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MEMBERSHIP MEETING SLATED FOR THIS WEDNESDAY: EVERYONE WELCOME

General February meeting will be held this Wednesday, Feb. 18 at the JACL office, 526 South Jackson Street starting at 7:45 p.m. A speaker is being sought for the meeting.

Financial report will be given for the delightful and successful Installation Dinner and Social. Details will be discussed for HR 14864 bill. Roster for the committee chairman is being made.

President Don Kazama has appointed Dr. Terrance M. Toda, Tom Iwata, Minoru Tsubota, Shang Kashiwagi, and George Fugami to the past president's advisory committee.

During January meeting Holly Takeoka, Cleveland High student, and staff member of the Mayor's Youth Coordinator, asked support for voting and contractual rights for 19 years old. Teenagers may die and they can't leave a will, she said. Girls may marry at 18 without parent's consent but the boys will have to be 21. Questions were asked about the parent's responsibility on contracts made by a teenager. There were objections that there was no copy of the bill available at the meeting and no prior study of the bill. "Why is it important that JACL take time out for this question?" someone asked. Takeoka: "Why should we bother? We should think about the young people and their rights." A motion to support the bill "whatever that was that passed the House" lowering the voting age to 19 years of age passed by 11-9 votes.

Takeoka also requested that JACL form a committee on environmental problems and perhaps to take action. The chair put the matter under advisement and promised to contact individuals who may be interested.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SEEKS TO GAIN MOMENTUM FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS, BOARDS

As yet the membership chairman has not been announced. The membership drive is on however. The dues are \$8.50 for single member, \$6.50 for wife or husband of member, \$15 for couple membership, and \$2 for Thousand Clubber's Chapter dues. All dues are payable at this time. Make checks payable to JACL Seattle Chapter and mail the remittance to 526 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington 98104.

The National JACL weekly Pacific Citizen and the monthly Chapter Reporter are sent to members. Application form is enclosed with the newsletter. This is a year with full of expectations with many new changes on the Board. Join now. We'll be needing your help.

BOARD PASSES RESOLUTION AGAINST INDUSTRIAL SECURITY ACT BILL IN SPECIAL MEETING

HR 14864 known as the Defense Facilities and Industrial Security Act of 1970 will bar subversives from defense plants and installation. The President is authorized to establish criteria for sensitive defense positions. But criteria built into this law can under wartime condition be warped to override the Constitutional rights of any group of people.

The Board met in a special meeting Jan. 27 to pass the following resolution:

"The Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League strongly opposed to H.R. 14864 as an unnecessary and regressive legislation which violates Constitutional rights." Telegrams were sent to Congressmen representing this district.

NIXON LAUDS HAMADA AS A SYMBOL OF PROUD JAPANESE AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT

(Editor's note: Mr. Ritaro Hamada who was honored by Gov. Daniel J. Evans during the Immigration Centennial Banquet, received a warm letter from President Richard M. Nixon recently. The letter is self-explanatory and reproduced herewith.)

White House
Jan. 25, 1970

Mr. Ritaro Hamada
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Hamada,

"It pleased me to know that you recently celebrated the one hundredth birthday, and that your observance coincides with the Centennial Anniversary of Japanese Immigration to the United States.

"To commemorate this historic date for Americans of Japanese ancestry, I praised their contribution to our legacy and commended them on raising civic minded, law abiding families -- on becoming doers and leaders in our communities. You have not only played a part in these accomplishments; you have lived them.

"As one of the oldest Japanese American citizens in the country, you are a symbol of proud achievement and attained hopes, as well as an example and an inspiration to those who will follow in your footsteps.

"My admiration for you is matched by my gratitude for the incentive and encouragement you provide for all your fellow citizens.

"My best wishes to you always.

Sincerely,
RICHARD M. NIXON

ISSEI RECEIVING INCREASED ATTENTION BY THE CHAPTER

Dr. Minoru Masuda distributed copies of "My Life Story" by Rihei Bordeaux (Akahoshi) as related to Mrs. Takaye Tsurui. The copy was originally given to family and friends on his 88th birthday celebration in Seattle back in 1966. (Cont'd next page)

The biography was then translated into English by S. Hokama and made into 14-page manuscript.

"I think there are many stories like that," Masuda said. "I want to form a committee to compile these biographies." Authorization was given by the Board.

While on the subject of Issei, the name of Mr. Tomego Y. Ohya of 311 11th Avenue was not submitted in time for the Centennial dinner. He is 97 years old. Centennial Bronze Medallion was sent to him. We should mention that then president Jiro E. Aoki gave the welcome speech for the Centennial dinner. Supporting organizations as listed in the program were Consulate General of Japan in Seattle, Japan America Society of Seattle, Japanese Community Service, Japanese Cultural Festival, Inc. and the Shunju Club.

