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DESEGREGATION ISSUE TO HIGHLIGHT JACL PROGRAM PORTION FOR FEB. 16 MEETING

The controversial desegregation issue will be presented by Richard Dysterhuis of the Desegregation Task Force with a question and answer period following will be programmed at the next monthly meeting of JACL on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at the JACL Hall, 526 S. Jackson. Since the Seattle School Board expects to decide by March 16 on sites and course offerings for magnet schools for the voluntary desegregation effort in the fall, there is a need for the JACL Board to establish a consensus so that recommendations may be made to the desegregation committee by Sam Shoji, JACL representative on the committee.

Arlene Oki, Paul Isaki and Sam Shoji are making arrangements for the program portion of the February 16 meeting which will begin at 8:30 p.m. The business meeting will begin promptly at 7:45 p.m. Board members are requested to be punctual so that the limited time may be used to the best advantage. All interested members and friends are urged to attend. Come and enjoy coffee and light refreshments and meet some of your fellow members!

Because of the urgency of the desegregation issue, the previously announced hypertension program featuring a cardiologist speaker and a 4-nurse team for blood pressure testing of individuals, has been rescheduled for the March 16 meeting. The program format for the monthly meetings will be used as often as possible this year, it was announced by President Cherry Kinoshita, with the aim of interesting a greater number of the general membership, and particularly in the light of needs brought out by the recent highly successful retirement conference, will attempt to fulfill some of these educational needs. Tentative plans for future programs will include physical and mental health, nisei-sansei relationships, political education and awareness.

DONATIONS

The Seattle Chapter JACL wishes to acknowledge the generous donations from the following:

Dr. W. Richard Takaki \$10

Mr. Hideo Mori \$25

Mrs. Setsuko Tsuru \$5

Miss Molly Yoneyama \$10

FROM THE BOARD:

Sheryl Watanabe, Paula Kurose, and Mark Della were present during the January meeting to thank the Chapter for the monetary contribution to the Incorporated Asian Students Coalition project for their annual Thanksgiving Day dinner for the elderly held in the International District.

Past President John Matsumoto received an ovation during the Chapter meeting for recognition in the excellent leadership during the 1976 term.

Tomio Moriguchi of the Chapter's Pacific Citizen committee reported that 170-inches of advertisements were sold for the PC Holiday Editions. Seattle Chapter will receive about \$462 in rebate when all the bills are collected. 31 one-line personal greeting ads were also sold. Secretary Karen Shimizu helped Tomio do the paperwork. We are grateful for Tomio and Karen for working on this very important assignment with excellent results.

The Board approved the following appointees by President Kinoshita to the Board of Directors: Charles Z. Smith, Harry Kadoshima, Phil Hayasaka and Al Shimoguchi.

Social/Hostess Committee was announced: Shea Aoki will assume responsibility for handling refreshment chores for Jan.-March, Helen Akita April-June, Rose Ogino July-September, and Mary Fujita October-December.

Newsletter Mailout: Though handicapped by automatic stapling machine in need of repair, the following volunteers from the Incorporated Asian Student Coalition members helped and completed preparation for mailing. They included: Mary Holyoke, Tim Otani, May Sasaki, Shari Matsudaira, Sheryl Watanabe, Paula Kurose, Joan Sato, Randy Suto, Mako Nakagawa, Bradley Nakagawa, Dee An Nakagawa, Louis Egashira, Jo Anne Matsuhira, and Gary Matsudaira. Thank you. The coalition students also took timeout during mailout to install about eight sections of corkwood faced bulletin boards on both sides of the room. The preliminary informational materials are already set in place. More details on this project will be given later.

