

JACL REPORTER

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FROM THE BOARD:

Resolution was adopted in the November meeting giving Ben Nakagawa authority to execute and file application on behalf of JACL Seattle Chapter with the EDA, U.S. Department of Commerce, for a grant to aid in financing the Japanese American Community and Cultural Center. Nakagawa will remain on in this position beyond the term of presidency.

Another motion was made by Tomio Moriguchi to receive a specified sum for seed money in the fund raising project for the dual purpose of raising funds for the Japanese Cultural and Community Center and for the National JACL headquarters in San Francisco. Motion passes.

Don Kazama made the motion to authorize president Ben Nakagawa to review and up-date the by-laws of the Seattle Chapter. Motion carries.

December Meeting and Christmas Social: The business proceedings of the December meeting to be held Friday, Dec. 21, will be hurried to leave ample time for the Christmas social to follow. Helen Akita is the Christmas social chairperson this year and will be getting lots of assists from other girls. Connie won't be able to make it. There will be no dancing this year. Refreshments will be plentiful including Japanese delicacies. Social should begin about 9:30 p.m. Bring your friends for the evening of fun time.

One of the item of business which begins at 8 p.m. will be discussion of amendments to the by-laws. ~~The copy of the by-laws was scheduled to be enclosed elsewhere in this newsletter.~~ Another important agenda calls for the approval of the resolution relating to the war reparations. The copy is printed in this issue.

Newsletter mailout finished earlier than usual helped by the pre-sorting job by Bob Watanabe and his father. In case of emergency for being short handed, there could have been an overlap of help as the banquet committee was ready to meet soon after. The following helped in the mailing: Watanabe family with Kayko, Hideo, Jill, Joy and Stacy; Joe Yamamoto; the Katayamas with Mits, Mark and Glenn; Daren Nakagawa, Mako and Ben Nakagawa, Pat Sado, Sam Shoji and Eira Nagaoka.

The Intermountain District Council invited members of the Pacific Northwest District Council to their two day convention in Boise, Idaho during the Thanksgiving Day week-end. District Governor Shake Ushio coordinated the program.

The following new officers were installed by the National President Henry Tanaka: District Governor, Dr. James Tsujimura, Portland; Vice Governor Edward Yamamoto, Moses Lake; Secretary, Edna Ellis, Puyallup Valley; Treasurer, Dr. John Kanda, Puyallup Valley; Historian, Mich Maebori, White River; 1000 Club Chairman, Ed Fujii, Gresham, Troutdale. Something wonderful is happening here. Don't let it be said that the Seattle Chapter domineers over the meeting at the District Council level.

Correction to the membership report shall be in order. The October issue mentioned that JACL Seattle Chapter reached an all-time high in membership with 715. This is correct. However, the membership drive was generated by two persons--Don Kazama and Tomio Moriguchi, working as co-chairmen. The congratulation to both in achieving this monumental mark.

DONATION: The JACL Seattle Chapter wishes to acknowledge generous donation of \$25.00 in memory of Heizo Hidaka from Mrs. Heizo Hidaka and Family.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR CULTURAL CENTER RELEASED

The site acquisition committee met Dec. 4. The committee had been in touch with similar facilities in Ontario, Canada and the Jewish Community Center which has retreated to Mercer Island.

One of the findings seem to indicate, according to Henry J. Miyatake, that community center is not compatible in the same location with commercial centers. We have one notable example in the Japanese Center of San Francisco. The community and social services aspects of the Center has been totally buried by the financial and business interest.

Another key determinant is the willingness of people to drive to the area of high crime rate. If the overwhelming response is in the negative because of the adverse conditions, the construction would have to be ruled out in this area.

President Ben Nakagawa has released the list of committee chairmen for the Cultural Center. Participants and committee members need not be members of JACL. Indeed, this is a community project. JACL will continue to act as its sponsor until completion of the physical facilities and will be stepping down as soon as this mission is accomplished. Any person willing to serve on the planning group, please contact Vi Matsuoka at PA 3-4569.

