

## Over 110 co-author House version of S 1647 bill



South Bronx, N.Y., as it appeared in this Los Angeles Times photo of summer 1978.

## Nippon corporate investment sought to rebuild South Bronx

### New York

A Japanese American businessman is promoting the reconstruction program in the South Bronx—an area of rubble and decay that drew national attention when President Carter visited the area in October, 1977.

Raymond Y. Otani, a member of the New York State Senate Task Force on Economic Development for the Bronx, was in Tokyo recently to discuss with Japanese leaders the possibility of inviting corporate investment in one of the most blighted urban areas in America.

"What I envision in the revitalization of the Bronx is an 'economic marriage' between Japan and the U.S. that will be

achieved through Japanese investment of capital, know-how and other business assets in the borough (of the Bronx)," Otani told a Japan Times reporter.

The South Bronx has been described as a "poisonous flower", abandoned as a war-torn area with burned-out buildings, stench and filth. But "if we could revitalize the borough with the help of Japanese corporations, it would not only help American economy but also make for a better understanding between the two countries," Otani said.

"In this sense, revitalizing the Bronx with Japanese participation through corporate investment would certainly help resolve the per-

ception gap now existing between the two nations," Otani said.

New York State is said to be ready to offer some 370 acres in addition to many incentives and business assistance to bring Japanese corporations to the borough, according to Otani, such as "up to 100% financing on a long-term basis, nearly 100% corporate income tax abatement and real estate tax reductions".

The state also is planning to open a vocational school in the Bronx to train workers and to provide incoming companies with a skilled labor force, Otani continued. The state is also interested in having small and medium-size companies to

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## 'East to America' by Wilson-Hosokawa to be published by Morrow in 1980

### Chicago

The long awaited volume promised by JACL, now titled, "East to America: a History of the Japanese in the United States" (Morrow: \$10.95), and co-authored by Dr. Robert A. Wilson, UCLA historian, and Bill Hosokawa, is expected to be published by the 1980 JACL Convention, it was recently announced by Shig Wakamatsu, chairman of the JACL-Japanese American Research Project executive committee.

The publishing contract with William Morrow & Co., New York, has been executed. Morrow has published other well-known books on the Japanese in America:

"Nisei: the Quiet Americans" and "35 Years in the Frying Pan", both by Hosokawa; and "Years of Infamy" by Michi Weglyn.

In his Aug. 31 report to the JACL Executive Committee, Wakamatsu indicated the last 25 cartons of Frank Chuman's book, "The Bamboo

People", have been shipped out of the JACL-JARP warehouse. Approximately 9,200 copies were printed and of this total, JACL distributed 6,700. Wakamatsu said JARP does not intend to request additional printing. [Note: JACL chapters wishing to have PC sell their unsold copies should write the PC, attn: Dale Akutagawa.]

Status of other JARP-supported works:

- Japanese American Community: a Three Generation Study. By Gene Levine and Robert C. Rhodes. Scheduled for publication in 1980 by Praeger Special Studies, \$17.95. "In American sociology, this is the first national multi-generational study of an ethnic group since the classic 1918 study on the Polish immigrants. Our job is to get it out," Wakamatsu told the EXECOM.
- Planted in Good Soil: Issei Contributions to U.S. Agriculture. By Masakazu Iwata. Main manuscript is finished. Concluding chapter has yet to be written. Publication date may be a problem; no publisher.
- Pictorial History. By Michi Asawa and the late Toyo Miyatake. Univ. of California Press may publish. #

## Oklahoma bans alien ownership

### Oklahoma City

Oklahoma Attorney General Jan E. Cartwright ruled that alien corporations cannot own property in the state, raising the specter that millions of dollars of foreign-owned property could be confiscated, the Wall Street Journal reported Sept. 19.

The attorney general had earlier ruled alien individuals couldn't own property and that the latest move extends that to corporations. There are exceptions, it was noted, by allowing ownership to an alien resident or one who inherits or gains property through foreclosure. But if the resident leaves, the holdings must be disposed within five years. #

## Rohwer cemetery in 'fine shape'

### Los Angeles

Dr. Joseph B. Hunter of Little Rock, now 92 and assistant project director at Rohwer Relocation Center, reported the camp cemetery and Nisei GI memorial are "in fine shape", the Pacific Southwest JACL regional office was informed this past week.

