

For the Record

Tableclothes and mater used for the civic luncheon at Los Angeles for the Emperor and Empress of Japan were donated by the Japan Trade Club and Japanese Chamber of Commerce of So. Calif. to the City of Los Angeles for future civic functions. And one of the four West L.A. JACL Auxiliary members who were predestined to help in the preparations at the Music Center was Tayeko Isono (instead of Aiko Takeshita).

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EDITORIALS

Handshake and the Bow

When the Emperor and Empress of Japan returned home from a remarkably successful two-week state visit of the United States, there was a gesture that did not escape attention—the handshake, a “Yankee touch” employed by the royal couple as they greeted three members of the diplomatic corps in the welcoming line at Tokyo. For rest of the dignitaries, the Japanese custom of the bow was employed.

During their visit here, American guests at dinners and receptions had been advised of the protocol for meeting the imperial couple—one of them being that there was to be no handshaking unless they offered their hand first. Yet, some American hosts instinctively extended theirs in welcoming them. The first picture of this American custom appearing in the media took place on the White House lawn as the First Lady, Mrs. Betty Ford, was seen shaking hands with the Emperor as he alighted from the limousine. Protocol must have been revised two weeks later for, in Honolulu the entire receiving line shook hands with the Emperor upon his arrival.

This human touch surely depicts how successful the Emperor's visit to America will be remembered.

From a broader perspective, the warmth and respect for the Emperor shown by Americans during this historic tour shall benefit both nations. Security risks were present, but fortunately no marauding incidents arose. Even those protesting Japan's whaling industry made their point in commendable style.

An important index to U.S.-Japan relations was etched in the tributes the Emperor paid to “American nationals of Japanese descent” throughout his U.S. itinerary and upon his return home, saying how deeply impressed he was by their active role in U.S. society. The point was also made that many Japanese Americans had contributed to American well-being despite “many a difficulty.”

That the Emperor singled out the achievements of Japanese Americans in his acknowledgement of the U.S. welcome upon his return has made many a Nisei proud. It signals a new era of U.S.-Japan understanding.

Screening of School Textbooks

The Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission was clearly dissatisfied at its September meeting with the manner school textbooks are screened at the state level. A spokesman from the State Dept. of Education vainly attempted to defend the cumbersome process, which even his boss, state school chief Wilson Riles, admitted last year needed re-vamping.

A 16-member state curriculum commission is charged with selecting instructional material “which accurately portrays the cultural and racial diversity of our society.” The State Education Code Sections 9240-43 calls for portrayals to include “contributions of both men and women in all types of roles, including professional, vocational executive roles” and “contributions of American Indian, American Negroes, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans and members of other ethnic and cultural groups to the total development of California and the United States.” Further, none of the matter should reflect adversely upon persons because of their race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex or occupation.

Apparently, the selection method has not changed or is haphazardly conducted for it to broil anew.

For the book publisher, it would be a windfall of sorts to slip one of their products through and gain public endorsement of the California Dept. of Education—an imprimatur other states concerned about multi-cultural education would accept without reservation. The responsibility upon the state textbook screening committee, therefore, cannot be lightly assumed.

JACL's record in this regard is clear as National Executive Director David Ushio testified in November, 1973, before the State Curriculum Commission at Oakland demanding compliance with the state education code. National Headquarters staffers Patricia Nakano and Gerry Inouye served on a task force evaluating instructional materials, which later felt obliged to publish a white paper to assist subsequent committees of this sort.

The task force, comprised of parents, community organizations and agencies in Santa Clara County, produced a set of guidelines for textbook evaluation after its stint with language arts materials under review for adoption. The need for such was paramount. It has since been distributed to all JACL chapter and interested parties.

The fact that this task force was compelled to prepare the guidelines indicates where the state of this art stands—not up to par with the state education code which, not only cites the three “R's—reading, ‘riting and ‘rithmetic,” but has added a fourth “R—respect for other people.”

