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REGULAR JACL CHAPTER MEETING SET FOR SEPT. 18 FEATURING KING COUNTY PROSECUTOR BAYLEY

President Sam T. Shoji who is nearing the last third of his 1974 term in office will sound the gavel for Sept. 18 from 8 p.m. at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St. President Shoji has called on King County Prosecuting Attorney Christopher T. Bayley who will make his campaign presentation on his platform. In order to give equal time, Edward Heavey of King County Legislative Branch District 8, will speak during the October meeting. Bayley will appear about 9 p.m. and President Shoji emphasized that everyone is invited to attend and to ask question.

Dr. Minoru Masuda reported on the "The Pride and the Shame" traveling exhibits in Fort Lewis. There were lots of comments from the viewers but little opposition to the presentation. The committee is negotiating to go to Ontario, Oregon. The Pride and the Shame elementary school level textbook project has reached the point where rough preliminary layouts are being made in preparation for taking proofs.

Tomio Moriguchi made the motion for the chapter to purchase \$265.00 ditto duplicating machine to make copies of material numbering 200 prints or less. Ben seconded the motion. Someone suggested that ditto copies will fade in time but this was counteracted by the argument that it is possible to make Xerox copies for filing. The motion passes.

The Seattle Chapter will host the quarterly Pacific Northwest District Council meeting to be held Sept. 28 and 29 at the Sea-Tac Holiday Inn. The meeting starts 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28 and from 10 a.m. Sept. 29. All JACL members are invited to attend. All meetings are also open to the public, according to Sam T. Shoji, and there will be no charge except for the luncheon which is optional.

President Shoji announced that Don Kazama will chair the nominating committee. How the board stacks up for next year will be determined by how successfully one can talk the members to run as officer or for the board of governors. Each receives only one vote. The only way to help sway the board or to protect your persuasion to your liking is to bring a list of nominees willing to run and submitting to Don Kazama. The 1975 course for the board is determined here and now. Let's have an interesting election.

It has happened. In the August issue we spoke of the grave risk of omission in naming names of persons at the National JACL Convention. The name of Debbie Uno, daughter of Chick and Shigeoko Uno, was missing. And she had worked so hard for the convention youth exhibits and activities. Sorry about that.

A heated discussion ensued for forty-five minutes during August meeting when the board was in the process of passing resolution reprimanding Taki Kubota for his submission of petition carrying 100 signatures of Seattle Chapter members expressing disapproval of citizenship-creed resolutions submitted to the National Convention. The matter was tabled but we can't guarantee that the question will not surface again during September meeting. The story is treated in the separate article in this issue.

Remember to mark your calendar for Sept. 18 JACL meeting!

SPOKANE CHAPTER OVERLOOKED BY INAGAKI SELECTION COMMITTEE?

One of the bigger disappointment for the members of the PNWDC delegation to the 1974 National Biennial Convention was the awarding of the top 1972-73 Inagaki Chapter prize to the West Valley JACL for their \$45,000 project in construction of Issei drop-in center. The Seattle received one of the two "consolation" awards good for \$150.00 in check and we really have no axe of our own to grind. There is no denying that a small group of West Valley JACL tackling the drop-in center project was inspiring.

But somewhere along the line the Inagaki selection committee forgot the Spokane Chapter. Maybe their proposal was not as articulate compared to some of the Chapters such as Seattle experienced in this form of documentation.

From the demographic point of view we feel that Spokane's accomplishment is even more spectacular with its Nikkei community numbering merely 1,000. The completion of the Spokane's The Hifumi En (Issei retirement home) has two-story and 41 units. The construction was financed by forty-year loan to the Spokane Chapter of the JACL and insured by the Federal Housing Administration to the tune of \$400,000.00. And this is a frightening figure. We are seeing an unusual sense of sacrifice and dedication and a sense of complete trust in the community that they will support them to the end. It took great leadership to consummate a project of this magnitude in the city which has no gigantic much less middlesized commercial or business interests and whose Nipponmachi was razed to make way for "progress."

