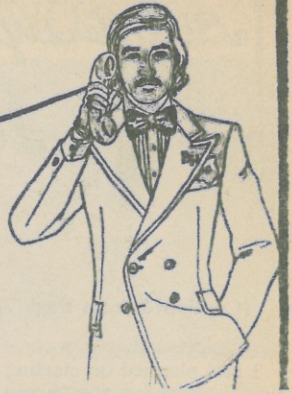


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Years ago I decided that traveling was a very important part of my life. Consequently, I've avoided any kind of employment that would tie me down to a rigid schedule where I couldn't get away pretty much whenever I wanted. I know this probably sounds selfish and even spoiled to some, but it's my life and my decision, and believe me, I'm enjoying it to the hilt. Lately, with all the people and happenings here in Tokyo town, it has become more difficult to get away, but still feel one needs to escape from it all at times. This is one of those times for me and as soon as I knock out this and a few columns for other publications, will board Continental's big bird and head for Saipan. People who have been there know it's the perfect place to relax. I will take a portable typewriter and work on a few things, but for the most part will soak up the sun and watch English language TV.

Unfortunately I'll be missing a lot of events here, but the way things are, it would be the same no matter when I go. It'll just be five or six days, as feel I must be back to say *sayonara* to my dear friends **United Arab Emirates Ambassador Ahmed Al-Mokarrab** and his wife **Salwa**. That's the evening of the 12th, and later that evening my Filipino friends are holding a dinner-dance at The Tokyo Hilton to celebrate their National Day. That's something I feel I really must be here for too. So with that, I guess I'd better start writing about things the last few weeks, or I'll get farther behind than I should. Again.

On Thursday the 21st I dropped by the Handl's taste-

fully decorated apartment where **Baby** was giving a luncheon for a dozen or so friends. I had planned on just staying a few minutes, but with the interesting people and the superb buffet, I stayed on for more like an hour. Guests there that day included **Jean Ariyoshi**, wife of Hawaii's Governor **George Ariyoshi**, their daughter **Lynne** who attends Sophia University, **Claire Bell** and her model-dancer daughter **Jane**, who were here from NYC, **Aida Valdes**, wife of the Philippine Ambassador, **Sawssan Atassi**, wife of the Syrian Ambassador, **Maha Debs**, **Chichan Plessner** and **Natalie Ermakoff**. Much of the talk centered around different charity programs each of the ladies are involved in (they are busy), and moved into their summer plans with their families.

Baby didn't tell anyone, but I learned later that her birthday was the next day, the 22nd. I know it was a happy one and hope all those in the future are as well.

If there had been one more party on Friday the 22nd . . . according to **Danny Callaghan's** comments on what **Jane Rees** wrote, I could have tied **Wes Renson's** "nine parties to attend in one evening." There were eight and the sad part of it was they were all things I would have really liked to have attended. No way, Jose . . . Tokyo's a big city, traffic was bad, so did the best I could and made it to about a half a dozen.

Started out at noon at a lunch pop singer **Hiroshi Tachi** was hosting for his staff at the Tokyo Hilton. The occasion was to celebrate the completion



## Hawaiian Visitors Bureau entertains at luncheon

Above: **Takashi Akashi**, president of **Kinki Nippon Tours**; **Dick and Debbie Boynton** (he's Sales and Marketing Manager of **Pan Am**); **Ryoichi Wada**, president of **Value Tours**, and **Kenshin Morita** of **Aloha Airlines**. At right: **Jean Ariyoshi**, dynamic wife of Hawaii's Gov. **George Ariyoshi**, is flanked by **Baron Yoshii**, director of **Tokyo Sales of Hilton International**, and **Bruce (Bud) Smith**, Sales and Marketing Manager of **Northwest Orient Airlines**.



of his new LP, "Rock & Roll 81," on Epic Sony. I had helped **Hiroshi** with a few things on the album (No, I didn't sing) and he wanted to show me that he had given me credit on the record jacket. That was thoughtful. **Hiroshi's** that kind of a guy.

