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## SEATTLE JACL MEETING MOVED TO 4th WEDNESDAY FOR JULY

JACL Picnic Meeting - Wednesday, July 22, 1981 - 5:30 p.m. at Gasworks Park (Lake Union)  
Everyone welcome. Bring your family.

### SHORT MEETING AGENDA

- 7:30 Roll Call
- 7:35 Approval of minutes
- 7:40 Approval of Treasurer's Report
- 7:45 Executive Committee Report
- Committee Reports
  - Youth Committee Disco Dance; Other Youth Activities
  - Anti-Discrimination Redress; Anti-Discrimination Actions; Political Education; Legal
  - Community Recognition Dinner; 1000 Club; Cultural; Nominating Committee; Installation
  - Old Business
  - New Business Japanese Newspaper; Asian Health Fair
- 8:15 Adjournment

### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

by Lloyd F. Hara

**REDRESS!!** The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) hearings!!  
**THE REDRESS ISSUE** and the CWRIC hearings and publication of their findings are the most important matters affecting the entire Japanese American community in years.

The Seattle Chapter has been actively pursuing the REDRESS ISSUE for years and some of our hard work is paying off with the creation and appropriation of funds for the CWRIC. Gordon Hirabayashi and Cherry Kinoshita have done excellent work in leading the Seattle Redress Committee and have been ably assisted by Karen Seriguchi and many others.

The Redress Committee regularly meets to develop strategy and planning, fund raising, publicity, community coordination and all the other facets of Redress. The committee is helping to organize the CWRIC Hearing to be held in Seattle on September 9, 10, and 11 at the New Federal Building, North Auditorium, 915 2nd Ave. Hearings will be held both during the day and evening. This will be the 4th hearing for the Commission.

**THE REDRESS COMMITTEE** is ready to assist person who are potential witnesses before the Commission. Most of you have been affected by the WWII Relocation and it is our chance to document the impact on our lives. I know that many of you feel that your story is NOT important. However, I feel just the opposite that every story and experience is important, even though it may be similar to someone elses. The hearing is to provide supporting evidence and facts about the Internment and its after effects on the Japanese Americans. We **NEED** all the testimony the community can provide to the Commissioners.

The REDRESS has established a schedule for witnesses. We need more volunteer witnesses to fill the schedule. Please contact Cherry, Gordon or the JACL office 623-5088 of your interest to testify or need some help preparing your presentation.

If you desire to prepare written testimony, this is also important for the record. We have other who would like to use video tape or tape recordings. This method of communication is acceptable.

**THE REDRESS Committee** is also interested in obtaining other resource materials such as old records, letters, photos and other information to help our case to point out the injustices of the evacuation.

**LASTLY**, the Redress Committee and JACL is trying to do the job necessary for coordination, but it takes money. The JACL treasury is NOT able at this time to give the financial assistances needed. I am appealing to those of you to send your donations to either JACL or the Redress Committee to help defray the cost of mailings, long distance calls, printing, photocopying, materials and other costs. Even a small donation of \$20 or whatever you can give is greatly appreciated.

We must tell the nation through the Commission that our basic constitutional rights were violated because of our race and our limited economic and political power. No American should be subjected to the human deprivation of constitutional rights as suffered by the 110,000 Japanese Americans during WWII.

### PAUL BANNAI, COMMISSION DIRECTOR, MEETS WITH PNW REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Paul Bannai, Executive Director of the CWRIC met with approximately 45 community leaders and

BANNAI MEETS WITH PNW REPRESENTATIVES (Cont'd): representatives from Portland, Yakima/Wapato, Puyallup, White River and outlying areas on Saturday afternoon, June 27, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church to discuss commission procedures and preparations for the Seattle hearings.

