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REPORT ON DROP-IN CENTER AND HOSTING OF PNWDC SESSION TO BE KEY TOPICS

Regular monthly Chapter meeting will be called to order by President Don Kazama this Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 7:45 p.m. at the JACL office. One of the report to be heard is the special board meeting of Sept. 8 to hear the Drop-In Center committee's request for fund. Gov. Tak Kubota of the PNWDC will give additional details for the luncheon meeting featuring President Raymond Uno. President Kazama will try to find a speaker for the Chapter meeting.

Attendance at the meeting has been impressive. Membership should hit the 500 mark.

It should be mentioned at this time that due to lack of time, the list of donors to the Seattle Chapter will have to be postponed for the October issue. Our new members list has not been completely publicized. This should also be brought up to date. We want to thank all the contributing writers in playing an important part in enhancing the readability of this newsletter and adding to the change of pace. And thanks to the many readers who keep feeding in news information. We certainly appreciate it. If at any time we miss any item, please feel free to send in the information to be published in the subsequent issue.

This is the last month for attending the Japanese American exhibit sponsored by the Seattle Chapter and the History of Museum and Industry staff. Exhibit is open to 5 p.m. The museum is located at 2161 East Hamlin Street. The Seattle Historical Society is also the sponsor.

Remember, mark the calendar for the next Chapter meeting, Sept. 16. Everyone welcome.

PUBLIC INVITED TO LUNCHEON TO HEAR THE NEW NATIONAL JACL PRESIDENT SEPT. 27

Seattle Chapter will again be hosting the Pacific Northwest District Council meeting Sunday, Sept. 27 at the Spanish Ballroom at the Olympic Hotel. Ballroom is expected to be partitioned to accommodate the smaller crowd expected.

Newly elected National JACL president Raymond Uno will speak. The public is encouraged to attend the 12:30 p.m. luncheon. The tickets are being sold for \$5 per person. We are sure that president Uno will be available for question and answer session.

Gov. Tak Kubota, who incidently is chairing the luncheon, will call the meeting to order at 9:30 p.m. Roll call and minutes will be read by Bessie Matsuda. Other committee reports include treasurer, Tom T. Imori; membership, George Fugami; 1000 Club, Ed Fujii; recognitions, George Azumano; nominations, Emi Somekawa; Don Hayashi campaign, Nobie Tsuboi; Pacific Citizen, Eira Nagaoka; planning commission, Ike Iwasaki; JAL-JACL summer fellowship, Rose Ogino; youth activities, Stan Kiyokawa (district youth chairman); youth activities, Don Hayashi (youth commissioner); and speaking for National Director, Raymond Uno; Masaoka trust fund, Tak Kubota (district coordinator); translation (hokubei hyakunen sakura), Terumitsu Kano.

We hope to have dignitaries at dinner. Make plans now to attend.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED FOR 1970

Tom S. Iwata, past Chapter president and chairman for the nominating committee, released the names of nine members of his committee together with the addresses. Iwata plans to have two or more people running for each office. Any members and friends interested in running for office is asked to contact any of committee members listed. Any suggestions which may be helpful to the committee will be appreciated.

Committee members are listed as follow: Art Yorozu, 5410 S. Prentic St., Seattle 98118, PA 2-0589; Tom Tsutakawa, 3208 33rd Ave. So., Seattle 98118, PA 5-9049; John Sato, 3819 46th Ave. So., Seattle 98118, PA 3-4917; Victor Kihara, 16010 S.E. 24th, Bellevue 98004, GL 5-5661, Roy Seko, 16010 S.E. 24th, Bellevue 98004, SH 7-1320; Richard Ishikawa, 421 160th S.E., Bellevue 98004, SH 7-2672; Ted Sakahara, 4904 19th Ave. So., Seattle 98108, LA 3-8417; Mrs. Yuri Sata, 5533 S. Holly St., Seattle 98118, PA 3-5004; Miss Takako Yoda, 2102 S. Spokane St., Seattle 98108, PA 2-6547.

DROP-IN CENTER ASKING THE SEATTLE CHAPTER FOR \$1500 FOR YEAR LONG PROGRAM

The Drop-In Center program sponsored by the Seattle Chapter and funded for the most part by the Seattle Youth Council of the Mayor's Youth Coordinator has ended the summer phase of the program. The facility at 2410 Beacon Avenue South has locked its door in line with the expiration of the rental agreement. The project has been a success because of two basic ingredients: availability of leaders for the program and the extensive use of the Center by so many young people far exceeding our expectations.

