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JACL MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

President Cherry Kinoshita will again preside. There will be report on the Japanese Cultural/Service Center ad hoc committee on recent development. Another unannounced topic will be of concern and interest. If the last month's meeting was any indication, we will continue to anticipate a large group for the meeting. The Sansei and the younger Nisei are continuing to make increasingly large share of the input with their expertise and vitality.

Nikkei as well as the total community is caught in the school crisis on desegregation, and minority employment problem. We must make continuous pressure to secure our just share of public funding, to secure our place as well as learning of the responsibility for greater voice in the government structure hierarchy, the women's rights, the rights of recent Asian refugees, as well as in the involvement of reparation project, elderly concern, youth concern, and the like. To this extent the Chapter is involved.

Make plans now to attend the next Chapter meeting from 7:45 p.m. at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St. Everyone is welcome. Meeting begins promptly and refreshments available during meeting.

JACL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

This year, the Seattle Chapter JACL will be awarding four scholarships. Any student graduating or having graduated from a high school in the Greater Seattle area of Japanese ancestry is eligible and encouraged to apply. There will be three Minoru Tamesa Scholarships and one Reverend Emery E. Andrews Scholarship awarded in the amount of \$300.00 and \$200 respectively.

For applications, contact:

Ted Sakahara - 624-3220 or
Patti Shimomura - 246-0747

Applications are due May 20, 1977.

DONATIONS:

The Seattle Chapter JACL gratefully acknowledges the following generous donations:

Mr. Wilce Shiomi \$50.00 in memory of parents Mr. and Mrs. N. Saiki.

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Mr. George Nakagawa (Pearl City, Hawaii) \$10.00

Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Nagatani (Burlington)

Mrs. Shizuka Sata

FROM THE BOARD:

Chuck Kato, together with Stan Kiyokawa, met Mike Honda, new National Reparation Committee chairman. Kato said, "We were bombed out." Mike Honda had said that "we are at Phase Zero." They have to have a new survey on reparation. Kato who was very upset had asked, "Why do you need a new survey on reparation when we already had one?" The explanation was that late Edison Uno, as chairman, did not pass any papers to Mike Honda whereby he felt compelled to start the reparation campaign process from scratch. One bright spot was that Mike Honda thought he could convince P.C. to periodically report on the recent up-date on the activities of the Reparation Committee in a special space.

Dr. Minoru Masuda felt that Mike Honda's explanation of his position on reparation seems unsatisfactory and that letter should be sent asking for clarification.

The following week Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi of the Univ. of Edmonton was in Seattle attending a seminar. There was a dinner meeting with Paul Isaki, Ken Nakano, John Takizawa, Tomio Moriguchi, Cherry Kinoshita, Jiro Aoki, and others.

During dinner Dr. Hirabayashi said he met with Michi Weglyn, author of the powerful book "Years of Infamy: the Untold Story of America's Concentration Camps." Dr. Hirabayashi had told Weglyn that when West Germany wanted to get into United Nations Organization, the United States had told West Germany that she will be helped to get membership provided that she pay reparations to the Jews. It seems that East Germany is also seeking membership and the United States is again saying that her diplomats will come to the aid of East Germany provided that she also pay reparations to the Jews who have suffered during the WWII holocaust. When Weglyn heard about this she was very upset by the so-called human rights stand. Weglyn immediately sent copies of the book to East German diplomats. The books were also sent to the American diplomats assigned to UNO with the note "Why don't you practice what you preach?"

Chuck Kato mentioned that Japanese Canadian is interested in forming their own reparation campaign program and were to have met late in May. Kato had asked Dr. Hirabayashi to keep Seattle Chapter informed on the latest development. There is a possibility that this could

FROM THE BOARD (Cont'd): also be a joint effort with both the Canadian and United States counterpart scratching each others back.

Paul Isaki mentioned that Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi is now seriously considering the task of writing a book on his experiences. No book has been written in a scholarly fashion on the series of events leading to the Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi test case which eventually went to the Supreme Court. The book will be very significant for it will be in the form of filling the missing link, Isaki said. We should all encourage Dr. Hirabayashi to take on this important task, Isaki told the Board. More importantly, Dr. Hirabayashi has volunteered to lend his talent in preparation of articles in the reparation campaign. He will be visiting this area again in June.

