

9:00 Adjournment

PRELIMINARY SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR 1982 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

This year the October meeting has been designated as nominating meeting. Additional nominations may be received at this time providing that 10 active members endorse the nominees from the floor or statement in writing by each endorsee is presented. Statement in writing from the nominees must be presented to the board in absence of the candidate. The simplest approach is to submit names to the nomination committee prior to the October meeting. After the October meeting the absentee ballots will be mailed out as soon as possible. Results of the election will be certified at the November meeting and announced in the December newsletter. The nominees for the elective offices are released as follow:

President: Kathryn Bannai; president-elect: Mako Nakagawa; 1st vp: Joanne Fujita; 2nd vp: Eira Nagaoka; 3rd vp: Gerry Nagae; 4th vp: Aki Kurose; corecording sec: Vicki Asakura and Patti Shimomura; corres. sec: ____; treas: Janice Nishimori; historian: Shea and Jiro Aoki; dist council delegate: Lloyd F. Hara.

Group I: Massie Tomita, Arlene Oki, Mae Sasaki, Hana Masuda, Sam Shoji, Mich Matsudaira, Cherry Kinoshita, Charles Kato, Don Kazama; Group II: Harold Nakagawa, Kazzie Katayama, Mich Fujii, Lori Matsukawa, Gil Hirabayashi, Jan Kumasaka, Jerry Shigaki, Gary Iwamoto, Y.K. Kuniyuki, Bill Nishimura. Group III: Dick Sugiyama, Roger Shimizu, Mark Okazaki, Dave Okimo-to, Kathy Kozu, Gary Kawasaki, and Art Kono.

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by Lloyd F. Hara

Recently, I had a chance to attend the 1982 Installation Committee meeting to plan for our 60th Anniversary Installation Banquet. Shea and Jiro Aoki have taken charge and organized a strong committee. Many familiar faces, such as Helen and Hiram Akita (last year's chairpersons), Kimi Nakanishi, Pat Terao, Eira Nagaoka, Kazzi Katayama, Aki Kurose, Terry Toda, Ayako Herd, and newer faces like Lori Matsukawa and many others are working very hard to make our 60th Anniversary a very successful event.

by Cherry Kinoshita and Chuck Kato, Co-chairs, C.C.R.R.

Since this is our 60th Anniversary, the Committee has developed a theme to commemorate six decades of Seattle JACL. A history is being developed which highlights the important years and those persons who contributed much to make the Seattle Chapter a vital organization. It is our hope that we will be able to publish a booklet on our 60th years so that it will be

We need your help. Many of you have been officers in the past and you may have stored some of the JACL history in your house or in your records. If you have old records, minutes, newsletters, photos, or anything which could add to our history, we would appreciate your help to recreate our past. In the 1950's, 1960's, and 1970's we have some years where little is known. If you can help us fill in the gaps, I would appreciate your calling Shea Aoki at 723-6061.

Persons helping with the history project are: (prewar through World War II) Misao Sakamoto, Yone Arai Bartholomew and George Bartholomew, Kenko Nogaki; (1950's) Shigeko Uno; (1960's) Pat Terao; (1970's) Ben Nakagawa; (1980's) Lioyd Hara; (Past Presidents) Ben Nakagawa.

In the future, it will be much easier to retain our historical documentation, especially if we can successfully complete this history project. (Cont'd next page)

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT (Cont!d):

For the Banquet, we plan to do the following:

- 1. Have a photo display pictures can be viewed during the cocktail hour. We need help to construct the display.
- 2. Develop the historical booklet the 60 years of JACL.
- 3. Honor key persons during each decade for their contribution to Seattle JACL.
- 4. Contact all Past Presidents of JACL.
- 5. Have a Good Time! We plan to have over 500 people in attendance, so start now to tell your friends about our Anniversary Party.

We want to start 1982 with a bang -- but we need your help now. If you are interested in any of the Installation projects call Shea Aoki at 723-6061.

