

# JACL REPORTER

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## FROM THE BOARD: REGULAR JACL MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20

Sam Shoji reported on the membership drive which stands at 572. President Sata suggested that since "there is so much confusion over the issue of where we are in terms of membership annually" we should "spell out procedures and follow-up" and said that six-person telephone committee be formed to work on one evening to contact unpaid members.

Ms. Sharon Maeda who was recently married exhibited the new one-page application form to simplify the previously initiated Youth Project Grant Fund to enable junior high school, high school and college age youth an opportunity to apply for startup assistance in Asian community service projects. These projects are meant to assist youth in developing leadership skills and involving others in a variety of small community projects. Grants are limited to the following amounts: junior high age group (10 projects at \$25); senior high age group (5 projects at \$50); college age group (5 projects at \$100). Grant applications are available by calling JACL board members or by calling Sharon Maeda (543-2000).

JACL National Headquarter Building Committee report was made by Tomio Moriguchi. \$371,058 was collected from members and non-affiliated donation amounted to \$53,000. 151 Seattle members contributed \$7,706. Pacific Northwest District chapters collected in excess of \$25,000.

Evacuation Reparation Committee on their audio-visual project has \$200 donation from the Seattle Japanese Baptist Church, \$100 from the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, \$40 from individuals and \$400 appropriated from the Seattle JACL fund. Ken Nakano returned from San Francisco and Los Angeles and was able to consult with Californians on the reparation project. Henry Miyatake also returned from San Francisco and made most of his opportunity for making the pitch. President Sata said Representative Sparky Matsunaga indicated support.

President Lindbergh Sata, has been authorized to write letter to Loren J. Troxel on non-filling of one vacancy for area administrator. Previously Troxel had promised that appointment of Asian to this job had his highest priority. The feeling is that area superintendent Mr. Haggard wants to eliminate this position rather than have Asian so close to decision making. More on the subject in separate article in this issue.

Sharon Maeda, who is director of community involvement with KCTS-TV, requests that we compile significant date affecting our culture and heritage e.g. Feb. 19, 1942 which was signing of Executive Order 9066. This will be used during station breaks.

Ted Taniguchi, past Chapter vice president and board member as well as being on the board of Seattle Betsuin and past officer of the Buddhist Churches of America without mentioning the long list of offices and positions in conjunction with his profession, has written a letter to the Seattle Chapter expressing desire to see discussion initiated in the formation of public corporation on the community wide basis to further the ends of proposed ethnic cultural center in Collins playfield site. Taniguchi reiterated that Seattle Betsuin has already written to JACL to assume leadership role in pursuing this project to initiate discussion to unify community interest. Taniguchi fears JACL leadership role may slip to another group. "I will be pleased to discuss this request further with your convenience," Taniguchi writes.

When one board member asked about the present status, Harry Kadoshima said that the cultural center group met with Betsuin board. Cultural center committee stated their position and condition under which it can operate. One stipulation as it now stand is that the land be in-kind contribution to the cultural center project. But we don't know the restriction of the land purchase. Kadoshima said, "We haven't meshed together yet." Tak Kubota caused a heated discussion when he felt that any member of the present cultural committee who have preconceived notions will jeopardize the program of discussion with the Betsuin board and advocates formation of new committee. The whole matter was "tabled" for the reason of cochair Chuck Kato being out of town as someone reminded the board.

JACL Chapter contingent chaired by Ben Nakagawa numbering thirty or so helped pack the Jefferson Park Community Center for the recognition dinner sponsored by Seattle Asian community. JACL was one of the sponsors. The Asian American Education Association served as coordinating board. Kaz Katayama and Aki Kurose were co-chair. Peter Jamero was introduced as District 7 school board candidate. Philip Swain and Carver Gayton were also honored.

The Seattle Chapter JACL will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 20 from 8 p.m. at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St. Everyone welcome. Bring your friends. Refreshments as usual.

