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MINETA TO KEYNOTE JUBILEE BANQUET

Norman Yoshio Mineta who was sworn in last June 30 for the two-year term as mayor of San Jose, has accepted the invitation to speak to Seattle JACL's Golden Jubilee banquet Oct. 30. Mineta was named as Nisei of the Biennium in 1968 while he was a member of the City Council. As Human Relations Commissioner and Housing Commissioner for the City of San Jose, he became involved in active participation in the cause of social justice for all minority groups. He has helped to improve the health care of the poverty stricken. Mineta is the first Nisei mayor of a major American city. He is married to the former May Hinoki of Colusa, Calif. and have two sons David 7 and Stuart 1.

The Golden Jubilee Committee met Aug. 4. With the banquet date firmly set the committee chaired by Tomio Moriguchi can get set into high gear in working out the details. Already Dr. Minoru Masuda has written the draft of the official historical sketch entitled "Golden Anniversary Jubilee of the Seattle JACL." Dr. Masuda will try to reduce the content to 500 or 600 words. Frank Hattori will finalize the banquet hall reservations.

The afternoon of the banquet day has been set aside for the youth "rap session" with one of the invited name guest.

The Seattle organization is one of the pioneer chapter and had its inception on Sept. 21, 1921 under the name of Seattle Progressive Citizens League when the Western States were passing legislations restricting land ownership by the Issei.

The Golden Jubilee fete will be the last major JACL activities for the year except for the scheduled exhibition titled "The Pride and the Shame."

AUGUST MEETING TO FEATURE POSITION NO. 4 CANDIDATES

Regular meeting of the Seattle JACL will be held Wednesday, Aug. 18 at the JACL office, 526 South Jackson Street from 7:45 p.m. The program portion will start after 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Program co-chairman Ted Taniguchi announce that "Meet the Candidates" night will take place following the meeting. Aspiring candidates for City Council Position No. 4 vacated by Ted Best and held by incumbent Ken Rogers will state their positions and will be ready to field any questions. Speakers include Bruce Chapman, James Kimbrough and Ken Rogers. Invitation has been sent to Bernadine Garrett. Primary election will be held sometime next month.

Taniguchi hopes to revive the ill-fated film project of Korematsu v. United States which arrived too late for the April meeting. The film will be rescheduled for September meeting.

Agenda for the next Wednesday meeting will include report from Golden Jubilee Celebration Committee and the coming exhibition on the story of the Japanese Americans in the Pacific Northwest supported with \$6,666.00 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The State Capitol Museum in Olympia is working with the committee. The project is under the direction of Dr. Minoru Masuda and design preparation under Tomio Moriguchi.

Tak Kubota, recently back from the National JACL Board meeting may be able to tell us about the farm labor crisis as it relates to JACL.

Mark the calendar for Aug. 18 meeting. Bring your friends. Everyone is welcome.

1000 CLUB CHARTER FLIGHT TO JAPAN

Those who signed up for 16-day tour beginning in Tokyo on Oct. 4 and ending in Osaka on Oct. 19 should have their second installment of \$200.00 paid by Aug. 1st. The third installment of \$64.00 will be due Aug. 30th. In any event, those who have yet to pay their August 1st payment should make their final payment of \$264.00 by Aug. 30.

Tour chairman Connie Asaka with the Kinomoto Travel appreciates payment as soon as possible. Checks should be made to Kinomoto Travel Service and mailed to Mrs. Connie Asaka, 2633 South Morgan, Seattle 98108.

It's time to take care of passport which may be obtained from Passport Agency Department of State in the Logan Building, 500 Union Street (phone 442-7941). Take your passport to Kinomoto Travel Service by Sept. 1 and they will take care of the visa.

Inquiries on Charter Flight may be made to either Dick Yamane (EA 2-0538), Connie (PA53597) or Cherry Kinoshita (PA 5-0765).

