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SEATTLE CHAPTER TO MEET THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

The regular Seattle Chapter meeting will be held this Wednesday, March 19 from 8 p.m. at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St. President Lindbergh Sata will preside. Everyone is welcome to attend and make their pitch.

Audio-visual project "The Issei Women," directed by the three graduate students of the School of Social Work at the Univ. of Wash. has requested \$300.00 from the Seattle Chapter. This will be the Sansei version on the study of Japanese immigrant women from Japan from the time they left the old world and their problems, and contributions as they tried to adjust to the new environment.

Harry Kadoshima, vice president, stated that this was kind of an emotional thing. "Are we an funding arm?" he asked. Vice president Cherry Kinoshita said, "We should not vote when we're emotionally high but the request should be decided by the committee since the question needs further study." Jerry Shigaki said May 31 is the deadline for slide project and they have already spent \$500.00. Shigaki emphasized that fund is needed as soon as possible. The motion was made to vote at the next meeting and it was made clear that this was not tabling of the motion. Ken Nakano said in view of the forthcoming 200th anniversary celebration, we would support such project.

Tak Kubota for some time has been questioning who has the right to vote at the board meeting. Some of the members may have lost out in the election but they may get chairmanship of the committee carrying vote privileges. Another interpreter of the by-laws has only selected committee list with chairperson having voting privileges. The matter was referred to Toru Sakahara who said we should create a small subcommittee to study this problem further.

A letter was sent to Gov. Dan Evans asking support for the community program during the coming visit of Emperor Hirohito to Seattle area.

Bill 52 was discussed which has wavers for certain non-resident foreign student such as Japanese nationals here whose family is assigned in this area on business assignment. There were so many questions the matter was tabled.

Recording secretary Tom Koizumi was lamenting the fact that the Chinese community has been receiving tremendous publicity space in the media in recent months. Yet the only time the Japanese community gets the big play is during such unhappy episodes such as the Noel Noguchi and Johnny I. Okihara incidents. Koizumi urged that we get our publicity arm re-organized and to correct the poor scorecard of the Japanese community mediawise.

Nemesio D. Domingo Jr., Kyle Kinoshita, Clark Kido and Elaine Ko made the pitch to the board member as they represented the Alaska Cannery Workers Association in their campaign to fight for the survival of the International District's in its historical setting and flavor. They mentioned of the encouraging response on the petition campaign. Details on the demonstration at the suite of County Executive Spellman as well as the eight demands were elaborated.

Dedicated Randy Foy spoke on the recruiting program to get more Asian fireman into the Seattle Fire Department. The volunteer instructor will prepare would-be applicants for the civil service firemen examination. Monday and Thursday four-hour week course will continue for five months. This will include physical test program and drilling on the weakness of the individual would-be applicants. Any person wishing more detail on the Asian firemen training program should contact President Sata.

The Seattle Chapter voted to support the eight demands of the Alaska Cannery Workers Association. Details were covered in the February issue.

President Sata released the names of committee members for the 1976 years. The names were selected on the basis of familiarity with the particular job description. The committee members are: officers job description--Takako Yoda, Henry Miyatake, George Hom, Midori Uyeda; anti-defamation--Mary Fujita, Michiko Fujii, Charles Z. Smith, Sharon Maeda; program committee--Bill Kawahara, Dr. Joseph Okimoto, Connie Asaka, Sam Shoji; scholarship committee--John Matsumoto, Helen Akita, Tomio Moriguchi, Gerald Yuasa; recognition and awards--Cherry Kinoshita, Toru Sakahara, Mas Tomita, Art Kono; membership--Eira Nagaoka, Tak Kubota, Shosuke Sasaki, Gil Hirabayashi; 1000 Club--Richard Ishikawa, Mitch Matsudaira, Terry Nakano, Harry Kadoshima; ethnic cultural center--Kimi Nakanishi, Jiro Namatame, Teresa Fujiwara, Chuck Kato; and nominations--Tom Koizumi, Art Yorozu, Lloyd Hara, Y.K. Kuniyuki.

