

## Congrats, Cleveland

Cleveland ACTION was the theme of the joint EDC-MDC Biennial Conference held at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio on Aug. 22-24 hosted by the Cleveland Chapter and under the chairmanship of Past National President Henry Tanaka of Cleveland. Over 150 delegates at the conference gave real meaning to that theme as they focused more on what can be done and how to get things done rather than on what ought to be or what someone else should be doing.

In the workshops, the discussions and resulting recommendations were addressed to how chapters and individual JACLers can more effectively participate in the political decision making process at the local level; work towards increasing the awareness of school children to Japanese Americans and the concept of multi-culturalism; deal effectively with the mass media to assure relevant, fair, honest and non-racist depiction and representation of Asian Americans in the media; and deliver social services, directly and indirectly, to members of the respective communities.

At one point in a plenary session discussion of the problems and issues relating to the resettlement of Indo China refugees, Cleveland Chapter President Toru Ishiyama injected the question "What can we do?" in such a way that the participants could not help but address their thoughts to what we as JACL and as individual JACLers can do to help our Southeast Asian friends to find their place and role in American society. After a full and frank airing of the problems and difficulties faced by JACL and JACLers in their efforts to provide meaningful assistance to the refugees, an ad hoc committee was formed to identify ways in which National JACL and

the chapters can best provide that assistance. The resolution prepared by the committee and adopted unanimously by the delegates clearly recognizes the limitations on the ability of the National JACL to provide direct services to any group and the need for such support and assistance to emanate at the local chapter level. The resolution with its recommendations is consistent with the position adopted recently by the National Executive Committee and calls for National JACL to play an advocacy role in support of the refugees and for the chapters to play both an advocacy and a directly supportive role at the local level. The support's actions suggested include: the collection and distribution of clothing and household goods and appliances usable by locally resettled refugee families; providing referral and direct assistance on jobs, housing, and schooling; cultural acclimation; coordination with other service organizations; keeping abreast of local and state legislative and administrative actions with potential benefit or adverse impact on the refugees; and seeking out individual sponsors who can and will properly fulfill the full extent of sponsorship responsibilities (with or without chapter support).

The limitations of space do not allow presenting the full flavor of the action orientation of the conference. I can only comment that being able to observe and participate in the conference was a most refreshing experience. Heartfelt congratulations to Conference Chairman Tanaka, host chapter president Ishiyama, the members of the conference committee (the Cleveland Chapter Board), the workshop leaders, and the members of the host chapter for the fine work and support in behalf of the two district



California Tri-District JACL Conference, which opens Sept. 12 at Anaheim's Grand Hotel, has scheduled former White House counsel John Dean III as its principal Saturday banquet speaker on the topic, "Reparations." Meeting with him are (from left) conference co-chairman Henry Sakai; Gail Nishioka, national JACL youth director; and Mitsuo Sonoda, TDC meeting hostess.

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## From JACL Nat'l Headquarters Communication

### More Japan flight seats available

San Francisco Shift of Sacramento JACL passengers from JACL Charter Flight No. 4 (Oct. 6-27 from San Francisco) to their own group (Oct. 7-28, also from San Francisco) has made a limited number of seats

available on Flight 4, according to Steve Doi, travel committee chairman. While those on waiting lists will be confirmed in writing, others interested to should call JACL Headquarters immediately (921-5225).

### Whaling Committee gets IWC report

Whaling Issue committee chairman Dr. Clifford Uyeda, in his Aug. 15 report, summarized the International Whaling Commission annual meeting held in London June 23-27.

1—All oceans are under IWC quota system for the first time. Previously the North Atlantic and land-based whaling stations in Brazil and South Africa were free from IWC regulations. 2—The 1974-75 season quota was 37,000. Actual kill was over 41,000 when kill figures from formerly omitted areas are included. 3—The 1975-76 season quota is 32,578—about 8,500 less than last season. Quotas, however, are only for IWC members. 4—New rule adopted auto-

matically cuts off hunting any species whose stock falls 10 pct. below Maximum Sustainable Yield, defined as a point at which a balance is struck between rate of reproduction and rate of kill. Problems are (a) whale population statistics are little more than guesses; (b) raw data comes from whalers; (c) possible erroneous assumptions concerning population dynamics. 5—Ten-year moratorium to gather data and allow population to recover was tabled in favor of the Australian selective moratorium. U.S. knew this was acceptable to all members. Concern of conservationists is that MSY may be merely a fancy name for killing maximum whales possible without arousing public protests.

### PCYA applications sought

National JACL youth director Gail Nishioka should know by Sept. 15 whether a local chapter will sponsor a student for the 1976 program of Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, which begins in the Nation's Capital in January instead of February as in the past.

JACL regional directors and chapter presidents were sent detailed information sheets outlining registration procedures through National Headquarters, thus eliminat-

ing some paperwork confusion of previous seasons. Cost of the PCYA program remains the same, \$245, for a week in Washington, D.C. that includes housing, meals, transfers on arrival and departure, transportation around the city, instructional staff, materials, health and accident insurance. Chapters were urged to offer full or partial scholarships. Designation of candidate is expected to be completed by Dec. 1 or earlier.

Further information on any of the current JACL programs may be secured by writing or calling National Headquarters, 1745 Sutter St., San Francisco 94115, (415) 921-5225; or the local JACL chapter.



## Sacramento sets '76 Nat'l JACL convention dates

Mark your calendar for June 20-26, 1976—dates for the 24th biennial National JACL Convention being hosted by the Sacramento chapter at the Sacramento Inn and the fabulous Convention Center in California's capital city.

Outstanding events are being programmed by the energetic Sacramento JACL Convention Board for delegates, their family and guests. Details will be forthcoming.

For openers, a fun-filled day is planned for Monday, June 21, for golfers and hikers, for tennis buffs and Reno jackpot seekers.

Convention gets underway officially on Tuesday with the first of many National Council sessions. And the best place to get reacquainted with old friends and meet new friends, of course, will be the Delegates Mixer and Monte Carlo Night scheduled Tuesday evening.

