchdowns, a new NCAA single-season record. . . . Kauai County's new Kaula Stadium will be dedicated at opening ceremonies Sept. 22 when Kanaa High meets Waimea in a football game. Recently constructed at a cost of \$2 million are the modern football field, circled by a quarter mile track, concrete bleachers on two sides with fiberglass seats for 5,000 and a paved parking area for 700 cars.

Head Univ. of Hawaii football coach Dave Holmes and his staff welcomed a record 132 athletes to the opening of fall football drills Aug. 28 at the UH campus. The turnout included 84 varsity hopefuls

and 48 freshmen. Overall, we're in excellent shape," said Holmes. "Most of the boys fighting weight problems reported in pretty good condition so we don't have to worry about that."

Business Ticker
Donald Rietow, pres. of Lanai Co., the Castle & Cooke subsidiary that manages the privately-owned pineapple island, recently told the Maui Planning Commission that Lanai may expect only an other 10 or 15 years of pineapple cultivation. He predicted that the island's economic base may change from that of pineapple to tourism.

Univ. of Hawaii
Five potential locations have been suggested for the Univ. of Hawaii's second four-year campus on Oahu. They are Makakilo, Honouliuli, Waipahu, Wahiawa and Milliani. Manoa and Hilo College are the UH's present four-year campuses. Seven community colleges offer only 2-year instruction.

Washington
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Attending the meeting with Ushiba were: Professor Edwin Reischauer, former U.S. ambassador to Japan; Mr. George Bundy, president, Ford Foundation; Haydn Williams, president, Asia Foundation; James A. Linsen, chairman of the executive committee of Time, Inc.; Professor John Hall of Yale University; Professor E. Ward of the University of Michigan and president of the American Political Science Assn.; and Isaac Shapiro, president, Japan Society of New York.

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Attending the meeting with Ushiba were: Professor Edwin Reischauer, former U.S. ambassador to Japan; Mr. George Bundy, president, Ford Foundation; Haydn Williams, president, Asia Foundation; James A. Linsen, chairman of the executive committee of Time, Inc.; Professor John Hall of Yale University; Professor E. Ward of the University of Michigan and president of the American Political Science Assn.; and Isaac Shapiro, president, Japan Society of New York.

BOOK REVIEW: Allan Beekman

Tales from the Classics

LEGENDS OF JAPAN, retold by Hiroshi Naito, with illustrations by Masahiko Nishino, Charles E. Tuttle Co., 111 pp., \$4.75.

The literary legacy of the Heian period (794-1185) includes the *Konjaku Monogatari* (Tales, Ancient and Modern). The collection of about 1,000 tales in 31 volumes has three divisions: stories about India, China, and Japan. Each story is introduced by the phrase, Long, long ago (*Ima wa mukashi*).

Much of the collection is made up of Buddhist tales. But there are also secular stories and these give a good picture of the life of the common people.

In addition to the common people, the characters in the stories may be Shinto deities, goblins, noblemen, or even Buddha himself. But the stories were compiled when Japan was in disorder the government in decline, its authority weakened, and brigandage rampant.

Popular Source
The perfectionist short-story writer, Ryunosuke Akutagawa, who drew many of his plots from the *Konjaku*, depicts the desolation of the once proud city of Kyoto in his "Rashomon" (Red Gate). The authorship of the *Konjaku* is unknown, but the editor suggests it might have been written by Takakuni Minamoto (1004-77)—or at least that it might have been drawn from one of his works. In any case, of the 22 legends represented in the present volume, 20 have been selected from the *Konjaku*.

The other two stories are drawn from among the 234 tales in the *Tsurezure Gusa* (Gleanings from Leisure Hours).

Written in the Kamakura period (1192-1333), the *Tsurezure Gusa* came from the brush of Kenko Yoshida (1283-1350), a man of distinguished lineage who had served the Mikado Go Uda no In. After the death of the Mikado in 1324, Kenko retired from public life and became a monk. To his habit, as monk, of willing away tedious thoughts through jotting down whatever thoughts stole into his mind, we owe this classic.

Thoughts of a Monk
As monk, he became known as Kenko Hoshi—or Boshi—Hoshi being an honorific analogous to Reverend, and by this name he is often called. Though sincere, his religious convictions were shallow; his writing reflects the personality of a shrewd cynic.

W. G. Aston, who wrote well himself, says of Kenko, "His essays read like the conversation of a polished man of the world, and have that appearance of simplicity and ease of expression which is in reality the result of consummate art."

