

GENERAL MEETING SET MAY 24

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THE YEAR'S FIRST GENERAL JACL MEETING will be held Tuesday, May 24 starting at 8 p.m. at the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church. It will be a joint meeting with the JACL Young Adult Group. Dr. Giovanni Costigan, Professor of History at the University of Washington will speak on the Viet Nam crisis. Dr. Costigan received his doctorate in 1930 from the U. of Wisconsin and has taught at the University of Washington since 1934. (See Ted Iwata's column for more details). Everyone is asked to make special effort to attend. Interested public is invited and refreshments will be served. REMEMBER TUESDAY, MAY 24, Blaine Memorial Methodist Church 8:PM.

THE SEATTLE CHAPTER IS SPONSORING A BENEFIT VARIETY AND TALENT SHOW SATURDAY, MAY 28 at the Buddhist Auditorium to help with the Land Law Repeal campaign. Frank Hattori, chairman of the talent and variety show, is hoping to have a bilingual Master of Ceremonies. The expected 3-hour entertainment should contain shibai, manzai, shigin, odori, hula dance, violin, koto, guitar, and other entertainments which will also appeal to the younger set. This should be the opportunity to see the array of talents in our community.

President George Iwasaki will be in charge of the technical direction in this production. Tak Kubota will be in charge of the public relations and ticket distribution. Volunteers are sorely needed to make this one night stand a successful one. Donation price of \$1 will be the price of admission. The show begins at 8 p.m.

TED IWATA REPORTS ON YOUNG ADULT GROUP. Since there will be a guest speaker appearing this month, the business meeting will be brief. It is necessary therefore that the committee chairmen have their written reports, evaluating the convention and the basketball tournament, duly prepared. The other important business of the meeting will be the election of the new president-elect as a successor to Ken Iwamura. Wanda Nakatani, Jerry Shigaki, and Dave Ohnagi are the candidates running for the office. If there are any members who need absentee ballots please check with your committee chairmen. I urge each member to consider his vote seriously because the president-elect will assume the office of president for next year.

Gloria Mayeda has made arrangements with Dr. Giovanni Costigan to provide us the honor of speaking at our meeting next month. Dr. Costigan, professor of English History at the University of Washington will discuss the controversial issue over Viet Nam. For those of us familiar with this teacher, Dr. Costigan is noted for his eloquence as well as for his intellectual insight; for those college students who have had to struggle through their lecture classes, please note that Dr. Costigan was one of the professors honored with A's from the Course Critique. Dr. Costigan's speech will be open to the public so please invite friends and any interested parties (fringies included). If Dr. Costigan's appearance is well received, he may consent to further appearances at JACL meetings. I would also like to mention that Dr. Costigan's views do not necessarily represent the views of Seattle JACL.

This month's meeting will be changed to the fourth Tuesday of the month that is, May 24. The meeting will start 8 p.m. at Blaine Memorial Methodist Church located at 3001 24th S.

SUNDAY IS ALL PLAY AND NO WORK by Vicki Imamoto

It doesn't matter--take the ferry, swim, or drive--just be sure to get there. "There" is the Tokita's summer place on Bainbridge Island; the date, Sunday, May 15; the starting point, the Seattle Ferry Terminal at 11:15 a.m. (the ferry leaves at 11:40 a.m. sharp).

Pick your own main attraction among the activities: a picnic, girls, guys, dancing, football, or waterskiing. Girls are providing the food; guys are bringing sports equipment. Cars are needed so please contact Drew Kiga (EA 5-6973). The cost is \$2.50 a head; \$1.80 for round-trip ferry ticket, \$50 paid to your driver for car fee, and \$.20 for pop.

Since the summer place can hold only a limited number, JACL has set a maximum of 30 persons to the festivities on a first-come-first-serve basis. So please hurry and contact Drew Kiga (EA 3-6973) or Vicki Imamoto (EA 3-6002) before Friday, May 13.

