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JACL Office, 316 Maynard Avenue South, Room 109

from 7:30 p.m. President Lloyd Hara presiding

Everyone is welcome. Bring your input.

PROPOSED REVISION TO SEATTLE JACL CONSTITUTION BY LAWS

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. The membership shall be divided into three classes: (1) Active members (2) Special members, ~~and~~ (3) Honorary Members (4) Booster Members and (5) Senior Citizen Members.

d. Booster Members shall be supportive of the Seattle Chapter and enjoy the privileges of the Seattle Chapter membership except that of elective office.

e. Senior Citizen Members shall be sixty-five (65) years of age or older, support the Seattle Chapter and enjoy the privileges of the Seattle Chapter membership except that of elective office.

By Laws of the Japanese American Citizens League Seattle Chapter

Article III. Membership

Section 2. The membership shall be divided into ~~three~~ five classes;

Same as "d" and "e" above.

JACL INSTALLATION BANQUET SET FOR FEB. 15

On Sunday, February 15th, the Annual Installation and Awards Banquet will be held at the Butcher Restaurant in the Atrium of the Northwest Design Center located at 5701 - 6th Ave. S. The social hour will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner following at 6 p.m. Price for the Cornish Game Hen dinner will be \$15.00. The main speaker will be Congressman Mike Lowry. We would like to have a large turn out to honor Congressman Lowry for his active support of concerns vital to Japanese Americans and all minorities. Lori Matsukawa, KOMO-TV reporter, will be our M.C. It promises to be an evening well worth attending.

We noted Representative Mike Lowry when he was still campaigning as the 7th District post. Lowry was present when the convoy together with U.S. military vehicles was being assembled at the old Sick Stadium in preparation for the "Day of Remembrance" trip to the Puyallup Fairgrounds.

In the first session of the 96th Congress in Nov. 1980, Congressman Mike Lowry introduced the bill H.R. 5977, a bill to provide direct financial redress to Japanese Americans who were interned during WWII.

In January 1980, he participated in the symposium entitled "Japanese America: Contemporary Perspectives on the Internment," held at SCCC. Representative Lowry believes that the American people as a whole will side with the fundamental legal rights and principles as guaranteed by the Constitution.

He is one Representative to Congress who has kept in touch with the grass roots of the community with extensive net work of branch offices in his district. He calls for many community meetings to take the pulse of the people.

In the last election, Representative Lowry survived the overwhelming tide which brought change in the Executive Branch and the constituents in the Congress. He was helped by the efforts of the inner city and others.

Feb. 9 was the deadline but there is room for 500. You might still try and see if you can be put on reservation. Try Kimi Nakanishi 523-5937, Hiro Nishimura 232-4642 or Helen Akita 852-2016.

DEOM THE BOARD:

Recognition Committee of the Seattle Chapter Hopes to honor and recognize Asians in the community. This search will culminate in a recognition banquet. The Committee headed by chairs Kazzie Katayama and Shiz Sata hopes to develop criteria, categories and procedures for nomination.

The emergency crew for January mailout was organized by Chuck Kato. Showing up for the evening were: Ted Tsue, Frank Abe, Karen Seriguchi, Chuck Kato, Bill Maekawa, and Harry Kadoshima. Our grateful thanks to you.

The Seattle Chapter JACL is working together with Seattle and Kingstreet Mediaworks through liaison Mark Mano in the showing of HITO HATA: Raise the Banner. See other story elsewhere in this issue.

A SPECIAL ALERT

by Ronald K. Ikejiri, Washington Representative

Too often, Chapter officers and board members are unable to meet or communicate with one another on a timely basis to impact on national issues.

Consequently, the most vital resource of the JACL, the ability to provide national and regional support, in a timely manner, is substantially diminished.

In order to improve JACL's legislative efforts during the new 97th Congress, the JACL Washington Representative is requesting that each Chapter designate one member who is active in the affairs of the local Chapter to act as the Chapter Legislative Liaison for the Washington JACL Office.

The Chapter Legislative Liaison will be charged with the responsibility of triggering the Chapter's response or action whenever national legislative issues or concerns require immediate, expeditious attention by the Chapter.