Three days and three evenings of hearings will be conducted in Seattle by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to hear testimonies from Nikkei and others affected by the mass exclusion order, E.O. 9066, during WWII. September 9, 10, and 11 are the scheduled dates for the Commission to convene in the north auditorium of the new Federal Building for the fourth in the cross-country hearings which will begin in Washington, D.C. on July 14 and 16. The Los Angeles hearings will be August 4, 5, 6 and San Francisco, Aug. 11, 12, 13. After the Seattle hearings, the Commissioners will travel to Alaska for one day each in Anchorage, Onalaska, and St. Paul, on Sept. 15, 17, and 19, to hear the Aleut testimonies and conclude with the Chicago two-day hearings on Sept. 22 and 23.

The Washington, D.C. hearings will concentrate on the government and military officials who were involved with E.O. 9066, said Bannai, citing names such as John McCloy, Karl Bendetsen, and Mark Clark, as well as representatives of former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter. National representatives of the NAACP, American Friends Service, ACLU, and other civil liberties organizations will testify at the initial hearing. Witnesses will not be paid or have their travel expenses covered by the Commission; except for those subpoenaed. The Commission expects to have translators at each of the hearings for those who need these services. Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, visiting professor at the UW and co-chair of the Community Committee on Redress/Reparations, may testify at the Washington, D.C. hearing.

The Commissioners tentatively expected to be present at the Seattle hearings are Joan Z. Bernstein, Chair, former Senator Hugh B. Mitchell, Ambassador Arthur Goldberg, Father S. V. Gromoff, and Jud e William Marutani (whose prewar hometown was Kent, WA.).

A proposed program drafted by the CCRR for the three days in Seattle, which included a suggested variety of presentations, other than formal witness testimonies, such as town meetings, remedies panel discussions, audio-visual material, video taped program (e.g. "Justice Overruled," "Return to Minidoka"), or literary presentations to provide a different dimension of insight into the incarceration experience was presented to Bannai. He endorsed the suggestions as appropriate and commended the group for their organization and their efforts to date to prepare for the hearings. "There is no other area such as you have here in Seattle working together cooperatively as a community group," Bannai commented, indicating that other areas were having problems with factional differences. --submitted.

#### EMERGENCY FUND DRIVE MOUNTED FOR REDRESS HEARINGS IN SEATTLE

Paul Bannai, Commission Director, reported that the CWRIC staff in Washington, D.C. assigned to the Seattle hearings would be in Seattle the week-end prior to the hearing dates. However, they had no provisions for staff assistance at each of the sites during the preparatory period, due to the cut in Commission funds from 1.5 million to 1 million. The Seattle area Community Committee on Redress/Reparations, already heavily into expenses in sponsoring workshops, a mock hearing, the regional meeting with Paul Bannai, and many other redress activities, is currently mounting a fund drive to meet its expenses in the 10 weeks ahead until conclusion of the hearings on Sept. 9-11. There will be a need to assist witnesses with writing testimonies, to arrange scheduling, to coordinate with the Commission and other areas of the PNW, and to plan for the complete program.

Although the nine chapters of the PNWDC have donated over \$7,000 to the National JACL, the commitment by the National JACL Redress Committee to send financial assistance to those sites which would have hearings, has not been kept, nor has any staff assistance been provided, despite the full-time staffed JACL personnel in California and Chicago in addition to the full-time redress coordinator at the San Francisco office. In response to the urgent request of the Seattle JACL Redress Committee, there has been a "woefully inadequate" sum of \$2,500 offered (out of a national redress budget of \$250,000) to assist the Seattle hearings, subject to approval of the National Redress Committee, District Redress Representatives, and the District Council. With no assurance of either the speedy release of this meager sum or even the entire amount coming to support the Seattle area needs, the local Nikkei community--individuals, businesses and organizations--are being asked to dig down deep and donate to help carry on the work to make the Seattle hearing an exceptional one, this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to tell the story of the Japanese American incarceration to the Commission and to the American public.