As for the proposed new site for the Center near Tomboy Market and the Owens Pharmacy on Beacon South, the two story house is badly in need of repair.

All this was brought out during the August Chapter meeting. Arrangement calls for the house to be cleaned up in exchange for three months free rent. Marty Sibonga, Center staff member, said it wasn't fair for the kids to wash the walls, cleaning up the yards, and getting rid of assorted debris, since the house is "in a very bad shape." Marty continued, "The kids are asking just when they will be able to move to the new location (meaning this two story house)." Alan Muramoto, medical student, said that plumbing and bathroom is in need of major repair. (The owner in the meantime agrees to fix the plumbing.) Muramoto mentioned electricity, heating, paints, and manpower need. He asked, "Who is going to pick up the ball?"

Dr. Minoru Masuda was asking "What kind of commitment will the community make? The situation has come down to the wire." He suggested that committee be set up to take a real hard look on maintenance and operation and manpower needed (Continued next page)

DROP-IN CENTER (Cont'd): so we can have an idea of commitment we can make."

The Drop-In Center committee met Sunday, Aug. 30. Dr. Joe Okimoto maintained that program shall be kept relatively unstructured. He said, "I can't conceive the young people, going to program that is structured. They will be searching, seeking, and doing that which attracts them. Let them make the decision and leave as much of the operation flexible," he said. He admitted that the project is for the Asian Americans but the blacks, whites and Chicanos have dropped in to the facility. The whole program has a secondary gain, he explained.

The committee decided to ask help of \$1500 from the Chapter to continue the program on the year around basis. Special board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 8 to consider this fund request.

The regular cultural classes now existing is the Japanese language classes taught by Chikuji Katayama. The last class had about 15 students ranging from junior high to college. Origami class is conducted by Miyo Kaneta who has up to eight elementary school girls.

Other cultural program is the 3-5 p.m. self-defense classes. Tagalog (one of the main Filipino language) will be taught when the space becomes available. Conversational Cantonese and Japanese will be added to the curriculum. This new Center hopes to house the Young Asians for Action group (YAA).

The staff for the summer included supervisor Ruthann Kurose, Mike Berona, Cal Low, Leonita Descargar and Martin Sibonga, Jr. Dr. Joe Okimoto and Miyo Kaneta are co-chairmen.

REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF TRANSLATING NORTHWEST JAPANESE HISTORY BOOK GIVEN BOARD

Dr. Minoru Masuda, president-elect and chairman of the Issei-Nisei Stories, submitted a 5-page report on the "English Translation and Publication of 'Hokubei Hyaknen Zakura'". He restated that the Seattle Chapter has supported the idea of translation but is not yet "committed itself to the raising of funds for the purpose of translation and publication."

The question arises: "Is the book worth the efforts of translation and publication?" The greatest obstacle is the cost of translation. Services could be obtained for \$10,000. The translation and publication would have to go hand in hand. Translation without publication will not be useful. A minimum of 5,000 copies will have to be published to enhance its acceptability. According to Mr. Ito who wrote the book, any form of abridgement is out of the question as it will affect marketability. All these discussion is still at the stage of exploration. Anyone who is interested in the report should contact Dr. Masuda.

CHAPTER AD HOC COMMITTEE SENDS LETTER DISAGREEING WITH TURNKEY DECISION.

Seattle Chapter joined the Model Cities Program and the International Improvement Association criticizing the Board of Commissioners of the Seattle Housing Authority for the selection of Sixth Avenue South and South Main site for a Turnkey housing project. The International District Improvement Association criticism is based on the two year planning study contract findings with the model cities in researching the ideal site for such high rise apartment.

The Seattle Chapter formed an ad hoc committee on the International District Turnkey project and appointed Dr. Minoru Masuda as chairman. Letter was sent July 31st to the Seattle Housing Authority commissioners.