We share with the Spokane Chapter and to delegate Denny Yasuhara for the disappointment. We are behind you 100%.

The Seattle Chapter has sent a letter of support to the Spokane Chapter in recognition of their \$400,000 dedication to the benefit of Issei and to other Nikkei retirees.

BOARD IN ARGUMENT TO CENSURE TAKI KUBOTA FOR PRESENTING PETITION TO THE NATIONAL CONFAB

The Seattle Chapter had a mini "watergate" hearing (sort of) during the regular August meeting as a follow through on the Taki Kubota presentation of 100-signature opponent petition of Seattle JACL members during the National Convention debate to drop citizenship requirements for JACL. President Sam T. Shoji said he brought the subject on the agenda "as a matter of clarification and information since it was inappropriate in the manner it was done. This type of minority report should have been brought to the attention of the Chapter at the local level and at the PNWDC level."

Dr. Minoru Masuda made the motion for the resolution to reprimand Taki Kubota. Ben Nakagawa seconded.

Kubota in his initial statement said "I wanted to make clear to the delegates at the convention that there are people here in Seattle having strong feelings of citizenship requirements and (the retention of) creed which has taken a significant part in the building of JACL."

Kubota explained that three days before the convention at the suggestions of past Chapter presidents have circulated dozen or so copies of the petition. The feeling was that a matter so important as citizenship requirements, should be aired. And we we may talk about the right to dissent. There is nothing to prevent us from expressing feeling through petition. One of the reason for the circulation stems from several reports that Convention was stacked to eliminate citizenship-creed resolutions. "I feel very strongly that the acts of the board should be sensitive to the wishes of (total) membership," Kubota continued.

Delegate Ben Nakagawa said, "I hope this board is sensitive to the will and feelings of membership. My bone of contention is not that you did not have the right to but the manner it was handled. I don't think it's a ethical way to operate." Nakagawa reminded that four months is an ample time to take any appropriate action.

President Shoji read Toru Sakahara's letter as a proponent to Kubota's action. But Dr. Masuda still insisted that it was not a question of legality.

Mitch Matsudaira brought up a point that resolution so complex as the two resolutions and the manner it was presented on the petition. "But the wordings of the petition is so simple with the option to sign one or the other or both. I am opposed to this method."

But then the discussion turned the corner. Hideo Watanabe said, "We should think what is good for the Chapter and I'll speak against the resolution.

Nagaoka's feeling as expressed at the meeting was that we've watched in the last ten years the progress of the right to dissenters break up the meetings on the U.W. campus, school board meetings, attempt to break up the meeting in the national Democratic confab in Chicago, etc., etc., and all applauded by the media. The National JACL convention in Chicago not to be outdone the youth group showed Viet Cong propaganda war film, dissertations on socialism and communism, protest dance against the huge corporations in the likes of Bank of America, ITT, Standard Oil, but all aimed primarily at the establishment image of JACL. We thought we had all become callous (or sophisticated) to this type of demonstrations. Suddenly Kubota presents a petition during the National JACL session debate yet and the board begins to act like an "old guard" establishment. So he asks "What's the big deal?"

Ted Taniguchi called for tabling of the motion. The motion was undebateable and carried. We may not have seen the end of this resolution.

MERRIAM COMPANY TO MAKE APPROPRIATE REVISION ON DEROGATORY WORD FOR 1975 PRINTING

A complete turnabout was made in the attitude of G. and C. Merriam Company, publisher of the Webster's Third New International Dictionary when their editorial director H.B. Woolf wrote to Ben Woo, chairman of the Governor's Commission on Asian American Affairs with the following:

"First, let me assure you that we appreciate and sympathize with your concern over the use of the word Jap. We are indeed aware of its derogatory nature, and at the entry for the noun on page 1209 of Webster's Third New International Dictionary our unabridged dictionary, you will find a usage note indicating that it is a disparaging term . . . The upshot is that we expect to make an appropriate revision on page 619 of the New Collegiate for the 1975 copyright printing."

