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Seattle JACL Meeting, Wednesday, August 17, 1983

At the JACL Office, 316 Maynard Ave. S. from 7:30 p.m.

President Mako Nakagawa, presiding. Everyone is welcome,
including non-JACLers. Refreshments will be served.

FROM THE EDITOR.....

If you have any news, announcements or other interesting information that you think might be of interest to other JACL members, please send them to me, as I was a little short on information for the August newsletter. Even if you don't think it will be newsworthy, please send it anyway. Your help will be very much appreciated. Please send your contributions to: 3212 Beacon Ave. S., #302, Seattle, WA 98144.

A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Do you remember the first Day of Remembrance at Puyallup Fairgrounds? It was Thanksgiving weekend 1978, nearly 5 years ago, when almost 3,000 people came together for speeches, entertainment, food, and memories.

Out of that remarkable day was born the idea for a monument at the fairgrounds, site of the former "Camp Harmony" and home to 7,200 Seattleites from April to September 1942.

A small group of community members, led by Henry Miyatake, worked with Sen. Marc Gaspard and other legislators to obtain a state appropriation of \$26,700, obtained an additional \$13,700 from Governor Spellman's contingency fund, and coordinated efforts of sculptor George Tsutakawa, building contractors, the Fairgrounds board, state historical society, and community members to bring the project to a successful conclusion.

Everything comes together Sunday, August 21, when the bronze memorial is unveiled and dedicated as a state historical monument. Mark your calendars and come to the fairgrounds for a program of speakers, exhibits, and performance by Seattle Taiko. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.

The Puyallup Fairgrounds monument is the only state memorial to the Nikkei experience and will be seen by millions of people. It symbolizes for all the beauty and strength of our community's spirit.

REMEMBER: Sunday, August, 21 at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. Please join us!!

THE MASUDA MEMORIAL/UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON ARCHIVAL PROJECT: SHORAI NO TAME NI...

This archival project, Shorai no Tame Ni, which means "for the sake of the future," encourages persons to donate manuscripts, photographs or other materials to the University of Washington, Manuscripts Section, Suzzallo Library. This Project hopes to provide a home for and thus insures the preservation of historical documents telling the life story of the Japanese American communities.

"SHORAI NO TAME NI," continued,

Although this particular project began in 1981, an earlier effort was active from 1967-1972, initiated by the University of Washington Library in cooperation with the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. This earlier Japanese American Project acquired personal papers, recorded interviews and arranged for microfilming various church and temple records. Thus far, nearly one hundred separate gifts have been processed. This is also a community initiated project with volunteer workers.

This is an important project as it will document the history of the Japanese American community. We now have a partial record of its dynamics and its relationship to the larger community; to fill the gaps we ask each person to assist us in this collection. These materials will be made available to persons interested in the lore and history of the community as well as to students and scholars.

If you would like to donate materials or desire more information about this Project, please call one of the numbers below. We are especially interested in materials such as old documents, letters, photographs, and other paper records including pre-World War II family papers, files of community activists, records of social welfare organizations, records of distinctively Japanese American businesses.

You can contact one of the following persons: Ann Fumi Chiong, 324-2873; Delores Goto, 232-7487; Yoshito Fujii, 324-2873; Tetsuden Kashima, 543-2616; Sally Kazama, 722-4361 or Karyl Winn, 543-1895.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS.....

Wednesday, July 20: In honor of the late Eira Nagaoka, one minute of silence was observed. Guests Bev Yashiro and James Hattori were introduced.

REDRESS: Karen Seriguchi discussed the bills submitted by Lowry in the House and Cranston in the Senate. JACL will be introducing another bill in the following way: Only survivors will receive compensation, all the money goes into a fund first and then to survivors, remaining funds would be designated for community service.

Local concerns: Karen stated that the National Redress Committee was concerned about the Seattle Chapter's action to withhold the third quarter payment until fiscal programmatic reports on redress were submitted to Seattle. Ron Wakabayashi, Executive Director of JACL will meet with those concerned. Don Kazama expressed a concern regarding who could manage the fund.

PNW DC: Kathryn Bannai made a motion that the Board of the Seattle Chapter refer to the Redress Committee, consideration and approval of the National Redress Policy, including other redress related issues. The Redress Committee is authorized to communicate to the National Council and National Redress Committee our chapter's position. The motioned was seconded and passed.

PUYALLUP MONUMENT, HENRY MIYATAKE: The concrete base is in place but there is still no plaque. We still need to raise another \$1,700. George Tsutukawa has almost completed the sculpture. Henry requested that all board members to write to Governor Spellman to encourage him to attend the dedication ceremony, Sunday, August 21, 12:30 p.m. Roger Shimizu is the committee chairperson.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, continued.....

