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HOUSE BILL 1415 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR GARDNER

Governor Booth Gardner signed House Bill 1415 into law at an emotional ceremony on April 2 at the Nippon Kan Theatre.

The bill authorizes the Seattle School District to disburse \$5,000 in redress payments to each of 27 former school secretaries who were fired during World War II. Eleven of the former secretaries were present to receive their checks from former School Board President T.J. Vassar.

Governor Gardner, speaking to the news media and members of the Washington State Japanese American community that crowded the auditorium, said the day President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 "will also be remembered as a 'Day of Infamy.'"

"We're recognizing a circumstance that should have never happened," he said.

After signing the bill, Governor Gardner presented the pen to Seattle Chapter JACL President Robert Sato. Also in attendance to witness the signing were Mayor Charles Royer, Jerry Shigaki, chair of the JACL Committee for HB 1415, State Senators Phil Talmadge, George Fleming, Jim McDermott, and numerous state representatives supporting the bill, including Gary Locke, the major sponsor and proponent of HB 1415.

"This is the culmination of redress efforts on the state and local levels," Locke said. "Attention now turns to the national level."

The former school secretaries present to receive redress payment were Rubi Aoki, Toyo Cary, Alice Kawanishi, Teru Kiyohara, Ai Koshi, Mitsuko Morishita, May Namba, Jane Okada, May Higa, Yoshiko Omoto-Nobuku and Sally Kazama.

The Committee for HB 1415 included Becky Sasaki, Naomi Sanchez, Ruth Woo, Tim Otani, Mako Nakagawa, Lois Hayasaka, Cherry Kinoshita and Jerry Shigaki.

1986 SEATTLE CHERRY BLOSSOM AND JAPANESE CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The 11th Annual Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival will be held at the Seattle Center on May 2 to 4. This year's festival will feature metal art and use in Japan, with demonstrations and exhibitions of "Shippo" Enameling, stainless steel metal sculptures, the culinary art of "Kappo," "Kodo," the Art of Incense, household goods and metal utensils from the Japanese Craft Center, and sword polishing.

Other events include Go and Shogi contests, films and videos, Japanese dance and musical performances, martial arts demonstrations, Ikebana, and Bonsai. Added this year is a Japanese language speech contest for high school and college-level students to be held at the Center House on May 3. Applications for this contest must be received by April 28 and are available at the Consulate General Office, Department of Asian Studies at the University of Washington, and the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

March 1986 has come and gone with the proverbial wind. We've held our Executive Board Meeting, Board of Directors meeting and various other meetings chaired by energetic and forward-looking officers. Redress issues and affirmative action occupy our efforts, but I soon hope we can announce some programs to involve the greater Nikkei community.

The offices of the president and vice presidents for the Seattle Chapter incur obligations and duties, but I'm finding that the opportunity to meet so many people and to work with them or share some of our Chapter concerns makes the effort well worth it. Already, others have joined to further the civil rights issues of JACL. We'd love to have your participation to make this a strong and vibrant Chapter.

During March, I had the honor of representing you at the installation dinner for the officers of the Japanese Community Service on March 8, and the Nisei Veterans Committee on March 22. Also, along with the presidents and representatives from the Lake Washington, Olympia and White River Chapters, Regional Director Tim Otani and I met with Governor Booth Gardner to discuss redress, affirmative action, the future of the Commission on Asian American Affairs and communication with the Governor.

-- Bob Sato
President

REGIONAL OFFICE TO MOVE

The Pacific Northwest Regional Office of the Japanese American Citizens League will be moving across the street from its present location. The new address is:

JACL - PNW District Office
671 South Jackson Room 206
Seattle, Washington 98104

The phone number will remain the same. This address will become effective beginning April 28.

Chapter Focus

MARCH BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Hideo Hoshide spoke to the Board about the Washington State Centennial Celebration planned for 1989. He feels this is an excellent opportunity for the Japanese American community to provide historical input and participation in the ethnic heritage portion of the celebration. He encouraged the Chapter as well as others in the community to participate in these activities through an organized effort. The Board will take this up for discussion.

Bob Sato reported on a meeting held with Governor Gardner on March 18 in Seattle. Those attending were Bob Sato, Seattle Chapter; Tim Otani, Pacific Northwest District; Pete Okada, Lake Washington Chapter; Harvey Watanabe, White River Chapter; and Ted Masumoto, Olympia Chapter.

The lack of affirmative action appointments in the state was discussed, with the governor acknowledging that more needs to be done in this area. Also discussed was the redress issue--an issue on which he needs to be more informed.

