

# JACL REPORTER

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## DR. SATA TAKES OVER SEATTLE JACL REIGN FOR JAN. 15 MEETING

The changing of the guard takes place Wednesday, Jan. 15 when Dr. Lindbergh Sata will call the regular meeting at 8 p.m. The chapter will continue to meet third Wednesday of each month with the exception of Christmas social-meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and to bring any issue pertinent to the well being of the community. This meeting precedes by three weeks the 1975 JACL installation and recognition banquet. Tickets will have to be pushed hard to insure the success of the banquet.

Seattle Chapter JACL closed out the year with flourish Dec. 20 with Christmas social and membership meeting. More than 60 people attended the party enjoying every conceivable types of hors d'oeuvres as well as the liquid refreshment. The modern facility at Kawabe House provided the right luxurious atmosphere with groups breaking up into various tables. Tak Kubota was the general chairman and Connie Asaka was in charge of food and refreshments. Thanks to everyone who had the part in planning and to those bringing the refreshments and scrumptious foods and to the Kawabe management for the use of the premise.

Connie Asaka's Issei "lap blanket" community project was funded for \$150.00 by the Seattle chapter and \$158.71 was spent for which she was reimbursed for the difference. Mako Nakagawa said, "Connie did one fantastic job." This we all agree. Asaka requested five volunteers to make deliveries of the blanket. Responding were Harry Kadoshima, Dr. Minoru Masuda, May Sasaki, Art Konos, Pat Shimomura, and Japanese Cultural Heritage Program group. sang Christmas carols touching the Issei emotionally.

Following the pattern of S.W. District Council, the Seattle Chapter has been re-searching the "open ended" group health insurance plan. Under the existing plan administered by JACL some of the persons with questionable health are able to sign up by complying with existing rules and procedures reflecting in higher premium much to the chagrin of other members covered under this medical plan.

The ever faithful newsletter mailing crew showing up for the December mailing included: Brian Shoji, Terry Leung, Gordy Yee, Haruko Shoji, May Sasaki, Becky Sasaki, Kim Sasaki, John Matsumoto, Allieyn Hikida, Jay Shoji and Sam Shoji. The December issue containing two sheets and no inserts, the job was completed in short order. Thanks so much.

Theresa Fujiwara, Y.K. Kuniyuki, and Terry Shigaki, all second year graduate students in School of Social Work at the Univ. of Washington, are working on the audio-visual presentation on "Issei Women: An Untold Struggle" in the Pacific Northwest. The documentary on Issei women will be from the perspective of the Sansei to give the Sansei the opportunity to learn about and appreciate the experience of Issei women. The objective is to create a professional slide presentations. The slide will also be shown to the general community.

The group is asking \$500.00 from JACL to help finance the project. The project total is \$900.00. Asian American Studies Department of the Univ. of Wash. has submitted \$200.00.

The recognition committee chaired by Cherry Kinoshita met Jan. 2 to hear discussions and to finalize the selection of candidates to be honored Feb. 7 during the installation and recognition dinner. In attendance were Cherry Kinoshita, Sam T. Shoji, Dr. Minoru Masuda, Takako Yoda, Midori Uyeda, Aki Kurose, Sally Kazama and Eira Nagaoka.

The next JACL Pacific Northwest District Council meeting will be hosted by White River chapter and will be held Feb. 1-2 at the Double Tree Inn in South Center, Seattle 98188. The Saturday session usually begins about 7 p.m. and Sunday session from 10 a.m. President Hiroshi Oyama of the host chapter requests approximate head count for lunch on the 2nd. The agenda will not be received in time for this publication. Dr. Jim Tsujimura, JACLer of the Biennium, will chair the meeting. The meeting is open to all JACLers and their friends.

## MAYOR UHLMAN TO KEYNOTE INSTALLATION BANQUET FEB. 7TH

Honorable Wes Uhlman, the current household name in reference to the firemen and city light workers, will be the guest speaker at the annual JACL installation-awards banquet, Friday, Feb. 7, with social hour starting at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the Bush Garden Restaurant.

