

# NEWSLETTER

## SEATTLE CHAPTER

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### President's Message

by *Tim Gojio*

February 19, 1992 is a date that should live in infamy for all Japanese Americans. On that day fifty years ago the freedom of our Seattle Japanese American community, and other similar communities along the West Coast were deliberately sent into exile by the federal government.

It's been a long struggle to return from that exile along a road that was flowing with blood of those Japanese Americans who fought in the 442nd/100th Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelli-

gence Language Service; on a road that was drenched with sweat of the issei and nisei, who struggled and overcame the destruction of their lives and community; a road that was sprinkled with tears of those who finally obtained redress for their grievances from the very federal government which sent them into exile.

As we remember the injustices and commemorate the events of our history, I celebrate and embrace this glorious heritage of which I am but a small part.

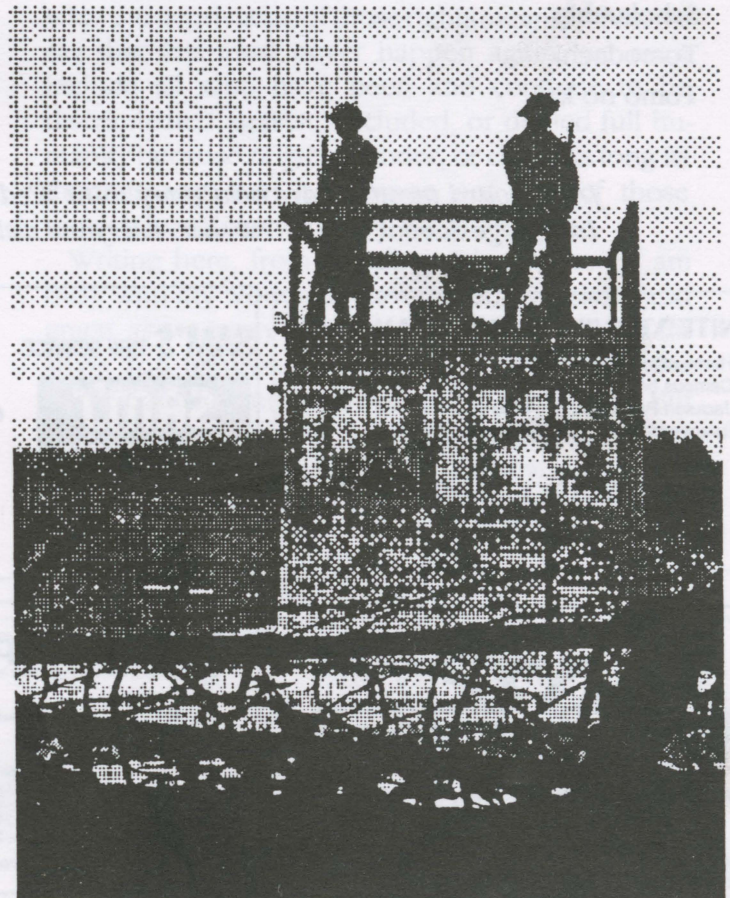
### Thoughts on remembrance on the Day of Remembrance

by *Holly Yasui*

This anniversary is a time when many quote Santayana: that those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it. As a sansei, I did not live through the American concentration camps, but my consciousness has certainly been affected by all that EO 9066 represents. I pay tribute to the gaman of those who endured exclusion and imprisonment and who overcame great injustices; I grieve for their suffering and the damage done to the ideals of freedom and justice we were taught to believe in; and I am proud of the collective action of our community that made redress by our government a reality.

I hope, however, that in remembering the past, we keep in mind that history never repeats itself exactly. I think it's not likely that there will ever again be a mass incarceration of Japanese Americans. But the forces that led to the American concentration camps — war hysteria, racial prejudice, and a failure of political leadership — still gird our society. Ten years

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## Chapter Focus

### Committee chairpersons wanted

The 1992 Seattle Chapter JACL Officers and Board of Directors invites you to volunteer as a chairperson or as a member of one of our active committees. Please see below a list of the committees.

The greatest need we have is getting help in our monthly mailings of the newsletter. The mailings are done every second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Japanese Language School on 1414 S. Weller St. Please come and help whenever you can. Dates for the MONTHLY MAILOUT are: February

12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9.

A special thanks is extended to all of last years volunteers who supported us in the newsletter mailings. We truly appreciate your help. We cannot do without you.

Application forms for the National JACL and Seattle Chapter JACL will soon be available. More information will follow in next month's newsletter.

— submitted by Joy St. Germain

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### Ted Taniguchi receives award

Ted Taniguchi was named the 1991 Distinguished Alumnus by the University of Washington Pharmacy Alumni Association. He has been associated with pharmacy in Seattle for nearly 40 years. He was Chief of Pharmacy at Harborview from 1952—1958, then assumed directorship of the UW Hospital Pharmacy when it opened in 1958. He has given almost a lifetime of service to the University, as a mentor, counsellor, instructor, and guest lecturer. He was a member of the Washington State Pharmacists Association board of directors from 1973—1978, and served as the Associations president in 1973—74. In addition to his contributions in pharmacy, he has

also been actively involved in community affairs. He received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America, is active in the Seattle Buddhist Church, was a past president of the Seattle JACL, and is president of the University Kiwanis Club.

