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● 'Battle of Ellwood'



SUBMARINE DAMAGE from the 1942 attack was confined to a splintered catwalk on Luton Bell No. 17 oil well and shrapnel-riddled sheet iron in the vicinity. The officer shown inspecting the damage, Maj. Bernard Hagen, was later injured while defusing a dud shell found on the premises and received the first Purple Heart medal issued for enemy wounds suffered on the American continent during World War II.

—1942 Santa Barbara News-Press Photo by H.E. McAllister

1st enemy fire on mainland since 1812

Here are details of the Japanese submarine raid off Santa Barbara of Feb. 23, 1942, that was recalled during CWRIC hearings at San Francisco in the testimony from Col. Boris Pash, then counter-intelligence chief under Gen. DeWitt at Western Defense Command and 4th Army headquarters.—Ed.

Santa Barbara, Ca. In 1967, on the 25th anniversary of the shelling of Ellwood Canyon (12 miles west of here) by a Japanese submarine, the I-17 captained by Kozo Nishino, the local Goleta Valley Historical Society and the Native Sons of the Golden West dedicated a historical landmark plaque on Highway 101 and Winchester Canyon Rd. recalling the bombardment of Feb. 23, 1942.

The I-17, of the new class of Japanese submarines, had participated in the Pearl Harbor attack and within days had entered Santa Barbara Channel. Why Nishino chose to shell the Ellwood oil field, a wildcat operation that was producing 12,000 barrels a day when the strike was made in 1926, was explained by Santa Barbara News Press writer Walter Tompkins and author of the local history, "Goleta: the Good Land" (1966). Nishino, in 1936, had commanded a Japanese naval tanker which took on a cargo of crude oil at Ellwood. While strolling the beach as guest of the Ellwood oilman, Nishino caught sight of Kate Bell's cactus.

(Kate Bell was the eldest daughter of Nicholas Den, the grantee of Dos Pueblos Rancho in 1842. At a family reunion in 1920 at the mouth of Ellwood canyon, Kate, then 84, planted a sprig of prickly pear cactus. The matriarch proph-

esied to the clan, "Drill a well near that cactus and you will strike an oil gusher." They did and in 1926, the first well struck was a prelude to the fabulous Ellwood field. To

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protect that cactus clump from oil field traffic, Kate's daughter, Mrs. George Luton, had an iron fence built about it.)

Nishino's curiosity got the better of his balance and he toppled over the iron fence into the spiny foliage—to the merriment of some of the oil workers at a nearby derrick. Their laughter caused Nishino "to lose face".

Stripped on Defenses

Why Nishino chose Feb. 23 (when President Roosevelt was making one of his Fireside Chats on radio at 7 p.m.) is conjectural.

The Coast Artillery had removed its two howitzers, the Army had withdrawn all but a platoon for patrol duty, the Coast Guard had shifted its submarine patrol cutter from the channel to southern waters, and patrol bombers at Goleta airport had flown off to some other area, Tompkins recalled—thus leaving Ellwood defenseless.

It is unlikely the I-17 had been notified of this state of affairs by any of the handful of Japanese living around Goleta for they were all

checked out and found to have unimpeachable loyalty records, Tompkins added.

One naval intelligence officer in Santa Barbara reported seeing unidentified subs off Ellwood pier, but the Naval District at San Diego dismissed them as migrating whales from the Bering Sea to Mexican waters.

Shelling began at 7:07 p.m. from the sub's 5½-inch deck cannon. Eyewitnesses cannot agree on how far out the sub was positioned, the estimates ranging from 100 yards to eight miles. A volunteer submarine spotter reported three subs were firing at shore targets—the 16 piers bristling with oil derricks, two 80,000-gallon storage tanks (which were empty) on top of the bluff and the Southern Pacific railroad overpass. But damage was confined to a splintered catwalk at one well and a shrapnel-riddled sheet of iron.

One officer was later injured while defusing a dud shell on the ranch and was issued the first Purple Heart medal on the American continent during WW2.

