

## Seattle Incident Trial Continues

The Seattle Incident trial resumed Nov. 16 with Soka Gakkai attorneys calling Soka Gakkai Vice President Isao Nozaki as a witness. This Tokyo District Court trial involves Nikken's libel suit against the Soka Gakkai over coverage in Gakkai publications of the so-called Seattle Incident, his 1963 altercation with prostitutes and subsequent run-in with police in Seattle. Nikken says that it never happened, but the late Hiroe Clow, the SGI-USA member who in effect rescued him from arrest, testified in 1995 that it did. The two police officers on the scene have given accounts corroborating her testimony. Vice President Nozaki explained Nov. 16 why the Soka Gakkai youth division newspaper, the *Soka Shimpo*, decided to cover the Seattle Incident story in the first place — to show what Nikken was really like. Mr. Nozaki will be questioned by Nikken's attorneys on Dec. 21.

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