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ATTORNEY GENERAL CANDIDATES NIGHT YIELDED INTERESTING RESULTS

In the tightly contested race for the State Attorney General's position, partisan politics is not the only issue of keen interest to JACL members of the Seattle chapter. Moreover, the fate of the Seattle School Board's redress resolution rests upon a legal opinion to be issued by the Attorney General's office since the school district, as a state government entity, has requested a ruling on the legality of using public funds to pay the claims of Japanese American former school secretaries who were forced to resign in 1942.

Both incumbent Attorney General Ken Eikenberry and Democratic challenger State Senator Phil Talmadge were invited to the September 19 chapter meeting of Seattle JACL for a forum organized by the Political Education Committee chaired by Arlene Oki. The candidates were asked to give their positions on various issues, as well as their opinion on the redress resolution.

Unfortunately, although Eikenberry said he could not attend, he said he would send a representative, but neither he nor the representative attended the meeting to make a presentation.

Senator Talmadge, accompanied by staff members Nancy Welch, Mike Angulo and Carole Fujita, arrived punctually at 7:30 pm and sat patiently through a half-hour business portion of the meeting. During the 40 minutes in which he answered questions, Talmadge, considered to be one of the youngest and brightest members of the Legislature, made it clear that philosophically, he was in support of the redress action as a means of rectifying a great injustice. He pointed out, however, that the School District operates under a different funding authority than state and municipal entities (which have passed redress resolutions) and that therefore he could not properly make any commitment without a thorough review of the issue.

The fact that Talmadge was a cosponsor of the state employees redress bill and spoke up strongly for its support might give a good indication of his position on the matter, he added. He said he was familiar with the issue because he remembered his parents referred to the internment of Japanese Americans and expressed the feeling that it was wrong.

If elected, he said later in the evening, it would not take him longer than 30 to 60 days before he would be able to issue an opinion.

Asked about his views on minority staff hiring in the attorney general's office, Talmadge said he felt the staff should reflect the makeup of the population and that he would encourage women and minorities to apply for positions. Further, he criticized Eikenberry's "gamble" in appealing the federal court decision on comparable worth, saying that it "was in the state's best interest to settle."

Chapter members noted that without his opponent present to conduct a debate, Talmadge, who is sometimes said to be "feisty" and "aggressive", gave moderated and thoughtful responses to questions and made a decidedly favorable impression on those present.

-- Cherry Kinoshita

CHAPTER RECEIVES INFO ON ASIAN EMPLOYMENT IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In response to a letter of inquiry by Seattle chapter president Jerry Shigaki, King County Executive Randy Revelle reports that 11.1 percent of "high level management positions" in King County government are Asian. Overall representation of Asians in the county workforce is 7.1 percent.

Questions should be referred to Alan Momohara, Affirmative Action Administrator at 344-2592.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 1984. A primary criteria in voting for the best candidate should be his or her commitment to civil and human rights issues. One will often find a distinct difference between candidates by doing research on their past political record. An educated vote will be important in selecting elected officials that are sensitive to the needs of Japanese Americans. Our votes will make a difference -- so please get out and vote!
-- Jerry Shigaki

TWO IMPORTANT CULTURAL EVENTS COMING UP

"Flowers and Household Gods," a play by Momoko Iko, and the Nippon Kan Heritage Series have begun and all members of the Japanese American community and their friends are invited to take part in these important cultural events.

The play, presented by Northwest Asian American Theatre, will run Wednesday through Saturday nights at 8 pm through November 3 at the Nippon Kan Theatre. General tickets are \$6, students/seniors \$5 and reduced price admissions Oct. 17 and 24 are \$4. It's an important Japanese American drama about love, loss and the family. See it!

The second program in the Nippon Kan Heritage Series is the Jazz Sounds of Shakuhachi, presenting John Kaizan Neptune of Tokyo, master shakuhachi player who has developed a jazz technique. The program will be at 7:30pm November 17 at Nippon Kan Theatre.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES TO FACE REDRESS RESOLUTION

The Human Development Steering Committee of the National League of Cities has adopted a resolution supporting redress for Japanese Americans interned during World War II. The Committee met last month in San Antonio.

The measure, proposed by Seattle Mayor Charles Royer, will go to the Congress of Cities to be held in Indianapolis in November. This major meeting of the National League of Cities will be the focus of League members representing 15,000 municipalities of all sizes in the United States.

JACL members are urged to let their mayors and council members that this important measure will be voted on and to encourage their support for the resolution.

