

# JACL REPORTER

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ATTEND DEC. 20 "OPEN" JACL MEETING AND STAY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

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Sam T. Shoji, President

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The traditional general meeting-Christmas social will be held this Friday, Dec. 20 from 7:30 p.m. at the Kawabe Memorial House (221 18th Ave. S.). Chairman Tak Kubota is taking care of the arrangement in spite of the fact he was already assigned to do a similar Christmas season program for the Seattle First Hill Lions. This will be an "open" meeting according to President Sam T. Shoji who is finishing out his successful term in office. Please bring your friends and get acquainted with the JACLers. There will be the usual food, refreshment and beverages. Everyone is welcome.

There will be an extensive membership drive for 1975. The board has allocated \$620 for the purpose of increasing membership and brochure together with current copy of Pacific Citizen will be enclosed to be mailed out to general greater Seattle Area.

Tomio Moriguchi disclosed that JACL Charter Flight with the JAL is being planned for Oct. 1975.

The nomination committee reported that ballots were mailed out. The results will be released at the general members meeting to be held Dec. 20 at the Kawabe Memorial House. The nomination slate was expanded from the floor when Chuck Kato was added to 4th vice president slot for three way battle; correspondence secretary has added Arlene Oki and Midori S. Uyeda; Connie Asaka's name to historian making it a two-way race with Kayko Watanabe. The group III category for the board of governors had added Terry Nakano, A. Mark Kinomoto and Gerald Yuasa to its list of candidates. The nominating committee has done a wonderful job and added excitement to the balloting. Members of the nomination committee headed by Don Kazama includes Jiro Namatame, Cherry Kinoshita, Hippo Sakahara, Bill Kawahara, Hideo Watanabe, Mako Nakagawa, Vicki Asakura, Gil Hirabayashi and Pat Sado.

Nobi Chan, chairing the annual JACL installation dinner, announced the tentative date for Feb. 7. The Honorable Mayor Wes Uhlman will be the keynote speaker. Nobi Chan requested that each board member make an effort to get 6 in the tatami room in the buffet style dinner at the Bush Garden Restaurant. The immediate past banquet chairperson Pat Sado left a comprehensive folder to help plan for the 1975 banquet. \$250.00 working fund has been advanced through the approval of the board.

Henry J. Miyatake, chairing the chapter evacuation reparation committee, returned from the National JACL board meeting where he was promised 45 minutes but was only able to pitch in for 32 minutes. He reported to the Chapter that National President Shig Sugiyama was not in favor of the reparation as such. Sugiyama was quoted as saying Issei should not be included in the reparation. According to Miyatake he had asked for poll of JACL National Board but Sugiyama refused. As far as he was concerned, he was opposed to the idea altogether. Miyatake said he talked to 17 people on the subject of evacuation reparation claims at the board. Only two persons opposed the idea--Dave Ushio and Shig Sugiyama. One sat on the fence. It was obvious that executive level simply refused to accept the concept, Miyatake concluded.

## ISSEI FIND CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW TYPE OF VOLUNTEER WORK

Chairing the Seattle Chapter Issei Concerns Committee for the past five years, Connie Asaka continues to bring surprises in new ideas and innovation. The latest is the "Lap Blanket" project for which Asaka has hit the jackpot. Through JACL and the media of the North American Post in Japanese language, the Issei and Nisei community women were invited to participate. Response came from Renton to Queen Anne. The Issei were happy to get away from the TV for a change and to act as participants in this volunteer work. This was a chance for Issei to renew acquaintances and to make new friends according to Asaka.

65 lap blankets were crotched and quilted and will be gift wrapped and delivered between Dec. 21-23 to ten different nursing homes. The delivery will also include visitation in trying to bring cheers to the shut-ins. Asaka asks help in providing drivers to make deliveries.

