

JACL REPORTER

Seattle Chapter
Donald Kazama, President

August 1970
Vol. VIII, No. 8

CHAPTER MEETING SET FOR AUG. 19TH

Far from being a summer slump at least thirty members attended the July meeting. President Don Kazama will call the next meeting for Aug. 19 from 7:45 p.m. at the JACL office, 526 South Jackson Street. All committee and board members are urged to attend. No special program has been announced but more delegates from the National Convention have now returned. Everyone is urged to attend and bring your friends.

RESPONSE TO BEACON HILL DROP IN CENTER ENCOURAGING

By Don Kazama

The center at 2410 Beacon Avenue South has been a beehive of activity for the past 3 weeks. Some 20 to 30 grade school youngsters have occupied the premises during the afternoons and some 15 to 25 junior and senior highers have taken over during the evening. The college age groups have also used the center for informal and formal meetings.

Some of the activities have been origami, calligraphy, reading, rapping, pool, and plans are in the making for self defense and Filipino bamboo dancing. But we do need a larger place. Several empty houses show possibilities but we need money.

Ruthann Kurose believes that to put on a program to which the youngsters are responding, we need a larger place and that we ought to continue the program for several more months at least. There appears to be a definite need for a Drop In Center on Beacon Hill where a preponderance of Asians live. The multi-racial mix at the center speaks well for understanding.

Please contribute your dollar or two to the JACL Teen Center, 526 South Jackson Street, Seattle 98104. We can use the money and hopefully continue the center beyond the summer months.

ONE MAN'S VIEWS

By Don Kazama

Because this was the first JACL National Convention I have attended in its entirety there are certain things I shall assume. Such as the format of the 4 day session was in general a repeat of previous conventions. The light hearted side of the affair was pleasant and enjoyable because I met and talked with people whom I had not seen in over 25 years. People like Esther Hagiwara, Yori Kaseguma, Vic Nakashima, Min Togasaki, Karl Nakamura, Fumi Okada, George and Cathy Sawada Tanaka, Michi Katagiri Izui, Hugh Seto, Paul Seto, Dick and Masa Nomura, Kaz Horita, Hitoshi Tom Tamaki, Bill Hosokawa, George Inouye, Chet Tomita, Shig Wakamatsu, Kumeo Yoshinari and others. Some of the gals . . . I can't remember their married names . . . forgive me. All conveyed their hellos to Seattleites and Tacomans.

It was good to renew friendships and views with Ray Uno, Jerry Enomoto, Alan Kumamoto, Stan Kiyokawa, Bill Marutani, Mas Satow and Mike Masaoka. It was most enjoyable meeting and exchanging views and ideas with Pat Okura, Harry Honda, Bob Suzuki, Bill Hohri, Hiroshi Kanno, Edison Uno, Dave Miura, Ray Okamura, Mike Suzuki, Henry Tanaka and his wife, Norman Muneta, Tats Misaka, Jeff Matsui and others whose names escape me.

I was most impressed with the calibre of intellectual and emotional articulation by the delegates and others in attendance. The younger and newer group showed definitely a new image for JACL. I firmly believe that we are on new grounds and that change has taken place. I believe also that JACL is in good hands. I do believe understanding did occur. To, at least, some extent, there was understanding and to a greater extent, there was an emotional response between the older and younger generations not only because of the tragedy but also the program put on by the young group.

I do not dismiss the tragedy as an incidental matter but enough has been said about it. Ray Uno said that Evelyn and Carol were eager, idealistic and dedicated to greater understanding amongst people. And in memory to Evelyn and in prayer to Carol, it seems most appropriate and timely that we all . . . JACLers, and Niseis and Sanseis pledge ourselves to the task of forgiveness and understanding. Vindictiveness has no place here . . . no way. Rumors . . . no way. Patti Iwataki in the PC states the case most eloquently.

The Council sessions were both boring and interesting to me. The openness was refreshing. Both sides spoke their convictions with honesty. It seemed to me that committee sessions and workshops might have been more productive than council sessions. I thought particularly that small group rap sessions with the youth would have been most productive especially with Warren Furutani as a leader. I regret that I did not get to meet with Warren.

Much in the way of meaningful resolutions were passed . . . the Viet Nam issue . . . integration . . . The latest Pacific Citizen covers these in detail. I have mixed feelings about the feasibility and practicality of a separate Civil Rights arm of JACL. This seems to be begging the question. I especially liked the idea of an Education Commission addressing itself to all areas of the education system. This has been for years a pet peeve of mine.

