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JACL MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

The Seattle Chapter JACL meets this Wednesday, April 21. President John H. Matsumoto will preside. He has been successful in drawing full crowd with excellent representation from youth. One new business is Queen contest. Meeting starts 8 p.m. Refreshments. Everyone welcome.

CRASH PROGRAM TO LAUNCH JAPANESE COMMUNITY QUEEN CONTEST

The Seattle Chapter will be requested to release the existing working fund for 1976 Japanese Community Queen Contest. The surprise announcement was made during the committee meeting held April 9 at the Imperial Lanes. Terry Nakano will be the general chairman. The application form are being distributed and is available c/o Frank Hattori, 622 Rainier Ave. S. Seattle 98144 (324-5050).

The entry deadline is April 27. The queen selection will be held May 1 at Bush Garden Restaurant. There will be no time for traditional garden tea party or the charm class. The age limit is 21 and must be at least 17 on July 29, 1976.

The queen will be eligible to compete in the Seafair Queen contest. All queen contestants receive \$500 scholarship grant by the sponsor. In addition the two Princesses will receive a lesser amount. In attendance at the meeting chaired by Frank H. Hattori were: Shoichi Suyama, Roy Seko, Tak Kubota, Dick Ishikawa, Kimi Nakanishi, Connie Asaka, Fred Takagi, Bob Matsuura, John Matsumoto, Midori Uyeda and Eira Nagaoka.

DONATIONS:

The Seattle Chapter JACL gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Tanaka \$50.00 in memory of Mr Haichī Tanaka.

Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Yasutake \$10.00; Mrs. Tamae Asaba \$10.00; Mrs. Mari Okamura \$15.00; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Y. Seko \$12.00; Shigeru Osawa \$20.00; Mrs. Ruth Hayatsu \$10.00; Mr. and Mrs. Takao Aoki \$7.00; Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Akita \$15.00.

The following donations for \$5.00 and less: Shosuke Sasaki, Mrs. Setsuko Tsuru, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hayashi, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sakai, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Y. Tanaka, Mr. and Mrs. Ted T. Sakahara, Dr. and Mrs. Minoru Masuda, Mr. and Mrs. Jiro Aoki, Kenryu Tsuru, Mrs. Ruth A. Sumida, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hama.

GOVERNOR EVANS HONORS CHAPTER TASK FORCE TO RESCIND E.O. 9066

Mitch Matsudaira, executive director of State Commission on Asian American Affairs and Chapter board member, was present at the Chapter meeting to hand deliver five huge envelopes each containing a copy of historic proclamation by President Ford suitable for framing and a signed letter from the Gov. Evans. Recipients of the proclamation and a letter each separately addressed and signed were John Matsumoto, Phil Hayasaka, Henry Miyatake, Tom Koizumi and Ken Nakano, in recognition for the task force which approached the Gov. Dan J. Evans and his Executive Assistant Jim Dolliver to receive assistance in contacting the White House in initiating the rescinding of Executive order 9066.

March 16, 1976

The letter reads:

"It is my pleasure to present to you with copy of Proclamation 4417 officially rescinding Executive Order 9066, which was signed by President Ford on Feb. 19, 1976. With this document, the United States has made clear its commitment to preserve liberty and justice for every American. I would like to express my personal appreciation for your efforts in initiating this presidential action.

"Your concern led to the signing of the document and to the reaffirmation of "An American Promise." I speak for all Washington State citizens when I say thank you for the contribution you made to this nation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel J. Evans, Governor

FROM THE BOARD:

Dr. Cliff Uyeda is chairman of Iva Toguri committee. Dr. Masuda read Uyeda letter on progress. Dr. Masuda requested President Matsumoto to form separate committee to help circulate petitions. Art Kono, Jerry Shigaki, Chuck Kato and Mark Ota said they will help.