The duties of the Chapter Legislative Liaison may include:

1. the drafting and signing of a letter to a legislator on specific concerns;
2. the preparation of a press release for local media distribution;
3. the rallying of support for a civil or human rights issue;
4. working with local leaders on issues of concern to the JACL;
5. initiating telephone alerts to chapter members;
6. meeting with legislators in the local area to gain their support for issues; and,
7. keeping the Washington Office up-to-date on Chapter issues which should be addressed or monitored.

The Chapter Legislative Liaison will be one of the most important positions in the Chapters. Direct communications, via telephone or mail will be made with the Chapter Legislative Liaison.

The Chapter Legislative Liaison may be anyone in the Chapter willing to give critical and expeditious assistance. This individual may be the Chapter president, a board member, or member who is willing to move---FAST!

The initial commitment period for the Chapter Legislative Liaison will be for the 1981 calendar year.

Each Chapter is requested to send the name of their Chapter Legislative Liaison to the JACL Washington Office by February 16, 1981. A form is provided for your convenience.

Please feel free to call on the Washington Office should you have any questions. (Washington Office of JACL, 1730 Rhode Island Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. (202) 223-1240).

NORTHWEST-INTERMOUNTAIN REGIONAL OFFICE UPDATE

Re: Commission on the Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians

by Karen Seriguchi, Regional Secretary

The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians has received its \$1 million appropriation, and five of its members have been named. The five appointments thus far are (from President Carter); Joan Bernstein, an attorney with HEW; Arthur Flemming, director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; and Bill Marutani, a Philadelphia judge; (from Warren Magnuson); Edward Brooke, former U.S. Senator from Massachusetts; and Hugh B. Mitchell, a Seattle business executive, former U.S. senator from Washington State, and former U.S. representative.

Sen. Stevens of Alaska has requested that the Commission include one member who will represent the interests of the Aleuts (who were also incarcerated during the war). He will choose a third Senate appointee, and the House will also appoint three. The expanded 9-member body will meet for the first time on February 18, in Washington, D.C.

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Sen. Mitchell was scheduled to have met with members of the community Feb. 4 at the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. Roger Daniels, author of "Politics of Prejudice" and "The Decision to Relocate Japanese Americans," was also on the agenda to talk about the possible roles the Commission could take.

ESTABLISHMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION AND SURVEY FORMS

The co-chair Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi and Cherry Kinoshita of the Community Committee on Redress/Reparations has been calling series of meetings. Nikkei survey forms will be mailed out by the committee in separate mailings. The survey form on wartime relocation does not require names. The check off list includes what generation, years of incarceration, property and residence loss, verbal abuse, threats or harrassment, job discrimination, inadequate health or dental care, disruption of education, emotional or psychological problems, how E.O. 9066 affected your life and what form you would like to see remedies take. There is another form for persons wishing community involvement on this community. This does require name. If you do not receive the forms, write to Community Committee on Redress/Reparations, 318 6th Ave. S. Room 108, Seattle 98104. Survey should be out by Feb. 15 or maybe sooner.

PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION (Cont'd):

A seven-member Presidential Commission has been established to investigate the impact of Executive Order 9066 (E.O. 9066), issued Feb. 19, 1942, which authorized the expulsion of 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast.

The Commission will hold a series of hearings around the country sometime this year, one of them probably in Seattle. The Community Committee on Redress/Reparations was formed to help our community prepare for the hearing and to share with the general public information about the internment.

The survey will help us begin formulating an effective educational program, and will provide useful information to present to the Commission. --release

MIN MASUDA MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE PRESENTS FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Dr. Roger Daniels, head of the history department of the University of Cincinnati, will speak Feb. 17, 1981, on "The Evacuation of Japanese Americans: The View from the 1980's" at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, 3001 - 24th Ave. S., in Seattle.

