



SPOKANE CHAPTER

# Japanese American Citizens League

N E W S L E T T E R

July 1984

## ANNUAL JACL UNDOKAI PICNIC!

DATE: Sunday, July 29

TIME: Noon

PLACE: Audubon Park (corner of Glass Avenue & Audubon Street)

There will be fun and games for all members of the family. Prizes awarded in the raffle this year will be better, even than last year. First prize will be a AM-FM/Stereo & Cassette Player valued at \$200.00. Over 40 prizes will be raffled off.

We will again solicit your donations to make this event self-supporting. For every \$5.00 donation mailed in before the picnic, you will have 2 tickets placed in the raffle for you. Thus, if you donate \$10.00 there will be 4 tickets placed in the raffle with your name on them. You do not need to be at the picnic to win -- But, of course, we'd much prefer you attend! There is a self-addressed envelope enclosed for your use. For every \$5.00 donated at the picnic, one ticket will be placed in the raffle for you. In addition, if you attend the picnic you will each have another raffle ticket deposited in the raffle.

Those interested in joining a team or entering a team in the volleyball tournament should call: Doug Heyamoto - [REDACTED] There will be prizes for winning teams.

There will be games and prizes for toddlers to teenagers and adults. Free pop, ice cones and melons will be available.

BE SURE TO COME EARLY TO GET A GOOD LOCATION AND TABLES. BRING YOUR OWN TABLES AND CHAIRS TO INSURE YOURSELF OF A PLACE TO EAT AND SIT BECAUSE THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH BENCHES AND TABLES AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE. COME AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND HAVE A GREAT TIME.

## REDRESS DRIVE OFF TO ROUSING START

The first week of a donation drive was off to a tremendous start as community members responded generously to the redress campaign with over \$1500 contributed or pledged in the first week. The Pacific Northwest District's Regional Director, Tim Otani, stated that the people of Spokane have a closeness not often found in other cities and "I was quite impressed by the people and a sense of community." Your support of various activities have always demonstrated the uniqueness of our community and it is no less reflected in your generosity during this drive. . . in our view, there is no group of people in the State of Washington and elsewhere like ours. Thank you very much, not only for your generosity, but your day to day support of our efforts.

REDRESS UPDATE

Both redress bills will now be reintroduced in the House and Senate with only minor changes in the language of the bills. It is hoped that this will occur in January. We have lost 6 cosponsors in the House and 1 in the Senate, because of retirements and losses in the election. (the primaries). As it looks now the House is somewhat more conservative since the election and the Senate less conservative. It is planned to move the bill first through the Senate and then the House.... in the same manner in which bill creating the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was approved.

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It is still going to be a difficult uphill battle to get the bills approved in this session of Congress, because of its conservatism. We will be needing your help in contacting and writing to Congressional officials on the various committees that are going to act on the bills. We will let you know when that time comes.

We must not get discouraged, because the process is slow or it does not pass the first time around. Remember, it took 3 tries before the Alien Land Law of Washington was finally repealed. Our character, patience, and perseverance have always been our greatest strengths, let us again rely on that and our faith in others, like we have so many times in the past.

IN MEMORIAM

Funeral services were held recently for two more long-time members of our community.....Masako Fukai and Jim Torazo Shimizu. They, both, leave a void in our community that will remain for a long, long time. We wish to express our sympathies to both of their families. Their passing should remind us again, that we need to cherish our friends more while they are living and to do more things together in our community as family and to make each day something we can all remember with pleasure. We have a neat community and great people in it....and we lost two of them, but they have left us with many, many warm memories and we thank them and their families for them.

BEHOLD HAWAII TOUR

"Behold Hawaii," a Washington Commission for the Humanities Culture Tour is a unique ten-day journey to Hawaii, December 27, 1984 through January 5, 1985. Like the Imax film, "Behold Hawaii," the tour features all the attractions of Hawaii, from ancient temples and modern museums to Volcanoes Park and Waikiki Beach. It is an outstanding tour.

Designed and conducted by Steve Sumida and Gail Nomura, assistant professors of Literature and History, Department of Comparative American Cultures (the department including Asian American Studies), WSU, the itinerary offers an attractive combination of guided excursions and free time for personal pursuits.

There are four vacancies remaining for late additions to the tour. If you are interested call Gail or Steve at Pullman, WA [REDACTED]



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MEMORANDUM:

To: Eligible Redress Recipients

From: Spokane JAACL/LEC Redress Team (Fred Munekiyo, Roy Soejima, Satoshi Terao, Sam Nakagawa, Harry Honda, Harry Kadoya, Jim Watanabe, Ed Tsutakawa, Dean Nakagawa, & Denny Yasuhara)

Date: September 28, 1992

Subject: Final Redress Payments

*Correspondence  
sent to all in  
the past week*

Last night President George Bush signed the redress appropriations bill for \$400 million to complete redress payments to all eligible recipients. \$250 million of this money will be added to the \$250 million already appropriated to make a total of \$500 million that will be distributed to the next 25,000 eligible recipients this fiscal year, beginning on October 1, 1992. If the distribution procedure is consistent with last year, the checks should begin arriving toward end of the first week of October or the beginning of the second week. Last year, they sent all but a few checks out the first 3 weeks in October and held back a few checks for those potential recipients of more difficult cases. All those having birthdays, December 31, 1943 or before are being projected to receive their checks this fiscal year. Those born January 1, 1944 or after will receive their checks in fiscal year 1994 starting October 1, 1993.

The bill also includes a trust fund of \$50 million to be used for educational purposes. The guidelines for the use of these monies will be determined later.

We received a call this morning from Washington, D.C. from Karen Narasaki relating the good news and felt that <sup>you</sup> would like to know. During the last week of the Fair, Thursday, September 17th, Speaker Tom Foley's Washington, D.C. Legislative Aide, Michele Denton, called us to let us know that the redress appropriations bill had passed both Houses of Congress and was sent to President Bush for his signature. (He had already informed our representatives that he would sign the bill.)

Its been a long time coming. A lot of hard work and worry by many people and its finally paid off. We were lucky too, to have the right people in the right places at the right time. We are very grateful to the political system and people that made all of this possible.