The CCRR has received financial support to date from the Seattle JACL, the Puyallup Valley JACL, and the FVC, plus generous donations from some caring individuals. Donations may be made payable, for tax deductible purposes, to JACL-Seattle (marked CCRR) and mailed to 318 Sixth Ave. S., Room 108, Seattle, WA 98104. Please help.

Although hundreds of volunteer hours have been contributed by the members of the CCRR and Seattle JACL Redress Committee, additional volunteer help is needed to spread the load. Please call 623-5088 if you can type, make phone calls, stuff envelopes, etc. --submitted

#### A CALL FOR WITNESSES

Anyone wishing to testify as to their experiences as a result of E.O. 9066, please call the PNW JACL District Office, 623-5088. Written testimonies should be submitted by July 30, if you wish to testify before the Commission. Preparation guideline materials are available, giving examples and suggestions for writing testimonies. Please call for further information as soon as possible as time is getting short!

JACL INSTALLATION (Cont'd): JACL. He is on the State Board of Pharmacy, past president of State pharmaceutical association and active in the Seattle Buddhist Church and held many offices of the Buddhist Church of America.

Sapphire Pins were awarded to Cherry Kinoshita and John Matsumoto. Cherry has served as Chapter president and served in every conceivable committee and as member of the board. She has served as secretary at the District level and the recognition committee. At the National level she serves as PC board and recognition committee. She cochairs the Seattle redress committee as well as chair the Community Committee on Redress/Reparation.

John is past president of the Seattle Chapter as well as being president of the newly formed Lake Washington Chapter. He has been on board member for many years, chair of membership committee, scholarship committee, redress committee, as well as positions on the District level. He is past Commander of Nisei Vets, board member of University Students Club, and is the backbone member of the St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO:

MRS. KIYOKO MOTODA

This is the first time an award citation is presented to an Issei woman by the Seattle Chapter. With profound gratitude, the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League proudly recognizes this remarkable lady for her lifetime of duty, devotion and concern to her Nikkei Community, to her church and to all persons of Japanese ancestry.

Widowed early in her life, she overcame personal adversities to become a highly successful business woman in the apartment/hotel field. All during this time she was gaining a reputation as a civic minded leader in her community for her many involvements and generous donations to various community organizations. An activist in the thrust for U.S. Japan friendship, she was awarded the 6th Class Sacred Crown by the Japanese Government, a thousand club member of 25 years standing and board member or officer of various organizations, she has through her many years of involvement, enriched the lives of many in her Nikkei Community.

(Certificate of Appreciation for Masato Uyeda and Harry Kadoshima continued in the newsletter insert).

NUTRITION PROGRAM OBSERVES 7TH ANNIVERSARY

by Nellie Kanzaki

"The best run senior center in Seattle" was the remark of Mayor Charles A. Royer at the Meiji Kai's seventh anniversary celebration held March 31 at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall.

Odori, shigin, gochiso was the order of the day for the happy occasion with 22 special guests who were 88 years or older. Each was presented with a pillow especially made for them by the women of the group.

Frank Yatsu, 97, was the oldest of the nonagenarians. Other "youngsters" were: Shoichiro Katsuno, Haru Yoshida, Manabu Taniguchi, Buichi Hayashi, Noboru Nakagawa, Gichi Kumura, Nobuko Otani, Tsurono Kuranishi.

Also, Ikuno Furuta, Hide Kitajima, Hiroko Shinohara, Shizu Abe, Yoribuke Tamura, Itaro Yoshitomi, Tokio Akagi, Yozo Watanabe, Chikayo Fujioka, Kiku Mishimura, Misano Kadoguchi, Hatsu Yorozu and Sugie Okamoto.

Guests included William Moyer, executive director of the Nutrition Program; Earl Osborne, assistant director of Senior Services and Centers; Harry Kadoshima, president of Nikkei Concerns; and Fred Takayasu, Keiro Nursing Home administrator.

Also, Arlene Oki, aide to the Seattle mayor; Ruth Koral, Jane Galant and Mary Podrasski, from the nutrition offices.

