

# JACL REPORTER

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## ATTEND 50TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

### LARGE TURNOUT EXPECTED FOR THE OCT. 30 JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The festive occasion is less than three weeks away. Golden Jubilee Celebration dinner will be held in the Spanish Ballroom, Olympic Hotel on Saturday, Oct. 30. This is one event you will not want to miss.

It was 50 years ago that small visionary group, the Seattle Progressive Citizens League, which struggled to find expression in those early days, and which finally produced the necessary catalyst in the form of late Clarence T. Arai.

"The recognition of Mr. Arai and others like him who struggled to unify their ideals and goals is the aim of the Seattle JACL 50th Anniversary Celebration," said Tomio Moriguchi, chairman of the anniversary committee.

Nothing has been spared to assure the success of the celebration.

Mayor Norman Mineta of San Jose, the first Japanese American to become a mayor of a major city, will be featured speaker at the dinner. 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.

Since our constant goal must be youth involvement, a potluck luncheon will be held on the same day from 1-4 p.m. at the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. with youth rap session (interface) led by National JACL President Raymond Uno. The topic will be "Sansei, Can You Dig Politics?"

For the benefit of the Now Generation, we will say that Mr. Uno is quite a person. He has worked as a caseworker for the underprivileged children. He has heard over 10,000 cases in juvenile court. He is deputy county attorney and assistant attorney general. He is engaged in the private practice of law. In 1968 he lost by a mere 147 votes out of 21,000 cast for the Utah State Senate. Professionally he has spoken on juvenile delinquency, public health laws, rules and regulation; public welfare and welfare laws; civil rights, civil liberties and countless other topics. It's a privilege to know him. He has a capacity to sense the feelings of others.

Anniversary banquet entertainment portion will feature Iwata Trio. Dr. Lindbergh Sata will be the master of ceremony. Several members of the political circles have been invited.

The price of the ticket is \$10.00 per person and roast prime rib is on the menu. Reservations may be made by calling Lovett Moriguchi MA 4-4616, Tak Kubota PA 2-6868, or Cherry Kinoshita PA 5-0765. This is an informal dinner. No host cocktail begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. For information on youth potluck please call Don Kazama PA 5-3472, Helen Akita EA 4-1670, or Min Masuda EA 2-0691.

### OCTOBER MEETING TO PROGRAM SLIDES AND SOUNDS ON JAPANESE AMERICANS AND WRA CAMP

Seattle JACL chapter will meet Wednesday, Oct. 20 at the JACL office from 7:45 p.m. Reports on the PNWDC session in Portland will be forthcoming with an opportunity to ask questions. This will be an important meeting to check on the Golden Jubilee ticket sales.

The program portion will be the showing of Prof. Harry H.L. Kitano slides with sound on the Japanese Americans followed by the Wartime Relocation Center. The presentation is very professional.

In the September meeting the Youth Concerns Committee report by Sam Shoji brought up the plight of the Asian Drop-in Center. They had only \$81.00 less \$20.00 incorporation fee left in their treasury. The \$200.00 June salary was still unpaid. The board voted 12-5 to approve paying the difference between \$200 and the existing fund left in the Center's treasury. Last year Seattle JACL allocated \$1500.00 to get the Asian Drop-in Center started. The Center was helped by several large donations by well-wishers. \$9,000 grant from the United Methodist Church Conference will keep the Center going. They will continue to need financial help from the public.

A report was made to the JACL in a letter from George C. Corcoran, secretary of the executive committee of the Seattle Central Community College, that the District Board of Trustees did not extend job offer for the finalists in the position of the president. The search will continue through 1972.

Director Roy Flores gave a short talk and conducted a guided tour of the new U. of W. Ethnic Cultural Center during the September JACL meeting. Flo

Mrs. Hana Masuda announces that December meeting will be moved to Friday, Dec. 17 in order to hold the end-of-the-year social at the JACL office.

Chris Kato and his committee on nominations is preparing a list of nominees. Any suggestions for nominees will be appreciated during the October meeting. The list of candidates for office will be published in the November issue. The September 8 mailing crew was assisted by some of the Golden Jubilee Committeemen who came early to help. Present were Chairman Tom Hirai, Jr., Don Kazama, Bill Kawahara, Hana and Minoru Masuda, Eira Nagaoka, Kimi Nakaniishi, Roy Seko, Karen and Nobi Tsukiji and Tom Tsutakawa.