Refugees -

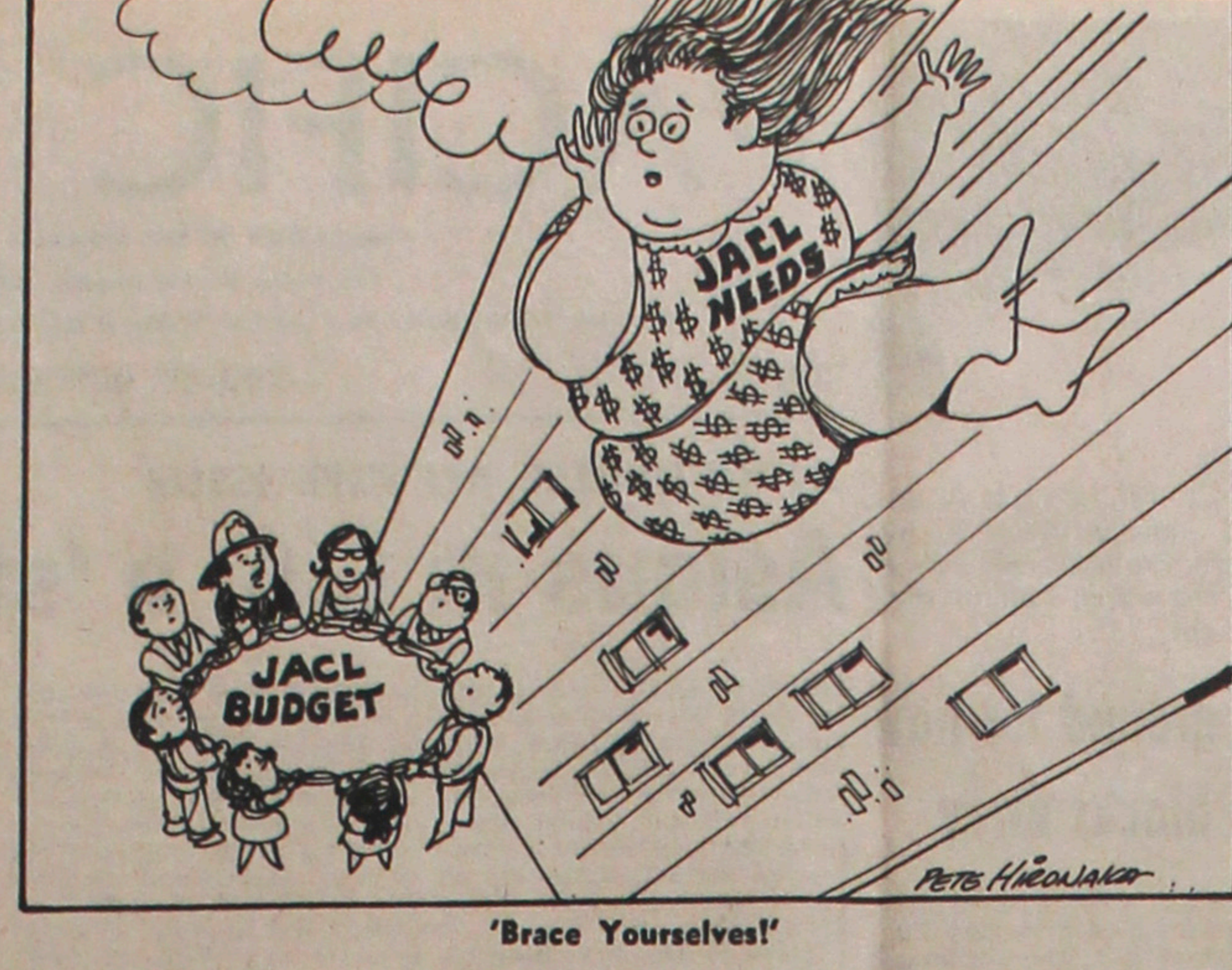
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County from the other three reception centers,” Boyd said. “Based on Pendleton figures alone, it would appear Los Angeles county ranks at least fourth in the nation in total number of refugees received.”

According to the state Dept. of Benefit Payment, almost half of the 20,052 refugees released to California were on welfare as of Sept. 12, Boyd

Minority Week

The U.S. Supreme Court began its 1975-76 term Oct. 6 with court-watchers saying the justices are unlikely to break new ground in cases on racial discrimination though these thorny issues remain in housing, jobs and schools.



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Up the Judo Ladder

Editor:
Longtime Philadelphia JACL 1000er Dr. Eichi Koizumi was recently promoted to 6th dan in judo. That's pretty high in the judo ladder.

What amazes me is that judo, a sport of Japanese origin, does not receive the JACL backing that something like “bowling” receives. Membership may perk up if JACL does include this in their “things-to-support”.

ALLEN OKAMOTO
Newsletter Editor
Philadelphia JACL

Wendy Yoshimura

Editor:
I am very much concerned whether Miss Wendy Yoshimura (Sept. 26 PC) would get fair justice. I cannot help comparing her case with Miss Patricia Hearst and Miss Angela Davis.

Whereas Patty had been kidnapped and I am sympathetic in this regard, she had committed serious and very violent crimes. Was she brainwashed? Well then, wasn't Wendy brainwashed also? I don't condone violence; but did Wendy commit an act of violence? Is it the same as many cases in history where the rich and white get sympathy and the negligible minority is trampled upon?

Angela had a gun; this was used to kill a judge. Yet, she was acquitted. Did the Black group apply pressure? Did Russians pressure US? The Russians, 24 million, are hardly a minority. It means that they aren't majority. But the Japanese American is a minority, negligibly small.

The press says that dynamite was found in her garage; does it mean the explosives belonged to her? If so, it is against the law. Why aren't police apprehending more vigorously those who possess explosives? There are so many cases of bombing. The press also says that she plotted bombing of the ROTC building. Did she really plot it or just talking about it? The ROTC building was actually burned in Kent but I don't hear if anyone was arrested. Nobody talks about it. Why? There are many unanswered questions in the application of justice.

This includes cases involving this nation's past leaders. Organizations such as SLA are symptoms of the social illness. I sincerely hope Wendy is not a member. Even though Wendy may be eventually acquitted, would she be locked up for a long time before the case comes to the end? Would it be two years, five years?

Is JACL considering some action?

N. NAKAJIMA
Sheffield Lake, Ohio

EXECOM Cutback

Editor:
My previous letters may have been critical of JACL but I feel that I should continue to be a loyal supporter. Your recent report on the financial status of the National JACL Treasury and cartoonist Hironaka's sketch prompt us to ask if it is possible to establish a PC fund to help diminish this deficit?

