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SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PASSES REDRESS ORDINANCE

Members of the Seattle City Council voted unanimously on March 5 to offer \$5,000 each to three former City employees who were fired when Japanese Americans were ordered to report to relocation camps during World War II.

Councilmember Dolored Sibonga introduced the measure which will provide \$2,500 per year for two years to Tom Kobayashi, Sumiko Haji Kuriyama and Ruth Kazama.

The City Council and Mayor Royer also unanimously passed a resolution addressed to the Washington State Congressional delegation, the United States Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities requesting Congress to act affirmatively on the recommendations (including direct payments to internees) of the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

Note from Tom Kobayashi and Sumiko Haji Kuriyama:

"We would like to thank all the people who gave testimony and attended the February 15 hearing (regarding the proposed ordinance) before the Council Finance and Budget Committee. We are grateful to all those who gave testimony and for those who took the time to show support by attending the hearing."

SEATTLE CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On February 15, 1984 the Budget and Finance Committee of the Seattle City Council held public testimony on redress for Japanese American City employees fired during World War II. At the hearing, where there were over 100 supporters, 20 individuals from diverse backgrounds and professions gave testimony supporting monetary compensation.

Presently there are over 9,800 Japanese Americans residing in the City of Seattle. We, as a group, have historically made significant contributions in this city, in such areas as art, education, business, law and the political system. But, 40 years ago, because of their ethnic background and heritage, three Japanese Americans were unjustifiably dismissed. This issue is very important to us today as there is the potential for this event occurring again, not only to Japanese Americans, but to other identifiable groups of people.

The Seattle City Council on March 5, 1984 unanimously passed a resolution for \$5,000 in monetary compensation for three individuals. By voting in favor of the resolution, the City Council upheld the civil and human rights of the people!

-- Jerry Shigaki

CHAPTER NEWS: WE INVITE YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Watch out! An exciting major fundraiser for the Seattle Chapter will be held Saturday, March 31, from 2 pm to midnight at the Bush-Asia Center in the International District. The public is invited, admission is free and refreshments will be sold by the Asian Employees Association. Curious what the party's all about? Call the JACL office or watch for your own personal invitation to get all the details.

Remember! Chapter meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the JACL office. Executive committee meetings are held the first Monday evening of each month. And don't forget to show up for the newsletter mailout the second Wednesday evening of each month -- also at the office. Thank you.

The Legal/Affirmative Action Committee, headed by Rod Kaseguma and Jan Kumasaka, is looking for new members. The newly formed committee will look at issues of minority hiring such as the recently discussed ordinance to determine ethnic-specific hiring

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within the police and fire department. Call Rod at 625-2429 (w) or Jan at 625-4492 (w) or 722-5683 (h) for details.

Four JACL scholarships of \$600 each are available for students of vocational/community colleges, universities or graduate schools. Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, a personal statement and financial need. Applications, due March 31, should be sent to Calvin Takagi, 4221 - 90th Ave. SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

History buffs are invited to dust off and show off their JACL albums and scrapbooks at a potluck dinner, 5:30 to 7 pm, March 31 at the JACL office (attend before, after or during the fundraiser at the Bush-Asia Center). The event will serve to congratulate and recognize the efforts of those who have put together the display of photos of past JACL presidents (since 1921) which now hangs in our office. See you there! Questions? Call Shea Aoki at 723-6061.

TOMO-NO-KAI REGROUPS AT ANNUAL EVENT

Tomo-no-Kai (widows/widowers group sponsored by the chapter) held its annual dinner party at the Fisherman's Wharf during February. New officers are: Chairperson: Anna Chiong, Chairperson-elect: Kiyo Yabuki, Secretary: Hazel Calhoun, Treasurer: Hide Shimomura, Co-historians: Connie Saito and Margaret Yamaguchi.

Committee heads for this year are: Chiyo Kamihara, Catherine Sakura, Hiro Egashira, Mikie Onishi, Ellen Echigoshima, Emi Hirai, Mary Fujita and Kimi Nakanishi.

The group meets the second Monday of each month. Future topics include CPR, health and financial planning.

SWINGING LA SINGLES INVITE YOU TO JACL SINGLES CONVENTION

The first national JACL Singles Convention will be held in Gardena, California May 25-27 this year. Midori Watanabe, convention chairperson, hopes that a representative of every JACL chapter will attend the convention, which will include workshops, tournaments and the obligatory round of social events. Registration fee is \$60. For registration information write Meriko Mori, 1927 Federal Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025.

IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL TO CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Hurry! There's still time to get to the Ikebana International 25th Anniversary exhibit and program at the Westin Hotel in Seattle this weekend. A major exhibit of ikebana by all the flower arrangement schools in this region will be open to the public free of charge from 10 am to 6 pm Saturday, March 17 and from 10 am to 5 pm Sunday, March 18. Demonstrations by chapter instructors will be held from 1 to 5 pm Saturday. A demonstration by Ohara School master Kazukiho Kudo from Japan and his assistants (these are large arrangements) will be held at 2:30 pm (\$5 per person). And, you're invited to the "sayonara" tea reception from 4 to 5 pm Sunday.

