

## Viet refugee-Texas crabbers clash over fishing sites

### Seadrift, Tex.

Most of the 100 Vietnamese who sought a new life in this Gulf coast town, about 50 miles north of Corpus Christi, have fled because local feuding has left one dead.

Two of the 25 families remain but others are unsure whether to return, according to a Vietnamese spokesman.

One outraged Baltimore, Md. restaurant owner who employed most of the Vietnamese in a local crab-packing plant, Bo Brooks of Texas, asked the U.S. Civil Rights Commission to intervene.

Local residents blame Vietnamese crabbers and shrimpers for ignoring unwritten rules against trespassing on other crabbers' trap-lines but police have blamed "two or three troublemakers on each side."

Billy Joe Aplin, 35, a crabber, was shot to death Aug. 3 during an argument at the dock. Hours later, a Seadrift home occupied by Thai Van Nguyen, 21, and his younger brother, Chinh Van Nguyen, 20, charged with the murder, were arrested and held at the Port Lavaca jail in lieu of \$75,000 bond.

Law enforcement officials and Catholic Charities directors who helped Vietnamese settle in Seadrift fear Ap-

lin's death would detonate similar outbursts in a half dozen fishing towns along the Gulf coast where more than 4,000 refugees are seeking new lives.

Dr. Van Chau Nguyen, director of a Catholic resettlement office in Beaumont, hoped what happened at Seadrift doesn't continue elsewhere. He remained non-committal because of the "very delicate" situation.

Alpin's death has become a symbol of local fishermen, who now ask, "Why did they dump them all on us?" to quote Alpin's widow, Judy. "That bay was overfished already."

Looking into the future, Seadrift city councilman and a seafood businessman F.J. Cunningham noted the limited resources in San Antonio Bay and the hardship the local people face when the Vietnamese expand from crabbing to shrimping as he speculated, "They are going to completely take over the seafood industry within 10 years."

Fifty miles away in Rockport, where the refugee population has grown to about 500, one seafood businessman told the Dallas Times Herald he is refusing to buy shrimp from Vietnamese in his attempt to freeze them out. Another said other shrimpers would refuse to sell to him if he bought catches from the Vietnamese.

On the other hand, there were seafood dealers in Rockport who buy regularly from Vietnamese, who are regarded as hard-working, and "the last thing they want is trouble," according to Lou LeBlanc of Surfside Seafoods.

One rumor widely circulated in the coffee shops in recent weeks was quickly denied by the area's congress-

man, Rep. Joe Wyatt Rumor had it that Vietnamese received government subsidies for new boats and cars.

Victor Morales, 18-year-old bait vendor, observed the Vietnamese work hard and save to buy newer and bigger boats. "One guy started with a 20-ft. skiff and a few traps. The next year he had a new boat and hundreds of traps," Morales said.

The Seadrift city council had imposed a 9 p.m. curfew to cool town tempers on Saturday after the violence erupted Aug. 3. It was lifted six days later, after more tension was caused by the curfew, which affected all in the town of 1,300. A Saturday night country western dance at a nearby town was disrupted.

Three local commercial fishermen were charged Aug. 8 with possession of an explosive device and held in lieu of \$50,000 bail at the Calhoun County jail. They had intended to blow up the packing plant, the police said.

Leon Ruthenberg, Baltimore owner of the packing plant, was here Aug. 8, complaining the Vietnamese lacked police protection. "Who in the hell's going to protect them?" he asked. "This is a town terrorism. They're not going to come back into this." But it was Ruthenberg's hope to plead

for more police protection and convince the Vietnamese it was safe to return.

Bo Brooks plant manager Georgia Davis said the Vietnamese women are the mainstay of the work force because of their dexterity and their willingness to remove the meat from crabs. "We've had white women in here," Davis explained, "but they say—I don't want to work here; it stinks."

Tuyen Nguyen, who worked at the packing plant, moved to Palacios because he had received phone calls

threatening his wife's life. And he told the Dallas Times Herald reporter, Patti Kilday, he did not harbor any grudges against local fishermen. "We are tired of fighting. We have been fighting for 20 years."

Seadrift's Vietnamese population had grown to 150 in the past three years since Bo Brooks of Texas, crab-packing plant, opened for business, employing Vietnamese women. Trouble brewed when locals and refugees began to competitively fish for crabs in San Antonio Bay be-

tween Seadrift and Matagorda Island. Locals charged Vietnamese fishermen watched them find choice crabbing grounds and then place their own traps close by—a violation of longstanding rules of crabbers not to trap in another fisherman's area of operation.

Ironically, the immigration of the first Vietnamese to Seadrift was welcomed by fishermen due to the scarcity of crab-pickers, who are paid 85¢ per pound at Bo Brooks. On a good day, a worker

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## Hate runs deep in crabbing war

### Seadrift, Tx.

Hate runs deep on both sides in the violent fishing war now erupting in this Gulf coast town.

"I hate gooks. If they jack with me, I'll kill them," said shrimper Stanley Gilbert of Fulton, and a veteran of the Vietnam war in which two of his brothers died.

"We are packing guns here, and the shrimpers are packing guns in Fulton. Everybody's packing guns," declared Linda Alpin, whose uncle Billy Joe Alpin was shot to death earlier this month. Two Vietnamese crabbers are charged with the murder.

"Those are vicious little people. They have little regard for life," added another shrimper Kenneth Rogers of Fulton.

At Fulton Harbor, Rogers added, the Vietnamese are living in seven rundown duplexes and so crowded that "when you open the door, they run out like fleas".

The clash is cultural, writes Ann Atterberry

for the Dallas Morning News, racial and economic, compounded by the language barrier. American fishermen also say it is a matter of the Vietnamese way of fishing in crowded bays and harbors back home without conforming to an unwritten code of ethics as developed in the Gulf during the past 100 years.

Verlin Davis of the Bo Brooks crab packing plant says crabbers as a genre are hard to get along with.

Leon Ruthenberg, the packing plant owner from Baltimore, says the Vietnamese "are not asking anything but to be left alone. They are immigrants. Most can't speak English. Terrorism is what this amounts to, and who in the hell would expect that in this day and age? The easiest person to scare is a fresh minority."

Meanwhile, peace-making gestures were underway with representatives from both sides meeting with a federal mediator to see what the refugees were doing wrong and to help settle differences.

Immigration of a large, non-English speaking population into small towns is a tender matter which Asian Americans have a natural concern, their own history within the past century still fresh in memory. We are indebted to Herb Ogawa, our reader in Dallas, Tex., for supplying us with a collection of newspaper clippings bringing us up to date on the Seadrift, Tex., violence between local and Vietnamese crabbers.—Ed.

## Palo Alto teenager named to U.S. panel on Year of Child

### Palo Alto, Ca.

Arlene Seid, 14, the only Asian-Pacific American nationally and one of two Californians serving on the Children's Advisory Panel of the U.S. Commission on the International Year of the Child, 1979, participated in their three-day conference in Washington this past week (Aug. 16-18).

Young people's advice was being sought by the ICY commission, chairwoman Jean C. Young said, "to involve more children in responsible, appropriate ways in matters affecting their lives".

Arlene's parents and family members are Sequoia JACLers. She was among 25 selected from hundreds nominated by various groups. She had been nominated by the Pacific Asian Coalition, sits on the Santa Clara Coun-



Arlene Seid

ty Youth Commission, and is a member of the YWCA National Teen Organization. She is chairwoman of Young Asian Americans for Teen Involvement, the youth component of Asian Americans for Community Involvement.

## Nisei charge of Northrop job bias sticks

### Los Angeles

Alice Nehira, fired from her job as a statistician at Northrop Ventura in March, 1978, and Jo Ann Shimizu, presently a secretary clerk at the same plant in Newbury Park, lodged a class action complaint against the aerospace firm of employment discrimination over a year ago (PC, April 21, 1978).

