

East Coast Japanese Americans for Redress
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In a coalition meeting of some 20 representatives and individuals of the Japanese American community in New York City, an ad hoc committee calling itself the East Coast Japanese Americans for Redress was formed last Sunday, September 13 at the Japanese American United Church of Christ.

Elected as co-chairpersons were Michi Kobi and Sasha Hohri. The primary function of this body is to organize for the coming New York hearing of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), ^{the date to be determined for the week of Nov. 9th.} ~~tentatively slated for sometime in mid-November.~~ Assurance of this long sought for hearing was relayed to interested parties in New York several weeks ago.

A coordinating committee composed of organizational representatives and heads of work committees was formed to oversee the general functioning of the coalition. The coordinating committee members are: the two co-chairmen ^{new} and Denny Minami, Logistics; ~~Salig Kaneshiro~~ ^{Stan Kaurz}, Media; Leslie Inaba, Outreach; Michi Kobi, Program; Bill Kochiyama, ^{Media + Veterans} 442; Tom Kometani, J.A.C.L.; and Sasha Hohri, C.J.A. Tom Kometani was also named Liaison to Washington D.C.

Other Japanese American organizations or interested individuals are being encouraged to contact the coalition by calling ⁽⁴²⁾ (212) 886-0550, 732-3467, or writing to: East Coast Japanese Americans for Redress, 224 East 48th Street, New York City, New York 10017. The coalition's next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m. at the Japanese American United Church of Christ, 255 Seventh Avenue/

Two ECJAR members, Stanley Kanzaki and ^{Miki}~~Michi~~ Elrod will be attending the Chicago hearings which will begin next week.