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SEATTLE CHAPTER MEETING AND CHRISTMAS SOCIAL TO BE SANDWICHED IN WITH PNWDC SESSION

The regular monthly December Seattle JACL meeting will be held Dec. 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Nisei Veterans Committee Memorial Hall, 1212 S. King St. The Seattle Chapter's traditional Christmas social starts at 9:30 p.m. with delegates and friends to the PNWDC meeting invited. District Gov. Ed Yamamoto has said that there will be a short meeting from 7:30 p.m., also at the NVC Hall. Seven Chapters will be present.

PNWDC meeting for Sunday morning, Dec. 11, will begin at 9 p.m. at the Greenwood Inn located at 625 116th N.E. Bellevue, just off Highway 405. Take exit 13 going either south or north on 405. Reservations for luncheon is \$5.85 including tax and gratuity. Call Henry Miyatake, 746-4654 for reservations.

Miyatake is in charge of host Chapter arrangements. Ben Nakagawa is in charge of Saturday evening social program, and Shea Aoki and Mary Fujita are making arrangements for the potluck. Don Kazama is chairperson on Seattle School District Bilingual program presentation following Sunday lunch as part of human relations concerns outreach.

Hope you can keep this complicated schedule in mind and attend. All JACLers and friends are invited.

PNWDC BILINGUAL PROGRAM DETAILS RELEASED

At the PNWDC meeting on Dec. 11, Sunday, at 1 p.m., the Seattle School District Bilingual program will be presented. Tony Ogilvie, Bilingual specialist in the State Superintendent of Instruction's office, will present the legal aspect. Nancy Chinn, Coordinator for the School District, will present an overall picture of the District's program. Atsuko Brewer, at Lauralhurst Elementary School, will present her Japanese Bilingual-Bicultural program. This is a very important aspect of the educational process. It is a little understood program and it is very important to the Asian community. You are urged to attend.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Mr. Yozo Kawamura, the outgoing manager of the Bank of Tokyo, Seattle Branch, and now assigned to Tokyo, has donated \$100.00 to the Seattle Chapter. The Chapter is grateful for your kind and generous donation.

JACL INSTALLATION SET FOR JAN. 15

Extensive preparation is being made for the Seattle Chapter 1978 installation-recognition banquet to be held Sunday, Jan. 15, at the Bush Garden Restaurant. Chairperson Mary Fujita announced that Gov. Dixy Lee Ray, Mayor-elect Charles Royer, Consul General Kenichi Yanagi, and Queen Beverly Akagi will be present. The social hour begins at 5 p.m.

Congressman Norman Yoshio Mineta (D) from Calif. will keynote the evening. Mineta is a native of San Jose attending public schools in that city. He received the B.S. in business administration from the U.C. in Berkeley in 1953. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953-56. Mineta is owner/agent for Mineta Insurance Agency. He is past member of the San Jose Human Relations Commission, San Jose Housing Authority, and was San Jose Councilman 1967-71. He was vice mayor from 1968-71, and served as mayor from 1971-74. He is on the board of director of Santa Clara County Boy Scout Council. Mineta is married to former May Hinoki in 1961 and has two children. Mineta was elected to 94th Congress in 1974 and reelected to 95th Congress. He was awarded Nisei of the Biennium at the 1968 JACL National Convention.

The tickets are already being distributed. The reservation will be taken at \$10 per person featuring steak dinner. Make plans now to attend the social event of the year.

Chairperson Fujita is assisted by Tak Kubota, program & Recognition, installation officer; Phil Hayasaka, master of ceremonies; Dr. Paul M. Nagano, benediction and invocation; Kimi Nakanishi, Bob Matsuura and Richard Ishikawa, tickets; Shig Otani and Jiro Namatame, flowers; Lillian Iwata, program printing; John Matsumoto, host and Hostesses; Mark Nagasawa, photographer.

DR. SATA IN ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENT

Dr. Lindbergh Sata, past chapter president, will be leaving his position as Director of the Harborview Community Mental Health Center to assume his appointment as Professor and Chairman of the Psychiatry Dept. of St. Louis Univ. in Missouri. Dr. Sata, who is also an Assoc. Prof. at the U.W. School of Medicine, will be taking over his new position. in Jan. 1978. A native of Portland, he graduated from Univ. of Utah and did his graduate and doctoral there. He was Associate Prof. of Psychiatry at the Univ. of Maryland School of Medicine. Yuri Sata, an attorney with the Public Defenders office, is currently 3rd vice president of the Chapter. Dr. Sata was active at the total community grass roots level on various committee and at the national level. He is outspoken and refuses to bow down to "Das System" when fairness to individuals and group is at stake. He left a lasting impact at our Chapter. He has the knack of understanding and communicating with the now generation.

