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NEW CHAPTER FOR THE SEATTLE AREA JACL?

The idea of a new JACL chapter in the greater Seattle area has been brewing privately for at least three years. The issue surfaced during the Chapter meeting when Tomio Moriguchi, National JACL treasurer and chapter board member, made a motion for such a feasibility study. Moriguchi said the growth of the chapters peak out after 600-700 members. "We can share the leadership role," Moriguchi said.

The reaction was mixed. Past President Ben Nakagawa lamented, "That would be just enough to neutralize our votes." Sam Shoji who chairs the membership committee acknowledged certain groups of individuals who never cared for the philosophy of our JACL and admitted losing the bowlers. Nakagawa with the tongue in cheek said, "I would agree some of you radicals have alienated some of the members of the community." Seattle chapter has indeed trampled on such sacred cows as the resolution calling for the retirement of Masaoka creed, abolition of restriction on caucasian "professional" bowlers in the National tournament, the resolution calling for impeachment of then President Richard N. Nixon and the like.

Those with the conservative persuasion have the feeling of alienation, frustration and disenfranchisement for the board's inattention to the total community. The business world feels the board has failed to relate to them.

If another JACL chapter becomes a reality the scholarship program will be shared and assets will be apportioned under a mutually agreed sum. The board has approved an ad hoc committee of the minimum five members to make study and report to the board.

Another chapter? It takes only twenty-five members to start one.

BETSUIN COMMITTED TO FIVE MONTHS TIME FRAME FOR SUBMITTAL OF COLLINS SITE DEVELOPMENT

Ben Nakagawa speaking for Chuck Kato, co-chair for Japanese Cultural/Service Center Committee, said the group met with the Betsuin Aug. 19 with representative of Seattle Dojo, Japanese Community Service and the University Students Club, Inc. It was said that the Betsuin hoped to continue with the drawn up plan of the JACL ad hoc committee.

Nakagawa stated that the Betsuin has a tough schedule in working within four to five months time frame in which they have to submit details of the plans and specifications to the City of Seattle, submit financial plans, determine contract floating days, pay for the purchase of the land, and be ready to let the contract proposal.

Nakagawa said the Betsuin are offering terms of the lease to the proposed corporation which will be for 99 years beginning with the rent of \$1.00 per year with option to renew.

Nakagawa said, "The intent of the Seattle Buddhist Church is honorable, that the need of the cultural center is greater than it was two years ago. The original cultural center committee as we originally set up to develop this cultural center is for all practical purpose defunct." He went so far as to recommend that JACL dissolve the committee for the lack of progress in two years of operation. He suggested the committeemen to work in cooperation with the Seattle Buddhist Church and help them organize a non-profit community-wide cultural center committee and start off with fresh new blood. This idea sounded in the same vein of Tak Kubota one month ago. Nakagawa emphasized this was strictly his own opinion.

Miyatake wants to know the Liabilities

Henry Miyatake said that Betsuin plan does not provide for funding like the EDA as a prerequisite and assumes that \$900,000 can be generated from the community. In the west coast from past experience in California in major fund raising campaign we find there is no possibility of the Nikkei raising \$900,000, Miyatake said. "I don't want ourselves to get committed in the project of this magnitude without knowing what our liabilities are before we step into it," Miyatake said. "I don't believe that ad hoc cultural center committee is far from defunct. We assume we will make another bid for EDA. We are represented by many organizations of this community with the exception of the Seattle Buddhist Church. We represent the Japanese community in the Seattle area and for someone to make assumption that the committee is no longer active and unable to perform its function, I think this is a misjudgment."

Nakagawa again reiterated that his statement was not in a form of a motion and is a matter of personal opinion.

Chris Kato opined that JACL board should not make any resolution on cultural center committee. The committee is bound by many legal ties such as the funding agreement outside the Federal government.