According to the financial report (Aug. 22 PC), the deficit amounts to about \$30,000 or \$1 per member. We believe

25 Years Ago
In the PC, Oct. 21, 1950

Oct. 12—Hawaii Supreme Court dismisses Honolulu city-county board of supervisors' petition to remove Supervisor Richard Kageyama, self-admitted former Communist.

Oct. 13—President Truman pays tribute to Nisei soldiers of WW2 at Pearl Harbor luncheon. (Truman was enroute to Wake Island for conference with Gen. MacArthur.)

Oct. 16—Contribution of five U.S. Nisei doctors to study of A-bomb casualties in Hiroshima-Nagasaki commended.

Oct. 26—Honolulu Nisei GI (Sgt. Takeshi Kumagai) with 24th Infantry, in Korea survives “death march” from Seoul to Pyongyang.

Reparations Survey

Editor:
It was very interesting to read the results of the Midwest District survey on reparations (Oct. 10 PC). Results of our survey will be cut very shortly, but the findings are generally consistent with the MDC questionnaire.

EO 9066, Inc., from the beginning, had committed itself

Emperor's Visit -

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Ueno z.o. Japanese officials disclosed the imperial couple presented the President with a painting, “Summer Mountain with White Cloud,” by Kaiti Higashiyama and a blue Arisa porcelain vase with a silk brocade spun on the palace grounds for Mrs. Ford.

The day (Oct. 2) the royal couple were being greeted by President Ford in Washington, the season's first snowfall had capped Mt. Fuji—three weeks later than normal.

Pianist Van Cliburn, who provided the entertainment after the White House state dinner (Oct. 2), obviously pleased the Japanese visitors by starting off with “Kimigayo” and then the U.S. national anthem. He said he had learned the Japanese anthem during several concert trips to Japan.

At the Emperor's dinner honoring the President at the Smithsonian Institution (Oct. 3), the Emperor mentioned his toast to the Kanrin Maru, the ship that escorted the first Japanese Embassy in 1860. A week later in San Francisco, stood before the monument recalling that historic voyage at Lincoln Park near the Palace of the Legion of Honor.

Important act

A simple wreath of white chrysanthemum was laid by the Emperor (Oct. 3) at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. This ceremony was called among the most important acts of his American tour by a member of the Emperor's entourage.

For the Washington dinner hosted by the Emperor and Empress (Oct. 3), all the tableware bearing the Imperial Crest had been sent by ship by the Imperial Household Agency. It was here that President Ford, in his toast, called attention to the contributions of Japanese Americans had made to American life. “Although their numbers are not large, the contributions they have made have been most significant,” he declared.

At Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (Oct. 4), the Emperor discussed his specialty—hydroids—with a group of authorities including Univ. of Pennsylvania's Prof. Shinya Inoue, who had met with Hirohito on two previous occasions, and Dr. Susumu Honojo of the Woods Hole Institute staff. One researcher remarked the Emperor was like “a kid at Christmas” during the hour he spent examining rare specimens on display.

While in New York (Oct. 4-5), the Empress met with Mrs. Henry Lacroix, her former English teacher, at the Waldorf Towers. She taught the Empress for about two years from 1961.

A middle-aged American couple who sat close to the Imperial couple at Shea Stadium (Oct. 5) where the Jets beat the Patriots 36-7, told a Yomiuri reporter: “The Emperor exchanged glances with us. We will never have such an honor again in our lives.” It was part of his trying to contact as many Americans as possible as promised before the Emperor began the tour. The same reporter found im-

Youth Focus
CONFIDENCE AND PHYSICAL PRESENCE

San Francisco
It has been over a year since I have assumed the position of NYCC Chairperson of the JAYs organization. Since assuming this office I have had the opportunity to visit a large majority of the JAYs members, chapters, and district youth councils through social gatherings, conferences, and meetings (not to mention all of the acquaintances I have made with JACLers as well).

Many JACLers have always asked me what the JAYs need the most. I must confess that I have often hedged at giving many of the JACLers a definitive answer as I was unsure myself. However, given my discussions and observations I have had with many JAYs over these past few months all across this country, I can now answer this question with complete confidence.

When we talk of need in relation to the JAYs, most would view need as the JAYs coming to a chapter and/or district council with their hand out for money. Furthermore, many JACLers, in turn, view giving the money to the JAYs as one way in which they have met their needs. This unfortunately is not the thing the JAYs need the most.

Although financial resources are important to any organization (and I do not negate the importance of money to run the JAYs organization), money is not the one and most foremost needs of the JAYs. All the money in the world cannot buy what the JAYs need most—your confidence in them and your physical presence.

Confidence is something we all need to insure growth and enrichment within ourselves. The JAYs are no exception. For example, if the JAYs are willing and eager to help out in any one of the JACL activities, and the only thing that you can think of giving them is the task of cleaning up the room and just doing the dishes after a function (and if this is the type of task given everytime the JAYs offer their help), then it eventually be-

comes damaging to their confidence, morale and spirit as to what they can and are capable of doing. Not only that, but also it can be detrimental to the relationship of the JAYs and JACL chapter as there can emerge a pattern of expectation that “that's all the JACL chapter is going to give us to do” and “that's all the JAYs are good for”.