Gunnery Practice

The county civil defense coordinator, who was listening to FDR's radio talk, heard the cannonading, thinking it was American naval gunnery practice and was not aware it was Japanese till he read

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CWRIC HEARINGS: SAN FRANCISCO DeWitt's CIC chief faces stiff questions

By PETER IMAMURA

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca.—The first session of the hearings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians here Aug. 11 was highlighted by the stiff questioning of a former west coast U.S. army intelligence officer; of testimony by a panel of Japanese American veterans; and the legal panel which discussed the "unconstitutionality" of the Evacuation.

As in the Los Angeles hearings the week prior (Aug. 4-6), an overflow crowd filled the 600-seat auditorium of Golden Gate University. However, in contrast to the L.A. hearings, the audience appeared to be much more low-keyed emotionally.

Also, former WRA staff members testified to let the Commission know that the evacuation was an action taken with inadequate provisions and services for themselves and evacuees.

DeWitt's Counter-Intelligence Corps Chief Testifies

Retired Army chief of counter intelligence corps at the time of evacuation, Col. Boris T. Pash, at the Presidio of San Francisco, opened with a strict look at the WW2 episode under scrutiny of the CWRIC: "I do not believe that our nation owes anyone an apology (for the evacuation)", he declared. He also called for any historic review be made in the context of the times rather than hindsight. (Historians have described the period as "confusing, hysterical and regrettable.—Ed.)

Fr. Robert Drinan, SJ, in his first presence as commissioner at a CWRIC session, asked Pash, "We apologize for our mistakes, don't we?" To which Pash responded that a mistake "is when we do something wrong".

Pash added that "under those circumstances, we (U.S.) had no other way out". Drinan said such an assessment was against all other testimony presented thus far. "There were other ways out if in fact there was any necessity of a way out," the former congressman observed.

Pash said he was against the term, "concentration camps", because the term gives the impression "they were locked up in camp"—which cracked up the audience—some 700, mostly Japanese Americans who thought the remark was some kind of a joke. Pash then interjected, "by locked up" he meant that you could not go in and out. He believed the evacuees could go out and get a job at the prevailing wages.

Hakuji Woman Disrupts Session, Ordered Removed

Drinan, still pressing Pash for his views from WW2 days, reminded him that children and senior citizens were not able to escape from "concentration camps" at which point an unidentified Hakuji woman interrupted the dialogue by hollering, "Pash is telling the truth!"

Judge Bill Marutani, chairing at the time, restored order by having the police remove her from the auditorium.

Former Republican Senator Edward Brooke of Massachusetts continued the verbal exchange with Pash, who served on the staff of Gen. DeWitt's Western Defense Command and Fourth Army. He asked Pash whether the CIC section made any recommendations regarding the incarceration of Japanese Americans. Pash replied in the negative.

Brooke wondered if Pash or his staff had any information of Japanese Americans involved in espionage or sabotage while he

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Victor Carter pledges \$25,000 to JACCC

LOS ANGELES—Victor M. Carter, charter member of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center board, pledged a \$25,000 gift to JACCC, it was announced.

Since retirement in 1967 from Republic Corp., he has devoted full time to philanthropic activities, such as the Japanese Philharmonic Orchestra, and travel widely.

Pacific Citizen receives ZIP+4 number

LOS ANGELES—The Postmaster informed the Pacific Citizen its ZIP "plus-4" number was "3891". Mail, thus, addressed to occupants of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center will read as follows:

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Nisei Week disqualifies 2 princesses

LOS ANGELES—Nisei Week queen committee chair Richard Murakami announced two members of the 1981 court, Patricia Gehr, 25, of Gardena Valley JACL and Diane Yukimi Hirami, 22, of West Los Angeles JACL, were disqualified for "failing to fulfill their obligations as a member of the 1981 Festival court" and as a representative of their sponsors.

Announcement hit Little Tokyo like a bombshell Aug. 12—the first time in its 41-year history such disciplinary action was ever taken. Festival chairman Nagahisa Ono regretted it had to be and emphasized the sponsors are blameless in the action.

Apparently, the action was taken in wake of charges, since denied, by the two that the selection of queen this year was fixed and the judges were "bought out by influential people".

(The charges were vehemently denied by the pair in their meeting with the press the following day. They said they were "unhappy with certain phases of the contest" and had told Ono they were lodging a silent protest by leaving the Festival.)

