

# Student In Japan Says Country Is 'Fabulous'

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Sept. 27—We arrived at Yokohama during breakfast this morning. For hours we suffered lines through immigration, customs and quarantine. We finally boarded a couple of buses and headed for a very beautiful park - garden-show place. We forgot all the confusion and worry that had preceded our stop and literally lost ourselves in the gardens.

We went back to Yokohama's waterfront for lunch. There were some mighty sad farewells with the upper classmen. We won't see some of them again until January. The separate groups started for separate accommodations in Tokyo.

The Freshman group registered at a very modern youth hostel just a little out of downtown Tokyo. After a very lousy meal, a friend and I went to one of the myriad coffee houses that one finds in Tokyo. Her Japanese was better than mine, but we both had a hard time ordering. Upon returning to the hostel, we had our first Japanese-style baths. Wonderful. Just before we got to bed, there was a student riot. Fascinating but rather uneven.

I know that I cannot portray what I felt or saw without writing a book. It looks like it will always be like this in Japan, but believe me I say it's fabulous. I mean it, even if it's beyond understanding.

Sept. 28—Again, I am worried about my lack of ability to communicate the emotions that constantly run through me. A complete change of environment is frustrating only in this way, though. Everything else is fabulous.

**Youth Hostel**  
The day started at the youth hostel with another lousy meal. Japanese food is great but any attempts at western food fail miserably. We boarded a dozen taxis and headed for Tokyo station. Speculation ran high that some anti-American group had hired these particular taxis, but we found out that the Tokyo traffic is always like a Keystone cops sequence.

Again we suffered, this time it was confusion, carry-

ing luggage and large crowds. The train trip from Tokyo to Osaka took about six hours.

At Osaka, I was met by my two eldest brothers, Masatoshi and Katsushige Hirono. Also, to add to any self-consciousness that was present, there were about 10 reporters and cameramen. We took the train to Ashiya, where the remaining five experimenters were put aboard a taxi and driven to city hall.

**Meets 'Mother'**  
Here I met my Japanese mother, Mrs. Hirono. We had tea with the mayor, posed for pictures, answered questions and left for our separate host homes.

About Ashiya: Ashiya is one of the richest areas in all of Japan. The mayor is proud because it is entirely non-industrial—not one smoke stack.

About my family: The father is president of a firm in Osaka, and his working hours in the evening prevent any appearance earlier than 10 o'clock. He is driven to and from work by a chauffeur in a Japanese car equivalent to a Cadillac. The eldest brother (Masatoshi) looks like an Oriental Bobby Darin. His and my interests are very much alike. He is 21 and attends a university, but he's more of a mahjong player than a student.

The second brother (Katsushige) attends the same university for the primary purpose of playing football. The youngest brother (Genrobu) is still in high school and studying ardently to pass a most difficult university entrance examination.

My Japanese mother is the perfect Japanese woman with a slight bit of western independence added. She does little housework, since we have a maid. Everybody in the family speaks at least a little English. By the way, raw fish tastes good and Japanese baths are fine.

**Meets 'Father'**  
Sept. 29—I met my Japanese father this morning. The eldest brother, my Japanese father, and I went to Osaka to inspect the company's factory and warehouse. Masatoshi and I went to a Japanese style night club type restaurant for a native lunch. I think I ate some mussels or barnacles or something.

We went window shopping in the afternoon and one of the girl clerks in a department store said she had read about me in the paper. Masatoshi and I took the train home. Later, Medford's foreign exchange student of two years ago, Hishayuki (Don) Kondo, came over for dinner (including raw eggs), since it was virtually impossible for me to find his home. 92,000,000 people in this country and I wind up with friends of Don!

**Thursday Club To Hold Dinner**  
Phoenix Thursday club members have planned the annual Halloween dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox on Camp Baker road. It will be held Saturday, October 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Assisting Mrs. Wilcox will be Mrs. Tom Caster, Mrs. Donald Korth and Mrs. M. Wrede.



One thought which Dr. Morris Fishbein left with his Knife and Fork club audience last Saturday night he said should "give us pause." It does, indeed. There may come a time, said Dr. Fishbein, when man will discover the "secret of life" and from that step may progress to producing life. He asked his audience to ponder on what it would be like if a dictator could "manufacture" a huge army. This reporter finds it difficult enough to grasp the possibilities of the brain machines we now have; heaven forbid that we should have to cope with the idea that some day we may have "instant people." No wonder that the sages are always reminding us that progress always brings problems.

Dr. Fishbein, who has so many irons in the fire that he can scarcely keep track of his commitments, says that he writes a part of almost every day, whether he is at home or traveling, abroad or in this country. When he is traveling, his secretaries make two copies of each communication which they feel he must read, and these are numbered and forwarded to him at two different addresses with the idea that at least one will reach him. Dr. Fishbein carries his typewriter and a "dictette" with him and works at his columns, addresses and correspondence constantly.

