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Personal Justice Denied — and Redressed

Today we make a statement as a people. That it is wrong in America to deny one's constitutional rights on the basis of race. That it is wrong to take away one's liberty or property without due process of law.

—National JACL statement on disbursement of first redress payments

It has been nearly a half century since Executive Order 9066 was signed and our community was singled out for evacuation, relocation, and imprisonment. It has been over ten years since the first efforts to win redress were initiated by the JACL and other groups. It has been over two years since the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 was signed into law. But the day of reckoning has finally come.

Six of the oldest *Issei* survivors of the World War II Relocation Camps have been invited to Washington D.C. to accept a letter of apology accompanied by a \$20,000 check in a special ceremony at the Great Hall of the Department of Justice building on Tuesday, October 9, 1990.

At press time, the Federal budget is still under consideration. Since the Redress entitlement is not exempted from sequestration under the Gramm-Rudman Act, the Redress appropriations may be cut by 34% and other activities postponed until a budget compromise is reached. Assuming that a continuing resolution will be passed by Congress, a total of approximately 16,900 individuals will receive official letters of apology and redress checks on or about October 9. Approximately 880 of these recipients reside in the Greater Seattle area.

Barring federal budget sequestration restrictions, Bob Bratt, administrator of the Office of Redress Administration (ORA) will fly to Chicago, Los Angeles, Fresno, San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, Honolulu, and Seattle to present letters of apology and checks to the oldest recipients in those cities. Key volunteers who assisted in the redress program and the work of the ORA will also be recognized.

The Seattle redress ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, October 14, at 1:00pm at the Nisei Veteran's Hall, 1212 So. King Street. The program tentatively includes James P. Turner, Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice as well as Mr. Bratt. Five Seattle centenarians are to be honored at this ceremony.

If the scheduled October 9th Washington D.C. event has been postponed or cancelled by the current budgetary situation, it may affect the local ceremony. Please check with any the following phone numbers for confirmation: Karen Yoshitomi

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Redress events

The second part of a 2-part seminar on *Protecting Your Redress Money* will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 9am until 12 noon at the lower meeting room of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1610 S. King St. Marcia Fujimoto Louie, attorney at law, and Cheryl Kitashima, Certified Financial Planner, will discuss "Wise Financial and Estate Planning for All Generations." There is no charge for the program.

Redress: Personal Justice Restored, a ceremony for the presentation of letter of apology and redress payment to 100+ year old issei will be held on Sunday, October 14, at 1:00pm at the Nisei Veteran's Hall, 1212 So. King Street. Due to budget uncertainties, the ceremony may be rescheduled. Please call to confirm: Karen Yoshitomi at the District Office, 623-5088 (days); Sam Shoji at Seattle Keiro, 323-7100 (days) or 324-9049 (eves); or Cherry Kinoshita 721-0717 (eves).

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at the District Office, 623-5088 (days); Sam Shoji at Seattle Keiro, 323-7100 (days) or 324-9049 (eves); or Cherry Kinoshita 721-0717 (eves). It is anticipated that announcements will be made at local churches on Sunday morning.

JACL invites all members and friends to join in this ceremony, and to reflect on and project forth the significance of this historical event. It has been a long and difficult road, into the wilderness and back, endured and enabled with the perseverance and commitment of four generations.

National JACL has issued a call to all members to continue the work begun by redress and to apply what we, as a community, have learned and have won, not only for ourselves, but for all people of color, for all Americans.

The redress program marks the end of a dark period in American and Japanese American history. But it is also a beginning. We have learned, and we hope that America has learned, that our constitutional protections are meaningful only if they are main-

tained through constant vigilance....The members and staff of the IACL rededicate ourselves to struggle for justice and equality for all people.

Anti-Asian Violence committee

The Anti-Asian Violence committee will be meeting in October with other community groups concerned about hate crimes. The purpose will be to gather information, find out what other groups are doing, and what they would like to see done. We will also discuss changes in last year's House Bill 2237, on bias and bigotry crimes.

HB 2237 directs law enforcement agencies to monitor, record, and classify information on crimes motivated by animosity toward persons because of their race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, ancesty, or disability. The bill futher provides training of law enforcement officials on the identification, response, and reporting of such crimes. If you are interested in participating in the Anti-Asian Violence committee, contact Ray Ishii at 623-3790.