Keep in mind the Oct. 20 JACL meeting to be held at the JACL office. Everyone welcome.

DONATIONS

The Seattle Chapter of JACL gratefully acknowledges the following generous contributions:

1. \$25.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Ito
2. \$20.00 to the Asian Drop-in Center from Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Ito

CONGRESS PASSES HR 234 TO REPEAL TITLE II

The Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950 only needed presidential signature to wipe the law off the book. The Nixon administration supports the repeal legislation. 1950 Emergency Detention Act had become law during the Korean War to permit roundups of suspected spies, saboteurs and subversives for holding in camps during war or insurrection. Only last spring during the May Day demonstration in Washington, D.C., the Title II repeal effort suffered a slight setback when many Congressmen felt such a law was needed. The repeal effort was a major JACL project and tremendous amount of energy was expended by the Title II committee from all level of the organization and from other groups. By Sept. 14, HR 234, co-sponsored by 159 other members of the House was passed 356-49 and on Sept. 16 the Senate unanimously approved HR 234 for presidential signature. The campaign for repeal was initiated at the National JACL convention in San Jose back in 1968.

Seattle Chapter Title II Repeal committee was headed by hard working Don Kazama for two years. This year Yuri Sata became chairman. She has also been busy making speeches and doing other public relations work. She was interviewed by the evening news section of KOMO-TV and said she was "gratified by the victory."

"THE PRIDE AND SHAME" EXHIBIT TO BE SHOWN TO PACIFIC NORTHWEST ETHNIC CONFERENCE IN OLYMPIA

The Seattle JACL working together with the State Capitol Museum in a project to tell the story of the Pacific Northwest Japanese American will meet its first test when the traveling exhibit will be shown for the first time during the Pacific Northwest Ethnic Conference Nov. 10-12. The "Pride and Shame" exhibit will be held in the State Capitol Museum. Dr. James Moriguchi of the U.W., Ben Yorita of SCCC, and Mrs. Fran Wada are preparing the manual to be used for the live public presentation portion of the exhibit which includes lectures, demonstrations, and panel discussion. Program planning is under Dr. Minoru Masuda and Tomio Moriguchi and Harold Kawaguchi is in charge of exhibit collection and design preparation and assisted by other members of the committee.

PROGRESS FROM THE UNBELIEVABLE WORLD OF YESTERYEARS

Progress in the political climate is impressive since 1921 when the Seattle Chapter JACL formed its pioneer organization as we know it today.

We say progress has been made when we compare the type of legislative measures being enacted into law at that time. Japanese immigrants to this country were not eligible for naturalization. To show that the existing law was for real, Takao Ozawa, born in Japan, applied for naturalization in the U.S. District Court for the Territory of Hawaii. He had attended three years at the U. of Calif. and his family was educated in the United States. He belonged to the Christian Church. But the citizenship status was denied him.

On another occasion the Washington State court refused to compel the Secretary of State to file articles of incorporation for Japanese Real Estate Holding Company. Under the state law, aliens ineligible for citizenship could not form such corporation. The passage of Washington State Anti-Alien Land Law in 1921, made it illegal for foreign-born Japanese to own land or to lease land. In the test case for the Washington, Oregon and California restrictive land laws, the Supreme Court used such dubious argument as: "It is obvious that one who is not a citizen and cannot become one lacks interest in and the power to effectually work for the welfare of the state." And again tragically the Immigration Act of 1924, excluding Japanese immigrants as "aliens ineligible to citizenship" helped to widen the gap between the Japanese and the majority society in our community. Ghettoization of the Japanese community was complete even to the extent of running their own hospital here, believe it or not.

Yet the Japanese American never lost sight of the sacredness of American citizenship.

After WW2, we have started to turn the corner. Through JACL effort the law was passed in Congress compensating for property losses suffered in evacuation even if it meant only few cents on the dollar. We saw the passage of 1952 Naturalization Act giving citizenship Eligibility to Orientals. The President's Immigration Act Amendments of Oct. 1965 eliminated the discriminatory Asia-Pacific Triangle and the National Origin formula in determining immigration quotas. We have repealed the discriminatory State Land Law. Last September the Congress passed the law repealing the 1950 Emergency Detention Act.

Onward to the parade of progress.