The JACL National Convention is being held in Chicago from July 20 to 25. Dave Okimoto is coordinating the activities that need to be accomplished by the Chapter. These are outlined as follows:

-- The two official delegates are Bob Sato and Dave Okimoto. In addition, alternate delegates need to be officially chosen. To qualify to be an alternate delegate, you must be a member of the Seattle Chapter and plan to attend the full conference. If you are interested, contact Dave at 723-9372.

-- Any resolutions to be presented by the Chapter at the National Convention need to be raised at the April 16 Chapter Board meeting. A resolution must address issues/positions which are national in scope. It is a formal declaration of JACL's opinion or policy in any subject area.

-- Nominees for National Board positions should be presented at the April 16 Board meeting. These will then be presented to the Pacific Northwest District Council. National Board Officer positions are President, Vice President for General Operations, Vice President for Public Affairs, Vice President for Planning and Development, Vice President for 1000 Club, Membership and Services, and Secretary/Treasurer.

-- Nominees for the Japanese American of the Biennium are also due by the April Board meeting. The recipient of this award is the JACL member who has done the most for the strength and growth of the National organization during the immediate biennium. This honor is regarded as the highest public award of National JACL. Although the award is for the "biennium," it was decided by the National Board in March, 1983, to expand the scope of the award to include lifetime contributions or other expanded periods of time beyond two years.

-- The Chapter's application for the Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award will be handled by Dave and Jerry Shigaki. This award historically goes to the most active JACL chapter.

-- The Edison Uno Civil Rights Award: Edison Uno was a strong advocate for human and civil rights. This award must be made in conjunction with another national civil rights organization. Its purpose is to recognize outstanding accomplishments in the field of civil rights by an individual.

Contact Dave Okimoto at 723-9372 if you have any input regarding the above.

The Chapter will release funds of \$2,835 for the third year of its national redress pledge. Half of that amount is paid for by the Chapter, and half by the Chapter Redress Committee. The Chapter was holding the funds until a status report from the National Redress Committee was received.

The Day of Remembrance program held on February 19 netted \$1,300 for the Chapter Redress Committee and the Washington Coalition on Redress.

Cherry Kinoshita presented a resolution to continue the National Endowment

Fund loan to the redress lobbying program. The Board passed this resolution for presentation at the National Convention in Chicago this summer. They will also encourage support of the resolution from other chapters in this district.

The International Relations Committee received \$600 from the Motoda Foundation.

Dale Watanabe reported on JAYs activities. Current officers are: President Jim Okamoto, Vice President Tammy Yotsuuye, Secretary Diana Kato, Treasurer Lori Nomiya, JACL Board Representative Crystal Tanabe and Historian Dale Watanabe. The group is planning an April workshop at the UW and a dance fundraiser in May. The Board voted to divide the money netted from the recent installation banquet as follows: \$500 for Keiro, \$500 as seed money for the next banquet, and the remaining for the general fund.

MARCH DONATIONS

Thank you to the staff of Emily Dickinson for their donation in memory of Harry Kamagai.

The March Newsletter mail-out team: Sharon Harada, George Abe, Joanne Asaba, Hana Masuda, Shirley Naganawa, Gary Kawasaki and Massie Tomita.

Community Notes

SEATTLE JAYs TO SPONSOR STUDENT/CAREER WORKSHOP

The Seattle Chapter JAYs are sponsoring "Planning For Tomorrow," a student development program for college/career success. Those attending can choose one of three morning workshops: "Public Speaking Skills," "Improving Your Studying Skills," and "Surviving Your First Year"--a workshop designed especially for high school seniors entering college.

After lunch, participants may choose a workshop on either "Interviewing Skills," "What To Do With Your Degree," or "Stress Management"--a workshop exploring types of stress and the influence Japanese culture may have on stress. There will also be a panel presentation by representatives of various career fields such as engineering, business, advertising, law, and the health professions.

The program will be held at the University of Washington Communications Building, Room 120, Saturday, April 26, 1986 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration materials can be obtained by writing to: JAYs "Planning For Tomorrow," 316 Maynard Ave. S., Suite 108, Seattle, Wa. 98104.



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ENJOYING COMPETITION IN THE WORKPLACE

The JACL Pacific Northwest District is planning a series of workshops and programs to expand interest in JACL and to appeal to those who have not yet considered JACL. The District's Recruitment and Leadership Development Committee is sponsoring a workshop on competition, geared somewhat for people in their 20s to 40s, but open to all.

