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FROM THE SEATTLE JACL BOARD

There was a good turnout for the February meeting. Mitch Matsudaira disclosed that Washington State Coalition Against Discrimination is soliciting for new members and has approached JACL. This is a one shot deal. Matsudaira made the motion that JACL be represented in the coalition through membership. The motion passes along with the \$50.00 donation.

Dr. Minoru Masuda wrote a protest letter to one of the major department stores in downtown Seattle. The label of goods from foreign countries have an import designation--the first three letters of country e.g. Italy--ITA, Japan--JAP, etc. The complaint was that the derogatory word will perpetuate the stereotype which will be detrimental to the image of all Asians. It was suggested that letter designation be changed to "JPN." The correspondence has been sent by the Chapter suggesting procedure in tag designation.

Asian Center Funding

For the next item on the agenda Councilman Bruce Chapman spoke briefly and fielded questions on the Asian Cultural and Social Services Community Center. The City Council had pushed through an \$8.34 million revenue sharing spending program which included \$200,000 toward establishing this Asian Cultural, Trade and Social Services Center in the International District. Councilman Chapman said the commitment Feb. 13 by the City Council was made because of the housing problems, the business problems, and the problems of anchoring the identity as an Asian hub. "When the second revenue sharing comes, that may be the source of the fund. Plans must be developed and all members of the community must be represented and will have time for everyone to put in ideas i.e. if we get the fund and get past the mayor," Chapman said. The \$16.3 million was approved by Congress last year for the city's 1972-73 general-revenue-sharing allotment.

Politics and JACL

The ripples caused by keynote speaker Taul Watanabe urging JACL to get involved with the political game have not subsided. President Ben Nakagawa also reiterated that Japanese American community with its pools of sophisticated talents should use their voices effectively in getting involved. But JACL is a non-profit organization with exemption from the Internal Revenue Code. Harry Kadoshima in his memo to the president wrote in Part:

"JACL, as an organization, cannot participate in nor intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. This is an absolute prohibition. This includes, but is not limited to, the making of oral statements or the publishing of written statements for or against any candidate. It has been ruled that campaigning for a candidate for election to a school board was outside the scope of an exempt organization.

"JACL meets the requisite purpose for exemption primarily as a charitable organization. The generally accepted legal sense of the term "charitable," by IRS interpretation, is not limited simply to relief of poverty. It can encompass the promotion of social welfare by lessening neighborhood tension, the elimination of prejudice and discrimination, or the defense of human and civil rights secured by law. These actions and certain limitations are specified by the Chapter Preamble and Constitution."

One of the members suggested that Washington Educational Association have a system of forum called PULSE and participate in political arena. But we were to learn that Japanese American community outside the scope of JACL is not letting the grass grow under its feet. Lloyd Hara hints that there is movement afoot politically. This intrigued everyone: What's the party affiliation? Who are the prime movers? Nobody was talking.

"Right now it's still in the talking stage and people are throwing in ideas. There are people who put the money in where the mouth is," Hara said. There were mention by others on individuals contributing up to \$500s and \$1,000s in support of candidates in the last political campaign. But if these individual contributions were pooled it was said that greater political leverages can be obtained. As a start one can consider 100 individuals giving \$25.00 apiece. The lump sum can carry considerable weight, it was suggested.

Membership Drive in High Gear

Although we have arrived too late to hear any membership report, we can predict that Seattle Chapter membership can potentially reach an all-time high. Already this year over sixty new addressograph plates had to be made. This is also the year that Portland has hosted the National JACL Bowling tournament. Many new members were introduced to JACL by the membership form enclosed with the directory. JACL sponsorship of Blue Shield Medical Plan has helped. Don Kazama, membership chairman for the third straight year, has broken the previous year total in 1972. A new high is within reach with the help of all board members. Mrs. Kimi Nakanishi is doing yeoman's service in keeping the records of regular membership and Thousand Club up to date. Frank H. Hattori is chairing the Thousand Club again. Hattori's schedule is awesome. He's involved in the district level Lions Club International activities, member of executive board of Seattle Seafair, member of the Mayor's committee on City Planning, and member of the Governor's Asian Advisory Council. In addition Hattori's assignment of responsibility in Seattle Buddhist Church (Betsuin) at the board level all helps to keep his calendar book completely filled.

