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QUOTE FROM THE CHICAGO JACLeR

Patti Adachi, editor of the Chicago JACLeR, the Chicago Chapter JACL newsletter, said in her October editorial column: "Everyone tells me the Seattle Chapter is one of the best in the country (we're another). I was told by Tim Otani that the JAY's are also very active; they have a lot of activities, some of them fundraisers, and as a result are financially better off than the chapter itself, and that some of the active members put in as many as 10 hrs a week."

Chapter Focus

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In an article written in 1971, Min Masuda traced the early struggles leading to the formation of JACL. I believe he left us a message I'd like to share with you.

He recounted a group of Nisei who met in Seattle in 1921 to form the Seattle Progressive Citizens League. Similar meetings by other Nisei were being held in California around the same time, including the formation of the Fresno Loyalty League and the Sacramento Loyalty League. However, in Seattle in 1921, the Seattle group sponsored the first and founding convention of a national organization to be called the Japanese American Citizens League. Delegates came from California, Oregon, Idaho, Hawaii, New York and Washington. Their goal: promote Nisei Americanism. Why a national organization? To give strength to their voices of concern and promotion.

Today, Japanese Americanism, and in a larger sense, Asian Americanism, have come a long way, but we have much to learn and to do so our potential contribution to America can be realized through employment at all levels, as business leaders, as government officials and as elected representatives to local, state and national offices.

Those early leaders dared to dream and worked to make those dreams come true. Their understanding and lesson that our strength can be increased if we join together should now be carried several steps further. We need to join with groups outside our community who have similar concerns as we do and we should work as a team. In our nationwide efforts to win passage of redress legislation, now is the time to solicit such outside support. Remember, redress is not a Japanese American issue. It is an American issue, involving Constitutional violations which all correct-thinking Americans will want to help correct.

Bob Sato, president

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Naomi Sanchez of the Anti-Discrimination Committee reported that the committee's coalition of Seattle-area human rights organizations would be meeting on November 5 at the Four Seas Restaurant. Scheduled speakers included Samuel Rabinove, legal director for the American Jewish Committee (AJC); Kim Long of the Southeast Asian Refugee Federation (SEARF); Paul Shinn of the Korean Association; and Jesus Sanchez of the Hispanic Seafair Organization and a Washington Human Development Board Member. The Anti-Discrimination Committee is working to increase the participation of other groups not currently represented.

Roger Shimizu of the Committee to Reverse Japanese American Wartime Cases reported that an appellate brief on behalf of Gordon Hirabayashi has been filed. This brief appeals the judge's decision that did not vacate Gordon's curfew conviction. The case may be heard as early as February or March, 1987 by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

May Sasaki and Mako Nakagawa have developed for the Seattle School District a proposed training program for teachers regarding redress issues. This was the result of a meeting between Bob Sato and Seattle School Superintendent William Kendrick.

Wayne Kimura of the Redress Committee reported that Rep. Glickman, Chair of

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the Judiciary Subcommittee, has expressed his desire to move HR442 out of the committee by Easter, 1987.

Sam Shoji announced that the Seattle School District is forming a Long-Range Planning Task Force. Superintendent Kendrick is requesting a JACL representative for this task force. Mako Nakagawa will pursue this matter.

Ken Nakano of the International Relations Committee attended the national Hibakusha conference and reported on a proposal for a center to house the Hibakusha organization in San Francisco.

Ken also reported that Japan Week, held October 6 through 11, was very successful. Ken said the event was held "to show a strong friendship and unique historical relationship that exists between Japan and Washington State."

In August, Seattle Japanese Consulate General Toshio Isogai requested that Seattle JACL President Bob Sato and International Relations Chair Ken Nakano support this program. The International Relations Committee was able to assist in the planning and selecting of local Nikkei cultural groups for the event. Ken added that this was the first time the Japanese government recognized the local Nikkei contributions to U.S.-Japan relations in this state. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer praised the photo exhibits in an editorial column. Bob Sato and Ken added praise for the photo exhibit of Japanese American leaders and the work of Ida Matsudaira-Alkire, who helped assemble the exhibit.

Ken also announced that Consul General Toshio Isogai will be returning to Japan in November.

Wendy Watanabe of the Public Relations Committee reported that JACL speakers are scheduled at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church and the Seattle Buddhist Temple. Bob Sato has spoken to the Nisei Vets and the First Hill Lions Club. Wendy also reported that Frank Abe of KIRO Radio will do a feature story on the JACL Installation Banquet.

Gil Hirabayashi, chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the slate of nominees for next year's officers and Board members. The slate was approved by the Board and ballots were mailed out in late October.

May Sasaki reported that a special memorial fund for Don Kazama is being proposed. The Recognitions Committee will make further recommendations.

The Board approved a motion that the Chapter write a letter to the City Council in support of Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS). The organization is seeking Community Development Block Grant funding at levels proposed by the Mayor.

Cherry Kinoshita and Bob Sato were set to represent our Chapter at the Nikkei Community celebration on Bainbridge Island on November 8.

David Hoekendorf reported that the Membership Committee will have a membership campaign starting in November. David and Janice Nishimori announced a proposed increase by the National JACL office of \$2 for regular memberships and \$1 for student rates. The increase will help support the Pacific Citizen and the National office. The 1987 membership rates, effective January 1, were approved as follows (* denotes change from 1986 rate):

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1987 JACL INSTALLATION BANQUET

Reserve the evening of Saturday, January 24, 1987, for JACL's annual Installation Banquet. Patsy Mink, Honolulu City Councilmember, will be the keynote speaker and the theme of the evening will be "Salute to Pioneer Nikkei Businesses."

