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NANCY MOTOMATSU TO SPEAK FOLLOWING REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Regular monthly meeting will be called to order this Wednesday, Dec. 17 from 7:45 p.m. at the JACL office, 526 South Jackson Street. Nancy Motomatsu, who received a joint Japan Air Lines-JACL scholarship to Sophia University in Tokyo, will speak of her study and travel. She was sponsored by the Seattle Chapter.

The agenda for the evening will include committee reports. Dr. Minoru Masuda will summarize the successful Issei Centennial dinner. Nominations committee will release the names of winning candidates which will be published in the next issue. Progress report will be given by chairman Helen Akiwa on the annual installation dinner to be held Jan. 24 at the Royal Fork Buffet Restaurant at Mercer Island.

Last month was a lively meeting and many salvos were released from the firing line. (See details elsewhere this issue). However, for this meeting next Wednesday we may not have the same luxury timewise but we were assured that attendance will be very much worthwhile. How often do we have speaker from the fairer set?

The time again is next Wednesday, Dec. 17 starting at 7:45 p.m. The program begins at 8:30 p.m.

ONE THOUSAND CLUB CONTINUES TO GAIN UNDER KAWACHI

Not mentioned too often but standing as a bulwark for the JACL is the Chapter's counterpart -- the One Thousand Club. George Y. Kawachi has been the chairman for two straight years. His hyper-efficient encouragement has been one of our bright spots. He has raised the Chapter to a new high in this area. We are all grateful for the extraordinary job he has done.

The roster includes the number of years of membership. There are 90 plus active members. The asterisk (*) indicates charter member, meaning the first 1000 to sign up. In case of error, please call this to our attention.

Membership includes: Hiram T. Akita 14, Rev. Emery E. Andrews 9, Jiro E. Aoki 16, Akira Aramaki 4, Mrs. Catherine N. Chin 3, Mrs. Florence Fugami 1, George S. Fugami 8, *Yoshito Fujii 13, James Fukuda 4, Dr. Susumu Fukuda 16, Tosh Funai 3, *Frank H. Hattori LIFE, Dr. Senitiroh Hakomori 1, James M. Hara 1, Mrs. Shuko Hara 1, Y. Philip Hayasaka 6.

*Heitaro Hikida 13, Ute Hirano 3, Michel Hirao 1, *Joe S. Hirota 14, Dr. Frank T. Hori 2, *Takashi Hori LIFE, Tsuyoshi Horike 5, Fred Y. Imanishi 10, Mrs. Takeyo Imori 12, Thomas T. Imori 13, Roy H. Inui 1, Sad Ishimitsu 7, Tom S. Iwata 7, Frank H. Kamihachi 7, *John M. Kashiwagi 12, *S. George Kashiwagi 7, late Harry S. Kawabe 14, *George Y. Kawachi 14, George K. Kawaguchi 2, Koichi Kihara 7, *Frank Y. Kinomoto LIFE, Mrs. Hosoe Kodama 3, Fujitaro Kubota 3, *Henry T. Kubota LIFE, Takeshi Kubota LIFE, Nish Kumagai 7.

Dr. Roland S. Kumasaka 8, *Milton Maeda 16, *James M. Matsuoka 15, Robert H. Matsuura 7, *William Y. Mambu 17, Henry H. Miyake 9, Tomio Moriguchi 2, *Mrs. Kiyo Motoda 14, Richard K. Murakami 13, Eira Nagaoka 3, *Dr. Theodore T. Nakamura 15, *Ken Nogaki LIFE, Mitsugi Noji 15, Dr. Yoshitaka Ogata 1, Elmer Ogawa 10, Miss Rose Ogino 12, *Peter I. Ohtaki 15, *Dr. Kenji Okuda 6, Mrs. Sue Omori 15, Edward E. Otsuka 7, *Ted A. Sakahara 13, *Toru Sakahara 15, Howard S. Sakura 13, John Y. Sato 1, Roy Y. Seko 10, George Shibayama 1, Dr. Paul S. Shigaya 12.

