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SEATTLE JACL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

JACL OFFICE, 316 MAYNARD AVENUE SOUTH, ROOM 109

FROM 7:45 P.M. PRESIDENT MATSUDAIRA PRESIDING

EVERYONE WELCOME. REFRESHMENTS AS USUAL

8TH ANNUAL 1000 CLUB GOLF TOURNEY SET FOR JULY 29

A fun day of golf is promised for all 1000 Club members in good standing and their spouses regardless of their handicaps July 29. The tournament will be held in the Jackson Park Golf Course, rain or shine with tee-off starting at 11 a.m. There will be two flights, one for men and one for women. Perpetual trophy for the lowest net score in each flight will be presented.

The entry fee is \$6.00. The lesser amount was erroneously indicated in the application form. Family type dinner will follow the tournament at 6:30 p.m. at the Four Seas Restaurant, at \$9.00 per person which is open to all. Make dinner reservations to John Matsumoto. No-host cocktails will precede the tournament. Entry deadline is July 21, 1979. Make check payable to JACL Golf Tournament and mail to John Matsumoto, 3744 80th Ave. S.E., Mercer Island, WA 98040. The tournament co-chairpersons are Helen Akita and John Matsumoto. For further information call: John Matsumoto 232-0412, Helen Akita 852-2016, or Kimi Nakanishi 447-5064.

CAN'T ALWAYS FIGHT NATIONAL BOARD DELEGATES FIND

Dr. Minoru Masuda and Chuck Kato were delegates to the National Board meeting June 2 to consider the question of redress. Dr. Minoru Masuda in a report to the Chapter board meeting said the trip was a disaster. The views of Kato, vice governor of PNWDC voting for governor, and Dr. Masuda were "listened to but not heard by the Board. We were totally defeated and rejected in our arguments. The only resolution on the agenda was the motion to reaffirm the redress committee commission approach. It was pointed out that it may be inappropriate and unwise to do otherwise. The Chapters are going to vote anyway and that it would preempt national board function."

Dr. Masuda went on to say that board did not agree with what he said and they indicated they had this right, and the duty to exercise it. The board was there to affirm the National Redress Committee decision only. In the voting Lillian Kimura of Midwest District voted against with abstentions by Mits Kawamoto and Kato. Kato was not permitted to vote no since he was representing PNWDC and had voted counter to the Seattle alternative. National Redress Committee had not submitted balloting procedure. Our delegates suggested that arguments pro and cons i.e. Seattle approach and the Commission Study approach be included with the ballot materials. This was rejected. The ballot will function only to affirm commission approach or not to affirm it.

TWIN FALLS-BLACKFOOT RESIDENTS NOT TOO RECEPTIVE TO ELABORATE PILGRIMAGE TO MINIDOKA

Frank Chin reported on the Minidoka Pilgrimage Program which will take place Aug. 18. Frank Chin at the board meeting said he has met with Masa Tsukamoto, chair of the Minidoka Memorial Project. Frank learned that people of Twin Falls-Blackfoot area were very scared of Seattle, especially with their reputation for radical activities. Tsukamoto was hoping for a mere two-hour ceremony with Senator Church present for the unveiling of the plaque. Later in the evening a reception in Twin Falls with the Senator will mark the conclusion of the event.

Frank tried to talk him into a more elaborate pilgrimage program. Frank was told that people in Twin Falls doesn't have much interest.

"Are the Issei coming?" Tsukamoto asked. "Doesn't make much sense," he said when assured assured that Issei is trying to make it something big. It might come to a point where the Twin Falls-Blackfoot Chapters do their thing and Seattle following through with their brand of program extension such as burning of the symbolic guard tower approximately 20' high with poet Lawson Fusao Inada in a Liberation Ceremony. 20-20 program is interested hoping to find a dramatic conclusion which started with "Day of Remembrances" filming. Dr. Minoru Masuda said we have ^{an} emotional investment in Minidoka. Plane charter is planned. Rail and bus connections were ruled out to fit into a more practical time frame.

