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ASIAN GROUPS VOTE "NO CONFIDENCE" IN SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT KENDRICK

Meetings are now under way between Seattle Public Schools Superintendent William Kendrick and 19 Asian Pacific organizations after they voted "no confidence" in the superintendent at a community meeting held on July 30.

The Asian Pacific groups, including Seattle Chapter JACL, criticized Kendrick for failing to hire Asian Pacifics to assistant superintendent and cabinet positions within the School District, failing to appear at scheduled meetings with the Asian Pacific community, failing to deal with low achievement test results of large numbers of Asian Pacific students, and for treating the bilingual education program as a "second class program."

The Asian Pacific community leaders pointed out that 20 percent of the Seattle School District is composed of Asian Pacific students, yet there are no

Asian Pacific administrators with direct access to Kendrick.

Mako Nakagawa, education chair of Seattle Chapter JACL, and Board Member Sam Shoji expressed their disappointment in Kendrick `after all we've done to support the schools," especially in the desegregation program, they said. Nakagawa, one of the speakers at a press conference criticizing Kendrick, said she felt "personally betrayed" after the promises Kendrick made to the community during a reception on July 10—an event co-sponsored by Seattle Chapter JACL.

In an interview with the <u>International Examiner</u>, Kendrick said that he has been the superintendent for only two-and-a-half months and has yet to form his

cabinet, committees, and work out the School District budget.

"If I recommend things for Asian youngsters, I will gather the proper information and assess the needs to make a decision," he said.

Special Reports

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Immediate past president David Okimoto and I were privileged to be your official delegates to the Chicago 1986 national JACL convention. The election campaigning, the business sessions, the workshops, convention dinners and late night campaign caucuses and meetings with so many good JACL people was intense and yet so inspiring! We should all experience attendance at a national convention. (You will get that chance in August, 1988, here in Seattle!)

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Cherry Kinoshita was elected vice president for Public Affairs over Mike Suzuki and incumbent Kaz Mayeda. Diana Kato was elected Youth Council Chair. Congratulations to Cherry and Diana! We in the Pacific Northwest and especially the Seattle Chapter can feel proud of two of "our own." (See the August 1st and 8th issues of the Pacific Citizen for a full report on the convention and election of officers)

I'd like to make some personal observations:

* The Pacific Northwest delegates included some exceptional young leaders: David Okimoto, Seattle; Terrance Yamada and Mike Irinaga, Portland; Jan Yoshiwara, Puyallup Valley; Sharon Saito, Spokane; Diana Kato and Crystal Tanabe, Seattle. We're in good hands, folks.

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* Shea Aoki was introduced at the convention for having attended every

convention since 1930!

* Ben Nakagawa did an outstanding sales job by enticing all the chapters to look forward to attending the 1988 national convention to be held at the University of Washington campus. His humor was a welcome break in a week full of serious discussions.

* Delegates must study the candidates and exercise their right to vote their conscience for the candidate they believe will best serve JACL. This obligation must be fulfilled in spite of all the lobbying and campaign influences they may be subjected to. Only in this way can we assure that JACL represents the general membership.

* Redress hopefully will be concluded in the next two years. Everyone's LEC donation is urgently needed so we will be able to rejoice in victory together. We owe it to ourselves and to America as a nation to lead this fight that restores

the credibility of the Constitution by correcting a gross violation.

Also, please help in this effort by writing to President Reagan, urging him to indicate that HR 422 is the right and fair thing to do. Send a copy to the

Seattle JACL office. I'm counting on your support.

JACL belongs to all of us; I really felt it at the convention. Let's all lend our support for redress and other programs that help us to be recognized as

an important segment of this nation.

Finally, join me in praying for the quick recovery of Don Kazama and Ayako Hurd from their current illnesses.

> Bob Sato Seattle Chapter JACL president

OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET WITH MIKE LOWRY AND MIN YASUI

Meet with Congressman Mike Lowry on September 4, 1986.

Mike Lowry has once again demonstrated his sensitivity to the concerns of the Nikkei community. His latest action was as co-prime sponsorship of HR 290 which calls for "Jpn" as the acceptable abbreviation for the words Japan or Japanese. This resolution was passed by the House on July 24. Our own Ken Nakano pushed this effort and we owe Ken a big vote of thanks, too.