Eddie K. Shimomura 9, Wilce Shiomi 1, Shioichi Suyama 11, Shosaku Suyama 2, Mrs. Toshie Suyama 7, Dr. M. Paul Suzuki 8, *Fred T. Takagi 17, Uhachi Tamesa 2, Masahisa Tanaka 2, Theodore T. Taniguchi 9, *Dr. Terrance M. Toda 11, Paul Y. Tomita 5, Mrs. Umeko Tosaya 7, Charles C. Toshi 10, Min Tsubota 11, Dr. Mas Uchimura 1, Mrs. Shigeko Uno 9, Dr. Ben T. Uyeno 9, *Dr. Kelly K. Yamada 16, *Kay Yamaguchi 17, *Minoru Yamaguchi 14, *Tad Yamaguchi 13, Dick H. Yamane 4, Tatsumi Yasui 9, and *Juro Yoshioka 14.

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION CENTIENNIAL BANQUET ACHIEVES COMPLETE SELLOUT

Issei pioneers were honored in a 710 plus overflow crowd held Nov. 24 at the Grand Ballroom of the new Washington Plaza Hotel in commemoration of 100th Anniversary of Japanese Immigration to the United States. The venture almost precipitated in a crisis when reservations mushroomed in the last minute.

Gov. Daniel J. Evans, speaker for the evening, gave tribute to the Issei.

"It is my honor to be here tonight," he said, "and particularly to add my congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. Tashiro and Mr. Hamada for their long, long service in the state of Washington. In fact as I was seated here at the head table figuring that if I were to equal Mr. Hamada's records and some day be at a dinner when close to 100 years old, it will be in the year 2,025. And I hope to, Mr. Hamada, some day have that privilege."

"I think it is very very important that we honor these 100 years of contribution especially during the time when youth seem to be paramount. The young today seem to have all of the opportunities. They have most of the publicity. They certainly have the attention of the world and particularly the television camera. And yet for all the opportunity, for all the vitality, for all the future that comes to youth, for all the intelligence (cont'd next page)

and all of the ability they may have, there is one thing that youth can only gain as they grow in age and that is wisdom. For it takes years to acquire wisdom. It takes experience to acquire wisdom. I think it is particularly important that we gather here tonight to honor those who have contributed so much for so many years and who have gained the wisdom of those years and can pass that wisdom along to the generation to follow.

"We all owe to you deep depth of thanks and gratitude for what you have done not only for your family but for your community and for your state.

"My personal thanks, my personal admiration goes to each of those who have been honored here tonight and I know that I share with all the citizens of this state my thanks, our congratulation and our very best wishes for many, many more years of happiness and contribution. Doomo arigato gozaimasu!"

Consul General Shigemi Hayashida read a special congratulatory message from the Prime Minister Eisaku Sato. "On occasion of the Centennial Banquet in commemoration of Japanese immigration," the message began, "to the United States to be held in Seattle, I extend my heartfelt congratulation to the Japanese American Citizens League in Seattle and particularly to the Issei." The message continued to speak of the new "Pacific Age" and the hope for continuing work for the benefit of Japanese-American friendship.

Genji Mihara, president of the Japanese Community Service, spoke in behalf of the honored Issei. "It is my honor and privilege to say in behalf of the Issei," Mihara said, "who have resided here in Seattle. It was here in Seattle in 1930 that JACL had its origin and now it is 40 years old with Chapters all over the United States. It is indeed a dream come true. We are very happy to be here at this banquet and to express our gratitude. However, there are many pioneer leaders who are no longer with us. We pay our respect to them tonight and remember them on this occasion."

250 Issei were presented bronze medallion. Special citations were given to Ritaro Hamada who will be 100 next Dec. 28 and to the oldest couple present Mr. and Mrs. Kanjiro Tashiro, 94 and 93 respectively.