Nobie Chan, chairperson of the banquet, requests that each board member make an effort to get 6 in the tatami room in the buffet style dinner. Ticket distribution will begin this week at \$8.00 per person. Reservations for tickets made be made by calling any of the following: Cherry Kinoshita (PA 5-0765); Helen Akita (324-1670); Lovett Moriguchi (EA 9-4250); Tak Kubota (PA 2-6868); and Nobie Chan (723-8760).

Mayor Uhlman started his political career in the state legislature and is now serving his second term as the Mayor of Seattle. He participated in the coronation of the Greater Seattle Japanese American Community Queen on two occasions and was invited in previous JACL installation. He is a polished speaker representing the younger breed of politicians. His meteoric rise in political field at the early age prompted one writer in the Seattle Magazine to ask whether he would be our future President.

Chairperson Nobie Chan promises this will be an interesting evening for this social event of the year. Please, make your reservations now.

FOUR ISSUES AT THE NATIONAL JACL LEVEL QUESTIONED BY THE SEATTLE CHAPTER

(Sam Shoji and Ben Nakagawa were the two prime delegates to the National Convention in Portland. The proceedings, debates and the tactics used, opened their eyes so to speak bringing into focus the operational procedures as it really is at the National level. The recent events prompted both Sam and Ben to pen a memorandum to Pacific Citizen with copies to each of the National Executive Committee members. The letter is self explanatory and is printed for your interest.--editor's note)

"The Seattle Chapter of J.A.C.L. has become extremely disturbed with the decision making process of our organization in recent months. In view of the recency of the National Convention and the delegates request to the National leadership to be kept informed and involved in the decision making process, I cannot view the following decisions as anything less than a "slap in the face" to those delegates who sacrificed a week from their busy schedules to strengthen and improve the grass roots involvement of our organization:

"Specifically, we raise issue with the following:

"1. We were shocked and insulted with the selection of Mr. Ray Bendiner as "our" Development Officer. Why wasn't the membership of J.A.C.L. given an opportunity to apply for the position? This is the normal procedure followed to fill a new position and we feel this process should have been followed in this instance. Some of our members have interpreted this act as an admission that our leadership feels that the membership and the Nikkei community does not have individuals who are as qualified as Ray Bendiner.

"2. Don Hayashi was secretly offered a position at the National Office. Once again, the position was not announced and an equal opportunity given to the membership to apply. Of greater insult, however, is the feeling expressed by various members of the P.N.W.D.C. that Don was hired primarily to assist with the National Convention rather than to help local chapters with their individual needs. This appointment certainly lends substantiation to this belief. Fortunately, the National Board took issue with this matter and has not approved this unilateral decree by the executive director.

"3. The appointment of an Interim Director for the Ethnic Heritage program, located in San Francisco, scope to be limited to California and changed to produce only a teacher's manual. What happen to the feasibility study to administer the program out of the P.S.W. District? Those decisions are the responsibility of the National Council. Only the National Council is sensitive to the feelings and needs of the chapters.

"4. Lastly, the Seattle Chapter sent a member to the National Council meeting to present a reparations proposal approved by the chapter. We were informed by the delegate that the National President and Executive Director were not supportive of the organization seeking such legislation. This, in spite of the Convention delegates expressed desires to seek reparations both in 1972 and 1974. Once again, the National Council had the intestinal fortitude to override the personal desires of two people and respond to the wishes of the membership.

"We believe that the National President and Executive Director are the servants of the membership. That their primary responsibilities are to best ascertain the desires of the membership, provide guidance, and promote the greatest possible efficacy in the achievement of those goals.

"Their capricious acts of late must be halted before the membership becomes so disenchanted with the leadership that the total organization be put in jeopardy. The membership must speak out; and let our feelings be known; or we are deserving of whatever fate we are handed."