Committee chairperson working on Cultural Center are as follow:

1. Athletics, Chris Kato
2. Cultural Aspect, Dr. Minoru Masuda
3. Education and Social Concerns, Sam Shoji

4. Engineering and Detail Planning, Chuck Kato
5. Finance, Bill Ishii
6. Landscaping, Tom Takamaru
7. Site location and acquisition, Mike Nakata
8. Management and Operation Planning, Don Kazama
9. Community and Public Relations, Barbara Tanabe
10. Kaisha Coordination, Mrs. James Akutsu

BARBARA TANABE TO M.C. INSTALLATION BANQUET

The annual JACL installation dinner set for Feb. 1 will promise to be an eventful one, at the Bush Garden Restaurant. Chairperson Pat Sado announces that Barbara Tanabe will be the toastmistress. Tanabe almost single-handedly upholds the Asian image in the TV media as a newscaster and a TV personality in the morning program. Tanabe has won the award for TV documentary when she directed and produced the controversial production "The Fence at Minidoka."

Dean Charles Z. Smith of the School of Law at the University of Washington who will be the main speaker, is also a TV personality with the regular commentary program.

Social hours begin at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner at 7:30 p.m. The price of the ticket has been changed to \$7.50 per person and reflects to some degree the rising food costs.

For ticket reservations, please call Cherry Kinoshita (PA 5-0765); Helen Akita (324-1670); Lovett Moriguchi (EA 9-4250); or Pat Sado (255-2358).

1974 LICENSE TABS PROJECT OF IMPERIALS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

The Seattle Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps, are once again selling 1974 license tabs in an effort to help raise funds for the drum corps. '74 tabs, which are required on all Washington State registered vehicles, will be sold at the main UWAJIMAYA store, 6th and South King during the regular hours of the store.

ASIANS OF CENTRAL AREA TO FETE KAWABE HOUSE RESIDENTS

Asians Unlimited comprised of fifty young Asians of the Central Area and headquartered in 305 17th S., plans to serve an authentic Japanese dinner with entertainment for the 180 elderly residents of the Kawabe Memorial House. The group will cook and serve the food Dec. 22 and will be needing \$300.00 for the sukiyaki dinner and Christmas program. Contributions may be sent to Asians Unlimited, 305 17th S., Seattle 98144 or call 324-8846.

DELIVERY OF ISSEI STORY TRANSLATION DELAYED TILL FEBRUARY

What was meant for Christmas delivery, Genji Mihara has received the disappointing news that delivery has been held up till February.

The English language version authored by Kazuo Ito of the Yomiuri News and based on documents and diaries of hundreds of Issei pioneers is saturated with photographs.

The 2,000-copy is reaching the halfway mark in sales. The books are being sold at \$20.00 per copy in this \$40,000 project. Make check payable to "Hokubei Hyakunen Sakura," c/o Genji Mihara, 1414 S. Weller St., Seattle 98144.

FROM THE ASIAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER:

Council Future: House Bill 1169, establishing the Council statutorily, will be before the House State Government Committee on Nov. 30 for a public hearing at Room 334, House Office Bldg., Olympia. Unless the bill passes during the January session, and sufficient funds are appropriated for the balance of the biennium, the future of the Council is dim. Let your legislators know of your opinion on this matter.

Task Force Chairpersons: Chairman Ben Woo has appointed the following Council members to Chair the task forces: Frank Fujii, education; Joan Kis, social and health services; and Richard Lee, media.

Vanity Auto License Plates: In September, the Council contacted the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide a list of words which are offensive to Asian Americans. Following up on the Department's request for such a list, the Council recommended that auto plates bearing the following words should not be issued: JAP, NIP, FLIP, GOOK, COOLIE, SLANT, DINK, and CHINK. In the November General Elections, the voters passed Referendum 33 which allows motorists to purchase license plates containing up to six letters.

Asian American Project Refunded: The Seattle based Demonstration Project for Asian Americans (DPAA) was recently refunded for 1 to 3 years by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. This project has been instrumental in providing planning and technical assistance to the Asian American organizations. The new grant will allow extension of its services to cover Snohomish, Kitsap, King, Pierce and part of Thurston Counties. Recruiting is underway for a Project Director, Research Coordinator, Administrative Secretary, and a Paraprofessional Outreach Worker. Interested parties should call the DPAA Office at (206) 329-0054 for further information or service.