The letter said in part: ". . . It is almost redundant to delineate these objections since you have had access to the recommendations of the International District Improvement Association, Model Cities Subcommittee on Housing and the Seattle Housing Authority staff. However, let us reiterate these formidable objections and they relate primarily to the site location:

1. The site has a recorded history of slide difficulties and is a hazardous undertaking for a building of tall proportions.
2. The building will be located on a site which will be separated from the main shopping, business, and entertainment area by the busy arterial of South Jackson Street, a hazard for the elderly.
3. The Sixth Avenue South grade from South Jackson Street to South Main Street is steep enough to be a problem for the elderly.
4. The entrance to the parking lot is on the steep grade of Sixth Avenue; this is highly undesirable.

". . . The Ad Hoc Committee adds its voice of objection to the proposal selection and urge that you reconsider your position to match the needs of the elderly."

The letter was signed by Minoru Masuda as chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the International District Turnkey Project.

CHARTER CHANGE GIVING ALIENS CIVIL SERVICE STATUS TO GO ON NOV. 3 BALLOT

Following the public hearing Aug. 31 to consider charter amendment to give aliens more rights and job security under civil service, the Seattle city council voted to put the proposed change in Nov. 3 ballot. This will allow aliens to take civil service tests if they have filed a legal notice of intent to become United States citizens. Hiring preference of citizens over aliens will be removed. Aliens are now working as provisional employees and have no civil service status. Last year 18 alien engineers working for the City filed a suit declaring the 1896 Charter provision unconstitutional when threatened with the loss of jobs. Superior Court dissolved the restraining order. The preliminary hearing with the State Supreme Court is scheduled for the first week in October.

Engineer who filed the suit included British subject of Chinese descent, Indian, Chinese from Taiwan, a Briton, Filipino, and Korean. In addition two alien bus drivers have filed similar suit in the court. Some of the engineers have left for other jobs.

The Charter provides that "all applicants for offices or places in the classified civil service be subject to examination, which shall be public, competitive and open to all citizens of the United States." All this may change if the voters have their say and/or if (Cont'd)

State Supreme Court rules the City Charter provision unconstitutional.

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ON THE CONVENTION (Part II)

by Eira Nagaoka

THAT UNKNOWN FOOTNOTE:

While listening to Mike M. Masaoka's speech in response to honors given him during the testimonial banquet, I was intrigued by one of the statements made.

We were aware that Masaoka had already been appointed National Secretary and Field Executive of JACL back in 1941 in time to follow the mechanics and events leading to evacuation.

Masaoka in portion of his speech in Chicago was answering to some of the young critics who said "that their fathers and their brothers and their uncles made a mistake when they volunteered to fight and to die to win acceptance. After that kind of racial prejudice, they should have stood in camp and refused to serve their country." Masaoka's answer was that if we had followed this course, the 110,000 evacuees would have been left without leaders and "one has to make judgment on the basis of those times and its future. And we knew that the Army had two plans, one if we cooperated and one if we didn't!"

Now this is interesting. Whether this so-called alternate plan is locked up in the Pentagon archive we don't know.

When the National JACL is being committed to continue campaign for the repeal of Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 the implication is obvious. The Japanese Americans followed the course of cooperation. What would have happened if we had balked? Maybe a hint can be seen from the Manzanar riot when the military displayed its show of force.

For this reason the repeal of the Title II campaign should be equated with repressive consequence of future evacuees thrown into detention camp on non-cooperating basis in the light of the present mood.

THAT LOVABLE CHICAGO:

Writer-critic Nelson Algren who authored "The Man with the Golden Arm" wrote in one of his works that any person "whose thought is simply to report the sights and sounds of the city (Chicago) must be some kind of nut." But here goes nothing crammed into a capsule.

The charm of Chicago is changing. The make-believe world of the Riverview Amusement Park with its side shows, horror chambers, roller coasters of every size and shape, and the gigantic parachute towers have been dismantled for good.

And my favorite for stirring the memories of other days is the colorful Maxwell Street. I'm sorry to say that its open air stalls, push carts, hawkers, gawkers, and bargain hunters and rows of piled junks on the sidewalk have all but disappeared. The die-hard entrepreneurs are giving in grudgingly to the pressure of urban renewal.