The first selection from the *Tsurezure Gusa* is "The Iron Hat," an anecdote about a priest, at a banquet, playfully putting an iron pot over his head and performing a dance. He succeeded in appearing the guests, but when he finished his dance he was unable to remove the pot.

The second selection, "The Lost Dinner" is an anecdote about priests trying to impress a page with a demonstration of occult power. Secretly they prepare and hide a picnic dinner, then pretend

to be able to locate a dinner through prayer. To their chagrin, the plan goes awry. The first of the stories drawn from the *Konjaku* is "The Fishermen's Battle," in which seven fishermen find their boat magically drawn to a strange island. There a prodigious deity enlists their aid against his enemy.

The Final Story
In addition to the stories of magic and wonder, there are stories of love, of an official with a morbid fear of cats, and the final story, "Reunion With Death."

In this final story, a masterless samurai, living in want with his beloved wife, deserts her to marry a woman of wealth. He moves to a distant province, and there spends years of luxury with his new wife. But he is unable to forget the first wife. Eventually he returns to the capital to seek the wife he had loved and abandoned. He makes his way to his former home, and there he meets with an eerie experience.

Since 1953, folklorist Naito has been writing about Japanese folklore, history, and literature for the *Mainichi Daily News*. The selections in this book have been taken from a series printed in that newspaper.

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LTRA bids for hotel

LOS ANGELES — The Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project took another step forward in its program to rebuild the historic area as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) has mailed invitations for proposals for the development of the proposed 400-room hotel, it was announced by Kango Kunitzugu, Little Tokyo CRA project manager.

Projected as a 15 to 20-story highrise structure, the hotel will be located within the triangular block bounded by Los Angeles, First, Weller and Second Streets. The hotel structure is planned to be built along the Los Angeles and First Streets side of the triangular block.

According to Kunitzugu, invitations for proposals have been mailed to all property owners in the block proposed for the hotel site in addition to all others who have expressed an interest in developing the proposed hotel. The hotel development information brochure is also available to all parties interested in developing the hotel, Kunitzugu stated.

Responses Due

Proposals for interest in developing the hotel must be submitted to the CRA by Nov. 15, 1972, and the developer is expected to be selected by the CRA by Dec. 15, 1972.

"All proposals will be considered in accordance with owner-participation rules for the Little Tokyo Project as prepared and approved by the Little Tokyo Community Development Advisory Committee (LTCADAC) in October, 1969. These rules establish specific priorities for local participation and therefore, primary consideration will be given to existing owners of property within the proposed hotel site," said Kunitzugu.

The CRA will select one

hotel developer whom it feels possesses the necessary qualifications, financial resources and ability to develop and operate a major hotel and commercial complex to reflect the culture of the Japanese people "in a manner consistent with the aesthetic and economic objectives for Little Tokyo."

1975 Completion Date

After the CRA selects the developer, design studies and final construction plans are expected to take about a year to complete. Construction is projected to take about two years and therefore, the hotel is scheduled to be completed by late 1975.

"Although it will be about three years before the hotel can be completed, its development will provide Little Tokyo with a major economic boost," stated Kunitzugu. The construction of the 400-room hotel along with the First Action commercial center, the Little Tokyo Towers senior citizen housing project and the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, all proposed for development within the next few years, should ensure that Little To-

Asian Studies

Cal State University-Northridge is offering Asian Religions through its extension program, meeting Wednesdays, 7-9:45 p.m., from Sept. 27 at Fairfax High School, Los Angeles. Dr. Mokusen Miyuki, professor of Buddhist Studies, is instructor. A naturalized U.S. citizen from Osaka, he served for 10 years as minister at Higashi Hongwanji and has taught at a number of Southland colleges.

The 1972-73 schedule of the Buddhist Educational Center, 4645 N. Racine Ave., Chicago (334-1617) commences Oct. 2. Registration at \$20 per course will be taken a half-hour before classes start. Subjects include:

Buddhism, Buddhist history, Buddhist art, Sanskrit, Japanese conversation, Japanese literature, Japanese history, Ikebana, Chanoyu, Sumi-e and Calligraphy.

Contra Costa College, San Pablo, Calif., has expanded its Asian Studies to include Asian Humanities, a study of Far Eastern arts and philosophy with Ray Waite, instructor. He also teaches the history of Asian Americans. Both classes are held in the early afternoons on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Monday nights Glenn Onizuka teaches Psychology of Asian Americans.