Two proclamations were made. The first one read in part: "To the people of the State of Washington, the first band of Japanese immigrants came to these United States in 1869 to establish the ill-fated Wakamatsu Silk and Tea Colony at Gold Hill, California. The Japanese American Citizens League has designated this year of 1969 as the Japanese Immigration Centennial in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Wakamatsu Colony . . .

"Now, therefore, I, Daniel J. Evans, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby designate this year, 1969, as the JAPANESE IMMIGRATION CENTIENNIAL and in so doing honor the now thinning ranks of pioneer Japanese immigrants who have helped to make glorious the State of Washington. /s/ Daniel J. Evans, Governor"

The Mayor's proclamation stated:

". . . Particularly in our City and State, these Japanese and their descendants have made great contributions to our growth and development, overcoming language, cultural and social obstacles to leave a testimony to their productiveness on the land and in industry . . .

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, FLOYD C. MILLER, Mayor of the City of Seattle, do hereby proclaim 1969 as the JAPANESE IMMIGRATION CENTENNIAL and honor those pioneer Japanese immigrants who helped make glorious the City of Seattle and the Pacific Northwest. /s/ Floyd C. Miller, Mayor"

Supporting the JACL were the following organizations: Consulate General of Japan in Seattle, Japan America Society of Seattle, Japanese Community Service, Japanese Cultural Festival, Inc. and the Shunju Club.

Program included: M.C. and invocation, Rev. Timothy Nakayama of St. Peter's Episcopal; benediction, Rev. K.M. Kumata, Seattle Betsuin; koto and shakuhachi, Mr. and Mrs. Jinsei Takamura; odori, Miss Tazue Kiyono.

Special acknowledgements go to artist, Robert Tanaka; production, William Kawahara, and Harold Kawaguchi; calligraphy, Yoshito Fujii and Chikuji Katayama; poetry translation, Dr. Richard McKimmon; flowers, Garland Florist and Flower Growers of Puget Sound.

Special table host and hostesses were Dr. and Mrs. Terrance Toda, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Suzuki, Messrs. and Meses. Roy Seko, George Kawachi, Roy Sakamoto, Toru Sakahara, Tomio Moriguchi, George Fugami, Terumitsu Kano, Fred Takagi, Yoshito Fujii, Tom Iwata, Tom Hidaka, Paul Suzuki, John Kitasako, Frank Hattori, Tak Kubota, and Joe Yada. Also Shigeiko Uno, Takako Yoda.

Other hosts and hostesses were Dr. and Mrs. Calvin Takagi, Dr. and Mrs. Joe Okamoto, Messrs. and Meses. John Sato, Charles Kinoshita, Shuzo Sumii, Kay Mori, Min Masuda, Ted Sakahara, Don Kazama, Phil Hayasaka and Hiram Akita. Others include Chiyo Hirota, Sachiko Takahashi, Tina Masuda, Karen Tsukiji, Elaine Aoki, Christine Yamashiro, John Matsumoto, Kimi Nakanishi, Kathy Miyamoto, Florence Kanagusuku, Nobi Kano, Cherry Kinoshita, Sharon Sakamoto, Harry Nishimoto, Junior Nogaki, Hiro Oishi, Rev. Emery E. Andrews, George Kawachi, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shinbo, and Toshio Toyoji.

Dr. Minoru Masuda was chairman of the Centennial Committee. Others on this committee were Donald Kazama, John Kitasako, Takeshi Kubota, Hana Masuda, Genji Mihara, Kathy Miyamoto, Tomio Moriguchi, Yone Nakako and Dr. Terrance M. Toda.

Dr. Masuda really outdid himself again in organizing a complex program covering several months. No stone was left unturned. Issei Story which he wrote was published in several publications. He personally made a pitch to several organizations. The banquet program was a work of art. Dr. Masuda wants to thank everyone for their help. He especially wants to commend the JACL membership for their cooperation; attendance and enthusiasm. "We honored Issei, had a very heartwarming festive evening," Masuda said, "and the name of JACL has never shined brighter in Issei eyes." -----o-----

DISCRIMINATION DUE TO LACK OF CITIZENSHIP CONTESTED

Person should not be denied employment due to race, color, creed or national origin. This is universally accepted here at least in theory. But what about discrimination in employment due to citizenship? Should resident aliens be denied full civil service status because they have not fulfilled the five years resident requirements before they can apply for citizenship?

