

DIFFICULT ISSUES FACE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING SET FOR THIS WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

Time has a way of fleeting. Finding nominees to fill 1969 Chapter presidency is proving no easy task. And PNWDC quarterly session will be held Sunday, Oct. 27 at Spokane's Holiday Inn starting at 10 a.m. Junior JACL will hold their meeting a day earlier on Saturday, Oct. 26 with Alan Kumamoto, national youth director. For the Saturday program for adults, Masao Satow, national director who received a gigantic color TV in appreciation for his long and untiring effort during the national convention, will speak during 6:30 dinner at Chuck Wagon. We happened to meet Frank Hisayasu of Spokane Chapter who kindly furnished these information while visiting Seattle for the weekend.

Membership dues will have to be raised for 1969. National Convention has upped the dues to \$6. By simple arithmetic using last year's rate of \$7 due, \$6 will go to the national headquarters which will include Pacific Citizen, and 50¢ will go to PNWDC leaving only 50¢, hardly enough to cover our extensive Chapter activities. This compares with 1968 dues of \$7 of which we were able to hang on to \$1.50 portion for the use by the Chapter. The alternative is to sponsor movies and other fund raising projects.

Don Kazama, human relations committee chairman for the Chapter and PNWDC and who was among first to bring the issue of detention camp to the fore was appointed by the national committee to help draft papers in campaign to repeal or modify Sub Title II of McCarran Internal Security Act of 1950.

Remember to attend the board meeting this Wednesday, Oct. 16 starting at 8 p.m. in the JACL office when president George Fugami will again pound the gavel.

WARREN CHAN WINS SUPERIOR COURT POST FOR KING COUNTY

Despite the rain and buffeting wind, the King County voters on Sept. 17 primary-election gave a substantial clear cut victory to attorney Warren Chan over Court Commissioners Horton Smith and Donald M. Niles for the seating for King County Superior Court Position No. 3. Press media termed Chan's win as a "surprise." Chan has served as a temporary judge in Municipal Court and in Superior Court, first to hold such position by persons of Chinese ancestry. His name will appear again during November election unopposed as a formality.

REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS IN INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT GETS COVERAGE BY TV

An International District headquarters for presidential candidate Richard Nixon was opened last month at 666 S. Jackson St. Channel 4 TV was on hand to cover the event. One of the features of the headquarters is a "Listen-In" where voters may tape questions. Committee for the formation included George Kawaguchi, James Matsuoka, Rudy Santos, Liem Tuay, and Alex Bishop. This is the first time here the multi-racial group got together in political venture.

SEATTLE CHAPTER SPONSORS TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR COMMUNITY TO HONOR THE ISSEI

Issei Testimonial Dinner held Sept. 15 in the Seattle Buddhist Church auditorium honoring 400 issei and 350 special guests 70 years of age and over responding to invitation, turned out to be a delightful success. Other well-wishers boosted total to 460.

Rather than relying on the "old guards," Tom S. Iwata, the prime mover, was able to talk Terumitsu Kano, Hitoshi Taniguchi, and Takeshi Hori to chair the event. "I have never worked with co-chairmen who were so easy to work together and they were able to get the work done all on their own," Iwata said. Obviously he was impressed.

And other reason for the success was the wealth of talented linguists making the issei feel right at home. Master of ceremony Tak Kubota, who studied in Tokyo institution of higher learning, showed that he learned his lesson well. Our Chapter president spoke in difficult Japanese without a hitch. Entertainment MC Frank Hattori was able to ad lib jokes and running comments keeping the issei amused. No small task. Our Chapter Thousand Club chairman George Kawachi presented Japanese comedy sketches which we'll be the first to admit was beyond our reach due to language barrier.

Lt.-Gov. John Cherberg who started teaching history and coaching football team at Cleveland high school spoke to the issei:

"... You have set the example that all races of Americans should follow. Perhaps you have been able to contribute to the well being of our country by the wonderful philosophy which you possess -- your belief that the secular life is brotherly love, your philosophy of right duty, right ideas, right words, right thinking, right effort, and right meditation.