THREE CHEERS FOR Ben Nakagawa and his fund raising committee. We had a good gathering for our Fund Raiser and most everyone had a great time. Unfortunately for the "House," we did not do as well as anticipated and it will leave our budget short.

The important matter is that everyone had a good time. It gave JACL members an opportunity to socialize and get to know each other a little better. I feel we should plan for an annual event, not only for a fund raiser, but also to get to know each other.

A special thanks to Nisei Vets for use of their Hall.

Appointments to vacant Board positions

Tets Kashima, University of Washington, Asian Studies and Roger Shimizu, Attorney, have been appointed to fill Board vacancies created by the resignations of Dolores Sibonga and Phil Hayasaka. I want to thank Phil and Dolores for their contributions to the Board and to welcome Tets and Roger.

See you next month -- plan to come to the next Board meeting .-- Lloyd F. Hara, President

IN JACL CHAPTER TO MEET OCT. 20

Lake Washington JACL Chapter will meet Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m. at the Newport Hills Baptist Church, 5833 119th S.E., Bellevue, across the street from Albertson's store. <u>All members are re-v</u> <u>quested to attend this meeting</u> for the purpose of nominating new chapter officers and board members for the next year . . The evening program will feature Mr. Dave Williams, Rainier Bank Assistant Vice-President and manager of the Trust Division, Personal Financial Planning Dept. He will be accompanied by Trust Financial Analyst Mrs. Frank (Mich) Fujii. Financial planning is an area of concern to everyone, and this program should prove most enlightening. Friends in the community are cordially invited to attend.

Some notes from IW JACL Chapter September meeting; Redress Committee Chairperson Ken Nakano thanked the chapter members for \$145 contributed to the redress effort and acknowledged the efforts of the following who testified at the Commission Hearings recently in Seattle: Hiro Nishimura, Shox Tokita, Jane Yambe, Kiyo Yabuki, and Pete Okada. Others who helped in various capacities were John Matsumoto, Henry Miyatake, Ken Nakano, and Roger Shimizu. To all the above, Arigato, and Gokuro sama deshita . . . The evening program consisted of speakers Paul Hosoda, Nibs Morio, and Pete Okada who gave an informative account of their involvement in the 442nd Regiment and M.I. experience. For a brief moment we were able to relive history.--Susie Aoyama

WHAT NOW AFTER COMMISSION HEARINGS?

by Cherry Kinoshita and Chuck Kato, Co-chairs, C.C.R.R.

The three day Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians hearings in Seattle went well, we were told by several of the Commission members and staff. The culmination of a year's planning by the Community Committee on Redress/Reparations paid off in terms of preparation and operation. At some of the other areas where hearings were held they seemed to feel good about having all testimonies solidly in favor of redress. We felt otherwise; that pro and con views should be expressed, and that it was important to have a fair hearing -- open to everyone concerned about redress. We felt the Commission wanted to hear all sides and, in keeping with the democratic process of public hearings, we feel that the Seattle hearings did just that.

On the issue of remedies, we particularly did not want an "orchestrated" viewpoint because we felt each individual should be entitled to express his/her own views based on his/her own views based on his/her own conclusions. Since the CCRR was comprised of representatives of most of the major Nikkei organizations in the Seattle area, as well as three other JACL chapters (Puyallup, White River and Lake Washington), a consensus on the specific form of remedy to be recommended was not reached, so no advocacy positions were taken. In fact, so little emphasis was placed on this subject during the workshops that the eventual recommendations which were voiced by the individuals at the hearings were as new to the Committee members' ears as to the public and the Commission. Certainly there was no "orchestration":here.

The beautiful part of the year-long effort was the teamwork exhibited by the diverse groups, some of which have been historically anti-JACL. On a highly emotional issue such as redress, this working relationship was a credit to the committee members. We owe thanks to the many, many volunteers who worked long and arduous hours, to the hundreds of donors who so generously supported the redress effort, and to the many witnesses who were willing to

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WHAT NOW AFTER HEARINGS? (Cont'd): share their thoughts and deeply personal experiences. Our appreciation also to the many non-Nikkei friends, officials and organizations who testified and/or submitted statement on behalf of the redress cause. The list would not be complete without a special thanks to Professor Gordon Hirabayashi who has returned to his faculty position at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada; his leadership will be missed. Last but certainly not least, accolades to Pacific Northwest Regional secretary Karen Seriguchi, without whom the unbelievable mountain of work could not possibly have been accomplished in time.