More than 7,000 Seattle residents of Japanese ancestry--most of them American citizens--were rounded up and incarcerated at the Puyallup Fairgrounds at the outbreak of World War II. Professor Daniels has done years of research into the rationale for the incarceration and has been instrumental in uncovering and declassifying many government documents that reveal hidden motivations of public officials who ordered the mass roundup. Daniels has published his findings in "The Decision to Relocate the Japanese Americans" (1975) and "Concentration Camps, U.S.A." (1971). He recently testified to a Senate subcommittee investigating the incarceration and has developed, with Dr. Harry Kitano of UCLA, the pilot for a TV series on the Japanese American experience.

Admission to the forum is free. Donations will support the Dr. Minoru Memorial Fund, a project of the Seattle Japanese American Citizens League. The fund was established to preserve the memory and work of Dr. Masuda, one of Seattle's leading citizens, who died last June. --release

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Application forms for the annual Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee Women's Auxiliary Club scholarship are now available.

The scholarship of \$400 will be awarded to a young woman of Japanese ancestry wishing financial aid in attending a college or university of her choice. Application deadline is Feb. 28, 1981.

Application forms may be requested from: Mrs. Kay Abe, 7765 37th Ave. S. Seattle 98118 (723-1201).

SYNKOVA SCHOLARSHIPS

Students of Japanese descent now attending or planning to attend the Univ. of Washington are invited to apply for scholarships offered by the University Students Club Inc., (SYNKOVA). Application forms are available from Ken Okuma, 16604 S.E. 26th Place, Bellevue, WA 98008. Deadline April 1.

SEMINARS ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN EDUCATION

The National Association for Asian and Pacific American Education (NAAPAE) has been refunded by the National Institute of Education to continue its project. The Asian Pacific American Research Seminars. The project is headquartered at the Asian American Studies Center at UCLA.

The project continues to identify researchers and develop a network of social scientists interested in educational development of Asian and Pacific Americans. The series of national seminars on educational issues and professional development has been expanded to include:

1. The Asian American Public Policy Training Seminar, May 15-17 in Los Angeles, organized by Prof. Don Nakanishi.
2. The Curriculum Development and Evaluation Training Seminar, date to be announced, to be held in Chicago, and coordinated by Suzy Chan.
3. The Northwest Research Training Workshop, March 5 and 6 in Seattle, during the WAAPAE Conference, and organized by A. Berretto Ogilvie. The seminar will examine topics areas warranting research attention and provide educators with critical skills and knowledge relative to APA research activities.

The Second National Scholar Awards will be sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Research Seminars in cooperation with NAAPAE to promote and encourage original research on educational concerns of Asian and Pacific Americans. An honorarium of \$500 and a certificate of recognition will be awarded to the winning papers.

For further information please direct your inquires to Kenyon S. Chan or Judith A. Takata at:

Asian Pacific American Research Seminars, Asian American Studies Center
University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

ON VERIFICATION OF THE DATES OF INTERNMENT DURING WWII

For this information write "Dear Sir: Please send verification of the dates of my internment during World War II: My date of birth _____, Print name of camp _____. Interned at _____

TO RECEIVE VERIFICATION OF INTERMENT DATES (Cont'd): ("Assembly Center"); Interned at
 ("Relocation" Center). (signature and address.)

Write in c/o Industrial and Social Branch, Civil Archives Division,
 National Archives and Records Service
 General Services Division
 Washington, D.C. 20408.

LAKE WASHINGTON JACL TO MEET FEB. 17

Lake Washington JACL Chapter will meet on Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Bellevue High School Library. All EASTSIDERS are urged to attend! Come and share your interests and concerns as they relate to the Japanese Americans and the total community.

Some notes from the minutes of the Lake Washington Chapter January meeting prepared by Shox Tokita, Secretary:

" . . . Hiro Nishimura reported on Japanese American Awareness Day to be observed at two local high schools and requested chapter participation . . . Paul Hosoda reported on the recent Seattle JACL Management Retreat at BCC and proposed a similar program for this chapter. Ken Okuma and Ed Fujinaga, Legislative and Programs chairpersons, will study this matter and report at the next meeting . . . Prexy John Matsumoto requested a design for a chapter logo . . . A new telephone committee headed by Reiko Sato will notify chapter members of various activities including meetings . . ." 1/31/81

HIRABAYASHI STORY IN SEATTLE SUN

Jan. 21 issue of the Seattle Sun carried a story "Surviving the Racist Past," by Janice Peck on Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi currently with the U.W. He is still fighting the "inequity between what the U.S. Constitution stood for and what was happening to us as American citizens." He is co-chair of the Seattle JACL Nikkei Committee on Internment Hearing.