Come meet Mike and ask him how things are going in Washington, D.C. We'll

see you September 4, 1986 at the Bush Garden Restaurant at 6:00 p.m.

Meet Min Yasui at a no-host dinner on August 16, 1986 at 5:30 p.m. at Bush Garden. We'll have a chance to discuss redress, LEC and the status of his coram nobis case.

-- Bob Sato

RECEPTION FOR MEMBERS OF NATIONAL COALITION FOR JAPANESE AMERICAN REDRESS

Community members met with William Hohri and Ellen G. Carson of the National Coalition for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR) on July 19, 1986 to discuss the status of the class action suit for Japanese Americans interned during World War II. Hohri, the lead plaintiff in the suit, thanked the Seattle Nikkei community for all their support and emphasized that the suit really belongs to the Nikkei community--here and across the nation.

Ms. Carson, lead attorney for the plaintiffs, explained what the suit was and how it was related to the Gordon Hirabayashi court case. She said that legal briefs have been submitted to the Supreme Court and she is optimistic that the Court will grant permission to hear the case.

-- Wayne Kimura

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LEC donations in Seattle alone have totaled \$20,590 as of July 31, 1986.

<u>Seattle JACL Redress</u>: Mitsuko Morishita; Stanley D. Golub; Richard/Setsuko Murakami, South Bend.

JACL Membership Redress: Marie Fujii; George/Charity Hamano; Bradley Kojima; James/Aiko Mizuki; Michio Kimura; George Kuwahara; Terry Nakano; William Tanaka; Frank Tsuboi; Tom/Tama Sakai.

Coram Nobis: Stanley D. Golub.

Chapter Focus

JULY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board expressed get well wishes to Don Kazama and Ayako Hurd. Both are strong supporters of our Chapter activities.

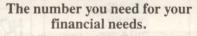
Ida Matsudaira-Alkire manned a booth at the International District Street Fair on July 13 and sold \$100 in T-shirt sales. She mentioned that there was a shortage of food booths and suggested we consider a food booth next year.

The Anti-Discrimination Committee invited 15 civil rights groups to meet on July 29 at the Silver Dragon Restaurant. The purpose of the meeting was to become familiar with each group's concerns and to get to know each other.

Kazzie Katayama and Jerry Shigaki, co-chairs of the Installation Banquet Committee, reported on the progress of the next banquet. The date will be January 24, 1987 at the Atrium. Through the efforts of Naomi Sanchez, the keynote speaker will be Patsy Mink, former congresswoman from Hawaii and candidate for governor of that state. Roger Shimizu secured San Francisco Bay Area anchorwoman Wendy Tokuda to act as emcee.

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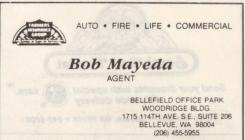
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Installation Dinner Program Committee

JACL-Seattle Chapter

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The banquet committee has been meeting on a regular basis since February. Other members include Ida Matsudaira-Alkire, Joanne Asaba, Terry Eguchi, Dave Hoekendorf, Ayako Hurd, Lillian Kato, Suzanne Kato, Marie Kurose, Vicki Mar, Hana Masuda, Hiroko Nakagawa, Dave Okimoto, Cheryl Ooka, Sharon Sakamoto, Naomi Sanchez, Roger Shimizu, Ed Suguro, Gail Tanaka, Shigeko Uno, Dale Watanabe and Dennis Yamashita.

New advertisers in this newsletter are South End Florist and Feller & Sato Real Estate Company. The Newsletter Committee would also like to thank Michiko Harada for taking care of the advertisement renewals and billing.

JAYS BRING FUN TO SUMMER

Summer is winding down to a conclusion, but the JAYs are in full swing with their summer activities this month.

A car wash fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 17, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Burger King Restaurant, 2021 Rainier Ave. S. Cost is \$2.00 per car.

"Explore Japan" with the JAYs in a four hour seminar where you can participate in kendo, shiatsu, sushi-making and ikebana workshops. Get hands-on experience from local experts, and learn the traditions of Japanese art and customs. Join the JAYs on Sunday, August 24 at the Nisei Vets Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free, but space is limited. To pre-register, call Crystal Tanabe at 1-922-7045 (evenings).

