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SUBJ: Update - Redress

Although the dates and sites have not as yet been concretely determined for the Commission hearings, there has been indication that the Washington, D.C. hearing will be scheduled for mid-July, and the regional hearings will commence during the first part of August and continue through the month. Confirmation on this will occur on or about June 23, 1981, the anticipated date of the next meeting of the Commission. Chicago still remains under strong consideration as a hearing site.

The key to the hearings will be the testimony of witnesses. The National Headquarters has informed me that to date they have received confirmation of 5 witnesses in the Midwest, and 250 nationally. Based on what we know of the commission format, each hearing site should be prepared to have approximately 50 witnesses available per day (some sites may have hearings scheduled for more than one day).

National JACL has disseminated packets related to testimony preparation. The process set by National asks that the biographical data sheets be forwarded to the Headquarters whereupon National will send each of the potential witnesses the preparation packet. Each person wishing to testify must prepare written testimony for submission to the commission (oral testimony also, if it applies). Copies of this testimony should be forwarded to the National Headquarters and National will then forward the testimony to the Commission in Washington, D.C.

Fundraising continues as a pressing priority of the JACL redress program. With hearings imminent, National JACL will be hard pressed to complete its program preparation without the support of the chapter fundraisers. I have enclosed the most recent figures as compiled by the Midwest Office.

Enclosure

JACL MIDWEST REDRESS FUNDRAISING



Based on 1980 membership figures

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