### Asian Business Association job

The Asian Management Business Association is looking for part-time help 10—20 hours per week, preferably a student interested in business. The job entails helping with mailout and compiling a newsletter. This is a great opportunity to meet Asian businessmen and businesswomen. If interested, please contact Ted Yamamura at 477-4510.

### Thoughts on Remembrance

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ago, the U.S. government drew up plans to intern Palestinians in concentration camps as part of the "war against terrorism" and in the current "economic war" with Japan, Asian Americans are once again taking the brunt of misplaced anger and frustration.

Remembering the past in order to not repeat it means not just commemorating particular events, but maintaining an ever-vigilant awareness of the attitudes and actions that create the situations in which such events could and did and will happen. The accommodation, acceptance, or ignorance of "small" injustices make not only possible, but inevitable, great injustices. The mentality of war that sets "us" against "others" continues today in our wars for new markets and access to natural resources, against street crime and drugs, and between the sexes. With life, livelihood and lifestyle at stake, these aggressive and antagonistic attitudes engender irrational fears and retaliation, they sanction racist behavior, and they justify politicians in the making of policies that diminish the democratic ideals of our nation ... incrementally as well as in large sweeps.

Remembering the past is a grave and continuous responsibility. We cannot excuse ourselves from the present or absolve ourselves of the future because of our past. Perhaps it is even more incumbent upon us to defend the human and civil rights of all who have been labelled "other" since we know from our past what the deprivation of those rights means. When we say that this must never happen again, we must include all who have been and continue to be discriminated against, excluded, or denied full humanity because of race, gender, or class. As long as there is any man or woman not free of those oppressions, large or small, we are not free.

Writing here, from Whidbey Island where I am busy with my work and surrounded by beauty and grace, as are many of you in your hard-won professions and finally-secure homes, it is difficult and unpleasant for me to remember these things. But while we deserve to enjoy our comfort and safety, we must remember how fifty years ago it was all taken away from us, and we must do full justice to our remembrance.

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## Special Report

### A Remembrance of JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT

*The University of Puget Sound, JACL, and the Motoda Foundation are sponsoring a three-day exploration of the internment of the Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II on the University of Puget Sound campus. The program runs from Sunday, February 17 through Wednesday, February 19, and includes seminars, panel discussion, films, and exhibits. It is free and open to the public.*

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

##### Sunday night jazz

6:00 pm, Rasmussen Rotunda, Student Union Building — *Jazz performance* by Deems Tsutakawa, with a special showing of *a suite of lithographs* by Roger Shimomura.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

##### Opening program

7:00 pm, Kilworth Memorial Chapel — Premiere of *A Critical and Perilous Hour: Gordon Hirabayashi v United States* and unveiling of *Gordon Hirabayashi*, an original painting by Hiro. Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi, Professor Emeritus, University of Alberta, Canada will be the special guest.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

##### The Internment Experience

4:00 pm, Murray Board Room, Student Union Building — *Stories and comments from former internees: What was it like in 1942?* The participants will be Shigeo Wakamatsu, University of Puget Sound alumnus, national JACL leader; Robert Mizukami, former mayor of Fife, Washington and member of 442nd; Miyo Uchiyama, former Tacoma businesswoman, member of JACL; Judge William Marutani, former member, Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. The facilitator will be Nancy Bristow, Assistant Professor of History, University of Puget Sound

##### A Historical Perspective

8:00 pm, Rasmussen Rotunda, Student Union Building — *The Internment in Historical Perspective*. The speaker will be Ronald Takaki, Professor of Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

##### Legal Issues Seminar

4:00 pm, Murray Board Room, Student Union Building — *Legal remedies: coram nobis, redress through legislation and redress through civil action*. Panelists will be Rodney Kawakami, Attorney at Law, lead attorney, Hirabayashi v. United States; Cherry Kinoshita, National JACL Redress chairperson; William Hohri, Chairperson, National Council for Japanese American Redress. Facilitator will be Margaret Armanacas-Fisher, Director, Institute for Citizen Education in the Law, University of Puget Sound School of Law.

##### Civil Liberties in America

8:00 pm, Rasmussen Rotunda, Student Union Building — *The future of civil rights in the context of the Japanese American experience: Could it happen again?* The panelists will be Peter Irons, Professor of Political Science, University of California-San Diego; Peggy Nagae Lum, lead attorney, Yasui v. United States; Michael McCann, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Washington. The facilitator will be William Haltom, Assistant Professor of Politics and Government, University of Puget Sound.

An exhibit of memorabilia from the 1940s will be on display at the Collins Memorial Library. For a complete program, or for more information, call or write Scott Higashi '91 c/o Dean of Students Office, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA 98416, (206) 756-3360.