Rita Fujiki Elway, cochair on the committee for women's rights and responsibilities, said she got together with Fran Wada discussing the purpose and direction on focusing concern of Nikkei women. Rita said she wanted to stress that membership in the committee is open to both sex. "We're interested in strengthening the role of Nikkei women in the community," Rita said. "There is also the issue of Asian wives of servicemen in both King and Pierce County who have no writing skill and speaking skill (in English)." There is the concern of Asian women garment workers and the condition of safety where they work as well as the wage condition. These list can go on and on, Rita said. She hopes to start by talking with Japanese American women and go from there. There will be a conference in Ellensburg in July in Observance of International Women's Year where Rita Fujiki Elway and Delores Sibonga will help shape the state-wide Asian women caucus action plan with recommendation of national proposal to be presented to President Carter.

Sam Shoji who is JACL representative in the city wide desegregation task force committee said the existing committee formed by the former regime is being dissolved and the new one being formed with the present school Administrator selecting the chairman. All the former active committee members are to be reappointed. The Magnet program has a target date and in case of difficulty, there is a contingency plan. Levy passage did help the school financial status but not necessarily the Magnet Program. Sam Shoji had attended Magnet School Program confab in Dallas last March.

Ben Nakagawa said that desegregation is a responsibility and an obligation. It is also a law of the country. He said that as of this date (April board meeting) the total number of Asian in voluntary transfer program was 17 in the Southeast Seattle area. Of that 17 Asians, all came from two elementary schools of Kimball and Van Asselt. From the Van Asselt all six with possibly one exception transferred to West Seattle area school in the form of "white flight." The other 11 Asian left the brand new Kimball Elementary School for West Seattle area because the parents didn't agree with the open concept style schools. In another situation one Japanese was heard talking with principal of Roosevelt High School who stated that Japanese language classes in Roosevelt High School will be possible if Japanese entered the transfer program to that school.

Jiro Namatame and his committee was given a big hand in completion of the JACL-compiled 1977 Nikkei directory. The cost of material and printing cost has doubled since the last publication. We hope to have more details in the newsletter issue to follow. The assembling of books were made easier by the large volunteers of students of Incorporated Asian Students Coalition and the Japanese Cultural Heritage Program group headed by Mako Nakagawa and May Sasaki. The Chapter is grateful for the many hours of voluntary work which continued for many, many months culminating in final production and mailing. We hope to have more details in the newsletter issue to follow.

District delegate John H. Matsumoto reported on the PNWDC quarterly meeting. Kimi Tambara is manning the JACL District Office in Portland four days a week. However, the Regional District Office for all practical purpose has been dissolved. \$4,000 was left in the treasury. The Portland Chapter received \$2,800 and Seattle has requested the remaining \$1,200 to be given to the Chapter Reparation Committee. Seattle will be the host for the PNWDC quarterly session to be held in December. The motion passes the Seattle Chapter floor to accept this responsibility. Chuck Kato who was appointed as PNWDC nominating committee is seeking candidates for District Governor position as well as for other District offices.

The Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs is due to expire in June unless Legislature passes HB 138, a bill extending expiration date of the Commission to June 30, 1983. The bill has passed the Senate state government committee. We urge you write the Legislature endorsing passage of this bill affecting 68,000 Asian Americans in this state.

SANSEI WRITER DISCUSSED EFFECTS OF TELEVISION ON CHILDREN ON LOCAL TV SHOW

Weston Nishimura appeared on KIRO TV's show, EYE ON THE NORTHWEST, April 10. Along with Dr. Micheal Rothenberg, Weston discussed the effects of television on children and the importance of schools and parents recognizing these effects and begin to deal with them. This half hour program was rebroadcast the following day. Weston Nishimura is Co-chairperson of "Puget Sound Action for Children's Television." He edits their bi-monthly newsletter which can be subscribed to for \$2.00. PSACT, P.O. Box 99, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

CENTENNIAL OF JAPANESE CHRISTIAN WORK IN NORTH AMERICA CELEBRATION OPEN HOUSE

The open house April 24th held at five Japanese Christian Churches in Seattle was a memorable event providing the opportunity for people to trace the history of Christian work among Japanese Americans. There were many varied old pictures, as well as narratives. Each display was uniquely creative. One documented historical events generally about the Japanese Americans from earliest immigration through the wartime experience of relocation camps and the magnificent patriotism of the now celebrated 442nd. There were on display such rare

CHRISTIAN CENTENNIAL OPEN HOUSE (Cont'd): objects as carvings made in the relocation camps during World War II (intricately made out of apple box ends, pork bone as well as mahogany furniture and plaques), a hand-printed Japanese Bible in calligraphy, an old typewriter used by one of the pioneer preachers, etc. Our display featured words and pictures from Eddie Sato of Chicago who in his thorough and painstaking manner sorted out from his late father's great collection many historical photographs and his hand printed detailed narrative.

