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EVERYONE WELCOME, REFRESHMENTS AS IN PAST YEARS

A VERY SHORT MEETING PRECEDES AND PRESIDED BY

PRESIDENT TED T. TANIGUCHI

BRING YOUR FRIENDS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ted T. Taniguchi, President, Seattle Chapter

Another year in the dynamic history of the Seattle JACL is coming to a close. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your president for 1978. The experience has been gratifying and challenging.

The activities and programs of the "maverick" (?) Seattle Chapter are recognized and talked about more by members of other JACL chapters around the country than by its own general membership and the Nikkei within our community. Perhaps this has been because of the chapter's "issue" orientation rather than serving as another social organization within our community. The programs for the year have emphasized an awareness of Nikkei to community concerns - education, school desegregation, housing, employment, retirement, elderly, police relations and so on. Whether the Nikkei community recognizes and accepts it or not, Seattle JACL is called upon and does present these concerns to the general community and to governmental agencies.

The national program adopted at the Salt Lake City convention includes three R's - Redress, Retirement and a Relevant organization. In a number of ways, the Seattle Chapter has been involved in planting the seed, cultivating and nurturing these programs to their present status. On redress, who is more knowledgeable than Henry Miyatake? Henry and Ron Mamiya now serve on the National Redress Committee. Who has been more involved on Nisei retirement planning than Min Masuda? He has participated in many of the retirement workshops conducted thus far by JACL chapters and other organizations, and now chairs the national committee in this area. It was the Seattle Chapter, I believe, who first called attention to needed changes in the national constitution in terms of relevancy to contemporary needs and concerns. These ideas have gained support from other chapters to the point now that a national constitutional convention will be held in 1980 to adopt a new Constitution and Bylaws for JACL.

As each president leaves office, he feels that he perhaps could have and should have done a little bit more for the organization. I, too, have this feeling. The commitment shown by a number of our members, relatively small in relation to our total membership, and their dedication and support of the organization have been outstanding. There was no way that I could keep up with them in their contribution of time and effort to the organization. To each of them, I thank you very much from all of us.

Last year, president Cherry Kinoshita mentioned membership involvement. It is my hope that more of our members, who already are supportive of JACL, will become more involved and participate in its activities and projects. The response to the "Day of Remembrance" in Puyallup was simply wonderful. It also shows the potential for membership recruitment with meaningful activities and programs. The Seattle Chapter needs and deserves the continued support of all of us. Let us join the ranks of the C.I.A. - COMMITMENT, INVOLVEMENT AND ACTION - to make our organization truly relevant and responsive to the needs and concerns of all of us.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. It will be great to be a "HAS BEEN"!

ASTRONAUT ONIZUKA TO BE JACL BANQUET SPEAKER JAN. 19

JACL installation-recognition banquet will be held Friday, Jan. 19 at the Bush Garden Restaurant. Sasei astronaut Capt. Ellison S. Onizuka, U.S. Air Force, will be the keynote speaker.

Capt. Astronaut is the native of Kona, Hawaii and received bachelor and master of science degrees in Aerospace Engineering in June and December 1969, respectively, from the Univ of Colorado. He is married to former Leiko Yoshida of Pahala, Hawaii and have two children.

Onizuka entered on active duty with the U.S. Air Force in January 1970 and as an aerospace flight test engineer with the Sacramento Air Logistics Center at McClellan Air Force Base, California, he participated in flight test programs and systems safety engineering for the F-84, F-100, F-105, F-111, Ec-121T, T-33, T-39, T-28, and A-1 aircraft. He attended the U.S.A.F. Test Pilot School from Aug. 1974 to July 1975, receiving formal academic and flying instruction in performance, stability and control, and systems flight testing of aircraft.

Capt. Onizuka was selected as an astronaut candidate by NASA in January 1978 and, in July, commenced a 2-year training and evaluation program to qualify for subsequent assignment as a mission specialist on future space shuttle flight crews. Tickets will cost \$12.50 per person.

INSTALLATION BANQUET (Cont'd): Roy Ogasawara is banquet chairperson.

