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SEATTLE JACL TO MEET THIS WEDNESDAY

Regular monthly Chapter meeting is set for Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 8 p.m. at the JACL office, 526 S. Jackson St. This will be the nomination meeting. Plans will be made for the coming JACL PNWDC meeting to be held in Dec. 4-5 hosted by Hood River and Gresham-Troutdale. The Seattle Chapter meeting is open to everyone. Refreshments will be served as usual.

President John H. Matsumoto was present in the ceremony where Washington's sister state Hyogo Prefecture presented a gift of \$10,000 to purchase cherry trees honoring the U.S. Bicentennial. The check was presented to Gov. Daniel J. Evans by Toraichi Nakabayashi, former speaker of the Hyogo Prefectural Assembly. Seattle, Auburn, Renton, Kent, Spokane and Walla Walla each have a sister city in the Hyogo Prefecture. State Bicentennial Commission had submitted plans for possible placement of the trees.

We were present at the preview showing of Momoko Iko's play "Gold Watch," Oct. 29 on the U.W. campus. The film setting was the farming community just prior to December 7th. It was a life of poverty. Payment of outstanding bills for the household depended on the outcome of good harvest. Which brought back memories. The cast is excellent. There is the irony of joyful Yuletide anticipation pitted against the background of hostile neighbors. The father played by Mako says, "I wasn't hurt because I wasn't born here but with you it's different." See page 5 for scheduled showing. This may be followed immediately by interview with playwright Motoko Iko.

Don Kazama of the committee to gain extended retirement benefits for Nisei interned during WW2 is on the petition drive. The committee is seeking 750 signatures. If anyone needs additional copies or wish to present one to a friend, call Don on the phone for copies of petition. Four House bills and one Senate bill were introduced to Congress towards this end.

We continue to get excellent help in the Newsletter Mailout as chaired by May Sasaki. Present Oct. 13 were the following: Gary Matsudaira, Louis Egashira, Dee An Nakagawa, Bradley Nakagawa, Nobu Takahashi, Mako Nakagawa, Becky Sasaki, Kim Sasaki, May Sasaki, Daren Nakagawa, and John Matsumoto.

Jiro Namatame said the directory may be ready sometime in November. The cover was designed by Mits Katayama.

Nisei Retirement Conference is set for Nov. 19-21 in S.F. 50 selected people invited to attend. Seven applicants from the Pacific Northwest area. One was selected from Yakima and another from Seattle. Motion was made that John Takizawa or his designate attend the conference and \$200 was allocated to help defray expenses. The motion passes.

The motion was brought up by Harry Kadoshima that \$200.00 be approved for Russ Nakatsu project for historical presentation and research on Issei and Nisei. The motion's passing is contingent on the study by funding committee for its approval.

Nominations will be received from the floor during the regular Chapter meeting of Nov. 17, providing that 10 active members endorse the nominees from the floor or statement in writing by each endorsee is presented. The statement is required in the absence of the candidate. After the November meeting the absentee ballots will be mailed out as soon as possible. Results of the election will be certified at the December meeting and announced in the January news letter. The nominees list was not available at press time and will be released during meeting.

Open to high school junior or senior the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans (PCYA) will again be sponsored. Cost is \$250. Interested persons should call John Matsumoto.

The Seattle Chapter Iva Toguri Committee met Oct. 28. Approximately 50 persons attended. Mako Nakagawa and Dean Charles Z. Smith summarized the case of Iva Toguri. Dean Smith's scholarly presentation outlined procedures of jurisprudence where the process of law can avoid confronting touchy issue going against the grain of public opinion. Dean Smith said court hasn't always been fair. Toguri had been the victim of the times with ultimate racist and columnist Walter Winchell beating the drum for her conviction. Denny Sato, grandson of the late Takuzo Kawakamis of Seattle, spoke of his visits to Iva Toguri's parents in Chicago and the trip to Niagara Falls. Iva drove. Iva visited Seattle during funerals of both Takuzo and his wife. Harry Kadoshima, chair of the ad hoc committee, submitted "Guidelines for Off Hour Use of JACL Office Area by Other Organizations." The guidelines were approved and will be printed in the next newsletter. The complaint has been made by others sharing the space with JACL on the housekeeping after use of the premise. All ash trays will have to be cleaned. Furnitures shall be restored to its original positions. Dirty cups will have to be cleaned. The place including the kitchen area must be kept clean, tidy and neat.