From the Hilton moved over to the New Otani for the **Asian Ladies Friendship Society's** annual bazaar. The always popular event was wall-to-wall people, and everyone was enjoying the many kinds of food, the shopping bargains from

each country represented and the program of entertainment. I played pig and ate curry from Sri Lanka, a noodle dish from Singapore, *satay* from Indonesia and *adobo* and *mango* from the Philippines.

I did take time out to watch the program, and like everyone there, was fascinated by the dancers from Nepal. **HIH**

**Princess Mikasa** was the patron this year, **Nafisa Choudhury**, wife of the **Bangladesh Ambassador**, was Chairman of the event and **Abeeda Islam**, wife of the **Pakistani Ambassador**, was M. C. My congratulations to those ladies and all the others who worked so hard making the charity bazaar a **(Continued on Page 8)**



## Paul Bocuse cooks for chums at Rengaya

At left: **Andre LeComte**, host **Paul Bocuse**, **Françoise Morechand** and **Gerard Coste**. Below, left: **Hostess Keiko Inagawa** is flanked by two of her guests, **Danish Ambassador** and **Mme. Per S. Groot**. Below, right: **Maxim Roche** and **Kumiko Hattori**.



## Philippine tourism promoted at Hilton

Above: **Choreographer Ramon Obusan** and his exotic dancers, up from **Manila** for the tourism promo. At right: **Junichi Watanabe** of **Philippine Airlines** and **Cema L. Pido** of the **Philippine Ministry of Tourism** at the **Philippine promotional party** at the **Hilton**.



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# PARTY LINE



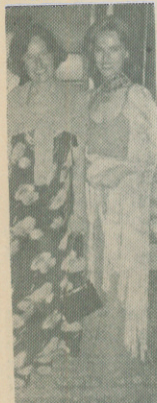
At right: one of the highlights of the bazaar show was a performance of dances by a group from Nepal. Below, left: Princess Mikasa receives a gift from Nafisa Choudhury, wife of the Bangladesh Ambassador who served as chairman for the bazaar.

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huge success that it was.

I had planned on starting out the evening at the home of USTS Director and Mrs. Fritz Schmitz and a group of their friends for cocktails and a buffet at their home. I felt a little strange as the invitation read "dress totally casual" and I had to wear a tux for something later. It ended up not making all that much difference, as even with a good map, I never did find the place. That area around the New Zealand Embassy with all its one way streets can be tricky. I heard everyone had a really good time and do hope the Schmitzs will ask me again some time.

I didn't have any trouble finding the West German Embassy, but parking was a problem. Recent arrived Ambassador and Mrs. Klaus Blech of the Federal Republic of Germany were hosting a reception to celebrate their Constitution Day, and from the looks of the crowd, just about everyone came to help them celebrate.



Mimi Dehenin, Monique Hollants van Loock.

After congratulating Ambassador and Mrs. Blech and members of their staff in the reception room, guests moved out into the residence's spacious gardens which had been colorfully decorated for the evening. Paper lanterns were hung everywhere, booths served beer, wine and German food specialties, and in a far corner of the garden a uniformed brass band was playing German music.

I couldn't stay long, but did have a chance to meet the new ambassador and his lady and congratulate them and many other German friends. I also talked with Sony Chairman Akio Morita, and told him I was almost afraid to buy any of his products, as they have new things coming out every day. He tried to explain some of Sony's new cine-equipment Francis Ford Coppola will be using in his next film. It didn't take him long to realize my ability and knowledge in things electrical is limited to plugging something in and turning it on. I appreciate his trying anyway.

If I had gone by schedule, my next stop would have been the Shirogane Guest House where Paraguayan Ambassador and Mrs. Marcos Mendieta were hosting a reception for two visiting dignitaries, Dr. A. Nogues, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and J.A. Caceres, the Minister of Public Works and Communications. I was really running late and since I had just been to the Paraguayan National Day party a week earlier I knew the Mendiets would understand, so reluctantly passed that one up.

