

The Hatch Act

Washington
 Since 1939, the Hatch Act has prevented Federal employees from direct participation in partisan political activities such as running for elective office or campaigning for others. For many years, the Hatch Act has been used as an excuse by some Federal employees, including many Nisei, for non-involvement in any political activity, even those activities which are not proscribed by the Act.

The Act was originally passed to forestall the politicization of the Federal bureaucracy during FDR's New Deal of the '30s. However, since the Hatch Act does deny certain political rights to civil servants, it is considered by some that the Act relegates some 2.8 million Federal employees (as well as substantial numbers of state and local employees) to second class citizenship status.

Now the House has passed, by an overwhelming majority, a bill which will for all practical purposes cancel the Hatch Act. The Senate is now considering the same bill and is expected to pass it also. President Ford is expected to veto the bill should it pass both houses in its present form.

I view the pending action with mixed emotions. As a matter of principle, there is no way that the denial of any fundamental right of citizenship to any class of citizens can be justified.

On the other hand, I also have great concern that drastic change of the Hatch Act

can produce horrendous consequences—perhaps not immediately, but in the long run—should such change result in the bureaucracy becoming politicized.

Other writers and editorialists who oppose liberalization of the Hatch Act as now proposed stress the potential dangers of coercion of co-workers and subordinates by politically active civil servants for political support and contributions.

I don't see this as a likely or real problem.

Others attribute to the members of the majority party in Congress the devious motive of attempting to build a base of political support within the bureaucracy. If this be so, it is understandable. The bureaucracy, as a de facto fourth branch of government, is often not responsive to Congressional mandates—and for that matter, not always very responsive to the Chief Executive or the judiciary either. Yet politicization of the bureaucracy does not appear to be the cure for current ills.

From my limited observations of the Federal bureaucracy in operation, I've noted that one of the factors which contributes to slowness of decision making and action, and even non-action, is the difficulty of resolving differences in professional judgment and opinions between the bureaucrats involved. There is also a tendency in some program areas for officials to lean excessively in favor of special interest groups and giving in-

sufficient consideration to the interests of the public in general.

Injection of partisan political considerations and ideologies (as would happen should the bureaucracy be politicized) into this process would very likely exacerbate the existing problem and even bring the wheels of government to a stuttering halt. At best, administrative actions would be even less rational than they are now, with strong pressure for decisions becoming based largely on considerations of gaining power rather than to resolve problems and to serve the public.

Should the presently proposed evisceration of the Hatch Act be carried out as anticipated, perhaps the safeguarding of the public interest will depend ultimately on the adoption, by civil servants themselves, of a "Code of Professional Ethics" similar to those which control professional behavior in most professions and which would bar the injection of partisan political considerations in administrative decision and rule making.

Nikkei librarian wins suit over reverse job bias

LOS ANGELES—Seven employees in the Los Angeles county public library system won a reverse discrimination case Nov. 19 against the county personnel department over promotions of a black and a Mexican American in the library system.

Superior Court Judge Norman R. Dowds ruled that the county must follow its rules in promoting employees. The rules include giving top consideration to those who score first, second and third on competitive examinations.

Among the seven was one Japanese American, Mariko Kaya, and the rest were Anglos.

The seven who scored first through seventh objected to the appointment of Lois Edwards, a black, who scored eighth in the tests as coordinator of children's services, and contested the appointment of ninth-place Elizabeth Smith, a Mexican American, as a regional administrator.

Plaintiffs had claimed the appointments were made solely because of their races. Stephen Silver, attorney for the seven, claimed the appointments represented unconstitutional discrimination, denying his highly qualified clients equal protection of the law by preventing their advancement solely because of their skin color.

Dowds said the library officials must rescind the appointment of Edwards and Smith and make two new appointments, using the original list of 30 persons who passed the examination qualifying them for promotion.

Plaintiffs also claimed they had been denied constitutional due process of the law when they tried to object to the appointments through county personnel channels.

NISEI WOMAN SEEKS SUPERVISORIAL POST

SAN RAFAEL, Calif.—Mrs. June Weden, an active Marin JACLer in community affairs, will be seeking a supervisory post in the Marin JACL Newsletter. The district covers Ross Valley, Kentfield and San Anselmo.

Mrs. Weden, a San Francisco-born Nisei, was educated in Japan and the U.S., and has been a San Anselmo resident for the past 17 years.

PSW CHRISTMAS CHEER DRIVE OPENS AS \$15,000 GOAL FOR '75 PUSHED

LOS ANGELES—The 1975 JACL Christmas Cheer drive is underway with \$15,000 announced as the goal, according to Fred Yoshiwa, 1975 campaign chairman, of the newly-organized Pan Asian JACL chapter which is managing the district-wide effort.

Unlike previous campaigns when donations were forwarded to the So. Calif. JACL Office, the chapter has designated Christmas Cheer contributions be sent directly to California First Bank, P. O. Box 849, Montebello, Calif. 90640, which will log the contributions and supply the checks.

Appreciation was expressed to branch manager Kenneth Yonemura and Eleanor Chow for the necessary banking facilities.

Thousands of Christmas Cheer beneficiaries over the past quarter century have brought a warm glow and sense of belonging to the less fortunate in the Asian American community, Yoshiwa pointed out, revealing some of the "thank you" letters from last year's recipients.