Lap blanket volunteers met Dec. 6 at the Kawabe Memorial House and will be wrapping up the month and a half project on Dec. 13 at the Beacon Towers. Ring Mrs. Hashiguchi on the main floor Apt. 1503. The technique for creating lap blankets were demonstrated in the Issei Nutrition Project being conducted at the Nisei Vet memorial Hall.

The following names were participants in the project of which 75% were Issei:

Chiye Abe, Marian Adachi, Helen Akita, Shea Aoki, Hideko Albin, Connie Asaka, Jan Asaka, Florence Birch, Hanako Doi, Fusa Edamura, Kura Fukui, Haru Fukuyama, Ikuno Furuta, Fumiko Hamada, Taka Hikoyama, Emu Hyodo, Mickey Inaba, Benko Itoi, Kikuno Kanda, Matsuno Kawaguchi, Tsuya Kawahashi, Miye Kawata, Tazu Kikuchi, Haru Kimura, Cherry Kinoshita, Tamako Kitajo, Kin Kiuchi Katsu Kurokawa, Fumi Miyake, May Miyake, Betty Mochizuki, Lovett Moriguchi, Ben Nakagawa, Mako Nakagawa and her Japanese American Cultural Heritage Program student volunteers, Isamu Moriya, Kane Naito, Yasuko Nakahara, Chiyo Namatame, Sheila Ogasawara, Fuji Ogishima, F. Okabe, Hide Ota, Matsuno Okada, Gin Okazaki, Yasu Saito, Yasu Sugitachi, Miyoko Sakamoto, May Sasaki, Yoshiko Sumitan, Toshiko Suzaka, (continued on page 3)



NEW DIRECTOR FOR THE N.W.-INTERMOUNTAIN REGIONAL DIRECTOR FACES CHALLENGE

Stan Kiyokawa, familiar name in the JACL Youth Council, and native of Portland is the new Pacific Northwest-Intermountain Regional Director with the office in Portland. He succeeds Don Hayashi. Kiyokawa attended Eastern Oregon State College and Portland State University. Kiyokawa was previously associated with Brooklyn and Creston YMCA Latch Key Program as its Director and served as National Youth Council Director for JACL.

In the last District Council meeting hosted by Seattle the function of the Regional Director came under fire. Seattle didn't seem to get in on the benefits. "Why didn't you ask us?" was their reply. We brought up a question on hypothetical problem situation requiring Regional Director intervention. "What would you do under this circumstance and what would have been the strategy for its solution?" It was obvious that Director would have been already overloaded with routine task to intervene outside of writing letters and giving generalized brotherly advice.

This brought up the question of accountability for the regional director. Last month Don Kazama brought this issue to the November Chapter meeting. The discussion will probably be made during the December meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The Ad Hoc Committee appointed by the Chapter President lists the following items for consideration as the duties, responsibilities and accountability for the Regional Director. This was done in conjunction with the recommendations that were presented at the Pacific Northwest District Council meeting held Sept. 28-29, 1974.

The items listed below are in alphabetical order rather than by priorities since the determination of actual priorities and ratings must be established between the Regional Director and each local chapter so that the priorities can be tailored to meet Chapter needs and programs.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To help chapters and district council set program goals and objectives by providing information, resources and technical assistance (in areas including but not limited to):

Education, Elderly, Group Benefit Plans (insurance, health care plans, retirement, etc.), Funding/Grantsmanship, Leadership Development, Membership, Youth.

2. To advocate for Japanese Americans and other minorities (in areas including but not limited to):

Anti-defamation, liaison with other groups and organizations with interests in common with JACL, monitoring discriminatory legislation, outreach to the broader ethnic and greater community, public information.

3. To facilitate communications among the many JACL groups (chapters, districts, national):

Dissemination of information which would provide possible models and examples of chapter and district activities and programs. Dissemination of national, district and chapter information and activities. Making regular quarterly reports on the Regional Director's activities, emergency concerns and suggestion for possible action.

ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Under the direction of the District Council, the Regional Director shall carry out priorities under the three areas listed above.