"Under terrible and adverse circumstance on occasion you have never lost your faith. You have believed in the fine principle upon which this country stands -- the principle of freedom, equality, humanity, and reverence. You have never asked for anything. You have always been willing to contribute. . . ."

Prof. Richard McKinnon, associate professor of Japanese language and literature at the UW in keynote speech stated how the Meiji era immigrants brought the old Japanese culture to make them the outstanding ethnic group in the United States.

Ritaro Hamada, 98, was given special distinction for being the oldest man present. Others cited were Mrs. Fuji Kiyomizu, 92, and Mr. Tosh Tashiro, 92.

Entertainment included: Seattle Buddhist Boy Scout Troop 252 Drum and Bugle Corps; Mrs. Yukie Arinobu, folk song accompanied by Kiyoshi Jitodai on the accordion; Mr. Y. Ishigaki, vocals; hula dancers by Debra and Cindy Shimizu; Tazue Kiyono, Fujima style classical dance; Tomizo Takenaga, Yokyoku Utai (ceremonial song); classical dance by Hatsunekai led by Mrs. Achi Iwami; koto music ensemble by Miyagikai group c/o Mrs. Kuniko Kakemura; Miss Miyoka Kihara, folk dance; guitar and folk singing including "Welcome Inmigrante", Julie Sakahara; vocals by Mrs. Sachi Osumi; George Kawachi, comedy sketches; H.T. Kubota, Japanese folk songs.

Program included: Rev. Tatsuya Ichikawa, invocation; H.T. Kubota; Consul-General Yasue Katori; Genji Mihara; Ritaro Hamada; and Rev. J.C. Kono, benediction. (Cont'd page 4)

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTED BY THE SEATTLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO BE GRANTED DEPARTMENT STATUS WITH POWER, AUTHORITY AND AUTONOMY TO REALLY COPE WITH PROBLEMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

SEATTLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

By Y. Philip Hayasaka, executive secretary

The Seattle Human Rights Commission very recently submitted to the City Council a request for assistance in equipping itself to cope with the complex problems of human relations that are plaguing the City. The HRC was unanimous in its belief that power, authority, autonomy and budget is essential to carry out effective programs in this field.

It has often been said that Seattle has time to overcome its human rights problems, but recent incidents and disturbances indicate that time has run out. However, Seattle's scene is not yet viewed by the commission as insurmountable -- if it has the tools to combat the complex problems of human relations and increasing unrest which are rapidly becoming more manifest in our City.

Since its inception in 1963, the HRC has been without legal enforcing powers. It has relied solely upon an educational and conciliatory approach in promoting equality and justice for all people, but traditional methods of achieving equality and justice have not been successful. Today, the critical urban crisis demands a relevant commission, employing new methods, new concepts, and new tools.

The commission believes that to be effective in dealing with the causes of inequality and injustice, to become relevant to those who have been alienated, frustrated and denied, it must be given power, authority and autonomy. This belief was supported when the commission conducted hearings, both private and public, to hear from citizens on how they viewed the Human Rights Commission, and what they believed the commission should do. Close to 75 persons testified before the commission, moderate and militant, white, black, oriental and Indian.

A few excerpts from those who commented, illustrate the growing mood for action.

Judge Charles Smith, speaking as a private citizen: ". . . The SHRC must be completely reconstructed if it is to fulfill its mission to aid in the accomplishment of human equality . . . be established as a separate and independent branch of Municipal Government . . . must have certain powers and it must know what powers it does have and does not have."

Ed Pratt, executive director, Seattle Urban League: ". . . SHRC must be given the power to not only investigate, but to take direct action in practices concerning human relations . . ."

Seymour Kaplan, regional director, Anti Defamation League: ". . . power to enforce the housing ordinance . . . grant subpoena powers . . . operate independently of the Mayor's Office . . . little utility in a commission which acts in a conciliatory function only . . ."

Council of Churches: ". . . not effective because it is too limited . . . should have power to handle complaints . . . power to subpoena . . . work with oppressed people and have power, budget and staff to do so . . ."