January Chapter meeting date was the same day when President Ford signed the pardon for Iva Toguri d'Aquino. The Chapter was in a happy mood. Jerry Shigaki and Gil Hirabayashi, both Sansei, who chaired the Chapter committee, shall be congratulated as well as rest of the committee for participating in this historical accomplishment. They had excellent organization in press coverages, speaking engagements, letter writings, securing of signatures for petition and fund raising. Dean Charles Z. Smith, Dr. Minoru Masuda, Ms. Mako Nakagawa, and other numerous faithfuls on the committee deserves an overwhelming vote of thanks. Dean Smith has written a letter of thanks to President Ford c/o Transition White House. He has also written to Dr. Clifford Uyeda of the National JACL committee. You will recall in the news item that JACL had apologized to Ms. Iva Toguri d'Aquino for not having supported her in her original trial and JACL has since vowed every effort for the securing of pardon. Also Seattle JACLer Gunnar Olsborg is a merchant marine captain who operated off Alaska coast during WWII. He had been a one-man campaigner for Iva Toguri in her past attempts for pardon. Olsborg has also written to President Ford .-----o-----

NEWS BRIEFS FROM KEIRO

Benefit Performance of "Gold Watch": A benefit performance of the "Gold Watch" will be sponsored by Issei Concerns for the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home on Sunday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. This outstanding play, written by Momoko Iko and directed by Garrett Hongo, is a two-hour presentation of the Asian Exclusion Act of the Asian Multi-Media Center. It will be held at the Ethnic Cultural Center Theater, 3940 Brooklyn Ave. N.E. Tickets for this benefit performance are \$5.00 each and may be purchased from Issei Concerns Board members and the Keiro Nursing Home. Phone 329-9575.

Akiyana Gets License: Russ Akiyana has passed his examination for his nursing-home administrator certificate and is now a licensed administrator. His preceptor and counselor has been the Rev. Everett Jensen of the Columbia Lutheran Home. Before joining Keiro, Russ worked for the Office of Nursing Homes Affairs of the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services.

Equipment Donations: The Keiro Nursing Home has received various useful equipment during the past month from three organizations. The Rainier Valley Lions Club has donated a Detecto chair scale, a Hoyer lift and a microwave oven, with a total valuation of \$750. The Meijikai Nutritional Club has contributed an electronic communications system, totaling \$300, which includes a public-address amplifier, seven speakers and a microphone. The Keiro Sansei Service Group has donated a Pioneer stereo cassette tape deck costing \$180.

Nurses Aides Needed: There are openings for more nurses aides at Keiro. Applicants are asked to call Mitsi Hara, director of nursing, at 329-9575.

Patient Census: The patient count at Keiro in mid-January was 35 (14 private care, 17 skilled care and 4 intermediate care).

Pledges Pass \$400,000 Mark: The Keiro fund drive passed the \$400,000 milestone on Jan. 20, with a total of \$406,054 pledges received. The goal is \$500,000.

New Board Member: Bill Maekawa has been named to the board of directors of Keiro, replacing Arthur Yoshioka as a representative of Blaine Memorial Methodist Church.

Worship Services: A program of weekly church services has been arranged at Keiro by Ann Haruki, activities director, with Buddhist and Protestant ministers conducting services on alternate weeks. The services are held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

JUDGE SMITH ROLE IN IVA TOGURI PARDON

The pardon of Iva Toguri, an American-born Japanese who was known as "Tokyo Rose" during World War II, has been praised by American Baptist leaders as a strong Christian act by former President Ford. At the same time, the American Baptist News Service reported that Judge Charles Z. Smith, associate dean of the Univ. of Washington Law School and president of the American Baptist Churches, was influential in Mr. Ford's decision. The pardon came the day before Mr. Ford turned the administration of government over to President Carter.

The General Board of the American Baptist Churches had endorsed the petition filed by Ms. Toguri in Nov. 1976, asking for a pardon. The 200-member board represents 6,500 churches and 1.5 million members.

Yosh Nakagawa of the Seattle Japanese Baptist Church brought the matter before the board. Judge Smith, a former King County Superior Court judge, was authorized to write to President Ford and "others directly related to the pardoning process." Judge Smith's analyses of the trial records convinced him there were no procedural errors justifying a reversal of Ms. Toguri's conviction. He was just as convinced she had been denied due process of law.

Commenting on the pardon, Judge Smith said the "compassionate act" by Mr. Ford gave recognition that "our country has the capacity to recognize its mistakes of the past and to restore, to the extent possible, a measure of human dignity to a person who suffered most during a period of hysteria immediately following World War II, which had overtones of racism and total disregard of basic human rights."