Mar. 10 mailout included at least 20 volunteers including 17 students from Incorporated Student Coalition and also Audrey Matsudaira, Karen Ishii and May Sasaki from the Ethnic Cultural Heritage Program people. The Chapter is appreciative and grateful for the continued help.

JACL passed the motion to support Filipino Teachers Assn in fight against reduction in force since they are so under-represented in the teaching staff compared to Filipino students.

Joseph Henry, Dept. of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, is trying to recruit minorities for existing vacancies. If interested contact Vicki Asakura at E.O.C.

Henry J. Miyatake informs us that reduced print copies of historic Presidential Proclamation is available at \$1.00 donation. 10" x 15" in size, suitable for framing with blue border, gold Presidential seal on heavy paper, suitable for framing.

Dr. Minoru Masuda released the text of the resolution to repudiate the public view expressed

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LEGISLATION TOWARDS RECEIVING CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR TIME SPENT IN WRA CAMP

Don Kazama who heads the Chapter committee to gain extended retirement benefits for Nikkei interned during WW2 said there are at least five bills in Congress working towards this end. Some bill gives credit even when born in the camp. Sen. Dan Inouye bill gives credit for time spent in camp only after the 18th birthday. Kazama said if anyone knows any Federal employee who spent some time in camp should get in touch with Don immediately. He is listed in the phone book.

The following resolution with letterhead of the National JACL headquarters was released during the Chapter meeting:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States is considering legislation which would grant federal civil service retirement credit to Japanese Americans for time spent in World War II internment camps.

WHEREAS, HR 4787 introduced by Congressman Robert Leggett

HR 5560 introduced by Congressman Philip Burton

HR 8823 introduced by Congressman Norman Mineta

HR 5954 introduced by Congressman William Ketchum

S 1424 introduced by Senator Daniel Inouye

are presently in Congress which would grant retirement credit to Japanese Americans for time spent in an internment camp.

WHEREAS, Japanese Americans were incarcerated during World War II without benefit of due process or trial by jury. Incarceration was solely on the basis of ancestry.

WHEREAS, the Committee for Internment Credit was formed in November, 1975 in response to the need for an organized effort to secure passage of the legislation. The group represents a cross section of federally employed Japanese Americans and interested persons of the Japanese Community. The initial effort to organize came from the Japanese American Postal Club of San Francisco.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League endorse and support the actions of the Committee for Internment Credit and BE IT RESOLVED the National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League seek successful enactment of the bills presently in Congress.

(Unanimously approved: Sunday, Feb. 15, 1976)

JACL WORKSHOP TO MAKE JAPANESE AMERICANS BECOME AWARE OF BEING SHORT CHANGED IN FOUNDATION GRANTS

Dr. Minoru Masuda who chairs the Chapter Anti-discrimination-defamation committee called a special workshop Mar. 29 at the JACL office. Amy Doi, project coordinator for JACL's Foundation Responsiveness Project, and Herman Gallegos, president of Human Resources Corporation, were present as workshop discussant. They were in town attending the Puget Sound Grant Makers Forum at Washington Plaza. The workshop was made possible by approximate \$75,000 grant to JACL from National Campaign for Human Development. Basically the workshop was aimed in making Nikkei aware they are not getting their fair share of \$2 billion of private foundation grants each year. The federal grants are becoming harder to come by and the alternative is to seek funds from various private philanthropic foundations. The goals for the Japanese American community is to assist in the development of strategies to solve problems of sensitizing private foundations to the concerns of Japanese Americans and to end the exclusion of the Japanese community from participation in the philanthropic process.

Attitudes of private foundations which are detrimental to the Japanese American community are based on the myth that Japanese Americans are a "successful" minority and are able to fund all of their community needs. While Japanese Americans as a group might not qualify as economically disadvantaged, there are many Japanese Americans who are poor and desperately need financial and social service assistance especially Nisei approaching retirement and the Issei. Another attitude working to deny funding is that we are such a small, and therefore insignificant minority that we are not deserving of foundation concern.