I did get to the Mexican Embassy in time to meet Mexico's Minister of Tourism, Ms. Rosa Luz Alegria. Mexican Ambassador Francisco Javier Alejo was hosting a reception in her honor. Guests were mostly from the tourist and transportation world. Ms. Alegria was in Japan to meet with Japan Airlines about a new Nikko Hotel for Mexico, the Otani people about another new hotel and the Iwasaki Group in Kagoshima about a resort in Baja California.

Her schedule was very busy as she also met with Japan's Minister of Transportation, Mr. Asada, the President of Japan



Above, right: Louana Butler of New Zealand, Nobuko Taira and Syl Lopez DeLeon of the Philippine Embassy—all admiring a beautiful New Zealand sheepskin (which now rests in Bill Hersey's genkan). Below, left: Mutsuko



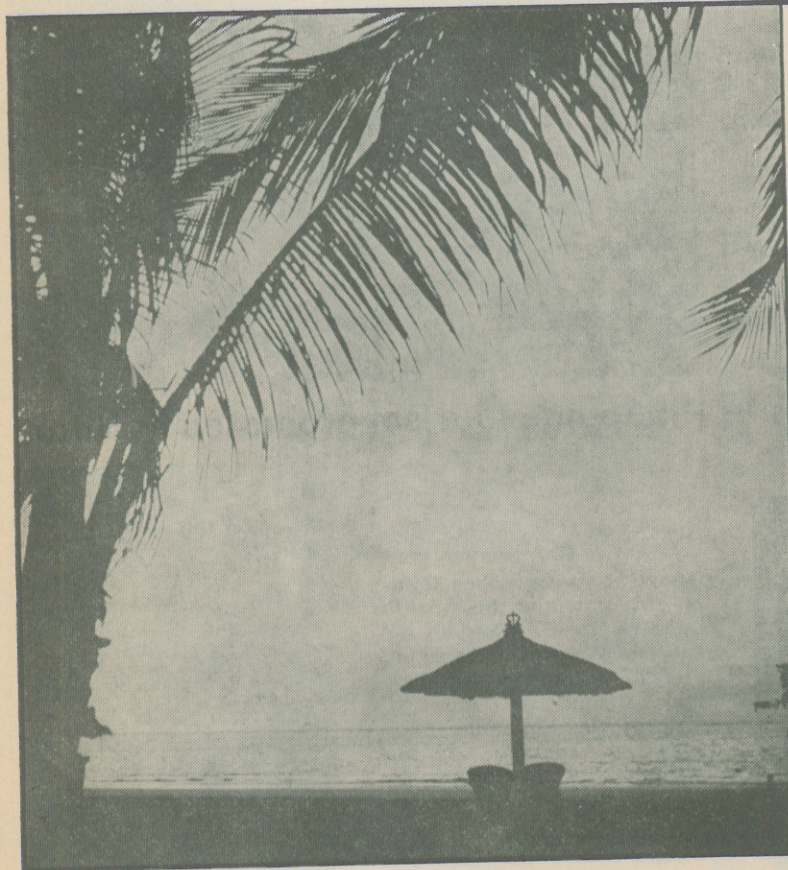
Miki, wife of former Japan Prime Minister Takeo Miki. Below, right: HHH Princess Mikasa flanked by Pam Miller, wife of the New Zealand Ambassador, and Aida Valdes, wife of the Philippine Ambassador.



Airlines, top level executives in the Japan National Tourist Organization and architect Tange Kenzo. Talking with her sure brought back some great memories of Mexico... especially a week a few years



At right, from top to bottom: Mrs. Tenkoku Sonoda, wife of Japan's Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda. Simo-nette Convenevole and Lily Macchia. Chiyo Fukushima, wife of the President of The Japan Times.