The City was hard pressed in filling engineering vacancies when Seattle area aerospace employment was hitting the peak of 105,000. Following nation-wide recruitment, 18 alien civil engineers were hired on provisional status. They were mostly Chinese nationals including British subjects from Hongkong. Korean, Indian, Filipino and Englishman were among others. There is no Japanese. Only citizens can take civil service examination for full status.

The trouble began when current cutback reduced the aerospace employment to about 84,000. Some of the aerospace engineers are trying to seek employment with the City which gives citizen bumping right over alien. Aliens contend that limiting civil service examinations to citizens as written in the Charter is unconstitutional.

Alien engineers won temporary restraining order but Superior Court Judge Charles Z. Smith dissolved the order Nov. 19. The Charter ruling on citizenship was declared constitutional but Judge Smith said, "We can no longer justify it just because it has been done for 73 years." Judge was hopeful that City Council will take a closer look.

The next stop will probably be the 9-man Court of Appeals created in the last legislature. The case may yet wind up in the State Supreme Court as the question involves constitutionality.

HEATED DISCUSSION ON 'LAW OF CONSCIENCE' PERTAINING TO DELEGATES

The after shock of PNWDC passing resolution supporting the Central Area contractor continued at the Chapter meeting Nov. 19. The quarrel is not with the content of the resolution. The point of dispute was the parliamentary procedure in the adaptation of the subject matter without prior discussion at the Chapter level.

President-elect Don Kazama who presided at the meeting read portions of PNWDC By-Laws including Sec. 3 and 4 under Agenda: "Measures not included on the agenda, except for amendments to the Constitutions and By-Laws, may be introduced from the floor at any meeting of the District Council . . ." "The actions of the Executive Committee and/or District Council shall be binding upon all member Chapters."

Then Kazama read portion of President Jerry Enomoto's column (Nov. 14 P.C.) pertaining to the same subject:

"Because I was asked to comment on 'National JAFL Policy,' I reiterated some basic things that I believe reflect our policy and represent a responsible stance.

"Any resolution brought up on the floor of a district council meeting by a duly recognized delegate, within the ground rules of that district, can be debated and tabled, passed or voted down. No delegate is obliged to do anything other than what conscience dictates."

Liem Eng Tuai disagreed on this interpretation when he said, "Board delegates represent the Board and is the mouthpiece of the participating Chapter. The Board will have no purpose or function if delegates exercised only his conscience. I can't see 'about what the conscience dictates.' He was there as a spokesman for his Chapter."

Dr. Terrance Toda also pointed to the difference between the housekeeping business as against policy making which is left solely to the Chapter. He went on to say that Chapters should have the right to ratify any of the policy proceedings of PNWDC.

But others were fearful of the limitations being put on the delegates. The Board agreed to leave further discussion to the committee.

Tuai, chairman of the legal legislative committee, appointed Toru Sakahara, Tom Iwata, and Dr. Toda to the ad hoc committee in an attempt to clarify the function of delegates. President Aoki will appoint others.

This balk at the existing district Constitution for reinterpretation may be an attempt to reemphasize the axiom that Chapter Board represents general membership. It may be an adjustment to the present mood of the time.

KUBOTA CHALLENGES NOMINATION GROUND RULES

Tak Kubota in the November meeting questioned the procedures set down by the nomination committee which is in third year of use.

Kubota's contention was that Chapter Constitution provides for nomination being made from the floor including the office of the president. "What is wrong with presenting to the membership of qualified men during nomination meeting for the office of the president?" Kubota kept asking.

Those who spoke up against this proposal said that precedent has already been set. The office of president-elect was to give this person a chance to serve as an apprentice.

Dr. Terrance Toda agreed on this point when he said, "The intent was there about the president-elect. No committee is infallible. You can't cover every contingency. The intent was that president-elect will serve as president the following year."