Mobilizing Community Talents

Tom Koizumi made recommendations to both the ad hoc committee and the Betsuin board. Koizumi said, "Japanese community has failed to take into consideration of utilizing the skills found in the community, talents around people with financial background, with engineering and construction background, and I hope the plan be developed with these talents to determine whether the plan is feasible and be looked at from the financial standpoint whether this can be accomplished." Koizumi added that he hoped the ad hoc committee and Betsuin work together to make this plan go. He cited a case in Los Angeles where the Nikkei community under a similar situation were able to raise only \$440,000 with 140,000 Nikkei population

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER (Cont'd): (exactly ten times the Nikkei population here). "These are kind of things that we have to consider," Koizumi said.

Henry Miyatake asked that the Betsuin board make available all paper transaction between Betsuin and the City so that the position of existing ad hoc committee can be determined with greater certainty. So far these information were not forthcoming, Miyatake said.

Nakagawa said the same objective of the cultural center prevails to date and pleaded, "Let us not inhibit the Betsuin from doing what they can do which we were not able to do in two years for the sake of the community."

EVACUATION REPARATION BILL COULD BE INTRODUCED TO CONGRESS IN EARLY 1976

Henry Miyatake is chairperson for the evacuation reparation committee. Miyatake recently returned from the junket to Los Angeles and San Francisco area to avail himself of the opportunity to visit the stronghold of the reparation activists.

"The most active group is the 'E.O. 9066,' a non-profit corporation in the Los Angeles area. They are supported by 400 dedicated persons including attorney-general with support of senators and certain representatives. 80% are members of JACL. Their intent is to provide draft of the reparation bill no later than late January of next year. February 1976 is the target date to introduce the bill to Congress. They've also had discussion with John Dean," Miyatake said.

Miyatake is expected to attend the meeting set for Sept. 12-14 in Anaheim. "E.O. 9066" wants the support of JACL and any other organization willing to help.

The Pacific Southwest District Council chapters had recommended that reparation committee be set up as separate organization from JACL.

KINOSHITA PROPOSAL HOPES TO SET GUIDELINES FOR COMMITTEE CHAIR VOTING RIGHTS

Cherry Kinoshita has drafted a new pattern to crystalize the standing committee chairpersons voting rights by suggesting that 14 traditional chairmen be given the power of vote as a starting point. In addition there shall be other appointive standing committees of not more than seven as established by the president and approved by the board. This will give president flexibility and the privilege of appointing chairperson with voting privilege. He may appoint as many standing committee as needed beyond the limit but without the exercise of ballot count.

The traditional standing committee is defined as "the ones that are necessary for the normal conduct of business session appointed for a definite time as defined by the Robert's Rule of Order rather than for a specific purpose. It is a committee needed in the past, needed continuously, consecutively, and indefinitely into the future."

The fourteen traditional committees include: anti-defamation, educational, human relations, installation, legal-legislative, Issei and elderly concern, membership, nomination, public relations and publicity, 1000 Club, recognition, Pacific Citizen, scholarship, and youth concern.

The Kinoshita proposal for amendment to by-laws if needed will be discussed at the meeting. If the motion does not conflict with the existing by-laws, it may be voted upon at the September meeting

The suggestion resulted as a follow-up on the failure of the legislative ad hoc committee recommendation to pass the board.

KAZUO ITO RESEARCHING BOOK ON NISEI

Kazuo Ito, associate editor of the Yomiuri Shinbun with 7 million circulation, visited Seattle for the fourth time. He is the author of the book "Issei: A History of the Japanese Immigrants in North America (Pacific Northwest)."

Ito is beginning research on the sequel to Issei Story in writing about Nisei and the Second World War.

We first met Ito one Sunday evening at the Four Seas Restaurant dinner in his honor, followed by a dinner at the Seattle Buddhist Church auditorium sponsored by the Japanese Community Service on July 29. Some of us were interviewed during the week followed by more socializing. Tak Kubota set up a press conference at the Lush Garden Restaurant resulting in the Ms. Marjorie Jones article in the Aug. 7 issue of the Seattle Times. Ken Nakano had kept busy scheduling interviews and activities. Mrs. Meiko Ito, wife of the author, was also very gracious.

