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## CHAPTER TO MEET THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17 TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT ISSUES

The September membership meeting will be held this Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 7:45 p.m. The Pacific Northwest District Council meeting and possibly the law and order issue affecting the Japanese community may get some airing. Japanese American Centennial program will cite the Wakamatsu Week symbolizing the 100 years since the first Japanese immigrants were admitted to the United States. Representative Brock Adams has been instructed to help insert the State of Washington Issei Story in the Congressional Records. 60 copies of \$1 Centennial booklets have been sent to various schools in the Seattle Public School systems and to the public libraries. Mimeographed insert may be enclosed with this newsletter on the history of issei in this area. If not, it should be enclosed in the following publication.

Membership drive is still in progress. Tak Kubota reported in the last meeting that 617 members have been assured so far and over \$400 in donations has been received. List of donors will be published in the future issue. We are very close to the JACL quota and any members signed from now on will benefit the Chapter in the form of generous rebate from the National Headquarter. New members will get full credit for year's subscription to the Pacific Citizen weekly. Chapter dues are \$8.50 for single member, \$6.50 for husband or wife of member. National 1000-Club dues are \$25 and 1000 Clubber's Chapter dues are \$2. Make check payable to JACL Seattle Chapter, 526 South Jackson Street, Seattle 98104.

Youth Concern Committee headed by chairman Dr. Joe Okimoto reports that International Chapter of the Kiwanis International made available cases of coke and the machine for Teen Center. Davenport and easy chairs were loaned by the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church. The highlight of the program was the weekly rap session when teenage and adults exchanged ideas to bridge the communication barrier. With the opening of school term, Teen Center summer recreation program is closed for the year almost as soon as it was opened. But the procedures were crystalized and many lessons learned. The activity will continue periodically such as the flower arrangement introduction for the teenagers described elsewhere in this newsletter.

### Issei Victimized in the Upsurge of Criminal Activities

An appeal on crime condition has been received by the Seattle Chapter to do something in the approximate area bounded by Weller, Spruce, 14th and 23rd. The tabulation of mugging and attack on older citizens showed 44 cases within 4 block radius in a short span of time. Many crimes were committed brazenly in broad daylight. The letter received by the Chapter stated that "calling of police has produced no concrete action or solution. Some has been hospitalized more than once." The letter signed by pharmacist George Tokuda, spokesman for the issei in this area with law breakdown problem, continues "I, as a citizen and taxpayer, feel that certainly, somewhere, someone will be sympathetic and helpful in bringing some solution and protection of the old." Tokuda's letter was accompanied with copy of another letter sent to Councilman Sam Smith, Chairman of the Law and Order committee of the City Council.

A challenge has been sent to the Seattle Chapter. We welcome everyone who is interested in helping resolve this crisis to attend the next meeting to help bring pressure to the city and police department. Lack of safety in walking the streets in your neighborhood is an infringement of human rights. Let's show the concern for the issei who have suffered too much and too long.

Regular monthly meeting is set for this Wednesday, September 17 at the JACL office.

## JACL CIVIL RIGHTS COORDINATOR RAY UNO TO ATTEND PNW DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

Ray Uno, National Civil Rights Coordinator, plans to be in Seattle, Saturday, Sept. 20 to spend the day listening to and observing the scene.

Towards that, plans are being formulated for Ray to talk with diverse persons from different racial groups of the community. The schedule is being arranged by Phil Hayasaka and Don Kazama. Hopefully the scene in Seattle may provide some ideas to Ray for JACL, locally as well as nationally.

Another issue is the generation gap. The sansei evidence this in many and different ways and some of this was found as a result of the Teen Center this summer. To this, arrangements are being laid for dialogue with the sansei. Joe Okimoto is coordinating this end of it.

--Don Kazama

## THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF PNWDC ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

Seattle Chapter will host the Pacific Northwest District Council meeting to be held Sunday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Satellite Room of the Hyatt House. Attempt will be made to finish all business matters during the morning session. Ray Uno, National Civil Rights Coordinator, Dr. Joe Okimoto, Phil Hayasaka and Don Kazama, chairman of the PNWDC Human Relations Committee, will be on the program for the afternoon. This will be a real opportunity to clarify any policy question of National JACL which may remain in your mind. If you are planning to attend the luncheon which may cost anywhere from \$4 to \$4.50 please make reservations to Mrs. Sally Kazama (PA 5-3472). Luncheon and program are held in a different room.

## MAYOR APPOINTS HAYASAKA AS DIRECTOR OF THE NEW HUMAN RIGHTS DEPARTMENT

Y. Philip Hayasaka was named director of the new Human Rights Department by Mayor Floyd Miller Sept. 3. He has been executive secretary of the Human Rights Commission since it was formed in 1963. (Cont'd next page)

HAYASAKA (Cont'd): He was for four years executive director of the Jackson Street Community Council. He has served as Chapter president in 1961 and as past chairman of PNWDC human relations committee. He is member of the One Thousand club.