2. The Regional Director shall be responsible to and seek guidance from the Pacific Northwest District Council Governor.

3. Actions involving the areas listed above would not require District Council action but would be considered the carrying out of the outlined responsibilities. If in the opinion of a district committee, District Council action was necessary, the matter would be brought up to the District Council.

4. Accountability and the evaluation component shall be established by the District Council for the Regional Director.

Presented to the Board of Directors, Seattle Chapter, J.A.C.L.

Committee members:

Don Kazama, Min Masuda, Tomio Moriguchi, Cherry Kinoshita, Lindy Sata, Sam Shoji

DR. MASUDA SCORES RACIST PLOY IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

Dr. Minoru Masuda, as chairman of the Seattle Chapter Anti-Defamation Committee, wrote to U.S. House 3rd District candidate Don Bonker(D). Bonker has subsequently won the election over A. Ludlow Kramer. Dr. Masuda wrote:

"... you have run T.V. spots in which you have spoken against log exports to Japan as a political issue. We do not contest your right to use log exports as a campaign position even though we may not agree with that position.

"Our concern is that in your overzealousness you have allowed racism to creep into your campaign. The emphasis on log exports to Japan (emphasized by the Japanese freighter in the background) was a deliberate attempt to stir up latent racist emotions to further



your political cause. This is written because of concern that negative reactions to Japan's economic activities are negatively reflected on Japanese Americans. We don't need to tell you of the outcries against Japanese steel, electronics, textiles, whaling, overseas industrial developments, etc., in recent years. In all of this, it is the Japanese Americans who have become the scapegoats of wrath, for we are here and we are visible and Americans see the face and cannot distinguish the difference that exists between the Japanese and the Japanese Americans.

"We are dismayed by your campaign tactics which have utilized a racist ploy in furtherance of your political career. While this letter cannot undo the damage done, it is our hope that you will understand and desist further from the disservice and harm you have rendered to all Japanese Americans."

IAP BLANKET VOLUNTEERS (cont'd): Tazu Suzuki, Miyoshi Tashiro, Aya Teramoto, Yoneko Terayama, Komo Tsubahara, Haru Yabuki, Mune Yamaguchi, Mimeyo Yamamoto, Sekiyo Yamamoto, Hide Yasutake, Shima Yasutake, Hatsu Yorozu, and Hanayo Yoshihara.

If your name has been left out please call this to the attention of Connie Asaka.

1975 LICENSE TABS PROJECT OF IMPERIALS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

The Seattle Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps, are once again selling the 1975 license tabs in an effort to help raise funds for the drum corps. '75 tabs, which are required on all Washington State registered vehicles, will be sold at the main Uwajimaya Store, 6th Ave. S. and S. King during the regular hours of the store when the tabs become available.

MINORITIES ON INCREASE IN SEATTLE SCHOOLS

The growing percentage of minority students and the shift of minority children to the South Region -- trends established the past few years in the Seattle Public Schools -- are confirmed in the 1974 district racial-distribution survey made public Nov. 22. More than 26.9 per cent of the regular 64,588 regular students are minority. There is a loss of 17,740 white students in a period of declining enrollment.

The survey shows these minority totals for this year as black, 10,124, or 15.7%; Japanese 1,530, or 2.4%; Chinese, 1,687, or 2.6%; Filipino, 1,240 or 1.9%; Spanish, 870, or 1.4%; American Indian, 1,005 or 1.6%; and "other" 855, or 1.3%.

Garfield High School is 76.9% black with 866 black students. Two other high schools have high minority enrollments. Cleveland has a 36.6% white enrollment and Franklin, 30.8%. South Shore Middle School is 44.5% white. The state defines a school with 40% of any minority as de facto segregated. Under that definition Seattle has 14 black de facto schools.

Two schools have more than 40% Asian enrollment -- Beacon Hill, 41.41% Chinese and 53.91 total Asian and Kimball, 45.18% Asian. Cleveland High School is 39.8% Asian.