—submitted by Janice Yee



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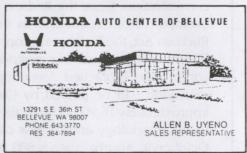


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Summer newsletter mailouts: thanks!

Special thanks to the JACL summer newsletter mailout team: Chiaki Asakura, Daniel Asakura, Vicki Asakura, Joy Sakamoto-Barker, Bruce Echigoshima, Tim Gojio, Dave Hoekendorf, Miyo Iwata, Lillian Kato, Michael Leong, Gary Maehara, Dave Okimoto, Andra Sakamoto, Philip Sanchez, and Shigeko Uno. Special appreciation goes to those on the team who also graciously made the extra effort in previous months: Shea Aoki, Chuck Kato, May Namba, Rose Ogino, Sam Shoji, and Massie Tomita. Without the dedication of those people who came in during the scorching heat to enjoy an hour of friendly repartee, your JACL newsletter would not get mailed.

There is still time to join the Fall-Winter mailout team. If you are free from 6 to 7pm on the second Wednesday of the month, please call Dale Watanabe at 722-2275 and join our ranks!

Nominations committee

The Nominations committee is seeking volunteers for the 1991 Seattle Chapter board of directors. Board members must make a commitment to attend monthly meetings and serve on committees. Call Gail Tanaka at 937-7154 if you are interested.

The preliminary slate of officers and board members will be presented at the October 17 chapter board meeting where nominations can be made from the floor.

1991 Installation Banquet

The JACL Installation Banquet committee is pleased to announce that the Honorable Robert T. Matsui will be the keynote speaker at the Seattle Chapter's 69th Annual Installation Banquet. Congressman Matsui, representing California's 3rd District, is a respected member of the House and he is knowledgeable and influential in the areas of economic policy and international trade.

The Installation Banquet will be held at the SeaTac Marriot Hotel on Saturday, January 26, 1991. For more information, contact Daren Nakagawa, Banquet Committee chair at 762-7824 (evenings) or 562-2642 (days). Watch for further updates in upcoming newsletters.

—submitted by Stuart Teramoto

Seattle Chapter fundraiser Special perforance of The Wash

Join JACL for a night at the theatre on Thursday, November 1 for a special performance of The Wash at the Northwest Asian American Theatre. The NWAAT production of The Wash, written by Philip Kan Gotanda, stars Tama Tokuda as Masi, a 68-year old nisei woman who decides to leave her husband. played by Harry Fujita, after twenty years of marriage. The contemporary play portrays the impact of Masi's decision upon her husband, grown daughters and her own sense of selfhood.

The Wash opens the 1990-1991 season for the Northwest Asian American Theatre, located at 409 Seventh Ave. S. Doors will open at 7:30 and curtain time is 8:00. Admission is by donation; please give what you can to support JACL. Ordinarily the ticket prices are \$12 for general admission and \$9 for seniors and students. Please send a check and the following form by October 27 to:

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Officer/Board profiles

by Ann Fujii

CHUCK KATO

Chuck Kato, board member, has been involved in JACL since the early 1970s, when he worked for the Department of Commerce and was active in helping develop a union for minorities in the construction industry. In 1981 he was president of the Seattle Chapter, during the Redress Commission hearings here in Seattle. Chuck, along with many others, continued to be very active in the campaign to gain redress ... now, he says, he wants to take a rest. But he's the president of the Japanese Language School and is involved in helping develop a cultural center for the Japanese American community. Although he recently retired, Chuck manages to find things to keep him busy.

Chuck was born and raised in Seattle. He attended Bailey Gatzert Elementary School, but when he was 8 or 9 years old, was interned in "Camp Harmony" at the Puyallup Fairgrounds and Minidoka War Relocation Camp. After WWII, he finished high school at Franklin. He volunteered for the Army from 1952-54, spending most of that time in Japan during the Korean War, then with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for 7 years. He attended the University of Washington, graduating in 1958 with a degree in civil engineering. He has spent over 30 years working for the government: with Department of Commerce for 7 years, the Department of Health & Human Resources, and then with the Seattle School District for 1 year. This July he retired, because he wanted "to do something he enjoyed," he said.

