

EAST COAST JAPANESE AMERICANS FOR REDRESS

224 East 48th Street, New York, New York 10017

212/732-3467 201/886-0550

November 12, 1981

Mr. John Silva
North Star Fund
80 Fifth Avenue-Room 1203
New York, New York 10011

Dear Mr. Silva:

The East Coast Japanese Americans for Redress, a coalition of eight different organizations, was formed in September 1981. With the establishment of a Federal Commission of Wartime Relocation and Internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, the East Coast Japanese Americans, realizing that hearings were to be held on the West Coast and Chicago but none in this area, came together to press for a hearing in New York City. Such a hearing has been granted and the date has been set for Monday, November 23, 1981. With a hearing scheduled, it is incumbent upon the group to reach out to all the Japanese American population on the East Coast, in addition to having the news of the Hearings reach the general public, which on the East Coast is particularly uninformed of this aspect of U.S. history. Given the current political climate we are living in, we feel it is urgent that the public be informed of what has happened, and what can happen, to a whole segment of the population based on ethnic heritage.

Although plans include long term activities based on continued dissemination of information, due to the time limit, emergency funds are requested at this time for maximum coverage of the November 23rd hearings through posters, flyers, press and media. As a reference who is familiar with our work, we submit Diane Morales, a former member of your board.

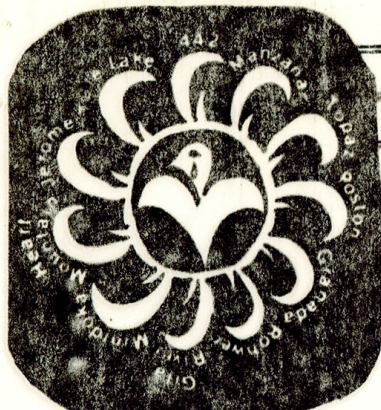
If this request receives a favorable decision, we request the grant be made in the name of a member organization, Concerned Japanese Americans, a not-for-profit voluntary organization that has never applied for tax exempt status. Through an existing bank account, they will act as fiscal agent for the coalition.

We hope that North Star will give this request serious consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Yuri Kochiyama
212-926-7412

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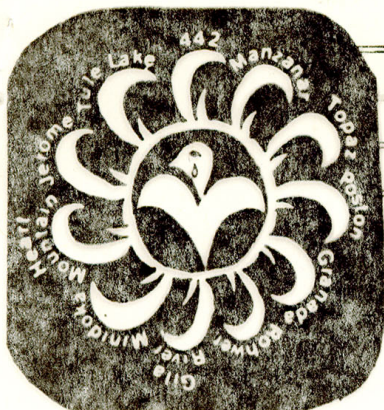
B U D G E T

EXPENSES

Publicity and Promotion-for community outreach and publicity campaign.	\$ 1,000.00
Education-to purchase video of hearings for future educational purposes	250.00
Local transportation - outreach and preparation for voluntary staff and testifiers	200.00
General Office Expense-stationery, postage, telephone, etc.	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1750.00

INCOME

Individual contributions	750.00
Theatre Benefit	<u>522.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ <u>1272.00</u>
Balance requested	\$ 478.00



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We have good news. New York has been included as one of the cities where the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians will hold a meeting. Through the intensive efforts on the part of members of the Japanese American community and other supporters who signed petitions and wrote letters, the Commission has agreed to hold a hearing in New York City in mid November.

The East Coast Japanese Americans for Redress is a coalition of New York area Japanese American organizations. We would like you to join us. This is a common cause affecting all Japanese Americans. The hearing provides an opportunity to seek justice and raise the question of human rights, and to unify the Japanese American community.

We wish to make certain that every Japanese American on the Eastern Seaboard is aware of the hearings and has the opportunity to participate. Testimony is important. A sense of community is of equal importance.

PLEASE JOIN WITH US

1. Be a part of the coalition.
2. Reach out to other Nikkei who might not be affiliated with a group.
3. Contribute what you can to help defray the costs of the hearings.