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Hokubei Hyakunen Sakura executive committee which has spent \$40,000 translating Issei Story to English said the book is being sold continuously spurred by the recent Seattle Times article. Less than 300 copies remain. The 1,015 page volume is tightly crammed with unbelievable story of Hardships by the Issei. The book is filled with nostalgic photos contributed by the Issei pioneers. All the names are cross-indexed. 65 pages of chronological table contain the major events affecting the Issei. Downtown maps of Japanese settlement in Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Spokane and Vancouver, B.C. with the names of business establishments as it existed before the Great War should be of interest.

Textbook is a must in every Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei home as your heritage is neatly wrapped up in a single volume. Books are available at \$20 per copy donation. Make check payable to Hokubei Hyakunen Sakura c/o Genji Mihara, 1414 S. Weller St., Seattle 98144. Books may be examined at the office (phone 323-0250). If you own a Japanese language version of the Issei Story in fairly good condition the book may be exchanged for the English

KAZUO ITO'S ISSEI STORY (Cont'd): version. If you wish to sell the Japanese version for cash, this is fine too. The English translation will make a timely gift for Christmas.

SEATTLE JACL MEETING SET FOR SEPT. 17

Turning a new leaf for the fall season, President Lindbergh Sata is preparing for the final stretch in directing the Seattle Chapter. Last August President-Elect John Matsumoto skillfully and effectively guided the course of the meeting. By 9:30 p.m. the meeting had concluded only to be revived by the Tomio Moriguchi presentation on the study of new chapter and Cherry Kinoshita's proposal for solving the standing committee chairmen voting rights. Meeting was concluded shortly thereafter.

The next meeting will be held this Wednesday, Sept. 17 at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St. starting at 8 p.m. Everyone's back from the vacation and let's have a good turnout. Refreshments as usual.

NEWS JOTTINGS: Taiji Miyamoto, 45, Seattle was one of the three passengers when a light plane crashed into a home at Bellevue Aug. 28. The pilot was killed. Miyamoto was admitted to the hospital for observation. . . . Two co-directors were named to manage the campaign of Suzanne M. Hittman who has filed for Seattle School Board Director Position 7 presently occupied by Philip B. Swain. They are Herb Tsuchiya, owner of Genesee School Pharmacy and Mary Roger, wife of a physician. Peter Jamero is also running for the same Position 7. Don Kazama, Charles Z. Smith, and Nancy Thomas are co-chairpersons for Jamero. . . .

Japanese classical dances were held Sept. 5 in memory of Mme. Fuku Nakatani, Seattle's first teacher of the form Buyo. Mme. Fuku Nakatani whose teaching and performing career here spanned the years from 1919 to 1964. She died seven years ago. It is the custom to present memorial program on the 3rd, 7th, 13th 33rd and 50th anniversary of teacher's death. . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Taneichi Ota were celebrating 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 8 at the Bush Garden Restaurant. One of the first couples to be married at the Seattle Japanese Baptist Church, he continues as dean of the lay leaders in the Japanese language division. He came to the States in 1921 and became a hotel operator. He is a active leader in the Japanese American Service and member of the Hyakunen Sakura committee. He is member of Seattle JACL. . . . Mrs. Nancy Schaub, formerly youth minister of Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, joined the staff as Christian Education Coordinator at the Oberlin Congregational Church in Steilacoom. The Rev. Tsutomu Fukuyama has completed 14 years of ministry here following resignation. . . . Two University of Washington graduates, Heidi Hiroko Yamamoto of Bellevue and Steven Hideo Shimamoto were married Aug. 16 in the Fauntleroy Community Church. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hironi Yamamoto and Mr. and Mrs. Yoshito Shimamoto. The bridegroom's fraternity is Theta Xi. . . . Joanne Fumiko Tanabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Shigebazu Tanabe, and Edward Masaru Suzuki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Koichi Suzuki, were married Aug. 17 in the Japanese Presbyterian Church. The couple were graduated from the U.W. The bridegroom received his Ph. D. from Oregon State Univ. . . .

