

JACL REPORTER

JACL Office M-W-F 1-4 p.m. 523-5000 Seattle Chapter July-August 1982
Eira Nagao, editor Kathryn Barnai, President Vol. XIX, no. 7

JACL MEETING - Wednesday, July 21, 7:30 p.m. at the JACL Office, 316 Maynard Ave. S.,
Room 109. Kathryn Barnai presiding. Everyone welcome to attend. Refreshments.

AGENDA

7:30 Call meeting to order. Roll Call.

7:35 Approval of June 16 Minutes.

7:37 Approval of Treasurer's Report.

7:40 For Action

1. Motion: That the Seattle Chapter of the JACL endorse the People's Campaign to Urge an End to Nuclear Arms Madness and participate in the Campaign's Oct. 2nd Fund Raiser, the "Legs Against Arms" Fun Run - Michael Sato.
2. Motion: That the National JACL allocate \$10,000.00 and staff support to the National Aging and Retirement Committee for the 1982-1984 biennium - Don Kazama.
3. Motion: That the 1982 Executive Committee be delegated the authority to act on behalf of the Board of Directors when in its judgment matters that require immediate board action arise between board meetings.

7:50 For Information

1. Initiative 350 - Sam Shoji, Gary Iwamoto
2. JACL Fun Nite/Tennis Play - Dick Sugiyama
3. Convention Matters -
 - a. Associate Delegates
 - b. Other
 - c. Pre-convention meeting (Tentative):
August 3rd, 5:00 p.m. at JACL Office.
4. Redress - Cherry Kinoshita
5. International Relations - Ken Nakano
6. Issei Appreciation - Aki Kurose
7. Human Relations Coordinating Council of the Seattle Public Schools - Don Kazama.
8. Installation - Co-chairpersons - Ruth Woo and Ben Nakagawa
9. Youth Committee Liaison - Alan Maeda

ONE THOUSAND CLUB GOLF TOURNEY SET FOR JULY 25

The eleventh annual JACL One Thousand Club golf tournament for both men and women will take place in the Jefferson Course July 25. Cochairs Mits Abe and Reiko Sato are making extensive preparations for this gala event. The Men's Flight and Woman's Flight commence 11 a.m. rain or shine. All Thousand Club, Century and commercial category and their spouses are eligible to compete. Entry fee is \$7.50.

The tournament will be followed by social hour at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. dinner at Perry Ko's South China Restaurant. You may pay your dues for the Thousand Club if delinquent when you sign up for the tournament. The dinner at \$11.00 is open to non-Thousand Club members.

LARGE PARTICIPATION IN JACL FUN NITE

The 1982 JACL FUN NITE held at the Seattle Tennis Center on 6/25-82 was attended by approximately 90 persons who enjoyed seeing themselves videotaped and critiqued by Pro Amy Yee, enjoyed doubles play and stuffed themselves with the abundance of food provided by the participants. Special thanks to Chairman Dick Sugiyama and his committee of Jerry Shigaki, Roger Shimizu and Frank Fujii who stayed up all the previous night printing signs, name cards, placards and court assignments.

After almost everyone had exhausted themselves, the serious tennis players took over and Frank Fujii was seen playing doubles at the unheard of time of 2:45 Saturday morning. Hooe you had enough tennis, Frank!!

DONATIONS

The Seattle Chapter gratefully acknowledges the following generous donations:

From the estate of Tomiko Furukawa \$8,606.39 to the use of and for the benefit of Seattle Chapter, JACL.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mano, financial donation.

SEATTLE JACL AND ASIAN LAW ASSOCIATION PARTICIPATES IN U.S. SUPREME COURT CASE

Seattle Chapter JACL and the Asian Law Association were involved in the Supreme Court busing decision. The Supreme Court of the U.S. on June 30 ruled that 1978 Washington State Initiative 350 is unconstitutional by 5-4 decision. The appeal had come from the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. The people of Washington voted overwhelmingly to do away with mandatory bussing system which is not court ordered.

The Court said the initiative was addressed specifically to cause discrimination of school students by denying bussing for racial purpose. The initiative would place burden of transportation on racial minority thus violating the equal protection of the law. It would allow bussing for non-racial reason but forbids it for racial reasons.

Sam Shoji, chair of Seattle JACL school committee and active in the Seattle School Board committee, was jubilant.

Seattle, Tacoma, and Pasco School districts were joined by ACLU, League of Women's Voters, Urban League, Black Attorney Association, etc. The Seattle JACL and Asian Law Association were invited to participate.

On Chapter executive board recommendation to the regular board, decision to spend \$450.00 to prepare the amicus curiae brief for the Supreme Court brief was made. Gary Iwamoto directed this phase of the case.

Sam Shoji said, "It is rare that small organization is able to participate in the Supreme Court case and we should be proud." Ironically, the State of Washington, the defendant, had on record that Asian being opposed to desegregation.