The article went on to say:

"But seeing the evacuation order posted on walls and telephone poles had jarred his consciousness.

"It forced me to put things together," he reveals. "I decided that as an American citizen, I couldn't go through with. I was interested in protecting the national security, but I couldn't see how uprooting Japanese American citizens would accomplish that." . . .

"When I took my stand, I had thought there would be 200 other guys up and down the coast like me. After I talked to the guy from Western Defense, I realized I was the only one."

"But he wasn't totally alone in his fight. A group of Caucasian Seattleites formed the Gordon Hirabayashi Defense Committee to precipitate a court test case. The committee consisted of a state senator, a lawyer, the manager of the U.W. bookstore, a couple of ministers and professors. "They did the plotting and strategy and took care of me while I was in prison. Those people are an inseparable part of the case," he says.

"The groups sought backing from the American Civil Liberties Union. Although ACLU National Director Roger Baldwin promised support, he was opposed by his executive committee. "They were sympathetic to the USSR, which was then our ally," Hirabayashi explains, "and they were afraid the case would interfere with the war effort."

"For the next several months the defense committee raised the money to climb the judicial appeals ladder. In 1943 the case reached the U.S. Supreme Court. In Hirabayashi v. the U.S., that court voted unanimously against him. "Even the great liberal, William Douglas, voted against me, you know," Hirabayashi says. "I later learned that FDR believed that a unanimous decision against me would be good for the war effort." . . .

JAPANESE COMMUNITY QUEEN CONTEST

The deadline is Feb. 14. The Queen will receive \$500.00 scholarship from the Harry S. Kawabe Memorial Fund and will be deposited to the school of their choice. The 1st runner-up will receive \$300.00. The Court will be given custom designed jewelry by Tama Jewelers.

The Queen will also receive a round trip ticket to Japan donated by Thai Airways International, Ltd to participate in the PORTOPIA International Trade Fair in Sister City of Kobe June 13, which is the State of Washington day when large Washingtonian delegates will be in attendance.

The contestants must be 18-23, not having reached 23rd birthday by July 30, 1981 or no younger than 18 on the same date. She must be of Japanese ancestry and must not have married or plan to marry before July 30, 1982. The coronation is April 18.

For questions contact Japanese Community Queen committee, 2329 Rainier AV S, Seattle 98144 or call 325-6555. The event is co-sponsored by Greater Seattle Japanese Community Queen Committee and the Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival Committee.

JOTTINGS: Bob Mizukami, former councilman, was named the Mayor of Fife. Dr. George Tanbara was recently selected as president of the prestigious Medical Society of Pierce County. (items from Puyallup Valley Chapter news) . . .

LESTONES: Yone Shigihara, 82, Jan. 4. Private family services were held. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Federation, Fukushima Kenjin Kai. Survivors include: s Harold Hiroshi Shigihara, Chicago; Tadashi Shigihara, Japan, Takeshi Shigihara, Noboru Shigihara, all Seattle; d Mrs. Mark (Mitsuko) Osaki, Seattle; 10 gc; 14 ggc; 5 br and 1 sis in Japan . . . Kayo Takeuchi, 76, Jan. 12. Private family services were held. Japanese Baptist Church. Survivors include: Harry S. Takeuchi; s Kaoru Takeuchi; d Mrs. Harry (Sachiko) Okazaki; niece,

MILESTONES (Cont'd): Mine Yoshida, all Seattle; 2 gs . . . Yone Kubota, 90, Jan. 12. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Federation, Meiji Kai, Hiroshima Club. Survivors include: s Ted T., Joe, both Seattle; Fred, Mesa, Ariz; George Kubota, Seattle; d, Mrs. George (Lily) Mukai, Chicago; 14 gc, 9 ggc . . . Suye Yoshida Hiraki. Private family services were held. Beloved mother of Tadatsugu Kitamura, Tokyo; Tom Hiraki, Seattle; Julian Hiraki, Bellevue; Mrs. Masakezu (Sumiko) Ozaki and Mrs. Albert (Mary) Tanaka, both Seattle; 15 gc and 1 ggc