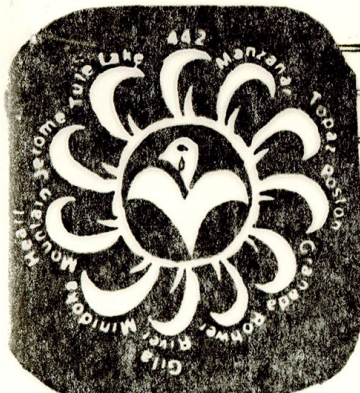
The New York Japanese American community has been dispersed, but for this one most vital issue, we must unite and make ourselves heard. We need your support.

COME TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
EAST COAST JAPANESE AMERICANS FOR REDRESS.
Thursday, October 8, 1981 7 PM
Japanese American United Church
225 7th Avenue, between 24th and 25th Streets in Manhattan

Leslee Inaba-Wong

Mrs. Leslee Inaba Wong
Chairperson Outreach Committee
September 25, 1981

Participating organizations: Concerned Japanese Americans;
New York Japanese American Citizens League;
442nd Veterans Association.



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 Bill and Yuri Kochiyama

October 19, 1981

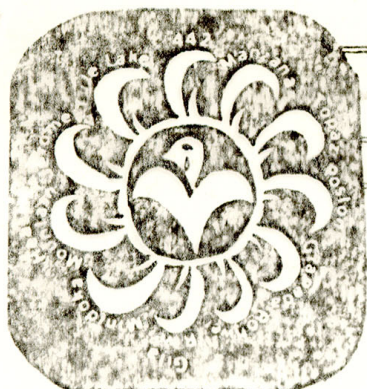
For immediate release

The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians
^{an all-day}
 has announced that ^{the Roosevelt Hotel on 45th Street and Madison Ave.} hearings on the circumstances surrounding the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II will be held in New York City on Monday, November 23 at ~~a place to be determined soon.~~

On February 19, 1942, an Executive Order 9066 was proclaimed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt which uprooted all persons of Japanese ancestry, some 120,000 American citizens and their alien parents, from the West coast of United States.

Within ^a matters of months, the entire Japanese population was evacuated to 10 major concentration camps in isolated areas in the desert, mountains, and swamplands of Arkansas, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, and Arizona. Only 2 of the camps were located in the Eastern outskirts of California. Detainees were also held in North Dakota, Montana, New Mexico and Texas. The confinement lasted for the duration of the war, at the end of which time property losses were estimated at 400 million. Six internees were shot and killed by U.S. soldiers from guard towers. 1862 inmates died during the incarceration from illnesses or due to inadequate medical care. More than 1000 more were later hospitalized in mental institutions and tuberculosis hospitals. Most of the nation knew little of this wartime episode.

Nearly 40 years have elapsed, but the Japanese Americans could not forget. For the past 10 years annual pilgrimages to the 2 California



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THE COMMISSION ON WARTIME RELOCATION AND INTERNMENT
OF CIVILIANS

NEW YORK HEARING -- NOVEMBER 23rd

Place To Be Announced

THE EAST COAST JAPANESE AMERICANS FOR REDRESS IS COORDINATING THE EFFORTS
TO PUT ON THE NEW YORK HEARING. THE NEXT PLANNING MEETING IS:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th -- 7PM
JAPANESE AMERICAN UNITED CHURCH
225 7th Avenue (between 24th and 25th Streets)

PARTICIPATION IS WELCOME. PLEASE COME!

We are a coalition of different organizations and individuals from the
Japanese American community. ECJAR includes:

Japanese American Citizens League, New York
Concerned Japanese Americans
New York Buddhist Church
Japanese American United Church of Christ
Japanese American Association
442 Veterans, New York
Niko Niko Club

Theater Party

Philip Gotanda's "BULLET HEADED BIRDS"

Friday, November 20th -- 7:30
28th Street Playhouse
120 West 28th Street

\$10.00 per ticket -- Proceeds to help defray the cost
of the New York hearing

Tickets will be on sale at the next ECJAR meeting, November 13th
or write and make checks payable to:

Natsu Ifill
47 West 94th Street
New York, NY