SANSEI FLOWER ARRANGEMENT DEMONSTRATION SET FOR THIS FRIDAY

"Pitch-In" summer recreation program has been concluded with the opening of school term. An extension and follow-up program will be held in the series of teen activities. The first is the introduction to and demonstration of flower arrangement to be held at the Japanese Baptist Church in the upstairs social room this Friday, Sept. 12 from 7:30 p.m. Mrs. William J. Lahr, Director of Education at the Seattle Art Museum, will explain what the art of flower arrangement is all about. Interest has been expressed by the sansei for more cultural program to enhance their sansei identity. All sansei are invited. Nisei are welcome to sit in. This is a program sponsored by the Youth Concern committee under chairman Dr. Joe Okimoto.

QUEEN SELECTION COMMITTEE THANKS THE COMMUNITY FOR GENEROUS DONATION AND PARTICIPATION

The crowning of Miss Karen Tsukiji as the Queen of the Greater Seattle Japanese Community and Seafair Princess on July 12 and the Seafair activities are all behind us. In accordance with the uniform procedures set up by the Seafair committee, \$500 has been awarded to Queen Karen and \$100 each will be received by Princess Christine Yamashiro and Elaine Aoki.

Chairman Helen Akita released the names of special donors who helped "to make it possible for us to plan and carry out programs necessary in the selection of Japanese community queen."

The committee wishes to acknowledge the following for their generous donations:

The Rev. Emery E. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Jiro Aoki, Mr. and Mrs. Takao Aoki, Grant Beppu, Taft Beppu, Bush Garden, Adrienne Dong, George Fugami, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fujii, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fukui, Mrs. Frances Kiki Hagimori, Edward S. Hidaka, Tom Hidaka, Imperial Lanes, Mrs. Sam Iwasaki c/o Bryn Mawr Greenhouse for ribbons and flowers, Dick Kanaya, George Kawachi, C. Kinoshita, Henry Komatsu, H. T. Kubota c/o H.T. K. Management Co., Mr. and Mrs. Tak Kuriyama, Eugene Lam, John Matsumoto, and Jim M. Nakano.

Kaz and Sharon Nakata, T. Namatame, Richard M. Narasaki, Nisei Veterans Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Mitsugi Noji, John Ogishima, Joe Sakamoto, Roy Sakamoto, John Y. Sato & Associates, Art Susumi, Fred Takagi, Uhachi Tamesa, Mrs. Ann-H. Tokita, Masao Tomita, Ted Tomita, Dr. Terrance M. Toda, Min Tsubota, Mrs. Midori Uyeda, Uwajimaya c/o Tomio Horiguchi, Mr. and Mrs. Tad Wada, West Coast Printing Co., and Mrs. May Yoshinaka.

The queen committee also wish to name the host and hostesses not mentioned in the article of last month. They were Mr. and Mrs. Don Kazama, Dr. and Mrs. Minoru Masuda, Dr. and Mrs. Calvin Takagi, Mrs. Midori Uyeda, Miss Takako Yoda, and Dr. and Mrs. Terrance M. Toda.

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE WANTS NAME OF ISSEI 80 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER

The Seattle JACL is trying to compile a list of all issei over 80 years of age in Seattle and the outlying areas. These issei will be specially honored as recipients of an Issei Commemoration Medallion which will be struck in honor of the Japanese Immigration Centennial Year (1969). They will be so honored at the National JACL Convention.

At the present time no such list of aged issei is available. The Japanese Immigration Centennial Committee is spearheading a drive to compile as complete a list as possible. To do this we intend to tap a variety of sources. If any issei in your family or relatives or circle of friends is age 80 or over, could you please send in his (her) name, address, age and "ken" to Minoru Masuda, 103 Erie Avenue, Seattle 98122 so that he may be receiving this medallion. We're also asking the Japanese newspaper and the churches as well as the Japanese Community Service for aid in this project. We must have the list as soon as possible.--Minoru Masuda

REV. ANDREWS SENDS THE NOTE OF THANKS FOR PARTY

(Editor's note: The friends of the Rev. Emery E. Andrews helped him celebrate his 75th birthday on July 29 at the Nisei Veterans Hall. More than 200 well wishers were present amid colorful decors and happy surroundings but we'll let the letter speak for itself.)

Dear Friends,

Thanks for the birthday party. Judging by all the excitement, laughter and exclamations of surprise, it was a grand and glorious reunion of oldtimers and newtimers, the meeting of friends who had not seen each other for some time. It seemed like only sixty-five years, so had to reassure people that it was really seventy-five by showing them the old driver's license. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves. So thank you all again for your being there, all your greetings and remembrances.

They say that it is always better farther on.

Andy

APPLICANTS BEING SOUGHT FOR PROPOSED 16-STORY RETIREMENT HOME

The Kawabe Senior Citizens Fund, Inc., a non profit corporation, and sponsors of the 16-story retirement home to be built soon, is taking application for residence. This initial application is not binding. The minimum age is 62 years and the maximum annual income from all sources shall not exceed \$4,500 for single person and \$5,400 for couple. There is no limit on the assets retained. The project will offer 156 units of \$80-\$140 rental range.