21st annual installation banquet was held for Seattle First Hill Lions club June 3 at Bush Garden Restaurant. Gordon Vickery, Supt. of the City Light, was the guest speaker. Jerry Ikegami was installed as new president succeeding Henry Imori. Supporting Ikegami are the following officers: 1st vp, Shig Watanabe; 2nd vp, Tad Sato; 3rd vp, Chris Kato; sec, Howard Suzuki; asst sec, Archie Ida; treas., Jerry Yuasa; lion tamer, Nobu Kyono; asst. lion tamer, James Fukuoda; tail twister, Mike Maxwell; asst tail twister, Glenn Yamada. Directors for 1975-76 for one year: Bill Ishii, Jerry Yamamoto, and Kay Toda. Directors for two years: Fred Takagi, Smitty Ishikawa, and Shin Tosaya. . . . The annual New Year's party for Seattle Japanese Hotel and Apt Owners Association as well as the business meeting were held some time ago at Bush Garden Restaurant. Elected officers included: George Fugami, president; Tak Hori and Elmer Tazuma, vp; Hitoshi Taniguchi, sec; treas., Yukio Nakamura; asst treas., Ryoichi Akada; sec, Salty Mizuta; auditors, Terry Toda, Tsutomu Ito and Henry Miyake; advisors, Kamekichi Shibayama, H.T. Kubota, Yoshito Fujii, Yoshiichi Tanaka, William Mambu and Toru Sakahara. . . .

Hing Hay Park grand pavilion in Chinatown at S. King and Maynard S. was dedicated June 20. The \$100,000 Forward Thrust mini-park features a pavilion which is the gift from the people of the City of Taipei, Republic of China on Taiwan. . . . Seattle's sister city Kobe has donated \$6,500 to add 100 blossoming cherry trees to a mini park planned for the International District at a city hall ceremony Aug. 18. Mayor Wes Uhlman accepted the check from Jack Groeves, chair of the Kobe affiliation committee. The park, named Kobe Terrace in honor of Seattle sister city, will be constructed on a 1.4 acres west of Interstate 5 by Maynard S. and S. Main. The park will be dedicated spring of 1976 with Kobe's mayor Tatsuo Miyazaki joining in on the dedication. The City of Seattle Board of Public Works was receiving proposals for the development of Kobe Terrace until Sept. 10. The work is authorized under Seattle Ordinance 100454. . . .

MILESTONES: Uta M. Aratani, Aug. 14. Rosary held Aug. 18 and the Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 19. St. Edward's Catholic Church. Survivors include sons James R. and Augustine F., daughters Mrs. Roy (Jo) Sakamoto and Agnes. . . . Walter H. Fukuyama 88, Aug. 23. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Kanagawa Club; Japanese American Service, Japanese American Citizens League. Survivors include: sons Walter T., Seattle; Thomas T. Fukuyama, L.A.; daughters Miss Mary S. Fukuyama and Mrs. Toshio (Ethel) Terashita, both Seattle. . . . Lindsay T. Sakuma 18, Aug. 28. Seattle Buddhist Church, Y.B.A. of Church. Survivors include: parents Mr. and Mrs. George T. Sakuma; brother, Cedric M.; sisters Gayle Sakuma of Seattle; Mrs. Stephanie Ojima, Bellevue. . . . Ray Hajime Echigoshima (Bellevue) 53, Aug. 30. Japanese Presbyterian Church, member of Seattle, King County and Washington State Bar Assn, U.W. Alumni Assn, Alumni of Washington Univ. (St. Louis), life member of N.V.C. Survivors include: wife Ellen H.; sons

NEWS JOTTINGS (Cont'd): Bruce S. and Dale W. Echigoshima, Bellevue; sister, Mrs. Sam (Margaret) Shiozawa, Bethesda, Md. . . .

