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## AGENDA

### JACL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 20, 1982

7:30 p.m. Sharp

7:30 Call meeting to order. Roll Call.  
Approval of minutes of September 15th meeting. Approval of Treasurer's Report.

- 7:35
1. National JACL Endowment - Tomio Moriguchi, Lloyd Hara, Dr. John Kanda
  2. Redress Pledge - Redress Committee and Budget/Grants Committee
  3. Nominations: 1983 State of Officers and Board Members.
  4. Grant requests

### 8:15 Informational Items:

1. Tribute to Asian and Pacific Americans Award Banquet - Kazzie Katayama (3 min.)
2. Pacific Northwest District Council Report (3 min.)
3. Antidiscrimination Committee - Mark Okazaki (3 min.)
4. International Relations Committee - Ken Nakano (3 min.)
5. Aging and Retirement Committee - Don Kazama
6. Directory Don Kazama
7. Other reports

### PRELIMINARY SLATE OF NOMINEES RELEASED FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING

October meeting has been designated as nominating meeting. Additional nominations may be received during Oct. 20 meeting provided that nominees be present at the meeting or 10 active members endorse the nominees from the floor or statement in writing by each endorsee is presented if the nominee is not present at the meeting. After the October meeting the absentee ballots will be mailed out Oct. 27. Ballots will be tallied Nov. 15, certified by Nov. 17 and announced in the December newsletter.

The nominees for the elective offices are:

President Mako Nakagawa; President-Elect, Jerry Shigaki; 1st vice-president, Dave Okimoto; 2nd vice-president, Eira Nagaoka; 3rd vice-president, Gary Kawasaki; 4th vice-president, Aki Kurose; treasurer, Janice Nishimori; recording secretary, May Sasaki; corresponding secretary, Ayako O. Hurd; historian, Jiro and Shea Aoki; board delegate, Kathryn Bannai.

Board Members, Group I-- Cherry Kinoshita, Hana Masuda, Henry Miyatake, Ken Nakano, Arlene Oki, Ted Taniguchi, and Dr. Kelly Yamada. Group II Vicki Asakura, Kazzie Katayama, Kathy Kozu, Jan Kumasaka, Bob Sato, Roger Shimizu, and Masako Tomita. Group III-- Ann Fujii, Rod Kaseguma, Wayne Kimura, Doug Kinoshita, Alan Maeda, Hiroko Nakagawa, and Sheryl Watanabe.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Tennis Fun Nite: President Kathryn Bannai has sent thank you letters to Ms. Amy Yee c/o Seattle Tennis Center; Frank Fujii for his effort in obtaining usage of the tennis courts at special rate and to push JACL out to the wider Asian Community; Willie Chin who donated two gift lunches at Benihana of Tokyo and we used it for you know what; Ken Pounds of the Seattle Tennis Center for the exclusive use of the Center facilities and mentioning staff person Steve Katayama for outstanding job directing the court changes; and to Doug Tanaka for the support and the tennis lesson on court strategy which was a big hit with the advanced players and to Cindy for taking care of the front door.

Ms. Mayumi Tsutakawa for the donation of four copies of the anthology Turning Shadows into Light.

Japanese Baptist Church, Senior Pastor Dr. Paul M. Nagano for the \$220.00 contribution towards the Rev. Emery E. Andrews Scholarship fund.

Joan Yoshitomi for the financial donation to help defray the cost of the amicus curiae brief in the school desegregation case.

Shosuke Sasaki \$30.00

The Seattle Chapter gratefully acknowledges the above generous donations.

CORRECTION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION (JACL) DELEGATES ROSTER FROM THE STATE: Ed Yamamoto, Dr. John M. Kanda, Denny Yasuhara, Ken Nakano, Pete Okada, Kathryn Bannai, Lloyd Hara, Cherry Kinoshita, Ayako O. Hurd, Jerry Nagae, Jiro and Shea Aoki, Ben and Mako Nakagawa, Hana Masuda, Miyo Kiba, Jun and Aki Kurose, Karen Seriguchi, Steve Kosue, Doug Kinoshita, Joe Kosai and Eira Nagaoka.