This Golden Jubilee Celebration is the time for contemplation on the agony and joy of the past, to contemplate on the contribution of our Issei forebears, and on the problems still at hand for the cause of justice. This is also a time for thankfulness.

And so let's all attend this memorable 50th anniversary banquet, Oct. 30, at the Spanish Ballroom. Time will stand still as the past and the present will meet together!

JACL PRESIDENT RAYMOND UNO RAP SESSION

This is a reminder to all JACL members that National JACL President Ray Uno is coming to town to participate in the Seattle Chapter Golden Jubilee. On Saturday afternoon, October 30, prior to the evening banquet, he will be involved in a rap session with Seattle youth at the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church from 1 to 4 P.M. We want Nisei parents to come and take part (not just listen) in this dialogue. The youth don't want to talk just amongst themselves - they must have Nisei participation. We urge you to come. Find out how our young people think - tell them what you think and why.

STRATEGY FOR KOREMATSU APPEAL RESTED IN PARALLEL CIVIL WAR CASE OF EX PARTE MILLIGAN

(Seattle JACL program portion through joint effort of Barbara Yoshida and Ted Taniguchi featured a film on Korematsu v. United States for the September meeting. The film was produced by the Mass Communication Section of the Columbia University Press and was narrated by news commentator Robert Trout. The content is summarized herein.--Ed.)

Fred Korematsu of Oakland did not go along with the evacuation order back in 1942. He went to live in a rooming house under assumed name. Korematsu was caught and taken to San Francisco County jail. Federal government began prosecution for the violation of exclusion order.

While in jail, Korematsu had a visitor. "I'm from the San Francisco office of the American Civil Liberties Union," he said. "I read about your case in the paper this morning. We believe your constitutional rights have been violated. We're willing to represent you." Bail was set for \$2,500. The bail was paid and instead of freeing Fred, he was put into military custody.

Wayne Collins and his associates of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) were preparing arguments to take the case all the way to the Supreme Court. The strategy for Korematsu defense rested on the Civil War case of Ex Parte Milligan of 1866 involving trial and conviction of civilians by military commission. Milligan, a native from the South, was a citizen of Indiana. He was tried by the military as a civilian for aiding the Confederate army and sentenced to be hanged. In the meantime the war had ended. President Lincoln had declared the privilege of habeas corpus suspended for those charged with aiding the enemy provided the facts were presented to the next Federal grand jury. But no one had acted in behalf of Milligan. He challenged the army their right to hold him. The Supreme Court declared unconstitutional the resort to martial law where the civil courts were in operation. Milligan was freed.

The Supreme Court went further and said: "From what source did the military commission derive their authority to try him? If during foreign invasion or civil war the courts are actually closed then on the theatre of active military operations as no power is left but the military, it is allowed to govern by martial rule. But martial rule can never exist where the courts are open. The Constitution of the United States is a law for rulers and people equally in war and in peace and covers with its shield of protection all classes of men."

Appeal to the Court in behalf of Korematsu asked: "This military confinement of Korematsu, is it not a violation of constitutional guarantee? In resisting such detention was he not within his rights?"

Korematsu case reached the Supreme Court in Oct. 1944 on the same day as the case of Ex Parte Mitsuye Endo. Miss Endo was from Pasadena, California and was confined in Topaz Relocation Center. She was given permission for outside work. But she sued for absolute release. Her loyalty being established she challenged only the right of government to continue to hold her in the Evacuation Center.

The Court in Endo's case said that original evacuation was a protection of the war effort from espionage and sabotage. The detention which has no relation to that objective is unauthorized. Mitsui Endo is entitled to unconditional release.

However, in the Korematsu case the Court under Chief Justice Black upheld the right of government to exclude Japanese from the West Coast. Justice Roberts, Murphy and Jackson were dissenters.

Justice Murphy said in part: "This exclusion goes over the very brink of Constitutional power into ugliness of racism. Individual must not be impoverished of their Constitutional rights on the plea of military necessity which has neither substance nor support. Not one person of Japanese ancestry was accused or convicted of espionage or sabotage after Pearl Harbor while they were still free. It seems incredible that under these circumstances it would have been impossible to hold loyalty hearing at least for the 70,000 American citizens, especially when large part of them represented children and elderly men and women. I dissent, therefore, from the legalization of racism."