FROM THE BOARD:

Don Kazama reported on the school board. Under the new interpretation of bilingual education, persons mastering English will get kicked out of the bilingual program. "It is hard to say what this will mean," Don said. King County government under Executive Spellman is moving towards using U.S. Immigration Building just south of International District as County jail facilities. Spellman also has budget for construction of 300-500 bed for jail facilities across from the King County Administrative Building to be used as "work release" program.

Ron Mamiya, board member and president of International District Economic Association, said projected construction facilities just outside International District will overwhelm the existing International District residences and is opposed by downtown association. Both the proposed new jail facilities across the King County Administration building and the use of U.S. immigration building issue is outside the International Review Board District.

Pacific Northwest District Council note: Chuck Kato is the new vice chair for the PNWDC. Each JACL chapter in the PNWDC will be assessed \$1.00/member. Previous rate was 50¢/member. Don Kazama said we should have a voting right on this issue. District Council has budget already approved by mail vote including \$4,800 for part-time secretary. Spokane Chapter said the article in the Spokane paper is inaccurate and will go ahead with the litigation against the W.S.U. Total number of family unit taking group health plan through JACL in the PNWDC is only 122. Gresham-Troutdale will host the next meeting. PNWDC has put up \$500 for the expense of sponsoring "A Day of Remembrance." Seattle Mayor Charles Royer has signed the proclamation for this "Remembrance." Ben Nakagawa is taking care of transportation including army trucks, and buses. Frank Fujii made the logo for the "Day of Remembrance" of one-two-three (ichi-ni-san) intertwined with barbed wire.

Bob Santos of the International District Improvement Association (Inter*im) reviewed the state of the I.D. He described the success in developing 365 renovated housing units with two new buildings. He hopes for 225 rehab units for elderly by the renovation of old hotels. Port of Seattle is reviving interest in the Union Station facility for multi-modal transportation center. Port of Seattle has not included community input, Santos said. Already we have 32 bus routes daily with peak of 200 busses impacted by noise, congestion and air pollution. City Council has to approve Federal funding before action for any feasibility study. Santos asked JACL for support by writing to City Council not to appropriate money for study by the Port of Seattle. YMCA-YWCA has an eye on the Union Station for its future home. Motion passed by board supporting Inter*im on its opposition to Port of Seattle's study funding. Dr. Minoru Masuda suggested that when City Council has the hearing on this study fund request that JACL be present to make presentation and to give visibility and verbal testimony.

Ken Nakano said the atomic survivors bill in Congress got tabled. Unfortunately the key supporter was involved in the mini-Watergate.

NEWS JOTTINGS: John Nagamatsu of Ingraham high tied with S. Kealy of Blanchet for fifth place in the AAA Metro prep final in golf tournament held Nov. 8 . . . The Washington State Chapter of the American Public Works Association announced 1979 officers at a fall conference held in Walla Walla Sept. 28. Kenneth Fujiki, senior vice president of URS Co. of Seattle was elected vice president . . . State legislative election Nov. 7: 37th District House Position 1--John Sy Eng (D) 9668, John Gilmore (R) 3,699; 39th District House Position 2--Gary H. Scott (D) 10,978, Paul Shinoda, Jr. (R) 6,470 . . .

MILESTONES: Misuzu Natori Shiotsugu, 75, Oct. 8. Wife of Goro, Seattle. Mother of Lillian Hisako Hashimoto, Monterey Park, Calif.; Alice Akiko Tanaka and Thomas Kagi, both Spokane. Sister of Miyoshi Yorita, Seattle. Also ten grandchildren, two great-grandchildren . . . Sute Kojima (Mercer Island), 89, Oct. 12. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Ohmi Club. Survivors include: sons Izo Koki Kojima, Mercer Island; and Masao Kojima, Bellevue; daughter Mrs. Irving (Chiyo) Cowen, Chicago, eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren . . . Sugiyo Fukuma, 73, Oct. 15. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Hiroshima Club. Survivors include: sons Kay K. Fukuma and Michael M. Fukuma, both Seattle; daughter Mrs. Chester (Martha) Murakami, Mercer Island; two brothers and two sisters in Japan; eight grandchildren . . .