Murakami pointed out the judges are prominent, respected members of the community, and this year included members of the judiciary, Kathleen Doi Todd and Morio Fukuto. Accountants from the Sho Iino accounting firm were engaged as tabulators.

Loose talk of a "fix" was being intercepted by Festival officials prior to the coronation ball. Ono said he was sorry for the girls who listened and took it seriously and was hurt by "people who put the ideas into their heads".

First inking of trouble came Sunday after the parade when the pair failed to appear

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Ex-Wells Fargo manager Kawakami pleads guilty

LOS ANGELES—Gene Kawakami, former manager of Wells Fargo's Miracle Mile branch pleaded guilty Aug. 10 to a single count of misapplying \$175,000 in bank funds in what officials described as an off-shoot of the \$21.3 million embezzlement case involving Ross Fields, also known as boxing promoter Harold Smith.

At the same time, another bank officer involved in the case Ben Lewis, also entered a guilty plea.

Both Lewis and Kawakami are expected to testify for the prosecution during Fields' trial which is scheduled for October.

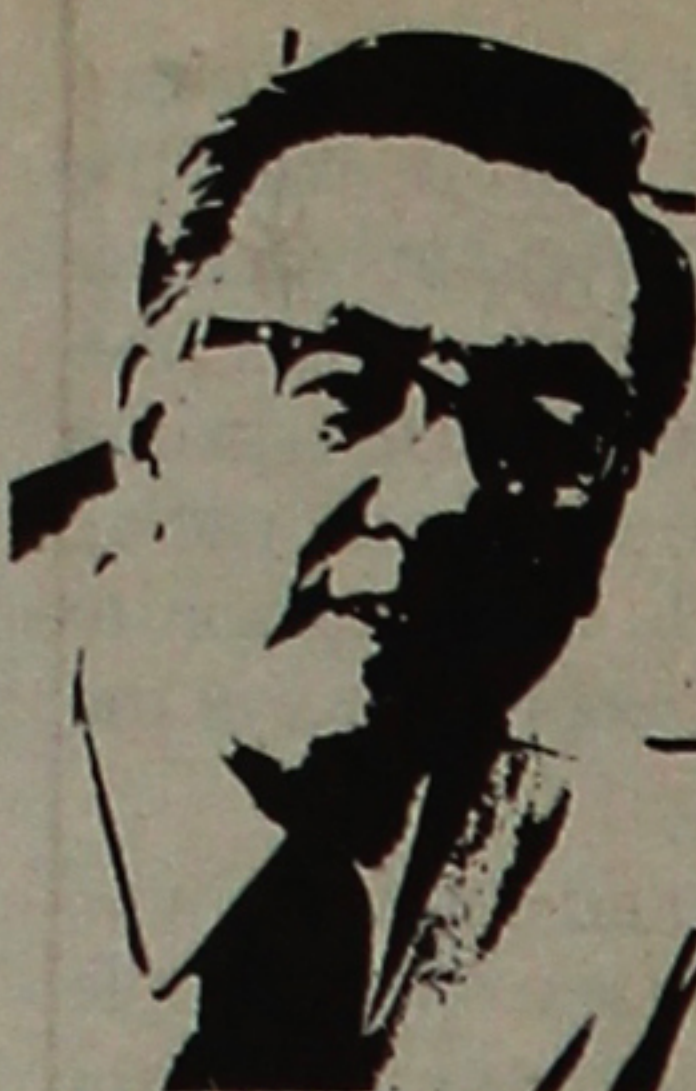
While the charges against Kawakami did not mention Fields or the \$21.3 million embezzlement, Asst. U.S. Attorney Dean Allison said the two cases are "related" and that Kawakami will be a witness against Smith.

Kawakami was a director of Muhammad Ali Amateur Sports, an off-shoot of Muhammad Ali Professional Sports and served as Field's personal banker at Wells Fargo.

Fields pleaded not guilty to the charges and remained in custody in lieu of \$200,000 bond.

According to the indictment, Fields, chairman of the now-defunct Santa Monica based MAPS, and his colleagues used the stolen funds to establish themselves as "the dominant boxing promoters in the United States."

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Passing Parade of Interesting People

Denver, Colo.

