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SEATTLE JACL MEETS JULY 17

Seattle Chapter is set for the 23rd Biennial National JACL Convention at the Sheraton Motor Inn in Portland. For information on this biennial meeting write JACL convention board, 327 NW Couch St., Portland, Oregon 97209.

There will be one more meeting before the convention this coming Wednesday, July 17 from 8 p.m. at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St. Some of the resolutions to be submitted at the National Convention will be discussed. Ben Nakagawa and Sam Shoji (official delegates), Tomio Moriguchi (candidate for National JACL treasurer), Dr. Minoru Masuda, Don Kazama and Cherry Kinoshita will have combed through the voluminous stack of resolutions, to help air the feelings of Seattle JACL. There will be reports from the PWDC delegates to the June 29-30 meeting in Portland.

During the members meeting-social on June 21, Dr. Minoru Masuda read the letter of response to Mike Nagaoka's column in the Pacific Citizen on the Seattle Chapter proposal of abolition of citizenship requirement to membership. The letter was well received and Dean Charles Z. Smith made the motion that the Seattle Chapter endorse this letter and commending it for the Pacific Citizen readership. The motion passes.

The Chapter has won the Inagaki Award for two straight conventions. This year Ben Nakagawa has assembled the Seattle Chapter activities and has submitted the documents before the deadline. We thank Ben for taking on this difficult task.

We noted the item in P.C. (July 5) that the main speaker at the opening ceremonies July 24 will be Dr. Minoru Masuda. He is professor in Department of Psychiatry at the Univ. of Washington School of Medicine and chairman of the "Pride and the Shame" traveling exhibit. Sen. Dan K. Inouye will speak July 25 and Dr. Arthur Flemming, chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on July 27.

Membership chairman Don Kazama reports that paid up members hovers at the 600 mark.

Hideo Watanabe, scholarship committee chair, releases the names of scholarship winners. Clifford Miyazaki and David Ohashi were each awarded the \$300.00 Minoru Tamesa Memorial Scholarship and Anne S. Mori was awarded the Rev. Emery B. Andrews Scholarship Awards. Clifford Miyazaki, Cleveland High grad, is the son of Mrs. Nobuko Miyazaki. He is president of the school's Asian Student Coalition, chairman of the various committees in school, active in the Boy Scouts, and member of the All-Star for Class A category in the N.V.C. hoop league. David Ohashi graduated from Cleveland High and the son of Mike and Mae Ohashi. Anne S. Mori graduated from Franklin High and their parents are George K. and Mary Tatsuko Mori. We thank Hideo and the committee for the commendable job in selecting the winners.

President Sam T. Shoji will again sound the gavel. Save the July 17 date. Refreshments.

CHAPTER ENJOYS GOOD TURNOUT FOR JUNE 21 MEETING-SOCIAL

Everyone enjoyed the pre-summer meeting-social of June 21 at the Nisei Veterans Committee Memorial Clubhouse. Cherry Kinoshita and Helen Akita were co-chairperson. Foods were plentiful as many of the girls brought in home cooked delicacies which were simply delicious.

Jack and Dorothy Yamaguchi showed the slide program on Issei Nutrition program being held Monday through Friday at the N.V.C. Hall. About 350 senior citizens are registered with the average of 50 persons attending. The average age is 78 according to Jack Yamaguchi. The door opens at 10 a.m. Japanese books and magazines, enjoyment of Japanese companionship, lectures on hobbies and health care, and games help to round out the Issei's day. 189 Issei are registered in the apartments of immediate vicinity with Eli-Hor with 51, Kawabe Memorial House 70, International Terrace 20, Jefferson Apt 4, Beacon Towers 19, Star Apt 21, and others.

Some of the 55 or so persons attending were: Uhachi Tamesa, Sam T. Shoji, Lloyd Hara, Nobu Chan, Warren Chan, Sally Kazama, Don Kazama, Tomio and Lovett Moriguchi and son, Mitch Matsudaira, Mrs. Mitch Matsudaira, Nobuko Miyazaki, Clifford Miyazaki, Rev. Emery B. Andrews, Kayko Watanabe, Hideo Watanabe, Dorothy Yamaguchi, Jack Yamaguchi, Massie Tomita, Masao Tomita, Lela NeSmith, Harry Kadoshima, Helen Akita, Mako Nakagawa, Jiro Hamatame, John Matsumoto, Ben Nakagawa, Henry Miyatake, Ken Nakano, Shosuke Sasaki, George Keiji Sato, Dean Charles Z. Smith, Masaya Sado, Pat Sado, Dr. indbergh Sata, Yuri Sata, Dr. Minoru Masuda, and many others.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR INTERNED JAPANESE

Washington--New government regulations give Japanese Americans interned during WWII credit for time spent behind barbed-wire fences in the determination of social-security. But a spokesman for the Social Security Administration conceded that few of the former internees will actually benefit. The new regulations were issued after approval by Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Caspar Weinberger under provisions of a 1972 amendment to the Social Security Act.