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Rafu Shimpo comments: A job well done, everyone! And lest we in Seattle be accused of patting ourselves too heavily on the back, we'll slip in a few quotes from a <u>Rafu Shimpo</u> article of Sept. 23, which was called to our attention, written by Los Angeles attorney Gerald Sato, who apparently attended both Los Angeles and Seattle hearings:

"Indeed, the Seattle Nikkei community has always seemed to me to be politically more sophisticated than their Los Angeles counterparts. Seattle's Nikkei community is smaller both proportionately and in absolute numbers than Los Angeles Nikkei. Yet, the community leaders in Seattle have been able to keep the redress issue in front of their non-Nikkei neighbors for nearly ten years.

"... In 1978, 2000 Nikkei participated in the first "Days of Remembrance" ceremony, kicking off the redress campaign nationally. In 1978-80, Nikkei community leaders were able to persuade Congressman Mike Lowry of Seattle's (Wash.) 7th Congressional District to introduce a money reparations bill for Nikkei into the House of Representatives.

"There is not a single Nikkei-oriented newspaper published in the Northwest on a regular bas basis; yet, the Seattle community leaders have been able to obtain absolutely first rate coverage of the redress campaign in the Northwest from the Seattle and Portland dailies, and from regional newspapers throughout the state. At the hearing extensive coverage was also provided by the three broadcasting networks, public broadcasting and Dutch television to Europe. All of this has resulted in the matter of redress being a topic of conversation everywhere in the non-Nikkei Seattle community.

"In Los Angeles, I'm afraid that we've fallen into a sense of complacency. Organizational rivalry had hurt the political campaign for redress in southern California . . . To this day our local NCRR and JACL chapters have failed to develop any cohesive political strtegy to advance the cause of Nikkei and Aleut reparations . . .

"Whether we like it or not, the entire Nikkei community in America looks to the large Nikkei community of Los Angeles for leadership; but leadership has responsibilities and these are not presently being fulfilled. Our Los Angeles Nikkei leaders could do worse than to look to the Nikkei of Seattle for guidance."--Gerald M. Sato.

(Thanks for them kind words about the Seattle Nikkei community, Mr. Sato! We cannot sit back and bask, however. We have completed but one phase.

Community Committee to continue meeting monthly: The CCRR decided at its Sept. 29 meeting to continue as an organized group under the present co-chairs meeting monthly (4th Wednesday of each month, JACL office, 316 S. Maynard), as the really hard work is just beginning. When the Commission issues its final report, possibly in the next six months, and if it is acceptable, there will be another big push to lobby for Congressional support.

In the meantime, with radio polls running 3 tool against any compensation, and negative feedback to television programs running 7 to 1, there is a tremendous amount of work yet to be done in public education. The CCRR will be establishing a Speakers' Bureau to answer requests from organizations, radio and t.v. a Public Relations Bureau to **initiate and respond** to letters to, editors, news articles, etc. We need to begin political and legislator advocacy. As to the Nikkei community, there has also been expressed a need for counseling sessions to cope with the emotional trauma aroused by the hearings. If any of these areas of interest appeal to your volunteering instincts, please let us know, and join us at our monthly meetings beginning Oct. 28.

A subcommittee is working on tentative plans to show the video tape of the Seattle hearings, possibly on successive Saturdays, for those who were unable to attend. Please let us know if there is enough viewer interest, and if you wish to view the full 25 hours, or edited segments. Please call Karen Seriguchi at 623-5088, afternoons, and give us your views.

