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NATIONAL PRESIDENT FRANK SATO OUTLINES JACL PRIORITIES

National JACL president Frank Sato, in an interview with the International Examiner, outlined the immediate goals for the national JACL:

Redress: Sato said that redress is "a constitutional issue that needs to be clarified." Forty-four years after the internment occurred, people ask him, "Why bring it up now?"

Sato replied that 10 percent of the national population knows that the internment took place. And 60 to 70 percent of the population was not even born prior to 1942. History books, he added, say nothing about the internment and need to accurately describe the incident. The passage of redress legislation, he said, is going to be a "tough, tough, tough battle."

Development of leaders: "How many Asian American heads of corporations do you know of?" Sato asked. "Right now, we're just knocking at the door. There are four Japanese American members of Congress. We're doing very well locally, but not nationally. There needs to be a leadership push."

Nisei aging and retirement: Sato noted that, as the majority of the Nisei quickly approach retirement age, more programs will be required to deal with their aging.

Out-marriage: Sato recently attended a JACL-sponsored workshop in Fresno on the topic of bi-racial marriages. He remembered a sansei recalling an incident where his Caucasian wife and bi-racial son were approached by a Caucasian woman who said, "How could you marry somebody like that?"

"There needs to be more support for bi-racial families," Sato said.

Building coalitions: "Up until 10 or 15 years ago, the Chinese and Japanese in this country didn't have much to do with each other," Sato said. "We need to work on building strong ties."

Anti-Asian American violence: In 1985, JACL compiled a report on violent crimes against Asian Americans to educate and sensitize the media on the portrayals of Asians. "Unless people blow the whistle right when it happens, there's going to be a lot more of this nonsense," Sato said. "We must alert and sensitize others and bring it to a head."

Special Reports

CONTINUING DONATIONS TO REDRESS

As of June 30, a total of \$13,850 has been donated to local redress and JACL groups by the former Seattle School District employees who received redress payments for termination of their jobs during World War II. Additional donors to the Seattle JACL Redress Committee, Washington Coalition for Redress, the Legislative Education Committee, Pacific Northwest JACL and the Seattle Endowment Fund include Rubi Aoki of Seattle; Martha Oye, Edina, MN; Ayako Ishizuka, El Cerrito, CA; Kay Sakanashi, Richmond, CA; Esther Nakao, La Canada, CA; Mari Sano, Tampa, FL; Kiku Tomita and Marjorie Ota, both of New York; and a Chicago donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

The Seattle Chapter JACL thanks the following JACL members for their donations in support of redress received during the month of June: Mr. & Mrs. Tosh Taniguchi, Henry & Minnie Itoi, Miyeko Ishihara, Ed & Miyo Kiba, Zenji Shibayama, Fudge Shiogi, Henry Todo, Harry Tsutsumi, Fumiye Masunaga, Tom Iida, Mae Miyake, Kiyoshi Mizuhara, Betty Okura, Katsushige & Mikie Takeuchi, Herbert Tsuchiya, Shelley Yamada, Anne Arakaki-Lock, Tamae Asaba, Jimmy Hata, Kenji Kawaguchi, David & Janice Yasuda, Richard Hayatsu and Margaret Shoji.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The redress bills, HR 442 and S 1053, are gaining momentum and support in Congress. Wouldn't it be wonderful if a victory celebration for its successful passage could be held during the August, 1988 national convention to be held in Seattle?

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I hope you all saw "Visible Target" on Channel 9 on June 30.

The next two years are crucial, and I'm asking for your special support by writing President Reagan within the next three months. Please urge him to support redress and send a copy of your letter to the Seattle Chapter JACL office, Attention Tim Gojio, Redress Committee co-chair. Redress is a constitutional issue that affects all Americans. Let's all pitch in to help correct a terrible mistake and see that some measure of justice is obtained. Some of you may wish to start a petition form of letter to the President.

