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TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY AND JACL LEADER DON KAZAMA -- (submitted by Cherry Kinoshita) Donald D. Kazama, widely known as an ardent civil rights advocate and activist for

aging and retirement concerns, died of cancer on September 21.

Don was born in Donald, near Yakima, Washington, on June 27, 1913. He graduated from Stadium High School in Tacoma and received his B.S. degree in pharmacy from the University of Washington in 1936. During World War II, Don served as a medic in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team on the European front. Returning to the UW after the war, he earned a Master of Social Work degree in 1950. He joined the staff of the Veterans Administration Hospital, retiring as assistant chief of its Outpatient Social Services in 1976.

Don championed the idea of bringing in younger members to JACL. As chair of the Nominations Committee in 1972, he devised a method to assure that sansei and newer members were elected to the Board. The nominees for a coming year were arranged into three groups according to age and length of service to JACL. Seven were elected from each group, thus assuring that at least seven young Board members would be elected.

Don was not a glory-seeker. Even close friends did not begin to realize the extent of his community service. He willingly volunteered to take on the onerous chore of compiling the JACL directory--a tedious and time consuming task that brought no particular recognition. Assisted by Janice Nishimori, the project took three years. That directory is used and appreciated in thousands of homes and businesses in the Greater Seattle area today.

Don's efforts in the civil rights and human rights areas changed the direction of the Seattle Chapter from a social organization to a chapter which became the outstanding Chapter in the nation that is recognized biennium after

biennium for its leadership in civil rights and community service.

# Special Reports

SENATOR GORTON RESPONDS TO CLARIFY HIS POSITION ON REDRESS -- Washington Senator Slade Gorton, in a letter to Cherry Kinoshita, vice president for public affairs of the National JACL, stated that there "is a perception in the Japanese American community" that he may have changed his position on Senate Bill 1503--the Senate version of a redress bill that will allow payments to survivors of the World War II internment experience.

In last month's newsletter, it was reported that Senator Gorton had changed

his position on the redress bill, particularly the payment issue.

Gorton wrote that he "agrees fully" with the findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians that over 110,000 American citizens and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry "were seriously wronged by action of the government during the Second World War."

"If we're going to be realistic, however," he said, "we should acknowledge the fact that the Commission's proposal to make monetary reparations to internees does pose some serious questions that must be addressed before the bill passes. I am particularly concerned about the source of the approximately \$1 billion necessary to make the recommended payments. At the same time, I am convinced of the justice and appropriateness of some form of redress."

Gorton further stated: "The bill is currently before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. Should the committee report the bill for the full Senate's consideration, I am confident that such action will signify that all major questions have been ironed out satisfactorily, and that the bill will receive my

full and active support on the Senate floor.

HOUSE REDRESS BILL UPDATE -- (submitted by Wayne Kimura) The House Judiciary Subcommittee may be voting on the redress bill soon. It is very important that everyone write to members of the subcommittee to ask them to vote in favor of H.R. 442 and to not accept any amendments which would delete individual monetary payments.

Those who are already co-sponsors of H.R. 442 include Barney Frank, George Crockett, Howard Berman, Frederick Boucher and Harley Staggers, Jr.

Those are not co-sponsors of H.R. 442 are Dan Glickman (subcommittee chair),

Thomas Kindness, Hank Brown, Patrick Swindall and Howard Coble.

Their address is U.S. House of Representatives, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. If the bill cannot be passed out of this subcommittee, it

is dead, so everyone please write! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Wayne Kimura at 725-7298 or Cherry Kinoshita at 721-0717.

LEC FUND DRIVE AND REDRESS DONATIONS -- The LEC Fund Drive, Year II, has reached a cumulative total of \$21,090 for Seattle as of 9/30/86. Appreciation is extended to the following donor: \$500-\$999 -- Yoshiko Nobuku, Spokane.

JACL membership redress donations for the months of August and September: Betty S. Fujiki, Tad & Florence Fujita, John Matsudaira, Howard & Sumi Minato, Cyrus Noritake, Wendy Watanabe, Frank Tsujii, Hajime Fujitomi, John Kanetomi, Masao Kojima, Shizuko Sato, Tom Yaguchi, William D. Johnson, George & Laura Kaminishi, Stan Shikuma, Eddie Suguro, Lawrence Tsunoda, James Matsudaira, Kaz & Kiku Tatsumi, and George & Margaret Yanagimachi.

The Seattle Chapter extends grateful thanks to all donors.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BOB SATO -- The strength and vitality of the Seattle Chapter JACL lies in the constant quest to promote equal civil rights for Japanese Americans and those in our sister ethnic communities. One of the champions of JACL efforts, Don Kazama, passed away on September 21. A "Celebration of Life" service commemorating Don's many contributions was held on September 27 at the Nippon Kan Theatre with over 350 people attending. He accomplished much because his aspirations were high. We should do no less. We will miss you, Don.