ASIAN STUDENTS SPONSOR TURKEY DINNER FOR ELDERLY

The Asian Student Coalition at the University of Washington hosted the Thanksgiving dinner for Asian elderly Nov. 22 at the International Drop-in Center in the International District. Seattle JACL board in November approved the donation of \$50.00 to the Asian Student Coalition to help defray expenses.

To be no different

than the others in a crowd, to blend in unnoticed among all the other black-haired, brown-eyed fellowmen of the same race; in short, to be one of the majority -- this was the feeling I looked forward to experiencing. But that moment eluded me throughout our entire stay in Japan, as I wonder if it does not with most Nisei who visit their ancestral land for a short stay. Is it because "inside" we feel and think American? That somehow just as we can spot Japanese nationals in the States, so too can they tell that we are "gaijin"? Perhaps we dress a little differently, our walk and gestures are not quite Japanese, and of course as soon as we speak a few words among ourselves, it's a dead giveaway. One native commented that "yappashi" you can tell a Nisei because they are "akanuketeru." (Sounds somewhat insulting, like literally, one who has "lost his grime"; but actually it's meant to be a compliment for the dictionary says, "polished, refined, elegant.") A relative remarked rather pointedly that the way we laugh is different -- I guess no ladylike Japanese women laugh out loud, and of course politeness demands that they cover their mouth with their hands, even for a delicate giggle. In the train stations, we wave "come and join us over here" with our hands spread upwards, while they wave with their hands downward to convey the same meaning. In countless trivial ways we identify ourselves as foreigners, and are looked upon as such. In this land where our parents were born and raised, and where racially we look exactly like the indigenous population, we found ourselves feeling less at home than in the land of our birth even though we shall always be highly visible as an ethnic minority here. Anomalous critters are we -- looking Japanese, thinking and feeling American -- and still not 100% accepted by either.

The scenery of Japan

lived up to its reputation beautifully in many respects, but some of the famed attractions were a mite disappointing, perhaps because we'd expected a replica of the postcard images we'd formed in our minds. The Daibutsu at Kamakura looks great in pictures, but up close somehow it wasn't all that impressive. The sister rocks at Futami-ga-ura seen from the perspective of distance across Ise Bay somehow didn't quite do justice to that scenic site as I remember it from the old Japanese calendars. The only view of famed Fujiyama that we chanced to glimpse was a murky gray mountain-shaped outline in the horizon. Most impressive, however, from a historical standpoint, I felt, was the Nijo Castle built in 1603 in Kyoto, where one can capture a little of the flavor of the feudalistic life-style enjoyed by the ruling class of old Nihon. Its "nightingale floors" were constructed intentionally to squeak with every footstep to safeguard the Shogun Ieyasu from stealthy assassins. The life-size mannequins in their historically authentic costumes set the scene so that one can imagine how the Shogun lived while relaxing at his Kyoto residence many hundreds of years ago. And of course, from the picturesque standpoint, there is no match the world over to rival the intimate beauty of the Japanese gardens created by an artistry which gives the feeling of spacious landscaping even in the most confining of areas.

Shopping at the Ginza

is like bucking the Christmas crowds every day of the week, with stores spewing out streams of people and streets clogged by the overflow. Mitsukoshi, Matsuya, Matsuzakaya, -- just a few of the huge department stores which abound. The price tags are as high or higher for equivalent merchandise and apparel in the States, and one wonders how the average working girl in Japan can afford the hundred-dollar plus fashions on their salaries. The classified ads advertise the better secretarial jobs at 80,000 yen (in dollars a little over \$300 a month). Several of us who have weathered the office circuit noted with chagrin that The Japan Times ads ask only for 20-30 year olds -- apparently you're over the hill in Japan when you reach the late 30's, and if you're over 40, forget it. So prosperous is Japan and employment at such a high level that for every high school graduate, according to our tour guide, there are at least 7 job openings waiting. Getting back to the "depatos", one fabulous floor, usually the basement, is a must for browsing around, incomparable to anything we've ever seen in America. Counter after counter of delicious looking foods, fish, meat, fruit, candies, etc., and ready-to-eat delicatessen-type things to make your mouth water, tempura, oden, sushi, ika, noodles, anything you can name! One could spend a good part of a day wandering about, tempting the palate and letting the taste buds enjoy, enjoy.

