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HISTORY OF REDRESS -- Seattle Chapter President Roger Shimizu has received many questions concerning the history of the Japanese American redress movement. He compiled the following summary:

- * 1969 -- Seattle Chapter introduces redress resolution at JACL National Convention.
- * 1972 -- JACL National Convention adopts campaign for redress.
- * 1976 -- President Gerald Ford issues apology for internment.
- * Nov., 1978 -- Seattle's first Day of Remembrance and car caravan to Puyallup Fairgrounds.
- * Nov. 30, 1979 -- First redress legislation introduced by Congressman Mike Lowry.
- * 1980 -- President Carter forms Commission to investigate wartime internment of civilians. Research by Prof. Peter Irons and Aiko Yoshinaga-Herzig reveals evidence of government misconduct to make internment possible.
- * Aug., 1981 -- Congressional hearings at Broadway Performance Hall.
- * Jan., 1983 -- Filing of Coram Nobis petitions by Korematsu, Yasui and Hirabayashi.
- * March, 1983 -- Class action lawsuit against U.S. government filed by William Hohri, et. al.
- * Aug., 1983 -- Puyallup monument dedicated.
- * June 17, 1985 -- Trial of Gordon Hirabayashi begins.
- * Feb. 10, 1986 -- Hirabayashi's exclusion conviction vacated. Appeals to Court of Appeals.
- * Jan. 6, 1987 -- Congressman Tom Foley introduces House Resolution 442.
- * April 20, 1987 -- U.S. Supreme Court hears Hohri case. Remanded to District Court.
- * Sept. 17, 1987 -- House Resolution 442 passes.
- * Sept. 24, 1987 -- Court of Appeals remands with orders to clear Hirabayashi's record.
- * Jan. 12, 1988 -- Judge Donald Voorhees sets aside Hirabayashi's curfew conviction. Further action pending to vacate Hirabayashi's conviction in the Supreme Court.

Special Reports

NIKKEI EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

A two-day conference to be held this year will address whether the Japanese American experience can be preserved in the American educational system.

Mako Nakagawa, chair of the JACL Ethnic Concerns Committee, recently announced plans for a Nikkei Educational Conference to be held on August 6 and 7. The conference, hosted by the Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the University of Washington and sponsored by JACL, will formulate guidelines for the future of American education, specifically from a Nikkei perspective, Nakagawa said.

Nakagawa pointed out that, given present trends, the percentage of minority teachers will drop as the number of minority students increases. "It is necessary for minority educators to arm themselves," she said. She added that school supervisors should be asking what minority educators can contribute to the American educational system rather than what they can do for minority kids.

"Minority teachers who do remain within the educational system are going to be asked increasingly to be 'instant experts,' particularly on issues relative to their specific ethnicity," Nakagawa said. "All educators -- minority educators in particular -- need to be well prepared to assist institutions adjust to the changing student populations."

Nakagawa cited the redress and internment experience as an example of direct, personal experience which could be used not only to educate Americans about the "ethnic-specific" tragedy of the incarceration, but more importantly to demonstrate important aspects of the U.S. Constitution.

In addition to formulating guidelines, Nakagawa said, the conference "gives us a chance to showcase a few of our distinguished Nikkei educators, update educational information and concepts emphasizing Nikkei perspectives, and networking with others of similar interests. We are aiming to attract educational practitioners and anyone interested in education."

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Nationally known Nikkei educators will participate in the conference, which will be held in conjunction with the National JACL Convention on the University of Washington campus. Speakers scheduled to appear include minority education consultant Byron Kunizawa from San Francisco and sociologist Harry Kitano.

Other participants in the conference include Los Angeles School Board member Warren Furutani; Florence Hongo, director of the Japanese American Curriculum Project in San Mateo; Franklin Odo, director of the Ethnic Studies Program at the University of Hawaii; Bob Suzuki from Cal State Northridge; and New York researcher Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi, who is studying the effects of the internment on Sansei and Yonsei.

Fees for the two-day conference are \$40 for JACL members and \$55 for non-members. Participants in the conference are encouraged to also attend the JACL National Convention workshops.