NEWS JOTTINGS: Dennis Omoto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tak Omoto and Willamette University graduate, recently passed the California state bar. Dennis graduated from Rainier Beach high school here . . . Gov. Dan Evans has reorganized the Advisory Committee on Community Development appointed 13 new members to the group. The committee, composed of city and County officials and members of various citizen groups, assists the Office of Community Development in its task of improving communications and joint planning efforts between state and local governments. Fourteen of the original members will stay on the council, with 11 members leaving the group. Newly appointed included Wendy Tokuda, Seattle, KING-TV . . . During the Univ. of Washington Board of Regents meeting Nov. 22, Dr. Betty Mitsunaga, of the Univ. of Colorado faculty, was named a professor and chairman of the department of psychosocial nursing, effective January 1 . . .

MILESTONES: Yone N. Hamanaka 79, Nov. 9. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Kishu Club, Seattle Japanese Community Service. Survivors include: Joseph U. Hamanaka, Seattle; sisters Mrs. Fuji Sakai, Vancouver, B.C. and Mrs. Yasu Nishi, Toronto . . . Fusaye Takehara 73, Nov. 11. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship; Hiroshima Club, Seattle Kokusei Shigin Kai, Senryu Ginsha, Sagaryu Shisho, Hyaku Do Kai, JACL, Japanese Community Service. Survivors include: husband Tadashi Takehara, Seattle; one brother and one sister in Japan . . . Gentaro Nishi 88, Nov. 16 . . . Chuichi Sunohara 86, Nov. 18. Japanese Baptist Church, Nagano Club, Tengu Club, Nippon Tennis Club, Shogi Club. Survivors include: wife Isami; son Tadao Sunohara, Seattle; one granddaughter . . .

Suzu Nakashima 95, Nov. 21. Mother of George Nakashima, New Hope, PA; Dr. Victor Nakashima, Dubuque, IA; Theodore Nakashima, Bothell; Mrs. Samuel (Mary) Hokari, Seattle . . . Agnes (Kondo) Sakura (formerly of Seattle, Eatonville and Milwaukee, Wis.) Nov. 21 at Lexington, Mass.; Memorial Services at Seattle Japanese Baptist Church. Survivors include: husband Chester Sr.; sons, Dr. J. David (Christina), Lexington, Mass; Gerald P. (Nhu) of London; Dr. Chester Jr. (Monna), Medical Missionary at Kiiabe, in Denya; Dr. Norman B. (Karen), of L.A.; also survived by sister, Rae Nakamura of L.A. and relatives in Seattle area . . . Kichigoro Komatsu 83, Nov. 24. Tensho-Kotai-Jingu Kyo; Shizuoka Club; Shumi-no Kai; Hyakudo Kai; Puget Sound Flower Growers Assn. Survivors include sons Henry I. and Jack K. both Seattle; daughters Mrs. Kenji (Kazue) Yaguchi, Ontario, Ore.; Mrs. Jim (Rose) Watanabe, Seattle . . . Matahei Kawaguchi. Services Nov. 29. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Men's Fellowship; Kumamoto Club, Japanese Community Service. Survivors include: wife Dadaye; sons Dr. Masayuki Kawaguchi, Tokyo; Dr. Paul Kawaguchi, Port Orchard; daughter Mrs. George (Yuriko) Kumasaka, Seattle . . .

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Tsunehisa Kageyama 71, Dec. 3. Nichiren Buddhist Church and its Men's Fellowship, Bldg Service Union No. 6, Okayama Club. Survivors include: wife Tamiko, sons Masaru and Frederick T.; daughters Hisako and Tazuko Kageyama, all Seattle; sister Hatsuye Kageyama, Japan . . .