The National JACL was not involved since this is not a national issue.

The preparation of amicus curiae brief was done gratis but there is an overrun of printing costs. Seattle Chapter voted to pick up additional \$561.00 deficit with Asian Law Association picking up \$200.00 and Ben Nakagawa raising some fund by appealing to his Education Association colleagues.

NO JULY MEETING FOR LAKE WASHINGTON CHAPTER JACL

MINUTES

The (June) meeting was called to order by president John Matsumoto. The minutes were read. A correction in the minutes \$500,000 left in the Wartime Relocation Commission fund and not \$200,000. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Membership: There were no new memberships. We have 36 families paid members and 6 delinquent families. Last year we had a total of 61 members. The national board approved a change in membership. Membership will take effect from the time it is turned in and not on a calendar year. There is a possibility of the dues being increased next year.

Announcements: Stan Shikuma was hired as part time help from June to Sept.

LW JACL Chapter received an award from national headquarters - Outstanding membership enrollment for 1981

National Conference: Ken Nakano and Pete Okada will be our delegates.

There will not be a July meeting but we will have a board and officers' meeting 17 Aug.

Keiro Board: There are 85 people on the waiting list to get in. The board has decided to go ahead with expansion and is in the process of looking for property. There is a retreat being planned on the nursing care for the aged 11 Sept. at the Nisei Vets.

Paul Tomita gave a demonstration on playing the taiko and how to make the taiko.

--Shizue Yahata

MONBUSHO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION BEING ACCEPTED

The Consulate-General of Japan announces that the Japanese Government (Monbusho) offers scholarships to students of American citizenship who wish to study at a Japanese University as research students under the Monbusho Scholarship Program for 1983.

The aim of this program is to give opportunities to American students wishing to continue their studies at a University in Japan and to give necessary assistance and cooperation in pursuing these studies, thus promoting international exchange in the fields of education, science and culture and contributing to the mutual understanding and cooperation between Japan and the United States.

Applicants must be nationals of the country to which the scholarships are offered. Applicants must be under 35 years of age on 4/1/83 (i.e. born on or after 4/2/48). Applicants must be university or college graduates (Those who will graduate from a university or college by March or September, 1983 may apply).

The deadline for applications to be submitted is Monday, Sept. 27, 1982. A Japanese language test and interview will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2, 1982.

For further details, contact the Consulate-General of Japan: 3110 Rainier Bank Tower, 1301 Fifth Ave. Seattle 98101 (Tel: (206) 682-9107).

KYOTO COLLEGE STUDENTS NEED HOST FAMILIES

These students will arrive Aug. 2 and stay until Aug. 23. They will be attending English

KYOTO STUDENTS (Cont'd): classes in Ballard and going on sightseeing tours in the area through Interstudy. This is an enjoyable experience for all! Contact Nora Lentz at 284-2240 or 624-1920.

CHINATOWN - INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT SUMMER FESTIVAL

The seventh annual Chinatown - International District Summer Festival, Seattle's largest Asian community street fair, will be held on Sunday, Aug. 1, at Hing Hay Park (corner of Maynard Ave. S. and S. King St.). JACL is selling somen and soda pop.

The Chinatown - International District Summer Festival, an official Seafair event, blends a variety of Asian foods, arts & crafts, entertainment, cultural demonstrations and children's activities in a day of celebration and sharing of cultures. Booths and activities run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A Parade down S. Jackson St. starts at 7 p.m.

There's something for everyone at the Chinatown-International District Summer Festival. Whether it's children's games or art demonstrations, wu shu (Chinese martial arts) or taiko (Japanese drums), Vietnamese finger foods or Laotian needlework, the Summer Festival is the place to find it!

The Chinatown - International District Summer Festival is sponsored by the International District Economic Association and the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce.

FULL PROGRAM SET FOR NATIONAL JACL CONVENTION AUG. 10 - 13

Aug. 9--8:30-11 EXECOM; 1-5:30 National Board; 6:30 Chapter social mixer.

Aug. 10--1st business session 8-11 a.m.; Candidates forum, bento, workshops 1 to 3 12 to 2:30; workshops 4 to 6 2:30-3:30; redress, youth reunion 4-5:30; 7:30 1000 club Wing-Ding.

Aug. 11--2nd business session 8-11; Wakamatsu testimonial 12-2:30; 3rd business session 5-5:30; 6 Masaoka distinguished service award.

Aug. 12--4th business session 8-11; Mas & Chiz Satow memorial project, bento, book signing 11:30 to 2:30; special event, Nakaoka Center in Gardena, fun, adventure. Gardena Mayor will greet delegates. Award to Ken Nakaoka, first Nikkei mayor in U.S. Visit to Pacific Square, major shopping center w/many Japanese stores including new Meiji Market 2:30-6; Luau at Japanese cultural Institute in Gardena 6-7:30 p.m.