Inquiries should be directed to: Mako Nakagawa, Program Director, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Office of Basic Education, Old Capitol Building, Olympia, WA 98504.

-- submitted by Bob Shimabukuro

Chapter Focus

MARCH BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Doshi Kai Chairman Jon Genka reported that the group held a showing of the film, "Unfinished Business," which is about the Hirabayashi, Korematsu and Yasui coram nobis legal cases. He said Doshi Kai will participate with the JAYs in the Membership Drive, and the group is developing other projects of "ultra high secrecy" which he cannot divulge at this time.

May Sasaki requested help for the JACL National Convention Registration committee.

Mako Nakagawa applauded the Spokane JACL chapter for donating \$500 in seed money for the Nikkei Educational Conference. She offered the Seattle Chapter the same opportunity. The Board decided to donate \$500 to the conference, with the understanding that \$400 will be returned if the conference is successful.

Chuck Kato reported in the absence of **International Relations Chair Ken Nakano**. Ken and Harvey Watanabe have been appointed by PNWDC President Denny Yasuhara to serve on the new National U.S.-Japan Relations Committee. Ken was instrumental in securing medical treatment for Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bomb survivors (hibakusha) in the U.S. This year, approximately \$39,000 has been allocated by the Hiroshima Perfectual Medical Society for treatment of the hibakusha. Five hibakusha have been invited to Japan for treatment. Ken was lauded for all his hard work.

Naomi Iwata-Sanchez announced that JACL received the Southeast Asian Federation recognition award for its networking efforts.

Wayne Kimura said the Day of Remembrance observance in February was attended

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by about 200 people. The Senate redress bill is presently on hold, he reported.

JACL is planning to **network** with members of the executive branch of government through conferences and meetings with government executives, including the State Governor and Mayor of Seattle.

The meeting was adjourned for an exciting **Membership Drive** kick-off with cake and punch being served. The prizes for the winning team: the losers cook dinner for the winners, and individual prizes include \$40 gift certificates from Bush Garden and Mikado Restaurants, and an intriguing six tennis lessons from none other than Jerry Shigaki.

CIVIL RIGHTS COALITION MAKES POLICE AWARE OF MALICIOUS HARASSMENT LAW

Naomi Iwata-Sanchez, chair of the Anti-Discrimination Committee, and members of the American Jewish Committee, Seattle Urban League, Puget Sound Task Force on Human Rights and the Hispanic Professional Association, met with officials from the Seattle Police Department who committed the department to train officers about using the Malicious Harassment Statute, RCW 9A. 36.080.

The statute makes it a Class C Felony for someone to cause physical injury, place another person in fear of harm to person or property, or cause physical damage to property of another person "with the intent to intimidate or harass another person because of that person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, or mental, physical or sensory handicap."

There have not been many cases reported under the statute. The coalition of civil rights groups will work to get the statute known in the minority communities.

-- submitted by Naomi Iwata-Sanchez

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BANQUET

The Seattle Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet will be held on May 18 at the Kawabe House, 221 18th S. The event will begin with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the awards presentation at 7 p.m. Four \$500 scholarships, made possible by the Minoru Tamesa Scholarship Fund and the Rev. Emery Andrews Scholarship Fund, with additional donations by the Seattle Japanese Baptist Church and Seattle Chapter JACL, will be presented to deserving high school and college students. Everyone is welcome to this event. For more information, contact Belle Nishioka at 323-4118.

DONATIONS

For the month of March, JACL gratefully acknowledges donations from Billee Yoshioka, in memory of Juro Yoshioka, and Caroline Kamiyama.

Thanks are also given to all the new members for their membership and support.


Working on the March Newsletter mailout were Tak Okamoto, Amanda Sargent,

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NATIONAL JACL GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Registration Form -- National JACL Golf Tournament
 August 4 & 5, 1988
 (National Convention, August 7-11, 1988)

Headquarters -- University of Washington Husky Union Building (HUB)

- * Golfer Reception, August 3 at U of W HUB -- 5 p.m.
- * Two 18 hole Rounds on Seattle Municipal Courses -- August 4 & 5
- * Sports award dinner, U of W HUB -- 6:30 p.m.

