

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER



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REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1981
BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting held: 5/7 Linden Street (Harvard University), Cambridge, MA, 7:15 PM.
Members present: David Sakura (President, presiding), Gary Glenn, Kei Kaneda,
Mel Kawakami, May Takayanagi, Taka Takayanagi

Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa

The meeting opened with a moment of silence in commemoration of Dr. T. Scott ("Scotty") Miyakawa, who died on August 2. Scotty was an outstanding sociologist, author, and spokesman for the Japanese American people. He was a long time member of the Boston University Sociology Department, and had recently served as Chairman of the University of Massachusetts, Boston, Dept. of Sociology. He was the first Director of the Japanese American Research Project, housed at UCLA, and primarily sponsored by the JACL. Scotty was a founding member of the original New England JACL in the 1940's, and had worked closely with the present chapter since its rebirth in 1980. A memorial service was held for Scotty during August at which many of his friends were present. It was noted that Dr. Evelyn Nakano Glenn of the Boston Univ. Sociology Dept. is organizing Scotty's academic papers, and that she has already visited UCLA to discuss continuation of his research on East Coast Issei.

Organizational Matters

Because of the length of the agenda, the reading of the Report of the last Business Meeting (July 14, 1981) was dispensed with. No meeting was held during the month of August because of vacation schedules.

Picnic

It was noted that the New England JACL Summer Picnic, held on August 9, 1981, near the Charles River in Boston, was highly successful, and that much food was consumed.

Open Meeting on Redress

The "open to the public" meeting featuring Ronald Ikejiri, JACL Washington Representative, will be held on September 25, 1981, from 7:00 to 9:00 at the Friends Meetinghouse, 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge. The meeting will feature an informal presentation by Mr. Ikejiri dealing with the redress campaign, the functioning of the Presidential Commission, and future prospects for monetary redress. JACL members are urged to attend.

NE-JACL 1981 Elections

Mr. Glenn presented a motion specifying procedures to be followed in relation to the election of officers for NE-JACL's 1981-82 Program Year. The motion was unanimously accepted; it contains four (4) provisions, and will be duplicated in its entirety at the end of this Report.

Presidential Commission

The New England Chapter has been on record for more than a year favoring the holding of hearings by the Presidential Commission in Boston. (A review of previous Reports of Business Meetings will reveal various actions taken in support of this position). During the months of July and August additional actions were taken by the Redress Committee Co-chair Kei Kaneda and by Chapter President David Sakura, including initiation and maintenance of communication with the Commission's staff in Washington DC. Kei Kaneda has spoken with and received correspondence from Commissioner Marutani indicating the good possibility that the Commission will schedule hearings in Boston. At the request of David Sakura, Kiyo Morimoto has written Harvard President Derek Bok recommending that Harvard agree to host the Commission during October. Pursuant to these matters, a lengthy discussion ensued concerning inter alia the potential site for the hearings, the hearing format, potential witnesses, press and community involvement, pre-hearing and follow-up activities, establishment of ad hoc subcommittees, and interaction with other groups and organizations.

The following motion was passed at the September 8, 1981 Business Meeting of the New England JACL, and is hereby reprinted in its entirety for the information of members:

**MOTION: Concerning New England JACL Election of Officers
for 1981-1982 Program Year:**

First, nominations for 1981-82 NE-JACL officers shall be made in writing to the NE-JACL Secretary on or before Sept. 25, 1981. Members in good standing of NE-JACL shall be notified that nominations may be made.

Second, the NE-JACL Secretary shall, on Sept. 25, invite all individuals who have been nominated for constitutional offices, to prepare a written statement of no more than one page (typed, single spaced) concerning their objectives in seeking the particular office. Such statements must be received by the Secretary by October 2.

Third, the NE-JACL President shall officially call a full-membership meeting, to be held at a site designated by him, at which elections for 1981-82 officers shall be conducted in accordance with constitutional provisions. This meeting should be held between the dates of October 20 and November 5, if possible, and all NE-JACL members in good standing shall be notified in writing of the time and place at least two weeks prior to the meeting. The election itself will be conducted by the President or by his designated representative. Nominations for offices, in addition to those already made, may be made orally at the meeting.

Fourth, the individuals elected to the constitutional offices will take office immediately upon conclusion of the election.