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NEWS JOTTINGS: The Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps were scheduled for performance during the intermission of the Sept. 28 game between the Seattle Sonics and the Indiana Pacers at the Coliseum . . . awards for the best garden and best yard improvement in Yesler Terrace, Rainier Vista, Holly Park and High Point were presented Sept. 8 by the Seattle Housing Authority in the Seattle Public Library auditorium. Speakers were Jack A. Harvey, Authority chairman, and William Y. Nishimura, executive director . . . Talk on medical care in the state penitentiary, new treatment methods in coronary-artery disease, medical education, drug abuse and abortion were discussed at the Washington State Medical Association convention held during week of Sept. 20. Special guest included Sen. Warren G. Magnuson. The convention opening banquet at the Olympic Hotel honored Dr. George A. Tanbara, Tacoma, with the association's 1971 Community Service Award . . . The Women's Auxiliary to the Seattle Section, American Society of Civil Engineers Sept. 23 met at the home of Mrs. Charles Norris. Mrs. Hiroshi Sakurai presented "The Mystery of Pearls." . . . Olympia--Donald K. Sakuma of Seattle has been appointed by Gov. Dan Evans to the State Board of Registration for Landscape Architect. Sakuma was appointed to replace A. Sidney Malbon of Bainbridge Island who did not seek reappointment. The new appointment is effective immediately and expires Sept. 5, 1976. Member of the board conduct examination for application for registration as landscape architect . . . Seattle Chapter of Ikebana International held flower show Sept. 11-12 (Cont'd next page)

NEWS JOTTINGS (Cont'd): at the Scottish Rite Temple. President is Mrs. Harry T. Meyers and general chairman is Mrs. John Swerda. Committee members included Mmes. Hiroshi Nishikawa, Minoru Masuda, James B. Howe, F. C. Zappalo, Russell Stevens, Leroy H. Jones, Toshikiyo Uchida, Oliver C. Dean, Ichimatsu Kihara and Glenn Webb. Also, Mmes. David R. Whiting, Yoshito Fujii, Warren L. Green, Ken Inahara, Benjamin H. Kodama, Jim Akutsu, Paul L. Stebbins, Tarochi Kadoguchi, Kazuo Arai, Norman A. Beers, T. Paul Ducher, Jean Waddington and Harry T. Meyers . . . The Rev. Dr. Paul M. Nagano was installed as pastor of the Japanese Baptist Church in a ceremony held Sept. 19. The Rev. Dr. Nagano was the executive director of the JEMS and has served at the Makiki Christian Church in Honolulu. Yosh Nakagawa was chairman of the pulpit committee . . . Earlier in the day of Sept. 19 the Rev. Paul Szeto was installed as pastor of the Chinese Baptist Church . . . The Rev. Kenneth Miyake has been called by the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of the Rev. Juhei Kono on June 1970. The Rev. Miyake came to the United States in 1955 and served at the Pine Methodist Church in San Francisco and the Japanese United Methodist Church in Oakland . . .

Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church was the setting for Sept. 5 wedding ceremony of Ryoko Takamaru and Phillip Alan Kato. Parents are Tom Takamarus and Akira Katos. Kato is student at the U.W., which the bride also attends . . . Elizabeth Jean Konma, daughter of Satoru Konmas, and Collins Blakley, son of Mrs. Frances Blakley, and the late Mr. Edward Blakley, were married Sept. 12 at the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. He is a graduate of the U.W. where the bride is senior . . .

MILESTONES: Floyd T. Tokuda, 66, Sept. 4. Seattle & King County Pharmacists and Retail Drugstore Employees Union, Ohmi Club. Survivors include: wife Francis S.; daughters Mrs. Darryl (Colleen) Garrigus, Seattle; Mrs. Jiro (Reiko) Nakaoki, Denver; Mrs. Henry (Aiko) Okubo, Littleton, Colo.; brother, George T. Tokuda, Seattle; sister, Mrs. Susumu (Donna) Nitta, Seattle . . . Toshi (Fishie) Tsukuno (Torrance, CA) Sept. 6. Former partner of Eagle Produce. Veteran of WW2. Survivors include: wife Yoshiye; brothers, Harold H., Chicago; Junior S., Seattle; sisters, Toki Tanaka, San Jose; Tomi Holder, Seattle; Mary Tabata, Tokyo. Graveside Services at Lakeview Cemetery . . . Shimeno Ito, 84, Sept. 14. Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Fukuoka Club. Survivors include: sons Hiroshi Ito, Seattle and Toshio Ito, Bellevue; daughters Mrs. Frank (Sachiko) Takehara, Seattle and Mrs. Tokio (Sumiye) Hirota and Mrs. Hideo (Chiyeko) Yabuki, both Bellevue . . .