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Two activities were scheduled following the news deadlines: Pacific Northwest District Council (PNWDC) quarterly meeting of Mar. 11 in the Portland's Sheraton Motor Inn hosted by Portland and the appearance of Don Hayashi, newly appointed Intermountain-Pacific Northwest JACL area coordinator, on Monday Mar. 12 in the local JACL office. One of the prime consideration requested by the appointee Hayashi was that he stays in Portland for its Northwest base.

Dr. Minoru Masuda was granted the status of delegate for the remaining year along with the regular Council delegate Tomio Moriguchi. Dr. Masuda has traveled to Intermountain District meeting for JACL area office discussion.

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The regular monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, Mar. 20 at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St., from 7:45 p.m. President Ben Nakagawa will preside. We'll hear report from the PNWDC meeting and strategy of Pacific-Northwest-Intermountain Districts coordinator. This is a chance to bring up new issues, controversies and challenges. Bring your friends. Everyone is welcome whether they be members or not. Refreshments will be served as usual. Remember, Mar. 20 from 7:45 p.m. at the JACL office.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ben Nakagawa

The Seattle "Asian" community is rapidly becoming a viable organism. The recent Asian Potluck Dinner, held at the Filipino Community Center, jointly sponsored by some 15 community organizations brought together some 400 people from the Filipino, Chinese, Korean, and Japanese American communities. This gathering is unprecedented in the history of Seattle.

I view this gathering was very significant as a beginning step towards political cohesiveness among the Asian communities. The nature of our frustrations and aspirations would seem to encourage a cooperative, combined positive legislative and political response.

Unfortunately, the Japanese American community, to date, has remained rather dormant in participating in the political arena. Our youth, however, are motivated and have provided the impetus to making the "Asian" community a reality. By working with and through the larger Asian Community, we can become greater advocates for our community.

What is good for the Asian community is good for the total society.

HELEN AKITA TAKES CHARGE OF FEBRUARY MAILING CREW

by Pat Sado

Helen Akita was in charge of assembling the newsletter on Feb. 14. The turnout was great. Hope to see the following people again in April: Barbara Nagaoka, Mary Furuta, Fumi Yamasaki, John Kanetomi, Don Kazama, Tomio Moriguchi, Ben Nakagawa and of course Eira. Those of you who helped last year, probably remember having to tie the newsletters with string. I am happy to say we now are allowed to use rubber bands. This makes bundling easier and faster.

LAW SCHOOL DEAN URGES JACL SPONSORSHIP OF ASIAN LAW STUDENTS

President Ben Nakagawa was in a receipt of a letter from Charles Z. Smith, Seattle JACL Board member, and Associate Dean of the University of Washington School of Law, suggesting that JACL "undertake to develop a fund to sponsor a continuing scholarship or loan fund for Asian Law students at the University of Washington to be given in the name of Takuji Yamashita, a 1902 graduate of the Law School. . . . Mr. Yamashita's grandson, David Yamashita, graduated from the Law School in 1970. To avoid a stereotype, the scholarship should be based on (1) need and (2) potential for contributions to the community through the legal profession."

Dean Smith listed Asians enrolled in the School of Law as follows: First-year class-- Kenneth H. Kato, Wayne D. Tanaka, and Jay Uchida, Frances Woo and Oriental-Caucasian E. Michelle Moquin; second year--Herbert Y. Hamada, Glenn M. Kosaka, JoAnn A. Yukimura, Peter R. Bacho, Frederick F. Mendoza, Eddie Yoon; third year--Joanne Y. Maida, Dolores Sibonga, Maria Donaly, Anthony Lee, Mary O. Wisnom, Richard W. Elliott.

Dean Smith went on to write:

"In addition, we have one of the outstanding graduate programs in the world in Asian law. The greater majority of these students are Asian; and the greater majority of the Asian are Japanese (Japan born international students). These persons in this program are not normally included in statistics on minority students.

"The message is clear: There is a place in the legal field for minority persons, including persons of Asian ancestry. Asian students have become outstanding lawyers, imaginative and intelligent City Councilmen, and at least one brilliant judge in our own community. We should counsel our students to seek law as a career (not withstanding the overcrowdedness of law schools--this one in particular--and notwithstanding perhaps an oversupply of lawyers in the general population)."

IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE

by Wendy Tokuda

An Immigration Law Conference for Asians, sponsored by Interim, the National Lawyers Guild and Legal Services, will be held on March 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the International Terrace on 6th and Main.