Shosuke Sasaki's long and persistent campaign to define this word in the dictionary as derogatory has now paid off. Sasaki has called on the national libraries associations, and other professional groups to rally on this issue. The State of Washington Commission on Asian American Affairs had advised the state purchasing agents for public schools in its memorandum citing special precaution be used in the selection of dictionaries for purchasing.

E.O.C. SEEKS FUNDING TO CONTINUE INTO 1975

Employment Opportunities Center (4726 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle 98118 (206) 725-8200) has reached a point where it will have to seek future funding. E.O.C. board has effective ties only with the Japanese community. A quick review of attendance at the E.O.C. board meetings for 1974 reveals minimal participation from the Chinese, Filipino and Korean communities, and no participation from the Samoan community, or other ethnic minorities. The need for total Asian community participation was stressed. In attendance at the July 12 EOC board meeting were Hilo Hasegawa, Fred Takayasu, Glenn Akai, Tosh Okamoto, Sam Shoji, Art Yoroazu, Chuck Kato, Mitsuye Mihara and Lloyd Hara. John Rey Maeno was introduced. He

is E.O.C. proposal writer, Manpower Analyst. Rey is from Los Angeles and graduate of the Univ. of Washington with a degree in political science. United Way will not be taking any application for funding grants until 1976. E.O.C. will continue to write proposals for grants.

During the August meeting John Matsumoto made the motion that JACL write to United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race asking support for proposal submitted by E.O.C. Keiji Sato seconded. The motion passes.

It was announced that Harry Wong, staff member of E.O.C. is assigned to the Interim office at 627 S. Jackson St. for the purpose of taking job applications, offering resume aid, counsel, and to refer and set up appointments.

REPORT ON CULTURAL/SERVICE CENTER

The Center committee met Aug. 30. As mentioned in August newsletter the prospect for funding looks very favorable as Seattle-King County EDA district prioritizing committee has given the project high preference. There are seven such district in the state of Washington to compete against with King County having the largest population and being most important.

The biggest burden at the present time is in the finance committee. Chuck Kato who called the meeting said this committee should be given feedback in order to establish guidelines. They will have to set up machinery for perpetuating the Center once established for determining maintenance and operational costs.

Henry Miyatake suggests that we should have management description written by those who know the operation so they won't overpower other committees. There should be total cross-checking to provide "limit of responsibility." Kato agrees that we need management structure and should get started right away on job description to define authority for finance committee. The same process will determine other committees for defining authority as the project comes toward fruition.

Economic Development Administration (EDA) has been extended for two years with 15% less fund than last year.

SERIOUS MOMENTS PREVAIL AMID CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE AT THE PEOPLE'S FESTIVAL

The International District Youth Council (I.D.Y.C.) sponsored with JACL among the many supporters held the International District People's Festival Aug. 17 at the Hing Hay Park with all the trimmings of ethnic foods, arts and crafts, movies, music, bands and dances.

We were able to see the banners "Support Low Cost Housing," "People are Important Not the Dome," "Support the Struggle in the International District." After a slow start the crowd picked up and the festival was packed for the evening. Many of the booths reported complete sellout. The booths were represented by EOC, Asian American Education Association, Katipunan ng mga Demokratikong Filipino, International District Youth Council, Legal Service Center, United Garment Workers Local 17, Alaska Cannery Workers Association, Asian Multi-Media, Liberation Book Store, Wing Luke Museum, Asian Drop-in Center, International Drop-in Center, Filipino Youth Activities, Chinese Information Center, Nichiren Buddhist Church Youths, Imperial Drum & Bugle Corps, Tokiwa-Kai Japanese dancing group and Miyagi Kai performing on Koto represented Nikkei cultural participation. Loud portable gasoline generators with heavy noise pollution was a source of irritation for festival goers. A beefed up public address system would have helped especially with the dramas presented on the stage. Band music performing in another area clashed with the program music on stage distracted the dancers on the stage. All in all the Festival can be chalked up as another grand success.

