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## CONGRESSMAN BONKER DECIDES TO SUPPORT REDRESS

Pacific Northwest District (PNW) Redress Coordinator Cherry Kinoshita, PNW Area Coordinator Chuck Kato, and Seattle JACL Redress Co-chair Tim Gojio met with Congressman Don Bonker (3rd District, Wash.) on August 12 at the Elliott Bay Bookstore and later received the following letter:

August 12, 1987

To Cherry --

This is to inform you that I intend to vote in favor of HR 442 when it reaches the House floor later this year. As you know I have reservations over how the money is to be appropriated pursuant to Grahm-Rudman budget schedules, but I feel the issue should move forward at this time.

Sincerely,

Don

Except for Congressman Rod Chandler (R-8th District), the rest of the Washington State Congressional delegation, consisting of two senators and seven representatives, is either cosponsoring the redress bills or committed in writing to vote "yes." HR 442 is tentatively scheduled for a vote on the House floor on September 17.

# Special Reports

## DONATIONS FOR REDRESS

A total of \$4,530 from 123 donors has been raised to date for the Third Year JACL/LEC fund drive in support of lobbying efforts for the redress bills. Appreciation and thanks are extended to the following additional donors:

\$100-\$499: Tomio Moriguchi, Dr. Arthur & Ann Gorai, George/Maly Tamura. Up to \$100: Ken Sagami, Harry Iwata, Shizuka LaGrange, Bernadette Kamihachi, S.B. Chikusa, Harry/Sachiko Okazaki, Henry/Minnie Itoi, Katsu Sakai, Bill/Taimi Dudley, Fumiye Masunaga, Pat/Barney Matsumoto, Henry/Clara Shibuya, Cano/Miyo Numoto, Elaine Hayes, Joe Shinyeda, Hideo Kawata, June/Gerald Momoda, John/Arlene Iwai, George/Katherine Kubo, Miyoko Kaneta, Frank Okazaki, Kip Tokuda, Shun Iwasaki, Fudge/Yukiko Shiogi, Mr./Mrs. Ted Kunihiro, Mr./Mrs. Kenji Kawaguchi, Kaz/Kiku Tatsumi, Mark Fugami.

Many thanks are also extended to the numerous volunteers who joined in on the letter-writing campaign to urge support for the redress bills.

# **Chapter Focus**

### AUGUST BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Seattle Chapter JACL officers are very busy attending functions and representing the organization in fine style.

President Sasaki's activities included attending political functions, judging a Japanese American Community King contest and meeting with the new Japanese consul.

Redress is the national as well at the local Chapter priority issue. Thanks to the great patience of Cherry, Chuck, Tim, Wayne Kimura, etc., Don Bonker announced that he has committed to support the redress bill. The 10-year dream is

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closer than ever before. It is very urgent to get out an all-out letter blitz now. Everyone was urged to write letters and get friends to write letters to any and all congress people and the U.S. president. It is a very critical time for redress.

Other reports from the Board meeting included the laundry list of JAYs activities. All of the JAYs activities seem to be a tremendous success except for their ability to turn out the old-timers for a baseball game.

The concession stand at the hydroplane race was great for volunteer turnout, but did not do as well as hoped in the financial area.

The Installation Banquet is set for the Bush Garden Restaurant on December 16.

Office security must be beefed up in light of our recent loss of a typewriter. September 12 and 13 are set for an all-out "spring cleaning" so badly needed in the office.

Jim Okamoto and John Genka were announced as additional co-chairs of the Fundraising Committee.

The National Convention Committee announced that Miller Beer has agreed to sponsor the National Golf Tournament in conjunction with the National JACL Convention in '88. Let's switch to Miller!

The most important message now is SUPPORT REDRESS NOW. Write letters, send telegrams, telephone now! We need to let people know that redress has support.

-- submitted by Recording Secretary Mako Nakagawa

### INSTALLATION BANQUET TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER

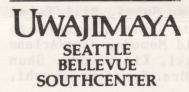
In a one-time break with tradition, the annual JACL Installation Banquet will be held in conjunction with the Chapter's Christmas Party. The rationale for making this year's banquet a less formal affair was the time, energy and funds being devoted to the 1988 National JACL Convention, currently scheduled for August, 1988 in Seattle. The banquet is tentatively set for Wednesday, December 16, 1987, 6:30 p.m. at the Bush Garden Restaurant. Further information will be provided in future issues of the Newsletter.