### '76 JACL bowling meet planned for San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—The 1976 National JACL Bowling Tournament has been tentatively scheduled here at the Nihonmachi Bowl, now under construction, during the annual Aki Matsuri Festival in September, according to Stan Kiyokawa, JACL staff liaison to the bowling tournament.

## JACL—NATIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM Some flights in '76 confirmed

SAN FRANCISCO—Confirmation was received from Japan Air Lines this past week (Aug. 27) by the National JACL Travel Committee on six of its 11 charter flights requested for 1976. All dates are subject to change, committee chairman Steve Doi said.

Space for 100 passengers on a Group Affinity basis (GA/100) has been allocated and confirmed by Japan Air Lines for the following National JACL charter flights to Japan next year.

Fit 1—Mar. 29-Apr. 17 from Los Angeles. Fit 2—Apr. 5-26 from San Francisco. Fit 6—Aug. 7-Sept. 4 from San Francisco. Fit 8—Oct. 2-23 from Los Angeles. Fit 9—Oct. 2-23 from San Francisco. Fit 11—Nov. 1-22 from Portland-San Francisco. Japan Air Lines was not certain as to the immediate availability of charter aircraft. It may be that these GA/100 spaces may be changed to a charter aircraft. Then the dates may be slightly altered. Doi advised.

Following charter flights are still on request and pending.

Fit 3—June 29-July 20 from Chicago. Fit 4—July 10-Aug. 1 from Cincinnati. Fit 5—July 24-Aug. 14 from Los Angeles. Fit 7—Sept. 27-Oct. 20 from San Francisco (San Jose). Fit 10—Oct. 4-27 from Chicago.

Meantime, the JACL Travel Committee guidelines for the 1976 program are being prepared for chapter travel committees and travel agents.

### New CAB rules won't hit JACL travel program

SAN FRANCISCO—The new Civil Aeronautics Board regulations will not have immediate effect on the National JACL Travel Program, announced Steve Doi, Chairperson of the National Travel Committee.

Recently, the CAB announced plans to authorize "one-stop inclusive tour charters" and "special event charters" to become effective Sept. 13. Under these new programs, charter passengers would no longer be required to be members of a club, church, or an affinity group such as the JACL.

In the case of the "one stop inclusive tour charter", passengers would pay for a package of air fare, hotel accommodations and tour arrangements. Travellers to Japan would be required to spend a minimum of \$15 per day per adult on ground arrangements, and stay at their destination at least seven days and six nights.

According to an airlines representative, this particular new program would have little effect on JACL's regular charters, as the majority of JACL travellers are mainly interested in the low cost flight to Japan.

"This new program requires the group to tour Japan in a single group, and would allow very limited free time," Doi explained. Passengers would be required to pay for hotel accommodations and ground arrangements. The program will be ideal for certain organized and cohesive groups that want a planned itinerary, said Doi, and added that the JACL may also set up such groups if the demand for such a program warrants it.

The CAB ruling is being challenged by Trans World Airlines, which petitioned the federal appeals courts in New York to block the CAB order and to review it. Until a conclusion is reached, however, the new CAB rules will be in effect until March 31, 1980, when the authorization will be terminated or renewed.

"The future of this new program is not certain," said Doi. "We are going to keep abreast of the latest developments to give our JACL members the best possible service and savings on overseas travel."

"One-stop inclusive" charters will also cover trips within the United States, Canada or Mexico, which would have to be at least four days long. As for "special event" charters, it would include air travel, ground transportation, a ticket to the event and hotel room if overnight stay were needed. This has been designed for sport fans, conference delegates and others visiting a city for a short stay.

Both scheduled airlines and supplemental carriers said the

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## Rice bill seeks lower prices

By LESLIE HIRAOKA  
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After a bitter battle to bring it to the floor of the House, the Rice Act of 1974 died on an evening in late December during the final days of the last Congress, while food-aid proponents of the bill were attending a Christmas party at the White House.

Congressional opponents from the rice-growing states of Texas, Louisiana, and California charged that the new legislation would cripple the livelihood of rice farmers with a torrent of new production; proponents sought open production as a means of reducing consumer prices and as a way of offering hope to millions throughout the world afflicted by drought and starvation. The lines were drawn, and the conflict has spilled over into the new Congress.

In January, no less than four bills were introduced on rice production. Hearings were held on April 30 before the House Subcommittee on Rice and Oilseeds.

Proponents of open produc-

tion once again coalesced around the youthful fourth-term congressman from Arkansas, Bill Alexander. Opponents sought Breaux of Louisiana and Sisk of California.

JACL found itself with other ethnic consumers in favor of higher production and lower prices. This is by no means a unanimous decision because of the large number of Japanese American rice growers in California.

The other consumer groups, however, are not as divided. They include the League of United Latin American Citizens, National Congress of Hispanic American Citizens, National Black Consumers, Harlem Consumer Education Council, Organization of Chinese Americans, and Chinese American Restaurant Association of Greater New York.

The consumers have once again allied themselves with the commercial users—food processors: Connell Rice & Sugar, General Foods, General Mills, Gerber Products, Kellogg, Ralston-Purina, Riviana Foods, Stouffer Foods; and brewers: Anheuser-Busch and Adolph Coors who use

rice in beer fermentation. Aligned with these are two food aid groups, World Hunger Year and Action Committee on Hunger.

### Current law

In light of considerable support for open production, it is a bathetic testament to the power of the Congressional bureaucracy and rice farm bloc, that the rice act is having another tough fight getting to the House and Senate floors. The old farmers are content with existing legislation governing rice; namely, the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, which was geared to solve the problems facing rice production during the Depression.

The existing acreage allotments and price supports have kept production down and to the dismay of consumers, have produced an inflationary spiral in rice prices unmatched by other commodities. The problem is particularly vexing because the U.S. is the world's leading exporter of rice, sending abroad 60% of its crop.

One would expect that a country so self-sufficient in a commodity could at least maintain reasonable prices at home. The expectation, however, is buried in an avalanche of export subsidies, marketing quotas, import quotas, parity prices, acreage allotments, and inflationary loan rates—none of which benefits the American consumer.

The forces of reform stand at both ends of the spectrum, from consumers to new rice farmers.