Last March, when a U.S. Labor Dept. investigator found that most of the allegations against women and minorities were true, it resulted in a conciliation agreement being signed in April between Northrop and the Labor Dept.'s office of federal contract compliance programs.

Under Labor Dept. procedures, the firm first signs the agreement and then can appeal any part of it with its officials in Washington. A final de-

## Barber shaves 223 in 1 hr. for record

### Tokyo

Isao Tsuchiya, 43, of Chigasaki, shaved 223 people in one hour Aug. 8 and claimed a world record. The veteran Japanese barber challenged the entry in the Guinness Book of World Records (203 by a Briton).

cision on the agreement is due in 30 to 60 days.

A Northrop spokesman had told the Oxnard Press Courier the conciliation agreement was being implemented, except in the case of one employee where a review of the findings and agreement by Washington.

But frustrated by inaction after 120 days since the agreement was signed, the two Camarillo Nisei visited with Paul Tsuneishi, former JACL district governor, and JACL regional director John J. Saito this past week (Aug. 16) to ascertain what further steps are needed to snap the apparent impasse. The women were assured their case would be forwarded to JACL's national committee on employment discrimination, chaired by Yoshinori H. T. Himel, a Justice Dept. attorney by profession, in Washington.

Nehira indicated to JACL that Northrop has appealed for an "indefinite stay" of implementation, despite reports in the Ventura County press that it is implementing an affirmative action program.

An addendum was signed in June, allowing Northrop to contact minority applicants who applied for secretarial and clerical jobs in 1977-78 and

giving them until the end of the year to qualify. Those who qualify would be considered for employment until April 30.

A Northrop spokesman, according to the Ventura Star Press, said that not more than 75 applicants are involved and would be called as jobs become available.

Under terms of the agreement, Nehira must also be rehired in the next available budget analyst position. Northrop is also required to remove negative evaluations of some of the employees. Some will get back pay as far back as 1976.

Nehira said she took a downgrade in position to transfer from Northrop Hawthorne to Northrop Ventura and tried in vain for a promotion as a budget analyst.

Because Northrop has federal contracts (it makes radio-controlled target aircraft at the Newbury Park plant), it was subject to a Labor Dept. investigation.

Investigator Lisso Anderson, in the report, found Northrop had discriminated by hiring Caucasian males in positions where they didn't meet the minimum job description while using vague and subjective criteria to screen out minority and female applicants.

Anderson also found that layoffs affected only minorities and females, nepotism was practiced in hiring and inaccurate attendance records were used to disqualify minorities.

Managers at Northrop were unaware of the affirmative action goals of their respective units and that nonminorities were classified as "minorities", the report continued.

In cases where minorities and females protested or questioned some personnel decisions, their performance evaluations deteriorated and they were denied promotion or laid off, the report noted.

But the report also found no substantiation to the charge that there were no minority or female managers or that minorities were fired at disproportionate rates at the plant. #

## Calif. issues DMV book in Japanese

### San Francisco

Long-awaited California Dept. of Motor Vehicles handbook in Japanese on how to acquire a driver's license has been published.

Single copy is available by writing to:

JACL/No. Calif.-W. Nevada Office, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, Ca 94115. #





DOWN TO EARTH: Karl Nobuyuki

# Meet Sen Nishiyama

had been asked to follow up. We met with him on July 11 at Headquarters.

Sen Nishiyama was born in Salt Lake City. In early 1935 he moved to Japan, returning the ashes of his father to his homeland. Having been unable to locate employment in the United States in his field of interest (electronics), he found ample opportunity in Japan. He enjoyed life in Japan and became a citizen shortly thereafter. We learned that Sen was a long-time acquaintance of the Ma-

saoka family. He had nothing but praise for Mrs. Masaoka and told us of the remarkable resilience of the "Masaoka boys".

Sen said very little about himself unless asked. We knew a little about him as his reputation preceded his visit. Sen was recently recognized internationally for his simultaneous translation (Japanese-English) of the Apollo XIV moon shot. He is considered one of the developers of simultaneous translation and an expert in communications

and international relations. His reputation is not exaggerated.

Our meeting with Sen left us with a great deal of inspiration. We were encouraged to learn that the Japanese would be interested to learn more of the U.S. Nikkei. Sen expressed to us that he too was a strong believer of the role of Nikkei in the field of Japan-United States relations and that though the task would be difficult, if enacted it could be a major turning point in reaching a level of mutual understanding not yet experienced in either country.

Upon the closing of our session with Nishiyama, we were aware that this joint venture would be several years in the making. Yet we

felt that what we were beginning to embark upon would be beneficial for the Japanese American community as well as JACL. If JACL, with the assistance of our friends in Japan, can present to the general American public the true and accurate story of the Nikkei, we believe that we will have formed a bridge of understanding between two nations. This bridge then will serve as a passageway for future understanding in the realm of international relations.

Congress debated rather heatedly President Carter's dictum to set thermostats at 75 degrees. Coats-&-ties chalked up 303 votes, shirts-only 105; Reps. Mineta and Matsui voted to stick with tradition and decorum.

## 'Intake-Outake II'

San Francisco

A comedy-satire of short skits written by Judi Nihei and Marc Hayashi will be staged this final weekend Aug. 24-26 at Asian American Theater Workshop, 4344 California St. "Intake Outake II" is a revised version presented last summer.

### San Francisco

Two days after our meeting with Mr. Masaru Ibuka, Honorary President and founder of the Sony Corporation, we received a follow-up communication from Mr. Sen Nishiyama, who relayed to us the feedback from Mr. Ibuka: that he was impressed with the meeting and that Sen

### cultural events

Seattle's "Buddha Bandits" will blend poetry and music at the Bumbershoot '79 on Labor Day, Sept. 3, 8 p.m. in the Snoqualmie Room at Seattle Center. The event, partially funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, will feature poets Garrett Hongo and Alan Lau, instrumentalists Bob Antolin, Marcus Tsutakawa and Vic Kubo. A \$1 admission is being charged.

Southeast L.A. Japanese Community Center celebrates its third anniversary with Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) announced as guest speaker for the dinner-dance Sept. 9 at the new center, 14615 Gridley Rd., Norwalk. Proceeds of the fund-raiser go toward support of its building fund and cultural programs. For information, call Sharon Kuroyama, 13024 Destino Ln, Cerritos (213-926-7329).

### california

Asian Community Center of Sacramento Valley, Inc., 2200-6th St., Sacramento (916-444-2678) will initiate an Asian manpower training program with four CETA-eligible participants Oct. 1. Resumes are due Aug. 31 with interviews scheduled Sept. 5 for a project director and three employment counselors.

San Diego's Ocean View UCC bazaar will be held at the church grounds, 3525 Ocean View, on Sunday afternoon (12n-5 p.m.), Sept. 2, featuring a chicken dinner at \$2.75.

### los angeles

Asian Women's Health Project to provide direct services and health education inside Los Angeles county begins in September with Linda M. Iwataki as director (295-6571), THE Clinic, 3860 W. Santa Barbara Ave. Bilingual workers are being sought.

Minority-owned Ohbayashi Corp. of America received a \$317,000 contract from the Community Redevelopment Agency to complete a walkway system to complement the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center between 2nd and 3rd Sts in Little Tokyo. Ohbayashi is currently completing construction of the first phase development of the JACCC complex.

### Deaths

Mrs. Tome Otsuka, 92, pioneer Sedgwick Issei in northeastern Colorado, died July 18. Surviving are four sons, Kiyoshi, Akira, Kameo, all of Sedgwick; Tsuruo, Chicago; d Keiko Kobayashi (Albuquerque), 17 gc and 5 ggc.