Speakers will be discussing various areas of immigration law, specifically as they affect Asians. Some of the subjects to be covered are the civil rights of immigrants, entry, exclusion and deportation, naturalization, and social services for aliens. It is hoped that as a result of the conference, Asians will better understand the area of immigration law, will know some of the resources available to them, and be better equipped to deal with immigration or naturalization problems.

The conference is free and is open to the general Asian community. It is hoped that many people will take advantage of this opportunity. For more information call Adolfo

Salazar (MA 4-1802) or Wendy Tokuda (PA 5-2600).

BILL INTRODUCED TO REPEAL CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHING IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

A bill sponsored by four Seattle legislators and introduced at the request of the Governor's Asian American Advisory Council, will repeal an existing state law requiring that persons be U.S. citizens or have filed papers declaring their intention to become citizens in order to teach in the state's common schools. The bill's sponsors, Representatives John Eng, William (Bill) Chatalas, Jeff Douthwaite and Peggy Maxie, believe the teaching prohibition is in conflict with the U.S. Constitution and other federal and state laws. The State Human Rights Commission has also addressed a resolution to the legislature urging repeal of the present law. The federal civil rights law of 1964 specifies that employment cannot be refused a qualified person on account of citizenship while the state anti-discrimination law contains similar wording.

COURT JURY FOUND TWO BROTHERS INNOCENT OF MURDER CHARGES

A Superior Court jury Feb. 28 found two brothers innocent of second-degree murder in the shooting death of a young man reportedly involved in a drug purchase. Roland Kurose, 18, and Hugo T. Kurose, 22, were accused in connection with the June 2 death of Richard Lentino, 21. Police said they found \$7,500 in a money belt Lentino was wearing when he was shot in a home at 5215 38th Ave. N.E.

The brothers denied any knowledge of the crime and said they were in other places when it occurred. A number of alibi witnesses were called by the defense. Murray B. Guterson, lawyer for the defendants, said it would be mathematically impossible for the Kuroses to have been involved unless the jurors decided each and every witness was lying.

Lentino and two other men arrived at the home the evening of the next day, and the shooting resulted, Evans said. Guterson argued that testimony by Evans was "totally incredible and totally unbelievable." Evans gave seven different versions of what happened between his first statement to police and his trial testimony, the defense lawyer said.

Guterson questioned whether it was true justice for a heroin seller scheduled for release in 60 days from prison to be granted immunity for being an accomplice to a crime, and to implicate innocent persons.

Hugo testified that he was attending an educational movie at the time Evans said the plot to rob the victims was devised, and several witnesses substantiated that testimony.

Hugo said he was visiting a friend and teacher at the time of the shooting and Roland said he was at a birthday party. Other guests at the party agreed that Roland was there.

The trial was in the court of Judge Erie W. Horswill.--Seattle Times

SEATTLE DOJO TO HOST NORTHWEST JUDO TOURNAMENT

The annual Seattle Dojo Invitational Judo Tournament will be held at the A-sa Mercer Junior High School gym Saturday, April 7 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Contestants from all around the Puget Sound area, and as far away as Oregon and Western Canada will be sending their judoists to compete for the Championships. Over 400 contestants will again be at the tournament and trophies will be awarded to the top four in each of the age and weight groups. This tournament is the largest of its kind in the whole Northwest and all those that attend will be given a souvenir program which has explanations about this sport and culture of judo. Seattle Dojo is a school of judo that is the oldest in the United States and this tournament must be very close to the 50th event of this type.

Mr. Chris Kato and Mr. Kenji Yamada, past National Champions, will be hosting the 30 clubs that have been invited to participate. It is hoped that judo enthusiasts or even people that know nothing about judo come to the tourney and enjoy an afternoon of spectacular and intriguing judo play.

U.W. STUDENTS FROM JAPAN ATTENDS PRIVATE PARTY

by Pat Sado

Many thanks to Frank Tanaka and Linda Yamada for inviting the U. of W. students from Japan to their party held in Eastgate on Feb. 17. Approximately 20 students attended. Several students were surprised that the party was not celebrating a special occasion. The party gave Japanese Americans an opportunity to meet their counterparts from Japan. Most are graduate students. Yoichi "Superman" Takamaru taught some of the students to fast dance. The one drawback to the party was a shortage of girls. Akira Fukami who is the spokesman for the students said he would try and coordinate the next function . . . possibly bowling. If anyone over 21 would like to join us please contact Pat Sado AL 5-2358.

