

# J A C L NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The passage of the HR 442 REDRESS bill in the House of Representatives on September 17, 1987, the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, is recognized as a great victory for all Americans. An historic moment, noteworthy by the exceptional work of House Speaker Jim Wright, House Majority Leader Tom Foley, Congressmen Norman Mineta, Mike Lowry, and Bob Matsui, and Congresswoman Pat Saiki.

We are encouraged to send letters of thanks to the various legislators for their support on this issue. Washington's total Congressional delegation voted unanimously in support! It is hoped that by the time you see this in print, Senate REDRESS bill S 1009 will have also passed.

When Mike Lowry first introduced his REDRESS bill in 1979 as a freshman Congressman, it was a gutsy, idealistic and seemingly impossible dream. But that dream is becoming a reality! Another recent decision by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals vacated the curfew conviction against Gordon Hirabayashi--thereby completely exonerating him and marking another major triumph for the American justice system. A long, hard and painstaking struggle... and it's still not ended. But we've come such a long way...

Not only were Nikkei involved in the redress effort, but members of the larger communities supported us in various ways. JACL needs to reciprocate by coming out in support of causes and issues of other organizations engaged in human rights advocacy. Naomi Sanchez, chairperson of the Anti-Discrimination Committee, has helped form a coalition group with representatives from the NAACP, Urban League, Blacks In Government, American Jewish Committee and the Washington Human Rights Department. Several meetings have already resulted in very positive actions.

We will be having a Joint Board meeting on November 18, 1987, with the American Jewish Committee. All Board Members and officers are reminded that the November meeting is also our regular nominations meeting. We hope you will attend (early time 7:00 p.m.) and exercise your Board responsibilities.

-- May Sasaki

### Chapter Focus

#### BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A generous \$10,000 bestowed by the late Kiyō Motoda to the Chapter was received on September 1. The Executive Committee recommended that the total sum be put into the Endowment Fund in memory of Mrs. Motoda. The committee's recommendation was approved by the Board.

Cherry Kinoshita reported that Congressman Rod Chandler had agreed to vote for redress bill HR 442. Appreciation was extended to Cherry, Tim Gojio, Tomio Moriguchi, Wayne Kimura, Chuck Kato and all the people who wrote letters and telegrams to government officials. Ramifications of a possible presidential veto were discussed.

David Hoekendorf of the Installation Banquet Committee said he is looking for cheap entertainment for the banquet. (Cheap in cost, but not in class.)

The Anti-Discrimination Committee reported that a joint meeting with the American Jewish Committee (AJC) was set for 8 p.m. after the regular November Board meeting. Bobbie Bridges of AJC and Dave Okimoto will begin the meeting with a brief history of their respective groups.

Last month's office clean-up was not well attended, but Roger and Saki Shimizu, Wayne Kimura and Sam Shoji did what they could with a small crew to clean the floors. The JAYs were scheduled for the next clean-up session.

A slate of officers for the Pacific Northwest District Council was announced and discussed. Cherry Kinoshita made statements in support of incumbent Governor Denny Yasuhara.

Representatives of the Doshi Kai group reported on a very interesting session on the media industry with KING TV Anchor Lori Matsukawa and KIRO News Radio Reporter Frank Abe. JACL members were encouraged to express their support of

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Nikkei in the media by calling or writing to television and radio stations. Sociologist Frank Miyamoto, professor emeritus at the University of Washington, will speak on the Nisei personality and its effect on the Sansei during Doshi Kai's next meeting on October 28 at the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church.

The members of Doshi Kai also stated that their group is gaining recognition, since new people are continuing to show up at their meetings.

**The Casino Fundraiser** is set for November 1 from 4 p.m. to midnight. Two shifts are from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and 8 p.m. to midnight. Many volunteers are needed.

**Ken Nakano** of the International Relations Committee is in contact with city officials regarding laws restricting admission of low-income people to retirement homes like Kawabe House. Ken is proposing a relaxation of these restrictions in cases of merit.

Ken is also looking for ways to honor a man thought to be the first teacher of English to Japanese people. Apparently, his gravesite in this state is uncared for and unrecognized. In addition, Ken is seeking a Japanese encyclopedia to be donated to the Seattle Public Library.

**Ben Nakagawa** reported on a meeting with the Seattle Police Department regarding the recruitment and promotions of Asian American officers. Ben described SPD's recruitment record as "atrocious."

The **National Convention Committee** reported that they are finding more corporate donors for the convention. The Port of Seattle has offered to donate printing costs and paper for the convention booklet.