It is no mistake that many of the JAYs have come to JACL chapter and district meetings to invite JACLers to attend their workshops, meetings, and even their social gatherings. They do not do it to be polite or courteous. For your physical support and presence at these functions in which the JAYs invite you to attend add a good deal to the success of an activity. As an example, one of the things which made the JAYs discussion workshops a joint EDC-MDC JACL and District conference and the JAYs conference was hearing the JACLers give their perspective, share their experience, and exchange ideas with regard to topics such as racism, identity problems, etc. with the JAYs membership.

These, then, based upon my observations and discussions this past year are two of the more important concerns that I have to share with you. I am confident, as I have seen in recent activities (such as the San Francisco JACL and JAYs Keiro Picnic) that working together, we can fulfill these needs in making both the JAYs and JACL an even stronger Asian American service organization.

Ethnic music fete

LOS ANGELES—An all-day ethnic music festival at the Music Center begins at 10 a.m. Oct. 25 and winds up with an 8:30 concert under the baton of Zubin Mehta. Dancers and music groups including the Hiroshima and Kinnara Taiko Group will perform in the Music Center Plaza.

Soggy San Francisco

In San Francisco (Oct. 9), where it was raining hard, reporter covering the arrival at the airport remarked: “They probably are wishing they could keep on flying out to balmy Honolulu.” The rains let up the next day for the motorcade through Japan Town to Golden Gate Park for

the reception with the Japanese American community.

Among the 10 suits made for the U.S. tour, the Emperor's wardrobe included an a-lin shirt and a matching beach hat. But if he was to wear them for the (Oct. 12) walk outside the Mauna Kea hotel in Kona, that walk was cancelled as he stayed indoors to recuperate from the rigorous two-week tour. The Empress had 10 new dresses made, all designed by Pierre Balmain who had been in Japan in September, and packed two kimono.

They weren't supposed to offer Banzai cheers but after securing permission from Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. Yasukawa and other diplomats, a Hilo businessman led the series on the Big Island (Oct. 13) when the Emperor started off on his return trip.

These fleeting glimpses of the itinerary are but a fraction of the human-interest stories filed by the nation's press or flashed on the TV screens—but a feeble attempt also to capsize the mood and manner in which Americans welcomed the Emperor. Once the emotions and trivia have subsided, the historians will take over and issue their assessments in a page or two.

Some opposition

Injecting a different slant, the L.A. Times (Oct. 6) reported on the opposition to Hirohito's visit because the Emperor symbolized Japanese corporations forcing Nikkei businessmen and families out of the area and political support of the “dictatorial” South Korean government. Ellen Endo, English section editor of the Rafe Shimpo, was quoted to the effect that about 25% of city's Japanese Americans opposed the Emperor, the same number support him and 50% are noncommittal. The English section editor (George Yoshinaga) of the other vernacular, Kashi Mainichi, was not quoted but in his column the next day openly wondered where she got her figures and questioned it seriously.

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Potshots

Don Hayashi

TALENTED LEADERS

San Francisco While on vacation recently, Debby and I had an opportunity to visit the East Coast and see many of the historic places described in U.S. history books. One lasting impression of the trip was the vast talent which our founding leaders possessed and utilized towards the formation of these United States. It brought to mind that our Issei pioneers have also made vast contributions. They had to overcome many legal and social barriers; yet they brought many talents which today we take for granted.

Then one afternoon I received a call from Dr. Tak Mayeda of Denver telling me that the Brighton community wished JACL representation at a Testimonial Luncheon honoring John T. Horie, Issei community leader, and asking if I might be able to attend. Since we were planning to visit relatives in Denver, I accepted the invitation.

Over 350 persons attended to pay high tribute to Mr. Horie not only for his contributions on behalf of Japanese Americans, but the entire community as a whole.

Mr. Horie helped Japanese American farmers to sell their produce to a wider area; later he worked to enable the Issei to become American citizens; and throughout his life he has worked for better understanding between Japan and the United States.

Arriving in America in 1924, Mr. Horie continued his education through graduate studies in U.S. History and American Government. He thought that his studies would complement his undergraduate degree in English Literature (which he earned in Japan before coming to U.S.) He hoped to someday return to Japan to teach in the universities, however, it soon became evident that John T. Horie would stay in the U.S. He became a teacher at Brighton Japanese School instructing many Nisei in the Japanese

language. With bilingual skills, Mr. Horie worked with the Issei and Nisei farmers and the Caucasian operated produce shippers to enable Japanese Americans to sell their produce outside of their immediate area. His skills in negotiations enabled Japanese farmers to increase their yield and broaden their market.

At the conclusion of World War II John Horie was active in the campaign to enable Issei to become American citizens by naturalization. With the Walter-McCarran Act was signed into law in 1952, Mr. Horie utilized his knowledge of American history and government to teach citizenship classes six nights a week, going to various communities in the greater Denver area. When interpreters were needed for a citizenship exam, Mr. Horie made the proper arrangements. Ultimately over 250 Issei, including John T. Horie, became American citizens.