The festival was to bring honors to Asians who have struggled against poverty, racism and inequality that the system has perpetuated.

RETROACTIVE PAY FOR VIETNAM VETERANS

Veterans who served in the military between October 1, 1972 and January 1, 1973 also have retroactive pay coming to them. But they are going to have to write their service finance office to get the money. If you qualify, be sure to send your former service your full name, rank, location between October and January of 1973, date of separation to one of the following addresses:

ARMY: Commanding General, U.S. Army Finance Support Agency, FINCS-A, Indianapolis, Indiana 46249; AIR FORCE: Air Force Accounting and Finance Center, AFC, 3800 York Street, Denver, Colo. 80205; NAVY: Commanding Officer, Navy Finance Center, Anthony J. Cellebreeze Federal Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio 44199; MARINE CORPS: Finance Center, Examination Division, Kansas City, Mo. 64197; COAST GUARD: Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, G-FPA-2/71, Washington, D.C., 20590.

JACL HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FUND

A National Headquarter building for JACL is being built in San Francisco. The initial cost of a quarter million dollars for the building has been upped to \$375,000.00, unfortunately by increased building construction costs. \$285,000 has been raised to date. JACL with 30,000 members can make this a successful project if each member put up their fair share of roughly \$15.00 each. People from the Seattle area has always comet through for similar projects. Send check to JACL National Headquarters Building Fund, 22 Peace Plaza Suite 203, San Francisco, CA 94115.

To all JACLers:

A line to express my appreciation and support during my campaign for the National JACL Treasurer Office. With the support of the Seattle Chapter and other Northwest Chapters, it appears as if all other candidates for this important office, wisely or otherwise stayed away.

Although a National Executive is not selected or representative of any specific district, I will do my best to look out for the interest of our Northwest District. Please call on me to be the vehicle for input into the National Board and Executive Board, when the need arises.

Seattle should be very proud to have an outstanding Chapter. I will try to bring to the National level some of the ideas and projects initiated in Seattle.

Thank you again for all your support; I look forward to reporting to you from time to time on projects and decisions made in San Francisco.

Most sincerely,

/s/ Tomio Moriguchi, National Treasurer

NEWS JOTTINGS: Osaka--Kirk Ishida rapped out a home run, two triples and a double and a single to drive in nine runs to lead the Seattle Senior Babe Ruth All-Star squad to two victories over Japanese baseball teams 4-0 over Itami and 20-2 over Taisho team Aug. 16. With one more game to go on Aug. 19 the Seattle had 11 wins and 2 losses . . . Cathay Akiyama of Bellevue was among the 118 receiving First Class--the highest award which a girl can earn in the Girl Scout program award by the Totem Girl Scout Council . . . Gov. Dan Evans has appointed five members to the new state Electrical Contractors Examining Board created by the legislature earlier this year. Appointees include Sharon Fujitani of Seattle who will serve three year terms . . . Gov. Dan Evans has appointed six State Real Estate Commissioner including Frank H. Hattori. Hattori is past National JACL One Thousand Club chairman back in 1962. He has served as officers on Seattle Japanese Hotel and Apt Assn, Nisei Investors, Inc., JACL, Seattle Buddhist Church, Seattle Japanese Community Service, Central Seattle Community Council, Seattle First Hill Lions. Hattori is past chairman of Lions International, Multiple District 19 and West Japan Affiliation Committee, member of Forward Thrust, on Mayor's Advisory Council, Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs, on Executive Board of Seattle Seafair (and we can go on and on) . . .

The Univ. of Washington Board of Regents meeting in Spokane Aug. 23 named Dr. Frank S. Miyamoto, 62, sociology professor, as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He received his B.A. and M.A. from the U.W. and Ph. D. from the Univ. of Chicago in 1950. He began attracting academic notices with his paper "Social Solidarity Among the Japanese in Seattle," while at the Univ. of Washington back in 1939 . . . Spokesmen for striking Tacoma teachers said Sept. 4 they were prepared to "weather the storm" in spite of a temporary court injunction threatening their association with a \$10-a-day fine for each striking teacher. Paul Tanaka, president of the Tacoma Association of Classroom Teachers, urged members to ignore an order issue Sept. 3 by Pierce County Superior Court Judge Donald H. Thompson. 36,000 students reside in the district . . .