--St. Peter's VALOR

NEWS ITEMS FROM KEIRO

Campaign Reaches \$419,000: Issei Concerns' drive to raise \$500,000 has reached the \$419,000 mark, according to Tosh Okamoto, campaign chairman.

Patient Census: The total number of patients at Keiro on April 28 was 45. Recent admissions include three patients from Spokane, Olympia and Tacoma.

Volunteers Do Yeoman Work: Seattle Keiro continues to be upgraded in appearance and operation through the generous services of volunteers. In recent weeks, 22 members of the Seattle Japanese Gardeners Association, under Mits Takahashi and Chuck Ikeda, planted 50 hanging Japanese cherry trees around three borders of the nursing home. The trees were donated by Knox Nomura of Sumner. The gardeners also trimmed the massive laurel hedge on the south side and disposed of the branches with a chopper loaned by Ohno Landscaping Co. Finally, they spread a thick layer of bark dust along the north side. The bark dust was furnished by Saw Dust Supply Co. at cost.

Taiyo Club members, under the leadership of Mits Abe, recently spent many hours installing light fixtures in patient rooms and putting up individual bulletin boards for patients. The bulletin boards were made by Lefty Ichihara, who has donated numerous wooden articles to Keiro.

Three 16-foot lightposts have been erected by a large crew of volunteers from Blaine Methodist Church and Keiro board and staff. The electrical equipment was donated by Kato Electric Co. Supervising the project were Terutada Kato and Kaz Ishimitsu.

The south wing of Keiro has come in for a lot of refurbishing. A Nichiren Buddhist Church work party cleaned the hall and rooms, while a group of volunteers from the Seattle Buddhist Church, directed by Jim Komura, installed baseboards and molding in the hallway and rooms. Keiro's official floor waxer, Russ Nakatsu, did his usual efficient job of re-waxing the floors.

All in all, thanks to volunteer services, Keiro looks better and better every time you visit.

BOEING EMPLOYEES' GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND IN \$9,000 GRANT TO ISSEI CONCERNS

The Boeing Employees' Good Neighbor Fund, demonstrating its traditional concern for and support of community projects, has voted to grant \$9,000 to Issei Concerns, founder and operator of the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home, for the purchase of many needed items.

The grant stipulates the purchase of the following items: an ice machine, a commercial freezer, a commercial refrigerator, side rails for 15 beds, 20 commode chairs, 40 overbed tables and 2 linen carts.

The Boeing Employees' Good Neighbor Fund is a separate organization of Boeing employees, which works in cooperation with The Boeing Company and local United Way agencies. The organization has a long and illustrious history of providing assistance to projects of numerous organizations and agencies in need of financial support. Mr. William R. Diefenderfer is president of the Boeing Employees' Good Neighbor Fund.

"We cannot find words to adequately express our appreciation to the Boeing Employees' Good Neighbor Fund for this truly generous gift," said Tomio Moriguchi, president of Issei Concerns. "This is another sterling instance of the great humanitarian contribution the Fund continues to make for the betterment of life in our community. Needless to say, with the sorely-needed items this grant will enable us to acquire, we shall be able to vastly improve the quality of care and service we can administer to our patients."

OPEN HOUSE

Beginning May 15, Saturday, and every Saturday thereafter, there will be "open house" at the Keiro Nursing Home, 1700 24th Ave. S., from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Persons interested in inspecting the facility are cordially invited to visit the home during those hours.

The Issei Concerns office, formerly located at temporary quarters at U wajimaya, has been moved to the nursing home. The phone number there is 325-0771. Kathy Mihara Cox is office secretary.

NEWS JOTTINGS: Navy Seaman Appren. Mark D. Ohashi, son of Mike M. Ohashis, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego where he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of Navy's 85 basic occupational fields. . . . Seven Seattle area high school seniors have won \$1,000 National Merit Scholarships including Sandra K. Hirano, daughter of Hank Hiranos, West Seattle High. . . . This year 25 Seattle Times staff members received awards for journalistic excellence in the annual press competition sponsored by the Western Washington Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists/Sigma Delta Chi. Press people have a high regard for these awards because they represent recognition of outstanding work judged by their peers. Included in awardee was Lee Moriwaki, reporter, 2nd place in Investigative reporting. . . .