Kubota commented that if there were special ground rules laid down for the nominating committee, a similar ground rules should be set up for all committees. Otherwise we should all stick to the wordings of the Chapter Constitutions so says Kubota.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

By President Jiro Aoki and President-Elect Don Kazama

A most interesting and successful year for this Chapter was climaxed with a highly successful Centennial Immigration Dinner honoring Isseis over 80 years of age. A turnaway crowd of over 700 attended the function at the new Washington Plaza Ballroom. Over 120 Isseis attended an emotionally laden event. Chairman Minoru Masuda and his committee did an excellent job.

Of particular interest was the start of the Youth Concerns Committee with special focus on letting the youngsters do their "thing." With funds from the Mayor's Youth Coordinator Office Pitch-In Funds, a Teen Center was started at the Bailey Gatzert School in July under the direction of Joe Okimoto. Attendance was particularly gratifying with youth ranging in age from 12 to 21 attending. There was no attempt to structure the activities part of the program. Each Wednesday "rap" sessions on a variety of subjects were conducted by Joe Okimoto. The director of the center was Joe Eng, student at the Seattle Community College.

A community meeting was held with Dr. H. L. Kitano, Professor, UCLA, spoke on the subject of Nisei-Sansei Behavior. About 225 attended. The Coronation Ball was attended by about 250 persons to see Karen Tsukiji crowned the Japanese Community Queen and Christine Yamashiro and Elaine Aoki as Princesses. Helen Akita ably assisted by an excellent committee chaired the event. The Japanese Cultural Festival Committee was the co-sponsor. The Installation and Awards Dinner chaired by the ever capable Tak Kubota attracted a crowd of 180. A small group of members attended a dinner in honor of Dillon Myers, former Director of WRA. As usual the various committees attracting a great number of members were busy attending to Chapter matters. This kept the Chapter moving and orderly. Those behind the scenes activities were the things that kept the Chapter lively and moving.

Membership Meeting Programs

A number of membership meetings with speakers on interesting and also controversial subjects were well attended. Rev. Mineo Katagiri presented the purposes of the newly formed Asian Coalition for Equality. Minoru Masuda presented the plans for the Central Area sub School Board. Merritt Sakata, U of W student presented Visual Aid ideas for the International District improvement. The Police Community Relations Unit discussed with members the purse snatching and assaults on Isseis in the Central Area. Mass transportation input was presented. Ben Yorita presented slides of his study and tour of Hawaii and the Far East.

Telephone directory will be distributed sometime this month. Cochairmen Roy Seko and Dr. Terrance T. Toda and the committee worked hard on this project.

Ad hoc committee was formed recently to program all the activities for the coming year. This should assure a great year for the coming term.

The most encouraging thing this year was the fact that new members were active in Chapter affairs and probably the number of different individuals involved totaled about 200. This represents about one-third of the membership and bodes well for the Chapter. It would appear that there are a great number of people interested in the doings of the Chapter. The different and "controversial" activities have been responsible for this interest. A change in the direction of the Chapter has contributed to this.

To attempt to summarize this past year in a few brief words is a most difficult matter. There has been much in the way of conversation and bull sessions and arguments which led to renewed and different interest in the Seattle Chapter. Many people have challenged the Chapter and different people have suggested new activities for the coming years. Most people have stated that they are willing to help out. Several people have offered voluntarily to help. All of this means that diverse and varied interests of the community must be attended to and hope fully met. All of this means that the Chapter must get more of the community involved. The challenge is there for us.

COUNCILMAN TUAI BEGINS SECOND TERM

City Comptroller Carl G. Erlandson administered the oath of office Dec. 1 to Liem Eng Tuai along with other newly elected members of the City Council George Cooley, Mrs. Jeanette Williams, and Wayne Larkin. Councilman Tuai won handily over W.G. (Bill) Gordon for Council Position No. 2 in the November election. David Suffia, Seattle Times writer, wrote Tuai "probably will continue to side with the liberals on many issues, as he has in his few months in office as an appointive councilman, although he is nominally a conservative Republican." Richard W. Larsen, also Times writer, wrote in Oct. 29 issue that Tuai, although in his first race for election, was not pitching his candidacy. Instead he had voluntarily plunged into a talk about the transit tax issues and the tangle of problems facing the city.

