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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the minds of JACLers and non-JACLers alike, the passage of the redress legislation will forever be tied to the Seattle Chapter's hosting of the 1988 National Convention. A movie script could not have been better written. What a fitting tribute to Seattle's Nikkei community, its leaders and advocates that the legislation was signed into law while the convention was being conducted here in Seattle.

Chapter members at the various convention events volunteered their time, energy and resources to insure that each event was successful. I wish to thank each and every one of you for your efforts in making this a very special convention.

-- Roger Shimizu

Special Reports

JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TAKESHITA RESPONDS TO REPRESENTATIVE MERVYN DYMALLY

Prime Minister Takeshita, in a letter to Congressman Dymally, responded to complaints by the Congressional Black Caucus concerning remarks about blacks by Japanese government officials and the marketing of "Black Sambo" dolls in Japan:

Dear Congressman Dymally:

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated August 1, 1988, which I have read with care.

I am saddened and seriously concerned that the recent incidents in Japan have hurt the feelings of American friends. I sincerely believe that there is absolutely no justification for any form of ethnic discrimination, and this belief is shared by my fellow citizens here in Japan.

It is, therefore, regrettable if the recent unfortunate events have cast any doubt on this deeply held belief of ours. The corrective measures including the discontinuation of production and the withdrawal of the remarks with apologies were taken at once by those concerned. This demonstrates their recognition of the serious implications of what they have done.

The Government and people of Japan have endeavored to build wide-ranging relationships with all the people of the United States, and it is our sincere desire to further strengthen our partnership. With this view in mind, we have already been taking concrete measures in our relations with black communities as well as with other in your country.

We will continue to address ourselves to this issue, bearing in mind the suggestions you have made in your letter. I will continue my efforts to raise the consciousness of the Japanese people that it is the ethnic diversity of your society that has made the United States truly great. I assure you that I will continue to commit myself towards the sound development of the relations between our two countries.

Sincerely,
Noboru Takeshita
Prime Minister of Japan

JACL/LEC DONATIONS

The JACL/LEC Fund Drive, which began with the passage of Senate Bill 1009 on April 20 and has now since concluded, drew 196 donors who contributed a total of \$6,653. This amount has been forwarded to the JACL/LEC financial offices. Individual thank you notes could not be sent out because of scarce volunteer help during the past weeks of intense JACL and redress activity. However, many heartfelt thanks are extended to the generosity of the numerous donors whose names

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have been acknowledged in the June and July issues of this Newsletter. The following additional names complete the list:

Ed Hayashi, M/M Kazuo Kobayashi, Sam Uchida, Mary Kershaw, Katsu/Grace Sakai, Kaz/Kiku Tatsumi, Broadview Community United Church of Christ, John/Mae Hada, Tom/Hanako Konishi, David Fukui, and Lloyd Hoshide.

A new fund-raising appeal has been issued from the national offices of JACL/LEC following the recent signing of the redress bill by the President. Donations should be mailed directly to the JACL/LEC Fund Raising Chair in Fresno, CA using the return envelope.

Funds will be earmarked to carry forward the monitoring and lobbying of the appropriations process, which is expected to take from three to 10 years before all eligible individuals will be compensated. If you feel you have already donated generously in the past, please pass the letter on to a relative, friend or neighbor who may want to join in assuring that redress compensation becomes a reality.



THANKS FOR THE CONVENTION

On behalf of our two co-chairs, Tomio Moriguchi and Ben Nakagawa, please accept their thanks and deep appreciation for all of the hard work that all of the convention volunteers put forth in the planning and development of the 1988 National Convention.

The early reviews show, without a doubt, that this was one of the best run conventions in JACL history! We attracted almost three times the number of people to this gathering than the 1986 Chicago convention. As typical for the Seattle Chapter, we also offered new and innovative programs of special interest to JACL members. A few of these "special extras" included a National Education Conference, National Golf and Tennis Tournaments and National Leadership Conference; an expanded National Youth Convention, complimentary welcome "baskets" for attendees, extraordinary Convention Booklet and Banquets, free shuttle service to downtown Seattle, affordable housing and registration fees, and much, much more.