On Sunday, September 7, the JAYs will challenge the JACL to a game of softball. The game will be at the Lincoln Park field in West Seattle, starting at 2:00 p.m. It promises to be a fun day, so bring your bento, blankets and bats to cheer on your favorite team to victory. This is the first JAYs/JACL activity of

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the year, so let's make it a great one!

The JAYs thank the community for their continued support (remember us at the International District Street Fair selling somen and soda?) and hope to see all of you at our car wash on August 17th! Everyone is always welcome to the JAYs meetings. For more information, please call Dale Watanabe at 722-6851 (evenings).

JACL THOUSAND CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Dick Yamasaki, with a net 65, and Kiyo Sakahara, with a net 66, were the winners of the 15th Annual Seattle Chapter JACL 1000 Club Golf Tournament held at Jefferson Park on July 27. They were each awarded the perpetual trophy at the awards dinner at Perry Ko's South China Restaurant which followed. Yamasaki and Sakahara will co-chair the event next year. Other winners were:

Men:	2. Chuck Furuta	Net 66	Ladies:	2. Kimi	Nakanishi	Net 71
	3. Ben Nakagawa	68		3. Mary	Furuta	76
	4. Hiram Akita	69				
	5. Tom Tsubota	71				

K.P. winners on the 6th hole were Ben Nakagawa and Kiyo Sakahara. Tom Tsubota and Reiko Tsubota were the winners on the 16th hole. Aubrey Funai and Mary Furuta were the co-chairpersons this year.

Community Notes)

JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASSES

Japanese language classes sponsored by the Seattle Japanese Language School will begin on Saturday, September 6, 1986. Qualified teachers will provide instructions in practical conversation, reading, writing, grammar and translation. The curriculum also covers Japanese history, geography, customs and culture. Classes are open to students seven years and older. Adults are welcome to attend.

Registration for the classes will be accepted at 1414 S. Weller St., Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For further information, please call 323-0215.





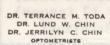
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SINGLE ADULT GROUP ACTIVITIES -- The Single Adult Group sponsored by Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church has scheduled the following activities for singles in the 30 to 50 age group: 1) Hike on Sat., Aug. 16, at Snoqualmie Pass; 2) Strictly-fun walk/run Sat., Sept. 20, at Myrtle Edwards Park with brunch afterwards; 3) Matsutake hunt on Sat., Oct. 11. For more information or to be included on the mailing list, call Blaine Memorial, 723-1536, or Sharon Harada, 226-1881.

JAYs CAR WASH -- Sunday, Aug. 17, at Burger King, 2021 Rainier Ave. S., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., \$2 per car.

NORTHWEST ASIAN AMERICAN THEATRE'S DANCE CLUB BENEFIT — Saturday, Aug. 23, 9 p.m. — 2 a.m., at Union Street Station, 4th Ave. S. & Jackson St. Proceeds to benefit Theatre Equipment Fund capital campaign. Dance will feature "Ready Made Family" from Tacoma; hors d'oeuvres will be catered by Dick Lee of Sundays Restaurant. Tickets at \$10 will be available at the door.

JAYs "EXPLORE JAPAN" -- Sunday, Aug. 24, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Nisei Vets Hall. Info.: 1-922-7045.

11TH ANNUAL KEIRO BENEFIT BOWLING DAY -- Sunday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m. - 12 midnight, Imperial Lanes, 2101 22nd Ave. S. All proceeds to be donated to Keiro Nursing Home. Special ticket purchase entitles you to 4 lines for \$5. Tickets at Keiro Nursing Home, 329-9575, or Imperial Lanes, 325-2525.

CHAPTER BOARD MEETING -- Wednesday, Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m., Chapter office. Everyone welcome.

JAYS MONTHLY MEETING -- Tuesday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m., JACL office.

SEATTLE FIRST HILL LIONS CLUB SUKIYAKI DINNER -- Saturday, Sept. 13, 4 - 7 p.m., Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. Cost: \$5, adults; \$3, children. Proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund.

-- compiled by Ed Suguro

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