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REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING SET FOR JANUARY 15

January board meeting will be held as usual on Wednesday, January 15 starting from 8 p.m. President George S. Fugami will preside. This will be a good time to air your views on the possible program change for 1969. 1968 officers and board members are requested to bring all records to be passed on to the new officers.

FREEZING WEATHER AND SNOW FAIL TO DAMPEN SPIRITS FOR THE BUFFET DINNER MEETING

The December board meeting Japanese buffet style held at Bush Garden was an unqualified success in spite of the hazardous driving condition due to lightly falling snow and icy streets. The idea was the brainchild of Cherry Kinoshita and Takako Yoda who had insisted from early fall for this change of pace. Dr. Terrance M. Toda and Tom T. Imori were chairmen for the event.

Those braving the weather to attend were: the Rev. Emery E. Andrews, Jiro and Shea Aoki, Connie Asaka, George S. Fugami, Tom T. and Takeyo Imori, George S. and Karen Iwasaki, Sally Kazama, Tak Kubota, Cherry Kinoshita, Nish Kumagai, Eugene Lam, Bob Matsuura, Kay Mori, Tomio Moriguchi, Eira Nagaoka, Kimi Nakanishi, Ted Sakahara, Roy Seko, Fred Takagi, Dr. Terrance M. Toda, Liem Eng Tuai, Midori Uyeda, and Takako Yoda.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS ON ELECTION RESULTS

Dr. Terrance M. Toda speaking for the nominating committee chairman said, "Dick Ishikawa was unavoidably detained and all candidates that ran for the office has been duly elected."

The installation of officers due to conflict of dates will be held sometime early February according to Tak Kubota, installation banquet chairman. "Entertainment will be top notch and will be a 'bang-up' affair," Kubota said, "in order to make for a large gathering and interesting evening." He requested a full cooperation of the organization to make this annual event a success. More details will be made available later.

1969 officers elected for the Seattle Chapter are as follow:

President	Jiro Aoki
President-elect	Don Kazama
First vice-president	Dr. Minoru Masuda
Second vice-president	Eira Nagaoka
Third vice-president	Fred Takagi
Fourth vice-president	Tomio Moriguchi
Recording secretary	(To be filled by the Board)
Corresponding secretary	Midori Uyeda
Treasurer	Thomas T. Imori
District Council Delegate	George Fugami
Historian	Kimi Nakanishi

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Cherry Kinoshita	Dr. Calvin Takagi	Liem Eng Tuai
Takako Yoda	Kay Mori	Ted Sakahara
Helen Akita	John Matsumoto	Sad Ishimitsu
Mary Kashiwagi	Akira Aramaki	Nobi Kyono
Sally Kazama	Eugene Lam	Tom Hidaka
June Shimokawa	Roy Seko	John Y. Sato
Fran Wada	Roy Sakamoto	

ON NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT AND PACIFIC CITIZEN HOLIDAY ISSUE

Fred Takagi, who was general chairman for the 22nd Annual National JACL Bowling Tournament last March, has submitted the financial report for the event. \$500 was turned over to the Chapter.

Takagi was also Chapter chairman for the Pacific Citizen's Holiday Issue advertisement doing an exceptional job. Three-quarter page set aside originally for the Seattle area, was increased to a full page. Many thanks, Fred, for helping Seattle go on a big-time basis and to the advertisers for supporting this phase of the program.

JUNIOR JACL AND YOUNG ADULT DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL RESUMES PUBLICATION

"Pacific Star," voice of the Pacific Northwest District Youth Council, was back in publication again on quarterly basis. The first issue was published back in March 1966 with Ted Iwata as editor-in-chief. The current editors are Paul Tamura and Don Hayashi and promised in their editorial that this issue "will not be the last. Rather we hope that it will grow in size and quality along with the Pacific Northwest District, which it serves." Kay Mori, Chapter board member, is also on the publication staff. Correspondences and articles should be sent to Don Hayashi, 1407 SE 28th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97214.

AI-IKU GUILD THANKS PATRONAGE AT DANCE: Mrs. M. Noji, Chairman of the Annual Benefit Dance held Dec. 7 sends this message: "The members of the Ai-Iku Guild would like to thank all of you who supported our 9th Annual Ai-Iku Dance to benefit the Children's Orthopedic Hospital. By your attendance and donations, we were able to have a very successful dance and we hope you enjoyed yourself." -----o-----

LAW AND ORDER . . . WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

By Y. Philip Hayasaka, Executive Secretary

Does Law and Order mean "support your local police," or does it mean oppression by your local police? Does it mean domestic tranquility, or does it mean repression? Does it mean "getting tough" on crime, or does it mean a police state? Does it mean all of these, or none of these?