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Volunteer workers helped with silk screening of "Day of Remembrance" T-shirts at the NVC Hall. The sale of the T-shirts will help raise funds in sending Issei to the Minidoka Pilgrimage Aug. 18. The T-shirts will be distributed through stores in the International District and at the Nisei Veterans Hall, 1212 S. King St. The "Day of Remembrance" logotype was designed by Frank Fujii, director of graphic and instructional resources at the Seattle Central Community College. The symbol contains the kanji for the numbers one, two, three, representing the three generations who were in the concentration camps. Surrounding the numbers is the barbed wire that surrounded the camps.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Seattle Chapter wishes to acknowledge generous donations of \$50 from Garland Florist and \$100 from the Japanese Baptist Church for the Rev. Emery E. Andrews Memorial Scholarship. Other donations from May 1 through July will be printed in the August issue.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Pat Shimomura was in charge of the scholarship awards ceremony. Akemi Matsumoto, scholarship chair, was unable to be present. Mr. Uhachi Tamesa, 95, and his daughter Kay Tamesa of Washington, D.C., long time executive staff on the Washington (D.C.) Education Association, were present. It was Mr. Tamesa who made it possible for the Seattle Chapter to administer the annual Minoru Tamesa Memorial Scholarship awards. The Rev. Emery E. Andrews Memorial Scholarship was also presented.

Shimomura said eight members of the committee met including members of Chapter board and past scholarship recipients, and a point system was used to rate different area in evaluating scholarship applicants including gpa, school activities, community involvement, financial need, articulating school goals and interests, and reference letters. Shimomura said she was very proud of the committee.

The winners of the three \$450.00 Minoru Tamesa Memorial Scholarships were Jill Hashimoto of Cleveland high, Sharon Miyake of Franklin high, and Susan Namatame of Renton high. Teresa Imanishi was the winner of \$300.00 Rev. Emery E. Andrews Scholarship.

SEATTLE CHAPTER VOTES "NO" IN THE REDRESS MAIL BALLOT

The National Board has sent mail ballot for endorsement of its Redress Committee recommendation for commission approach as its first step. Balloting will be completed July 9. The Chicago Chapter voted "no" as did the Seattle Chapter during its monthly meeting June 20. There is an intrinsic contradiction in the ballot question on approval of "the National Board decision endorsing the National Redress Committee Commission Study Approach." What has happened to the Salt Lake City National Council decision?" Can the National Board override the intent of the National Council? But John Tateishi of the National Redress Committee says "Let's keep the issue in perspective." And he's also saying that the commission approach doesn't preclude the guidelines set down by the National Council. National Board feels present debate resulted from inability to agree on the methodology of redress.

But getting back to the Chicago Board, their communication to all Chapters said in part:

"Last week, a delegate from Chicago went to Washington, D.C. and secured the commitment of Congressman Yates to introduce direct redress bill. . . Our Washington's 'expert' told us this was impossible. Our principal arguments were

- a) that Mr. Yates represents the Chicago Chapter . . . ; and
- b) that issue of redress is fundamentally an American issue, not Japanese American.

"We strongly believe it is our privilege and right, as an American citizens to express our will directly. Obviously, we cannot stop the Commission bill from being introduced. The 13 to 1 vote of the National Board was all that was required. But we can protect our own freedom of political expression."

DR. MASUDA SUBMITS TO PACIFIC CITIZENS "LETTER TO THE EDITOR" COLUMN

Dear Editor,

The National Board, at its last meeting on June 2, passed a motion affirming the decision of the National Redress Committee which chose the commission approach to redress. In the discussion period, prior to voting, I tried to point out that it was inappropriate and unwise for the Board to consider the motion because of the following:

1. The National Council is the policy making body of the JACL.
2. The National Board has the duty of implementing the policy decisions of the Council.
3. The decision of the national president and the chairman of the Redress Committee to poll the Council, in order to establish a bona fide policy, is a clear indication of their uncertainty that the commission approach falls within the mandate adopted by the Council at the convention in July, 1978.
4. In the light of the above, the Board would be usurping the functions of the Council in trying to establish policy.

The Board easily passed the motion to affirm with one negative vote and two abstentions.

I charge that the National Board has overstepped its bounds, and in its misguided zeal, has taken an action which constitutes misfeasance of the powers allotted to it, namely, the Board has infringed upon and pre-empted the functions of the National Council.

/s/ Minoru Masuda

THANKS FROM BOY SCOUT TROOP 53

by Ted Tsue, Asst. Scoutmaster and Japan Tour chair
Frank Nishimura, Scoutmaster

Boy Scout Troop 53 is now in its final stages of "putting things together" prior to their departure for a three week tour of Japan. While in Japan, the Scouts will be staying at the homes of Japan Scouts in Kobe, Hiroshima and Nagoya. The Scouts will be busy touring Choshi, Nikko, Lake Yamanaka, Mt. Fujii, Osaka, Kobe, Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima and Tokyo.