Fresno Buddhist Church's fall cultural studies series begins with Sept. 23 registration at 1:15 p.m. and classes resuming Sept. 30 in the afternoon in Ikebana, brush writing, conversational Japanese, tea and table etiquette, doll-making and ribbon flower arrangement. Fee and registration details may be secured by calling the church office, 237-1754.

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San Diego

The House of Japan on Sept. 17 presented its annual lawn program on the House of Pacific Relations stage in Balboa Park. Japanese folk dances and music were featured. Demonstrations were also held in the old art of 'kendo' by the Yamanishi Kendo class, and Japanese doll-making.

San Jose

Fun, games, music, dancing and prizes highlight the San Jose Young Japanese Adults who host their third annual Casino Night Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m., at Bold Knight, Sunnyvale.

Oakland

A retreat for high school students is being planned by the Richmond Alliance of Asian Americans for the weekend of Oct. 27 at White Sulphur Springs in St. Helena. Hester Yee (232-7294) has further information. The alliance also conducts monthly meetings with speakers on current subjects. Recently elected as officers were:

ADULT—Glenn Onizuka, pres.; Hester Yee, v.p.; Lee Shimada, treas.; Ananda Lee, sec.; Zelda Kamill, pub. STUDENT—Susan Shinagawa, pres.; David Lee, v.p.; Terry Lee, treas.; Olinda Lee, sec.; Robin Yip, pub.

kyo will remain a viable place for the Japanese community of Southern California," he continued.

The development of the triangular block is proposed to include not only the hotel, but also a major commercial center and possibly an office-apartment complex. The hotel is scheduled to be constructed first and the remainder of the block will be developed at a later date. According to Kunitzugu, the CRA has already acquired three properties and is scheduled to acquire eight more during the next six months.

Included in the final development plans for the hotel site is the eventual conversion of Weller St. to a public pedestrian mall.

Any questions concerning the developer selection procedure or other matters concerning the CRA's invitation for proposals should be directed to Virgil McDowell, director of real estate (688-7520) or Kunitzugu (624-0837).

First Action Area scheme for landscaping OK'd

LOS ANGELES — Schematic plans for redevelopment of Little Tokyo's old Moline Alley into a commercial mall are now complete, according to the Beverly Hills firm of Fong, Jung, Nakaba Associates, master landscape and urban design consultants for the renewal project.

The initial planning contract was awarded to the team in March, 1972, by the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles. Preliminary construction cost for this phase of operations is estimated at \$400,000.

The First Action Area, which encompasses the old Moline Alley, borders on First and Second Streets, as well as Central Avenue. Size of the proposed commercial center, to be developed by a corporation formed by local property owners, is 120,000 square feet in area.

The new commercial mall will be the first project to be initiated in the Little Tokyo project. Redevelopment is expected to take 10 years within a six block area.

Elections

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Government

Second Japanese American police officer, David K. Suyehiro, 21, son of the John Suyehiro, was sworn Sept. 11 in San Francisco. Other Nikkei police officer, Allan Sonoda, who hails from Honolulu, has been on the force for about 10 years. The new recruit is a graduate of San Francisco City College and has been a police cadet for 2½ years. He has been working at the police photo lab.

Health

Dr. Hayato Kihara of Pacific State Hospital, Pomona, Calif., has been awarded a \$53,130 grant by the National Institute of Child Health to develop a cure for metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD), mental retardation caused by genetic enzyme deficiency. Dr. Kihara and others are investigating the possibility of replacing the enzymes which

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Entertainment

Three male dancers and a gymnast scheduled to appear in the Miss America pageant aired Sept. 9 were arrested by Atlantic City (N.J.) police two days prior and dropped from the show. Officers smelled marijuana smoke coming from under the door to the motel room where the four were staying. Each was released on \$2,500 bail pending a hearing set for Nov. 21.

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Radio-TV

Previously dancing regularly on the Red Skelton TV show, onetime Nisei Week queen Helen Funai is one of the Ding-a-Ling Sisters with the Dean Martin Show on NBC-TV Thursday nights. The much-heralded CBS "Anna and the King" premiered Sunday night (Sept. 17) starring Yul Brynner and Samantha Eggar in the title roles. Brian Tochi, introduced to the Los Angeles community riding a Nisei Week episode (Sept. 24) in a key float, portrays the crown lord. Harry Endo and Kam prince, while Keye Luke plays Fong are regulars in the fifth prime minister, Miiko season of "Hawaii Five-O" on Taka appears in the second CBS-TV Tuesday nights.

