

DECEMBER MEETING TO BE HELD AT BUSH GARDEN DEC. 18

Chapter board members will be meeting at Bush Garden next Wednesday, Dec. 18 starting at 7 p.m. in a no host buffet dinner. Very short business session will follow in this informal atmosphere. All JACL members and friends are welcome. Have a treat with a change of pace by spending the evening of fun and enjoyment. Reservations may be made by calling Tom Imori (PA 5-9886) or Dr. Terrence Toda (MA 3-6863).

The price of the dinner is \$4.50 per person and reservation should be made by Dec. 13.

CHAPTER TO DRAFT STRONG LETTER TO MAYOR FOR STRONGER POLICE PROTECTION

November board meeting ended on a wild note. It all started quietly when Don Kazama, human relations committee chairman, reported on the last committee meeting where three points were agreed in reference to irresponsibility and criminal behavior of youths in the Central area as follow:

1. that there need to be a group of Japanese willing to lend whatever assistance necessary in court cases involving Japanese;
2. there ought to be a long range program to assist the disadvantaged and victimized Japanese families sponsored by Japanese churches and organizations and that JACL should be the stimulator in providing whatever assistance is necessary;
3. through cooperation with key groups in the community a solution must be found to end the physical assault on helpless citizens residing in the Central area.

Kazama said, "We believe that we must explore the possibility of working with groups in the Central Area and extending dialogues hopefully in finding how we can participate in finding solution to these problems."

Tom S. Ivata, past prexy, stood up and ignited the spark when he asked, "Why can't the JACL and the human relations committee write letters to the city's proper authorities with complaints to have the police enforce the laws as written? We should complain directly to police," he continued, "and if enough complaints reaches the police, then something will be done about it. And if we don't, the same situation will be prolonged."

Strong feeling of indignation was evident as reports of older issei and businessmen were bearing the brunt of this meaningless crime spree. President George Fugami informed the group that plans were being made with Japanese leaders for meeting with the mayor on this situation. One of the board member said that issei were complaining and wondering whether the JACLs were doing anything about it implying that communication gap exists between issei and JACL. He suggested that JACL activities be reported to Japanese newspaper so they can read what the JACL has done and what they are doing.

Tak Kubota said, "Assault on issei senior citizens has gotten to the point where the Japanese Community Service wants to join with us to strongly protest the lack of police protection. Issei are law abiding citizens and will tolerate lots of nonsense but they feel that JACL should be involved in this protest. The feeling among issei is so strong that I can't see how we can stand idly by. We've got to make our position known immediately as an organization."

"Otherwise," Kubota said, "we have no reason to be in existence if we don't help our own elderly. The board should draft a strong letter to let the public know how we feel about it."

Motion was made by Tak Kubota to draft a letter of protest to the mayor and asking for his cooperation in restoring law and order. The board passed the motion.

ELECTION BALLOTS MAILED OUT

Seattle Chapter JACL 1969 election ballot has been mailed out Dec. 6 with the help of work crew of 10 headed by Dr. Terrence Toda. There was no nominee for the recording secretary position in the ballot. Write-ins will become suggestions to the Board which will fill the position by appointment. Deadline for the return of ballots will be 5 p.m. postmark, Monday, Dec. 16, 1968. Richard Ishikawa is nomination chairman.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS ON SPCKA MEETING

A brief report on "Sansei and His Identity" was given during board meeting. Kay Mori presented the JACL National Youth Program Notebook to President George Fugami emphasizing the need to continue the youth program.

PNWDC LETTER PROTESTING USE OF PREJUDICE IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGN RECEIVES RESPONSE HERE

A week before the Nov. 5 election, letters were sent to TV stations and to newspapers in this area protesting the prejudiced type of advertisement and promotion used by the proponents of Initiative 32 (local processing of logs). The letter signed by Henry Kato, PNWDC Dist. Gov. and Seattle Chapter president George Fugami read in part: "... Regardless of the merits on either side of this political issue, it is neither right nor fair to make false accusations against a friendly nation or its people. It is particularly unfair and un-American to seek to capitalize on prejudice in order to gain a political advantage. It is so hard to overcome prejudice but so easy to fan it into a flame.