ASIAN DROP-IN CENTER SEEKING INCORPORATION

Asian Drop-in Center is now in the process of incorporation according to reports to the JACL board by Don Kazama and Sam Shoji, speaking as members of Youth Concerns Committee. The committee is set to form by-laws for its own use. The JACL board was told that this was in no way a reflection on the JACL. The Asian Drop-in Center has appreciated what the JACL has done and the Drop-in Center will continue to need all the support they can get from JACL. Mrs. Yuri Sata has been named legal counsel for the Center and Jacqueline Kay, recently from New York, is the temporary chairman of the board.

ETHNIC CULTURAL CENTER FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

The University of Washington has opened its new Ethnic Cultural Center at 3931 Brooklyn Ave. N.E. The first phase cost is \$239,578.00 and will provide offices and meeting rooms for the American Indian Students, the ACE, the BSU and MECHA, a Chicano students' organization. Roy J. Flores, 27, is the director. He is prominent member of Filipino community.-----o-----

ROCHESTER SPEAKS ON CRIME PREVENTION COUNCILS

Junius Rochester, 37, Garfield High and Whitman College graduate, was the June JACL meeting speaker. Although we were not aware at that time, he is the son of former City Councilman Alfred P. Rochester and a candidate for the City Council position now being held by Charles M. Carroll. Rochester was introduced as president of the Central Seattle Community Council. He belongs to so many civic action organizations at the community level, we will be hard put to list them all.

Rochester talked on crime prevention advisory committee conceived on the premise that police force is understaffed and lacks sufficient funds to protect the community. This committee urged the use of neighboring homes chart together with their phone numbers to warn of any suspicious activities. As the result the crime rate in Seattle decreased substantially last year. There are 19 crime prevention councils in the Greater Seattle Community.

Rochester spoke of the new threat in the form of vigilante organization trying to take the law into their own hands though they may be well intentioned. He proposed the idea of citizens juvenile crime committee to provide initial hearings for the first offender in crime. Rochester also believes that police review board will be helpful especially to the black community.

WOMEN'S LIBERATION SPEAKERS BLAME CONDITIONING OF WOMEN BY SOCIETY AS CAUSE OF THEIR WOES

Two spokesmen for the women's liberation movement from the University Branch of the YWCA made their pitch to the JACL meeting July 21. Two young ladies Sarah Whisnant and Sarah Sakuma, both student at the U.W., were prepared with voluminous statistics and stacks of brochures. Miss Sakuma stated that women's movement is radical in a sense of getting into the root of the problems to make changes in the role of men and women. "Social scientists didn't pay much attention to women. Mostly they studied men and helped to reinforce the stereotype and myth of women," Sakuma said. "The assumption relates women's work to be in the home."

She compared this sorry state with the role of women in other countries where the women have a freer hand in choosing their destiny. Women's discrimination is sorely felt in the wages paid to women. Following graduation of college at the age of 21, she asks if the women are able to choose her own career and destiny after 21 years of socializing and conditioning. Girls are taught from infancy to be passive and dependent. Women suffer from neurosis as a result of constant discrimination against them.

Miss Whisnant reinforced Sakuma's contention by telling of her experience at the U.W. "We were 'dumb' because we are women. Women aren't supposed to excel in school since we are going to get married anyway," Whisnant said. "We find out that women are not talking in the classroom since they felt we were incapable and we find that other women felt the same way. Very few women ever speak in Class," Whisnant continued. Whisnant felt this was all the result of conditioning.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RESIDENTS OF MODEL CITY AREA

Applications are being received for the Seattle Model City Program scholarship. Last year nearly \$60,000.00 in various scholarships from the federal fund were awarded and not a single oriental has applied except for a lone Filipino.

Applicants may own a car, may be living in an apartment or in a dormitory and still be able to qualify but the criteria for consideration is need. The first qualification is that student has registered with the school and has been accepted for enrollment. Another qualification is that applicant be a resident of Model City area bounded approximately by South Holgate Street on the south margin, Lake Washington Boulevard on the east, Aloha Street on the north and Rainier Avenue South-14th Avenue on the west and including International District and the Pioneer Square area.