Iva Toguri committee has been subdivided into five areas of operation including petition, fund raising, speaking engagements, letter writing and the media. In addition the committee headed by cochairs Jerry Shigaki and Gil Hirabayashi requests your writing to: Hon. Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500. The letter will be to ask the President to initiate action which will grant her the pardon she justly deserves. The carbon copies should be sent to the committee c/o Seattle JACL.

John Takizawa is JACL representative to Keiro Board of Directors. Also new on the board are Julianne Kumasaka for Japanese Presbyterian Church and Noboru Kageyama of Japanese Community Service making the total of 33 board members.

WASHINGTON GOVERNOR SET MOTI FOR PRES. FORD'S REVOCATION OF EO 9066

(Ed.'s note: Paul Isaki is social concerns chair for Seattle JACL. He had an article printed in the San Francisco's Hokubei Mainichi for the Oct. 5 issue telling of the "behind the scene maneuvers" to go on record of the Seattle Chapter's committee headed by Henry J. Miyatake playing a key role to make possible for the weight of Gov. Daniel J. Evans and the then administrative assistant James Dolliver to push for revocation of EO 9066. Though it's an old story with us, there are many who are not aware of the detailed background. Paul Isaki is the son of Mrs. Haru Isaki and the late Shig Isaki of Oakland. Paul is an assistant director of the Central Puget Sound Economics Development District. We thank Paul for his continued effort.)

by Paul Isaki

The Pacific Citizen and national news service accounts have previously reported on President Ford's signing of Presidential Proclamation No. 4417, "An American Promise," on Feb. 19, 1976, which formally revoked Executive Order 9066. However, before this story becomes "old" news, I would greatly appreciate your sharing with your readers some of the behind-the-scenes activities which made this historic event possible. In particular, I believe your readers would be interested in this "first-hand" account of the important roles which Washington State's Governor Daniel J. Evans and his former administrative assistant James Dolliver played in this story.

In June, 1975, Henry Miyatake, chairman of the Seattle JACL chapter's Evacuation Redress Committee, found during his investigative research on the evacuation that E.O. 9066 was surprisingly still in force--it had never been officially revoked after World War II. After several strategy meetings with his committee members, including Shosuke Sasaki, Tom Koizumi, Tomio Moriguchi, Mike Nakata and Ken Nakano, a position paper was drafted and presented at the summer Pacific Northwest District Council JACL meeting. It called for the long-overdue revocation of E.O. 9066 by President Ford.

In August, 1975, after further strategy meetings, the committee decided to approach Washington State's Governor, Daniel J. Evans, and to request his assistance in bringing this matter to the attention of the White House. Through Ruth Yoneyama, former secretary to Governor Evans, and Phil Hayasaka, former director of the City of Seattle's Human Rights Department, a meeting was arranged with James Dolliver, administrative assistant to the governor. This meeting was held on Sept. 5, 1975, with Henry Miyatake, Phil Hayasaka, Tom Koizumi and Ken Nakano in attendance. Mr. Dolliver was highly sympathetic to the group's request, and arranged a subsequent meeting for the group with the governor to discuss the matter further. Governor Evans expressed his sincere surprise and dismay that E.O. 9066 had never been officially revoked, and he pledged his personal support to persuade the White House to take this long overdue action.

At Governor Evans' direction, James Dolliver made at least two trips to Washington, D.C. in September 1975, to discuss the Seattle JACL's revocation proposal with various members of the White House staff. On those occasions he met with Gwen Anderson, Dudley Chapman and others on President Ford's staff, as well as Dick Allison of the Vice President's staff. It is important to note that Governor Evans is held in very high regard by the President, and the weight of the governor's support for the proposal was largely responsible for the revocation proposal being considered and ultimately approved by the White House. In any event, it was decided that a Presidential revocation of E.O. 9066 could be accomplished, and the necessary steps were initiated within the White House to draft a proclamation for President Ford's signature at a ceremony scheduled for February 19, 1975--the 34th anniversary of EO 9066.