George Yoshitaro Yasuda, 96, of Salt Lake City died of natural causes at home Aug. 7. (Story with picture of him in his Salt Lake City High School ROTC uniform appeared in the April 27 PC, the day after he turned age 96). Surviving are w Katsuno, s George (Sioux Falls), Tom (Lancaster, Ca.); d Priscilla Nagao (Hawaii), Lily Shino, Mariya Motoki, 11 gc, 5 ggc.

## 'Let's not make mistakes of past': ex-envoy Johnson

Honolulu

Speaking on "Quest for Peace: American-Japanese Relations", U. Alexis Johnson, who served as U.S. ambassador to Japan from 1966-69, said the future of U.S.-Japan relations "will depend even more careful and far-sighted handling on both sides."

He was addressing a meeting at the Ala Moana Americana Aug. 2.

Johnson said "special interests in both countries are beginning to urge a turning back of the clock to protectionism" which he regarded as "disturbing trends" which could hinder future ties. He explained:

"In the United States, Japanese goods tend to become a special target, while in Japan, American business interests feel they are not accepted at the same level that Japanese business is accepted in the United States."

Johnson is also concerned about blame and resentment in the United States toward Japanese, and "ominous undertones of that racism which I so well recall in the 1920s and 30s".

The explosion of trade between the two nations has added to prosperity for both nations, "yet all too often, rightly or wrongly, there is an impression that Japan is reluctant to take the role of the second economic power in the free world," Johnson continued.

He called upon both U.S. and Japan "to remind ourselves of history as a guide toward preventing a return to any of the mistakes of the past".

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## japan/asia

The oil crunch has hit Osaka crematoriums as their regular sources of kerosene and oil have been unable to fulfill orders. City officials are making the round of gasoline stations to maintain their supply.

Prime Minister Ohira stressed the Nagoya municipality's plan to host the 1988 Olympics with Aichi-ken at a cost of 840-billion yen should be more seriously reviewed to ease the financial burden of the nation.

Steam locomotive (SL) buff (over 2,500) gathered at Ogori station, Yamaguchi-ken, to photograph and tape record the sight and sound of the first SL back in service Aug. 1 on the JNR Yamaguchi line to Tsuwano, Shimane-ken, 40 miles away. Steamers were pulled off in 1973.

Suginoi Hotel in Beppu's hot springs resort area is now saving oil by using the onsen's geothermal energy for air-conditioning its two 13-story buildings. The

new system, which began in July, culminates a three-year engineering effort. The hotel's central heating system from the same source has been operating since 1969.

Synthetic blood, a type of fluorocarbon developed by the Kobe University Hospital and Green Cross Corp., Osaka, was successfully used in a kidney transplant operation at Fukushima Medical College, it was announced July 14. The press said it was the first time in the world that synthetic blood was used clinically, although animal tests had been conducted since four years ago at various universities.

Tokyo's Yasukuni Shrine dedicated a River Kwai locomotive, which was a repurchased Japanese C5631 steamer. The Japanese Army during WW2 operated the Taimen (Thai-Burma) line, now operated by Thai Railways which was scrapping its steamers for diesel-powered engines.

## canada

Long regarded as a nuisance fish, the capelin which teem off Newfoundland shores is a delicacy to the Japanese and has aroused St. Johns fishermen as up to 250,000 metric tons is expected to be exported to Japan annually. Fish (like a smelt) is grilled, eaten hot with sake and lemon juice.

The Asian Centre is taking shape at the Univ. of British Columbia campus adjacent to the famous Nitobe Memorial Garden. Conspicuous is the Sanyo Pavilion which stood at Expo '70 in Osaka and presented to UBC as a gift, but redesigned by architect Donald Matsuda to

house the large Asian language library in Canada, a 200-seat theater and lecture hall, music and meeting rooms, offices.

The Japanese "inter-ethnic relationship" with non-Japanese in Canada is being examined by Annex, the drop-in social centre in Toronto encouraging Japanese Canadian heritage and multicultural activities. Because there is very little current literature with direct application to the Canadian Japanese community, Annex is gathering data and contributions to present a seminar on the subject in the fall.

## CRABBERS

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could earn \$30-40 but in the winter with few crabs to pick, some of the women were forced to collect food stamps to make ends meet, according to Tuyen Nguyen.

Ruthenberg had complained two years ago the rights of the Vietnamese were being violated because of harassment by local crabbers, but the FBI found no violations.

Regardless of its origin, with community relations representatives from the Justice Department moving in as they did in Selma and Birmingham, it has become a civil rights case. As the Wall Street Journal puts it, this is Seadrift's first adventure in civil rights. There is, in fact, only one black family living here.

## Japan foundation to assist refugees

Tokyo

Plans for a government-financed corporation to assist Indochinese refugees in Japan have been substituted because it requires legislation, the Mainichi Daily News reported recently.

Instead, a foundation to aid government and private agencies help resettle refugees in Japan has been organized. Its initial undertaking would be to dispatch Japanese officials to Southeast Asian nations to meet refugees seeking resettlement in Japan.

Meanwhile, 600 Vietnamese students stranded since the fall of the Saigon government in April 1975 are petitioning for permanent residency. Without a valid passport, they consider themselves as refugees, says Isamu Ando of Sophia University's Asian Relations Research Center, who is pleading the case.

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INSPECTING FOX MEADOWS—Staff members of Gardena (Ca.)-based real estate development firm, Fletcher Co., Karen Mizusaki (left), sec treas; Harry Manaka, associate; and Kay Higuchi, v.p.; inspect Fox Meadows, a 145-home development in Thousand Oaks.



VIETNAM REFUGEES—A Japanese Red Cross worker leads part of 110 boat people rescued by a French tanker in the South China Seas landing at Kashima. Daily Yomiuri Photo

## 100 boat people rescued by French tanker lands in Japan

Kashima, Ibaraki

As a result of 109 Vietnamese refugees allowed to disembark from the French tanker Ventose here Aug. 2, 639 refugees are now staying in Japan temporarily, the Foreign Ministry announced.

Overall, 2,355 refugees, including 50 infants born after their parents' arrival, have landed in Japan on a temporary basis. Of these, 1,711 have relocated to the U.S. and other countries, two have died and three allowed to settle in Japan.

Ventose had picked up the refugees found drifting in

the South China Sea. The tanker was Japan-bound to unload crude oil. The refugees were the first group to benefit from a new policy established by the Ohira cabinet July 13 that "boat people saved by a foreign ship visiting a Japanese port for regular business activities should be allowed to temporarily stay in this country".

Most of the refugees were in their 20s; most have relatives in the U.S. and want to join them; all were in smiles as they boarded buses for a nearby Japanese inn for a two-night stay. None said

## Gardena developer ready to expand into rest of West

Gardena, Ca.

The Fletcher Co., formed in 1965 to develop recreational subdivisions in California and Hawaii, has been in home and condominium construction since 1974. It plans to expand into commercial development and other projects in other western states, it was announced.

As the number of project increases, the list of their investor-clients, most of them in the Gardena-South Bay area, also grows. At present, Fletcher Co. is constructing a \$750,000 condominium in Beverly Hills; 78 single family homes in Alta Loma in its

Shadow Peak project; 443 homes on the Phillips Ranch Falcon Ridge project in Diamond Bar; and 145 homes in the Fox Meadows project at Thousand Oaks. A fourth project is slated in early 1980.

By the end of the year, Fletcher Co. expects to deliver 110 homes in Southern California for a total sales price of \$12,000,000. Besides its construction activities, its financial division was formed to finance other developments on a joint venture basis, charging no interest on the equity capital for the projected life of the project.

they wanted to stay in Japan.

After Japan Red Cross housing and immigration office medical checks, the group proceeded by ferry to the Red Cross International Friendship Center in Motobu, Okinawa, where permanent resettlement papers were to be processed.

The group had fled from Cam Ranh Bay July 23, planning to sail for the Philippines or Singapore, and was rescued 36 hours later by the French tanker.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry revealed it and the Transportation Ministry are studying refugee rescue plans on how Japanese ships can cooperate with U.S. Navy ships and how ship operators can be reimbursed for accommodating rescued refugees transferred from the U.S. fleet.