The newly elected officers are the new breed . . . the new generation in thought and action. These are the times for human concerns and community action programs. I believe that Ray Uno and Henry Tanaka both reflect the times. (Continued on next page).

Kazama's ONE MAN'S VIEWS (Cont'd):

Both stated that they are concerned with poverty, racism, education and ecology.

The National Liberation Front within JACL feels that we have made significant gains at the convention. It seems that we made gains and made an impact at the Chapter and District levels over the past two years. This, though slow, is working within the system, which is my bag. The success reflects the concern of many that JACL must be more of a Human Rights organization. I hope that this will attract the new blood and the new breed to JACL at all levels to work within and without (the larger community) toward understanding and change for a better America.

We need the "johnny-come-latelys."

Oh yes; we voted for Ray Uno, $\frac{1}{2}$ Henry Tanaka and $\frac{1}{2}$ Tom Shimasaki, Ray Okamura and Don Hayashi. Don lost by one vote which is a most remarkable showing. The rest of slate was a single slate after Edison Uno withdrew.

May I refer the readers to the Pacific Citizen for a breakdown and reasons for \$2 dues increase. It is a raise which is for a good cause and deserves our support.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Ten awards of \$345.00 each were given by the University Students' Club, Inc according to their secretary Ken Sato. The awards are given to Japanese American students at the University of Washington and are based on scholarship, potential, and need.

Entering freshmen receiving the awards were: Kathleen Mihara of Garfield, Scott Kyono and Barbara Ideta of Cleveland, Kenneth Shibata of Queen Anne, Murray Uomoto of Watson Groen Christian High, Ted Kozen and Pansy Kato of Lewis & Clark High of Spokane.

Undergraduate recipients are Dean Kashino, a junior; Alvin Matsumoto, a senior; and Norma Omoto of Tacoma, a junior.

MASAOKA TESTIMONIAL FUND DRIVE:

The progress of Mike M. Masaoka Testimonial Fund drive has been favorable. 610 persons have donated over \$7700 from the Pacific Northwest according to area chairman Tak Kubota. Spokane will make their drive in September to avoid conflict with their existing fund drive. The deadline for the Testimonial Fund Drive has been set for Oct. 31, 1970. "Puyallup has done extremely well and the fund has been received uniformly well for the entire country," Kubota said. "We are aiming for \$10,000 goal."

LETTER FROM CHICAGO AD HOC COMMITTEE

Aug. 1, 1970

Dear JACL Chapter Presidents and 1970 Convention Delegates:

We have received many inquiries from individuals who wish to express their sympathy by donating to the families involved in the tragedy that occurred during the 1970 National JACL Convention. It is with deep regret that Chicago could offer nothing more than tragedy to the two young visitors who arrived here with such bright expectations.

At the conclusion of the Convention, the National JACL Council established a National JACL Ad Hoc Committee on the Chicago Convention to represent JACL in regard to this tragedy. Members include Chairman Jerry Enomoto, George Baba, Ross Harano, William Marutani, Mike Masaoka, Pat Okura, and Raymond Uno.

Among the many actions of the National Committee was the establishment of a fund to aid the Okubo and Yamada families to be coordinated by a Chicago Ad Hoc Subcommittee. Those wishing to make donations may send a check or money order payable to "National JACL Ad Hoc Committee" in care of the Midwest JACL Office, 21 W. Elm Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610.

Sincerely,

CHICAGO AD HOC COMMITTEE

Ross Harano; Noboru Honda; James Isono, treas; Carol Nakagawa, sec; Shig Wakamatsu, Kumeo Yoshinari

(Ad Hoc Committee also reports that Carol Ranko Yamada will be released from the hospital in the near future. According to the specialist that was called in to treat her, the wounds have healed amazingly fast and there should be no complications caused by infection. Carol's spirits are high and our Chicago Juniors visit her everyday. We understand that Carol and the Juniors are now expert "Hana" players)

NVC CHOW MEIN BENEFIT DINNER SEPT. 12

The annual chow mein scholarship benefit dinner will be held Saturday, Sept. 12 at the NVC Memorial clubhouse. The tickets are \$1.00 for children 12 and under and \$1.75 for adults. In addition to chow mein, the dinner will include teriyaki chicken, tsukemono, cake and tea. Dinner will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. including takeout service. Kiyo Hashimoto is chairman.