The new regulations, intended to help compensate the Japanese Americans for wages lost while in the camps, credit them with the minimum wage in effect at the time or with what they were earning prior to internment if the amount were higher.

EVERYONE INVITED TO FREE ASIAN AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

The Asian American Education Association will be presenting a workshop entitled, "Parents/Students Direction: Voices to be Heard," July 19 and 20 (Friday and Saturday) at Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. The two-day workshop for parents, students and educators is supported in part by the Washington Commission for the Humanities, an agency of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

There exists at present, a lack of effective communication channels between Asian parents, students and the schools. Some of the major goals of the workshop will be to increase parents' awareness of current educational issues, provide a balanced forum for discussion between parents, students, educators and academic humanists, and encourage Asian parents to weigh alternatives and reach conclusions concerning their role in educational policy-making.

Some general issues to be discussed include: (1) How relevant is the present educational policy to the Asian Community and its students? (2) What impact can community participation have on educational policy making? (3) What alternatives or strategies can be considered to promote quality education for Asian American students? Speaking on these concerns will be Dr. Minoru Masuda, Dr. Alex Kuo, Val Laigo and John Chen Beckwith. Everyone is invited to participate. There is no fee for registration. Free child care will be provided on a limited basis. For registration call: 722-2170, 284-4183 or 329-1795.

BABE RUTH BASEBALL ALL-STARS TO COMPETE IN JAPAN

A group of young Seattle area Babe Ruth baseball all-stars will be traveling in Japan this summer to meet the elite Babe Ruth teams in that country. The boys, ranging in age from 14 to 16 years, will leave Seattle Aug. 1 to play 13 games in Japan. Three of their games will be televised in that country. They will play in Sendai, Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka, Nagano, Wakayama, and Kobe returning Aug. 22. They will be hosted by the Mitsui Company while in Japan. Members of the All-Star team include Kirk Ishida and Martie Ishida.

Coach Rex Beaty commented: "The real team concern is getting to Japan. That expense must be paid by the visiting team. We have received some excellent financial support from private individuals and business, however, not enough to meet the cost of the trip. Anyone wishing to contribute financial support can mail contributions payable to Washington State Babe Ruth Inc. c/o National Bank of Commerce, 145th and 15th N.E. Seattle 98125.

OFFICERS INSTALLED IN 20TH ANNIVERSARY FETE

Seattle First Hill Lions Club observed their 20th anniversary installation banquet June 25 at Bush Garden. The toastmaster was Frank H. Hattori, deputy district governor.

There were over 200 in attendance including many from area Lions clubs. In the keynote address by James Shea, he made mention that this club in its twenty years history has gained a leadership role among the Lions Clubs. The fact that there were 17 of the 21 possible past presidents, considering two are deceased, at the dinner attested to the club's strength.

The following were installed as 1974-75 officers: Henry T. Imori, president; Jerry Ikegami, 1st vice-president; Shigeo Watanabe, 2nd vice-president; Tad Sato, 3rd vice-president; Haruaki "Archie" Ida, secretary; Chris S. Kato, assistant secretary; Glenn Yamada, treasurer; Dennis M. Sakamoto, tail twister; Jimmy Hata, assistant tail twister; Noboru Kyono, Lion tamer; and Akira Aramaki, assistant Lion tamer. Also, directors for one year--Ted Sakahara, Paul Tomita and Juro Yoshioka; for two years--William J. Ishii, Gerald H. Yamamoto; Katashi Kay Toda.

Past presidents--James M. Matsuoka (charter president); William Y. Mambu, Toru Sakahara, S. George Kashiwagi, Edward M. Bensussen, late George T. Okada, Takeshi Kubota, late George M. Hori, Terrance M. Toda, Frank H. Hattori, Frank M. Akiyoshi, Utaka F. Fujiyama, George S. Fugami, Liem Eng Tuai, James S. Munn, William K. Komoto, Frank N. McCartney; Robert H. Matsuura, Richard M. Ishikawa, Jack Yamashita, and Thomas T. Imori.

Club members George Fugami, Taki Kubota, Frank H. Hattori, Sherlock Shinbo, Bob Matsuura, Nobi Kyono, Jerry Ikegami, Frank Yamashita and Hank Imori were presented certificate for meritorious service to the club the past year.