## JAMERO IN BID FOR SCHOOL BOARD POST AS ASIAN

Peter M. Jamero, Assistant Secretary of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services and director of its Division of Vocational Rehabilitation announced his candidacy for position in the Seattle School Board. Jamero, 44, is a Filipino American native of California. He has a master's degree in social work from the U. of Calif. at Los Angeles and a certificate in public administration from Stanford. He is navy veteran. His affiliations include Asian American Educators Assn, Univ. of Wash. School of Social Work visiting committee, Filipino Youth Activities, Inc., Council of State Administrators for Vocational Rehabilitation and American Management Association.

**NEWS JOTTINGS:** The Rainier District Queen is Sylvia Kato, 20, student of CWSC, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kato. She majors in graphics and commercial art. She was awarded a \$500 scholarship by Rainier Chamber of Commerce, in addition to representing that group at all Rainier District official functions . . . Seattle Judo Dojo participated in the U.S. Junior National Judo Tourney in Denver July 11-12. Team members were Mike and Dani Ohashi, Doug Gil-liland, Martin Hikida, Vince Yamamoto, David Callahan, and Del Corpuz. Chris Kato, 6th Degree Black Belt holder, accompanied the group as the coach and representative for the club . . . Northwest sectional Washington tennis championship held at Central Park Tennis Club in Kirk-land over the week-end of July 6. In the men's final Warren Farmer, Seattle beat top-seeded Steve Kubota, Spokane, 706, 6-3 and in the doubles Steve Kubota-R. Zielinski beat S. Bard-W. Farmer, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 . . . Susan Tomita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Tomita, has been named to the Dean's List at Bowdoin College for second semester of the 1974-75 years . . . Ms. Norie Sato, veteran exhibitor and print maker and teacher at the Bellevue Museum School, had been commissioned to produce a limited-edition commemorative print for the Pacific North-west Arts and Crafts (PANACA) fair held July 25-26 at Bellevue Square . . . Gary Higashi and Linda Higashi, married nine years, recently welcomed Julie, a Vietnamese orphan, into their family. She joins brothers Andy 2 and Jeff 5. Gary, a Cleveland grad, met Linda, a Sealth High grad, while they were both attending Seattle Pacific College . . . In June 27 issue of P.I. Wayne Jacobi writes: "It's going to be a different kind of waterfront when Ed Natori, deputy general manager of Mitsubishi International, retires. He's been a friendly smile and a helpful hand around the shipping business since 1935. At a surprise party for Ed at the Polynesia--attended by 40 persons representing all facets of the shipping industry--Bob manahan of the Maritime Administration said: "We just wanted to say 'thanks' to Ed. He's one of the best known, best liked men on the waterfront and he's been a very, very close friend of the American merchant marine." . . .

Appointment of Ben Nakagawa as principal of Hawthorne Elementary School was announced. Nakagawa replaces Benjamin Canada who was named principal of Sharples Junior High. Nakagawa at his request was substitute teacher last year to gain experience after being on a sabbati-cal in 1973-74. Nakagawa first began teaching in Seattle's schools in 1961. He spent two years (1963-65) as a teacher with the Interior Department, returning to Seattle in 1966 as a teach-er at Brighton. Nakagawa served as an administrative intern, vice principal and associate principal at various Seattle schools prior to becoming principal at Genesee Hill Elementary in 1971 and of the new Wing Luke Elementary later that year . . . The Seattle Chapter of the Administrative Management Society recently installed new officers and directors including Matthew M. Seto with Zesbaugh-Thomas, Inc. as treasurer . . .

The Seattle First Hill Lions Club awarded six scholarships of \$250 to deserving stu-dents from Franklin and Cleveland High, it was announced by Ted Sakahara, scholarship chair-man. Ava Woo and Mae Lan Chiong of Cleveland were named by the club and the "Doc" Ralph Shin-bo Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Eric Yamada. At Franklin High, the awards were made to Mary Kamihara and Jeanette Blancas; and the Shinbo Memorial went to Dale Miyauchi. Award luncheons was held at Maneki Restaurant. . . . Nikkei-jinkai recognition and welcome banquet was held July 29 at the Seattle Betsuin for Order of the Sacred Treasure Fifth Class awardees Jitsuo Ootoshi and Shigeru Hidaka, welcome for Tokyo Yomiuri writer Kazuo Ito and wife Meiko, and the new Japan Consul to Seattle and Mrs. Noboru Kawagishi . . .