"As a group which understands both sides, may we plead for goodwill between nations and for a commitment by all not to use prejudice to further a cause, whatever it may be."

KOMO-TV answered by telephone to President George Fugami. KING-TV wrote "... We are in agreement that prejudice should never be interjected in election issues. Prejudicial and false advertising at the local and national level is constantly being reviewed and checked. We thank you for expressing to us your concern."

The letter was signed by T. Michael Barry, staff assistant to vice president. ---o---

HRC'S NEW REPORT TO COVER SEATTLE'S TEN NEIGHBORHOOD HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL WORKING WITH
THEME THAT RACIAL PROBLEMS CAN NEVER BE SOLVED IF THE WHITE COMMUNITY REMAINS UNCHANGED

SEATTLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

By Y. Philip Hayasaka, executive secretary

A page from the Seattle Human Rights Commission biennial report, 1966-68, that is yet to be published -- with special thanks to Jeannie Kirkman for preparing it.

"What white Americans have never fully understood -- but what the Negro can never forget -- is that white society is deeply implicated in the ghetto, white institutions created it, white institutions maintain it, and white society condones it."

--National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders

Recognized by the SHRC even prior to the publication of the report was that all programs in education, housing and employment can never solve the racial problems as long as the activities in the white community remain unchanged. It is white racism which is at the root of discrimination in housing, employment and education. As long as the focus remains only in making it possible for the black man to join the mainstream of American life through education and training, without equally emphasizing training the white man to change his attitudes, failure is inevitable.

The HRC began to organize efforts within the white community on a continuing basis with the over-all goal of eradicating racism. As its initial step, seminars on race relations were held on the neighborhood level in five urban and two suburban areas. The theme -- "Your Neighborhood is You -- a Guideline for Citizen Action."

Attendance at each seminar ranged from 150 to 400 persons.

Each neighborhood that participated in the seminar was unanimous in its decision to develop the seminar into a continuing organization, a neighborhood human relations council. All expressed the need in their neighborhoods for an organization which would coordinate and unify all the small efforts which were already in existence in the field of human rights.

Presently, there are ten neighborhood human relations councils in existence; West Seattle, Capitol Hill, Magnolia, Queen Anne, Northwest, Northeast, Highline, Shoreline, South Seattle and Mercer Island.

The direction of each council varies according to the differing needs of each neighborhood. However, the majority of councils have task forces working in the field of community education, schools, housing, and law and justice.

The human relations councils are faced primarily with the task of community education -- to enable the apathetic to become concerned, the concerned to become committed, and the committed to act.

Yet unsaid in the report is the tremendous potential for neighborhood human relations councils. Many have stated that more emphasis needs to be placed within the white communities -- that the white person should evangelize among his own -- that white America needs to awaken to the realization of the racial problem being his problem -- that the determination of America being one society rather than two depends largely on the reaction of white America -- and that white racism is the cause of urban crisis and black violence its effect.

With this realization, the HRC is attempting one more vehicle to alleviate tensions and bring about justice for all -- the neighborhood human relations councils.

BLACK STUDENT UNION MEMBER AND EDWARD BANKS SPEAK TO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND BUSINESSMEN

Human relations committee met again Dec. 3 in the JAACL office in what was supposed to be a crime deterrent type of discussion among interested community leaders and businessmen hoping for short and long range goals to stem crimes committed by youths. JAACL was to stimulate this type of program rather than to take on the project itself. Two Black Student Union members from the U. of Washington were invited under direction of Don Kazama, chairman. Steve Beppu, UWBSU member, along with Edward Banks, staff member of OEO also invited, showed up.

Steve Beppu was the first to speak. He was well versed in the aspirations and the accomplishments of BSU. He spoke calmly and said, "BSU strives for betterment of black and all non-white people. BSU is recruiting members of UW teaching staff for programs to enlighten the black in culture and history of the black people to foster pride." Two sansei and a lone Chinese are among the 200 registered BSU members at the UW. Beppu personally does not believe in violence.

