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Newsletter was recalled due to failure/complying with postal regulation. Newsletter will be reassembled during Mar. 21 board meeting.

Emi Somekawa, past PNWDC governor and past president of Portland and Puyallup Valley Chapter was present at the meeting. She is on National committee. Also present was Kenko Nogaki from Washington, D.C. and she plans to stay here in Seattle. She was member of the Seattle's old Japanese American Progressive League, forerunner to JACL.

King County Dept. of Rehab Service is planning to convert the Federal Immigration Bldg at 815 Airport Way S. into a correctional facility housing its work release program. Inter*Im is concerned. No contact has been made by the County with any International District organizations for input. Inter*Im opposes this projected plan and petition is out.

Sam Shoji, chair for the JACL facilities, requests any committee planning to use the office for meetings to contact him for room reservation and clearance.

Sam Shoji said the final recommendation will have been made on Mar. 7 on the Seattle School desegregation program. Only few Chinese and one Japanese were present at the meeting held at Asa Mercer School for making public school language pitch. In regards to 350 Court Litigation, the coalition wants JACL to be one of their intervenors. Options are not clear.

Henry Miyatake reported on Dec. 9 and 10 meeting held in San Francisco. The proposed plan of the Redress Program does not meet the mandate of Salt Lake City conference but the National Redress Committee is trying to push their own version based on the premise that it is their right to use their own prerogative, according to Miyatake. Miyatake outlined the National Redress Committee action in chronological order indicating points of cleavage step by step.

Newsletter mailout workers for Feb. 14 included the following: Kathryn Bannai, Michael Yaguchi, Mary Kumasaka, Karen Yaguchi, Gary Matsudaira, Art Oki, Patti Shimomura, and Mich Matsudaira. Joanne Fujita delivered the mailings to the post office.

White River Valley JACL installed Harvey Watanabe as president during their annual dinner Mar. 10 at the Eagles Next in Auburn. Seattle attorney Ron Mamiya spoke on JACL's redress campaign and Emi Somekawa, former PNWDC governor, was the installation officer.

Kathryn Bannai, attorney and board member, made an comprehensive update on the important bills in the State Legislature. Senate Bill 2149, the Bilingual Education Bill, passed the Senate 37-10 with lobby effort by Diane Wong, of the Commission on Asian American Affairs. The bill provides for teaching students in their native tongue as they become accustomed to English language and move in the direction of total English use with progress.

International District Housing Alliance which fight for decent, low income housing in the International District is asking for monetary support c/o 627 S. Jackson, Seattle 98104. More details later.

An open letter to Senator S.I. Hayakawa will be in the Washington Post newspaper in March costing \$12,500. \$210 was raised during the Seattle Chapter board meeting.

Consul-General Kenichi Yanagi leaves post Mar. 22. He arrived here on Aug. 1977. He previously served with embassies in Ottawa, Canberra and London and was named vice dean of the Seattle Consular Corps only recently. We are sorry he is leaving so soon. We are impressed with his work in creating good relations with the community.

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DEDICATION OF NEW WING

Dedication ceremonies and open house for Seattle Keiro's new multi-purpose wing will be held Sunday, April 1, from 2 to 4 p.m., according to Tosh Okamoto, president of Issei Concerns. An invitation is extended to all contributors, volunteers, and friends of Keiro to attend the ceremonies. The new facility will be dedicated to the memory of the late Mas Tomita, Issei Concerns vice president for management of facilities, who passed away on December 20. Construction of the new wing, costing \$162,000 and covering 4,000 square feet, was made possible by grants from the Japan Shipbuilding Industry Foundation of Tokyo and the Boeing Employees Good Neighbor Fund, as well as contributions from individuals, organizations, and businesses. John Y. Sato Corporation is the builder. Tosh Hori is chairman of the dedication program committee, assisted by Mrs. Mitsuko Kimura and Mrs. Yuki Nakamura.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Japanese American Residents of this state continue to make valuable contributions to Washington; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the State of Washington, it gives me pleasure to acknowledge these many contributions that have added to the social, cultural, and economic growth of the state, including the following:

- a. Enriching the multi-cultural character of the state through the works of Japanese American artists, musicians, and writers; and through the preservation of Japanese customs and language among Japanese American citizens.
- b. Strengthening the diversity of the state's social structure through Japanese American participation in the educational system as administrators, instructors, and students; in the legal system as judges, lawyers and jurors; and in the governmental system as lawmakers, agency administrators and staff.
- c. Advancing the state's economic growth through the introduction and use of alternative agricultural methods; development of international trade and business as well as local business; and participation in various occupations including retailing,

WHEREAS, on February 19, 1942, Japanese American residents of Washington were evacuated from their homes and businesses and interned in camps throughout the United States. These actions were ordered by the federal government and done without any prior hearing or determination of guilt on their part.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dixy Lee Ray, Governor of the State of Washington, in light of the above do hereby proclaim February 19, 1979, to be a statewide

"DAY OF REMEMBRANCE"

in honor of its Japanese American residents.

/s/ Dixy Lee Ray
Governor

REPRES. MATSUI URGES A MORE REALISTIC REDRESS PROGRAM

An informal group of 30 well wishers gathered at the Kawabe Memorial House Sunday morning of Feb. 24 to meet United States Representative Robert T. Matsui, California Democrat. Repres. Matsui was the speaker the previous night at the annual banquet for the Buddhist Churches of America held in Seattle this year at the Olympic Hotel. Repres. Matsui said his first obligation is to the legislative body he represents and will vote in accordance to his own opinion. The concern of the group at the Kawabe House was on the Redress Program.

"What could you sell?" he asked expressing pessimism on the \$25,000 unit payment clause. "You're really talking about \$2 to \$3 billion. I doubt that we will be able to sell that type of program." He said this wasn't Seattle's idea but somebody brought this out and it was exploited. He reminded that present administration is faced with cuts moving in the direction of balanced budget. We face \$3 to \$4 billion CETA cuts. There is no expenditure for cost of living adjustment for the poor.

He said, "What is reasonable in the light of Congressional make-up? Redress pay clause is dangerous politically and I have no alternative answer."

Where the San Francisco group and Seattle going in separate ways, Congressman Matsui urged a more unified program.

Congressman Matsui was a Sacramento city councilman and was active as campaign manager for the former Congressman who has retired and whose position he now holds. He is active in the Buddhist Church and his community.

1978 ONE THOUSAND CLUB ROLL

Mitsuji M. Abe 3, Hiram G. Akita 24, Jiro E. Aoki Life, Beacon Travel Service Century Club 2, Lincoln Beppu 3, C. Matsuko Chin 12, George S. Fugami 16, Shiro Fujihira 9, Yoshito Fujii 22, Dr. Susumu Fukuda 25, Charles M. Furuta 1, James M. Hara 10, Frank H. Hattori Life, Smith Y. Hayami 10, Y. Philip Hayasaka 15, Heitaro Hikida 23, Joe S. Hirota 20-Life, Frank T. Hori 11, Takashi Hori Life, Fred Y. Imanishi 19, Mrs. Takeyo Imori Life, Thomas T. Imori Life, Marsha M. Inouye 3, Lillian T. Iwata 17, John M. Kashiwagi 22, S. George Kashiwagi 16, Chris S. Kato 5, George Y. Kawachi 24, Kawaguchi Travel Service Century Club 5, Frank Kawashima 1, Koichi Kihara 17, Frank Y. Kinomoto Life, Cherry T. Kinoshita 9, Dennis H. Kobata Fifty Club 1, William Kobayashi 5, Hosoe Kodama 2, Sam Kozu 1, Henry T. Kubota Life, Takeshi Kubota Life, Dr. Roland S. Kumasaka 17, Dr. Minoru Masuda 8, John H. Matsumoto 3, James M. Matsuoka 25, Robert H. Matsuura 16, William Y. Mambu 27, Henry H. Miyake 18, Lovett Moriguchi 9.