**MILESTONES:** Suma Matsumoto May 22. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's ellowship, Kumamoto Club. Survivors include: sons Takashi T. Matsumoto, Sacramento; Ben T. Matsumoto, Seattle; daughters Teruko E. Matsumoto, Honolulu; Chizuko M. Matsumoto, Seattle . . . John Clark Tomita 29. Family services held June 28 at the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. He was senior electrical engineer working for Stanford Research Institute and was completing his doctorate after receiving M.S. Survivors include: Mr. and Mrs. Chet Tomita, Chicago; sister Sandra Tomita, San Francisco . . . Hisako Esue 27. She was fatally injured while being run over by the taxi in which she was a passenger; Survivors include parents Mr. and Mrs. Jiro Esue and brother Makoto Esue, Japan; sister Asuko Esue, Seattle . . . Torako "Terry" Doi 64, July 5. J.A.C.L., American Society for Medical Technology, Wisconsin Society of Medical Technologists. Survivors include sister, Mrs. Hanayo Nojiri, Seattle and many nieces and nephews . . . Michi Asaba. Private family services were held. Seattle Tenri Kyo-kai, Shizuoka Club. Survivors include: son Takahiko Asaba, Seattle; daughters Mrs. Kuni (Nui) Enokida of Japan; Mrs. Hitoshi (Kikue) Yamasaki and Mrs. Fred (Mary) Omori, both Seattle . . . Sato Kamihachi 85, July 19 . . . Roy H. Shiota 55, July 21. Japanese Baptist Church, Fukuoka Club, Nat'l Assn of Letter Carriers, Nat'l Assn of Postal Supervisors No. 6, NVC. Survivors include: daughters Mrs. Kay (Jeanne) Mori, Seattle; Faith M. and Sherrie A. Shiota, both Bellevue; five brothers Shiro T., Onalaska; Frank T., Jack M., Yoshio J., all of Seattle; Michell, Levittown, Pa.; sisters, Martha Tasaki, L.A.; Mrs. ed (Sumi) Sakai, Mrs. William (Tomo) Mizuki, both Seattle; Mrs. John (Shigeko) Clark, Fairless Hills, Pa.; two grandchildren . . . Roy S. Yokoyama 67, July 22. Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, Tengu Club, Hyaku Do Kai, Fukushima Club, Pike Place Merchants Assn. Survivors include: wife Helen H.; sons John N. (Bellevue), Richard M. Yokoyama, Seattle; daughters Mrs. Ken (Barbara) Brown, Miss Diana Cliff, both Seattle, Miss Elsie Y. Yokoyama, Honolulu; brother, Frank Y. Yokoyama, Seattle; sister Mrs. Leo (Violet) Okura, West Covina . . . Kiyoko Seki 40, July 22. Private family services were held July 26. Survivors include husband Katsumi R.; son Robert M.; daughter, Patty C. Seki; parents; two brothers and sister in Japan . . . George I. Chihara 72. Services Aug. 6. Church of Immaculate Conception, board of directors Kishi Club; Gen Ko Kai; Japanese Community Service; JACL; Kai Nippon Buto Kan; operated his own jewelry store on Jackson Street for 34 years. Survivors include wife Mary N., Seattle; sons Ted., Highland, Ind.; Charles S., Berkeley, CA; and Paul S. Chihara, L.A.; daughter Catho-line K. Chihara, L.A. . . .

The Seattle High School Pac Asian All Stars were invited to the Los Angeles/Southern California Basketball Tournament, June 27, 28, and 29th. The tournament involving Pac Asians was conceived by Frank S. Fujii when the tourney was first held in Seattle last year. In the High School Division was eight teams--representing the top caliber of players from all over California. The teams were: Seattle, Southern California Seyo, Gardena, Fresno, San Francisco, L.A. Unknown All-Stars, Montebello Stars, and the L.A. Lakers Organization Stars.