"Enjoying Competition in the Workplace" will be held on Thursday, April 17, 7-9 p.m. at the IBM Training Center, Room 1317, One Union Square at 6th and University in Seattle. Mary Anne Moorman, human resources consultant with Gamma Vision, Inc., will lead the workshop with emphasis on particular issues which arise for Asian Americans. The workshop fee is \$20. For more information, call Tim Otani at 623-5088.

GROUNDBREAKING SET FOR NEW KEIRO NURSING HOME

The Keiro Expansion project announced that the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new 150-bed skilled nursing facility will be held on Saturday, May 10, 1986, 2 p.m., at the 16th and Yesler site. Construction is scheduled for completion during early spring of 1987. The present 63-bed facility will then be leased to the Chinese Nursing Home Society as a senior citizens home for the Chinese American community.

To date, nearly \$1.7 million has been generated in pledges. Leading the list of major pledge donors are the Ayame Kai Women's Guild and Kawabe Memorial Trust who have pledged \$100,000 each towards the Expansion Project. For more information regarding the Keiro Expansion project, please call the Nikkei Concerns office at 322-4897.

RUBY YOSHINO SCHAAR PLAYWRIGHT AWARD

The New York Chapter JACL has initiated the Ruby Yoshino Schaar Biennium Playwright Award in honor of its former Chapter President and Executive Director. The Award is a \$1,000 cash prize for the winning play dealing with the Japanese American or Japanese Canadian experience.


The applicant must be of Japanese descent and sponsored by an active member of JACL or a JACL chapter, with at least one play that has been previously produced. Application deadline is May 1, 1986 and are available at the Seattle Chapter JACL office.

CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR COMMISSION ON ASIAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS

The Washington State Commission on Asian American Affairs is currently seeking candidates to fill four three-year vacancies on this 12-member advisory commission. Applications are due on April 14, 1986, but applications will be received on an ongoing basis. Mail a letter of interest, two letters of recommendation and a resume to Beverly J. Tweddle, Assistant to the Governor for Boards and Commissions, Office of the Governor, Legislative Building, Olympia, Washington, 98504. For further information, contact:

Ms. Lois Hayasaka, Executive Director
 Commission of Asian American Affairs
 671 South Jackson
 Seattle, Washington 98104
 (206)464-5820

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Calendar of Events

CHAPTER BOARD MEETING -- Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., Chapter office.

JACL WORKSHOP: "ENJOYING COMPETITION IN THE WORKPLACE" -- Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m., IBM Training Center, Rm. 1317, One Union Square at 6th and University.

TOMO-NO-KAI MEETING -- Saturday, April 19, 6 p.m., Wisteria View Manor, 1400 S. Main St. Catered dinner with games (bingo) to follow. Reservations: 935-4657 or 722-0496.

JAPANESE PERFORMING ARTS SERIES -- Saturday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. Nippon Kan Heritage Association presents a program of Japanese classical dance, koto and shakuhachi. Tickets available at Uwajimaya or House of Rice, \$5 general, \$3 students and seniors.

JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH SUKIYAKI DINNER -- Saturday, April 26, at the church, 160 Broadway. First seating from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.; second seating 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Program at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$5, children under 11 and adults over 70, \$3. Bring canned food for the Emergency Feeding Program.

JAYs STUDENT/CAREER WORKSHOP -- Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., UW Communications Bldg. Rm. 120.

NICHIREN BUDDHIST CHURCH BENEFIT BAZAAR -- Sunday, April 27, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 1042 S. Weller St. Tickets \$2.50 each from members of the church.

1986 CHERRY BLOSSOM AND JAPANESE CULTURAL FESTIVAL -- Friday to Sunday, May 2 - 4, Seattle Center.

CHESS TOURNAMENT -- Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. Three-round Swiss tournament with sections of 8-10 players. For more information contact Eric Kashino (722-1950) or Rev. Bob Hoshibata (723-1536).

JAYs MONTHLY MEETING -- Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m., JACL office.

KEIRO GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY -- Saturday, May 10, 2 p.m., 16th & Yesler.

SIXTH ANNUAL KEIRO RUMMAGE SALE -- Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Nisei Vets' Hall, 1212 S. King St. Ayame-Kai Guild sponsors its sixth annual rummage sale to benefit the Keiro Nursing Home. Donations are welcome and tax-deductible and can be dropped off May 14 - 16, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the hall. Information: Seattle Keiro (329-9575) or Carol Suehiro (271-1350).

-- compiled by Ed Suguro

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR INPUT. . .

Will you take a few minutes to jot down some ideas for our newsletter or chapter activities?

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- () Please send a newsletter and membership application to:
(Name, address, zip code)
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