Viewing foundations fund as "public money"

Private foundations are formed and allowed to maintain themselves because of privileged tax advantages which the ordinary taxpayer does not enjoy. The ability of foundations to make philanthropic gifts is sustained at the expense of the American public. Therefore, foundation money can be viewed as "public money," and public money should be available to all segments of the general public.

A study funded by the National Science Foundation, shows that Asian Americans are almost completely ignored by foundations. Domestic Asian group collectively comprise 0.6% of 1% but received only 0.1 of 1% of the foundation grants. Of this 0.1 of 1% of foundation grants the Japanese received only 4% allocated to Asians.

Japanese Americans as a whole is not included in the decision making process in fields of education, cultural, political, and social area but we just react to other people making decisions, according to Amy Doi. She said since Nisei is the educated minority we should strive to make institutional changes to benefit other minority. One of the ways to help change the existing pattern of philanthropic process is to volunteer to be on the board of directors on the foundation. This will certainly help inform and sensitize the decision maker. The board do not receive any monetary compensation, however. Attending the Seattle Chapter forum were Fred Takeyesu, Art Kono, Harry Kadoshima, John Matsumoto, Dr. Minoru Masuda, Jerry Shigaki, Ken Nakano, Eira Nagaoka, Cherry Kinoshita, Mitch Matsudaira, Henry Miyatake, Ted Taniguchi, and others.

JACL SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICANT REQUEST DEADLINE THIS MONTH

Application forms for Minoru Tamesa Memorial Scholarships and the Rev. Emery E. Andrews Scholarship are available from Masao Tomita, chairman of the JACL scholarship committee. Any graduating senior of Japanese descent is eligible to apply for these awards.

Tomita's address is 9832 Waters St., Seattle 98118. Phone number is 722-0496 for further information regarding the scholarships.

GOV. EVANS IS SPEAKER AT THE KEIRO NURSING HOME KICK-OFF BANQUET

The Seattle Keiro nursing home project got off to an enthusiastic start with nearly 300 persons attending the Issei Concerns kick-off dinner Mar. 4 at the Sun Ya Restaurant.

Governor Daniel J. Evans, the principal banquet speaker, congratulated Issei Concerns for initiating the nursing home project and strongly urged the entire Japanese community to give generously of its time and resources to make the home a reality. Evans pointed out that even after the nursing home is established, it will require a large measure of volunteer help and financial support in order to maintain a high standard of service and care.

Other speakers on the program included Tomio Moriguchi, president of Issei Concerns; Edwin Hiroto, administrator of the Los Angeles Japanese nursing homes; the Rev. Ken Miyake, pastor of Blaine Memorial Methodist Church; Ken Nakano, and Tosh Okamoto, vice president of Issei Concerns and chairman of the fund-raising committee.

Okamoto announced that approximately \$60,000 in advance donations and pledges had already been received. The fund-raising campaign will continue until the end of May.

Among dignitaries attending the dinner, in addition to Gov. and Mrs. Evans, were Secretary of State Bruce Chapman, King County Councilwoman Ruby Chow and Councilman Paul Barden, Consul-General and Mrs. Sono Uchida, State Representatives John Eng and Gene Lux, and Judge William Lewis.

Mrs. Mitsuye Mihara was toastmistress. Mrs. Masako Tomita was chairwoman of the dinner, assisted by Mrs. Kathy Cox.

ASIAN CENTER PLANNED

Officials of a Chinatown public corporation described the community center they will build with the \$385,000 they hold in city and federal grants. Located in the International District, the center will contain at least 20,000 square feet and will have a meeting room, a Seattle Public Library branch for Asians, a health care center, day care center, senior center and possibly a relocated Wing Luke Museum.

Ben Woo, chairman of the Seattle Chinatown-International District Preservation and Development Authority, said the corporation is now actively seeking property that could contain the center or old building that can be refurbished. They also are looking for tenants, he said.