Also, Tomio Moriguchi 11, Kiyo Motoda 23, Thomas T. Mukasa 10, Richard K. Murakami 23, Eira Nagaoka 12, Ben Nakagawa 5, Dr. Theodore T. Nakamura 25, Kimi Nakanishi 7, Teiji Namatame 6, Ken Nogaki Life, Fumi Noji 25, Dr. Yoshitaka Ogata 10, Rose Ogino 22, Dr. Kenji Okuda 16, Sue Omori 24, Shigeto Otani 4, late Edward E. Otsuka Life, Mrs. Jeanette Y. Otsuka Life, Toru Sakahara Life, Ted A. Sakahara 23, Roy Y. Sakamoto Fifty Club 4, Howard S. Sakura 23, Fifty Club 6, John Y. Sato 9, Century Club 1, Roy Y. Seko 20, Mabel K. Shigaya 22, Al Shimoguchi 10, Eddie K. Shimomura 18, Sherlock S. Shinbo 2, Wilce Shiomi 11, Mamoru Sudo 5, Nobu Suyama 5, Dr. M. Paul Suzuki 17, Fred T. Takagi 27, Fifty Club 4; George Takizawa 8, Uhachi Tamesa 11, Dr. Frank Y. Tanaka 5, Masahisa Tanaka 11, Umeko Tosaya 16, Reiko Tsubota 5, Tom Tsubota 5, Dr. Masa M. Uchimura 10, Shigeko Uno 18, Dr. Kelly K. Yamada 25, Kay Yamaguchi 25, Minoru Yamaguchi 24, Dick H. Yamane 13, Fumi Yamasaki 2, Richard Yamasaki 2, Takako Yoda 5, Dr. George Y. Yorita 2, Juro Yoshioka 24. Kimi Nakanishi is Chapter Thousand Club chairperson. As of Oct. 1978 the Fifty Club was merged with the Annuals of Thousand Club. Please call to our attention the mistake of omission or mistakes of data.

SIBONGA TO RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL POST

Dolores Sibonga, who served the remaining four months of Phyllis Lamphere's council position when she left for federal EDA job, has resigned as deputy executive secretary for the state Human Rights Commission to run for a full term on the Council. Mrs. Sibonga will not be announcing her candidacy for some time. She is active in women's and minority affairs and was elected to 1979 Seattle JAACL board.

HARRY P. CAIN PASSES

Harry P. Cain while Mayor of Tacoma, was among the few high public officials speaking against the WW2 evacuation of Japanese American, died March 3. He was 73. "I disapprove of the evacuation of the Japanese from Tacoma and Pierce County," he said. "I will take responsibility for them."

He was paratroop leader and Yale University instructor and was living in suburban Miami home. In 1946, he became the first Republican senator from Washington State in 20 years. President Eisenhower appointed Cain to a three-year term on the Subversive Activities Control Board.

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"A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE" AT THE PORTLAND ASSEMBLY CENTER

by Emi Somekawa, Puyallup Valley Chapter

On Feb. 17, 1979 over 1,200 Japanese Americans and their friends gathered for the first time since WWII at a place now called the Multnomah County Exposition Center in Portland, Oregon to observe "A Day of Remembrance." This was an assembly center when 3,676 people of Japanese ancestry were detained for about 5 months (May-Sept.) in 1942, before they were transferred to a more permanent concentration camps.

It was a cold, rainy day but Issei, Nisei and Sansei kept coming, with their potluck dinner to be shared later in the afternoon, to recall and share their sad experience with their friends. They heard speeches, renewed acquaintances and remembered the past with mixed emotions.

Speakers for the day included two Issei, Mrs. Harue Akiyama and Masahi Kinoshita, and two Nisei, Harue Ninomiya and Dr. George Hara, each of whom told their own story of evacuation. Other speakers were Mayor Neil Goldschmidt of Portland and Judge Robert Thornton, Oregon State Court of Appeals. The guest speaker was Minoru Yasui, a person who challenged the suspension of Japanese Americans' constitutional rights, and presently is the Executive Director of the Denver, Colorado, Commission on Community Relations.

At the time of internment, this location was the International Livestock Exposition Center and was the only site in the State of Oregon used to house evacuees before moving them to permanent concentration camps further inland. Through the efforts of many Portland People, a plaque was unveiled in a brief ceremony which will be placed at the entrance of the building, identifying the place as the "Portland Assembly Center."

There were photographs, art and handicraft exhibits from the camps, as well as slide shows and "Issei Appreciation" film. An hour of entertainment was provided by the local talents and then the potluck dinner concluded the day's program.