IDC-IDYC MEET THIS WEEKEND AT IDAHO STATE

Confab Theme, 'Giri', Focuses on Issei Record in U.S.

By YUKI HARADA

POCATELLO, Idaho—The 18th biennial Intermountain JACL District Council convention, being hosted this weekend by the Pocatello Blackfoot chapter, will be held at the Student Union Bldg. on the Idaho State University campus here.

Special attention is being paid to the convention theme, "Giri—dedication, duty and obligation" by honoring the Intermountain area Issei pioneers who will be guests of honor at the Friday banquet with Consul General Zenji Motomura of Portland and National JACL president Shigeki Sugiyama as main speakers.

Issei will also be treated to a Japanese film from 2 p.m. prior to the banquet and visit the Lava Hot Springs on Saturday. Other special events are also planned for these not making the excursion.

Social highlights for the Nisei and Sansei delegates include the Friday mixer, midnight 1000 Club whing ding; the Saturday luncheon with Helen Kawagoe, nat'l v.p., and Gail Nishioka, nat'l youth director, as speakers; Saturday banquet with David Ushio, national executive director, as principal speaker and the Sanyonara Ball.

The mixer and whing ding will be held at the JACL chapter memorial hall. The Saturday dinner-dance will be held at Holiday Inn. Separate activities are planned for the JAYs Friday night.

IDC Gov. George Kimura is calling the business session to order at 2 p.m. Friday (Nov. 28). Registration desk will be open from 10 a.m. Two more business sessions are scheduled Saturday from 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m.

On the agenda are convention chairman Masa Tsukamoto's opening remarks, reports from Shake Ushio, programs; Jack Ogami, recognitions; and Ben Aoyagi, nominations.

Reports from PNW-IDC regional director Stan Kiyokawa and other national officers in attendance will follow. Proposals amending the district by-laws are also for action. Election of district officers will conclude the meeting.

SEQUEL PLANNED FOR 1949 BOOK ON WARTIME STUDENT RELOCATION

WHITTIER, Calif.—Dr. Robert O'Brien, longtime head of the Japanese American Student Relocation Council during World War II, is requesting personal information from former Nisei students interned in camps during that period, to update his 1949 book, "The College Nisei".

The courage exhibited by these young Nisei students in leaving the relative security of the centers to attend college in an often hostile outside world, impressed and encouraged Dr. O'Brien to write the book.

Professor O'Brien requests specific information on how these individuals view their experiences from the vantage point of more than 30 years.

1—How do they view the Evacuation and internment experience?

2—What are their recollections of their experience of being in new colleges during that period?

3—Have they moved back to the West Coast or did they stay on in the college area? What factors brought them back to the West Coast or made them stay in the new area?

4—Do they still have any contacts with either Nisei or other students from their 1940 days?

5—How do they appraise

their relations with their Issei parent generation and their experiences with their Sansei children and grandchildren?

Amy Iwasaki Mass, a colleague at Whittier College, is helping Dr. O'Brien in his study. Any comments and responses should be sent to the authors care of Whittier College, Whittier 90608.

While the small amount (\$10) may not sound like much, it means many times more to the recipient, Yoshiwa continued. One had written: "She was able to enjoy all the extra goodies that were provided or were possible. I'm sure that her joy was doubled because of your thoughtfulness. Her spirit was lifted because she knew that there were others who cared..."

Another from a penal institution responded: "Just want to say thanks for the 'neat' gift. It's truly touching, knowing there's somebody out in the free community so thoughtful towards Asian brothers confined in penal institutions." The kickoff message also commented on the tight money and inflation. "There is a temptation to say, 'there is not room for anyone else'; I have to take care of myself. I have felt a slight pinch, how much more it affects beneficiaries of your generosity—in the homes for the aged, on social service rolls (mothers with dependent children, widows, children in foster homes and orphanages), those referred from churches and from JACS."

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PSWDC grows despite problems

CARSON, Calif.—Mike Hattuo Ishikawa, Jr., 31, Orange County JACL president, was announced as Pacific Southwest District Council governor at the fourth quarterly session held by Carson JACL here Nov. 16 at Ramada Inn as he polled a 12-11 victory over incumbent Masamune Kojima.

Ishikawa, who was born in Amache WRA Center Mar. 22, 1944, is a Los Angeles-based field representative for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He co-chaired the recent Tri-District JACL Conference and also chaired the PSWDC Ethnic Concerns committee.

Others elected were John Asari of Venice-Culver JACL, deputy district attorney, vice governor by a 18-5 vote over Paul Tsuneishi, insurance man and chairman of the E.O. 9068, Inc. Metropolitan L.A. JACL president Ellen Endo, Raifu Shimpo English section editor, and incumbent Ben Shimazu of Orange County JACL were named secretary and treasurer, respectively. Both were unopposed. Endo was nominated from the floor.

Six successful candidates out of 10 seeking district executive board positions were (in alphabetical order) Tak Endo (Pan Asian) Sharon Fujii (West L.A.), Allene Kaso (East L.A.), Alice Nishikawa (Whittier), Tsuneishi (San Fernando Valley) and Stuart Tsujimoto (Gardena Valley).

Mas Hironaka withdrew from the slate for executive board positions as he had just been elected San Diego JACL president.

Helen Kawagoe, national v.p. for public affairs, and Carson's city clerk, installed the officers to end the full day of meetings.

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Mike Ishikawa New PSWDC Governor

Betsuin, was stridently endorsed by the Pacific Southwest District Council at its fourth quarterly session here Nov. 16.