Mary I. Yamamoto, 60, Port Orchard, Kitsap County, Jan. 17. Beloved wife of George Y. Yamamoto, mother of Frances Spandler, San Jose; Janet (Mrs. Ted, Jr.) Tomita, Mercer Is.; Carol Yamamoto, Seattle; gc Lisa and Mark Spandler, Florist and co-owner of Landscaping by Yamamoto and Bayview Greenhouse; past president of Soroptomist Club, Bremerton; member Bremerton Lady Elk #1181; JACL; past member Bremerton Lady Lions . . . Chiyo Y. Katayama, 85, Jan. 18. Private family services were held. Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Meiji Kai, Okayama Kenjin Kai. Survivors include: Tad, Bellevue; Sid, Seattle; Terry, Lake Oswego, Ore.; Bruce Y. Katayama, Richland; d, Mrs. Shiro (Yo) Iwana, Seattle; Mrs. Gene (Yoyo) Kimura, Redmond; Mrs. Dick (Connie) Kawahara, Seattle; 21 gc, 14 ggc; 1 br in Japan . . .

Hatsuye Tanabe, 73, Jan. 28 . . . Arthur T. Yamada. Services Feb. 6. Beloved husband of Billie Yamada; father of Diane Kumagai and Shelley Yamada; all of Seattle; Jane Frank, Milwaukie, Ore.; Steven Sakaguchi, Seattle and Arthur Duffy Yamada, Lacey, WA. Brother of Cathy Shimizu, Pife; Edward Yamada, Sunnyvale, CA; Ted Tamada, Seattle; Robert H. Yamada, Kent; and Ben Ninomiya, Seattle; 5 gc . . . David Kiyoshi Hasegawa, 18. Services Feb. 6 at the Japanese Baptist Church. Boy Scout Troop 53, Explorer Search & Rescue, The Bush School, and was member of varsity wrestling team for Lakeside School. He was attending Stanford University. Survivors include: parents, Dr. and Mrs. Fred I. Hasegawa; br Paul Y. Hasegawa; John S. Hasegawa; sis Holly K. Hasegawa, all Mercer Island; grandmother Mutsu Homma, Seattle . . . Kosao B. Fujiwara. Services Feb. 6. Survivors include: s Edward E. Fujiwara, Detroit; John E. Fujiwara, Seattle; 8 gc, 11 ggc, 1 ggg gc . . .

BUSINESS: Seattle firm Skilling, Helle, Christiansen, Robertson, Inc. has advanced three engineers to associate, John V. Christiansen, president of consulting structural and civil engineering firm announced. Ichiro Ikeda was among named associate. He received his MSCE degree from the U.W. in 1969 and has been with the firm since . . . A name change was effective Jan. 1 for the architectural firm now known as Chisom-Murakami-Brummitt, Inc., formerly Campanella-Murakami-Brummitt. Terry Murakami is president; Chas Chisom, vice president, and Charles Brummitt, vice president and treasurer . . .

HITO HATA -- FIRST FULL LENGTH FEATURE ABOUT JAPANESE AMERICAN AND PRODUCED BY NIKKEI

"Hito Hata" is the first full-length motion picture about Japanese Americans written and Produced by Japanese Americans. Part of the NATION BUILDERS series, "Hito Hata" premiered in Los Angeles recently..

Chronicling the contributions and hardships of Japanese people in America since the turn of the century, "Hito Hata" traces the life of Oda, an elderly bachelor -- from his years as a railway worker in the early 1900's; being run out of town with fellow agricultural workers in the 1920's; entering the heyday of Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, in the 1930's; his imprisonment in an internment camp with other west coast Japanese Americans during World War II; to his present day dilemma in the face of modernization and redevelopment of the Little Tokyo community in which he lives.