TV SHOW ON JAPAN CLASSICS STARTS IN NOVEMBER

Thirteen Japanese film classics will be shown by P.B.S. this coming season. To be seen on Channel 9, the series is being funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Bank of America, Japan Air Lines and produced by KQED-TV in San Francisco in conjunction with the Univ. of California's Pacific Film Archive at Berkeley. "The films in the series represent some of the best Japanese films ever made," says Sheldon Renan, director of the Archive. The series will begin in November and Edwin O. Reischauer will host each show.

Included in the series will be "Sanjuro" 1962; "Ikiru" 1952; "Ugetsu" 1953, "Sansho the Bailiff" 1954; "Harp of Burma" 1956; "Double Suicide" and Nagisa Oshima's "Boy." Others include "Gate of Hell" 1953; "Harikiri" 1962; "The Night Drum" 1958; "24 Eyes" 1954; "When a Woman Ascends the Stairs" 1960; and "Early Summer" 1951.

NEWS JOTTINGS: All-Metro high school baseball teams were announced May 22. Joel Onodera of Cleveland High made the second team as an infielder and Doug Nikaitani of Cleveland received honorable mention . . . In the Region 1 Class AA baseball playoffs May 27 at Bothell, Marysville went on to win 3-2 over Cleveland High of Seattle. Joel Onodera doubled to drive in one of the runs . . . In final junior men's city tournament in tennis on June 21, Wayne Kawakami-Gordon Mark beat Gerhardt-Bob Waldowski, 6-4, 6-4 in junior men's 18 doubles . . . About 200 outstanding seniors from Seattle area high schools and their parents were

honored May 16 at the annual High School Achievement Honors Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Olympic Hotel sponsored by the American Legion Post No. 1. Each name represents each of the 11 subject areas. Those named included: Cleveland--Sharon Eng, home ec; Edward Wong Leung, industrial arts; Gloria A. Lung, social studies; Douglas Y. Nikaitani, science; Steven Scott Omoto, language arts; Joel T. Onodera, mathematics; Gail Oshiro, business ed; Gary T. Yamaguchi, foreign language; Franklin--Valerie Eng, home ec; Tom Ikeda, social studies; Makie Luke, business ed; Julie Tanagi, art; Marianne Tomita, science; and Ann Watanabe, physical ed; Garfield--John Mar, social studies; Ingraham--Tina Kobayashi, social studies; Queen Anne--Robert H. Hori, business ed; Rainier Beach--Dale Hirata, science; Diane Hirata, science; J. Michael Kubo, physical ed; Brenda Locke, foreign language; Craig Omoto, mathematics; Raymond Takeuchi, Cottage (alternative program); Roosevelt--Audrey Stella Koh, social studies; Nancy Tamiko Thiel, science; West Seattle--Kenneth L. Tanaka, science; O'Dea, David Chinn, mathematics; Charles Tangalan, English . . .

Five members of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) were ordained June 29 into the Roman Catholic priesthood at a noon Mass of Ordination in St. James' Cathedral including Ronald E. Hidaka, S. J. Each of the new priests celebrated his first public Mass of Thanksgiving June 30 . . . Shiki Omatsuri (Four Seasons Festival), a Japanese fashion show was presented by the Fashion Group, Inc., in the Olympic Hotel Grand Ballroom and was one of the best ever held in Seattle. The presentation included music from Japan and a film to set the scene. Mabel Shigaya was one of the three cochairmen . . . Ladies Musical Club held their annual meeting at the Univ. Congregational Church with elections of officers. Mrs. S. Frank Miyamoto was among three hostesses . . . The Arboretum Foundation elected new officers. Elected to three-year terms on the board of directors included James Fukuda . . . Dr. James E. Todd has been elected president of the Council of Organizations for International Affairs. Other officers include Mary Fukuyama, secretary . . . The City Council was receiving applications for the new positions of council executive director. By June 25 a dozen applicants resumes were received including Masato Kawasaki, a Seattle urban affairs consultant . . . New officers for the Cathay Post 186 American Legion were to be installed July 12 including commander Jack Pang; Sr. vice commander Eira Nagaoka, Jr. vice commander Dr. John Uno; adjutant David King; finance officer Eddie Yip; service officer James Mar; chaplain Dick Lew Kay; sgt-at-arms Hal Benoit; historian Tak Shigihara; exec board member (3 yr term) David Woo . . .

Patricia Jean Flaherty and Kenneth Jen Shimomura were wed June 1 in Blaine Memorial Methodist Church. The bride, a graduate of W.S.U., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Flaherty of East Wenatchee. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Michio Shimomura and the late Mr. Shimomura. He graduated from the U.W.