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"At one point in time" in the words of President Kazama, he had asked the Rev. Emery E. Andrews to collect stories of hakujins who were the "good guys" during their many long years of association with the Japanese in the Pacific Northwest before WW2. The project was originally embarked by the National JACL. The Rev. Andrews handed the story of Floyd Schmoie, Father Tibesar, Dr. John Thomas and the Rev. Emery E. Andrews during the Chapter meeting. It was displayed during meeting. Copies will be made and submitted to the UW Archives and to Issei Research Project, UCLA.

INFORMATION ON JOB OPENINGS REQUESTED BY NISEI CHURCHES

Pastors and lay representatives of Nisei churches met Jan. 29 to discuss problems which can become more acute as the result of aerospace industries decreasing payrolls by more than 20,000. In Boeing Company alone 5,000 persons were affected in January and the reduction will continue until 18,000 is reached for the year. The churches find that disproportionate numbers of Nisei members working for Boeing reaching as high as 50% directly or indirectly. Some have been out of work for three months. The problem extends into house mortgage payments, insurance payments, taxes, education, and other related costs.

Information for jobs are needed now and should be sent to the pastors of Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, Japanese Presbyterian Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, or to the Japanese Baptist Church.

DR. SATA SEES HOPE OF COMMITMENT IN EMERGING SANSEI SOCIAL CONSCIENCE

The annual installation and awards banquet was held Jan. 24 at the Royal Forks Restaurant. This was the day of for the refreshing take-over by the younger set as evidenced by the committee rosters. The presence of Queen Karen Tsukiji, Princesses Christine Yamashiro and Elaine Aoki added to the emphasis on youth. All this is to the credit of Helen Akita, installation chairman, in her game of experimental approach.

Don Kazama, supervisory social worker for the Veterans Administration, and past chairman in the Chapter and District Human Relations Committee, was sworn in as president with his cabinet members and board. Dr. John Kanda, National 3rd Vice President, was installation officer. Kazama succeeds Jiro E. Aoki.

Aoki in giving his farewell speech said: "I will take this opportunity to convey my thanks to treasurer Thomas T. Imori, to two secretaries Midori Uyeda and Lillian Sumii and to executive board members, and to Don Kazama and George Fugami, who have helped by presiding over the meeting of the JACL." He cited individually the chairman of the various events.

Tak Kubota, District Governor and 1968 JACLer of Biennium, made the presentations of the awards. Certificate of Appreciations were given to Mrs. Misao Sakamoto, Mrs. Yone Arai, and Seattle Postmaster James J. Symbol. Receiving the Silver Pin were Jiro E. Aoki, Thomas T. Imori, and Eira Nagaoka. "Merely a kind word, a genuine compliment, warm smile, or kind deed, is all the gratitude the recipients desire," Kubota said as he made the presentation.

Equal Employment Opportunity Edict Helps Orientals

Don Kazama helped in presenting Certificate of Appreciation to Seattle Postmaster James J. Symbol "in recognition of his personal interest in promotional opportunity for Oriental postal employees encouraging them to consider advancement in keeping with the government equal employment opportunity program and for his tremendous assistance in planning the Oriental postal management development program which resulted in the promotion of Orientals in supervisory positions." The Chapter conducted postal supervisory classes in this project.

Yone Arai is the widow of late Clarence T. Arai, who sparked the formation of National JACL here in 1930, Kubota stated. Clarence was a Republican precinctman since 1931. He was twice vice president of Young Republican League of King County. He was on a steering committee of the State Republican Convention. He was on the fraudulent voters registration committee which led to the present law. He became a vice president of the Board of Trustees of the Seattle Public Library. He devoted his time in helping Issei and Nisei economic problems. Majority of cases he took without earning a fee. As a wife of the Captain of Infantry Reserve, attorney, Sunday School teacher, Scoutmaster, issei-nisei community leader, you can't help imagining her not being active as a homemaker raising a child, PTA and numerous activity which tied in with her husband's activity, Kubota said.

Mrs. Sakamoto is the wife of the late James Y. Sakamoto, blind editor of pre-WW2 Japanese American Courier and National president from 1936-38. In publishing the Japanese American Courier, she had the charge of back shop, kept the books, sent out the bills, took charge of subscriptions, and mailing with the help of secretary. She will go out with her husband to sell new ads or collect old bills.

Jiro E. Aoki joined the JACL in the 1930s, Life member of Thousand Club. In the last ten years he was committee chairman several times, board member, vice president and president.

Aoki showed remarkable courage, fortitude and drive during the unusual difficult year in term of his personal health and the devotion to the position which he held.

Tom T. Imori was associated with JACL for over 30 years. Tom is 14 years member of Thousand Club and his wife Takeyo for 13 years. Tom helped to Charter the Cleveland Chapter in 1946 and worked as bulletin editor and returned to Seattle in 1963. Was elected treasurer since 1965 and twice elected to PNWDC treasurer.

