



NATIONAL COALITION FOR REDRESS/REPARATIONS  
244 S. San Pedro #406, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Dear Friends,

Thousands of people attended the hearings held around the country by the Commission on the Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC). At the hearings hundreds of Nikkei told the stories of their concentration camp experience. What an inspiring and unforgettable experience it was to see Japanese Americans speaking out for justice and restitution even 35 years after the camps. Never before were our people more united and proud.

The Gardena Committee for Redress and Reparations is helping to build a nationwide campaign to seek restitution for losses and injuries suffered by Nikkei (persons of Japanese ancestry) and others who were unjustly evacuated by the U.S. government during World War II. We also seek preventive steps to insure that similar racist acts and violations of constitutional rights will never occur again. As the local chapter of the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRR), we ask your help in building support for Redress and Reparations (R/R) in the South Bay community.

NCRR has been active in both mobilizing testifiers and supporters to the hearings, and in influencing the commission to make the hearings more accessible to our communities. Now that the commission has concluded its hearings, our task now is to continue to build support for R/R in order to influence the commission to make a just recommendation for restitution. The NCRR is committed, however, to continue the campaign for justice and reparations, whatever the the commissions final report and recommendation turns out to be.

Hundreds of people attended the Hito Hata movie showing and the two workshops on R/R which were organized by the Gardena Committee for Redress and Reparations (GCRR) this past summer. We also leafletted, sent out press releases, and did presentations. Thus, we reached thousands of people and mobilized many to the commission hearings held in Los Angeles in August.

Here are some ways that you can help.

- Become a member: the \$5 membership fee will help meet NCRR's financial needs. As a member you will receive the NCRR Bulletin as well as other information about NCRR activities.
- Donate money: printing, mailing rentals, educational materials, etc. all cost money. Whatever you can spare will help.
- Presentations: GCRR will be glad to make a presentation to your club or organization. We have videotapes, slideshows, photo exhibits, and other educational materials available.
- Housemeetings: We can help you to inform to inform your family and friends by doing presentations at your home.

-Join a committee: GCRR has four committees - Outreach, Media/PR, Testimonies, and Activities.

-Submit testimony to the Commission: the commission has suspended the deadline for submissions. Send your testimony in as soon as possible to assure its inclusion in the final report and recommendation or the commission. If you need assistance in preparing your testimony please feel free to contact our Testimonies committee.

Anyone who agrees with NCRR's five principles of unity can become a member. Read and send in the enclosed membership form with your membership fee as soon as possible, if you want to join.

For further information please contact Roy Nakano at [REDACTED], or Sue Oda [REDACTED]. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Redress and Reparations

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JUSTICE NOW!    REPARATIONS NOW!