Each of you should take a moment to congratulate yourselves on a job well done!

-- Tim Otani
PNWDC Director

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Dear Volunteers:

Thank you so much for the time and energy you gave towards making the Seattle JACL office attractive for the guests, delegates, National Convention attendees, the local people in the Seattle area and our own Seattle JACL. We cannot express our gratitude enough.

Volunteers included Kenjiro Yamada, George Yoshida, Steve Iwago, Pauline Asaba, Yoshi Kanemori, Kimi Nakanishi, Margaret Gojio, Rose Agino, Sally Yamada and Harry Fujita.

Most Sincerely,
Shea Aoki
Volunteer Co-ordinator

1988 JACL NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

On August 4 and 5, 1988, 49 women and 150 men played in the first JACL National Golf Tournament. In near 90 to 40 degree weather, torrid to freezing scores were turned in. We congratulate all the winners in this national game of "If" -- "If I did this or if I didn't do that..." Trophy winners were:

Women

National Grand Champion (Perpetual Trophy) -- Ann Hidaka Turner (Seattle) -- 163

First Flight

Low Gross Trophy -- Susan Otani (Seattle) -- 169

Low Net Trophy -- Amy Beppu (Seattle) -- 133

Second Flight

Low Gross Trophy -- Mikie Onishi (Seattle) -- 206

Low Net Trophy -- Bessie Asai (Hood River, OR) -- 142

Men (36 holes)

National Grand Champion (Perpetual Trophy, 36 holes-gross) -- Gene Uno (Seattle) -- 145

Championship Flight

Low Gross Trophy -- Wayne Kaneko (Seattle) -- 151

Low Net Trophy -- Alan Yamagiwa (Seattle) -- 135

First Flight

First Low Gross Trophy -- Tak Matsui (Seattle) -- 156

First Low Net Trophy -- Oscar Maekawa (Seattle) -- 135

Second Flight


First Low Gross Trophy -- Mas Hongo (San Mateo, CA) -- 176

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First Low Net Trophy -- Dr. Terrance Toda (Seattle) -- 132

Third Flight

First Low Gross Trophy -- Floyd Yamamoto (Seattle) -- 188

First Low Net Trophy -- Bill Sasagawa (Sunnyvale, CA) -- 128

Calloway Flight

First Low Gross Trophy -- Don Tokunaga (Seattle) -- 162

First Low Net Trophy -- Ben Nakagawa (Seattle) -- 150

Thanks to the following for contributing to a most successful first ever National JACL Golf Tournament, and my apologies to anybody I may have inadvertently overlooked: Kimi Nakanishi, Kay Yamaguchi and Hiram Akita (tournament co-chairs); Kunio Otani (registration); Joe Yada (dinner); David Hayasaka and Brian Okura (transportation); Don Tokunaga (treasurer, reception and dinner emcee); Henry Matsubu (merchandise selection and purchase); Edna Matsubu and Tak Yagi (scoring and recording).

The Committee members included Bill Komoto, Shig Tanagi, Mits Abe, Mas Watanabe, Kiyo Sakahara, Amie Komoto, Amy Tokunaga, Susan Otani and Helen Akita.

Bob Sato
General Chairman
Golf Tournament Committee

BOOK SALE

A limited supply of convention booklets at \$10 and Mike Masaoka's book, "They Call Me Moses" at \$18 are available from the Chapter. For great Christmas presents, call Roger Shimizu at 682-9932.

Chapter Focus

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Creation of the Bunshiro Tazuma Scholarship Fund was recently made possible by a large donation to the Seattle JACL by Elmer S. Tazuma, Jimmy J. Tazuma and Yukio Tazuma in memory of their father, Bunshiro Tazuma.

Tazuma, whose sharp mind still functioned until his death at age 104, was described by his son Elmer as a truly insightful person who wanted to help his

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community and who should be remembered as such.