All of the above which Boy Scout Troop 53 can do and participate in as they tour Japan for three week was all made a reality because of the support they received from the community. For this, Boy Scout Troop 53 thanks the entire community for their encouragement and support for the past two years. Iite mairimasu.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REQUESTS COMMENTS ON INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION

The Washington State Human Rights Commission has requested comments from the insurance industry, community groups, and individuals on practices relating to insurance discrimination. These comments are being solicited to provide the Commission information to enable it to determine whether regulations should be proposed. Washington law currently prohibits discrimination in insurance transactions because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap.

The practices which have been submitted to industry and community groups for comment deal with auto, home, medical disability, and life insurance. Many practices have come to the Commission's attention, such as:

- Refusal to issue individual auto insurance policies to married persons,
- Refusal to offer homeowners insurance in certain geographical areas,
- Refusal to issue automobile insurance to persons who must use hand controls due to a disability.

Persons interested in receiving a copy of the Commission proposal may contact the Human Rights Commission at (206) 464-6500. Comments must be submitted by July 25th.

MARKET HISTORY PROJECT/AN ORAL HISTORY OF THE PIKE PLACE MARKET FARMERS

This research and public information program will give voice and permanent record to the current and former small farmers who, as a group, are fast disappearing from our cultural and economic lives. The project is collecting personal histories from farmers on the topics such as immigration, community life, the Alien Land Laws, farm-labor organizing and the effects of the Depression, World War II, Japanese internment, and the industrialization of King County's farmlands.

Sponsors include the Pike Place Market PDA, Interim, Filipino Youth Activities, Demonstration Project for Asian Americans, and other. Funded by the Washington Commission for the Humanities. Do you or your family and friends have a story to tell?

For more information, contact Joan Sharp at 625-4764 or Walter Hatch or Will Hatch at 587-4164.

SSCC ACCEPTS REGISTRATION FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING AT ANY TIME

South Seattle Community College is breaking traditional registration procedures by allowing students to enroll at any time of the year in most vocational training program, according to Jerry Brockey, president of South Seattle Community College. Contact Jill Wakefield (206) 764-5308 for further information.

FROM THE BOARD:

Membership drive through June stood at 658 including 89 new members.

Court litigation on Initiative 350/^{on}anti-bussing was declared unconstitutional. JACL participated by sending in amicus brief. This means that Seattle plan with its assigned system will continue to accomplish desegregation according to Sam Shoji. This does not mean that everything is settled, Sam warns. The case will be appealed to the Federal District Court in San Francisco. This shows that/^{at}the present time we are the major leader in setting precedent.

On May 15, JACL was certified for class action in suit started by Spokane Chapter against WSU. The trial is set for September. Spokane Chapter is far short of the \$18,000 needed to pursue this trial which takes place in September.

Seattle Chapter approved the payment for one-half share in the P.C. ad of June 1, 1979 opposing the Commission Study plan.

Kathryn Bannai gave the update on Pub.L. 95-507. The U.S. House of Representatives adopted an amendment sponsored by Representative Mineta which amended Pub.L. 95-507 to include Asian/Pacific Americans in the definition of "socially disadvantaged." At the time of the passage of the House Amendment, the Senate bill had already passed without the amendment. As a result, the bill then went to Conference Committee where the House version of the bill passed. At the present the bill is in the Senate.

Kathryn said if recognition is to be given to persons responsible for the Initiative 350 legal work, the following persons should be acknowledged: Gary Huie, Gary Iwamoto, Ron Mamiya, Rod Kawakami, Michael Leong and Jerry Nagae.

The following volunteers showed up for the June 12, 1979 mailout: Mitch Matsudaira, Melissa Matsudaira, Scott Matsudaira, Patti Shimomura, Kathryn Bannai, Gayle Sakuma, Gayle Miyahara, and Nina Tomita. Mich Matsudaira delivered the mailings to the Terminal Annex Weighing Station.

MR. TANIGUCHI SEES CHANGES

In the 20 years that Ted Taniguchi has worked for University Hospital, he has observed many changes.

When he began his job as director of the Hospital Pharmacy in 1959, the hospital was still under construction. Mr. Taniguchi ordered the first supplies, set up the pharmacy and hired two people, a pharmacist and a stockkeeper, to help him.

For the last three years, as supervisor of the Outpatient Pharmacy, Mr. Taniguchi has seen

TANIGUCHI (Cont'd): changes in the way hospital pharmacists view their profession.