There is a dusty little town named De Beque, scarcely more than a wide place in the road off Interstate 70 in western Colorado. Its population today is 350, give or take a dozen. Nearby the Chevron Oil Company plans to blast the mahogany-colored shale out of the mountainside and heat it in gargantuan ovens to retort shale oil.

If these plans succeed, De Beque could mushroom into a city of 25,000 by the year 2000, less than two decades in the future. It doesn't take an expert in city planning to realize that De Beque could face enormous problems. And no one knows it better than Charles Ozaki, a Sansei who is town administrator.

Ozaki, who has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Colorado, is one of five municipal administrators assigned to western Colorado towns by the state department of local affairs. He helps the elected officials of De Beque, and nearby Collbran, to meet the impact of booming energy development.

Then there's Edward Owada, a U.S. Forest Service technician who coordinates activities of the Department of Human Resources and Recreational Development for the Boulder (Colo.) Ranger District. Owada supervises the work of volunteers hacking out trails and building bridges in the Arapahoe National Forest.

Ann Goodman, a free-lance writer who interviewed Owada, describes him as a Nisei who was "effectively orphaned at 15 and provided the support of two younger brothers until all three were confined to internment camps at the outbreak of World War II. Viewed in the context of these early experiences, Owada's resourcefulness in meeting the logistical challenges of his job might not come as a surprise, but the quiet sensitivity that permeates his dealings with volunteers and subordinates does seem remarkable. In fact it is one of his greatest

assets. In his presence, all is efficiency yet morale runs high. Owada's story is an inspiring piece of Americana."

Has any reader heard of Jack Inoway who lived in Lima, Ohio, back before World War II? R. Allen Claxton of Aurora, Colo., who knew Jack Inoway's elder son, is anxious to get in touch with any of the Inoways.

Claxton writes: "Jack Inoway served as a cook in the U.S. Navy in World War I and owned a restaurant in Lima when he and his family were sent to an internment camp. Jack Inoway's son and I were best friends in Lima, circa 1938-39, when he and I were in second and third grade at Theodore Roosevelt grade school in Lima.

If anyone has knowledge of the Inoway family, please write to R. Allen Claxton, 6982 So. Telluride St., Aurora, Colo. 80016.

Kay Tateishi, who was encouraged by the late Larry Tajiri to pursue a newspaper career in prewar Los Angeles, recently completed 25 years service with the Associated Press in its Tokyo bureau. Before joining AP he was with the Time-Life office in Tokyo. Tateishi no doubt would be utterly staggered by the amount of wordage that he has seen come and go over the Associated Press wires under his supervision.

ADA World, published the Americans for Democratic Action in Washington, D.C., says of Patsy Takemoto Mink, who just stepped down after three years as its president: "She has said she will consider running for office in Hawaii in 1982 where a U.S. Senate seat will be up. Hawaii also will elect a governor in '82 and that race is a possibility." Democrat Spark Matsunaga will be up for re-election to the Senate in 1982. Patsy challenged Matsunaga for the Senate in 1976. Hawaii's governor is George Ariyoshi, another Nisei Democrat. Might another intramural primary fight among Nisei Democrats be in the offing? #

EAST WIND: by Bill Marutani

The Sands of Time

Philadelphia

AS A YOUNGSTER it was with excited anticipation that we attended, with our Issei parents, the annual summer *kenjin-kai* picnics. There were plenty of free food, games and prizes for all, and a relaxing afternoon for our hard-working parents simply to "jaw." At the day's end, which came all too soon, we gathered up the leftovers (more goodies to snack on at home to satiate the seemingly never-ending hunger of active children), took careful inventory of all our prize winnings to make sure nothing was left behind or amiss, and wearily but happily piled into the family flivver to return home... already looking forward to next year's Hiroshima-*kenjin-kai* gathering. Nostalgia. (Oh, yes, we somehow managed to get ourselves "invited" to other clan gatherings: Wakayama-*ken*, Kumamoto-*ken* and maybe even a Kagoshima-*ken* every so often.)

SINCE THOSE DAYS, and with the mellowing of the Issei and particularly the scrambling of communities by the uprootings of 1942, the distinctions of *ken* lost their significance and the references became what-part-of-California, Oregon or Washington one came from. Mine was, and is, the White River Valley ("Shirakawa") in the State of Washington.