Mako Nakagawa and May Sasaki as well as Patti Shimomura, Kim Sasaki and Becky Sasaki were the overworked mailout crew which ran into difficulty during the change in the administration. The work continued well after 10 p.m. The January crew should receive special citation. Last months February crew were better organized recruitmentwise. In attendance were Vincent Tom, May Sasaki, Audrey Matsudaira, Tom Akada, Patti Shimomura, Kim Sasaki, Becky Sasaki, Sam Shoji, Eira Nagaoka and Ron Hirata.

ON JACL NEWSLETTER'S REDUCED FORMAT

Seattle JACL Reporter will operate on emergency status for at least two issue. The
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ACROSS THE BOARD

-- by Tomio Moriguchi, National Treasurer

A college professor, a college student, a couple of social workers, an engineer, salesman, politician, businessman and a government worker are what you have when the Executive Committee of the National JACL is shoved into a room. This body, "EXECOM", "shall, during the interim that the National Board is not in session, be responsible for and conduct such functions of the National Board as designated and authorized by the National Board." In addition to the seven elected officers, the chairperson of the District Governor's Caucus and the chairperson of the National Youth Council make up the EXECOM. As the elected National Treasurer, my "businessman" input to this executive body is a very interesting and gratifying experience. As representatives of the National Board, we must implement the resolutions and decisions of the National Council. In these efforts, we do not deserve a very good grade. This may be, since the EXECOM shall also act as a personnel Advisory Committee (if one is not formally constituted, and one wasn't), we have been devoting a lot of time to personnel matters. As the Pacific Citizen states, there are a lot of problems in our personnel make-up. Geometric increase in personnel and budget has brought about tremendous pressure to the office of the Executive Director and other new staff members the past couple of years.

Is it a realistic anticipation -- what the director and staff are expected to do? Yes, if one expects in miracles. No, if one realizes the human, physical and achievement capacities of the staff. Then, what's the problem?

1. Over-extension of staff and resources.
2. Lack of proper communication with staff, officers and membership.
3. Failure to comply with established procedures.
4. Failure to touch base with Regional Staff and National Officers often enough.

These, very briefly, are the concerns we are focusing on at this time. Only the tip of the iceberg.

Since these failures only point to the problems -- the cause of the problems, what are they?

1. Inadequate organizational and administrative skills.
2. Lack of effective leadership.

Finally, suppose the problems and causes for same are as stated, what now? Are administrative skills, quality leadership acquired, learned--through education or experience? I personally feel that education and experience are very important. However, a basic credibility and integrity are essential before these skills can be administered effectively.

Credibility and integrity are a whole new set of parameters. Can these be measured? How would you measure it? Does one measure them equally as one does administrative skills and leadership? Very interesting and challenging points I must deal with as a member of the EXECOM. Your thoughts on these and any concerns of the JACL at any level are always welcomed.

SEATTLE JACL PRESIDENT VOICES CONCERNS OVER STADIUM IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT

At a public hearing held by the King County Council on Feb. 26 to review the proposed 13.5 million dollar loan which the County seeks from 8 local banks for completion of the stadium, Seattle JACL President Lindbergh Sata urged that the Council "defer issues regarding financing until the needs of the citizens in the International District are examined and resolved." Sata joined with 21 other individuals and representatives of groups in airing concerns over the negative impact of the stadium upon the International District. One lone supporter appeared before the Council in favor of the financing proposal for completion of the stadium. The Committee for Corrective Action, a group concerned with the needs of the residents of the International District, requested the attendance of opposition speakers.

Sata stated that "...those who are most directly impacted by the stadium have again become the victims of benign neglect. It is unconscionable to proceed with issues of financing which places further tax burdens on the public, without first addressing those legitimate concerns within the International District. After all, it is the people within the International District who will be directly affected by the stadium and who are further threatened with displacement under the guise that the stadium will be an asset to all residents of King County. Several years ago I heard the statement that in this country God is not white or black or purple but in reality and based on the behaviors of people, God is green. As soon as fiscal solutions are found construction will proceed and human needs will be ignored. If such is the operational premise of the County Council I believe the Council should defer issues regarding financing until the needs of the citizens in the area immediately adjacent to the stadium are examined and resolved. I join the position of the Alaska Canner Workers Assn. and the Committee for Corrective Action in opposing the 13.5 million dollar loan until the human concerns are appropriately addressed."