THE JACL DANCE CLUB WILL HOLD ITS NEXT SOCIAL ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18 at the Veterans of Foreign War Post Hall located at 3601 S.W. Alaska Street, it was announced by Kay and Dot Fukuma, chairmen. George Burns and his Velvetones will provide the music for dancing.

DONATION. The Seattle Chapter gratefully acknowledge the generous \$200 donation from Yoshinokue Hasegawa.

FINAL DRAFT OF THE NATIONAL JACL SCHOLARSHIP IS BEING COMPLETED. Final judging will be held July 15. There will be two panels: one being a screening committee made up of six nisei and the final selection panel of six distinguished local citizens. Ten scholarships are available.

Local scholarship is also set. Mr. Don Page and Mr. Johnson Shimizu has donated \$250 each. Four awards will be given at \$100 each. Committee has been formed and requests two nomination from Cleveland, Rainier Beach, Garfield, and Franklin has been sent this week.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING will be held April 22 at the Imperial Hotel in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Emi Somekawa will preside. The oratorical contest will be held in conjunction with Pacific Northwest District Council meeting. Edison's Electronics student Kay Mori, 19, will represent our Young Adult Group for this event. The winner will represent the district in the final to be held at the national level.

SEATTLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

By Y. Phillip Hayasaka

A report by the Seattle Public Schools on the growth and distribution of minority races indicates some interesting statistics as pertaining to students identified as Japanese.

The report states that at the end of 1964, there were 2,359 Japanese students, representing 2.5% of the total enrollment, in the public schools. Included in this number were 1,379 elementary students, 548 junior high school students, 426 senior high school students and 6 students in special schools. These figures reflected an increase of 751 pupils during the last seven years, or a rise of 46%.

On the senior high school level, the largest number of students attended Garfield (133), with Franklin (121) and Cleveland (101) not far behind. By including Rainier Beach (37), over 90% of all the Japanese students were enrolled in 4 of Seattle's 12 high schools--all in the Central and South End of Seattle.

On the junior high school level, the largest number of students attended Mercer (216). Washington was a distant second with 98 students, and Sharples close behind with 87. These three schools represented 73% of the Japanese students in the junior high school level. By including Rainier Beach (46) and Meany (52), 90% of all Japanese students in the junior high school level attended 5 of the 18 of the 18 of Seattle junior high schools--all in the Central and South End of Seattle.

Japanese students were enrolled in every senior high school in Seattle, however, one junior high school and 11 elementary schools had no Japanese students.

Thirty percent of all Japanese students in the elementary level attended three schools--Gatzert (168), Beacon Hill (166), and Van Asselt (118). By including 5 more schools--Kimball (63); Hawthorne (54); Columbia (78); Brighton (69) and Muir (67) over half of all Japanese students attended 8 elementary schools in Seattle. By including an additional 12 schools, over 80% of all Japanese students were enrolled in 20 of the 86 Seattle Elementary Schools--all in the Central and South End of Seattle.

The report also includes the racial distribution of school employees. Out of 6,067 employees surveyed, 95 (1.6%) were Japanese. These included 64 classroom teachers (1.8%), four librarians (3.5%) and one counselor (.9%). Six head secretaries (4.8%); 11 in other secretarial work (4.2%); one in the lunchroom (0.4%); and 8 (2 head secretaries, 4 secretarial and clerical and 2 instructors) in the central office (1.5%) complete the list.

The report ends by stating that the data is presented to supply the answer to the inevitable question--"How do the percentage of school employees for the various minority groups compare with those of the entire city's population?"

For Seattle in 1960, the Japanese represented 1.7% of the total population.

FROM THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

By Midori Kono Thiel

Face to Face, Channel 9, KCTS-TV, Fridays, 7 p.m.

