

BOARD MEETING.

Business as usual will be conducted at our regular monthly meeting which will take place Wednesday evening, December 15, 8 o'clock, at our headquarters. Newly-installed President George Iwasaki will preside. On the agenda will be the budget as well as the scheduling of events for the coming year. Everyone is asked to make a special effort to attend.

INSTALLATION DINNER.

Newly elected officers headed by President George Iwasaki were to have been installed Wednesday, December 8, at Bush Garden with Tak Kubota, 2nd National Vice-President doing the honors. George will be ably assisted next year by Eddie Shimomura, President-elect; Jiro Aoki, 1st V.P.; Eira Nagaoka, 2nd V.P.; Fred Takagi, 3rd V.P.; Rose Ogino, Recording Secretary; Sally Kazama, Corresponding Secretary; Thomas Imori, Treasurer; Elmer Ogawa, Historian; Terrance Toda, Board Delegate. Board of Governors include Akira Aramaki, George Fugami, Mary Fujita, Frank Hattori, Natalie Hayashida, Miye Ishikawa, Edward Nakamoto, Kimi Nakanishi, Roy Seko, Toshie Suyama, Ted Taniguchi, Midori Kono Thiel, Paul Tomita, K. Kay Toda, Charles Toshi, and Takako Yoda. The Standing Committees are: 1000 Club, George Kawachi; Issei Story, Yoshito Fujii and Terumitsu Kano; Alien Land Law, James Matsuoka and Toru Sakahara; Bowling, Yosh Tsue; Golf, Minoru Tai; Picnic, Sad Ishimitsu and Bob Matsuura; Dance Club, Kay and Dot Fukuma; Human Relations, Don Kazama and Young Adults, Helen and Hiram Akita.

Attorney-General John J. O'Connell was principal speaker and other distinguished guests were Mayor and Mrs. Dorm Braman; Chairman of the City Council Clarence Massart and Mrs. Massart and Commander and Mrs. William Hirata of the NVC. Paul Horiuchi, Jr. was to have favored us with vocal selections.

Hostesses headed by Helen Akita were: Mesdames Sally Yamada, Tick Suyama, Fumi Yamasaki, Kiyo Sakahara, Aya Shimomura, Shea Aoki and Miss Pat Akita.

TED IWATA REPORTS ON THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP.

Alan Kumamoto, National Youth Director, and Paul Tamura, National Youth Interim Chairman, presided at the PNDC meeting for the youth delegates gathered at Tacoma. A resolution was adopted to form the Northwest District Youth Council. Paul Tamura assumed the position of NYC chairman by virtue of his former office. The other NYC officers elected were: Curtis Onchi (Portland), treasurer; Pam Tamura (Portland), secretary; and Ted Iwata (Seattle, publicity chairman. The Seattle group elected the following officers: Eileen Suyama, President; Ken Iwamura, President-Elect; Dee Morimoto, membership; Yaeko Tokita, Program; Ted Iwata, Publicity; Sandee Nakanishi, Recording Secretary; Wanda Nakatani, Corresponding Secretary; Glenn Sugiyama, Treasurer; Vicki Imamoto, Historian. The officers were to have been installed jointly with the Chapter officers at Bush Garden on December 8.

On December 16 all committee chairmen, old and new officers, are requested to attend a cabinet meeting at 8 in the evening at 526 S. Jackson Street. The temporary officers will transfer all official material to their successors; the new officers will be acquainted with their fellow officers, their duties, and the new business for the group.

The following day, December 17, the group will have its Christmas project at St. Peters Episcopal Church. Admittance is by two bags of candy. Stockings will be stuffed starting at 7 p.m. and later distributed at Children's Orthopedic Hospital. Upon completion of the project those taking part will be rewarded with a dance at the Church the same night at which time refreshments will be served.

The next general meeting will be held on December 21 at JACL headquarters starting at 8 p.m.

JAPANESE HISTORY PROJECT.

Joe Grant Masaoka, History Project Administrator, from UCLA, was a surprise visitor to the monthly Chapter meeting of November 17. His mission was not a happy one for he had come to correct an oversight where the allocation of previous interview sampling was not distributed to distinguish the urban from the rural areas and some of the interviews will have to be repeated in accordance with a new set of patterns to be selected.

