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FROM 7:45 p.m. PRESIDENT MATSUDAIRA PRESIDING

EVERYONE WELCOME. REFRESHMENTS AS USUAL

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PILGRIMAGE POSTPONED

We learned at press time that Minidoka Pilgrimage for the Seattle portion of the program is postponed.

The air of uncertainty had prevailed in Seattle for some time.

To the plaque dedication program chairman Masa Tsukamoto and the Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL Chapter, the Seattle participation had the look of "power play." The vision of outsiders landing by the planeloads in a pilgrimage to Minidoka camp site carrying radical type program was a source of concern and embarrassment to the plaque dedication committee.

We have learned that plaque dedication was also tied in with Intermountain District Council session. Seattle JACLers were flooded with long distance phone calls urging restraint. Dr. Minoru Masuda received such call at 6 a.m. Finally on August 4 President Mich Matsudaira said he is calling for postponement of Seattle's Minidoka pilgrimage to early fall.

The biggest objection expressed from the Idaho group was that they had announced the dedication plans two years ago without receiving any sign of interest. The Seattle Chapter came alive at zero hour and threatened to take over the program.

The 10 a.m. program on Aug. 18 with Senator Frank Church still stands. The ceremony closes at 12 noon.

MINIDOKA REVISITED

During the first week of July President Mich Matsudaira and Frank Chin, board member, flew to Twin Falls to determine the remaining layout of Minidoka site. As Frank Chin related the story, they met with some of the farmers who owned the land on the camp site. Gate House was still standing as was the foundation of waiting room. This foundation was made of lava rock. Across the street from this foundation was the rock garden. Cemetery is now in the middle of the bean field. The last body was taken out in 1952.

The fire house and the foundation to the water tower is the property of John Herman. Mich had a good talk with him and was invited to sign the map showing all the blocks and barracks. Herman said he was willing to loan this map.

Frank Chin and Mich Matsudaira met with Pocatello Nikkei and the JACLers. They made the pitch to move the program from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Seattle Issei would have to get up at 4 a.m. to meet the schedule. The answer: "We get up at 4 a.m. all the time!"

They were against the program of wearing "numbers tag" with family name. They were not interned. They were afraid rightly or wrongly of repercussion and white backlash. They admitted they had not made contact with any internee since they could not find them. The two went to the phone booth going down the list of Nikkei names. Most of them have not heard about the plaque dedication program. None of the persons talked to on the phone objected to burning of the guard tower.

George Kawamoto, very sincere and friendly, and owner of many restaurants in Twin Falls, said he will provide box lunches for \$2 to \$3. Ted Matsuda, artist Roger Shimomura's uncle, said he will help and has no objections to the burning of the tower. Matsuda back in 1975 had his camp diary printed in Twin Falls newspaper.

Frank said their impression in meeting with Church's office, Harold Short of the Bureau of Reclamation, has no objection in the burning of the tower. It is symbolic. Short had cautioned that 44 brush fires took place that week and we had to agree to reduce the size of tower to 4 feet square and 10 feet high using light lumber. Tower will be dismantled piece by piece into a fire in the drum. Short had said that August is the driest month.

Mich had asked whether it was possible to take two pieces of lava rock broken off from the existing structure. This will be used to make a plaque of our own using the genuine material. There will be no problem.

Meeting with the Pocatello Nikkeijin Kai was much noisier. We were told that they are not interested in the two-hour program and was not meaningful to them but will be interested in the memorial service.

Our plan in the fall will have the guard tower built on the foundation of the hospital building. There are number of barracks still standing, some converted and others painted.

The state has objected to the use of "concentration camp" on the plaque and would substitute "internment camp." Idaho Nikkei may put in an objection on this count. ----o----

NATIONAL PRESIDENT DEFENDS NATIONAL BOARD RULING ON COMMISSION STUDIES APPROACH

President Mich Matsudaira received a communication from Dr. Clifford Uyeda, National JACL president, which said in part:

"Your statement that the National Board pre-empted the function of the National Council on June 2, 1979, I believe, is in error.

"It was determined by our Legal Counsel at the National Board meeting that the commission approach to seeking redress was not in violation of the Salt Lake City's National Council mandate for redress. The tactic was being modified to seek the same goal. The National Committee for Redress and many JACLers across the country has approval of the meeting. In the off-convention year the National Board is the body which is asked to clarify policies.

"The Board felt that the making of a decision on this matter as requested was indeed its duty. And the membership is entitled to know how the Board voted.