The Seattle Chapter was recognized in 1968-69 as the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Biennium. The plaque was accepted jointly by George Fugami and Jiro Aoki, presidents at that time.

The highlight of the evening was the keynote speaker Dr. Lindbergh S. Sata. Dr. Sata is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Assistant Dean at the University of Washington School of Medicine. He is an Associate Medical Director of Harborview Medical Center. A native of Portland, he graduated from the U. of Utah College of Medicine and completed graduate work for doctorial there. He has been associated with Mental Health Center of the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore before receiving appointment here.

Speaking on the topic "Issei, Nisei, and Sansei," Dr. Sata raised a touchy questions on Nisei commitment in the struggle to change the social inequities. He probed into possible reasons for the lack of greater involvement.

"Our parents were poorly educated, ill-prepared and unaccustomed to Western culture," Dr. Sata said. "In spite of the racism practiced against the Issei, it should be objectively stated that Japan was no more or no less racist in its belief systems, and had indeed killed and purged Christians, segregated and mistreated aliens and held to rigid adherence to a caste system."

Moreover, he stated that Issei were militant and organizationally competent. They were able to form farm cooperatives, collective bargaining groups, churches, Japanese language schools to fulfil their needs. He then asks: "In the face of historically documented accounts of organized resistance towards injustice and oppression, which in the language of the sixties is equated with militancy, why were these teachings learned so incompletely by Nisei?"

Nisei Learning under Handicap

Dr. Sata doesn't recall learning anything beyond a "fatalistic stance" of ga-maen and shikataganai. It may be that the survival needs of Issei generation were of such high priority that parents had to mince words in their brief communication.

Parents spoke to their offsprings in Japanese and the Issei were "transmitting value systems of 20 to 50 years ago."

"In the face of tasting the bitter fruits of prejudice, discrimination and exclusion from the mainstream of American life, and simultaneously intensely resentful of bigotry, hypocrisy and non-egalitarian practices, we are conspicuously absent in the civil rights movements of other minorities, and unwittingly and pathetically become bigots, hypocrites and racists in the process," he noted.

As for the future, Dr. Sata sees a ray of hope through the Sansei. He advocates Nisei and Sansei communicating in a common language which enables reciprocal discussions and increase in the possibility for mutual understanding. Sansei has a relative absence of the type of provincial thinking so characteristic of ghetto minorities.

In closing statement, Dr. Sata said "I both envy and shudder at their idealism that seems to have limitless boundaries, and of their reckless courage which is both untempered and untested. There is an emerging social conscience and a restlessness for changing basic societal inequities and outmoded institutions, and in this regard they are in the mainstream of young America. I also hear clearly their expression for ways of strengthening their cultural and ethnic identity, not out of defensiveness but from a hunger to learn and from a sense of pride that they do have a Japanese heritage."

Committee chairman Helen Akita and toastmaster Andy Goto did a wonderful job and the atmosphere of the program was excellent. Other committees included: publicity and tickets--Harry Nishimoto, Sharon Sakamoto, Midori Uyeda; decoration--Chuck Furuta, Toyo Fujiyama, program--JoAnn Aoki, Judy Miyata; social hour and dance, Andy Goto; refreshments--Raymond Sakamoto, Bill Tomita, Robert Motoyama, Fred Maruoka; program covers--Courtesy of Mr. Terumitsu Kano, Japan Airlines.

Program: flag salute, Commander Kiyu Hashimoto of NVC; invocation, Rev. Mineo Katagiri; Jiro Aoki, farewell address; musical selections, Elaine Aoki; Rev. Harry Murakami, benediction; guests--Consul-General and Mrs. Shigemi Hayashida, Genji Mihara, Mr. and Mrs. Yoshiko Tanabe (Puyallup Chapter president), Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Kubota (editor North American Post); and all guest participants in the program and their wife, including Mr. and Mrs. Symbol.

NEWS JOTTINGS: Richard Anzai, 15, Cleveland High soph, and son of Harry Anzais, and Dennis Miyauchi, also 15, Franklin High soph, and son of David Miyauchis, received their Eagle Scouts award with Troop 252 of Seattle Buddhist Church. . . . Larry Kazama, 9th grader at Mercer Jr. High and son of Chapter president and Mrs. Don Kazama, was a page boy in the House of Representatives in Olympia Jan. 11-24, under sponsorship of Rep. William Chatalas of 33rd District. . . . 39 Seattle police officers were graduated from the Police Training Academy Jan. 22 including James K. Yoshida. . . . Recently appointed 47 members of the South Seattle Community College Citizens Advisory Council include Dr. John Uno, podiatrist; Charles Y. Wah, insurance and real estate broker and restaurant owner; and Frank N. Takano, director of the West Seattle General Hospital pharmacy. . . . Superior Court Judge Charles Z. Smith and the Rev. Peter T. Koshi were among those named as new directors to the King County United Good Neighbor Fund. . . . William F. Devin, former Seattle Mayor and first American mayor to visit Japan after WW2, and Sol G. Levy, Seattle businessman who arranged (Cont'd next page)