MILESTONES: Zenichi Harui (Bainbridge Island) 88. Buddhist services June 20. Beloved father of Mrs. Stewart Marlatt, Jr., Kirkland; Art V. Harui, S. San Francisco; Norio, Seattle; Junkoh, B.I.; Yoshiro, Wenatchee . . . Kazuo Okazaki 84, June 20. Nichiren Buddhist Church, member of Gold Star Parents Assn, Okayama Club, Hyaku Do Kai. Their eldest son T/Sgt. Takaaki Okazaki, was killed in action in France in 1944. Survivors include: wife Tatsu; son Frank K. Okazaki, Seattle; daughters Mrs. Norman (Kiyoko) Koyama, Carmichael, CA; Amy Okazaki, Weisbaden, Germany; Dorothy S. Okazaki; and Mrs. George (Mary) Kozu, both Seattle; Suye Yasui, Japan . . . Koshige Saito 74, June 24. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Okayama Kei Club, Hyaku Do Kai. Survivors include: son Dr. Kaichi Kay Asito, Seattle; daughters Mrs. Tosh (Kikue) Konishi and Mrs. Aizo (Yoshie) Koshi, both Seattle; Mrs. Matsu (Masae) Sakagami, Auburn. Sisters Mrs. Hideo Yamamoto and Mrs. Kiichi Hamamoto, brothers Roy and Yosh Fujiwara, all Seattle. One sister in Japan . . . Yukiko Ikegami 69, June 30. Nichiren Buddhist Church, Okayama Kei Club, Hyaku Do Kai. Survivors include: sons Fumio Douglas Ikegami, Edmonds; Minoru Mayeda, Seattle; Michiuki Mayeda (S.F.); one brother and sisters in Japan . . .

SUGIYAMA TESTIFIES TO COMMITTEE REVIEWING CITY LIGHT ADMINISTRATION

In the by-lined article of June 25 Seattle Times a variety of charges, including hypocrisy in administering affirmative-action programs and mismanagement of personnel training, was presented June 24 to the committee reviewing Gordon Vickery's City Light administration. Richard Sugiyama, former equal-employment opportunities investigator at City Light, told the 11-member committee he left the utility June 17 because he "couldn't accept the hypocrisy" in administering various equality programs.

"We picked out certain divisions (where we'd) put our feet down, and I could not rationalize this sort of position," Sugiyama said. "In consumer services and marketing (division) there didn't seem to be much pressure . . . Engineering had pressure." Sugiyama said that the uneven application of fair-employment standards contributed to low morale among City Light employes--especially minorities.

Ed O'Sullivan, an assistant to Superintendent Vickery and a member of the committee asked where his information came from. Sugiyama said it came from his contacts within the department. O'Sullivan also challenged Sugiyama's presentation of manpower-evaluation-committee personnel reports, contending that part of the document was confidential and could not be made public. The committee voted in executive session to reproduce only documents wanted by the committee, rather than in wholesale lots. The committee was formed as a part of the solution to the 11-day walkout of City Light employes in April.

SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY ASKS DONATION OF JAPANESE MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS

Feeling the pinch of city budget the Seattle Public Library is asking the community to donate Japanese magazines and newspapers. Back issues as well as the current publications are welcome. Donations may be brought to any branch library marked c/o Ann Hsiao, librarian.

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$12.00; couple membership \$21.00; student part or full time to age 23 \$6.00; 1000 Club \$28.00; 1000 Club + spouse \$37.00; 1000 Club Couple \$53.00. Year's subscription to Pacific Citizen weekly and monthly Chapter newsletter goes with membership. Make checks payable to JACL, Seattle Chapter, 526 S. Jackson St., Seattle 98104.

NEWSLETTER MAILOUT: In spite of the final week on the campus our apprehension proved premature. Led and recruited by Bob Watanabe the work was completed in short order. The evening mailing crew included: Les Kitamura, Jo-Anne Oiye, Pat Sado, Masaye Sado, Frank Tsuboi, Mako Nakagawa, Jay Shoji, John Matsumoto, Eira Nagaoka and President Sam T. Shoji.

ENGLISH VERSION OF THE PACIFIC N.W. ISSEI HISTORY: About 500 copies remain for sale on Issei history of Seattle, the Puget Sound region, Spokane, Portland and Alaska with photographs from cover to cover. The huge volume makes fascinating reading. 150 solid pages devoted to Japanese exclusions and without bitterness. Deprivation suffered by Issei seem almost unimaginable. Books are available at \$20 per copy donation. Make check payable to "Hokubei Hyakunen Sakura," c/o Genji Mihara, 1414 S. Weller St., Seattle 98144. Phone 323-0250. Also write to the same address for any errors encountered in the book. Correction addendums will be published.