Because marketing quotas were suspended during the last two growing seasons, farmers (particularly in Arkansas and Mississippi) began rice on land ideally suited for the crop. If acreage limitations are re-imposed, these new farmers will lose all of their two-year investments. They are currently pleading only for the freedom to grow rice and are willing to forsake any government support (in terms of support prices which are guaranteed to the old farmers in the bill). It was conditions such as these which led the Secretary of Agriculture to refer to the old rice farmers as "vicious little monopolies."

Millers and food processors are also worried about the imposition of acreage limitations. These industrial concerns are planning capital investments to handle the increased production which will fail to materialize if the rice bill is not enacted.

## Togin acquisition plan approved by State, FDIC

SAN FRANCISCO—The California State Banking Department and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation last week (Aug. 28) approved an application by the Bank of Tokyo of California to acquire the assets and assume the liabilities of Southern California First National Bank, San Diego.

The Bank of Tokyo of California is also acquiring Southern California First National Corporation, the parent company. The announcement was made jointly by Masao Tsuyama, president of the San Francisco-based Bank of Tokyo of California, and Richard T. Silberman, president of the San Diego firm.

Also approved by state officials was a proposal to change the post-acquisition name to California First Bank. Tsuyama said shareholders of both banks and the holding company have consented to the \$88-million transaction, which would create a new state-wide banking system with some 100 branches and assets of nearly \$2 billion. Officials of both California banks have indicated they expect the transaction to be consummated on or about Sept. 30.

## Charlie Chan films on TV protested

OLYMPIA, Wash.—The Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs protested the scheduling of Charlie Chan movies by Tacoma TV station KSTW (11), because it said it was demeaning to Asian Americans, particularly those of Chinese ancestry.

The commission pointed out dredging up the past, "complete with bad memories and embarrassment at the Asian figures we saw in the movies (made in the 1940s as were the bulk of Chan films)" was an entirely new generation of Americans cannot be condoned, presenting them with "a complete set of anachronistic stereotypes of Asians."

Particularly offensive, the commission said, was the Hollywood screen portrayal of "inscrutable" Asians as "sly, devious, cunning." And "to make Charlie Chan a model for Asian youth is revolting in thought, ridiculous in practice."

### Tajiri Awards fete

DENVER, Colo.—The 11th annual Larry Tajiri Memorial Awards dinner will be held Sept. 8 at the Denver Athletic Club. Program this year will feature a \$500 presentation to the winner of the first annual Tajiri script writing competition in addition to the annual Tajiri awards to persons promoting theater in the Rockies.

### JACL concerns

Rice eaters of JACL have also become more vocal. The rice act has been endorsed by both the Eastern and Mid-west District Councils, and its ad hoc committee has enlisted the aid of the Washington representative, Wayne Horuchi; two tigers from the active Chicago chapter, Ron Yoshino and Alvin Hayashi; and Ruby Schaar, Tami Ogata, and Haruko Muranaka from New York.

Let them and your Congressmen know if you're getting burnt by the high price of rice.

If the economic issues elicit no response, think of the humanitarian aspects of a million starving rice eaters, a lot of them in Asia. The need for rice grows by about 5 million tons per year. How will they be fed? Through open or restricted production of rice?

## Ministers filming Nikkei gravesites in Rockies as Buddhist Church report

DENVER, Colo.—The Rev. Unryu Sugiyama and Rev. Harold Oda of Tri-State Buddhist Church have a special mission to complete by next March—a film record of Nikkei gravesites in Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas—to be shown before Buddhist Churches of America officials convening here.

During the week ending July 6, they drove some 1,200 miles covering southern Colorado, New Mexico and the El Paso area. At some lonely cemeteries along the way, they simply offered prayers at the gravesites, shot their film and at other sites, they were welcomed and accompanied by local church members.

In Trinidad, they were guests of Bob Ogawa and Sam Uyemura. In Albuquerque, Sam Yonemoto hosted a service attended by more than a dozen people. At Las Cruces,

Hatsuki Tashiro was their host. At El Paso, a colonel from the Japanese Self-Defense Force accompanied them to the gravesite of the late Issei pioneer physician, Sadakazu Furugochi.

From El Paso, the Buddhist priests drove to Lovington, visiting with Robert Uyemura and other families. Back in Colorado again at La Jara, they were guests of Roy Inouye. In Arkansas Valley, they visited the cemetery at Swink and at the Amache WRA relocation center before returning to Denver.

Filming the gravesites at Heart Mountain, Omaha and Rio Grande Valley in Texas still remain. They will also return to Santa Fe because they were unable to locate the cemetery where several Issei interned during World War II are buried.

The film report will be a part of the Tri-State Buddhist Church report to the BCA conference.



As 1975 Nisei Week parade grand marshal, Jerry Enomoto rides in a convertible Cadillac for the first time in his life. Seated are his nephew and niece enjoying the spin around Little Tokyo where an estimated 15,000 viewed the Ondo parade.

—Toyo Miyatake Studio



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● Harry K. Honda

## Ye Editor's Desk

### JACL'S TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

Our Washington rep Wayne Horiuchi has been bird-dogging items concerning bills in Congress along the lines of giving tax relief to volunteers working without pay for nonprofit organizations. Congressman Wilbur Mills had one in the last session that allowed volunteers to declare the number of hours volunteered as an income tax deduction with the amount based upon the minimum national per-hour wage scale.

Wayne has now sent us a page from the Aug. 1 Congressional Record, H-8172, detailing Rep. Richard Ottinger's bill (HR 9256) that removes lobbying restrictions from the Internal Revenue Code relating to tax-deductible organizations.

Ottinger notes that business organizations are permitted to deduct lobbying expenses if it's for legislation that may affect their private interest. Conversely, nonprofit, charitable organizations cannot retain their tax-exempt status if a substantial part of their activities is influencing legislation. Furthermore, individuals cannot take a tax deduction gifts given to an organization that, in substantial part, attempts to influence legislation. JACL is policing its own activities to maintain tax-exempt status.