A FEW YEARS ago, I understand that the Tacoma (Washington) alumni/alumnae arranged a gathering to which former denizens from all parts of the country returned to renew (very) old acquaintanceships ("M'god, is that you, Sab?") and undoubtedly to recall some old, and perhaps embarrassing, incident that one had forgotten. (I know I've conveniently forgotten a few myself.)

Gifts by Will

The Japanese American Citizens League, as a volunteer, non-profit, educational, and civil rights organization, has always depended upon the generosity and commitment of its members and friends for it to carry on its work for the Japanese American community.

The importance of such support cannot be emphasized enough. The people are the heart and soul of JACL, and their energy and ideas give the National Organization its strength and vitality.

One of the ways you can insure the continuance of important programs to the communities is by planning your will to include the JACL. By making gifts to charitable organizations such as the JACL, the donor's property continues to work for worthwhile causes long after his or her death. Furthermore, gifts made by wills may be advantageous to a donor as such gifts may significantly decrease federal and state estate taxes. In fact, such bequests come off the top of the taxable estate where the estate and inheritance taxes are the highest.

If you are considering making a bequest, please contact Ron Wakabayashi, National Executive Director, at National Headquarters for more information, or contact your attorney or financial advisor for assistance. #

HIKARI: by Gail Fujioka

A Column Reborn

Honolulu



During a recent visit to San Francisco, Dr. Clifford Uyeda and Ron Wakabayashi invited me to write again for the *Pacific Citizen*. I was flattered but also hesitant. I had written a column (with the same tag: "Hikari") for four years during my service as a JACL staffer in Washington, D.C., and in San Francisco, but have not written anything like it since 1976. What could I write about that JACLers would be interested in reading?

Dr. Uyeda and Ron said, "Write about Hawaii. Write about things that are happening, issues, special events, things that interest you." We talked about lots of ideas, but as you can tell it has taken me some time to get an initial column finished (three months to be exact).

However, reunions with JACL friends here from my Washington, D.C. days has finally got me going. Larry Nakatsuka, former aide to Senator Hiram Fong and a past president of the Washington, D.C. chapter, is back in Hawaii with the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce. We had a brief visit when he came by the bank in which I work. Today, I received a surprise call from Shig Hiratsuka, also from the Washington, D.C. Chapter. Shig is here on a stopover—from a three month around-the-world trip. I'm looking forward to our lunch this week.

Seeing them and talking with them reminded me of the many friends I had made throughout the country during my days as a JACL staff member—a time which I recall with great fondness.

When I left the staff, I worked for a private foundation, funding nonprofit organizations and learning about fund-raising. I have been to use the skills I acquired in Hawaii helping nonprofit groups as a volunteer and in some cases as a consultant for mainland foundations which fund groups in Hawaii.

I have lived in Hawaii since 1979, but had the opportunity to travel here to visit with groups and people as a foundation representative since 1976. I will always remember the feeling I had when I first arrived and began meeting with people and learning about Hawaii. I felt as if I were coming home, returning to a place I had been before. The land is lovely, whether rural or urban. People are friendly, caring, warm and hospitable. This is very much "home" for me now.

Since my first visit Hawaii has always held much fascination for me. Hawaii is a place where new ways blend with old ways, where our community is a blending of traditions from many cultures, where languages flow together, and where people from many backgrounds have lived together for generations. There is so much about Hawaii that the average visitor misses. There is a history of this land that is very special. And there is much history still being made that is unique.

I receive the PC regularly. I enjoy reading columns by friends and reading stories about people I met throughout the country. I'm very honored that I will be able to share some time with each of you once a month. When Dr. Uyeda and Ron persuaded me to write, I did so because I treasure the thought of being able to share some of the aloha of Hawaii with you that I have always experienced.

There are other reasons for writing, too. I miss my association with JACLers. The memories I have are very precious to me. I hope that through these columns, I will once again be in touch with friends I have made through the years. Write me in care of Ron Wakabayashi at National Headquarters. I would love to hear from you and see you if you're ever my way. Until next month... Me ke aloha pumehana #

■ Who will give the law to lovers? Love is to itself a greater law.—Boethius.