35,000 member Washington Education Association at the assembly ending April 30 in Spokane

NEWS JOTTINGS (Cont'd): reelected Carol Coe of Northshore School Dist as president. The convention also presented awards for achievement in promotion or improvement of human relations to the Seattle Schools' ethnic-cultural heritage program, directed by Mako Nakagawa, program manager, and the Everett Herald and its Western Sun edition. . . . Julianne Kumasaka owns several of the beautiful, large cloth carp displayed each year on May 5 in honor of Japanese Boys' Day, according to Seattle Times story of May 1. When a couple's first son is born, they get a set of streamers (fukinagashi), a black carp (magoi) and a red carp (higoi). Another carp is added for each son born after that. Mrs. Kumasaka and her husband, Dr. Yukio Kumasaka, have a daughter, Joyce, 19, and two sons, Ken, 17 and Brian, 14. . . . 20 new principal assignments for Seattle Schools were set for next fall. Vice-principal assignments for magnet-program junior-high and middle schools included Aimee Shigaki to South Shore from Queen Anne. Also Cheryl Chow, Sharples Junior High vice principal has been named Sharples principal. . . .

The Washington State Federation of Women's Clubs recognized community service with a variety of awards given in its three-day annual convention, which ended April 30. Awardee included \$200 to use during their first year of college Jane M. Akita, Callesport, Central Washington State College. . . . University of Washington Medical Faculty Wives honored Lillian Horita as incoming vice president, and Jill McArthur as member at large, at the annual spring luncheon April 28. . . . Women's Auxiliary, Seattle-King County Dental Association, installed new officers April 25 including Mrs. Frank T. Hori. . . . 239 candidates passed the midyear state bar examination representing 68% of those taking the test in three-day examination in February. The successful applicants included Dan H. Kusaka of Seattle. . . .

King County Council decided to update certain kinds of regulations governing real-estate development. An ad hoc committee primarily made up of land development interests was established to come up with new guidelines. After two years the regulations were approved unanimously by the Council in the form of new short-plat subdivision ordinance. One person who is not particularly thrilled with the new ordinance is Julian Hiraki, county subdivision administrator. "When you buy land now (under the new system), it is 'buyer beware,'" Hiraki said. "It shouldn't be like that." He said the new regulations will be "pitting the average homeowner against a skilled land developer." Olympia--Someday a computer terminal may replace check book. A bill is in legislature in Olympia and cleared the House. Rep. John Sy Eng (D) Seattle expresses concern that consumer may lose their privacy. Eng, who attended confab in San Francisco on the problem raised by electronic fund transfer sees switch in the next 15 years. Eng will support it but wants precaution to protect consumers. . . .

MILESTONES: Fukuko I. Okamoto, 53, Mar. 13. Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, Shinano Dojin Kai. Survivors include: husband Takayoshi; daughter Jane Sachiko Okamoto, Seattle. . . . Sadamu (Sam) Takashima, 48, April 13. Services April 16. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Board of Directors, Kumamoto Club, Seattle Professional Engineering Employees Association, American Society of Nondestructive Testing. Survivors include: wife Kiyoko (Kay) Takashima; daughters, Ayn K. Takashima, Debra K. Takashima, Lori E. Takashima; mother Hanayo Takashima; brothers Mike Mamoru Takashima, Saratoga, CA. . . . Tomi Shimanaka. Services April 17 at the Japanese Congregational Church. Survivors include: son Kenji, Tokyo; daughter Mrs. Donald (Sally) Kazama, Seattle; seven grand children, three great grandchildren. . . . Toku Aoki, 78, April 20. Nichiren Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Meiji Kai, Shizuoka Kenjin Kai, Japanese Community Service, Hyaku Do Kai. Survivors include: daughter Mrs. Roy (Bette) Inui, Seattle; grandson Melvin R. Inui, Albany, CA; granddaughter Julie Ann Inui, Seattle and one brother in Japan. . . . Mitsuye Watanabe. Services April 26. Japanese Congregational Church. Survivors include: son Shigesato Okada, daughters Mrs. Edward (Eva) Osawa; Mrs. Boyce (Mary) Beardon; Mrs. Hideo (Ayako) Moroi, all Seattle. . . .