The American Legion Post at nearby McGehee, Ark., and the Green Thumbs organization of the Arkansas Farmers Union have been caring for the grounds since the State of Arkansas named it a State Historic Site in 1969, the JACL was assured. #

## L.A. Koreans now 170,000, Yim says

### Los Angeles

More than 170,000 Koreans have come to Southern California since 1971, according to Hank K. Yim, president of Korea Town Development Assn., which with the Korea Times sponsored their sixth annual Indendence Day parade along Olympic Blvd. between Vermont and Western Ave. Sept. 23.

Over 50,000 have settled in Olympic Blvd.'s Korea Town and an additional 15,000 migrate here each year, Yim added. Over 150 businesses of Korea Town's 700 stores and shops belong to the association. #

## Acupuncturists in Calif. 'independent'

### Sacramento, Ca.

Calif. Gov. Brown has signed AB 1391, authored by Assemblyman Art Torres (D-Los Angeles), which removes legal restrictions barring the state's 1,000 licensed acupuncturists from practicing without prior approval of medical doctors and allied health practitioners. #

### Washington

As was indicated to JACL in mid-September, the House version of the JACL study bill for redress was introduced on Sept. 28 by not six members of the House leadership as planned but by 112 colleagues of Reps. Norman Mineta (D-Ca.) and Robert Matsui (D-Ca.)

Earlier in the afternoon, JACL Headquarters was advised that all of the 43-member California delegation except for three were co-authoring the bill (House rules allow 25 co-authors per bill) with Majority Leader James C. Wright (D-Tex.), Minority Leader John J. Rhodes (R-Ariz.), Rep. Peter W. Rodino (D-N.J.), House Judiciary chairman; Mineta and Matsui as principals.

Another co-signer, Rep. Sidney Yates (D-Ill.) was among those who helped JACL to secure Issei naturalization and evacuation claims over 25 years ago. (A complete list of co-authors was not received in time for this week's PC.)

The drive to have so many House members as co-sponsors was spearheaded by Mineta and Matsui. Their deep concern over the question of constitutional freedom as related to Executive Order 9066 warranted introduction by the highest order of congressional sponsorship in the House, they explained, and over 100 colleagues also agreed.

The Senate version (S 1647) would establish a Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, 11 members appointed by the President, two each by the House and Senate, to gather facts to determine whether any wrong was committed against those American citizens and permanent resident aliens affected by EO 9066 and other associated acts of the federal government and to recommend appropriate remedies.

(The last time a JACL bill garnered such heavy support occurred in 1971, when then Rep. Spark Matsunaga secured 148 co-authors to Repeal Title II to the 1950 Internal Security Act, while Sen. Inouye had 24 co-author a similar bill in the Senate. Bill was introduced first in 1969, then passed in 1971 and signed President Nixon Sept. 25, 1971, at Portland.) #

