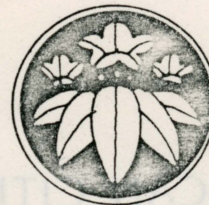


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REPORT OF NE-JACL BUSINESS MEETING: JULY 14, 1981

Meeting held: 5/7 Linden Street, Cambridge, MA, 7:15 PM, July 14, 1981.
Members present: David Sakura (President, presiding); Gary Glenn, Kei Kaneda, Mel Kawakami.

Reports

1) The Report of the Business Meeting of June 9, 1981 was read, discussed and accepted. It was noted that the present meeting represented one full year of formal New England JACL business meetings being held on a monthly basis. 2) The treasurer reported that we have approximately \$215 in the NE-JACL bank account.

Redress Campaign

1) David Sakura reviewed the communications which have taken place with the Presidential Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) concerning New England JACL involvement in future deliberations; he reported holding conversations with Cheryl Yamamoto of the CWRIC staff concerning possible forums on constitutional issues which would involve legal scholars from the New England area. 2) Gary Glenn reported that he had spoken to Ron Ikejiri of the JACL Washington office and to various individuals on the staff of the CWRIC concerning the long-standing request by New England JACL that hearings should be held in New England. 3) Kei Kaneda reported on her continuing efforts concerning publicity, public information, and educational programs on redress, and reiterated her position regarding maintenance of communication with prospective witnesses from the New England area. It was noted that this date, July 14, 1981, marked the first day of formal hearings by the Presidential Commission, and it was noted that the New England JACL had played a crucial role in enlisting political support for passage of the bill which created the Commission.

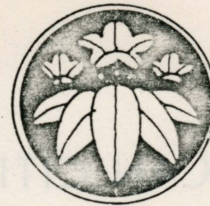
It was noted that the next major issue in the redress campaign will be concerning reparations, and that the New England JACL will be expected to play a key role in developing political support in the six-state New England region for any legislation.

1981 - Fall Programming

1) It was agreed that the first full-membership meeting of the 1981-1982 program year should take place on September 25, and that the speaker should be Ron Ikejiri, JACL Washington Representative, who will be invited to give an up-date on the redress campaign, how it is being received in Washington, characteristics of the Commission, and future directions. 2) It was agreed that a new and expanded committee structure should be promoted for the 1981-1982 program year which will encourage more participation by a wider group of people.

The next business meeting will be on August 11 at 7:15 PM at 5-7 Linden St., Camb.

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CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF ACTIVITIES
(1980-81 Programs)

July 1980

- 22 - Business meeting, Arlington MA

August

- 12 - Business meeting, Cambridge, MA

September

- 23 - Business meeting, Cambridge MA

October

- 14 - Business meeting, Cambridge, MA
- 25 - Dinner, social event, party and meeting, Weston, MA (election of 1980-81 officers and approval of NEJACL constitution).

November

- 12 - Business meeting, Cambridge, MA
- 14 - Redress lecture and presentation, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
- 17 - Redress lecture and discussion, Tufts University, Medford MA
- 19 - Redress film showing, lecture, and discussion, Harvard University, Cambridge MA

December

- 7 - Lecture and dinner, Prof. Jim Kodera, Joyce Chen Rest., Cambridge MA
- 9 - Business meeting, Cambridge MA

January 1981

- 3 - Participation on individual basis by JACL members with other Japanese Americans in New England at New Year's Party, Sudbury MA
- 4 - Children's Museum New Year's Festivities, Boston MA
- 13 - Business meeting, Cambridge MA
- 17 - Asian American Resource Workshop planning meeting for Hito Hata

February

- 10 - Business meeting, Cambridge MA
- 19 - Performance of Behind Enemy Lines (JACL benefit performance)
- 20 - Second performance of Behind Enemy Lines, Peoples' Theater, Cambridge MA
- 22 - Japanese dinner and social event, Cambridge
- 27 - Meeting of JACL officers with officials at Japanese Consulate, Boston MA

March

- 10 - Business meeting, Cambridge, MA
- 19 - Meeting with Hanscom Field Asian Heritage Month representatives, Bedford, MA

April

- 5 - Showing of film, Hito Hata, Harvard U., Cambridge (cosponsored with other groups)
- 14 - Business meeting, Cambridge MA
- 29 - Participation by JACL members in Official Reception sponsored by Japanese Consul, Fogg Art Museum, Harvard U., Cambridge MA

May

- 7 - Participation in Asian/Pacific Heritage activities, Hanscom Field, Bedford MA

June

- 9 - Business meeting, Cambridge MA
- 16 - Television appearance, "New England Today," interview on redress issues
- 20 - Extended taped version of "New England Today" interview shown, Ch. 56, Boston MA