Aug. 13--5th business session 8-11; golf from 11; 11:30-1 fashion show luncheon and the show will focus on Japanese fashions; 6th session including election 1:30-5:30; 6:30 sayonara banquet, installation, dance. Guest speaker will be the Honorable Yoshio Okawara, Ambassador from Japan.

National convention special events available are: Grand Tour of L.A.; Hollywood, Movie Stars Homes and Beverly Hills, half day; Six Flags Magic Mountain; Movieland Wax Museum, half day; Disneyland, guided; Disneyland, self-guided; Catalina Island Cruise; Knott's Berry Farm, half day; Marineland, Ports O'Call Village. All tours begin at 9 a.m. Most half day tour starts at 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. L.A. Dodgersbox seat \$6, reserved \$5. Make reservations thru Gardena JACL.

Nisei photo exhibit "100th/442nd/MIS Museum Exhibit" now on display at the Army Museum in Presidio of S.F., will move to Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History starting Aug. 6 in time for the Veterans Reunion and the JACL Confab. Eventually the exhibit will be seen at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Rooms at Hyatt at Los Angeles Airport, 6225 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90045 (213) 670-9000 costs \$60.00/day for both single and double occupancy. Mention JACL. Reservations must be received no later than 15 days prior to opening of convention.

CULTURAL EVENING AND INTRODUCTION OF BOOK

An evening program at 7:30 p.m., July 22, in the Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington, to introduce "Turning Shadows into Light: Arts and Culture of the Northwest's Asian/Pacific Community," a new historical anthology. The book exploring pre-WW2 Japanese, Chinese and Filipino American visual, performing and written arts was edited by Mayumi Tsutakawa and Alan Chong Lau and designed by Victor Kubo. The book, 100 pages and 40 plus duotone photos, is on sale for \$9.95 in area bookstores or by writing to Asian Anthology, 1708 39th Ave. S., Seattle 98144.

The cultural evening will include readings from the book, a slide show by Robert Monroe on the internationally recognized work of early Japanese American photographers and a social hour to meet the writers. In conjunction with the program, an exhibit of paintings and photographs by noted Asian American artists will be held July 20 thru July 24 in the lobby of Nippon Kan. 4 to 6 p.m. Wed. thru Fri. and 1-3 p.m. Saturday. The exhibit will include the works of Tokita, Nomura, Tsutakawa, Chong, Koike and others.

FROM THE BOARD:

Mailout for June 9 newsletter was completed in short order. For this we can credit Kathy Kozu, Patti Shimomura, Dave Okimoto, Hana Masuda, Hiroko Nakagawa, Don Kazama, Aki Kurose and Mako Nakagawa. Thank you.

Vacation Time for the Chapter board meeting and the newsletter. The newsletter will resume publication in September. National Convention and its resultant activities will conflict with the regular newsletter and board meeting for the month of August. Regular JACL meeting will still be held on July 21st.

Guests at the meeting: Stan Shikuma of PNWDC, Hiroshi Mito, Ellen Mayeda, (Cont'd bottom p.8)

JOTTINGS: In the Metro tennis tourney 5/12 in AA Boys Single, Kevin Wakasa, West Seattle, beat Kurt Leonhard, Rainier Beach, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4. On 5/14, Wakasa was beaten 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 by Brock Mansfield in the Metro AA final . . . In the Seattle-King AA final held 5/23 Brock Mansfield, Lakeside beat Kevin Wakasa, 6-3, 6-1, in Boys Single . . . Steve Suyama, Cleveland high, received honorable mention in All-Metro AA baseball team . . .

Three additional Seattle-area high school seniors have been named winners of four-year college-sponsored National Merit Scholarships included Hiroyuki Shindo of Shoreline high, who will attend the U.W. . . . Hideki Tsuruoka, junior at the U.W., is one of the top three hitters on the varsity baseball team. 5-9, 160 lbs with 0.341 batting average, he maintains 3.12 gpa. The second baseman Tsuruoka became a relief pitcher midway through the season and has 3.00 era. His father Yasushi Tsuruoka is a baseball coach in Japan after 25-years with Nankai Hawks and was named to Japan's Baseball Hall of Fame. Hideki also wants to coach . . .

Twenty-two of Seattle's 67 elementary schools will open in the fall with new faces behind the principals' desks. The new principal assignments include Mako Nakagawa from leave status to Cooper; Jerry Takasaki from North Beach to Brighton . . .

Craig Fujii was one of the six university students named to work for The Seattle Times for the summer in reporting and photography. Craig will be a news photographer. Fujii will be a junior next fall at the Univ. of Texas at Arlington, where he has worked on student publications. Fujii also has worked as a regular photo stringer for The Dallas Times Herald. He won the National Press Photographers Association's Reid Blackburn Scholarship and was named student photographer of the year by the Southern Short Course in Photojournalism. His permanent residence is in the State of Washington . . .

