

FILIPINO AMERICAN



DELTA CHAPTER

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIL-AMERICAN DELTA CHAPTER, OF THE AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR, Inc., at 7:00 P.M., July 12, 1983, Stockton, CALIFORNIA.

PRESENT: All OFFICERS & MEMBERS were Present.

RESOLUTION NO. 1
Series of 1983

WHEREAS, this Chapter and its members are aware of the problems of apartheid, or segregation, or racial prejudice;

WHEREAS, the healing of the wounds inflicted by the last general war should now be healed and forgotten;

HAVING BEEN DELIBERATED AND CONSIDERED SERIOUSLY IN THEIR PROPER LIGHT,

WHEREFORE, ON motion of comrade FRANKY T. RESPICIO, duly seconded by Comrade MONICO ALMACHAR, now THEREFORE, WE HEREBY-

RESOLVE, as it is hereby resolved, to request very kindly the Federal Government to refrain, desist, and forbear enacting into law that Bill to allocate a great sum of money, to bind an alleged wound inflicted upon the Japanese-American Ex-Internee, here in the United States, as we think it is very wrong, as it may serve to reopen the wounds inflicted upon the American people, and other people, in so far as the last war is concerned, affecting other races, due to the following reasons:

1. We are not blind to discern that blood is thicker than water. Although we know that the Japanese-Americans are American citizens, (by reason of place of births-Jus Soli) they are still very much Japanese in blood, and no amount of logic will equate the sentiments of blood relationship;
2. How about the feelings of the American people and the American Ex-Prisoners of War who suffered from the atrocities of the Japanese Imperial Army, are they not entitled to the same treatment?
3. How about the almost 12,000 members of the Philippine Scouts a component of the United States Army by an Act of Congress of Oct 1, 1901, who fought in Bataan and Corregidor, made that infamous Bataan Death-March, taken prisoners of War by the Japanese Imperial Army?
4. How about the hundreds of thousands of Filipino Soldiers and Civilians who were mangled, mutilated and imprisoned by the Japanese Imperial Army, are their sacrifices been in vain and devoid of sentiments?
5. Are we to bind wounds, or reopening them by social legislation? Please think clearly. Had the Japanese-Americans not been

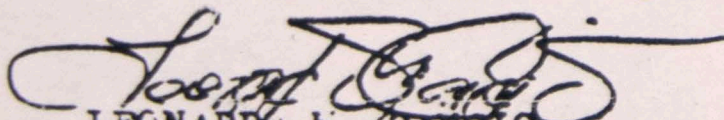
interned, we doubt very much if they have survived the ordeal which is not really an ordeal, but a sanctuary, a sacred and inviolable asylum, that housed them to safety, to protect an endangered specie in the midst of an angry mob. Yes, it is by reason of safety, and Christian love that save the internees from complete annihilation. And, were it not for Christian America, Japan have ceased to exist as a nation.

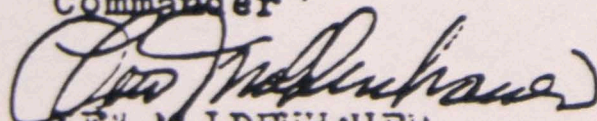
RESOLVED, once more, that the present clamor under House Resolution No. 3367, sponsored by Hon. Mike Lowry and Sen. Alan Cranston, who also introduced a similar Bill, allocating a great sum of money to be given away to individual Japanese Internees, BE ABANDONED, as they are blood money of millions of people living and dead, crying for social-disorganization, should the Japanese-Americans are given special treatment and distinction, whereas they should be very thankful for they were spared from the vicissitudes of war, as they were succored to safety by the U.S. Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, after receiving the blessings of liberty, humanity, and safety, the Japanese-Americans should not be allowed to use, misuse, and abuse that freedom to prostitute democracy by invoking citizenship, which is but a privilege and not a right. NO SIR. Citizenship is a political issue. You may be an American outside, but down deep inside you are not. We believed that the Japanese-Americans owe a lot of gratitude, and have received more than enough in money and in kind more so spiritually from the United States Government. They should be very much ashamed as they counted themselves to be Americans. Asking compensation from the US Government? Are they not truly Americans or are they still Japanese? The Honorable S. I. Hayakawa commented: "IT MAKES ME CRAWL TO MY FLESH with embarrassment to be considered Japanese".

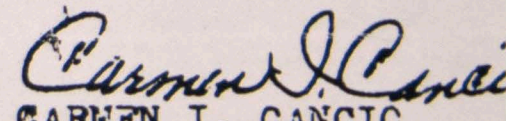
RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish copies of this resolution to those listed legislators of Federal Governments, for their sense of proportion and appropriate action to handle this burning political issue of citizenship under the guise of social justice.

APPROVED, this 12th day of July, 1983, here at STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA.


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Data bank - people who have congressional contacts

Zip code list to locate constituents in districts

action flow up in congress rather than down

- contacts each member to contact rep.

Chart out JACC membership by congressional districts

Target key legislators