MILESTONES: Toshi Tashiro 98, Aug. 7. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship; Hyaku Do Kai, Shimane Club. Her late husband Kenjiro started the Tashiro Hardware Store back in 1910 or so with about 18 feet store front space next door to grocery store and all this in the present location. In 1970 when Kanjiro was 95 and his wife Toshi were presented with silver sake bowls by Premier Eisaku Sato in honor of their longevity. Survivors include: daughter Mrs. Juro (Billee) Yoshioka; 2 grandchildren in Seattle; 5 grandchildren in Japan . . . Kenneth N. Saito 21, Aug. 9. Seattle Buddhist Church . . . Masuihiro A. Furukado 83, Aug. 18 . . . Tomu Tsuji 79, Aug. 18. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Ohmi Club, Hyaku Do Kai; lifetime sponsor Imperial Drum and Bugle Corps. Survivors include: husband Kitaro; son Masao, Seattle; daughters Mrs. Fred (Yoshiko) Kimura, L.A.; Mrs. Frank (Hanaye) Menda, Sacramento . . . Grace Chieko Okamoto 47, Aug. 20. Seattle Buddhist Church. Survivors include: husband Tadashi; sons David, Donald and Douglas, Paul Okamoto all Seattle; daughter Mrs. Gary (Sharon) Tameno, Seattle; brothers Arthur T. Yamada; Ben Y. Ninomiya and Ted T. Yamada, all Seattle; Edward A. Yamada, Sunnyvale; Robert H. Yamada, Kent; sister Mrs. Jerry (Cathy) Shimizu, Fife . . . Mitsugi Noji . Services Aug. 20. Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, Daido Investment Club, JACL, Charter member of Rainier Rotary Club, Fukushima Club, Seattle Japanese Community Service, Flower Growers of Puget Sound. He operated the Columbia Greenhouse. Survivors include wife Fumi, son Herbert Y. Noji, daughters Mrs. Glenn (Arlene) Kobata, all Seattle; Mrs. Jiro (Betty) Yoshitake, Kent; brother Oliver Noji, Oakland; sister Mrs. Haruno Furukawa, Tokyo . . . Kensaku Murata 83, Aug. 24. Japanese Congregational Church, the Yamanashi Kyoyu Kai, JACL, and Seattle Japanese Community Service Organization. Survivors include his wife Kikuyo, Seattle, and a sister in Japan. Mr. Murata, owner of a pioneer fish market in Seattle's Nipponmachi, came to the United States in 1909, opening the MK Fish Market on S. Main St. in 1918. The shop, now located at the 18th Ave. and Yesler Way, has been under the same ownership for 56 years . . . Masataro J. Shibata 84, Aug. 25. Nichiren Buddhist Church and its Men's Fellowship; Seattle Dojo; Fukuoka Ken Club; Okayama Club; Hyaku Do Kai; Tengu Club. Survivors include granddaughters Mrs. Sumio (Keiko Ann) Takaki; and Mrs. Robert S. (Toyo) Tanaka, both Seattle . . . Kathleen L. Sumida (Puyallup) Aug. 27. Wife of Tom A. Mother of Dennis at home. Sister of Mrs. Martha Long . . .

BUSINESS: Kenzo Hosokawa, general manager of the Seattle branch of the Bank of Tokyo, Ltd., since February 1971, returns to Japan Sept. 11. He was honored by the Japan American Society at a luncheon Sept. 10 at the Rainier Club. A cocktail reception was held Aug. 26 by Mr. Yasushi Watanabe, managing director and general manager of The Bank of Tokyo, Ltd.

of New York office introduced newly appointed General Manager Yozo Kawamura for the Seattle branch and honored his predecessor Kenzo Hosokawa . . . The Kinomoto Travel Services has moved to Suite 605 of the United Savings and Loan Bldg., located at 601 S. Jackson. Its previous location was at 522 S. Main having spent 20 years there . . .

