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## President's Report

by Cal Takagi

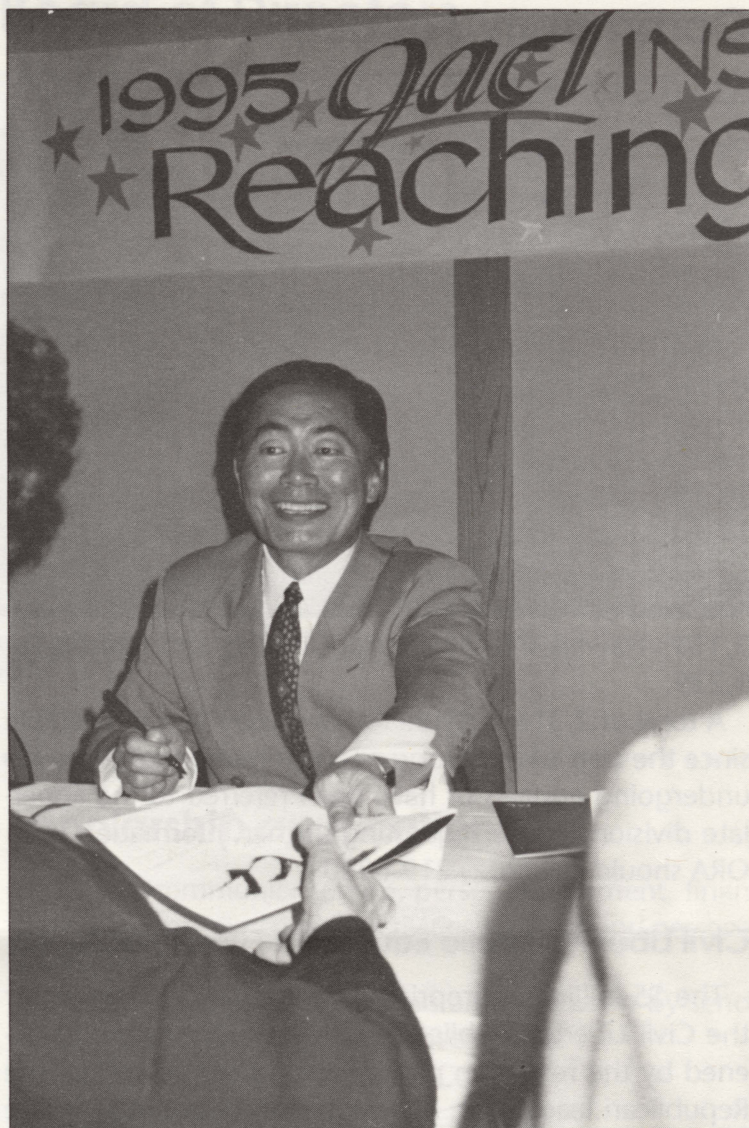
One of the tasks that go along with the job of chapter president is that of writing a monthly piece for the Newsletter. Since there are no guidelines for doing so, the presumption is that I am free to write about anything that happens to be on my mind at the moment. In some respects, that openendedness is liberating, but it also forces me to realize that the contents of my mind are not likely to be of interest to many people.

I would hazard a guess that most persons who pick up the Newsletter are, however, interested in what is going on in the chapter. And so, I have decided that I will use part of this space to report on at least those chapter activities with which I have been involved. What goes into the rest of the space may very well end up being some of my random thoughts, but let's see what happens.

January has turned out to be a busy month for a good many board members, and I am grateful to them for the extra hours they have so willingly put in. In addition to a regularly scheduled Saturday retreat for the new board and preparations for the annual installation banquet, a special meeting was held to discuss the financial crisis in the national office. Our board voted, without dissent, to endorse the considered actions of the National Board in its attempts to deal with the problem. It also voted to give our public support to President Denny Yasuhara who was and is still being personally assailed by a number of vocal critics for those actions.

Later in the month, following the tragic and disastrous earthquake in Kobe, the board undertook a mailing to our membership asking for funds for earthquake victims. Our fundraising on the local level is tied in with the national JACL's effort. We are assured that 100 percent of funds received will go toward victim relief.

The banquet itself will be remembered for the earthquake that trembled us into attention. Coming as it did immediately after Reverend Sawano had asked us for a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of the Kobe disaster, it was a chilling reminder of what could happen here. Fortunately, everyone remained calm, and because there was no damage reported, the dinner continued.