THE MEIJI-MURA PROJECT

Dr. James Tsujimura, National JACL president, visited Japan in 1981 to promote U.S.-Japanese friendship. While there, he was asked by Mr. Tsuchiya, director of Meiji-mura in Tokyo, to locate a proper building in the United States to dismantle and rebuild in the Meiji-mura Museum.

The Meiji era (1868 to 1912) is one of the most remarkable periods in the history of Japan. A feudal country that had closed its doors to the outside world learned and absorbed Western systems of government, education, industry, and warfare in a very short time. Architecture was no exception: Western-style buildings in stone, brick and wood began to be seen throughout the country.

Meiji-mura (Meiji Village) opened its doors on March 18, 1965, as an open-air museum to preserve and exhibit works of Japanese architecture of the Meiji period. The museum is located an hour from Nagoya City center on a 250-acre site along the beautiful Lake Iruke. More than 50 buildings are arranged so that they will best display their value as a heritage of Meiji culture. Two Meiji-era trains are operated in the village for public transportation.

Two structures from abroad have been brought to Meiji-mura. Hilo, Hawaii, donated the assembly hall originally built for the Japanese Congregational Church by Rev. Jiro Okabe in 1889. The building was rebuilt in Meiji-mura in 1969. The home of Yasuo Kubota of Sao Paulo, Brazil, originally built in 1919, was rebuilt in Meiji-mura in 1975.

Reviewing our own Japanese American history, most Issei arrived in the United States during the Meiji era. Thus it is important to participate in the museum so that future Nikkei will be able to appreciate our heritage and to review their ancestors' achievements. A building in the Meiji-mura would symbolize the tie between Japan and the United States through the Issei immigrants.

A 70-year old Japanese Evangelical Church at 1312 S. Massachusetts St., is the only building in North America to be accepted by the Meiji-Mura Museum. The estimated \$50,000 building and its contents--an organ, altar, pews, credenzas and other furnishings--are being donated by Mrs. Kiyoko Motoda, who purchased the building in 1949 as a representative of the Japanese Holiness Church. The building was a former residence of Kaichiro Yasutake, a Stanford University graduate who worked for the U.S. Immigration office as a Japanese interpreter from 1920 to 1941.

The board-breaking ceremony was held Sept. 25 with Lloyd Hara, city treasurer and immediate past Seattle JACL president as M/C. Participating was Dr. Jim Tsujimura, Mrs. Motoda and other dignitaries with TV coverages. Congratulations to Ken Nakano and the committee to score another national limelight event.

PROFILE OF MRS. KIYOKO MOTODA

By eira nagaoka

We have known Mrs. Kiyoko Motoda for a long time. She is president of the Yamaguchiken Prefecture Club here in Seattle. She has been a familiar figure during the annual Seattle Japanese Hotel & Apartment Association annual banquet.

Mrs. Motoda has considered herself as being a missionary and worked with the Seattle Holiness Church (circa 1938) and the new Seattle Holiness Church (circa 1944) also known as Japanese Evangelical Church as indicated by a photo in her autobiographical book. She continues in all the Issei Protestant Church Federation functions. The Issei Story has quotes from her autobiographical book Eiseisho "The Eulogy of Eternal Life" (1953). The book tells of tremendous amount of visitations made by Mrs. Motoda in various hotels and apartments where single Issei have been hibernating. She ministered to give comfort. Many of these Issei men considered themselves a failure since they couldn't amass the hoped for fortune and return to Japan. One story has one Issei feeling so shameful for his "failure" cutting off all communications with family and relatives in Japan. Mrs. Motoda said during good years she averaged about six baptism per year. In 1940, for instance, she visited 22 persons who were sick, and many weren't even member of the church congregation. Yet, these men were in need.