## Daruma Folk Festival nets \$14,000 for West Valley Srs.

### San Jose, Ca.

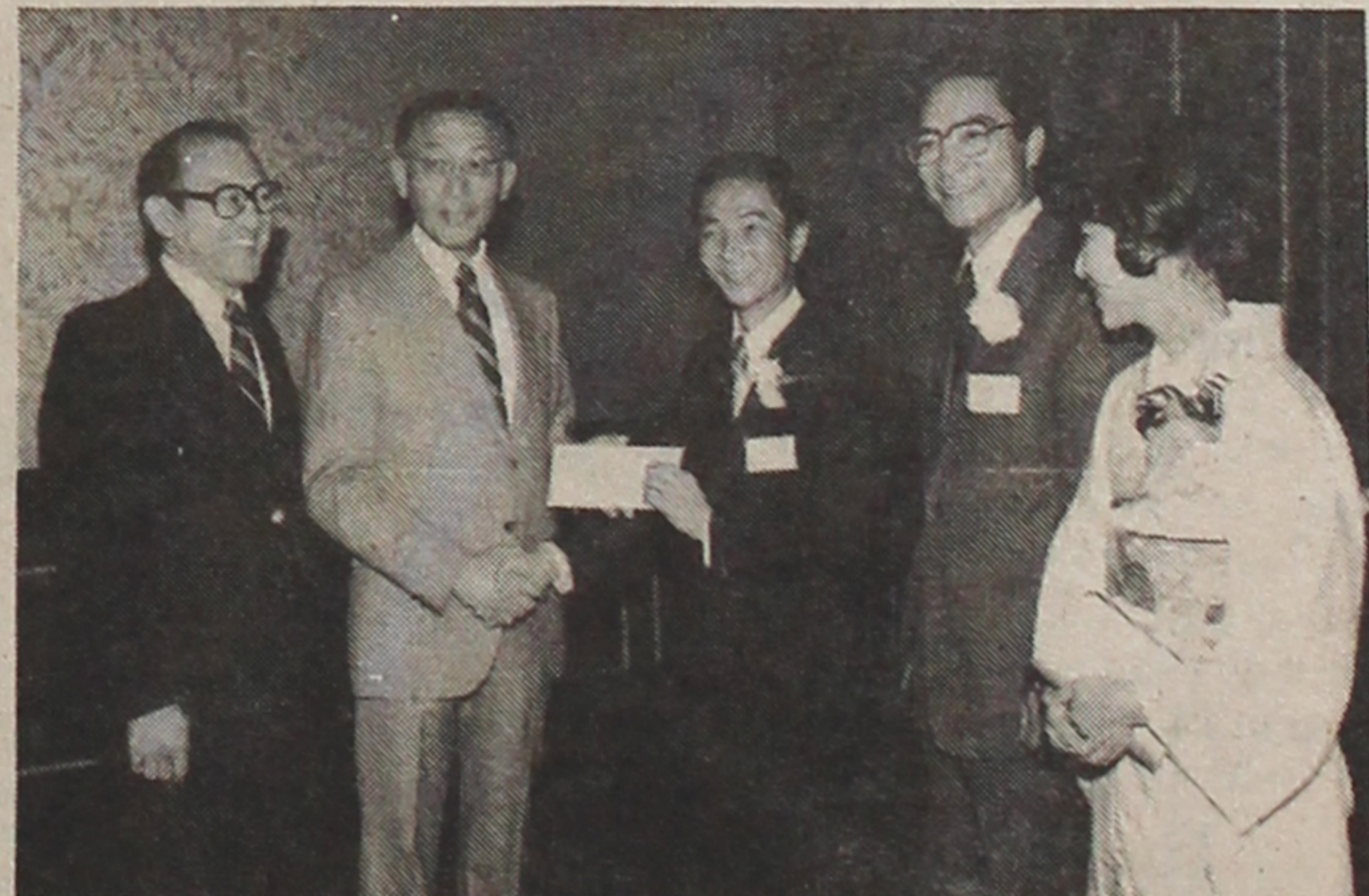
The West Valley JACL had its second annual fundraising event, the Daruma Folk Festival, on Aug. 25, in San Jose. The net profit was reported in excess of \$14,000, which was for the benefit of the Senior Club.

The Festival theme, Daruma, had been selected since it represents the spirit of determination and perseverance which exemplifies the elderly Nisei and Issei members of the Senior Club. The Festival featured Japanese foods, performances of banjo playing, dancing, taiko drummers, and demonstrations of sumie painting, bonsai, and mochi-tsuki. Many local Nikkei artists and artisans also participated.

The Senior Club had a special booth of Japanese items, such as futons, zabutons, happi coats, mon pillows, cement jizos, cement lanterns, daruma dolls, aprons, bamboo trays and more, which were hand-made by the senior members.

The Senior Club provides a once-a-week lunch, five-day-a-week escort service, monthly calendar and newsletter, classes, information and referral, translation of information, assistance with county and community social services and recreation.

West Valley JACL has been instrumental in acquiring the Senior Clubhouse, writing proposals for grants and hiring a program director. #



**CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP**—Japan Air Lines became a JACL diamond corporate member (\$1,000 annual dues) in ceremonies at the St. Francis Hotel. Pictured (from left) are Steve Doi, 1000 Club chairman of JACL; Dr. Clifford Uyeda, JACL pres.; Toshiyuki Kashiwabara, JAL's general sales manager, the Americas; Akira Kondo, JACL Western Regional mgr., and Mrs. Kondo.