Two members of the Seattle Chapter are candidates for National JACL office. Cherry Kinoshita is running for National Vice President of Public Affairs, which includes redress, Nisei aging, violence against Asians, Japan/American relations and Asian women's concerns. Diana Kato is a candidate for National Board Youth Representative. We're honored to have two fine candidates, and I know you all wish them well at the national convention to be held in Chicago on July 20 through 25, 1986.

As your Chapter president, I attended the Japanese Community Service banquet honoring college graduates. This has been an annual banquet and a wonderful tradition which carries on the Issei spirit of encouraging and honoring the young people who have reached another milestone in their life.

Naomi Sanchez, Anti-Discrimination chairperson, and I met with a group seeking to combat the racist preachings of extremist right-wing groups, such as the Order, who wish to make the Northwest their exclusive domain.

We also met with King County Executive Tim Hill as a first step in making him more aware of the Asian community. We plan to meet with him again in maybe four months.

Other committees are working on their 1986 goals, but in all of these endeavors, I see a need for all our community groups to support each other and also to engage in good working relationships with groups outside the community.

-- Bob Sato
Seattle Chapter JACL president

Chapter Focus

JUNE BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Naomi Sanchez, chair of the Anti-Discrimination Committee, gave a report on her newly-formed committee. Other members are Roger Shimizu and Marie Coon, with room for a few more members. The committee is planning to write a letter to various media organizations to introduce them to JACL and the purpose of the committee.

Mako Nakagawa and May Sasaki of the Education Committee reported on the

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reception being planned for William Kendrick, new superintendent of the Seattle Public Schools. This event is being co-sponsored by the Chapter along with several other organizations. The Seattle School District also has two top positions available, and the committee encourages Asian Americans to apply. Contact Mako at 762-7824 or May at 762-9146 for more information.

Tim Gojio of the Redress Committee encouraged everyone to write to President Reagan for his support of the redress bill.

Ida Matsudaira-Alkire, co-chair of the Membership Committee, will be making an effort to recruit members who did not renew their membership. The committee will also have a booth at the International District Street Fair on July 13.

David Okimoto reported on the progress of Chapter activities regarding the upcoming convention. The Chapter nominated Gordon Hirabayashi for the Edison Uno Award, and the Chapter also applied for the Inagaki Award, which involves highlighting the Chapter's past activities.

Joanne Asaba has resigned her position as Chapter board member due to her work responsibilities.

NATIONAL JACL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Local recipients of National JACL scholarships were Thomas Sakai Tsutsumoto-- who was awarded the South Park scholarship (\$700) for college freshmen; and Ken Mochizuki, who received the Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Creative Arts Scholarship (\$5000).

RECEPTION FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF NCJAR

William Hohri and Ellen G. Carson of NCJAR (National Coalition for Japanese American Redress) will be in Seattle on July 19, 1986, to hold an informal get-together regarding the class action suit for Japanese Americans interned during World War II. The seminar will be held at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1610 S. King St.

Mr. Hohri, from Chicago, is the lead plaintiff and principal organizer of the suit. Ms. Carson is from Washington D.C. and is the lead attorney for the plaintiffs. She will update us on the status of the suit and answer any questions. If you have any questions, or wish to help out, please call Chiz Omori at 283-0756 (evening) or 624-0013 (day).

NEWSLETTER COULD ALWAYS USE SOME HELP

Sharon Harada, chair of the Newsletter Committee, would like to thank a group of people working behind the scenes on our newsletter: Hisa Watanabe for getting many new advertisers, Sumi Hayashi for preparing the ad layout, Ed Suguro for submitting items for the calendar and Pacific Citizen, James Hattori for writing occasional articles, and, of course, Ken Mochizuki, editor.

