

BOARD MEETING: Our regular monthly Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 21st, 8 o'clock, at Jackson Street Community Council office. We have a full agenda to take care of so everyone is urged to come out and put in his two cents worth.

PNWDC: Pacific Northwest District Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 25, at the Olympic Hotel with Dr. John Kanda of the Puyallup Chapter presiding. Representatives from the Puyallup Valley, White River Valley, Spokane, Portland, Gresham-Troutdale and Mid-Columbia chapters as well as from the host Seattle chapter, are expected to attend. Mas Satow, National Director, will also be in attendance.

GOLF: Classes are now in full swing with genial Don Page, pro at Jefferson Golf Course, showing the ladies how to swing their clubs. The lady duffers who turn out on Wednesday nights are: Frances Kubo, Elaine Shimooka, Fene Harada, Pauline Yoshida, Elaine Yoshida, Katherine Kanazawa, Hisako Aoki, Ruby Shu, Florence Fugami, Jenifer Aoki;

Cherry Kinoshita, Amy Hara, Mrs. Ban Okada, Helen Akita, Aya Shimomura, Kimi Nakanishi, Mabel Shigaya, Amy Matsuoka, Jean Okazaki, Miye Nitta, Sumi Kawaguchi, Jo Sakamoto, Kimi Nakamura, Lillian Yoshino, Mary Nakagawa, Mary Yoshijima, Yuri Baba, Chiye Kusakabe, June Kumasaka and Nancy Kuwada.

Not to be outdone are the following men who show up on Thursday nights: John Aoki, Eddie Shimomura, Kay Toda, Jim Matsuoka, Mr. Uji, Roy Okada, Bob Matsuura, Evan Shu, Nish Kumagai, Akira Mayeda. Minoru Tai is the fellow who started the ball rolling.

RAINIER BREWERY PARTY: Remember, May 13th is "JACL Day" at Rainier Brewery 3100 Airport Way South. A conducted tour of the plant which starts at 7:30 will precede a buffet supper which will be served in the famous Mountain Room and music will be furnished for dancing after your thirst has been quenched! We hope you remembered to sign up with the Akita's since the evening promises to be an enjoyable one.

SCHOOL FOR COMMUNITY ACTION AGAINST POVERTY AND PREJUDICE:

Sponsored by women representing eight different organizations, the School for Community Action Against Poverty and Prejudice was more successful and better-attended than anticipated. Over 500 registrants, most of them Caucasians, about 30 or 40 Negro, and six Nisei, gathered for three consecutive Mondays, each session gaining attendance over the last.

The Rev. Peter Kaible, minister of the University Unitarian Church, moderator for all three panel groups, emphasized the fact that one can no longer remain "ethically neutral" in the human struggle for freedom from poverty and prejudice.

Some fleeting personal impressions: 1) It's time that churchwomen of all faiths stood up to be counted; 2) is this a "talk about it and go home with a good conscience" thing, or beginning of something concrete? 3) if these women of different faiths, race and heritage can come together to dialogue, we Nisei with a common ancestry and heritage can surely dialogue and discuss problems we can no longer avoid for they confront us all. Can we afford to be "ethically neutral"? --Sally Kazama

NATIONAL BOARD RECOMMENDS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LAND LAW REPEAL DRIVE:

With the 1964 Convention mandate to support a third attempt to the repeal of the Washington Alien Land Law if agreed to by the JACL chapters in the state (this has been assured), the National Board favorably recommended an additional \$6,000 appropriation for consideration at the next National Convention. To provide the necessary financial impetus to the 1966 campaign, \$5,000 was formally approved at the 1964 convention.

The \$4,000 returned from the previous campaign plus the above amounts will total \$15,000, upon which the state campaign is relying for its initial financial support.

The repeal move is being spearheaded by a JACL committee with Toru Sakakura and James Matsuoka as co-chairmen.

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business.

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The Freedom Foundation award was won by
Kathy Tagawa, Garfield high school senior.
The award will be presented by supreme court
judge on KING-TV in May.

The Foundation is to promote and perpetuate the American way of life and freedom heritage and to protect the dignity and freedom of the individual.

Entries for the contest consisted of photography, speeches, class projects or editorials with patriotic thought. Freedom Foundation is located at Valley Forge.