The Brighton Japanese American Association and Brighton Nisei Women's Club are to be commended for sponsoring this joyous event. Roy Mayeda did a masterful job as toastmaster. Many local people participated in the program. They include many well-known to JACL such as Min Yasui, George Masunaga, William Hosokawa and Sam K-shio.

Certainly John T. Horie is a very talented and generous man. He not only served the Japanese American community, but the broader community as well. He used his many talents to their fullest benefit so that we may all share in the many benefits gained through his diligent efforts.

Mr. Horie is a living example of the talented leadership, ingenuity and perseverance of the Issei. It demonstrates the inadequacies of history books to include minority contributions into school curriculum. It gives us much to be proud of and on which we too might work to achieve even more.



TAMI OGATA: New York JACler

20-year public service recognized

NEW YORK—In a ceremony on the City Hall steps Sept. 18, Tami Ogata was recognized by the Hundred Year Assn. of New York for outstanding contributions in improving the quality, productivity and prestige of public service.

A public health nutritionist since 1952, Ogata had been with the city health department and is with the newly-created Dept. of Aging where her experience and expertise will be invaluable to senior

citizens. She was cited for many high quality programs on nutrition and consumerism she had developed for all age groups. She designed special nutrition and community health courses for teachers and support personnel. She also generously shared her Asian heritage in the interest of better nutrition.

She is active with various community and community-action groups, the New York JACL as a board member, and in the professional societies.

VERNON YOSHIOKA: San Diego JACler

Opens bid for State Assembly seat

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Vernon Yoshioka, 37, is organizing a campaign to run as a Republican nominee in the 77th Assembly District next year. District covers the northern sections of the city, La Mesa and El Cajon.

Son of the Gichi Yoshiokas of Hayward, he has been a resident here since 1960 working as an engineer in aerodynamics.

Community work includes serving his third term as San Diego JACL president, charter chairman of the Union of Pan Asians Communities of San Diego County, Boy Scouts and a lay leader with Ocean View United Church of Christ.

While serving as chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Council at Tele-dyne Ryan Aeronautical, he was named to the San Diego Manpower Area Planning Council two years ago. Last year he was appointed to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission advisory committee. He is also active with the San Diego United Way board of directors; citizens advisory committee for San Diego City College and member of the several professional engineering and other community and cultural organizations.

He attended schools in Hayward and graduated in 1960 from Mass. Institute of Technology in aeronautical and astronautical engineering. He and his wife, Shinobu, have four children.

The "Friends for VTY", P.O. Box 3774, San Diego 92103, have started a campaign for him though official filing is still several months away.



Vernon Yoshioka

NC-WN quarterly Nov. 2 at H'qtrs

SAN FRANCISCO — The fourth quarterly No. Calif.-Western Nevada JACL District Council session will be hosted by San Francisco JACL on Sunday, Nov. 2, at JACL Headquarters.

Registration will be \$5, including noon lunch. State Director Taketsugu Takei will be guest speaker.

Business agenda includes election of new district executive board members. Registration starts at 9 a.m., it was announced by Dr. Yosh Nakashima (567-1532), host chapter president.

CALENDAR

Oct. 25 (Saturday) MDYC—Mtg. Chicago JACL Office, San Jose—Golf tournament, Muni course.

Oct. 31 (Friday) Philadelphia—Gen. Mtg. Bryn Mawr College. Seminar on Aging.

Nov. 1 (Saturday) Fremont—Issei Appreciation dnr. Cathay House, 7:30 p.m. West Valley—Teriyaki dnr. San Mateo—Monte Carlo Night Placer County—35th Goodwill dnr. Fairgrounds, Auburn, 6 p.m. Taketsugu Takei, spkr.

Nov. 2 (Sunday) NC-WNDY—Qtrly Session, San Francisco, JACY Hq. 9 a.m.; Taketsugu Takei, luncheon spkr. Nov. 5 (Wednesday) West Valley—Mtg.

Nov. 8 (Saturday) Cleveland—Holiday Fair, Euclid Central Jr. Hl. 4-9 p.m.

Nov. 9 (Sunday) NC-WNDY—District workshop, San Francisco.

Nov. 10 (Monday) Puyallup Valley—Mtg. Tacoma Buddhist Church, 8 p.m.

Nov. 14 (Friday) Philadelphia—Bd Mtg. Tom Kashihara res.

Nov. 15 (Saturday) Riverside—Thanksgiving dnr, First Christian Church.

Nov. 16 (Sunday) Contra Costa—Career forum, Contra Costa College.

Nov. 18 (Tuesday) Salinas Valley—Bd Mtg. Calif. 1st Bank, 8 p.m.

Nov. 21 (Friday) St. Louis—Bd Mtg.

Nov. 21-23 Cincinnati—International Folk Festival.

Nov. 22 (Saturday) Milwaukee—Folk Fair.

Nov. 22 (Saturday) Gardena Valley—Inst dnr, Gung Hay Restaurant, 7 p.m.

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Installation

Taketsugu Takei, state director for consumer affairs, will be guest speaker at the San Gabriel Valley JACL installation dinner on Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., at Michael's Restaurant, 301 E. Alhambra Blvd., Glendora. A non-host cocktail party precedes. It will be his first appearance at a JACL function in the Pacific Southwest since his appointment by Gov. Brown.