Pick up your application form and return it as soon as possible. Earlier applicants are already being interviewed following their application and time is getting short.

Application forms may be picked up in the Seattle Model City Program headquarters, 1700 East Cherry, Seattle 98122. Telephone number is 583-5700. The office closes at 5 p.m.

HISTORIANS FEATURE STORY OF JAPANESE INTERNMENT

Dr. Minoru Masuda, slim, conservatively tailored professor of psychiatry at the University of Washington, on the exterior epitomizes America's dream of equality for its minority peoples. But beneath this smooth surface of success lurks the nightmare of Japanese American life in World War 2, what Masuda calls The Pride and the Shame.

Masuda, a second generation Japanese, or Nisei, told the State Capitol Historical Association June 30, of his problems and reactions as a member of a minority to life in America.

He said the achievements of Japanese have been through what he called "over whitening the whites, beating the white man at his own game. That is a bum way," Masuda said. He feels the Japanese must realize ethnic identity and dignity, not achieve through competition.

Masuda's talk centered on the internment of Japanese Americans during World War 2.

Masuda and his wife were sent to the Puyallup Assembly Center, euphemistically called Camp Harmony, and later were interned at Minidoka, Idaho. They were among 110,000 persons evacuated from the West Coast by the Army and placed under the jurisdiction of the War Relocation Authority. They were forced to dispose of their real estate, personal property and money. Masuda's family, formerly well-to-do hotel owners, went to the internment camps only with what they could carry.

Later Masuda enlisted in the 442nd Infantry, a regiment of Japanese Americans which fought with great distinction in France and Italy.

Masuda said he often has pondered why so many people submitted so passively to such an abrogation of their civil rights. He attributed it to the cultural attitude of the Japanese, their sense of fatalism, their traditionally adaptive behavior and bowing to authority. "It was an act of survival." Masuda said the third generation of Japanese Americans, the Sansei, are rebelling against such attitudes, as are all young people today. (Cont'd next page).

MASUDA'S TALK ON JAPANESE INTERNMENT (Cont'd): "The Sansei have all the normal problems of youth compounded by ethnic identity," he said. "Japanese are not now those unquestioning, quiet, obedient stereotypes."

Masuda's address to the Capitol Museum's annual meeting was a preview of an exhibit, to be titled *The Pride and the Shame*, which will tour the State of Washington. The exhibit, financed by a \$6,600 federal grant administered by the State Capitol Museum, is being compiled by the JACLS in Washington. It will be in Olympia next January. Masuda's talk was preceded by a business meeting of the Historical Association in which Fred Goldberg was elected president, succeeding Dr. Jee Spielholz, who is retiring after two terms.

The following were named honorary members of the Association for their contributions to the museum's work and distinguished service to the cultural heritage of the state: Kenneth Callahan, James Washington, Dr. Erna Gunther, Dr. Richard Daugherty, George Tsutakawa, Mrs. Bagley Wright and Paul Horiuchi.--The Olympia Daily

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS GRANT

The Seattle Art Museum has received a grant of \$15,000 in matching funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C., to help to finance "Masterpieces of Japanese Ceramics," the major exhibition on the Museum's schedule for next year.

Organized by Henry Trubner, Curator of Asiatic Art, in cooperation with the Bunka-cho (Japanese Government Agency for Cultural Affairs) the exhibition will celebrate the Museum's 40th anniversary and its own long-standing interest and renown in the field of Oriental, especially Japanese, art. It will be held from Sept. 7 through Oct. 22, 1972.

About 130 outstanding examples of Japanese ceramic art will be assembled from museums and private collections throughout Japan. Trubner already has made several trips to that country to arrange for and plan the organization of the exhibition which represents a field in which the Museum is internationally known and was an early pioneer in collecting.

The Seattle Art Museum opened in June 1933 and is a beneficiary of the United Arts Fund.

