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case only nometown Caskan profiled, became the subject of the TV documentary on Oreaka nalives living overseas through a series of articles in Japanese publications he wrote promoting the Greet Lake State.

The TV crew followed Yamada beginning at 4 s.m. Thursday untill be lands at the new international airport, the first built on the see rather than land.

The crew followed him as he attended meetings, trade seminars and club dinners, as well as during his personal time. Yamada's plan will be the first to land at the new airport.

During the summer of 1981, between studies at Kobe University in Osaka, a much younger man toured the United States by bus. Those impressions led Yamada to want a return visit: He's been living in this country for the past seven years.

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ing in this country for the past seven years.
"When I first came here, I couldn't believe how much space there was," ho said. "And everyone was chewing gum. In Japan, everything's crowded."
Yamada, who goes by the more familiar name of Mike, rather than his given name Mamoru,

said his only bad experience on his first trip was when someone made a racial slur to him in New

said his only one experience on his first trip was when someone made a racial slur to him in New Orleans.

"But I think this person was just uneducated," he said. "So I didn't take it personally."

Although Yamada likes the United States, some places are better than others. He said living in a first-floor spartment, with grates on the windows, in Chicago, was not his idea of comfortable. But living in the Hills is. "Everybody's very friendly, very helpful," he said.

And the bachelor admits to one stereotype Americans have of Japanese businessmen.

"I love golf," he said, adding the expense and difficulty of getting a toe time in Japan have not diminished its popularity there. "But it's too expensive to play in Japan.

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"But it's too expensive to play in Japan.

"You could make \$100,000 in Japan and not have a car or anything," he said. "Everything acreasive."

With expertise in accounting and finance, Yamada said he will see his father Tstaumi, mother Fumike and his older siater Shinko when her returns to Osaka for

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three days. He will also spend seven days in the Tokyo area on what he calls his "mission." His younger sister Akiko attenda New York University. Yamada calls his family every week, keeping abreast not only of family matters but of the busi-ness and political climate in Ja-pan.

An avid reader of the New York Times and Wall Street Journal, Yamada learned English in an in-tensive program when he first ar-rived. He now easily converses in both languages as his enswering machine attests.

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Speaking of his homeland, it will be his first return visit. Yamada is excited, but homesickness is not part of that feeling.

"I have no mixed emotions about returning (permanently) to Japan," he said. "I'm better off living in the U.S."
Yamada said he is perfectly happy as a permanent resident, but doesn't rule out the idea of becoming a U.S. citizen some day. His frustrations with live in January and the comment of the political statements are server just the political servers are also server year just the political servers.

His frustrations with live in Japan also carry over into the political arens.
"Japan has to overhaul its bureaucretic political system," he said. "I'm frustrated with their ignorance."

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You can bet Yamada will enjoy returning to Japan as the conquering hero, but you get the feeling he'll feel a little more at home when the return flight touches down at Metro Airport.



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