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SUKIYAKI DINNER

Co-Chairmen, Mrs. Tedi Kanda and Mrs. Kazzie Yamada, of the Fourth Annual Sukiyaki Dinner, which was held October 4 at the American Legion Hall, reports that the affair was a big success. It took the work and cooperation of all to run smoothly as it did. But special thanks should go to Tedi and Kazzie for coordinating it.

They would like to convey their gratitude to all who participated and also the donors. The donations: flowers - Mr. & Mrs. George Sakita; parsley and green onions - Mr. & Mrs. George Kawasaki; tea - Koji Norikane; ajinomoto and mushrooms - George Kanda; Mrs. Kiyohara - nappa; celery - Mike Arima; bean sprouts and turnips - S. T. Produce; Japan Air Lines for the use of the happis, and posters; and Take Hama, for the attractive Oriental art work on the posters.

The committee chairmen and workers were: Messrs & Mme. Kanda, Yamada, Nakai, Okimoto, Shimojima, Kawasaki, Norikane, Natsuhara, Kitagawa, Mizoguchi, Miyoshi, Hikida, Hamakami, J. Nishimoto, Maebori, P. Nishimoto, Chihara, Yamamoto, S. Tsujikawa, Shimomura, Murakami, F. Nishimoto, Kido, G. Arima, Nakayama, Nishimura, and Suyematsu.

Others were: Chris Kanda, Eileen Yamada, Donna and Brenda Shimojima, Ginger and Jackie Kawasaki, Bob Norikane, Dick Miyoshi, Karen Hamakami,

Ellen Nishimoto, George Sakita, Masami Iida, Chie Onchi, Sandy Iwai, Karen Nishimoto, Mitzie Nishimoto, Sue Kouchi, Rose Oyama, Kiyono Maekawa, Katherine Dodobara, Harry Nakagawa, Mae Arima, Masami Arima, Yoshi Okura, Misao and Nancy Tsukamaki, Betty Tanaka, Vickie Tomosada, Miyoko Tanaka, Amy Kato, Lily Kato, Mae Yamada, Rosie Kato, Kenko Kiyohara, Taki Nagasawa, Pat Koyamatsu, Margaret Okitsu, Joyce Hamamura, and Hideo Sato.

Joe Nishimoto, the Treasurer, reports as follows on the Sukiyaki Dinner:

Gross Income	\$936.50
Expense & Supplies	<u>401.89</u>
Net Income	\$534.61

We also reports that this is about \$100.00 more than last year's dinner.

ELECTION YEAR CITIZENSHIP TEST

DO YOU KNOW . . .

- *The names of your city officials and their responsibilities?
- *The names of your county officials and their duties?
- *The names of your Governor, state Legislators and congressmen?

HAVE YOU, IN THE PAST TWO YEARS...

- *Communicated with any of these officials, orally or by letter?
- *Attended a school board meeting?
- *Attended a city council or county commissioner's meeting?

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*Registered to vote?

*Voted in a local or state election?

Many local, state, and national issues are decided by default, because small groups, expressing their views loudly, appear to be a majority or because not enough people express any views at all! Good government - directing the spending of billions of dollars of public money, men's liberties and the character of our public servants - doesn't just happen. It is the RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL OF US!

We are of the minority races, but we also are American citizens. We have the unalienable right to voice our choice by voting. What better way to show it than by going to the polls on November 3rd?

There will be three Referendum and one Initiative on the ballot namely 11, 12, and 13 and initiative 213, that are all worthwhile issues and should have your consideration. There are no known opposition from any organization. And another point for them is that no new taxes will be added, if any above named are voted in.

REFERENDUM BILL NO. 11:

This provides funds for the development of outdoor recreational facilities in the state and authorizes the state to issue \$10 million in general obligation bonds. These funds shall be used solely for the acquisition of land and attached appurtenances for outdoor recreational use. These funds may also be used as matching funds where federal or there funds are made available for projects within the purpose of this act.

The bonds issued will be payable from the proceeds of one-half of the

corporation fees collected by the state of Washington. The legislature may provide additional means for raising money for the payment of interest and principal of these bonds if it is necessary.