The pardon also pleased the Rev. Dr. Paul M. Nagano, pastor of the Seattle Japanese Baptist Church and director of the Asia Ministries Program of the American Baptist Churches. Dr. Nagano said he was gratified that justice and liberty had been given practical Christian expression toward "this victim of injustice." --The Seattle Times

NEW DATA ON INTERNMENT CAMPS

Berkeley--The Justice Department refused to obey President Franklin D. Roosevelt's order in 1942 to relocate Japanese Americans, so the military carried out the order, according to information gathered in a Univ. of California oral history project. The research indicates that constitutional violation of the rights of the Japanese Americans was not considered important. What was considered important in the weeks after Pearl Harbor was bombed on Dec. 7, 1941, was waging a war.

The details came in interviews for the Earl Warren Oral History Project. Warren, later chief justice of the United States, was California attorney general at the time and soon to run successfully for governor. The research indicates Warren exerted behind-the-scenes pressure to relocate the Japanese Americans to resettlement camps, because of fears they would aid the enemy.

It was a time of hysteria, especially along the Pacific Coast where ships were being sunk off California. "We were losing battles all over the world, which is an important thing to remember . . . we'd just been belted one at Pearl Harbor. And, really, nobody thought this

NEW DATA ON INTERNMENT CAMPS (Cont'd): evacuation question was too important," recalled James Rowe, a former Justice Department official now an attorney in Washington, D.C.

The Justice Department argued against the decision. The fight was carried to a showdown with Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, but the department lost. President Roosevelt signed the order and relocation was to be done by the Justice Department.

But the department refused.

"This is the mistake we made," Rowe said in the interviews. "We kept saying that we won't do it. But we frankly never thought they would. We thought they were too busy getting the troops to go fight a war someplace else. That was our mistake." The military carried the order out.

No Japanese Americans interned during the war are included in the series of volumes being prepared, mainly because it would duplicate work completed elsewhere. But there is a foreword by Mike M. Masaoka, a longtime Japanese American leader.

According to Masaoka, Warren argued that the Japanese Americans were more of a danger than alien Japanese in California because there were more of them and they were totally Japanese in spirit. --Oakland Tribune

KOMO-TV TELEVISION NEWS COMMENTARY OF JAN. 20 BY CHARLES Z. SMITH

Gerald R. Ford: A Fine and Decent Man

Yesterday, as one of his last official acts in office, President Ford granted a long overdue pardon to Ms. Iva Toguri D'Aquino. Her 1949 treason conviction represents even now a dirty stain on our American system of justice.

She was charged, convicted and sentenced for the myth of "Tokyo Rose" under circumstances that would shock the conscience of the average American today who believes, as I do, that racism, national hate and public hysteria have no place in our criminal justice system.

At age 60, Iva Toguri D'Aquino can at least live out her remaining years with restoration of her priceless citizenship and, I hope, a continuation of her persistent belief in the capacity of her native America ultimately to be fair.

FROM THE SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BILINGUAL PROGRAMS OFFICE

We are happy to announce Sonia Kim as our community liaison for the Seattle Public Schools program. Her primary responsibilities are to improve communication between Seattle schools and community groups, parents, and students and to encourage active parental support and participation in the program. Sonia will try to facilitate information flow from parents of all ethnic and language groups to the Seattle Public Schools. Sonia received a B.A. in English Literature from Ewha Women's university in Seoul, Korea, and a M.A. in Television Journalism from Univ. of Texas. She is completing work for MSW in community organization development in Social Work at the University of Washington. Sonia will be contacting many of you personally and in groups for your assistance in her various tasks. We hope you will find her services to the community valuable.

She can be contacted at 587-6370 at Room 303, Marshall Center, 520 N.E. Ravenna Blvd. Her mailing address is Bilingual Programs, 815 4th Ave. N., Seattle 98109.

NISEI RETIREMENT CONFERENCE REPORT

(Ed.'s note: The following is submitted for Elderly Concerns Committee of the Chapter. The retirement conference held Jan. 22 was put together by the core group consisting of John Takizawa, Sally Kazama, Mitsi Mihara, and Chazz Kawabori. Space precludes printing the complete text but hope to include in the next issue.)

by John Takizawa

The core group in the spring of 1976 was not aware of the pending plans to conduct a National Nisei Retirement Planning Conference at San Francisco by National JACL. Through a series of meetings, the core group developed a tentative format for a conference agenda which remained unchanged thereafter, thus becoming the final and actual agenda format for the Jan. 22 conference. Lessons learned through observations of the San Francisco Retirement Conference did not alter our original format. Specialists in the various fields of retirement issues need not be involved in the implementation planning process but asked only to make their presentation within the framework of this overall plan.