Actor/writer George Takei signs a banquet program at the JACL installation dinner January 29. — Bob Shimabukuro photo

But the banquet will also be remembered for the rousing keynote address given by George Takei, of "Star Trek" fame. He spoke briefly of his early years, the importance of some of JACL's accomplishments to him and his family, and the need for us to continue our vigilance against the actions of those who are quick to deny the civil rights of others. These people are akin to the folks, he noted, who so strongly advocated the removal of Japanese Americans from the West Coast in 1942. He received a standing ovation from the crowd — an appropriate response to this thoughtful man.

Finally, I'd like to report that the Seattle chapter of the American Jewish Committee has taken the initiative in calling for a conference of representatives of Asian American and Jewish American communities to identify areas of common interest, strengthen relations among the groups, and establish a framework for future cooperation. We have agreed to cooperate with

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## Community Focus.....

### Redress Report

#### Redress for 79,515 completed

Preparations will begin in the latter part of February for the next cycle of redress payments to approximately 40 claimants who have been declared eligible, according to the Office of Redress Administration.

As of the first of this year, the Office of Redress Administration (ORA) has completed redress payments to 79,515 eligible recipients, with \$9.7 million in appropriations remaining to fund an additional 485 payments.

While 79,515 cases were processed, the total number of redress checks disbursed is 82,598 due to payments made to heirs. The six states with the largest number of recipients are: California-59,536; Washington-5,590; Illinois-3,157; Hawaii-2,345; Oregon-1,750; and Colorado-1,239.

A total of 2,316 individuals have been found ineligible since the start of the program and a number of these are undergoing appeals or have been referred to the appellate division. Those requesting further information from ORA should call (202) 219-6900.

#### Civil Liberties Public Education Fund threatened

The \$5 million appropriated by last year's Congress for the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund may be threatened by the rescission package being considered by the Republican leadership. Although the seven White House nominees for the Education Fund Board of Directors who were announced last year were renominated on January 5 and resubmitted to the new Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, confirmation by the Senate has not yet been completed. The Governmental Affairs Committee is chaired by Senator William Roth (R-Del). The ranking minority member is Senator John Glenn (D-Ohio).

The two other nominees for the 9-member Public Education Fund Board have not yet completed the voting process, according to the White House personnel office.

### Anne Arakaki-Lock appointed acting director of Nikkei Concerns

Nikkei Concerns board president announced January 19 that Executive Director/Administrator Russell Akiyama has submitted his resignation to become Administrator of Group Health Cooperative's Care Center at Kelsey Creek.

Akiyama noted that "it was a tough decision to leave, but it is an opportunity that offers new challenges. I am very grateful to the many people I have met over the past 18 years."

Kadoshima also announced that the Nikkei Concerns Board has appointed Anne Arakaki-Lock as the acting Executive Director/Administrator to carry on the business of Nikkei Concerns. As the Director of Administration and Planning, Arakaki-Lock has had over 10 years of administrative experience with the organization.

Nikkei Concerns is the non-profit corporation that operates Seattle Keiro, Kokoro Kai and Nikkei Horizons.

### Benefit for API Women & Family Safety Center

Domestic violence hurts all of us. Help love grow in a safe place this Valentine's Day. The Asian Pacific Women's Caucus is sponsoring a reception for the Asian and Pacific Islander Women and Family Safety Center, the 1994 recipient of the City of Seattle and Providence Hospital Anti-Violence Project Award. The Center needs \$80,000 to recruit and train multilingual volunteers to help survivors and erase domestic violence from our Asian Pacific Islander Community.

Fun, refreshments and an opportunity to take a Valentine portrait by a Yuen Lui photographer is promised by organizers of the benefit program. Bob Santos, the singing HUD Secretary's Northwest District's representative, will be belting out his rendition of love songs.

Call 767-2939 for reservations and info.

## 1995 Seattle JACL Board of Directors



1995 board members pose after the Installation Banquet January 29. Board president Cal Takagi is in the front row, sixth from the right. Elaine Akagi, president-elect, is eighth from the right. —Sam Shojii photo

## Chapter Focus .....

### Attention all students! Chapter seeks scholarship applications

Seattle JACL chapter is now accepting applications for its annual scholarships. The JACL is sponsoring three scholarships for students currently attending or planning to attend college, trade school or any institution of higher learning. JACL members, their children or any American of Japanese ancestry may apply.

Funding for the scholarships is being provided by the Minoru Tamesa Scholarship Fund, the Japanese Baptist Church in memory of Reverend Emery Andrews, and the Tazuma Family, in memory of Bunshiro Tazuma and the Seattle JACL.

Selection will be based on academic achievement and

potential, community service, personal statement, financial need, work experience, activities/interests and personal interview.

Interested students can obtain an application by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Michelle Kumata, Scholarship Co-chair  
1943 12th Ave. West  
Seattle, WA 98119

Deadline for scholarship applications is Friday, April 14, 1995.