She has published another autobiographical book in 1978 entitled Miteni Hikareta and the rough translation might read "Following the Guiding Hand (of God)."

Mrs. Motoda arrived in Seattle from Japan in 1921. Mrs. Motoda and her husband Eitaro visited Japan in 1949 to the village school in Kudamatsushi City and donated one million yen. The next year her husband passed away. More on Eitaro. Referring again to Eiseisho, Eitaro heard the street preacher in Seattle's Nihonmachi (Japan Town). He waded through the crowd to get to the front. He liked what he heard. He was led into Japanese Presbyterian Church and decided then and there to become a Christian at once.

Following the death of her husband she bought the Old Colony Apartment and the colorful and magnificent Knickerbocker Hotel on Madison Street. The latter hotel fell victim to the freeway construction. Other hotels owned by Mrs. Motoda were the U.S. Hotel, Rainier Apartment in 1938, and the Tillicum House in 1968. This is only a partial list. The Tillicum House is a modern apartment complex in the one or two million dollars bracket near Angle Lake. We remember the Angle Lake resort before the WWII because the Nikkei weren't allowed to swim there. If we went by boat from the opposite end, we were told to turn back. Most of the hotels and apartments owned by Mrs. Motoda is now sold.

We like to compare Mrs. Motoda as one of the original forerunners to women's liberation movement. As a woman she tackled the men's business world head on and succeeded. More re-

MRS. MOTODA (Cont'd): markably, through her delegation of work load to others, she found time to carry on her church work in spite of her business responsibility.

Her keen business sense was put to test early. Back in 1923 she operated a noodle shop on the site of present Uwajimaya store and next door to Momiji Yu (a public bath). This should whip up fond memories for the old timers!

She joined the Seattle Japanese Community Service back in 1927 and became its staunch supporter. She was honored by the Japan Government as she received the Sixth Class Order of the Sacred Crown in 1971 for helping to foster good United States-Japan relations. She is Life Member of the JACL Thousand Club. She had been a major donar to various Japanese community projects and organizations because she cared and having been able to afford it. Her donation of the historical building to the Meiji-Mura constitute just another of her philanthropic act.

We thank Mrs. Kiyoko Motoda for her contribution to the Japanese community and we recognize her as an outstanding Issei woman who found time to serve God and people.

#### TEXT BOOK CENSORSHIP IS TOPIC OF LW CHAPTER JACL MEETING OCT. 19

Mr. Dan Lavant will be the guest speaker at the Tuesday, Oct. 19 meeting of the Lake Washington Chapter at the Newport Hills Baptist Church in Bellevue. His topic will be "Text Book Censorship in our Public Schools."

Dan has been a general publisher for over eight years and has been active in Seattle area organizations such as School Desegregation Committee, Executive Council of ACIU, Acting Chairpersons for the Coalition Against Censor, and School Busing activist. We urge everyone to attend and hear about an issue which needs our attention.

#### 60TH ANNIVERSARY FOR SYNKOVA

This marks the 60th anniversary of University Students Club, Inc. to celebrate this occasion, the Board of Trustees will hold its annual Scholarship reception at the Kawabe House, 7:30 p.m.

In an earlier article, the event was to be held at the new University of Washington building which now occupies the old Synkova site. A dedication of a plaque was also to have been made. This event will be postponed until next year due to difficulties in acquiring approval from the University of Washington committee on Art Works.

However, the public is still invited to help celebrate the 60th Anniversary and Scholarship awards at the Kawabe House Oct. 23, 1982 at 7:30 p.m.

#### TRIBUTE TO ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICA---PORTRAITS OF THE WINNERS

Friend of the Community: Charles Z. Smith--Currently a professor at the Univ. of Washington, Smith is former Associate Dean at the UW Law School and a former Superior Court Judge. Affirmative action, redress for Japanese Americans interned during WWII and devotion to the welfare of all minorities have been his true passions in life.