Green Lake resident Michi Murakami, who recently retired, was honored for 20 years service to patients in Providence's Cardiac Intensive Care Unit . . .

Lori Lei Matsukawa and Larry Lee Blackstock were married June 13 at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Matsukawa of Aiea, Hawaii, graduated from Stanford University, where she was selected for Phi Beta Kappa. She is a news reporter for KOMO-TV. The bridegroom, son of Alice M. Blackstock, and the late John Blackstock, graduated from Highline Community College. He is a KOMO-TV engineer . . .

BUSINESS: Joe Akai, mgr of Sea-Land's Kodiak terminal, presented \$1,500 scholarship to Kodiak High senior Brent Sugita in the Sea-Land Service, Inc. scholarship program. Sugita will attend U. of Alaska-Fairbanks . . . Seattle Advertising Federation's newly elected officers for 1982-83 includes Joy Watanabe of Galaxy Specialty as board members . . . Jim Fulton and George Bukota have been named assistant account exec in the Seattle office of Hill & Knowlton, which also named Val Kurita graphics director . . .

Lake Washington Vocational Technical Institute in Kirkland is set to open this fall. Design team included Koichi Kobayashi, planner . . . Seattle Housing Authority's 12-story apt bldg on Western Ave near the Pike Place Market will be ready in November. General Contractor is Eberharter & Gaunt, Inc. Architect is John Y. Sato & Associates . . .

Kimura Insurance Agency has moved to 3003 Beacon Ave. S., Seattle 98144 (206) 323-4773 . . .

Seattle Chinatown-International District Preservation & Development Authority was receiving bids for the renovation of the New Central Hotel, S.E. corner of Weller and Maynard. Burke Associates are the architect. The former three-story hotel will be converted into 28-unit housing for low income elderly. The street level will have retail space . . .

MILESTONES: Tatsumi Taketa (Tacoma), 86, 3/18. He was born in Japan, had lived in Tacoma for 11 years, coming from Spokane. He was a retired gardener for the Northern Pacific Railroad in Spokane for 20 years. Member of Tacoma Buddhist Temple, Hyakudo Kai, Nikkeijin Kai. He is survived by his beloved wife, Onitsu Taketa of Tacoma; br Shikoo Taketa of Seattle; son George Taketa of Seattle; d Mrs. Tak (Ruby) Kawahara of Walnut Grove, Ca and Mrs. Allan (Rose) Kishi, of Tacoma; 9 gc; 2 ggc. Services were held at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple with Rev. Tatisu Imai officiating . . . Kazumi Watanabe, 62, 5/18. Seattle Buddhist Church, JACL, Aero Mechanics Union. He was working for the Boeing Co. about 32 years as inspection supervisor. Survivors include: w Shizuko; mother Yoshiye; sis Mrs. E.A. (Nobuko) Lemay, all Seattle . . .

Keiji Saito, 70, 5/23. Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. Survivors include: w Kane, Seattle; d Mrs. Russell (Mitzi) Butler, Seattle; Mrs. John (Nancy) Evans, Lacey; s Warren T. Saito, Seattle; 3 gc; 2 sis and 1 br in Japan . . . Kazuo Sakuma, 63, 5/22. Services 5/27. Member Fukushima Club, Hotel, Restaurant employee and Bartender's Local 8. Survivors include: w Fumiko; s Dennis S. and Ronald, all Seattle; d Mrs. Les (Elaine) Uchida, Honolulu; 2 gc; mother, Mrs. Ko Sakuma; br Masamitsu Sakuma, both Japan; George T. Sakuma, Seattle . . . Charles Masashi Watanabe, 80, 5/22. St. Edward's Parish, Shizuoka Club. Survivors include: w Mineko, Seattle; s Roy K., Ben B., both Bellevue; Tom T. Watanabe, San Leandro, Ca; d Mrs. Hank (June) Arima, Sylmar, Ca; Grace M. Watanabe, Seattle; 5 gc; 1 br & 4 sis in Japan . . . Roy K. Hayashi, 62, 5/31. Scoutmaster Boy Scout Troop 168, Rokka Ski Club, NVC. Survivors include: w Christine; s Roy, Jr., Seattle; Brian, Kent; 2 gc; br Tom, George, both Seattle; Frank, San Pedro; sis Mrs. Aki (Lillian) Horita, Seattle . . .

