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TOP BOWLERS TO CONVERGE FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY FOR THE JACL CLASSIC

22nd JACL Bowling Tournament here to be held Mar. 4-9 is fast approaching. The event is co-sponsored by the Seattle Chapter and the Greater Seattle Nisei Bowling Association, Shobo Ideta president.

Entry forms are now available. The sign-up deadline for the National Tournament is January 29. For more information please call Imperial Lanes.

The souvenir booklet project is making progress. However, more help is needed. There is still time to solicit for more ads. The booklet will have to be ready for printing sometime next month. Call Fred Takagi to ask how you can help. Let's help to make Seattle one of the best host city for the JACL National Bowling Tournament come Mar. 4-9!

GOV. EVANS TO SPEAK IN INSTALLATION-DINNER JAN. 19

George Fugami, a businessman with leadership experience in PTA and the First Hill Lions Club, will be installed as the Chapter president succeeding Tom S. Iwata on Friday, Jan. 19 at Bush Garden installation dinner. Gov. Daniel J. Evans will be the keynote speaker. No host cocktail will be from 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Masao Satow, JACL National Director, will install the new officers and board members.

Gov. Evans is the youngest man ever to be elected governor of the State of Washington. He was inaugurated almost three years ago at the age of 39. He served aboard an aircraft carrier in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre during WWII and was recalled to duty with the navy in the Korean War. He was an aide in the Admiral Joy's peace-negotiation team at Panmunjom. He has been an active Republican since 1948.

Tickets have been mailed out. Remittance of \$5 per person may be made to JACL office by Jan. 15 (Mon.) or call Ted A. Sakahara MA 4-3220 or Dr. Terrance M. Toda, MA 3-6863 for reservations. Nobu Kyono and Ted Sakahara are co-chairman for the event.

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS RELEASED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A total of 225 ballots were cast in the Chapter election of officers and members-at-large. This represents 34% of the membership. The results are as follows:

George Fugami, president; Jiro Aoki, president-elect; Dr. K. Kay Toda, 1st vice-president; Eira Nagaoka, 2nd vice-president; Dr. Minoru Masuda, 3rd vice-president; Fran Wada, 4th vice-president; Mary Kashiwagi, recording secretary; Cherry Kinoshita, corresponding secretary; Thomas T. Imori, treasurer; Tom S. Iwata, district council delegate; Kimi Nakanishi, historian.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (Position #1) Dr. Theodore Chihara, Richard M. Ishikawa, John Y. Sato, Tomio Moriguchi, Peggy Nagata; (Position #2) Roy Seko, William Ishii, Calvin Takagi, Liem Eng Tuai, Tom Hidaka; (Position #3) Ted Sakahara, Sad Ishimitsu, Helen Akita, Tom Mayeda, Sally Kazama; (Position #4) Fred Takagi, Frank Hattori, Elmer Ogawa, Roy Sakamoto, Nish Kumagai.

A voting member raised a most legitimate and excellent question: "Why the need for so many Board members-at-large?" The Nominations and Election Committee recommended and the Board approved the confirmation of 20 members-at-large. We believe that 20 is a good representation for the membership. Also, more of the organization participating in the operation and activities of the Chapter, the more democratic it can be. We and the outgoing President Iwata urge all interested members to attend Board and/or membership meetings. If you want your voice to be heard, attend and speak up. The more of you participating, the more vital and vigorous Chapter we shall have.--The Nominating Committee

SEQUEL TO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OF LAST MONTH

By Tom S. Iwata, outgoing Chapter president

The last newsletter, I failed to emphasize the excellent work of Mrs. Cherry Kinoshita, our recording secretary, and Miss Rose Ogino, corresponding secretary. They have worked diligently and a great asset to our Chapter. Cherry being enthusiastic about encouraging new members to attend meetings, and her knowledge of parliamentary procedures was most helpful.

Another young lady, Mrs. Mickey Oyama is probably the hardest working member of our Chapter. She is the person behind the scenes always running off mimeographed copies of all the minutes of meetings, newsletters, flyers, etc. Takes a lot of time to run off 670 newsletter copies each month. Also Miss Takako Yoda is responsible in getting a work crew together in mailing the newsletter. Our Seattle Chapter sincerely thanks to all those having worked so hard during 1967.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE HAS BEEN LAUNCHED. Application form is scheduled to be inserted with this newsletter. Membership chairman is hoping to wind up the campaign as soon as possible, and hoping for another banner year. The dues are \$7 for members and \$6 for husband or wife of member. The year's subscription of Pacific Citizen comes with membership.

CHRISTMAS PARTY. Takako Yoda and Rose Ogino, prime movers in the newsletter mailing section, decided to have a head start on Christmas with a party on Dec. 13 at the JACL office. After the work crew finished their tasks, delicious home-made cookies and coffees were served. Those enjoying the surprise Christmas party included Cherry Kinoshita, Miye Ishikawa, Kay Mori, Jiro Aoki, Tom S. Iwata, Tom T. Imori, and Eira Nagaoka.