Inspirational Leadership: Ruth Chinn--Credited with organizing play areas for children in the '30s, USO canteens for GIs during WWII, and has taught English and citizenship classes to Chinese immigrants to the present time. Chinn started the first Chinese community newsletter and is often called the Chinese Susan B. Anthony for becoming one of the first women to sit on the board of the Chong Wa Benevolent Association.

Outstanding Achievement: Bob Yamashita--The former minister now devotes his time to helping Southeast Asian refugees in Pierce County. As head of Tacoma Community House, he assists refugees in Pierce County. As head of Tacoma Community House, he assists refugees and mediates their settlement with members of Pierce County's other communities.

Unsung Hero: Art Lum--Currently president of the Chinese Community Service Organization, the Chinese Community Public Affairs Organization and the Chinese Parents Service Organization. Art is extremely supportive of the Girls Drill Team, taking them to parades and competitions and aiding in fund-raising.

Unsung Heroine: Julianne Kumasaka--Well-known for her ability to sense problems and set them right, Julianne is active with the Keiro Nursing Home, Kokoro-kai Day Care for Seniors and several cultural events. Her bi-lingualism helps her communicate with all generations.

Cultural Preservation: Willard Jue--Spent 25 years as Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 254, the oldest troop in the Pacific Northwest. Willard is still teaching Eagle-Scout hopefuls. He is also known as a "walking encyclopedia" of Chinese history in Seattle and a skilled herbalist, educated in pharmacy at the University of Washington.

Distinguished Service--International District Emergency Center--For the past 13 years, the agency responding to medical and other emergencies in the community. Run by a community board on a shoe-string budget, the center has gained the confidence of the community it serves.

JOTTINGS: 15,000 semi-finalists will be competing for some 5,000 Merit Scholarships to be awarded next spring. Candidates from this state include: Andrea S. Tanemura, Rainier Beach high, premedicine, Seattle; Isaac H. Kazato, Lewis and Clark high, technology medicine, Spokane; Patricia Kimiko Yamane, W.W. Miller high, computer science, Olympia; James T. Go, Hanford Education Park, pre-medicine, Richland . . .

Third of Seattle Public School's elementary school principals are women. Twelve women

MEETINGS (Cont'd): principals appointed for the fall opening included Carmen Tsuboi, Aimee Hirabayashi and Mako Nakagawa (who returned from one year leave on Saipan assignment located in the Marianas Islands chain) . . .

Mary Alice Fukuyama, Ph.D., of Pullman, WA was presently selected as Counseling Psychologist at the Counseling Center of the Univ. of Florida, Gainesville. During the 1981-82 academic year Ms. Fukuyama served on the staff of the Counseling Center at Washington State Univ., Pullman, from which school she received her doctorate in 1981. Ms. Fukuyama is the daughter of Chaplain and Mrs. Tsutomu Tom Fukuyama of Tacoma, WA . . . Dr. Samson S. Shigetomi, former Provost for Honolulu Community College, was appointed director of L.H. Bates Vocational Institute in Tacoma. He specializes in use of TV station to expand vocational training programming . . . 354 passed the state CPA exam given in May. Successful candidates included Les G. Inaba, Renton; Ken F. Iwata, Renton; Stephanie R. Mano, Seattle; Robert S. Mori, Seattle; James M. Okura, Seattle; John F. Shoji, Bellevue; Harry M. Taniguchi, Jr., Seattle . . .

Sybil Nishime of Metropolitan Federal Savs & Loan, was elected to recording secretary for Rainier C of C for 1983 . . . New corporate controller at Alaska Airlines is Paul T. Nishimura, 36, Edmonds, who has been director of general accounting since 1978 and acting controller the past year. A CPA, he was a senior auditor for Arthur Andersen & Co. and an Army Finance officer before joining Alaska Airlines . . .