The congressman points out they hear most often from organizations with a vested or financial interest. He doesn't think tax laws should discourage nonprofit organizations from making their views known either in the interest of encouraging the widest possible promotion of information. Ottinger sees his bill as one providing "a greater and more balanced dissemination of information to Members of Congress."

How far this measure introduced by the freshman New York Democrat sails remains to be seen. But nonprofit organizations involved in the protection of the public interest should generate enough wind and power to keep the so-called Lobby Equalization Act of 1975 afloat.

The National Center for Voluntary Action, Washington, D.C., has noted two volunteer-related bills in this session: (a) HR 6460 by Rep. Stewart McKinney of Connecticut, which provides tax credit to individuals performing voluntary service through charitable organizations engaged in care of physically handicapped or the mentally ill; and (b) HR 5725 by Rep. James Burke of Massachusetts, which provides income tax deduction for services performed through any organization referred to in Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. National JACL is considered within this particular section—hence, gifts to JACL are tax-deductible.

It's nice to know NCVA is there to look after the interests of all volunteer organizations.

### A LUNCHEON WITHOUT RICE

The other day, we were luncheon guests of insurance-enthusiast George Omatsu at a Little Tokyo restaurant—among the five present, three of us abstained from eating rice that came with the meal. There was nothing wrong, I'm sure, with the rice—but we're on a no starch diet (have been since January and consequently shed some 20 pounds and holding).

We mention this now—since the loss of the mid-section bulge is so noticeable to our many acquaintances they wonder "what happened?" During the first four months, we ignored the candy in the PC office. It's like a post-Lenten treat each time we chomp one now in lieu of cheese that had been recommended with the diet. Cheese we still nibble.

Omatsu treated us to lunch, wanting to learn how we did it. We didn't go to a sushiya for sure.

## 25 Years Ago

In the PC, Sept. 2, 1950

Aug. 19—President Truman signs JACL-ADC backed legislation: Soldier Brides Bill.  
Aug. 23—Congress adopts \$1.3-million budget for Evacuation

Claims program in FY 1951; only \$250,000 set aside for administration. JACL-ADC says limited budget will drag out program for 15-20 years.  
Aug. 26—Right of Nisei to appear as witness in own citizenship case upheld by federal appellate court in San Francisco.  
Aug. 28—Sen. Lucas (R-Ill.) drops objections to reconsider joint conference report on Walter Resolution, asks President Truman to sign.

**Tentative Schedule**  
• Fri., Sept. 12  
7:00-8:00 p.m.—Registration, Grand Hotel, Anaheim  
8:00-11:30 p.m.—Welcome Mixer, Sky Room - Grand Hotel  
• Sat., Sept. 13  
8:00-9:00 a.m.—Registration  
9:00-9:15 a.m.—Greetings  
9:15-11:15 a.m.—1st Workshop  
11:30-1:30 p.m.—Lunch  
Representative speakers from UAW & Japanese Corporations on "U.S.-Japan Trade Relations"  
1:45-3:45 p.m.—2nd Workshop  
4:00-8:00 p.m.—3rd Workshop  
7:00-9:00 p.m.—Dinner, John Dean III, speaker, "Reparations"  
9:00-1:00 a.m.—Dance  
• Sun., Sept. 14  
9:00-12 Noon—Open Discussion  
★ ANAHEIM

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Because September is just around the corner, plan now to attend the convention and make a vacation a joint venture. In September, the convention site is located within walking distance of Disneyland while other Southern California attractions like Knott's Berry Farm, Wax Museum & Marineland are but a few minutes away. Bring your family, but plan now!

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Registration — \$ 3.00 Dinner-Dance — \$20.00  
Mixer — \$ 5.00 (Non memb. \$25.00)  
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**PACKAGE DEAL**—For package deal or single tickets, use form below. Early registration strongly urged.  
**HEAD COUNT**—Chapters and individuals requested to report head count of those attending the luncheon and/or dinner-dance as early as possible to So. Calif. JACL Office (213-626-4471) or Ben Shimizu (714-892-6278).

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● Don Hayashi

## Potshots

### HARD WORKING CHAPTERS

San Francisco found that over 40 Vietnamese families in the county alone are now on public assistance or welfare. Much of this phenomenon is a direct result of breakdown of sponsorship, the lack of clarity of the federal government to deal with long-range problems, and the inability of states to work with government regulations.

Recognizing that many of these families cannot identify basic resources and are not self-sufficient, Contra Costa is gathering clothing, food, money, furniture, and household items to assist. To overcome societal barriers, the chapter is seeking to assist the Vietnamese obtain drivers licenses and medical care, learn English, find employment and housing, and locate needed resources to meet their own personal and religious needs.

Tom and the Southeast Refugee committee composed of Dan Uesugi (chapter president), Kaz Ide, Jerry Irei, Elbert Yip and Glenn Onizuka are coordinating chapter efforts.

The Vietnamese have participated in the chapter picnic and soon the chapter will host a gathering for Refugee Sponsors and the Vietnamese families to discuss mutual problems, long term goals, and seek ways to enable the Vietnamese to help themselves.

The county social workers are grateful for the JACL efforts as many of the situations they find are not being covered under the current government assistance program. This sensitive understanding, cultural awareness, and personal interest can only serve to enable self-sufficiency at the earliest possible time.

Lastly, I recently met with the Sacramento Convention people as they plan for next year's National Convention at the Sacramento Inn, June 21-26. Alan Oshima, Jerry Miyamoto, Tom Okubo and numerous committee chairpersons are planning a full array of convention activities plus many tours and special events to attract golfers, tennis buffs, and wine tasters. For those interested in a chance, there's a trip to Reno in the offing.

Summer is often a time for vacation and more leisurely activity, but many JACL chapters have continued meeting and put on significant activities. During the past month, this author has had an opportunity to visit with chapters near San Francisco. It's impressive to see such a high level of participation, loyal dedication, and the energetic enthusiasm for JACL events. Chapters are the key element to an effective JACL, and if these three are representative of all 98, we've got a going and growing organization.

The Marin County Chapter, one of the newest, got off their activities with a little sparkle at their mid-August wine tasting and cheese party at the Marin County Buddhist Church, and over 50 persons attending the gala affair.