The banquet will be held at the Atrium in the Benaroya Business Park. Tickets are \$20 per person. Additional information and reservation forms will be included in December's newsletter, but save the date now. You don't want to miss this event!

SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION/ASSISTANCE ON PRE-WAR NIKKEI BUSINESSES

The 1987 Installation Banquet Committee requests information and assistance identifying pre-war Nikkei businesses currently operating in Seattle for recognition at the Installation Banquet. Recent retirees will also be recognized. Your recommendations and suggestions will be appreciated.

Please contact Roger Shimizu at 682-9932, or Naomi Sanchez at 587-4155.


The Installation Banquet Committee also invites you to participate in the 1987 Banquet Booklet by placing an ad for your business, or by placing a booster/tribute line.

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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" x 1-3/4" and the cost per column inch is \$11. Please call Gary Matsudaira at 441-6424 for further information.

Thank you for supporting the Seattle Chapter JACL.

Yes, I/we would like to list the following name(s) and address in the holiday issue of the Pacific Citizen:

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Enclose a check for \$5 for each listing (Mr. and Mrs. is one listing). Please make the check payable to Seattle Chapter JACL and mail to Seattle Chapter JACL, 316 Maynard Ave. S. #108, Seattle, WA 98104

CORRECTION

In the September newsletter, former Charter Member Kenko Nogaki was misspelled as Kino Nogaki. Kenko also had another brother, Takeo Nogaki, who was Seattle Chapter JACL president before World War II.

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Also a warm thank you to the following thoughtful and generous contributors to JACL:

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Donations in Memory of Don Kazama: Chuck Kato, Shea Aoki, Sally Kazama and Donna Leonetti.

Directory: Kusuyo Kyono and Sue Yonemitsu.

Assisting with the October newsletter mailing were Brian Uemura, Scott Hashimoto, Jimmy Wong, Hana Masuda, Jan Kumasaka and Tom Sakura.

Community Notes

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS CLUB AND HIROSHIMA CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board of Trustees of the University Students Club, Inc. presented 1986-87 scholarship awards of \$800 each to the following individuals on October 25 at the Kawabe Memorial House: Tamara Hardney, Jana Nishi, Naomi Ooka, Robin Ota, Christopher Scott, Pamela Shimizu, Monica Shiogi and Eric Wong.

The University Students Club has awarded 170 scholarships for a total of \$82,330 since the beginning of their scholarship program in 1965.


The Seattle Hiroshima Club is sponsoring a scholarship program for seniors graduating from high school in June, 1987, who are children or grandchildren of Hiroshima Club members. Counselors for high schools in the greater Seattle area will be receiving the applications and will distribute them to interested students.

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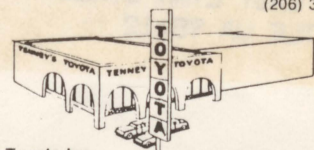
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Rokka Ski Club always welcomes new members. The club offers members ski lessons, ski trips, a ski lodge at Crystal Mountain and skiing companionship. The next meeting is Friday, December 5, 1986, 7:30 p.m. at the Nisei Vets Hall. All ages are welcome. For more information, call Mike Oshima, president, at 643-5150 (h) or 773-0280 (w); Steve Takahashi, vice-president, at 228-1114 (h); Louise Schibig, secretary at 322-0432 (h) or 728-4900 ext. 343 (w); or Pattie Kitano, treasurer, at 747-6533 (h) or 773-9655 (w).

MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE IN NEW YORK

Michelle Kumata, 1986 Seattle Chapter JACL Scholarship award winner, wrote this letter to our Chapter:

"I just wanted to thank you again for the scholarship! I am now in New York attending the School of Visual Arts. I'm presently taking several classes in illustration and art therapy. My classes are very interesting and challenging. Thank you for helping my dream come true! --Sincerely, Michelle Kumata"

Calendar of Events

AYAME-KAI'S FIFTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR -- Saturday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Sale of foods, crafts, Christmas ornaments, woodcraft, jewelry, pottery, baby goods, etc. to benefit Keiro Nursing Home. Info.: 392-7995 or 329-7595.

NIPPON KAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION'S PERFORMING ARTS SERIES -- Sunday, Nov. 16, 2 p.m., Nippon Kan, 628 S. Washington St. Program of Japanese dance with Hanayagi Yosono and the Tokiwa classical dancers plus the Shumy-No-Kai folk dance troupe. Info.: 633-2017 or 631-5336.

TOMO-NO-KAI MEETING -- Monday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Japanese Baptist Church, 160 Broadway. Manju-making demonstration. All widows and widowers welcome.

CHAPTER BOARD MEETING -- Wednesday, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., Chapter office. Everyone welcome.

JAYs MONTHLY MEETING -- Tuesday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m., JACL office.

"NEW HORIZON IV" - SEATTLE KEIRO EXPANSION BENEFIT DANCE -- Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Sponsored by Seattle Japanese Gardeners Association. BYOL. Live music by Percy Bronson Combo. Donation: \$10. Info.: 246-8957 or 927-9035.

"PANATA SA KALAYAAN - SONG, DANCE AND THEATER OF THE PHILIPPINES -- Friday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., 5th Avenue Theater. Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA), designated as Ambassador of Goodwill by the Philippine government, will recreate recent Philippine history. Info.: 524-7811, 722-4436, or 722-3237.

-- compiled by Ed Suguro

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