Christine Yorozu is spokeswoman for the new Washington State lottery agency . . .

Jerry Egashira joined Tone Commander Systems as director of engineering. He previously was with Northern Telcom of Santa Clara. A U. of W. grad, Egashira holds a MBA degree from the Univ. of Santa Clara . . .

MILESTONES: Asa Tanabe (Mercer Island), 83, 7/4 . . . Shigeo Nagaishi, 82, 7/5. Survivors include: w Chiseko; d Haruko Nagaishi, Albany, Ca; Mrs. Mike (Minnie) Yamashita, Renton; Mrs. Hiroshi (Amy) Myoraku, Redmond; br Tadao, Kenji, Tokiji Nagaishi, all L.A.; Hideji Yamamoto, Renton; sis Mrs. William (Tomi) Wakatsuki, L.A.; 6 gc . . . Sadao Roy Terao, 61, 5/5. Private family services were held. Brother of Ben, Los Angeles; Fred and Bill, Seattle; Fumiye Ikehiro, Japan . . . Shimo Hamasaki. Private services were held. Survivors include: s Makoto M. Koda, Bellevue; George A. Koda, James E. Hamasaki, both Seattle; 5 gc; 1 sis in Japan . . . Hisano Tai. Services were held. Seattle Buddhist Church and its Women's Federation, Okayama Club. Survivors include: s Minoru, Seattle; Sumio, Spokane; Henry Y., Seattle; 7 gc; 5 ggc . . . Tommy I. Yamamoto, 81, 7/22 . . .

Mrs. Kay (Kiyoko) Kawaguchi. Died 7/20 in Fife at 65. She was born Nov. 5, 1916 and had been a resident of Fife all of her life. She is survived by her husband, Kay Kawaguchi of Fife; two sons, Terry Kawaguchi, Puyallup; Leroy Minoru Kawaguchi, Seattle; d Mrs. Masao (Geraldine Mitsue) Shimamoto, Fresno, Ca; 3 br Kinjiro Kawabata, Tacoma; Yoshikazu Kawabata, Tacoma; and Shiyoji Kawabata, Seattle; 3 sis Mrs. George (Risako) Kawasaki, Auburn; Isoye Takami, Tacoma; and Mrs. Ish (Himeko) Suyematsu, Auburn; 8 gc. She was a homemaker and a member of the Tacoma Buddhist Church. Services held 7/24 . . .

Tsuneta Korekiyo. Services 7/22. Past chrmm of the Bd of Directors Nichiren Buddhist Church, Okayama Club, Hyaku Dokai, White River Japanese Community Service, past prexy of Japanese Language School (Thomas). Survivors include: s Tsuyoshi, Seattle; d Mrs. George (Misao) Sumida, Portland; Mrs. George (Yuki) Kido, Kent; Mrs. Calvin (Edythe) Hayashida, Seattle; 1 br in Japan; 8 gc; 5 ggc . . .

Taka Kubo, 88, 7/25 . . . Raisuke Tamura, 92, 7/27. Private family services were held. Nichiren Buddhist Church, Okayama Kenjin Kai, Seattle Japanese American Service. Survivors include: s Toshio Tamura, Bothell; Mrs. Connie (Sumiko) Asaka, Renton; grandson Gary Asaka, 2 ggd, all Seattle; d Yasue Takaura and Kiyoko Tamura, 8 other gc and 16 ggc, all Japan . . .

Florence May Kodama, 60, 7/30. Services 8/3. Survivors include: s Dale Kodama, Mercer Island; Cary Kodama, Seattle; br Mike Takumasu, Silver Springs, Md; Harry Takumasu, Seattle; Hide Takumasu, Seattle; 2 gc . . . May S. Moriguchi, 23, 7/30 . . .