Woo said the community center can facilitate "groups that the Asian culture is so rich in-- but which we in Seattle are so poor in because we don't have such facilities."

The corporation formed last December, The International District, received \$200,000 from the city's general revenue sharing fund in 1973 and \$185,000 from a block grant last year.

--Seattle P.I.

SANSEI MISSIONARY TO LEAVE FOR OSAKA

Carolyn Yabuki, a Sansei youth leader attending Japanese Baptist Church and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Yabuki, will be leaving this month for Osaka as short-term missionary under the Young Life sponsorship. The church held a special program for Miss Yabuki April 4 when she received the Miss Esther M. McCollough Memorial Scholarship Grant to help meet her expenses. She worked for Young Life the previous two summers in Canada and was invited to join the group headed for Japan which will work from the Yao Evangelical Church in Osaka. Young Life specializes in Christian International outreach while working with high school students and gets involved in teaching assignment in the school. Miss Yabuki is a graduate of Western Washington State College majoring in recreation and park management and had been working in this field. She said she had always wanted to visit Japan. She will be remembered as one of the candidates for the Greater Seattle Japanese Community Queen contest.

U. OF W. SANSEI STUDENTS IN JACL RESEARCH AND START PROJECT WITH LOCAL CHAPTER

If you have been to the JACL office recently you may have been pleasantly surprised by the attractive display temporarily affixed to the formerly bare walls. The work was the result of four Univ. of Washington Students' efforts as their community service for the Ethnic Cultural Heritage Program. Joanne Matsuhira, Louis Egashira, and Bill Minato researched for all the information while Julie Tanagi did the art work. By interviewing JACL members, writing to the San Francisco headquarters, and painstakingly going through the files in the U. of W. archives and JACL office they felt they really learned so much about JACL and wanted to share with others their newly acquired knowledge. They were duly impressed with the important role JACL has had in the Nikkei community since its beginning. May Sasaki, advisor to the group project, praised the students' hard work and commitment and dedication.

The display will be enhanced by cork board backgrounds and we hope pictures and other materials as contributed by JACL members. One wall is for historical and national information and the other for Seattle current happenings. This is an on-going project and the students would like to continue adding to it as well as make up a portable JACL display for use by speakers. Any suggestions or assistance is welcome.

WHAT'S THE ALTERNATIVE TO USE OF POWER PLAY AT THE JACL DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETINGS?

Some of the delegates attending the District Council meeting are suffering from the case of total frustration. Take for instance the experiences of Henry J. Miyatake who together with Tom Koizumi was appointed to political education committee by Dr. Jim Tsujimura. Miyatake said for the District Governor to "turn down" issues being brought up is overplaying his role as a governor of the JACL district council.

Miyatake said, "Tom and I discussed the situation since we can't even vote on the issue, some reorganization of the District Council shall be considered to make it a more representative body. The Chapter that Ed (Yamamoto of Moses Lake) comes from have 26 members which comprise about 8 families. It does not represent the cross-section of Mid-Columbia Basin. On top of that they have two votes in the District Council and Seattle Chapter may have up to 700 members (also with two votes) and it seems ridiculous that we cater to the idiosyncrasies without having some basis of representation of 1,400 members of the District Council."

Ben Nakagawa, past president, said he didn't go along with that since Seattle had ample opportunity to nominate a District Council Governor of their choice. Miyatake said it was a matter of structure of the Council. Dr. Lindbergh Sata, district council delegate, suggested that "a recommendation be made to the District Council in terms of the need to reexamine and upgrade existing by-laws of the Council in terms of addressing the issue of the representative based on number."

Past president and current board member Don Kazama had been member of by-law revisions committee of the District Council. "We have hashed this question before," Kazama said. "My feeling is 'It ain't going to happen' --one person, one vote--because we have to consider the National Constitution. There is a proposal coming up to give a committee chairman one vote i.e. issues committee having a vote but housekeeping not having any."