DIRECTOR OF ASIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION RESIGNS

Martin "Mich" Matsudaira will resign as of Dec. 31 as executive director of the Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs. He was appointed in 1973 by Gov. D. Evans when

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ISAKI FINDS CANADIAN JAPANESE INTEGRATION INTO TOTAL SOCIETY FUELED BY GEOGRAPHY

Vice president Paul Isaki of the Seattle Chapter JAACL was invited by the Alberta Sansei group with facilitation of Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi to participate in the Japanese Canadian Youth Conference in Calgary, Oct. 28 and 29. Dr. Hirabayashi, former Seattleite, is a professor in the sociology department at the Univ. of Edmonton. Hirabayashi was also the prime organizer of the Japanese Canadian Centennial Project.

Isaki was one of the speakers on the theme: "Where Do We Go from Here?" The conference was a follow-up to the Centennial program held in Toronto last July.

300 Canadian Sansei attended from all over Canada. This was first such meeting in Canada to deal with Japanese Canadian identity and to come to some understanding of Canadian heritage.

Paul Isaki had set up three objectives of his own when he received his invitation: 1) to determine whether there were validation on North American Japanese experiences to find something in common beyond having had Japanese immigrant roots and the experience of evacuation in World War II and the subsequent acculturation of Japanese people in respective countries. 2) whether he might have something in common with Japanese Canadian Sansei 3) and to renew acquaintance with Dr. Hirabayashi. Isaki realized that he was making impression as an inter-loper on just one week-end.

Isaki found that while there were striking similarities between Japanese and Canadian Sansei there were also very important and significant differences in terms of experiences.

Isaki said,

"So much of what I have come to think about in terms of being Sansei and being Japanese American, is the product of the things what I have experienced in my life, much of it which was a opportunity whether I wanted it or not interacting with other people of Japanese ancestry having grown up in the West Coast with strong Japanese community enclave in the Bay area. The opportunity to interact was always there whether I chose to take advantage of it or not."

Isaki said this has not been the case in Canada. He cited Dr. Hirabayashi's figure on the intermarriage rate of Sansei in Canada in excess of 80%. The Canadians, Isaki said, had less opportunity for interaction since the number of Japanese people are considerably less than here in the United States and also because of geography and institution in Canada are so much different.

Isaki said,

"The notion of what it means to be an American is an abstract part of the thought. It is extremely abstract to try to describe what a Canadian is. I asked several people over the weekend who were grappling with 'Are We Canadian?' 'Are We Japanese Canadian?' I asked, 'What is a Canadian?' The answers I got were two no's. 'We are not American,' 'We are not British Subject.' It doesn't tell what they are but it does tell what they are not."

The conference provided some of the Sansei to come in contact for the first time with the facets of westernized Japanese heritage such as "shikataganai (it can't be helped)," "emryo," and other aspect of Japanese heritage that affected grandparents' lives, their lives, and their parents lives. The conference provided for the first time the opportunity for the delegates to be in one place for any prolonged period of time with other people of Japanese ancestry, particularly the Sansei, outside their own families.

"There was great deal of talk during the conference about how absurd it was to be talking about being Japanese," Isaki said. "The Sansei was fully assimilated in the Canadian culture. It wasn't until discussion of some cultural traits on inner legacy of the Japanese Canadian very similar to that of Japanese American that many of these young people had ever thought in context about being of Japanese ancestry. There was this lack of opportunity to interact, the inability to confront one another, and to talk about things. There were great deal of recognition of things way back into childhood they remembered, things they recalled their parents saying in terms of the Nisei. The evacuation was particularly harsh and lasted over five years (1941-47). The deep emotion many of the Nisei left because of the evacuation have led to even greater desire not to talk about evacuation to Sansei younger people. So most of the Sansei were almost totally ignorant about the evacuation."

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As a follow up, we hope to summarize the history of Canadian Japanese in the subsequent issue.

INTERMENT CREDIT NEWS

An amended bill H.R. 9471 has been introduced by Congressman Mineta. This bill restricts applicants to 18 years and older. The amended bill has been voted out unanimously by the full Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. The Committee for Internment Credit's intent is to push the bill in its present form to its final enactment. If it is at all possible we would like to get additional coverage for those who were under 18 years old. This involves accumulating data and other documentations. We need assistance in this project and are requesting that those internees who were under 18 years while in camp take the following action:

1. Write to the National Archives for a copy of a record of their camp time employment.
The address is: General Services Administration
National Archives and Record Service
Washington, D.C. 20409
2. Provide 2 copies of this record to CIC, 487 23rd Ave., San Francisco, CA 94121.
3. Give them written permission to use this information.---o---

LATE ADD: Wendy Tokuda, daughter of George Tokudas, and KING-TV medical & science specialist has been hired away by San Francisco's KPIX to do the same strong job for them.