Beppu stated that before BSU came to UW there were less than 100 black students at the UW. With their recruiting, they have tripled their numbers and are even helping them to stay in school. He pointed to the Franklin High where black students are really studying for the first time after years of school administration motivation program failing to make any dent.

He was asking that JAACL and other related organizations help BSU by lending leverage to convince administrators at Asa Mercer and Washington Junior High and other related schools to allow BSU to speak to the black students to help foster pride.

School Administrations in Conflict with BSU

Edward Banks, former president of the Garfield High Citizens Advisory Committee, then spoke up and said, "I can't say what the young students would do if BSU are not allowed to operate with what the young people believe, is the most important organization they were able to develop in the context of the school situation." (Cont'd top next page)

"The attitude of the school administration, the attitude of the public administration, the attitude of almost all people who claim they are responsible people, and the adamant stand of the young people who say they no longer would want to go along with it, and when you get into that kind of a difference in terms of both values and opinions, problems will result when BSU continues to press for their point," Banks said.

"I see nothing wrong with its (BSU) constitutional by-laws. I see nothing subversive or dangerous about Larry Gossip (NW coordinator of BSU). The influence of people outside the school as one school administration confess, the young people like this man to go through big school or junior high school to help set up a BSU, is introducing a problem within the school never realizing when they make this kind of a decision that the problem is already there."

But how does this tie in with crime deterrence? It was brought out that good portions of crimes are committed by young teenagers who have lost communication and respect with the adult world and institutions. They will look only to Black Panthers and BSU. Helping BSU with leverages in convincing school administrations in allowing BSU to speak in their schools, will help BSU in communicating about black pride in references to higher values. At least in theory the community will benefit in this resultant changes in attitude with reduced crime. BSU representative this night challenged the JACL to this proposal.

What's on the other side of the coin? Why does certain school principals object when Garfield and Franklin High students are permitted to hear BSU speakers? Are the social scientists able to measure the significant crime deterrence resulting from this permissiveness? The question is more complex than what appears on the surface. This fresh angle deserves study.

NEWS JOTTINGS: Lois Nagamatsu, daughter of Shoji Nagamatsus, named girl of the month at Franklin High. She is pep club prexy, plans to attend college majoring in art . . . Joanne Yorozu, daughter of Henry Yorozus, was named girl of the month for Rainier Beach High by Rainier Rotary. She is senior reception and Viking Week chairman, the Shield staff, Pep Club secretary. She plans to attend beauty school . . . 57 youths were nominated for the top two high school scholar-athletes in the Seattle area by 34 schools. Included were Tod Fujiwara of Rainier Beach High and Marvin Hayami of Cleveland High . . . Chris S. Kato has been named a "highly meritorious" chemistry teacher by the Puget Sound Section, American Chemical Society. Kato heads the science department of Queen Anne High. Kato taught for 11 years. "He challenges the students with explorational aspect of chemistry so that they find the course exciting," reports Queen Anne High principal William D. Hall . . . 52 seniors and 11 recent graduates of the UW have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. The honorees will be initiated in February. Seniors include Seattleite James S. Ootshi and Marsha Terao from Portland . . . Wendy Tokuda, freshman at Whitman College, has pledged Delta Delta Delta Sorority, Theta Omicron Chapter, at Whitman College in Walla Walla . . . 32nd annual scholarship banquet held Nov. 7 at the UW, Lois Yoshida of Tacoma, received academic achievement, service and leadership award in the form of Junior Mortar Board Award . . . Joe Yamamoto, MD, has been promoted to full professor in psychiatry at USC, LA Co. . . Miss Nancy Yamaguchi, daughter of Morrie Yamaguchis, wed Nov. 24 in her home to Timothy Miyahara, son of the Satoshi Miyaharas . . .