Dr. Fishbein, not at all reluctant to talk about himself, spends seven months out of every year traveling, and of the five spent at home, one week in every four is in New York "where I have seven jobs." He believes that one of the greatest advances in recent years is the information center in Amsterdam with which he is associated. In past decades, new medical information and discoveries were sometimes many years in dissemination. Now the center has taken over the task of assembling such information, publishing it in suitable form and relaying it to the four corners of the world where it is useful to scientists and doctors.

Dr. Fishbein's recreations include golf and bridge—one of his bridge partners is the great teacher, Charles Goren and Dr. Fishbein reported with considerable satisfaction that the last time they played, he and his partner had won \$37 from Mr. Goren and his partner. A return game had been arranged for the near future.

Not long ago Mrs. William Coghill called with some news about Clifford Platz, artist who lived in Medford for many years before going to Portland. The artist wrote to his former pupil that he had a number of exhibits in recent weeks. Eight of his paintings were exhibited at Burlingame's, another show of 13 paintings was exhibited at Lloyd's Center and another group in Ohie's restaurant. The last were works inspired by an Oregon ranch, and the restaurant owner was so pleased with the group that he purchased the entire show and kept it as a permanent display, Mr. Platz wrote.

Mr. Platz was one of the founders of the Southern Oregon Society of Artists, and is widely known in southern Oregon.

Letters from other parts of Oregon continue to bring news of the damage done by the recent storm. Mrs. Nellie Tedrow, who also formerly lived in Medford and now makes her home in Vancouver, Wash., wrote to her aunt, Mrs. L. P. Crocker, that her home had been considerably damaged during the big blow. Mrs. Tedrow reported that much of the roof was blown off and that throughout the neighborhood homes had been damaged, many trees blown down, etc. Mrs. Tedrow wrote that she was awakened during the night by water dripping and investigated to find it coming in around doorways and that the light fixture was full. She had the clever idea of getting it out with a basting syringe, and then took the entire fixture down in order that it might dry out.

One of her neighbors was the most popular woman in the area—she had a gas range and water heater and was kept busy cooking for her neighbors who were without electricity to cook or heat water.

When Knife and Fork club was first organized in Medford the members dressed rather formally. As the years went by, the women began to wear "dressy" afternoon clothes and then later some even started wearing suits. Men were apt to show up in a comfortable tweed.

Last Saturday President Otto Frohnmayer said there had been discussion of returning to more formal attire for the meetings, and the membership is to be polled.

As for Potpourri, we really don't care, except that we dislike seeing the dinners degenerate into "anything goes" events. However, if the club votes for formal attire, we're going to buy or have made a long wool evening gown or suit we'd like to have it elegant but warm. For some reason or other, we've been absolutely frozen at the last several meetings. Since it seems impossible to keep the big dining room at Rogue Valley Country club comfortable in all sections for men wearing woolen suits and women in decollete gowns, and since we shiver with cold while wearing a silk dress or suit, we'll hunt around for one in wool.

Last Saturday some women were wearing wool street suits, and many wrapped themselves in fur or woolen coats. Why bother to wear an evening dress or formal dinner dress with pretty jewelry if one has to cover them up with a heavy coat in order to be comfortable? O. S.

# Social Events ♦ Women's News



There were no Dior or Bohan suits or gowns worn by one group of women at Rogue Valley Country club Tuesday noon, but the clothes they did wear created a small sensation. The determined women had been gathering articles for the Attic Treasures sale which will be held Friday and Saturday, October 26-27 at 122 East Main street as a benefit for the Broadway Theater League, and they wore to the luncheon some of their loot. Posing here are Mrs. Arlon Skinner garbed in a hat, high heels and a fur stole teamed with a sweater and Capris, and Mrs. Ralph Hibbs who simply pulled a blue taffeta evening gown over her green cashmere sweater and wool skirt. The women will be at the sale location, the former Weisfield store, Thursday to accept and arrange donations which they say will include white elephants, art objects, including original paintings, jewelry, plants, furniture and even cooked food. Contributions will be welcomed. Two or three parking spaces will be kept open in front of the store for the convenience of patrons. Those interested in the Attic Treasures sale, or call Mrs. Skinner at 772-8913, or Mrs. Ronald Ricketts, 773-2896. Tickets for the play series are still available. The sale will also be kept underway Friday night as part of the Medford merchant's Moonlight sale event.

## Open House Announced

The staff of the Rogue Valley Council of Girl Scouts will hold open house at the new office and staff quarters, 451 West Ninth street, on Saturday, October 27. Hours will be from 2 until 5 p.m.