Again during our early planning phase, an overriding question haunting our minds was "are the Nisei as a generation ready to face up to the realities of their advancing age, and will such words as "retirement" or "elderly" turn them off?" Understandably, therefore, one of the strategies during the planning was to seek an answer to this question.

Another strategy was to attempt an uplifting of the conscious level of our Nisei citizens to the many complex and soul-searching issues relating to aging and retirement. Our format, therefore, was to present a "shotgun" approach to these many issues, toughing lightly on each agenda component, and leaving little time for the panelists to go into meaningful depths on any single issue. Another strategy built into our format was the Sansei component which we hoped would attract young people (college and graduate students) to the conference. These young people could possibly be encouraged to look into the field of gerontology as a possible career goals.

Looking back to the events of that day, we of the conference committee firmly believes that all of our strategies did work and all of our objectives were achieved. Yes, we had an audience turnout exceeding 150% of our most realistic turnout estimate. Yes, we found that

YAKIZAWA'S RETIREMENT CONFERENCE REPORT (Cont'd): concern and interest of retirement matters were there; and yes, we did have a tremendous turnout of young people, primarily college students in the field of sociology.

As for the Nisei audience, we found that they have given us a message; a message of need for more in-depth understanding of the many issues relative to aging and retirement including heavy subjects as "death and dying." Furthermore they have expressed their desire to fulfill a need for commonality with their Nisei counterparts and to share their viewpoints on many of these vital issues.

In conclusion, therefore, the conference planning committee makes the following recommendations: 1) that a community wide and broadly represented coalition group be established in the ensuing months to come, to spearhead plans and implement a series of seminars and/or conferences to deal in an indepth manner the many topics relating to aging and retirement, and to seek appropriate delivery systems for conducting Nisei peer group interactions with a spirit of kinship and concern. The JAACL Seattle Chapter will be at the forefront to support such a community wide movement.

TERAO ACQUITTED IN TRIAL

A Superior Court jury deliberated less than a hour Jan. 25 before finding Terao, Seattle's purchasing agent, not guilty of accepting gratuities as a public officer. Tomi Terao believes he was a victim of a plot to disgrace Mayor Wes Uhlman. Terao said he believes he was "set up," but he isn't sure exactly why. "I can't believe it was all just circumstantial," Terao said.

Deputy Prosecutor Ruth A. Nordenbrook had argued that Terao got about \$1,900 worth of free services from the Ohno firm. Terao once administered a contract the firm has with City for tree-trimming services. Anthony Savage, Terao's lawyer, challenged the sufficiency of the evidence. He argued that if Terao was "on the take" he would not have bothered to pay a cent for gardening services at his 12-unit apartment complex in Kirkland. The evidence showed Terao paid \$1,100 during a three-year period.

The seven-day trial was in the court of Judge David W. Soukup.

--The Seattle Times

TWO-ACT MOMOKO IKO PLAY TO BE SHOWN THROUGH FEB. 27

Gold Watch, a two-act play by Momoko Iko is being presented by the Asian Exclusion Act of Asian Multi-Media Center. Ms. Iko is a current Rockefeller Playwrighting Fellow and a recent recipient of a Literature grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Directed by Garrett Kaoru Hongo, author of Nisei Bar & Grill, the play concerns the reactions of a small farming community in Yakima Valley to the events leading up to and including the Evacuation of Japanese Americans during WWII. It is a portrait of Japanese-American family life before the War and a document of its eventual disintegration after the Evacuation.

Gold Watch which opened Feb. 3 will run through Feb. 27. Evening performances will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. All performances will be held at the Ethnic Cultural Center Theater, 3940 Brooklyn Ave. N.E. Admission is \$3.00.

For reservations and information, call the Asian Multi-Media Center, 323-4100. Advance tickets available at Uwajimaya and David Ishii Booksellers.

