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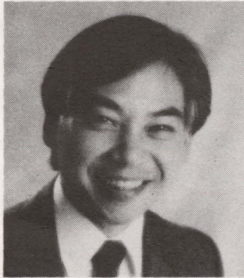
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## President's Report

by Kip Tokuda



I was speaking to a group of youth several weeks ago at a conference sponsored by the Taiwanese American Citizen's League and I was impressed by the energy and progressive thinking that was reflected by

the participants. By "youth," I mean college students. The students were gentle . . . but candid in their observations.

"Things are different from they way they used to be," they said. Where confrontation once worked, negotiation with the use of technology (e.g. FAX) and information (e.g. research, demographics) are now commonplace. Students were diplomatic but clear in their reminders that I was of another generation. As one student put it during the lunch break, "we work

with the system rather than beating it up."

This difference, or what I would term a "healthy tension" is at the heart of JACL and while members are often conscious of it, it is usually "talked around" because it is *warui kimoichi* or simply feels uncomfortable. As Nisei, Sansei, and Yonsei members attempt to find common ground, there are disagreements, turn issues, and organizational shifts in thought . . . and hopefully, growth.

It is too simplistic to say that generations are different and we must move forward. Culture, history, traditions, and values transcend differences and bond communities . . . albeit in differing degrees. As many in our membership have reiterated, the future of JACL lies in our ability to collectively respond to change by focussing on our strengths, which in part, arise from our diversity.

## Redress Update

by Cherry Kinoshita

Neither the House or Senate Appropriations bills which were passed this session contained any monies for the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund under the 1994 Department of Justice Budget. An urgent Action Alert released from the Washington D.C. JACL office urges an all-out push to lobby House and Senate Appropriations Committee members to support specific appropriations for the Education Fund in the Conference Committee where the House and Senate will work out a compromise.

The House bill contains some language which would theoretically allow any funds left over from the individual payments to be used but, according to Karen Narasaki, Washington Office Representative, the lan-

guage does not specify this. As it seems unlikely that there would be any success in getting the \$5 million for the Education Fund that was requested in President Clinton's budget, JACL is working with other Asian Pacific American representatives and Senators to have \$300,000 to \$500,000 to be used as seed money to get the Education Fund established.

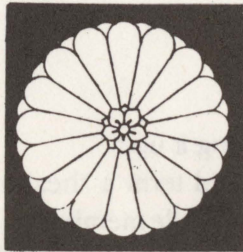
"It is crucial for the community to support the Public Education Fund," said Narasaki. "We urge all people to write or call members of the conference committee to ask for their support of specific appropriations in the conference report."

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## Chapter Focus

### Domo Arigato

JACL would like to express its sincere appreciation to the Japanese Consulate General for its gift of conference tables to the Seattle Chapter. We look forward to making use of the tables when we move into our new office space.



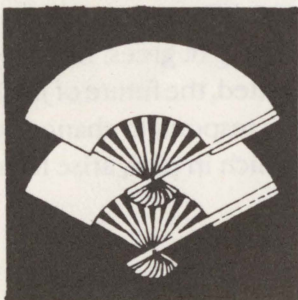
### Legacy Fund

The following donation to the JACL Legacy Fund is acknowledged with deepest appreciation—\$1000+: Ted and Margaret Yasuda.



### Newsletter mailout

Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the August newsletter mailout: Haruo Fujino, Rose Ogino, Ray Ishii, Cherry Kinoshita, Jean Wakamatsu,



Mitchell Uyeno, Elain Akagi, Helen Yamamoto, Eileen Kato, Ayako Hurd, Lee Hurd, Kiyoshi G. Fukano, Sam Shoji, Mako Nakagawa, Nobu Takahashi, and Kip Tokuda. The next mailout will be Wednesday, Oct. 13

at 6 p.m. at the Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St. If you have some free time, please stop by to lend a hand.

### New newsletter editors

Bob Shimabukuro and Mayumi Tsutakawa will take over the editorship and production of the JACL Newsletter starting with the November 1993 issue. Both Bob and Mayumi are old pros in the fields of journalism.

Bob is the former editor of the *Pacific Citizen*, and of the *International Examiner*, and in the past four years he has produced several issues of the JACL Newsletter while editor Holly Yasui was out of town. Mayumi has served on the board of the *International Examiner*, has edited a collection of works by Asian American women writers, and is the former director of the King County Arts Commission.

Holly Yasui will be sojourning south of the border (in Mexico) during the fall and winter.