The delicious luncheon prepared by the ladies included a wide variety of delicacies. A beautifully decorated "Happy Anniversary" cake followed for dessert.

Yuki Nakamura was coordinator in the preparation of the food as well as mistress of ceremonies of the program. She also led in the odori portion of the entertainment.

The International District Nutritional Program for Elderly Asians is managed by Edna Tanigawa, and assisted by Massie Tomita, coordinator, and Ken Miyake, transportation.

The social and nutritional program is being held under a Memorandum of Agreement between the Nisei Veterans Committee, Inc., and the Senior Services and Centers, Inc., a non-profit corporation.

FROM THE BOARD:

Agreement for sister port tie between the Port of Pusan and the Port of Seattle was criticized by the Seattle Chapter. Aki Kurose said it is important that we make a statement and that we make a stand on this issue. People of Korea are suffering from the oppressive government. Council of Churches and the American Friends Service Committee have voiced their disapproval for such a pact, according to Kurose. Diane Narasaki and Sarah Driggs of American Friends and Jean Kim of Washington Human Rights Council spoke against the pact.

Export ledger through the Port of Seattle for Korea was \$1.1 billion in 1980. Arthur H. Yoshioka, Senior Executive Advisor for the Port of Seattle, acted as its spokesman and said any act of suppression of trade with Korea will hurt the Korean working class. There is an article in July 1981 Port of Seattle Tradelines which said 30% of Korea's GNP depends on exports. Pusan will be remembered in the Korean conflict when the United Nations troops were squeezed into Pusan defense perimeter around the bend of Naktong River and making a stand until the reinforcement arrived. The board passed a motion to voice objection to the pact.

FROM THE BOARD (Cont'd): Kerry Yoshihara, graduate nursing student, handed out questionnaires to board member to participate in her survey which is voluntary. She is collecting resource material to find out the changing needs of Japanese Americans in comparing Nisei to Sansei in health care needs. Does a culture have any bearing? That's one of the question to be answered. There are lots of papers in reference to Asian needs but not specifically focussed on Nikkei. Graduate papers will be available in the U.W. library when completed.

Hana Masuda said before Minoru Passed away, he had requested that none of his books be sold. Already she has donated books to the Univ. of Washington library, the U.W. Archive and to the Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science where he worked. For the JACL she has set aside collection of books by Roger Daniels, A.R. Bosworth, No-No Boys, etc. and three boxes of JACL letters he had kept. She wants to donate all this to JACL.

Jerry Shigaki, scholarship chair, presided in the presentation of scholarship awards. 30 applicants were processed by the committee which included Mark Okazaki, Cindy Yoshida, Aki Kurose, and Jerry Shigaki. The recipients and the parents attended the dinner. Mr. Uhachi Tamesa and her daughter Kimi from Washington D.C. were also present and including Tsuguo Ikeda.

Receiving the Minoru Tamesa Memorial Scholarship were Richard Green and Cheryl Nomura. Karen Goon received the Rev. Emery E. Andrews Scholarship Award. Richard who works at Seasia is the first year architect student at the U.W.; Cheryl is studying for social work. Karen who graduated from Cleveland high plans to attend Seattle U. in preparation for law field. Mr. Uhachi Tamesa thanked the committee for their work in the selection of scholarship. Minoru Tamesa Memorial Scholarships were \$650.00 each and the Rev. Emery E. Andrews Memorial Scholarship was \$300. (Amount subject to correction). Japanese Baptist Church helps in maintaining the Rev. Andrews fund.

Shea Aoki who is chairing the annual installation banquet said the coming event will be held Jan. 16 at Butcher Restaurant. 1981 is the 60th anniversary of the Seattle Chapter.