Even with only a three-weeks stay

you find yourself occasionally thinking in the Japanese language. But one difference with Japanese is that personal pronouns are seldom used and my relatives found it unseemly to hear me say "watakushi" or "watashi" fairly frequently. They use their own name in the third person when speaking of themselves if necessary, but preferably they don't use pronouns at all. Conversely, in English it would seem pretentious and affected to speak of yourself by your own name, so I found this difficult to do. Trying to get away from saying "I", I would gesture toward myself somewhere in the vicinity between shoulder blades and ribs. The Japanese way to indicate self is to point with index finger smack dab at one's own nose. That I couldn't get myself to do either.

Bekkan Daruma Inn

That was what it was called, this rustic but very clean ryokan in the little town of Ina in Nagano prefecture, which by slow train is some 5½ hours northeast out of Toyohashi, and by a little speedier train about 3 hours northwest out of Tokyo. Ina was where my mother and father were born and where my mother had died after a brief illness on her first

and last visit back in over 30 years. She had looked forward to seeing her kinfolk again after all those years, and especially being reunited with her firstborn son who, by the harsh dictum of the U.S. immigration laws of 1924, had been unable to ever enter the States to live with his parents.

When this eldest brother whom I had not seen since I was $3\frac{1}{2}$ years old, met us in Tokyo, he expressed amazement at the fate (and Japan Travel Bureau) which played its hand in bringing us to the Daruma Inn! The site of my mother's grave was only a three-minute walk from the Inn along a wooded pathway up the hill. Had we stayed at his home it would have entailed a 30-minute taxi ride to come for the "ohakamaeri." We arrived in Ina on a chilly wet night, but the following day dawned crisp and sunny. With oniisan and his wife we took some flowers and placed them before the glistening black gravestone which my brother had recently had erected. Nearby in the family plot were other weather-worn gravestones engraved with the "Tanaka" characters, the oldest stone dating back to the 16th century. The realization that these ancestors must have lived and died even before the time of the Shogun Ieyasu, whose Nijo Castle we had seen in Kyoto, filled me with the strangest feeling, a feeling of having roots where none had been before, of discovering a link with the past -- measured in terms of centuries, rather than a mere two generations! I asked my brother about the story I had heard from a Japanese national who had visited the U.S. recently, about a band of samurai who fled in exile and settled in the Ina area. He believed that this account was historically accurate, that these samurai had fled a civil war in ancient Nagoya and intermarried with the countryfolk around Ina. Pointing to a design engraved on our parents' gravestone, a three-petaled flower with a shaft between each petal, encircled in a ring, he noted that this was our family crest. (Upon reading Bill Marutani's column in the Oct. 19 Pacific Citizen after returning, I chuckled at the thought that perhaps most everyone in class-conscious Japan has a similar story to justify samurai origin at one time or another. Even the description of our "mon" sounds similar.)

The little path by the gravesite winding up to the top of the hill led to a small park which overlooked the peaceful valley of Ina, sequestered between two mountain ranges which would be covered with crystalline snow in another month. My father's birthplace was a stone's throw away, so it was not hard to imagine that as a little boy he must have often climbed up and down this very hill. There were sakura trees in the thickly wooded area, their sturdy trunks revealing their age, and the leaves of the maple trees were faintly brushed with the first frost-tinted oranges and yellows. We spent only three days in peaceful Ina, only time enough for quick visits to my only living aunt and six out of my 55 remaining cousins. Though I had worried somewhat about conversing in my limited Japanese, once we got started, somehow or other, with my sparse vocabulary interspersed generously with hand gestures, we managed to communicate.