For more information, call Michelle at 206-286-0757 or Randy Aoyama at 206-633-4679.

### Chapter receives vacuum cleaner; more office furnishings requested

In response to a request for donations and equipment for the new JACL office, chapter booster member Justine Ozaki donated a vacuum cleaner and a coffee maker. In the past years the Consul General of Japan has donated major equipment such as an electric typewriter, a large conference table and a fax machine.

There is still a need for other equipment such as an office desk with chair, file cabinets, storage cabinets, a copy machine, a large wall clock and bookcases. Such items are often too expensive for a single donor, so we are asking that monetary contributions be considered, so that they

can be used towards purchasing the more costly equipment. Donations can be sent to the JACL office, P.O. Box 18558, Seattle, WA. Donations are tax deductible. Those who have equipment to donate can contact Sam Shoji, office manager (home phone number: 324-9049).

We want to furnish our office so that it can be effectively used to provide information and service to JACL members and to the community which it serves in so many ways. Your help is needed. TANOMIMASU - ARIGATO GOZAIMASU.

—Sam Shoji

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**Kobe Earthquake:**

**Relief Fund established; help from JACL members sought**

The numbers are staggering. Over 5,000 dead, more than 23,000 injured; nearly 300,000 living in emergency shelters. The grim television coverage of the disastrous earthquake in Japan and the scenes of human distress leave us asking "What can I do to help?" The JACL has worked out a cooperative arrangement with the Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Northern California which has established the Kobe/Osaka Earthquake Relief Fund. The Fund will send the contributions to charitable organizations in Japan which have given their assurances that 100 percent of the funds received will go towards food, water, clothing, blankets, temporary shelter, medical supplies, etc. There will be no deductions for administrative expenses.

Please make checks payable to: Kobe/Osaka Earthquake Relief Fund. Mail either to: JACL/PNW, 671 S. Jackson, 98104 or Seattle Chapter JACL, 316 Maynard Ave. S., #111, Seattle, WA 98104.

Funds will be administered by the Sumitomo Bank of San Francisco. All donations will receive a receipt from JCCNC/JACL. For donations of goods or supplies, please check your daily newspapers.

As of February 2, contributions sent to the chapter and the district offices have totaled \$3,265.

**Kobe/Osaka Earthquake Relief Fund Donors:**

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**Film Festival seeks entries**

The 1995 Seattle Asian American Film Festival is announcing its call for entries for its 1995 festival to be held September 21-24 at the Seattle Art Museum. The festival seeks new film and video works by and/or about Asian Pacific Americans. Formats: Film (16 mm, 35 mm); Video (3/4 inch)

All submissions must be received no later than March 1, 1995. For more information or entry forms, contact: William Satake Blauvelt (206) 329-6084.

**President's Report**

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this effort not only because it fits in nicely with our own goals but also because the idea itself has much merit. I shall be reporting back on this undertaking as plans develop.


**State House passes resolution in support of Kobe**

The State House of Representatives January 20, adopted unanimously a House Resolution calling on the State House to assist the people of Kobe and its outlying areas "by facilitating the ongoing relief effort in any way possible."

Resolution 95-4606, introduced by Rep. Kip Tokuda, was the first bill passed by this year's legislature.

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**Thank you for your support!**

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## Calendar of Events

Compiled by Ed Suguro

### Meetings

**Seattle JAACL Board Meeting**, everyone invited, Feb 15, 7 p.m., 316 Maynard Ave. S., room 111.

**Doshi Kai meeting**, March 1, 7 p.m. Call Wayne Kimura for location, 827-0460 day, 869-5174 eve/weekend.

### Community and Social Events

**Tomo No Kai Installation Luncheon**, Feb 12, noon, Triples Restaurant, 1200 West Lake Ave. N. Send \$20 check payable to Tomo No Kai to Kachi Ikeda, 2010 16th Ave., S., Seattle, WA 98144. State on check choice of cod or steak.

**Appreciation Night for Dean Wong**, International Examiner writer and photographer, who is leaving the Examiner. Join the potluck party to say goodbye, Feb 23, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S. Bring your favorite dish. Info: 624-3925.

**First Hill Lions Club Pancake Breakfast**, Feb 26, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Kawabe House, 221 18th Ave. S., \$5.50 adults, \$3.50 seniors. To benefit Seattle Keiro and Kawabe House. Info: Bob or Gary, 325-6555.

**Blaine Memorial Methodist Church Sukiyaki Dinner**, March 4, 3001 - 24th Ave. S. Dining room: 4-7 p.m. Takeout: Cooked, 2-5 p.m.; Uncooked, 5-7 p.m. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$4.50 children 11 and under. Info: 723-1536.