Dr. M. Paul Suzuki, 78, 6/1. University Congregational Church, JACL Thousand Club. Dr. Suzuki was a staff physician at Providence Hospital for 44 years and a practicing physician in the International District. He came from Japan to Tacoma when he was 13. While attending high school and college, he lived with and worked for former Tacoma Mayor W.W. Seymour. He graduated from Stadium High School, the Univ. of Puget Sound and Creighton Medical School in Omaha, Neb. Dr. Suzuki was a member of the King County Medical Society. During WW2, Dr.

JOTTINGS (Cont'd): Suzuki and his family were taken to Puyallup and then Minidoka, Idaho, where he treated others who had been forcibly evacuated from their homes. In 1946, he returned to Seattle and Providence Hospital returned him to its staff.

He is survived by his wife, Nobu; a daughter, Carol J.; and sons Y. Paul, N. Robert, T. Howard, all of the Seattle area; 4 gc; 1 sister in Japan . . .

Yoshio Fudetani, 71, June 1. Seattle Buddhist Church, Bocho Club. Survivors include: w Shi-
gō; s Robert "Mickey" Fudetani, both Seattle; d Mrs. Dana (Nancy) Alskog, Snoqualmie . . .

Yaeko Sandra Ishimitsu, 51, 6/2. Japanese Baptist Church, Yamaguchi Kenjin Kai, National Association of Educational Secretaries. She was working as school administrative secretary. Survivors include: father, Kichisaburo; br Kiyoshi, Kazuo and Kichio; sis Nobuko N. Ishimitsu, all Seattle . . .

Masato Tamura, 6/10 in Sunnyvale, Ca. He was born and reared in Fife. Was prominent in Judo circles both nationally and internationally. He owned and operated the Jiu Jitsu Institute of Chicago over 30 years. Retired in Sunnyvale. Survived by wife, Rose; son, Frank; daughter Diane Terada, all Sunnyvale; Rosemarie Knutsen, S. Lake Tahoe and three grandchildren; brother of Hiroshi, Albuquerque; Hikaru, Ogden; Mitsuru and Tadasu, Chicago; Vince, Dallas; sisters Tadako Mori and Reiko Mizumoto, Seattle; Fujiko Gardner, Tacoma . . . Thomas Hirabayashi, 82, 6/3 . . . Noriko O.Kakiuchi. Services 6/12. A Fulbright Scholar, she graduated from Tsuda College in Tokyo and the Univ. of Michigan and taught Japanese and English. Beloved wife of George H.; mother of Robert A. and Mariko K. Kakiuchi, all Mountlake Terrace. Sister of Yoko Itabashi, Rancho Parlos Verdes, Ca; Ryuko Elizabeth Sasaki, Northbrook, IL; Ayako Nakamura, Kyoko Osawa, Yoshiko Kato, Nobuko Achiha, all Tokyo; Akira Osawa of Okinawa . . . Harry Oguchi, 93, 6/26 . . .

Riso Tanabe, 75, 6/26 Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Fellowship, Ohmi Club, Seattle Bonsai Club. Survivors include: s Ted and Tom Tanabe; d Midori Tanabe and Mrs. Minoru (Marianne) Uchimura; br David Tanabe; sis Mrs. Frank (Agnes) Hattori; Mrs. Robert (Jeanette) Tsukui; Mrs. George (Laurette) Saito; Mrs. Jack (Josephine) Tanabe; 8 gc . . .

James M. Todd, 43, 6/28. Services were held. Survivors include: w Loretta; d Timi and Tracey; s James M. Jr.; mother Mrs. Akie Todo, all of Seattle; br Jiro, Goro, Henry, all Seattle; sis Mrs. Kay (Mary) Nagai, Mrs. Yoshio (Daisy) Tomita, Mrs. Victor (Lilly) Takemoto, (Cont'd pp 8)
LATE ADD: The article on new scout center of Mid-City Program Center at 616 Broadway in the Seattle Times 7/2 issue by Elizabeth Rhodes writes " . . . As Jan Kumasaka, head of the Girl Scouts' Mid-City Program Center Task Force, said: 'We have 93% white membership at this time (in the 20,000 member Totem Council area). When you think of the general population of multi-ethnic Seattle, that's outrageous. We need to promote a wider involvement.' To attract girls between ages 6 and 17, the center is near bus lines (routes 3, 4, 12, 13, 16) and multi-ethnic neighborhoods. 'This center is ideally located near Native American, Asian, Afro-American, Hispanic and white communities,' Ms. Hall-Mitchum said. She believes one reason scouting has been predominately a white experience is because 'Third World children may have a different focus within their homes, communities and religions. So, our effort to make our programs more Relevant.' . . ."