Jerry Enomoto, a past National President and now California State Director of Corrections, spoke to the group about JACL and his work with the prison system. With famous San Quentin "in their backyard" there were many questions for Jerry after his brief presentation. David Ushio and Bill Tsuji, the new chapter's president, gave a short pitch about JACL.

Much credit for the success of this inaugural event goes to Bill and his fellow officers such as the Noguchis, Marshalls, Shibata, Yamamotos and countless others for their many hours of phone calling and hard work.

Especially proud for the formation of the new chapter was NC-WNDC Gov. Wes Doi, who has met regularly with the Marin County people towards their formation. From this first event, it's probably accurate to expect great things coming from Marin.

Across the Bay the Contra Costa Chapter is dealing with the numerous perplexing problems facing the newly arrived Vietnamese refugees. The chapter became acutely aware of the complex problems when Tom Kawaguchi, an active member of the chapter, sponsored a Vietnamese family which he has known for over 18 years.

● Gail Nishioka

## Hikari

### LETTERS FROM TOKYO

Two letters have been received from Tokyo from two of the JACL-JAL Cultural Heritage Fellowship recipients. While these are addressed to me, the personal asides are open to the membership. The other two recipients' letters will follow in our next column.

From Joanne Fujita

Greetings from Nihon: Impressions of Japan? Weatherwise it is hot and humid. I understand that August is THE hottest month of the year but come September it should cool down. Gail, where do all the people come from? It is always crowded. The number of people boarding subways and trains or even shopping during the day is totally overwhelming. With combined efforts we have not had too difficult a time with the language. People on the street are usually willing to help us out but if they can't answer our question they in turn ask someone—group effort.

The first few days we just oriented ourselves with Tokyo's subway and train system. We've been in and out of Shinjuku, Akasakamitsuke, and the Ginza. We met a group of college age girls who are studying to become tour guides. They took us up to Ueno, a northern district of Tokyo. The Ueno Zoo was just super! We saw the two panda bears which adds to the specialness of the zoo along with the fact that it is the largest zoo in the country. A few days later we went back to Ueno to see their Bon Odori. Of course we joined in too! Such fun—it reminded us of the Bon Odori we missed in Seattle.

(Joanne has signed up for courses in Japanese theater and literature.) Sophia has planned many afternoon tours and excursions for us. This week we went to the Ichijo School of Ikebana. Another afternoon was spent touring Tokyo, which involved an exploration of the Imperial Palace, several landmarks and to Asakusa in which we visited the Kannon Temple. We also saw a Kabuki play at the Kabukiza. Although the dialogue was very difficult to understand, we focused more upon the stage props, costumes of the performers, their singing and dancing. The famous theater was just beautiful.

We are really enjoying ourselves! So many people are eager to speak English and so they practice on us, while we in turn practice our Japanese on them. We have made so many friends this way. I've got to do some reading for tomorrow so I will end here for now. Hope things are well with you—odaiji ni (shite) kudasa!

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P.S. It's just beautiful, Gail. No doubt that it will be a growing experience for me!

From Takashi Fujii

Hi from Tokyo! We arrived at S'phia on Sunday the 20th (July) and Mark and I have the 5th floor of the Jochi Kaikan Ryo (Sophia Dorms). The summer session students were given a room to ourselves, about 8-9 tatami size with futon, a sheet, and a blanket. We have an electric fan to help cool down the strong summer heat and humidity. Also, they just put in a new window that lets in the evening breeze.

On the first day, the student guides assigned to us called a meeting to introduce ourselves and explain to us the program. Though we didn't know it ahead of time, there were other JAL students from Hawaii and the S.E. Asian countries. We have met many already living in the same place and having the same classes. The girls' dorms are a little farther, 25 minute walk or a 10 minute (trip) by walking and the train. This hasn't stopped the four of us and a few others from getting together almost every day.

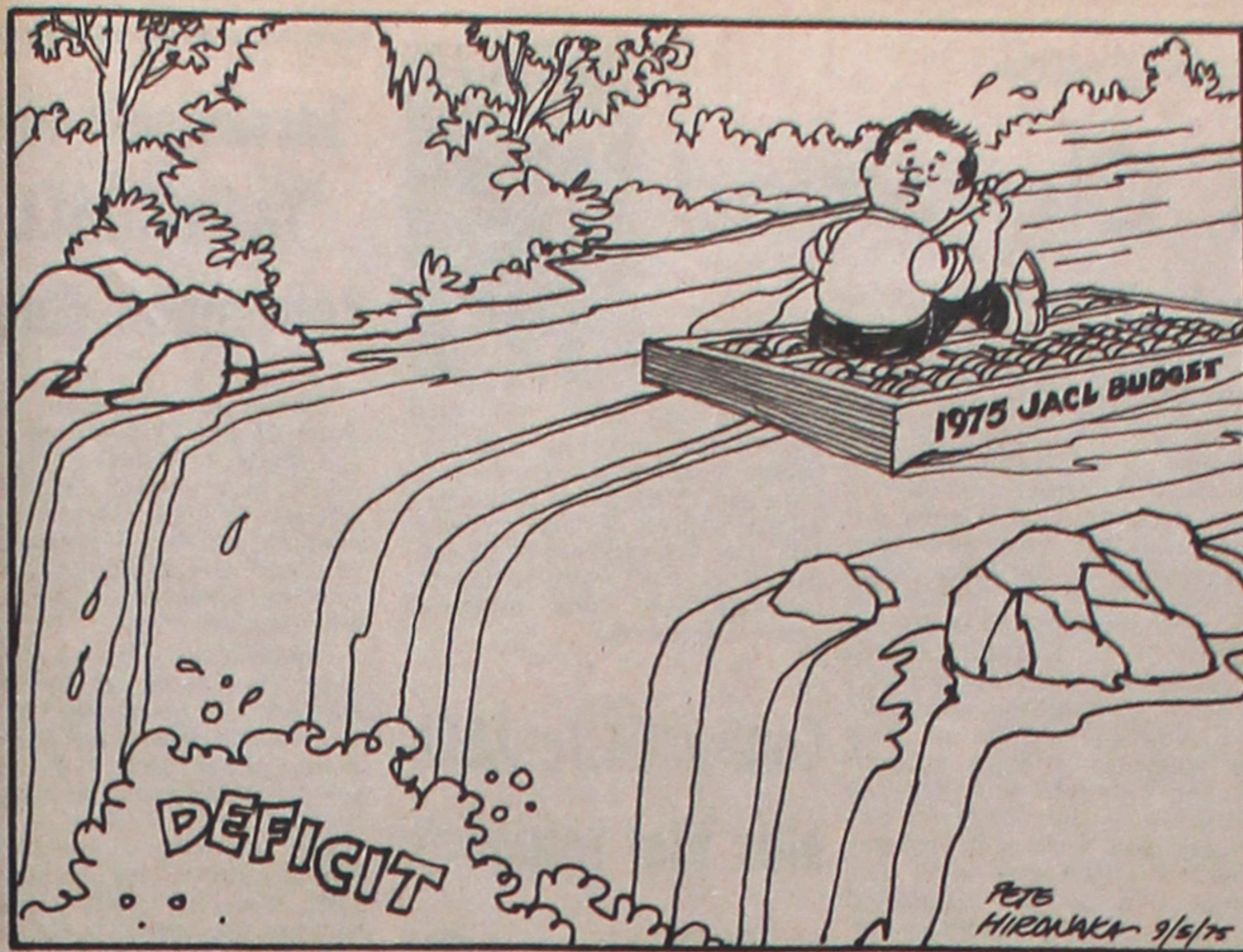
At our dorm, we have two student guides who have been friendly and helpful. They speak English and have gone out with us to see the various spots in Tokyo. So far we've been going to Ginza and Shinjuku as a group, had birthday parties for Theresa and Torasan (a guide), went to see the kabuki and sightseeing. They know the good spots for shopping also. We usually eat together and talk.