Scholarships will be awarded from the interest income generated by this fund.

DONATIONS

Seattle Chapter JA CL acknowledges generous donations from the Japanese Baptist Church, who donated proceeds from their April sukiyaki dinner, and from Mr. and Mrs. Ted Imanaka, who donated to support the National Convention.

Also appreciated is the thoughtfulness of the Shiota family -- Pat, Cindi, Bob and Merri Lynne -- for their large donation to the JA CL Endowment Fund in memory of Tetsuo Shiota. Mr. Shiota, who was 65-years-old when he passed away on July 11, 1988, was a member of the Society of Microbiologists, Society of Biological Chemists, the Association for Advancement of Science and JA CL.

Additional donors include: Mabel Maekawa, Joan Yoshitomi, Gordon Sata, Doris Lock, Ray and Nancy Hiramoto (Alhambra), Shug and Suzie Mizukami (L.A.), Roseanne Yamasaki (N.Y.), Peter Okada, Henry and Etsuko Otomo (L.A.), Norman and Kyoko Ikari (MD), John and Polly Shigaki, Jerry Shigaki, Bruce and Janet Abe, Bill and Reiko Yamasaki, James and Linda Eagan, David and Ranaee Chandler, Mary Pang, Ruth Christey, staff of the Seattle Aquarium, Jan and Henry Kumasaka, Seattle Aquarium Society, Billy and Nikki Nickell, L.E. Savage, Gary Verbrugge, Lewis Baltuck, Sophia Green, Sylvia Lanier and Karen Anderson.

Helping mail out the July Newsletter were: Mildred Tsutsumi, Miyo Iwata, Naomi Sanchez, Shea Aoki, Frank Fujii, Ben and Mako Nakagawa, Brad Nakagawa, Sally Kazama, Tomio Moriguchi, Teresa Sato, Sharon Sakamoto, Jean Nishi, Ayako Hurd, Roger and Saki Shimizu, and Jerry Shigaki.

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"IF A PIGEON COULD TALK": AN INSTALLATION ON COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT BY SUSAN SAGAWA -- through Sept. 29, Wing Luke Asian Museum Artist's Gallery, 407 7th Ave. S., Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

THE GROUP THEATRE COMPANY'S NORTHWEST PREMIERE OF "YANKEE DOG YOU DIE" BY PHILLIP KAN GOTANDA -- Through Oct. 9, Tuesday through Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday 7 p.m., matinees (Sept. 24 and Oct. 2) 2 p.m., Ethnic Theatre, 3940 Brooklyn Ave. N.E. Tickets: \$12 week nights and Sunday, \$14.50 Friday and Saturday, \$10 matinees.

NORTHWEST ASIAN AMERICAN THEATRE PRESENTS "LOVE SUTRAS" -- Through Oct. 9, Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. A "very adult comedy" about Asian American relationships. Showtimes: Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$10 general, \$7 students and seniors.

ARTWORK BY MICHI OSAKA -- Through Oct. 15, Husted Gallery, 9043 Greenwood Ave. N., Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

"ART OF THE SAMURAI" -- Japanese armor and sword fittings, through Oct. 29, Honeychurch Antiques, 1008 James St., Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

"IN PURSUIT OF THE DRAGON: TRADITIONS AND TRANSITIONS IN MING CERAMICS" -- Examples of Ming ceramics from the Idemitsu Museum of Tokyo, through Nov. 6, Seattle Art Museum, Volunteer Park, Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thursday till 9 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

CHAPTER BOARD MEETING -- Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m., Chapter office.

"KODOMO NO TAME NI (FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILDREN): THE FIRST 100 YEARS OF THE JAPANESE ON BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, 1883 TO 1983" -- Premiere showing of the Japanese community's state centennial celebration photo exhibit. Sunday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., program at 1 p.m., Bainbridge High School Library, High School Road and Grow Ave.

JAYS MONTHLY MEETING -- Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m., JACL office.

DOSHI-KAI MEETING -- Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m., JACL office.

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