Iichi Numoto 77, Dec. 4. Japanese Presbyterian Church, Okayama Club, Kokufu Ichibu Shigin Kai, Hyaku Dokai. Survivors include: wife Mary Fumi; son Capt. John M. U.S.A.F., (L.A.); daughters Mrs. Lip (Jean) Mar, Seattle; Mrs. William (Ruby) May, Merriville, Ind.; Ellen Yamada, S.F.; one granddaughter, Cynthia Lynn Goto, Seattle . . . Kika Masuda. Services Dec. 11. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship. Kumamoto Club. Survivors include: sons Satoshi and Dr. Min Masuda; daughters Mrs. Fred (Mitsuko) Nomura, all Seattle; Mrs. Jim (Kiyoko) Mohai, Milwaukee . . .

ENGLISH VERSION OF THE NORTHWEST ISSEI HISTORY MAKES PERFECT GIFT ITEM

Less than 500 copies remain for sale on "Issei: A History of Japanese Immigrants in (Northwest)" and authored by journalist Kazuo Ito of the Yomiuri News and translated by Shin-ichiro Nakamura and the Univ. of Wakayama Professor Jean S. Gerard in modern English. The book is completely cross indexed and saturated with nostalgic photographs of early Seattle and the environs. This is the history of Issei's struggle socially, economically and politically and how the legislative machinery of our governments were geared specifically to rip off the Issei through legal maneuvers. See the map of old Japanese District of Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Portland and Vancouver, B.C. with names of business firms written in. All full page photos are printed on top grade slick paper for perfect clarity. Contains the historical episode of the Japanese in chronological order. Contains over 1760 personal names and your family is probably mentioned as they contributed their bits to the growth of the community.

The 1,016 page book is a must in every Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei home as your heritage is wrapped up neatly in a single volume. Over \$40,000 was spent in this massive translation and publishing project. Books are available at \$20.00 per copy donation. The book is boxed in heavy cover and will make a perfect gift for Christmas.

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Calendar of Events

- Dec. 14--Film presentation at St. Mark's Cathedral on Capitol Hill at 8 p.m. The Empress Yang Kwei Fei is the last work of Japanese film director Kenji Mizuguchi. He is known for "Ugetsu." The film is presented in Japanese with English subtitles. \$2.00. (789-2656).
- 14--Puyallup Valley JACL installation dinner from 6:30 p.m. at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife. Dr. John Ishii of Olympia is speaker. Tomio Moriguchi, national treasurer, will be the installing officer. Bob Mizukami will be emcee.
- 15--NVC's annual Children's Christmas Party from 2-4 p.m. at NVC Memorial Hall, 1212 S. King. Public invitation to all the youngsters in the community to attend. Yoshio Tomita, chairman. Professional magician-ventriloquist to be featured on program.
- 20 (Fri.)--The annual JACL "open" meeting and Christmas social starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Kawabe Memorial House, 221 18th Ave. S. Everyone invited to attend.
- 28-30--Benefit modeling fund mochi sale sponsored by the Japanese Baptist Church from 2-6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and Monday. \$1.50/plate. 901 E. Spruce St. (622-7351) for information.
- 31--The annual NVC New Year's Eve party at NVC Memorial Hall, 1212 S. King featuring Night Shadow, a 6-piece combo playing music to satisfy the older and the young crowd. Midnight snack. Dancing from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Door open from 9:30 p.m. \$8/couple for members and \$15/couple for non-members. Yoshio Tomita, chairman.
- Jan. 3--Deadline for newsletter. Mail articles, news clippings, announcement, and press releases to: (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 170 11th Ave., Seattle 98122.
- 8--Newsletter mailing night. JACL office from 8 p.m. All help welcome.

U.S. CATHOLIC BISHOPS FUND ASIAN IN ALASKA DISCRIMINATION PROJECT: Alaska Cannery Workers' Association received \$10,000 grant from the Campaign for Human Development. The grant will support organizing work to correct racial discrimination in the Alaska salmon industry. 22% of the workers is of Filipino decent, 6% of Japanese, Chinese and other Asian decent, and 19% Alaska Native. Since July 1973 the National JACL has been listed for donating \$500. Receiving the grant award for ACWA were Clarke Kido, board chairman, and Nemesio Domingo Jr., ACWA acting director.

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