

# Bulletin

## SEATTLE CHAPTER

# JACL

June 8 1955

### SPEAKER OF HOUSE O'BRIEN TO TALK AT JUNE MEETING

The Seattle Chapter of the JACL will hold its June meeting on Tuesday, June 14, at 8:00 p.m. at 1414 Weller Street. An interesting program is scheduled for the evening and it will be certainly worthwhile to hear the speaker for the evening, Representative John L. O'Brien, of the 33rd District and Speaker of the House during the last session. He will talk on the repeal of the Alien Land Law and also will discuss the program on Urban Redevelopment among other topics.

There will be a short business meeting and the winner of the membership drive contest will be announced. Refreshments will be served. George Inagaki, National president, is unable to be with us as originally planned due to the death of Randolph Sakada, our past National President. President Howard Sakura will preside.

### RANDY SAKADA PASSES - - MEMO FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, JUNE 6, 1955

It is with heavy heart that we send this memo with the passing of Dr. Randolph Mas Sakada on Saturday morning, June 4th, after a prolonged illness. National President George Inagaki and Mike Masaoka will represent all of us at the "Otsuya" and funeral in Chicago. "Otsuya" is Tuesday evening, June 7th, and the funeral is Wednesday afternoon, June 8th, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Messages of condolence may also be sent to Mrs. Shiz Sakada at 5642 North Ridge Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The local chapter is participating in a collective "koden" with the National Headquarters. Any individual wishing to take part may bring his contribution to Howard Sakura at the International Realty office, 659 A Jackson Street.

"Randy" is our past National President and as general chairman was instrumental in the great success of the 1950 national convention in Chicago. An ardent golfer and bowler, he was also active in many community affairs.

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Chairman Jim Matsuoka reported that the membership drive has been spearheaded by Merry Mimbu's team which has signed up 46 members including three 1000 Club members. Team captains are as follows: Kelly Yamada, Frank Hattori, Tom Iwata, George S. Kashiwagi, Oliver Kinomoto, Kay Yamaguchi, Merry Mimbu, Ted Sakahara, and Nish Kumagai.

The drive started May 10 and was to have ended June 10. The committee is in the process of tabulating the returns and will have a report on this year's progress at the next general meeting June 14.

Paul Kashino has been appointed chairman of a committee to solicit Issei memberships and a drive for these members will start shortly.

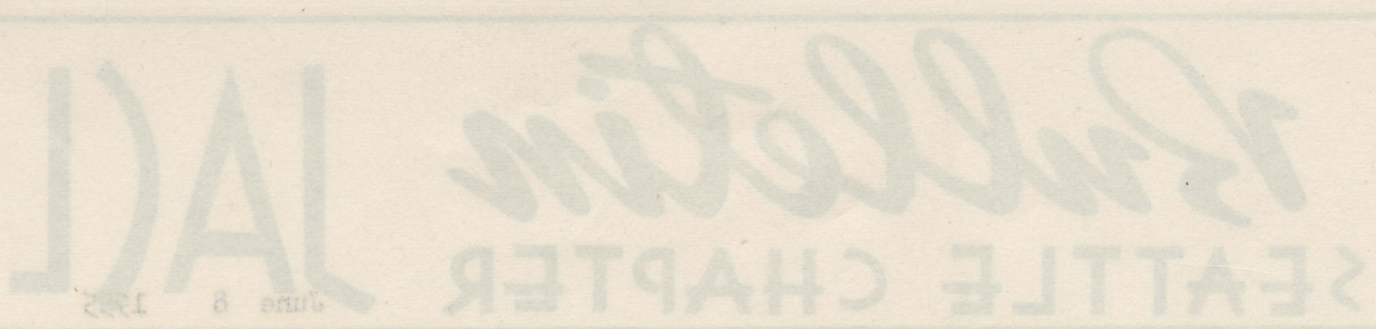
All members who have not been contacted are asked to send in their membership dues to Kashiwagi's, 615 Jackson Street. Chapter dues are \$3.00; PACIFIC CITIZEN subscriptions for members are \$3.00 per year or \$5.00 for two years.

### BEN MASAOKA SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants for the \$200.00 Ben Masaoka Scholarship, which is available to all Nisei high school graduates, are requested to file their high school scholastic records as well as other pertinent data such as extra-curricular activities and their aspirations while attending college. After a careful screening on the basis of scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, financial need and all-around personality, the local committee will submit one name for consideration by the national panel of judges selected from outstanding educators and professional men.

The local deadline for submitting the applications is June 30, 1955. Anyone who is interested is urged to submit his or her name for consideration. From all indications the caliber of the current graduates should warrant a very good chance of being selected for the award. Please submit all applications to Dr. Kelly Yamada, chairman, Scholarship Committee, 518 Union Street, Seattle 1, Washington.





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ANNUAL PICNIC

Chairman Kay Yamaguchi announced today that the annual JACL picnic will be held August 7, Sunday, at Gaffney's Lake Wilderness resort. Again this annual affair will be sponsored jointly with the Puget Sound Golf Club. More details will be announced at the next general meeting.

LABOR DAY:

Plans for the annual Labor Day Dance are being formulated by Chairman Hiro Sasaki. Committee members and other information will be reported soon.

1956 CONVENTION MAY GO TO SAN FRANCISCO

From a recent column in the PC, it looks like the 1956 national convention will again be held in the city called "Bagdad by the Bay" -- San Francisco to all who are not Californians. As Mas Satow says, it seems ironic that as each succeeding convention has mushroomed over the previous one, any prospective convention site bidder has been assailed by its own sense of inadequacy and doubts of ever being able to meet the high standards set by such cities as the "Windy City" and the "City of the Angels". Perhaps, by the example set by San Francisco in 1956 we can all profit and come to look at the Convention as something that any ordinary chapter may be able to tackle.

FROM THE WASHINGTON REPORT

Many bills have been introduced in both the House and the Senate to either completely revise and rewrite the entire statute or to amend certain sections of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, the Walter-McCarran Act. Though hearings may be scheduled later this spring or early summer by the Senate Judiciary Committee, no action on any specific bill or proposal is expected this year.

Locally all Issei who have not as yet obtained their citizenship are urged to take steps to do so as soon as possible. There has been some agitation in Congress to change the language requirement clause so that one must be able to read, write, and understand the English language in order to obtain his citizenship. Mike Masaoka, our Washington D.C. representative was primarily responsible in having this particular clause inserted for the benefit of the Issei so it is hoped that everyone who intends to become a citizen will take advantage of the privilege before it is erased from the books.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR EVACUATION CLAIMS

The Supplemental Deficiency Bill, providing \$1,327,583.68, has been signed into law and the Senate. Appropriations Committee is considering the House-approved sum of \$200,000 for the administrative expenses of the Evacuation Claims Section of the Department of Justice for the fiscal year 1956, which begins July 1, 1955. It is expected that this amount will be approved.

REFUGEE RELIEF ACT

Several clarifying and liberalizing amendments have been proposed to the 1953 Act but none of them apply to Japan or the Far East Area. Some action in the House is likely, and possibly in the Senate. At an appropriate time, JACL may suggest an amendment that will give to the Japanese and those in the Far East the same special consideration that is contemplated for European refugees and victims of natural calamities.