CRUISE AND DINNER FOR R & R EVENT

Special R & R (rest and recuperation) cruise and dinner at Kiana Lodge and sponsored by the NVC, will be held Saturday, Sept. 19. Ladies will be invited to attend. The cruise starts from Fisherman's Wharf on Lake Washington and will wend through U.S. Government Locks to northern tip of Bainbridge Island and on down through Agate Pass to the Kiana Lodge. Bar services with appetizers will be provided throughout the evening. An accordianist will accompany the trip. The cost is \$10.00 per person. John Ogishima and Mack Shoji are co-chairmen.

AN OPEN LETTER BY THE IMPERIALS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS:

Hi!

Welcome to the University of Washington Stadium, Sunday, Aug. 23rd, 1970, 2 p.m. at Gate No. 1.

Football game? No--but something just as exciting and important to you as a member of our sponsoring organization. This is the Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps Annual VIP Show for sponsors, parents, friends and guests.

As information, the Imperials were formed in 1966 by a small, determined group of parents with a lot of faith in our youth and their tremendous desires. We have now developed into an organization having a total membership of 125 young people -- 95 Imperials and 30 Little Diplomats. Currently, the Imperials are Washington State Champions for both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In fact, the Corps has been State Champs the last 2 years, and the all girl color guard the last 4 years.

We are now striving for national recognition through our annual trips to the Midwest and East Coast to compete with the BEST in the country. Quite an accomplishment for such a young organization, and we feel, justifiably so! We were very fortunate in securing the use of the beautiful University of Washington Stadium to spotlight the results of your support during the past years. We asked for your involvement to help us "Invest in Youth" and your organization and members responded gratifyingly.

Let us show you, then, the results and our appreciation on Sunday, Aug. 23rd.

Last year in Bothell at our Annual Show, some of the young members asked, "How come more of our sponsors don't come out when we have this chance to show them how much their support has meant to us?" Indeed -- why not?

Of course, an exhibition displaying their ability to play an instrument, execute intricate maneuvers and to participate collectively as a corps is one way to return your support. The ultimate results will be realized when these same young people graduate from the Imperials and take their place in our community as responsible, adult citizens.

So, why don't we treat each other on the 23rd? The Imperials, Little Diplomats, and other groups, as participants, will treat you to a 1-1/2 to 2 hour show. Your presence, and hopefully the attendance of most of your organization and other sponsors, will be a treat to our young people on the field. There is nothing like a receptive audience, and let me assure you, a Drum & Bugle Corps and Color Guard Exhibition is not even remotely akin to an appearance in a parade.

Please feel free to bring your parents, other guests, and especially your children. There is no admission charge. Who knows? Next year you might be a proud parent sitting in the stands watching your child in competition. It's a proud, wonderful feeling.

Most sincerely,
Tom Hamasaki, Director of
Public Relations

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ON THE CONVENTION

by Eira Nagaoka

President Don Kazama went front and center to explain the \$12,000 budget request to run over a 2-year period which had been submitted to National JAFL Headquarter. The attempt seemed futile alongside other \$300,000 marked for special budget request. The amount was reduced to \$20,000 for Washington representative trainee for Masaoka's position, Pacific Citizen \$6000, JAFL liability coverage \$6,000, Civil Rights package \$28,000, Student Aide \$4,000, Contingency fund \$5000, Midwest Regional Director \$10,000 totaling \$80,000 in special requests. But, this will be pared down to only \$48,000 which will be amount that \$2 National due hopes to bring in. This is in addition to the basic National budget of \$200,000.

Request for Pacific Northwest Regional Office with \$20,000 price tag received more sympathetic attention with the help of then National Vice-President Dr. John Kanda and District Governor Tak Kubota. This was also aborted due to lack of fund giving way to programs of higher priority.

A lesson can be learned from this. A budget request campaign should be conducted as a major political campaign. A full time chapter committee to supplement the district committee will have to be formed. A comprehensive detailed budget will be made with answers to every possible contingency which may be raised. A powerful and convincing case will have to be written. An emotional and intellectual appeals shall be made to all the Chapters with several follow-ups to build familiarity with this requests and why. A rally for support directly by attending other district council meetings will help. An elaborate brochures printed in generous quantity should flood other chapters before and during conventions. Plans to infiltrate applicable committee meetings of the National Convention should help in gaining support.