Did you notice the 2-column, half page tall photo of Bainbridge Island Japanese boarding the ferry to Seattle for the first leg of the evacuation and being escorted by armed soldiers in steel helmet, M1 rifle and gas mask on page 23 of the Nov. 10 Seattle P.I.? Caption read in part: "Human rights are in particular danger in wartime. At the beginning of WW2, President Roosevelt felt it necessary to isolate the Japanese portion of our population." . . . Ottawa: Citizens of Japan immigrating to Canada during 3rd quarter of 1968 numbered 186 according to Quarterly Immigration Bulletin released by the Dept. of Manpower and Immigration. During first nine months, 512 Japanese immigrated here . . . The Anderson Gallery is presenting the photography of Hiro Moriyasu and Forrest Patrick through Dec. 20. Moriyasu's most interesting works employ a technique called solarization in which a light is turned on while the picture is developing, thus causing black and white to reverse. Moriyasu was born in Japan in 1934 and now lives in Portland . . . Tacoma: Unable to choose between two candidates for the Human Relations Commission, the Tacoma City Council Dec. 3 took the easy way out. They moved to expand the commission from 13 to 15 members. The expansion probably will be accomplished in two weeks. Mayor A. L. Rasmussen's choice was Mike Sambrano, a Mexican-American community leader. Several other councilmen wanted to retain Dr. George A. Tanbara, who had served a year on the HRC, but would not be retained if Sambrano was appointed . . . James T. Akiyama has been named director of the Seattle-King County Red Cross Chapter's service-to-military-families program. Akiyama comes from Denver where he was casework supervisor in the same program. He replaces Walter A. Gagola, who has been transferred to Los Angeles.

IN HONOR of conferments of decorations for Mr. Genji Mihara (3rd Class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure), and Mr. Yoshichii Tanaka (6th Class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure) a reception was held by Consul General Yasue Katori at his official residence Nov. 22 . . . Seattle painter, Frank Okada, concluded his second one-man show Nov. 14 including his Paris paintings. Born in Seattle in 1931, Okada studied art at Edison Technical School, Cornish School, and UW, and Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan. Okada studied in New York on a Whitney Fellowship, in Japan on a Fullbright Fellowship and in Paris during 1966 and '67 on a Guggenheim Fellowship. The artist now is a visiting lecturer at the UW and an instructor at the Seattle Studio School . . .

MILESTONES: Ukichi Matsushita, 89, Nov. 18. Seattle Buddhist Church. Came to Bainbridge Island in 1911. Retired berry farmer. Survivors include: d Mary Matsumoto (Portland), Yoshiko Nagaishi, L.A., Fusako Horishige, Bainbridge Is.; s Jim (Spokane) . . . Koso Yag, funeral Nov. 19 . . . Tame Tsujikawa, funeral Nov. 19. White River Buddhist Church. Survivors include: d Koto Sutow (Salt Lake City), Toshiko Sato, Masako Tanaka, Eiko Yoshida, Taeko Yasumura (New Jersey), Itsuko Funai (Auburn), Iris Yamashita (Berkeley); s Stan, Kaz of Auburn . . . Taketa Tokunaga, 84, Nov. 22. (Cont'd top next page)

Japanese Baptist Church, Ehime Club. Worked in lumber mills near Selleck. Began gardening in 1939 and retired in 1962. Survivors include: w Tane; s Mitsuo and Toshio . . . Hiroshi Yoshino. Funeral Nov. 30. Cousin of Mrs. S. Okamoto of Seattle . . . Chima Sakaguchi. Funeral Dec. 4. Seattle Buddhist Church, Women's Fellowship, Kumamoto Club. Survivors include: s Takeshi; d Mrs. Hajime Inouye, Mrs. Tom Kubota, Mrs. Kenji Ito, L.A. . . . Esero "Henry" Yoshitomi. Funeral Nov. 29. Seattle Buddhist Church, Shaku Nachi, Mikado Club, Japanese Golf Assn. Survivors include: w Ritsuko; s Etsuo, Keiji, Shiro, Edward . . . Dengo Kusakabe, 81, Dec. 2. Born in Japan, Came to U.S. in 1907 from Mexico. Operated Fir Apartments here and worked at Union Station. Seattle Buddhist Church, men's fellowship, president of the Fukushima Club, Seattle Japanese Hotel and Apartment Owners Association, Hyaku Do Kai, Japanese American Service. Survivors include: w Fuku; s John, Dr. Peter, Tomio, Paul; d Mrs. Iso Nishimura and Chiya . . . Harue Hirahara, 77, of Nampa died Nov. 19. Devoted their lives in the Salvation Army Japanese division and were retired as majors. Survivors include: h Takemaru; s Davis, Mike (Oakland); d Midori Furushiro (Caldwell), Lily Oshiro (Elk Grove, Ill.) . . . Mrs. Ito Yamaguchi, 86, Nov. 30. Japanese Congregational Church, Women's Fellowship, Fukui Club. Came to U.S. in 1912. Operated laundry in Yakima with her husband for 30 years. Survivors include: s Otojiro (L.A.); d Mrs. Jack Yamashita, Mrs. George Saito, and Mrs. Mas Kunugi . . .