40 YEARS AGO, INTERNED

by Robert Hosokawa

(Editor's note: Robert "Rube" Hosokawa, younger brother of Bill Hosokawa, worked in newspapers in the Middle West, is professor of journalism at the Univ. of Central Florida (Orlando). The article was written for the New York Times of May 15, 1982 (anniversary date). We remember Robert Hosokawa when he edited the English section of the Great Northern Daily News for one summer along with publisher Richard Takeuchi who went on to join the staff of Chicago metropolitan daily, and editor Budd Fukey, who is Sunday editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. We remember specifically the Nikkei summer youth camp in Auburn when the "gossip" column came in daily. One day Robert was sick and Bill Hosokawa showed up to pinch hit. Those were the innocent pre-WW2 fun days but realistically we were aware there weren't much in the horizon to look forward to with conventional job markets tightly closed to Nikkei. This article and Ann Sunahara excerpt were kindly brought to us by Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi who makes frequent shuttle between Edmonton and Seattle).

Orlando, Fla.--On May 15, 1942, charged with no crime, I and my family forfeited our freedom in the name of loyalty to the United States and went to our wartime internment.

Together with 110,000 other Japanese Americans, we were complying with Federal orders to leave our homes on the West Coast to be sent to hastily built camps. The weeks following Pearl Harbor had been difficult for all Americans but were especially bewildering for us. We had lived with uncertainty, under curfew, and limited in our movements to a few miles around home.

The four decades since then have dimmed the memory but not extinguished it, and this fall the Government is expected to report on findings of a Congressional committee that studied "redress and reparations" for the Japanese Americans.

The Nisei have been called "the quiet Americans" who obeyed the Government's wartime decision with almost no protest. Their children and grandchildren, who grew up in more vocal times, have expressed disbelief that the now aging Nisei could have gone so docilely, almost like Jews to the Holocaust. The young have asked: Why did you not fight for your rights as citizens? Why did you not protest, demonstrate, strike?

The Nisei remember it as a different time, an exceptional time. They saw no alternative to

40 YEARS AGO, INTERNED (Cont'd): compliance. In the hostility of the war's stunning beginning, the American-born Japanese were bewildered. They were angry with the Japanese enemy and concerned primarily with the well-being of their United States. Pearl Harbor seemed a death blow to their own longtime hopes for full acceptance. Their immigrant parents had endured years of discrimination, and the children yearned for something better as citizens in the melting pot.

It seemed then that they could show their loyalty best by going quietly. It was neither feasible nor fashionable to stand on citizens' rights in the face of a wartime Presidential order.

Up and down the coast, the main evacuation took about two weeks. We were moved by neighborhoods, and the process seemed interminable. Only the dying and the afflicted were permitted to stay. Even inter-racial families were not spared. The non-Oriental parent could stay behind, but the offspring were interned along with the other parent. Eskimos unfortunate enough to have a fraction of Japanese blood were shipped southward from interior villages in Alaska. Some came to our assembly center confused, disbelieving, and still wearing fur parkas and boots.

The centers were crudely equipped for us. The Government intended that these be for short-duration occupation until more permanent camps were to be established in inland areas. But the Nisei residents meant to make the best of the situation. They created an order and system to their community. They staffed kitchens and clinics, organized classes and nursery schools, Boy Scouts carried on merit badge activities.

Congregations held Sunday services. But inadequate housing, lack of privacy, mess-hall food, and idleness were not easy to accept. There was some breakdown in what traditionally were close-knit family relationships. The community found itself having to deal with teen-age problems, even crime, which was unusual in the West Coast Japanese communities.

But most difficult of all was the loss of personal freedom. We had been sent to the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup, about 30 miles south of Seattle. Often, as a boy, in happier times I had attended the fair and remembered this as a marvelous place. But now how different it seemed. One evening my new bride, Yoshi, and I walked the length of the camp and stood at its easternmost edge. I looked through the barbed-wire barrier across the valley to the distant, spring-green hills. And I wept.

As autumn approached, the Government moved us to more permanent and isolated camps in southern Idaho. The story of the hundreds of young interned Nisei who volunteered from those camps for United States Army service and their subsequent heroism in battle has been told. In the little windows of those tarpaper shacks in the camps, there were many blue stars and many gold stars.

When the war ended, most of the Japanese Americans who had remained in the centers went back to the West Coast and in due time re-established themselves. Others, like my wife and me, who had left for jobs or school in the Middle West or East, had entered the American mainstream and did not return.

It was a long time ago in our beloved Seattle that my mother and father and Yoshi and I stood quietly in line to board the buses. Our white, numbered I.D. tags dangled from our coats. We carried a few belongings. There was little to say as our uncertain journey to internment began.

That was May 15, 1942.

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40 YEARS AGO, BRITISH COLUMBIA

"The announcement that all Japanese Canadians were to be moved from the Pacific Coast stunned Canada's Japanese minority. Not even the most pessimistic had considered such an extreme measure possible . . . Canada's Japanese minority had trusted that the federal government would protect them from the absurd measures advocated by British Columbia's racists. It was a shock to realize that while Japanese Canadians had sought to minimize tensions by supporting the unemployed and by buying \$300,000 in Victory Bonds, their government had in effect declared them traitors . . .