INITIATIVE 215:

The Marine Recreation Land Act, provides that unreclaimed gasoline taxes paid by boaters on fuel consumed in watercraft be used to buy or improve marine recreation land (land providing access to fresh or salt water suitable for boating and other recreational use.) The funds would be used throughout the state.

REFERENDUM 11 and INITIATIVE 215 goes hand in hand. Referendum 11 will be used to purchase land for parks, and initiative 215 for purchase of marine land, either fresh or salt water.

Rising population, urban sprawl, increased leisure time, higher incomes and better highways swell the demand for outdoor recreational facilities.

Waterfront property is particularly desirable and private development is taking choice sites and driving prices higher. The rapid growth of boating and other water-related sports is crowding existing waterfront parks and boat launching areas, making access to rivers and lakes, Puget Sound and the ocean in-

creasingly difficult.

If both passes, the property can be purchased before the valuation of property goes too much higher.

REFERENDUM 12:

It is also known as SPACE, which means Statewide Parents and Citizens for Education and has the endorsement of parents, legislators, educators, labor, business and industry.

This is an issue to provide \$59 million in state matching funds for school construction over the next two years. It will help build new elementary, junior high and high schools for the projected increased enrollment. Also provides for four new community colleges. (This includes Green River Community College) Without Referendum #12 these needed facilities would have to be built entirely with local funds, -raised through local property taxes. In years past these funds have been provided by action of the Washington State Legislature - but the State Supreme Court, in August of 1963, ruled that henceforth this issue must be submitted to a vote of the people. Referendum #12 is not a new appropriation of funds but simply a new method of authorizing them. No new taxes will be levied with the passage of Referendum #12; the issue will be paid from the existing Motor Vehicle Excise Tax.

REFERENDUM #13:

Referendum #13 authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for \$4,600,000 to build a juvenile correctional institution in King County on state owned property near Preston for a minimum rental. This

would replace the existing state institution, Luther Burbank Schools for boys and Martha Washington School for girls, both of which are now leased from the Seattle Public School at excessive rental and serve the entire state.

Luther Burbank School has been condemned and now is located in the vicinity of high-priced residential real estate.

Martha Washington School is tightly hemmed in by private residence on three sides in a well-above-average neighborhood.

Both of them has been considered a fire hazard.

Read your Voters pamphlet for further information.

Harry Shimomura has been appointed by President Koji Norikane, as the chairman of the newspaper drive to help with the YMCA building funds. The drive will be started in November. You will be notified later on the date. Porky and Joe Nishimoto will assist the chairman. Please have your newspapers bundled and tied for pick-up.

A combined JACL Board meeting and Sukiyaki planning committee met at the home of President, Koji Norikane, Sunday evening, September 27.

Sukiyaki co-chairmen, Kazzie Yamada and Tedi Kanda dispatched their business-at-hand in short order after which the board meeting was called to order. (continued on next page)

The Secretary's minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report showed \$33.60 in the checking account; \$53.66, cash on hand and \$995.12 in the saving's.

According to Don Hahn service clubs such as the JACL were receiving \$10.00 per ton for bundled newspapers and magazines for the YMCA paper drive and building fund. Toki Nakai, corresponding secretary, was asked to send post-cards to JACL members that pickup of papers and magazines would be on a certain day, as soon as determined. Joe Nishimoto and Harry Shimomura will be working on this project.

The Issei Appreciation night plans were shelved until after the annual Sukiyaki dinner on October 4 - probably in the spring. Frank Natsumura and Hiro Nakayama head this committee.

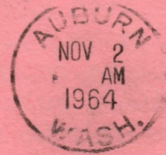
George Yamada moved that our chapter take out insurance Liability for \$20.00 to protect us during the Sukiyaki dinner at the American Legion Hall in Kent. Seconded by Harry Shimomura. Motion carried.

The Pacific Citizen ad in the New Year's edition was approved and John Hamakami was appointed to take care of same.

The minutes of the National Convention in Detroit in booklet form were passed among the members for their perusal.

The meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were served by hostess, Mary Norikane.

M. Maebori,
Recording Secretary



Mr. & Mrs. George Kanda
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Auburn, Wash.