JAPANESE AMERICA: CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES ON THE INTERIMENT, is a 56-page book with new information a out the wartime incarceration, is now on sale. The publication contains the edited proceedings of conferences held at Seattle Central Community College and in Tacoma and Spokane in early 1980. It includes presentations by the late Dr. Minoru Masuda, Monica Sone, Gordon Hirabayashi, Lawson Inada, Henry Miyatake, Mike Lowry, James Dolliver, and others who explored the long-term psychological effects of the camps, Japanese American literature, and the question of redress.

Copies are available for \$4 from the Pacific Northwest District office, 623-5088 (afternoons), 318 Sixth Ave. S. Room 108, Seattle, WA 98104. Checks should be made payable to American Friends Service Committee.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT NEEDED

The Pacific Northwest District office, which provides help for Seattle Chapter projects, desperately needs an office desk and shelving (or bookcase). If you or your business can spare either of these items, please call Karen Seriguchi at 623-5088 (afternoons). ----

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PAUL K. AOKI FOLLOWS FOOTSTEP OF SISTER ELAINE IN REACHING SCHOLARLY HEIGHT

Congratulations to Paul Ken Achi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Takao Acki, who completed his Ph.D. in linguistics. His dissertation GERMINATION IN JAPANESE is "a thorough and original treatment of the phenomenon of lengthening consonants in Modern Japanese. It is of interest to scholars in the field of Modern Japanese as well as to linguists concerned with loan words, syllable structure and general phonology."

His sister, Elaine M. Aoki, Ph.D., has been elected to the national committee of the National Council of Teachers of English. She will represent the elementary division at the national conference to be held in Boston this November. Dr. E. Aoki is presently an administrator in reading education with the Seattle School District, has been published in teaching of reading journals, and has been a consultant to a new Harcourt publishing company's literature series for elementary students. --U.W. College of Education

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS CLUB

1982 will mark the 60th anniversary of the University Students Club, Inc. When this was brought to the attention of the Board, the spontaneous reaction was that we should do something special to highlight the occasion. After much discussion, the preliminary plans call for (1) holding a 60th anniversary celebration in conjunction with the 1982 scholarship reception at the new School of Social Work which was built on the site of the old SYNKOA

House, and (2) dedicating a commemorative artwork with a plaque to add historical significance to the Social Work/Speech and Hearing Sciences Building.

The \$7.5 million (aaarox.) building houses over 80 faculty and staff offices, seven conference rooms, three lounges, a media center with a color TV studio, and the Social Work Library.

1981 SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

The 1981 Scholarship Reception will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24, 1981, at 8 p.m., at the Kawabe Memorial House, 221 18th Ave. S., Seattle. Traditionally, the receptions have been held on the night of the UW Huskies homecoming game. However, this year the homecoming game is being played on Oct. 31 which is Halloween. Not wishing to disturb the Halloween activities of any family, the Board decided to hold the reception a week earlier this year on October 24.

Bob Sato is the reception chair and he is ably assisted by Albert Kobayashi, Ebo Okiyama and Joe Sasaki. They are planning an exciting evening. Part of the entertainment will be provided by Lei Lani Taniguchi's Polynesian Studio.

The Board of Trustees of the University Students Club, Inc., will present the 1981-82 scholarship awards to the following invidivuals:

Susan Ebira, with goal towards Graphic Arts/Computor, Rainier Beach high Class of 1981, with fall quarter status of 1st year, \$850; Linda Kajimura, Medicine, Rainier Beach 1981, 1st

October 1981 Page 7 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP (Cont'd): year, \$850; Jody Kawachi, Veterniary Science, Renton, 1981, 1st yr, \$450; Charlene Mano, Graphic Arts, Renton, 1979, 3rd yr, \$450; Gail Matsuoka, Business, Rainier Beach, 1981, 1st yr, \$450; Judith Morishima, Biology/Medicine, Roosevelt, 1980, 3rd yr, \$450; Shari Myoraku, Physical Therapy, Redmond, 1981, 1st yr, \$450; Jeffrey Muzzy, Photo Journalism, Bothell, 1981, 1st yr, \$450; Steven Wishikawa, Medicine, Newport, Bellevue, 1981, 1st yr, \$450; Sandra Ann Oshiro, Medicine, Rainier Beach, 1981, 1st year, \$850; Jerolyn Yoshihara, Dental Hygiene, Roosevelt, 1978, 4th yr, \$450; Total \$6,150.