BENEFIT INTERNATIONAL DINNER-REVUE FOR CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL

Cleveland High School is sponsoring an International Dinner Mar. 23 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the New Gym with all proceeds going to the Activity Fund. Dishes from different countries will feature Germany, Japan, China, Africa, Spain and Italy. An International Revue depicting the cultures and talents of the different countries will be presented. The cost will be just \$2 for the adults, \$1 for 12 and under and free for 5 and under. Tickets can be obtained from any Cleveland student or faculty member or by calling the school, Mr. Kato, vice principal, 587-3550.

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY TO PRESENT "ASIAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE" COURSE

Seattle University's course on the "Asian American Experience" is a five-hour credit course to be presented from 12 noon to 1 p.m. daily from March 27 through June 8. (catalogued as CS-491, the class will be open to the public as an audit or non-credit course in the interest of continuing education. Spring quarter registration will be held Mar. 26. "The course will attempt to understand the differences and commonalities of the Asian ethnic groupings," said Robert F. Flor, 29-year-old Filipino instructor. "We will also further develop the awareness of self and sensitivity to others of differing life-styles, culture, Asian ethnic backgrounds," Flor said.-----o-----

1973 National JACL Bowling Tournament co-hosted by Portland and Gresham-Troutdale JACL at Timber Lanes-Mar. 5-10 is well represented by the Seattle entry. Team rosters include:

WOMEN'S TEAMS C.T. Takahashi (774) Shiz Nakawatase 153, Alice Yasutake, Capt. 157, Martha Imabori 151, Peggy Okada 158, Yone Kishida 156; Seattle NBA (788) Nobie Tsukiji 161, Lillian Iwata 155, Joan Seko 151, Yaeko Oyanagi 158, Bobbie Ishimitsu, Capt. 163; Mikado Restaurant (852) Mary Fujita 170, Chiz Takagi 175, Elaine Yoshida 167, Amy Seko 168, Pauline Yoshida, Capt. 172; Imperial Lanes No. 1 (853) Carolyn Murakami 170, Carol Suguro 171, Yoyo Mikami 170, Mickey Oyama 166, Tomo Mizuki, Capt. 176; Bush Garden (871) Diana Namba, Capt. 180, Mary Yokoyama 170, Jeni Nakamura 168, Neva Kawahara 174, Nina Chin 179; MEN'S TEAMS Galaxy Specialty Co. No. 1 (884) Tommy Namba, Capt. 172, Sab Tsuboi 177, George Kishida 171, Bob Hirota 182, Cal Yabuki 182; Doug Ikegami's Lynnwood Dodge (898) Doug Ikegami 175, Bill Shinbo 171, Ken Wakazuru, Capt. 187, Punch Nagamatsu 179, Rick Wakazuru 186; Imperial Lanes No. 2 (900) Bill Ihashi, Capt. 186, Dave Huie 180, Dick Kuba 167, Mako Fujihira 174, Wally Poy 193; Bush Garden (910) Dan Mio 170, Jack Shiota, Capt. 184, Clayton Summerville 186, Yuk Takeuchi 184, Tosh Funai 186; Uwajimaya (927) Ray Otani 195, Mako Murakami 184, Hod Otani, Capt. 175, Hank Matsu u 188, Alan Fukuda 185; National Bank of Commerce (936) Frank Yokoyama 185, Grant Beppu 181, Fred Takagi 186, Roy Seko 183, Ray Ko 201; Imperial Lanes (963) Kaz Yamasaki 203, Joe Ohashi 185, Rodney Namba, Capt. 188, Jeff Wong 187, Ich Nozaki 200; Four Seas Restaurant (968) Cecil Ohashi 203, Hugo Louie 183, Arata Nakamura 196, Ken Takei, Capt. 200, Conc Takeuchi 186.