WASHINGTON STATE CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN

Seattle, April 25--Asian and Pacific women have formed a caucus in connection with the Washington State Women's Conference to be held in Ellensburg, July 8-10, according to Rita Fujiki Elway, vice-chair of the state coordinating committee. The caucus is identifying issues and developing strategies to implement their concerns.

"Employment, immigration, health care, education and social services are some of the issues that are crucial, especially for immigrant women and Asian wives of servicemen," said Delores Sibonga, Seattle attorney and Deputy Executive Secretary of the Washington State Human Rights Commission. Ms. Sibonga is also a member of the coordinating committee. Sponsored by the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year, the state and national conferences will make recommendations to the Congress and President Carter for the elimination of traditional barriers for women in many areas.

The state conference will be held on the campus of Central Washington State College. Women and men of all ages, occupations, income levels, cultural backgrounds and geographic locations are urged to attend. Workshops on such subjects as older women, credit, teenage pregnancy, female offenders and the legal status of homemakers will be held.

Scholarships covering registration (\$10), housing and meals (\$29) and/or transportation will be available on the basis of need. Applications should be directed to Lilly Aguilar, 309 Larson Bldg., Yakima, 98910, (509) 575-4262. Members of the Asian and Pacific Women's Caucus include: Marilyn Akita, Pat Diangson, Sally Kazama, and Mayumi Tsutakawa of Seattle; April West of Olalla, and Elaine Wong of Tacoma. Persons interested in the Asian and Pacific Women's Caucus may leave a message for the Caucus at the International Women's Year Office, 1632 2nd Ave., Room 6132, Mailstop 609, Seattle 98101, (206) 623-8696.

PAY YOUR DUES: Membership is off to a very fast start, according to chairman John H. Matsumoto. Regular membership are: single \$15.00; couple \$28.00; student \$6.00; 1000 Club \$35.00. Make your checks payable to: JACL, Seattle Chapter, 526 S. Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104. For any question on membership call John Matsumoto (232-0412) or (931-2228).

For some mysterious reason

the local Seattle Chapter membership has hovered around the 650-700 count for quite a few years. I say "mysterious" because if the JACL image or the chapter's programs are so bad, then why doesn't the membership drop -- and, conversely, if the Seattle Chapter does have something to offer, then why doesn't the membership increase? Interestingly, just about 100 or half of those who attended the PNW Retirement Conference last January were non-JACLers, which just goes to prove that if programs which interest the Nikkei community are offered, the case for joining JACL takes on a much stronger appeal.

Other inducements for membership which, through lack of publicity, may have been overlooked are the Blue Shield medical insurance which offers the benefit of group rates to those who don't belong to any employee group, and the JACL Credit Union, based in Salt Lake, which offers to members a consistently high rate of dividends (currently 6.5%) on share accounts, plus attractive loan and insurance programs. Aside from these, there are other goodies, such as travel, Pacific Citizen, scholarships, directory, 1000 Club golf tournaments, etc. In the old days the bowling tournaments used to bring in a sizeable membership increase.

Nation-wide the Seattle Chapter ranks in the top 10 in size, according to available statistics, with San Francisco, Gardena, West Los Angeles, San Jose, Sacramento, Chicago, and Sequoia chapters being among those which claim over 800 in membership. Considering that California reportedly has a population of over 200,000 Nikkei, then our percentage ratio of approximately 5% of the Seattle area Nikkei is not too shabby, I guess.

Speaking of travel --

judging by the full spread P.C. ads, travel seems to be the No. 1 priority in terms of interest to JACLers. The Seattle Chapter is getting into full gear with its April 1978 flight to Japan, so here's a reminder -- to take advantage of these low cost flights, one of the participants in the family must be a member of JACL at least six months prior to departure date, according to CAB regulations. For this junket, September 30 is the deadline for joining, and since JACL is on a calendar year, one might as well join as early as possible and receive the other advantages of membership pronto.

Speaking of "No. 1 priority" --

which, from the standpoint of national JACL commitment, should mean reparations, as reaffirmed for the third time at the Sacramento Convention, the issue apparently got short shrift at the recent National Board meeting it would appear from the timetable in the P.C. recently. It was revealing that the selection of the National Director consumed 5 hours, a review of travel guidelines took up 3 hours, and the matter of reparations was disposed of in merely one hour.