SEATTLE ATLANTIC STREET CENTER'S SMCP PROJECT STRUGGLED WITH RED TAPE

The letter to the editor from the Board of Directors of the Seattle Atlantic Street Center said the last issue of JACL Reporter carried news item "which implicated mismanagement in the Group Homes Project by the director of the Atlantic Street Center." However, this was certainly not the intent of the news item. It is admitted that condensing items to capsule form through space consideration will carry an intrinsic risk of misinterpretation through omission.

The letter contained excerpt from the April quarterly evaluation report of the Seattle Model City:

"This project was halted temporarily in the second action year when the operation agency felt it could no longer continue with the project, due to disagreements with the SMCP over certain budgetary and contractual matters and due to the long delays encountered in purchasing the group homes. These issues were aggravated by adverse and unfounded publicity, all of which cause the operating agency to take action to discontinue its participation in the project."

(For the sake of record we might add that Seattle Atlantic Street Center which had contractual relations with SMCP, had original plans for leasing two homes but realized the trouble in trying to lease on the yearly basis. It was decided to purchase two homes and this had to be made through the City Hall as required by law. This helped to delay the acquisition of ownership. The bureaucratic red tape also made it difficult to get variance for group homes from the Board of Adjustment. City Building Department also held up permits for remodeling these homes while compliance with the existing code was being checked.

\$100,000 SASC budget called for training staff, purchasing homes, remodeling and furnishing homes, purchasing frozen meat, and the unused money was returned to the SMCP. None of the investments by the management of Seattle Atlantic Street Center has been lost, according to Model City officials. The new sponsor has already spent \$84,000 to get the program underway again.

Working under maze of bureaucratic regulations--which are there to protect the public--the Seattle Atlantic Street Center management cannot be faulted in the past project of group homes for troubled youths, nor for the delay in getting the project operational.--Ed. note).

TANIGUCHI IS NEW OFFICER IN STATE PHARMACEUTICAL GROUP

Theodore T. Taniguchi, Director of the University Hospital Pharmacy Service, was installed as Vice President of the Washington State Pharmaceutical Association (WSPA) June 22. He is the first hospital pharmacist to serve as an officer of the WSPA. Four years ago, he was the first hospital pharmacist to serve as a member of the association's Board of Managers. Ted Taniguchi's career can be said to have been a series of firsts.

He was a charter staff member of University Hospital, arriving in Dec. 1958, six months before the hospital opened, to establish the pharmacy department. Before that, in 1952, he had gone to Harborview Hospital as Chief Pharmacist at the age of 24. As he explains it, these early responsibilities came about partly because, after graduating from the U.W. College of Pharmacy in 1949, he was one of the first students to enter a Master's Degree program in Hospital Pharmacy. He received a master's degree at the University of Michigan in 1951.

Today, Taniguchi is involved in many facets of pharmacy. He is a clinical instructor at the College of Pharmacy here, he is director of the hospital service, and he is now the Vice President of the WSPA. In all these areas, the practice of pharmacy is changing rapidly, moving away from a product-orientation toward a patient-oriented field. This shift is reflected in Taniguchi's election in the WSPA. The balloting was done by mail and represented a wide cross-section of practicing pharmacists. In the past, the voting was held at the convention, and not as many pharmacists were able to vote. Changes are in the wind here as in other hospital pharmacies, according to Taniguchi. A trend is underway (Cont'd next page)

around the country toward a "unit dose system" of treatment whereby hospital medication is prepared in the pharmacy for each patient and delivered to the wards for administration by the nursing staff. The objective is greater efficiency and greater patient safety in medication delivery or, as Taniguchi likes to say, "getting the right drug to the right patient at the right time in the right form by the right route." This chance, which has been talked about around the hospital for the past five years, is being reviewed by a joint University Hospital-Harborview Hospital committee of nurses, pharmacists and hospital administrators. If adopted, it would probably call for an increase in the size of the pharmacy service, which currently has nine employees.