A year -- twelve pages on the calendar ...

flip by almost as fast as in the old movie scenes that visualize the passage of time. Time is a commodity that seems so abundant looking ahead...looking back you wonder where it went. Back there at the outset, I wondered if the year of 1977 could be one in which the Seattle Chapter could be more visible so that people didn't need to ask, "What's JACL doing?" While keeping as its first priority its major role of civil rights and legislative advocacy, I felt the Chapter could as one of its goals become more membership oriented, involved in activities that members could see and take part in, as a way to bring out more of the silent membership and draw in new members. Why was the membership static, why could we not budge upward from the all-time high of 744 since 1973?

To what extent were these particular aims realized? And by what means? As I asked myself these questions, I reviewed some of the areas of involvement this past year in a somewhat statistical frame of mind:

Advocacy & legislative activity -- what did we do in these areas?

Meetings - averaged at least 1 a month, exclusive of board & committee meetings, e.g.

- with Congressman Jack Cunningham re internment credit and reparations
- with Patrick Okura re retirement program and NIMH funding
- with Gordon Hirabayashi re reparations and Canadian Nikkei
- with School Supt. David Moberly re candidacy of Chris Kato for principalship
- with Norman Mineta re the Washington and national scene
- with WSU Board of Regent member re WSU insensitivity & lack of Asian American Studies

Letters - over 100 outgoing (support, acknowledgements, informational, etc.); over 350 including multiple mailings to legislators, and not including Comm. Against Defamation letters.

- supporting candidacy of William Nishimura for Region X HUD Administrator
- supporting candidacy of Mike Masaoka for Ambassador to Japan
- supporting candidacy of Prof. Sho Sato for UW Law School Dean
- supporting candidacy of Amy Yee for Seattle Tennis Center Mgr.
- supporting Bilingual Education proposals, Bush Hotel Community Center, International Terrace exemption, Employment Opportunity Center, etc.
- supporting HB 138, Asian American Affairs Commission (150 legislators), SSB 2113, Visa Alien Student Tuition Bill; HR 8440, Atomic Bomb Survivors Bill, etc.

Demonstration - Chapter participation in Overturn Bakke Decision rally and march

Outcome: Cunningham agreed to support internment credit bill and review reparations material, Chris Kato appointed first Nikkei high school principal, HB 138 & SSB 2113 pass.

Community Service, participatory activities -- what numbers were served?

- Nikkei Retirement Conference	John Takizawa	200 plus
- Nikkei Retirement Comm. Coalition Seminar	Min Masuda	100
- Issei Seminar on Comm. Prop/Wills	Ken Nakano	100
- Pancake Breakfast w/I.A. Student Coalition	Mako Nakagawa/May Sasaki	400 plus
- 1000 Club Golf Tournament	Roy Sakamoto/Kimi Nakanishi	60
- Japan Flight for April 1978	Harry Kadoshima	107
- Japanese Community Telephone Directory	Jiro Namatame	7,000

Participation: In addition to the community-wide distribution of directory, special projects and activities involved approximately 1,000 participants. Of these over 50% were non-JACLers.

Membership Meetings -- did programs planned for wider appeal encourage attendance?

- Hypertension Awareness	Northwest Hospital	40
- Desegregation - Getting it Together	Richard Dysterhuis	40
- Community Property Agreem. & Wills	George Koshi	40
- Trident Base, Bangor, Wash.	Live Without Trident	28
- From Racism to Pluralism	Foundation for Change	28
- Grass Roots Political Involvement	Jeanne Moeller/Bill Ames	32

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Attendance: Not conclusive as to whether programs helped attendance. Non-program meetings had a slightly less average attendance. Not counting the scholarship award meeting attended by recipients and their parents, approximately 35 new faces turned out over the year, but of these most were of single purpose attendance. Permanently gained new member attendance - practically nil.

Committee Activities -- was there continuing involvement of core members?

- Iva Toguri pardon gained by National with chapters' assistance - Jerry Shigaki
- Reparations statement re individual payments disseminated by Reparations Committee
- Scholarship - 3 Tamesa awards, 1 Rev. Andrews, 1 semi-finalist for JAL - Ted Sakahara/
- Desegregation - Asian input into planning - Sam Shoji/Arlene Oki Patti Shimomura
- Internment credit - petitions amassed and presented - Don Kazama
- Pacific Citizen - holiday ad income of \$400-\$500 anticipated - Tomio Moriguchi
- JACL Reporter - newsletter published montly as reliable as clockwork - Eira Nagaoka
- Newsletter mailout - crew turn-out as reliable as clockwork - May Sasaki
- Budget/Grants - budget projections, precise grant guidelines drawn up - Gil Hirabayashi
- Directory - 1,243 donors, record-high \$10,121 donations, net \$6,031 - Jiro Namatame

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Merely one point of view . . . (continued)

- Nominations - introduces some double slating, and brand new nominees - Helen Akita
 - Installation - Congressman Norman Mineta obtained as speaker - Mary Fujita/Tak Kubota
 - Membership - a new high of 830 memberships recorded - John Matsumoto
 - Insurance - numerous requests for information and services provided - Fuzzy Fujiyama
 - Cultural Center-Econ. Development Comm. gives nod to JACL sole project-Chuck Kato
 - Constitution/By-laws -revision of wording re pres.-elect position - Toru Sakahara
 - Women's Rgt/Resp.-first hand report of State women's conference-Rita Elway/Fran Wada
- Participation: Above list is far from complete, but all committees involved membership activity in varying degrees.