The lacklustre performance of the national office to date and their failure to take a firm lead in any action, betokens more an attitude of perfunctorily "going through the motions" than it does of strong commitment and leadership. From our viewpoint, the reparations drive now merely hangs in limbo and it will never reach the denouement stage where it can conclusively be termed a success, or a failure, until there is an intensive joint effort on the part of the National Director and the Washington representative, and if their time does not permit (although what else could be considered as higher priority?), then a specifically-hired staff person is needed to take over the reins, supplemented by volunteer efforts. We are too well aware of the sacrifices sustained by our Seattle committee in terms of personal expenses and time lost from work in their dedicated efforts. Sure, it'll take funds...any effective lobbying for legislation will. So the question is -- where do these funds come from?

An interesting angle in this connection was hatched when some members of the Seattle Redress Committee met with Gordon Hirabayashi recently. Recalling the effectiveness of the Iva Toguri brochure in educating the public and the media and its usefulness as an adjunct to the fund raising which was necessary, the idea then surfaced -- why not a brochure by Gordon, a recounting of his experiences and his recollections...in essence, his own unique story. Thirty-five long years have slipped by, the committee urged, and unless Gordon gets down to the task of putting it all down even on tape before it is too late, the book we all hope to see will never be written. At least this initial publication would be a start to recapture, record and document some of his historic experiences and individual insights. And as a tool for promoting the reparations campaign, it would have immeasurable appeal. Well, Gordon didn't say nay, and as we are all aware from his Installation Banquet speech, Gordon is 100% behind the redress drive...

Congratulations to Jiro Namatame, Roy Seko

and their crew for a handsome new directory! Those who missed receiving a copy may pick one up at the JACL office. Donations are pouring in steadily and more generously, apparently in deference to inflation and an awareness that printing and production costs have almost doubled. It's particularly touching to find so many of the Issei old folk making a special trip to the JACL office and while apologizing for having so little to give, they tuck a few dollars of what must be a sustenance Social Security income into an envelope. Were it not that it might offend their pride, we wish we could urge them to accept the copy with our compliments.

- May 18--Regular JACL meeting, 7:45 p.m. at the JACL office
- May 24-26--Asian American Education Conference to be held at the Olympic Hotel and the Seattle Center. The bilingual conference is being hosted by the Bilingual Technical Assistance Center in Tacoma in conjunction with other agencies. Workshops and lectures as well as display scheduled for May 24 in the Spanish Ballroom from 3-7 p.m. featuring material from Seattle's program and Asian American newspapers and magazines.
- May 30--28th annual NVC Community Memorial Day Service from 10 a.m. at the Lake View Cemetery. Chaplain John H. Matsumoto and Shig Kozu, Special Service Officer, will be in charge. The 21-foot monument of rainbow granite from the quarries of Coldspring, Minn., is located in the northeast section of the cemetery. Special speaker on the program.
- June 3--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Allow one week for delivery. Notices effective before June 9 will not be printed. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements to: c/o (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle 98105.
- June 2, 3, 4, 5, 6--Greater Seattle Japanese Community Queen Contest Committee benefit movie at Toyo Cinema with "Torasan Love under Umbrella," and the psychological drama with hospital setting entitled "Yoten (Freezing Point)," Thurs. 1 time at 7 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 6 & 9:30 (twice); Sun. 6 & 7:30 (1½ times); Mon. 7 p.m. (1 time).
- June 4--New extended application deadline for Japanese Community Queen candidates.
- June 8--Newsletter mailout night at JACL office from 7:10 p.m.
- June 11--Japanese Community Queen selection ceremony and tea at Bush Garden Restaurant, 1-4 p.m. No admission charge.
- June 29-July 3--Mas Satow Memorial Handicap Bo ling Tournament. Hi Akagi is tournament chair, 1824 Walnut St. Alameda, CA 94501. All events, functions and housing will be in the San Francisco Japantown area. Tournament begins June 29 with a mixer and ends with award dance July 3. John Matsumoto has application form. Call 232-0412 or 931-2228.
- July 8-10--Wash. State Conference for Women and Asian and Pacific Women's Caucus at CWSC.
- July 23, 24--Bon Odori Festival.
- July 31--The 6th annual JACL Thousand Club Golf Tournament at Jackson Golf Course co-chaired by Roy and Jo Sakamoto. Committee also includes Toru Sakahara, Kiyo Sakahara, George Kawachi, Fred Takagi and Kimi Nakanishi.
- Aug. 6--Chinatown parade.