## Asians missing on refugee task force

San Francisco

Mayor Dianne Feinstein on Aug. 2 established a task force to assist refugees who are passing through here from Southeast Asia and from Nicaragua or who are expected to settle here.

Remarking on the lack of Asian representation, Henry Der of Chinese for Affirmative Action said the mayor made an oversight in not inviting Asian Americans involved with refugee relief. The mayor's office said it was anxious to broaden the committee to include Asian Americans.

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# Clarifying Aug. 1

Some have wondered why I reported on the August 1st meeting in which Senator Hayakawa agreed to co-sponsor the Senate Bill 1647.

It was to clarify the statements from his office. Because of "Hayakawa's initiative," it stated, JACL had changed its stance to go the commission route. It further confused the picture by "presuming" that "Hayakawa already had written President Carter requesting such a commission be formed."

There had been no direct contact with Senator Hayakawa since the Salt Lake City convention over a year ago. During this time numerous requests for a meeting had been made to his office without a result.

The initiative for the commission concept was formed in January 1979 when JACL representatives met with the Nikkei legislators in Washington. Senator Hayakawa was not present at that meeting.

JACL has gone through months of intense discussions at all levels of the organization in order to come to the present decision on the Bill.

On August 1st Senator Hayakawa was presented with a drafted Bill, and asked to join. A clear picture of that meeting will give the Japanese Americans and the public the perspective they need.

Senator Hayakawa is being hurt by these allegations coming from his office. I do not believe that any misrepresentation by his staff is necessary in order for us to appreciate Senator Hayakawa's co-sponsorship of the Senate Bill 1647.



YE EDITOR'S DESK: Harry Honda

# Cutter-Uppers

It's time to acknowledge the unsung corps of people (or the "cutter-uppers" for want of a better caption) who faithfully cut up their local newspapers, date and forward them to the PC because of possible interest to our readers.

Former PC book editor Alan Beekman in Honolulu is our "eye" into Hawaii and the Pacific area. Some of his clips contain personal notes and background. Others might be graphic photos from the Advertiser taken by staff cameraman Dave Yamada, Roy Ito or Charles Okamura. The clippings we often cram into the Hawaii news brief or PC People columns.

Out of Washington, D.C., Etsu Masaoka spends part of her day perusing at least a dozen newspapers and publications for her husband Mike and the PC—with strong emphasis on stories with a human and civil rights bent plus U.S.-Japan affairs. But pieces with a Nisei angle are foremost.

Mo Marumoto of Interface Group also remembers the PC with items found in periodicals and papers that cross his desk. Latest one, for instance, from the Chronicle of Books & Arts features an interview of Noel Perrin, author of "Giving Up the Gun: Japan's Reversion to the Sword, 1543-1879" (see Hosokawa's July 13 column)—who chats about the concept of "progress", a subject I remember talking and arguing far into the night with a friend years ago.

And a gentleman I don't recall having met—Bob Hirata of West Valley—sends us what he finds in the papers from San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose as well as the L.A. Times, which is appreciated as the clippings may have

been missed in the quick perusal of the paper here over morning coffee.

From Tokyo comes a weekly bundle of the national news page from the Yomiuri, Mainichi Daily and the Asahi from Mas Manbo, who manages to slip in a column now and then. Much of the Japan news and briefs are selected for the people who have been to Japan in mind.

But there are many other faithful cutter-uppers, notably Herb Ogawa of Dallas, who keeps us up on what's what in Texas. He's the younger brother of the late Elmer Ogawa, who covered the Pacific Northwest with his camera and column for the PC.

There are many longtime JACLers who feed us hometown clippings (and we are often hard-pressed to rewrite or run them within the time and space constraints) as we have asked over the years. This may be a way to acknowledge their assistance by listing the latest "cutter-uppers":

- Chicago—Tom Tokuhisa;
- Cleveland—Henry Tanaka;
- Columbia Basin—Ed Yamamoto;
- Dayton—Pete Hironaka;
- Detroit—Elaine Prout, Toshi Shimoura;
- Houston—Paul Shinkawa;
- Long Beach—Aiko Sakamoto;
- Mid-Columbia—Mits Takasumi;
- Mile Hi—Bill Hosokawa;
- Monterey—Doug Jacobs;
- New England—Dr. Scott Miyakawa;
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- Sacramento—Tom Fujimoto, Frank Iwama;
- Salt Lake—Alice Kasai, Tomoko Yano;
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# Cash prizes for youth programs proposed

Editor: If part of the JACL budget of \$45,500, allocated for youth and student aid, were offered as prizes to chapters which have the best projects for young Japanese Americans, perhaps the youth program will begin to make progress (President's Corner, PC, July 20).

Here in Gardena, the JACL has been involved in five big projects involving youths in a single month. The Queen Coronation (June 2), the Pacific Southwest JACL Nisei Relays (June 3), California State JACL

Track/Field Championship in Oakland (June 10), Japanese Cultural Institute Carnival (June 16, 17), and the Gardena JACL Awards Dinner-Dance (June 30) were all outstanding successes. Hundreds of young people and their parents participated in and derived considerable satisfaction from these worthwhile activities.

It would be nice if we could win a substantial cash award for our efforts; but it probably won't be needed. Fifty young people met on July 17 to make plans for a flea market and a disco dance

to raise funds.

It should be noted that the above mentioned five major JACL projects are but a small fraction of the extraordinary public service performed by the wonderful parents and youths in our area.

Gardena with a population of only 45,000 received first place ranking for volunteerism in the United States; and Japanese Americans played a major role in winning this recognition.

Organized sports by the Friends of Richard, Sansei League, Optimists, and judo and kendo clubs; community service by the VFW Post 1961, Pioneer

Project, Friends of the Japanese Retirement Home, Japanese Cultural Institute, Kiwanis, Lions, Gardena High School service clubs, gardeners, nurserymen, churches, and social and cultural activities by numerous others demonstrate the sheer volume of dedicated service by Gardena Japanese Americans.

With so much to be done for the 15,000 JA's in the locality, the present administration of the Gardena Valley JACL is giving priority to their needs—especially the youths.

MAS ODOI  
President,  
Gardena Valley JACL

# 'Frying Pan' Figures

Editor: Bill Hosokawa's preoccupation with figures (Aug. 3 PC) and on Nisei Bigness (July 27 PC) are on the boring side. He is continually back-biting in an effort to sabotage the Redress Proposal, which was mandated unanimously at the last National JACL Convention in Salt Lake City.

To put the chapter vote on the Redress issue in proper perspective, Hosokawa himself states, "Of course in any election the outcome is determined only by the ballots cast. In the 1976 presidential election only 53.3% of the registered U.S. voters went to the polls" and he adds that Jimmy Carter was elected by about 25% of those entitled to vote. By comparison, the JACL's Redress Committee's Federal Commission Plan was approved by over 52.5% of the total membership and more importantly, by over 77% of the chapters casting ballots. Utilizing the presidential election figures, that would make this victory a landslide.

On the issue of the "Big Nisei", Hosokawa promotes a 2nd class citizens mentality that we still have to earn our status as 1st class citizens. Hosokawa's infatuation with richness and recognition is distressingly a by-product of the prewar Issei and Nisei mentality.

KEN HAYASHI  
Orange County JACL

# J.P.S.: DC-10 Note

Editor: Please thank George Akimoto for me for his letter (July 27, PC). It clarified the findings about the DC-10 accident. In the newspapers here, the resumption of flights was mentioned only in a short, page 2 article, and the article somehow implied that McDonnell Douglas still had some sort of responsibility for the accident.

Please also thank Pete Hironaka for prompting Akimoto to write.

RALPH M. LAKE  
St. Louis, Mo.