And to the North Shore the wrecking ball is reducing the Edgewater Beach Hotel and its majestic tower into rubbles. Celebrities dined and danced in the open air and watched the floor show with bevy of pretty girls. On the flank was the famed beach walk. Later the terraced garden was converted to huge patio and pool resort complete with cabanas. Dance music from the Edgewater was carried over the national radio network. All this to be just a memory. The Aragon ballroom few miles to the north continues playing to rock music crowd if that be any consolation.

I still miss the Post Office and Federal Building. The classic pile of stone, iron and mortar capped with huge copper clad dome used to show its best with the sun shining in the late afternoon. Alphonse Capone was convicted here. But all is not lost for the lovers of architectural heritage. Chicago has preserved many of the monumental landmark including the works of H. H. Richardson, Frank Lloyd Wright, Dankmar Adler, and Louis H. Sullivan.

One refreshing turn of event is the Old Town on Wells Street growing larger each year. After seeing Piper's Alley with its antique displays mixed in with shops decorated in brilliant psychedelic colors, makes one wonder if we'll forever be immune from being swept into this new media. Rush Street is paled by Old Town's boundless energy and jamming "people power."

In visits elsewhere I can still count on the old El-train and the "A" train in particular immortalized by Duke Ellington. The fascination of the train rounding a corner at 60 miles-an-hour in the narrow "sound chamber" tunnel with iron wheels squealing in protest creates a din which leaves me in ecstatic stupor. Running parallel few blocks to the lake is the picturesque collapsible pantograph frame of the Illinois Central line.

Hapless as usual, the White Sox lost again, this time to the Orioles, in the old what-used-to-be-called Comiskey Park. The scoreboard went in a rampage. The Art Institute collection continues to be overwhelming, especially the work of French Impressionists. The Marshall Field Store interior with open court and covered by skylight roof brings back the old world charm.

I shall remind myself that Chicago is likewise full of new wonders. Prudential Building, John Hancock Center with its huge cross-bracing steel members, Playboy Building of the Hugh Hefner empire and formerly the Palmolive Building, Marina Towers, Picasso's sculpture, German submarine U-505 exhibit, Harper Court, strange foreign markings on ocean going freighters, and so on. Yes, Chicago is a big leaguer in any book.

BENEFIT CHOW MEIN DINNER AT THE NISEI VET HALL THIS SATURDAY

The chow mein scholarship benefit dinner will be held this Saturday, Sept. 12 at the NVC 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. ---o---

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF MERCER ISLAND TACKLES PROGRAM OF MINORITY UNDERSTANDING

(Editor's note: Mrs. Fran Wada has been past vice-president and board member of the Seattle Chapter. She has been past editor of Blaine Memorial Methodist Church newsletter. She has shown concern in the area of human relations through her many activities. Seattle Chapter has substantial list of members residing in Mercer Island and we print this for your interest.)

By Mrs. Fran Wada

Because it might be of interest to JACL members to know of the work of a citizens' group on Mercer Island, I am submitting this report. I feel it is especially apropos because of the increasing emphasis on minority culture and history incorporated into the curriculum of many schools throughout this area and nation.

I had a good fortune to be one of 12 members of our Citizens' Advisory Council committee, "Race Relations and Education." The CAC is a body of concerned citizens of Mercer Island who work as a liaison between the School Board-Administration and the community. It often sets up committees to research an area of concern and to make recommendations based on the study to the School Board. Sometimes the Board requests a particular study, as was the case when Board member Ray Haman back on June of 1968 expressed concern about Mercer Island's lack of constructive programs in minority understanding. Thus the Race Relations and Education Committee was formed, followed by a year of study and work.

This group consisted of people with varying degrees of interest and concern, representative of the local community. Even with this diversity, I was impressed with the fact that most everyone involved had an open mind, willing to study together and listen and thus learn from each other. One of the members who was the least supportive of our purpose became the most vocal supporter of our final report. His subsequent stands at the School Board meetings in the face of strong and oftentimes emotional opposition from some members of the community were most gratifying to see. I also learned in the process. Things moved slowly in committee -- too slowly for me, and my impatience no doubt showed at times. But through the experience, I was able to see that the molding of a committee which can really work together, especially in light of our differences, takes persistent effort; and to see what developed out of our diversity -- unanimous support of our final report -- was real education for me.