"... 'I sure don't have all the answers,' Tuai concedes. But he seems determined to seek the in-fighting associated with the problems, rather than using the usual political feints.

"Tuai frequently launches into a legal discussion about the sharply limited authority with other governmental powers reserved for the state. Broadened authority -- particularly in the area of taxes -- probably will be granted to the city, says Tuai, but that is in the future . . .

"After the candidates had spoken Monday night, a member of the audience, a young woman, shook Tuai's hand and said; "It was brave of you to try."

"... Tuai has played an unusual role in the gruelling series of forums which all the candidates have gone through. Said one candidate (in another race): 'Liem takes all the tough question. He sure takes the heat off us.'" Liem is member of the Chapter Board and is chairman of the legal-legislative committee. -----o-----

DEMONSTRATION IN CALLIGRAPHY TO BE HELD JAN. 9

Sansei will have an opportunity to get acquainted with the art of calligraphy again. Mr. Chikuji Katayama, an Issei scholar, who still teaches part time at the UW, will be back Jan. 9. The Chinese character, used by the Japanese and called kanji, is not only a form of communication but a vehicle of artistic expression.

In the last calligraphy session we watched the skilled hands of Mr. Katayama in action. We were fascinated in knowing that this is becoming a lost art here.

Mr. Katayama will combine the calligraphy art into a New Year's festivity as practiced in Japan. With the brush and ink the flowing lines of shades of black with the use of white space will create an object of artistic beauty. We saw some samplings of calligraphy in the program booklet of recent Centennial dinner.

The project is conducted by JACL's Youth Concern Committee under Chairman Dr. Joseph Okimoto. Miyo Kaneta directs the program. All Sansei are invited. Parents furnishing transportation may sit in.

Mark the calendar for Friday, Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m. at the Japanese Baptist Church.

NEWS JOTTINGS: The South District Lions Club has named Jim Mochizuki, son of Eugene Mochizukis, as the Boy of the Month for Cleveland High . . . Rick Kusunose, quarterback for the Rainier Beach Vikings of the Metro League, finished 9th in the passing statistics with 504 yards in 36-109 completions including two for touchdowns. He received honorable mention in Times All-Star selection . . . Eleven Seattle U students received the Army ROTC Academic Achievement Award for placing in the top 10%. Awardees included Lloyd Takeshita, Phillip Ng, Russell Tomita, Vernon Oshiro, all from Hawaii . . . Alumnae and active members of Pi Lambda Theta celebrated the 52nd anniversary of the international honorary for educators at a dinner at the UW HUB Nov. 20. The Rev. Mineo Katagiri spoke on "Education for Brotherhood -- Whose Responsibility?" . . . Congress of Arts sponsored by Washington State Arts Commission, Allied Arts of Seattle, King County Arts Commission and the Pacific Science Center, convened Nov. 14-15 in the Ames Theatre of the Pacific Science Center. Madame Hosoe Kodama created giant size flower arrangements with the assistance of Mrs. R. L. Randolph . . . Gallery Nimba, Seattle's first public gallery devoted to African tribal art opened Nov. 16. The gallery has been established to help educate the public about the priceless cultural heritage expressed in African tribal art. The gallery's sponsors attending champagne preview Nov. 12 included Paul Horiuchis, George Tsutakawas, and Mayor-elect and Mrs. Wes Uhlman . . .

James M. Matsuoka of International Realty has received a permanent appointment to serve on the Advisory Committee for the Seattle Community College System in guiding the curriculum program for its real estate courses. Matsuoka was cochairman in the successful Land Law Repeal campaign. Lay leader of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, he is recipient of the coveted "Bishop's Cross" presented by Rt. Rev. Ivol Ira Curtis of Diocese of Olympia. He is member of Bishop's Committee and Diocesan Council elected by delegates from Western Washington . . .