At this point Mr. Dolliver suggested that it was appropriate for citizens of Japanese ancestry to be publicly identified as the prime movers behind the revocation effort. He therefore assigned Mitch Matsudaira, executive director of the governor's Asian American Affairs Commission, to coordinate final arrangements on behalf of the governor. Matsudaira was directed to work with Wayne Horiuchi, National JACL representative in Washington, D.C., to secure the support of JACL chapters and members of Congress. Mitch Matsudaira, a Seattle JACL member, was also Governor Evans' official representative at the Presidential ceremony held in the White House when the "American Promise" was signed by Gerald Ford. Thus an unsavory chapter in American history was at least symbolically rectified, but this story continues a bit longer.

In April, 1976, the Seattle JACL chapter honored Governor Evans and James Dolliver, who is now a justice on the Washington State Supreme Court, at an appreciation dinner. The governor then presented the chapter with an original copy of the "American Promise" framed with one of the Presidential pens used in the ceremony. Governor Evans expressed his appreciation to the chapter for allowing him to participate in what he described as one of his most personally rewarding experiences as governor.

At the 24th Biennial JACL Convention in June, 1976, the National Council passed a Seattle chapter sponsored resolution of appreciation which acknowledged the vital assistance provided by Governor Evans and James Dolliver in securing the revocation of E.O. 9066.

Finally, the "American Promise" has been handsomely reproduced by the Seattle JACL largely in response to requests from our chapter's members. Framed or unframed reproductions of the "American Promise" may be ordered from the Seattle JACL. The price for framed copies is \$12 and unframed copies may be obtained for \$3, all including postage and handling. Anyone interested should send a check or money order made payable to the Seattle JACL Evacuation Redress Committee, and should be sent to: Seattle JACL--Evacuation Redress Committee, c/o Henry Miyatake, 5412 123rd Southeast, Bellevue, Washington 98006. ----o----

SEATTLE KEIRO NEWS

Four new members have been added to the Issei Concerns Board of Directors, bringing the total number to 30. They are Jack Y. Kitahara, Japanese Congregational Church; Russell Nakatsu, Sansei Group; Mrs. Mitsuko Kimura, and John Kitasako.

Bank of Tokyo gift: Issei Concerns is pleased to announce the contribution of \$1,000 from the Seattle office of the Bank of Tokyo for the purchase of two wheelchairs and one aspirator for the Keiro Nursing Home.

Additional Institutional Contributions: Seattle Koyasan Saifukuji Church \$1,000; Tacoma Nikkei Jinkai \$1,000; Seattle Nikkei Jinkai \$1,000; Japanese Congregational Church \$1,000; Shunju Kai of Seattle (amount withheld).

Tosh Okamoto, campaign chairman, reported that as of September 23, the Seattle Keiro Project had received \$336,391 in pledges and contributions.

Sansei Service Group Formed: Good things are happening to Seattle Keiro all the time. The latest is the formation of a Sansei service group. Spearheading this welcome involvement of Sansei is Russ Nakatsu, a high school history teacher.

This is truly a gung-ho bunch of youth, ranging in age from 16 to 27, which has already been doing a tremendous amount of good work for Keiro and is formulating ambitious plans for various projects, including raising money to purchase a color TV set for the nursing home.

"We are looking for hard-working, concerned, energetic and enthusiastic young people," says Russ. "We need help with general clean-up, painting, interior decorating and fund-raising. We want people who are interested in interacting with our Issei residents in the nursing home.

"Don't worry if you don't speak Japanese, because all it takes is interest and concern!"

If you would like to join this group, please call Seattle Keiro at 329-9575 and leave your name, address and phone number, or phone Russ Nakatsu at 725-8380.

Russ' basic philosophy is to get Sansei more involved with Nisei and Issei, and he figures the Keiro project offers an excellent opportunity for the three generations to interact.

"I feel the Sansei should get better acquainted with the older Japanese and develop pride and dignity in our cultural heritage. As far as the nursing home is concerned, we want to do things to make the resident happy and feel wanted," says Russ.

Russ is a former teacher of history at Garfield high school. He was a casualty in the reduction-in-force program last term, but hopes to get in harness before too long. Incidentally, he first learned about the Seattle Keiro project from a student in one of his classes -- Sheila Okamoto, daughter of Tosh Okamoto, vice president of Issei Concerns.

ASIAN STUDIES HEAD NAMED

Tetsuden Kashima, Ph.D. from California was recently appointed director of the Asian American Studies Program at the University of Washington. He also has a joint appointment of adjunct lecturer in Sociology.