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Community Notes

THANK YOU "IKE" FUND

Tsuguo "Ike" Ikeda will retire as executive director of the Atlantic Street Center in September after 33 years of service in that position. For individuals who would like to say thank you to "Ike" for his many years of service to the community, a special "Ike" fund has been established. The "Ike" fund will be used for the Center's program needs. Tax-deductible contributions can be made to the Atlantic Street Center, 2103 S. Atlantic St., Seattle, WA 98144.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RESEARCH STUDENTS

The Consulate-General of Japan announced that the Japanese Government (Monbusho) is offering scholarships to students of American citizenship who wish to study at a Japanese university as research students in Japanese language under the Monbusho Scholarship Program for 1987.

The applicants must be university or college graduates under 35-years-old and be willing to receive instruction in the Japanese language. Those who will finish undergraduate study by March or September of 1987 may apply.

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The deadline for applications is September 2, 1986. A three-part Japanese, language written test and interview will be held on September 15, 1986 for those who are selected from the applications submitted.

For further details, please contact the Consulate-General of Japan at 3110 Rainier Bank Tower, 1301 5th Ave., Seattle, WA 98101, 682-9107.

STUDY SEEKING NIKKEI AND ASIAN AMERICAN VIETNAM VETERANS

As mentioned in "Chapter Focus," Ken Mochizuki, recipient of the National Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Scholarship, will apply that grant toward an oral history regarding the experiences of Asian American Vietnam veterans. The results will be published in a special section of the International Examiner prior to Veteran's Day. Any Asian American Vietnam veterans willing to participate in this project, please contact Ken Mochizuki at 624-3925.

TRIP TO NIHONGA JAPANESE ART EXHIBITION

The Nihonga Japanese art exhibition will be on display this summer at the historic George C. Marshall House in Vancouver, Washington. This exhibit will feature 45 original paintings by the finest contemporary Japanese artists. This collection, never seen before outside of Japan, will be shown only in London, Paris, Stockholm, Barcelona, Boston, Los Angeles and Vancouver, USA.

The cost for a one-day trip to the Nihonga exhibition is \$30.00 per person. The fee includes bus fare, entrance fee, snack and lunch. The bus leaves the Jefferson Golf Course parking lot at 8:30 a.m. sharp, and will return around 7:30 p.m. There is limited space available on the bus.

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SINGLE ADULT GROUP PICNIC -- Sunday, July 13, noon to 4 p.m., Sammamish State Park in Issaquah. Sponsored by Blaine Memorial Methodist Church. Everybody welcome. Call Blaine Methodist at 723-1536 or Sharon Harada at 725-7684.

INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT STREET FAIR -- Sunday, July 13, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Hing Hay Park. Foods, booths and continuous entertainment.

SOUTH CHINA RESTAURANT'S BENEFIT DINNER FOR KEIRO -- Monday, July 14, 4 p.m. - 9 p.m., South China Restaurant, 2714 Beacon Ave. S. Perry Ko's South China Restaurant's sixth annual buffet dinner to benefit the Keiro Nursing Home. Tickets available at the restaurant or the Keiro office, 329-9575.

CHAPTER BOARD MEETING -- Wednesday, July 16, 7:30 p.m., Chapter office. Everyone welcome.

RECEPTION FOR NCJAR REPRESENTATIVES -- Saturday, July 19, 7:30 p.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1610 S. King St. Discussion and reception for William Hohri and Ellen G. Carson of the National Coalition for Japanese American Redress.

1000 CLUB'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT -- Sunday, July 27, Jefferson Park Golf Course. Tee off time: 11 a.m.

BON ODORI -- Saturday, July 19, 4 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Sunday, July 20, 4 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Annual Japanese dance festival featuring foods, exhibits and the Namu-Kai Taiko group. Seattle Buddhist Church, 14th S. and S. Main.

TOMO-NO-KAI MEETING -- Monday, July 21, 6 p.m. Dining out and game night. Reservations: 722-0496 or 722-6211.

JAYs MONTHLY MEETING -- Tuesday, August 5, 7 p.m., JACL office.

BOWLING BENEFIT FOR KEIRO -- Sunday, August 24, Imperial Lanes, 2101 22nd Ave. S. All proceeds from bowling that day will be donated to Keiro Nursing Home.

--compiled by Ed Suguro

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