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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Bob Sato is out of town for a while, so he asked me to write something for the President's Column this month.

I was at the ceremony on April 2, 1986, when Governor Gardner signed the state bill permitting former Seattle Public School employees to receive redress money, and I watched as each of them were given their checks. Besides feeling was a permit these people. I felt were proud of our IACL Chapter.

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Being the Chapter redress co-chair, I know how much work so many individuals of our organization put in to see that day--an effort which began two years ago. What always amazes me is the tremendous dedication of these JACL people and the wealth of experience they bring with them. I have the opportunity to work with

business people, lawyers, administrators, homemakers, engineers, social services people, students and community leaders.

I want to encourage other JACL members to become actively involved with our Chapter activities. If you are wondering how to become more involved, just come to one of our monthly Board meetings on every third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the JACL office. I think you will find that we are a gregarious crowd and you will be making new friends fast.

-- Wayne Kimura First Vice President

(Special Reports)

FIRST YEAR LEC FUND DRIVE GOES OVER THE TOP

The local LEC Fund Drive exceeded its first fiscal year goal with a total of \$10,290 as of March. Nationwide, over 1400 donors have contributed more than \$150,000. But funds are still needed to carry on the lobbying effort for congressional redress bills. The successful local fund drive will give the Seattle Chapter a head start on its second year of fundraising efforts with a goal of an additional \$10,000.

Recent donors are: Franklin Koriyama, Frank Kikuchi, Florence Fujita, Florence/Tak Tsuchida; \$100-\$499: Shigeko Uno, Eugene M. Tagawa; \$500-\$999:

Takeyo Imori.

Appreciation is extended to the following donors from the Seattle JACL Redress Committee for their Day of Remembrance donations: Katsumi Nakamichi, Pat/Roy Omoto, Joe Wakamatsu, Mabel/Haruaki Ida, Shea Aoki and George/Kisae Hashimoto.

The Seattle Chapter JACL acknowledges the following members for their donations in support of redress:

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Chapter Focus

MAY BOARD MEETING CHANGE OF LOCATION -- The May Board meeting will be held at the Kawabe House on Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m. This will be a potluck dinner, with scholarship awards given out afterwards.

JACL COMMITTEES AND WHAT THEY DO

During the January Board Retreat and subsequent meetings, the Board focused on goals and specific objectives for 1986. The Chapter has dedicated officers and Board members putting in lots of hours and effort, but the Chapter needs volunteers who can spare a few hours to help with its many goals and activities.

The following are brief descriptions of the Chapter committees and their goals and activities for this year. If you are interested in finding out more about any of these committees or would like to help, please fill out the coupon on page five and someone will contact you. Please let us hear from you! One of our Chapter goals is that all committees be comprised of at least 50 percent non-board members.

Affirmative Action Committee -- Alan Momohara, chair.

Purpose: To monitor and encourage affirmative action programs in government agencies; to increase the number of Asians in government as well as private industry, particuarly in positions of influence.

1986 Goals: Promote the hiring of one Asian department head at the City of Seattle, State of Washington and King County; develop an affirmative action goal for the Port of Seattle and the Seattle Public Schools; identify Asian employee profiles of at least three other employers.

Anti-Discrimination Committee -- Naomi Sanchez, chair.

Purpose: To monitor the mass media for negative images of Japanese and Asian Americans; to aid individuals who are victims of employment and other discrimination.

1986 Goals: Expand the committee to at least five members; meet with major TV and radio stations and newspapers in Seattle; develop relations with five civil rights organizations; establish contacts with six Asian Pacific immigrant and refugee communities.

Budget and Grants Committee -- Gail Tanaka, chair.

Purpose: To prepare a budget based on funds and committee requests.

Cherry Blossom Festival Committee -- Kara Tokita, chair.

Purpose: To serve as a liaison to the Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival Committee.

The Seattle Chapter is one of the sponsors.
1986 Goals: Provide \$250 in funds, sell raffle tickets and provide 20 volunteers for this year's festival.

Committee to Reverse Japanese American Wartime Cases -- Roger Shimizu, chair. Purpose: To conduct public education and raise funds to support Gordon Hirabayashi's petition.

1986 Goals: Publicize and respond to the judicial decision on the Hirabayashi

<u>Directory</u> -- Don Kazama, chair.

Purpose: To periodically compile a telephone directory of Nikkei persons, organizations and businesses in the Puget Sound area.

Education Committee -- Mako Nakagawa, chair.

Purpose: To participate on various school district committees and advise the Chapter on educational issues; to advocate on issues that impact Japanese American teachers, administrators and students.

1986 Goals: Upgrade employment opportunities for Japanese Americans; work with the Political Education Committee to meet with various local and state officials.