". . . In its broadest sense all redress bill can complement each other. We must be able to live with our differences."

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It was on June 1-3 that Dr. Minoru Masuda and Chuck Kato, filling in for Bones Onishi, Governor of PNWDC, presented the alternate bill for consideration which was counter to the commission studies approach. We suggested that proposal for the alternate be enclosed with the poll material. Dr. Minoru Masuda described the meeting as a disaster and said "we were totally defeated and rejected in our arguments." In the ensuing National poll, 70 of its 107 chapters responded. Commission study approach won by 5 to 1 margin. In the PNWDC area Puyallup Valley and Seattle voted "no" with White River Valley abstaining. Other negative votes included Monterey Peninsula, San Jose, Watsonville, Riverside, Selanoco, Chicago, Cleveland, and Milwaukee.

The National President saw the poll result as vindicating the National Board on the charge of preemption of National Council function. We feel the National poll was merely to determine whether the commission study approach is to be used or not. The question on the role of the National Board is a distinct and separate question. And this has nothing to do with poll result. But at this point in time the issue on the board function is academic.

William Hohri of Chicago back in April wrote to Pacific Citizen and one of the context said:

". . . The commission approach ducks the issue of reparations. I am not satisfied with Karl Nobuyuki's attempt to explain away the obvious conflict by using the Harvard Business Review distinction between methods and goals. Legislation for a Commission changes goals. If reparations are to be made, we will need to mount another campaign, submit new legislation, and maybe even for another committee.

"Nor do I understand why John Tateishi and the Committee cannot spell out the contents of the proposed bill in the PC. Why must we rely only on interpretation? What is meant when he writes that the "corpus of the bill" would determine certain facts? How is it possible to have a bill which states that "proper redress be made" when the bill itself does not legislate for redress? Is the bill going to be a bill of goods? I don't see any clothes on the emperor. . . ."

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FURUTA AND YAMASAKI CO-WINNERS OF THOUSAND CLUB GOLF TOURNEY

Chuck Furuta and Fumi Yamasaki captured the respective Men's and Women's Flight crowns in the Seattle JACL Thousand Club sponsored 8th annual golf tournament July 29 at the Jackson Park Golf Course.

For the third year in a row the weather was perfect, much to the delight of the chairpersons John Matsumoto and Helen Akita. Kimi Nakanishi, Fred Takagi, James Matsuoka, Hiram Akita and Sadako Matsumoto were assigned tasks for the tourney as committee members.

The group met at Four Seas Restaurant for the dinner and the award ceremony was chaired by John Matsumoto. The standings in the results with persons having similar net scores were determined by the tosses of the coin.

Jim Matsuoka of the International Realty donated three dozen golf balls. Fred Takagi and John Matsumoto donated 1 dozen golf balls each.

Winners were awarded with perpetual men's and women's trophy respectively in addition to receiving permanent trophy. Consul Kiyoshi Nishikawa was present to present the men's perpetual trophy previously donated by the Japanese Consulate Office in Seattle.

The tournament results are as follow:

(Men's Flight); 1. Chuck Furuta 82-20-62, 2. Sam Kozu 87-24-63, 3. Dick Murakami (South Bend) 97-33-64, 4. Roy Sakamoto 84-19-65, 5. John Matsumoto 89-23-66, 6. Sherlock Shinbo 90-24-66, Mas Kinoshita 86-20-66, 8. Jiro Namatame 99-32-67, 9. Jim Matsuoka, 10. (4-way tie) Pete Yoshino 80-11-69, Hiram Akita 80-11-69, Frank Hattori 89-20-69, Tom Tsubota 86-17-69; Others in the running: Eddie Shimomura 87-17-70, Bill Murakami 95-25-70,

THOUSAND CLUB TOURNEY (Cont'd): Dick Yamasaki 95-25-70; George Kawachi 98-28-70, Bill Mambu 95-25-70, Al Shimoguchi 89-18-71, Kiyoshi Nishikawa 99-28-71, Terry Toda 93-22-71, Tosh Tsuboi (Tacoma) 98-26-72, Bob Mizukami (Fife) 90-15-75, Tomio Moriguchi 104-25-79, Toru Sakahara 100-18-82.