#### Seattle events

##### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

**EO 9066: 50 Years Before and 50 Years After**  
Opening of Wing Luke Asian Museum's major exhibit on Japanese American history, 407 Seventh Avenue S.

**Seattle Chapter JACL reception and tour of EO 9066 exhibit** — 6:00-8:00 pm, Wing Luke Asian Museum, Mike Lowry guest speaker, open to all JACL 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 pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St.

**Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women, 1885-1990** — through March 1, Oregon Historical Society, 1230 SW Park Ave., Portland, Mon-Sat, 10 am - 5 pm, Sun noon - 5 pm. Free. For information: (503) 222-1741.

**A Remembrance of Japanese American Internment, 1942-1946** — Sunday, Feb. 16 - Tuesday, Feb. 19, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma. For program, see Special Report, page 4.

**Executive Order 9066: 50 Years Before and 50 Years After** — a history of Japanese Americans of Washington State through photos, words, and art, Feb. 19 - August 31, Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Tues-Fri 11 am - 4:30 pm, Sat-Sun noon - 4 pm. Admission: \$2.50 adults, \$1 seniors/students, \$.50 children under 12. For information: 623-5124.

**Seattle Chapter JACL reception and tour of EO 9066 exhibit** — Wed, Feb. 19, 6-8pm, Wing Luke

Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Mike Lowry guest speaker, open to all JACL members.

**First Hill Lion's Club annual pancake breakfast** — Sun, Feb 23, 7:30 am - 1 pm, Kawabe House, 221 18th Ave. S., \$5, \$3 seniors. To benefit Kawabe House and Keiro.

**Performance by jazz musician Les Iwana** — Mon, Feb. 24, 8:30 - 10:30 pm, Trolleyman Pub & Red Hook Ale Club, 3400 Phinney Ave. N. For information: 548-8000.

**Japan America Society luncheon: Japan's reaction to President Bush's trip** — Mon, Feb. 24, Four Seasons Hotel, 411 University St. Speaker: the Honorable Hiroshi Hirabayashi, Embassy of Japan, Washington DC. 11:30 am registration, noon - 1:30 luncheon. Cost \$25. Reservations: 623-7900 by Feb. 21.

**Japan America Society panel discussion: Race relations in the U.S. and Japan** — Mon, Feb 24, University of Washington Kane Hall, room 210, 7-9 pm. Panelists: Honorable Hiroshi Hirabayashi, Japa-

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nese Embassy; Dolores Sibonga and Larry Tolliver. Free. For information: 623-7900.

**Public performance on Japanese American history by Nova Alternative High School students** — Mon, Feb 24, 7:30 pm, Theatre Off Jackson, 408 7th Ave. S. For information: Barbara Morrison,

**Keep the Faith: Center for Career Alternatives' 12th anniversary dinner** — Fri, Feb. 28, Seattle Sheraton Hotel and Towers, 1400 Sixth Ave., 5:30 pm reception, 6:15 pm dinner/program. Cost: \$35 per person. Reservations and information: Janet Johnson,

**Tomo no kai dineout** — Sat, Feb. 29, Anthony's Home Port, 6135 Seaview Ave. NW, noon, \$19 per person. For reservations: Mary,

**Doshi Kai meeting** — Tues, March 3, 6:30 pm. Call Wayne Kimura for name and address of restaurant,

**Blaine Memorial Methodist Church annual sukiyaki dinner** — Sat, March 7, takeout 2 pm - 7 pm, sit-down dining 4 pm - 7 pm. Tickets: \$6.50 adults, \$4.50 seniors over 70 and children under 12. For more information, 723-1536.

**Nikkei community dance** — Sat, March 14, 8 - 11:30 pm, Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St., BYOL, ice provided, \$3 if live band, \$2 if recorded music. For information: 772-1160.

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# Japanese American Citizens League

## Seattle Chapter

The Seattle Chapter in support of the Japanese Cultural Center for the Pacific Northwest (JCCPNW) is trying to gather data for the initial planning for building a facility at the current sight of the Japanese Language School, 1414 So. Weller St. Please answer the following questions and feel free to add comments to help determine what kind of a center will be most suited for community needs and let them know if you or your group would like to share and participate in the planning of the center and to use its facilities once it is built

1. would you, your group or company have an interest in using the physical JCCPNW facilities? (i.e. auditorium, classrooms, office space, library, etc.)

2. If so, what kind of space/facilities do you want and how big?

3. Would you have any special space requirements? (i.e. counter top, sinks, tables, chairs, mats, utilities, etc.) Please specify if possible.

4. At what times and how regularly would you like to use the facilities? (times per day, week, month, year, special occasions. Days of the week, A.M or P.M., etc.)

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8. The proposed JCCPNW can only be accomplished and continue to operate through individual/group donations, volunteers and financial contributions. Would you and/or your organization be willing to support such a program?

9. Your Comments:

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