You may apply for such housing if you qualify by age and income. An authorized representative will call upon you for information required by the Federal agency. This will then comprise your formal application for residence. The retirement home will be located on 18th Avenue between South Washington and South Main Street. (Cont'd next page)

BIRTHSTONES (Cont'd): Frank H. Shiomi, 88, Aug. 7. Seattle Buddhist Church and Men's Fellowship, Fukuoka Club and Kumamoto Club. Father of Mrs. William (Shizue) Watanabe, Seattle . . . Kelly H. Nishitani 70, Aug. 17. Japanese Presbyterian Church. Member Bd of Direc. Seattle Dojo; Tottori Club; past p. Seattle Yudansha Kai; Flower Growers of Puget Sound; Arboretum Foundation, Kelly Nishitani Bonsai Unit; Bonsai Society of Greater N.Y. He operated Oriental Gardens. He taught bonsai to perpetuate the art and promote Oriental-Caucasian understanding. He was serving as chairman of the 4th annual Bonsai Show scheduled for late August. Father of James H. and Samuel R. Nishitani, Seattle; brother of George, Caldwell, Ida.; Thomas, Myssa; Woodrow, Portland; The Rev. Yutaka Akichika, Tokyo; Mrs. Shungo (Sadako) Hirabayashi, Mrs. James Misao Sakamoto, Mrs. Anthony (May) Comes, Martha Nishitani, all Seattle; Mrs. Hideki (Constance) Sekijima, Spokane . . . Fuku Kusakabe. Seattle Buddhist Church, Fukushima Club, Seattle Japanese Apt. & Hotel Owners Assn. Mother of John I., Dr. Peter T., Tomie T., and Paul F.; Chiye Kusakabe, Mrs. Iso (Ai) Nishimura, all Seattle and two sisters in Japan . . . Mary M. Kawase, 49, Aug. 30 . . .

Ruby Sugie Numoto and Silas William May were married July 26 in the Japanese Presbyterian Church. The bride, daughter of Tichi Numotos, is a graduate of the UW. May, son of Silas Mays of Tucumcari, N.M., is U of N. Mex. and is a member of Kappa Alpha and Blue Key honoraries. Both did graduate work at S.F. State College and plan to live in the Philippines . . .

Susan K. Kihara and Thomas T. Ogawa were married Aug. 16 in the Seattle Buddhist Church. The bride, daughter of Koichi Kiharas, is a graduate of the UW. Ogawa, son of Harusue Ogawas of S.F. is a graduate of the UC at Berkeley and received a master's degree from the USC . . .

Two Whitman College students, Katherine Kuriyama and Kip Bates Kendrick, were wed Aug. 23 in Blaine Memorial Methodist Church. Parents are the Leo C. Kendricks of Yakima and the Takashi Kuriyamas. The bridegroom belongs to Beta Theta Pi Fraternity . . .

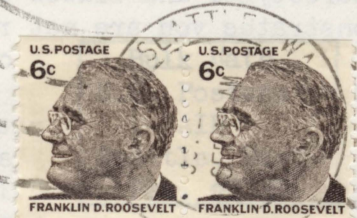
BUSINESS AND FINANCE: A three-story, 37-unit building at 5224 Rainier Avenue S. was sold to James Suzuki for \$400,900 by Crescent Apartments, Inc. . . . A three-story 12 unit building at 1818 Harvard Ave. was sold to H.H. Fujishima for \$143,050 by M.P. Hosterman . . . A store at 4304 University Way N.E. was sold to Shiga's Inc. for \$175,000 from Stella Sussman and Sidney Bader . . .

Calendar of Events

- Sept. 12--Flower arrangement lecture and demonstration for teenagers by Mrs. William J. Lauer, Education Director at the Seattle Art Museum. Extension of Teen Center activity 7:30 p.m. Baptist Church Japanese
- 13--Benefit chow mein dinner. Yoshito Mizuta chairman. Dinner including teriyaki chicken 5-7 p.m. at the NVC clubhouse. Takeout 4:30 p.m. \$1.50 adults, 75¢ under 12.
- 16--Internat'l District Improvement Assn meeting 7:30 p.m. 610 6th South
- 17--Regular monthly JACL membership meeting. Everyone welcome. 7:45 p.m. JACL office
- 18--The Rt. Rev. Mark Toshio Koike, bishop of Osaka diocese of the Episcopal Church to speak. 8:00 p.m. St. Peter's Episcopal
- 21--Third quarterly PNWDC meeting. Program in the afternoon 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Hyatt House
- 30--Intern'l District Improvement Association meeting 7:30 p.m. 610 6th South
- Oct. 3--News deadline for JACL Reporter. Mail articles to: c/o (Editor) E. Nagaoka, 151 11th Avenue, Seattle 98122
- 7--Human relations committee meeting 7:30 p.m. JACL office
- 8--Newsletter mailing night 8:00 p.m. JACL office
- 15--Regular monthly JACL membership meeting 7:45 p.m. JACL office

REMEMBER TO ATTEND JACL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SEPTEMBER 17 from 7:45 P.M. AT THE JACL OFFICE

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