DR. PAUL ELLIS TO HEAD VALLEY CHAPTER

Puyallup Valley JACL held their 1975 installation banquet at the Poodle Dog Restaurant Dec. 14. Following the installation rite, everyone was invited to attend the "Arigato Emi" social at the home of Dr. John and Grace Kanda. Dr. Paul Ellis, a Caucasian from Olympia and member of the college faculty, was installed as president. His supporting cabinet includes: Greg Mizukami, 1st vp; Take Ikeda, vp Tacoma; Bob Watanabe, vp Fife; Jim Itami (also known as Masaji Itami, formerly of South Park), vp Valley; Kazue Yotsuuye, rec sec; Carolyn Takemoto, corr sec; Nobu Yoshida, treas; Emi Somekawa, bd del; \$1000 Club, Yosh Kosai.

Dr. Paul Ellis in his acceptance speech stated we all have to keep supporting JACL as long as we remain identifiable minority, that we need to develop more leadership from the community, and that we need to help youth in perpetuating and providing leadership.

Dr. John Ishii, faculty member of St. Martin's College, addressed the banquet. A native of Seattle, his father operated the Dunn Seed Co. Dr. Ishii received his doctorate from Georgetown Univ. in political science and worked for the U.S. government as economic advisor to Malaysia for eight years. Dr. Ishii spoke of the opportunity for Nisei in helping bridge the gap between East and West. "We bring the culture and value system of the two worlds. Nisei being Asian are in a better position to relate to these people and we have the capacity for patience e.g. taking one step forward and two steps backward. From what our parents taught, we can fulfill," Ishii said. The real battleground of ideology is not between East and West per se. The line is drawn between the haves and have-not nations. As to the question "Why is the United States there in the Far East?" the answer can be summed up in the phrase "We are there to extend our perimeter wherever possible."

Program: Bob Mizukami, MC; flag salute, Yosh Kosai; invocation, Rev. Shoki Mohri;

installation by Tomio Moriguchi (National JACL treasurer); entertainment, Crystal Tanabe; benediction, Rev. Shiro Kazato.

ISSEI ENJOYS SPECIAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON SLATED BY NVC

A special luncheon and program for Issei was hosted by NVC Dec. 28. Parents of NVC and Auxiliary members as well as Gold Star Parents attended. Staff members of the Senior Citizens Nutrition Program at the NVC clubhouse coordinated the luncheon. The Japanese program featured the 2-hour video tape presentation by Mr. Kitamura of Kokusai Theatre. Tosh Okamoto, past commander of NVC, was the chairperson.

THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE REV. EMERY E. ANDREWS

The Rev. Andrews is recovering from his second attack of Bell's paralysis early last year and taking this means to express his thanks to everyone.

"Thanks to each and everyone for all you have done for me this 1974 - all the letters and messages, all the visits, the food, the cakes, candies, fruits, and gifts and above all your love and prayers.

"Unable to mail this year's Christmas greetings, I will thank God upon every remembrance of you. Thanks again,  
Emery Andrews

WE RECEIVE LETTER

Dec. 12, 1974

JACL Newsletter,

Dear Sir,

"The Ai-iku Guild of the Children's Orthopedic Hospital and Medical Center wishes to thank you for the wonderful publicity you gave us for our 15th annual benefit dance. Thanks to you we had a very successful affair.

"Best wishes for the coming Holiday Season,

Sincerely,  
Grace Sakai, president."

JOHN DEAN COMMENTS ON RESTITUTION TO THE JAPANESE AMERICANS

(Editor's note: A member of the board has submitted the following excerpts from the Jan. 1975 Playboy from the featured interview Playboy made with John Dean, former presidential aide. Speaking of his future plans Dean made the following comment which is reproduced herewith.)