Al Cowles, Washington State Board Against Discrimination: ". . . gain regulatory powers . . . cease and desist authority and power to issue subpoena . . . have autonomy . . . enforcement power to resolve grievances."

After listening to the large group of citizens, and after conducting a re-evaluation of itself, the commission then submitted a request to the City Council that it attain department status with these purposes:

Investigate, study and act to identify and relieve problems of human rights relating to race, creed, color, national origin, in order to promote the enjoyment of the rights of the citizens of the City of Seattle;

Design and carry out programs to promote equality, justice and understanding among all citizens;

Recommend policies and/or draft and recommend legislation to all branches and divisions of City Government.

The City Council was also requested to grant the department powers to subpoena, issue cease and desist orders and seek injunction; establish branch offices; receive complaints concerning any city department and investigate same; amend housing ordinance to include persons who harass occupant because of race, religion or ancestry; certify recommendations directly to corporation counsel for prosecution of housing law violations; and a staff of 12 professionals, and 6 clerical, to carry out the program.

The commission, in submitting this request, believes that unless it can become relevant to the people it must represent, and effective in combatting inequality and injustice, the SHRC should be dissolved. It urged the City Council to recognize the urgency to grant the necessary measures which will enable the commission to function as a dynamic, influential force within the community in coping with problems of human rights.

NIHON-MACHI, CHINATOWN AND PIONEER SQUARE DISTRICT REPORT SHOWS PROMISING FUTURE

Three months planning effort by the International District Improvement Association with its subsidiary Nikkei Businessmen's Association met Oct. 1 in Gim Ling Restaurant to discuss progress and future projection.

Tomio Moriguchi, president of the group (and One Thousand Club member), was introduced as the "hero" of the project when making his first report. "We realize that we have a very unique and old area here," he said, "and we felt that it needed much improvement. So consequently we felt that we should formulate a plan in improving this area. There are five main things we concerned ourselves with in this program:

" 1. Housing will have to be upgraded. 2. There is definite lack of open space for parks and recreational area and open mall. 3. There is need for community center to inter-relate things of cultural nature such as language school, cultural festivals, and other types of similar activities. 4. A sound business atmosphere is a prerequisite for upgrading this area and this will mean all types of consumer retail businesses and for providing professional help and services. 5. Low price parking will be a must for residence, workers in this area, and shoppers who will want to come to this area," Moriguchi said.

Royal A. McClure, A.I.A. architect, who seemed to be much at home speaking about the Model City Program as well as in field of urban planning, spoke on the background which culminated in the inception of the International Improvement Association.

Demonstration City type of program, he said, was started by the Act of Congress in 1966 to improve the quality of urban life. 63 cities have been given planning grants. The progress report given this day represents the first round of grant. The staff composed of volunteer workers from The American Institute of Architects, UW students in the College of Architecture and Urban Planning, and Seattle Planning Department personnel, have been working on the documents to be sent to HUD and to regional office in San Francisco and finally to be submitted to Washington in November for budget request for the second phase.

All work is done through citizen participation and through private enterprise by voluntary organization. Aim is to solve urban crisis. The Model City Program, he explained, is a social experiment to tie in city, state, and federal government to deal with these problems and the emphasis is to maintain human element.

International District has Residential Base

Of interest was the finding that 75 acres covering International District-Pioneer Square District having over 5,000 people with density of 55 people per acre, one of the highest in the city. At least half of people have lived here 5 years or longer.

In attendance at the meeting were Councilwoman Phyllis Lamphere, Consul Chang of Consul-General office of the Republic of China, Consul Kikuo Yoshida of Consulate-General office, Ed Banks of CEO, Rev. Lemuel Peterson of Model City to only mention a few.

The group meets regularly on Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. at 310 6th Avenue. More representation is need. Officers are: Tomio Moriguchi, p; Wesley Tao and Don Chin, vp; Weldon Lee, sec; and Tak Hori, treas.