PNWDC, Ben Nakagawa: A motioned was passed to determine who the chapter would support for PNWDC officers and was tabled until the August board meeting.

A motion was moved by Sam Shoji and seconded by Roger Shimizu to refer to the Executive Committee to determine whether the Executive Board of the Pacific Citizen should have control over their own finances and the ability to hire and fire their own staff.

Henry Miyatake asked which option would provide the most diversity in opinions from the membership. Kathryn Bannai felt that some of the problems of the Pacific Citizen should be dealt with at a more fundamental level and raised at the National Convention.

A committee was established, comprised of Don Kazama, James Hattori, Ann Fujii and Jerry Shigaki, to determine the quality of the Pacific Citizen.

MAYOR'S MEETING: Dave Okimoto reported a very positive meeting with Mayor Royer in which JACL praised his appointments of Daryl Watanabe and Joanne Asaba to city positions, and his overall responsiveness to JACL. The Mayor also stated he was still working on getting support for redress from the National League of Cities. He also remains committed to hiring an Asian department head director.

BY-LAWS, Rod Kaseguma: On behalf of the Executive Committee and the Legal Legislative Committee, proposed five changes to the April 20, 1983 draft amendments to the constitution and bylaws. These changes involve elections, directors, officers, standing committees and membership. It was moved and seconded (and passed) that the proposed five changes be adopted.

The April 20 draft amendments to the constitution and bylaws, as amended by the 5 changes were then proposed by the members to be voted on by the board and the membership at subsequent meetings this summer and fall.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Ken Nakano announced there was a videotape and transcript of Meiji Mura for JACL files. An examination of Nibakusha victims took place at the Public Health Hospital in late June with 39 patients participating.

NOMINATIONS: Get nominations for 1984 to Jerry Shigaki as soon as possible.

NEWSLETTER: Everyone thanked Ann and Massie for getting out a fine newsletter. Ann reported she is considering advertising as one way to finance the newsletter. Also in consideration is having it come out every two months. Ann and Massie need volunteers to help with the newsletter. Please send in announcements for the newsletter to Ann. Special acknowledgement was paid to Eira Nagaoka for his longstanding contribution to JACL and the 20 years as the publisher of the newsletter.

DEFENSE FOR CHIN: Rod Kaseguma made a motion, seconded by Bob Sato, that the budget committee review the proposal of sending \$100 to the Defense for Chin Fund.

TYPEWRITER: The Seattle Chapter and the Redress Committee have purchased a typewriter. Seattle Chapter paid \$600 and Redress \$250.

BRIEF ITEMS.....

Thank you to the following people for helping to get the newsletter out last month. Your help and patience was very much appreciated: Kathy Koza, Guy Tsutsumoto, Jerry Shigaki, Crissie Shigaki, Massie Tomita, Janice Nishimori, and Ken Katayama.

The JACL Youth Group is in need of old, white sheets for their production of Momotaro. If you have any, please call the District office at 623-5088.

Minoru Yasui, Chairman of the National Japanese American Citizens League Committee for Redress, and who fought his World War II Japanese curfew conviction, will receive the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon 1983 E.B. MacNaughton award.

He was a defendant in a landmark 1943 Supreme Court case that upheld the legality of the evacuation and internment of 110,000 Japanese Americans during the war. He was a lawyer in Portland when convicted of a curfew violation.

This year Yasui petitioned to have the conviction vacated. ACLU executive director Stevie Remington said Yasui was chosen to receive the award "because of his perserverance" in pursuing his case. Yasui, who lives in Denver, will receive the award Nov. 19.

MEETINGS.....

August 13 and 20, consecutive Saturdays, the Puyallup Monument Committee will meet 10 a.m. at the JACL Office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., to help plan events and program for the dedication of the monument. "There's a lot of work still to be done," says Chairperson Roger Shimizu, so anyone and everyone is welcome!

August 16 and 24, Tuesday & Wednesday, respectively, for JACL Directory work meetings, 7:30 p.m. at the JACL Office. If you are planning to come, please call Janice Nishimori or Don Kazama.

August 21, Sunday, Puyallup Monument Dedication, Puyallup Fairgrounds, registration at 12:30 p.m. Please plan on coming to one of the most important JACL events of the year.

August 17, Wednesday (should come before above announcement), general board meeting, at the JACL Office, 7:30 p.m.

September 12, Monday, Executive board meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Mako's house.

September 14, Wednesday, newsletter mailout, JACL Office, 7 p.m. We need your help, so bring your friends and relatives!

September 21, Wednesday, general board meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the JACL Office.

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