Tickets are \$7.50 each, obtainable from Fumi Kiyari (338-1648) or Marvel Miyata (338-9230).

The new officers to be installed are: Kazuo Mayemura, pres.; Helen Watanabe, vp.; Margaret Takemoto, treas.; Jane Sahara, rec. sec.; Fumi Kiyari, Marvel Miyata, cor. sec.

Scholarship

Well over 160 people attended the recent Cleveland JACL scholarship award dinner where Laura Fujimura, daughter of the Cliff Fujimuras, now attending Kent State University won the chapter award; while Kathy Bolick, daughter of the Russell Bolicks, now attending Case Western University, received the Cleveland Japanese American Foundation award.



Laura Fujimura (left) and Kathy Bolick received the 1975 Cleveland JACL scholarship and Cleveland Japanese American Foundation Award, respectively. —John Ochi Photo

November Events
Fremont JACL rescheduled its Issei Appreciation Night dinner at Cathay House Nakao Jr. and Beverly Higashimura were dinner co-chairmen. Yukiko Sakakura will entertain with songs.

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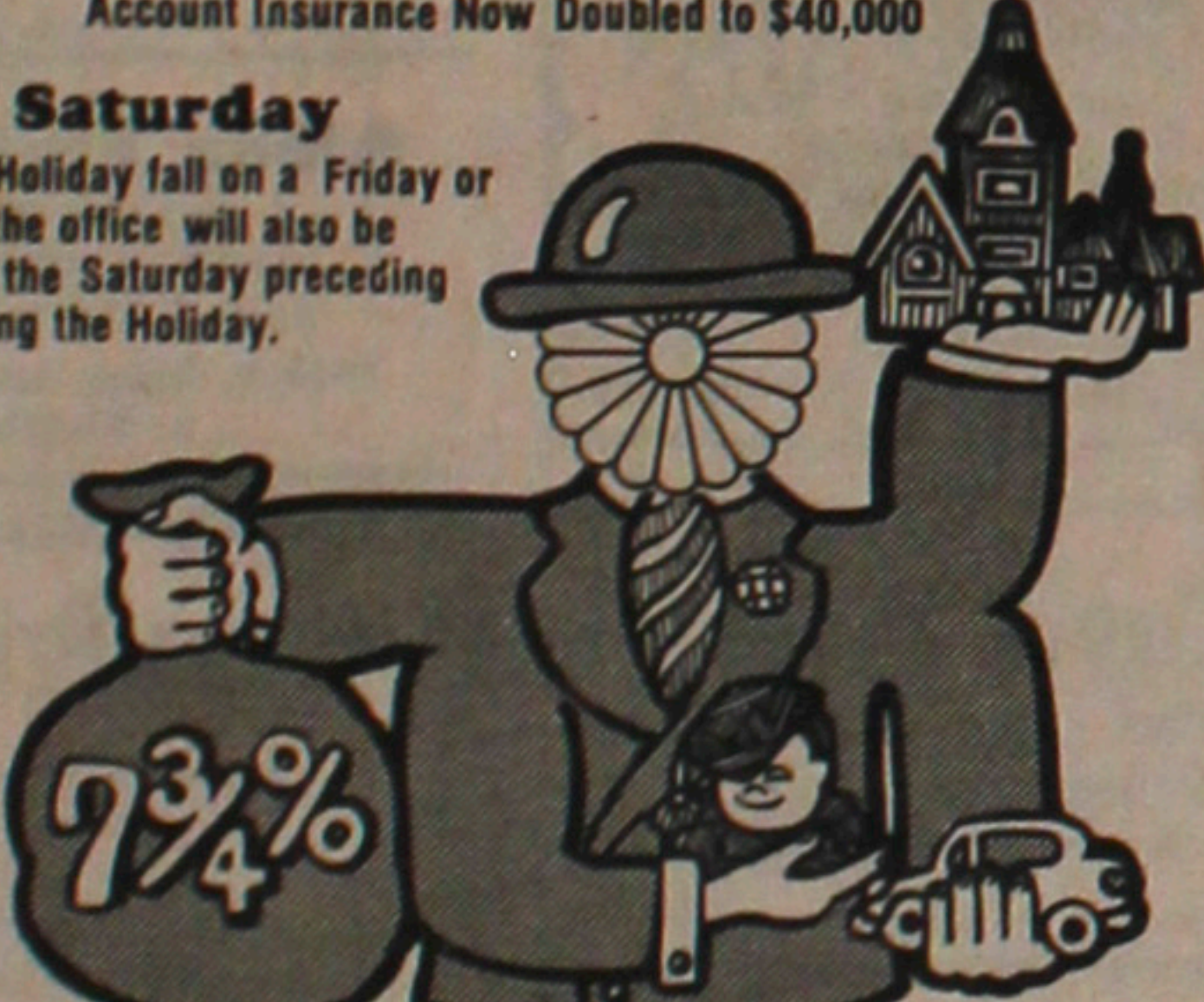
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EAST WIND: By Masaharu Simple Lesson in 'Keizai'

NOT UNLIKE MOST Nisei, from my very earliest years a very simple rule of economics—"If you don't have the cash to pay for it, you have no business buying it"—was drilled into me. And call it what you may, I still think it makes eminently good sense as well as cents. Especially if you've ever stopped to calculate the true interest rate on loans. The one exception to this rule had been the purchase of our home during the early years of our marriage. We applied for, and received, a GI mortgage at 4 1/2% which, again consistent with the Issei teaching of being out of "shakkin", I paid off on an accelerated basis—much to the delight of the bank since interest charges had risen sharply above that rate and continued climbing. But that Issei training is sometimes hard to shake off.