May 13--The Negro and the Arts

20--The new apprentice training program

27--Face to Face; an evaluation

Grass Roots Forum, ninth in a series of free, public, provocative, discussion, "Should Children be Used in Civil Disobedience?" Tuesday, May 10, Eastside Y.W.C.A., 29th and East Cherry, 8-10 p.m. Panelists will speak for and against involvement. Sponsored by Seattle Urban League and Jackson Street Community Council.

Indian-Japanese discussions have begun at the Seattle Indian Center, 1900 Boren Avenue, Seattle. The first meeting was held in April and will continue indefinitely on a monthly basis.

From Indian Center News: Northwest Indian Arts and Crafts Exhibit and Sales on June 3, 4, 5, from 12 noon to 8 p.m., Seattle Center, Building #38 (next to the Food Circus) . . .

"The National Indian Youth Council has established a Washington state project which will mobilize awareness of American Indian Rights . . . NIYC, Washington State Project, 5209 15th N.E., Seattle, Washington."

Seattle Magazine, May 1966, features a provocative article on "The Local War on Poverty." Recent issues have included articles on the Negro in Seattle, Indian rights, education, the city council as well as the Arts, mushrooms, and comics).

An organization with a prosaic name KIWANIS CLUB OF INTERNATIONAL SEATTLE has elected Archie Lovre president succeeding Kaun Onodera. Others elected were Dave Towne, 1st v.p.; Jim Pangborn, 2nd v.p.; Bob Rossi, sec. treas.; and bd. of directors Roy Sakamoto, Kay Yamaguchi, John Tompson, Norm Proctor, and Charles Baiocchi. The parent club is the Kiwanis International.

Liem Tuai will be installed as the new president of the SEATTLE FIRST HILL LIONS CLUB May 18 at the Bush Garden. He succeeds George Fugami. Others to be installed are James Munn, 1st v.p.; Bill Komoto, 2nd v.p.; Frank McCartney, 3rd v.p.; Shigeo Watanabe, sec.; Al Rehn, treas.; Bob Matsuura, tail twister; Kenzo Moriguchi, lion tamer. On the board of director include incumbents James Hata, Roy Seko, Frank Uriyu and newly elected Nachi Hayashi, John Driscoll and Dick Ishikawa.

NISEI VETERANS COMMITTEE and WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CLUB held their first meeting for the year under new officers. Elected to the Auxiliary were: Kimi Momoda, pres.; Tama Murotani, v.p.; Kimi Ishii, rec. sec.; Yvette Susumi, treas.; and Fumi Sakamoto, corr. sec. Kiyono was president of the Auxiliary last year.

NVC officers are Mack Shoji, commdr.; Masao Tomita, 1st v. commdr.; Toru Matsuoka, 2nd v. commdr.; Patrick Hagiwara, rec. sec.; Junji Yukawa, corr. sec.; and Grant Kataoka, treas. 12 standing committee chairmen and executive council members Shiro Kashino and Frank Hori were also voted in. Bill Hirata is immediate past commander.

IT WAS AN REMINISCENT EVENING WITH GENE BOYD, staff member of Park Department Recreations division and formerly of Collins Fieldhouse, spinning yarn of prewar days. The occasion: Japanese Baptist men's dinner at Gim Ling May 5.

Boyd recalled Nisei names and teams in the manner of computer memory playback. JACL sponsored and Collins based COURIER BASKETBALL LEAGUE with 54 teams in five divisions showed how times have changed. Christmas holiday tournaments used to pack 'em in.

Evacuation relocation time was a busy one for Boyd too, with these same Collins hoopsters flooding him with stacks and stacks of character reference requests seeking FBI clearance to attend college or seek work outside the WRA compound.

LISTED AMONG 121 "TOP TEN" SCHOLARS in the graduating class of the 12 Seattle public high schools were; CLEVELAND--Michael S. Eguchi, Nadine F. Iwata, Gladys Mihara; FRANKLIN--Wayne Yoda, Allison Yonehiro; GARFIELD--Linda S. Kazumura; and NATHAN HALE--MARSHA A. Hara. The scholars and their parents were honored at the banquet sponsored by Seattle Post No. 1 of the American Legion.