NEWS JOTTINGS: Eagle Scout Warren Higa, 16, and son of James K. Higas, received a medal of Merit Award Feb. 24 at the 57th annual Scouters' Recognition Banquet of the Chief Seattle Council. Higa saw a car hit a man and saved his life by slowing the bleeding. He received a letter of commendation from Seattle Police Chief George Tielsch. Warren is a member of Explorer Post 252 sponsored by the Seattle Buddhist Church. . . Jeff Hanada, 18, and the son of Mrs. Lola Hanada, was named coEagles for the month at Cleveland High. He is photographer for the annual staff, a member of the Asian Student Coalition and Honor Society. . . Asian student coalition was organized at Asa Mercer Junior High. Executive board members are: Raymond Hirano, Alan Kimura, and Amy Namba. Students on the executive board are Tami Hikida, Esther Kimura, and Connie Nakashima. Mercer teacher, Fred Hirai, is assisting. . . Craig Murakami and Kenneth Tanaka of Scout 53 will receive Eagle Awards Mar. 16 at the Japanese Baptist Church. City Council President Liem Eng Tuai will speak. Jiro Namatame, advancement chairman of the troop committee, will be in charge of the Eagle Court. Craig is the son of

Kazuo Murakamis and Kenneth, the son of Thomas Tanakas. . . The first Thunderbird District Scout Court of Honor was held Feb. 23 at the Asa Mercer Jr. High. Liem Eng Tuai was the guest speaker. A massed flag ceremony leaders included Keith Ikeda of Troop 53. Leaders were introduced and recognized. George Yamane, assistant scoutmaster of Troop 53, challenged the Senior Leaders of each troop to carry out their important roles. . .

Ms. Irene Kiyabu, a graduate student at OSU in Corvallis, Oreg., has been named for the Women's Auxiliary Scholarship of \$250. The award was made at the annual dinner meeting of the Auxiliary at Nikko Restaurant Feb. 27. Irene is on a leave of absence from the Washington State Employment Security Dept. in Seattle. . . Under guidance of Henry Imori, multi-ethnic curriculum specialist of school district, the Asian student committee are recommending textbooks for future purchases. Committee includes Ellie Akada, Anna and Ben Bergano, Elmer Berganio, Randy Furukawa, Ray Hirano, Alan Kimura, Patti Maeda and Trudi Tsuchikawa. . . Alan Kurimura, a senior at the U.W. majoring in geography, will be visiting Kobe, Japan July 15-Aug. 26 as part of the Lions Youth Exchange Program sponsored by the Sacramento District. "This is a world wide type of thing," Kurimura said. . . Vic Picou, Peter Bowen, Frances Okano and Haruo Young are at the Veterans' Adviser's Office at the Seattle Central Community College. Under the new bill, single veterans receive \$220 per month while attending school fulltime. For further info on G.I. bill call 587-4121. . . Greater Seattle Nisei Bowling Association (NBA) with 275 members released the results of recent election. Officers include: Jack Shiota, president; 1st vice president, Tats Furugori; 2nd vice president, Jiro Namatame; secretary, Joyce Nakamura; treasurer, Toru Matsuoka. Board members: Fumi Yamasaki, Grant Beppu, Ray Ko, Ted Sano, Mary Fujita, Roy Seko, Elaine Yoshida, and Frank Yokoyama. The N.B.A. will be holding their annual tournament Mar. 24-25 and from Mar. 31-Apr. 1 at the Imperial Lanes. . . A 3,358 series by the Uwajimaya five in the Imperial Lanes Classic League was the highlight of the weekly bowling roundup of Mar. 1. It was the second-highest team effort of 1972-73 in the regular three-game leagues. Alan Fukuda led the Uwajimaya assault with 754. Then followed Mako Murakami 735, Hank Matsubu 715, Hod Otani 613 and Ray Otani 541. . . Mark Fugami was elected as a new NVC commander for 1973-74 to succeed Paul Minato at the election meeting Feb. 23. Mark is a Korean war vet serving as a radar technician with the U.S. Air Force in England and Labrador. He earned his electrical engineering degree at the U.W. and works at Boeing. Mark is the fourth straight JACLer to join the rank of commander. Other being Paul Minato, Tosh Okamoto, and Jiro Namatame. Mark's brother George Fugami is past JACL president. Other officers: 1st v comm George Abe; 2nd v comm Richard Narasaki; rec sec Hiro Nishimura; corr sec Frank Tsujii; treas Ray Saito; exec council member-at-large Shiro Kashino and Joe Nakatsu; membership Jack Shiota; publicity Yosh Tomita; newsletter editor Hideo Hoshide; social Ben Sugawara; bazaar Jiro Namatame and Patrick Hagiwara; social services Mas Sakagami; recreation Ken Shimomura; athletics Mack Shoji; chaplain George Yamane; historian Tatsumi Yasui; Sgt-at-arms Tom Hiraki; clubhouse management board member Albert Ichihara and Tosh Okamoto. . . Dan Marx, registrar, and Harvey Watanabe, president of Rainier Beach Sports Program, were presented a \$1,000 check from Ed Jensen, youth services committee, and Milton Bright, president of the Rainier District Kiwanis. The money will be used to purchase uniforms. . . Susan Diane Eng, 21, of Seattle was chosen Miss Talent of the Miss Chinatown U.S.A. contest held Feb. 10 in San Francisco. . .