Yukie Harada, 62, Oct. 19. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship; Goji Kai; Fukuoka Kenjin Kai; Yamaguchi Kenjin Kai; Seattle Japanese Apt and Hotel Assn; United Garment Workers; Hyaku Do Kai. Survivors include: husband Charles; son Calvin M. Harada; daughter Mrs. George (Frances) Kobayashi; granddaughter Sheryl M. Kobayashi; brother Sam S. Haraguchi, all Seattle. Two brothers and three sisters in Japan . . . Matsu Koshi. Services Oct. 24. Seattle First Baptist Church, Simpson Methodist Church (Denver). Survivors include: nine children, Ruth Inouye, Sedgwick, Colo.; George Koshi, Seattle; Michi Koshi, Lily Collicott, Yuki Wakabayashi, all Denver, Colo.; Paul Koshi, Woodward, Okla.; James Koshi, Mogan, Iran; Peter Koshi, Seattle and Samuel Koshi, Tumwater. 23 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren . . . Koisa Endo, 83, Oct. 22. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship; Hiroshima and Fukushima Clubs, Kokusai Shigin Kai. Survivors include: daughters Mrs. Kleon (Miyo) LeFever, NYC; Mrs. Hisako Oshiko, Hiroshima; two grandchildren; three sisters in Japan . . . Jack T. Hori, 64, Oct. 23. Seattle Buddhist Church, National Assn of Letter Carriers, VFW Post (Renton). Survivors include: wife Satoko; sons Jay Hori and Michael Hori; daughter Cathy S. Hori; one granddaughter; father Shigeichi Hori, all Seattle; brother, Dr. Frank T. Hori, Mercer Island; sisters Mrs. Min (Mary) Nakamura, Ontario, Ore. and Mrs. Robert (Amy) Seko, Mercer Island . . . Genichi Nakagawa, 90, Nov. 4. White River Buddhist Church. Survivors include: Fred I. Nakagawa, Tokyo; Jiro Nakagawa, South Bend; Sam Nakagawa, Spokane;

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COMMITTEE FOR INTERNMENT CREDIT

Don Kazama, Chapter chair for the Civil Service Retirement Credit Committee, says the next thrust is to give credit for internees who were under 18 and worked in some capacity in the W.R.A. camp. Seattle JACL supports this move. Congress passed law as interpreted says Oct. 1, 1, 1978 is the effective date but persons late in applying for internment credit becomes effective on Dec. 1. The committee is pushing to make the effective date retroactive to Oct. 1. Letters should be addressed to Sen. Henry Jackson. Don wants everyone working in Federal Civil Service or Post Office and also having worked in the camp while under 18 years of age to send in the following form to C.I.C., 487 23rd Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121.

QUESTIONNAIRE: C.I.C. SURVEY AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1978

Name: _____ Telephone (Area Code _____) _____

Address: _____ PRESENT FEDERAL AGENCY: _____

1) In what year did you start Federal Civil Service? _____ 2) In what year will/did you retire? _____ 3) What will be your estimated salary for retirement annuity computation? \$ _____

4) When did you turn 18? (mo/yr): _____

5) How long were you in camp?: year(s) _____ month(s) _____

A. Assembly camp: from _____ to _____ (mo/yr)

B. Relocation Camp: from _____ to _____ (mo/yr)

6) Did you work while in Camp? If so: _____

A. Volunteer (no pay) - explain type of work: _____

B. Assigned position: Jobs, Tasks accomplished - explain type of work (\$12/\$19 per month) _____

7. Atw _____

7. At what assembly center and/or relocation camp(s) were you interned? _____

Please return to C.I.C., 487 23rd Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121.