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ago at a dreamy little beach town, San Blas, where Mexican, Texas and California surfers meet. My hotel room was about the best in town and cost \$4 a night. I'm sure new hotels and prices have gone up in San Blas, but it's still one of those places I have to get back to before too long.

The Philippines were holding a tourist promotion just around the corner at the Tokyo Hilton. I played pig again, and grabbed a piece of chocolate cake on my way out of the Mexican Embassy. On the way to the car managed to get the powdery chocolate frosting all over the front of my white shirt. The cake was delicious, but by the time I got the shirt presentably clean and arrived at the promotion, everyone was on their way out.

Fortunately some of the Filipinos stayed on and I had the chance to spend some time with Ramon Obusan and the folkdance group he brought here for the promotion and to meet some people I hadn't met before with the Philippines' Minister of Tourism. You know by now I don't need any encouragement to go to the Philippines. It's one of those places that I, as well as many other people I know, fly off to visit every time we have the chance.

About 9 picked up Francoise Morechand at her Tower Plaza Penthouse. She had just finished an indoctrination class for 100 new students in her fashion/beauty school. We were almost two hours late, but with someone like Francoise, you feel you can get away with anything. Besides that, the hostess Keiko Inagawa of Rengaya Restaurants is very understanding. The occasion was a dinner for about 100 people at the Ginza Rengaya. The master chef himself — Paul Bocuse — was there to supervise the preparation of the food and officially open Paul Bocuse week at the prestigious eatery.

Guests included the cream of society from both the foreign and Japanese communities. "There're three princesses here," Gerard Coste told us as he surfaced from under the table where he was looking for his patent leather slipper someone had hidden. I never did find out who they were. Our table (Francoise, Gerard, Andre Le-

Comte, etc.) is always one of the noisiest at these dinners, and Keiko very wisely seats us back in one corner of the room. The food was superb, the people interesting. Keiko Inagawa is one of those people who really knows how to get things together and make an evening at her restaurants a glittering event for all those privileged to attend. Our thanks for being included.

**IN TOWN:**

● Sarah Douglas, one of the villains of Warner Brothers' new movie, "Superman II." She was here for press conferences and other promotional events on the film which opens in late June. From all reports, it's a real winner.

**ON THE MOVE:**

● If you're here for any length of time at all, you see a lot of people come and go. There are always *sayonaras* for someone, but for this time of year, the number of people leaving seems extra heavy. Diplomats who are moving on and will be missed include Canadian Ambassador Bruce Rankin and his wife Mona, United Arab Emirates Ambassador Ahmed Al-Mokarrab and his wife Salwa, Swedish Ambassador Bengt Odevall and his wife Ulla, Uruguayan Ambassador Alberto Rodriguez-Nin and his wife Susana and Portuguese Ambassador Pedro Madeira de Andrade and his wife Maria Fernanda. We'll be talking more about them and their *sayonaras* later.

● Holli Ferretti off to the USA as a delegate of the Pan Pacific Southeast Asia Women's Association meeting in Saratoga, New York. She's also planning a visit to the United Nations and a few weeks' holiday.



**IN & AROUND TOKYO:** Fashion specialist Amiko Kujiraoka with New York-based designer Kandy Ono. He's here to conduct a seminar; taken at the Hilton.

**West Germans celebrate their Constitution Day**



Above, left: Host and Hostess, recently arrived Federal Republic of Germany Ambassador Dr. Klaus Blech and his wife Renate. Above: Rolf Schreiber (AEC-Telefunken), Dr. Karl Herman Peters (Hoechst), Monika Schreiber and Paul Mueller, executive chef of the Keio Plaza Hotel. Below: Nicole Hennekinne, Zaire Ambassador and Mrs. Lombo Lo Mangamanga, and French Minister-Counselor Loic Hennekinne. At left: Shigeru Yamamoto of Teijin and Turkish Ambassador Nazif Cuhruk.