"Writing to her brother . . . on 2 March 1942, five days after King's announcement, New Canadian reporter Muriel Kitagawa gave free rein to her feelings (brother in Toronto):

Oh Wes, the Nisei are bitter, too bitter for their own good, or for Canada . . . You should see the faces here, all pinched, grey, uncertain . . . How can the haku-jin face us without a sense of shame for their treachery to the principles they fight for? One man was so damned sorry, he came up to me, hat off, squirming like mad, stuttering how sorry he was. These kind of people too are betrayed by the (Halford) Wilsonites. God damn his soul! Yet there are other people who, while they don't go so far as to persecute us, are so ignorant, so indifferent. They believe we are being very well treated for what we are . . .

"With the announcement of a total uprooting, citizenship became irrelevant. Whether Issei or Nisei, Japanese alien or Canadian citizen, everyone had become an enemy alien."

---Ann Sunahara, The Politics of Racism, pp. 51-52---

A VISIT TO MR. TAMESA

Uhachi Tamesa was just 16-years old when he came to America in 1899. He had to earn money

to help his ailing brother who need to get into hospital. He subsequently died and Mr. Tamesa decided to stay here. He operated express company in the International District from 1902 to 1906. He moved to Sunnydale starting chicken farm and later operating orchards featuring tree ripened peaches. People came from all Seattle to purchase. Though he is a Sunnydale pioneer, the tall trees are gone and in its place is the downtown of Burien where he still lives. Rest of his land was sold to build an apartment complex. His eyes are beginning to weaken but he continues his exercise in the home. His memory is keen. His vegetable gardens are neatly kept. Mr. Tamesa's wife died before the war. His daughters Kimiya and Miyoko had moved to Washington, D.C. before WW2. He has two great grandchildren. Kimiya visits his father often.

On the wall of Mr. Tamesa's home hangs the large framed photograph of General Naresuke Nogi, commander of the Third Army during Russo-Japanese War. General Nogi's army made three assaults on the fortress Port Arthur targeting Hill 203-Meter losing 60,000 including the general's two sons before its capture. He had to meet urgent timetable before the arrival of Baltic Fleet. To Mr. Tamesa, Gen. Nogi was the "home town" hero because he was also born in the same prefecture Yamaguchi-Ken. In the best of samurai tradition, Gen. Nogi had set rigid standard of discipline in the protection of civilian life and property.

Right after U.S. entry into WW2, Mr. Tamesa had a visit from the FBI agent. The agent eyed the photo of the general.

"Who is he?" the agent asked.

"That's General Nogi. Don't you know?", Mr. Tamesa said.

Mr. Tamesa visited his boyhood village and donated a large sum of money for the village school. Later Mr. Tamesa was presented with a miniature replica of Japanese Temple complete with gold leaf and jewels, and a citation from Prime Minister of Japan Eisaku Sato. Premier Sato was also a native of Yamaguchi Ken.

On the other side of the room is the group photograph of 63 persons including Minoru Tamesa at the Heart Mountain Camp in Wyoming who had protested the incarceration by refusing to register for the draft. (Minoru had earlier tried unsuccessfully to register). Minoru wrote an eloquent letter to the draft board saying he will serve his country when the Japanese Americans are released from the camps. Minoru spent three years in prison. (We have a copy of the letter somewhere and its explanation as written by Judge Charles Z. Smith. The case is more complex than it appears on the surface.) In 1947 the Presidential pardon freed them.

Minoru Tamesa graduated salutatorian of his class in 1928 from Highline high school. The first two years he attended West Seattle high school commuting in street cars before Highline high was built. We remember him as a very patient judo instructor in South Park Dojo.

Just about three years ago Mr. Tamesa became acclaimed internationally when Tomoko Yamazaki, famed author, researched on the life of Waka Yamada who had become a victim of her time. Waka was sold as prostitute and arrived in Seattle about 1901. Yamazaki found that Mr. Tamesa was the only person to be found who can clearly remember this girl. As a teenager, he was delivering groceries. Waka was able to escape, marry and became a leader of women's rights in Japan. She lectured, wrote columns, and counseled girls. Yamazaki had written a successful book on her life entitled "The Song of the Person Who Came to America" (Ameyuki-san No Uta). Eventually the Tokyo broadcasting system produced a two-hour film version of the book with the TV-crew visiting Seattle and San Francisco. Mr. Tamesa has a collection of magazines and other publications sent to him which contains articles and colored photograph of him and the story of his part played in making of the TV-film and book.

It was during the 1982 Minoru Tamesa Memorial Scholarship award ceremony that President Kathryn Bannai was handed an envelope by Mr. Tamesa. Inside was the \$2,500 addition to the existing \$12,000 scholarship fund.