ISSEI RECOGNITION DINNER PICKS UP SPEED

The entire community is invited to join JACL in honoring the Issei at the Chapter's Installation Dinner on January 26, 1985. The event will pay tribute to the Issei pioneers that established our Nikkei community here in the Northwest.

Help is needed right now to identify Issei individuals living in our area. Special tribute will be given at the dinner to Issei who are eighty years old or older and prewar immigrants to the United States. All Issei, family and friends are invited to be a part of this special event.

If you have an Issei family member, friend or neighbor, please fill out the following form and send it to the JACL office this week so we can begin to plan invitations to the dinner. We also hope that you will join us January 26!

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I would like to suggest the following person be invited to the Issei Recognition dinner:

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MY NAME _____ PHONE _____

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COMMUNITY EVENTS -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

"Nisei Soldier: Standard Bearer for an Exiled People," a documentary film by San Francisco filmmaker Loni Ding, will be aired on public television, KCTS Channel 9 at 10:30pm on Wednesday, October 17. The film, which was previewed at Nisei Veteran's Hall here earlier this year, tells the little-known story of Japanese American soldiers serving in combat battalions in Europe during World War II. They participated in such famous battles as Monte Cassino, the liberation of Rome and the rescue of the Lost Battalion in France. The film includes much important original footage taken from newsreels made at the time.

Seattle Buddhist Drum and Bugle Corps will hold its annual Sukiyaki/Chicken Dinner from 11:30 am to 7 pm on Sunday, October 14 at the church, 1427 South Main Street. Tickets are \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.


The Seattle Nisei Veteran Committee will hold its annual fall bazaar from 11 am to 7 pm on Sunday, November 4 at the Nisei Veteran's Hall, 1212 S. King St. The famous Nisei Vets Sizzling Boneless Steak Dinner will be available for \$5.00. Also, the bazaar will feature a variety of Japanese dishes such as chicken teriyaki, sushi and other items. A bake sale, craft items and various merchandise will be available for sale and game booths will test your skill. Tosh Tokunaga is chairman; call Bill Kunitsugu for more information at 325-8021.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

The University Students Club, Inc. will hold a reception at Kawabe House October 27 beginning at 7:30 pm to honor the following scholarship award winners:

- Kenlyn Kiuchi (Franklin '84), U.W. premajor
- Michael Mihalik (Franklin '84), U.W. Engineering
- Joy Miyamoto (Rainir Beach '84), U.W. predentistry
- Jennifer Okuma (Sammamish '80), U.W. Occupational Therapy
- Naomi Ooka (Ellensburg '84), U.W. Business Administration
- Becky Sasaki (Ingrham '84), U.W. Communications
- Pamela Tada (Rainier Beach '84), U.W. Engineering
- Lori Takashima (Franklin '84), U.W. Health Sci/Engineering

Each will be awarded an \$800 scholarship. The organization has made 155 awards since 1965, totaling \$69,350.



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BIG THANKS TO OUR SEPTEMBER MAILOUT CREW: Sam Shoji, Lee Hurd, Ayako Hurd, Jerry Shigaki, Ted Taniguchi, Wayne Kimura, Takako Yada, Nako Nakagawa and Ben Nakagawa.

Dale Shigaki has been appointed to a three year term on the Seattle-King County Private Industry Council. The appointment was made by the Joint Executive Board of the council, composed of City Councilman Norm Rice, Deputy County Executive Harry Thomas, County Councilman Gary Grant, Kent Mayor Isabel Hogan and Mayor Charles Royer.

English language students are invited to attend free English as a Second Language classes at the following locations and times:
Asa Mercer Middle School: 6:30-9:30pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout Fall Quarter.

South Seattle Community College: 9am-noon, Monday through Thursday, and 6:30 to 9:30 pm Mondays and Wednesday through Fall Quarter.

Students may enroll anytime during the quarter for these classes sponsored by South Seattle Commutniy College. For further information, call Ida Mar at 764-5363


Volunteers are needed to serve on Metro's Citizen's Transit and Water Quality Advisory Committee. Call the Community Relations office for applications: 447-6391. Deadline is October 26, 1984.



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The Ethnic Heritage Council of the Pacific Northwest will sponsor the "Spirit of '86," a fundraising banquet, on Saturday, October 20 at the Westin Hotel. The featured speaker will be Lee A. Iacocca, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Chrysler Corporation. The banquet is planned to raise funds to contribute to the renovation of the Statue of Liberty as a symbol of freedom for all. Reservations are available at \$75 per person. Co-chairs are Ark Chin and Rosanne Royer. For info, call 782-5717.



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