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## Community Notes

### Bainbridge Island Japanese Community Award

The Bainbridge Island Japanese Community was one of twelve recipients of awards presented by the National Education Association in its Representative Assembly in July in San Francisco. The community received the Ellison S. Onizuka Award for its photo exhibit, *Kodomo no tame ni* (For the Sake of the Children) and for advancing historical education and human and civil rights in its cultural activities.

Since the exhibit premiered in 1988, it has been seen by over 5,000 Kitsap County residents in classroom settings. It has also tours locally at museums and humanities conferences. Thanks to a grant from the city of Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities, a duplicate exhibit has been made that will tour Northern California.

### Rod Kawakami and Nikkei Concerns honored by ACRS

The Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS) will honor Rod Kawakami, the Filipino Youth Activities Drill Team, and Nikkei Concerns at Fourth Annual Recognition Dinner. This year also marks the 20th anniversary of ACRS.

Rod Kawakami has been practicing law in the International District for over 17 years, helping non-profit agencies deal with issues such as landlord-tenant disputes, immigration, and other legal prob-

lems. He has donated countless hours to community service. He represented the JACL Spokane Chapter in a discrimination complaint against Washington State University, which ultimately led to the establishment of an Asian American Studies program at that university. He was also lead attorney in the *Hirabayashi v. the United States* coram nobis case, which resulted in a full evidentiary hearing and decision overturning of Hirabayashi's convictions for violating WWII curfew and exclusion orders.

Nikkei Concerns, founded in 1975 as a non-profit organization, established the original Seattle Keiro Nursing home, which admitted its first patient in 1976. Since then, the 40-person volunteer board has created Kokoro Kai, a senior day care program; the Nikkei Horizons senior education program; and, in June 1987, opened the current 150-bed Seattle Keiro. While embarking on and stewarding its own programs, Nikkei Concerns still makes time to assist and work with other community facilities and boards, including Kin On and the Chinese Nursing Home Society, Filipino Community, and the Korean Community Task Force on Long Term Care.

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## Redress Update

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Seattle JACLers who have friends or relatives who are constituents of the conference committee members should urge them to write to their congresspersons. Senators expected to be named to the conference committee in clue: Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, Dale Bumpers of Arkansas, Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, James Sasser of Tennessee, Bob Kerry of Nebraska, Pete Domenici of New Mexico, Ted Stevens of Alaska, Mart Hatfield of Oregon, and Phil Gramm of Texas. Representatives expected to be named include: Neal Smith of Iowa, Bob Carr of Michigan, Alan Mollohan of West Virginia, Jim Moran of Virginia, David Skaggs of Colorado, and David Price of North Carolina.

Voters in Washington state are asked to send thanks to Senator Patty Murray, member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, for her efforts and to ask her help in persuading the Conference Committee to include appropriations for the Education Fund. Senator Murray sent a letter supporting the Fund to the chairperson of the Senate Appropriations Committee before the Senate Appropriations bill was passed. Senator Murray's address is 302 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington D.C., 20510.

### "Voluntary" internees get redress

The Department of Justice ruled on August 30 that redress payments will be made to approximately 75 Japanese Americans who were born in World War II internment camps to mothers who "voluntarily entered" the camps, or who accompanied their mothers into the camps as children. Redress has been paid to approximately 75,000 Japanese Americans, but the 75 individuals in question were initially denied compensation because they had not been forcibly interned.

The Office of Redress Administration (ORA) declared that the claimants were eligible for payment on the basis that their liberty had been unlawfully constrained. Despite their "voluntary" entry into the camps, the claimants were not free to leave without written permission, and were, therefore eligible for compensation. In most cases, the mothers of these children who "voluntarily" entered the camps petitioned to enter the camps in order to give birth or to join incarcerated family members.

## Seattle JACL — Join us today!

The JACL is the only national Japanese American nonprofit civil rights organization. Our most recent success was the 18-year effort to win redress for Nikkei who were evacuated from their homes and relocated into concentration camps during World War II. We are also involved in cultural events, providing scholarships, and dealing with issues of concern in many areas, including education, affirmative action, leadership training, and more.

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## Calendar of events

compiled by Ed Suguro

**Weekly ballroom dance** — every Wed., 1-3 p.m., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St.

**Wing Luke Asian Museum presents One Song, Many Voices** — an exhibit chronicling the history of Asian Americans in Washington State, 407 7th Ave. S., Tues. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sat. - Sun. noon - 4 p.m. Admission: \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 seniors/students, 75¢ children under 12. For information: 632-5124.

**Watercolors by Hajime Kondo** — through September 27, Gallery Mack, 2001 Western Ave., Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun. noon - 5 p.m. For information: 448-1616.