Chuck has three children, one son and two daughters. His son was married this summer, and Chuck and his wife, Lil, attended their ceremony in Taiwan. A second daughter will be also getting married next year. For fun, Chuck plays golf and tennis, and "stuff around the house." And in the meantime, he says he's waiting for the job where he can truly enjoy himself.

VICKI ASAKURA

Vicki Asakura, second vice president, was born and raised in Seattle. She attended Garfield High School and graduated from the University of Washington in Japanese Regional Studies.

Vicki is the oldest of three, and is the mother of a son and daughter, eight and twelve years old. Vicki works for the Private Industry Council, and has been with the organization since 1983, when it was then called the Employment Training Consortium. Her current job is directing the Refugee Program. She has just finished work, funded by a grant, on the Workplace Literacy Project, for people with limited English-speaking ability.

When she get the chance, between taking care of her children and her job, Vicki likes to read mysteries and go bowling. Down the road, she would like to advance in her career, move into management. She enjoys working in the refugee program and feels its important to the community.

RAY ISHII

Ray Ishii, treasurer, has been involved in JACL for two years. He was born and raised in Seattle, graduated from Renton High School. He then received his degree in accounting from Washington State University.

Ray is the second oldest of five children, with two brothers and two sisters. He currently works for a CPA firm run by his father and has been there for 2-1/2 years doing consulting, auditing, accounting and income tax work. Before that he worked for a national accounting firm.

In his spare time, Ray enjoys keeping up with professional baseball and likes to play racquetball, golf and reading a lot, mostly historical books. He's currently tackling *The Mists of Avalon*, a book on the S & L crisis and *The Mountains of Thomas Merton*. Ray, who is the chairperson of the chapter's Anti-Asian Violence Committee, says he'd like to get more involved in direct human services and social issues.

DAREN NAKAGAWA

Daren Nakagawa, board member, says he's been involved in JACL in some form or another, since his parents, Mako and Ben Nakagawa became active. Daren is also one of the last original members of JAYS. Daren graduated from Cleveland High School, then from the University of Washington with a degree in Speech Communication. He then received a Masters degree in Public Administration from Seattle University.

Daren is the oldest of three, with one brother and one sister. He is currently working for U.S. West Direct as an office administrator and has been there

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Community Notes

University Students Club scholarships

The board of directors of the University Students Club Inc. awarded its 1990–1991 scholarships to the following individuals: Karinne Fujii from Everett, Kevin Fukeda from Seattle, Michelle Ota from Seattle, Tami Shigihara from Mercer Island, Todd Taniguchi from Seattle, and Bryan Urakawa from Kent. Each recipient will receive \$1,000 for the upcoming school year at the University of Washington. A scholarship reception honoring the six recipients will be held at the Kawabe Memorial House on October 27, 1990. Since the beginning of its scholarship program in 1965, the University Students Club has made 100 awards, disbursing a total of \$107,530.

Asian Bar Association annual dinner

The Asian Bar Association of Washington (ABAW) invites members of JACL to attend its annual dinner on Friday, October 26, at the Nippon Kan Theatre. The guest speakers will be the Honorable Charles Z. Smith, Washington Supreme Court Justice, and the Honorable Kimi Kondo, Seattle Municipal Court Judge. Entertainment will be provided by comedian Arnold Mukai. No-host cocktails begin at 6pm,

dinner at 7pm. The cost is \$30, and reservations are requested by October 12. For information or reservations, contact Russell Aoki, 292-9988

Forum on sansei community involvement

Our Sansei legacy? What we can offer future generations is the topic of a community forum sponsored by Nikkei Concerns, which will take place on Saturday November 3 from 1-4pm at Blaine Methodist Church. A panel of community leaders will discuss perpetuating the growth of Nikkei organizations through greater sansei involvement. Panelists include Chuck Kato, president of the Japanese Language School; Al Sugiyama, Seattle Public Schools board member; the Rev. Dennis Shinseki, White River Buddhist Church; Tomio Moriguchi, President of Uwajimaya, Inc.; and Nellie Fujii Anderson, owner of NFA Marketing Services; Vicki Toyohara-Mukai, Assistant City Attorney; Dr. Ruby Inouve, former president of Nikkei Concerns; and Edwin Hiroto of Keiro Services of Los Angeles. The host is Rev. Bob Hoshibata of Blaine Methodist Church and facilitator is Tim Gojio, board member of Nikkei Concerns. For more information, call, 323-7100.