The building, at the corner of West Ninth and South Oakdale avenue, was the former First Christian church.

The public is invited to visit the new facilities. Plans include the serving of refreshments and entertainment. Visitors will include board members, committee members, leaders and other registered adults from West Siskiyou, Grants Pass, Ashland and Medford districts.

## Cultural Program Held by Chapter

Mrs. Ronald Hall gave the cultural program for Xi Beta Kappa chapter of Beta Sigma Phi recently, when members met at the home of Mrs. Wayne Turpin, 1453 Orchard Home drive, Mrs. Hall spoke on "The Origin of Life," with all members participating.

Preceding this a business meeting was held. Mrs. Richard Knoll, first vice president presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Knoll announced that the Yellow Rose ball held at the Rogue Valley Country club was successful with 140 attending.

Mrs. Ervin Toney, Ashland Gamma Zeta chapter, was a guest.

Mrs. Jim Chapman, co-hostess, assisted Mrs. Turpin in serving refreshments.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Floyd Eastwood, 940 Shafer lane, Tuesday, October 23 at 8 p.m.

## Project Leaders Topic for Chairman Of Applegate Unit

Applegate - Mrs. Howard Piette, Applegate Home Extension unit chairman and member of the county council, spoke to members of her unit at their first meeting of the year held recently in the home of Mrs. Lester Adams of Ransom Acres ranch on Thompson creek.

The speaker told the group that as project leaders they are teachers and that being a project leader gives a woman an opportunity to grow and gain self confidence as they become more proficient in public speaking through giving demonstrations.

She stressed the importance of doing research on any subject before presenting the session and stating they should familiarize themselves with the place where the demonstrations are to be made to make them more effective.

A rummage sale was planned for November 1 in the FehI building in Medford and those who donate rummage for the sale were asked to have the items clean, pressed and mended.

Mrs. Louise Wise of the Missouri Flat unit was a guest and Mrs. C. R. Mercoulier, a newcomer to Applegate area, attended.

Women who had made hats during a special hat workshop modeled their hats for the group. Modeling were Mrs. William Irsung, Mrs. Piette, Mrs. Lester Rich, Mrs. Thornton Gaten, Mrs. Vernon Fowler, Mrs. Neil Stoner and Mrs. Norval Moore.

## Buckles-Bows Cancel Dance

Buckles and Bows Square Dance club announced that the fourth Friday workshop set for October 26 will be canceled. This is due to the annual Night Owl dance planned for October 27 in Floyd Workman's new square dance hall on Colver road one mile west of Talon.

## Measures Discussed For Club

The October meeting of Medford Business and Professional Women's club was devoted to a discussion of the measures on the November 6 ballot. The meeting was held at the Girls Community club on October 18th.

Miss Peggyann Hutchinson, legislative chairman, furnished the club members with sample ballots and the non-partisan voters information pamphlets issued by the League of Women Voters for reference during the discussion. Mrs. Eve Nye, former representative from Jackson county, was present to assist Miss Hutchinson and other club members in explaining the individual measures.

Participating in the review of the arguments for and against each measure in addition to Miss Hutchinson and Mrs. Nye, were Miss Voda Brower, Miss Laura York, and Miss Lucille Lemox. Members were urged to study their sample ballots carefully and if in doubt about any of the measures or candidates to seek further information from Republican or Democratic headquarters or from the candidates themselves.

Miss Gladys Durrand, a member of the World Affairs committee, reminded members that October 24 is United Nations day and urged them to watch the program, "I Remember Dag Hammarskjold," which is to appear on KBES-TV on October 28.

Mrs. C. H. Redmond, club president, reviewed the activities of National Business Women's week. Miss Voda Brower read an invitation from Medford Toastmistress club to that organization's October 24th dinner meeting.

Miss York, program chairman, announced that the next meeting of the BPW will be a potluck supper held at the Girl's Community club on November 13.

Refreshments were served by the finance committee, headed by Mrs. Don Marin. Guests attending were Miss Ann Van Valzah, Mrs. Nona R. Whitsett, and Mrs. Mildred Morley.

## Scotts Return

Illinois Valley - Mr and Mrs. Albert Scott, Kirby, have returned from Richland, Ore. after spending five days with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Claudson. Mr. and Mrs. Claudson both teach at the high school there.

## Family Leaves

Ashland - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Farnham and their four children spent last week

visiting with Mr. Farnham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin H. Farnham, Anderson Creek road. They left Sunday for their home in San Jose, Calif.

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**Women of Unity Plan Ceremony**

The Rev. Katharine Bosworth will install the newly elected officers of Women of Unity, Friday, October 26, in the Unity church, Holly and Haven streets, at 11 a.m.