To many youths, to many blacks and to many "non-conformists", law and order holds a negative connotation -- a translation that reads oppression, repression and suppression. To many in the racial, religious and economically poor minority, it reads maintaining the status quo where the majority retains all power and the minority is purposely kept segregated, discriminated and powerless. To many dissenters, it translates into an unjust treatment without any recourse, for the comfort and convenience of the majority. To many persons, sometimes consciously, sometimes not, it means a racist society where non-whites are excluded and a closed society where the poor whites are barred.

History is filled with instances where the majority, in the name of law and order, has mistreated the minority. In 1942, persons of Japanese ancestry were removed from their west coast homes and confined in evacuation camps. During World War II, Germany was a police state and Jews were the victims in concentration camps. A few hundred years ago, slaves were repressed and to this day, the blacks still are. A couple thousand years ago, Christians were being oppressed and in some countries, still are.

In contemporary times, here in Seattle, we have witnessed the injustices that minorities, and particularly blacks, receive, in comparison to that the majority would not receive in a similar situation, such as the courts levying maximum penalties; law officers stopping, questioning or "bringing in suspects"; issuing of arrest warrants; neighbor harrassing; subtle forms of denying employment or obstructing promotions; and insidious means of maintaining a closed housing market. Attempts for a just recourse have met with resistance and in the name of law and order, have been repressed, especially when repeated attempts become increasingly more demanding, noticeable and discomforting to the majority.

Irrespective of the injustices being placed upon the minorities, those in position of power and authority carried out their "responsibilities" in preserving law and order on behalf of the majority, who by their support -- vocal or passive -- condoned their actions.

We are a nation governed by laws and based upon an orderly society. Yet, when the majority is not responsive to the injustices suffered by the minority (in spite of many peaceful attempts of recourse) the need for decency and justice overcome tranquility and order. The Boston Tea Party, the Labor Movement, the Women's Suffrage, Dr. Martin Luther King's non-violent Movement, to mention but a few, illustrate where the oppressed minority, in pursuit of justice, acted out against the majority's law and order.

Today, we still have many in the racial minority that are being denied justice, denied equality, denied human dignity, denied respect for the individual. Because this phrase "law and order" has for so long meant oppression to the oppressed, repression to the alienated, discrimination to the segregated and continued injustice to the denied, the phrase translates into "maintaining the status quo."

Laws are necessary and order must be maintained if we desire domestic tranquility. But to assure equal application of law and order and the same meaning for everyone, it must first require a firm foundation of justice and equality for all, regardless of color, religion or economic status.

Seattle, as most large cities, is experiencing a higher incident of crime. In the name of law and order, there is talk of forming vigilantes and the sale of gun have skyrocketed. To a particular group that has been stereotyped and feared, this might be translated into being victims of "shoot first and ask questions later" -- "guilty until proven innocent" -- increased repression -- continued oppression -- further segregation and discrimination.

Law enforcement by the police and by the courts are necessary in our society in order that each individual be protected from harm. Those persons guilty of law violation must be apprehended and administered justice. But it is the individual who violates the law, not the whole racial group, therefore, it must be the individual lawbreaker that must be judged and not the racial group to which he belongs.

Persons of Japanese ancestry were victims of unjust law and order immediately prior and following World War II. Chinese were victims of unjust law and order during the early days of Seattle's history. For the past several hundred years and continuing on to today, the blacks are victims of unjust law and order. To these and other oppressed minorities, law and order meant a loss of freedom in a police state. (Cont'd top page 4)