SIGN-UP BEGINS SEPT. 16 FOR SPOKEN JAPANESE CLASSES AT S.C.C.C.

Registration for the fall quarter non-credit class "Introduction to Spoken Japanese" will be taken at Seattle Central Community College beginning Sept. 16, according to John Doty, chairman of Humanities Division. Classes will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. starting Sept. 24. Further information may be obtained by calling Humanities Division 587-3877 or Cherry Kinoshita 725-0765.

ONE THOUSAND CLUB GOLF TOURNEY SET FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 6

The One Thousand Club members and spouses will have a chance to limber up the arms in the Third Annual Seattle 1000 Club Golf Tournament Oct. 6 which takes place at the Jefferson Park Golf Course. There will be two flights--one for men and one for women. The tee-off time will be set for 9 a.m. rain or shine according to chairman John Y. Sato.

Perpetual trophy will be awarded the person with the lowest net score of the flights. The winner of each flight will also receive a trophy. There will be awards for everyone.

The tourney will be capped with delicious rib eye steak dinner at the Bush Garden Restaurant at approximately 6:30 p.m. open to all 1000 Club members, golfers or not.

Calloway System will be used for those without established handicap. The golf committee includes: Miye Ishikawa, Kimi Nakanishi, Kiyo Sakahara, Frank H. Hattori, Roy Seko, Dr. Terrance M. Toda, and chairman John Y. Sato.

September 30 sign-up deadline. For further information call: John Y. Sato 284-3770, Kiyo Sakahara 523-8417; Frank H. Hattori 324-5050, Kimi Nakanishi 523-5937, or Toda 623-6863.

MAIL TO: John Y. Sato, 1000 Club Golf Chairman c/o JACL, Seattle Chapter, 526 S. Jackson St. Seattle, WA 98104

I enclose\$_____ to cover the following reservations:

- Tournament and Dinner \$11.00
- Dinner only 8.00
- Tournament only 3.00

Name _____ Phone _____ Handicap _____

Make check payable to: JACL, SEATTLE CHAPTER Please pay greens fee at the golf course.

Calendar of Events

- Sept. 14--The annual NVC sponsored scholarship benefit chow mein/chicken teriyaki dinner. Tickets \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 years and under.
- 17--Remember to vote on this important primary election.
- 18--Regular JACL meeting at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson from 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- 21--Seattle First Hill Lions Club sponsors annual Fall dance at the Eagles Senator Ballroom at 7th and Union, Seattle. The proceeds from this dance go to the endowment fund of the Reconstructive Cardiovascular Research Center, Providence Medical Center. Tickets at \$12.00 per couple from Nachi Hayashi 624-1500 or 722-7590.
- 22--The annual NVC golf tourney at Jefferson Park Course. Entry fee \$5.00 to be paid at Mint Beverage or NVC chow mein dinner on Sept. 14. Yosh Teshima, chairman.
- 28-29--PNWDC quarterly meeting of JACL at Sea-Tac Holiday Inn. 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 28 and 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29. No fee. Everyone welcome. Seattle is host.
- Oct. 4--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Mail articles, news clippings, announcement and press releases to: c/o (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 170 11th Ave., Seattle 98122.
- 6--Seattle JACL One Thousand Club sponsored golf tourney at Jefferson Park Golf Course.
- 9--Newsletter mailing night at the JACL office. Starts 8 p.m.
- 12-13--Seattle Buddhist Scouts Drum & Bugle Corp and All Girl Color Guard will hold its annual sukiyaki dinner at the church auditorium. Tickets are available from all Corp members and parents.
- Nov. 2--Seattle Buddhist Scouts Drum & Bugle Corp and All Girl Color Guard parents will hold a Fall Benefit Dance at the church auditorium. Live music. \$10.00 couple.

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