Upon a motion by Ellen Endo of Metropolitan L.A. JACL, the PSWDC became the second JACL district in support of the Fresno family in their ordeal seeking equal justice for their daughter. By-laws call for all monetary allocations to be processed through the executive board but a sum of \$250 was proposed for the fund.

Individual chapters and members were encouraged to contribute to the fund, care of the CCDC Regional Office, 912 F St., Fresno 93702.

Greetings from Mayor

Carson's black mayor, Clarence Bridges, extended welcome to the delegates, mentioning it was the first convention the city was hosting since it was incorporated in 1968. A number of JACLers helped to bring about incorporation, he noted.

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split three ways to the host chapter, reparations and district council. Proceeds for reparations require executive board action, it was added.

The PSWDC voted to increase the Christmas Cheer allotment to beneficiaries from \$10 to \$15 this year instead of making any distribution to Issei programs as had been proposed. The current campaign, to be noted on the solicitation permit from the City of Los Angeles social services department, does not mention supporting any Issei programs.

District governor Masamune Kojima delivered his two-year report, touching upon national and district issues. Citing PSW potential for membership growth and noting PSWDC was the only district this year in the national organization to surpass its 1974 total, he reported the 1976 membership goal is 9,834—an increase of about 800 from 1975.

But new PSW programs never got off the ground because of the personnel and impeachment problems which have plagued the district. Kojima said. He was happy to see two new chapters, Pan Asian and Carson, activated on their own and that JACL's group health plan sustained membership during the recession period when membership might have dropped.

Kojima looked ahead into 1976 as well, telling chapters to develop strategies and proposals for the next national convention.

The PC Problem

Editor Harry Honda previewed the Holiday Issue, called for wider chapter support in soliciting greetings since the need for operating funds are most critical. Questions were also raised by delegates who wanted to know if the PC subscription rate would still be the same \$3.75 year for JACL members in the 1977-78 biennium. Honda said the PC Board would try to live with \$3.75.

Other issues discussed by the PC Board at its recent meeting are covered in the minutes which is now in the process of completion for distribution to the national board and chapters, Honda concluded.

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He promised a district retreat for the leadership to review the weaknesses and gear up a two-year planning program.

Kojima followed, stressing the need to push for new memberships and district leaders being committed to the district. He found membership interest was too local during the past biennium to the detriment of the district. The personnel problem at the national level didn't help either, he added. He had hoped a new district council could be formed from the chapters to the north but leadership was found to be lacking.

Views on JACL were also expressed by other candidates seeking board positions. All agreed there is still much for JACL to become involved in at the community and district levels and that these challenges must be faced and resolved.

Two final resolutions were passed before adjournment: (a) calling Headquarters to have the 1974 convention minutes distributed before Feb. 1, 1976, and (b) commendation to Masamune Kojima.

Historic barn at Fountain Grove to be preserved

SANTA ROSA, Calif.—The City Council this past week (Nov. 11) voted unanimously to accept the deed for the Fountain Grove Round Barn and surrounding five acres—once part of a 2,000-acre estate managed by California's first pioneer Issei, Kanaye Nagasawa.

(The story of Nagasawa, mentioned among the Issei greats in Bill Hosokawa's "Nisei: the Quiet Americans", will be told in depth in the 1975 PC Holiday issue. Nagasawa settled in Sonoma County in 1875, accompanying the American poet-seer Thomas Lake Harris who founded the brotherhood community of Fountain Grove. Nagasawa died in 1934 at the age of 82.)

The council action will mean the city will proceed with the street projects for a residential-industrial development approved in early 1972 in exchange for the barn and property, which will be preserved. It is visible from the adjacent US Hwy 101.

At one time, the old red barn which is circular in form was going to be preserved as a historical site until the civic arts commission recommended against it because of cost and that future industrial development might hide the familiar landmark.

Sonoma County JACL was also approached to help restore the barn as a county museum and landscape the surrounding area as a Japanese garden, according to chapter spokesman Frank Oda.

Horticulturist Luther Burbank once planted a Japanese garden at Fountain Grove.

Mitsubishi Bank to buy Orange Cty. based bank

TOKYO—Mitsubishi Bank announced Nov. 17 its wholly-owned subsidiary in California will take over the Orange County-based Hacienda Bank next year if all concerned approve.

Agreement calls for Mitsubishi Bank of California, based at Los Angeles, to buy up Hacienda whose shares amount to \$6 million. Hacienda has assets totaling about \$60 million and four offices with two more branches due shortly.

With the merger, Mitsubishi Bank will have a total assets of \$186.3 million, eight offices and a working staff of 295.

1975 Holiday Issue Boxscore

1974: DISPLAY ADS—\$681 inches	Arizona	9	San Fern.	213
Berkeley	215	San Fran.	420	
Chicago	88	San Jose	172	
Clovis	6	Stockton	172	
Contra Costa	4	Tulare City	28	
DTLA	172	Ven-Cul.	2	
East L.A.	258	Watsonville	172	
Eden T.	88	West L.A.	172	
Fowler	3	Whittier	3	
French Camp	6			
Fresno	172	PC Adv.	81	
Gardena	344	Office	47	
Hollywood	5			
Pan Asian	5	CCDC	6	
PC/DIA	16	Midwest	8	
Puyallup V	88	PNWDC	20	
Reddy	129	PNWDC	5	
Sac'to	172			
San Diego	344	Nov. 21	3,658	

1974: ONE-LINERS—674	Boise V	68	San Benito	27
Dayton	14			
		Nov. 21	109	

From JACL Nat'l Headquarters

Communication

Tule Lake plaque text questioned

Sonoma, Calif.
 The Northern California-Western Nevada District Council appeared before the State Historical Landmark Commission at its Nov. 6 meeting here at the Sonoma City Hall and had their proposed text to the Tule Lake plaque tabled by a 4-1 decision until the commission reconvenes Jan. 15 at Santa Ana.