NEWS JOTTINGS: Sue Tsuneishi of Rainier Beach High was among Nordstrom Best hi-fashion board members who were honor guests at a recent banquet at the Washington Athletic Club . . . The following sansei were among the 76 in 23 Seattle high schools semi-finalists in the 1968-69 National Merit Scholarship Program: Steven G. Ono, Garfield; Phoebe C. Goshu, Issaquah; David T. Aoyama, Lake Washington . . . The UW Interfraternity Council disclose a roster of 777 pledges to 30 fraternities which included Alpha Delta Phi, Nathan D. Mihara; Chi Psi, Scott T. Himeda; Kappa Sigma, David I. Kuwahara; Phi Gamma Delta, Stephen T. Araki, Mark M. Kondo; Phi Kappa Sigma, Paul Nogaki; Sigma Alpha Mu, John L. Uchida; Sigma Phi Epsilon, Darrell D. Tsujii, Kenneth S. Katayama . . . Wendy Tokuda was among Delta Delta Delta sorority members at Whitman College in Walla Walla . . . Julie Sakahara, a talented senior at Roosevelt High is leader of Saturday class at YWCA to develop a performing guitar and folk singing group . . . Mutsuo Yanagihara whose pottery exhibit was featured at the Japanese Cultural Festival, is returning to Japan after two years at the UW as the visiting artist in Asian Arts. He is on the faculty at the Kyoto City College of Fine Arts . . .

A resource book on the role of racial groups in American life is being used by Seattle Public School teachers. Members of the writing committee of this 216-page book included Kenji Onishi and research was initiated by a Title I curriculum committee including Masako Nakagawa . . . The urban planning team reviewing the R.H. Thomson Expressway proposal proposes that highway serves the need of the community through which it passes. Mark Kawasaki, project director for Okamoto-Liskamm, San Francisco firm retained for the project, told the Model City physical-planning task force Oct. 2 that "we have made this clear to the State Highway Department and the Mayor's office." . . . Mr. and Mrs. John M. Tanaka of Renton announce the engagement of their daughter Jonette Ann Tanaka to Russell Bruce Woodstrom of Seattle, son of R.D. Woodstrom of Spokane and Mrs. Tobias Steen of Seattle. She attended SU and he, Highline Community College. Wedding: Oct. 19 . . . Bileen Kazue Iida, daughter of the George Iidas of Sumner, became the bride of Jerry Tadashi Suzuki Sept. 1 in the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church. The bride attended Highline Community College and her husband is a graduate of the UW . . . Ruth Suehiro and David Yau Wong exchanged marriage vows Aug. 11 in the Central Union Church, Honolulu. The bride is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. James Waichi Suehiro of Seattle. She is a UW grad. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Choon Wong of Honolulu. He received BA and MA from Michigan State U . . . Cheryl Lee Takeko Horike, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tsuyoshi Horike, and Alan Tadashi Hoshino, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lake Hoshino, were married Sept. 15 in the Seattle Buddhist Church. Both are University of Washington grads.

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NEWS JOTTINGS (Cont'd): Jerrilyn Corinne Toda and Lund Wey Chin were married Sept. 29 at the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church. The birde is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Terrance M. Toda. Lund is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hong Chin. Both attended Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore. and both are registered optometrist . . .

The Winter Dance Club observed its 30th anniversary Oct. 5 with a party at the Washington Athletic Club. Mr. and Mrs. David Harris are board advisers. Committee members included Mr. and Mrs. Bill Okazaki . . .