STATE LEGISLATOR JOHN SY ENG DESIRES INPUT ON LEGISLATION

Representative John Sy Eng has communicated his concern as well as his wish that the JACL community contact him regarding legislative activities in Olympia. Without sufficient input, reports Eng, it is exceedingly difficult to represent his Asian constituency and once legislative action is taken, it is too late to express concerns.

The toll free phone number for messages to be left for Representative Eng is:

1-800-562-6000

SEATTLE CHAPTER PROTESTS BIGOTED OREGONIAN ARTICLE

Strong reaction among the Nikkei communities in the Pacific Northwest to an article by Gerry Pratt titled, "Only Japs Ate Shiners" which was published in the Feb. 2 Northwest Magazine of the Sunday Oregonian, was apparent by the numerous letters to the editor protesting the racist tone of the article. Excerpts of letters from the JACL Portland Chapter President, Dr. James Tsujimura, and Regional Director Stan Kiyokawa, among others, appeared in print. There was also a letter of protest from James O. Brooks, Executive Director of the Urban League of Portland.

Dr. Lindbergh Sata's letter of Feb. 27 to Joseph Bianco, editor of Northwest Magazine, read as follows: "I find writing this letter to you a very difficult task in that in your position as editor of the Northwest Magazine, I can only presume that you believe in responsible journalism. Recognizing my basic feeling of respect for someone in your position, I feel that you are culpable in the publication of a very bigoted article which appeared in the Northwest Magazine. As a psychiatrist I find the article particularly offensive both with respect to the thinly disguised racism as well as the demeaning quality of Mr. Pratt's presentation. In my estimation, it constitutes the lowest form of journalism feeding into the most base instincts of prejudice and bigotry and conveying a sense of superiority in his attempt to provide a very sick form of humor. As a former Portlander, I find myself angry not only for myself and my people but for the many Japanese Americans who gave their lives unselfishly during World War II with the sincere belief that such prejudicial and discriminatory behavior would not continue to affect their own people. Having been raised to believe and to practice in the basic concept of fair play, I find the article by Mr. Pratt incredible that a presumed intelligent newspaper reporter could submit such an article for publication. The freedom of the press is one of the most protected and valuable concepts of a free democracy; after all, without responsible journalism the affairs of Watergate might not have been brought to the attention of the American public. I believe the Sunday Oregonian owes a public apology to every American of Japanese descent in the United States for the insult that was perpetrated against each and every one of us by Mr. Pratt's insensitive presentation.

In the Feb. 16 issue, an "apology" was printed by the editor which stated: "On Feb. 2 an article was published which has offended Japanese Americans of our community. As many of them realize it was not the intent of the article to offend. Unfortunately, it did. We are sorry."

WORK NIGHTS SCHEDULED FOR JACL SEATTLE CHAPTER FILES

All persons who are holding either current or old JACL material which should be turned over to the Chapter Files are asked to deliver such papers to the JACL Office after preliminary sorting. Work nights are scheduled in March at the JACL Office from 7:45 p.m. on the following dates: Thursday, March 13; and Thursday, March 27.

NATIONAL JACL TRAVEL PROGRAM: REVISED SCHEDULE OF JAPAN CHARTER FLIGHTS

Under the National JACL Travel Program, a revised schedule of charter flights to Japan, with bookings as of Feb. 26, was announced as follows: Flight 1: canceled from Los Angeles.

Flight 2: April 9-April 30; San Fran. to Tokyo: \$434 (JAL/DC8): booked solid.

Flight 3: July 23-Aug. 20: San Fran. to Tokyo: \$434 (JAL/DC8): 72/152 booked.