NEWS JOTTINGS (Cont'd): Kazuo Nakagawa, Lompoc, CA; George Nakagawa, Honolulu and Ben Nakagawa, Seattle; daughters, Mrs. Yoshio (Toshiko) Katayama, Seattle and Mrs. Mitsuo (Betty) Katayama, Los Angeles; 21 grandchildren and two great grandchildren . . . Kameki Sakata. Memorial service Nov. 4. St. Alphonsus Covent. Beloved father of Clara Stewart, Yuriko A. Sakata, Nobuko J. Arao and Kazuko M. Masunaga, all Seattle; Hideo Sakata, of Japan . . . Hisano Okada, 80, Nov. 5. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship. Survivors include: sons Pete H. Okada and George C. "Jake" Okada, both Seattle . . . Tatsumi Sato, 92, Nov. 6. Japanese Baptist Church, Seattle Japanese Hotel & Apt Owner's Assn; Fukushima Club. Survivors include: wife, Koto; sons, Yonetaro Sato, Seattle; Yojo Sato, Chicago; Keiji Sato, Tatsuo Sato; daughters Mrs. Fred (Michiko) Omaru; Mrs. Hiroko Yoshida, all Seattle. 11 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren. One sister in Japan . . . Kitaro Tsuchida, 75, Nov. 8 . . . Ray Kenichi Kondo, 34, Nov. 13. Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, Machinist AFL/CIO, Highline Community College Basketball team. Survivors include: parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nobuo Kondo; brothers George Kondo, Chalres Kondo, all Seattle; sister Mrs. Calvin (Lorraine) Hashibata, Newport Hills, WA . . . Tsuyoshi Nagano. Services Nov. 15. Seattle Koyasan Buddhist Church, Oregon Shin-No In, Okayama Club, Japanese Gardeners Assn. Survivors include: wife Masako, sons Sumio Nagano, Michael H. Nagano; daughters Ann Y. Nagano; Susan R. Nagano; sister Mrs. Umeyo Konma, Japan . . . Kiwa Furuta. Services Nov. 18. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship; Kumamoto Kenjin Kai; Hyaku Do Kai. Survivors include: son Charles M. Furuta, Seattle; daughter Mrs. (Rosie M.) Sakaguchi, Bellevue. Five grandchildren, nine great grandchildren . . . Nisaburo Echigo. Private services held Nov. 18. JACL. Survivors include: wife, Mrs. Kosuki Echigo; son, Keishi Echigo, Bellevue; daughters, Mrs. Richard (Yuriko) Marsh, Bainbridge Island; Mrs. Richard (Betty Sumiko) Marriott, Juneau, Alaska. Five grandchildren . . . Konji Sahara. Private family services Nov. 25. Survivors include: mother Mrs. Mami Sahara, and brother Frank Sahara, both Seattle . . .

GROUP HEADED BY TAUL WATANABE INTERESTED IN SEATTLE MARINERS

A group headed by Taul Watanabe is trying to buy the Seattle Mariners baseball team, according to Dec. 1 The Seattle Times. "Watanabe, vice president of the executive department of Burlington Northern Inc., and a member of the Univ. of Washington Board of Regents, confirmed he has talked with some of the partners among the six Mariner owners. Watanabe, who once was interested in a National Hockey League franchise for Seattle, said, 'We are in the second stage of negotiations. That means we are talking price, always a problem, of course.' Watanabe, a resident of Bellevue, said, 'I've always been interested in professional sports and I've always marveled at how sports-minded Seattle is.'"

In Dec. 2 Seattle Post Intelligencer the story said Walter Schoenfeld, one of the six partners on Dec. 1 has time to pooh-pooh a statement by Taul Watanabe that most or maybe all of the present ownership is looking for exits. As of Dec. 3, the Seattle Mariners' ownership lineup remains unchanged.---o---

- Dec. 16--Seattle Chapter JACL brief meeting from 7:45 p.m. followed by annual Christmas social. Refreshments for social as in past years. JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., Room 109. Bring your friends for the social. Everyone welcome.
- Dec. 23--Greater Seattle Japanese Queen Committee Pre-Christmas Disco with a theme "Wishing on a Star," at Holiday Inn Convention Center, 11211 Main Street in Bellevue. Exit 8th Street West on 405. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. \$3.50 in advance and \$4.00 at the door.
- Dec. 31--Annual New Year's Eve party sponsored by Nisei Veterans Committee.
- Jan. 13--The annual luncheon hosted by the NVC for the senior citizens of the community. Tosh Okamoto, chairperson.
- Jan. 5--Deadline for newsletter. Allow one week for delivery. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements to: c/o (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle 98105.
- Jan. 19--The annual JACL installation and awards banquet at Bush Garden Restaurant with Sansei Astronaut Capt. Ellison Onizuka of the U.S. Air Force as speaker. \$12.50 per person. Astronaut Onizuka will be here at least two days before the banquet hoping to meet with Sansei groups. Roy Ogasawara is banquet chairperson.
- June 23-28--National Veterans Reunion in Honolulu to be held at Sheraton-Waikiki.