Increasingly, the pharmacist serves as a consultant to physicians. The number of new drugs on the market each year is so great, he said, that physicians cannot know all the vital information about every drug. Instead, they call pharmacists, who can answer their questions about various medications.

Pharmacists also are starting to share their knowledge with patients, becoming teachers as well as chemists.

"Today," Mr. Taniguchi said, "we confer more with patients, ask them about their allergies, teach them how to take their medications."

Mr. Taniguchi has made the display case near his front counter a focal point for patient education, with exhibits on various topics. Keeping with tradition, the shelves still hold two decanters filled with red and green liquid, the age-old trademark of the druggist.

Not only has Mr. Taniguchi observed the gradual evolution of pharmacy practice during his career at UH, he also has helped make some changes himself. For example, he served for six years on the State Board of Pharmacy, a governing body that makes rules for pharmacists and drug manufacturers.

Mr. Taniguchi also has brought his experience into the classrooms by participating in teaching a law course for pharmacy students. --University Hospital NewsRounds

NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON NORTH BEACON HILL

by Wenda Reed for Beacon Hill News

The view from the western crest of North Beacon Hill is breathtaking: the Sound, the Olympics, big ships moving in and out of the harbor, a slope of old-growth trees between the residential area and the city.

There are eight houses on 11th Ave. S. and S. Atlantic St. right on the edge of the greenbelt, perched above the city and the freeway. The people have been paying \$125 a month to live in them, since they are unpainted and not up to Seattle Building Code standards.

They knew it could not last forever. The owner, Ben Smith, a southend realtor, told them he'd bought the houses on speculation and was waiting for the right person to offer him the right price, said Mark Hibbert, a nine-year tenant.

Ben Smith sold the eight houses to the Sato Corporation for \$440,000. He gave company representatives written permission to serve the eviction notices, even though the deal has not closed.

The Corporation plans to replace the houses with two frame and stucco buildings with view balconies. They will be built outside the protected city greenbelt and they will conform with zoning and building codes.

MEDICAL MISSION FROM HIROSHIMA

by Ken Nakano

A-bombs killed approximately 140,000 in Hiroshima and 70,000 in Nagasaki. But thousands more survivors died from the after effect from radiation poisoning. Surprisingly there is approximately 500 to 700 A-bomb survivors both naturalized citizens and Kibei Nisei living in the U.S.

Seattle Chapter of JACL and committee of atomic bomb survivors in the U.S. (president Kenji Kuramoto) are collaborating to dispatch a special Japan Medical Mission to Seattle area for the survivors. On May 25-27, Dr. Kiyoshi Kuramoto and Mr. Hiroaki Yamada quietly visited Seattle for the purpose of meeting survivors and making ground work for clinical examination for the coming year.

Many of the survivors indicated apathy from the local medical doctors regarding radiation effects. And many suffers from emotional physical hardship related to radiation. All survivors was so delighted in being able to discuss long suppressed concerns on their medical problem to the expert as Dr. Kuramoto with Hiroshima dialect, no less.

As a JACLer, past two years of hard efforts by Cherry Kinoshita, John Matsumoto, Aki Kurose are commendable. We all appreciate efforts of JACL and Kaji Kuramoto.

As a result of this visitation, Seattle Chapter JACL has some work to do to set up the next medical mission such as:

- a) working with King County Medical Association
- b) working with some medical institution to have medical clinic examination.

The hibakusha are more susceptible to radiation related disease such as leukemia, cancer, and diabetes. Besides, the threat of genetic damage, premature aging, and other long-term effect of radiation remain unknown.

The humanitarian visit of the medical mission is private with its base in Hiroshima Prefectural Medical Association and the Radiation Effects Research Foundation.

Here is a project JACL could be involved and at the same time promote friendship between U.S. and Japan and can overlap into greater World Humanitarian Medical Project.

BOOT STRAP REPARATION RESOLUTION PASSES HANDILY IN REGIONAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Chuck Kato, vice governor of ENWDC read during the Chapter board meeting portion of the letter

REPARATION RESOLUTION (Cont'd): to be addressed to JACL National president Clifford I. Uyeda, as follows:

" . . . I and other members of the Seattle and Puyallup Valley Chapters attended a Regional United Methodist Conference (Washington and Northern Idaho) June 14, held at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA. We were fortunate to have a person put the issue of Redress on the Agenda of the legislative committee. This person presented the resolution to support Redress. Although time was short we were able to present the "Boot Strap Reparation." This method I believe, was the turning point, although we had support of many people supporting the Redress Issue, after presenting the proposal that the Japanese Americans, through their tax return, will pay for their own reparation, you could see the relief on many faces. The end result was, the resolution passed with the following tally: 90-for, 9-against, and 9-abstentions.