NEWS JOTTINGS . . . REV. MINEO KATAGIRI is the secretary of the Seattle Urban League . . . DR. S. FRANK MIYAMOTO, sociology, who is known for his research in mental health, was appointed acting chairman of the U.W. sociology department, succeeding Dr. Robert E. L. Faris . . .

Pianist JANE MIYAMOTO, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. Frank Miyamoto, was the winner of \$100 Grand Prize in the Eastside Music Festival final. Then she went on to be the winner of the \$100 first-prize award in the annual Music and Art Foundation program for high school students in the finals held at the Cornish School of Allied Arts. She is a junior at Newport High School. Not to be outdone, her brother John was on the Dean's List of Scholars at the Harvard University. . . . Seattle artist FRANK S. OKADA leaves for Paris this fall on a \$7,000 Guggenheim award. He is a painter of the abstract school and graduated from Cranbrook Academy of Arts in Michigan. He studied in Kyoto as a Fulbright scholar and is currently a Boeing Company art director . . . U. of W. grad and recent winner of Distinguished Flying Cross, LT. ART KONO, is piloting a B-57 bomber in Viet Nam. He is well known in the Seattle tennis world. Lt. Kono is brother of Midori Kono Thiel, JACL Board member and contributing writer to this publication. . . SYLVIA NOGAKI of Franklin High School received one of the six scholarship awards presented by the Mortar Board Alumnae during the banquet at the St. Mark's Cathedral auditorium. . . Oaklandite JERRY T. NOMURA was appointed assistant manager of the Oakland office of the McDonnell & Co., a nationwide stock brokerage firm. He is the first Nisei to become a stockbroker with a member firm of the New York Stock Exchange in Northern Calif.

MORE NEWS JOTTINGS . . . Chancellor Roger Heyns of Berkeley's University of California released the ethnic survey showing 552 Japanese students among the 26,000 registered on the campus . . . Brigitte Bardot is in Japan making a movie with two of Japan's biggest stars, Toshiro Mifune and Keiko Kishi in the picture "The Secret Agent" being filmed as a joint French-Japanese venture . . . STEVE KUBOTA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tak Kubota, is the anchor man on Rainier Beach Viking's varsity tennis team which is trying to nail down the South Division Championship in the Metro League. The team is coached by Ebo Okiyama. Steve is a four year letterman in tennis and was a February choice for the Rainier Rotary Club Boy of the Month.

NISEI WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD THIS SUNDAY, May 15 at Earlington. Tee-off time is 12:04 to 1:04. Everyone is notified to meet at 11:30 a.m. for important meeting before the tee-off. Tourney chairman is Kiyono Sakahara.

Results of the first tourney held at Jefferson course were released as follows: FIRST FLIGHT--Jane Kihara, 87-17-69; Kazie Sasaki, 104-34-70. SECOND FLIGHT--Pat Kihara, 118-50-68; Luana Yoshino, 127-44-83.

Longest drives were Helen Akita and Pat Kihara. Closest to pin honors went to Lillian Yoshino. There were 35 entries in the meet.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY-JUNE

