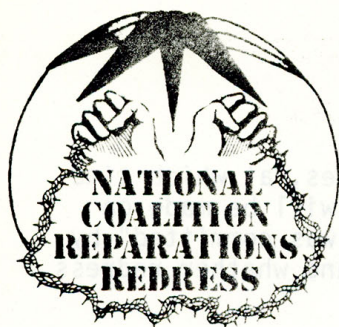




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WHAT IS NCCR?

The National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCCR) was formed in July of 1980 to bring together organizational efforts united in (1) seeking restitution for the losses and injuries suffered by Japanese Americans and others (e.g., the Aleutian and Pribilof Islanders of Alaska) who were unjustly evacuated and incarcerated during World War II, and (2) seeking preventive steps to insure that similar racist acts and violations of constitutional rights will never occur again. NCCR advocates a platform which includes direct monetary compensation to those forcibly uprooted or incarcerated, establishment of a Japanese American community fund appropriated by Congress and donated individual payments, repudiating the legal bases which upheld and still uphold the constitutionality of the camps, support of others who are the victims of similar acts, and broad education on the circumstances surrounding the evacuation.

In November of 1980, NCCR held a conference in which 350 people from across the country came together to help develop and refine a strategy towards redress/reparations.

Here in Los Angeles, active NCCR organizational membership and endorsement includes: Agape Fellowship, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) - of Southern California, the Asian/Pacific Student Union (APSU) - Southern California Regional, the Boyle Heights Japanese American Community Organization (Takenoko), the Gardena Committee on Redress/Reparations, the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) - Pacific Southwest Region, the Little Tokyo Peoples Rights Organization (LTPRO), the Little Tokyo Service Center, and the Manzanar Committee.

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

On February 19, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066. It officially set into motion the chain of events that led to the 4-year incarceration of Japanese Americans from the West Coast. On the weekend of February 19th, Japanese Americans as well as others in various cities will be commemorating this fateful event.

In Los Angeles, the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations will hold a candlelight peace march from Little Tokyo to the Federal Building. This program will be held on Saturday, February 21, 1981, and will begin at 5:00 pm. at the old Nishi Hongwanji Temple on Central and First Street - the site where evacuation activities took place in Little Tokyo, 1942. Church members and non-church members are encouraged to participate in the memorial services, which will be conducted by the Reverend Paul Hagiya and the Reverend Alfred Tsuyuki. The memorial service will be held at the steps of the Federal Building. Shortly thereafter, participants can join in with NCCR for udon at Little Tokyo Towers.

Persons in the L.A. area are urged to take part in this special time for serious reflection. For further information, please contact Susan or Amy at (213) 387-1915, Alan at (213) 485-8468, or Jim at (213) 282-4991(nights).

COMMISSION UPDATE

The incarceration of 110,000 Japanese Americans during World War II is the subject for study by the 7-member "Commission on Wartime Relocation & Internment of Civilians." Five of the seven commission members have been designated by former President Carter and the Senate Pro Tem.

COMMISSION (CONT.)

The five appointments are: William Marutani, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia; Arthur Fleming, Chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Joan Z. Bernstein, Chief General Counsel of the Department of Health & Human Services; former U.S. Senator Edward Brooke of Massachusetts; and former U.S. Senator Hugh B. Mitchell of Washington. The remaining two members will be selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The next step would be to form a commission staff and when this has been completed, the hearings will begin. It is reported that Los Angeles may be the first site for the hearings. The commission will have one year to conclude its hearings

and various studies, at which time a recommendation will be made on "whether a wrong was committed" by the Government, and whether redress is justified.

NCRR feels that while the study commission can do much to educate and inform the American public on this episode in American history, it must not end simply as such. It will be crucial for all of us to come forward in a united voice to demand reparations as a concrete form of restitution for the injustices suffered by Japanese Americans who were incarcerated or uprooted during World War II. The outcome of the hearings and study will be determined to a great extent by our participation.

Why Should I get Involved?

In part, the struggle is to bring justice to those already wronged; but, through seeking the education and support of the broad public, we also work to prevent such things from happening again. We cannot "leave it to someone else." Nor can we simply forget the past.

Everyone can contribute in many different ways to the efforts of the NCRR. We urge all those interested to join the Coalition and participate in this movement.

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