As they are our guides, they go with us to the afternoon activities as part of the summer session program. So far, we went to see films, teach and flower ceremony. Today we visited the Institute of Developing Economics, a semi-governmental group who does research on the SE Asian countries and how it relates to Japan.

So far it's been a lot of fun travelling, visiting relatives and friends, and talking with the Japanese people. I learn a little more of Japan each day. I can relate to the spirit in the people; the hard working industrious life of the Japanese and how they can adapt things into the Japanese context is amazing. Though I love Japan and I can feel with the people, the Japanese American experience has its own merit and values—many an extension of Japan but in an American setting.

We have 3½ weeks before school ends and one more week of travelling for me.

TAKASHI



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

## The Other China

Taipei, Taiwan  
In 1949 the Chinese Communist armies chased the Chiang Kai-shek Nationalist government off the mainland and into exile on Taiwan. The Nationalists continue to maintain that they are the legitimate government of China, a contention that is accepted by a dwindling number of countries. Hardly a month goes by without another nation abandoning Taipei and recognizing the Communist regime in Peking.

Yet it is undeniable that the Nationalists have built a prosperous economy on Taiwan and brought to the people a living standard that is second only to Japan in all Asia. The markets here are loaded with food and the shops with all manner of goods. The restaurants are jammed and there is an undeniable air of prosperity about Taipei even though the lights do not burn as brightly because of the energy crisis.

We were in Taipei shortly after Japan and Taiwan signed an agreement restoring air traffic between the two countries. Third nations had provided services between them, but that wasn't quite like Japanese planes and Chinese planes calling on each other's countries. Service had been disrupted more than a year ago in a mutually peevish outburst after Japan had recognized Peking. Now with characteristic Oriental face-saving, it was agreed to restore a mutually profitable and necessary service.

The hotel owners were smiling at the thought of a renewed influx of Japanese tourists and businessmen. So were the shopkeepers who advertise in Japanese, "Omiyage no mise," meaning "store for gifts." And, although I couldn't confirm it first-hand, so were the girls at Peitou, the hot springs resort outside Taipei who have found the pickings slim since GIs from Vietnam quit coming on R&R leave.

As a matter of fact, vacations in Taiwan are said to be less expensive for the Japanese than vacations in distant parts of their own country. Even while we were there we noticed many Japanese visitors and businessmen, many in the company of local girl-guides and companions.

The older Taiwanese, of course, speak Japanese as a heritage of the years of Japanese occupation. Many were educated in Japanese colleges, and some still consider themselves more as Japanese than as Chinese.

The Taiwanese hotel room boy on our floor said he was learning to speak, read and write Japanese from his parents, apparently in the hope of getting better tips from Japanese guests. His accent, like those of some American Sansei I know, left something to be desired but he was an engaging sort and we had an interesting discussion in Japanese, a language alien to both of us.

Still and all, Taipei is a Chinese city, as witness this next anecdote. One noon our escort suggested a light lunch at the One Dragon, a popular native restaurant featuring Peking cooking. (The food wasn't all that good—"We had a five-course lunch," one of the Americans told a friend later, "and the second course was garlic.") Part way through the meal I felt something tugging at my foot.

It was a woman, and she was pulling at my shoe. "What does she want?" I asked our escort in some apprehension. "She wants to shine your shoes," he explained. "Should I let her?" "Yes," he said.

So I raised no more protest while she took possession of both my shoes without any help from me, placed slippers over my stockinged feet and disappeared.

"Does she work for this restaurant?" I asked.

No, I was told. She works out in the street and comes in the restaurant looking for customers. We finished the meal and still she hadn't returned with my shoes. I was becoming just a bit apprehensive.

Then she showed up with my shoes gleaming as they'd never gleamed before. It was a real GI type spit and polish job. It cost me 15 Taiwan dollars, which is about 35 cents in U.S. money. Not cheap, but well worth the investment.

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REPARATIONS CAMPAIGN

Washington

Next weekend, the California Tri-District Convention will be held focusing on key issues concerning JACLers with special attention on reparations.

Recently the Pacific Citizen printed a series of articles on reparations from a memorandum which was written by Barry Matsumoto when he was Washington Representative.

Barry's analysis concentrated on the substance of the issue. To extend Barry's analysis, I must say that my personal feelings on Evacuation are deeply felt as to this horrible and tragic page of history; no one can deny that the evacuation of Japanese Americans was immoral, unethical and historically degrading.