Thomas A. Egashira, 20, 8/3. He was killed in three car collision on I90 on Mercer Island. St. Edward Church. Rosary 8/5. Survivors include: mother Sumako Egashira; br Leo N. (Oakland); Louis K., Paul K., Mark T.; sis Cecilia K., Nina M., Lisa S., Missa K. Egashira; grandparent Mr. and Mrs. Soichi Egashira, all Seattle. . . Rae Mitsuoka, 62, 8/6. Services 8/11. Survivors include: br Norio Mitsuoka, W. Minster, CA; Roy M., Tuscon, Ariz.; sis Yone Tsue, Seattle. B.A. Japan Women's Univ., 1942; BA, U.W. '57. Compiler, Mitsubishi International Corp, Tokyo, 1942-43; Info & editorial specialist, U.S. Army, Osaka, 1946-59; writer-editor/interpreter-translator, U.S. Fishery Agency, Seattle, 1962-70; writer, editor NOAA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Seattle, 1970; member Soc. Tech Writers and Publishers (Editor Puget Sound Chpt. 1965-66); Nat. Fedn Presswomen, Pacific NW Bus. Communicators . . . Eino Maki, private burial 8/9 . . . Gan Kimoto, 88, 8/10 . . .

George M. Akizuki, 16, 8/25. Services 8/30. Member of Honor Society, Rainier Beach high and Asian Student Coalition, Kishu Club. Survivors include: parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Y. Akizuki; br Gary M. Washougal; Glenn M.; sis Gale M. Akizuki; grandmother, Hide Otah, all Seattle; grandmother Sueko Yoshioka, Japan . . . Goro Yorita, 73, 8/28. Japanese Baptist Church, member of Retired Typographer's Union (25 year employees at Seattle Times). Survivors include: w Miyoshi; br Tatsuo, Garden Grove, Ca; Matao L., Ben and Dr. George Y. Yorita, all Seattle; sis Mrs. Mitsu Shibuya, Yokohama; Mrs. Saige (Yaeko) Shiomi; Mrs. Toki (Tsuneo) Mizuki; Mrs. Bill (Dorothy M.) Chin, all Seattle . . .

Kay Murakami, 65, 9/8. Nichiren Buddhist Church, Kumamoto Club, Board of Directors of Jon

MILESTONES (Cont'd): Ten Corp; Sei Cho No Iye. Survivors include: sis Ayako B. and Masako Murakami . . . (to be continued)

VETERANS REUNION AND NATIONAL JACL CONVENTION (Part II):

by eira nagaoka

Wakamatsu Tribute: It was front and center for Shig Wakamatsu with wife Toshi present at the ceremony. The first item to be presented to Shig was a round trip tickets to Japan by West Los Angeles chapter. Book of testimonial letters was next. A letter for President Ronald Regan followed by \$10,000 certified check. A presentation of Ruby Pin, a highest award by the JACL. When the plaque was passed out, Shig was able to say, "It is like the Holy Grail, mystical, and will glow in a special place within my heart." Shig was described as the person who loses oneself for JACL.

Old timers will remember that he grew up near the Puyallup Valley. Dr. John M. Kanda presented him bottles of rubarb and berry wine and a plaque from the Puyallup Valley Chapter.

Before Japanese American History Project (JARP) got underway, there wasn't a single book on Nikkei published that was completely accurate and most of them had missed the point. JARP was made possible by grants from the Carnegie Corp. of New York and the Behavioral Science Division of the National Institute of Mental Health. UCLA made available its collection and supervision of documentary materials.

Watching the Japan Town Parade: The 42nd Annual Nisei Week Parade held during the veterans reunion was something we had to see. We shunned the reserved bleachers. Masa and Kate Kawamoto, resident in this area, led us to an excellent vantage point where the parade makes a turn. The sun was behind us but the +100° F. temperature was almost unbearable. We were facing the huge buildings of Sumitomo Bank and the Mitsubishi Bank in the background. The colorful banners were overhead in neat rows stretched across the streets along the parade route.