**Kanban, shop signs of old Japan** — through October 24, Honeychurch Antiques, 1008 James St., Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. For information: 622-1225.

**Abstract paintings by Mark Takamichi Miller** — through October 30, AG 47 Studio Gallery, 163 S. Jackson St., Tues. - Sat., noon - 5 p.m. For information: 623-3812.

**In this Great Land of Freedom: Japanese American Pioneers in Oregon** — through January 16, 1994, Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave., Portland, Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. noon - 5

p.m., closed Mon. Admission: \$4.50 adults, \$1.50 students, children under 5 free. Thurs. free for seniors 60 and older. For information: (503) 222-1741.

**Chapter board meeting** — Wed., September 15, 7 p.m., Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St. Everyone welcome.

**Beyond the Mask of Denial: an Asian/Pacific Substance Abuse Conference** — Thurs. - Fri., September 16 - 17, Seattle Central Community College, 1701 Broadway. For information: 587-4902.

**Celebrating Diversity at the Top** — *Seattle Chinese Post/Northwest Asian Weekly* dinner honoring Phyllis Takisaki Campbell, President and CEO, U.S. Bank of Washington; Andy Man, Chief Operating Officer, Children's Hospital; Robert Toledo, President, Miller Brands, Inc.; Dr. William Wiley, Director, Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories; Betty Woods, CEO, Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska. Fri., September 17, The Atrium, 5701 Sixth Ave. S., 6 p.m. no-host cocktails, 6:45 p.m. dinner. Tickets: main sponsor \$1,000; corporate sponsor \$650 for ten; individual \$45. Send reservation check to the *Seattle Chinese Post*, 414 Eighth Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98104. For information: 223-0623.

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**Asian Pacific Women's Caucus Roast of Sharon Maeda** — in celebration of her appointment to the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Wed., September 22, Bush Garden Restaurant, 614 Maynard Ave. S., 5:30 p.m. no-host cocktails, 6:30 p.m. dinner. Donation: \$30 general, \$15 seniors/students/low-income, \$100 sponsors. Donations will benefit APWC Domestic Violence Project. For information: Maria Batayola, 767-2939.

**Nichiren Fujinkai Chow Mein dinner** — Sunday, September 26, 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Nichiren Buddhist Church, 1042 S. Weller St. Tickets for chow mein only. Imogashi and other baked goods also on sale. For information: 323-2252.

**Doshi Kai meeting** — Tues., October 5, 7 p.m. Call Wayne Kimura for name and address of restaurant, 827-0460 (days) or 869-5274 (eves/wknds).

**ACRS Community Recognition Dinner** — Tues., October 5, 5:30 p.m. reception, 7:30 dinner, honoring Rod Kawakami, the Filipino Youth Activities Drill Team, and Nikkei Concerns. Lori Matsukawa, KING-TV News Anchor, is the Mistress of CereMon.ies. Tickets: \$50/person. For information/reservations, Joyce Yoshikawa, 720-5347.

**Nikkei Community Dance** — Sat., October 9, 8 p.m. - 11:30 p.m., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St., BYOB, ice provided, live band. Admission: \$3 per person. For information: 772-1160.

**Ayami Kai's Forget Me Not Dinner/Auction** — Sat., October 9, Seattle Sheraton Hotel and Towers. Details to follow.

**Tomo no Kai dineout** — Sun., October 17, 5 p.m. Tai Tung Restaurant, 659 S. King St., \$15. Send check to Hana Kato, 1700 12th Ave. S., #106, Seattle, WA 98144. For information: Kim, 324-0862.

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# Japanese American Citizens League

Seattle Chapter

September 1993

Dear JACLers and FRIENDS:

The Seattle Chapter of JACL can proudly claim the designation of "pioneer chapter" as it celebrates its 72nd birthday this month. The early beginnings of the Chapter date back to September 27, 1921 when its predecessor organization, the Seattle Progressive Citizens League, was formed by a group of concerned Nisei. It was at the initial National Convention hosted by the Seattle Chapter in 1930 that the JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE became chartered as a national organization - and through the years, became an effective voice in advocating for the rights and welfare of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

*Yet, despite its seven decades of history, did you know that - TO THIS DAY THE SEATTLE JACL IS STILL "HOMELESS"!*

Throughout its many years of activism, the Seattle JACL has been noted for its outstanding work and its progressive leadership in civil and human rights. All of us as members can point with pride to the numerous Inagaki Awards we have won in recognition for being the outstanding chapter nationwide.