**Nikkei Community Dance**, March 11, 8-11:30 p.m., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St., BYOB, live band, \$3 per person. Info: 772-1160.

**"Celebrate Our Roots,"** acknowledging the diverse population of Washington State and the 7th Congressional District, a benefit for Jim McDermott, will be held Sat, March 11, 3-5 p.m., at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1245 10th Ave. E. on Capitol Hill. \$25/person. Info: 788-1830.

**Tulelake Reunion V**, May 19-20, Red Lion Inn and Resort, Sacramento, CA. Mixer, sayonara banquet, local tour or Reno tour, symposium. Cost: \$80 (excluding tour). Info: Ed Suguro, 723-4428.

**Weekly ballroom dance class**, every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St.

### Arts and Cultural Events

**"The Sophistication of the Japanese Woodcut—Color Prints of the 19th and 20th Centuries,"** thru March 31, Carolyn Staley Fine Prints, 313 1st Ave. S., Tues thru Sat, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 621-1888.

Northwest Asian American Theatre presents the first of **"Power of Language: Writers of Color Reading Series,"** with readings and discussion panel by Bob Shimabukuro, Charlotte Watson Sherman and Kristin Naca, Feb 14, 7:30 p.m., Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S., \$3/\$5. Info: 329-1225.

**Japanese Watercolors**, an exhibit and sale including works by Hiroshi Yoshida, Terauchi and Ito, through Feb 18, Honeychurch Antiques, 1008 James St., Mon thru Sat, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Info: 622-1225

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**"Richness in Diversity,"** a group exhibition including Roger Shimomura, Safeco Plaza, NE 45th St. and Brooklyn Ave. NE, Mon thru Fri, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., thru Feb 10. Info: 545-6100.

**"Learning from Japan,"** a lecture by Bagley Wright, who will tell of his experiences in learning about Japanese aesthetics while collecting textiles and ceramics, Feb 23, 6 p.m., Seattle Asian Art Museum auditorium. Info: 654-3121.

**Recent Paintings by Mark Takamichi Miller** in a one-man show at the Linda Cannon Gallery, 520 2nd Ave., thru Feb 25. Info: 233-0834.

**"Sex,"** a group exhibition including Roger Shimomura, Greg Kucera Gallery, 608 2nd Ave., Tues thru Sat 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sun 1 - 5 p.m., thru Feb 26. Info: 624-0770.

**Tea Ceremony Demonstrations** are given at the downtown Seattle Art Museum in the Teahouse in the Japanese Art Gallery on the third floor. The Urasenke Foundation, the Urasenke School and the Yamanouchi School give the demonstrations on a rotating basis. Feb 26, 2:30 p.m., Urasenke School, Seattle chapter; March 2, 6 p.m., Urasenke Foundation, Seattle Branch; March 12, 2:30 p.m., Yamanouchi School.

**"Undesirable Elements: Seattle,"** conceived and directed by Ping Chong. Eight people share their history and culture, among them Nikki Nojima Louis, thru March 5, The Group Theatre in the lower level of Center House at Seattle Center. Tickets: Wed, Thur & Sun evenings - \$16; Fri & Sat evenings - \$19; matinees - \$14. Info: 441-1299.

**"Miss Saigon,"** an award-winning Broadway musical opens March 16, Paramount Theatre. Tickets available at Ticketmaster, 292-ARTS or Paramount Theatre box office. For groups of 20 or more, call 643-5159 or 282-6234.

**Asian New Year's Traditions**, Wing Luke Asian Museum features the New Year's celebrations of China, Japan, Korea, South Asia and Vietnam in its gallery, thru April 9, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Tues - Fri 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sat - Sun, noon to 4 p.m. Admission: \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 seniors/students, \$.75 children 5 - 12. Info: 623-5124.

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At Hyogo Cultural Center, 2001 6th Ave., Suite 1101 (Info: 728-0610):

**Video Discussion Night—Japanese Popular Sports.** Former J.E.T. program participant Rob Fieser will lead a discussion on the popular sports of Japan, Feb 22, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Registration deadline: Feb 17. Free.

**Self-Defense—Aikido Ways.** Fifth degree black belt and chief instructor of Seattle Aikikai Bruce Bockman will conduct a four-week course on aikido and ki and self-defense, Feb 23, March 2, 9, 16, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Registration deadline: Feb 17. Fee: \$5.

**Taste of Spring—Cooking Demonstration.** Master chef Takeyuki Suetsugu of Satsuma Restaurant is also a Seattle Central Community College cooking instructor and will teach how to incorporate Washington State vegetables in Japanese dishes, recipes provided, March 6, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Registration deadline: March 2. Fee: \$5.

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