However, there are the political realities that I must mention as food for thought. I would like to present some tactical and strategic considerations to achieve the legislative thrust that is necessary to pass reparations.

I see five political tasks that need attention before a reparations campaign can begin:

(1) A firm consensus by JACLers on the type of reparations is needed to insure the success of the campaign, be it for individual payments, trust fund, or a living memorial.

(2) JACL will and perseverance is absolutely necessary to withstand a 5-10 year campaign. I have contacted several key people on Capitol Hill and the indications are that this kind of legislation will take that long to pass.

(3) A broad based coalition of national human rights and civil rights organizations must be formed to strengthen our position on Capitol Hill. This coalition must consist of not just Japanese Americans or Asian Americans but many varied groups. In Congress, the bills that get serious attention are those that are broadly supported.

(4) Tens of thousands of dollars must be raised to cover necessary expenses such as travel, postage, office supplies and to pay for the expenses of the volunteers of JACL.

(5) A significant diversion of JACL resources from programming and maintenance functions to the cause of reparations must be made so that we do not overcommit the organization.

Are we ready?

Stan Kiyokawa

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WHAT HAPPENED IN AUGUST

Portland

It has been extremely difficult to publicize the many issues and concerns that confront our daily operations and give them the necessary exposure within the confines of this column. I will exercise my prerogative as the author and briefly examine a potpourri of items.

In the Aug. 8 PC, Bill Hosokawa's book review of "The Decision to Relocate the Japanese Americans" excited my intellectual process to purchase and read this book. What I found was an extremely informative, well documented, enjoyable publication. Mr. Hosokawa's final statement in his article, "Only after a third of a century is this kind of information coming out. How would we have reacted if all this was known to us in the dark spring of 1942?" is definitely very appropriate and thought provoking.

I most enthusiastically urge people of all ages to read this exceptional book.

The Intermountain District Council will host its Biennial Convention in Pocatello, Idaho during the Thanksgiving weekend. The focal point of this gathering will center on the Issei with activities specifically designed for them. The pre-convention guestimate of Issei attending the program is around 120, from Oregon, Idaho and Utah. The convention should be a most enjoyable and educational experience.

Consul Motomura from Portland will be keynote speaker at the banquet honoring the Issei. Also highlighting the program will be many guests from the Idaho area and national dignitaries.

During the current rush to provide services and programs to Indochina refugees in this country, the federal government and its maze of bureaucracies have overlooked a number of individuals in this country who are currently in a "statelless" situation.

Recently in Portland 20 Vietnamese students received harassment from the State Department on current visas which are nearing expiration. A form letter was sent to these individuals requiring extensions to be granted by the issuing government or face deportation proceedings. Those individuals receiving this notice were extremely frightened to the results that would face them upon return to Vietnam. It was discovered later when a local Nisei attorney communicated with local department officials that this is a standard procedure when visas are nearing expiration and that this situation was merely an oversight.

It is extremely difficult to understand with the thousands of employees of the department why at least one individual didn't have to stop this situation from occurring. Each community should take the initiative and examine closely individuals caught in this situation. These individuals are also in need of part-time employment while continuing their education, housing and information and guidance for student loans for their education.

With the federal government constantly asserting its pressure for affirmative action programs and equal employment opportunity, many corporations are seeking help from our local chapters and office. It might be quite advantageous to get these companies into the community and make an energetic, constructive effort to understand them. A corporate membership in JACL assures them of a path into the community and places them into a position of making a valuable commitment to that community.

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# JACL names 4 collegiate awardees



Michael Okimura, Sacramento, wins Aibara Memorial-JACL graduate scholarship. The genetics major at UC Davis enters USC medical school this fall.

Kenneth Miyata, San Gabriel Valley, working toward his doctorate in biology at Harvard wins one of the Sumitomo Bank collegiate awards.

Howard Esaki, Monterey, enters Yale Graduate School for a Ph.D. in economics on a Sumitomo Bank collegiate scholarship this month.

SAN FRANCISCO — JACL's National Scholarship Committee recently completed the judging of this year's Collegiate Scholarships. The judging committee for the 1975 awards consisted of the following JACL members from the Eastern District Council: Kaz Horita, Allen Okamoto, Hiroshi Ueyehara and Grayce Ueyehara (chairperson, National Scholarship Committee).

Two of the Collegiate Scholarships have been supplemented through JACL's Supplemental Scholarship Fund to increase the amounts of the awards with the consent of the donors.

Recipients of the 1975 JACL collegiate scholarships of \$500 each for one are as follows:

Michael Craig Okimura, son of Kay and Alice Okimura of Sacramento, is a 1975 graduate of UC Davis where he majored in Genetics. In the fall, Michael will be attending the Univ. of Southern California's School of Medicine.

While at UCD he worked as a lab assistant in the Dept. of S-11s and Plant Nutrition on a large-scale project funded by the National Science Foundation.

In addition to his academic responsibilities (he maintained a 3.91 grade point average), Michael has remained active in many community activities. These include volunteer work at the Sacramento Medical Center, a member of the Young Buddhist Assn. and UCD Student Union, and participation in intramural and Nisei Athletic basketball.

Kenneth Ichiro Miyata, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shinji H. Miyata of Covina, Calif., has already completed one year of work towards his Ph.D. at Harvard where his major field of study

is Organismal and Evolutionary Biology.

Kenneth completed his undergraduate work at the UC Berkeley where he graduated with highest honors and was a Richmond Fellow in Biology from 1973-1975.

Currently spending the summer doing research in Ecuador, he will be going also to the Galapagos Islands in relation to research work. In the past he has also done research work in the West Indies. Kenneth is a member of:

Endangered Species Committee of Berkeley, American Society of Mammalogists, American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, Ecological Society of America, and National Wildlife Federation.

Howard Yuji Esaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Esaki

of Monterey, Calif., is a recent graduate of Princeton and will be working towards his Ph.D. in Economics at Yale beginning this fall.

"Esaki has a good sense of what economics and economists can and cannot do. He will therefore be entering graduate school with a realistic sense of what it is that he is about."