Above, left: Ambassador and Mrs. Blech greet Mr. and Mrs. Akio Morita (he's president of Sony Corp.) Above, right: Marrel and Eiko Grilli and Hans Pringsheim. At left: Edith Blaich and Silke Hufschmidt. At right: Shigeo Horie, chairman of the Bank of Tokyo, and Maria Fernanda Madeira de Andrade, wife of the Portuguese Ambassador — and a huge pretzel.



**Baby Handl gives a luncheon for visiting friends**

Above, left: Hostess Baby Handl (Happy Birthday!); Aida Valdes, wife of the Philippine Ambassador; Chichan Plessner and Mrs. Ikeda. Above, right: Claire Bell, visiting Tokyo from New York City; Lynn Ariyoshi, daughter of Hawaiian Governor George Ariyoshi and Jean, and Jane Bell, also here from the Big Apple. At left: Jean Ariyoshi and Baby Handl sample the superb food prepared for the luncheon. Pretty ladies!!



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Lefties hit for average, power in Japan baseball

# Whitfield, Gardner tabbed best gaijin for May

By Wayne Graczyk  
Weekender Sports Editor

The Pacific League first half pennant chase is a dandy, isn't it? Just when the Lotte Orions appeared on the verge of pulling away, the Hankyu Braves closed the gap. Then the Seibu Lions came on like gangbusters, winning 10 in a row, and—presto—an instant pennant race.

The Seibu surge was obviously a team effort, but one of the big guns all season has been the exciting Terry Whitfield. The Lions acquired him this spring when they decided to go with Whitfield instead of the equally-talented Jim Tyrone as a *gaijin* companion for teammate Steve Ontiveros.

Terry has done it all; hitting for average and power, running the bases, making fine catches and throws, starting rallies and delivering key hits that have sustained productive drives. And you talk about consistency, the former San Francisco Giant ended the month of April with a .321 average, hit .323 during May and ended



ART GARDNER  
... hit .397 in May

that month with an overall .322. He stroked 32 hits in 99 at bats with eight home runs and 25 big RBIs for the period.

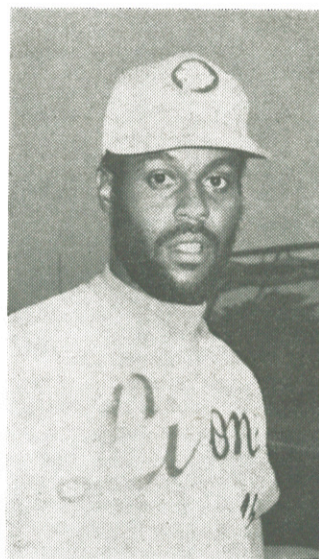
Weekender is proud to designate Terry as the best foreign player in the Pacific cir-

cuit for the month of May. A bunch of underprivileged Japanese kids are proud of their hero, too. Whitfield is the guy who began the practice of inviting youngsters to Seibu home games at his personal expense. Hats off to Terry Whitfield.

Meanwhile, Tyrone is not doing too bad himself with the Nankai Hawks. After a so-so start and a minor injury, Jim has come on with a sizzlin' piece of lumber. He was 25-for-72 during May and did not stop when the calendar was changed. On June 4, Tyrone had the second highest average in the *Pa* League at .329, and the long balls and ribbies are accumulating.

Lotte's Leron Lee is back in form. After slumping down to an un-Lee-like .229 mark, Leron clicked for 24 safeties on 75 tries for a .320 figure in May, also socking five round-trippers. Nippon Ham's Tony Solaita continues to lead in homers. His mate Tommy Cruz hit over .300 last month, as did Bobby Marcano of Hankyu, Kintetsu's Vic Harris and Ontiveros of the Lions.

