

## Redress

The Chicago Chapter is working on a 5 point program in support of the National Redress effort. The program ~~is~~ ~~directed~~ is directed in the following areas

1. Brochure Distribution
2. Fund Raising
3. Witness Identification
4. Public Relations
5. Workshops

## Brochure Distribution

The National JACL is publishing a brochure which the Chicago Chapter plans to distribute to 3000 - 4000 Japanese-American families in the Chicago area. The purpose of the brochure is to (1)

explain what JAC is doing in terms of in the area of Redress, (2) to solicit potential witnesses for the Commission hearings which will be held in Chicago, and (3) to solicit funds in support of the Redress effort. The Chapter plans to send out this mailing <sup>early in January 1981.</sup> ~~shortly after the first~~ ~~of the year.~~ Jim Isano has ~~been~~ taken on the responsibility of distributing these brochures.

Fund Raising

~~The National JAC~~ ~~has~~ ~~set a goal of \$340,000.~~

~~In order to implement a Redress program on a National level requires monetary support.~~

Funds are required to support the National JACL Redress program. These funds are required to prepare testimony for the hearing, ~~provide the required~~ ~~Public Relations~~ transport witnesses to the hearing, prepare witness for the hearing and publicize the hearings.

The National JACL goal is to raise \$340,000. during the next year. In

support of this commitment the Chicago Chapter has set a goal of \$25,000. Hopefully, these funds will be raised through two avenues. The first will be the funds ~~and~~ contributions received from the brochure distribution. The second will be through direct, personal solicitation from ~~the~~ the Chicago Japanese -

American community. Shiz Wakomata is heading up the <sup>Chicago</sup> Relocation Fund Raising effort.

### Witness Identification:

The purpose of this committee will be to identify potential witnesses to appear before the Commission. A wide diversity of witnesses should be identified to speak to a variety of subjects.

Among these subjects are the sociological and psychological effects of the relocation.

In addition, we should have ~~with~~ witnesses to discuss their own personal experiences

before camp, during camp, and after camp. In addition we should identify

potential witnesses from other parts of the community representing other groups such

as the ACLU, the Urban League, etc.,  
to speak in favor of the JACL Redress  
position. Finally, it might be  
interesting to have some Japansai speak  
about the ~~significance of~~ <sup>effect of Redress on their parent's</sup>  
~~on their~~  
life lives and how it affected their  
lives.

### Public Relations

The Public Relations effort  
of the Redress Committee will be  
directed both internally and externally.  
The internal public relations effort will  
be directed towards the Japanese American  
community in the Chicago area. It is  
our ~~top~~ goal that if this effort is  
successful that these people will ~~also~~  
understand the JACL Redress program and

that they will step forward and support  
themselves. The program by ~~not~~ providing  
monetary support, by becoming Commission  
witnesses, and by volunteering to help the  
redress efforts.

The external public relations  
effort will be directed towards the general  
American public. The goal of this  
effort will be to <sup>make them aware</sup> ~~let them know~~  
of Japanese American history in the  
~~of the contributions of Japanese American~~  
United States and to let them  
know about the relocation experience  
to insure that it will never  
happen again.

### Workshops

It is our plan to set up workshops  
~~Workshops will be set up and run~~  
to help <sup>the witnesses prepare for their</sup>  
prior

testimony before the commission. Chicago  
will not be the location of the first  
hearing. Therefore, we will have the  
opportunity to learn from the first hearings  
and use this experience to prepare  
witnesses for their testimony in Chicago.