Veteran actor-director Mako ("Sand Pebbles," "Pacific Overtures," "Pearls") stars as Oda. Oda's story is based on the true experiences of Issei (first generation Japanese immigrants) bachelor laborers living in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo today. Because of anti-miscegenation laws and poverty, many were forced to remain single. Lacking family--and therefore, respectability--they were often overlooked by the Japanese community and their contributions to the building of America were left unrecognized.

After laboring as a railroad worker and then, migrant farm worker, Oda arrives in Little Tokyo on the eve of one of the first Nisei Week celebrations in the early 1930's. There he meets Tatsumi, who becomes his closest friend. Many years later, World War II begins and Oda and Tatsumi are evacuated from Los Angeles and placed in a concentration camp for the duration of the war.

As "Hito Hata" concludes, Oda, now in his nineties, is confronted with old age, ill health, and the redevelopment of Little Tokyo, his only home.

"Hito Hata" captures the metamorphosis that have occurred in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo and other "Nihonmachi" (Japantowns) nationwide over the past 50 years. In the 30's, Little Tokyo was a thriving Japanese American community; but in the 40's, it and other Japanese American communities were abandoned when more than 120,000 Japanese Americans living on the west coast were imprisoned during World War II. Today, the history of Little Tokyo and other Nihonmachi is endangered by urban renewal projects.

"Hito Hata" means "raise the banner" and is an expression that was commonly used by poor Issei, who migrated to America with plans to return to Japan with enough wealth to enable them to raise banners and flags -- an honor given only to the samurai and wealthy lords.

However, for most Issei, America became their home, where for decades they had to contend with poor living conditions, transient and low-paying jobs, and racism. Although a few managed to become economically successful, most were stripped of their life savings after Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941.

"Hito Hata" reveals this seldom-told story of Japanese Americans and attempts to replace

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 15--The annual Seattle JACL installation and awards banquet at the Butcher Restaurant in the Atrium of the N.W. Design Center, 5701 6th Ave. S. Social hour from 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. Congressman Mike Lowry to speak. Lori Matsukawa, KOMO-TV news reporter will be M.C. and Helen Akita is chairperson.
- Feb. 17--Min Masuda Memorial Fund Committee sponsored community forum from 7:30 p.m. at the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. in Seattle. Dr. Roger Daniels to speak on "The Evacuation of Japanese Americans; The View from the 1980's." Free admission. Any donation will support Dr. Masuda Memorial Fund.
- Feb. 17--Lake Washington Chapter JACL meeting from 7:30 p.m. at the Bellevue High Library.
- Feb. 18--Seattle Chapter JACL meeting from 7:30 p.m. (sharp) at the JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., Room 109. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Feb. 19--Northwest Benefit Premiere of "HITO HATA: Raise the Banner," 7:30 p.m. at the Toyo Cinema. \$10 general admission. To ensure your tickets call (206) 624-3925.
- Feb. 22 and Feb. 23--Community benefit showings of "HITO HATA: Raise the Banner" at the Toyo Cinema. 2 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. on Monday. \$5.00 general admission; \$3.00 for Senior Citizens, Children under 12. (All donations tax deductible). Friends of Visual Communications of Seattle. To ensure your ticket, please call (206) 624-3925.
- Mar. 5 and 6--The Northwest Research Training Workshop during the WAAPAE Conference in Seattle.
- Mar. 6--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Allow one week for delivery. Notices effective before Mar. 13 will not be printed. Mail announcements, etc. to: c/o (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle 98105.
- Mar. 11--(Verify mailout date). Newsletter mailing night, 7 p.m. at the JACL office.
- Mar. 21--The annual NVC installation banquet at the Rainier Golf & Country Club; 6 p.m. social and cocktails; 7 p.m. dinner; 9:30 p.m. dancing. Mayor Charles Royer will speak. He graduated from the Univ. of Oregon, studied at Washington Journalism Center in Washington, D.C. and became a news analyst for KING-TV before winning his mayoralty election in 1977. Howard Minato, social chairman, will be in charge of the banquet. Percy Bronson Combo will provide the music for dancing.
- Apr. 11--Selection of the Japanese Community Queen starting at 1 p.m. Bush Garden Restaurant.
- Apr. 18--Coronation Ball for the Japanese Community Queen at Butcher Restaurant.
- Apr. 17 thru 19--Cherry Blossom Festival at the Seattle Center.
- Apr. 24 and 25--A rummage sale to benefit the Keiro Nursing Home sponsored by Ayame Kai at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall. Joan Seko of the Keiro Auxiliary has requested everyone to start collecting and saving articles for this sale. Items which are good sellers are Oriental objects, furniture and appliances (no large pieces), good quality clothing, and new articles.
- May 22, 23, 24, and 25--1981 Reunion for 442nd RCT HQ & HQ Co. at Portland's former Sheraton Motor Inn at the Lloyd Center, recently taken over by the Red Lion-Thunderbird Motel chain. Hiroshi "Rowe" Sumida, chairperson, 2116 S.E. 76th, Portland, Or 97215 (503) 771-0614.