# 'We're stumped!

Editor: Is there any way I can get the prewar Japanese banks in Los Angeles to reveal a list of depositors? My late mother had deposits in one of them.

J.T.  
Cleveland, Ohio

*I know of no country in which there is so little independence of mind and real freedom of discussion as in America.—A. DE TOQUEVILLE*

in the Pacific Citizen

# 35 years ago

AUG. 19, 1944

Aug. 4—Minidoka family (Takeo Sakumas) sends sixth son (Satoru, 19) to be inducted in Army; believed to be only evacuee family with so many in military service.

Aug. 8—Alberta provincial election not open to relocated Japanese Canadians from British Columbia; prewar Alberta Japanese Canadians not affected.

Aug. 11—Shitara sisters file appeal for new trial in Denver; had been found innocent of treason charge (assisting in escape of German POWs) but not of conspiracy to commit treason.

July 28—Three warehouses in Manzanar destroyed by fire.

Editor:

I am opposed to a commission approach on redress but find Hosokawa's diversion on statistics appalling.

Two different points seem involved. First: how to interpret those who failed to vote. However correct his English, the political fact is that those who don't vote get stuck with the vote of the majority. For statistical estimates of opinion, one alternative method would be to distribute those in the same proportion as

those who had voted. Of course, the procedure would not change the ratio. Second: how to count. The stated ratio was in reference to chapters, not membership. The Hosokawa alternative would be comparable to counting the population of states represented by senators rather than the vote of senators. Under that rule, we would have one legislative body too many.

TOKUZO MARUYAMA  
Los Angeles

# Short Notes

Editor: Thank you very much for your support in our project. The articles in the PC helped us raise the necessary funds. (Donations totaled \$16,157.50, expenses were \$13,904.99, with \$2,250 estimated as accounts payable leaving a net balance of \$2.51.)

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FROM HAPPY VALLEY: Sachi Seko

# Sasahara, the Scientist

Salt Lake City

The past has a way of catching up with you. Sometimes, it is by chance. Last spring, I wrote a piece on the death of my friend, Oscar Inouye. He was quite a man. Others thought so, too. Some took the time to write or call, sharing their memories of him.

Among the letters was one from Art Sasahara. I have not seen him since he and his family left Gila for Ohio on December 7, 1943. We corresponded for awhile. The disconnection was probably my fault. I loathe writing letters. But I remember those I received from him. They were different from all the others that came from outside. Art's letters were funny, full of mischief and outrageous lies. Thirty-six years ago, there was a dearth of humor. I guess that's why I enjoyed Art's letters, read them over and over again.

The most recent letter I have from Art was written last December on a night flight from San Francisco to Boston. I'm glad I kept it. For Bill Hosokawa's search for Big Nisei has brought the nomination of Dr. Arthur Sasahara (PC 7/27). He is nominated as "a world authority on pulmonary embolic disease, professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, and chief of medical service at West Roxbury Veterans Administration Hospital..." He is also cited as being "a pioneer in studies of the use of Urokinase, a non-toxic urine enzyme, to dissolve blood clots in the lung."

But in his letter to me, the world-wide

lecturer describes himself as "discussing something I lucked into years ago. I'm the modern traveling medicine man, huckstering my wares. I shuffle papers and carry out research."

Hosokawa mentioned that Art published more than 100 articles and two books on his specialty. He has more invitations to lecture from medical schools, hospitals and medical societies around the world than he can fulfill. Yet, in his letter, he teases, "I have maintained a fruit stand on the Boston Commons. Want to buy an apple? Actually, it's not too bad—you know, newspapers can plug holes in shoes quite comfortably." He writes of his house, "120 year old, mid-victorian house, which leaks, whistles when it's windy, is bloody cold in winter, but what the hell—it's home."

Art was always special. He was such a versatile kid, it wouldn't have mattered if his endeavors had been in music or literature or medicine. Perhaps that is a sign of true genius, for most of us mortals are endowed with dubious singular strengths and many weaknesses.

But he is even more as these brief excerpts from his letter reveal. He holds himself and his honors lightly. His modesty embarrasses the narcissistic arrogance of some whose achievements are paler and provincial by comparison. I am proud of his contribution to the human race. And I am touched, that one generation later, he addresses this ordinary woman as "friend".



FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

# Nisei on the U.S.-Japan trade scene

Denver, Colo.

There is no contemporary issue between the United States and Japan more critical than trade. Japan must trade with the United States to live. Japan imports a large part of its food from the United States, and huge quantities of raw materials like coal, iron ore, lumber, cotton, which it turns into finished products that in turn must be sold on the American market.

For the United States, trade with Japan is extremely important but not a matter of survival. What bothers Americans is that we buy substantially more from Japan than we sell to Japan. The result is an imbalance of trade that ranges up into the billions of dollars, contributing indirectly to the inflation that is stifling American economic growth and hurting every one of us.

Getting that trade into balance is a critical problem, and at least two Nisei are right in the middle of that effort. They belong on Frying Pan's informal, unofficial and rapidly expanding list of Big Nisei who are having, or have had, more than local or regional impact on matters of importance to their particular areas of activity.

The first of these is a Nisei whose name doesn't appear often in Japanese American journals. He is H. Dick Yamashita, president of Marcom International and founder and chairman of the Joint U.S.-Japan Trade Study Group in Tokyo. This body is made up of seven Japan-U.S. organizations—the U.S. Embassy in Japan, the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan, Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry, JETRO which is Japan's external trade promotion organization, Keidanren (Japan Federation of Economic Organizations), the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Japan-U.S. Economic Consultative Council.

An impressively high-powered group. It was later incorporated into the Trade Facilitation Committee, a bilateral government negotiation body established by special trade ambassadors Nobuhiko Ushiba of Japan,

Robert Strauss of the U.S., and Secretary of Commerce Juanita M. Kreps. Yamashita was also one of the key co-authors of the American Chamber of Commerce White Paper, published last May, outlining steps necessary to increase sales of American goods in Japan and bring trade into balance.

Yamashita is in great demand as a speaker at conferences dealing with trade and American trade officials visiting Japan ask to see him. He was listed as a featured speaker at two Japanese journalists' seminars in July, his topic being on the similarities and differences in practices between American and Japanese businessmen, and how these relate to recent frictions.

Yamashita's opposite number in the U.S.-Japan Trade Study Group—the chairman of the Japanese side—is Shinsaku Sogo, director of JETRO's overseas public relations department. Sogo was stationed in New York from 1962 to '67, and headed JETRO's Los Angeles office from 1974 through 1977.

The second person has already been listed as a Big Nisei. He is Mike Masaoka, recognized as a human rights lobbyist for JAACL who was responsible for persuading Congress to eliminate race as a qualification for becoming a naturalized American citizen, and removing racially-based inequities in the immigration laws. That, however, was a quarter of a century ago, and since then Masaoka has been deeply involved in trade matters.

His consulting firm, in Washington, D.C. and New York, Mike M. Masaoka and Associates, represents some of Japan's leading manufacturers, among them Toyota, Matsushita (Panasonic), Bank of Tokyo, Suntory, Dentsu—helping to steer them clear of pitfalls that would prove damaging to the two nations. Because of the key position he holds, officials of both countries use him as a sounding board to test their ideas.


This column's listing of Big Nisei has stirred a good deal of reaction, and we'll mention other individuals from time to time. If you have a nomination, please let us know about him or her. #



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## How about the blessings of Evacuation?