Gradually out of the reminiscing by elderly relatives a picture emerged of an entirely different person than the one I had known as my mother. This gentle, self-effacing woman, who seldom complained, patient and always even-tempered, who never spoke sharply -- was once a pretty high-spirited girl, determined after finishing high school to go on to a women's "daigaku" in Tokyo, an ambition more venturesome in that day and age than a young Japanese woman of today undertaking to go to an American or European university to study. Unusually ambitious, especially as the youngest in a family of four daughters, her determination won out and she finished two years of schooling in Tokyo. The same dogged will brought her to the shores of America alone to join my father. Whether the hardships of an immigrant's life in the disillusioning new world, where the streets were definitely not paved with gold, or her inability to cope with assorted tribulations had anything to do with it, or whether it was the sorrow of having left behind her firstborn son -- one will never know -- but the spark must have burned itself out, leaving a gentle, compassionate but defeated woman. How she had thirsted for things Japanese. On her last visit, the relatives relate, she always stayed up till the sign-off hours of TV listening to even the driest of political discussions, so starved had she been to hear her mother tongue. And yet, in those last few days before she fell ill, just a week before their scheduled flight back, she had wanted very much "to come home to America." How little we understood each other, Issei and Nisei how I regret our inability to communicate. Fifteen years now she has been gone.... if only I had known then what was revealed to me now. But isn't it so often that way -- too late. The morning we left Ina, I went again for a last look at the grave, and in the bright sunlight, etched in my memory was the reflection of the flowers against the shimmering gravestone, the color of the persimmons loading down the branches of a nearby tree, the brisk clean mountain air all around, and the enveloping serenity of the countryside.

Yes, it was good to get home. Travel weary and satiated with all that was foreign -- the comforts of home on Beacon Hill looked warmly inviting. But with time, I know that grassy hillside will call me back, perhaps this time smothered in pink cherry blossoms, with springtime in the air. The desire to know more will tantalize and entice -- and I know I shall return someday before those who knew that spirited young girl will have all gone --- by cherry kinoshita

NEWS JOTTINGS: Troop 218 member David M. Ohashi, received an Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor Nov. 19 at the Brighton Elementary School. David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ohashi, is a Cleveland High School senior. The Rev. Emery E. Andrews, oldest active Scouter in the Thunderbird District, presented the Award . . . Bart T. Okada of Mercer Island and grocery produceman is the 1973 Grand Champion in The Seattle Times' Guest Guesser football forecasting contest and receives an expenses-paid trip for two to the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena. Bart's wife Elizabeth has two brothers in Southern California to stop over for few days. There were 291,300 entries and of that total 379 advanced to the final . . .

Takeshi Yoshihara, son of Mrs. Kotoyo Yoshihara, and the first Nisei to enter the U.S. Navy Academy in 1953, has been promoted to the rank of Navy Captain. He is presently assigned to the Office of Naval Research as Special Assistant for Facilities. His responsibilities range from the branch office in London to ONR's Naval Arctic Research lab. His past assignment included Saigon. He has earned five degrees from various universities, including a master's degree in business and a Ph. D. in engineering from the Univ. of Illinois . . .

Dr. Minoru Masuda was reappointed to the State Social and Health Services Advisory Committee on Sept. 26 . . . Barbara Tanabe was appointed to the State Educational Television Commission on Nov. 20 . . . The following patron and patronesses for the 14th annual Christmas dance of the Ai-Iku Orthopedic Guild held Dec. 1 were introduced as follow: Consul General and Mrs. Yoshiro Yasui, Messrs. and Mmes. Mark Fugami, H.T. Kubota, Henry Imori and Ben Nakagawa. Mrs. Martha Imabori was general chairman . . . Mrs. Haruko Yamada was elected vice president of Brighton PTA . . . William Y. Nishimura, executive director of the Seattle Housing Authority, was recently elected a vice president of the Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials at the association's annual meeting in Atlantic City, N.J. The association is made up of professionals in the fields of housing and community development . . . International District Improvement Association (INTER*IM) held their election of officers last October. The results of the election were as follow: Joe Mislant, president; Dr. Terrance M. Toda, first vice president; Douglas Chin, second vice president and Nemesio Domingo, secretary/treasurer. Dr. Toda put in a letter of resignation a week later but will serve on the INTER*IM board . . . Seattle First Hill Lions Club presented a new Medic One unit to the Seattle Fire Department at the Four Kings Restaurant Nov. 13. Fire Chief, Jack N. Richards attended the presentation. The 84-member club has sponsored fund raising events for the past two years to pay for the unit which is approximately \$10,000.00. The new unit will become Aid 10 and will be stationed at Fire Department Headquarters, 301 2nd S. Hank Imori, is acting president for the Lions group. Tak Kubota, Dick Ishikawa, Jack Yamashita were among participants in the ceremony . . . Olivia Mae Omoto became the bride of William Gene Sroufe Nov. 24 in the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Setsuo Omoto of Bainbridge Island, graduated from W.W.S.C. Sroufe, a graduate of Lakeside School and the U.W., is the son of William John Sroufes. The couple will live in San Francisco . . .

