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BAY AREA COMMUNITY JACL

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 17, 1971, 1:30 p.m.
 S. F. Federal Savings Hospitality Room
 University & Shattuck Avenues, Berkeley

- Agenda:
1. Amendment to U. S. constitution permitting prayers in public schools.
 2. Television movie: "My Husband-The Enemy". (Initial title: "The Glass Hammer")
 3. Report on Longshoremen's fund drive and chapter party.
 4. Third Newcomers program.
 5. Berkeley Public Library grievances.
 6. Selection of delegates for District Council meeting in November.
 7. Evaluation of first year of operations as a JACL chapter.
 8. Decision on whether to continue as a JACL chapter in 1972.
 (If negative, the chapter will disband on December 31)
 (If affirmative, the following two agenda items will be considered)
 - (9) Setting of 1972 dues and beginning membership drive.
 - (10) Decide on process for electing new officers.

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Summary of the September 20, 1971 meeting at the Bank of Tokyo, San Francisco

Present: 17 members, 3 guests.

Chairman for meeting: Ray Okamura

1. Chapter decided not to submit any nominations for the District Council Executive Board. It was felt that being the "token liberal" on the Board would be a waste of valuable energies.
2. The proposal for an affirmative action program at the University of California, Berkeley was not received by this meeting as expected. If the time schedule for submitting proposals to the District Council could not be met, the chapter decided to temporarily table this issue. (NOTE: The Asian Studies staff subsequently submitted their proposal to the District Community Affairs Committee on October 1, and we understand that this committee has agreed to sponsor the proposal before the District Council meeting in November, 1971.)
3. Chapter approved a proposal to host the 1st Quarterly meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada (NC-WN) District Council and present a symposium on United States-Japan relations. The symposium will include economic, political, and military factors, and the chapter will work in cooperation with the JACL International Affairs Committee. Tentatively, the symposium will be held on February 6, 1972, at Mills College, Oakland. The new "no frills" format (i.e. no banquet) has been submitted to the District Executive Board for acceptance. (Acceptance has not been received yet) The following were selected to represent the chapter in joint planning meetings with the International Affairs Committee: Katherine Reyes, Paul Takagi, Kazuko Tsuchiya, Edison Uno, and Paul Yoshino.
4. Chapter voted to withdraw from participation in the San Francisco Community Day Picnic on October 10, and issue a public statement expressing concern over a revival of Japanese militarism and dangers to the Japanese American community. Pacific Citizen, October 8, 1971, page 4, carries most of the text of our statement. However, one paragraph was edited out, which we reprint here for your information: "Not only Americans are concerned about a revival of the military in Japan. The peoples of Southeast Asia, the Philippines, and China, who have suffered in the past from the Japanese military, are watching Japan with anxiety. It seems to be a grotesque contradiction for Japan to have a "no war" clause in their constitution, yet be building a first class military force."
5. Chapter decided to have a benefit party for Nisei longshoremen, coupled with a celebration for victory on Title II repeal. The party will be at the Takagi home on October 3.
6. The Social Services/Social Action Committee reported that they are planning a third Newcomers program, tentatively late October in San Francisco.
7. Treasurer Mary Ann Takagi reported the Alameda Flea Market sale on August 22 netted \$55.00 for the chapter. Thanks for the donations and help.
8. Ray Okamura reported on the progress with the Iva Toguri d'Aquino case. Since much of this information is confidential, it cannot be published, even in this newsletter.

Party!

Sixty people, plus sundry offspring, found their way to the Takagis' for the chapter potluck party to celebrate the repeal of Title II, and to raise funds for the Longshoremen Benefit. (\$133.00 was raised at the party for the Longshoremen) It was a great feeling of warmth and friendship among chapter members and guests, well enhanced by fine food and wine. No dieting was observed! Edison Uno made a beautiful (as always) speech on behalf of the Title II Committee, and Joe Morozumi gave an equally beautiful one from the bottom of his warm soul. There was a prevailing note that it was so good to get together, and that we should do it again. "Didn't get a chance to talk with everyone." Final note: We hail all of the good cooks, and special thanks to the planners Lucy Ijichi, Taeko Okamura, and Kathy Reyes, and to you too, Mary Lai, for kitchen duty above and beyond. There were a few non-edibles left over after the last goodbyes, such as cutlery shears, pot holders, etc. A small "lost and found" will be held at the next chapter meeting. (A reminder to everyone re: final Title II action discussed at the party.)

Miscellaneous Notes of Interest

The chapter book sale of 100 Year History of People of Japanese Ancestry in the United States was a fantastic success. Due to an overwhelming and unexpected demand, we were completely sold out in one week. Thanks to the generosity of Edison and Rosalind Uno, who donated the books for this sale, the chapter treasury is richer by \$243.00. We have already returned over \$200.00 in paid orders which we could not fill, so please tell everyone to stop sending any more orders. This book is now out of print, and a collector's item.

Normally, we do not even bother to announce NC-WN District Council meetings because they are such a bore. However, the next one in San Mateo on November 14 might be of some interest, so we are enclosing their information sheet. Speakers on the program include Warren Furutani and Stanford Lyman. Those who wish to attend this meeting as chapter delegates (chapter pays part or all of the registration fee and dinner ticket), please so declare at the next chapter meeting.