BUSINESS AND FINANCE: A \$1 million bldg program for Jafco, Inc.'s new store is under way at NE 8th and 116th NE in Bellevue. John Sato is the architect and builder for the new builder for the new one-story reinforced masonry structure which will have 32,000 square feet of space. In addition to the sales area, the building will include a small restaurant, Ross Muirhead, general manager of Jafco, said . . . Apartment sales totaling \$750,000 have been handled recently by David Myers, Inc., real estate firm. In one of the transaction, Hong J. Eng bought the 17-unit Prospect Manor, 1100 5th Ave. N. from Prospect Manor, Inc., for \$180,000. Both parties were represented by James Nose . . . Commercial sales for last half of August included \$370,000 for a two-story office building at 11650 SE First St., Bellevue, sold to Shoichi Suyama by James Bickford . . .

#### ROKKA SKI SCHOOL TO EXPAND CLASSES

Rokka Ski Club got ready for the new season with the annual ski sale held Sept. 25 at the Seattle Buddhist Church. The Lodge is getting a new electric heating system and the installation should be completed this month. The lodge is still open for use during this time and reservations may be made through Mike Fukuma.

The coming Rokka Ski School season is to be administered by Bill Kawahara for Director Nobu Kano. Because of the great success of the Crystal Mountain Branch of the Rokka Ski School, two more advanced classes may be added this season.

The officers for the new Rokka season are: Tom Ohtani, president; Vic Kihara, vice-president; Kich Ishimitsu, treasurer; Janice Powell, secretary; and Keith Ikeda, historian.

#### SEATTLE DOJO ROLLER SKATING

The roller skating party will be held at Tiffany's Skating Inn in Kent on Monday, Oct. 25 from 7-9:30 p.m. Tickets are being sold for just a dollar for both admission and the skates. Tickets can be purchased from Dojo members or from Chris Kato (PA 5-3014).

#### NVC DANCE CLUB DINNER PARTY SET FOR OCT. 23

Nisei Vets Dance Club Dinner-Dance is set for Oct. 23 at the Fort Lawton Officers Club. Prime rib is on the menu and the dance has been named the "Harvest Moon Dinner-Dance." Social hour is from 6:30 p.m. and dinner starts from 8 p.m.

Dancing will be from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. with music provided by the Bob Elwood Combo, a group well known by the Nisei dancers.

Tickets for Dance Club members will be \$5.00 per couple and non-members will be assessed \$15.00 a couple. Contact any Dance Club member for tickets or Ben Matsumoto PA 3-0559. The Fort Lawton Officers Club is spacious enough to hold 250 couples.

#### CITY IS HANDLING EEA APPLICATION FOR JOBS

City of Seattle Civil Service Department is handling President's Emergency Employment Act (EEA). A small amount of funds are provided under the program for job training so EEA personnel can meet position requirements. The City is also EEA sponsor for the Seattle Public Schools, the Port, Metro and Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency.

To be eligible for EEA jobs, one must be unemployed for at least a week prior to application. All Civil Service requirements are necessary to apply for the job. Korean and Vietnam veterans who served after 1964 will be given preference in the program. (Cont'd next page)

EEO JOB APPLICATION (Cont'd): Interested persons may begin application process by filling out a questionnaire at Room 200, Municipal Building.

ASIANS URGED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AVAILABLE EOP SERVICES

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is in effect at the University of Washington. Besides the conventional entrance requirement under EOP a student may enter the program with a high school GPA of 2.00 and 2.49. A reading and writing test for English placement is then required. Or, the student may enter with a high school GPA below a 2.00. A Reading and Writing Test or a score of 39 or above in the English portion of the Washington Pre-College Test is required for admission. Tutoring in the autumn of 1970, there were 40 part-time paid tutors and 100 volunteers supervised by three staff members. During that same quarter, 81% of the EOP tutored students received grades of C or better. Tutoring is provided without cost to all EOP students along with cost free lecture notes for some undergraduate classes.