Along with the unit dose system, Ted Taniguchi is working toward a 24-hour per-day, seven-day-per-week service here in the hospital. Presently, service is offered 17 hours per day on week-days and 13 hours per day on week-ends. The changes in pharmacy are coming in hospitals across the country. The progress of major change may be slow, but when it occurs, it is largely due to the energy of people like Ted Taniguchi.

NVC SPONSORS SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT DINNER

Tickets for the annual chow mein teriyaki dinner which will help the NVC scholarship program are now available, according to Jiro Namatame, chairman. Tickets will be selling for \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children 12 and under.

The annual dinner on Saturday, Sept. 11 will feature delicious chow mein and teriyaki chicken with tsukemono and cake. Dinner hours will be 4:30 to 7 p.m. including take-outs at the NVC clubhouse, 1212 S. King St. Keiji Sato is ticket chairman.

NEWS JOTTINGS: Cheerleaders will be attending the annual Washington State Cheerleader Conference to be held at CWSC. Attending from Cleveland High School will be Carol Akada, Jeanne Hirano, Terry Matsuda, Karen Sakagami and Doug Tsujii. . . More than \$4,500.00 was awarded winners in all categories of art and crafts for the 25th annual Pacific Northwest Arts and Crafts Fair held during July 24th week-end in Bellevue. Roger Shimomura received \$75.00 for professional prints category with an entry titled "West Lounge." . . . Spokane--Jerry Taketa is busy mornings galloping horses in preparation for opening day Aug. 6 for 1971 campaign at the Playfair Race Course. Taketa was 1967 apprentice champion and ranked third in final standing that year. Taketa missed most of 1968 Playfair with injuries but placed in top ten the following year with 25 victories and finished second behind champion Richard (Tex) Hollingsworth to complete his best year of his career . . . The Altrusa Club of Seattle received a Mamie L. Bass honorable mention award for its Language Bank project. Mary Fukuyama, president, received the award, named for Altrusa International's first president, at the awards luncheon of the international confab held in San Francisco. The language bank has a staff of 300 volunteer interpreters available day and night to give emergency service to public agencies and hospitals . . . The state has received \$83,141.00 in federal grants for preservations of five historic sites, Gov. Dan Evans announced July 23. Among the grants included for the Wawona, former three-masted schooner, berthed at Lake Union--\$25,000 to King County and for S.S. San Mateo, retired steam ferry--\$20,000 to the State of Washington. These funds will have to be matched. San Mateo and Wawona are the projects of Northwest Seaport, Inc., Robert Ashley, president. Ashley is member of Seattle JACL board and its legal counsel . . .

MILESTONES: Sen Okamura, 87, July 14. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Bocho Club, Kokusei Kai. Survivors include sons Frank M., Seattle, and George L. Okamura, New York City and three daughters . . . Miki Tanagi, 83, July 19. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Fukushima Club. Survivors include: Sons Rick, Roy, George all Seattle; Yoneo (Chicago), Hideo (Japan); daughters Mrs. George (Sayoko) Harmeling and Mrs. Eddie (Ayako) Shimomura, both Seattle and Mrs. Isao (Chiyo) Kurobe, Japan . . .

Moto Nakata, 80, July 21. Seattle Buddhist Church, Hiroshima Club. Survivors include: son Mas Nakata and daughter Mrs. Ayako Shibata, both Seattle . . . Ryosuke Kodama, 85, July 22. Seattle Buddhist Church, Seattle Japanese Hotel and Apt Assn, Kagoshima Club. Survivors include: son Bob S. Kodama, daughters Mrs. John Kyoko Suzaka, Seattle; Mrs. Frank (Mitsuko) Baroan; Mrs. Edward (Sachi) Fujinaka (Hawathorne, CA); Mrs. Richard (Dorothy) Narasaki (Renton) . . . Kurao Fukeda, 74, July 30. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Men's Fellowship and Board of Directors, JACL, Seattle Japanese Community Service, president of Kokusei Shingon Kai, Past vp of Hiroshima Club, Hyaku Do Kai. Survivors include: wife Kinuyo; sons Frank M. and George T. Fukeda, both Seattle; daughter Mrs. Nobuo (Alice) Yutani, Seattle . . . Jiro Kaneko. Funeral Aug. 9. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Men's Fellowship, Hiroshima Club. Survivors include: son Fred (Mac) Kaneko, and two daughters, Mrs. Takeshi (Kiyoko) Kubota and Yo Kaneko, all Seattle; one sister in Japan . . .

