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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Although we have already celebrated Easter, the Director's Report starts from the Lenten season. During Lent, the priests of all Saints', St. Thomas', and Good Samaritan (another name for the Japanese Christian Union Church) held Holy Communion services every Wednesday, alternately at their respective Churches. The Director also celebrated Holy Communion twice at the Student Foundation, Timothy House, and conducted the noonday service on April 3 at Gethsemane Church.

You may have already received a letter from membership drive chairman, Eimi Kuramoto. Since this is one of the main sources of the Center's income we urgently request your full support. Your membership fee or donation make possible important contributions and services to you and the community. Otherwise the Center's activities cannot go into "high gear".

The visitation by the Rt. Rev. Hamilton H. Kellog, the Diocesan Bishop, to the Church of Good Samaritan took place on Sunday, March 3. Mrs. Tamako Bird and Mrs. Kimiko Murakami received confirmation from the Bishop that evening.

The Church had two infant baptisms: Yukio Adam Doi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yukio Doi, and Burton Tadao Otani, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Otani and grandson of the Director, on Sunday, March 24.

The topic of the Director's speech at the midweek service of the Holy Apostle's Church in St. Paul was "The Japanese American Community Center and Its Work". The congregation of this new Episcopal Church was very much interested in the activities taking place at the Center.

Mrs. Rosalie Kiperstin, suburban newspaper reporter, interviewed the Director concerning the Center's activities, Japanese Americans in the Twin Cities area, their residence situation, occupations, religious life, etc. She expressed great interest in minority group problems in this area.

Another group interested in our Center is the Circle Citizenship of the Minnesota Federation of Women; fifteen members visited the Center on April 18 and heard about the Center's numerous activities.

The international Spring Festival sponsored by foreign students at the University of Minnesota, was held on April 6 and 7. The University Japanese Association presented a dance, "Yanagi ni Ame", by Tokiko Johnson, and a Judo demonstration by Nobutaka Kawatsu and Dr. Matsumoto. Mike Arashiba was in charge of exhibits, and wives of Japanese faculty members helped prepare Japanese dishes.

Center visitors during the past two months were: Prof. Toshisada Naito of Tokyo University of Education; Mr. Roy T. Matsunaga of Colma, Calif.; Mr. Masaomi Okano of Nippon University, Tokyo; Miss Akemi Moriizumi, AFS student from Gumma-ken, Japan; Messrs. Toshiro Kamiya and Ryoji Kuroiwa. Farm Trainees from Japan; Miss Haruko Iwasaki, nurse from Japan; and Mrs. Hisako Miyamoto and her son, Masao, of Northwest Airlines.

Miss Keiko Tofuku, who will graduate from Minneapolis School of Art this June, had a one-man art show at Anderson's, 912 Nicollet, from April 26 to May 6. She came here 3½ years ago from Japan under the sponsorship of your Director.

The Director left for New York on Sunday, April 21, to attend the Conference on Children, Youth and Family in Philadelphia, sponsored by the Division of Health and Welfare Services of the National Council of the Episcopal Church. He returned on April 30 after he finished his business in New York and Washington, D. C. following the conference.

Andrew Otani

SUCCESSFUL SUKIYAKI HELD AT GETHSEMANE

The Japanese American Community Center again sponsored the ever-popular sukiyaki dinner on Saturday, May 25 at Gethsemane Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 905-4th Avenue South, Minneapolis.

The proceeds from the dinner were earmarked to be used for the maintenance of the building located at 2200 Blaisdell Avenue South, which is presently in need of major repairs.

Throughout the dinner hours, demonstrations were given of the art of tea ceremony, Flower arrangements, calligraphy and origami (Japanese art of paper folding). Mrs. Kimi Hara was chairman for the dinner, assisted by Mrs. Michi Rokutani. Other committee chairmen were: general arrangements - Emi Kuramoto; Hostesses - Mrs. Kimi Yanari; Waitresses - Mrs. Peg Doi; Tickets - Sab Aisawa; Decorations - Mrs. Nobuko Mizuno and Miss Frances Shirota; and Publicity - Joyce Kawauchi.