(Women's Flight): 1. Fumi Yamasaki 98-30-68, 2. Kimi Nakanishi 109-39-70, 3. Reiko Sato 110-40-70, 3. Reiko Sato 110-40-70, 4. Fumi Noji 104-33-71, 5. Mary Shinbo 106-35-71, 6. Kiyo Sakahara 96-25-71, 7. Aya Shimomura 95-23-72. Others in the running: Luana Yoshino 99-26-73, Reiko Tsubota 105-32-73, Mary Furuta 109-36-73, Jo Sakamoto 100-27-73, Helen Akita 98-24-74, Amy Matsuoka 111-36-75, Aya Kozu 111-35-76, Yone Hara (Portland) 102-25-77, Mabel Shigaya 119-38-81.

Kimi Nakanishi is chairperson of the Thousand Club.

ASCENT OF MOUNT NAGANO

Party of five composed of Nagano clan and a friend conquered the 6,600 feet summit of Mount Manzo on July 25. The mountain is named after Manzo Nagano, the first Japanese immigrant to Canada. The mountain is located near Rivers Inlet in British Columbia. Flag, plaque and the family crest were set at the peak.

A float plane had been utilized from Port Hardy to Lake Owekino. The men had to cross canyons leading to the mountain base while overcoming unbearably thick underbrush in trail blazing. A base camp was established. The progress was slow and at one time the storm threatened to turn the party back. But after five days the mission was completed. This is the first known record of Mount Manzo ascent. Lincoln Beppu of Seattle who has fished in this area provided the environmental data.

Members of the party were James and Stephen Nagano, sons of Dr. Rev. Paul M. Nagano; David Nagano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nagano, and their son-in-law Bob Drescher, and R.J. Secor. Naganos are from Los Angeles, Drescher from Oxnard, and Secor from Pasadena.

FROM THE BOARD: Karen Shimizu was the recording secretary for the first six months. A Barreto Ogilvie will record the minutes for the remaining year.

It was reported that funds are still needed for the PNWDC v. WSU suit. A national fund raising drive has not been started. The \$18,000 goal is still far away and the case is expected to go to trial in September in the Eastern District Court for appeal. In the meantime W.S.U. has begun to comply with some of the programs lacking previously.

Kathryn Bannai reports on amendments to Federal Communications Act which excludes Asians as minorities. This will mean that we will not be able to participate in any minority programs offered by FCC. Up to now the regulation which required the station to service the public interest brought minorities into communications field. Without that regulation this would have an adverse effect. It was moved that the Board send letters to protest against these amendments. Frank Chin said the government is looking at per capita education and incomes and ignoring the integrity of culture such as using offensive stereotypes on TV and radio media.

Kathryn Bannai gave the report on the proposed National JACL constitution revision and set July 11 for committee meeting. The highlights of changes were summarized during Board session.

Possibility of Seattle Chapter sponsoring JACL fall 1980 Japan Tour was raised under the condition of finding a chairperson. Frank Chin seconded the motion which carried.

Ken Nakano expressed his thanks to the Seattle Chapter in behalf of the Boy Scout Troop 53 in helping with their various fund raising program.

Newsletter mailout of July 11 included Cherry Kinoshita, Don Kazama, Kathryn Bannai, Dr. Minoru Masuda, Henry Miyatake, Takako Yoda, Jerry Nagae, Mich Matsudaira and Mitsie Mihara. Cherry assumed the responsibility to deliver the mailings to the post office annex.

JOTTINGS: Laura M. Chihara, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Theodore S. Chihara (formerly of Seattle) graduated from the U. of Washington in June as math major. She received a teaching assistantship to do graduate studies at the Univ. of Minnesota. In 1975 she was valedictorian at Highland high school in Indiana. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Nobue Chihara (Chihara Jewelry) and Mr. and Mrs. T. Hirabayashi of Seattle. She attended Hawthorne Elementary School and Sharples Jr. high in Seattle . . . Elaine Taniguchi, Miss Des Moines Scholarship Pageant, after four rounds of judging was among 10 finalists when Kerri Ann Truscan, was crowned Miss Seafair July 31 at Jack McGovern's Music Hall. Diana Higashiyama represented as Greater Seattle Japanese Community entry . . . Susan Otani won the Women's Publix city championship held at West Seattle (PAR 71) by stroking 77 July 16 . . .