1977 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO GRANT RESIDENT STATUS TO IMMIGRANT REFUGEES FOR COLLEGE TUITION

The Commission on Asian American Affairs seeks legislative action which would allow Indochinese refugees to be eligible to pay normal resident tuition fees at institutions of higher learning. A major problem for many Indochinese refugees has been their status as "alien paroles." To prepare themselves they have sought to enter our state institutions of higher learning but are required to pay the non-resident tuition fee. Many refugees have been unable to attend our colleges or have been forced to drop out. The Commission feels that the refugee situation does not fit the general intent of the non-resident tuition fee. They have been in reality permanent residents for the past nineteen months.

Because Indochinese refugees are classified as "alien paroles," they are ineligible to apply for a permanent immigration visa until Congress acts to remove them from parole status and declare the refugees to be "resident aliens" (usually a two year process). In addition, under current state law (RCW 288.15), refugees can only qualify for resident tuition fees when he/she has obtained an immigration visa or is eligible and has applied for one, and until a one-year period has expired following the establishment of their domicile.

In other words, Indochinese refugees must wait three years or more in order to be eligible for resident tuition fees at our institutions of higher learning, to wit: two years on parole status plus one year on permanent immigrant status. --Martin M. Matsudaira, Exec. Director

A bill (HB 225) has been introduced which would allow refugees to pay normal resident fees in our colleges and universities. The bill is sponsored by Representatives Bill Burns (D) 43rd District, Eugene Lux (D) 35th District, Hal Zimmerman (R) 17th District, and Rod Chandler (R) 45th District. The bill has been assigned to the House Higher Education Committee for a recommendation. If a favorable recommendation is received, it will go to the House Rules Committee to determine if the bill merits consideration by the full House.

Members of the House Higher Education Committee: Phyllis K. Erickson, chairwoman, Bill Burns, Vice-chairman; Senate Higher Education Committee: Sandison, chairman.

If you wish to write or contact these and other legislators, it will be appreciated. A toll-free hot line (1-800-562-6000) is available to inquire about a bill or express opinion to Legislator.

NEWS JOTTINGS: Maya Shiotani, 9, is a national grand-prize winner in the Seattle Times Cappy Dick coloring contest published Dec. 19. Maya won a Skil-Craft weather forecaster. She also won a make-your-own calendar kit offered as the local prize. Maya is a 4th grader at Star Lake Elementary School in Kent. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Itsuo Shiotani. Maya is a Camp Fire Girl and is thinking of going out for softball in the spring . . . Phillip Akutsu of Troop 55 received his Eagle Award at an impressive ceremony at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Jan. 28. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Akutsu. Members of the troop were very fortunate to have Past Mayor Gordon Clinton as guest speaker. The pleasant evening was enjoyed by many honored guests and friends . . . Hiroshi Hasegawa of Troop 53 sponsored by the Japanese Baptist Church was scheduled to receive the Silver Beaver Award by the Chief Seattle Council of the Boy Scouts of America Feb. 12. Frank Nishimura is the Scoutmaster and Paul Aburano is the Cubmaster. Bob Yoshihara is the Church Representative . . . Roger Shimomura's "Oriental Masterpieces" was on view through January at the Polly Friedlander Gallery. Subjects are Oriental. The treatment and presentation--even the artist--are decidedly American. Shimomura, an associate professor of art at the Univ. of Kansas, was born in this country, as were his parents before him. Shimomura grew up in Seattle earning a BA in commercial art from the U.W. in 1961 and later Master of Fine Arts from Syracuse University. In his work he chose the dramatic personae of Ukiyo-e, the inexpensive "floating world" prints of courtesans, wrestlers and actors popular in 17th and 18th Century Japan. Shimomura's parodies, the subjects are less important than the treatment . . . Contingent on the availability of funds the Seattle Art Commission approved the request from the Wing Luke Museum for \$2,020 for support of a free exhibition of photographs and writings by Dr. Kyo (Banji) Koike, an early immigrant to Seattle from Japan. Koike was a physician who had his upstairs office in the old Sun Hotel on Main Street. He was an internationally noted as photographer who exhibited around the world and having won Gold Medals in exhibitions in Spain, Belgium and France. He founded the Seattle Camera Club in 1925 made up of Issei and Caucasian members. He founded the Rainier Ginsha Haiku Club. He passed away in 1947 . . . Architect and community worker Benjamin Woo was among the board of directors elected for the 1977 term by the United Way of King County . . . Gov. Dixy Lee Ray on Jan. 27 named directors of five agencies and filled another five positions on state boards and commission. Key appointment included Kazuo (Kaz) Watanabe, head of Dept. of Commerce and Economic Development. Watanabe is native of Seattle and is in private law practice in Los Angeles primarily representing Japanese Corporations in this country. Watanabe will get \$26,830 per year . . .