Continued from Last Week

17. Weren't most of the adults enemy aliens and therefore subject to summary detention during a war?

The so-called "enemy aliens" were legal permanent residents of the United States who were fully entitled to constitutional protections of the Bill of Rights. They were "aliens" only because they were prohibited by law from becoming naturalized citizens. Presidential Proclamation #2525, which was based on a 1798 statute, did permit the apprehension of certain "enemy aliens," but only those individuals against whom there was specific evidence to show they were dangerous to the safety of the United States, and all such individuals had the right to a hearing in a court of law to determine if there was sufficient cause for removal or detention. Only those persons arrested under individual warrants by the FBI and placed in Department of Justice internment camps fell into this category—and they comprised just 5% of the total number of Japanese "aliens" who were incarcerated. Japanese nationals could have been detained as "prisoners of war" under provisions of the Geneva Convention of 1929, and many of the detainees demanded POW status, but the government refused to recognize them as POWs because many of the Geneva Convention rules would then be violated. Also, it should be noted that German and Italian "enemy ali-

ens"—who, incidentally, were free to become United States citizens—were not imprisoned en masse.

18. Weren't most of the citizens who were incarcerated children who had to accompany enemy alien parents?

Under our legal system, children are not locked up just because their parents are imprisoned. The basic rights of United States citizens cannot be deprived due to age: the Constitution protects children as well as adults. The government did not give the children, nor their parents, any choice in the matter. All persons of Japanese ancestry were ordered incarcerated, including orphans and other children with non-Japanese guardians, foster parents, or adoptive parents. The military arbitrarily decided that a person with as little as 1/16 Japanese "blood" was condemned to be evicted and incarcerated. This, by the way, is twice as harsh as Hitler's formula for determined those of Jewish faith.

19. Weren't you placed in these camps for your own protection against mob violence?

In a case of mob violence, the law-breakers should be locked up—not the innocent intended victims. There was no basis for believing that the Japanese American population was in grave danger. There were just 28 isolated cases of assault against Japanese Americans on the West Coast during the first months of the war, and only one was committed by a white person.

The general public may have been prejudiced, but they were law-abiding people. Any small need for security could have been readily handled by the local police and sheriff departments. The physical arrangements of the camps prove that the purpose was detention—not protection. Despite being in the middle of isolated deserts with no others around, the camps were surrounded by barbed wire fences with the tops tilted inward to keep the people in; the guards in the watchtowers had their weapons pointed into the camps; and the searchlights were directed inside the camps.

20. Weren't these camps just relocation centers to give you temporary shelter until you could find new homes? Weren't you not only free to leave, but encouraged to do so?

Detainees were explicitly prohibited from leaving under Civilian Restrictive Order #1 and Public Proclamation #8 issued by General John L. DeWitt (Commander of the Western Defense Command), and Public Proclamation WD-1 issued by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. Anyone leaving without permission was shot, as evidenced by the eight inmates killed by guards. Another illustration of the fact that people were confined against their wills is Mitsuye Endo's case. Upon finding herself involuntarily detained, she petitioned for a writ of habeas corpus in July 1942, but her plea for release was denied

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FROM THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST: John J. Saito



## FCC Renewal

Los Angeles

I guess it is license renewal time for the radio stations in this area. JACL (our office) has received a few calls from the stations requesting interviews of us to answer questions that will help them qualify for FCC license renewal.

Stations need to be sensitive to the needs of all the communities, according to FCC guidelines and therefore stations need to touch bases with community groups once every three years and in one case about ten minutes over the phone.

I really don't know how much can be accomplished by a ten minute phone interview to develop a station's strategy for the next three years, but maybe we can see if the stations listened to what I thought our community needed.

I told them we needed more Asian Americans in managerial positions, where the decisions are made. We have plenty of skilled technicians but not enough top managers. There is not anything inherent or innate in our make up to disqualify us from those positions. For example, look at Mr. Toyota, Mr. Datsun or Mr. Minolta. They must have top Asian managers to compete successfully in a worldwide competitive market.

Maybe my ten minutes over the phone wasn't wasted. Let us see what kind of numerical increase among Asian American managers we can detect by 1982.

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY**—How do you describe a chapter board meeting where 24 people show up? It's unbelievable, but I was told that this particular board meeting was on the low side.

I would bet anyone that the recording secretary of this chapter does not know how to spell quorum because having one has never been a problem.

This chapter is very community and family oriented. They have connecting lines to the community coordinating council, their city councilman's office, and have a family campout planned for the latter part of this month, just to name a few of their planned activities.

I don't know whether they wanted me to see their treasurer's report, but I am ready to ask that chapter to lend our regional office a few bucks to tide us over until ...

The San Fernando Valley Chapter is rich in activities, participation, cooperation, and money, but most of all, people.

FROM THE MIDWEST: Bill Yoshino

## Why Redress Now?

Chicago

Why redress after so many years? The Redress Question and Answer Fact Sheet, compiled by the National Committee for Redress, explains that "the time lag is an indication of the severity of emotional damage incurred ..." The Evacuation and relocation remains for many as a muted experience. I know this to be true, for I have asked and have been left with little or no response. For some, time is beginning to dissipate this inhibition as witness the following:

MINIDOKA, 1942-43—"I worked in the hospital with Dr. Iriki, a surgeon from Stanford, who performed surgery from morning until night, because he was the only qualified doctor in camp. And yet, Dr. Iriki and I stood in line to receive the Navy p-coats which were being handed out for us to wear. This was the only item which we received from our clothing allowance.

"Due to the lack of treatment, my youngest son who was born in camp had to be given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation by me every afternoon, just to keep him alive. He had an enlarged thymus gland which was pushing against his heart. As a rule, babies were born prematurely or malnourished because their mothers were malnourished and under tremendous stress and strain.

"It is hard for me to ever forget the man for whom I was asked to do special duty nursing. This man had taken three bottles of aspirin and drank two bottles of rubbing alcohol. He eventually died and the diagnosis—suicide. I will always remember his final words: 'Haji, haji.' (Disgrace, disgrace.) I never knew who was the disgraced.

"Almost 18 years after camp, I was asked to assist with bilingual psychotherapy with Dr. David Rothstein at Michael Reese Hospital (Chicago). The patient was an Issei lady. Most of her paranoia resulted from the years in the concentration camp.

"For myself, it used to be standard practice that whenever I met an old friend from my youth, we would reminisce about life before the war and our 'waspish' achievements of spouse, self and offsprings after camp. Now, since I like myself better, and have a better and more solid identity, whenever I meet friends, we are able to include experiences about camp days as well as life before and after camp.

"Now, I am preoccupied with doing something to show my own people that we don't have to be so uptight, because ultimately we don't hate ourselves, we must live with pride and beauty. With that, we are all forever bound together and I must tell all Nikkei, 'I love you all!'"—Betty Hasegawa

The man who anticipates his century is always persecuted when living, and is always pilfered when dead.

—BENJAMIN DISRAELI



**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SCHOLARS**—Nine San Fernando Valley high school graduates receive \$100 scholarships as recognition from the San Fernando Valley JACL and the Community Center. They are (from left): front—Patty Serizawa, Monroe High; Nancy Azuma,

Reseda High; Hitomi Ohsawa, Shirley Koga, Laurie Shigekuni, Granada Hills High; May Chu, Canoga Park High; back—Hiroko Noda, Granada Hills; Alan Kosaka, Kennedy; Jeffrey Niizawa, Granada Hills High. Ninth honoree Kevin Taguchi of Van Nuys was absent.



FROM NO. CAL-WESTERN NEVADA: George Kondo

## Where's Cortez?

ter members volunteer their time and proceeds from the harvest is used for upkeep of the hall and funding various other programs.

Because of the energy crisis, we had the poorest attendance at this quarterly session. However, 24 of our 31 chapters were present (77%). We missed delegates from:

Florn, Gilroy, Marysville, Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley, San Benito County, and Watsonville.

The meeting was productive and informative with John Tateishi giving an update on our redress campaign. Our national executive Karl Nobuyuki gave a serious report on the status of JACL with recommendations for the future. His proposal, "Operation '80s", was received with enthusiasm and this hopefully indicates erasure of the apathy which seems prevalent.