Endowment Committee, Fundraising -- Shea Aoki, chair.

To provide funds for the Endowment Fund. Purpose:

1986 Goals: Develop a plan to publicize the Fund and to continue fundraising efforts.

Endowment Committee, Investment (no chair).

Purpose: To invest endowment funds.

<u>Installation Committee</u> -- Jerry Shigaki and Kazzie Katayama, co-chairs. Purpose: To plan the annual installation banquet of officers and Board members.

International Relations Committee -- Ken Nakano, chair.

Purpose: To obtain medical and legislative attention for atomic bomb survivors living in the U.S.; to foster understanding of the social and economic issues relating to U.S./Japan relations.

1986 Goals: Develop a strategy to address: 1) trade backlash, 2) use of the term "Jap," and 3) self-denial of career opportunities due to fear of backlash against Japanese Americans; develop a strategy to increase involvement and promote awareness of international relations, trade and global issues.

Japanese Community Queen -- Terry Nakano, chair.

Purpose: To serve as a liaison with the Japanese Community Queen Committee and to award a Chapter scholarship to Miss Tomodachi.

Mail-Out Committee -- Massie Tomita, chair.

Purpose: To assemble and mail the Chapter newsletter each month.

1986 Goals: Involve the general membership in this activity and other Chapter activities.

Membership Committee -- Janice Nishimori, Ida Matsudaira-Alkire, Vicki Mar, co-chairs.

Purpose: To solicit and process membership applications. 1986 Goal: To have 1,000 members by the end of the year.

Min Masuda Memorial Fund Committee -- Charles Z. Smith, chair.

Purpose: To recognize efforts of individuals and organizations who upgrade the quality of life for racial minorities; to recognize significant achievements in the media by, for, or about Asian Americans; to recognize creative expression of Asian cultural heritage; to present educational forums and encourage original research.

Newsletter Committee -- Sharon Harada, chair. Purpose: To gather, report and disseminate Chapter news through the Chapter's "JACL Newsletter."

1986 Goals: Establish a means to distribute the newsletter and membership applications to the general Japanese American community.

Nikkei Aging and Retirement Committee -- Don Kazama, chair.

Purpose: To address the needs of elderly Nikkei by disseminating information on community resources and sponsoring workshops to advocate for the appointment of Nikkei to governmental bodies concerned with the elderly.

<u>Nikkei Concerns</u> -- Gail Tanaka, chair.

To serve as a representative to the Nikkei Concerns Board.

Nominations Committee -- Don Kazama, chair.

Ballot Purpose: To draw up a slate on nominees for Board and officer positions. counting is carried out by a separate elections committee appointed by the president.

1986 Goals: Suggestions for nominees will be needed by September, 1986.

1,000 Club Committee -- Ted Taniguchi, chair.

Purpose: This is a group of members who support the Chapter above and beyond the regular membership dues. Within the 1,000 Club are the 50 and Century Clubs, paying \$50 and \$100 dues per year, respectively.

1986 Goals: Organize the annual golf tournament and a Chapter function.

Pacific Citizen Committee -- Ed Suguro, chair.

Purpose: To handle correspondence with the Pacific Citizen and arrange advertising for the holiday issue.

1986 Goals: Submit a Chapter or local item to the Pacific Citizen at least monthly and raise \$600 through the holiday issue advertising.

Political Education Committee -- Jan Kumasaka, chair.

Purpose: To evaluate proposed legislation at city, county, state and federal levels; to coordinate political forums during election years; to act as a liaison with similar groups.

1986 Goals: Enlist an Asian to run for the Seattle School Board and for the Port of Seattle Commission; develop a strategy to cultivate and support Nikkei/Asian American candidates for political office.

(The listing for the rest of the JACL Committees will appear in next month's newsletter.)



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Limited Offer: 1000 Club Life Membership Discounted 50 percent. You have until July 20, 1986 to enroll in the "1000 Club Life Membership" category at a 50 percent discount. As mandated by the National Council in 1984, "1000 Club Life Memberships" are being offered at \$500. After July 20, 1986, the membership rate will return to \$1000.

Gift Memberships: The future of JACL will depend on our youth. Why not give a JACL Membership to your "kodomo" and/or grandchildren? With their membership, they will become exposed to the achievements of the JACL and the current issues that affect our Japanese American community. Youth Membership is \$4, Student Membership is \$13, and a Regular Membership is \$38 per year.

Contact Janice Nishimori at 455-3807 if you are interested in these membership offers.

Those who helped with the April newsletter mailing were Rod Kaseguma, Hana Masuda, George Abe, Hisa Watanabe, Dale Watanabe and Massie Tomita.