Masaoka explained that the project is not merely an Issei Story historical project but will include one of the most comprehensive sociological surveys ever attempted for any group. The interview data will eventually be programmed and fed into a computer in order that many sociological questions can be fed into and analyzed by the computers in a most unbiased form. "We should cover 800 Issei to be studied over the entire United States," Masaoka stated. The Issei study has been stratified into six economic levels based on housing values, etc., and comparison can be made with other ethnic groups using this SMSA method, also known as the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area.

In conjunction with this project we may cite the study by Prof. Peterson of Social Science Department of UCLA seeking an answer to the following questions: 1) Why did Japanese in face of so much discrimination, succeed? 2) Why did Issei continue to send their offspring to college in spite of their seeming future of working at fruit stands, etc.? 3) Why did Japanese, confronted with discrimination, not develop resentment? 4) Is there something detachable from the Issei pattern of behavior which can be passed on to other groups which can be of benefit?

Yoshito Fujii and Terumitsu Kano continued to emphasize the need for interviewers.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP.

The Seattle Chapter will be responsible for conducting the National Scholarship awards for the year 1966. All local chapters and districts throughout the United States will participate in the selection of worthy candidates in their areas. All applications will be forwarded to a special scholarship committee where the selection of seven recipients will be named. The scholarship awards will vary from \$100 to \$300 of which four will be given by the National organization and three from Memorial funds. The scholarship selection and presentation is scheduled for early spring. A Scholarship Committee Chairman will be named shortly.

ALIEN LAND LAW.

The Alien Land Law Repeal Committee made a progress report which included the projected ground work which will be laid down for the campaign. A thorough study of precinct areas and their voting habits are being analyzed. The public relations group is working out a set of questions and answers in anticipation of many inquiries which will be brought out during the heat of the campaign. Strategy in the conducting and the theme to be used in the campaign is being worked out with the aid of experienced campaigners and those familiar with promotion work. It was emphasized that Seattle will have to carry the major load and initiative. Puyallup and White River Valley chapters will also assume major responsibility. The Spokane chapter has not officially approved but many of their members indicated that they will help us with the campaign.

FOUR NATIONAL OFFICERS met with the Washington State Alien Land Law Committee this week to commit their support and assistance to the up-coming campaign. National President Kumeo Yoshinari, Executive Director Mas Satow, Legal Counselor Bill Marutani and Youth Director Alan Kumamoto were in attendance. The officers were in the Pacific Northwest participating in the PNWDC Convention in Tacoma December 3 and 4.

"FACE TO FACE" MEETINGS WITH NEGRO COMMUNITY.

The Human Relations Committee announced that a series of six "face to face" meetings will be held with the leaders of the Negro communities. About 10 to 12 Nisei representing the Japanese community will get into the discussion with a like number of Negroes and will be limited to those who would like to participate. The others will be filled in by members of the Human Relations Committee. Participants will wear name tags and refreshments will be served to close the meetings. The first item on the program is to exchange the historical backgrounds for the respective groups. The level of the meeting will be kept informal and will be a chance to "get together and just get acquainted." Don Kazama, Chairman of the Committee, said that it would be hard to say what would come of it. The first meeting will be held some time in January and the committee is already finalizing the possible format for this series. Don concluded by saying that this is a non-action but mutual understanding type of meeting.

PNWDC CONVENTION.

The District Convention was held in Tacoma this past week-end at the Winthrop Hotel. JACL chapters of the Northwest along with their junior groups were hosted by the Puyallup Valley Chapter.

Varied programs revolved around the quarterly PnDC meeting. 1) At this meeting the following newly elected officers were installed: Mrs. Emi Somekawa (Portland), Chairman; Mits Takasumi (Mid-Columbia), Vice-Chairman; Shig Nagae (Gresham-Troutdale), Treasurer; Mrs. Bessie Matsuda (Portland), Historian; Mrs. Mary Iwasaki (Portland), Secretary; and Kaz Yamane (Puyallup Valley), 1000 Club Chairman.

A banquet Saturday evening featured the recognition of retired Oregon Supreme Court Justice George Rossman. Judge Rossman was instrumental in the abolishment of the Oregon Alien Land Law. Others receiving special JACL recognition were Silver Pin, for outstanding services to their local chapters for a minimum of ten consecutive years: Ray Sato, Mid-Columbia; Mamoru Noji, Mid-Columbia, and Mrs. Sara Sugimoto, Puyallup Valley. Sapphire Pin, for outstanding service beyond the chapter level, Dr. John Kanda, Puyallup Valley. Dr. Kanda was also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by National President Kumeo Yoshinari.