Youth Banquet was held May 31 at Doubletree Plaza Inn with Lori Matsukawa in charge. The was helped by Midori Thiel, Helene Yorozu and Sumiko Yoshioka. 210 students from the elementary school level and up were given award for their accomplishments. The students provided their own entertainment program. This was a unique program which went over so successfully. When letters were mailed out to the public the response was unbelievable. Many comments were received in appreciation. One letter written by Dick and Alice Nishioka said: "We appreciate you and your committee effort to emphasize the positive side of youth. We know that those of us able to be part of the festivities came away with happy sense of pride rejoicing in accomplishment of our future generation."

Kazzie Katayama proposed that new consolidated drop-out prevention high school be named in honor of public servant Prof. Charles Z. Smith. The board concurred. A letter recommending the naming of the new high school for Chalres Z. Smith was sent to the Seattle School District.

Sam Shoji voiced his concern for the budget of the Seattle School District which is reduced and rigid and he is expecting to hear clamors on the bi-lingual education. Japanese American community hasn't made much of an issue on this because "that is not a focal hangup in terms of Japanese immigrants coming in," according to Sam. Indo-chinese, Filipino, and Spanish speaking will be affected. Over the media Sam asked about the bilingual education and he was told by one of the assistant superintendent that there is no worry about the bilingual program because the Federal funding is available. This, of course, is not correct.

Bill passed in the legislature on the Camp Harmony monument for the appropriation of \$30,000 from the biennium budget. Arrangement with Puyallup Valley chapter, the Seattle will be committed to raise one-third of \$5,000, according to Henry Miyatake, but the ante will be higher if we wish to utilize the total of \$30,000 appropriated. Puyallup Valley is already planning for the fund raiser. Seattle chapter will have to have a separate project since under law we cannot work jointly with them.

The third Japanese medical mission, sent by the Hiroshima Prefectural Medical Association and the Radiation Effects Research Foundation together with medical examinations and the symposium on the effects of radiation on human beings at the U.W. Health Science auditorium have all been completed. Medical examination took place May 23 and 24. Ken Nakano making the summarized report said one person came all the way from Pendleton, Or. He cited one case where Dr. Jim Tsujimura of Portland providing eye exam for Hibakusha was able to show one person's anguish on her eye trouble was not related to radiation relieving her of mental anxiety. The follow-up to the team coming to Seattle was that Lloyd F. Hara was interviewed on TV in Japan and the following week Dr. Jim Tsujimura was also given VIP treatment. Ken thanked Karen Seriguchi for publicity legwork to cover the downtown medias in the Seattle Times and P.I. (front pages), Seattle Sun, International District Examiner, U.W. Daily; TV on channels 4, 5, 7, and 11. Two Japanese TV team teams, one from Hiroshima, were here for one week. Chugoku News from Japan reporter was here. Ken cited Aki Kurose, Cherry Kinoshita, and Chuck Kato for their special help. Ken received a round of applause for his part in the atomic bomb survivors project and putting Seattle Chapter on the map via Hibakusha project.

We continue to get excellent excellent help for the mailout. We thank Karen Seriguchi for the the coordination and to Chuck Kato earlier in the year. For the April 8 we had Don Kazama, Kathryn Bannai, Roger Shimizu, John Matsumoto, Gary Iwamoto, Alan Osaki Jerry Nagae, Paul and Mary Hosoda, Karen Seriguchi, and Frank Abe. We were taking advantage of other committee meeting held at the same place.

May 13 mailout was also assisted by CCRR committee persons. In attendance were Frank Abe, Karen Seriguchi, Sam Shoji, Ken Nakano, Shox and Elsie Tokita (IW Chapter), Chuck Kato, Denise Sakamoto, Shirley Yamada, Cherry Kinoshita, Dr. John Kanda (Puyallup Valley chapter),

FROM THE BOARD (Cont'd): Rev. Dick Nishioka, Chizuko Omori, Mark Fugami and Lloyd F. Hara. The June 10 crew consisted of Denise Sakamoto, Shirley Yamada, Wendy Watanabe, Junzo Nakagawa, and Karen Seriguchi. Thanks so much for the timely help. We certainly appreciate your coming out in the evening.