**DONATIONS**

Many thanks are extended to the following redress donors:

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Seattle Chapter JACL thanks May Sasaki for her donation in memory of her mother, Yoshiye Nakamura; and Dorothy Umino in memory of Teruji Umino.

Those helping with the September newsletter mailout included Mickey and Kazuko Kimura, Margaret Yanagimachi, George Abe, Mas Watanabe and Teru Kiyohara.

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The cast includes an assortment of NWAAT veterans, including Stan Asis as the father, Nora Rebusit as the mother, and Nancy Rebusit, Nancy Calos and Kathy Hsieh as the three daughters. Also in the cast are David Kobayashi, Sandra Lee, Taylor Hanes and Michael Oaks. Bea Kiyohara is director of the production.

Barroga, originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has written over 50 plays since 1981. She is a member of the Theatre for the Bay Area and the Playwrights Center, and founder of the Playwright Forum in Palo Alto.

"Eye of the Coconut" will run until November 15. Performances on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday begin at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$7 for students and seniors. Reduced group rates are available on Wednesday nights for parties of 15 or more.

For reservations, call 340-1049.

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### Calendar of Events

**NORTHWEST ASIAN AMERICAN THEATRE'S "EYE OF THE COCONUT"** -- Every Wednesday through Sunday through November 15. Jeannie Barroga's comedy about a Filipino American family in turmoil. Tickets: \$10 general admission, \$7 students/seniors, \$6 for Wednesday night groups of 15 or more.

**CHAPTER BOARD MEETING** -- Wednesday, October 21, 7:30 p.m., Chapter office. Everyone welcome.

**SPECIAL SCREENING OF "FAREWELL TO MANZANAR"** -- Saturday, October 24, 2:30 p.m., Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington. Special showing of the award-winning television movie about a Japanese American family's internment experience in Manzanar, California. The drama features the late Yuki Shimoda and Nobu McCarthy


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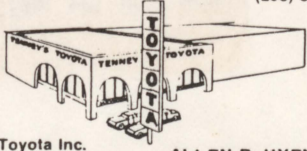
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in their best acting roles. Sponsored by the Nippon Kan Heritage Association and the Asian American Studies Program at the University of Washington. Film courtesy of Universal Studios TV. Paul Chihara, composer of the score for the film, will speak afterwards. Admission is free.

**"SERENADE" CONCERT BY PAUL CHIHARA** -- Saturday, October 24, 7:30 p.m., Nippon Kan Theatre. Internationally renown composer and native Seattleite Paul Chihara will give a concert of his works, including the premiere of his "Serenade" for flute, viola, cello and harp. This event is sponsored by the Nippon Kan Heritage Association, and funded in part by the City of Seattle, the State of Washington and the King County Arts Commission under a Performa '87 grant. This program is also the opener for the association's 1987-88 Japanese Performing Arts program.

**DOSHI KAI MEETING WITH DR. FRANK MIYAMOTO** -- Wednesday, October 28, 7 p.m., Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. UW Professor Emeritus Miyamoto will discuss the Nisei personality and its effects on Sansei today. Dessert and coffee afterwards.

**UNIVERSITY STUDENTS CLUB, INC. SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION** -- Saturday, October 31, 7:30 p.m., Kawabe House, 221 18th Ave. S. Reception for scholarship recipients. Refreshments will be served.

**NISEI VETERANS COMMITTEE CARNIVAL & BAZAAR** -- Sunday, November 1, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Vets clubhouse, 1212 S. King St.

**CASINO FUNDRAISER** -- Sunday November 1, 4 p.m. - midnight, Bush Garden restaurant, 614 Maynard Ave. S.

**JAYS MONTHLY MEETING** -- Tuesday, November 3, 7 p.m., JACL office.

**THE GROUP THEATRE PRESENTS "MAKE-UP," AWARD-WINNING JAPANESE PLAY** -- Preview on November 3, with performances on November 4, 5, 6 & 7, Group Theatre, 3940 Brooklyn Ave. NE. Stars award-winning Japanese actress Misako Watanabe in a solo performance where she plays all the characters in a drama about a female leader of an acting troupe who is reunited with her son. Dialogue in Japanese, but with supratitles. Tickets and info: 543-4327 or Group Theatre box office, 3940 Brooklyn Ave. NE.

**DOSHI KAI MEETING** -- Wednesday, November 4, 7 p.m., JACL office.

**TOMONOKAI MEETING** -- Monday, November 16, 7 p.m., Kawabe House, 221 18th Ave. S. Support group presentation. All widows and widowers invited.

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