"And I have a few pet projects I intend to start on at least one of them while I'm still in Prison. For example, I think that the Japanese-Americans who were incarcerated during World War Two got from the American Government some of the worst treatment that has ever been administered to any group of people. I've collected material on this for years and I've talked with many nisei who suffered at the hands of our Government, which never really made any amends. I think it owes something in restitution to the Japanese-Americans. And when I come out, I'm going to make it one of my top priorities to see that they get it. Thanks to my years of experience in Government--the invaluable opportunity I've had to find out from the inside how it works--I know there's great deal I can do, and I know exactly how to go about it. So, even though it ended badly--and ratherly early--I hope my career in Government hasn't been a total write-off."

THEATRICAL GROUP FORMED TO PROMOTE ASIAN PERFORMING ARTS

The Asian Multi Media Center announced the formation of the Theatrical Ensemble of Asians (TEA). It is dedicated to the task of presenting traditional and contemporary folklores, legends, plays and experiences from America, Pacific Islands, and Asia. TEA also hopes to encourage more Asians into the performing arts by providing them the opportunity to develop their art.

TEA also joins with professional groups such as the Oriental Actors of America in New York and the East West Players of Los Angeles in their struggles to eliminate prevailing and past misconceptions about Asians on and off the stage and screen. TEA fully supports their proposal to the Actors Equity Union that Asian roles be played by Asians. More information about the group may be obtained by calling Asian Multi Media Center at 323-4100.

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With a staff of trained personnel, the Asian Multi-Media Center provides a channel by which Asian talent can develop and grow. Steve Suzuki, co-director, coordinates the instruction and supervision of photography. Graphics is handled by Melody Leo. Theatrical work is directed by Marilyn Tokuda and Stan Asis, who also lend their expertise to the teaching of acting skills.

Program Director, Alan Scharer, and co-Director, Mayumi Tsutakawa, coordinate the programs, handle fiscal responsibility and recruit participants for the Center. A special added feature of the Center is Kung Fu, taught by Wayne Chin.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE WARREN CHAN has been elected by his jurists to serve as presiding judge beginning Feb. 1. Judge Chan will succeed Judge Stanley C. Soderland, who has served two years. Judge Chan, the first American of Chinese ancestry to be elected to a Superior Court position, is a graduate of the Univ. of Washington Law School. He was in private practice for 18 years before becoming a judge in 1968. A major portion of the presiding judge's time is spent in administration of the King County Superior Court. Judge Chan was a former associate of the private law firm Warren Chan-Wes Uhlman-Robert Callies. Wes Uhlman is mayor of Seattle.

Judge Chan was born in San Francisco as a fourth generation Chinese American. His wife, Nobuko "Nobie" Chan is instructor in the North Seattle Community College. An active JACLER, she chairs the forthcoming JACL installation where Mayor Uhlman is the speaker. She is also an outgoing 4th vice president and has served as recording secretary and board member. She is also a chairman for the City of Seattle Civil Service Commission. Mrs. Chan's sister is Mrs. Yuri Sata, attorney in the Public Defender office, and wife of Dr. Lindbergh Sata, director of Harborview Community Mental Health Center and Associate Professor at the Univ. of Washington School of Medicine. Dr. Sata will be installed as new Seattle Chapter prexy.

1975 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS President, Dr. Lindbergh Sata; President Elect, John Matsu-moto; 1st Vice President, Cherry Kinoshita; 2nd Vice President, Eira Nagaoka; 3rd Vice Presi-dent, Harry Kadoshima; 4th Vice President, Chuck Kato; recording secretary, Tom Koizumi; cor-responding secretary, Midori Uyeda; treasurer, Michiko Fujii; historian, Connie Asaka; board delegate, Sam Shoji.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Group I-- Helen Akita, Toru Sakahara, Tak Kubota, Richard Ishikawa, Kimi Nakanishi, Art Yorozu, tie: Takako Yoda, Mary Fujita; Group II--Tomio Moriguchi, Mas Tomita, Shosuke Sasaki, Mitch Matsudaira, Jiro Namatame, Lloyd Hara, Henry Miyatake; Group III-- Gerald Yuasa, Art Kono, Gil Hirabayashi, Terry Nakano, Teresa Fujiwara, Y.K. Kuniyuki, George Hom.