*Dating back to the early years, the Seattle JACL's efforts on legislation such as the Walter McCarran Act which granted naturalization rights to the Isseis, the elimination of the Washington Alien Land Law, and the repeal of Title II of the Internal Security Act, as well as constant vigilance in combating discriminatory actions and events have distinguished our Chapter as one of the most politically concerned in the organization.*

*In other activities, to name but a few, numerous social, cultural and educational needs were addressed by JACL's sponsorship of informative symposiums, aging and retirement seminars, a city-wide Japanese cultural festival, and community events which have honored Isseis, Japanese American small business owners, and various political leaders. Unique among all chapters in promoting favorable U.S.-Japan relations, the Seattle JACL can be credited with establishing a permanent monument in Ft. Vancouver, dedicated to the earliest known immigrants from Japan who landed on American shores in 1833.*

One of JACL's major accomplishments - the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 - was initially spawned by the pioneering work of the Seattle Evacuation Redress Committee under the aegis of Seattle JACL. In the past 20 years the work of Seattle JACL volunteers has produced significant accomplishments in the redress movement highlighted as follows:

- researched and proposed the first concept of individual monetary redress
- secured the rescission of Executive Order 9066 in 1976
- worked with Congressman Mike Lowry to introduce the first redress bill in 1979
- spearheaded and won redress for former Nikkei employees of Washington State, City of Seattle, and Seattle School District
- successfully lobbied and achieved 100% "yes" votes on the Civil Liberties Act from all ten of Washington State's congressional delegation.

With the final distribution of redress payments to the youngest age group scheduled for this October, the successful redress program nears completion with close to 80,000 individuals nationally receiving a Presidential apology and compensation.

So JACL can now sit back and relax - o.k? Not o.k. There is still much work to be done!

***ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE IS ON THE RISE. NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES ABOUND IN ALL FORMS OF THE MEDIA. TEXTBOOKS USED IN THE EDUCATING OF OUR CHILDREN NEED TO BE REVIEWED AND REVISED. U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS CONTINUE TO BE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, BREAKING THROUGH THE GLASS CEILING, BUILDING COALITIONS WITH OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, ETC. ARE IMPORTANT ISSUES ON OUR AGENDA.***

Ironically, although one of the oldest Chapters nationwide and despite more than 70 years of diligent work, the Seattle Chapter still operates without its own permanent home or any facility it can call its own to carry on its never-ending work.

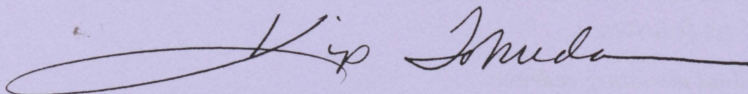
To acquire a "home of its own", the Seattle JACL must enhance its income. Although membership dues (only \$5 of which remains with the chapter) have never been sufficient to fund the Chapter's basic operations, much less its on-going numerous activities and programs, somehow the chapter has managed to thrive. But as membership levels off, the going gets harder and harder, and the handicap of having no permanent homebase hampers the Chapter's work.

When it comes to financial support, over 300 of you have loyally supported JACL nationally. Our appreciation and thanks go out to you, for without a national organization no chapter can be widely heard or carry any clout.

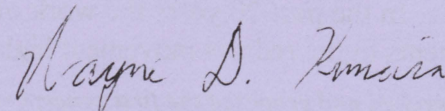
*However, there comes a time when we must look at our own community needs. To provide a solid financial base which would generate a perpetual income, the SEATTLE JACL ENDOWMENT FUND was established in 1984. We are asking you, our own members, if you have not already done so, to support the SEATTLE JACL ENDOWMENT FUND - its principal will always remain intact, but the earnings will be enriched to help in the Chapter's programs and operations. Donations may be given in the memory of an honoree and a permanent registry is maintained to record such designations.*

Over 150 members and friends have already generously donated to the SEATTLE JACL ENDOWMENT FUND, indicating about a 25% membership response. If you are among the rest of the membership who have not yet contributed either locally or nationally, or who as non-members wish to show appreciation for the Seattle JACL's work, please fill out the enclosed donation form and celebrate the Seattle JACL's 72nd birthday with us!

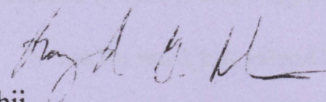
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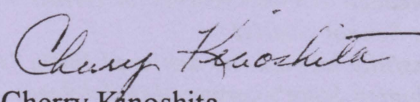
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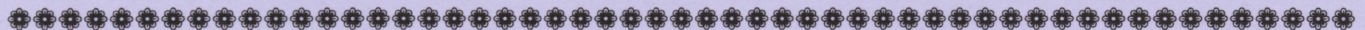
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