We thank Rose and Takako for the wonderful treat. -----o-----

CHAPTER, PNWDC PASSED RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF HB 378

Chapter president Tom S. Iwata seems to have a phobia about dull meetings. "How can we liven up the meetings to create more interest for the members," he used to say time and again. His wishes were not long in waiting.

The Chapter was being confronted with the issue of taking a stand for Referendum 35 which is challenging the state law. Symbolically, the law is identified with open housing.

The state law in question provides that any person while acting in the capacity of a real estate broker, or a real estate salesman and discriminates against the buyer, the real estate seller or broker would be issued an order to cease and desist in such practice of discrimination. He would then have to assure in writing that he would discontinue his practice of discrimination. Whereupon he then has six months of grace period. If he discriminates again within this grace period, the license of broker or salesman will be suspended, revoked, or denied.

Last March State Attorney General John J. O'Connell released the opinion which stated in part that it seems "fairly apparent that the legislature had no intention to bar a real estate broker or salesman from receiving a listing from the owner of real estate simply on the basis of the owner's indication that he desires to discriminate in the sale of his property."

The National JACL Takes Interest

The background of National's interest in this bill started from the Pacific NWDC level. Since that time the issue has reached Mike Masaoka, legal counsel Bill Marutani, Pat Okura, and to National JACL President Jerry Enomoto.

The Seattle Chapter then formed a study group. 9 of the 15 asked to participate in the discussion showed up. The study group came to the following conclusion:

"In principle we believe in the concept of non-discrimination in the sale of real estate without regards to race, creed, color, or national origin; however, the committee thinks that this provision is a discriminatory legislation aimed at one special class of citizen, namely the Real Estate brokers and salesman, in an attempt to use them as an instrument to accomplish the solution of social and moral problems under threat of taking away their licenses and their mean of livelihood and also because this provision is ambiguous legislation."

During Oct. 18 membership meeting, a motion was introduced to take a "neutral" stand. The National JACL's position was clear. The "Chapter's "neutral" stand is tantamount to opposition to the bill. Much has been said about the appeal for fair play in the SJR 20 campaign and the issue being quite similar. Both takes the direction of progress in the civil rights movement.

Arguments for "neutral" stand

"Neutral" proponent stated:

"The law is contrary to the relationship of principal and agent. The extent of duties imposed upon the agent are largely governed by his contract of employment. The seller may instruct his agent not to sell his house to a certain special class of citizens (which is legal under the law). The agent must then follow the instruction of the principal; however, according to said legislation an agent cannot discriminate in the sale of Real Estate. Therefore, what is legal for the principal is illegal for the agent."

"This type of legislation is contrary to our democratic form of government. The Realtors of the State of Washington has a Code of Practice making it the responsibility of a Realtors to offer equal service to all his clients without regards to race, color, religion or national origin in the sale, purchase, exchange, rental or lease of real estate. To use on this special class of citizens who are openly trying to encourage peaceful and orderly integration the legal force to police and pressure non-discrimination of other segments of our population is a discriminatory act. . . ."

Pacific N.W. District Convention

In the meantime the battleground shifted its attention to Portland during the JACL PNWDC Convention Dec. 16-17. Word was out that Spokane Chapter will be introducing a resolution on Referendum 35. President Iwata invited President Jerry Enomoto and National Director Masao Satow together with Seattle delegates in one hour caucus to go over the same issue as it affected the Seattle Chapter.

Then on Dec. 17, Sam Wakagawa, president of the Spokane Chapter introduced resolution:

". . . RESOLVED, that the PNWDC of JACL, in keeping with the spirit and intent of the purposes of the National JACL, therefore publicly declares itself in favor of retaining S.B. 378 and further urges all of its constituent members to actively support its retention. . . ."

Again the very few voices of opposition reiterated about the trampling on the special class of citizens. A question was asked: "Does the end justify the means?" This, of course, is the basic tenet of philosophy which states that the end does not justify the means.

PNWDC then passed the resolution with only token opposition.

The Chapter's Showdown Vote Looms

Already two previous meetings were most torrid and lively. The lights were turned off to bring the arguments to a close. But this December meeting will be different.

The Honorable Superior Court Judge Charles Z. Smith, a JACLer, spoke briefly on the principles governing the rights of individuals under the law. Which in essence meant that under our system there is a remedy for the poor law.

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If the law is bad and discriminatory, the law will not stand up in court during test cases. The justice will prevail. This is the American way. Senate Bill 378 happens to be a poor law only because this good law was so hacked to pieces by the lobbyists in the legislature and what remained of it has lost its effectiveness.