● Tateishi's Tokyo

More on 'Yamato' Story

Dear Harry:

Here are some of the more pertinent stuff which was eliminated in my Associated Press story on the superbattleship Yamato (July 24 PC). Your readers may be wondering what kind of a reporter Tateishi is by not naming the other Nisei in an important phase of WW2 history besides Shigeo Yamada. For the record, they were:

Aboard the Yamato: Kunio Nakatani of Sacramento: mother lives in Los Angeles, a brother served in the U.S. forces and has a married sister; K. was attending Keio when he was drafted. His name came to light in a book by Mitsuru Yoshida, a Bank of Japan official who survived the battle and looked up his mother after the war, reporting on the meeting... Tom Ishii (formerly of L.A.) and a Kawasaki, (unhave his first name). Kawasaki's sister is married to George Kubota who adopted the wife's family name.

Aboard the Yahagi (besides Yamada): Kawamoto (Yamada couldn't recall the first name during my interview) is believed to be from Santa Maria.

JACL MEETING—At the last Tokyo JACL meeting here July 31, six fellows related their WW2 camp experiences. They were: Japan-born Kiyooki Murata, Japan Times editor was studying in U.S. when war broke out; Barry Saiki; Dick Yamashita, formerly of North Hollywood and now an influential U.S. businessman in Japan; then-UC student Ichiro Mori of Sacramento, now with the U.S. Embassy here; Bert Fujii of Delano; and Tom Sakamoto of Oxnard, an expatriate in business here.

Sakamoto's story was most memorable. He was a "no/no" boy, age 16, at Gila River, sent to Tule Lake. So far, Tule Lake "expats" here have been reluctant to talk about those days. During the Occupation some Nisei GIs working with U.S. forces in Kyushu ostracized the "expats" who found it intolerable and were forced to quit. Some took jobs with the British-Australian forces in Hiroshima and later got KP jobs in a U.S. officers' club in Tokyo.

You'll probably hear more about this meeting from Barry.

KAY TATEISHI
Tokyo, Aug. 6

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Mayor Kato lobbies for city in WDC visit

OXNARD, Ca.—Mayor Tsujio Kato believes much was accomplished during the one-day briefing given a select group of 125 city and state officials by the White House Aug. 5. This was the first time that he had been invited and was the only elected official from Ventura County.

President Reagan and Vice President Bush spoke at length about the economic and tax-cut program. Kato said he was convinced by Reagan's argument that "everyone benefits from these tax cuts".

Other cabinet members also addressed the delegation, fielding questions on municipal and state problems. Kato arrived in Washington Sunday before the air controller's strike and was back Monday night after a few hitches.

He and assistant city manager James Faulconer spent a busy Monday lobbying for city needs and met with area congressmen Robert Lagomarsino and Barry Goldwater Jr.

Kato told the city council Tuesday "there's a lot more to (Reagan's economic program) than what we've heard about" and promised to give a written summary as soon as he digests the packet of material which was presented at the briefing.

Sac'to-Matsuyama sign as sister cities

SACRAMENTO, Ca.—Mayor Tokio Nakamura of Matsuyama, Ehime-ken, and Mayor Phil Isenberg signed a Sister City agreement Aug. 17 at a luncheon ceremony at Convention Center attended by civic, business, visiting and local people. Mrs. Virginia Mueller is president of the Matsuyama-Sacramento Sister City Corp.

A city of 400,000, it is the largest city on Shikoku and known for its cultural and educational facilities. Its castle, dating from 1603, is one of the best preserved and listed as an Important Cultural Property.