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LAND LAW REPERCUSSIONS RECALLED FROM PAST

The initial step in the project to pass the constitutional amendment to remove the section of the 1889 state constitutional requirement which prohibits aliens from buying and owning land in the state of Washington, has been completed. S.J.R. 20 will appear in the 1966 ballot to be submitted before the qualified voters of this state.

Washington is the only state retaining this racial prohibition in the land law.

The seriousness of the law, aside from the incalculable economic loss sustained, was demonstrated back in 1913 when the California legislature enacted a similar type of law prohibiting Japanese from owning land and limiting their tenure of it to leases of three years' duration. Tokyo sent a violent protest and interpreted the law as an insult to their national honor. Feeling ran high in both countries creating a war scare and Corregidor was put on 24-hours alert for 6 weeks (the same bastion which was destined to appear in the U.S. military history almost 30 years later).

President Wilson sent Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan to plead with the legislature. The best he could do was to have the word "Japanese" stricken and inserting the word "alien" to soften the sensitive feeling. Secretary Bryan tried hard to convince the Japanese Foreign Office "that this law was purely local, 'wholly economic, in significance, and had no part in the national policy of the United States toward Japan."

But the irony of the law was that in spite of the President Wilson being thoroughly disgusted with the recklessness of the California Assembly, the state legislature was able to hide behind the discriminatory provision in the Federal Law that no Asiatic people can become citizens by naturalization.

California alien land law and the racial restriction to naturalization is now repealed, of course, as contrast to the sober realization that THE LAW remains for the state of Washington.

The alien land law with its tentacles of economic strangulation has already contributed to the tragic chapter in the history of the Japanese Americans. Our only recourse now is to right the wrong and do our utmost to come out victorious in the coming campaign to repeal the existing land law.

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GARFIELD HIGH STUDENTS WIN HONOR

Patti Hamasaki and Arthur Uyeda, seniors at Garfield high school, received American Legion school medals from University Post No. 11 at an assembly. Miss Hamasaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamasaki of 918 Empire Way S., had a 4.00 grade point average this year and hopes to attend beauty school.

Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Masato Uyeda, 211-23rd Ave., is a teacher's assistant and hopes
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MUCH EFFORT WENT INTO LEGISLATIVE GROUNDWORK

Enough words can never be said for Tak Kubota, legislative chairman of the Seattle land law committee for his proficient work in Olympia to have the bill introduced and to have it passed through both houses in spite of the crowded legislative schedule caused by the redistricting dilemma. This meant considerable expenditure of time spent with members of the legislature.

Over half of the senators who sponsored the Senate Joint Resolution 20 are members of the powerful Senate Rules Committee which has the power to move or stop the bill from going to the Senate floor for a vote.

Senators who introduced the SJR 20 include: Edward F. Riley, D. 35th Dist., Seattle; John N. Ryder, R. 46th Dist., Seattle; John Petrich, D. 26 Dist. Tacoma; Ernest W. Lennart, R. 41 Dist. Whatcom Co.; Fred Dore, D., 37 Dist. Seattle; Albert Thompson, Jr. 48 Dist. King Co.; Wilber G. Hallauer, D., 1 Dist. Douglas and Okanogan Co.; Michael J. Gallagher, D. 45 Dist. Seattle; Reuben A. Knoblauch, D. 25th Dist. Pierce Co.; Nat Washington, D. 13 Dist. Kittitas and Grant Co.; and August P. Mardesich, D., 38 Dist. Island and Snohomish Co.

Tak headed the 1962 campaign which saw the Washington voters turn back the measure by less than 2% margin but valuable experience and data have been gained.

Tak is also the second national vice-president and appropriately enough, it was the mandate of the National Board, the National Council and the Pacific Northwest District Council of JACL that the course of action was started in the new attempt to repeal the Alien Land Law.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT

Dr. Theodore S. Chihara, head of the Seattle University's mathematics department, received a \$3,400 grant from the National Science Foundation for a research project.

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DONATIONS

The Seattle Chapter gratefully acknowledges donations from Mrs. H. Tokita, Albert Bonus, T. Taniguchi, and Dick Ishikawa.

