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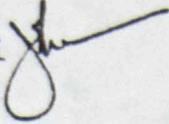


JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

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TO: REGIONAL COORDINATORS

DATE: September 28, 1984

FROM: John Tateishi 

SUBJECT: Congressional Contacts

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Through the facilities of the Clearinghouse computer and Bill Yoshino's efforts, we're putting together a congressional "hit" list, designating those Members of Congress who are the most likely to support redress legislation. We're grouping congresspersons in categories from those most likely to those who are most likely to oppose. As soon as we receive the list at HQ, we'll match congresspersons to chapters, and will distribute this information plus congressional profiles to all Coordinators and chapters.

The purpose of this will be to target congresspersons for support during the election year as they seek re-election. Please alert your Area Coordinators to this material coming to them within the next two weeks and have them stay in close contact with their chapters to make sure that we get as much constituent pressure as possible.

TO : Area Coordinators/Chapter Redress Reps

October 4, 1984

FROM : IDC Regional Coordinator

SUBJECT: Congressional Contacts and Legal precedents

Take note of contents in above communication.

Min Yasui, chair of JACL redress activities, explained at a Salt Lake JACL Chapter meeting in late August, 1984 that payment of compensation to interned Japanese Americans during WW II is following precedents.

This coordinator requested Carol Hayashino of national headquarters for an enumeration of precedents which would relate to the JACL redress. Attached herewith is a list of brief account of cases by which court have awarded claims to individuals for false imprisonment. This list was submitted as Exhibit "C" to the JACL testimony at the recent House of Representative hearings on HR-4110. All of you have received a copy of that testimony.

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EXHIBIT C

Examples of damages allowed for false imprisonment might be illuminating, in considering the cases of Japanese Americans confined in detention centers for periods of up to four years, as follows:

<u>AWARD:</u>	<u>DETAINED:</u>	<u>CASE:</u>
\$ 50,000 -	Arrest after scuffle and detained for less than 1 day.	<u>Bucher v. Krause,</u> 200 F.2d 576, 7th Cir. 1952.
\$ 112,000 -	Wrongfully convicted of murder, and served 12 years in prison.	<u>Hoffner v. State,</u> 207 Misc, 1070, 142 N.Y.S. 2d 630, Ct. Cl. 1955
\$ 10,000 - + 10,000	Assaulted and detained by employer who charged shoplifting.	<u>Skillern vs. Stewart,</u> 379 S.W. 2d 687, Tex. Civ. App. 1964
\$ 10,000 - + 500	Roughly handled and briefly detained	<u>Quinn v. Rosenberg,</u> 399 S.W.2d 433, Mo. App. 1966
\$ 20,000 -	Wrongfully imprisoned for murder and on death row for 2 months; total time in prison, 4 years.	<u>State v. Vargas,</u> 419 S.W.2d 926, Tex. Civ. App. 1967
\$ 100,000 - reduced to \$ 35,000	Store owner jailed for disturbance in evicting competitors who were checking prices	<u>S.S. Kresge Co. v. Prescott,</u> 435 S.W.2d 203, Tex. Civ. App. 1968
\$ 400,000 -	Woman jailed for 3 days for refusal to pay hotel bill until moving out.	<u>Rothschild v. Drake Hotel,</u> 197 F.2d 419, 7th Cir. 1968
\$ 100,000 -	Arrest for failure to pay articles taken from store, but actually had been paid.	<u>Thomas v. E.J. Korvette,</u> 320 F. Supp 1163, E.D. Pa 1971.

- \$ 35,000 - False imprisonment for 5-6 hours. Globe Shopping v. Williams, 535 S.W. 2d 53, Tex. Civ. App. 1976
- \$ 10,000 - Compensatory damages for 3-hr detention, on basis of loss of earnings and mental suffering. Guion v. Ass. Dry Goods, 56 App. Div. 2d 798, 393 N.Y.S.2d 8, 1977
- \$ 5,000 - Actual damages, plus
10,000 - punitive damages for 2½ hrs detention on accusation of shoplifting. Joseph v. Jefferson Stores, 228 So.2d 103, Fla, Dist. Ct. App. 1969
- \$ 1,500 - Jailed for refusal to hand over driver's license on arrest for violating dog leash ordinance. Enright v. Groves, 560 P.2d 851, Colo, App. 1977
- \$ 40,000 - 23 Day commitment to mental institution by psychiatrist; award for pain and suffering. Stowers v. Wolodzko, 386 Mich. 119, 191 N.W.2d 355, 1971