After many months of deliberation, we submitted our final report to the School Board in May of 1969. Our introductory paragraph sums up our philosophy for this report: "Because we live in highly complex, pluralistic urban society, it becomes imperative for educational institutions to take positive steps to implement programs which will enable students to relate realistically and relevantly to this community, nation and world as responsible citizens. We feel that education today must be broadened to include an understanding of and appreciation for the many minority groups who have contributed to our nation's growth and achievements and who are a real part of our future." We then proceeded to make specific recommendations in the areas of: curricula (course development, textbooks, etc.), programs (joint programs with Seattle, seminars, etc.), staff (minority recruitment at all levels, teacher education, etc.), and community involvement.

Administration Responds to Citizens Report

Even before our committee received an answer from the Board and administration, I was pleased to learn that several suggestions from our report already were being implemented. Such things as the New Careers Teacher-Aide Program in our elementary schools, Project Relate (large movable carts in which extensive books, pamphlets, and audio-visual materials relating to minority history and culture can be wheeled from classroom to classroom), and appointment of Dr. Sam Kelly as professional recruiter of qualified minority group personnel for our school district.

The Superintendent, Dr. Paul Avery, in his reply to our committee and in his recommendations to the School Board, acknowledged individual efforts in practically all our schools to engage in some kind of multi-cultural activities or exchanges but up to now without indication of support, encouragement or direction from the School Board, administration or the community at large. Lacking official recognition, there was no coordination nor any evaluation of their effectiveness. Most reaction from the community tended to be critical or repressive. Realizing that official sanction was necessary, Dr. Avery urged the formal recognition and support to the development of multi-racial educational programs. His rationals went thus:

"Our children are born into this world free of racial prejudice. Each child should have the right to be educated to live in a prejudice-free environment just as he should have the right to be educated to live in a pollution-free or disease-free environment.

"Lack of knowledge, understanding and respect for the differences among people are enormously destructive factors within individuals and within our society. There is a body of speculative research accumulating which indicates that the effects of racial isolation can be equally damaging.

"It has been demonstrated in other metropolitan areas that city and suburban schools can mobilize and combine their resources to provide enriched educational programs and a higher quality of education than could be provided by either the city school or the suburban school working in isolation."

And he continues, "It is of vital and utmost importance that the Board of Education be perfectly aware that the Superintendent is not talking about tokenism when he asks for approval to move forward with multi-racial educational programs for the School District . . . I do present to you . . . the recommendations which I believe must be implemented if our School District is to back-up a commitment to multi-racial education."

And in his report he quotes Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, who believed one of the four basic goals of education to be: "To understand, to appreciate and to learn to live with fellow inhabitants of our planet. (Continued on next page.)

Every child must learn about the races and peoples of the world and the rich variety of the world's cultures . . . He must learn that there are many people in the world who differ from him profoundly in habits, ideas and ways of life. He must perceive these differences not as occasions for uneasiness or hostility, but as challenges to his capacity for understanding."

This is a small step toward the building of understanding so sorely needed in our society. It's a start. Hopefully from this beginning indepth programs will form.

One way Nisei residents of Mercer Island can help is to write supportive letters to the Superintendent and members of the School Board. In talking with Dr. Avery, I realize how the very vocal minority of critics are always in touch with him and how little supportive voice he receives. I hope individuals will become involved actively in groups which may develop to help or support the multi-racial programs. I would appreciate hearing from those persons concerned about minority history and culture, especially as it relates to the Japanese in this country. There may be ways we Nisei citizens of this community can work together on things difficult to accomplish on an individual basis.

ROKKA SKI SALE AND SWAP

This is no snow job! Last year's Rokka Ski Club sponsored Ski Sale & Swap was such a fantastic success that it will be repeated again this year on Saturday, Oct. 10. The sale will be held at the Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 South King, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Similar to last year, new items sold at amazingly low prices will include name-brand skis, poles, boots, bindings, and clothing.

Only Rokka Ski Club members in good standing (paid membership 1969-70) will be admitted; however, new memberships for the coming season may be obtained at the door. Refreshments will be available. Come and see your ski buddies from last year or make new friends. Mark the date, Oct. 10 on your calendar now. Whether or not you can make it, let's all THINK SNOW!!

JAPANESE AMERICAN HISTORICAL DISPLAY TO CLOSE SEPTEMBER 29

The Seattle Historical Society and the Seattle Chapter JACL exhibit depicting the role of Japanese American community in the Pacific Northwest ends with this month. The display "The Pride and the Shame" was the result of total community effort representing various organizations without whose help the exhibit would not have been possible. Museum staff assisted.