Flight 4: Oct. 6-Oct. 27: San Fran. to Tokyo: \$446 (JAL/747): 32 booked.

Flight 5: Oct. 2-Oct. 25: Chicago to Tokyo: \$_____ (JAL/DC8): 85/152 booked.

Flight 6: canceled from New York

Flight 7: Sept. 28-Oct. 20: Los Angeles to Tokyo: \$_____ (JAL/DC8)

Due to the many questions which have arisen in connection with the national travel program, a proposal to revise the guidelines was under consideration, in which the make-up of the National Travel Committee (NJTC) was to be determined. The NJTC, among other responsibilities, will schedule charters and set prices for each charter. A \$25 charge for administration expenses plus a \$3.00 departure tax per participant has been proposed. Additional information is expected to be released as new guidelines are issued.

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BENTO-BAKO

--by Ben & Mako

DID YOU KNOW...the Seattle JACL Cultural Center proposal is in stormy seas. E.D.A. funds priority numbers 1, 3 & 4. (Our cultural center proposal was given a No. 2 priority.) Looks like we've been "shafted" again! But we're not going to tolerate this without a fight! Want to help? Write our senators--Now! Congratulations to Cheryl Chow--appointed Vice Principal at Whitworth Elementary School. Seems we do have some "qualified Asians" in the community. University of Washington drama dept. preparing to present a Chinese play--with no Asians in the cast, of course--qualifications again? More power to the Minority Construction Workers. They are doing what the government and unions have only been putting on paper. But they cannot succeed without our help. A group of concerned Nikkei are trying to raise funds to rent a bus to help our Isseis get to and from the elderly nutrition program. Contact Jim Morishima or Roger Tomita if you will help. Seattle Police Dept. opens its testing program up for citizen input for the first time. They and the Fire Dept. actively recruiting minority applicants--about time, but hold the applause until we see who they hire. Understand the Police Dept. got over 200 minority applicants--many of them Asian Americans. National JACL under attack again--many of the advisory council for the Ethnic Heritage Program feel their input only for show--one member already quit in protest. Talking about heritage--Mako Nakagawa looking for volunteers for her Ethnic Heritage Program--give her a call. Congratulations to CQIE and Kai Katayama for earning the award of top community service organization by the Wash. Education Assn. The Seattle JACL Nikkei directory going modern--thanks to Uwajimaya. Name filing has been computerized! Now what are we going to do with our time!

NEWSLETTER (cont'd): editor has moved to a new address. In the relocation process all the essential papers were thrown into assortment of boxes and it may be at least four months before the mess is untangled. Without being trite it can be said that responsibility of this nature requires a tremendous reference library and file system to interrelate the current with the past. Fortunately some boxes were identified such as stencil cutting equipment, some current news clippings, correspondences received at the residence address (as noted in the calendar of events).

Cherry Kinoshita and her staff have agreed to fill the center pages and we're sure this will be an opportunity for displaying a different format. It may be quite refreshing. For the last few years the newsletter has been thrown together helter-skelter with minimum re-writing and without regards to journalism finesse. It must be the human nature to wait until the last possible moment with back against the wall with deadline staring in the face. That's when the inertia is overcome especially when the work is voluntary.

Unfortunately no committee report summary has been submitted to the newsletter following the regular meeting except on rare occasions. Taping is useless from the standpoint of time frame. It's too time consuming to unravel the facts. To make the work easier we would like to see summary sheets containing the mainpoint of the presentation without regards to detail. We would calculate that 80% of the time has been spent searching for news. This used to amount to about 30 hours per month including time spent in attendance at the key meetings. Writing the story and cutting stencil is extra.

Irregardless of the space limitation we encourage pertinent articles. You are welcome to write. If any special interest group wants to take over the whole page this is fine. However, the material must be non-political in compliance with the Internal revenue code and the postal regulations as non-profit organization and somehow the article has to be tied down with JACL. Otherwise we'll be spending \$900.00 for postage stamps each year and will be forced to rewrite the articles of incorporation.