The business meeting will be conducted by Mrs. Wilbur Howell, president.

Mrs. Bosworth will give a book review of the "The Unity Way of Life" by Marcus Bach, and Mrs. Robert Snider, Ashland, will sing a group of songs.

A buffet luncheon will be served at noon.

Hostesses will be Mrs. R. F. Lamb and Mrs. Ira Jones.

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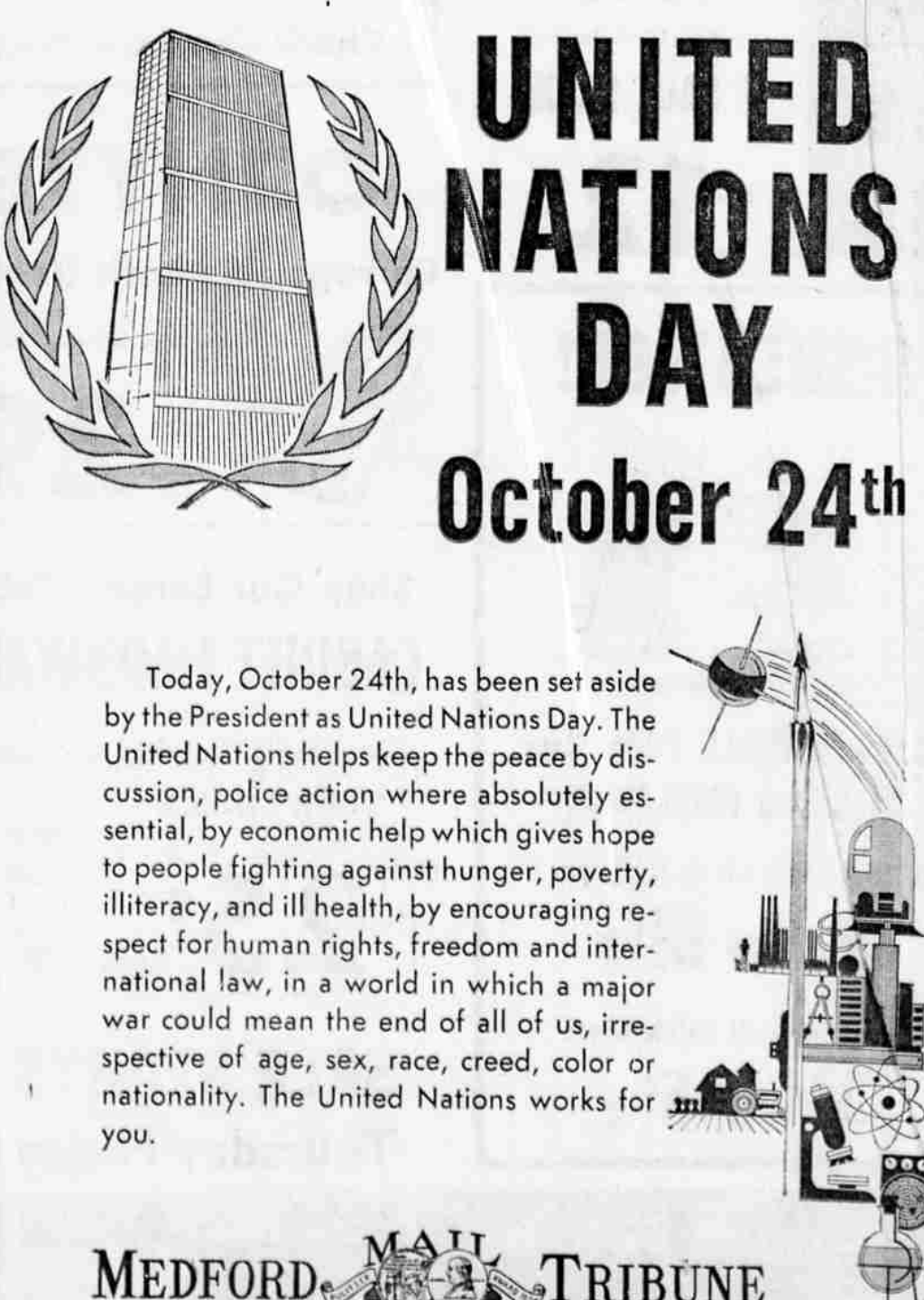
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**October 24th**

Today, October 24th, has been set aside by the President as United Nations Day. The United Nations helps keep the peace by discussion, police action where absolutely essential, by economic help which gives hope to people fighting against hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and ill health, by encouraging respect for human rights, freedom and international law, in a world in which a major war could mean the end of all of us, irrespective of age, sex, race, creed, color or nationality. The United Nations works for you.



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