NOW YOU'LL NOTICE I used the past tense of "had been" in referring to this habit of steering clear of credit buying. During one of my earlier trips to one of the Western States, I sought to rent an automobile at the airport. In addition to my driver's license, I presented a lot of other credentials which I thought ought to impress the girl at the counter. (Somewhat anyway.) She asked for some credit cards: no less than two! I tried to convince her that the best credit in the world was colored green, with pictures of U.S. presidents plus a few past treasurers on them. Since my other credentials apparently made no impression upon her, I even showed her a few samples of the "green" that I was carrying. However, as they say in one sport event it was "no dice".

ABOUT THAT POINT, this country boy was beginning to wonder whether his hard-working Issei parents had given him the correct party-line. I had always believed that as between someone's promise to pay, and cold cash, the latter spoke with infinitely greater authority. But it was obvious that the girl behind the counter, and her company, had not been exposed to my Issei parents' brand of economics.

SO TODAY WE have at least three credit cards, which are convenient to have but difficult to keep track of with Vicki and my running up charges. (She suggests that I'm the greater abuser of cards, and I'm afraid she's right.) So while this country boy does "as the Romans do while in Rome", yet not all of that Issei training in economics has left me.

There is yet another rule: "Can you get along without it?" And most discouragingly, you'd be surprised at the number of potential purchases which are aborted when I am compelled to answer in the affirmative to that test-query.

* In order not to leave the curious reader wondering, I finally prevailed in getting my rental car. Somewhat indignantly, I requested an audience with the manager who probably thought that anyone with such quaint and simplistic concept of economics was too dumb to "pull a fast one".

• Richard Gima

Aloha

HAWAII TODAY—Thanks to English editor Jim Brown of Hawaii Hochi, we learn Japanese ancestry in Hawaii there were 217,307 persons of and 213,280 in California. He quotes the 1970 U.S. Census figures. Remember when puka-shell leis were being sold a year ago or two for \$20 or more. Not any more. They're going for less than \$3 in Waikiki today. Auwe! . . . Associated Press says that despite the recession, about 14,000 newlywed couples from Japan will honeymoon in Hawaii this autumn, making it the most popular foreign spot for Japanese honeymooners.

NAMES IN THE NEWS—Lloyd Killam, who helped found the Nuuanu YMCA in 1912, celebrated his 90th birthday recently by treating about 110 friends and family members to a birthday party. . . . Stuart Fukuda, 19, was wounded by shotgun pellets in his arm, side and back in Haleiwa, police revealed. . . . **DEATHS**—Retired Wahia dentist Dr. Howard Maesaka, 75, died Aug. 25. . . . Willard Edwards, 72, longtime proponent of calendar reform who lived at the Arcadia Retirement Home on Punahou St. died Aug. 15 in Canada. . . . Retired Makiki school teacher David Chun, 60, died in an auto accident Aug. 25. . . . William Arakaki, 58, of Aiea died Aug. 14 after his car plunged from the Kaimilo St. overpass onto the Honolulu-bound lanes of H-1 Fwy.

COURTROOM—Japanese national Yasushi Imanishi returned from Japan to serve as Honolulu trial of Alexander prosecution witness in the Sakam to 39, accused of fatally shooting Sen. Larry Kuriyama in October. Imanishi is believed to have been the driver of the getaway car which spirited Sakamoto away from the scene. . . . Circuit Judge Alfred Laureta dismissed 25 counts of armed robbery against three Honolulu policemen, accused of robbing participants in a Kapa, Kauai, gambling game of between \$10,000 and \$20,000. . . . Francis Kanea, who allegedly was offered a "contract" to kill State Sen. Larry Kuriyama, will be granted im-

& Places

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Nisei Singles Club's Hal-lowe'en dance will be held Oct. 25, 9 p.m. at the Japanese Retirement Home, 325 S. Boyle Ave., with Art Nakane providing the dance music. Victor Suto and Esther Shimabukuro are co-chairing the party. Nonmembers singles are welcome.

S.F.—East Bay

Asians for Job Opportunities in Berkeley established a Twilight Service Center between 5 and 9 p.m. during the week at 1617 University Ave., (548-6700). Bilingual counselors and aides will assist in job, housing, education, immigration, consumer rights and other supportive areas.

Seattle

Asian resources assisting Vietnamese refugees resettling in the Seattle-Tacoma area are collecting basic household goods (dishes, cooking utensils, bedding, towels, etc. to give to those being resettled). The Asian American monthly newsletter, Asian Family Affair, and Pioneer Project/EOC, 417 Rainier Ave. South or 4720 Rainier Ave. South, respectively, are accepting contributions. The Vietnamese American Assn., 1608 E. Jefferson, Seattle (322-0203) is pushing for sponsors, a safe driving program and a bilingual community newspaper.