Ikebana, Kaiwa classes at American River set

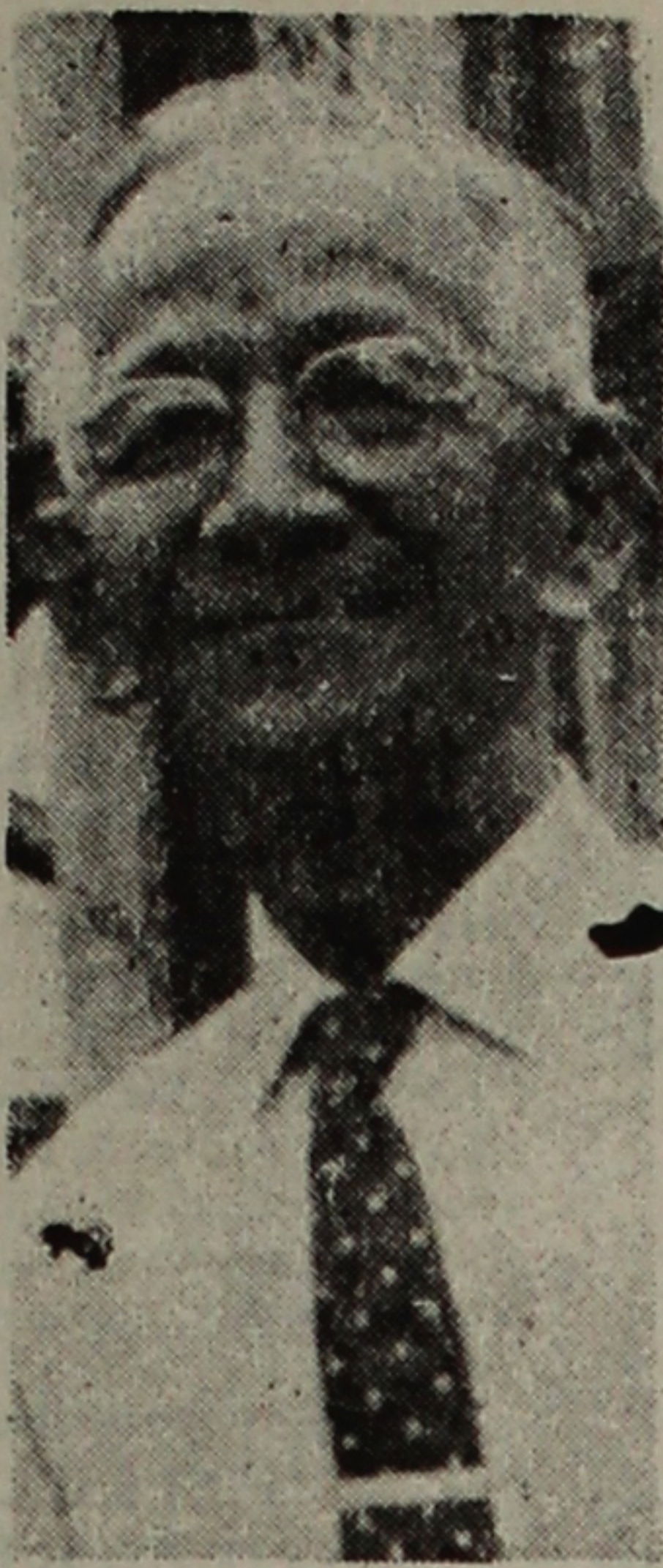
SACRAMENTO, Ca. — Registration is now open for Ikebana and Kaiwa (Japanese conversation) classes taught by Molly Kimura at American River College (484-8643), starting Tuesday, Sept. 8. She will also hold Ikebana classes at Sacramento City College and from Oct. 26 at Davis Art Center (765-4100).

Olivers sports award dinner slated Sept. 5

MONTEREY PARK, Ca.—The 21st annual Olivers Sportsman-ship Trophy award dinner will be held on Saturday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m., at Paul's Kitchen here.

Calendar Non-JACL Event

- AUGUST 21 (Friday)
 - * Nat'l JACL Youth—Meeting (Fri 6pm to Sun noon), JACL Hq, San Francisco
- AUGUST 22 (Saturday)
 - * French Camp—Whung ding, Mats Murata res.
 - * Los Angeles—5th Miss Orient USA Pageant, LA Conv Ctr, 8:30pm.
- AUGUST 23 (Sunday)
 - * PSWDC/Orange County—Qtrly sess, Holiday Inn, Buena Park, 9am.
 - * Monterey Peninsula—Issei Kai picnic, Indian Vlg, 17-Mile Dr.
- AUGUST 26 (Wednesday)
 - * Los Angeles—JACCC child (6-11)/parent activ and mini-workshops, JACCC, 9 am-3pm.
- AUGUST 27 (Thursday)
 - * Sacramento—Gen mtg, Nisei Hall, 7:30pm.
- AUGUST 29 (Saturday)
 - * San Francisco—Garage sale, food bazaar (2da), Christ Epis Church, 10am-4pm.
 - * Los Angeles—JACCC child (6-11)/parent activ and mini-workshops, JACCC, 9 am-3pm.
 - * Monterey—BANGA Jr golf tournament, Laguna Seca, 1pm.
- AUGUST 30 (Sunday)
 - * BANGA two-man best-ball tournament.



HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY—The late Hugo Fuchino, shown here in 1959, was honored by the Historic Hawaii Foundation for his creative



architectural contributions to the State, such as the Makiiki Christian church (r). The award was presented to Fuchino's son Wilfred on May 14.

Did American houses infect living patterns in Japan?

WASHINGTON—Taeko Matsuda, who helped bring affordable American-style houses to Japan, worries now that private living patterns in such homes may be contributing to the rising violence in Japanese families and schools.

Washington Post columnist Judy Mann, in a June 10 interview with the retired Japanese housing tycoon, makes no mention of "rabbit hutches", which some Westerners have come to describe housing in the Tokyo, Osaka or Nagoya metropolitan areas.

Matsuda, in describing the social changes wrought by U.S.-style homes, said, "Japanese families are very tight. We all studied together and slept together. But American houses, which provide each child with separate bedrooms, led to separate lives. Children don't grow up together. They don't communicate anymore. They don't learn how to have consideration for each other."

And Japan, she says, where children used to have enormous respect for their elders, is showing symptoms of family collapse. "Parents complain their kids are going wild. Divorce rates are going higher and higher." She calls it "advance country sickness... We all have everything. We don't help each other." The great Western philosophers all said "we should help each other, help the poor. We are all too full. No one thinks about their neighbors."

Only child of Takechiyo Matsuda, elder statesman of the Liberal Democratic Party who died last December at age 92, she carried on her father's tradition of trying to promote international understanding and cooperation. Her father's strong sense of social responsibility stems from his beginning as a social worker at Hull House under Jane Addams in Chicago.

The Matsuda family lived through the bombing of her Tokyo home during the war. She came to the U.S. in 1952 to study television

at the Univ. of Southern California, worked with NBC for three years, married another Japanese living in the U.S. After their first child was born, they returned to Japan and opened a PR firm to dispel the image of Japanese products as cheap and flimsy.

She also decided to buy a house. But it was very expensive 20 years ago at a time when there was no central heating for small houses or a mortgage system. Concerned about what others her age or younger in search of housing faced, she founded the Japan Housing Research Foundation with \$2 million invested by three of the largest steel, construction and appliance companies in Japan to construct affordable housing.

She also built 8,000 houses, educated builders in management techniques to avoid bankruptcies (50% of all bankruptcies in Japan involve builders, she added), and lobbied for changes in government policies involving construction.

(Average size of the Japanese household shows a drop from 1920-1955 high of 5 persons to 3.44 persons in 1975, which indicates the number of nuclear families of only a married couple or a married

couple and their unmarried children have increased rapidly in the 1955-1975 period, according to the Prime Minister's Office of Statistics.)



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Jackson Drugs (San Jose) shuts down

SAN JOSE, Ca.—Japantown here has lost its "corner drugstore"—Jackson Drugs at No. 5th and Jackson—as its owner-pharmacist Lincoln Tokunaga, 70, decided to quit after 35 years in business here. He and his wife, Iku, plan to travel around the nation "just to see what other people are doing", he told Mercury reporter Bill Strobel recently.

A UC Berkeley graduate in pharmacy, his job was training in Fresno's Tensho-do, then moved in 1932 to open his own drugstore at Salinas. He had saved enough to plan for a larger store in San Jose when the war intervened. The Tokunaga family was ordered to Tanforan and Topaz. He returned in 1945 and finally got his pharmacy built here.

Sansei scientist receives major MS grant

LA JOLLA, Ca.—Dr. Robert Fujinami, 31, received a \$311,820 grant from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society "as the most promising young scientist in the country" researching MS. Son of the Mitsuru Fujinamis of Salt Lake City and a 1972 graduate from Univ. of Utah, he has been an immunopathologist and research associate at Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation here for the past four years. Parents are longtime Salt Lake JACLers and very active with the Buddhist Church.

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