Since the beginning of this scholarship program in 1965, the club has made 131 awards, including the above, for a total of \$50,330.00.

<u>NEWS JOTTINGS</u>: 145 seniors in 50 seattle area high schools are semi-finanlsts in the 27th annual National Merit Scholarship including: Jeff T. Kusumi, Newport; Jeffrey K. Domoto, Northwest School of Art; and Hiroyuki Shindo, Shoreline . . An agreement that will trade parking space in Bellevue for additional Metro bus service has earned a national achievement award for downtown revitalization project. Metro planners <u>Bob Simpson</u> and <u>Ann Bugge</u> wrote the report along with <u>Tom Noguchi</u>, Bellevue's transportation planner . . <u>Gary A. Fujioka</u> has been named director of marketing for Crossroads Mall in Bellevue. He will direct advertising, public relations and promotion for the mall. He was market director at the Communications Consortium . . In the last primary election with 98% votes counted, the County Council District 5 had Ruby Chow (D) 6,071, Ron Sims (D) 5,739, Gar Massingale (D) 2,116, and Paul Eletcher (R) 1,655 . . <u>Roger Nishioka</u>, student at Seattle Pacific College, has been appointed as interm for Congressman Joel Pritchard's Office . . <u>The North American</u> Post, the Japanese language daily newspaper published in Seattle, and the only Japanese language daily newspaper in the Pacific Northwest, resumed publication this month with <u>H.T. Kubota</u> as publisher, with reorganized backup of financial investors . . . City of Seattle examination filing for <u>electric transmission line worker</u>. 3 years in electrical trade. [12.73 per hour start. Filing close 11/3/81. 625-2213 for information . .

RUBY CHOW CHOSEN FOR NATIONAL TASK FORCE ON REFUGEE, ALIEN AND MIGRAPT ISSUES

Ruby Chow, King County Councilwoman, District 5, has been named a member of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Task Force on Refugees, Aliens and Migrants. The appointment was made by NACo President J. Richard Conder of Richmond County, North Carolina.

The task force's primary objective is to increase the federal government's awareness of and sensitivity to problems encountered by county governments, due to the influx of refugees. It also seeks to enhance cooperation and coordination between federal, state and local officials in refugee resettlement issues.

Chaired by Commissioner Harvey Ruvin of Dade County, Florida, the task force is composed of 40 officials, representing counties across the U.S. which have firsthand experience in dealing with national immigration and refugee issues.

INTERCULTURAL PROGRAM AT SOUTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

South Seattle Community College Office of Intercultural Program assists community members, especifically the minority and handicapped members, to achieve their education needs and aspirations. The Office of Intercultural Programs offers and provides a variety of college services and programs designed to enhance each students educational opportunity and experience. The office is interested in working with Senior and Junior High School counselors, community agencies, and organizations representatives. A full-time staff is available to answer your questions about registration, instructional programs. Call coordinator Roberto Contreras at (206) 764-5360.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Ed.'s note: These extract was taken from Sept. 23 Rafu Shimpo article by Gerald Sato.)

"... Testimony (of the Seattle hearings) revealed the existence in the Northwest of an activist and politically astute Nikkei clergy. Several witnesses testified about their wartime experience in the language of religion. Frank Niwa recalled how his father, Rev. Niwa, had re-enacted the ascent of Cavalry at Tule Lake by carrying a wooden cross to a hilltop on the camp's grounds. "We were placed on that cross and made to suffer for something that had nothing to do with us." Kiyoshi Yabuki, a war veteran, testified that the wartime experience had left him feeling inferior to white Americans, but that he had regained his feelings of equality and need for community involvement "by allowing Jesus Christ to come into my life." Rev. Paul Nagano, Bellevue, Washington, testified how war had disrupted his ministry in Torrance and Wilmington, California. Pastor Richard Nishioka, Seattle Japanese Presbyterian Church, testified that for years after the war he felt as though there was a small child inside of his body striving to be free, and that he had begun to free that child through a long and arduous process of political self-education.