Grand Marshal of the parade was Hershey Miyamura, holder of Congressional Medal of Honor. Also in the open convertible were Mayor of Los Angeles Tom Bradley and Mayor Masao Motoyama of Nagoya sitting side by side. In another convertible were the Consul-Gen. and Mrs. Tsuneo Tanaka and their two daughters. U.S. Senator Dan Inouye sat with dignity in another open-air vehicle.

Some of the floats, to name only a few, had Teen Sansei and Court, Miss Nagoya Hidemi Aoi, Miss Cherry Blossom Festival and Court from San Francisco, and the Mitsubishi Bank of America float with red and white logo of triad design featuring the Seattle Japanese Community Queen Mary Leslie Ishii and Lady-in-Waiting LaVerne Masaki. We were told the third lady on this float was from New York.

Golden State Sanwa Bank float showed off its Kyoto Kimono Models. There were the Matsuzakaya department store and Horikawa Restaurant floats and you would never believe the number of kimono clad classical Japanese dancing group represented.

Of course, the commercial enterprises were footing most of the bill helped with overwhelming army of volunteers and participants. We can see the Nikkei community in Los Angeles as being in the big league when it comes to business and finance. (to be continued)

GENJI MIHARA ENDS COMMUNITY SERVICES CAREER AT 92

Genji Mihara was a man of unique accomplishments. He felt strong obligations to perpetuate the Japanese cultural institutions in the likes of Japanese Language School, the Japanese newspaper, the Japanese Community Service organization, etc. and to continue strong cultural ties of his fellow immigrants with the land of their birth. He promoted the writing of the Pacific Northwest Japanese Immigrants' history thru the publishing of Issei Story and its subsequent two volumes. He first came to our notice when he was involved in escorting the Mrs. Douglas McArthur group during her stop in Seattle when returning to the United States during the Korean War. He was presented with the Second Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Emperor of Japan in 1979. May he rest in peace.

CONSUL-GENERAL NAOKI NAKANO LEAVES SEATTLE FOR NEW ASSIGNMENT

Consul-General Naoki Nakano concluded his assignment in Seattle on Sept. 24. He expressed his deep appreciation for the kind cooperation and assistance by the Seattle Chapter. He expressed hope that friendship between this area and Japan will be promoted even further. In the meantime Shunji Nishimura will be the acting Consul-General. Others on his staff include Consul Soemu Horie, Consul Susumu Kawakita, and Vice Consul Kiyoshi Itoi. Japanese American Service sponsored the farewell dinner at Bush Garden Restaurant.

FROM THE BOARD

Mailout: September 8 newsletter mailout was accomplished without any hitch. We thank the following who turned out including Massie Tomita, Kathy Kozu, Dave Okimoto, Gary Kawasaki, Sam Shoji, and Shirley Naganawa.

Visitors to the Sept. 15 meeting included Cheryl Iye, Dave Tameno, Mike Higashi, Kenko Nogaki, Dawn Steere, Kathleen Knight, Allen Mayeda, and Yasuko Makishi.

Ann Fisher, author, plans to publish reprinting of "Exile of the Race" at cost.

Ken Nakano, having already consulted with the Kodama Fund, requested use of no more than \$800 for the purchase of portable video tape for recording historical events.

Jerry Nagae, funding co-chair, had approved \$200 for Legs Against Arms project. Board agrees.