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Awards



Peter Ohtaki, Jr.

Longtime JACler Peter Ohtaki's son, Peter Ohtaki Jr., 13, of Menlo Park Trwp 64 was conferred his Eagle Scout badge Sept. 23. For his Eagle project, he assisted in building the Howard King trail in nearby Big Basin Redwoods state park. He was student body president at La Entrada School, where he had all-As and is now a freshman at Woodside High. His father is district sales manager for Japan Air Lines at San Jose. Mother is the former Rose Oda of Salt Lake City.

R-p. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) will receive the annual award San Jose area council of Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for his advocacy of fair and just peace in the Middle East and being a supporter of Israel as America's only democratic outpost and ally in that region. The presentation is due Oct. 25 at the San Jose Hyatt House.

The National (Chicken) Broiler Council awarded \$4,000 second prize to Mrs. Hiroko Ortega of Santa Fe, N.M.,

for her sesame chicken recipe during the 27th annual chicken cooking contest at San Antonio. The Tokyo-born prize winner is a clerk with the New Mexico state land office.

Government

Calif. Consumer Affairs Dept. director Taketsugu Takei will hold a public hearing Oct. 29, 10 a.m. at the Consumer Affairs Bldg., 1020 N. St., Sacramento to discuss proposed regulations establishing a "sunshine policy" which would require the Department to maintain a log of all meetings with outside groups and making available to the public a calendar of such meetings twice a month.

Calif. Assemblyman Floyd Mori (D-Pleasanton) was named to the State Legislature's joint subcommittee on community development, which seeks to improve inter-governmental relationships to reduce wasteful duplication of time, money and effort. The group will hold interim hearings in San Francisco, Oct. 22; Fresno, Nov. 21; and Los Angeles, Dec. 8N.

Agriculture

The four brothers, Sam, Dick, Rocky and Bob Tanaka, who farm over 2,500 acres in Longmont, Colo., received a State Demonstration Housing grant to construct an eight-unit family apartment to house 40 people on a 50-50 matching basis. Project is costing about \$55,000. During peak harvests, the farm employs 150 workers and 30 the rest of the year.

Education

Canadian-born geophysicist, Dr. Ray Y. Yasui, was promoted full professor and coordinator of curriculum and instruction at Cal State-Stanislaus. He previously taught at Univ. of British Columbia prior to moving in 1970 to California. He received his master's and doctorate degrees from the Univ. of Oregon.

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Milestones

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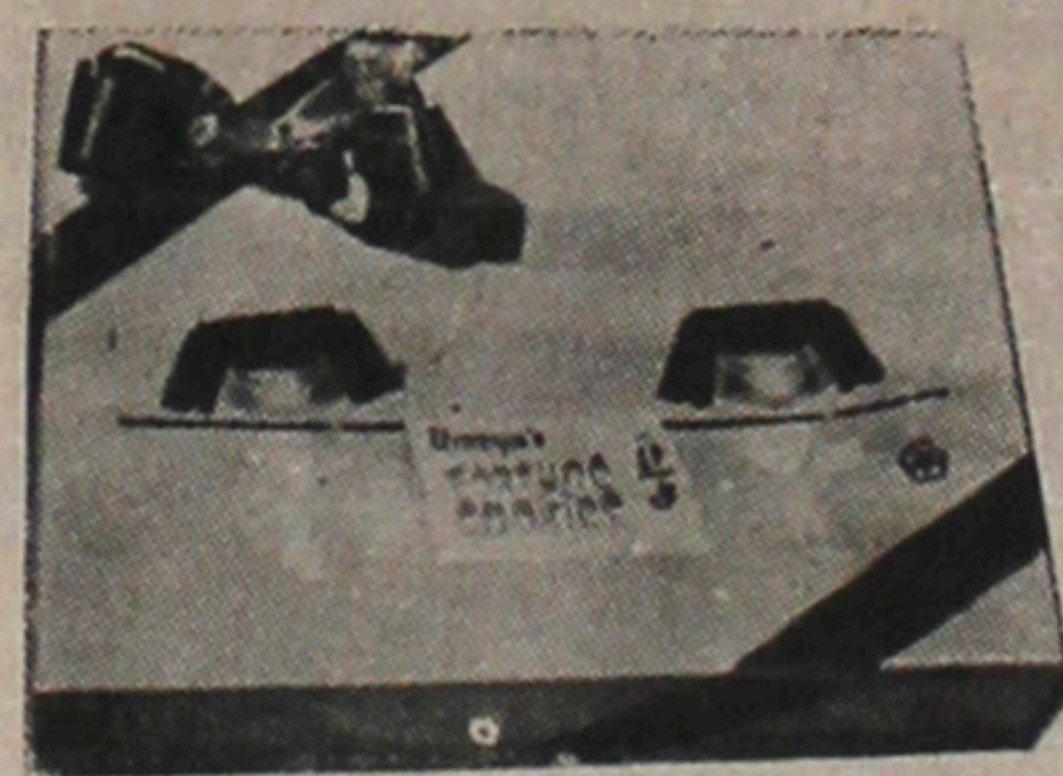


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