The motion for the "neutral" stand introduced back in Oct. 18 was brought out. It was decided that votes be taken at once. The "neutral" stand was voted down. Whereupon Judge Charles Z. Smith immediately introduced a new resolution for the Seattle Chapter:

"I move that this Chapter of JACL unequivocally state its position in favor of non-discrimination in the purchase and sale of housing, that it approve in principle existing legislation but recommend that more effective legislation be passed by the Washington state legislature."

This resolution passed easily as this seemed acceptable to everyone.

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All this came almost at the heel when on the Municipal front, City Council President Floyd C. Miller said the Council soon considered adoption of a resolution asking Seattle property owners not to discriminate for reasons of race or religion in the sale or rental of properties. Mayor J.D. Braman said he would sign such a resolution if adopted. Philip Hayasaka, Human Rights Commission director, said that commission is finding that "discrimination in the availability of housing, artificially confining the minority groups and depriving them of absolute freedom in the choice of housing within their financial capabilities, has been growing worse. "Tensions," have increased, Hayasaka said.

15th BIENNIAL JACL PACIFIC NW DISTRICT CONVENTION was held at Portland Hilton. Seattle delegates included Tom and Takeyo Imori, Don Kazama, Philip Hayasaka, Tak Kubota, Tom and Lillian Awata, Jiro and Shea Aoki, George and Florence Fugami, and Eira Nagaoka. Gresham-Troutdale was the host chapter. . . TAK KUBOTA, state chairman for the SJR 20 campaign, received a king-sized scroll printed by Masao Satow containing the Japanese American creed authored by Mike Masaoka. Also printed were the words: "Presented to Takeshi Kubota by the National JACL in appreciation of his dedicated efforts over 8 years to repeal the Washington Alien Land Law and through whose leadership this repeal was effected in the 1966 November election." . . . TOM T. IMORI was elected into Pacific NWDC post as treasurer. (More details of the 15th Biennial Convention will be printed in future issue).

NEWS JOTTINGS: Lydia Inaba, daughter of Sheane Inabas, has been named Rainier Beach High School Girl of the Month . . . Steve Araki, Cleveland linebacker and halfback with 3.368 GPA was honored as finalists of outstanding scholar-athletes from among 33 Seattle and King-County high schools Dec. 13 . . . Eagle Scout awards were made Dec. 15 to Glenn E. Kosai, Troop 252, son of Aizo Kosais; Paul B. Mori, Troop 252, son of Yoshio Moris; and Allan D. Miyauchi, Explorer Post 252, son of David Miyauchis . . . Members of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary for women educators, celebrated Christmas Dec. 15 at Women's University Club. Mrs. Takashi Kuriyama, Mrs. George Yanagimachi and Miss Mary Luppold led a group discussion of "Values, Change, and Conflict" . . .

MILESTONES: Mrs. Ryosuke (Tsugi) Kodama, 70, Dec. 11. Seattle Buddhist Church. Owned and operated La Salle Hotel and previously the Drexel, Guiry, and Clara Barton. Kagoshima kenjin-kai. Survivors include her husband; s Bob S., Canoga Park, Ca; d Mrs. John Suzaka, Mrs. Frank Baran and Mrs. Richard Narasaki, all of Seattle; and Mrs. Edward Fujinaka, Hawthorne, Ca . . . Mrs. Kaoru Sasaki, 77, Dec. 11. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Church. She and her husband Nobusuke, operated the Sun Rise Laundry 20 years. Genko Kai. Survivors beside her husband s Thomas H. , L.A.; d Theresa T., Magdalene Y., Mrs. Roland Kumasaka, all of Seattle, and Mrs. Irwin Stelzer of N.Y., and a sister Mrs. Thomas Matsudaira, Seattle . . . Chiyokichi Natsuhara, 91, Dec. 20. White River Buddhist Church, Ohmi Club. Pioneer berry farmer in area Auburn area. Started the Natsuhara General Merchandise Store. Survivors include wife Sen; s Jack, George, Frank; d Mrs. Mary Haag, Mrs. Mary Takemura, S.F., and Mrs. Tomiko Iwasaki, Hillsboro, Ore . . . Katsuharu Nakashima of Portland, formerly of Seattle, 93, Dec. 23. Epworth Methodist Church. Keio University graduate. Was editor of Seattle's Great Northern Daily News. In 1966, presented the Order of the Sacred Treasurer. Survivors besides his wife include d Mrs. Mary Yamamoto, Santa Clara; s Theodore, Seattle; George, New Hope, Pa, and Dr. Victor Nakashima, Dubuque, Iowa . . .