MILESTONES: The Rev. James W. Suehiro 78, Nov. 10. He was minister of the Japanese Holiness Church from 1949 to 1963. He came to this country in 1917. He was a graduate of Azusa Pacific College in California. From 1945 to 1949 he was pastor of the Japanese Community Church in Philadelphia. After retirement he was an evangelical minister at large. Suyehiro was a member of the Japanese Christian Churches Association. Survivors include: wife Hana; son Joshua Y., Seattle; daughter Ruth Wong, Honolulu; brothers Yoichi in Japan and the Rev. Eiji Suehiro, L.A., and sisters Akiko Gota in Japan and Naka Tamura of Honolulu . . . Linda Faith Ogasawara 20, Nov. 10. Beacon Avenue United Church of Christ. Survivors include: parents Mr. and Mrs. Toru Bill Ogasawara, Seattle; brother of John W. Ogasawara, Seattle; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Tomoko Yobe, Sacramento; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Kikue Ogasawara, Seattle . . . Nakajiro Fukuyama 84, Nov. 18. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Men's Fellowship, Konko Kyo Church, Seattle Japanese Hotel & Apt Owners Assn, Ohmi Club, Hyaku Do Kai, Kokufu Shigin Kai. Survivors include: sons John Y. Fukuyama, Seattle; Tsugio Fukuyama, Sao Paulo, Brazil; daughter Mrs. Raymond (Miya) Hama, Seattle . . . Carl Yoshiro Osawa. Memorial Services Nov. 28. Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, Shizuka Club, Tengu Club, Seattle Dojo. Survivors include: sons George M. and Henry Osawa, Seattle; daughters Mrs. George (Kazuko) Yamada, Kent; Mrs. Harry (Rose) Kataoka, Mrs. Koichi (Mary A.) Nakashima, both Seattle; sister Mrs. Yu Yabe, Tokyo . . .

Kametaro "K.K." Kawaguchi. Services Dec. 3. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Kishu Club, Seattle Japanese Hotel and Apt Owners Assn, Tengu Club, International Sportsmen's Club. Survivors include: wife Kinue; sons George K., Mercer Island; Roy H. Kawaguchi, Seattle; daughters Mrs. Nobi (Aiko) Kyono, Mrs. Kenji (Martha) Onishi, Mrs. Gerald (Sakiko) Kumata, all Seattle; and Mrs. Thomas (Tomoko) Matsumoto, Bellevue . . . (Mrs. Paul) Sherrie Hirao passed away Dec. 3 in L.A. after long illness, formerly of Seattle. Mother of Marcia and Wayne. Sister of Ed Shimano, N.Y.; Ted Shimano, Seattle; Mrs. Midori Uyeda, Seattle . . . Emon Ikuta (Kent) 88, Dec. 1. White River Buddhist Church, Hiroshima Club. Survivors include: wife Haru; daughter Carol Ikuta, Seattle; sons Mitsuo Ikuta, Seattle, George Ikuta, Yokohama . . . Noye Yamamoto. Services Dec. 7. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Ohmi Club. Survivors include: daughters Mrs. Misa Honda and Mrs. Frances (Kiki) Hagimori, Both Seattle; one brother and two sisters in Japan . . .

BUSINESS: Joyce Graves, owner of First Lady and The Playboy, announces that Norma Hino has joined the staff at the beauty salon. Norma, the daughter of Mrs. June Hino, is a long-time resident of S.E. Seattle and a graduate of Franklin High. . . . Mizuta's Union 76 has moved to a new location on the corner of Rainier S. and S. Jackson . . . A new group to be known as the Washington Council for International Trade, which describes itself as "dedicated to conveying public awareness of the importance of world trade to the people of

Washington State," has backers which looks like a line of blue chip group. The new group will work with existing organizations in the world trade community. Among its 22 directors include Taul Watanabe . . . Open house was held Dec. 7 at the new SEASIA Warehouse on 651 South Industrial Way (4300 7th Ave. S.). This newest facility is that of Uwajimaya Corporation . . .