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Daren Nakagawa, continued

for about a year. He conducts market services, and assigns markets to sales representatives who sell the advertisement in the Yellow Pages.

For fun, Daren likes the outdoors sports — skiing, swimming, biking, hiking and camping, and he likes being competitive, as in bowling. And expanding

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upon his two-and-a-half to three years of volunteer service at the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home, Daren would like to move his career into the area of Health Administration.





Calendar of events

Compiled by Ed Suguro

Weekly ballroom dance—every Wed from 1-3pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. Info: Mike, 772-1160.

Northwest Asian American Theatre (NWAAT) presents *The Wash* — through Nov. 11, premiere Wed Oct. 17 at 8pm. Thereafter, Thurs-Sat at 8pm, Sun matinee at 2pm, 409 7th Ave. S. Admission: \$12 general, \$9 students/seniors, group rates available. For information: 340-1445.

Eternal Laughter: a 60-year retrospective by George Tsutakawa — through Nov. 4, Bellevue Art Museum, Bellevue Square, Mon-Tues 10am-8pm, Wed-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-5pm, Admission: \$3 general, \$2 seniors/students, children under 12 free. Tuesdays free. For information: 454-6021.

Northwest prints and printmakers — through Nov. 6, Carolyn Staley Fine Prints, 313 First Ave. S., Tues-Sat 11am-5pm. Group show of Northwest printmakers including George Tsutakawa. For information: 621-1888.

The Art of Northwest Nikkei — through Nov. 18, Panko's restaurant, 4850 Green Lake Way N. Second installation. For information: Michelle, 623-0100.

Protecting Your Redress Money: Wise Financial and Estate Planning — Sat Oct. 13 from 9am to 12noon, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1610 S. King St. No charge.

REDRESS: Personal Justice Restored, ceremony for 100+ year old issei — Sun, Oct. 14, at 1:00pm, Nisei Veteran's Hall, 1212 S. King St. Please call to confirm: Karen Yoshitomi, 623-5088 or Sam Shoji, 323-7100 or Cherry Kinoshita, 721-0717. See lead story this issue.

Chapter board meeting — Wed Oct. 17 at 7pm, Japanese Language School, 1414 S. Weller St. Everyone welcome.

Nikkei Concerns anniversary Volunteer Appreciation potluck luncheon — Thurs Oct. 18 at 12



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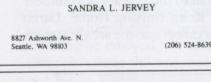


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noon, Blaine Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave S. For information: Lillian Hayashi, 323-7100.

Nichiren Buddhist Church Fujinkai chow mein dinner — Sun Oct. 21 from 11am—4:30pm, Nichiren Buddhist Church, 1042 S. Weller St. Donation: \$3.50. For information: 323-2252.

White River Buddhist Church fall bazaar — Sun Oct. 21 from 11am-6pm, White River Buddhist Church, 3625 Auburn Way N. For more information: 833-1442

Asian Bar Association annual dinner — Fri Oct 26, no-host cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7pm, Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. Cost: \$30, reservations by Oct. 12. For information/reservations, Russell Aoki, 292-9988. See story in Community

University Students Club scholarship reception — Sat Oct. 27 at 7:30pm, Kawabe Memorial House, 221 18th Ave. S. For more information call Ken Sato. 361-955 (days). See story in Community Notes.

Nikkei Concerns community forum, Our Sansei Legacy? What We Can Offer to Future Generations — Sat Nov. 3 from 1-4pm, Blaine Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave S. For information: Ann Arakaki-Lock, 323-7100. See story in Community Notes.

Nisei Veterans Committee annual carnival and bazaar — Sun Nov. 4 from 11am-7pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St.

Doshi Kai meeting — Tues Nov. 6 at 6:30pm. Call Wayne Kimura, 827-0460 (days) or 869-5174 (eves/ weekends) for names and address of restaurant.

Nikkei community dance — Sat Nov. 10 from 8-11:30pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. BYOB and refreshments, ice provided. Cost: \$2. For information: Mike, 772-1160.

Asian Counselling and Referral Service first annual fund-raising dinner — Thurs Nov. 15. Westin Hotel. For information: 461-3606.





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