Seattle was pitted against the runnerup to the champions, the GARDENA STARS. The game was close most of the way, with outstanding play from Ken Fujimoto, and Jon Shoji. The Seattle All Stars lost the opener 69 to 57. On the second day, in the consolation bracket, Seattle was matched against the FRESNO Warriors who also eked out a victory over Seattle 59 to 53. Again, the consistent play of Jon Shoji gave him the honor of being voted one of the five all star positions of the tournament. Indeed an honor when you think about the fact that Jon Shoji is only a Junior in High School from Fainier Beach High, Seattle.

The well organized tournament was eventful in that 62 teams participated. This involved the Double AA, The A Plus Division, The A Division (High School) and the All Girl Tournament.

The Seattle team was treated royally by the tourney chairman, Donn Moon who not only organized a fabulous feed for the boys but had arranged free Disney Tickets for all the players and coach and manager and also real five homestays.

The tournament standing results were as follows:

Champions (High School Division): 1. SEYO Southern California 2. Gardena 3. San Francisco 4. Montebello Stars 5. Fresno 6. SEATTLE PAC ASIAN ALL STARS 7. LA Unknown All Stars 8. LA Laker All Stars

The Seattle players were: G Jon Shoji (All Star honors), G Jay Mori, C Mark Sakaguchi F Kin Lau, F Seymour Kwan, G Bobby Kiga, G Benny Lew, G Ken Fujimoto, F Richard Green, Coach Ian Fujioka.

THE TEAM WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DONATION FROM THE FIRST HILL LIONS, SUPPORT FROM ALL THE COMMUNITY FOR BUYING TICKETS FOR CAR WASHES, MOVIE TICKETS, AND RACE TRACK TICKETS. So THANKS goes to ARCO Station on Beacon and McClelland; TOYO Theater for the movie support; and LONGACRES Racetrack for setting up the Special race for the Team in supporting the trip to LA.

#### NIKKEI COMMUNITY TOOK ACTIVE ROLE IN DRUM & BUGLE CORPS COMPETITION SPONSORSHIP

The Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps from Concord, CA, marched off with the \$1,000 first-place money July 8 in the International Drum and Bugle Corps competition at High School Memorial Stadium. The competition was co-sponsored by Seafair and the Seattle Imperial Drum and Bugle Corps. More than 1,000 youth participated. Other winners included: Santa Clara Vanguard; 27th Lancers, Revere, Mass.; Sacramento's Freelancers; Salem, Oregon's Argonauts; Seattle Imperials, host group, no prize money; Auburn's Black Lodge Highlanders; Night Riders of San Leandro Valley, CA.

Ron Yoshida had been appointed ticket committee chairman by Toshiichi Jack Uno, president of the Imperials Drum & Bugle Corps Board of Trustees. The entire Oyama family was involved in the competition billed as "Showcase of Sounds." Kenny Oyama and his wife Mickey were involved preparing the souvenir program for the event as well as field preparation. Children Kevin, Gayle and Lisa, longtime active members of the Imperials, were busily engaged in the practice with other Corps members. Kevin is the lead soloist of the Corps. Gayle and Lisa spin, throw and otherwise manipulate mock rifles during parades and drills. Lisa was the youngest person ever to compete with the Imperials when at 10 she took part in a color-guard competition in 1973.

#### THIRTEEN RECEIVE SYNKOVA SCHOLARSHIPS

Students to receive scholarships to begin or continue their studies at the University of Washington were named by the University Students Club, Inc. as follow:

1. Neil T. Asaba, Franklin High, 1971; 2. Nellie K. Fujii, Franklin High, 1975; 3. Colin H. Funai, Bothell High, 1975; 4. Lori L. Ikeda, Wilson High, Tacoma, 1975; 5. Dean A. Kato, Rainier Beach, 1975; 6. Michael K. Kozu, Franklin High, 1971; Mark Nagasawa, Rainier Beach, 1974; 8. Cheryl M. Ooka, Ellensburg, 1975; 9. Margaret C. Sato, Rainier Beach, 1975; 10. Patricia Shimomura, Franklin 1971; 11. Carol A. Tsuchida, Lake Washington, Kirkland, 1975; 12. Judy H. Watanabe, Rainier Beach, 1971; Alan M. Yamamoto, Garfield, 1969.