It was through the efforts of many people in the community, and the cooperation of the committee from Seattle, namely, Kathy Wong, Frank Abe, Frank Chin and Henry Miyatake that made this a successful venture in Portland.

NEWS JOTTINGS: Craig Yamane of Shoreline High (Metro AAA - 129 lbs) and Mike Ohashi of Cleveland High (Metro AA - 141 lbs) won the first place in their respective division in the final Metro Wrestling Tournament. David Hasegawa of Lakeside High won the second place in the (Metro AA - 135 lbs) in his division . . . the appointment of Robert C. Anderson, former mayor of Everett, as director of the State Department of Commerce and Economic Development, effective May 1, was announced by Gov. Dixy Lee Ray from Olympia. As director, Anderson will earn \$37,100 per year when he replaces Kazuo Watanabe. The governor left the door open to appoint Watanabe to another state job in the future. She said it was a possibility, but would not comment beyond that . . .

MILESTONES: Shiro Kobayashi, 23, Feb. 10 Memorial services Feb. 17. All relatives in Japan . . . Teruzo Mimbu. Services Feb. 15. Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, JACL, Nikkei Jin Kai, Received 6th Order of the Sacred Treasurer. Survivors include: son, William Y. Mimbu, Bellevue; grandson, David W. Mimbu, Pleasant Hills, CA; William K. Mimbu and Robert T. Mimbu, both Bellevue; great granddaughter, Toyoko Mimbu, Santa Barbara, CA; nieces, Kiku Hasegawa and Margaret M. Ouchi, both Seattle; nephew, Albert Y. Ouchi, Washington, D.C. . . . Setsu Yanagawa (Kent) 90, Feb. 13. White River Buddhist Church. Mother of Kay and Tets, both of Kent; George and Mrs. George (Mary) Mizuto, both Ontario, Ore.; Mrs. Roy (Josie) Taketa, and Mrs. Ken (Margaret) Teramoto, both Seattle. 15 grandchildren, six great grandchildren . . . Makoto Yatagai, 93, Feb. 16. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Men's Fellowship, Hyaku Do Kai, Seattle Senryu Ginsha, Mikado Baseball Club. Survivors include: wife Chiyono Yatagai; daughters Mrs. Masao (Lucy) Fujii, Seattle; Mrs. John (Rose) Fujinari, Bainbridge Island; four grandsons, two great grandchildren . . . Hideaki Nakamura (Bellevue). Services Feb. 26. St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Survivors include: wife Mitsue; sons, Ken K. Nakamura, Gary H. Nakamura, both Seattle; daughters, Mrs. Ken (Christine) Tanaka, Sharon Y. Nakamura, both Bellevue; JoAnn M. Nakamura, Seattle; four grandchildren; brother Akira Nakamura, Mercer Island; sisters, Mrs. Yoshiaki (Yuki) Takahashi, Mrs. Don (Jane) Hanada, both Seattle; Mrs. Mitsuo (Ruth) Watanabe, L.A. . . . Mineo Miyahara, 84, Mar. 4. Japanese Baptist Church. Private services held. Survivors include: sons Jimmy S. Miyahara, Seattle; John Miyahara, Chicago; daughter Mrs. Douglas (Betty) Smith, Seattle; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren; two sisters and three brothers in Japan . . . Robert Masaru Terao, 64, Mar. 3. Seattle Buddhist Church. Husband of Patricia S. Terao, Seattle; brother of Ben, Japan; Fred, Roy and Bill, all of Seattle; and Fumiye Ikehiro, Japan . . . Toshiji Murakami, 78, Mar. 6. Survivors include: wife, Shimeko Murakami; sons Yoneichi Jack Murakami; Terry Murakami; daughters, Mrs. Kiyoshi (Elsie) Taki, all Seattle; Mrs. Mitsuo (Kazuko) Kawachi, Renton. Ten grandchildren, one sister and two brothers in Japan . . .

CHERRY BLOSSOM AND JAPANESE CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Dr. Richard McKinnon, Festival Program and Cultural Director, said May 5 and 6 will be the Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival. The event is an extension of the 1968 Japanese Cultural Festival and the activities will be held at the Seattle Center. Brochures are being developed for purchasing.