* * *

The opening session program geared towards "shock effect" was the speech by Mrs. Mary Kochiyama (of N.Y.?) speaking on the Sansei disenchantment with the established order. She was furious with the relocation camps and the dropping of the atom bombs during WW2. This was followed by showing of Hiroshima film (similar to Channel 9 showing Aug. 3) and the Hanoi Liberation Front propaganda film describing their war effort. Another speech followed lauding the Marxist philosophy and condemning the growing repression and fascism in the U.S. (next pg)

The program itself was the presentation by an outside Asian Coalition group and Warren Furutani, Field Director of JACL, chaired this portion of the "meeting."

* * *

The National Liberation Front within the JACL first introduced themselves with prepared dissertations by spokesmen Ray Okamura, Bob Suzuki, William Hohri, and Edison Uno. Considerable inroads and impact in proportion to the number were made at the convention session. The Liberation persuasions may have a stronger emphasis in the area of student aid, legal aid, funds for providing bonds for Asians in trouble with the law, civil rights program, a strong stand on Vietnam pull-out, termination of U.S.-Japan Security Treaty, ethnic concerns, and greater help to minorities outside our ethnic group. National Liberation Front leaders usually head their respective area in Title II campaign. The group frowns on fashion show, cocktail receptions, 1000 Club Whing Ding, sayonara ball, and the high cost of being a delegate to the convention. Voting by proxy is questioned by the group.

* * *

For the "middle-of-the-roaders," and for the "silent majority," the road may become rough in the future as evidenced by the trend at the National Convention. How to hold the line? Certainly not by dropping out of JACL. Of the 600 members in our Chapter last year, we lost 200 who failed to renew. But 80 new members have joined. Dropping out means losing by default.

At the National Convention where the basic policy is approved, the potential delegates should form pockets and cells with the Chapter of the same persuasions. This line of communications should be kept open throughout the year. At the confab one can work as a team giving the one-two blows for particular cause. Strategy has to be worked far in advance. The parliamentary working knowledge has to be superior and to be used as a weapon for defense and offence and to take advantage of those less adept in the procedure. You would have to meet in a caucus at every opportunity to check strategy and for any change in plans. The delegates should have a thorough and complete knowledge of the issues. But most important, weeks of intensive homework will be made to weed out any objectionable paragraphs. And get well rested before attending the convention.

Holding the line? Yes. It is possible and the price is dedication. The Chapter is in the Big League now. And you don't win by dropping out of JACL.

-----o-----

AWARD AND TROPHY TO NORTHWEST CHAPTERS; TRIBUTE TO ELMER

Seattle Chapter was co-runnerup with West Los Angeles Chapter, each receiving \$100 award in the first Inagaki Citizenship Award presented at the 21st Biennial National JACL Convention in Chicago. President Don Kazama accepted. The Chapter board committees have been broadened to include wider area of social services. Don has been responsible for the programs featured in monthly meetings. Here's congratulation to Don.

Steve Kono of Puyallup Valley and senior at Fife High School took 3rd place in the oratorical contest on the theme "Understanding: the Basis for the Changing JACL."

One of the last item of business at the final session was to pause in silence to pay respect to the loss of two former Pacific Citizen correspondents Tamotsu Murayama of Tokyo (formerly of Seattle) and Elmer Ogawa who died July 1st at the age of 64. A further tribute was written in Harry Honda's editorial column of July 17 Pacific Citizen. Elmer is described as being the dean of Nisei photojournalists.

QUEEN COMMITTEE ACKNOWLEDGES INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES FOR SUPPORT GIVEN

The Greater Seattle Japanese Community Queen Committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank the many persons and businesses throughout the Greater Seattle Area and others who showed their support of this year's queen activities by their generous contributions.

Committee chairman Nobie Tsukiji and finance chairman Toshi Moriguchi expressed their deep appreciation to all the donors whose contributions helped make this year's pageant success.

Scholarships for the new court are assured, and they will be presented in ceremonies to be announced in the near future.

One of the first appearances for the new court, Queen Lynn Yamada and Princesses Arlene Naganawa and Corinne Maebori, was at the July 16 preview social and tea for the special exhibit, "Japanese American Pride and Shame" at the Museum of History and Industry.

The court also made their appearance at the recent Bon Odori festivities held in conjunction with Seafair.

It was announced that Mrs. Noboru Yamada of Mercer Island has accepted the chairmanship of queen committee for the coming year. Her committee members will be named at a later date.