While the commission staff had recommended acceptance of the proposed text for the plaque, Lillian Baker of Americans of Historical Accuracy strongly objected to the use of "concentration camps".

Debate on its inclusion ensued for more than an hour. Majority opinion of the Commission also objected to the term "concentration camp" and any other term which may be interpreted as subjective judgment. "War relocation center" or "internment center" had been suggested as alternatives.

The text was referred back to the staff to work with the NC-WNDC to rephrase the controversial term so that it would be "more constructive—historically, socially and politically".

Shigeki J. Sugiyama, National JACL President
Aired Hatake, PC Board Chairman
Harry K. Honda, Editor

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EDITORIALS

JACL Membership Push

By this time, chapters should have received all the material required to mount the 1976 JACL membership campaign. There is no "enryo" here in stating JACL needs more members—and the National Executive Committee set down a figure of 30,500 as the goal next year, not quite a 10% increase.

Since JACL is dependent upon membership support to achieve many of the programs which have been mentioned throughout the year, greater membership participation and financial aid are the only formula for success.

Renewal of all 1975 members, of course, in all membership categories (regular, 1000 Club, Fifty Club, Century Club and Corporate) is basic. Most often, a letter or a telephone call can bring favorable results. Many also appreciate the face-to-face contact.

Upgrading memberships from regular to 1000 Club, from 1000 Club to Fifty Club, etc., probably stands the test best through a personal approach. Beginning new chapters, especially in areas where there are none, requires more care and organization but the effect can be most impressive.

Recruiting new members on a one-to-one basis or with help of the chapter membership committee can be more trying for instinctively the prospective JACL'er often asks: "What's in it for me?" This personal interest deserves as thorough a response the recruiter can offer.

Nothing sells JACL better than good programs, something of a personal interest to the member and the community. It may not be necessary to recite them all but such worthy causes as programs for the elderly, youth activities, scholarships, community service of various kinds and suggesting the new member become involved and work for the betterment of the community can spell success. And if the person wonders if he or she might be too busy otherwise, then securing financial support through membership is the next best solution which no membership chairman can spurn.

Membership services have attraction power, such as the group health insurance plans, credit union, JACL charter flights and special activities. District councils, which oversee membership campaigns in their respective areas, are probably dreaming up other proposals along these lines, especially in the area of consumerism.

The JACL Membership Campaign Manual, just released by National Headquarters, further suggests that chapters consider the diversity of interesting activities in the year's calendar to assure a well-rounded chapter program. Chapters should plan for the young children, students at all grade levels, the young singles, young married couples, only men, only women, newcomers into town, parents in general, Issei, Nisei, Sansei, the general public and community-at-large. And always invite your friends to whatever activity—even if it's from folding the monthly newsletter to the gala annual installation dinner.

Some chapters have been successful recruiting new members with a related social or cultural function and these can be scheduled the year around.

The Campaign Manual goes further in outlining some of the successful membership campaigns. The basic plan simply drafts a list of potentials and a committee then determines how best to approach them. Many chapters rely on mass mailing through a newsletter, coupled with a schedule of the coming year's activities and JACL membership material. More fun is the solicitation team competition. One chapter offered a wine tasting party in conclusion.

The installation dinners, which are often the top attraction for the chapter in many areas, might have two prices hereafter—one to include membership dues and the other without membership. And while the rates will be higher for the member at this event, it should be reversed for other events of the year—charging the nonmember a little bit more to cover chapter service expenses.

Admittedly, it takes good organization to assure a successful campaign. Nothing comes easy in this world but National Headquarters is anxious to work with chapters develop their respective campaigns. JACL regional offices in Los Angeles, Fresno, Portland and Chicago are also capable of assisting.

And it doesn't hurt for JACLers to have on hand the "brown" membership brochure which contains current program highlights, background and membership application to leave with prospective members. And when members go out to speak on the Japanese American experience, the brochure will be good to have to leave with the audience as further food for thought. By dating the application, you can determine how effective your talk was.

One of the immediate benefits from membership is a year's subscription to the Pacific Citizen, which is distributed on a one per household basis. Once National Headquarters processes the application, it will take about three weeks before PC subscription begins.

This all boils down to three words, really. "Please join JACL." So many times, they only need to be asked.

• Mikio Uchiyama, CCDC Governor

By the Board

WENDY YOSHIMURA FAIR TRIAL FUND

Fresno The Central California JACL District Council and the Fresno Buddhist Betsuin have started the Wendy Yoshimura Fair Trial Fund.

We are not calling it a defense fund because, it seems to me, that has to do with philosophy and we do not endorse her philosophy, nor are we prejudging her guilt or innocence.

What we want to be sure of, and the reason for raising this money, is that there will be enough to cover these legal expenses so that she may be assured of a fair trial.

