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ANTICIPATED PROCESS FOR INITIATION OF REDRESS LEGISLATION

Chapter Discussion
on Remedies



District Discussion
on Remedies



JACL National Council
Discussion on Remedies -
Issuance of Redress Guidelines

CWRIC Issuance of
Findings and
Recommendations



National Redress Committee
Analysis of CWRIC Report.
Determination of Support/
Non-Support of Recommendations



National Redress Committee
Conference with Washington, DC
Advisors

National Redress Committee
Report and Recommendations
re CWRIC Report to JACL
National Board



JACL Conference with WDC
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of National Board and Redress
Committee



JACL National Council
Action on Specific Form
of Legislation



Introduction of Redress
Legislation

Facts and Circumstances Surrounding EO 9066	Impact Upon Citizens And Aliens	Mitigation
Restrictive Immigration Policies	I. Individual Losses	
Social & Economic Discrimination	a. Individual property losses: real and personal, crops, actual income, etc.	Evac. Claims
Citizenship Restrictions	b. Mental harm: humiliation, pain suffering, anguish, emotional scars, etc.	None
Alien Land Law		
Segregated Facilities	c. Physical harm: illness, disease inadequate care, etc.	None
Racism		
Fear	d. Opportunity losses: business, education, job, etc.	None
Economic Greed	e. Loss of civil liberties & freedom	None
War	II. Japanese American Community Losses	
	a. Communities destroyed, crippled, dispersed, destruction of culture	None
	b. Defamation of group: charge of disloyalty	Repeal of 9066
	III. National Losses	
	a. Breakdown of American system of government which has been sanctioned by law	Repeal of Title II
	b. The precedent exists like a "loaded pistol"	None

Eligibility

Possible categories of eligibility for consideration in redress legislation

- Limited to those individuals who were interned
- Those who were interned or forced to relocate
- All those affected by Executive Order 9066
- Extension of eligibility rights to heirs

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2. STATEMENT OF POSITION:

The National Committee for Redress of the Japanese American Citizens League reiterates its fundamental position that, although there are many forms of redress and remedies possible which would be acceptable to the Japanese American community, there must be substantial monetary reparations for those who underwent the traumatic and unparalleled evacuation and restrictions imposed during 1942-1946.

The Japanese American Citizens League recommends that sufficient monetary appropriations should be made by Congress to redress fully the damages that were inflicted upon 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during 1942-1946. Substantial and appropriate money amounts should be made available to individuals who suffered losses and damages because of the evacuation of 1942-1946, as well as for community programs and projects as would tend to diminish and at least partially redress the enormous wrong which was imposed upon innocent persons by the United States government during 1942-1946.

Partial redress may be accomplished through the establishment of various community programs and projects authorized and funded by the United States government for victims of the Evacuation; there could be established various kinds of educational programs, scholarships, and means of constant reminders that an aberration of American democracy occurred during 1942-1946, so that the likelihood of repeating such massive, wholesale injustices by the government is reduced; there could be established memorials, designations of camp sites, and similar types of permanent remembrances; and there are many other kinds and types of redress that can and should be pursued.



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REDRESS GUIDELINES

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- I. PURPOSE: a) To achieve redress for all persons who suffered injustices by official actions of the United States Government during World War II, as a result of the issuance of Presidential Executive Order Numbered 9066 and other associated official actions of the United States Government.
b) To deter the recurrence of such future arbitrary action by the government which is contrary to the principles upon which this nation was founded.
- II. BASIS FOR CLAIM: Individual and community injustices and losses suffered arising out of the issuance of Presidential Executive Order Numbered 9066 and other associated official actions of the United States Government.
- III. ELIGIBILITY: Beneficiaries of any remedies enacted by Congress, in connection with the exclusion and subsequent internment of civilians during World War II, shall include those who were forcibly expelled by the military and detained, or who were compelled to move because of military orders in force or pending, and all those who were affected by Executive Order Numbered 9066 and other associated actions of the United States Government.
- IV. REDRESS: a) The United States Congress shall be called upon to appropriate a total monetary sum based upon:
 - 1) Property damages incurred by those affected by the forced expulsion and incarceration, determined by agencies of the United States Government. This amount shall be appropriately adjusted for the intervening years since 1941.
 - 2) Personal losses and injuries suffered as a consequence of the actions of the government.

Payment and receipt of any monies appropriated by Congress shall be free from any federal, state or local taxes, and shall not escheat to any state or from any federal, state or local taxes, and shall not escheat to any state or municipality, and shall not affect eligibility to receive any benefits.b) In addition, the United States Government shall be called upon to appropriate or otherwise make available funds or resources in special programs for the benefit of those classes and groups excluded and/or interned under Executive Order Numbered 9066 and other associated actions of the United States Government.
- V. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS: Congress shall establish perpetual, non-profit foundations to administer such funds appropriated by the Congress. Disbursements from such funds shall be in accordance with such rules and regulations to be established by said foundations, it being explicitly understood that individual payments shall be made from such funds, as well as other disbursements, such as social, civil rights and educational programs in redress of those communities which were physically and sociologically disrupted as a direct result of the issuance of Executive Order Numbered 9066 and associated official actions of the United States Government.