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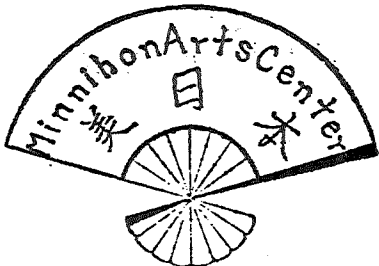
PRES'S CORNER:

Now that the Installation Dinner is over and the new Twin Cities JACL Board installed, it is time to go to work. I would like to introduce the board members to the general membership. If there is something we can do for any of the members, please do not hesitate to contact us. This way we know what is on your minds and or if you have any suggestions to make to improve our board.

The 1974 Board Members are:

- President May Tanaka
- 1st Vice Pres. Sam Honda
- 2nd Vice Pres. Sam Honda
- Secretary
- Treasurer Shig Ochi
- Historian Charlie Chatman
- Membership Kiyoshi Ishibashi
- Scholarship Kimi Hara
- 1000 Club Father Clement
- Civil Rights Jack Takemoto
- Family Service Father Otani
- Legal- Legislative Charles Tatsuda
- Credit Union Yukio Yamaguchi
- Amerasian Co-chair. Linda Hashimoto
Terry Kirihara
- Amerasian Advisor Benny Wong
- Nat'l Bldg. Fund Kay Kushino
- Board Member Yuri Ezaki

As you can see, we are looking for additional board members for 1974. If you are interested, please call any one of the board members.



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The Minnibon Arts Center announced new courses of study added to the center's curriculum in traditional Japanese Arts and skills.

Mr. Morio Nishikawa will teach Haiku, Japanese poetry in seventeen syllable verse.

History, appreciation and handling of the traditional Samurai sword will be taught by Mr. Tom Buttweiler.

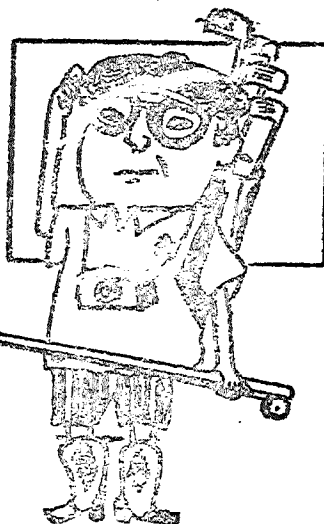
From TC Chairman Chaplain:

In a recent bulletin of a business corporation there was an item called "thought of the week". I'd like to share this with you. The author of the following quote is unknown.

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you lived. This is to have succeeded."

This meaningful quotation from an anonymous writer is well worth considering. It both implements and supplements our Japanese American Creed. We see hope, strength and courage in the above quotation as well as the significant words of our Creed. It may be "outmoded" and "passe" for some, but it can remind us that our JACL Chapter can be better for our being in it.

--Father Clement



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INSTALLATION DINNER BANQUET

The 1974 JACL Installation Dinner Banquet on Jan. 26th was held at Northwestern College, St. Paul, and featured Dave Ushio, National Director, as the main speaker. Tom Kanno, Toastmaster, proved a genial host, as he greeted members and guest.

Bill Doi presented slides showing the history of the Japanese in America

May "Wounded Knee" Tanaka, in her second term as President, officially welcomed the membership, thanking them for their support in carrying out various programs during the year.

Our most welcome guest, Mr. Arnuf Ueland, Consul General to Japan, explained his duties and responsibilities. He made it perfectly clear that the title "Honorary" did not mean that honor is bestowed upon him, but that it meant no pay.

The keynote speaker, Dave Ushio, revealed some interesting facts regarding the curriculum material in California schools. Textbooks which had any sections on Japanese Americans presented erroneous impressions of Nisei and Sansei life in the U.S. A National JACL Education Committee works with the school systems in correcting these misinterpretations and in the selection of authoritative study material.

Dave also stressed the importance of being attuned to the needs of JACLers and in developing youth leadership. Since many of the national staff members are Sansei, this need is being supplied.

The highlight of his talk was his autobiography. Dave competed in the National JACL oratorical contest in 1964 at Detroit, served as a Mormon Missionary for 30 months in Japan and completed his college studies at Brigham Young University.

With his confidence and ability in dealing with today's JACL problems, and in working with government officials, Dave is proving himself a capable replacement to Mas Satow.

Following his address, Dave installed the 1974 chapter Boards.

SOCIAL NOTES... Although we had a social hour before the banquet, it really wasn't a complete attitude adjustment session. Therefore an open house at Bill & Anice Hirabayashi's after the banquet, proved that those who wait enjoy being laaa...sst? Or is it the last drinks best. Thank you Bill & Anice, the food was delicious and we all had a good time.

There was a 7:30 Sunday morning breakfast meeting at Mas & Nobu Harada's. All of the Board members woke up at 6 AM Sunday...added some Hi Karate...slapped their faces...a little thanks I needed that...and

were on their way. However, half of them were on their way back to bed. Thank you Nobu, for your hospitality. The meeting wasn't a total loss, as we did have a short but very informative meeting with Dave Ushio.

GOOD FOOD and good entertainment prevailed at Newman Center, U of M, on January 5th when the Japanese Student & Faculty Assn. at University of Minnesota held their annual New Years party. Approximately 150 attended, including some JACL members.

Mr. Isao Takei, president, welcomed the guests, introduced his Board of Directors, and was Master of Ceremonies. The group delighted everyone with a variety of Japanese songs, including a recital of Shigin, and comedy skits, good ole Japanese style.

JACL BUILDING

In 1972 our chapter voted against a permanent JACL building to be constructed in San Francisco at a cost of \$175,000. For two reasons: First of all, our chapter had a difficult time raising even \$300 (one dollar per member) for the Student Aid Program. I felt our chapter could not raise our share of the fund drive. Second, I believed our National Headquarters should be located in Washington D.C. Dave Ushio should serve as National Director as well as our Washington Representative (this is what he was trained for).

Late in 1972 the building project was approved. By the middle of 1973, I received another letter from Midwest District Governor which stated: We are committed to the construction of a building \$175,000 will not be sufficient. We were asked to approve a building fund drive of \$250,000. Again, our chapter voted "No" along with just 6 other chapters.

I have changed my views considerably since the fund drive began. It is gratifying to know so many JACLers donated so much towards a monument we will call our own.

Today, JACL's programs are becoming more issue oriented. They are making greater demands upon volunteers. Consequently, our National Staff is now comprised of 20 persons. We must adequately house our staff.

Now that the construction of a JACL office building in San Francisco has been overwhelmingly approved, our chapter should support the project.

Editor