Frank Takahashi, a week-end hacker, hit the jackpot last month with his first hole in one ever. Then, he doubled his glee three holes later on the same round with his second ace. "If I had been playing alone, no one would have believed me," said Takahashi, 62, who began playing golf 30 years ago in Spokane. Takahashi achieved his feat on Jefferson Park's short course, a par 28. He received two hall of Fame certificates from The Seattle Times for his feats. . . Dorothy Neighbors page of the July 25 Seattle Times featured Jane and Tak Morimoto's fishing trek to Glacier Bay National Monument in Alaska when on first night they each caught a 20 pound halibut and Jane pulled in a 20 pound king salmon. Tak hooked a 125 pound halibut which was then frozen. Halibut roast was prepared for her co-workers. Jane is on a home economist staff in the Dorothy Neighbors department . . . Winners in 15 categories received awards July 26 at the annual Pacific N.W. Writers Conference at Pacific Lutheran Univ. Konny Kaneko of Midway won honorable mention in poetry . . .

JOTTINGS (Cont'd): Emi Somekawa was honored with a Distinguished Citizens Award by the Tacoma Urban League for "continuous contribution in the field of community services to ethnic minority and majority citizens in Tacoma and Pierce County." She is presently serving as secretary of the Asian American Alliance, a trustee of the Ft. Steilacoom Community College, a member of the Washington State Nurses Assn, and coordinator of a nutrition program for elderly Japanese, and active in JACL for many years . . . Sheri Jane Yayoi Mizumori and James Gerald Canfield were married July 14 in ceremonies at Seattle Buddhist Church and at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mizumori, is a graduate at the Univ. of Wash. and will attend graduate school at the Univ. of Calif. at Berkeley. The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Canfield, also is a U.W. graduate . . .

MILESTONES: Father James S. Tokuhisa, 64, July 4 in Tsu-Shi, Japan. He was native of Port Blakeley, Washington. He died following an operation for cancer. He was Maryknoll's first Japanese American priest, ordained in 1949, engaged in missionary work for most of his 30 years in the Kyoto area. Special funeral mass was held July 28 at Immaculate Church in Seattle. Survivors include: sister Kikuyo Takayoshi of Seattle . . . Minoru Terada, 73, July 21. Seattle Buddhist Church, also member of White River Buddhist Church, Kumamoto Club, White River Dojo, and JACL. Survivors include: wife Yayeko; sons Allan N. Terada, Seattle; Alvin J. Terada, Kent; Ronald T. Terada, Mercer Island; daughter Mrs. Akio (Mabel Toshiko) Nishizaki, Seattle; 8 grandchildren; brothers Rihachi Terada, George Shoji Terada, both Japan; sisters Mrs. Suehiko (Hatsuye) Tanabe, Seattle; and Mrs. Sakaye Kametani, Morengo, Ill . . . Yoshi Kaku. Private family services were held. Seattle Buddhist Church, Fukuoka Kenjin Kai. Survivors include: George Y. Kaku and Satoshi Kaku, both Seattle . . .

Calendar of Events

- Aug. 10 and 11--Benefit rummage sale in the Parish Hall of the St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1610 S. King from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to benefit Keiro Nursing Home. There is something special about rummage sales, and everyone, of course, loves a bargain! In these times of awareness of the limits of the resources on our planet earth, it seems fitting and somehow good to know that we can reuse, recycle, and extend the usefulness of the things we use.
- Aug. 15--Seattle JACL meeting from 7:45 p.m. at the JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S. Rm 109.
- Aug. 18--Plaque ceremony at the Minidoka site from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Seattle program for Minidoka Pilgrimage postponed to early fall.
- Sept. 7--Deadline for JACL Reporter. Allow one week for delivery. Notices effective before Sept. 14 will not be printed. Mail announcements to: c/o Eira Nagaoka, 2809 N.E. 54th St., Seattle 98105.
- Sept. 12--Newsletter mailout starting at 7 p.m. JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S., Room 109. We appreciate every volunteer help we can get.
- Sept. 28-30--Workshop to be sponsored by the Ethnic Council of the PNW at the Seattle Center Play House with exhibits being displayed. Ken Nakano to represent Seattle Chapter JACL at the workshop.

ADD TO JOTTINGS: The 67-year-old Alaska Bldg at 2nd & Cherry has been sold for \$2.5 million to CHG International, Federal Way real-estate developer. The seller is John Y. Sato & Assoc. The 14-story bldg is the first steel-frame structure to be built in the city and is on the National Register of Historic Places . . . Work is to begin shortly on renovating the former Kenyon Apt at 905 Spruce t. as a social service center for the adjacent Yesler Terrace low-income housing community. \$715,902 federal block grants will be used. The project design is by Arai/Jackson, architect . . .

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