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: Names of the engineers who passed the recent examination administered by the Washington State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors were announced by Rolf Lux, president of the Washington Society of Professional Engineers. Newly licensed include; Kenneth Fujiki, Hong Shik Kim, Albert K. Shintaku, E. Watanabe, Chen C. Wang . . . Fred Yasunaga has been promoted to manager of land-development sales for the Security Title Insurance Co. of Washington. He has worked extensively with builders, sub-dividers, and land developers since joining the firm in 1965 . . . Richard M. Ishikawa has become associated in private law practice with the firm of Whitmore, Powers & Manion since the first of the year. Ishikawa is the first Nisei to become a deputy prosecutor in the state of Washington. He has been on the staff of Prosecutor Charles O. Carroll since Sept. 1961. He is finishing his term as Chapter 3rd v.p. and was elected to serve on the Board for 1968 . . . Included in land sales were 19.5 acres in the Kent Valley to Valley Investors, Inc. by Jimmie Onchi for \$224,800 . . . Kent Valley industrial sites west of the proposed Kent sewage-treatment have been bought by Valley Investors with \$460,000 paid to

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NEWS JOTTINGS (Cont'd) James Onchi for 40 acres on the southern end and \$230,000 paid to the Hiranaka Brothers for the remaining 20 acres . . . Sale of Marlborough House, a 12-story brick building, 1220 Boren Avenue was completed for \$1,025,000. The new owners are Dr. and Mrs. William L. Spaulding, Tacoma. The seller of the 40-year-old building was Kawabe Co., Inc. which bought the building in 1953 for \$800,000 . . . Apartment-house sales included \$327,000 paid for a three-story building at 601 5th Ave. N. to Kenji Ina by the Guy Investment Co . . . A new nine-unit apartment building at 759 Belmont Place E. has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Nagai for \$177,000. Capitol Associates was the seller. John Y. Sato & Associates designed the structure . . . "Clear proof the human skin is "an organ of emotional expression" was offered the nation's scientist. A fixed dose of a bump raising chemical was injected into the skin. On the days when they were "calm and secure," the resulting bumps were in keeping with the size of the dose. On the days when they were "low in energy and spirits," the bumps were much smaller than expected. The report was given Dec. 28 by Dr. Minoru Masuda, a research assistant professor of psychiatry at U.W., at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science held in New York City . . . Jan. 2 issue in The Seattle Times carried an article on Herb Ueda, a native of Fife, graduate of Fife High School, and U. of Illinois being an engineer at Byrd Station, Antarctica, "in charge of one of the most imaginative drilling operations man ever has dreamed up, boring through the icecap here, estimated at 7,200 feet, to bedrock. The deep ice core project, a 'mohole' on ice, will provide a continuous record of the earth's climate the past 40,000 years. It may reveal when the world's last glacial period ended, believed to have taken place some 21,000 years ago, and why." Herb is the brother of Mrs. Mary Fujita . . .

CENTRAL AREA EDUCATION QUESTIONNAIRE submitted by the education committee of the Central Area Community Council and which was mailed with the newsletter last December had a relatively poor response. This was probably due to the busy Christmas season. Now that the Christmas rush is over, there is still time to fill and mail the questionnaire stated Dr. Minoru Masuda.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 18-21 21st Annual N.W. Nisei Invitational Classic in Bowling. Entries are now closed. Bowlers from Wampa, Portland, Hood River, Milwaukee, Ore., Tacoma, Seattle to be held at Imperial Lanes.
- 19 Annual installation dinner. Gov. Evans to speak. Cocktail hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. \$5 per person. Bush Garden
- 30 Human Relations Committee meeting. 8 p.m. JACL Office
- February 9 News deadline for JACL Reporter. Mail articles to: c/o (Editor) Eira Nagaoka, 151 11th Avenue, Seattle 98122
- 14 Newsletter mailing crew. We appreciate all help. 8 p.m. JACL Office
- 21 Regular monthly membership meeting 8 p.m. JACL Office
- 24 St. Peter's Episcopal Church will hold their annual Pre-Lenton dance at Holiday Inn starting at 9:30 p.m. Bob Elwood Quartet. The admission price is \$6.50 per couple.
- 27 Human Relations Committee meeting 8 p.m. JACL Office
- March 4-9 22nd Annual JACL Bowling Tournament. Sign up by Jan. 29. Imperial Lanes

New telecourse on "The Arts of Japan" will be shown on Mondays, 9:30-10 p.m. on KCTS-TV on Channel nine. Participating faculty include Glenn Webb, Art History; Robert Garfias, School of Music; Robert Sperry and Mutsuo Yanagihara, School of Art; Ted Takaya, Far Eastern; William Dunlop, English; and Frank Jones, Comparative Literature. Viewer's Guide on The Arts of Japan may be purchased for \$2.50 payable to University of Washington c/o Spectrum Magazine, University of Washington, Seattle 98105.

There will be no regular monthly membership meeting for January. Attend installation-dinner.

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