BUSINESS: The Small Business Administration has awarded contract for July to minority firms under the 8(a) program. Winning contractor for July included J.T. Construction, 450 12th Ave. Seattle. \$54,396 to rehabilitate and repair 4 single-family dwelling for H.U.D. . . . A nine-unit marble concrete apartment 737 Belmont Place E., has been sold for \$175,000 to Tom Cain. It was built by owner-builder John Sato in 1966 and has penthouses with panoramic views of the City and Sound . . . Reinforced concrete pedestal at 5th and University, site of the 40-story Rainier Square office building is making progress. The pedestal concept was designed by architect Minoru Yamasaki & Associates, Troy, Mich., and in conjunction with Naramore, Bain, Brady & Johnson. The pedestal is supported on a 106-foot square 12-foot thick pad of concrete and 700,000 lbs of steel webbing . . .

PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES REGISTRATION BEING ACCEPTED

North Beacon cooperative pre-school in association with Seattle Community College will once again hold its classes at the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church starting this month. Registration is open for two classes; one class for tottlers under three and another class for three and four years old. Interested persons may call Betty Iwamoto (725-6768) for more information.

ASIAN COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC TO EXTEND SERVICES

For nearly two years, the Asian Community Health Clinic has been providing health care for Asians residing in Seattle metropolitan area. The clinic which is staffed by Asian physicians, social workers and bilingual volunteer workers provides free health cares and medical referral services to the Asian community. This is a "walk-in" clinic where no advance appointments is needed. Transportation services are available so feel free to call if you need a ride. The clinic is located in the Jefferson Park Medical Center at 2902 Beacon Ave. S. and is open every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 0 p.m.

The clinic is extending its services to the International District. The clinic is located in a storefront at 416 Maynard S. Clinic hours will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. every Tuesday. For information call 682-5143 and ask for Bruce Miyahara.

ASIAN MULTI-MEDIA CENTER

The Asian Multi-Media Center will be starting its next series of free workshops in photography, silk screening and graphic design, Sept. 15. The registration is being accepted now. The schedule for the classes is as follows:

Photography: Monday-Friday 3 to 5 p.m.; silk screen: Tuesday-Friday 3-5 p.m. and Saturday 12-3 p.m.; graphics: creative design - Monday & Tuesday 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., design theory Wednesday-Friday 3:30-5:30 p.m., (lab) Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For those for whom these daily times may be inconvenient, there will also be classes held, one day a week for two hours. The schedule for these classes is:

Photography: Saturday 3-5 p.m.; silk screen Monday 7-9 p.m., graphics: Wednesday 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

All classes are open to anyone interested, aged 14 years and up. For more information, contact the Asian Multi-Media Center, 1243 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle 98144 or call 323-4100.

SEATTLE ART MUSEUM ADMISSION CHARGE BECAME EFFECTIVE THIS MONTH

Seattle Art Museum Director, Willis F. Wood, announced that the Museum in both locations, has instituted general admission charge. Members of the Seattle Art Museum will be admitted free upon presentation of their membership card. Non-members pay a \$1.00 adult fee; students and senior citizens, with identification, pay 50¢. Special passes will be issued to college students who are working on assignments and to other special visitors.

In compliance with the agreements signed by the museum and city officials, one day a week at each of the locations will become a FREE day for anyone wishing to visit. Since both museums are now open Thursday evening, THURSDAY has been designated as the Free to the Public Day. The popular Senior Day programs, which are scheduled for the first Friday of every month, will remain Free to Senior Citizens upon presentation of identification. Scheduled tours of school children will remain free. The equally popular Chamber Music Concert series will also remain a free offering with Sunday admission on the day of the concerts not being enforced until 2 p.m. Individual Museum membership is \$15.00 per year.

RIGHTS AGENCY STEPS UP HOUSING BIAS ENFORCEMENT

(Seattle) - The Washington State Human Rights Commission is preparing to intensify its efforts to eliminate racial discrimination in real estate transactions, according to Bill W. Hilliard, the Commission's Executive Secretary.

Hilliard cites strong evidence of wide-spread and pervasive discrimination in the rental and sales market as the cause for a "hard-line" directive to his staff of investigators, conciliators, and attorneys.