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING SET APRIL 29

The Seattle Human Rights Commission holds a meeting at Roosevelt high school, 1410 N.E. 65th St. at 7:30 p.m., April 29. The meeting is open to the public and there will be a question and answer period following the business portion of the session.

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SEATTLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

By Y. Philip Hayasaka

Met a friend the other day and the guy asked "What has the Human Rights Commission been doing for the past year, since the defeat of Seattle's Open Housing Ordinance?" Such an embarrassing question, but I replied "Well, we had an all day Human Relations Conference for Law Enforcement Officers from throughout the State and followed this up with another all day conference that included not only the police, but active civil rights group."

"Not bad," says he, "but what have you done lately?"

"Had a Conference for high school students that involved about 250 kids from 40 schools."

"So what else is new? Publish anything worthwhile?"

"I hope so. We'll give to anyone that wants it, an informational brochure highlighting the Human Rights situation in Seattle, plus a background of the Commission. Also, for anyone that's looking for a house, a pamphlet, 'When Buying a House,' that gives some tips. Our news bulletin goes out monthly to our mailing list. Let me know if you want to be on it. Also, we have an annual report."

"How about complaints--getting any?"

"Some . . . most we refer to the Washington State Board Against Discrimination, since they have the State Law to enforce on discrimination. But we've had a few in housing as well as employment and the police. We try to work on these quietly and informally. Complaints aren't only from Negroes--receive some from Orientals and Caucasians too."

"Getting much cooperation from the City?"

"We've had discussions with the top officials in City departments, such as City Light, Transit, Engineering, Building, and Park Departments, about their personnel policies, and received good cooperation. The police Department is recruiting actively in the minority communities with the Fire Department and they have representatives go to community meetings."

"Seems that you could be doing more . . . what are you planning?"

"A Human Relations Course for City employees; a network of neighborhood human relations councils throughout the City; an exchange program of high school students to go to Garfield and live with a family in the area, and vice versa; continuing to hold commission meetings every quarter in some community of the City. Next one will be on April 29 at Roosevelt; continuing to hold conferences for staff of all intergroup relations agencies to keep up on new events. . . ."

"Well, sounds pretty good. Let me know if I can be of any help."

"Swell, why don't you . . ."

"Got to go now . . . keep up the good work . . . see you later . . ."

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PROGRAM SERIES ON CIVIL RIGHTS DIRECTED TO
JAPANESE COMMUNITY SET FOR MAY 10, 17, AND 24

Civil Rights mean many things to different people. As the events accelerate, many questions are asked . . . "Why can't the Negroes earn their rights as the Japanese did?" "Can you eliminate discrimination?" "Why should I get involved?" . . . and various answers are heard.

To bring the larger picture in sharper focus, the JACL's Human Relations Committee will be sponsoring a three part program directed to the Japanese community.

To help you answer these and other questions, this program provides some factual information by knowledgeable persons.

Initiating this program on Monday, May 10, starting at 7:30 p.m., at Glaser Beverages, 2300 - 26th Avenue South, Dr. Frank Miyamoto, University of Washington Professor of Sociology and Mr. Robert Bass, Intergroup Relations Coordinator for the Seattle Public Schools, will discuss background and status of the Japanese and of the Negroes.

The following Monday, May 17, same location, same time, Dr. Donald Noel, Professor of Sociology, University of Washington, will discuss the nature of prejudice and the behavior of people.

The concluding session will be held the Monday after, on May 24, same place, same time, with City Councilman Wing Luke discussing personal involvement.

More information will be coming. The program is so designed that each session leads to the next, yet, each session is informative and valuable by itself.

Mark your calendar now, and reserve Monday evenings, May 10, 17, and 24 to go to Glaser Beverages, 2300 - 26th Ave. So., at 7:30 p.m.

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VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION

Mike Masaoka's article on voting rights legislation in the Apr. 2 issue of Pacific Citizen is well worth re-reading. This historic legislation before Congress needs our support now. A simple letter or telegram to our elected representatives will help. This is an important way in which we can fulfill the responsibilities and privileges of being a citizen.

Write Senators Henry M. Jackson, Warren G. Magnuson (The Honorable _____, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.); Congressmen Thomas M. Pelly (1st Dist.), Lloyd Meeds (2nd Dist.), Brock Adams (7th Dist.) at House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

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