MILESTONES: Rokuro Okubo (South Bend) 72, Jan. 7. Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church . . . Tome Yasutake 91, Jan. 19. Family services held Jan. 22. Survivors include son George T. Yasutake, Seattle; daughters Mrs. Kazuo (Tomo) Shoji; Mrs. Edward (Toki) Muramoto; Mrs. Hero (Fran) Matsuoka, all Seattle; Mrs. George (Toshi) Yamamoto, L.A.; Mrs. George (Mollie) Fujioka, Walnut Creek, CA . . . Tsurunosuke Kase 81, Jan. 13. Seattle Buddhist Church, Yamaguchi Kenjin Kai. Survivors include: wife Sadako; son Ben Tsutomu Kase, L.A.; daughter Mrs. Richard (Grace) Kono, San Ramon, CA; one sister in Japan . . . Jon M. Hayashi, 19, Jan. 23. Services held Jan. 25. Jon was shot in the head as a passenger in the car which was riddled with bullets from another car on Rainier South. Jon was not a member of any gang. Survivors include: parents Joe and Kimi Hayashi; brother Joe, medical student at St. Louis Univ., and a sister Mrs. Janice Eng of Seattle . . . Masaru Imamura, 88, Jan. 29. Japanese Baptist Church, Fukuoka Club and its Senior Advisor, Japanese Community Service, Japanese Language School board of director, Japan Government recipient of 6th Class Order Single Ray Rising Sun (Kiyoku Jitsusho). He was Japan immigrant to Seattle in 1908 and graduated from the old Broadway High School. Imamura was third degree rank kendo instructor and operated dry cleaning business until his retirement in 1970. Survivors include wife Hatsuno . . .

ACTIVE RETIREMENT PLANNED FOR AOKIS

Retirement won't mean idleness for Mr. and Mrs. Jiro Edward Aoki, who have sold Broadway Cleaners & Dyers after providing 28 years of service to the Capitol Hill area.

"After all," says Mrs. Aoki, "we can't be just loafing around." She plans to do some volunteer nursing and church work, but then that's nothing new for her. The Aokis have long been active in the community and in St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Mr. Aoki is one of the oldest members of the congregation, having attended since he was 6 years old. He was treasurer of the church for 12 years, and is a member of First Hill Lions and past president of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Following the war, and internment in Idaho, the Aokis returned to Seattle and purchased the Broadway Cleaners. The business was then at 1833 Broadway. Five years ago they moved across the street to their present location.

In 1968 Jiro Aoki suffered a stroke which left him permanently disabled. "We want to thank the community for being so good. They really helped," says Mrs. Aoki. Sale of the business came about with the aid of the church, which with other churches sponsored Vietnamese refugees Tran-Thien, Hiep & Hien, who purchased the business. "We were fortunate that God made it possible," reported the deeply religious Mrs. Aoki, who particularly wished to thank the minister of St. Peter's, the Canon Rev. Timothy Nakayama.--Capitol Hill Times

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS BEING RECEIVED

Japan Air Lines and the JACL are pleased to announce that applications are now available for the 1977 JAL-JACL Cultural Heritage Fellowship Program. Through the generous cooperation of Japan Air Lines, four outstanding recipients will be given the chance to study and travel in Japan during the summer of 1977. Each fellowship will consist of tuition, books, room and board for the summer session at Sophia University in Tokyo and round trip air transportation to Japan from San Francisco or New York. Eligibility requirements include: 1) Must be a mem-

JAL-JACL SCHOLARSHIP (Cont'd): ber of JACL (regular, JAYS or student) between the ages of 18 and 26. 2) Must turn 18 by July 1, 1977. 3) Must be available for speaking engagements while in and upon return from Japan. 4) Must not have lived or traveled in Japan for any period longer than two weeks since entering high school. The deadline for submitting application is April 1, 1977. Write Scholarship Committee, Seattle JACL, 526 S. Jackson St. Seattle 98104. More details from Patti Shimomura, Chapter chair for scholarship or Cherry Kinoshita.