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| MAY | 11 | Newsletter mailing | 8:00 P.M. | JACL OFFICE |
| " | 13 | Alien Land Law Repeal Meeting | 8:00 P.M. | JACL OFFICE |
| " | 17 | Young Adult Cabinet Meeting | 8:00 P.M. | JSCC OFFICE |
| " | 19 | Directory Meeting | 8:00 P.M. | BUSH GARDEN |
| " | 22 | Pacific N.W. District Council Meeting | 10:00 A.M. | IMPERIAL HOTEL in |
| | | a. oratorical Contest | 2:00 P.M. | Portland, Oregon |
| " | 24 | JACL General Meeting jointly with Young Adult Group. Prof. Giovanni Costigan, speaker | 8:00 P.M. | BLAINE METHODIST CHURCH |
| " | 26 | Local Chapter Scholarship Meeting | 6:30 P.M. | BUSH GARDEN |
| " | 27 | Alien Land Law Repeal Meeting | 8:00 P.M. | JACL OFFICE |
| " | 28 | JACL Benefit Talent and Variety Show | 8:00 P.M. | BUDDHIST AUDITORIUM |
| JUNE | 3 | Alien Land Law Repeal Meeting | 8:00 P.M. | JACL OFFICE |
| " | 3 | "JACL REPORTER" news deadline. Mail articles to: c/o E. Nagaoka, 151 11th Avenue, Seattle 98122 | | |
| " | 6 | Human Relations Committee Meeting | 8:00 P.M. | JSCC OFFICE |
| " | 7 | National JACL Scholarship Meeting | 8:00 P.M. | JSCC OFFICE |
| " | 8 | Newsletter Mailing | 8:00 P.M. | JACL OFFICE |
| " | 10 | Local Chapter Scholarship Award | 8:00 P.M. | JACL OFFICE |
| " | 13 | Golf Tournament Meeting | 8:00 P.M. | JSCC OFFICE |
| " | 14 | Young Adult Group Cabinet Meeting | 8:00 P.M. | JSCC OFFICE |
| " | 15 | Regular Monthly Board Meeting | 8:00 P.M. | JACL OFFICE |
| " | 16 | National JACL Scholarship Meeting | 8:00 P.M. | JSCC OFFICE |
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| JULY | 26-30 | National JACL Convention | | SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA |
| JUNE | 18 | JACL Dance Club Social | | VFW Hall 3601 SW ALASKA |

NEW MEMBERS LIST RELEASED BY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN. Seattle Chapter welcomes new members. Jiro Aoki, chairman of the members drive, stated that the progress for membership is still ahead of last year's pace. Following is the list as released by the chairman:

Donald T. Aoki, Mrs. Stella H. Bender, Mrs. Phyllis B. Brettell, Carolyn Eng, Mary T. and Tatsuo Ray Fujii, Mrs. Yoneko Nancy Funamori, Shiro Fujihira, Walter Hadano, Toshiko and Kurt Hiroshima, Mrs. Chiyo Hirota, Tokio Hirotaka, Mrs. Sumi Kawaguchi, Miyoko Kaneta, Mrs. Sumi Kawaguchi, Tuk Mikami, Kouji Kikuchi, Mrs. Yo Yo Mikami, Mrs. Sue Nakagawa, Mrs. Yoshie Nakagawa, Edward Nakamoto, Mrs. Marie Nakata, Bob T. Namba, Mrs. Maida Okazaki, George S. Osawa, June T. Shimokawa, Samuel H. Shinozaki, Sam M. Sumita, Shigeo Takeuchi, Naoko N. and Calvin Takagi, Ketch Toyohara, Jack Yamashita, Fred Yasunaga, Mrs. Rose Yoda, Mrs. Fran Wada, Arthur R. Watanabe, Tom M. Yamaguchi, Akio Yanagihara, Frank and Mary Yokoyama, May and Kazuo Yoshinaka, and Minoru Ted Yoshino.

REPEAL OF LAND LAWS AFTER WORLD WAR II

California, shortly after the end of WWII, began some 59 escheat proceedings against Japanese returning to the West Coast to forfeit land. The U.S. Supreme Court in Oyama vs. California (1947) stated, "... the more basic purpose of the statute was to irritate the Japanese, to make economic life in California as uncomfortable and unprofitable for them as legally possible ...", violating the "equal protection clause." The result: California Supreme Court declared such land laws unconstitutional, escheat proceedings were brought to a halt. In 1955 California State legislature passed referendum proposing the repeal of the state's land law, and voters repealed it in the 1956 general election.

Likewise, Oregon, Idaho and Utah repealed their land laws, leaving Washington the only state with land law clause in its constitution.

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