We know that Mr. Tamesa will be at least be 99 years old in December. By the Japanese reckoning he will at least be 100 years old since one year is added at the time of his birth. He is a unique man who has spent his whole life being concerned with the Nikkei problems and U.S.-Japan relations. He loves the United States saying it's the best in the world but he is also proud of his heritage. We all thank his contribution to the community.

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Kathy Kozu (chair), Tim Otani, Ann Kawasaki and Aki Kurose made up the 1982 Chapter's Scholarship Committee. Thank you for the efficient job done.

RELIGION IN THE SCHOOLS

The American Civil Liberties Union of Washington is investigating incidents of religious influences in the public schools. Examples include:

1. religious holiday celebrations and devotional graduation exercises
2. prayer meetings and Bible studies
3. attempts by religious groups to convert students

If you have any information concerning these or similar practices, please contact ACLU. All responses will be kept confidential unless you indicate otherwise. ACLU, 2101 Smith Tower, Seattle 98104. ph. 624-2180.

MILESTONE (Cont'd from page 5): all of Seattle; Mrs. Fred (Jane) Tanaka, Saitama-Ken, Japan; Mrs. Henry (Sally) Okumura, Aston, Pennsylvania . . .

Calendar of Events

- July 12--Tomono-Kai CPR at Keiro.
 July 17--Rokka Ski Club and the Highland Kendo-kai co-sponsored benefit disco at Nisei Vet Memorial Hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hosted bar--I.D. required. Tickets \$4 at the door.
 July 21--Seattle JACL meeting from 7:30 p.m. at the JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S.
 July 22--Introduction of book at Nippon Kan on the book "Turning Shadows Into Light." See pp 3
 July 23, 24, 25--Pacific N.W. Arts & Crafts Fair at Bellevue Square will feature Sansei Earthenwear (contemporary ethnic clothing and wearable art) by Ellen Reiko Bepp, Pj N. Hirabayashi and Linda Taiko Ito.
 July 24--Former Greenlakers reunion at Bush Garden Restaurant, 6-11 p.m. Call Kay 363-0424.
 July 24-25--Bon Odori featuring Kimnara Taiko drum group from L.A. and 110 dancers from Shiga, Japan. 4-11 p.m. Saturday and 4-10 p.m. Sunday.
 July 25--The annual Thousand Club Golf Tournament at Jefferson Course. See story page 1.
 July 25--Greenlakers reunion picnic at Carkeek Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Aug. 1 --International District Summer Festival 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Parade at 7 p.m.
 Aug. 4--9 p.m. on Channel 9: Survivors is the first English-language film to present the physical, emotional and financial hardships of 1000 Americans who were caught in Japan when WW2 broke out. Also featured archival and neesreel footage of the devastation animation, and commentary by Yale psychiatrist Robert J. Lifton, author of Death in Life: Survivors of Hiroshima.
 Aug. 5-8--Xth Tri-annual Nisei Vet Reunion at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Los Angeles.
 Aug. 6 & 7--Rummage sale sponsored by St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1610 S. King from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to benefit Keiro Nursing Home and refugee ministry.
 Aug. 8--Afternoon colorful Nisei Week Parade in Los Angeles.
 Aug. 9-13--27th Biennial National JACL Convention at Hyatt Airport Hotel, Los Angeles.
 Aug. 15 or 22--Tomono-kai picnic at Woodland Park or Lincoln Park.
 Aug. 17--Lake Washington Chapter JACL meeting 7:30 p.m. at Newport Hills Baptist Church.
 Sept. 3--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Notices effective before Sept. 10 will not be printed. Keep it short. Mail announcements, etc. to: Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St. Seattle 98105.
 Sept. 8--Newsletter mailing night at the JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., 7 p.m.
 Sept. 15--Seattle JACL meeting from 7:30 p.m. at the JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S. Rm 109.
 Sept. 20--Tomono-Kai program on Crime Prevention.

FROM THE BOARD (Cont'd): Michiko Harada and Kathleen Knight. Thank you for visiting the meeting and hope to see you again.

Alternate delegates: Cherry Kinoshita and Mako Nakagawa were selected alternate delegates to the National JACL convention backing president Kathryn Bannai.

Sansei Membership: Four more Sansei members were signed up. Michael Sato indicated 20 total.

Nomination Committee: The committee met with chair Mich Matsudaira June 30. The nine members of the committee include: Kathryn Bannai, Lloyd Hara, Mako Nakagawa, Chuck Kato, Aki Kurose, Sam Shoji, Vicki Asakura, chair Matsudaira and Eira Nagaoka. The time table will be somewhat accelerated with nominating meeting set for Oct. 20 and the ballots being mailed out Oct. 27th.

Tule Lake Pilgrimage: The program was a real success with 51 persons from this area making the trip.

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