Former Seattle Mayor Gordon S. Clinton Feb. 27 was elected president of the Japan-American Society of Seattle, succeeding William Y. Mimbu. Clinton has been active in the Kobe-Seattle affiliation Committee, which he has chaired, and as a board member of the Town Affiliation Association. Other officers elected at the 50th anniversary banquet of the society were Robert C. Buckingham, Ernest T. Goddard, John Kitasako and Seiichi Yanase, vice presidents; Dr. Terrance M. Toda, secretary, and V.E. Rasmussen, treasurer. Mike M. Masaoka, JACL's past Washington Representative who is credited with helping to secure most of the corrective and remedial legislation of the past 25 years benefiting persons of Japanese ancestry, was the speaker . . . Gov. Dan Evans' appointments confirmed Mar. 7 included Mrs. Tad H. (Fran) Wada, Mercer Island, as member of the Council on Higher Education for the second term . . . Dr. Fred Hasegawa, dentist, was elected into the exclusive international dental association American Academy of Practice Administration, at the recent meeting in Chicago. There are only 235 members including five from Canada and four from the State of Washington . . . Attorney Richard M. Ishikawa, of Whitmore, Powers & Ishikawa, and past vice president and board member of JACL, has been promoted to Lt.-Col. of Adjutant General Corp of U.S. Army Reserve . . .

Mrs. Cecil True has been elected president of the board of directors of the Seattle-King County YWCA during the 78th annual meeting. Other officers include Mrs. Seiichi Adachi . . . The largest N.A.A.C.P. Northwest Area Conference held in Seattle at the Heritage House Restaurant had a total of 166 delegates registered. Panelists included Representative John Eng. Also participating was Larry Matsuda . . .

MILESTONES: Harold M. Shimomura, 65, Feb. 10. Survivors include: mother Tada Shimomura; and brother Harry Shimomura, both Seattle . . . Fuji Kiyomizu 96, Feb. 11. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Shizuoka Club. Survivors include: son Shozo Kiyomizu; daughter Mrs. Yukichi (Yoshiko) Ise, Japan . . . Riye Shimizu 78, Feb. 14. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship; Shiga Kenjin Kai (Ohmi Club); Seattle Japanese Hotel & Apt. Owners Assoc. Survivors include: son Noboru "Pete" Shimizu, daughters Nobue Shimizu, Mrs. Kiyono Kuranishi and Mrs. George (Susie) Kuwahara, all Seattle; Mrs. Calvin (Kazue) Morimatsu, Honolulu . . . Ise Suwabe 75, Feb. 5. Seattle Buddhist Church . . . Kirohachi Nishimori (Bainbridge Is.) 93, Feb. 17. Buddhist services. Husband of Tsue. Father of Tairoku Nishimori, both B.I.; Mrs. Kim (Masako) Muromoto, Bellevue; Mrs. Tsutomu (Kiyoko) Kumagai of West St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Robert (Sueako) Yonemitsu, Kent; Mrs. Samuel (Matsue) Watanabe, Seattle; Mrs. Takashi (Sally) Kitano, Seattle . . . Katsutaro Komatsubara 71, Juneau, Feb. 19 . . . Masao M. Omura 85, Feb. 20. Services Feb. 26. . . Mitsuno Nishimoto. Services Feb. 20. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Hiroshima Club. Survivors include husband Junzo; son Robert M. Nishimoto, Seattle; daughters Mrs. Fred (Mitsue) Estrella, Norwalk, CA; Mrs. Shigemitsu (Charlotte) Suyetani, Laguna Hills, CA . . . Chiyo "Mary" Urata 83, Mar. 1. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Kagoshima Club. Survivors include: sons "Jack" Ichiro and "Bob" Yukio Urata, both Wrangell, Alaska; daughter Mrs. Moteo (Hatsue) Maruoka, Ontario, Canada . . .