Please send your name, address and approximate handicap with check for entry fee to Bob Sato, 1501 E. Lynn, Seattle, WA 98112.

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DOSHI-KAI UPDATE

Doshi-Kai will be soliciting new members for their own group, along with coordinating with the JAYs for the JACL Membership Drive. At the February JACL Board meeting, Doshi-Kai was asked to take over responsibility for updating the Pride and Shame Exhibit. Jon Genka is willing to take this on if everyone would be willing to lend a hand.

Randy Fukuji and Kyle Shintaku are coordinating with Teresa Sato to plan Doshi-Kai's involvement in the National Convention. Programs aimed at the Sansei audience are being developed.

For future Doshi-Kai programs, the group's members agreed that alternating programs of guest speakers with more "social" activities would be preferred. With this in mind, Doshi-Kai will have Dr. Tets Kashima speak about his research on relocation camps on April 28, a social event to be announced in May, Tomio Moriguchi, president of Uwajimaya Inc. speaking on his involvement in community events in June, followed by another social event to be announced in July.

Please make an attempt to attend the speakers' events, since they are giving freely of their time to meet with the group. Also bring a new friend with you!

Community Notes

TULE LAKE REUNION III

The committee for the Tule Lake Reunion III--'88 has announced plans for the reunion to take place at the Red Lion Inn in Sacramento from May 27 through 30. An \$80 registration package includes a souvenir booklet, photo booklet, hospitality, mixer dinner, picnic, banquet/dance and three continental breakfasts. Optional events include golf, bowling and tours to Reno and the wine country.

Tule Lake was one of 10 concentration camps for Japanese Americans during World War II and held more than 4,000 Washington state residents.


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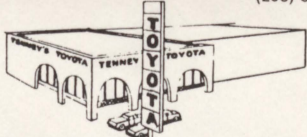
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CHAPTER BOARD MEETING -- Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., Chapter office. Everyone welcome.

NIPPON KAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS PUPPET THEATRE HITOMI-ZA -- Saturday, April 23, 2 p.m., children's matinee; 7:30 p.m. adult program, Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St.

NICHIREN CHURCH BAZAAR -- Sunday, April 24, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Nichiren Buddhist Church, 1042 S. Weller St. Tickets at \$2.50 each available from church members.

DOSHI-KAI SPEAKERS' PROGRAM -- Thursday, April 28, 7:30 p.m., Blaine Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. Dr. Tets Kashima, U.W. American Ethnic Studies professor, will speak about his research on relocation camps.

JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH SUKIYAKI DINNER -- Saturday, April 30, Japanese Baptist Church, 160 Broadway. Lunch served 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dinner: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Program at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$5 adults, \$3.50 seniors over 70 and children under 12.

JAYs MONTHLY MEETING -- Tuesday, May 3, 7 p.m., JACL office.

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

ST. PETER'S SUKIYAKI DINNER -- Saturday, May 7, 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Parish, 1610 S. King St. Tickets: \$5 adults, \$3.50 children 10 and under.

TOMO-NO-KAI MEETING -- Saturday, May 9, 7 p.m., Keiro Nursing Home, 16th & Yesler. CPR training from the Seattle Fire Department.

CONCERT BY MIYAGI-KAI KOTO ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN -- Monday, May 9, 5th Avenue Theatre. Tickets: main floor, \$15 regular, \$12 seniors, students or groups of 10 or more; balcony, \$12 regular, \$9 seniors, students or groups. Info.: Japan American Society, 623-7900.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BANQUET -- Wednesday, May 18, Kawabe House, 221 18th S. Dinner at 6 p.m., award presentation at 7 p.m.

ANNUAL JAPANESE AMERICAN QUEEN CONTEST -- Saturday, May 28, Seattle Sheraton Hotel Grand Ballroom, 1400 6th Ave. Dinner at 6 p.m., program at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$35 for coronation and dance available at Uwajimaya and House of Rice. For dinner included, contact Terry Nakano at 325-7888.

-- compiled by Ed Suguro

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