Calendar of Events

- March 21--Seattle JACL meeting from 7:45 p.m. at the JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., Room 109. Refreshments as usual. Everyone welcome.
- March 24--The annual N.V.C. installation banquet at the Washington Plaza Hotel in downtown Seattle. Taul Watanabe, director of Burlington Northern Air Freight Inc. and chairman of the Governor's Economic Advisory Council, will be the guest speaker. A graduate of Willamette Univ., he has received LLB degree in 1943 from Univ. of Denver Law School and his JD degree in 1970. He received his PhD in International Economics in 1974. He has been appointed to the Board of Regents of Univ. of Washington in 1977, vice chairman of the State Personnel Board, and a trustee of the Washington State International Trade Fair until 1980. Tickets for the dinner-dance are \$12.50 per person.
- March 25--Benefit Betsuin bazaar from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Buddhist auditorium, 1427 S. Main Street.
- April 1--Dedication ceremonies and open house for Seattle's Keiro new multi-purpose wing from 2 to 4 p.m. according to Tosh Okamoto, president of Issei Concerns. Everyone invited to attend.
- April 6--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Allow one week for delivery. Notices effective before April 13 will not be printed. Mail articles, news clippings, announcements to: c/o Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle 98105.
- April 7--Japanese community Queen coronation festival at Washington Plaza Hotel. 7 p.m.-9 p.m. dinner at \$12.00 per person; 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. coronation; 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. disco. Public is also invited to attend Queen selection ceremony at Bush Garden.
- April 11--JACL newsletter mailout, 7 p.m. at JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., Room 109.
- April 20-22--Benefit movie sponsored by Greater Seattle Japanese Community Queen Committee featuring "Invitation from Beach," a mystery and "Trail of Traps," a samurai thriller at the Toyo Cinema.
- April 27-28--Japanese Baptist Church Social Concerns Committee sponsored benefit Sukiyaki Dinner and Japanese Cultural Festival at the Japanese Baptist Church.
- April 29--Donna Uno, soprano, will present a concert of classical music at the Seattle Concert Theatre, 1153 John St. She will be assisted by Naoko Noguchi, pianist. The concert will begin at 3 p.m. Donna has appeared with ACT Theatre in "The Me Knowbody Knows," a folk rock musical. She has also performed in U.W. opera productions and workshops with the Cornish School of Allied Arts. She has received training at the American Institute of Music in Austria, and currently studies voice with Marianne Weltmann and George Fiore. Tickets are \$4.00 donation at the door. For ticket information, please call 723-5283.
- May 5 (Sat.)--Benefit Silent Auction/Spaghetti Dinner/Bake and Plant Sale sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 53 from 3 to 8:30 p.m. at the NVC Memorial Hall, 1212 S. King St., Seattle. This is part of the fund raising program for the Japan trip. Lots of give aways at the door.
- May 20-27--80th Anniversary program for the Seattle Japanese Baptist Church. The Rev. Jojo Sakakibara, pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church of Sacramento, will be the English missionary while the Rev. Masaru Nambu, of the North Shore Japanese Baptist Church, will be the Nichigo missionary.
- July 29--Annual Thousand Club golf tournament at the Jackson Park Course. John Matsumoto and Helen Akita are cochairperson. More details forthcoming.

JAPANESE COMMUNITY QUEEN SELECTION AND CORONATION

Candidates for the Greater Seattle Japanese Community Queen may submit their application form to Japanese Community Queen Committee, 2329 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle 98144 (phone 325-6555). Age requirements are 18-22 and candidates must be of Japanese ancestry. The Queen will receive \$500 scholarship and the princess lesser amount. The plan calls for participation in International Nikkei queen contest in Brazil and Nisei Week Festival in Los Angeles. Applications form may be found at Uwajimaya, Imperial Lanes, Galaxy, and Bush Garden Restaurant. Posters are out. Deadline is March 31. Queen selection ceremony will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on April 7 at Bush Garden Restaurant. Public is invited to attend. This will be followed by Queen coronation festival at Washington Plaza Hotel with dinner from 7 to 9 p.m. at \$12 per person; 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. coronation; 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. disco with the theme "Thanks for the Memory."

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