Churches represented by the panels were Japanese Congregational, Blaine Methodist, St. Peter's Episcopal, Japanese Presbyterian and Japanese Baptist. The Seattle Buddhist Church had a exhibit with photographic mosaic of youth activities and altar. Other exhibits include the Community Queens for Seafair festivities, Rokka Ski Club, picture brides, Sansei activities, 50 years of Scouting in the community, and the NVC, Inc. exhibit titled "Call to Arms." There is a panel filled with newspaper clippings by ACE.

Typical housing block model of War Relocation Center is made to table top size by Bob Hoshide. Early occupations of Issei is represented by railroad works, fish canneries, oyster farming and logging camps. There is a mock-up of typical room of detention center.

Art portion of the exhibits include paintings by Frank S. Fujii, Bill Ishida, Paul Horiuchi, George Tsutakawa, John Matsudaira, Fred Takasumi, Roy Tanagi, and Roy Tsuboi. Sculptures include work by Yuki Ideta, Roy Tsuboi, and George Tsutakawa. Silk screen by Roger Shimomura, and wall hang by Yuki Ideta. Picture exhibit of outstanding Japanese American is represented by Paul Horiuchi, Minoru Yamasaki and George Tsutakawa.

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 are invited. 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 accordionist will accompany the trip. The cost is \$10.00 per person. John Ogishima and Mack Shoji are co-chairmen.

RIGHTS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Seattle Human Rights Commission registered strong opposition to racial exclusionary clauses in membership regulations of private clubs. A report submitted to the commission indicated there are 283 private clubs in the state with membership of more than 230,000 persons. The report also stated that between 70 and 90 per cent of the revenue of the clubs comes thru the sale of liquor under state Class H licenses. In addition, the report related a study of executives which revealed the strong business influence of the clubs. The study showed that a majority believed membership in clubs helped them advance, gain customers, increase their prestige among co-workers and attain new status.

On another issue a task force of the Rights Commission recommended that the commission study and accept the Indian proposal for development of Fort Lawton. This would present a major move in favor of the Indian proposal that Fort Lawton become a center of Indian culture, training and education. Phillip Hayasaka is the executive director of the Human Rights Dept.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Chicago, Ill.

"I was very interested to read your observations on the national convention, as well as Don Kazama's. There is a correction needed in both articles. We called ourselves the National Liberation Caucus, not Front. The use of the term "Liberation" comes from the Chicago Liberation Chapter, which was one of the groups who formed the Caucus. As one of the founding members of the Chicago Liberation, I can testify that the use of "Liberation" had many people uptight. I suppose their immediate identification was to the NLF.

"Our selection of the term had two reasons: identification with many liberation movements in this country and throughout the world, and a statement of the need for JACL to liberate itself from banana-ism (yellow on the outside, white on the inside). We are, then, a non-revolutionary group, more reform-oriented than anything else. We do work with more radical

LETTER TO THE EDITOR (Cont'd); Asian groups. But these choose not to work within JAACL."

--William Hohri, Chicago Liberation Chapter

(Letter to be continued next issue--ed.)

NEWS JOTTINGS: Robert Umeda, 15, and Warren J. Higa, 14, both of Troop 252, became Eagle Scouts July 17 at the Seattle Buddhist Church. Robert is son of Mrs. Kazuko Umeda and is sophomore at Franklin High. Warren, son of James Higas, is Asa Mercer Jr. High frosh . . . Swedish Hospital Medical Center honored 15 teen-age volunteers for giving 50 or more hours service to the hospital including Patty Saito . . . The children of the Rev. and Mrs. Tom Fukuyama held an open house in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the marriage of their parents Aug. 9 at their home: 9920 Woodlawn Place SW in Tacoma . . . Mrs. Henry Watanabe has been elected president of Ikebana International. Other officers are the Mmes. Mike Weide, vp; Harry T. Meyers, sec; and Leroy H. Jones, publicity . . .