Roger Masuda, first v.p. of the host chapter, welcomed the delegates and the boosters with a brief history of his chapter. The Japanese in Cortez

are well accepted; many of its members are active in civic affairs.

You will not find Cortez on the maps but we now know it exists. We were literally swept off our feet by the hospitality and the warm reception of our hosts—not to mention the winds on Hwy. 580 as we drove home.

Thank you, Cortez! We shall see you all in Watsonville come November. #

With a map in hand, we meandered around the orchards of Turlock until we decided that we had better ask someone of the whereabouts of our destination. Little did we know that we were half block from the Cortez JACL Hall. We were given directions by two truckers and 20 minutes later and 15 miles we finally arrived at the hall.

To our surprise, the Cortez JACL Hall is a well-maintained modern structure surrounded by beautifully landscaped gardens. The hall was built for use by many Japanese community organizations including the youth, the Issei as well as for chapter meetings.

Cortez JACL also owns an almond orchard where chap-

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- AUG. 26 (Sunday)  
 PSWDC—3d Qtrly, Gardena Valley JACL hosts: VFW Hall, 162nd & S. Gramercy Pl, 9am-4pm.  
 Fremont—Bowling tournament, Fremont Bowl.
- AUG. 29 (Wednesday)  
 \*Los Angeles—Boy Scout tribute dnr for Frank Chuman, Biltmore Hotel Crystal Ballroom, 6:30pm.
- AUG. 31 (Friday)  
 Orange County/Selma—Int'l Food Festival (3da), Orange.
- SEPT. 1 (Saturday)  
 Hoosier—Picnic, Province Park.
- SEPT. 5 (Wednesday)  
 Chicago—Bd mtg, JACL office, 7:40.
- SEPT. 7 (Friday)  
 Cleveland—Bd mtg, Buddhist Church, 8pm.  
 Nat'l JACL—EXECOM mtg (till Sun noon), Hq.
- SEPT. 8 (Saturday)  
 Contra Costa—Barbecue, El Cerrito Comm Ctr.
- SEPT. 11 (Tuesday)  
 Stockton—Gen mtg, Cal 1st Bank, 8pm
- SEPT. 12 (Wednesday)  
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by the federal courts for almost three years. Temporary work for harvesting crops or education furloughs under strict parole conditions were granted to approximately 33% of the detainees at one time or another, but the majority of detainees were not actually "free" and "encouraged" to leave until after January 1945 when the camps began to close down.

**21. Didn't some good come out of the experience, like college educations in the east, dispersal from segregated neighborhoods, and better acceptance?**

The question begs the issue and is devious. It is like suggesting that some good came out of the Nazi holocaust because the State of Israel was created afterward, or that slavery was good because Africans came to the United States. Any tragedy or disaster might inadvertently result in some benefits, but the basic issues must not thereby be evaded. Students should not have been forcibly removed from the colleges of

their choice on the West Coast; people should not have been evicted from their homes, no matter how segregated the neighborhood; and false imprisonment should not be a prerequisite for acceptance. The American way is not to attempt to justify a wrong on the bases of some ends gained.

**22. Considering all the present problems which needed to be worked on, isn't it better to forgive and forget the past and concentrate on the present and the future?**

Much of the present problems affecting our youth and elderly are the direct result of injustices suffered in the past. We are inextricably linked to all that has happened before and cannot forget unresolved grievances. As long as we have not received personal redress, our reputations are tainted, and unfortunately, many Americans still believe that we were disloyal and that the government was justified in its actions.

**23. How was the figure of \$25,000 determined?**

John Matsumoto co-chaired the popular event that attracted 36 participants. The low net scores follow (individual handicaps in parentheses):

- MEN'S FLIGHT**  
62—Chuck Furuta (20).  
63—Sam Kozu (24).  
64—Dick Murakami (64).  
65—Roy Sakamoto (19).  
66—John Matsumoto (23), Sherlock Shinbo (24), Mas Kinoshita (20).  
**WOMEN'S FLIGHT**  
68—Fumi Yamasaki (30).  
70—Kimi Nakanishi (39), Reiko Sato (40).  
71—Fumi Noji (33), Mary Shinbo (35), Kiyu Sakahara (25).  
72—Aya Shimomura (23).

It was felt that if we were to seek redress at all from the United States Government, the amount should be more than token; it should be a meaningful and significant amount to have preventative impact in the future. However, it should be kept in mind that our concern is constitutional rather than monetary.

The \$25,000 figure is a bare minimum due based on the following estimates:

Total (120,000 Persons)	Per Indiv <sup>1</sup>
Uncompensated property loss (\$538,000,000 - 38,000,000)	\$500,000,000 \$ 4,167
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Loss of income (based on average pre-1942 income) 435,000,000	3,625
Defamation of character	—
Injury, illness, and death due to government action	—
Psychological, emotional and cultural damage	—
Interest	—
Inflation correction	—
	\$3,449,000,000 \$28,742

Without even counting the last five categories, we are already over \$28,000!

**24. Aren't you being materialistic and greedy? What happened to the pride of the Japanese people?**

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chapter pulse  
west valley

Bridge Funfest

West Valley JAACL is repeating its highly successful duplicate/social bridge funfest on Saturday, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m. at El Paseo Community Center, Campbell and Saratoga Aves., West San Jose, it was announced by Fielyn Uchiyama, who is being assisted by:

Dorothy Hiura, Dorothy Kobara, Sally Nakashima, Kay Kawahara and June Miyakusu.

Duplicate bridge sections will be divided to accommodate all levels (social, intermediate and advanced) with bridge life masters Sachi Miki and Swanee Mckay as directors. Donation of \$3 for entry includes refreshments.

chapter pulse  
san diego

Washington, d.c.

President Leaves

Washington, D.C. JAACL president Hideki Hamamoto was honored at a farewell party "roast" at Blackies House of Beef Aug. 11. He came from California in the summer of 1975 to assume a managerial position with General Dynamics here and is returning to Southern California to take on more important responsibilities with his firm. Noted the Washington DC Newsnote editor Mary Uyeda:

"An interesting fact is that prior to coming to this area, Hideki had no involvement

chapter pulse  
contra costa

Events to Come

Contra Costa JAACL's early fall social calendar features two events: (1) a barbecue Sept. 8 at El Cerrito Community Center and (2) benefit fashion show Oct. 14, noon to 3 p.m., at Goodman Hall in Oakland's Jack London Square, featuring Jan Yanehiro and Steve Fox as co-hosts and the 1979 Cherry Blossom queen, Karen Asano. Benefit will be for East Bay Issei Housing.

chapter pulse  
seattle

What a Day!

San Diego JAACL's annual July 4 picnic was another beautiful, warm, sunny day. The fishing derby, chaired by Lloyd Ito, was won by Frank Fujito's 3-lb. catch. Harvey Hibi was second with his 2 lb.-8.

chapter pulse  
1000 Club Golfers

Chuck Furuta and Fumi Yamasaki won their respective flights of the eighth annual Seattle JAACL 1000 Club golf tournament held July 29 at Jackson. Helen Akita and