TOKIWA GOLFERS TO COMPETE IN PORTLAND TOURNEY

Tokiwa Club will be sending about 20 members to compete in the annual Northwest Women's Golf Tournament in Portland in conjunction with the Golf Tournament for men. More than 60 divit diggers from five cities are expected to vie for women's trophies.

Results of Tokiwa Women's Golf Club tournament held July 19 at Carnation Golf Course follows: First flight--1st (tie) Miye Yoshitake and Mary Nakagawa; 3rd (tie) Sachi Hata, Flo Teshima, Chiye Kusakabe. LD Eiko Otsu, KP Miye Yoshitake. 2nd Flight--1. Lillian Yoshino, 2. Aya Shimomura, 3. Kimi Nakamura; LD Lillian Yoshino. Third flight--1. Chiyo Hirota, 2. Jene Hori, 3. Kimi Nakanishi. LD Jene Hori, KP Mabel Shigaya.

The next tournament will be slated Aug. 16 at the Meadows Park Course in Tacoma.

-----o-----

REGISTER NOW TO VOTE FOR THE COMING PRIMARY ELECTION!

NEWS JOTTINGS: Robert Iguchi, son of Roy Iguchis, and junior at Franklin High, was Cathay Post 186 American Legion delegate for the 1970 Evergreen Boys State at Gonzaga U. Marlene Susumi, daughter of Art Susumis, received scholarship award from Cathay Post 186 . . . Arlene Imanishi, daughter of Ted Imanishis, is one of the five members of the Horizon Club, a high school program of Seattle-King County Council of Camp Fire Girls, presenting modeling show of vintage gowns at the Goodwill Industries' Cafe Internationale during lunch hours on Wednesdays . . . Girl Scouts who wanted an experience in Japanese living created some Japanese atmosphere in a camp near Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho this summer. Karey Yoshihara, daughter of Takeo Yoshiharas, was one of the girls having the opportunity Aug. 10-22. The girls prepare Japanese meals, sleep on futons, make yukatas, learn folk dances, folklore, customs and expressions. A torii gate, rickshaw and tea houses add to the atmosphere. Karey, a student at Nathan Eckstein Junior High, is a member of Girl Scout Troop 91. Only one other Girl Scout from N.W. Washington was able to qualify by series of screening vents held by the local Girl Scout Council and the Western Region. . . Seattle's School for gypsy children is one of 14 summer projects in which the U.W. students are combining academic work with community involvement under Seattle Urban Corps. 40 high school age students are enrolled in drama class taught by Mark Mukai, a senior in drama from Tacoma and member of the "Hair" cast. Mukai is representing an intensive course "refining their ability to act," and concentrating on scene work, not an entire production. Many of the students have had prior acting experience . . . U.S. Air Force Sergeant Ken K. Furuta, son of Isamu Furutas, is an air-craft pneudraulic repairman with the 56th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron at Yokota Air Base, Japan. The sergeant is a 1965 graduate of Cleveland High School . . .

Father Richard Hayatsu, Assistant Pastor at the St. James Cathedral has been transferred to Lady of the Lourdes Church on special assignment as chaplain for the hard of hearing. Ladies of the Parish reception was held at the church auditorium in his honor . . . Dr. Paul Nagano, executive director of Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society, has accepted the call to Japanese Baptist Church starting January. He has B.D. from Bethel Theological Seminary in St. Paul and Doctor of Religion degree from the School of Theology at Claremont, Cal. this June. Besides the JEMS, he has served in Evergreen Baptist in L.A., and Makiki Christian Church in Honolulu. The Rev. Charles Elven of Japanese Baptist Church will be leaving next month for his new post as an interim campus minister at the Central Washington State College . . . The Rev. Yugo Suzuki will be appointed pastor of the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church effective Sept. 1. He was Director of the Wesley Foundation at the U. of Tenn., and has served several pastorates in Virginia. He succeeds the Rev. Harry Murakami, who is on a year's sabbatical leave after serving the church six years . . .