WEDDING BELLS: Jody Takae Yoshijima and Barry Kim Uchida were wed July 10 in the Seattle Buddhist Church. Their parents are Takeo Yoshijimas and Kimimoto Uchidas. The bride is a graduate of the U.W. and Uchida is a student there . . . Dorothy Leiko Oba and Gary Seiji Morishima were married July 17 in the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Masamoto Oba of Honolulu, graduated from the U. of Hawaii, where she belongs to Phi Beta Kappa. Morishima, son of Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Morishima, graduated from the U. of Washington and is doing graduate work there . . . Miss Patricia Ann Akita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram G. Akita, became the bride of Wayne T. Miyahira who is son of Mr. and Mrs. Taro Miyahira of Maui, June 27 at the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. Miss Akita, a WWSU graduate, has taught in Azores and in Sapporo, Japan. Miyahira graduated from the U. of Hawaii and has recently served with the U.S. Army. They are living in Kaneohe, Hawaii . . . Mrs. Carl Osaki (Carolyn Sako), daughter of the Steve Sakos, wed recently at Seattle Buddhist Church to son of Tom Osakis. Both are U.W. graduates . . . Two U. of W. grads Marianne Yoshihara and Alvin Mitsu Matsumoto were married July 24th in the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. Both are members of Phi Beta Kappa. (Cont'd next page)

NEWS JOTTINGS (Cont'd): She also joined Omicron Nu and Pi Lambda Theta honories. He joined Zeta Psi Fraternity and Phi Lambda Upsilon honories and will attend U.W. Medical School this fall. The bride is the daughter of Takeo Yoshiharas and bridegroom is son of Mrs. Frances Matsumoto . . .

BUSINESS AND FINANCE: Minoru Okuda, Beacon Hill resident, opened gift shop in Columbia City, at 3703 S. Edmonds St., July 24. Imported gifts from the Orient will be featured . . . John Sato, architect, was seeking conditional-use permit to build a \$1.5 million condominium apartment project at 1727 Harbor Ave. S.W. The buildings, joined by a community recreational facility, will contain 40 units ranging from 1,000 to 1,650 square feet each. The units will be priced in the \$30,000 to \$42,500 bracket. This will be a joint venture between John Sato & Associates and Carlson, Windquist and Bourgault, an oil-distributing firm which owns the property. Sato will be the architect-builder . . . Taul Watanabe, who has been closely involved in efforts of the Port of Seattle to build up its trade with the Far East, has terminated his connection with the port Aug. 1. Watanabe, a former president of the Los Angeles Harbor Commission, has been a consultant for the Port of Seattle since he moved here in January, 1969, to be closer to his business operations in this area.

"It is with regret that I must request termination of my consulting contract with the Port of Seattle," Watanabe said in a letter to J. Eldon Opheim, general manager of the port.

"Over the past two years I have found it necessary to spend most of my time with port activities to the point that it has become impossible to adequately serve my other clientele.

"To try and continue in my efforts to do an adequate job for my other clients as well as the port would impair my health as it has in the past."

Watanabe, who has a wide acquaintance in the Orient, has taken part in many negotiations to get the cargoes for Seattle. Referring to some of these activities, he said:

"Our accomplishment in the field of Six Lines container agreement, port of entry for Mazda cars, port of entry for San Mode Freight Service, Inc.-Honda motorcycles and port of entry for the Datsun vehicles for their inland movement to Chicago and other U.S. points has certainly established the Port of Seattle as a leading U.S. port in the eyes of the Far East nations."

INSURANCE BROKER FOR THE PNWDC?