Wendy Yoshimura's parents, who live here, don't have anything like the funds that the Hearsts have to cover expenses incurred by their lawyers.

We just want to be sure that no matter how it comes out, there will be nothing lacking because there was not enough money.

Years of Infamy

By EDISON UNO

San Francisco Most appropriately, next year as we celebrate our country's Bicentennial, a new book will be published by William Morrow and Co. The book is "Years of Infamy" by Michi Weglyn of New York.

I wish I could find the words to adequately describe Michi's book, but somehow I can't begin to extol or praise

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sufficiently the tremendous contribution she has made with her monumental task of researching the wartime experience of Japanese Americans. The initial reactions to her manuscript have been very favorable. The book has been described as "dynamite!!!" "...a bombshell!" "...sensational" and "the bitter truth."

"Years of Infamy" is no ordinary book on the Evacuation. Nor is Michi Weglyn an ordinary Nisei author. The book is the result of years of excruciating research, of painful memories of her own camp experience, of sensitive evaluation of important secret documents, and a honest assertive writing style which expresses many of the private and confidential decisions made by those who would profit or gain by the incarceration and removal of Japanese Americans.

Michi writes without bitterness or rancor; however the bare bone facts make every chapter a sensational revelation of truths heretofore unknown. Although the book deals with decisions made over 33 years ago, the exposure of the motivations and causes for these decisions are enough to make any reader suspect the government for its failure to denounce the racist, political and military opportunists, the greed of special interest groups, and the wholesale "whitewash" of the episode which should not have happened.

For the first time, an in-depth study of the pre-Pearl Harbor investigation carried out under Presidential mandate, known as the Munson Report, is exposed. This key

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The breathtaking view of Mt. Fuji can be seen on a clear day from all points of Japan, but the best treasure of all is the making of new acquaintances with your fellow travelers.

Two of the most exciting people were the Watanabes from Omaha, Judy and Mike. Judy had her first experience in a communal bath and enjoyed it very much. Incidentally, Mike is a very close friend of our Channel 7 Weatherman, John Coleman, and had the pleasure of singing at John Coleman's wedding.

The genial Morishita couple from Skokie and their daughter, Carol, who enjoyed her Eastern Maritins, and the forever smiling faces of the Everetts from Kensington, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Kleinders met her pen pal with whom she has corresponded for 43 years. Incidentally, Mr. Kleinders purchased a book for me entitled, "Sailing" and WOW—what pictures!

As you see everyone going berserk, you realize shopping is very big in Japan. Home of the Nikon Camera, Seiko Watch and priceless pearls. About pearls, ask Bob Tasami and the U.S. Customs. He never knew he was loaded, with pearls I mean.

Dr. Kumasaka and the Mrs. with their three youngsters from Ann Arbor, Mich. stated the highlight of their trip was going fishing with their relatives.

A single item which can evoke the sense of smell is taikemono. (Ask Gump Honda.)

Keio Plaza
The City of Young Look, Shinjuku, where the Kelo Plaza is located. Most of us made the Kelo "home base" and thanks to "No Weddy Yamada" of Yamada Travel, we were given a formal introduction, "How to Find Her," which ran the full gamut from the speak-easy to the fine intercontinental cuisine.

The sensuous pleasure of eating is certainly displayed from the yakitori, yakisoba, tempura and any number of sidewalk cafes—ask Wayne Oyafuso. Wayne did a tremendous job of entertaining us with his Hawaiian Hula and anecdotes. Wayne was in the 442 Anti-Tank Company.