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE: Harry Wong has been named manager of Trader Vic's, succeeding Keith Hardman, who is moving to S.F. to become a Trader Vic's vice president . . . Richard W. Hobbs has established an architectural and planning office at 907 Pine St. with David H. Fukui as associate. Both received bachelor of architecture degrees at the UW. Hobbs has MS in architecture from Columbia . . . Mickey M. Hiroo was among those passing the latest examinations given under the Securities Act of the State of Washington for salesmen, broker-dealers and investment advisers . . . recent apartment sale included \$288,087.50 for a two-story, 16 unit building at 501 E. Harrison St. bought by V.D. Hallum from Masatoshi Aoyama . . .

The first Christmas oranges to come to Seattle in 27 years have arrived Nov. 23 aboard the M.M. Dant, a States Line ship with 1936 boxes of Japanese fruit. The little oranges will sell by the box containing 45 to 52 per box. The Department of Agriculture granted permission for the oranges to enter the five U.S. noncitrus growing states, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. Taky Kimura, president of the Great Empire Trading Co., is importing the oranges and expects to bring in a million pounds of the fruit through Seattle before the end of the year. His brother Minoru assisted by Taky and Eiji spent 17 years and \$50,000 of their own resources to successfully fight the 1946 ban. Minoru and Eiji weren't around to savor this occasion. Eiji died a year ago and Minoru died earlier this year. Taky operates the IGA First Hill Food Center . . .

Calendar of Events

Dec. 18--JACL buffet dinner at Bush Garden starting at 7 p.m. in lieu of regular monthly board meeting. A short business session will follow the dinner. \$4.50 per person. JACL member and friends welcome. For reservations call Tom T. Imori (PA 5-9886) or Dr. Terrance Toda (MA 3-6863) by Dec. 13.

28-29--Benefit mochi (rice-cake) sale sponsored by the Japanese Baptist Church for their remodeling fund. \$1 per plate. Sales will be made 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 28 and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 29.

31--NVC and Auxiliary sponsored New Year's Eve party from 10 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the NVC Clubhouse. \$6 per couple for members and \$10 per couple for guests. Membership \$3 for those eligible payable at the door. "Count-4" to furnish music. Mixers, snacks

Jan. 3--News deadline for JACL Reporter, Mail articles to:
c/o (Editor) Eira Nagaoka, 151 11th Avenue, Seattle 98122

6--Human relations committee meeting 8 p.m. JACL office

8--Newsletter mailing night 8 p.m. JACL office

15--Regular monthly board meeting 8 p.m. JACL office

OUT-GOING 1968 STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Human relations--Don Kazama; 1000 Club--George Kawachi; membership--Tak Kubota.

Bowling--Fred Takagi and Robert "atsuura"; golf--John Sato; public relations--Tom S. Iwata and Yutaka Hirano; youth--George S. Iwasaki; employment & housing--Min Tsubota and Milton Maeda; model cities program representative committee--June Shimokawa; Newsletter--Eira Nagaoka; Pacific Citizen--Elmer Ogawa; special activities and program--Frank Hattori; education and culture--Dr. Min Masuda; issei story--Yoshito Fujii and Terumitsu Kano; legal and legislative--Toru Sakahara; national planning--George S. Iwasaki, William Nimbu, and Kimi Nakanishi; recognition--Dr. Terrance Toda; scholarship--Ted Sakahara.

ATTEND JACL DINNER-BOARD MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18 AT BUSH GARDENS. BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

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