Following the banquet, delegates attended a 1000 Club mixer in Sumner while the Junior delegates attended a dance in the Winthrop Hotel ballroom in Tacoma.

Booster delegates from Seattle were the Shimomura's, Matsuoka's, Akita's, Aoki's, Hayasaka's, K. Toda's, Elmer Ogawa, George Iwasaki, Takako Yoda, Tak Kubota, Toru Sakahara, Kimi Nakanishi, Terrance Toda, Frank Hattori.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER, '65

- December 8 Installation Banquet, Bush Garden 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Newsletter Publication, JACL office 7:30
- 14 Dance Club Meeting, Fukuma residence, 864 SW 122nd 7:30
- 15 Board Meeting, JACL office 8:00
- 17 Young Adult Group Christmas Project, St. Peter's 7:00
- 21 Young Adult Board Meeting, JACL office 8:00
- 28 Human Relations Meeting, JACL office 8:00
- 31 New Year's Eve Dance, Village Inn, Bellevue 9:30
- January 1 1966 Membership Drive

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SEATTLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
By Y. Philip Hayasaka

"All we need to do is to get people together." Some people sincerely believe that this alone is the answer to the very complex intergroup relations problem. However, it's not that simple.

For example, in the South, negroes and caucasians have more contact with each other than in any other region, yet the South is hardly a showcase of racial tolerance. In southern California live a high population of Mexican Americans, yet, there are critical tensions between that group and caucasians. Along the west coast where a large number of orientals reside, more acts of prejudice and discrimination are committed against them than anywhere else. It almost appears that the more contact there is, the more prejudice is encountered.

Important as it is to get people together, Professor Gordon Allport contends in "Nature of Prejudice" that it is the kind of contact between people that is the key factor.

Old and hostile stereotyped impressions may be reinforced. If a caucasian doctor meets only negroes who are janitors or laborers, he may feel that this is the only type of job that negroes can do. However, if the caucasian doctor meets an oriental or negro doctor in a situation that permits exploration into similar interests, intolerance may then lessen.

If the members of groups getting together are competing along group lines, such as an all negro team playing an all caucasian team in basketball, they could have contact for a long time without any lessening of intolerance. However, if both teams have different group members as team mates, then better understanding for the individual may result and racial intolerance is further lessened. When different members of a group are striving for the same goal, such as members of a chorale to achieve harmony, this mutual dependence lessens tolerance.

Changes in behavior may result when these characteristics are present along with the support of law, or custom, or policy by authorities. Attitudes may then also begin to change.

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FROM THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
By Midori Kono Thiel

The Seattle Urban League and the Jackson Street Community Council will hold their December Grass Roots Forum **TUESDAY, DEC. 14** from 8 - 10 p.m. at East Side Y.W.C.A. 29th and East Cherry.

TOPIC: "SHOULD ORIENTAL AMERICANS BECOME INVOLVED IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT?"

Moderator will be: Mrs. Fran Wada (chairman of Christian Social Concerns Commission of Blaine Memorial Methodist Church and member of its official Board)

Panelists will be:

Benjamin Woo: architect and engineer; graduate of University of Washington; past president of the Chinese Community Service Organization; Board member of the Human Rights Commission; Jackson Street Community Council, Chong Wa, and the China Club.

Warren Chan: attorney, Seattle resident 42 years; graduate of University of Washington Law School; active in Chong Wa Benevolent Association, Chinese Community Service Organization, and Cathay Post American Legion.

Calvin Takagi: Associate Professor, University of Washington School of Social Work; B.A., M.A., and Ph. D. Univ. of Minnesota.

Mrs. Midori Thiel: printmaker, painter and housewife; member of Japanese American Citizens League Human Relations Committee; M.A. in Art from University of California; former resident of Hawaii, California, and Japan.

Toru Sakahara: attorney, past officer of Jackson Street Community Council, First Hill Lions, etc.; Co-chairman of Land Law Repeal Committee; Board and committee member of JACL and City of Seattle Housing Advisory.

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FACE TO FACE, each Friday evening at 7 p.m.

Dec. 10 "Minority Housing" representatives of the Fair Housing Listing Service and Rental Project of the Urban League discuss housing with Roberta Byrd, moderator

Dec. 17 Dorothy Hollingsworth discusses the PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

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