NEWS JOTTINGS: Tod Fujiwara has been selected Rainier Beach High boy of the month. Tod is the son of Roy Fujiwaras . . . Warren Saito, son of Keiji Saitos, and Cleveland High student, was named November boy of the month by South District Lions. He is ASC treasurer, Honor Society, Talon Men, and Lettermen Club (tennis) . . . Joyce Okamoto, Lincoln High senior, was chosen girl of the month by the Wallingford-Fremont Lions. She is the daughter of Toshikazu Okamotos. The Wallingford-Fremont Lions has chosen Elaine Aoki as Lincoln High girl of the month. She is the daughter of Takae Aokis . . . During 36th annual 101 Club football banquet at the Washington Athletic Club Dec. 9 for 14-team Metro League, inspirational award winners were announced for each prep football team including Richard Watanabe of Rainier Beach High . . . Richard M. Kato, Whitman College freshman and son of Akira Katos, has been awarded a scholarship by Kiwanis Club of Industrial Seattle, Gordon Scribner, dean of students aids at Whitman, has announced. Kato is a 1968 graduate of Cleveland High . . . Bob Hoshide, was among three UW architecture students demonstrating a model of apartment units that conceivably could be built under sections of the Freeway. Noise level was found to "drop 68 decibels" just by entering an apartment . . . Nine UW students in architecture and interior-design are heading a team which will remodel two stories of the Seattle Opportunities Industrialization Center (SOIC) making it more functional. SOIC trainees are learning plumbing, carpentry, the electrical trade and other skills in the anti-poverty program. Steve Arai, a fifth-year architecture student from Seattle and team leader for the project, said one of the reasons for taking on the project is that students want the university to be more concerned with problems of the community . . . George Iwasaki, past Chapter president, was elected to 1969 vice-president of the Seattle Community College Federation of Teachers . . . Jerry Takisaki, administrative assistant at T.T. Minor School the past three years, has been asked to coordinate planning for the new middle schools, according to J. Loren Troxel, assistant superintendent for elementary schools. Under this plan junior high (grades 7, 8 and 9) will be moved to middle schools (grades 4 or 5 through 8) so that total of at least 3 junior high schools will be racially balanced by September, 1971. Takisaki has a M.A. from WWSU and is the son of junior high social studies teacher in Honolulu. Takisaki is married . . . Honors: Grace Chow, a former Seattleite, is the first Chinese woman to hold the position of commissioner in L.A. She was appointed by Mayor Sam Yorty to a four-year term as commissioner of human relations. She was one of 13 women commissioners in L.A. Mrs. Chow, who lives in Hollywood, visits here with Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Ching . . . Mrs. Kiyoshi Jitodai and her husband were invited to attend wedding of Julie Nixon and David Eisenhower in New York. "I was a college student when the Nixons visited Nara, Japan, in 1953," she said. "I skipped class because I wanted to see the face of the vice president of the United States." She met Mrs. Nixon on Todaiji Temple ground. "She asked me what my dream was, and I told her that after I graduated from college I wanted to study in America. Correspondence continued and by 1954 the late Dr. William C. Speidel, a well known Seattle physician and the Nixons wrote letters of recommendation for her to the UW. Mrs. Jitodai worked for Nixon's campaign for governor in California and the recent campaign . . .

Colleen A. Yadon, daughter of Mrs. Marjorie N. Yadon of Maple Valley, is engaged to Gordon B. Somekawa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Somekawa of Puyallup. She attended Green River and Highline Community Colleges. He graduated from the University of Oregon. Wedding: June 21 . . .

Spokane: Spokane Club's annual White Cotillion at which 55 college age Daughters of club members were presented Dec. 27 in a social debut. Among names of the debutantes and their escorts for the cotillion ball were Sandra Victoria Share and Robert Douglas Fukai . . .

MILESTONES: Betty Takeshita. Graveside services Dec. 11 . . . Toyoko Ito. Funeral services Dec. 12 . . . Matsu Suguro Kondo. Funeral services Dec. 16 . . .

The State Legislature should appropriate funds to finance state participation in the Japan World Exposition in 1970, the State's World Fair Commission recommended. The exhibition pavilion and of displays would be about \$1,360,000 according to Daniel B. Ward, director of the State Department of Commerce and Economic Development . . .

After two years' construction time, the \$575 million world trade center for N.Y. is beginning to assume an above-ground shape. Twin towers will reach up 110 stories. Minoru Yamasaki & Associates and Emery Roth & Sons are the architects . . . Japan has laid the keel for its first atom-powered ship -- a 15 million model scheduled to go into service in 1972. It will be the world's fourth non-military nuclear surface vessel . . .

What may be the world's only genuine Torii (entrance gate to a shrine or other important place) outside of the Orient is slated for the Elliott Bay or Shilshole Bay, a colorful symbol of welcome and friendship to the ships of the world as they call in Seattle. The Seattle-Kobe Torii Fund was established, with its construction fund of \$30,000. Organizations represented are the Seattle Japan-America Society, World Trade Club, Washington State Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Kobe-Seattle Affiliation Committee, Japanese Community Service, Washington State International Trade Fair, Chamber of Commerce and Port of Seattle. Kazuhiko Asakura, Port of Seattle representative in Japan, stated that officials of Kobe and Hyogo Prefecture are enthusiastic about the project . . . Mariko Tada, Inc., a Japanese import shop featuring authentic Japanese display methods and interior decor, opened Dec. 10 at 1417 Fifth Ave. Display methods feature lower merchandise cases which customers look down into . . . A 16-unit building at 501 E. Harrison St. was sold to Mr. and Mrs. V.D. Hallum by Mr. and Mrs. Masatoshi Aoyama for \$230,000 . . . The View Ridge Estates Apartments, at 45th and Elm Streets, Everett, has been sold to the Kawabe Co., in an \$850,000 transaction. D.M. Reese and William Greenway are the sellers . . . Sale of the Michael L Apartments, 601 E. Roy St., has been completed. The building has 12 apartments. Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Hirota purchased the property from Mr. and Mrs. Mario Torre for \$144,200 through Stuart Thompson, Schwartz & Scott, Inc., salesman . . .