LATE ADD: Lucile M. Nakamura of New York City. Services at Seattle Buddhist Church Dec. 8. Also member N.Y. Buddhist Church, Board of Directors and officers of New York JACL, Asian Coalition of N.Y.C., U.W. Alumni Club. Survivors include: Mother, Mrs. Sumiyo Nakamura, brother Immie H. Nakamura, sisters Mrs. Frank (Evelyn) Ashida and Mrs. Mary Shizue Akada, all Seattle . . .

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 15--Christmas party with Japan college students as guests. 7:30 p.m. at Blaine Methodist.
- Dec. 16--The annual Christmas party for all the children of NVC members and friends in the community from 2 p.m. at the NVC clubhouse. Ben Sugawara, chairman.
- 16--The annual Children's Christmas party at the Chong WA hall at 7th and Weller from 2 p.m. sponsored by the Cathay Post 186, American Legion. Dave Symington, chairman.
- 16--The 40-voice University Chorale directed by Professor Rodney Eichenberger of the U.W., will perform a special Holiday program from 1 p.m. at the Seattle Art Museum in Volunteer Park. No admission charge.
- 21--(Friday). Regular monthly JACL members meeting at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St. from 8 p.m. and to be followed by the annual Christmas social starting about 9:30 p.m. chaired by Helen Akita. Plenty of refreshments. Everyone welcome. Bring your friends.
- 22--Japanese dinner for Kawabe Memorial House residents sponsored by Asians Unlimited (Asians of Central area) at the Kawabe Memorial House from 5-7 p.m. Entertainment follows from 7-9 p.m. open to all other non-resident senior citizens and friends.
- 27-29--Benefit Japanese Baptist mochi sales by tickets only. \$1.25 per plate. Make reservations with any of the following: Chairperson Masako Tomita (PA 2-0496), Shiz Hoshide (EA 5-3843), Sue Nakagawa (AD 2-3522), Harumi Komoriya (MU 2-1889), Yoshiko Betz (LA 5-1573), Sue Tanaka (EA 5-3954), or the church office (MA 2-7351).
- 31--The annual N.V.C. end-of-the-year social and dance at the NVC clubhouse.
- Jan. 4--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements and press releases to: c/o (Editor) Eira Nagaoka, 170 11th Ave., Seattle 98122.
- 9--Newsletter mailing night. JACL office from 8 p.m.
- Feb. 1--The annual JACL installation banquet at Bush Garden Restaurant. Dean Charles Z. Smith of the U.W. School of Law, principal speaker. Barbara Tanabe, Toastmistress. Social hour, 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m. \$7.50 per person. Patricia Sado, chairperson. For reservation call Cherry Kinoshita (PA 5-0765); Helen Akita (324-1670); Lovett Moriguchi (EA 9-4250); or Pat Sado (255-2358).

ROKKA GETS READY FOR THE COMING SKI SEASON

Ski School Director Bill Kawahara reports that the instructors are in the midst of a rigorous training session and clinics in preparation for another busy ski school season.

Prospective members and re-newal members who are signing up for Rokka-King Headway are reminded to send in a Rokka Club membership application. There is no extra charge for membership but the treasurer must have the application to keep the records straight and to insure that one remain on the mailing list. You will have until Dec. 15.

Anyone needing more application forms please call Kachi Ikeda at 325 1510 and she will see that you receive as many as you need. Each member must send in a separate application for membership and Ski School.

Nobi Kano is executive director of the ski school, with Chet Murakami, as co-director, and Paul Suzuki, technical director. Officers of the Rokka are: Hiram Akita, president; Kay Takeuchi, vice-president, vice-program; Kachi Ikeda, secretary; Jim Dossett, treasurer, and Lorraine Kondo, historian. Watson Asaba and Kaz Hayashida are in charge of bus transportation for the ski school and special club ski trips. Other committee heads are: Harry Kadoshima, Rokka lodge; Harry Kawahara, special sales; Naomi Yamamoto, Gail Mukai, Jean Murakami and Patti Yoshida, hospitality; Joe and Fumi Sakamoto, movies.

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