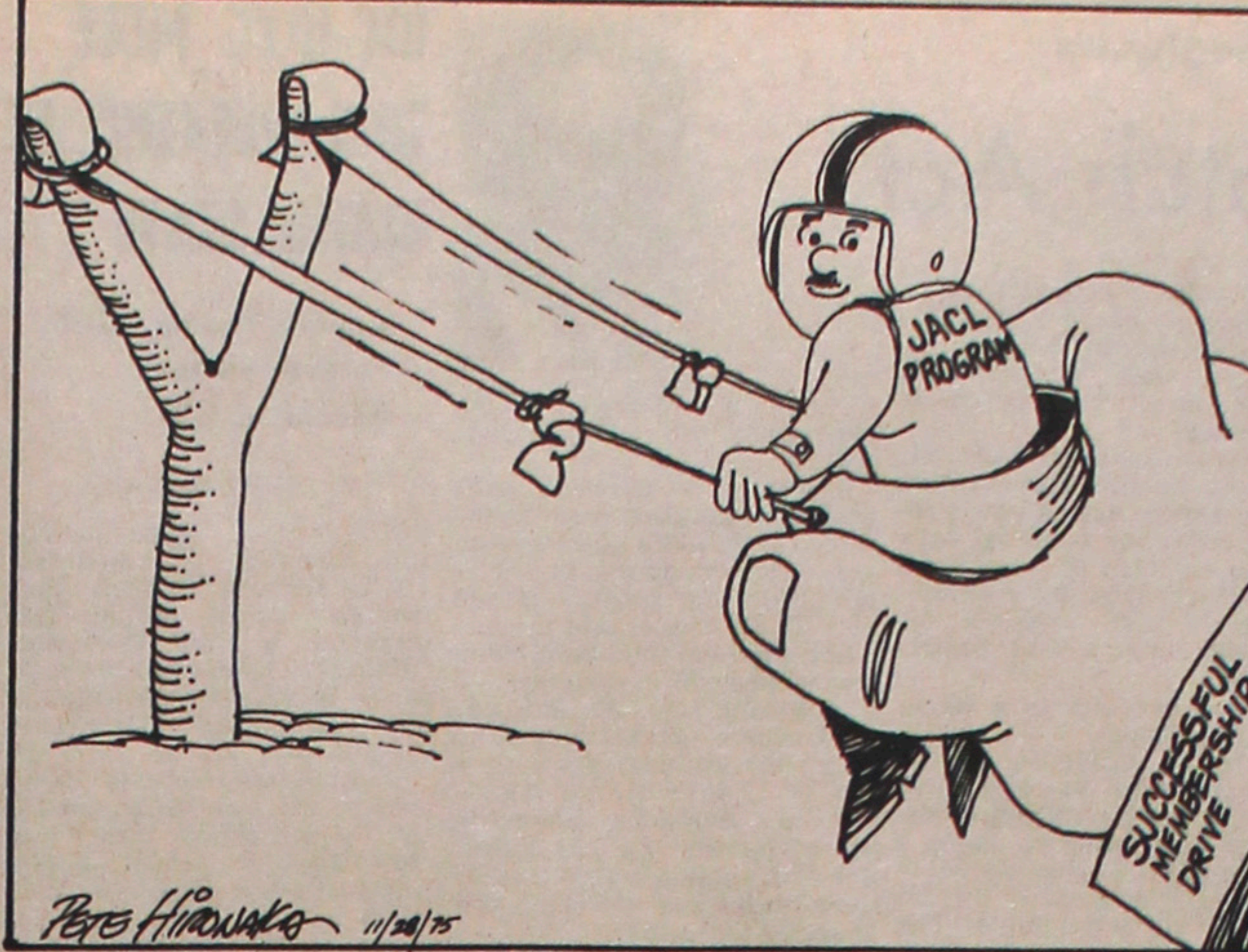
Now we come to the subject of the Fugu Sashimi.

document was ignored because it gave the Japanese Americans a clean bill of health on the question of their loyalty to America and in essence stated that they did not pose a threat to national security. Michi's research into the National Archives reveals all many secrets about the "prisoner-of-war" status of evacuees. It will shock many former internees to know that they were to be used as "pawns" in any exchange program with the enemy and that certain government officials viewed the evacuees as "hostages."

Having spent my war years at Crystal City Internment Camp in Texas, I am somewhat familiar with the treatment of South American Japanese. Michi exposes the "legalized kidnapping" by foreign governments in cooperation with the U.S. government which ultimately led to their internment at Crystal City. I am reminded that recent news of CIA involvement in foreign countries is not new to our international meddling.

There is so much more that this quick overview does not do justice to this authoritative resource, one which every American should be made to read. Let me warn you, it will make you mad, angry, and maybe bitter. It is not a book of radical rhetoric. It is a definitive work of fine research and sensitive writing. Michi is not a professional writer. In fact, her prior professional career was highly acclaimed in New York as a fashion designer. Many Nisei will recall her name, "Michi," as a credit line in the old Perry Ccmo Shows which she designed for almost seven years. Now retired and devoted to her writing and research, Michi's contribution to the Japanese American heritage will be her legacy of truths, the facts, the documents, the interpretation of history which belongs to all of us.

I am honored to be her friend and damn proud of her book, "Years of Infamy" even though it pains me to read of the official crimes perpetrated against us in the name of national security, loyalty, and our duty. I wonder if we learn from "Years of Infamy"?



Another Great Leap Forward

FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

Milwaukee Bull Session

Milwaukee, Wis. Memory is an uncertain matter, but it seems the last time I saw Julius Fujihira was when he boarded a bus in Seattle early in May of 1942 and headed for an evacuation assembly center which someone with a fine sense of irony had named Camp Harmony.

The camp was set up on the state fairgrounds at Puyallup, Wash., which weren't large enough to accommodate the entire Seattle contingent. Satellite camps were built on the parking lots nearby. Julius went into one of them, and when it came time for family and me to go behind barbed wire, we were herded into the main bullpen. There was very little traffic between the big enclosure and the satellites, so it is probably I didn't see Julius again.

But the bamboo grapevine spreads the news and somewhere I learned Julius had settled in Milwaukee after serving with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. So I telephoned him from downtown Milwaukee one recent rainy night and he insisted on picking me up.

When that happened, I began to wonder whether he would ask me about his panel truck. Fujihira was an electrical engineer but Nisei in those days usually had to settle for something less than what they were educated to do. Thus he worked as an electrician, installing switches and wiring and things like that, using an ancient panel truck for the business.

When the Evacuation was ordered Julius forgot about the electrical business—nobody needed his services anyway—and used his truck to help people move their belongings into storage, or just to get themselves and their suitcase down to the assembly point for going off to the camps. One day it was Fujihira's turn to go. He left the truck with me to help anyone who needed it.

This much I remembered clearly. But I couldn't recall what I had done with the truck when at last it was my turn to leave. And that preyed on my mind.

When at last we got together and had bridged 33 years of time, I got around to asking Julius if he remembered what I had done with his truck. "Oh," he

said, "you put it into storage in Yuki Kono's garage, just as I asked you to."

And with that momentous matter settled, we went back to talking about less weighty things.

