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WELCOME FROM THE NEW CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve the Nikkei community as the 1985 Seattle Chapter President. I believe this year will be one full of numerous challenges. Foremost among them will be the introduction of the Redress legislation at the Congressional level. Needless to say, the passage of this legislation will be extremely difficult in light of the national deficit. We all will need to do our part to support the national Redress effort.

At the local level there will be a number of exciting initiatives I plan to propose for the Board's consideration. The strengthening of the Chapter's efforts in civil rights issues will be one major objective. Plans already are underway to monitor more closely the affirmative action and human rights policies at the state and local levels.

Another important issue will be the role of sanseis in the Nikkei community. Increasingly, sanseis have become more involved at the Board level. However, there are now a substantial number of sanseis who have yet to become involved in JACL. Hopefully this year we can take greater efforts to get our third generation more active.

Another new initiative is the Seattle Chapter's bid for the 1988 National Conventional. Although we've not been notified that the Convention will be here in 1988, we're hopeful that it will. Thus, 1985 would be the first year of serious planning for that event. We will need full community support if and when we are awarded the site of the Convention.

Thanks again for your support. After our Board retreat in February I will inform you of more specifics regarding our plans for this year.

-- Dave Okimoto, Seattle Chapter President

REMINDER: NEXT CHAPTER MEETING!

The January Seattle Chapter Board meeting will be held at 7:30 pm Wednesday, January 16 in the JACL office. All are welcome to attend.

LAST CHANCE FOR INSTALLATION DINNER TICKETS

Reservations for the installation dinner must be received by January 19. If you are planning to attend this important event honoring Issei pioneers and featuring the Hon. Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii as our keynote speaker, please make a reservation now. Seating cannot be guaranteed for reservations received after January 19.

The dinner will be held on January 26, 1985 at the Ocean City Restaurant, Sixth Ave. South and South Weller Street, beginning at 5:30 pm. Admission is \$15.00 per person. Checks can be sent to: Ayako Hurd, 9040 Meridian Ave. N., Seattle WA 98103.

Installation of 1985 officers and board members will take place at the dinner.

AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD THANKS SEATTLE JACL COMMITTEE

Seattle JACL International Relations Committee head Ken Nakano reports that his committee has received a personal letter from the United States Ambassador to Japan the Hon. Mike Mansfield from his Tokyo office thanking the committee for its efforts in the reconstruction of the Seattle Japanese Evangelical Church in the Meiji-Mura Park in Aichi Prefecture, Japan.

Committee members C. Kato, C. Kinoshita, M. Tomita, C. Omori, R. Shimizu, D. Hoekendorf and S. Hayashida share the credit.

The letter said, in part, "Please accept my thanks and congratulations. I firmly believe that it is through the efforts of private citizens such as yourself that the relationship between Japan and America has become strong and warm. The church building will now serve as a lasting symbol of all those individual efforts."

CORAM NOBIS COMMITTEE CHANGES NAME, HAS FILM PREMIERE COMING UP

The Seattle JACL Chapter's Coram Nobis Legal Defense Committee has now officially changed its name to the Committee to Reverse Japanese American Wartime Cases, reports chair Roger Shimizu.

A reminder: The committee is sponsoring the Seattle premiere of the new film documentary, "Unfinished Business," which recounts the stories of three men, Gordon Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu and Minoru Yasui, who fought the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. The film will be shown Friday, January 25, at 8 pm at the Nippon Kan Theatre, 622 S. Washington St. Special guests will be Gordon Hirabayashi, whose petition in federal court now seeks to vacate his conviction for defying the evacuation order Arthur Barnett, one of his original lawyers in the case and Rod Kawakami, a member of his current defense team.

Suggested donation for the event is \$10, the money will help to defray the costs being incurred in the legal battle against the U.S. government's Justice Department. For information, call 682-9932.

Refreshments and a social hour will follow the film showing.

LAKE WASHINGTON CHAPTER REPORTS NEWS

The Lake Washington Chapter of the JACL has elected new officers. They are: Peter Okada, president; Tets Yasuda, vice president; Don Maekawa, secretary; Noboru Morio, treasurer; Jeane Dogen, membership chairman; Don and Karen Akira, social chairmen; Emi Hirai and Dianne Yatsu, historians; Ken Nakano, publicity chairman; Shizue Yahata, scholarship chairman; Taul Watanabe, PNWDC delegate; and Ken Okuma and John Matsumoto, board members at large.

The chapter reports that PNWD Governor Denny Yasuhara, who is on the national JACL Legislation and Education Committee, visited the December meeting to discuss redress issues.

The meeting also included a screening of videotapes taken at the Meiji-Mura dedication ceremonies held in October. Those who attended were P. Okada, M. Okada, T. Yasuda, D. Maekawa, E. Hirai, S. Aoyama, J. Dogen and K. Nakano.

NVC WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Application forms for the annual Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee Women's Auxiliary Club scholarship are now available.

The scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to a young woman of Japanese ancestry wishing financial aid to attend a college or university of her choice. Applicant must be an immediate relative of an NVC member in good standing or an Auxiliary member. The applicant may be a high school senior, a college or university student, or a graduate school student.

Application deadline is February 28, 1985 and forms may be requested from Mrs. Pat Matsumoto, Scholarship Chairperson, 10127 Waters So., Seattle, WA 98178. For information, call Pat at 723-0559.

BEACON HILL BOYS TO PREMIERE

The long awaited premiere of the locally produced feature film "Beacon Hill Boys" will be held the weekend of January 17. The film was produced by Dean Hayasaka, Ken Mochizuki and Wm. Satake Blauvelt in cooperation with King Street Media and The Evergreen State College.

Screenings will be held at 8 pm January 17, 18 and 19 at the Nippon Kan Theatre, 622 S. Washington. The Thursday evening showing will be followed by a reception for the filmmakers and cast.

Actors featured in the film include: Ken Mochizuki, Chris Wong, Gregg Hoshimoto, Ed Locke, Nonie Tao and Jodie Tanino. Also seen will be Tama Tokuda, Frank Kano, Fumi Higashi, Harry Tate, Frank Fujii, Arnold Mukai, Ron Howard and Bea Kiyohara.

Tickets are available at House of Rice, Little Bit From the East, and the Chop House. Suggested donation is \$5. Seating for the Thursday evening premiere will be limited. For information call Dean Wong at 624-3925.

The film looks at the development of Third Generation Japanese Americans living on Beacon Hill in the 1970s and was filmed on location in Seattle.

WASHINGTON HUMANITIES COMMISSION TOUR TO JAPAN

Dr. John D. Ishii and Mrs. Lillian Ishii will head a cultural tour to Japan sponsored by the Washington Commission for the Humanities, April 11-25, 1985. Dr. Ishii is president emeritus of St. Martin's College in Lacey, Washington and spent many years in Japan and working in the area of Japan-America foreign policy. He received his doctorate in that field from Georgetown University. The two week trip will take in Matsumoto, Takayama, Noto Peninsula, Kyoto and Kamakura. For information call the Commission at 206-866-6510.

FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINARS ARE AVAILABLE

Sharon Harada, Seattle JACL board member who is a registered representative with IDA/American Express, will moderate the following free seminars which JACL members are invited to attend:

- "Retirement: Myth and Reality," at 7 pm Tuesday, February 5,
- "Financial Strategies for the 80s," at 7 pm Thursday, March 14,
- "The Necessity of Estate Planning," at 7 pm Wednesday, April 24.

All the sessions will be held at 201 Elliott Avenue West, Room 304 (just South of the Captain's Table Restaurant).

If you are interested in attending, please call Harada at 226-1881.

NEW PROGRAMS OF THE JAPANESE PERFORMING ART SERIES COMING UP

Oshogatsu, Japanese New Year, will be celebrated at the Nippon Kan Theatre on Saturday evening, January 12 at 7:30 pm with the Japanese Performing Arts Series. Koto and shamisen music will be featured at the series performance on February 9 at the Nippon Kan, also at 7:30 pm. For information call 624-8800.

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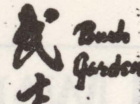


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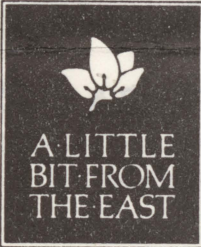
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MINORITY PROGRAM INTERVIEWS SON OF MARTIN LUTHER KING


On Saturday, January 19, "Celebrate the Differences," with hosts Lori Matsukawa and Enrique Cerna, will visit with Martin Luther King III, son of the late civil rights leader. The program on KING TV Channel 5 airs at 6 pm.



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Installation of Officers and Board Members

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TRIBUTE TO ISSEI PIONEERS

The Seattle Chapter of JACL will be honoring Issei Pioneers at the Chapter's Installation Banquet on January 26, 1985. Issei who are 80 years and older, and pre-war immigrants will be special honored guests of JACL in recognition of the important role they played as founders of the Nikkei Community.


Family and friends of Issei are invited to join JACL in honoring the Issei Pioneers. If you have an Issei guest to honor at the Installation Banquet, please return your dinner reservations by December 10, 1984. Reservations are \$15.00 per person except for Issei honorees (over 80 and pre-war immigrants), who as special guests of JACL will be admitted at no charge.

JACL will also give special recognition to Issei who cannot attend the Installation Banquet. JACL will issue special certificates of honor to Issei Pioneers who live outside this area or who cannot attend for another reason. JACL will remember Issei who are deceased by engraving their name on a Issei Memorial Plaque which will be displayed in the JACL office. A donation of \$10.00 is requested for each Issei Tribute certificate or name for the plaque. Donations will go toward the Issei Tribute.

Please join JACL in this special tribute and return the form by December 10, 1984. Dinner reservations should be made on the other form.

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