Hayasaka's LAW AND ORDER (Cont'd):

Law and order must have equal meaning and application to all of us or none of us are really safe and our freedom is in danger.

What does law and order mean? Depends on where you sit, apparently -- as a part of our society or apart from our society.

NEWS JOTTINGS (Cont'd):

MILESTONES: Mume Mayeda. Funeral Jan. 4. Seattle Buddhist Church, Women's Fellowship, Kumamoto Club. Mother of Tom T. Mayeda, Mrs. Tom (Ayako) Tomoguchi and Mrs. Matao (Taye) Yorita, all of Seattle; Mrs. Mac (Haru) Sasaki, La Puente, Ca; Mrs. Ben (Amy) Yorita (Honolulu) and Mrs. William (Ruby) Yakobe, of Seattle and one brother in Japan . . . "W." Masakichi Nakamura. Funeral Jan. 6. Japanese Presbyterian Church, Fukui Club, Japanese Community Service, Puget Sound Golf Club, Charter member Nippon Tennis Club. Husband of Masuko, father of Masaji, Kenjiro, Kuni, and Miss Nobuko Nakamura, Mrs. Kei (Toshiko) Fujikado, all Seattle. Brother of Sadakichi and Wasaburo Nakamura; Mrs. Shika Enami, all Japan . . .

29 students of the Japanese Agricultural Training Program arrived by bus here from Moses Lake where they had attended Big Bend Community College as part of the program. For the next 18 months they will live with their hosts, selected for their special interests and will scatter around Seattle and to Bellingham, Sequim, Callam County, and Olympia. This is work-study program administered by National 4-H Club Foundation in cooperation with the Japanese Agricultural Training Council, the embassy of Japan and the U.S. Dept. of State, Labor and Agriculture . . . JAL's fleet currently stands at 43 aircraft; 23 DC-8's, 7 Convair 880's and 13 Boeing 727's. Despite the retirement of the Convair 880's in 1970 and 1971, JAL expects by 1973 to be operating a fleet of 77: 3 Concorde, 10 Boeing 747's, 50 DC-8's and 14 Boeing 727's . . . ENTERTAINMENT: For the followers of Eileen Suyama, songstress, and the Jerry Rowan trio the following note: Their road trips have taken them to Yakima; Eureka, Phoenix and Colorado Springs. At present they are booked at Piccadilly, 17th and Broadway, in Denver . . . It was called to our attention that Mrs. Hosoye Kodama, headmaster of the Washington State Ikenobo School of Japanese Flower Arrangement, and who was honored with an invitation for a reception Oct. 23 in Tokyo to meet the Emperor and Empress of Japan in Meiji Centennial observances, (see Nov. issue) is also an One Thousand Club member and is the mother-in-law to Warren Chan who was elected to the County Superior Court Bench . . . Japanese Baptist Church has nearly completed the first phase of their remodeling program. The church gym is adorned with new paneled walls and transparent basketball hoop backboard. And speaking about the changing time, the women's gym shower room has been dismantled and converted into an opulent young people's social room . . .

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE HAS A RUNNING START

The Chapter received a good news when Tak Kubota agreed to head the membership drive for the third straight years. His outstanding record as membership chairman helped in his being awarded the JACler of the Biennium Gold Medallion. Membership dues are \$8.50 for single member and \$15 for couple membership. National 1000 Club dues are \$25 and 1000 Clubber Chapter dues are \$2. A year's subscription to 6-page Pacific Citizen weekly comes with the membership. Enclosed with this newsletter will be membership application form. If you have already paid, please pass this on to your friend. A good start of 145 members so far according to Kubota.

Calendar of Events

- Jan. 15--Regular monthly board meeting 8 p.m. JACL office
- 28--Japanese Community Service installation dinner and to honor decoration recipients
Genji Mihara (3rd Class) and Yoshichii Tanaka (6th Class) of the Order of the Sacred Treasure. Bush Garden from 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 4--Human relations committee meeting 8 p.m. JACL office
- 7--News deadline for JACL Reporter. Mail articles to:
c/o (Editor) Eira Nagaoka, 151 11th Avenue, Seattle 98122
- 12--Newsletter mailing night 8 p.m. JACL office
- 19--Regular monthly board meeting (tentative) 8 p.m. JACL office

JACL BOARD MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 STARTING AT 8 P.M. IN THE JACL OFFICE

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