Between the time I called and Julius picked me up, his wife Betty got on the phone and invited a few ex-Northwesterners to drop in. It was very short notice, and a pretty good Monday night football game was on TV, but Masa Sese, Andy Hasegawa, Roy Mukai and Tats Tada showed up. So did Victor Heinemeyer who doesn't look Japanese, but became interested in Japanese Americans through the bonsai club and eventually got talked into taking over the presidency of the JACL chapter. None of their wives came, which may or may not be the local custom, but it was the one deplorable aspect of an otherwise very pleasant evening.

JACL in Milwaukee, I was assured, is mostly a social organization. Since there are no church groups to speak of, no Japanese American community center since the folks live in widely scattered parts of town, and hardly any ethnically oriented problems, JACL is the vehicle that gives them a chance to get together once in a while.

Even so, they were greatly interested in what little information I could give them about what was happening at national JACL headquarters, what was happening in such JACL programs as the history project, and the health and whereabouts of Mas and Chiz Satow who had relocated to Milwaukee.

As distances go in mid-America, Milwaukee is only a hop, skip and jump from the much larger Japanese American community in Chicago. But Milwaukeeites are a self-sufficient lot and there seems to be relatively little association between the two communities.

As Julius and Betty drove me back to the motel at Racine, a few miles down the pike, I felt something like an old-time courier who had visited one of the outlying settlements with news of the times. Oh yes, Fujihira is working as an engineer at the General Electric plant.

Haneda Airport was won by the following people: Louisa Towata of Vernon Hills, Ill.; The Riggers of Silver Spring, Md.; The Roloffs of Green Bay, Wis.

Reunion Dec. 6
There are many more anecdotes we can share with you of the many people who traveled with us, but because of space and time not permitting, may we see you at the reunion on Dec. 6 (first Saturday in December) at the Smorgasbord, 6162 N. Broadway. For reservations, please contact me (561-2222) or Dick Yamada, Yamada Travel Service, (WH 4-2730).

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EAST WIND: By Masaharu 'You've Come a Long Way, Baby'

Bicentennial City, Pa. THE OTHER NIGHT a group of us Nisei were sitting around comparing notes on good restaurants in these parts: the quality of the food, the service, the atmosphere—the things that contribute to a satisfying dining experience.

AND SPFKING OF cocktails, being a farm boy who couldn't afford such lubricants (even if I had developed an inclination), I never developed the talent for touting liquors and I'm somewhat awed by the elan with which some of my Nisei friends critically judge wine. Be it fish meats or fowl—to me, wine is wine.

WELL, I'LL TELL you, friends: in this inaka-mono's view of things, there's heavy pick'n's. And all I can say is: "You've come a long way, baby." From chazuke 'n ko-ko

NOW IT ISN'T that this writer doesn't open up once in a while, but not at those levels. Oh, sure, a hundred clams per head for a political dinner, and for banquet chicken and peas. But that's an entirely different brand of ballgame. But simply to eat?

AS MENTIONED BEFORE in these columns, there's no question that my pre-war values continue to stick. I find that some of the Sansel values or tastes tend to be considerably richer than mine. Including within my own family. A boy will buy a sport-

Allan Beckman Book Review

Analysis Disperses Nazi bugbear

THE MYTH OF THE JEWISH FACE, by Faphael Charal and Jennifer P. Wing, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 350 pp., \$14.95.

Until the 19th century, Jews were identified as such primarily on religious grounds. According to this criterion, those who embraced the religious beliefs and practices of the ancient Hebrews, Judaism, were Jews. Anyone previously Jewish who converted to Mohammedanism or Christianity ceased to be a Jew.

According to the authors, the French Revolution, through its doctrine of religious liberty, ended the almost universal acceptance of this common sense criterion. The traditional grounds for dislike of Jews abolished, foes of Jewry sought an acceptable substitute; they found it in the new vogue of making racial distinctions between peoples.

The authors imply, but fall to clearly state, that they have employed the pre-racist criterion of determining who is a Jew. On the premise that all Judaists are Jews, they have assembled and analyzed data to determine whether this group can correctly be identified as a race.

One author is a historian and anthropologist, the other a geneticist. They explore the notion of the Jewish race from the vantage points of these sciences.

The notion also merits examination from the standpoint of philology. For though the authors seem unaware of it, the word "race" itself held a different meaning for pre-moderns. Shakespeare speaks of "the race of doctors."

The germ of modern racism, however, may be found in the literature of former periods. Ancient Jews believed they all descended from a common ancestor, Abraham, a belief that may adumbrate the modern misconception of race.

But even in Biblical times the Jews were not a genetically homogenous people. "It is most doubtful whether, in the course of their three thousand years of history, the Jews ever lived in sufficient reproductive isolation to develop distinctive genetic features... all the available evidence indicates that... the Jews continually received an inflow of genes from neighboring populations as a result of proselytism, intermarriage,

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Local Scene Los Angeles

Mrs. Ka'sumi Kuni'sugu was among 23 named to the L.A. City Human Relations Commission's advisory board to salute the women of Los Angeles during the 1976 bicentennial year.

Over 900 flu vaccinations were administered at Maryknoll School last month at the fourth annual event sponsored by the Japanese Welfare Rights Organization, Sho Tokyo Medical Committee, Little Tokyo Anti-Eviction Task Force, Metropolitan L.A. JACL and the Japanese Community Joint Counseling Center. A volunteer staff of 50 assisted.