The Asian American Studies Program consists of eight regular and six special topic courses. Dr. Kashima, 36, defines his duties at the University as "to teach courses, work with other scholars, and to get acquainted with community programs." A sociologist, his personal research interests are in comparative race and ethnic relations, organization, and social psychology. Collaborating research work with others is in the general area of Asians in America.

Just before coming to Seattle, he was a lecturer in Sociology and chairman of the Asian American Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He finished his Ph. D. in Sociology last year from the University of California, San Diego; M.A. in Psychology from San Francisco State in 1968; and B.A. in Psychology from the University of California, Berkeley in 1963.

Aside from his research interests mentioned previously, his specialty covers urban sociology and studies on protests and social movements.

Dr. Kashima succeeds James Morishima, Ph.D. who resigned from the Asian post last spring. Dr. Morishima maintains the associate professorship in the School of Education, Higher Education. --Pacific/Asian Coalition Impact region 1 - pacific northwest.

Asian Profile: sharon maeda

Sharon Maeda was recently named to the roster of "Outstanding Young Women in America," (1976) and also a recipient of the Minority Training Grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

She has been the director of community involvement, Public Television, Channel 9. Her new role will be in the same station, but as producer/director trainee for two years - learning every facet of production. The trainee grant will certainly supplement her administrative skills. She applied for the grant based on her confidence of the great opportunities that lie ahead for minorities in the television field, as well as the potential in opening the vast TV resources to ethnic communities.

Ms. Maeda's introduction to TV production was in 1973 with Imaginique, which produced "The First Step," a project of the Demonstration Project for Asian Americans. She was a public school teacher in Renton, WA, and immediately before working for Channel 9, was the director of the Ethnic Cultural Center at the University of Washington. Her community involvement is centered around college/youth programs - dealing with social services, political and

ASIAN PROFILE: SHARON MAEDA (Cont'd): education action oriented issues. She holds a degree in Art Education, a master's in Film Making. And admits the busy life she leads, is also pursuing a doctorate's degree at the U.W. and married to Kenichi Nakano.

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SANSEI WRITES AND PRODUCES PROGRAM SERIES FOR TV

Weston Nishimura has been serving as consultant for television station KCPQ in Tacoma, WA. He has helped develop five programs in the series Washington State People and Politics. With Mike Hamilton, the series producer, he has helped write and produce four in a series on education and one aired October 19 dealing with the arts. Weston Nishimura appeared in three of the educational series, once in a dramatic sketch as a judge, and twice in guest studio segments. This series, Washington State People in Politics will be broadcast later this season and is being especially edited for use in schools and college.

Weston Nishimura is currently on Sabbatical from the Bellevue Public School System, in Bellevue. He is working on projects involving visual literacy and visual communication. He can be contacted at (206-323-3163) or 420 17 E., Seattle, WA 98112.

Nishimura has authored "Where Do You Go from Here?" published by Celestial Arts and Seattle Insight, where to go - What to do in Seattle. In the periodicals field he was co-editor for four years Alpha Cine Views; co-author for four years Alpha Cine Film-Files; edited Regional Composition Project; as well as contributing to various publications such as Seattle Times Magazine, Bellevue Magazine, Learning Magazine, Animator, etc. Nishimura has made presentation in his field at the local, state and national level.

NEWS JOTTINGS:

Navy Airman Recruit Robert E. Nakamura, 18, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Nakamura, has completed training at Naval Training Center. He is a former student at Rainier Beach high . . . Betty Fukuyama, Tacoma poet, addressed the National League of American Pen Women at a luncheon Oct. 22 at the Windjammer Restaurant . . . 27th annual reunion of Seattle's Broadway high school Alumni Association was held Oct. 1 at Pigott Auditorium. Awards to alumni elected by class representatives and officers to the 1976 Broadway Hall of Fame included Takeshi Kubota, landscape architect and one of founder of Kawabe Memorial House . . . At the annual meeting of the Washington State Chapter of American Public Works Association held in Wenatchee, Kenneth Fujiki, URS Co., was elected treasurer . . . Rev. Rodney Higuchi was installed as pastor of the Faith Bible Church. He succeeds the Rev. Howard Inouye who had filled on an interim basis . . .