Miyatake said, "In JACL we can only vote at the first level. We can vote for officers in our Chapter. If we want this to be a working organization that is representing the people I dare say there has to be a place for little bit more influence by the common member. We would like better representation from the Council that is supposed to represent us."

Dr. Masuda said, "If you want representative on membership basis it simply won't work because it means the destruction of the district council system. A Chapter like Seattle will completely dominate the other seven Chapters and they won't stand for that."

Miyatake explained he wasn't advocating a numbers count. He was advocating a "middle-pattern" where each Chapter gets the basic two voting rights and additional vote for every additional 100 members. This will be likened to a cross between a House and the Senate. Miyatake notes that national officers are voted by the district council. There is practically no communication between the district council and the individual members of the chapter. Yet the Chapter pays a substantial sum for membership in the council. At least for Miyatake and Koizumi this representative type situation is a basic issue and a time for change in structure.

Dr. Sata put the final touch on the dialogue held at the regular JACL meeting in March. He said, "District council has to recognize the Seattle Chapter efforts in terms of moving steadily in the reparation issue. It is very appropriate at this time to surface the issue of need to separate out and provide freedom for the reparation work to continue unencumbered by organizational restraint."

NEWS JOTTINGS: Army Specialist 4 James M. Hiroo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shogo Hiroo, was assigned to the 71st Maintenance Btn in Bamberg, Germany. He is combat radar repairman in the Battalion's 504 Maintenance Company. He entered army in 1971 and served in Vietnam War. He attended SCCC and St. Leo (Fla.) College . . . AAU Northwest Qualifying Judo Tourney was held Mar. 20 at Cleveland High School. Winners qualified for U.S. Junior National championship to be held in Trenton, N.J. in July. Winners included: 9 year old hvywt Jerry Harai; 11 light--John Kobuki, Eddie Fujii; 12 light--Dani Ohashi; 13 light--Marvin Aramaki; 13 heavy--Duane Tenma, Takashi Yamada; 14 light--Mike Ohashi; 14 heavy--Roger Kanwa, Tom Kitano; 15 light--Wally Hirano; 15 heavy--Kent Kato; 16 light--Victor Yagi; 17-18 light--Eric Tomita, Mark Mitsui . . . Vi Mar was named president of the Harborview Medical Center Board of Trustees. Mar, the first woman appointed to the Board, has been member since 1972. She served as chairperson of the Seattle Community College Board from 1973-75 and was first woman member. She served on Board of Directors of American Cancer Society, King County unit; as president of the Women's Auxiliary, Seattle King County Dental Society; as past Docent of the Council Officer of the Seattle Art Museum, and as member of Music and Art Foundation . . .

The Space Shuttle Orbiter, a combination spacecraft-aircraft, is beyond engineering blueprint and nearing completion. Takashi Tsukamaki, son of Seattle's Susumu Tsukamakis, has played a vital role in the final assembly of the 122 feet long, double delta-winged aircraft. Tsukamaki is assigned to the Palmdale final assembly facility of Space Div. of Rockwell International in California's Antelope Valley. Tsukamaki graduated from the U.W. in 1974 with BSME degree. He is member of American Society of Metal Engineers and lives with his wife Leslie Anne, Quartzville, Calif. . . .

Rita Fujiki of Seattle, community-affairs consultant to the Office of Community Development, was among the 14 persons appointed to the newly reconstituted State Women's Council by Gov. Dan Evans. She is co-editor of International Examiner (Seattle International District publication); Rape Task Force; and on the Seattle Chapter JACL Board . . . Seattle Teachers Association elected officers for a year beginning Aug. 15. The association is the official bargaining agent for the school district's 3,000 teachers. George Long, Boren Junior High School special education teacher, defeated Gary Higashi, Meany Middle School Language-Arts teacher . . .