Orientation for "Let's Fly to Japan in Springtime of '78" got off to a good start in an evening social April 26. Ryo Inouye, Seattle Times copy desk chief, recent guest of Japan sponsored tour, had words of advice. Kyushu is the most beautiful of the islands, he said. It's good to carry business card to introduce yourself. They love it. Be prepared financially. On the scare story of Japan, they're true, he said. Al Shimoguchi, JAL representative said there are ways to get around high cost by knowing where to go. Keiko Hart, Miki Kawaguchi and Kent Kawaguchi were also present. Very colorful travel film was shown together with Japan style refreshments. Harry Kadoshima acted as MC for the evening.

New names to add to the list of those interested or planning to go are: Tom and Kay Hirai, Sono Hoshi, Ken Nogaki, Pat Rath, Barb Robinette, Miyo Kiba, Albert & Ethel Bloom, Peggy Mitchell, George and Marian Nomaguchi and Charlene Nomaguchi, James E. Mason, Dr. Elsie Bankol (Walnut Creek, CA), Mrs. Sumi Ikeda (Portland), Tomoko Ono (Vancouver, WA), Janet Fujitomi (Beaverton, Ore.).

Greater Seattle Community Queen Contest in case you have been wondering--the application deadline has been postponed to June 4. The Queen selection will take place June 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bush Garden Restaurant. There will be no admission charge. The applicants must be between 18 and 22. She must not have reached 23rd birthday by July 30, 1977. She must be available for various Japanese community events such as dedication ceremonies, community festivities and meeting visiting dignitaries as well as participating in Seafair events. Application forms available at Japanese churches or from Greater Seattle Japanese Queen Committee, Inc., 2304 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle 98144. Last year's candidates who did not place are also eligible. Terry Nakano is president of the committee. For information call 325-6555.

The Ad Hoc Nisei Retirement Committee held a community wide meeting at Jefferson Park Fieldhouse April 28 with Dr. Calvin Takagi presiding. About 40 were in attendance. It was felt that JACL should not take the lead but should be community centered with groups like golf clubs, NVC, churches, and the like would project more interest. The problem is to build continuity. Blaine Methodist already has financial planning study program. Don Kazama mentioned that nutrition program as an example of humble beginning blossoming into a success. The area of retirement subject matters were listed and volunteers were named from the floor to get the program in each area moving, such as health (physical & emotional), family relations, leisure time, second career, sexuality, Nisei women, etc.

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JACL 1978 SPRING TOUR TO JAPAN

TRAVEL BULLETIN

The dates are set for the JACL 1978 Spring Tour to Japan! On April 1, JACL members will fly from Seattle to Vancouver to connect with a Japan Airlines 747 non-stop flight to Tokyo.

The return flight is scheduled for April 24. This means that JACL tour members will have over 3 weeks in Japan to tour and visit friends and relatives.

For those of you who are interested in taking a tour with other JACL members, the JACL Travel Committee and Kawaguchi Travel Service have just finished developing three customized tours for JACL members only.

"JAPAN HIGHLIGHTS" is the tour that is a must for all first time visitors to Japan. This tour includes such highlights as:

- a barbecue luncheon at the Chinzanzo Garden Restaurant in Tokyo.
- a day excursion to Nikko to see the site of the historic Toshogu Shrine.
- a visit to Kamakura, capital city of the middle ages and home of the immense Daibutsu.
- a look at the Mikimoto Pearl Island.
- a view of the Golden Pavillion in Kyoto.
- a ride on the world's fastest train between Kyoto and Hiroshima.

"JAPAN ADVENTURES" is the tour that is designed for the return visitor to Japan.

In addition to including the familiar sites of Tokyo and Kyoto, it features the Japan Sea Coast. This area, although popular among the Japanese, has yet to be discovered by a majority of American tourists. Some highlights of this tour are:

- a look at the sand dunes of Tottori.
- a visit to Matsue known by many Japanese as the "City of Water".
- a hot springs bath in Tamatskuri.
- a view by cable car of Amanohashidate, one of the three most scenic spots in Japan.

"THE KYUSHU EXTENSION" is an optional extension for those wishing to visit the Southern Island of Kyushu after either of the two tours, "Japan Highlights" and "Japan Adventures". The Kyushu Extension itinerary includes:

- Beppu
- Miyazaki
- Kagoshima
- Ibusuki
- Fukuoka

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