Gardena Pioneer Project, a volunteer group providing social services, educational and recreational activities to Issei in the area, marked its fifth anniversary with a luncheon Oct. 26. Nearly 275 guests and members attended. Both Gardena Mayor Ed Russ and Assemblyman Paul Bannal presented GPP with commendations. Eighty Issei continuously involved with the group were presented gifts.

The Asian Benevolent Corp. will stage "The Asian Follies" this winter, combining the talent of Japanese, Chinese, Indian and other Asians as a Bicentennial event. Application for all roles and technical positions are being accepted by Mardy Harron, Room 205, 2020 F St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20006 (331-0129).

Michigan State University named Dr. Iwao Ishino director of the Institute of Comparative and Area Studies and assistant dean of international programs. He had been on two-year leave to direct the anthropology program at the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C. The institute explores development of area studies centers in Latin America, African, Asian, Russian and East European

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Cathy Durden, 16

A straight-A student from Honolulu, Catherine E. Durden, was named Miss Teen Age America at the 1976 pageant held Nov. 15 in Tulsa. The 5 ft. 4 in. brunette speaks fluent Japanese and plans to major in it at Stanford with the intention of becoming an interpreter. The San Francisco-born daughter of the W. Dawson Durden Jr., of Kaneohe, has lived in Shimizu, Japan. For the talent portion of the contest, she demonstrated ikebana. The award includes a \$10,000 scholarship and a minimum \$5,000 personal appearance contract.

Organizations

The Japanese American Optimists, L.A., have renamed their Optimist of the Year plaque to "Optimist Over the Years" to salute members who have continuously supported their community service goals. Its first recipient was Mits Yoshida, past club president and general manager of the Hollywood Era Corp. Yoshida chaired a major committee during his past 15 years' membership with the club. Edward Fukute heads the Uptown Los Angeles Optimists. A commercial artist, he is lending his talents to the Friends of the Japanese Retirement Home, won first prize in the City of Gardena Bicentennial Logo contest and Belding Award for creative achievement by the Advertising Club of L.A. He is also a Gardena Valley JA CLER.

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Richard S. Teramoto, AIA, 36, of Berkeley was employed by the Sacramento City Unified School District as its building program architect. As part of the district management team now coordinating a \$30 million program that includes replacement or rehabilitation of several schools, the Sacramento-born UC Berkeley graduate had served as design consultant for a school project in Ramah, N.M., and with a joint venture directed the design of a prototype elementary school for Sacramento, to which is using this to replace unsafe structures at William Land, David Lubin and Bret Harte elementary school sites.

Milestones

Andrew Mitsunaka, 67, retired executive sports editor of the Honolulu Advertiser, died of cancer Nov. 17. Born Sept. 18, 1908, his 42-year sportswriting career was interrupted in 1944-46 to serve as a WW2 interpreter for the U.S. Army in Japan.

Richard Gima Aloha

Notes from Japan Residents of Kyoto are proud their city is a living symbol of Japan's artistic and cultural heritage. Indeed, Kyoto is a storehouse of national culture as the two-day tour of the city amply indicated.

On our way down (Nov. 10), we were fortunate to view Mt. Fuji in all its snow-capped beauty as we shot through Shizuoka aboard the so-called "Bullet Train," To-rao Kobayashi, president of Honolulu Radio KZOO and leader of the tour, told us: "It's not often that a person gets a chance to see Japan's sacred mountain in such majestic splendor."

Here is Osaka, the industrial city of this island empire, and it's easy to tell why. The people are always on the go. No doubt, you've heard the expression, "Osaka no shonin—the businessmen of Osaka," the implication being they are sharp operators. As we were getting out of a taxi in downtown Osaka, even before I had to chance to pull out my wallet to pay the driver, he was demanding, "Okane, okane—money, money!" I felt like telling him off but not being proficient in the use of the so-called Osaka-ben—Osaka dialect, I kept my cool.

Speaking of Osaka-ben, I am told, a person in Osaka will say "Ikimahan—I'm not going" while his counterpart in Tokyo says "Ikimansen." In Tokyo it's "arigato," while in Osaka it's "ookini". In the two weeks here, I haven't seen a single woman car driver and I can understand why. This is no place for a woman—or a man, for that matter—to drive, especially if he or she is in his or her right mind. Drivers here, especially cabbies, are simply "wild". And if what the tour guide told us is true, it requires \$120,000 (\$400) to get a driver's license in Japan, which includes instruction in driving schools.

It's no wonder that so many Japanese visiting Honolulu ask about getting an "international license" there. It's so much easier to obtain one in Honolulu; besides, it's much less expensive. Speaking of Honolulu reminds me of its beautiful beaches—Waikiki and Ala Moana. You just can't compare these with a Japanese beach like the very popular one near Enohama. We visited there and it was downright filthy with trash. It's no wonder the Japanese enjoy Waikiki so much. Bowling is not the popular sport that it once was in Japan. Golf, however, continues to enjoy much success. But you need money to play golf in Japan. One source told me that you need \$14,000 to \$18,000 to belong to a golf club in Japan. And I've been told, too, that golf clubs are not suffering from lack of membership, either.

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For the Record The Pacific Citizen apologizes for the typographical error and omission in the advertisement "Books for You and Your Friends," with attention to the copy and price of the book, "Quick and Easy Gourmet Wok Cooking" and the copy and price of the omitted item, "Japanese Foods for Health."

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