MILESTONES: Makiko Fujiwara 52, Mar. 9. Rosary Mar. 12. St. Edward's Catholic Church; JACL, Bible Fellowship. Survivors include: husband John E.; three daughters, Patricia E. Fujiwara, Mrs. James (Diane) O'Neill, Theresa J. Fujiwara, all Seattle; brothers Frank and Dick Takeuchi, both Seattle; sister, Mrs. Matsumi Kamma, Japan . . . Masa Araki 82, Mar. 12. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship; Hyaku Do Kai; Fukui Kenjin Kai; South Park Japanese Community Club. Survivors include: two sons Toru Araki, Seattle; and Dr. Minoru Araki, Syosett, New York . . . Kanji Yamaguchi 89, Mar. 16. Seattle Buddhist Church, Fukuoka Club, Kokusei Shigin Kai; survivors include: wife Moto Yamaguchi; sons Shiro R. Yamaguchi and Atsushi Yamaguchi, all Seattle; and a daughter Mrs. George (Marie) Tsuchiya, Oakland . . .

Haruyoshi Nambu 88, Mar. 17 . . . Kesaye Watanabe 81, Mar. 19. Japanese Congregational Church; mother of Arnold, Chicago, Ill; and Mrs. Tad (Fran) Wada, Mercer Island . . . Samuel I. Yamaguchi. Services Mar. 19. Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, past president of Fukuoka Club, past president and board member of Nippon Kiin (Go) Club. Survivors include: wife Margaret S. and sister Matsuko Yanagida of Japan . . . Mitsu Mary Kawaguchi. Rosary Mar. 20. St. Paul's Catholic Church, Gold Star Parents Assn and Gen Ko Kai. Survivors include: Husband Yoshikazu; son Mitohiro Kawaguchi, Chicago; two daughters Miss Colette Y. Kawaguchi, Seattle and Miss Joan T. Kawaguchi, Seattle; one brother and one sister in Japan . . . Saichi S. Kamimoto 98, Mar. 20. Services Mar. 25. . . . Takaki Sam Morimoto 75, Mar. 18. Highland Park United Methodist Church; Fuji Hana Kai, JACL (Spokane Chapter); Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. Survivors include: wife Ito, daughter Mrs. George (May) Aoyama, all Seattle . . . Saichi Sam Kamimoto 98, Mar. 20. St. Paul's Catholic Church. Survived by nephews Manichi Yamaguchi, Spokane; Takeo Yamaguchi and Jimmy F. Yamaguchi, both Seattle; and nieces Mrs. Masashi (Mineko) Watanabe and Mrs. Kazuo (May) Yoshinaka, both Seattle . . . Edward Y. Osawa 74, Mar. 20. Services Mar. 24. He was a retired vice president of the import-export company of C.T. Takahashi. Mr. Osawa was a member of the Mikado and Nippon Athletic Clubs, the JACL and the Seattle Japanese Chamber of Commerce. He had been a business consultant and coordinator for the Henry Doty Co. of New York and Tokyo. Surviving are his wife Eva M.; a daughter Joy Watanabe and a brother Shigeru Osawa, both Seattle and a sister Mrs. Yuki Otsuki, New Haven, Conn. . . . Gen Kiyono 77, Mar. 22 . . . Sada Shitama. Services Mar. 27. Japanese Baptist Church and its Women's Fellowship and Fukuoka Club. Beloved mother of Kucuo Shitama, Burtonville, Maryland; Mrs. Joseph (Pat) Saito, Sacramento; Mrs. Isamu (Rubi) Aoki; Mrs. Terry (Marie) Kurimura; and Ms. Lily Shitama, Seattle . . . Chuji J. Anazawa (Portland) 92, April 6. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, JACL (Portland chapter). Survivors include: daughter Mrs. Yoshio (Florence) Teshima, Seattle . . . Iyo Saiki. Services April 10. Yamaguchiken Club. Survivors include: sons Hideo S. Iki, Spokane; Yoshio Saiki, Seattle; daughter Mrs. Masao (Yaeko) Tatsumi, Ohio; Mrs. Wilce (Mitsuko) Shiomi, Seattle . . . George Tadashi Mayeda. Services April 12. Survivors include: wife Emi Mayeda; sons Dr. Kenneth E. Mayeda, Riverside; daughter Janice M. Mayeda, Seattle; brother Tom U. Mayeda, Frank I. Mayeda, both Seattle; Jack N. Mayeda, Honolulu; sister Mrs. Yohei (Hatsu) Hidaka, Auburn; Mrs. Roy (Mary) Kasai, L.A.; Mrs. Jack (Grace) Chikata; Mrs. Tak (Florence) Tsuchida, both Seattle . . .