The University Students Club was organized in 1922 when the Seattle Japanese community purchased a house near the campus for out-of-town students to help mitigate their feelings of isolation on an all-white campus. In 1962, the organization sold the property to the University and established a scholarship fund to help future students of Japanese descent. Since the first scholarship was given in 1965, over \$30,000 has been awarded and given directly to the University to cover the recipients' tuition.

#### EGUCHI GETS PROMOTION AT KOMO-TV JOB

Michael S. Eguchi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiro Eguchi, has been promoted to the position of traffic systems manager for KOMO-TV, it was announced by the Seattle ABC affiliate. He will assume responsibility for supervision of the station's reorganized TV Traffic and Sales Service Department. Mike had been TV sales coordinator since he joined KOMO in 1969 as a part-time film room assistant, becoming full-time film editor in June 1969 and continued in this capacity on a full and part-time basis while continuing his education. He gradu-

ated from the U.W. in 197- with honors and a B.A. degree in Radio-Television. Mike received his early education at Columbia Elementary and Cleveland High. He returned to the U.W. following his graduation in 1970, and completed work on his second degree with honors in Marketing in December, 1972, and is currently working on his Master's degree in Business Administration at Seattle University.

#### HAYASAKA TO RESIGN FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEPARTMENT

Philip Hayasaka, director of the Seattle Human Rights Department since its birth in the tumultuous 1960s, announced his resignation July 8. He told the city's human rights commissioners he would leave "sometime in September."

Commissioners praised his work, with Albert Franco, a Seattle attorney, complimenting Hayasaka for his "calm intelligent, judicious" approach to human rights problems.

The decision has weighed heavily on Hayasaka's mind this year. "I'm tired . . . burned out," Hayasaka said in an interview. And he told commissioners that it would not be fair to the department or himself "to continue to hang on."

Hayasaka was appointed director of the old Human Rights Commission in 1963, then named executive director of the city's Human Rights Department by Mayor Floyd C. Miller when the new agency was established in 1969. He graduated from Franklin High School and the U.W. A former insurance man, he has been active in a variety of community organizations, including the Japanese American Citizens League.--Lee Moriwaki (Seattle Times)

#### DEAN SMITH ELECTED TO HEAD AMERICAN BAPTIST DENOMINATION

Charles Z. Smith, associate dean and professor at the University of Washington School of Law, will take office Jan. 1 as president of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. Smith will become the second jurist to hold the office since Charles Evans Hughes was president of the Northern Baptist Convention in 1908. Smith, a member of the Seattle First Baptist Church, was elected during the annual meeting of the 1.5 million member denomination at Atlantic City, N.J. Smith is member of the Seattle JACL board of governor.

#### NATIONAL BAPTIST POSTS FOR THREE FROM THE SEATTLE JAPANESE BAPTIST

The Rev. Dr. Paul M. Nagano, pastor of the Seattle Japanese Baptist Church, has assumed the responsibilities as half-time National Director of Asian American Ministries for the American Baptist Convention/U.S.A. effective July 1. He will develop a "policy statement" for presentation to the Board of National Ministries/General Board which will lift up ministry with Asians as an on-going concern for the denomination and its program agencies; build a net-working process between the various Asian congregations which are now related to the ABC/USA; develop a common vision of national strategy for missions with which program boards can become involved and to which they would make commitment decisions; and develop a variety of ministries at the local level which would address local needs.

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In the National Biennial Convention of American Baptist/USA held recently in Atlantic City, Dr. Akira Ishimaru, Professor of Electrical Engineering at the U.W. School of Engineering and Yosh Nakagawa of downtown Osborn & Ulland, were elected on the National Committee. Both attend the Seattle Japanese Baptist Church and most unusual to have two National Committee members elected from the same church.

#### APPOINTMENTS MADE TO ASIAN AMERICAN COMMISSION

Olympia--Gov. Dan Evans announced two new appointments and three reappointments to the Commission on Asian-American Affairs. Those members newly appointed are Eugene K. Matsusaka of Tacoma and Andre Loh of Seattle. Dr. James M. Watanabe of Spokane, Vincent Barrios of Bremerton and Gilbert Hirabayashi of Seattle have all been reappointed to the commission. The new appointees replace the Rev. Robert Yamashita of Tacoma and Ben Woo of Seattle, whose terms expired. All terms expire July 1, 1978.