DOWN TO EARTH: Karl Nobuyuki

# 'Operation '80s' passes EDC-MDC 'test'

San Francisco:

Aug. 23-26 were the dates for the big event. The 13th biennial joint conference of the EDC-MDC was set to go in Bloomington, Minn. All of the advance indications were that the conference would be heavily action oriented. And the theme of the conference, "The '80s and Beyond: Whither JACL," was a timely challenge to our national organization.

The general format of "Operation '80s" had successfully undergone two preliminary reviews. The first in the NC-WNDC and the second in the IDC. The EDC-MDC joint conference would be the greatest test before the content would be presented to the National Executive Committee.

There were some pre-convention jitters on whom the National office would send to the conference. The budget situation was tight, and we weren't sure if our finances could warrant both the national president and myself

to attend. Dr. Uyeda and I were both concerned that the membership might feel that we were not being fiscally prudent in regards to our travel budget if we both attended the conference. Dr. Cliff felt that it would be better if I went because of my familiarity of "Operations '80s". I thought that Cliff's attendance was more appropriate because he was national president. Our dilemma was quickly resolved by an adroit phone call from MDC governor Lillian Kimura. Dr. Cliff and I quickly came to a consensus that we would both go and "go for broke".

It is my personal opinion that there is no more an intense JACL business session than the EDC-MDC conference aside from the National Convention itself. If there is anything right or wrong about the way things are going in JACL, you'll hear about it at the EDC-MDC conference. It is the best pre-national convention warm-up that one can experience.

I could not do justice to the conference by trying to summarize all that took place in this column. For example, I have been in several workshops on aging and retire-

ment, but the one hosted in the Twin Cities brought the issue home. I must acknowledge Dr. Dan Kuzuhara of Chicago and Yasuko Ikuta of Cleveland for one helluva experience. The only thing I could say to summarize what was discussed is: "Sansei have got to hear what the Nisei have to say ..."

On Sunday morning, Aug. 26, the EDC-MDC agenda had scheduled the staff presentation of "Operations '80s". The room was filled with delegates and all the tables were filled with the exception of the head table. There only Governors Kimura and Seiko Wakabayashi, President Cliff and I were seated. Behind us was a ten-foot schematic of JACL operations—the basic diagram for Operation '80s.

President Cliff began with an inspiring overview of the JACL organization. He talked of the value of differing opinions and shared with the group his personal experiences as national president. It was, as if to say, "Though the job of national president is a difficult one, it is filled with a great personal enrichment obtained through the continued interaction of vol-

unteers." As in the past, my job was to share the concept of "Operations '80s". It was not my job to "sell" but rather to ask the membership if they as volunteers could rally around a multi-faceted operational program for JACL. Nor was it my intent to suggest that the format of "Operations '80s" was particularly new. In fact, I commented that the initial thrust of the plan was stimulated from the old JACL Planning Commission of 1960. Shig Wakamatsu and the late Abe Hagiwara were the key facilitators.

For me, I felt it important to convey to our JACLers that I want very much to be a part of JACL and that I believe there are tens of thousands of Sansei who would also if they (we) were given the opportunity to learn about their (our) history as Japanese Americans ... that a vital link in the development of true Japanese American history is locked in the minds of the Nisei ... and the time for its release is now. I felt the need to share with the group my own personal feelings that the dream of Nikkei history in American textbooks must become reality and that this story of an American subculture must be shared with the American people.

As I left the Twin Cities and headed for Washington, D.C., with Ron Ikejiri, I felt energized. The EDC-MDC joint conference endorsed "Operations '80s" and I had some great news to share with my co-workers.

## Schools may bar 'illegal' students

Dallas, Tex.

Federal District Judge Robert Hill temporarily upheld the right of the Dallas Independent School District to deny enrollment to children of illegal aliens. Impact of about 2,000 to 6,000 such children reported in the area "could have a detrimental effect on the quality of education (in the) district schools," the judge said.

## Wife found slain in Monterey Park

Monterey Park, Ca.

A young insurance salesman, Nozomu Miyata, came home late Monday evening (Sept. 24) only to find his wife Takako, 23, strangled to death on the couch in their

living room. Their young daughter was found asleep in the bedroom unharmed.