There is also counseling and academic advising to work with student problems in the areas of finances, housing, academics, and personal welfare. Types of financial aid include the National Defense Student Loan (repayment of loan begins at 3% interest), Educational Opportunity grant (\$200-\$1000 and no repayment required), EOP Scholarship (tuition exemption), the Washington State Financial Aid Grant (no repayment required) and covers 1/3 of attendance cost. Under the work study program, student can work 15 maximum hours per week. For additional information call or write the U.W. Office of Minority Affairs, 394 Schmitz Hall, 1400 N.E. Campus Parkway, Seattle 98105. Telephone 543-5715.

SUPREME COURT OVERTURNS CITY CHARTER RULE ON ALIENS

Olympia--The State Supreme Court on Aug. 26 handed down two important rulings on the rights of aliens. In one case, the high court struck down a Seattle City Charter provision that aliens are not eligible to take the city's Civil Service examination. In a related area, the high court ruled that aliens may practice law in the state if they meet all other requirements.

Justice Marshall Neill, who wrote the majority decision in the 5-2 ruling against the Seattle City Charter, said: "We hold that such provision (excluding aliens) constitutes an invalid interference with the laws of the United States in a field of federal supremacy.

"We are of the opinion that the federal supremacy in the field of immigration precludes the city from establishing citizenship as a condition to eligibility for Civil Service examination for general public employment. Discrimination solely on the basis of alienage, a process inconsistent with the principles of a free and open society, is also highly suspect under the specific constitutional precepts of the Fourteenth Amendment."

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT FOR SEATTLE CIVIL SERVICE TEST VOIDED BY COURT

King County Superior Court Judge Nancy Ann Holman Sept. 18 struck down a Seattle City Charter provision setting a one-year residence requirement for civil service applicants. In a suit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, Judge Holman ruled that the residence requirement is unconstitutional because it discriminates against new residents and interferes with their right to interstate travel. The ruling was given in an oral opinion by Judge Holman. According to ACLU attorney Mike Rosen, the city has given no indication whether it will appeal.

MARITIME INTERPRETIVE MUSEUM AT MYRTLE EDWARDS PARK BEING PLANNED

Northwest Seaport, Inc. (Save Our Ships) met Sept. 24 in the 1411 Fourth Avenue Building for a luncheon meeting with Robert D. Ashley presiding. Ralph H. Rudeen, supervisor for the Washington State Historical Heritage site, explained the funding procedure for the maritime exhibits. Ships to be moored adjacent to the Myrtle Edwards Park site include Theodore Foss tugboat, San Mateo ferry boat, Wawona, and Relief (oldest steam driven lightship). Because of several state 100 foot wide right-of-way on Lake Union, access to these ships will be made possible without going through Washington Natural Gas Company property which is still off-limits to the public.

POLICE AND FIREMAN JOB APPLICANTS HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS REDUCED

(The following is an excerpt from the letter written by Thomas F. Hanley, secretary of the City of Seattle Civil Service Commission to the Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System in Olympia. Carbon copy of the letter was sent to Dr. Minoru Masuda, JACL president.)

"... Accordingly we advise that the position of the Commission is that its previously established height standards of five feet six inches will be continued in effect in connection with the coming exams for firemen and police officers. This height requirement was adopted by the Commission on July 21, 1971, after soliciting and receiving the viewpoints of the chiefs of the Seattle Fire and Police Departments and representatives of the Seattle Human Rights Commission. The Commission noted that for some years the minimum height requirements for police officer applicants (which had been five feet nine inches) and for firemen (which had been five feet eight inches) were effectively preventing Chicanos and those of Asian background from taking the civil service exams for these positions. The average height of the Chicano population is said to be about five feet seven inches and that of the Asians is estimated at five feet six inches.

"... The Commission fully recognizes the need for firemen to be strong and agile enough to handle the equipment with which they work, and our tests will ensure that those certified for appointment will be physically capable of doing the job. The appropriate ratio of height to weight is a physical standard, and not a medical or health factor. (Cont'd next page)

POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN HEIGHT REQUIREMENT (Cont'd): Consideration was given to the argument that the smaller man could not handle the existing fire equipment. Even if this were true, although there is no such evidence because smaller men have not been hired, it would have little merit; it would be a perpetuation of institutionalized racism based on past restrictive hiring policies.