ADDED: The County Council approved Mar. 5 the legislation in a 7-2 vote which will give more power to hold county officials accountable in the use of public funds to the county auditor. Auditor Lloyd Hara said he sought the additional authority because his office has had difficulty in obtaining information from some county officials in audits of their offices. Hara is a member of JACL board . . . Irene Hirota, the popular expropriess of the former Times Square Restaurant has moved into the YWCA building and will be changing the name from Gilbert's to -- Irene's Restaurant. She features the famous hot corned beef sands on Jewish rye, daily merchants luncheons, etc. Her second place is the charming fast-service shoppers stop on Third Avenue (between Pike and Union) called The Dutch Oven. Irene has also chosen to buy that as a good investment but food served there is geared to mainly sandwiches, grilled foods and quick-service dining. Irene's husband Joe Hirota, a long time member of Thousand Club, operates the Hickory Hut Restaurant in the Magnolia district . . . Free income tax assistance to low income and senior citizen will be available at the International District Improvement Association center at 671 S. Jackson. On the staff is Tom Ko. Adolfo Salazar is services coordinator . . .

ASIAN AIR COMPLAINTS AT HEARING

A public hearing was conducted by the Governor's Asian American Advisory Council all day Mar. 3 in the Seattle University's Compton Tower to receive testimony from Asian Americans about their experiences, regarding overt acts of discrimination or of patterns of racial discrimination affecting Asians. The panelists were seated at the front with names clearly marked--Bob Santos, Frank Hattori, Dr. Isabella Yen, Frank S. Fujii, Maxine Chan, Mayumi Tsutakawa, Don Kazama, Dr. Joe Okimoto, Lois Fleming and Phil Hayasaka. Mitch Matsudaira, Dr. Minoru Masuda and Dianne Wong were the official recorders. Over half of persons listed are either past or present members of JACL board.

Maxine Chan testified on racist comic books of 1972 and 1973; Dennis the Menace cartoons, Archie Bunker's racially derogatory languages which stereotypes are perpetuated by mass media. Physical education woman teacher speaking with foreign accent received her Ph.D. from U. of Iowa and had worked in Iowa as research assistant. She claimed that she couldn't even get to the interviews to teach here at the U.W. or public schools. U.W. student Tom Mizuta and son of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshito Mizuta, testified he couldn't stand the racist seeped atmosphere of marine troop contingent in the rear echelon job in Viet Nam and volunteered for helicopter duty in combat zone. 11 months in Nam with combat experience netted the rank of mere E3. Dr. Archemadis Garcia, a physician graduated from U. of St. Thomas in the Philippines, stated he can't pass the state medical exam geared to eliminate the foreign doctors. Jobs even as surgical assistant is out of reach due to "overqualification." Dr. Manual Ramos also gave the same complaints. Masao Tomita who joined the postal service in 1950 testified that he received no promotion in 23 years and hold true for too many of his colleagues. His formal complaint went as far as assistant postmaster general in Wash. D.C. which ruled his charge was groundless. He stated there is no minority in the personnel office making hiring decisions. "EEO in the Seattle Post Office is nothing but rhetoric," Tomita claimed. EEO in the Seattle

office rotate every six months. Andres Tangalin, vice prexy at Franklin High, talked on the racist nature of social organization with special emphasis on the Elks. Nemesio Domingo, Alaska cannery worker, documented in details the discriminatory cannery working condition and social life. Ms. Barbara Tanabe, whose testimony was covered at length in the Seattle Times Mar. 4 ppA6, "complained about what she said were racially insensitive attitudes displayed by many of her colleagues in the news media." Tanabe in a plea to Asian said, "It is important that we get more qualified minorities within the news business because newsmen tend to be insensitive about the problems of minority people because they never associate personally with them." Jim Takisaki spoke on the discrimination in the construction industry. In spite of Federal laws in treatment of minorities, the minorities do less than one-half of 1% share in the industry. "There must be ways for Asians to penetrate this industry," Takisaki said. "Exclusive hiring halls is all white orientated. And if you do get the job they'll send you to Olympia, Bremerton and you have no ways of getting there. This is the type of racist society we're up against in the construction industry. In Seattle Asians make up 5-6% of population and yet we participate less than 1/10th of 1%. State highway project of \$435 million last year and we participated in zero amount of dollars. Even if you win the bid you don't get the job. You can't get bonds (performance bond & payment bond). These are the things we have to fight." Federal agency will guarantee up to 90% up to \$500,000, the bonding company won't go along," Takisaki said. Takisaki had been in Wash., D.C. and will go to New York in this month for conference on Federal Affirmative Action Program.