CONFERENCE ON THE NUCLEAR FREE AND INDEPENDENT PACIFIC MOVEMENT COMING UP

Seattle JACL is one of the co-sponsors of The Pacific: Paradise Lost, a conference on the Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific (NFIP) movement. It will be held on Saturday, March 31 from 9 am to 5 pm at the University Unitarian Church, 6556 - 35th Ave. NE Seattle. JACL International Committee Chairperson Ken Nakano will lead a workshop on the Peace and Anti-Nuclear Movement in Japan. Call the PNWD-JACL office 623-5088, or Stan Shikuma at 329-0172 for details.

TOUR OF "IMPERIAL JAPAN" SLATED -- WHAT A DEAL FOR JACL MEMBERS

Pat Terao and Hana Masuda, tour leaders for the "Imperial Japan" tour, October 6-23, invite you to spend an exciting and culturally enriching few weeks with them in Central Japan.

The tour will cost a discounted price of \$1,980 for Seattle JACL members (subject to change after March 31 -- sign up early to avoid increases).

The tour will include Tokyo, Matsumoto, Kanazawa, Japan Sea Coast, Kurashiki, Hiroshima and Kyoto, where you will arrive in time to see the spectacular Jidai Matsuri (Festival of Ages). All

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stops have been chosen for their historical and cultural significance. For info call Pat at 725-8479 or Hana at 322-0691. The tour is sponsored by World Unlimited Travel.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR: SAVE**BUY**CELEBRATE**WATCH**LEARN**LISTEN

Garage sale lovers, take notice! The second annual Northwest Asian American Theatre Rummage Sale will be held from 11 am to 4 pm Saturday, March 24 at Nisei Vets Hall. If you have items to donate (toys, furniture, books, kitchen items, antiques, etc.) call 524-6595 and an eager volunteer will appear at your door to cart them away. The group is raising funds to match a National Endowment for the Arts grant, so donate, then buy something.

The City of Kent is celebrating a month of Asian arts. Coming up in March are performances of Chinese classical music, Chinese opera, Chinese storytelling, Thai dancing and boxing and a children's program on Southeast Asia. For info call 872-3350.

Two T.V. programs on Japanese economics and development will be shown on KCTS/9 at 9 pm on March 24 and 31.

Cathy Song of Hawaii, winner of the Yale Younger Poets Award and author of "Picture Brides," published by the Yale University Press, will give an evening reading at the University of Washington March 30. Call Sam Solberg, 543-2616, for details.

Remember to attend the exhibit "China: 7000 Years of Discovery" at the Pacific Science Center soon -- it will be very crowded come summertime. The exhibit, on the scope of King Tut only with live artisans demonstrating Chinese inventions such as printing and weaving, will continue until August 31.

The Seattle Center Advisory Commission has a vacancy for a member who should be a resident of Seattle and on only one other board. Ask Al Kurimura (625-4000) or Ned Dunn (625-2850) why.

The JAACL Newsletter is published monthly by the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizen's League. Please send items for inclusion by the 5th of each month for publication the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Editor -- Mayumi Tsutakawa

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ON THE HORIZON

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CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL time is coming. The Ninth Annual Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival and Japanese Cultural Festival will be held May 2 through 6 this year, again at Seattle Center. The event will coincide with Children's Day celebrated in Japan May 5. Watch for exciting performing arts such as the Kagami Brothers juggling and magic act, and many, many displays and demonstrations of wood crafts, this year's special focus.

The University of Washington Asian Student Association will again publish Homegrown, a literary journal. Fiction, poetry and photographs are being solicited. Send submissions to Bee Bee Tan, Homegrown, ASA, Box 53-54, University of Washington FK-10, Seattle, WA 98195. Deadline is March 28.

And don't forget Asian Week, sponsored by the U.W. students, will be held May 7 through 12 this year.

Spring courses in English as a Second Language will be offered by the University of Washington, April 2 to June 8. Call 543-6242 or come to Parrington Hall Room 323 on campus to sign up.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Transitional Bilingual Education Bill has passed the House and Senate and is now on Governor Spellman's desk for approval. The bill would provide about \$3 million in additional funding for bilingual education for K-12 grades to make state school programs comply with a recent ruling. See next newsletter for more legislative news.

PEOPLE

The Seattle Times has hired three new Nikkei staff persons in news assistant positions. Ann Fujii (our former JACL newsletter editor), Lori Taki and Mark Yuasa have been hired. Congratulations!

(Please send in your announcements of new positions, accomplishments and awards by members of our Nikkei community. No position is too great or too small for mention. Photos welcome, if they are black and white prints.)

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