

February 11, 1979

To: Members of J.A.N.E.
From: Steering Committee
Re: J.A.C.L.

Background: The New England area has not had a local J.A.C.L. Chapter, and those who have sought membership in J.A.C.L. have joined as individual members through established chapters.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of J.A.N.E. on November 5, 1978, Glen Fukushima reported that Alex Kimura, a junior at Harvard College was interested in establishing a Boston chapter of J.A.C.L. It was on motion and voted to invite Alex Kimura to the next regularly scheduled meeting that was held on December 3, 1978 for the purposes of summarizing the advantages and disadvantages of a J.A.C.L. chapter in Boston.

Alex Kimura spoke to the members of J.A.N.E. on December 3, 1978. After his presentation, it was decided that a debate should be continued to a meeting of the steering committee to be held before the February 11th meeting.

Steering Committee Report:

J.A.C.L.: It is the opinion of the steering committee that that major contribution of J.A.C.L. would be in linking the New England Japanese American community with a larger established community. Japanese Americans in New England would benefit from membership in a national organization in the following ways:

- 1) Ability to keep in touch with the larger Japanese American community.
- 2) Access to governmental agencies and funds.
- 3) Use of J.A.C.L. resources, such as programs, videotapes, and pamphlets.
- 4) A developed, organized network which would establish ties with other areas to assist Japanese Americans moving into the New England community.

J.A.N.E.: Since its inception, J.A.N.E. has emphasized the distinctive characteristics of the New England Japanese American community. Rather than emphasizing issues of national importance, J.A.N.E. has sought to develop a network of communication among a geographically and occupationally dispersed Japanese American community. Accordingly, J.A.N.E. has set forth these three goals:

- 1) To promote friendship and social association among Japanese Americans in New England.

- 2) To explore our cultural heritage as Japanese Americans.
- 3) To share with non-Japanese Americans knowledge and information about the Japanese American people and their heritage.

Recommendation: It is the opinion of the steering committee that there is much to be done in developing J.A.N.E. as an organization. Our efforts have always been on the community level. To participate in the development of a national organization is moving away from our original goals.

The steering committee recommends that J.A.N.E. as an organization not take an active role in establishing a J.A.C.L. Chapter in the Boston area.

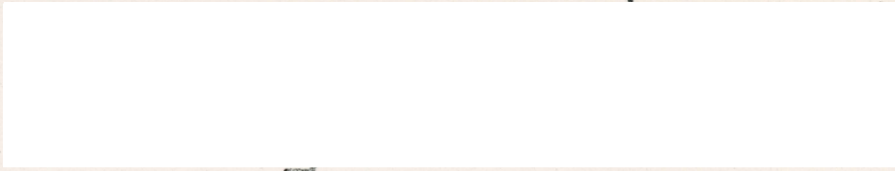
This recommendation is not meant to discourage individuals from participating in future J.A.C.L. and J.A.N.E. activities. It is our opinion that the two organizations can work side by side.

Respectfully submitted,

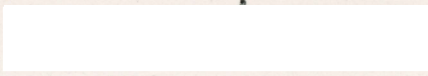
Steering Committee

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J. A. N. E. Meeting & Pot Luck Supper
at



David Sakura, Host



Sunday
Feb. 11, 1979 - 2:00 pm