the trip were honored at the annual meeting of the Japan-America Society of Seattle . . . the Nisei president of one of Moses Lake's largest firms and native of Kent, was named Jan. 27 as a director of Peoples National Bank of Washington. Joshua Green Jr., board chairman and chief executive officer, said Harry Masto's Pronto Pacific, Inc., Moses Lake, is one of the largest industries in the area, employing more than 300 persons in processing frozen french fries and dried potato flakes. He is active in civic and business circles there and currently serving as director and treasurer of the Columbia Basin Development League. . . . Donald C. Haas has been re-elected president of the Apartment Operators Association of Seattle, Inc. Holdover trustees include Mrs. May Nakashima . . .

STATE'S PUBLIC INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT EMPHASIZING MATERIALS FOR ORIENTAL STUDIES

Nancy Motomatsu, Associate Supervisor of Learning Resources Services, Division of Curriculum and Instruction for the State Dept. of Public Instruction, was the December speaker as mentioned in the last issue. A native of Bothell, she received her MA in librarianship from the UW. She contributed numerous articles to national magazines in educational field. She studied at Tokyo's Sophia U under JACL-Japan Air Lines Summer Fellowship.

While she was in Japan, she said, there was not one day in which there was a student demonstration in Tokyo. One can see thousands of students protesting and singing their songs. They march four abreast presenting an uncomfortable sight. What are they protesting? They want U.S. troops out of Japan; they want the white man to stop killing the yellow man in Vietnam; and at that time they wanted the U.S. to return Okinawa outright with no strings attached; they want the return of their territories from Soviet Union.

In Japan there are 110 universities closed shutting out 110,000 students who have just begun course work for the year.

Curriculum to Strengthen Oriental Studies

"So much of our culture is Western history oriented. The condition of the world today requires that we become more conversant with Eastern cultures," Motomatsu emphasized. "The state instructions department is now working towards enrichment of Oriental culture and heritage and to strengthen the curriculum in this direction." She stated that the newsletter from her state office published the JACL bibliographies on the Japanese Americans of the United States. Her division wrote to San Mateo where they are working on Japanese American curriculum project. They have listed prominent Japanese Americans whom they can call upon. Her division also prepared a list of books published to be used as source material. She reminded that in 1969 there were 283 Orientals teaching in the State of Washington.

"Our office set aside \$89,000 of the special Federal service grant for the library fund in cultural heritage study," she said. Aberdeen school district set aside \$10,000 of this type of grant for better understanding of Pacific Rim with emphasis on Japan. One of their librarian and a teacher studied in Sophia University.

In closing she brought samples of books on the recommended list for school library on Japanese American and on Japan. There was a copy of Dan Inouye's recent book with large print for the partially blind, a book on Issei and Nisei by the Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa and assorted books on Japanese art and Chinese art at various grade level.

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 18--Regular monthly members meeting. Everyone welcome. Chance to order installation picture @ \$1.50. See Mrs. Helen Akita. 7:45 p.m. JACL office
- 20-23--Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps benefit movie at Kokusai. \$1.75 donation. Tickets from Don Kazama or from corps members and parents
- Mar. 6--News deadline for JACL Reporter. Mail articles to: c/o (Editor) Eira Nagaoka, 151 11th Avenue, Seattle 98122
- 7--Kyo-Iku Guild's "Hawaiian Holiday" dance. Music by Hui Akanes group. Snoqualmie Room at Seattle Center. \$7.50 per couple. BYOB affair.
- 11--Newsletter mailing night 8:00 p.m. JACL office
- 14--Annual NVC installation dinner-dance at Elks Seattle Lodge 92 located on the west shores of Lake Union. Cocktail 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., dance 9:30 p.m. \$7.50/person
- 23--Benefit roller skating sponsored by Boy Scout Troop and Pack 53. 7-9 p.m. at Tiffany's 19639 E. Valley Highway in Kent. 50¢ admission

COUNCILMAN TUAI SPEAKS TO JANUARY MEMBERS MEETING

The announcement of Councilman Liem Eng Tuai on January program came too late to be announced. He spoke at length on the Ross Dam issue which is receiving opposition from the environmentalist. Financial plight of the City Hall and the effect of B. & O. tax were brought out. The summary of his talk will be printed in the next issue.

LAST MINUTE NOTICE FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY'S MEETING: President Don Kazama is making arrangement for speaker from either the Indian group or from the Mexican American Federation to talk about their problems following the business session. The meeting will be held Feb. 18 from 7:45 p.m. Mark this date on your memo.

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