According to Detective Risen, the victim had been dead for two hours.

## PAUL T. TEKAWA: 1913-1979

### MIS Language Instructor

Monterey, Ca.

Tsutomu Paul Tekawa, retired director of the Far East Language Division of the Defense Language Institute, died Sept. 11 in a hospital after a heart attack sustained while accompanying Japanese visitors to Salinas. He was 65.

Born in Los Angeles, Tekawa grew up in Yamanashi-ken, Japan, and returned to the U.S. in 1933. He finished Calif. Agricultural College (UC Davis) and in 1938 joined the editorial staff of the pre-war Japanese American News, San Francisco. After Pearl Harbor, he went to work for the U.S. Army, where he helped decipher the Japanese code and later became an instructor at the MIS Language School at Presidio of San Francisco.

Tekawa stayed with MISLS through Ft. Snelling and finally to Monterey in 1946. He

### Deaths

Rev. Masaji M. Goto, 66, of Fresno, drowned to death Sept. 21 while fishing along Kings River. Surviving are w Teruko, s Alpha, d Dawn, sis Tami Mayeda, Kimi Kuwano (Santa Monica), Lillian Aki (Illinois) and Julia Ohki (Livingston).

## Rancher shot to death, 3 youths held

Stockton, Ca.

Bill Shunji Satow, 59, owner of an east Stockton hatchery, was fatally shot in the chest at his home Sept. 20 and died a half-hour later at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Authorities are holding three high school youths for investigation of murder. Investigators said fingerprints of one of the three were found inside the Satow house which had been burglarized nine days earlier.

It was also reported that boys first asked the victim to let them use his telephone, but when he refused and pointed to a nearby public phone, they asked him for a dime. When he refused again, he was shot with a .38-cal. weapon, investigators added.

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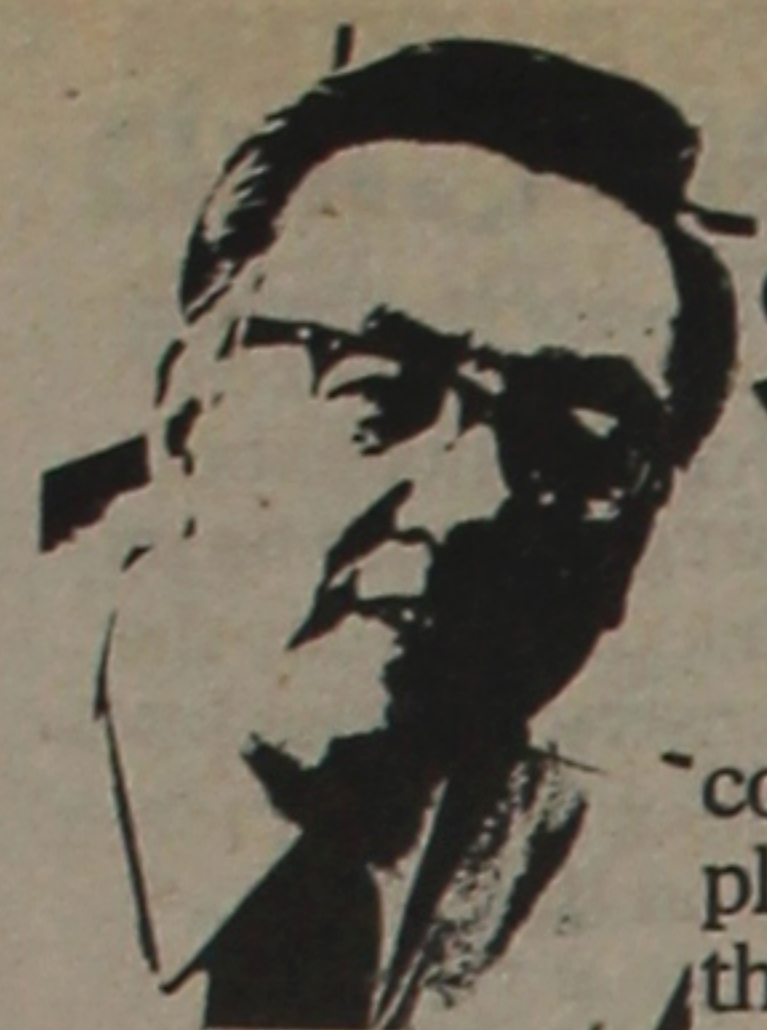
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FROM THE FRYING PAN: Bill Hosokawa

# Scholars from Japan snap stereotype

Denver, Colo.:

All three men named below in this column were born in Japan. After completing their educations in that country, they came to the United States at various times to take graduate work.