Now getting back to -- to what extent were there any gains?

As to membership involvement, outside of the reliable 50 or so active members, attracting new people into an active capacity had only limited success. Particularly through the retirement program planning, however, several newcomers did such an outstanding job they were immediately sought by the Nominating Committee as nominees for the Board. A real plus! Sansei professionals who have so much to offer are sorely needed in our chapter.

Chapter membership jumped to a new all-time high of 830, an increase of more than 100 over last year. It didn't just happen, it took planning and work--a meticulous attention to responding to information requests, a repeat mailing of reminder-to-renew letters, and personal contacts. Of the 830, 145 are new members. What brought them in? It was fortunate this year that another project served a two-fold purpose.

As the eye-catching 1977 Directory neared its publication date, the community-wide distribution provided by the mail-out was too choice an opportunity to resist. Since membership forms could possibly divert directory donations, I thought a "request for information" form inserted into the directory might "kill 4 birds with one stone" so to speak. The 157 forms returned led to gains by the health insurance plan, credit union and travel program, and in addition a total of 45 new members were directly attributable to this contact. Back even further in the planning almost 2 years ago the groundwork was started for a Seattle-based travel group, primarily to offer the travel benefits to PNW members that were being offered to Californians, and secondly, to entice in new members. New members gained on the Japan flight -32. In addition, the sizeable gain in new members could probably be attributed to the greater visibility of JACL in activities such as the outstanding retirement programs, and to other membership benefits such as scholarships and Pacific Citizen, as well as to those who join "just to support JACL". If 100% of the non-renewals could have been picked up, the year-end total could have reached 900. That can be a goal for next year, then on to the 1,000 mark.

Striving for an increase in membership makes sense in terms of

strengthening the clout of the national organization. But in terms of individual chapter membership, one could argue, is big always better? That's a debatable question when one considers that only a handful are really active. Do other large chapters have the same problem of reaching that vast silent membership? I presume they do, especially when I read that one chapter of over 1,000 members has had a husband/wife team rotate the presidency for at least 6 years. According to membership statistics as of Sept. 30, Seattle was the 8th largest of the 104 chapters. San Francisco was No. 1 with 1,772. While perusing these statistics, some interesting data emerged reinforcing the contention that JACL is a hopelessly male dominated organization. All national officers are male; only 2 out of 8 District Governors are women. Out of 102 chapter presidents, 85 are male, leaving only 17 positions filled by women. It is rather intriguing therefore to note that 5 out of the top 10 chapters are headed by "Ms." - 2nd place Gardena Valley by Helen Kawagoe, 6th place Chicago by Chiye Tomihiro, 7th place Sequoia by Amy Doi, and 10th place San Mateo by Yasuko Ito. What implications are hidden here - that larger chapters include more men who are less chauvinistic? Hmmmm, that opens up a whole gamut of observations that would take another full page to explore.

Getting back to the subject -- as to goals not attained and "wishihaddas"

unfortunately there were many, such as an in-house workshop for the businessman/social worker communications gap; organization of a support group to counteract anti-Japanese economic propaganda (working jointly with Shunjukai and possibly Japan America Society); a youth-aimed program to draw in more under-30 year olds; co-projects with N.V.C. and Keiro. But the list would run ad infinitum. Trying to condense 12 pages of the calendar onto 2 pages of the newsletter was squeezing this enough. But everything said here leads up to one major point--one hundred million phone calls and a dozen carbon typewriter ribbons later, the one truth of this year's experience is so vividly apparent. Without the support and hard work, the willing cooperation of so many beautiful people in JACL, who individually and cooperatively all do such a great job, the demanding and time-consuming task of heading the Seattle Chapter would be an absolutely impossible job. Each member who contributes of his time and energy, his ideas and his commitment, can take full credit for the Chapter's accomplishments over the years. To all you wonderful officers, board members, and committee people -- domo arigato for being such a great team!

The December combined meeting-district council-Christmas social winds up the year of 1977. Ask some members who haven't turned out, ask new people who don't know JACL, encourage them to come -- let's relax (or whoop it up?) and enjoy ourselves. Let's have a great turnout for the holiday party!