Asian American Studies Center of UCLA announced the publication of Roots: An Asian American Reader. The reader includes articles on identity, stereotypes, history, and contemporary communities. For further information and orders (\$5.50), write to: Asian American Studies Center Publications, P. O. Box 24 A 43, Los Angeles, Calif. 90024.

Family Services Agency of San Francisco (1010 Gough Street) announced openings for Japanese speaking and Cantonese speaking social workers. Interested persons should call Mr. Nat Woods, director, at 474-7310, or Gail Katagiri at 563-7710.

Ron Lai has been elected board member and vice-chairman of the Berkeley Economic Opportunity Organization. Ron would like to receive suggestions from chapter members on the needs of the Asian community in Berkeley. (Call 841-1111)

We almost had to get the JACL bail fund into operations for Edison Uno. On Sunday afternoon, September 19, Edison was being interviewed about Title II by reporters from Japan Broadcasting Corporation just outside of Santa Rita Prison. (We thought the fence, signs, and guard towers made good background scenery) Shortly, they were confronted by the Santa Rita Prison guards and taken inside the compound for questioning. After 45 minutes of grilling, they were released with a warning not to take any photographs of the area. We think Edison would have been happy to be arrested, but the journalists from Japan were glad to get out of it. "It was a good experience," said the shaken Japanese reporters afterwards, "now we know how it feels to be threatened with concentration camps..." (Additional details in Pacific Citizen, October 8, page 1)

Our Tokyo Representative, Aileen Yamaguchi, was briefly in San Francisco last week. Vivacious as ever, Aileen tells us that Marsha Matsuura and Richard Kenmotsu are also working with her in Tokyo on the problems of Amerasian children. Aileen is considering writing a column for Pacific Citizen because the incumbent columnists just write trivia and never discuss the important issues in Japan. Incidentally, we have two more members in Japan. William and Lois Dennis have moved to Fukuoka--and they will appreciate receiving correspondence from America. (See listings in New Addresses)

Articles and advertisements for the Holiday Issue of Pacific Citizen are now being solicited. If you know of any businesses that may be interested in advertising, please let us know--the chapter gets a cut. Or, if you wish to submit articles for publication, send it directly. Deadline for ads and copy: November 30.

The Social Services/Social Action Committee announced that the next newcomers meeting will be held in November, instead of October. The Committee has decided to change the format of the Newcomers programs. More information will be given at a later date.

Can What Happens in a Mother Country Affect Us? ✓

(Reprint from Editorial in the New York Asian Americans for Action Newsletter)

Many people of Japanese ancestry here may view Japan with pride at her rapid acceleration as an economic power, her resourcefulness in reconstruction after a devastating military defeat, and her flexibility in adopting Western ways while retaining certain Japanese cultural values. Yet, others, who are aware of realities, and Japan's political inclinations, may be more ashamed of her expansionism and imperialistic ventures for economic gains; alarmed at her military collusion with the United States; annoyed by her leanings toward Western influence, and her own brand of racism, elitism, and a bent toward acquisitiveness.

There are two sides of the coin to Japan herself. There is the Japanese government who ingratiates itself to the United States--and there are the masses of students, workers, farmers, housewives, and professionals who have consistently and persistently struggled and demonstrated against U. S.-Japan domination of Asia and the Pacific. Japan has been placed in a pivotal position of either moving in complicity with U. S. imperialism in Asia, or she can declare her independence by breaking the mutual security treaty which has her play the role of U. S. puppet and "watch-dog" in the Far East.

The reversion of Okinawa to Japan is a most crucial issue. It is more than the question of "will the people of Okinawa fare any better under Japan than they did under the U. S. 9th Army?"; but also the question of the sovereignty of Tiao Yu Tai, the tiny uninhabited but oil-rich islets northeast of Taiwan, that is under dispute. Japan and the U. S. are already dredging the oil deposits and claim the islands as part of the Ryuku arc to be returned next year. Chinese people around the world, aroused by these provocative claims and presumptuous acts, are mobilizing to confront and challenge the U. S.-Japan conspiracy. Tiao Yu Tai Committees across this country have accumulated facts and documents to refute these claims geographically, geologically, and historically. The historical documents include the 1943 Cairo Declaration, the 1945 Potsdam Declaration, the 1951 S. F. Peace Treaty, and the 1952 Sino-Japanese Peace Treaty--all of which made official "Japan's renouncement of all right, title, and claim to Formosa and the Pescadores."

What a Mother Country does, even 10,000 miles away, will affect her "transplanted seeds," the Japanese Americans. How we act, or react, whether by our ignorance or chauvinism, or awareness and concern, can revive enmity or create unity with the Chinese people in seeking justice together. As Asians, and as people of Japanese ancestry, we must act to move Japan to deal honestly and justly in this issue. Japan must not violate treaties and agreements. She must understand that Tiao Yu Tai's sovereignty is the internal affairs of the Chinese people. The unity and progress of Asia must be our concern. Justice must precede peace and prosperity.

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