# CHAPTER COMMITTEES LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

The **Banquet Committee** for the 1988 JACL National Convention, which is scheduled for August 4 through 11, 1988, had its initial organizational meeting on July 8. This committee will be responsible for planning two dinner banquets and one luncheon during the course of the convention. The committee of 16 is currently looking for more members.

The Recognitions Committee of Seattle Chapter JACL is interested in receiving

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your nominations for individuals deserving of special recognition for their outstanding recognition/service to the community and JACL. All nominations should be in writing, accompanied by a letter of recommendation and submitted by mail to either the Chapter office or the Recognitions Committee, c/o David M. Hoekendorf,

1314 N.E. 43rd Suite 207, Seattle, WA 98105.
The deadline for nominations is October 7, 1987. The committee will review all nominations and awards will be presented at the annual installation banquet in

December.

-- submitted by David M. Hoekendorf



#### SEARCHING FOR FACTS AND PICTURES FROM THE PAST

The 1988 National JACL Convention booklet will feature a pictorial history about Japanese Americans in Seattle and the Puget Sound area. We are looking for any photographs and concise written histories concerning Nikkei in Seattle, Tacoma/Fife area, White River/Auburn area and Bainbridge Island before and after the evacuation. If you have any leads, contact Ken Mochizuki, convention booklet editor, at 624-3925.

#### SECOND ASIAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL

The Second Asian American Film Festival, sponsored by the <u>International</u> Examiner, Kingstreet Media, Chevron USA, Inc., and Seattle Chapter JACL, will be held on Friday, October 2 through Sunday, October 4 at Kane Hall on the University of Washington campus.

The first Asian American Film Festival, held in 1985 and sponsored by Kingstreet Media, featured only Asian American dramatic films. This year's festival will include over 30 dramatic, documentary, experimental and animated films by and about Asian Americans, and films from Asia, including the People's Republic of China and Thailand.

There will be two programs each evening-the first at 7 p.m. and the second at 9:15 p.m. On Sunday, there will also be a matinee showing of animated and experimental films at 2 p.m. Two feature-length films from the People's Republic of China will be shown Saturday night, October 3-the first at 7 p.m., and the second at 9:00 p.m. A complete schedule with a description of each film will appear in the September 16 issue of the International Examiner.

Films to be shown that are of particular interest to Nikkei are "Yuki





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Asian American Actor" and "Conversations: Before the War/After the Shimoda: War."

"Yuki Shimoda: Asian American Actor" by Los Angeles filmmaker John Esaki, re-creates the 30-year career of the late Nisei actor and dancer Yuki Shimoda, who was best known for this acclaimed performance as the father in "Farewell to Manzanar." Not only an intriguing profile of Shimoda through film clips and interviews, this film is also a frank and honest assessment of the Asian American actor's opportunities in the Hollywood entertainment industry.

"Conversations: Before the War/After the War,"by Los Angeles filmmaker and UCLA professor Robert Nakamura, is a dramatic retelling of the internment experience and its aftermath told through the recollections of three Nisei. One of the actors, community activist Warren Furutani, was recently elected as the

first Asian American to serve on the Los Angeles School Board.

Tickets are \$3 in advance, \$4 for the Chinese films, and \$5 at the door. A \$20 series ticket is also available. All tickets are available at Uwajimaya (International District), Chop House hair salon on Beacon Hill, House of Rice and Cinema Books in the University District.

Members of JACL may receive a series ticket for \$18 by filling out and mailing the enclosed flier, or by purchasing them from other JACL members. For

more information, call the <u>International</u> <u>Examiner</u> at 624-3925.

Helping with the August newsletter mailout were: George Abe, Margaret Yanagimachi, Misi Kumakura, Mits Morishita, Shea Aoki, Teru Kiyohara, Massie Tomita, Stacey Asato and Cami Okubo.

# Community Notes

## NIKKEI CONCERNS SPONSORS HOME CARE AND INSURANCE WORKSHOP

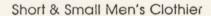
Nikkei Concerns will be actively working with Catholic Community Services and the Division of Aging to assist elderly persons with household and other personal tasks.

Income eligible individuals may receive assistance from a program sponsored

the Department of Social and Health Services called Chore Services.

Community aides will perform tasks on a regularly scheduled or emergency basis, primarily in the client's homes. Tasks that can be performed are escorting

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Another arrangement can be made through the Independent Living Program, where services are performed by community workers for a fee. Services include housekeeping assistance, personal care assistance, live-in care, overnight care, and consultation from a geriatric specialist to help older adults and their families deal with issues such as transition, loss, socialization, health needs, financial issues and housing alternatives.