## Calendar of Events

- Oct. 16 & 17--PNWDC JACL meeting hosted by Spokane Chapter.
- Oct. 19--Lake Washington Chapter JACL meeting at Newport Hills Baptist Church, Bellevue. Mr. Dan Levant will speak on "Text Book Censorship in our Public Schools." 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19--A Minority Team Conference at the Seattle Univ. to assist minority students in evaluating the variety of college, university and community college options available including finance. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call Debra Porter 626-5720 for more information.
- Oct. 20--Seattle JACL meeting from 7:30 p.m. at the JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S. Room 109.
- Oct. 20--Japanese performing arts at the Nippon Kan featuring Fujima Fujimine and the Fujima School, contemporary & classical dance, 7:30 p.m. \$5; for seniors & children \$3.
- Oct. 20--A Minority Team Conference at Univ. of Washington, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Similar to Oct. 19 Conference at Seattle University for Oct. 19. See above. Call Porter 626-5720.
- Oct. 23--(Note changes in plan). 60th Anniversary University Students Club (SYNKO) home-coming and reception to honor scholarship awards and their parents. 7:30 p.m. at the Kawabe House. Plaque dedication ceremony postponed for future date.
- Nov. 5--Deadline for JACL newsletter. Notices effective before Nov. 12 will not be printed. Keep it short. Mail announcements, etc. to: Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle 98105.
- Nov. 7--The annual NVC Bazaar at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall, 1212 S. King St., from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Rib steaks featured at \$5.00 each. Other menu items include beef curry and rice, noodles, sushi, jumbo hot dogs and hamburgers. George Yamane is general chairman.
- Nov. 8--Tomono-kai meeting. Subject: Investments. Kawabe House.
- Nov. 10--Newsletter mailing night at the JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S. 7 p.m.
- Nov. 13--Seattle Dojo Boosters Club Judo Tournament at Cleveland high school gym starting at 10:30 a.m. Clubs from the Northwest area will be participating.

FREE SCHOOLING: Asa Mercer Middle School, 1600 S. Columbian Way, has a free English as a Second Language classes for beginning, intermediate and advanced from 6:30 p.m. Tues. & Thurs. South Seattle Community College, 6000 16th Ave. S.W. has similar courses Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs. from 9 a.m. to noon and from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Mon. and Wed. Classes already in progress but students may enroll anytime during the quarter in the classrooms.

## FROM THE BOARD (Cont'd from page 5):

Discussion at the board meeting on 3-year pledge of \$3,000/year or \$9,000 total to bail out the JACL National Redress Committee which is only a moral obligation and not binding commitment. Chuck Kato reminded that the National Redress Committee had mismanaged the funds. In the meantime the issue of endowment fund transfer to the National Redress Committee was tabled until Lloyd Hara and Tomio Moriguchi would be able to attend the board meeting.

Ben Nakagawa set the date of 1983 JACL installation and award banquet for Jan. 22 at the Atrium. He recommended brief ceremony and no keynote speaker.

Oct. 4 had been set by Mayor Charles Royer Proclamation for tribute to Asian and Pacific America. The Proclamation was read at the awards dinner in Tribute to Asian/Pacific America.

The board has received several copies of "JACL in Quest of Justice" at \$15.00. The book is available at cost price of \$10.50 for the Chapter members.

Mrs. Jitodai, head of the Japanese language section at the Seattle Public School, attended the JACL meeting to thank the Chapter board for its spokespersons meeting with school board members. Franklin high school was going to cancel all or most of Japanese classes for all practical purpose in their budget cuts. Chuck Kato made his presentation for keeping the Japanese language classes intact and recommended that they seek money from Japan America Foundation for support. Money became available.

JACLer Frank Kensaku Yatsu will be become 100 years old on Oct. 15. He has received congratulatory greetings from President Ronald and Nancy Reagan and from Mayor Charles Royer. He was honored at the Japanese Baptist Church banquet and presented with glass framed picture filled with colorful folded cranes (1000 cranes symbolizing longevity). Congratulations!

Congratulations to the co-chairpersons Shiz Sata and Kazzie Katayama for the highly complicated and well received Awards Dinner for A Tribute to Asian and Pacific America. We thank the committee for their persistent hard work in its planning and its culmination. We thank the Patrons and Corporate Contributors. More details in the next issue of newsletter.

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