The need for Blue-Shield-JACL insurance broker for the district council was suggested by a delegate. The broker's job will consist of 1) take care of new enrollment 2) alleviate claims problem 3) make annual report 4) work under insurance committee of member chapters 5) set up comprehensive insurance program. Mr. C. L. "Chuck" Meyers, an insurance broker from Seattle, was brought up for consideration as a possible candidate for such job. However, Masao Satow stated this problem is the concern of the National JACL and Haruo Ishimaru is assuming this role of a sub-broker until this problem is settled. Ed Yamamoto, health insurance chairman, agreed to look into this matter. Roll call for health insurance (June 1971) has Seattle 36, Portland 26, Gresham-Troutdale 11, Puyallup Valley 5, White River 4, Columbia Basin 1, Mid-Columbia 1, for a total of 84. In Northern California close to 10,000 people are covered.

TACOMA NEWS ITEM AT THE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

Rev. Bob Yamashita, former pastor of Whitney Memorial Methodist Church, is the new Tacoma Community College Board of Trustees chairman. He was also appointed to the Human Relations Commission for the City of Tacoma. Also on the Commission is Dr. George Tambara. Tambara was named to the Urban Coalition Man of the Year Award recently.

DISTRICT CONVERSATION ON 1971 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Don Hayashi, Portland Chapter president and National JACL Director of Civil Rights, stated that Portland membership is down. He blamed the trend of the time and the transition taking place in our society. He spoke of the "low morale of the community" with people moving out and the Chicano, Blacks and other minorities joining in. "The community is losing its identity with the Japanese community and the raising of the dues certainly didn't help," said Hayashi.

Mrs. Amy Somekawa of the Puyallup Valley Chapter and past district governor, said, "Yosh Tanabe, president, received lots of cooperation from the people. He has the ability to meet people. He can get cooperation easily because of the rapport for he works for the community. He knows the people in the area." Delegate Willie Maebori of White River Chapter said, "One problem is the lack of leadership to carry the ball. Dues are so high now, the wives drop out. There are other activities in the valley sponsored by different faction group but I know this will eventually work itself out. But I still think it is leadership."

Governor Tak Kubota added that "if Chapter becomes too one sided in activities it will alienate those interested in other programs such as bowling." Hana Masuda, wife of Seattle Chapter president, said "Although the membership is down (from two years ago), our meeting attendance is so large, we have to buy more chairs due to our more viable programs." She stressed that Chapter activities and participation is just as important as heads count. (Of course, we know that Don Kazama doesn't have to take a back seat to anyone this year. He reported 607 members for the July meeting and hopes to reach 640 before the year is over.)

A PARADE OF HAPPINESS ONE SUNDAY MORNING

Nichiren Shoshu of America during their July 23-25 conference at the Seattle Center attracted 10,000 delegates. The Nichiren Shoshu (Soka Gakkai) is reputed to have over 200,000 members with 80 percent Caucasian and 20 percent Orientals with the average age of 25 or 27. Nichiren Shoshu is a laymen's organization practicing the Buddhist life philosophy. Its purpose is to attain world peace through the happiness of each individual. Mrs. Joanne Murad, associate editor of The World Tribune, a tri-weekly newspaper of Nichiren Shoshu of America, prefers to call Nichiren Shoshu as an American Movement here, although it has certain cultural ties to Japan. (Continued on top of page 6)

NICHIREN SHOSHU PARADE (Cont'd): The parade was held Sunday morning of July 25 when everyone was attending their respective churches. Watching the parade titled "Parade of Happiness" was like a shot of adrenalin to bolster my Asian identity ego. Imagine watching a 2-hour parade with the entire parade theme based on Japanese culture and right here in Seattle no less!