"We have engaged in major investigations of housing operations recently and have found, particularly in the case of rentals, that an alarming number of landlords and realtors are operating as if there were no laws prohibiting discrimination, commented Hilliard.

He contributed part of the problem to a general tightening of the housing market.

Calendar of Events

- Sept. 12-13--Regional meeting of Asian Center for Theology & Strategies (ACTS) at the Japanese Baptist Church. Dr. Lester Kim, head of the Southern California Asian American Ministries among Presbyterians, will be the resource leader for the workshops. Session begins 6 p.m. on Friday with evening supper. Session continues all day Saturday.
- Sept. 13 (Saturday)--N.V.C. sponsored annual benefit scholarship chow mein and teriyaki dinner at N.V.C. Memorial Hall, 1212 S. King from 4 to 7 p.m. with takeout food service available. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 years and under. Proceeds will benefit N.V.C. scholarship fund. \$400.00 scholarship will be given to graduating high school senior. Masao Tomita, chairperson.
- Sept. 16--Primary election. Everyone get out and vote in this all important primary.
- Sept. 17--Regular monthly JACL meeting from 8 p.m. at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St. Refreshments as usual.
- Sept. 21. --Pacific Northwest District Council of JACL quarterly session with Portland hosting at Coliseum Travelogue.
- Sept. 21--The annual NVC golf tourney at Jefferson Park course. Teeoffs from 10 a.m., two flights. Signup deadline Sept. 12. Entries received at Mint Beverage or by Kibo Inouye, general chairman, 767-7827.
- Oct. 4 (Saturday)--Seattle First Hill Lions Club sponsored benefit dance for Providence Hospital Reconstruction Cardisvascular Research Center. Max Pillers and his 12-piece orchestra at the Eagles Ballroom, 7th and Union starting from 9:30 to 1 a.m. \$12.50 per couple. BYOL. For tickets contact N. Hayashi 624-1500 or 722-7590.
- Oct. 10--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements and press releases to: c/o (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle, WA 98105.
- Oct. 15--Newsletter mailing night. JACL office from 7:30 p.m. Please come and help.

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CATALOGUE FOR ETHNIC STUDIES LEAVES OUT ASIAN: Yukinobu Kuniyuki reported that U.W. has published series of ethnic studies reference catalogue for blacks, Chicanos, native Americans, but had excluded Asians. Letter will be written by the Chapter to urge correction of this deficiency. Kuniyuki said also the Charlie Chan series begins in the fall TV series helping to perpetuate stereotype. The matter will be referred to Dr. Minoru Masuda, chair of the anti-defamation committee.

UWAJIMAYA FEATURED IN AUG. 28 SEATTLE TIMES: The article was by-lined by Boyd Burchard, business columnist. In addition to write-up on Moriguchi family the article said in part:

"Today the retail division is doing an annual gross of about \$2.5 million with 45 employes. But last year the Seasia wholesale end of the business surpassed the retail operation in volume. 'This year,' says Akira (Moriguchi), 'Seasia will gross about \$4 million, of which \$700,000 is accounted for by Uwajimaya supplies. Next year, we expect to gross \$5 million, with \$300,000 of that for Uwajimaya.'

"Seasia, with 32,000 square feet of leased warehousing and processing space at 651 South Industrial Way, imports all sorts of exotic and other food, ware, gift, decor and special apparel items from as far as Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand, mainland China and the Philippines. Customers include some 500 supermarket accounts, including 80 Safeway outlets, in Washington, Northern Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

"Some 40 percent of retail supermarkets in King County now have Oriental food sections, Akira notes, and Seasia, he says, imports 60 per cent of the Oriental foods for these markets with the exception of Chung King products."

IMPERIALS DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS drive begins in the fall to prepare for next year's competition. The Diplomats are for boys and girls, ages 8-12, and the Imperials from 13-21. Call 722-1923 or 723-0277 for more information.

* Oct. 5--JACL Golf Tourney at Jefferson Park course. Frank Hattori, Chairman.

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