Masao Miyoshi was a student of English at Tokyo University. He received a Fulbright scholarship to pursue his studies in an eastern university, married an American girl, got in trouble with the immigration authorities and was deported. Not long afterward he returned legally as the spouse of an American citizen—a sort of male war bride. He now teaches at the University of California and has an unusual arrangement whereby he also teaches one quarter a year at the University of Chicago.

Akira Iriye was born in Tokyo and was 11 years old when the war ended. He became interested in history and political science and came to the United States, getting his Ph.D. from Harvard. He taught for several years at Harvard before moving to the University of California, Santa Cruz. Presently he is at the University of Chicago.

Kuniaki Hata was a music student in Japan and a contemporary of Seiji Ozawa, the reknown symphony conductor. Hata, also, came to the United States to further his studies. He is a member of the music faculty at the University of Colorado.

You would expect each of these scholars to be teaching something in relation to Japan. But it doesn't always work that way.

Dr. Miyoshi's specialty is Victorian English literature. Dr. Iriye's field is American foreign policy, more specifically policy in the Pacific during this century. Both he and Dr. Miyoshi have published books in English.

Professor Hata teaches voice but specializes in European opera.

Is all this unusual enough to be noteworthy? Maybe, maybe not.

However, we're so accustomed to stereotypes that we lift our eyebrows just a bit when we hear that scholars born and educated in Japan are teaching Americans in university courses totally unrelated to Japan, Japanese history or Japanese culture.

The stereotype says that Japanese make good scientists—medical researchers, microbiologists, surgeons, even chemists and physicists. They're good at figures, so they excel as statisticians and accountants, as computer designers and technicians, in electronics and miniaturization and engineering. They're artistic, the stereotype says, so they make good architects and designers and do well in the visual arts.

The truth is that some of us of Japanese heritage are gifted in these fields and some of us aren't. The danger of a stereotype is that it takes away our individuality and lumps us all in a mold that may or may not fit.

Thus it is distressing that some of us take the attitude that just because we happen to be of Japanese heritage, we ought to take an interest in things Japanese. Some of us will, just out of curiosity or natural inclination, or familial influence or whatever. And some of us won't give a darn about the fine and beautiful aspects of Asian culture and go off to study Scandinavian furniture design, Iranian rugs, or French impressionistic painting.

Miyoshi, Iriye and Hata are three people I've run into recently. There must be many others like them who had the intellectual curiosity to pursue interests out of the mold and helped break old stereotypes. They certainly haven't turned their backs on their Japanese heritage, but neither are they bound and restricted by it.

## EXECOM Actions in Brief:

Continued from Last Week

### Planning Commission

Proposal withdrawn by staff because of cost.

### Political Education/Census

Agreed with Cherry Tsutsumida, chair of the political education committee, to express official National JACL concern

with respect to Asian and Asian American undercount in the 1980 Census. Congressional delegates have already written to Secretary of Commerce Kreps, but constituent organizations have been silent thus far, according to Tsutsumida.

### Redress

Received progress report

from John Tateishi, who noted: (a) San Francisco-based legislative planning subgroup is being organized, (b) fund-raising campaign, and (c) congressional liaison requires coordination.

Concerning passage of bill in Congress, Washington JACL Representative Ikejiri noted three areas of concern: (1) Pub-

lic education—to be a function of the redress chair with specific oversight responsibility on media coverage. (2) Legislative—a function of JACL staff, regional offices and Pacific Citizen. (3) Fund-raising—function of the redress chair with specific committee to have responsibility for fund-raising. The Washington Office, in the meantime, would develop a "redress

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This testimonial to Harry will be held at the Biltmore Bowl in Los Angeles on October 20, 1979. Among those who will be on the program are Judge William Marutani of Philadelphia, who will serve as Master of Ceremonies, and Father Clement, now of Seattle, who will entertain us with anecdotes of life with Harry. Baritone Butch Kasahara and his combo will provide entertainment and music for dancing.

