

Convention Flash

AUGUST, 1953

Dear Chapter Member -

In this letter, we're going to give you some last minute news about the **THIRD BIENNIAL MIDWEST DISTRICT JACL CONVENTION** to be held in Minneapolis on September 4, 5, and 6. We hope you'll read this letter through to the end because we'll try to answer some questions which are being asked by Chapter Members about the Convention.

First of all, we'd like to see as many people as possible sign up for the "Convention Package" which will cost \$11.00. This package deal will include the Souvenir Program and registration fee, plus admittance to the Mixer, Convention Banquet, Convention Dance, and Convention Outing. You'll save money on the package and at the same time, you'll help to insure the financial success of the Convention and to increase the number of registered delegates, by which attendance at this Convention will be measured.

If, however, it will not be possible for you to attend all the events on the official program, we urge that you attend, if you can, the Convention Banquet and/or Dance, both of which will be held

at the Hotel Radisson on Saturday evening, September 5. The Banquet will start at 6:30 p.m. and the Dance will start at 9:00 p.m. **BOTH EVENTS WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

Tickets for the Banquet will be \$4.50 per person; for the Dance, admission will be \$3.00 per person.

The Dance will be "semi-formal" optional, which means that men will be expected to wear suits, while the ladies may wear anything which will be suitable for evening wear. Formal gowns may, of course, be worn but will not be required nor expected. Dick Erickson's orchestra will play.

An impressive program has been planned for the Banquet, to include remarks by George Grim, who will be the speaker of the evening, and by Masao W. Satow, National Director of the JACL. The Mayors of the Twin Cities will be present to extend their greetings, and newly-elected officers of the MDC for the next biennium will be introduced and sworn into office by Dr. Yatabe, "Granddaddy of the JACL." Even if you cannot attend any other function during this Convention, we'd like to have every chapter member
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CONVENTION PROGRAM — HIGHLIGHTS

Fri., Sept. 4 - 8pm - Convention Mixer UNIVERSITY YMCA

Sat., Sept. 5 - 6:30pm - Banquet RADISSON HOTEL
(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

9:00pm - Dance RADISSON HOTEL
(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

Sun., Sept. 6 - 6:30am - Golf Tournament GROSS COURSE

1:30pm - Outing, Lyman Lodge
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attend the Convention Banquet, for we assure you that it will be very much worth-while.

Other events on the Convention Program, such as the Mixer, chess tournament, golf tournament, and Convention Outing, will be open only to registered delegates. This means that JACL membership will be required, plus payment of the \$2.00 registration fee. Purchase of the Convention Package will, of course, automatically mean eligibility to all these functions; otherwise, the registration fee must be paid separately. One exception will be made for the Outing on Sunday afternoon, September 6: registered delegates may bring their children.

We are expecting, on the basis of present reports, at least 75 delegates from other chapters. This number may be increased by additional delegates who may decide to come at the last minute. In view of this expected attendance from out of town, our Chapter should not be outdone in providing a large number of registered delegates, since we are, after all, the Hosts for this Convention.

Your Convention Board has been working long and hard on this Convention. To help us put over this undertaking, and

in order that we may have an accurate idea as to how many plan to attend, we ask that you complete and return the form which appears at the bottom of this page. PLEASE DO THIS TODAY, as Convention time is rapidly approaching and it is essential that we have this information.

Fraternally yours,

Harry G. Jakagi

Publicity Chairman

P.S. If you have already registered, you need not complete the form below.

P.P.S. The Registration Committee will accept registrations at the Mixer on Friday evening, September 4, University YMCA, 8:00 PM, and also at the Hotel Radisson the following day. An informal good time for all is planned for the Mixer--so come out, meet your friends, renew old acquaintances and make new ones at the Convention Mixer, first event of the official program!

H.I.T.

TO: Mrs. Kay Kushino, Registrations Committee, 3136 Fifth Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota

_____ I intend to register for the Convention Package.

_____ I enclose \$11.00 for same.

I cannot attend all events but expect to attend:

_____ Convention Banquet

_____ Convention Dance

REMARKS:

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