Eugene K. Matsusaka is the director of the Catholic Children's Services in Tacoma. Previously, he has worked for the Catholic Relief Services in New York and was program director for a Catholic mission in Taipei, Taiwan. From 1960 to 1962 he lectured on social welfare at Seattle University. Matsusaka served from 1957 to 1962 as executive secretary of the Catholic Child Services in Tacoma and from 1955 to 1957 he was a caseworker with the Seattle Catholic Children's Services.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Gonzaga Univ. and a master's degree in social work from the U.W. Matsusaka belongs to the National and Washington State Associations of Social Workers and the Washington Association of Child Care Agencies. He is also active with the Minority Concerns and Asian Concerns Task Forces and the Puyallup Valley JACL Chapter.

Andre Loh is an associate faculty member at Seattle Central Community College. He teaches English to Asian immigrants and courses in the ethnic studies department. Loh is an advisor to Asian students at Shoreline Community College.

He was graduated from Whitman College with a degree in English. Loh is currently on leave from the U.W. graduate school.

Dr. James M. Watanabe is a pathologist practicing at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. He received his bachelor's degree from the U.W. Watanabe was also graduated from the U.W. School of Medicine. Watanabe is a member of the College of American Pathologists and the American Medical Association. He has been active in the JACL, serving in the past Spokane chapter president, PNWLC council delegate, vice-governor and governor.

Gilbert R. Hirabayashi is employed with the Children's Protective Services in the State Department of Social and Health Services in Seattle. Previously he was employed by the Seattle Mental Health Institute, where he was a counselor. He also worked with the Inter\*Im as a community organizer. He attended Seattle Univ., Olympic College in Bremerton and received his bachelor's degree from WWSC. He is also an active member of the JACL and the National and Asian American Associations of Social Workers. He is on the National Board of Directors for the Asian American Mental Health Research Center in San Diego, CA.

JACL CONCERNED ON FEET DRAGGING ON APPOINTMENT OF ASIAN AREA SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

The Asian American educators formed an ad hoc committee after the summer conference in 1974. The purpose of the meeting was multi-fold, but the key item was to get a positive commitment from Superintendent Loren J. Troxel for the appointment of an Asian American Area Administrator for the Cleveland, Franklin, and Rainier Beach high school attendance areas.

Asian educators were told at that time, and again in October of 1974 that it was a top priority item of his but he could not reduce anyone presently holding such a position. Therefore, he would have to wait until a vacancy arose. Two vacancies opened up this summer, one in the north end and one in the south end. The north end position was promptly filled by a black. The assistant superintendent of the south region has decided that he will not fill the position in the south end, thus eliminating the position and the possibility of appointing an Asian.

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In regards to the Asian teachers laid off: The Asian American educators have been trying to get the district to rehire all the minority staff in compliance with their affirmative action goals. Minorities are still under-represented in the corp and the district has been telling the Asians that they can't move any faster because they haven't had the openings. However, they do have the opportunity now, but they still are not doing it. The people who are making the decisions on the rehiring are whites--as usual--and the Asian American educators are afraid that they are going to be hiring whites back. --submitted

SEATTLE CHAPTER ANTI-DEFAMATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Peter Bacho

At the June 10 meeting of the Anti-Defamation Committee of JACL held at Min Masuda home, the following issues were discussed;

1. Prostitution Newspaper articles by the Daily Olympian, Olympia, WA portrayed Korean women as prostitutes in and around the Olympia area. Basically, the critics felt that a reader could infer from the writings that the practice of prostitution was limited strictly to Koreans. Min Masuda reported that several letters of complaint had been sent to the Olympian office. Masuda stated that Mr. William Hilliard, the executive secretary of the Washington State Human Rights Commission, expressed his concern and promised to look into the matter.

2. Hollywood Stereotypes/Son of Charlie Chan, etc. A recent Walt Disney Production, a movie entitled One of Our Dinosaurs is Missing, allegedly portrayed an Asian character in the traditionally demeaning "wily Oriental villain" type of role. Marya Scharer and Mako Nakagawa volunteered to review the film, and report their reactions to the Ustinov portrayal. On July 22 a group of Asian young persons from many Asian group pre-empted future action by their elders. The young Asians picketed the Renton Village Cinema, the establishment which opened the film in this area.