Anyone interested in obtaining home care services or information on these programs should contact Michiko Epstein at 625-4834. For those interested in being a chore worker or Independent Living Worker, call Lori Sumi Aoyama at 322-3637.

Nikkei Concerns will be sponsoring a Long Term Care Insurance workshop at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Saturday, September 26 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Speakers will include Sam Shoji, M.S.W. representing the Seattle Keiro Social Work Department, Jeff Johnson from Alexander & Alexander Insurance, and Elsie Locust from Senior Rights Assistance.

This workshop is for information only. Nikkei Concerns will not be endorsing or selling any insurance policies. For more information on this event, contact Ann Arakaki-Lock at 323-7100.

#### CAREERS AND PROMOTTONS

Joanne Asaba, director of the City of Seattle's Division of Family and Youth

Services, was recently appointed to the Governor's Commission for Children.

The commission, composed of 24 individuals appointed by Governor Gardner, is responsible for developing a long-term plan for the coordinated delivery of services to the state's children.

The Journal of the San Juan Islands announced that St. Luke's Center for Rehabilitation Medicine has added April M. Sakahara, M.D. to their staff.

Sakahara, a physiatrist, received her medical degree from the University of

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# Calendar of Events

SEATTLE BUDDHIST CHURCH BAZAAR -- Sunday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Seattle Buddhist Church, 14th S. and S. Main. Food, baked goods, games and crafts.

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

NIKKEI CONCERNS LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE WORKSHOP -- Saturday, September 26, 9 a.m. - noon, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1610 S. King St.

NICHIREN BUDDHIST FUJINKAI CHOW MEIN DINNER -- Sunday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 1042 S. Weller St. Teriyaki chicken, apple cobbler and other home-baked items also will be sold. Dinner tickets at \$3 available from church members or at the church.

SECOND ASIAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL -- Friday, October 2 through Sunday, October 4; University of Washington Kane Hall. Programs begin at 7 p.m. with 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Tickets \$3, \$4 for Saturday program, \$5 at door, \$20 series ticket. Tickets available at Uwajimaya (International District), Chop House, House of Rice, Cinema Books, and all Ticketmaster outlets (628-0888). Reduced series tickets at \$18 for JACL members. Info: International Examiner (624-3925).

JAYS MONTHLY MEETING -- Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m., JACL office.

DOSHI KAI MEETING -- Wednesday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m., JACL office.

SEATTLE CHAPTER FUNDRAISING BY HAVING FUN NITE -- Sunday, Nov. 1, 4 p.m. midnight, Bush Garden Restaurant. Another (fun)draising event similar to one held on President's Day weekend of this year.

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# Program I:

**Opening Program** 

Friday, October 2 • Kane 120 • 7:00 p.m. • Advance tickets \$3

- Flight of Ideas by Fu-Ding Cheng
- Yuki Shimoda: Asian American Actor by John Esaki
- Graffiti by Matthew Patrick
- Fine Line by Ang Lee

# **Program II:**

## **Women Filmmakers**

Friday, October 2 • Kane 120 • 9:15 p.m. • Advance tickets \$3

- Made in China by Lisa Hsia
- Permanent Wave by Christine Choy
- So Far From India by Mira Nair

# **Program III:**

**Chinese Film Night** 

Saturday, October 3 • Kane 130 • 7:00 p.m. • Advance tickets \$4

• The Black Cannon Incident by Huang Jianxin

# **Program IV:**

**Chinese Film Night** 

Saturday, October 3 • Kane 130 • 9:00 p.m. • Advance tickets \$4

• Yellow Earth by Chen Kaige

### **Program V:**

**Animation And Experimental** 

Sunday, October 4 • Kane 120 • 2 p.m. • Advance tickets \$3

- Little One Inch by Kelly Takemura
- Klay-TV by Dean Hayasaka
- Mochi Monster by Troi Pang
- Lion Dance by Mar Elepano Sleep Sounds by Mar Elepano

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- Mental Block by Doug Chiang
- The World of Dong Kingman by James Wong Howe
- Hong Kong Dong by Dong Kingman
- Ethero by Fu-Ding Cheng

### **Program VI:**

# **Personal Journeys**

Sunday, October 4 • Kane 120 • 7:00 p.m. • Advance tickets \$3

- East to West by Yaping Wang
- Conversations: Before the War/After The War by Robert Nakamura
- A Brighter Moon by Keith Lock

## **Program VII:**

# **Thai Film Night**

Sunday, October 4 • Kane 120 • 9:15 p.m. • Advance tickets \$3

- Pak Bueng on Fire by Supachai Surongsain
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