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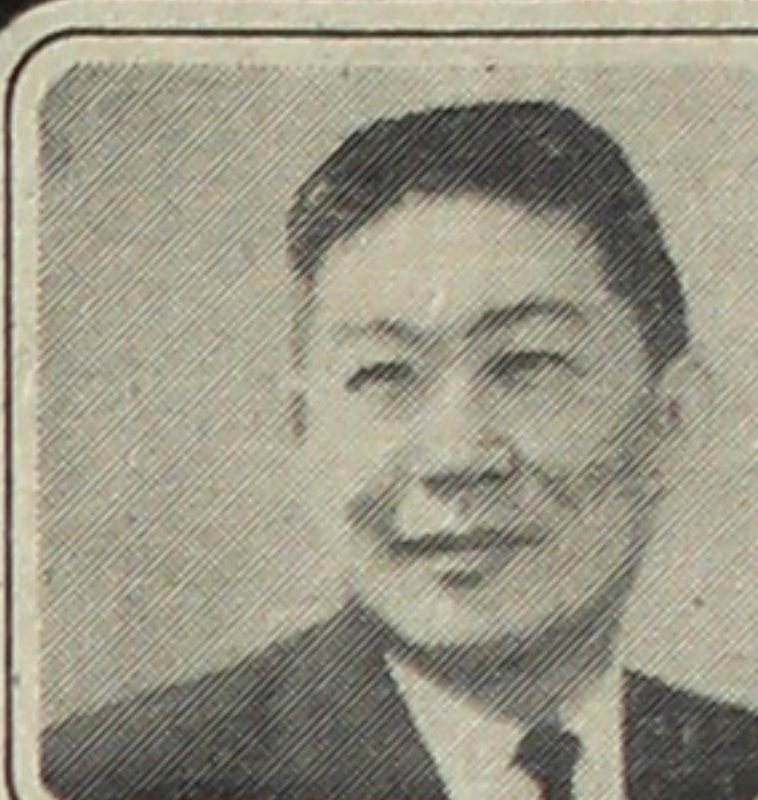
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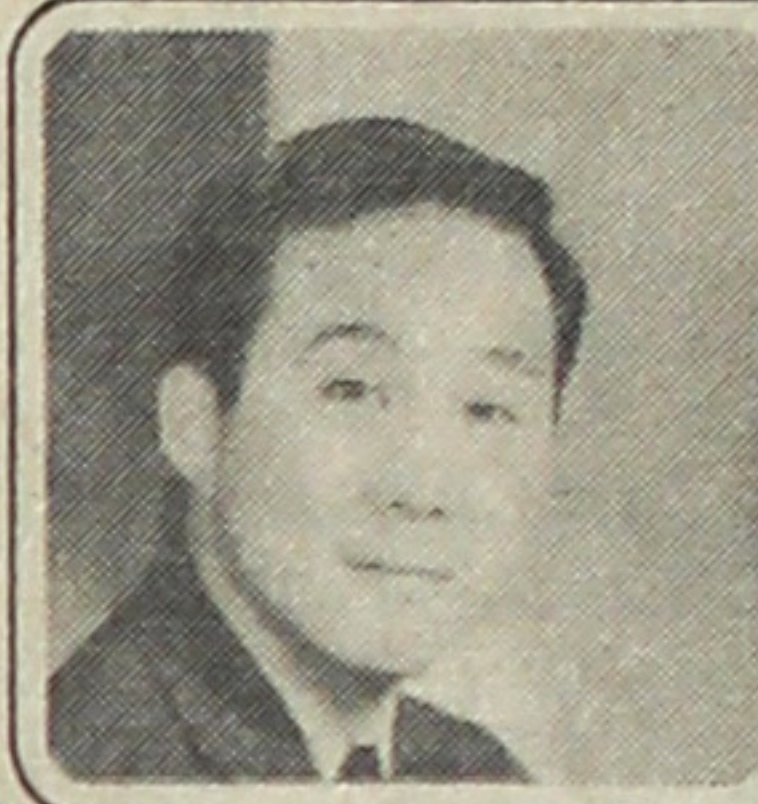
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Finance Charge	270.00	359.88	450.12
Total of Payments	2,520.00	3,359.88	4,200.12
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Approx.*	\$ 70.00	\$ 93.33	\$ 116.67

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