BUSINESS AND ENTERTAINMENT: Gerald Yuasa, Seattle Chapter board member, and past Asst Mgr. of International Branch of the Sea-First Bank, has been named manager of this branch. He was born in Spokane. Yuasa attended O'Dea High and Seattle Univ. where he obtained B.A. in finance. He is past manager of Crown Hill and 2nd & Stewart St. branch. Yuasa is member of Seattle First Hill Lions; International District Economic Assn; JACL; Japan America Society; Asst Scoutmaster; Ballard C of C . . . Seattle was suddenly booked with Japanese entertainers. Pat Suzuki opened the showtime at Jack McGovern's Mar. 30. She got her start in the Seattle's Colony and went on to Broadway in N.Y. to play lead role in Flower Drum Song. She starred in the Osaka's World Fair. She has cut several records . . . Eddy Fukano (No. 1 country singer in Japan and known as Buck Owen of the Far East) was playing Apr. 13-18 at Hutch's Meeker's Landing in Kent . . . The Japan Folkloric Arts Ensemble in the Odori Festival of Japan performed April 6 at the Seattle Opera House as part of Japan's contribution to the bicentennial celebration . . .

GENE MATSUSAKA JOINS CHD NATIONAL COMMITTEE

(Matsusaka is a member of Puyallup Valley JACL chapter and is on the Governor's Asian Advisory Council, the arm of the Washington State Commission for Asian American Affairs. See page 2 story on JACL workshop made possible by CHD grant.--Ed's note.)
Washington--The National Committee for the Campaign for Human Development (CHD) elected officers and added 15 new members at a meeting here. Eugene Matsusaka, executive secretary of the Archdiocesan Catholic Children Services in Tacoma, was among the committee members elected to three-year terms. He has been with the Tacoma office of the Seattle Archdiocesan Children's Service since 1964.

He has a Master's degree in social service work from the Univ. of Wash. and prior to taking the Tacoma assignment has worked for Catholic Relief Services in Taiwan. Presently a resident of Holy Cross parish, Tacoma, Matsusaka was born in Seattle and received his early education at the former Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School in the Central Area.

The CHD, begun in 1970, is the domestic anti-poverty effort of the Catholic Church in the United States. In the past five years it has awarded more than \$24 million to a variety of self-help projects throughout the country. The funds are raised from an annual collection taken up in Catholic churches. The primary function of the national committee is to review, evaluate and recommend projects for funding from the CHD. The committee, which is representative of all the major racial and ethnic groups in the United States, also acts in an advisory capacity to the CHD executive director, Father Lawrence McNamara. Appointment to the CHD national committee is made by an ad hoc committee of bishops which receives recommendations from a nomination subcommittee.