Two dozens city department executives, all white, subjected themselves to an examination of "institutional racism" in a two-day symposium at the Seattle Center ending July 8. Dr. Lindbergh Sata, assistant dean of the UW School of Medicine, conducted role playing experiments in an effort to demonstrate how the city departments could introduce constructive changes in the existing system . . . The Seattle School Board July 8 named Ben Nakagawa, from Cooper Elementary School vice-principal to Madrona School as associate principal. Ben is member of the Seattle Chapter board . . . Past immediate National vice president Dr. John Kanda, member of P yallup Valley Chapter and Sumner Rotary Club, was a speaker July 2 at Rotary Club of Sequim, Washington. His address was on "Second Generation of Japanese Americans." The reason for this mention was that George Deland Townsend lives in Sequim, Washington now and reminded Dr. Kanda that he is very interested in seeing any Japanese Americans who may happen to travel in this vicinity. Mr. Townsend is a familiar name in the relocation camp for unning community services . . . Engagement was announced for Judy T. Miyata, daughter of Mrs. T. Miyata and the late Mr. T. Miyata to Mr. Robert S. Motoyama, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shiuji Motoyama of Kilauea, Kauai. Judy is member of the Seattle Chapter Board. She is a staff pharmacist at the U.W. Hospital. Robert is an engineer at the Boeing Company. Both Judy and Bob helped with the Issei exhibit on railroading, oyster farming and cannery and logging now being shown at the Museum of History and Industry. Judy is member of the Chapter Board . . . Charlene Sumiko Tsubota, daughter of Min Tsubotas and Curtis Yukio Nakayama, son of Hiroshi Nakayamas, were wed July 18 in the Seattle Buddhist Church. The bridegroom, a WSU grad in accounting and member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, is working towards another degree at the U.W. Charlene attended Highline Community College . . . Dory Harada and Raymond Windsor Hamlyn were married July 25 in the Seattle Buddhist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Marji M. Harada and the late Dr. Kazuto Harada. She is a graduate of the U.W. and taught school in the Highline School District. Hamlyn is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hamlyn and the late Elwyn W. Hamlyn. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the U. of Wisconsin. Their first home will be in Redondo Beach, Calif. . . .

MILESTONES: Otohiko Koura, 77, July 16. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Men's Fellowship, Bainbridge Island Berry Growers Assn, Seattle Go Club, Fukuoka Club and Hiroshima Club. Survivors include: w Hatsuko; four sons Arthur Y., Nob, both B.I.; Tony, Honolulu, and Ken, Seattle. Two d Mrs. Roy (Sue) Furuta, Seattle and Mrs. Mo (Sachiko) Nakata, B. I. . . . Richard M. Ohashi, 23, July 17. Seattle Buddhist Church. Evergreen Golf Club, Nisei Classic Bowling League. Died after long illness. Franklin High grad and attended U and employed by the Boeing Co. while in school. Served in U.S. Army till 1969. Survivors include: parents Mr. and Mrs. John Ohashi, 3 brothers Joe, Donald of Seattle and Victor (Torrance, CA); 2 sisters Mrs. Thomas Ohashi, Kent and Mrs. Larry Fujita, Fife . . . Kameo Yakushijin, 73, July 18. Seattle Koyasan Buddhist Church. Ehime Club. Survivors include h Hiyokichi; sons Joe Yamamoto (Honolulu) and Mitsuru M., Seattle; d Mrs. Tsako Kimura, Spokane; Mrs. Merritt (Eiko) Smith, (Sacramento); and Mrs. Joe (Hanako) Arizumi, Spokane . . .

BUSINESS AND FINANCE: Astor Hotel will be modernized by Ed Burke/Leon Bridges, architects, into first class office space with approximate cost of \$450,000. (Cont'd next sheet)

Mews Jottings: (Cont'd) 4-story brick structure was built in 1904 as a combination of fraternal hall and Hotel. The hall has arched windows. The building was also known as a Nippon Kan to the Japanese community from 1925 to 1941 where many of the social activities were centered . . . Riley Pleas, Inc. proposal for an 11-story 100-unit highrise brick bldg for the elderly was selected from 9 competing proposals presented to Seattle Housing Authority. The opposition will be supplied by the International District Improvement Assn president Tomio Moriguchi and coordinator Mike Conlon which after 2-year planning study under a Model City contract called for housing for elderly to be located south of Jackson Street on a flat site and within social activity of the area. IDIA preferred 8th and Weller site, 2nd at Maynard and Weller and 3rd at 7th and Weller. John Y. Sato & Associate, developer of 8th and Weller proposal submitted the lowest bid of \$17,271 a unit. Pleas was second lowest at \$18,843 a unit . . . Uwajimaya, Seattle import and retail firm operated by the Moriguchi brothers, will open at 6th Ave. S. and S. King St. Aug. 17. The new \$250,000 structure will replace the store now located at 422 S. Main St. The building designed by Tacoma architect, Marshall Perrow, traveled to Japan to duplicate the authenticity of the exterior. His idea of blue tile for the sloping Japanese style roof was brought from Kyoto. The entrance uses characteristic heavy wood timbers, and flared corners are used on the dormer section. Black wood framing is used for both vertical and horizontal lines around the display windows. George Tsutakawa, noted Seattle sculptor, has been commissioned to design a fountain for the interior stairwell. He is an uncle of Kenzo, Tomio, Akira, and Toshi Moriguchi, four brothers who own the store. The property is leased from Rainier Heat & Power Co. . . .