This past month, I was privileged to speak to the First Hill Lions Club. President Tad Sato (must be a long lost relative) and a very congenial group of Lions heard me give an update on our efforts concerning redress, affirmative action in employment, anti-discrimination, education of Japanese American history, the 1988 national convention in Seattle, and why a strong JACL is important for us all. Our Chapter would love to come and speak to your organizations--let us know. I promise there are much better speakers than I who are eagerly waiting.

One of the joys of being President is meeting distinguished people, even if just over the telephone. Professor Emeritus Frank Miyamoto was one such person whom I met and who kindly accepted my request that he address a group of docents at the Museum of Natural History and Science. He will address them on October 16 and talk about Japanese American history covering the last 100 years. Thank you Professor Miyamoto; our community has contributed much to this nation and we need to make it known to the general public.

Our membership in recent months has shown a net loss of about 50. have forgotten to renew your membership, please do it now!

# Chapter Focus

CHANGE OF TIME AND LOCATION FOR OCTOBER CHAPTER BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 15 6:30 P.M. BUSH-ASIA CENTER

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS -- Gail Tanaka, Chapter Treasurer, reported

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that to date we have spent approximately \$2,700 over income. She emphasized the need to support the upcoming Longacres fundraiser (see coupon on page 5). The Chapter nets \$5.00 per ticket, and we would like to have 200 attending the event.

-- Ida Matsudaira-Alkire, co-chair of the Membership Committee, reported that our Chapter now consists of 806 members, with 200 memberships expiring within the next few months. She emphasized that our goal is to have 1000 members in 1986! Ida asked that present members renew their memberships and encourage family and friends who are not members TO JOIN! There are also Gift Memberships to give for Christmas. For more information, call Janice Nishimori at 455-3807 (evenings), or Ida at 232-5841.

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-- There will be a Political Education Forum on Wednesday, October 15, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Bush-Asia Center. Our Chapter is co-sponsoring this event with several other Asian American community organizations. Candidates running for seats in the United States Senate, House of Representatives, state representative positions and judicial posts have been invited to participate in this forum, which will focus on issues of concern to Asian and Pacific Americans.

Jan Kumasaka, chair of the Political Education Committee, is chairperson for this event. Other members of the committee include Bob Santos, Tim Gojio, Ray Kuwahara, Elaine Ko, Jill Nishi, Theresa Sato and Judy Hirano. For more information about the forum, contact Jan at 625-4506 (day) or 722-5683 (evening).

The regular Chapter Board meeting will be held prior to the forum at 6:30.

-- Mako Nakagawa, chair of the Education Committee, reported that Cheryl Chow was hired as Assistant State Superintendent for the Division of Instructional Programs and Services. Mako mentioned that President Bob Sato had recently written Superintendent Brouillet about the state's need to hire more Asian Americans.

-- Roger Shimizu of the Anti-Discrimination Committee reported that a second meeting of several area human rights organizations was scheduled for September 20

at the Silver Dragon Restaurant.

-- Alan Momohara has accepted chairmanship of the Affirmative Action Committee. One project he would like to do is to obtain the ethnic profile of several state agencies. Anyone interested in joining the committee can contact him at 838-8495.

-- Ken Nakano reported on the September 4 appreciation night for Mike Lowry at the Bush Garden. Jan Kumasaka was the emcee, and Cherry Kinoshita was

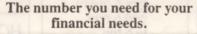
instrumental in getting National JACL appreciation for Lowry.

-- Ken also reported on a racial slur by Roger B. Smith, chairman and chief executive officer of General Motors. According to the Rafu Shimpo newspaper, the August 10 issue of Fortune Magazine quoted Smith as saying, "Beat the hell out of the Japs in automotive manufacturing, cost, quality and design."

-- May Sasaki, chair of the Recognitions Committee, would like nominees for three awards to be presented at the Installation Banquet. They are the "Silver Pin Award" for 10 years of consecutive service to the Chapter, the "Unsung Hero Award," for unheralded, "behind-the-scenes" service to JACL, and the "Community-at-Large Award" for many years of service to the Nikkei community.

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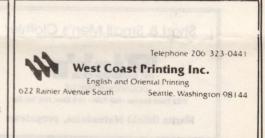


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Those wishing to nominate individuals for awards, please contact May Sasaki at 762-9146 (after 5:00 p.m.), or submit written nominations to the JACL office by November 30, 1986. All nominations must be accompanied by a brief rationale for selection.

-- Dale Watanabe reported on the new officers for the JAYs as follows: Scott Hashimoto, president; Jimmy Wong, vice-president; Miriam Chew, secretary; Karen Tanaka, treasurer; Carol Mochizuki, JACL Board Rep.; and Mike Teramoto, historian.

The old and new officers held a leadership retreat at Ski Acres in September and formulated the following goals for the coming year: increase education and awareness of the Asian American community, promote an interest and awareness of increase education and awareness of the Asian American community, promote an interest and awareness of issues affecting the Japanese American community and JACL, promote good leadership

and good citizenship, and, of course, to have fun and meet new friends.

-- Vicki Toyohara submitted a motion for the Chapter to be a project sponsor of "Today's Constitution and You." This is a grassroots effort organized to celebrate the 200th birthday of our Constitution. This organization will also work with the Washington Bicentennial celebration. Vicki's motion was passed.