Over in the Central division, the hottest pair of Americans have been the Hiroshima Carp duo of Art Gardner and Jim Lyttle. Gardner, the newcomer with the unique "up-sweep" hitting stroke, put his



TERRY WHITFIELD  
... big gun for Seibu  
(Photos by Wayne)

style to work, accounting for 29 hits in 73 attempts between May 1 and 31. That's a torrid .397 pace. He chipped in with four "taters" and 23 important runs-batted-in.

Lyttle, who starred in April, kept up the good work with a .313 performance, six four-baggers and 14 ribs. His .337 hitting rate was second best in the *Se* League on June 4, one point off the top, behind Carp center fielder Koji Yamamoto, who is flanked by Gardner and Lyttle. What an outfield trio!

Others in Japan's "senior" circuit who broke .300 for May include Hanshin's Doug Ault, and the Chunichi Dragons' Ray Cosey. Yomiuri's *gaijin* combo of Roy White and Gary Thomasson have played below their abilities but each has delivered more than one key blow to win games and contribute greatly to the comfortable lead the first place Giants are enjoying.

Charlie Spikes returned to the Dragons' first team on May 30, celebrating with a three-run homer in his first start, and Yakult's Charlie Manuel has shown signs of escaping the slump that has plagued him since opening day.

Hang in there.

The Kintetsu Buffaloes followed through with the plan to promote Ike Hampton to their varsity roster. The newcomer was hiked to the first team last Friday after hitting four homers during a brief tuneup with the Kintetsu farm club. Craig Ryan, whose plight was discussed here last week, was sent down.

Hampton responded to the confidence of manager Yukio Nishimoto by promptly blasting a homer in his first plate appearance against Nippon Ham. He slammed another round-tripper in the same game and was the hero in the Buffaloes' 7-2 victory over the Fighters.

## AMERICAN PLAYER STATISTICS (Thru games of June 7)

	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG.
1. Hampton, Buffaloes	3	11	3	4	3	3	.364
2. Lyttle, Carp	44	179	31	59	14	31	.330
3. Whitfield, Lions	53	207	31	67	12	53	.324
4. Gardner, Carp	44	164	26	53	11	34	.323
5. Leron Lee, Orions	53	187	32	60	10	37	.321
6. Tyrone, Hawks	46	171	25	54	8	26	.316
7. Solaita, Fighters	52	193	36	60	18	48	.311
8. Leon Lee, Orions	53	191	25	59	8	31	.309
9. Ault, Tigers	42	135	13	41	6	24	.304
10. La Cock, Whales	43	152	19	45	7	20	.296
11. Harris, Buffaloes	48	183	23	53	10	34	.290
12. Cruz, Fighters	52	211	20	60	8	37	.284
13. Cosey, Dragons	47	163	22	46	8	24	.282
14. Peters, Whales	44	152	21	42	9	17	.276
15. Marcano, Braves	47	158	20	43	6	27	.272
16. Manuel, Swallows	44	136	19	36	9	24	.265
17. May, Hawks	42	148	20	38	4	17	.257
18. Cage, Braves	49	176	26	45	13	31	.256
19. Ontiveros, Lions	48	141	16	36	3	18	.255
20. Thomasson, Giants	46	166	14	42	6	18	.253
21. Scott, Swallows	30	107	17	25	4	9	.234
22. White, Giants	46	163	19	37	6	22	.227
23. Dade, Tigers	36	111	14	25	1	4	.225
24. Spikes, Dragons	16	30	1	2	1	4	.067

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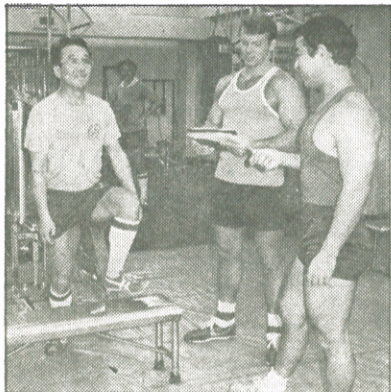
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