MILESTONES: Christine S. Matsuda, 15, Oct. 6. Services Oct. 11. Rokka Ski Club, Girl Scouts of America, Campfire Girls, Asian Club at Asa Mercer Junior High and its school orchestra. Survivors include parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Matsuda; brother, Mark T. Matsuda; sister Terry T. Matsuda, all Seattle; grandmothers, Masaye Matsuda, Seattle and Tsuyo Saito, Japan and grandfather Nobutoshi Satow, Japan . . . Hiroshi (Chubby) Yasui 47, Oct. 10. Seattle Buddhist Church, Nisei Veterans Committee, Inc. Survivors include: mother Sumi Yasui, Seattle; brother Kiyoshi Yasui, Seattle; sisters Mrs. Sho (Michiko) Onodera, N.Y.C.; Sachi Yasui, Seattle . . . Rin Oka. Services Oct. 13. Japanese Congregational Church, Okayama Club. Survivors include: sons Keith T. Oka, Spokane; Masashi Oka, Japan; Harold H. Oka, Seattle; daughter Mrs. Takeshi (Teru) Okawa, Seattle; one brother and sister in Japan . . . Shoji Wataoka 47, Oct. 14. Seattle Buddhist Church, Y.A.B.A., Hiroshima Club, Letter Carriers Union, Rokka Ski Club, Foto Circle Club. Survivors include: wife Aki; sons Wright, Warren and three daughters, Sharon J., Linda C., and Arleen N. Wataoka. Mother Mrs. Takayo Wataoka. Two sisters Mrs. Elmer (Masako) Tazuma, Mrs. Hisaichi (Mary) Maruhashi, all Seattle . . . Takashi Fujii 62, Oct. 15. Private family services held Oct. 17. At one time coached the World Wide Guild girls' basketball team sponsored by the Japanese Baptist Church. Survivors include Robert, a Junior at the U.W. and Janice . . . Tadao Morimoto 59, Oct. 20. Services include wife Toshiko Morimoto; brothers Kazutoshi and Masato Morimoto of Tokyo . . . Joe T. Yoshida 94, Oct. 22. St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Survivors include wife Haru; sons Herb (Tinky) and John T. Yoshida; daughter Mrs. Rick (Sachi) Tanagi, all Seattle . . . Tsunehiko Yamauchi 78, Oct. 23. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Men's Fellowship. Survivors include: son Howard K., Seattle; daughters Mrs. Ronald (Irene) Tatsuta, Anaheim, CA and Mrs. Edward (Jean) Muneta, Seattle; one sister in Japan . . .

NEWS ITEMS RELATING TO CITY ACTIVITIES

by Al Kurimura

Metro transit is initiating plans for the use of International District streets by trolley on the way to and from the Metro central operating base which is located at Airport Way S. and S. Atlantic St. The trolley rehabilitation and extension plan refinement dated November, 1975, states that: "the present southbound access route to Atlantic Station on 7th Ave. S. would be relocated out of the International District to 5th Avenue." The final environmental assessment dated February 1976 states that: "all trolleys will be stored and serviced at the Atlantic Street base. Bus access between this site and Jackson St. now is via 6th and Maynard S. north of Airport Way. The Maynard Ave. connection will be removed, replaced by a new connection on 6th S., or possibly on 5th S. (using a contra flow lane between Airport Way and S. Jackson St. northbound) if traffic revisions are acceptable to the City and the community."

The International Special Review Board has expressed its opposition to the use of 6th Ave. S. as an access route to the Atlantic St. base. Metro has been asked to consider alternative routes which would not be within the International District.

International District Play Area: On Sept. 16, the Parks and Public Grounds Committee and

CITY ACTIVITIES (Cont'd): the Budget Committee received a briefing from the Executive Dept. on the Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program for 1977. It was brought to the Council members attention that the International District Play Area project which was scheduled for planning in 1974 has yet to acquire a site. If the project cannot get underway during 1976, the Executive may recommend and Council must consider reprogramming the remaining \$89,000.

Economic Feasibility Study for Service Center: The Planning & Urban Development Committee received a briefing on the economic feasibility study for the ID service center on Oct. 13. No formal action was taken.

Consolidation of Department of Community Development Offices: The Mayor is proposing in his 1977 budget that certain offices within DCD be restructured. Under the proposal the International District Office would be placed within the Downtown Projects Division of DCD. The manager of this division will report directly to Paul Schell, Director of DCD.