3. Save the Whales A recent thrust by American environmentalists has focused attention upon the plight of the whales. Currently, whaling ships depart from several foreign ports. Japan, admittedly a participant, has endured the most strident criticism from the environmentalist lobby. Retaliatory legislation is pending in Congress. Mr. Masuda stated his fear that the anti-whaling sentiment has become anti-Japanese American sentiment. He further noted that other nations utilize the whale as a resource, yet their actions remained censure free.

4. The Wasteland The committee focused much of its attention on television, and the effect of the media upon the development of unfair and negative racial stereotypes. Under this general heading, Charles Smith reported that the substance of his recent television commentary, covered the decision by Mercer Island High School authorities to remove the school mascot. The mascot, a caricature of a "dark savage," was considered racially demeaning.

--Mako Nakagawa reported that she was forming a screening committee, to monitor the local stations (television) for racially offensive material. Her report should be completed by the next scheduled meeting in October.

--On the subject of vigilance, Min Masuda raised the example of the furor caused in the various media by the arrival of Vietnamese refugees. Some of the material on the topic was extremely negative. The Committee concluded that members must be watchful of future distortions by television or the press.

THE TRAGEDY OF MINIMATA CAPTURED IN PRINT (Ed Note: We realize now the story is outdated).

The husband and wife photojournalist team of Eugene and Aileen Smith join Robert Cromie on BOOK BEAT, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. on Channel 9 KCTS-TV to share their story of the inhabitants of the Japanese fishing village of Minimata. These villagers fell victim to "Minimata's Disease"--with its ominous symptoms of numbness, slurred speech, cessation of motor functions and often death. It was soon recognized that the disease was a result of mercury poisoning from the industrial wastes of the giant Chisso Corporation. The residents of Minimata ate--and still eat--the fish contaminated by the mercury, just as Americans still eat chemical preservatives and breathe smoggy air; it is their way of life. Doctors estimate that as many as 10,000 people suffer from "Minimata's Disease."

PUPPETRY, STORY TELLING AND DRAMA TAUGHT IN MULTI-MEDIA WORKSHOP

The Asian Multi-Media Center is conducting a free creative workshop for children aged 7-14 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Emphasis will be on self-discovery through movement, puppetry and story telling. Registration at Asian Multi-Media Center, 1243 Rainier Ave. S. (323-4100). There is also a drama workshop on Saturdays, 11 a.m. to noon for ages high school and up.

PROJECT PIONEER

Through a contract with State Programs in Washington's Department of Employment Security, "Project Pioneer" has been established for survival training for Vietnamese refugees. Forty-three Vietnamese are enrolled in the first three-week cycle of training. The project is being administered by Employment Opportunities Center (EOC) in Seattle. Vova Hashimoto is EOC director and Jerry Shigaki is the project coordinator/ (206) 725-8200.--Pac/Asian Coalition

(Two articles in June issue credited to DPAA Press should have been credited to Pacific/Asian Coalition.--Ed.)

LIEM ENG TUAI TO RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL

Tuai, former City Council president and unsuccessful candidate for mayor in 1973 and for the state Supreme Court last fall, will try to unseat John Miller for the City Council seat. He is an attorney and active in the Seattle First Hill Lions.

Calendar of Events

- Aug. 20--Regular monthly JACL meeting from 8 p.m. at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St.
- 21-24--JACL JAY Biennial Conference at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. For registration form call or write Mrs. Alice Nakao, 2510 Lincoln, Parma, Ohio 44134. Phone (216) 351-0913.
- 23--3rd Annual People's Street Festival in the International District.
- 29-31--5th Annual Far West Convention (FWC) in Berkeley. International District Youth Organization involved in the preservation of the I.D., food bank program, and organizing youth will be planning for 50 youths to attend FWC. If interested call 623-2990.
- Sept. 5--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements and press releases to: c/o (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle 98105.
- 10--Newsletter mailing night. JACL office from 7:30 p.m.

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