Most memorable was the testimony of Hideo Hashimoto, now Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at Lewis & Clark College, Portland, but in 1941 he became young minister of Fresno Japanese Methodist Church.

Professor Hashimoto offered into evidence excerpts from diaries he had kept during wartime, the text of correspondence with religious and academic leaders in the United States written in hope of galvanizing political support for the imprisoned Japanese Americans; much of his work came to the attention of theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, philosopher John Dewey, and Socialist leader Norman Thomas, prompting these people to organize some semblance of a national effort to end the evacuation. To maintain cultural continuity, Hashimoto revived his parish newspaper with a "Fresno Assembly Center Edition" in which he published statements from persons outside of camp who were courageous enough to condemn the (Cont'd page 8)

October 1981 Page 8 GERALD SATO (Cont'd): evacuation. Today, Hashimoto remains politically active, and presented to the Commission a video tape of Portland-area Issei testimony in which he served as interpreter. He leaves no doubt, but that he supports monetary reparations. . . .

"Japanese Americans will have the opportunity to match their actions with their consciences as the story of the Aleuts of Alaska begins to unfold; the first testimony concerning the tragic removal of Aleuts from what had been their native homes for more than 10,000 years was offered at the Seattle hearings. History shows that white entrepreneurs were attracted to the Aleutian Islands at the onset of World War II and that brothels, gambling houses, and other "public" facilities were established to capitalize upon what was expected to be a pervasive American military presence. Of course, when the Aleuts were removed by the thousands for "their own protection" the white newcomers were not similarly removed. Upon return to their island homes, the Aleuts found their village homes destroyed, with the islands turned into a military junkyard. One of the Aleut witnesses Alexandra Tu, sister of Father Gromoff, testified as to the problems faced by Aleuts who are viewed as being unimportant, a mere "tack on" to a Japanese American reparations investigation law. . ."

Calendar of Events

Oct. 20--Lake Washington Chapter JACL meeting 7:30 p.m. at Newport Hills Baptist Church, 5833 119th S.E., Bellevue, across the street from Albertson's.

Oct. 21--Seattle JACL meeting from 7:30 p.m. sharp at 316 Maynard Ave. S., Room 109.

Oct. 22 -- (Thurs.) Cable Access/Seattle will have documentary entitled "1981 Bon Odori Festi-

val" from 8 p.m. to 10:20 p.m. on Viacom 3 and Teleprompter E and 18. 24-- 1981 Scholarship Reception & homecoming from 8 p.m. at the Kawabe House. See Page 6 1--The annual NVC bazaar-carnival from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Oct. 24-Hall, 1212 S. King St. Rib steak dinner will be featured. Takeout food service, delicious home baked pastries, hand-craft articles. Also beef curry, udon, games of skill amid carnival atmosphere. Salty Mizuta is ticket chairman; Charlotte Yamane,

- Auxiliary liaison; and Frank Tsuji is general chairman. Nov. 6--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Mail announcements, etc. to: c/o Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle, WA 98105.
- Nov. 11--(verify) Newsletter mailing night at the JACL office from 7 p.m.

taken from Sept. 23 Bafu Shimpo article by Gerald Sato.)

- Nov. 25--The First Hill Lions Club Benefit Nite at Imperial Palace Restaurant, 6th South & Weller St. from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. This is to Raise funds for the many Lions Club projects such as scholarship, CARE, and Lions Club International Foundation.
- 5--22nd annual benefit Christmas Dance sponsored by the Ai-iku Guild of the Children's Dec. Orthopedic Guild of the Children's Orthopedic Hospital from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The dance will be held this year at the Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington, Seattle. Tama Tokuda and Katsuko Hayashi are co-chairpersons. Music by Percy Bronson's orchestra. Tickets at \$10 per person are available from Guild members.

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