Nominating committee: Pat Sado, Bill Kawahara, Hideo Watanabe, Gil Hirabayashi, Mako Nakagawa, Ted Sakahara, Don Kazama. Observers for ballot count: Sam Shoji, Terry Toda, Henry Miyatake, Harry Kadoshima, Arlene Oki.

LAP BLANKET (add): Other drivers for blanket delivery included Cherry Kinoshita, Shosuke Sa-saki, John and Connie Asaka. Pat Shimomura in her Santa Claus outfit went over big with the Issei. Project chairperson Asaka wish to acknowledge special thanks for the following who contributed far beyond their share to meet the Dec. 21 delivery deadline: Mako Nakagawa, Kayko Watanabe, Shea Aoki, Nobi Takahashi (who commuted each week-end from Aberdeen), Takeyo Imori and Takako Hashiguchi. Names left out in the December issue were: Shizu Abe, Michie Arata, Naka Fukei, Yoshie Hiroshige, Ruth Hayatsu, Aya Hori, Takeyo Imori, Yae Ito, Tsuguko Kawai, Kay Kawamoto, Hiroko Kogo, Hiroko Matsuda, Kimi Nakanishi, Takeko Hashiguchi, Helen Ohashi, Mitsue Oka, Isayo Okimoto, Shizue Okimoto, Misao Tachiyama, Nobi Takahashi, Lillian Tomita, and Kayko Watanabe.

Calendar of Events

- Jan. 15--The regular monthly JACL meeting from 8 p.m. at the JACL office. Everyone welcome.
- Feb. 1-2--Pacific N.W. District Council meeting. Sat. from 7 p.m., Sunday from 10 a.m. All JACLers welcome. Double Tree Inn in South Center. White River hosts.
- 7--Deadline for newsletter. Mail articles, news clippings, announcement, and press releases to: (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 170 11th Ave., Seattle 98122
- 7--The annual JACL banquet at Bush Garden. \$8/person. Social hour 6:30 p.m.
- 12--Newsletter mailing night. JACL office from 8 p.m. All help welcome.

NEWS JOTTINGS: 5374 law graduates were the summer candidates for California state bar and 2518 or 61.7% passing. Last month we reported Dennis T. Omoto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tak Omoto. From Spokane we learn that Irving T. Teranishi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith K. Teranishi and Dennis M. Mukai, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mukai also passed the California bar. Mukai received his Master's in political science at the Univ. of Hawaii before being accepted to the Loyola Univ. Law School in L.A. . . . Also the Spokane Chapter of JACL has Ed Takahashi of North Coast Importing as new president and president-elect is Sansei school teacher Gwen Mukai, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tomio Mukai . . . James T. Rice has been reelected to a fifth term as president of the board of the Union Gospel Mission Association of Seattle. Kumeeo Tsubahara was elected to a three-year term on the board . . .

MILESTONES: Mikiko Miyata 60, Dec. 21. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellow-ship, Hiroshima Club. Survivors include: sons Tomio "Tom", Bellevue; Tetsuo, Seattle. Daugh-ters Mrs. Robert (Judy) Motoyama and brother, Henry H. Hoida, both Seattle . . . from the Minneapolis JACL newsletter edited by Sam Honda we note the item of memorial services for the Rev. Akira Makino, Presbyterian night street minister in Chicago for the last 15 years. Sur-vivors include his mother, Shizuko; a brother, Henry, both Minneapolis and sister Yuki of Chicago . . . Chikuji Katayama 93, Dec. 29. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Men's Fellowship, Hyaku Do Kai, Okayama Club, Sho Do Kai. He was dean of Japanese calligrapher in this area. He contributed his talents to Japanese Cultural Festival and Asian Drop-in Center classes and with the original Pride and the Shame exhibit. Survivors include: son Takeo, Seattle; daughter Mrs. Frank (Michiko) Emoto, S.F., and brother in Japan . . .

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