MOTOKO IKO PLAY FEATURED NOV. 15 ON PUBLIC TV 9

"Gold Watch," a play by Washington playwright Motoko Iko (born in Wapato), is the featured presentation Monday, Nov. 15 at 10 p.m. on Public TV 9's premiere of VISIONS, a series devoted to the original works of new American playwrights.

This play draws on Ms. Iko's experiences as a Japanese American, growing up in the Pacific Northwest. At the age of two, she and her family were taken to an internment camp: they thus joined the 110,000 other Japanese Americans forced into similar confinement because they were deemed--without hearings or trials--threats to national security.

"Gold Watch" is set in a Pacific Northwest farming community, where the Japanese Americans are barely tolerated; after Pearl Harbor, however, they are subjected to vigilante attacks by their white neighbors.

The father, played by Mako, is a proud, stubborn and hard-working farmer, who at first wants to refuse the internment order. His wife (Shizuko Hoshi) sees no alternative but to comply. Their children similarly are polarized: their son (Jesse Dixon) wants to return to Japan, while their daughter (Mariel B. Aragon), thoroughly Americanized, turns on her father for being a "dirty Jap."

Lloyd Richards directed "Gold Watch," while VISIONS artistic director Barbara Schultz, acted as producer. Ms. Iko visited Seattle last May to assist in the direction of Wakako Yamauchi's "And the Soul Shall Dance" at the Univ. of Washington's Ethnic Cultural Center. During her stay, she also appeared on Public TV 9's MAGTIME program, reading from a biographical work.

VISIONS is a production of KCET/Los Angeles, made possible by grants from the Ford Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

ELECTION RESULTS SUMMARY

In Seattle's 37th District Representative Position 1, the incumbent John Sy Eng (D) 15,681 and Morris L. Malakoff (R) 2,387. Carl M. Ooka, incumbent commissions, Democrat, defeated Jim Whitaker (R) for the position on Kittitas County Commission. Ooka, 49, is a former businessman and real estate investor. He is commission chairman. Part Snohomish and King County voters of 39th District Position 2 resulted in Paul Shinoda, Jr. (R) 14,689 and Charles Moon (D) 11,442. Shinoda, 38, is an independent wholesale florist business owner in Snohomish where he is a second term city councilman. Shinoda is believed to be the first Japanese American ever to be elected to the state legislature in the state of Washington. In Hawaii, Spark M. Matsunaga defeated former Republican Gov. William F. Quinn for a Senate seat. Matsunaga succeeded retiring Senator Hiram L. Fong, a Republican. Matsunaga defeated Patsy Mink in the primary. In California, 70-year-old Republican S.I. Hayakawa defeated Senator John Tunney to become the Senate's oldest freshman. Washington State Supreme Court Justice James M. Dolliver, overcame a poor primary election showing to defeat former State Sen. Fred Dore. Dolliver, Gov. Dan Evans' administrative assistant for 11 years was appointed to the court by Evans last spring after death of Justice Robert Finley. Justice Dolliver was instrumental in doing the legwork to set the stage for President Ford signing of the revocation of E.O. 9066. Gov. Dan J. Evans was highly pleased at the election of Justice Dolliver to retain his State Supreme Court Justice post.

NEW ASIAN CAUCUS MEETS AT KAWABE HOUSE

A group of Asian Americans announced formation of a new political caucus Oct. 19 with endorsement of Democratic candidate for presidency. Known as Washington Asian-Pacific American Political Caucus with Y. Phil Hayasaka as acting chairperson the group met Oct. 28. There are an estimated 60,000 Asian Americans in the state, about 40,000 of whom live in King County and 8,000 in Pierce County.

SEATTLE KEIRO NEWS ADDITIONS

Keiro has 25 Patients: As of Nov. 3, about a month after it opened the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home has accepted 25 patients. This number is somewhat ahead of projection set by Keiro says Russ Akiyama, administrator. "We are trying to space the admission so that we can give the best care possible without overtaxing our facilities and employees. So far, our staff have done an excellent job in getting the patient settled and adjusted to their routine."

Activities Director Hired: Ann Haruki has been hired as activities director for Keiro. She is formerly a social worker at the Asian Counseling and Referral Services in Seattle. She will supervise activities for patients and coordinate services of volunteer workers. Mrs. Kiyo Seto is assisting as a volunteer and coordinating helpers. Volunteers are needed in various capacities in Keiro to relieve the heavy load on staff members. If you can help, please call Ann at 329-9575.