Howard also served on his school's Economics Undergraduate Advisory Committee.

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Ralph Hiroichi Maeda, Jr., son of Ralph and Marie Maeda of West Covina, Calif., will be attending USC School of Medicine this coming fall. The recent UCLA graduate maintained a high grade point average in addition to being

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active both in campus and off-campus activities.

Ralph is a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta (the International Premedical Honors Society) and Phi Beta Kappa in addition to having received an Edmondson Summer Fellowship.

His other activities include doing volunteer work at Queen of the Angels Hospital, Student Health Center's Cold Clinic, and at the LA County-USC Children's Psychiatric Clinic. Ralph also served as a teaching assistant for Abnormal Psychology and did research at USC School of Medicine.

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San Jose JACLER Tad Sekigahama heads the 800-member San Jose chapter of the Calif. Society of Certified Public Accountants, which serves member accountants in three counties of Monterey, Santa Cruz and Santa Clara. Tad is only treasurer of the local JACLER chapter.

A former Max Factor & Co. executive in the International division, Earle T. Okumura, a management consultant established a business firm in Century City (Los Angeles) to counsel firms in U.S. and Japan. Toshio Watanabe was named executive vice president at the Bank of Tokyo of California's head office in San Francisco. He serves also director and head of its loan administrative-review dept. Bank of America promoted Kohtoku Watanabe from manager of its Tokyo branch to senior Asia Division staff as global coordinator for Japanese relations, as the bank transferred administrative controls for Asian, Australasia and the sub-continent from San Francisco to Tokyo.

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VISIT JAPAN SEPT. 4-12

TOKYO—The Japanese Foreign Office announced Gov. George Ariyoshi of Hawaii and his wife will visit Japan Sept. 4-12 as guests of the Foreign Ministry.

The Nisei couple will be received by the Emperor and confer with Prime Minister Miki, Foreign Minister Miyazawa and other government cabinet executives.

## &amp; Places

Los Angeles

Small businessmen who have a service or product to offer at the sixth annual Nisei Business Opportunity Day Trade Fair at the Convention Center Oct. 9 can call the Asian American National Business Alliance (382-7381 or 714-558-8741) for information. The trade fair is under auspices of the L.A. Chamber of Commerce, which is soliciting Asian American vendors.

Masterpieces of the Edo period (1615-1868) from the Joe Brotherton collection will be on exhibit at the L.A. County Museum of Art Sept. 2-Dec. 14. The San Francisco public relations executive has been collecting for the past 15 years.

Supporters of Assemblyman Paul Bernal will picnic Sept. 7, 10 a.m., at Alondra Park in Lawndale. Watermelon will be provided.

San Francisco

Japan town's 120-room Kyoto Inn opens Sept. 15. It is affiliated with the Best Western chain, owned and operated by Kintetsu Enterprises and was designed by the Bay Area architectural firm of VanBurg, Nakamura, Katsura and Karney.

Denver

City of Westminster dedicated Torii Park Square July 28 as a memorial to the late Mrs. Yuko N. Kishimoto, who was Rotary exchange student from Japan in 1947-68. A massive, unpainted Shinto torii and pavilion were presented by the parents and her husband because they said their "felt" their daughter's presence here where she enjoyed her stay in Westminster.

Bill'd as an around-the-clock marathon volleyball game to help raise funds for the Tri-State Buddhist Church, the friendly fray began the evening of Aug. 16 and peaked out the players called a halt the following morning at dawn. Players solicited pledges by the hour from fans and friends.

The annual stampede for matsutake was on in mid-August as hunters wished for more rain in the mountains. (This note acknowledges the morsels received by the Kamayatus this past week from Jack Nakagawa and shared in the PC office.)



Honolulu Cherry Blossoms Festival queen Ann Yoshiooka (left), its Miss Congeniality Debbie Aratani, visit with Dennis Fujita in downtown Los Angeles where he works with Security Pacific Bank. He escorted the visitors to special events marking Nisei Week.

Richard Gima

## Aloha

HAWAII TODAY—Tourism is the only industry which can generate the number of primary jobs needed for young people entering Hawaii's labor force in the coming decade, according to a study by the Conference on Alternative Economic Futures for Hawaii. Herbert Cernulle, president of Dillingham Corp., and George Chaplin, editor of the Advertiser, co-chaired the study. The U.S. Army Support Command in Hawaii will eliminate about 295 civilian employee positions by June 30, 1976. The command was ordered earlier this year to identify 582 positions for possible elimination.

EMPEROR'S VISIT—It will be a busy time for the Emperor and Empress of Japan when they visit Honolulu next month, arriving on the 10th and leaving on the 12th. The following have been planned: (1) a program of music and dance arranged by Mayor Fasi, (2) luncheon with Gov. Ariyoshi at Washington Place, (3) visit to the Bishop Museum, (4) reception by Consul General Takaaki Hasegawa, and (5) a light to Keahole Airport on the Big Island.

POLITICAL SCENE—Former Gov. Quinn has confirmed reports he has been asked to run for the U.S. Senate and indicated he is giving the proposal serious consideration. Press reports say Sen. Hiram Fong may retire from office when his terms ends in 1976. Maui Mayor Elmer Cravalho, some reports say, may try for the U.S. House seat held by Rep. Patsy Mink, if she vacates the position next year.

DEATHS—Urban Allen, 66, Aug. 1, formerly associate editor of Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Dr. Sanford Katsuki, 70, July 27, Nisei physician whose father, the late Dr. Ichitaro Katsuki, was the first person of Japanese ancestry to receive a medical education in the U.S. (Univ. of California School of Medicine at San Francisco, class of 1898). Agathia Abbott, 57, July 31, chairman of Univ. of Hawaii Dept. of Geology and Geophysics. Edward (Duke) Izumi, 68, Aug. 1, auto salesman who once operated Dyke's Tavern in Kalihi.

NAMES IN THE NEWS—The Rev. Francis Endo, 81, retired from the ministry after 48 years. Members of the Nuuanu Congregational Church honored him at a July 27 luncheon. Honolulu psychiatrist Dr. Pershing Lo is

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