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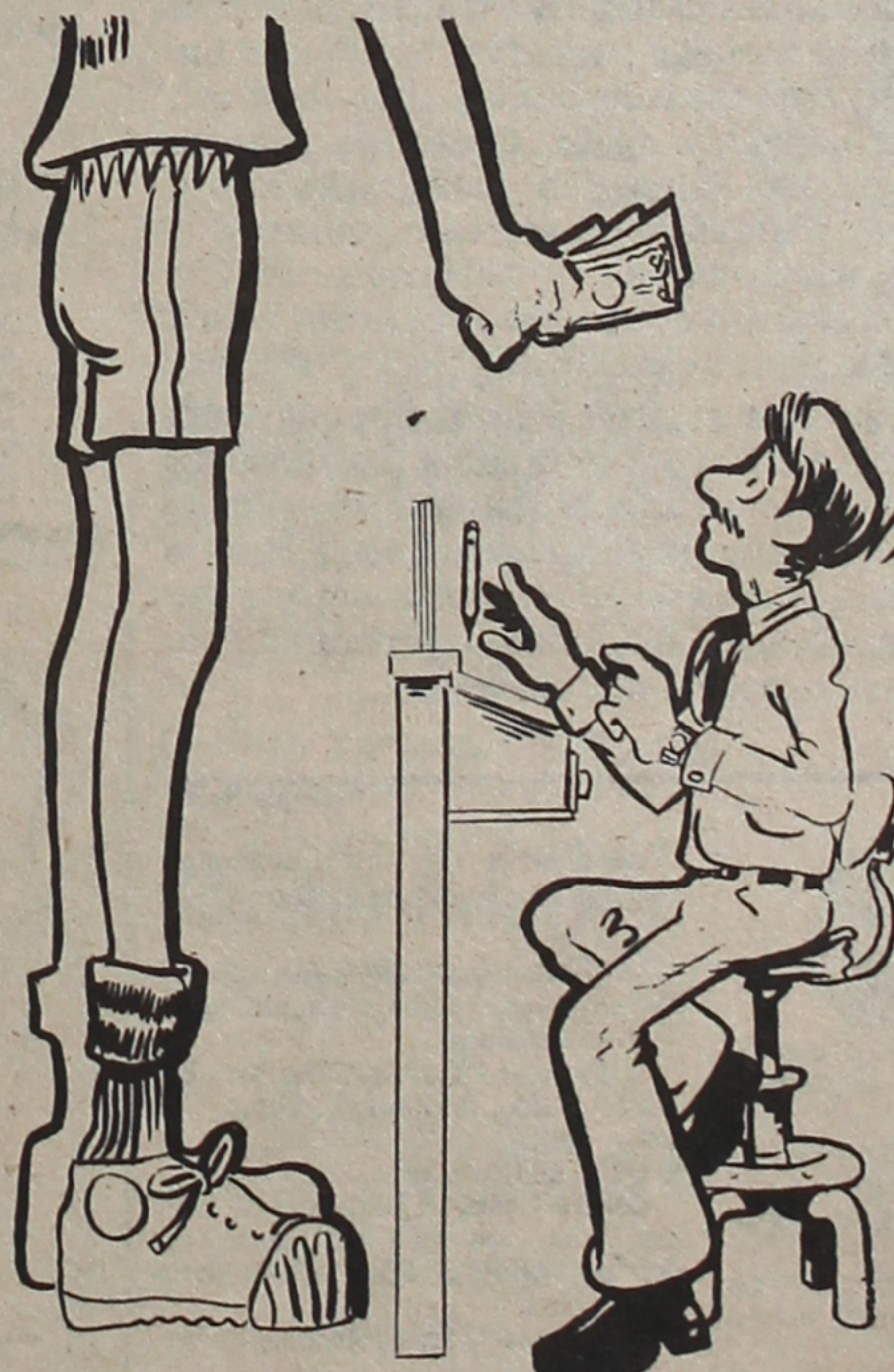
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