LARGE COMMUNITY TURNOUT FOR "A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE"

"A Day of Remembrance" simulated the uprooting of about 7,200 Nikkei back in the spring of 1942, some 36 years ago. The program began at Sick's Stadium in Seattle with registration and issuance of yellow name tags. 300 cars were assembled led by two army trucks and 2 army buses. The slow procession of car caravan with headlights in "on" position entered Interstate 5 from the Dearborn St. entrance escorted by five State troopers. Exit was made on 142B entering Highway 161 to Puyallup Fairgrounds, and site of Camp Harmony, home for uprooted Nikkei for four months.

The program began with flag raising ceremony. Dr. Minoru Masuda was M/C. Rev. Dr. Paul M. Nagano said the evacuation of Nikkei "made a mockery of citizenship and of human decency." Dr. Nagano himself was incarcerated in Arizona camp. Shosuke Sasaki read sample excerpt of his diary covering the first three days of the camp life. Speaker Mayor Charles Royer recalled he was only 3 when it happened. "It's good that we take time out so we can look back in terms of the present." Mayor Royer said, "It's time to hold this country's feet to the fires of the past. I'll be with you in your fight."

Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, Prof. of sociology, Univ. of Alberta, said back in the evacuation days he was accused that there will be reprisal if he carried out his plan of refusing to be evacuated and rocking the boat. He said he hears similar voices today in the redress campaign. On the \$25,000 goal, with inflated prices, Hirabayashi asked, how many of us today will be willing to be uprooted into an unknown for four years behind barbed wires, referred not as a citizen but as persons of Japanese ancestry? Money is merely symbolic, he said. Nisei and Issei strategy earlier in history was to keep quiet and the process was done with such dignity, it became revered. We should take active participation in citizenship and we have the opportunity to do so in the Redress campaign, Hirabayashi said.

State Supreme Court Justice Jim Dolliver said his part in the revocation of Executive Order 9066 was his most satisfying event of his public life. Justice Dolliver gave credit to former Gov. Dan J. Evans and past President Ford for making this possible. Justice Dolliver gave special recognition to Ruth Yoneyama Woo for her diligence, faith and persistence in her part in convincing the State executives to take action in the revocation of E.O. 9066.

The next speaker was Monica Sone, author of "Nisei Daughter." She is former Kazuko Itoi. Congressman-elect Mike Lowry was present at Sick's Stadium. He sent telegram which was read during the program expressing support on Redress and meaningful legislation.

Shosuke Sasaki introduced George Townsend, former assistant in Minidoka; representative for State Attorney-General office; Ann Fisher of Riverton Height (author of 'Exile of a Race,'); Genji Mihara; Sue Embrey of Los Angeles, chair of Manzanar Committee; Carl Nobuyuki; Dr. Cliff Uyeda; John Tateishi (National Redress Chairman); and Ron Mamiya, legislative committee chairperson for National Redress Committee. Appreciation plaques were given to American Friends Service Committee, accepted by Dr. Floyd Schmoe; and to Mr. Shigeru Osawa, oldest Nisei in the Pacific Northwest, for gratitude and appreciation in his service to the community. Other participants in the program included Dean Charles Z. Smith, Mrs. Amy Uno Ishii, Lawson Fusao Inada (author of poetry book). Program participants included Lonny Kaneko, Amy Sanbo, Mako, Pat Morita and Meiji Kai. Slide shows were given by Jack Yamaguchi and Amy Uno Ishii. Photo exhibit was the work of John Harada. Also present were Louis Guzzo, Frank Broulitt, City Attorney Doug Jewett, Councilwoman Ruby Chow, Repres. Gene Lux, Councilman John Miller and others.

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