-- Those who helped mail the September newsletter were Hana Masuda, Miki Onishi, Mike Murakami, Akira Kato and Dale Watanabe.

1987 ELECTIONS -- Gil Hirabayashi, new chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the tentative slate of 1987 nominees for JACL officers and Board members at the September meeting. The final list of nominations will be presented at the October 15 Board meeting, with nominations also taken from the floor. Ballots will be mailed on October 22 (7:00 p.m., JACL office, please come and help) and the deadline for returning ballots is November 7. Ballots will be counted on November 12 (7:30 p.m., JACL office) and the results will be announced at the November 19 Board meeting. The following are the current nominations:

OfficersBoard I.II.Pres.: May SasakiShea AokiTim Gojio Pres.-Elect: Roger Shimizu 1st V.P.: Vicky Toyohara Chuck Kato Gil Hirabayashi
2nd V.P.: Ben Nakagawa Jan Kumasaka Kazzie Katayama 3rd V.P.: David Hoekendorf Aki Kurose 4th V.P.: Wayne Kimura Corres. Secty.: May Namba Rec. Secty.: Mako Nakagawa Treas.: Gail Tanaka Historian: Sally Kazama

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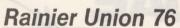
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DAY AT THE RACES -- The Seattle JACL will host a special "Day at the Races" fundraiser on Saturday, October 25 at Longacres Race Track in Renton.

Tickets to the fundraiser are available for \$18 each, and include clubhouse admission, reserved seating and a buffet luncheon. Gates open at 11:30 a.m., with the first race at 1:00 p.m. A special race will be designated in honor of JACL by

Call Ken Katayama at 324-3879 for further information or to order tickets, or use the following order form:

YES, I would like to attend the Longacres fundraiser on Saturday, October 25. Please send me tickets:

amount enclosed. # of tickets x \$18.00 each = \$ Send tickets to: Name: Address: \_

Make check payable to "Seattle Chapter JACL" and mail to Ken Katayama, Seattle Chapter JACL, 316 Maynard Ave. S. #108, Seattle, WA, 98104. Deadline for ordering tickets is October 15.

SEEKING ADS FOR PACIFIC CITIZEN HOLIDAY ISSUE -- The opportunity is here again to send season's greetings in the holiday issue of the Pacific Citizen. The cost is only \$5 to have your name and address listed with your fellow JACLers. Just fill in the attached form and send it with your check for \$5 to the address listed below. If you have a business or just want to send a bigger season's greetings, ad space is available by the column inch. One column inch is  $1" \times 1-3/4"$  and the cost per column inch is \$11. Please call Gary Matsudaira at 441-6424 for further information.

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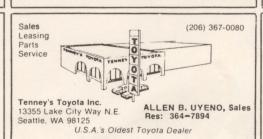
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# Calendar of Events )

SINGLE ADULT GROUP MATSUTAKE HUNT -- Saturday, Oct. 11. Leave from Blaine Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S., at 9 a.m. regardless of weather. Bring waterproof jacket, pants, hat and sturdy boots or shoes. Potluck lunch. For more info., call Sharon Harada at 226-1881 or 725-7684.

SEATTLE BUDDHIST DRUM & BUGLE CORPS SUKIYAKI DINNER -- Sunday, Oct. 12, 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Donation: Adults - \$5.50,

Children - \$3.50.

TAX REFORM SEMINAR -- Tuesday, October 14, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., First Interstate Center, 999 3rd Ave., Room 1025. Attorney Marcia Fujimoto Louie will summarize the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and offer suggestions for improving individual financial affairs. Sponsored by the Asian Pacific Women's Caucus.

CHAPTER BOARD MEETING -- Wednesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m., at Bush-Asia Center,

followed by political education forum. Everyone welcome.

POLITICAL EDUCATION FORUM -- Wednesday, Oct. 15, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Bush-Asia Center.

TOMO-NO-KAI MEETING -- Saturday, Oct. 18, 5:30 p.m., dine out with games after dinner. Reservations: 722-6211 or 722-0496.

CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR PNW DISTRICT -- Saturday, Oct. 18, 12 noon to midnight, Heritage Inn, 6802 S. Sprague, Tacoma. Joint fundraising effort by the Lake Washington, White River, Puyallup Valley and Olympia chapters to raise money for the PNW District's operational budget.

PNW DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING -- Sunday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Heritage Inn, 6802 S. Sprague, Tacoma. Co-hosted by the Puyallup Valley and Olympia chapters. Harry Kajihara, national JACL president, and Grace Uyehara, LEC executive

director, to attend. DAY AT THE RACES FUNDRAISER -- Saturday, Oct. 25, Longacres Race Track. Gates open at 11:30 a.m. with first race at 1:00 p.m. Info: Ken Katayama, 324-3879. NISEI VETS BAZAAR -- Sunday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 King St. Featuring the famous "Nisei Vets \$6.00 sizzling steak dinner." Also other Japanese dishes, baked goods, crafts, games.

JAYS MONTHLY MEETING -- Tuesday, November 4, 7 p.m., Chapter office.

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