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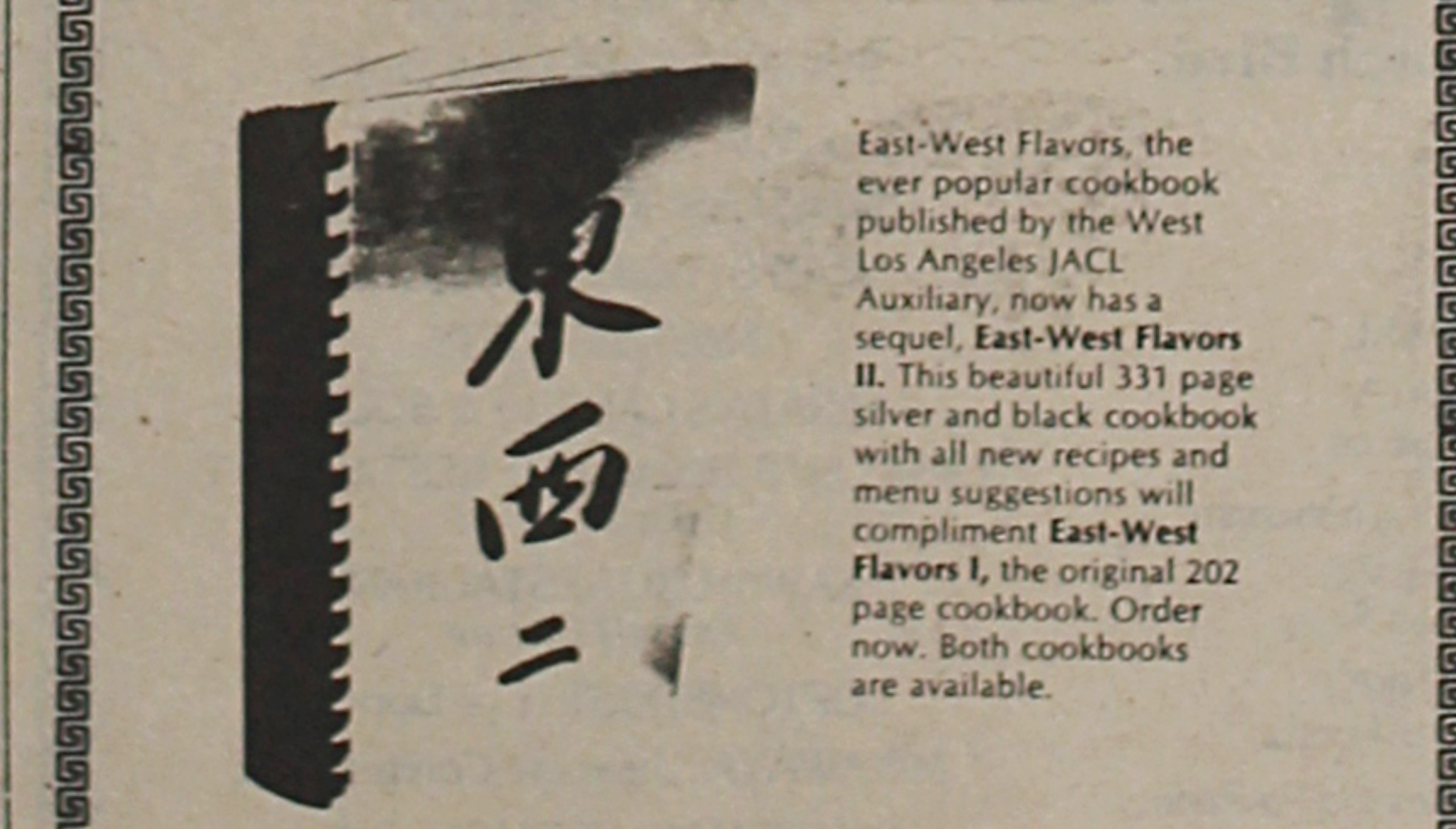
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# Tackling the fuel shortage

If the real energy crisis comes (Heaven forbid!) the gasoline lines of '74 and some months back will seem like a picnic. Many less favored peoples of the world may regard our severe shortages as sinful abundance. Throughout history many societies had to live with chronic, often perpetual, fuel shortages.

Burning animal dung for warmth and cooking seems to have been a universal practice. Cows in India and China, camels in Africa and Central Asia, yaks in Tibet, were the most important energy sources, both as draft animals and producers of fuel.

In China the practice was to hurl just-dropped dungs at the mud walls where they stuck and dried, later to be gathered for fuel. About a disciple who was so lazy as to sleep in the daytime, Confucius made the famous comment: Rotten wood cannot be

carved; a fence of dungs cannot be painted.

Mary Campbell, one of Robert Burns' many girl friends, was said to have been the champion cowdung hurler in her village. You can be sure that the shrewd Scots did not indulge in such a messy pastime, *except for some utilitarian profit* to be derived from it.

In some crises, dung burning was practiced by the British. In America many a wagon train had to rely heavily on the buffalo chips toward the end of the prairie crossing. I wonder if some wives, who strenuously objected at first, only to yield later to necessity, remembered the story of Ezekiel?

On returning to Palestine from Babylonian captivity, he is ordered by the Lord to bake bread with the heat of human dungs. Did the writer of this book have a scatological imagination, or was such a practice current in Babylon?

A friend of mine had once lived in Northern China in

the 1920s and knew a well-to-do family intimately. He told me this story as his personal observation, which I am passing on. I cannot vouch for its authenticity.

To prepare for a bath, all the utensils in the kitchen were mobilized to make hot water. When the tub was filled, first the master of the house soaked and washed. Next the sons, in the order of their ages, then the mother and the daughters—or, was it daughters and mothers? I do not remember—washed themselves in the same tub, with occasional additions of more hot water. After the family had finished, men servants, then the maids, bathed. By this time the water was almost cold and turbid white.

In North China, in those days, water was precious, and fuel was even more so. Soybean plants after harvest were carefully saved for the purpose.

There are very few roasted and baked dishes in Chinese cooking. Chinese bread used to be steamed, a significant

fact that testifies to the preciousness of fuel through the ages.

Fourteenth century Japan was a heavily wooded land. Still firewood was a precious commodity. The story of the *noh* play "Hachi no Ki" (The Potted Tree) revolves around the cherished *ume* tree of the poor, disfranchised *samurai* Tsuneyo that was sacrificed for hospitality's sake.

In Zola's time France, too, was not well endowed with firewood. Peasants seemed to be always salvaging dead twigs from the hedgerows. About this time, there was the custom of making Noel gifts of firelogs. The climax of Anatole France's *The Crime of Sylvestre Bonnard* is

## English football wears Hitachi shirt

Liverpool English football league champions, Liverpool, opened its 1979-80 season Aug. 1 in West Germany by wearing shirts discreetly advertising Hitachi, Japan's electronic giant, which has a plant in England. The club was unable to strike the deal with any British firm. Association rules permit shirt advertising. Hitachi has a similar deal with the Hamburg (West Germany) Football Club. —AFP

## Monterey Park plans Japan goodwill tour

Monterey Park, Ca. East Los Angeles JACLer Terry Suzuki (282-8840) will lead a Monterey Park Sister City tour to Nachikatsura, Japan, Nov. 3 for 16 days. Willie Kai of Kokusai International Travel is assisting.

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## pc people business

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**Russell Y. Iwanaga** of Iwanaga Associates, Newport Beach (Ca.) landscape architect, urban design firm, completed a master plan for Northrop Corp.'s west complex facility in El Segundo. Focus will be a visitor's center to receive U.S. and foreign dignitaries.

## pc people courtroom

Recent Hastings College of Law graduate **Carole Sei Morita**, daughter of Tak and Mae Morita of Fresno, is currently employed by the Public Defender's office in San Jose. Another Fresnoan, **Russell Kubota**, announced his partnership with the Oakland-San Francisco firm of Minami, Tomine and Lew. He is the son of Micki and the late James Kubota.

## pc people government

Los Angeles County Supervisor James Hayes, in an appointment acted upon after he had resigned June 8, named nurseryman **Ron Akiyama** of Torrance to the L.A. County board of governors of the County Arboretum and Botanic Gardens.

Gov. Brown reappointed **Dr. Ernest K. Takahashi**, 34, of Sacramento to California Board of Optometry. A Democrat and a Young Optometrist of the Year (1976), his term expires June 1, 1982. **Jerry Enomoto**, Calif. director of corrections, and San Francisco superior court judge **Harry Low** were among 19 named to a special task force to study reasons for dramatic increase in the proportion of ethnic minorities (mainly blacks and Hispanics) in state prisons and youth corrections programs.

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