Here is a friendly suggestion. We have also noticed too often in recent years such key lecture series such as Asian Community Festival at the Univ. of Wash., lecture series at the Wing Luke Museum, 1975 Asian American lecture series sponsored by the U.W., Asian American Education Association conference, and other major Asian community events, and we're mentioning the events which our own Seattle JACL board members were key participants as moderator, lecturers, panel members, etc. These events were not reported to the newsletter. We suggest that you participants forget your modesty and at least tip us off that the program is forthcoming and we can pick up the phone and receive the material in time for print. We say the community has been the loser each time this happens. Invariably days after the newsletter is in print we get urgent letters to publicize the events.

INTERN PROGRAM

1975 Washington State Summer Intern Program applications are now available. Contact Summer Intern Program Administration, Interagency Training Division Dept. of Personnel, 910 E. Fifth, Olympia, WA 98504 (206) 753-2895. The applicant must be full time student with at least senior status. April 1 is deadline.

"SHINERS"--A BLACK EYE, AND A CALL FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

"Only Japs Ate Shiners," or 'literary feature' which appeared in the Oregonian's Northwest Magazine recently has awakened the local community from its 'honeymoon' with a sharp stinging bite. The response from the community has been very good, which begins to indicate the community is quite concerned with defatory incidents.

It has been brought to our attention that on Nov. 8, 1972 in the Community Press a similar article written by *Mr. Pratt appeared, aimed at the Jewish population. Mr. Pratt contends that the intent of these articles were not derogatory but written merely to point out the irony of the situations experienced by the Jewish and Japanese communities. This is not a suitable justification for the use of these epithets. It is quite ironic for Mr. Pratt to hide behind intent and context to expound his ideas when, in reality, many people are limited in literary and analytical expertise.

United Auto Workers Local 492 are currently picketing Nissan Motor Corporation in Portland. A member of the Portland JACL was subjected to verbal, racial harassment while going to and from work. This incident was aimed at an innocent individual who, in effect, has no connection with the development of the managerial policies of Nissan. When individuals begin to take the abuse of misdirected frustrations, all members of the community become involved.

The recent incident with the Toshiba Company in San Francisco illustrates what can happen, and we must begin to be aware of situations such as with Nissan that can develop into a major thorn.

With the current economic situation providing a seed bed for misdirected frustration, incident such as these will continue to increase, if proper steps for education and concern are not taken. It is imperative for all local chapters to develop a preventative plan to head off incidents such as these, before a problem develops. --N.W.--Intermountain Regional JACL

*Mr. Pratt is a free-lance writer whose articles appear in local publications.

NEWS JOTTINGS: 12 area high school students will compete in the State AA and AAA Individual Speech Events Championships to be held at Pacific Lutheran Univ. April 19. Gary Kimura of Franklin High will compete in the expository speaking competition. . . Susan I. Tomita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Tomita, has been named to the Dean's List during the first

semester of the 1974-75 academic year at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Mo. . . . Brock Adams announced the appointment of David Gregg Yoshihara, a senior at Oakton High, to U.S. Naval Academy. He is the son of Capt. and Mrs. Takeshi Yoshihara, Seattle . . .