- Nov. 12-14--75th anniversary celebration for Seattle Betsuin. Groundbreaking for Collins Playfield tract from 1 p.m. on Nov. 14.
- Nov. 15--"Gold Watch," a play by Wapato born playwright Motoko Iko, featured in 90-minute showing 10 p.m. on Public TV 9 KCTS. (See page 5).
- Nov. 17--JACL's regular monthly meeting at the JACL office, 8 p.m. Refreshments served.
- Nov. 25--Nisei Interchurch Thanksgiving Day services with Japanese Baptist Church as host. Services begin 10 a.m.
- Dec. 3--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Allow one week for delivery. Notices effective before Dec. 9 will not be printed. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements and press releases to: c/o (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle 98105.
- Dec. 3--Rokka Ski Club members meeting from 8 p.m. at the NVC Memorial Hall. Rokka ski school begins Jan. 9 both Snoqualmie Summit and Crystal Mt., with standard and graduated length method (GLM) classes offered. Membership application at Imperial Lanes and Uwajimaya.
- Dec. 4--17th annual dance to benefit the Children's Orthopedic Hospital and Medical Center to be held at the Filipino Community Center, 5740 Empire Way S. from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tickets are available at \$10.00 per couple. Ken Noreen's orchestra. Martha Imabori, general chairman, assisted by Billie Yoshioka, ticket chairman.
- Dec. 4 and 5--Quarterly session of JACL Pacific Northwest District Council meeting hosted by Hood River and Gresham-Troutdale Chapters.
- Dec. 8--Newsletter mailout night at the JACL office from 7:30 p.m. Please come and help.
- Jan. 22--Pacific Northwest Conference on Nisei Retirement sponsored by Seattle JACL at NVC Hall. \$6.00. Speakers include: Gerontology Overview, Dr. Chaz Kawabori; Financial and Estate Planning, George M. Koshi, attorney; Mental Health Overview, Dr. Joe Okimoto; Exploring Spiritual Needs, Dr. Rev. Paul M. Nagano; Geriatrics Overview, Dr. George Kumasaka; Sansei Viewpoints on Crossroads, Russ Nakatsu; Nisei Women's Viewpoint on Crossroads, Mitsi Mihara; Services Available in Retirement Years, Sally Kazama, Mitsi Mihara; summarization by M/C Rita Fujiki Elway; also five group workshops on the above topics. \$6.00 includes luncheon and refreshments.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING FOR U.W. ALUMNI

The University Students Club Inc. (SYNKO) held their annual homecoming Nov. 6 at the Kawabe Memorial House. Presentation of 1976-77 scholarship awards were made by Sharon Maeda. Toru Sakahara received a Special Alumni Award for his dedication to the club. Sakahara received his law degree from the Univ. of Utah. Ken Sato was the master of ceremonies.

Board of Trustees include Chuck Kato, president; Genji Mihara, vice president; Sharon Maeda, treasurer; Joe Sasaki, secretary; Yoshito Fujii; Sandra Fujita; Harry Kadoshima; Noboru Kagayama; Harold Kawaguchi; Joe Kosai; Bob Nakao; Gerald Nakata; Hiro Nishimura; Ken Sato; and Hideo Watanabe.

1976-1977 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Board of Trustees of the University Students Club, Inc., is proud to present the 1976-77 scholarship awards to the following individuals:

Winifred Casada, commercial art major, Chief Sealth High, U.W. freshman \$450; Louis Egashira, English/Speech Communications, Franklin, U.W. junior \$500; Paul Egashira, pre-dentistry, Franklin, U.W. freshman, \$500; Paul Gonzales, son of Mrs. Kazuko Gonzales, Franklin, U.W. freshman \$500; David Hayasaka, pre-major, Rainier Beach, U.W. freshman, \$450; Robert Kono, broadcast communications, West Seattle, U.W. junior \$450; Candy Ostrom, daughter of Francis and Teruko Ostrom, psychology, Central Kitsap, U.W. freshman \$450. Total awards for the year is \$3,300. Since the beginning of the scholarship program in 1965, the organization has made 90 awards, including the above, for a total of \$33,980.

HEALTH CENTER PLANNER

Emiko Tanaka Leonard is the newly-hired planner for the International District Health Center. Already active in the community, the native from Hawaii is most notably a hard-working volunteer at the Chinese Nutrition Program every week.--Inter-Im newsletter

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