Lord Abbot Kosho Ohtani and Lady Yoshiko Ohtani were visitors to Seattle last month. He is the spiritual leader of 11 million Buddhists and patriarch of the Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple at Kyoto. Reception was held at Olympic Hotel attended by Governor, Mayor and County Executive. Their trip includes visit to the White House, an audience with Secretary General U Thant of the United Nations. Lady Ohtani will present \$5,000 from the National Buddhist Women's Association to the U.N. to aid poverty-stricken children of the world . . . The Seattle-Kobe Torii Fund received \$500 from Charles E. Peterson, president of Trident Imports, Inc. increasing the funds to \$12,722. The 53-foot Torii will cost \$30,000. John W. Money and Daniel Ward are co-chairmen . . . P.I. columnist Emmett Watson in Nov. 20 issue writes: "The unidentified (but prominent) figure in the middle of a Brand X picture Mon.--the U.S. arms talk team in Helsinki -- was none other than Seattleite Martin Hirabayashi, the team's economic advisor. Hirabayashi, married to Tacoman Joyce Higuchi, is the same feller who accompanied George Weyerhaeuser to Japan for all those 'log talks' last year" . . . Ted Taniguchi and Akico Tatsumi were recently married at the Seattle Buddhist Church . . .

MILESTONES:

Funeral services for Harry S. Kawabe, 79, Japanese community civic leader and businessman, was held Nov. 14 at the Seattle Buddhist Church. He died Nov. 7. A native of Japan, Mr. Kawabe came here in 1906. He moved to Alaska in 1909. He established dry-cleaning and laundry business in Seward in 1915. He later had interests in a general-merchandise store, a gold mine, a bank, restaurants, a barber shop and liquor store. During the 1930s Mr. Kawabe sponsored a series of test cases which won the Japanese residents of Alaska some privileges of U.S. citizens. Mr. Kawabe returned here in 1945. He established H.S. Kawabe & Co. He was president of Kawabe Enterprises, Inc., which included Kawabe's Gallery and Kawabe's Gift Store, the Tokyo Bazaar at the Seattle Center and the Savoy Hotel. He received the Order of Sacred Treasure. He initiated a program for a senior-citizens home. He was also charter member of Japan America Society, Past President of the Seattle Japanese Hotel & Apt Owners Assn, an advisor to JACL, trustees of Japanese Language School, and past president of Seattle Buddhist Church Board of Director. He was trustee and chairman of the commerce committee of Japanese Community Service, a member of Seattle Chamber of Commerce, the Seattle Central Assn, the Arboretum Foundation, the Ohmi Club, Biwako Club, Hatsune Club, the National Conference of Christian and Jews, Kokufu Shigin Kai and the Sourdough Pioneer Club of Seward. He was a staunch supporter of JACL and member of One Thousand Club. His wife, Tomo, survives. He is the father of Toru Yasutake, the uncle of Sadao Kawabe (Seward, Alaska), grandfather of Sadao Ishibashi (Japan).

Dorothy Hatsumi Inouye, 60, Nov. 10. Survivors include: h Hajime. Mother of Mrs. Akemi Fujioka and Mika Inouye, both Seattle; Mrs. Naomi Meyer, Reno. Sister of Takeshi Sakaguchi,

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Bellevue; Mrs. Tom (Amy) Kubota, Seattle . . . Orikichi Watanabe, 90, Nov. 26. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Men's Fellowship, Kumamoto Club. Survivors include w Suna; Masaaki (N.Y.), George Y. (Seattle); d Mrs. Richard (Mary) Kanaya (Seattle), Mrs. Nobuji (Kiyoko) Murata (NY)