MILESTONES: Tai Watanabe (S. San Gabriel, CA). Services Seattle Buddhist Church. Survivors include: wife Kikue; daughter Lynne Keiko Watanabe, S. San Gabriel; brothers Kazuo Watanabe, Monterey Park and Arthur R. Watanabe, Mercer Is.; sisters Mrs. Bart (Tatsuko) Okada, Mercer Island; Mrs. Richard (June) Ishikawa, Bellevue . . . Johnny I. Okihara (Kent) 44, Feb. 5. Survivors include wife Myra . . . Iwao Hara (Tucson, Ariz.) 63, Feb. 13. Mr. Hara, a Seattle native, graduated in 1933 from the Univ. Washington School of Business. The CPA moved to Madison, Wis., in 1943 and was a partner 20 years in the firm of Ronald Mattox & Associates. He retired in 1974. Surviving are his wife Mae; a son, Joe Hara; a daughter Ruth Hara, a brother James Hara, all Seattle and sister Mrs. Fumiko Aomori, Japan . . . Shizu Iwasaki. Services Feb. 14. Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church and its Women's Fellowship; Ehime Club. Survivors include: son Gaylord T. Iwasaki, Seattle; daughters Mrs. Yosh (Aik) Kawabata, Tacoma; Mrs. Sam (Chiz) Iwasaki; Mrs. Tak (Decko) Shibuya; Miss Marine Tomo Iwasaki and Mrs. Alfred (Dorothy) Sakamoto, all Seattle; sisters Rika Nomura, Seattle and Yuki Higashi, Sacramento; also one brother and sister in Japan . . . Sadako Nomura. Services Mar. 4. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Hyakudo Kai. She was a Housekeeper at Seattle Univ. for 15 years and then at St. Joseph's Parish. Survivors include: daughters Ruth H. Nomura, Seattle; Mrs. Yoshiko M. Stedman, Olympia; one granddaughter . . .

BUSINESS: 146 accountants of Western Washington has passed the CPA exam held last November, the Washing on State Board of Accountancy in Olympia announced. Included were Steven Ray Ko, Edmond A. Lee, Esther Ogino, Ronald L. Yamamoto, Yoshio Eddy Jajitsu (Kent) . . . Two members of the Bumgardner Partnership Architects firm have been promoted including Thomas M. Kubota, who has been with Bumgardner since 1971, advanced to associate. Kubota joins associates Philip L. Brown and Robert H. Schneider . . .

Calendar of Events

- Mar. 14-16--Benefit movie "Men and War Part III" and winner of Ludice prize sponsored by the Japanese Baptist Troop and Pack 53. Fri. and Sat. from 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 2 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Toyo Cinema.
- Mar. 19--Regular monthly JACL meeting from 8 p.m. at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St.
- Mar. 18--Lecture on Asian American movement by Nemesio Domingo Jr., director of the Alaska Cannery Workers Assn; and Michael Woo, representative of the United Construction Workers Association. Lectures from 7:09 p.m. at Jefferson Recreation Center, 3801 Beacon S. under the sponsorship of the U.W. Asian American Studies Program.
- Mar. 21-23--Asian Community Health Clinic benefit movies at Kokusai Theatre. Main feature "Web of Treachery." 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. for 21st and 22nd; 6 p.m. & 7:45 p.m. on 23rd. Tickets may be bought at Beacon Market, Imperial Lanes, Seattle Buddhist Church, King Yen, Mutual Fish and Tenkatsu. Asian clinic is located at Jefferson Park Medical Clinic, 2902 S. Beacon. Open Tues. evenings 6-9 p.m. (322-1211).
- Mar. 21-23--Nisei Bowling Assn tourney at Imperial Lanes. Jiro Namatame, chairperson.
- Mar. 22--The annual Nisei Veterans Committee installation banquet at the Glendale Country Club. Yosh Tomita, social chairman. Ticket chairman is Yoshito Mizuta, with Jack Shiota, Kiyo Hashimoto and Mas Tomita assisting. Tickets at \$9.00 each. Cocktail and social hour at 6 p.m. and Prime rib roast served from 7 p.m. Norm Hoagy's orchestra to provide dancing music from 10 p.m. Councilwoman Lamphere to speak.
- Mar. 29-30--Nisei Bowling Assn tourney continues at Imperial Lanes. Jiro Namatame chairperson.
- April 5--Deadline or JACL newsletter. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements and press release to: c/o (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle 98105.
- April 10--Newsletter mailing night. JACL office from 7:30 p.m.
- April 25-26--Benefit Japanese Baptist Church sponsored sukiyaki dinner from 6 p.m. -8 p.m.
- The Bank of Tokyo, Seattle branch, will continue showing the North American Post exhibits of post World War II issues. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thurs. and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday. 900 4th Avenue. Suite 2707.

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