Calendar of Events

- April 16-18--Benefit Japanese movie sponsored by El-Nor House entitled "Let's Go, Grand Ma" and "Someday Somewhere." Fri. & Sat. 6 & 9:30 p.m.; Sun. 6 & 7:30 p.m. Toyo Cinema.
- 18--Benefit Easter Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Troop 53, Pack 53, Girl Scouts and rownies at the Japanese Baptist Church from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children 12 years and under.
- 21--Regular JACL monthly meeting with President John H. Matsumoto presiding. 8 p.m. at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St. Refreshments. Everyone welcome.
- 24 (Saturday)--Dinner honoring Rep. Norman Mineta at Bush Garden Restaurant. 6:30 p.m. social hour. Dinner at 7 p.m. Make reservations with Tak Kubota (722-6868)
- 27--Japanese community queen contest deadline. c/o Frank Hattori, 622 Rainier S. 98144.
- May 1--Queen selection and program at Bush Garden Restaurant.
- 7--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements and press releases to: c/o (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle, WA 98105.
- 14-16--Asian Family Affair sponsored benefit Japanese movie "5 Days in Search of Gold" and "Kamikaze Cop--Poison Gas Affair" at the Toyo Cinema. Tickets available at Uwajimaya Gift Dept.; Fuji Restaurant; I.D. Community Health Center, 416 Maynard S.
- June 5--Kobe Terrace Park celebration with community festival planned by the International District Economic Association from 4:30 to 9 p.m. and will include entertainment, arts and crafts, indoor displays, and concession booths. 10' tall stone lantern from Kobe to be unveiled.
- 9--Dedication ceremony for Kobe Park with mayor of Kobe and sponsored by the City of Seattle.
- 20-26--24th Biennial National JACL Convention at the Sacramento Inn with Sacramento Chapter as host. Theme: "A Proud Legacy" and they promise good programming.
- July 17--Taiyo Club Golden Jubilee Celebration with its fifth reunion from 6:30 p.m. at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall from 6:30 p.m. Salty Mizuta, chairman.
- 22-25--Nisei Veterans Reunion in Chicago with Chicago Sheraton as reunion headquarters.
- Aug. 15--Fifth annual 1,000 Club Golf Tournament at Jefferson Park course to be followed with awards dinner at Bush Garden Restaurant. Dr. Pete Yoshino, chairperson.
- FROM THE BOARD (Cont'd from page 1): by S. I. Hayakawa which was submitted at the quarterly session of EWDC. Resolution text is withheld due to lack of space.

Mako Nakagawa, Chapter chair for political education committee, secured Norman Price, member of State Commission for Constitutional Alternative and Deputy Director Lee Carter. John Sy Eng was present. The speakers said the strategy is to involve community input. Mako is member of the state committee and Lee Carter credits Mako for his job by pointing out there were no minorities on the staff level for the commission though the commission itself is well represented. They propose series of community mini-constitutional convention to get thinking going.

REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE DIRECTLY AFFECTING ASIANS

by Alan Kurimura, research analyst of Senate Research Center and grad student at U.W.

The State Legislature recently completed an Extraordinary Session which ran over 70 days. Unless they are called back by the Governor, law makers will not be back until January 1977.

Much of the Legislature's time and efforts were spent on priority issues such as school funding, pension reform and the state supplemental budget. None of the bills which were of particular significance to Asians passed this session. It should be increasingly apparent that the Legislature will not pass a bill to repeal the unconstitutional requirement that public school teachers in grades K-12 be US citizens. In recent years the Asian Commission has worked with the Governor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction for repeal of the citizenship requirement. Now it would appear that only a lawsuit can move the Legislature to act. Bills which would have given Southeast Asian refugees "resident status" for tuition purposes in community colleges also failed to pass.

In order to provide greater coordination among state agencies and to eliminate duplication of programs and inspections the Business Coordination Act (SB 3271) was established. A pilot program will be created for grocery operation permits to be administered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Development. The program will commence June 30, 1976 with the establishment of a master application for all state permits required to open a new grocery operation. A master renewal application for existing grocery operations will go into effect Jan. 1, 1977. Both efforts should be particularly helpful to small grocery operators who must presently deal with a number of state agencies with various types of permits.

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