WASHINGTON STATE COMMISSION ON ASIAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS seeks to fill vacancy with Japanese. Must have knowledge & sensitivity of Asian American concerns; examples of involvement in community; discrimination awareness; indication of why applicant interested in appointment to the commission. Deadline Aug. 9. Send resume and organizational endorsements to Comm. on Asian American Affairs, 312 Insurance Bldg., Olympia, Washington 98504. (206) 753-4615.

A GIRL FOR MELVIN ASATOS: Jo Ann and Melvin Asato are proud parents of 6 pound 2-oz. baby girl born June 29 at Virginia Mason Hospital. Jiro E. and Shea Aoki are the new grandparents.

KIDNEY MACHINE FUND FOR BOB KOBA: Friends and neighbors of Fall City resident Bob Koba have organized to establish a fund in his name to help pay expenses for the use of a kidney machine due to Koba's failing kidneys. Koba is member of Seattle Japanese Baptist Church and the use of the machine for a year costs a minimum of \$16,000. "Bob Koba Kidney Fund" account was opened to receive contributions at Seattle-First National Bank in Fall City, Washington 98024. Mrs. Shirley Yabuki of Bellevue, Postmaster Leroy Bronemann of Fall City are the cochairman of the drive and Ron Smith, Fall City Fire Chief MacPearson, Bud Abbott and Gene Stevens are helping to coordinate the effort. Compounding Koba's problems is the fact that he is a diabetic, and he has been in and out of hospitals since March, but it was only recently that doctors finally discovered what his ailment really was. -----o-----

July 15-17--Bon Odori practice from 7:30 p.m. under the direction of Mrs. Kiki Hagimori at the Seattle Buddhist auditorium.

17--Regular JACL meeting at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St. from 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served.

19-20--The Asian American Education Association sponsored workshop entitled, "Parents/Students Direction: Voices to be Heard," at Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th S. Everyone is invited. No fee. Some free child care provided.

20-21--Bon Odori Festival at Seattle Buddhist Church, 14th and Main. On Saturday, Seattle Buddhist Church Drum & Bugle Corps and All Girl Color Guard performs; 6:15 p.m. procession into the Temple; 6:30 p.m. recession from the Temple into the street for the opening dance; 11 p.m. last dance of the evening. (Sunday schedule same as Saturday except one hour earlier). Food booths--corn on the cob, chicken teriyaki, oden, somen, romen, nigiri, kori, and others.

21--NVC sponsored picnic at Johnson's Hi-Dive Resort at Lake Surprise in Milton 27 miles south of Seattle. Take Interstate 5 South and exit at Puyallup-Mt. Rainier offramp. Turn left at the first intersection and head south on State Highway 61 to Milton.

July 30-Aug. 4--"Pride and the Shame" exhibit in the North balcony Seattle Ctr Food Circus

Aug. 9--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Mail articles, news clippings, announcement and press releases to: c/o (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 170 11th Ave., Seattle 98122.

14--Newsletter mailing night at the JACL office. Starts at 8 p.m.

Sept. 21--The Seattle First Hill Lions Club will hold its annual Fall Dance at the Exhibition Hall, Seattle Center. Music by Max Pillar orchestra. \$12.00 per couple.

Remember July 23-27 is the 23rd Biennial National Convention at Sheraton Motor Inn in Portland. Portland and Gresham-Troutdale JACL Chapter cohosts. For detailed information write National JACL convention board, 327 NW Couch St., Portland, Ore. 97209.

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Dear JACLers:

Seattle, a pioneer chapter of the present organization, was started over fifty years ago. Your past support of JACL for whatever reason hopefully reflect approval of what JACL has done for the people of Japanese ancestry in this country. Now to house our National staff, records and to symbolize JACL's stability, a National Headquarter building is being built in San Francisco.

We, the undersigned, who are mostly past presidents of the Seattle Chapter request your generous participation in this worthy building project. As you may be aware, the initial estimated cost of a quarter million dollars for the building has been upped to \$375,000.00, unfortunately by increased building construction costs.

JACL being a non-profit organization, all contributions to the Building Fund are tax deductible. These contributions can be in the form of cash, pledges over a three year period and/or securities.

To date the contributions has been on the larger amounts by limited number of people. However, JACL with 30,000 members can make this a successful project if each member put up their fair share of roughly \$15.00 each.

People from the Seattle area has always come through for similar projects. And we know we can count on you for this worthy National Headquarter Building Project.

Very truly yours,

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