Calendar of Events

- Mar. 17--Asian American Advisory Council monthly meeting from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Kawabe Memorial House. Report by Mitch Matsudaira 10 am; public hearing, Phil Hayasaka 11:30; social & health, Rick Ancheta 2; education, Mayumi Tsutakawa 2:15; media, Maxine Chan 2:30 p.m.; Open agenda to guests 3:30 p.m. Meeting open to the public.
- Mar. 17--The annual NVC installation banquet at Glendale Country Club in Bellevue. Social and cocktail from 6 p.m. Prime rib dinner at 7 p.m.; dancing begins at 9:30 p.m. with music by Larry Naughten and his "Seattleites". Gold Star Parents Assn to be special guests. Mayor Wesley Carl Uhlman, speaker. \$8.50 per person. Roy Ogasawara, chairman.
- 20--Regular monthly JACL members meeting 7:45 p.m. at the JACL office. Refreshments.
- 20--N.I.C.C. church hoop league championship 7:30 p.m., award program 8:30. Baptist gym.
- 21--The soph-junior class of Cleveland High skating party at Tiffany's Skate Inn from 7-9:30 p.m. Admission 50¢. Tickets from students or call Mr. Chris Kato at 587-3550.
- Mar. 23-25--Benefit Japanese movies by Employment Opportunities Center at Toyo Cinema, 5608 Rainier S. Tickets \$2, featuring "The Three Sworn Brothers" and "The Drifters." Vicki Asakura and Art Yorozu are cochairmen. Eoc office is located at 4726 Rainier S., Suite 104. For assistance in job seeking drop in at the office or call 725-8200.
- Mar. 23--Rokka Ski Club bash at the Rainier Brewery from 6-10 p.m. \$1.85 per head. Ticket includes buffet, all the beers, and tour for members, guests, and persons interested in Rokka Ski Club. For tickets: Fred Hirai, Tom Kusakabe, Harry Kawahara, Vic Kihara.
- 23--Benefit International dinner & revue in Cleveland High gym from 6-7:30 p.m. to raise activity fund. \$2 for adults, \$1 for 12 and under and free for 5 and under.
- 24--Apr. 1--Greater Seattle Nisei Bowling Association tournament at Imperial Lanes
- 25--Seattle Buddhist Church (Betsuin) benefit bazaar in the church auditorium, 1427 S. Main St., from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Yosh Mori, general chairman.
- 27--Voters to decide \$33,000,000 school levy at the polls.
- 31--Immigration law conference for better understanding of civil rights of immigrants. International Terrace at 6th and Main from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Public invited.
- 31-Apr. 1--Greater Seattle Nisei Bowling Association tournament at Imperial Lanes.
- Apr. 6--Deadline for JACL Reporter. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements to: c/o (Editor) Eira Nagaoka, 170 11th Avenue, Seattle 98122.
- 7--The annual Invitational Seattle Dojo Judo Tournament from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Asa Mercer Junior High gym.
- 11--Newsletter mailing night. About 1 hour work. Drop in. JACL office from 8 p.m.
- 17--Regular JACL meeting at JACL office from 7:45 p.m.
- 27-28--Sukiyaki dinner for remodeling fund benefit at the Japanese Baptist Church from 6 to 8 p.m. Program from 8 to 9 p.m. \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and under. Doll display, origami display, ikebana display and sumi writing. For reservations call Mrs. Sue Nakagawa (AD 2-3522) or church office (622-7351). Mrs. Charlotte Yamane, chairperson.

June 25--7th National Nisei Veterans Reunion in Honolulu from June 25 to July 5.
BOWLING: Only news to date is that Ed Dong of Portland and Harry Kaneshige bowled 300 game.
CLEVELAND HIGH PAPER DRIVE: Paper to be tied in bundles of 12 to 15 inches high with heavy string. If over 10 bundles call the school. The paper will be picked up. Papers will be accepted at the school North-South parking lot, 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m. April 30 to May 11. Call Tom Champoux or Abbott. 587-3550.

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