BUSINESS AND FINANCE: The new facilities for the Portland regional office, parts depot and service training center for the Toyota Motor Co., USA, opened Nov. 21. The new facilities are situated on six acres adjacent to the municipal airport . . . Skip Yamamoto, assistant to manager Harry Wong at the Trader Vic's has left for The Trader's spot in Houston . . . Jim Suzuki, host and mgr of Ivar's Captain's Table has been named Maitre d' Month by Seattle Shopping News. Graduate of Queen Anne High, he attended the UW as history major. He worked in the C nllis kitchen. He traveled to and from Spokane overseeing the preparations for opening a new Spokane Polynesia. In 1966 he became assistant mgr with Ivar's new Captain's Table. When Ivar's new "Indian Salmon House" opens, Suzuki will be its full time manager and host . . . Frank M. Akiyoshi has received a certificate of accomplishment upon graduation from Farmers Insurance Group's 12-month career training program, it has been announced by Don Pretzinger, Mercer Island, regional mgr. Akiyoshi operates from Mercer Island office . . . Hobbs/Fukui Associates is the new firm title for Richard W. Hobbs Associates following the naming of David H. Fukui architect, as partner in the architectural and planning firm . . .

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 14--NVC Children's Christmas party. Movie, Santa, and music by Imperial Drum and Bugle Corps. Refreshments served to everyone attending. 2 p.m. at NVC Clubhouse.
- 17--Regular monthly board meeting. Nancy Motomatsu to speak 7:45 p.m. JACL office
- 18--International District Improvement Association meeting 7:30 p.m. 610 6th South
- 28-30--Japanese Baptist Church mochi sale. \$1 per ducat. Special order for okasane @ \$1.25 per set by placing order with "Assie Tomita (PA 2-0496) or June Yabuki (GL 4-5898)
- 31--New Year's Eve party for members and friends. Hawaiian band to provide dance music. Mixers, favors and snacks to be furnished. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tosh Okamoto, Stella Hashimoto and Yuki Mizuta co-chairmen
- Jan. 9--Calligraphy demonstration for Sansei by Chikuji Katayama. Sponsored by JACL Youth Concerns Committee. Adults providing transportation Japanese Bapt. may sit in. 7:30 p.m. Church library
- 9--News deadline for JACL Reporter. Mail articles to: c/o (Editor) Eira Nagaoka, 151 11th Ave., Seattle 98122
- 14--Newsletter mailing night 8:00 p.m. JACL office
- 21--Regular monthly membership meeting 7:45 p.m. JACL office
- 24--Annual JACL Installation dinner at the Royal Forks Buffet Restaurant

1970 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ALREADY UNDERWAY

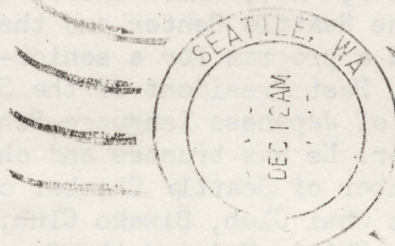
In an attempt to get an early start, membership application forms will be mailed with the newsletter. Membership dues are \$8.50 for single member and \$15 for couple membership. One Thousand Club members are requested to send in their 1970 Chapter dues as soon as possible. Bowlers who wish to participate in the national tourney next year should have their 1969-70 membership in good standing. Thousand Club Chapter dues are \$2.

HOUSING PROGRAM IN THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT

Improved housing is one of the keys to the upgrading of the International District. Most people in the area live in single rooms or small apartments in older residence hotels. Many of these accommodations are deteriorating. Further code enforcement will close up more buildings, meaning fewer rooms and apartments. There are two ways to improve the situation. The first, and most important way is the rehabilitation of existing buildings. Many old hotels are solid, structurally sound buildings which could be renovated into apartments through FHA-guaranteed loans and can provide housing for hundreds of people.

The second way of creating housing is through new building, using especially the FHA programs for low-cost apartments. New buildings are needed to supplement the already existing housing to provide types of housing which do not exist now, and which cannot be constructed through rehabilitation alone. Both rehabilitation and new construction will be coordinated by the Model City office under Mike Conlon also known as the International District Improvement Association at 310 Sixth Avenue South. Telephone number is MA 4-1802.

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