Mrs. Alyce Kawauchi again generously gave of her time and talent to demonstrate the Tea Ceremony and Flower Arrangement; Rev. Otani - Calligraphy, and with Mrs. Otani displaying the origami.

Again as in the past the community is indebted to the
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COMMUNITY PICNIC SLATED FOR INDEPENDENCE

The annual Japanese American Community picnic will be held this year at Lake Independence on Sunday, July 14 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The picnic site is located about 20 miles west of Minneapolis and can be reached by going either on Highway 12 (Wayzata Blvd.) or Highway 55 (Olson) until you reach County Road 19. The picnic site is located about midway between the two highways on County Road 19. Markers will be set out along the road to direct picnickers.

Co-chairing this event this year will be Frank Tsuchiya, JACL program chairman, and Yuke Yamaguchi, JACC advisor. A number of interesting games have been planned for the youngsters (and oldsters, too), and as usual ice cream and soda pop will
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BUDDHISTS OBSERVE HANAMATSURI FETE

Hana Matsuri - the Festival of Flowers - in commemoration of the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha, was observed on April 13 with a service followed by a program presented by the Sunday School.

The Kanbutsu ceremony centering on the beautifully decorated Miniature Flower Pavilion expressed the reverently joyous spirit of the evening. This spirit also marked the welcoming of little Shirley Harumi who was presented to the Sangha by her parents, Isamu and Tsuyako Shimada. Mr. Y. Kosobayashi spoke in behalf of the Sangha thanking the Sunday School teachers who have given so generously of their devoted service.

Alfred Ono emceed the entertainment part of the evening which consisted of a playlet by the younger children
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"OPERATION GOOD WILL" RACE RELATIONS EXPERIMENT

The JACC is one of the four participants of Operation Good Will, sponsored by the Race Relations Committee of the Minnesota Council of Churches for more than a dozen years. The others are the Hallie B. Brown Community Center, the Phyllis Wheatley House and the United Church Committee on Indian Work. Known as the Minnesota Inter-Racial Vacation Visits Program, it is a plan whereby rural Protestant churches and church families invite junior-age boys and girls from the Twin Cities Negro, American-Indian and Oriental homes for a 10-day visit. The plan is based on the conviction that understanding and appreciation of other persons is best gained through actual experience and in the sharing of fun, fellowship and worship. much prejudice
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SURVEY REVEALS MANY FAVOR CENTER MERGER

A recent survey on the question, "Should the Japanese Community Center merge with the Twin Cities Chapter of the JACL" was conducted. On the basis of a 65% return, consensus of opinion is for the merger; 81% of those responding were in favor of the merger, 14.5% were against, and 4.5% wished to express no opinion.

In view of these findings, recommendations for a merger will be made to the respective governing Board of Directors. The Japanese community is to be commended for its response to this survey initiated by Bill Doi with the assistance of Dr. Roy Yamahiro.

With such an overwhelming number in favor of a consolidation, the present two boards will undoubtedly give serious study to effecting a workable union.

BON ODORI WILL BE AUGUST EVENT

TCBA will sponsor a Bon Odori in August. Tentative plans call for five practice sessions starting July 23 with the Odori slated for the evening of August 10. Mrs. Susumu Hirota has consented to be choreographer and instructor again. Those of you who remember what fun it was to participate in the last Bon Odori, please bring your friends this time. Everyone in the community, young and old, is invited to participate in this summer dance festival. Please call Mrs. Hirota-JU.8-4154; Geo. Ono-LI.5-5940; or Frank Tanaka-WE.9-2247 and have your name placed on the mailing list for the newsletters giving information in more detail. We recall with gratitude the cooperation given our group at our last Bon Odori and would appreciate your help once again.