MILESTONES: Moyo Koura, 87, Sept. 6. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Hiroshima Club. Came to Seattle in 1908. Owned strawberry farm in Bainbridge Island before WWII. Sister of Otohiko Koura, Seattle; Mrs. Moyo Omaru, Japan. Step-mother of Mrs. Hatsuko Koura, Mrs. Tomiko Furukawa, both of Seattle . . . Jimmy Z. Noshu, 52. Seattle Buddhist Church; Seattle Dojo; Shoyukai; International Sportsmen's Club, past secretary-treasurer; Toyama Club; Tengu Club; JACL; Japanese Community Service. He was proprietor of Jim's Seafoods retail store. Survivors include: w Setsuno; s Terry Y. and Jimmy Z. Noshu, Jr. and d Mrs. Suzanne S. Yoshitomi; step-son S. Ishii (Spokane); brother of Mrs. Hideji (Masako) Yamamoto, step-brother of Haruhide Ishii (Chicago); Ben and Sam Ishii . . . Rev. Tatsuya Ichikawa, 65, Sept. 23. Retired head priest of the Seattle Buddhist Church. A native of Japan, Mr. Ichikawa was a priest in Fresno, Calif. from 1928 to 1934. He came here in 1934 and was the head priest 25 years, retiring in 1960 for ill health. Surviving are his wife, Yasashi; sons Satoru, Seattle, Kazuya, Anaheim, Akira in Canada, and Shinya Ichikawa, Ann Arbor; daughters Mrs. Herbert Osaki, Portland, Mrs. Milnes Kurashibe, Culver City, Ca and Mrs. Lockwood Dennis, Newton, Mass . . .

Owners of Osborn & Ulland announced the appointment of Kunio Homma as new branch manager of the Osborn & Ulland Burien store. Kunio is a graduate of the UW and Franklin High where he starred in varsity prep tennis. He was formerly assistant manager of the Bellevue O & U store . . .

GALA CARNIVAL BAZAAR TO BE HELD BY NVC NOV. 3. Rib steak will be featured at the NVC carnival-bazaar to be held Sunday, Nov. 3 at NVC clubhouse. The general public is invited to stay all day enjoying many fine foods and enjoying games of skill midst carnival atmosphere. The doors open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Many valueable door prizes. Tom Onishi is general chairman.

ISSEI TESTIMONIAL DINNER (Cont'd). Committee members besides co-chairmen were Tom S. Iwata, Genji Mihara, George Fugami, H.T. Kubota, Yoshito Fujii, Frank H. Hattori, and Tak Kubota.

Calendar of Events

- Oct. 16 Regular monthly board meeting 8:00 p.m. JACL office
- 26 JACL Jr. and Young Adult Spokane, Wash.
- 26 Special dinner with Masao Satow. Chuck Wagon 6:30 p.m. Spokane, Wash.
- 27 Regular quarterly session PNWDC. Holiday Inn 10:00 a.m. Spokane, Wash.
- Nov. 3 NVC Carnival and bazaar 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. NVC clubhouse
- 5 Human relations committee meeting 8:00 p.m. JACL office
- 8 News deadline for JACL Reporter. Mail articles to:
c/o (Editor) Eira Nagaoka, 151 11th Avenue, Seattle 98122
- 13 News letter mailing night 8:00 p.m. JACL office
- 20 Regular monthly board meeting 8:00 p.m. JACL office

AS A RESULT OF EXISTING RACIAL CRISIS here, Don Kazama and Chapter human relations committee held meetings with notable spokesmen for the black community including Gary D. Gayton, attorney; Edward Banks, OEO, Model Cities; Carl Miller, chairman of SNICK, Black Student Union, and Black Panther. Banks spoke on Sept. 3. "It is no use accusing people of what they did or didn't do," Banks began. "They all came here out of disappointment. They don't even have the confidence to work together or collectively among the black people such as the orientals have done. The thing you have to understand is not use cliché about 'what the white men did.' Black people are not that kind of people. They are individualistic." He explained that a successful Negro may not even give a dime to help their own and that danger is the only thing which will unite the black people. "For the basis of Japanese-Negro relations, we have so much more in common than differences. Regardless of what advancement we all make, one thing is clear is that you have not been able to live in full potential as long as you were Japanese and the same is true for the black. This is a simple fact," he continued. "You are locked out of a system just as I am and you know it. But we can work together to accomplish in our own group in working towards something for ourselves. The only thing I can say is where the cooperation is needed, I am willing to work with you and be willing to do anything I can. But don't downgrade anything just to be downgrading for this is weak. I am pleading that let's talk more with each other and let's be honest with each other. I feel deeply on this." He closed by saying that "to know people and to have friends is the most valueable thing in the world."

JACL BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD THIS WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16 FROM 8 P.M. IN THE JACL OFFICE

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