HITO HATA (Cont'd): Stereotypical images with honest portrayals of their experiences and contributions. "Hito Hata" is a production of Visual Communications, Inc., a Los Angeles based Asian American film company. "Hito Hata" and other upcoming programs in the NATION BUILDERS series were made possible, in part, by a grant from the U.S. Office of Education.

CITY OF SEATTLE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT--Filing for Assistant Mechanical Engineer for 7 vacancies. Filing closes June 30, 1981. (625-2213) for details on open book exam.

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The landslide victory for President Ronald Reagan may mark a change of emphasis and direction on affirmative action. President Reagan's transition team recommended that much of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's activism be curtailed. For example, it has been said that the Agency's affirmative action quotas has created a new racism in America.

The Wall Street Journal summarized the transition team report as follows:

- . Impose a one year freeze on lawsuits and new guidelines introduced by the Commission.
- . Make it easier for employers to defend themselves by requiring plaintiffs to present proof that the employers intended to discriminate. Numbers alone shouldn't be considered "proof" of pattern of discrimination.
- . Reduce the Commission's budget by cutting expenses for grants, equipment, travel and personnel.
- . Remove restrictions on the pre-employment use of testing and biographical histories. For example, under current EEOC guidelines, employers may be considered to have engaged in racial discrimination for considering an applicant's criminal record.
- . Reconsider the Commission's entire affirmative action approach under which employers often settle job bias charges by agreeing to set goals for hiring and promoting women and members of racial minority groups.

President Reagan at a recent news conference did not give a clear indication whether he intends to follow the transition team's recommendations. He did express skepticism about affirmative action programs and the distortion of some programs through the use of quota systems.

Should JACL members be concerned with the EEOC and the change in direction? A reversal of an active and strong federal affirmative action program will affect many Japanese Americans in our ability to freely enter the work force and to advance to better paying jobs. With the advent of affirmative action, many more job opportunities have been open to us. Racial minorities are entering into professions and trades heretofore closed off in prior decades; for example - radio and TV, certain skilled crafts and trades, banking, accounting with prestigious firms, law practices, medicine, upper management of government and industry - and the list goes on.

It is the constant pressure of the EEOC examining the population employment mix which has given many minorities the opportunity for jobs that previously were closed. The fight for equal opportunity is not over - it continues to need our full support. We must stand together and not allow a backward move regarding affirmative action. JACL should be at the forefront to remove prejudice - we must help to keep the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission alive and well.

AGENDA - JACL BOARD MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - 7:30 P.M. SHARP

7:30	Roll call and introduction of guests	2 minutes
7:32	Minutes of the January meeting	3 minutes
7:35	Treasurer's report	5 minutes
7:40	OLD BUSINESS	
	- Amendment to Constitution and By-Laws of Booster Membership	
	- Membership Drive	
	- Committee Reports: Redress - Antidiscrimination - Youth - Canadian Project - Recognition Banquet - Installation Banquet - Education - Community Center	
	- Town Meeting	
8:45	NEW BUSINESS	
	- Budget Development	
	- JACL Office Space	
	- Other Business	
9:00	ADJOURNMENT	
9:05	Discussion on bilingual education with Dr. Larry Matsuda of the Seattle Schools, Elizabeth Dunbar, Director of the Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs, and Washington State Representative John Sy Eng.	