ORIGAMI EXHIBIT AT WING LUKE MUSEUM TO CONTINUE THROUGH OCT. 31, 1970

Mrs. Jessie Seto of Renton through 14 months of correspondence and traveling was able to assemble a most colorful and impressive exhibit on "The Art of Origami." One would be doing themselves a disfavor to miss the exhibit. Preview was held Aug. 9 at the Wing Luke Memorial Museum. Mrs. Seto will demonstrate the paper folding art for this weekend. The exhibit will continue through Oct. 31 and the museum will be open Fri., Sat., and Sun. from 1-7 p.m. Origami exhibits include work from Japan, New York, Switzerland, England, Spain and Netherland. Work features Akira Yoshizawa of Tokyo known as the Master Folder and written in Aug. 1970 issue of Readers Digest.

Mrs. Seto's activities in promotion of the art have brought her international prominence as an authority. Her four children ages 15 and under, are also accomplished folders.

Calendar of Events

- Aug. 14--Issei-Nisei story committee 7:30 p.m. 103 Erie Ave.
- 19--Regular monthly Chapter members meeting. Everyone welcome. 7:45 p.m. JACL office
- 23--Imperial Drum and Bugle Corp show. Free. 2:00 p.m. Gate #1 at U.W. Stadium
- Sept. 4--News deadline for JACL Reporter. Mail articles to: c/o (Editor) Eira Nagaoka, 151 11th Avenue, Seattle 98122
- 9--Newsletter mailing night 8:00 p.m. JACL office
- 12--NVC scholarship benefit chow mein dinner 4:30-7 p.m. NVC Hall
- 19--R. & R. Cruise and dinner at Kiana Lodge \$10/person Fishermen's Wharf
- 27--(tentative) PNWDC meeting to be held in Seattle

Major Japanese exhibit through Sept. 30 at the Seattle Museum of History and Industry Open to 5 p.m. Verify by calling EA 4-1125.

INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING FOR BUSINESSMEN TO BE PROVIDED AT SEMINARS

Federal Task Force on Procurement for Minority Business Enterprises will be holding seminar according to Glen Bollinger, Assistant Regional Director of Business Affairs, of GSA. San Juan Rooms at the Seattle Center will be the site on Sept. 18. Registration for day-long seminars will commence at 9 a.m. The objectives of the seminars is to inform minority businessmen of the many requirements for goods and services by the Federal Government. Individual counseling will be provided to advise those in attendance. Invitation is extended to those in business or considering to become one.

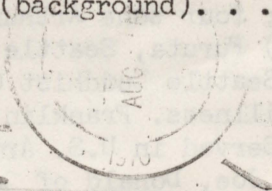
DONATIONS:

- The Seattle Chapter wishes to acknowledge generous donations from the following:
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Fujita in memory of Hisashi Tateoka \$20.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ted T. Yasuda, \$25
- International Kiwanis for Drop-in Center \$50.

All other donations will be brought up to date in the next issue.

CORRECTION ON CAPTION NAME ON EXHIBIT TO BE MADE: Ted Sakura writes: 1925 "picture of two men on the front end of a track speeder, I am sitting on top of the radiator with a derby on and Mr. Izumi was my helper. On the left is a picture of a track laying machine with Mr. Masato Terada walking down Chicago Milwaukee mainline (background). . ."