JOTTINGS: Thirty students received full-tuition scholarships to the U.W. for 1979-80 as announced at the annual Rhododendron Tea of the U.W. Alumnae Club board. Local students receiving scholarships included Janet Yamamura . . . Emi Mito, freshman at Rainier Beach high, and daughter of Henry Mito, spent a week in Olympia as House of Repres. page. "I had no idea it was so complex to pass even a simple law," she said. Emi got to be a page by going to her legislator, Repres. Gene Lux, and applying . . . Dan Ichinaga, 21, a Yonsei and Seattle Pacific U. junior in political science and business, is the university's new student-body president. Ichinaga, of El Cerrito, CA, worked in the fall of 1977 and in the summer of 1978 in the office of Senator S.I. Hayakawa, in Wash. D.C. as an assistant to the senator's judiciary aide. Ichinaga's parents were interned in the camp during WW2 . . . 36 grads of the 5,800 seniors graduated with summa cum laude including Barbara J. Yoshida of Mercer Island . . .

Mrs. Norman Waggoner of Richmond Beach has been elected president of the Seattle Chapter, Ikebana International. Other officers include Mrs. Minoru Fujii . . . Col. Leroy Collins, Jr. (U.S.A. Ret.) of Mercer Island has been elected to a third successive term as president of the Arboretum Foundation, support organization of the Arboretum. Other officers included James Fukuda . . . The A.P. reported that Gov. Dixy Lee Ray and Naomi Uemura, an explorer, were among recipients from the American Academy of Achievement . . . Christopher Kamuela Eng, 30, was ordained by the American Baptist Church, U.S.A., at the Japanese Baptist Church. Eng has been associate pastor at the church the past 1 1/2 years and will continue in that post. A native of Honolulu, he attended the Univ. of Hawaii and the U.W. and graduated in 1977 from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena . . .

MILESTONES: Kimie Uchida, 58, June 16. Private services held. Survivors include: husband George Uchida; son, Thomas J. Uchida, Seattle; daughter, Mrs. David (Robin Akemi) Lange, Crater Lake, Ore.; two grandchildren; sister Mrs. Thomas (Chizuko) Norton, Seattle . . .

Hisato Y. Mizuki. Services June 21. Seattle Buddhist Church, former board member Sunday School, Explorer Post No. 252, Boy Scout of America. Fukuoka Kenjin Kai, International Assn of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local 751. Survivors include: wife Helen Mizuki; son Wayne Mizuki, Sadanobu Mizuki, all Chicago; George T. Mizuki, Seattle; sister, Mrs. Bill (Hatsuye) Pike, Auburn . . .

Yae Rose Ito, 84, June 25. Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. Survivors include: son Fred Y. Ito, Seattle; daughter Mrs. Reiko Ito, Japan. Seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren . . . Roy Y. Kurimura. Services June 29. United Methodist Church (Spokane), member of Dental Technicians Assn of Spokane. Survivors include: brothers Robert Kurimura, Spokane; Terry Kurimura, Seattle; sisters Mrs. Tom (Taeko) Moriguchi, Minnetonka, Minn.; Mrs. Michael (Barbara) Matsudaira, Seattle; sister-in-law, Mrs. Eddie (Miki) Kurimura, L.A. . . . Mineyo Yamamoto, 80, June 30 . . . Hama Imai, 92, July 3. St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Survivors include son Richard Kazuo Imai, Seattle . . .

Calendar of Events

- July 9 thru 18--Bon Odori Festival practice to be held in auditorium from 7:30 p.m.
- July 18--Seattle JACL meeting from 7:45 p.m. at the JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., Rm 109.
- July 29--The 8th Annual JACL Thousand Club Golf Tourney at Jackson Park Course. 11 a.m. rain or shine. Dinner at Four Seas Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
- July 29--The annual NVC picnic at Johnson's Lake Surprise Hi-Dive Resort.
- Aug. 3--Deadline for JACL Reporter. Allow one week for delivery. Notices effective before Aug. 10 will not be printed. Mail announcements to: c/o Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle, WA 98105.
- Aug. 8--Newsletter mailout starting at 7 p.m. JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., Room 109.
- Aug. 18--Minidoka Pilgrimage

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