There was a time when the Seattle Chapter was conservative in retaining cash balance to meet quick emergency for legal services whatever the cause. The reserve provided this sense of security. However, this feeling has since eroded with the changing time. Expenditure of money has accelerated. During the June meeting treasurer Wayne Nakanishi typed up a rough projection summary that estimated revenues including \$4,000 expected to be raised by fund raiser will be \$9,900. Estimated expenses for 1981 is \$21,706. This still leaves a deficit of \$11,806! A more careful analysis may bring the figure down. President Hara is asking for projected spending for the remaining year.

Jerry Nagae presided over the Seattle JACL meeting for June. Good show.

Calendar of Events

July 11--Japanese Community Queen Committee benefit car wash next door to Mutual Fish. For passenger cars \$2.00 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

July 21--Lake Washington Chapter JACL meeting 7:30 p.m. at Newport Hills Baptist Church, 5822 119th S.E. Bellevue, across the street from Albertson's.

July 21--Community forum meeting to plan Pacific Asian Elderly Project sponsored Nikkei Senior Health Fair. The Fair hopes to find many volunteering their time to help senior citizens get their health screening, educating available health services and health information. The planning meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at NVC Hall, 1212 S. King St. Everyone is invited including house wife, students and community members.

July 22--JACL picnic meeting from 5:30 p.m. at Gasworks Park (Lake Union). Bring your own food, just like potluck. Meeting starts 7:30 p.m. and adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

July 26--JACL Thousand Club sponsored annual golf tournament at Jefferson course from 11 a.m. rain or shine. Co-chair are Jo Sakamoto and Jiro Nakahara. Awards presentation at Perry Ko's South China Restaurant. There will be two flights, one for men and one for the ladies. In order to participate the membership in One Thousand Club must be current. Dinner is open to anyone who wish to attend. The tournament committee will be mailing out application forms.

Aug. 7--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Allow one week for delivery. Notices effective before Aug. 14 will not be printed. Mail announcements to: c/o (editor) Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle 98105.

Aug. 8--The Asian Counseling & Referral Service fund raising benefit to be held at the Nisei Vets from 5 p.m. to midnight. Evening of fun, ethnic foods, etc. The ACRS in 1980 provided services to over 8,000 individuals in six program areas. These include mental health care, social services, information and referral, community education, elderly services and resettlement services to refugees. These services are offered to at least 10 Asian ethnic groups in 14 languages and dialects. The ACRS presently utilizes 35 full time, professional and para-professional staff. The agency, supported by the United Way, also receives grants from the city, county, state and federal government. Government funds account for 75% of the agency's budget. Dave Okimoto is the Executive Director and Theresa Fujiwara, Assoc. Director.

Aug. 12--Newsletter mailout night, 7 p.m. at the JACL office, Room 109. Volunteers appreciated.

Sept. 9, 10, 11--Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to hear testimonies from Nikkei and others on effect of E.O. 9066 held in the north auditorium of the New Federal Building. Both day and night sessions.

July 29 at 9:30 p.m., Channel 9. Japan/N.W. Insight of Japanese culture made to Pacific N.W.;  
SUSAN OKAMOTO WINS DESIGN AWARD Also scenes from Japan.

Susan K. Okamoto of the interior design firm, Draheim & Okamoto, Seattle, won the Fifth Annual National Lighting Competition for her work in the design of the Bocz Techna Hair Salon located on Pine Street in Seattle. Okamoto will be presented her award at the National American Society of Interior Designers Convention in St. Louis this month.

The competition was judged on the applicant's use of Halo Power Trac Lighting and its contribution to the overall design. Okamoto is a principal in the design firm of Draheim & Okamoto. Formerly a partner with Draheim & Partners, she joined with Terris R. Draheim to form their firm in Oct. 1980.

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