There were extravagant and beautifully designed floats from Chicago, New York-Washington D.C., Los Angeles, Honolulu, San Francisco and other major cities with large concentration of Japanese population and carrying parade banners of Koteki Tai and Min-on of America. Floats were brought in by jets, and assembled in time for the show. Hawaiian float was loaded with beautiful girls and long stem flowers of Anthurium, Bird of Paradise, Orchids, Hibiscus and other assorted collections of tropical species. The flowers were thrown to the spectators. About 200,000 flowers were flown in for the convention. The green dragon in the parade was about 90 feet long. A group of 500 girls dressed in the identical blue and white kimonos were doing the odori dance in unison as they paraded. Each kimono had a Seafair Insignia front and back as a salute to the City of Seattle. Major groups were represented with a marching band and one in particular had 300 members and each with a brass instrument. There was a formation of native Hawaiian men with percussive bamboo sticks and Hawaiian girls serenading with dreamy lilting voices. Seattle Koteki Tai was well represented with a drill team dressed in colorful red costumes.

The convention was marked as one of the biggest airline charter movements to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport for any given event with 3,000 Nichiren Shoshu Buddhists on 25 special charters as well as 35 block charters on scheduled airlines. At least 3,000 were housed in dormitories at the University of Washington. Two state super-ferries were chartered for tours and to watch the \$10,000 fireworks display held Saturday night over Elliott Bay.

Seeing Seattle Councilwoman Jeanette McWilliams the next day I remarked about seeing her riding in the convertible in this parade. She remarked that the parade was the greatest and so different. She said she wasn't used to receiving so many cheers along the route.

This was a happy crowd. The spectators, many of them delegates with identifying white uniform, would take turn leading the singing while waiting for the parade to begin. Motorcycle policemen were given special cheers and finishing with a chant of "A," "A," "O"!!, our equivalent of Hip, Hip, Horray! The feeling of happiness was contagious. The morning was well spent.--Eira Nagaoka

1971 MEMBERSHIP DUES STILL BEING RECEIVED: Single member dues \$10.50, wife or husband of member \$8.50, Thousand Club \$25.00 and Chapter dues for Thousand Club member \$2.00. One year subscription to JACL weekly Pacific Citizen and the monthly Seattle Chapter Reporter to members. Make check payable to "JACL Seattle Chapter" and mail to 3042 19th Avenue South, Seattle 98144. You can join JACL-Blue Shield Group Health Plan. Medical exam required. Three months quarter premium: men only \$26.60, female only \$32.50, two party \$57.80 and three or more \$70.80. Write to Ted Sakahara, 316 Maynard Ave. S. Seattle 98104 for information.

EMPLOYMENT TASK FORCE OFFICE AT BLAINE METHODIST: Nisei and Sansei employment office is tentatively being set up on three-months trial basis at Blaine Memorial Methodist Church with help of volunteers. NVC, community churches, Seattle First Hill Lions, JACL and others are expected to contribute fund in keeping the office open on full time basis to help find employment. Several meetings have been held. Lloyd Hara and Dr. Minoru Masuda represented JACL. Keiji Sato, Tosh Okamoto and Jiro Namatame speaks for NVC.

Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency 410 West Harrison, Seattle 98119, has an opening for female clerk with ability to type and for increased responsibility. Call AT 4-2050 and ask for Mr. George Gelderman for details. The job is expected to begin sometime this month.

Calendar of Events

- Aug. 17--Recognition for Mr. Yoshito Fujii and Mr. Kamekichi Shibayama sponsored by the Japanese Community Service. Seattle Buddhist Church Hall. 6:45 p.m. \$5 per person.
18--Regular JACL meeting. 7:45 p.m. at JACL office. Program: "Meet the Candidates."
Sept. 3--Newsletter deadline for JACL Reporter. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements to: c/o (Editor) Eira Nagaoka, 151 11th Avenue, Seattle 98122
8--Newsletter mailing night starting at 8 p.m. at JACL office. Please call chairman Tom Hirai, Jr. if you can help.
11--Annual chow mein teriyaki benefit dinner at NVC clubhouse. 4:30-7 p.m., \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children 12 and under. Jiro Namatame, chairman.
Oct. 30--Seattle JACL Golden Jubilee Celebration

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