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 10, 11, 12 & 13; 17, 18, 19 & 20; 24, 25, 26 & 27--The Asian Exclusion Act stage presentation of Momoko Iko's Gold Watch at Ethnic Cultural Theatre, 3940 Brooklyn Ave. N.E. \$3 per ticket. Evening performance Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 8 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m.
- Feb. 13--Special benefit performance of the "Gold Watch" sponsored by Seattle Keiro Nursing Home to be held 7 p.m. at Ethnic Cultural Center Theater, 3940 Brooklyn N.E. Tickets for this performance \$5.00 each. Phone 329-9575.
- Feb. 16--Seattle Chapter JACL meeting from 7:45 p.m. at the JACL office. Refreshments.
- Mar. 4--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Allow one week for delivery. Notices effective before Mar. 11 will not be printed. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements and press releases to: c/o (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle 98105.
- Mar. 5 (Sat.)--Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church benefit sukiyaki dinner from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$3.25 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. Complimentary program and display of bonsai. 3001 24th Ave. S. Tickets available from the church office (723-1536) or from members.
- March. 9-- Newsletter mailout night at JACL office from 7:30 p.m.
- March 19--Annual N.V.C. installation banquet at Rainier Golf and Country Club.
- July 3--JACL Thousand Club sponsored annual golf tournament at Jackson Golf Course.
- April 1978--Seattle Chapter and PNWDC sponsored spring tour to Japan via Japan Air Lines. Travel chairperson Harry Kadoshima c/o Seattle JACL, 526 S. Jackson St., Seattle.

NISEI FACED DATA ON REALITY OF RETIREMENT

Pacific Northwest Conference on Nisei retirement sponsored by the Chapter and held Jan. 22 at the NVC Memorial Hall made a major impact on the community attracting 240 registrants with high percentage of women. John Takizawa chaired and scholarly Rita Fujiki Elway acted as convenor. Movie entitled "Watari-Dori" (Crossroad) on Issei history was the finest.

Chazz Kawabori, regional director for Administration on Aging with HEW set the tone when he said, "50% can't afford to retire. And if your parents are alive, where does that leave you?" According to Dr. Joe Okimoto, the Nisei who has been nurtured around the work ethics are left with the sense of worthlessness. And if he complains and has merely physical ailment, it becomes a warning flag for psychological problem. Dr. Rev. Paul M. Nagano spoke on the spiritual needs and said the retiree often has a feeling of meaninglessness or loneliness. There is that feeling of guilt developing when they feel their lifetime venture left him short of goal or missing the mark. Attorney George Koshi having spent 30 years as Federal attorney for Department of Defense said, "Who knows where you will be tomorrow? Financial health is as important as spiritual and physical health. Put away as much as you can by setting priority and eliminating certain expenses. It's important through proper planning to pass on for those left behind the maximum benefits." Sansei teacher Russ Nakatsu said he surveyed 42 younger persons and finds only 11 were aware that their parents will soon retire. Nakatsu said, "What happens when they need help and I can't give any?" Mitsuye Mihara who supervises for HEW speculated on the women's view. This age of upward mobility and their ability, they are in a position to meet other people including men. Why should the male be the only one to go through the ego boost, she asks. Dr. Minoru said the Nisei mates do not talk to each other as they should. Nisei has difficulty of communicating and a reluctance to talk about their innermost feeling, to show affection and emotions. Though the Nisei doesn't expect the Sansei to take care of them, there still should be a meaningful relationship developed between Nisei and the Sansei. Sally Kazama said fear of death and fear of getting old is called "ageism." Kazama spoke of services for retired. By phoning 285-3110 one can get transportation, shopping, escort service to doctors. It includes housekeeping service such as moving furnitures. Dr. Ben Uyeno said one who is happy is the one who doesn't get sick. It's when you lose your health you think about it. Make plans to remain healthy, physically and emotionally. In Keiro Home one can see the change of Issei, Dr. Uyeno said. "We give medicine but we also give love."

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