Community Notes

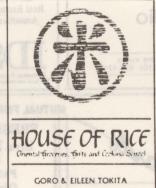
JAPANESE AMERICAN RECIPIENT OF GOVERNOR'S OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD -- On April 28, Leann Onishi, 20, of Seattle was awarded the Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award for three years of outstanding volunteer service with the Foundation for International Understanding Through Students. Leann was one of 50 volunteers that received this award.

COMMISSION ON ASIAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS CONTINUALLY SEEKING APPLICANTS -- The Washington Commission on Asian American Affairs is seeking qualified applicants for state positions at the Director or Deputy Director level. At this time, there are no specific openings, but the commission would like to maintain a ready list of potential Asian/Pacific American candidates. Please submit resumes to Lois Hayasaka, Executive Director, Commission on Asian American Affairs, 110 Prefontaine Place S., Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104.

HIROSHIMA CLUB TRAVELING TO EXPO -- Hiroshima Club members and others have chartered a bus to Expo in Vancouver B.C. on June 17, 1986. Anyone wishing to join the group are welcome. The bus will leave from the Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St., at 7:30 a.m., and will depart from Expo at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$22.00. Contact Pat Terao at 725-8479 or Mary Fujita at 325-4392 for reservations or further information.

KAWAGUCHI TRAVEL SERVICE ARRANGING TRIP TO CHINA -- "Discover China," a tour arranged by Kawaguchi Travel Service and personally escorted by Miki Kawaguchi-Tan and her husband Eric Tan, will depart Oct. 1 and return Oct. 16, 1986. Visits will be made to Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, Guilin, Guangzhou (Canton) and Hong Kong. Price per person (double occupancy) is \$3,085.00. A stopover in Japan can be arranged. (Paid Advertisement)

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Calendar of Events

SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITS ON JAPANESE AMERICANS — The entire month of May. Photo exhibit, "The Way It Was: Northwest Issei and Nisei Before 1942," first floor, Downtown Public Library, with Ikebana International Chapter 19 floral display. Film, "Guilty By Reason of Race," Rainier Beach Library, Saturday, May 17, 2 p.m. Koto and shamisen concert by Aya Sakoda and her school, downtown library auditorium, Wednesday, May 28, 7:30 p.m. "Every Picture Has Its Own Story," panel discussion on Japanese communities before 1942 featuring Dr. Tetsuden Kashima, Dr. Frank Miyamoto, Shigeko Uno and Florence Tateoka Fujita on Thursday, May 29, 7:30 p.m., downtown library auditorium.

SIXTH ANNUAL KEIRO RUMMAGE SALE -- Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Nisei Vets' Hall, 1212 S. King St. Ayame-Kai Guild's fundraiser to benefit Keiro Nursing Home. Tax deductible donations welcome 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).

SENKE SCHOOL OF JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT EXHIBIT -- Saturday, May 17, 1 - 6 p.m.; Sunday, May 18, noon to 5 p.m., St. Peter's Parish Hall, 1610 S. King St.

TOMO-NO-KAI MEETING -- Monday, May 19, 7:30 p.m., JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S. Informational evening with the Ethnic Heritage Council.

CHAPTER BOARD MEETING -- Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m., Kawabe House, 221 18th Ave. S. Potluck dinner and scholarship awards.

JAYs DANCE FUNDRAISER "PARTY OF THE ISLANDS" -- Saturday, May 31, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m., Nippon Kan, 628 S. Washington St. Dancing, entertainment, door prizes, no host bar. \$6 door, \$5 w/bid, \$2 JAYs members.

JAPANESE COMMUNITY SERVICE'S BANQUET FOR UNIVERSITY GRADUATES -- Friday, June 6, Bush Garden Restaurant, 614 Maynard Ave. S., 6:30 p.m. Gratis for graduates, \$18 for others. For reservations, call Edward Hidaka, 323-0250 (M-F, 10:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.), or Yoshito Fujii, 325-2394.

LAKE WASHINGTON JACL PROGRAM ON NISEI RETIREMENT -- Saturday, June 7, Bellevue Ramada Inn, 105 N.E. and Northup Way. Cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., program 8 p.m. Video presentation and lecture by Dr. Chisato Kawabori, Regional Director of U.S. Administration on Aging. Dinner and program \$13. Program only \$2. For reservations, call 747-2589, or 885-9654.

-- 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?

- () Upcoming events -- please include this event in the JACL calender/newsletter: (Event, sponsoring organization, date/time, contact person)
- () Please send a newsletter and membership application to: (Name, address, zip code)
- () I would like to do more for JACL or volunteer for a committee. Please contact me. (Name, day/evening phone, committees or areas of interest)
- () I would like to see more information in the newsletter on:

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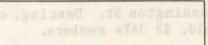
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