MILESTONES: Masa Omoto, 84, of Bainbridge Island. Buddhist service held July 14 at the Owyen Funeral Home (B.I.) . . . Ritaro Hamada, 100, Aug. 11. Japanese Nichiren Buddhist Church, Tengu Club, Totsutori Club. He received a letter early this year from President Nixon. Survived by six grandchildren . . . Yaeko Yamamoto. Funeral Aug. 12. Japanese Baptist Church and Fujinkai, Kishi Club. Survivors include son Ken Yamamoto, Seattle; daughters Mrs. Floyd (Kimi) Yamamoto, Seattle and Mrs. Waichi (Sachi) Cyanagi, Portland . . . Kiyo Ikeda, 81, Aug. 29. Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, Nagano Club. Survived by one daughter Mrs. Takayoshi (Fukuko) Okamoto, Seattle . . . Naō Yoshimura, 74, July 12 . . .

BUSINESS AND FINANCE: Dr. Terrance M. Toda's new office is directly across the South Jackson Street. The optometrist staff besides Dr. Toda includes his daughter Jerrilyn Toda (Chin and her husband Dr. Lund Chin, both graduates of Pacific University's College of Optometry in Forest Grove, Oreg., with B.S. and O.D. degrees. Dr. Chin served one year in Korea . . . Ted Nakamura has joined the Seattle office of Smith, Barney & Co., national investment-banking firm, as a registered representative . . .

THE SEATTLE IMPERIALS DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS team placed second in the junior color-guard competition at the American Legion National drum-and-bugle championships Aug. 30 in Portland. The Vanguards of Santa Clara, Calif., won the competition, edging the Imperials by one tenth of a point, 92.7 to 92.6. The Imperials finished fourth in junior drum and bugle corps competition, and the Seattle Shamrocks placed eighth.

Calendar of Events

- Sept. 12--NVC scholarship benefit chow mein dinner from 4:30-7 p.m. NVC Hall
 - 16--Regular monthly Chapter members meeting. Everyone welcome. 7:45 p.m. JAACL office
 - 19--R. & R. Cruise and dinner at Kiana Lodge. \$10 per person Fishermen's Wharf
 - 26--One Thousand Club dinner. Approximately \$6.50 per person 6:30 p.m. Bush Garden
 - 26-27--Save Our Ships Maritime Rummage Sale on the lightship Relief at Pier 57.
12 noon to 6 p.m. Usable marine and non-marine equipment needed for rummage sale. No clothes, please.
 - 27--Pacific Northwest District Council meeting from 9:30 a.m. at Spanish Ballroom.
Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. open to the public. Raymond Uno, speaker. \$5. Grand Ballroom
 - Oct. 3--Imperial Drum & Bugle Corps auction. 7:30 p.m. Ballard VFW
 - 9--News deadline for JAACL Reporter. Mail articles to:
c/o (Editor) Eira Nagaoka, 151 11th Avenue, Seattle 98122
 - 10--Rokka Ski Club's "Ski Sale & Swap." Rokka members only. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. NVC Hall
 - 14--Newsletter mailing night 8:00 p.m. JAACL office
- MAJOR JAPANESE AMERICAN** exhibit through Sept. 30 at the Seattle Museum of History and Industry. Open to 5 p.m. 2161 East Hamlin Street.
- MRS. JESSIE SETO'S** "The Art of Origami" will continue through Oct. 31 at the Wing Luke Memorial Museum. The Museum is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1-7 p.m.

YOUNG ASIANS FOR ACTION GROUP TO CARE FOR ELDERLY

Young Asians for Action (YAA) group is made up of high school and college youths. In their last meeting Sept. 7 at the Japanese Presbyterian Church, the group decided to write their Articles for Incorporation. They will be known as Concerned Asians for Reaching the Elderly (CARE). The Board of Directors will be made up of 2 representatives from each of the ethnic community. The program is broken down into three phases: a. transportation b. health care and need c. education and counseling.

One of the first accomplishment was the formation of car pool and two loads of passengers were taken to the Kokusai Theater and back. Similar car pools will be organized for the Filipino and Chinese night at the theater. Other duties will include passenger service for shopping. The service has been publicized in the Japanese language paper but the Issei, according to YAA spokesman, are having a hard time comprehending the whole concept.

Allan Muramoto is chairman and supported by Norma Berona (vice-chairman), Sue Tomita (secretary), and Randy Tada (treasurer).

Remember primary election September 15

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