Seattle Chapter
 Japanese American Citizens League
 526 South Jackson Street
 Seattle, WA 98104



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON LIBRARY
 DEPT. OF MANUSCRIPTS/ARCHIVES
 SEATTLE, WASH. 98105

It was as if the mind, bruised by emotional onslaughts, wanted to wrap itself in numbing forgetfulness. So it was that events which happened at the JACL National Convention were put out of mind, erased temporarily -- that is, until tonight, a Monday in August, when a television program brought it all back. Scenes of devastation in the wake of the first atomic explosion flashed across the screen in a Japanese documentary film entitled "Hiroshima-Nagasaki". This was the initial showing of the film on American T.V. -- yet a number of us had seen it before, on that first afternoon of the Chicago Convention. The presentation which the young people put on that Wednesday was indeed a moving one and to some a discomfoting experience. Through dramatic recitations and haunting songs, interwoven effectively with films on Evacuation, "Hiroshima-Nagasaki", and Vietnam, this Sansei group pleaded for involvement, an end to apathy, and the need to work together to reach understanding. How many Hiroshimas, they asked, how many more Hiroshimas? Regardless of whether one agreed totally with their views on all that's not right with society, it was difficult not to be impressed with their serious dedication, their deep concern. A block of seats were left vacant by some delegates who chose not to listen. Unmindful, the Sansei group thanked the audience for their patience in hearing them out.

(... Understanding was the theme of the Convention...)

* * *

Undoubtedly one of the high points of the Convention was the Masaoka Testimonial Banquet, with its wealth of nationally renown speakers, lavish in its preparation, and abundantly attended. Accolades poured forth -- it was an evening of well-deserved recognition for pioneer JACLer Masaoka, but it was also a night for the very old and the very young in the Masaoka family. At the head table was Mike's 84-year young Mother, white-haired, delicately diminutive, the very image one calls to mind when Mother's Day verses are read. She twinkled with pride for her fourth-born, though her heart must have grieved at the loss of her eldest, Joe Grant, just a few days previous. One of the speakers, Dr. Yatabe, compared the evening's tribute to a moment in his own life when his young grandson, upon learning that his grandfather had been asked to autograph a book in which his name was featured (Hosokawa's NISEI), said in awe, "Gee, Grandpa, you're famous!" So must this evening of honor have given to Mike's adopted children, 15-year old Midori and 13-year old Michael, new insights into the kind of man who is their father.

(... How many of us, Nisei and Sansei, ever knew, or now know even a fragment as much about our own parents?)

* * *

It was perhaps a point of interest that although the cost of the banquet may have been prohibitive to a large Sansei group attendance, there were those of the youth group who did attend but apparently left before the speakers program began. And in so doing, presumably they missed the message so stirringly given by Mike Masaoka to those of the younger generation who are wont to criticize the middle-aged generation for their non-resistance in the days of World War II. Let me say here and now, said Masaoka, that were it not for the life's blood given by your fathers and uncles and relatives, you would not now be in a position to be protesting!

(... Understanding is a two-way street. Do we understand the young; do the young understand their elders?)

* * *

To go from the Hilton banquet a few blocks away back to the Palmer House and to be confronted there with the stark tragedy which must have been happening barely an hour previous, was an assault to credibility. Shocked disbelief. Stupefying horror. And a heavy sick feeling deep inside that wouldn't go away. Gradually returning groups clustered around in hushed speculation, while one hoped futilely that someone, anyone, would come and say it was all a bizarre mistake. Whatever the adults may have expected when they reached the 6th floor convention headquarters--panic, hysteria, utter confusion--there was anything but. The composure, the "cool" of the young people was a lesson to be emulated. They behaved as adults. They were adults. In the aftermath of the following day, the youngsters sat huddled in blankets amid their luggage in the 6th floor lobby, waiting for their flights home. One wanted to reach out to them and offer some comforting words of sympathy, but the words never came, and we hoped they would understand. It was tragedy enough that such violence could befall two young dedicated girls, but that among our own group vicious rumors could spawn to cast reflections upon these victims was reprehensible. Undeniably the press accounts were lurid, playing every sensational angle to the hilt, but to seize on these dubious news accounts, when glaring contradictions were obviously apparent, and pre-judge guilt by implication, should shame even the most gullible. If the finger of blame for this tragedy be pointed to the "sickness" which permeates this land, might we also examine the "sickness" of innuendo that made necessary an explanation of the girls' conduct in a Pacific Citizen article written by a roommate.

(... Misunderstanding is so easy, but is it so much harder to find out the truth and understand? Really understand?)

* * *

How refreshing to contemplate instead the compassionate spirit shown by Ranko Yamada who wrote, "Don't blame him, it was not his fault." Ranko's mother explained that her daughter believed that when people get into trouble, society has often made them that way. As to her assailant, she felt she could not hate him, but only pitied him.

(... Is this what it's all about? Could the essence of it all be found in a black crayon note written by a young 17-year old girl when she thought she was dying? Where hate and bitterness could so easily have taken over, only compassion and understanding prevailed.

... Understanding was the theme of this Convention...)