"Most of the jobs to be filled from the forthcoming fireman exam will be funded under the Emergency Employment Act. One of the four principles stressed in the guidelines for this act is that 'Programs are to contribute to the elimination of restrictive practices and institutional barriers which prevent the effective utilization of available manpower and which systematically exclude large segments of the population from realizing their employment potentials.' In addition, the guidelines provide that the Secretary of Labor 'will be especially concerned regarding the inclusion of minority groups on a basis which is consistent with their distribution among the unemployed.'"

#### Calendar of Events

- Oct. 9-10--Seattle Buddhist Boy Scout Drum and Bugle Corps and Color Guard benefit sukiyaki dinner. \$2.25 for adults. 4-7 p.m. on Oct. 9 and from noon to 7 p.m. on Oct. 10. 1427 South Main Street. The Shrine is open to the public.
- 16--St. Peter's Episcopal Church benefit sukiyaki dinner from 4:30-7:30 p.m. \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 12.
- 20--Regular JACL monthly meeting. 7:45 p.m. at the JACL office, 526 South Jackson St.
- 23--NVC Dance Club's annual dinner-dance at Ft. Lawton Officers Club. "Harvest Moon" is the theme. Social hour from 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m. Dancing starts from 9:30 p.m. with Bob Elwood combo. Tickets are \$2.50 per person for club members and \$7.50 per person for non-club members. Reservations from Charles and Kachi Ikeda, Chris and Jean Kato, or Tad and Asako Katayama.
- 25--Seattle Dojo benefit roller skating party at the Tiffany Skating Inn in Kent from 7-9:30 p.m. Tickets at \$1.00 each. Tickets from Chris Kato (PA 6-3014) and from Dojo members.
- 30--Seattle JACL 50th anniversary banquet at the Spanish Ballroom in Olympic Hotel. Mayor Norman Mineta of San Jose, Calif. keynote speaker. Youth interface (RAP) session with JACL National President Raymond Uno from 1-4 p.m. at the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. At the Spanish Ballroom, no host cocktails from 6:30 p.m. and dinner starts at 7 p.m. \$10.00 per person for the dinner. Tomio Moriguchi, chairman.
- Nov. 5--Newsletter deadline for JACL Reporter. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements to: c/o (Editor) Eira Nagaoka, 151 11th Avenue, Seattle 98122.
- 7--Annual NVC bazaar-carnival at 1212 S. King St. Rib steaks abain will be featured at \$2.00 per plate. Sushi, udon, hot dogs and bakery goods will be on sale in addition games of skill. Masao Tomita is chairman. Bazaar hours will be from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- 10--Newsletter mailing night starting at 8 p.m. at the JACL office. Please call chairman Tom Hirai, Jr. if you can help.
- 19--Rokka Ski Club meeting. Location to be announced.
- Dec. 17--Regular JACL monthly meeting and end-of-the-year Christmas social to be held Friday at the JACL office.

ADD TO NEWS JOTTINGS: The U. of W. pledged 412 men including Alpha Delta Phi--Dan Kikuchi; Beta Theta Pi--Steve Osawa; Phi Gamma Delta--Mark Tsutakawa and Gary Yee; Tau Kappa Epsilon--Steven Numata. Sororities pledged included Alpha Delta Pi--Deni Yamauchi; Delta Delta Delta--Patti Fujikado; Sigma Kappa--Phyllis Eng . . . BUSINESS AND FINANCE: \$255,000 for a three-story, 51-unit bldg at 1729 12th Ave. E. sold to Elmer Tazuma through Pacific National Bank . . .

#### ENGLISH TO BE TAUGHT AS FOREIGN LANGUAGE

The Seattle School District will add three teachers of "English as a foreign language" in the coming school year as a result of a multi-lingual plea from several ethnic groups. At a meeting Aug. 28 with Dr. Forbes Bottomly, and Fred Breit, deputy superintendent for instruction, a 15-member delegation including Dr. Minoru Masuda for JACL, presented petitions in English, Chinese and Filipino signed by more than 400 persons asking for the teachers. Mrs. Elizabeth L. Boyle for Project TESOL, said: "The problems foreigners have with English are different from those Americans have with it; learning English as a second language needs specialist teachers and special classes. Many Americans regard people who do not speak, write or comprehend English very well as somewhat stupid. This attitude places a heavy burden on the non-English speaking child."

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