

CJA Sum up Hearings Community Meeting

1. Yui testimony

2. - that was Yui Kochiyama testifying before the Comm WRIC on July 16 at the first of a series of hearings the CWRIC will be holding
My name is . . .
we called

- ~~at the~~ This meeting to report back to the NY GA community what transpired during the hearings. The format of this meeting is as follows

1. Report on hearings and discussion
2. Report on status of NY hearing.

3. ~~in part~~ ^{WDC} The hearings are the first of a series that will be held nationally. They were held in the Senate Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Bldg - the same room the Watergate hearings were held in. The room itself is very formidable w/ huge marble pillars, ceilings that are 2 stories high. TV cameras & lights were trained on the Comm, testifiers and audience of over ~~100~~ 200 people, for both days.

~~The Comm~~ The format/agenda of the hearings was as follows:

The hearings were from 9-5, very intense, with much information + discussion ~~transpiring~~
Because of the amount of testimony presented

^{report} Our ~~presentation~~ will cover ~~the~~ only ~~the~~ ^{afew} ~~turn~~ in testimony ~~following~~ aspects of the hearings, as we felt these were what most people would want to know about:

1. Background + assessment of the Comm
2. Summarize the remarks + statements by F, B + R who were involved in the internment decision-making
3. Summarize the 3 national orgs
4. The legal arguments

Our, CIA's impression of the Comm + hearings were overall positive. The

Comm, ~~which~~ was created by P Law 96-317 last July, ^{the} ~~has~~ ^{Joan Bernstein, Comm chair} ~~has~~ ^{laid out} the responsibility to the Comm resp in her opening remarks:

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It is to make a report to Congress of its findings + recommendations by January 1982.

The Comm members are

We assessed the individual Commissioners in the following way:

The Comm has no power to implement anything. It can possibly rec'd mon redress but cannot intro ~~at~~ legis. It can only rec'd. It's findings + rec'd will be influential, but they can also be ignored, ~~distorted~~, changed by Congress. For those of us who have made a commitment to follow ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~struggle~~ ^{struggle} for mon compens this is imp to us, for the future ~~long-range~~ ^{long-range} picture struggle for r+r will be a long one and the Comm hearings are just a beginning.

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maintain
violating
neutrality

turn in testimony

Woi

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It is important to note VC
Lundgren's partiality, already ~~reviewed~~
revealed thru his opening remarks
and TV appearances, ~~as noted by~~
~~Takako~~ His one question to the
~~The Comm~~ panel of national He
made frequent reference to "pplts"
in the GA community around the
q of mon compens, emphasizing
~~that~~ several times "Nichibei".

We feel he is the main obstacle
in the Comm. making a favorable
rec'd. ~~that~~

What this means, is that ~~the~~
GA's must make our sentiments
known, we must speak loudly
and with one voice ~~the~~ for
indiv. monetary pmt - ~~that~~
as the bottom line.

Intro Lori

Bendetsen & McCloy

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1. Sum up Comm hearings
2. Community meeting
 - how to run
 - New York hearing
3. Benefit

1. Joan Bernstein

- Sympathetic

Wendgen - vice chair

- Definitely against \$

- May bend on trust fund

Mautani

- sitting on the fence

- very articulate

- he may go for trust fund

- monetary comp ~~50/50~~ 60/40

Brooke

- very sympathetic

- pro compensation

Hemming

- liberal

- 50/50

Mitchell

- Same as Hemming

Goldberg

- liberal - asked pro who were

for gov't abt their op on rep.

- 60/40 towards us

Gromoff

- for reparations

✓ Ask for Brooke + Minan come to my

Type up Yui, SH + NCCR testimony
for distribution on Sunday

Who Commissioners are

Report

Motoko, Shiz, George Yuzawa, Michi Komi,
Stanley, AALDEF

Working Committee meeting - 2 weeks

Outreach

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SH - GACL

GAA

GAHFA

Niko Niko - Dick Kawamoto -

Buddhist Ch.

442 - Bill K

Pass the hat

GA's have ~~not~~ passively accepted continuously raised protest ~~and~~ against the injustice of the camps. Examples ^{The} as Hirabayashi, case which went to the SC ~~one~~ is an example of this resistance. Hirabayashi's ^{court} involvement in the ~~court~~ struggle for r+r is heartening for many of us younger + newer to the movement. Significant in the hearings was the unity displayed by the national orgs in putting forward the demand for r+r.

NCJAR ^{WmH}

The NCJAR which is pursuing a class action suit through the Courts for r+r included in its presentation criticism of the creation of the Comm ~~for~~ over passage of direct redress legislation which was also intro into Congress at the same time as the Comm bill last year.

NCJAR requested the Comm consider 3 things in its investigation

- 1) dissidents
- 2) peo not know what hit them
- 3) mech to help class action suit.

They pledged cooperation with the

Comm. research ^{efforts} and concretizing of what "mech" would help the class action suit.

JACL Min Gasai, chair of the JACL's NRC presented the purposes of JACL in regard to redress as follows

1.

2.

3.

~~NCCR~~ He also related his personal experience being incarcerated for violating the curfew order.

NCCR Presented by BN, nat'l spokesperson, incl crit of the ~~original~~ "study" approach of the comm & empn the right of the J community to demand r + r. NCCR ~~is presenting~~ presented a brief history of JAs to put the evac in ^{the} historical context of continuous opp + discrim of JAs faced since they came to US.

have

5pts

AA

Presentations were also made by legal groups outlining the ~~const~~ violations of Const its suffered by GA's as a result of the camps. G's will briefly outline the main pts:

Finally, we would like to underscore that the forces of racism & reaction ~~still~~ which ^{led to} incarcerated us in the first place still exist. Lillian Baker of AHA made this clear from her hour-long presentation filled w/ historical inaccuracies and twisted logic:
(Play Lillian Baker)

In summary, we ~~would like to again emphasize the positiveness of the importance of~~ what we saw was an intransigence of those involved in the evac to accept resp for the CC, a Comm which is taking its job seriously but which could go either way viz its rec'd and a lot of forward motion fr the GA community in

terms of strengthening our unity
and clarifying our demands

Is this boring?
People are listening?

write positive letters to Commission
abt hearings

Questions

Where

How many Nisei in NY

IS GAEL here

~~AB~~ Who is CIA

Address larger issues

People all get together

Seriousness of Const violations
is what determines amount
of compensation

Gm

My hearing

Sansei to speak out

Coverage - small numerically

- say it was wrong first, then
talk abt money

Pt out financial loss

Make US admit they were wrong

legal forum - how pro want

ny Hearing

CJA went to the hearings

- INV - assess comm - some skepticism
- press demand for ny hearing

CJA
statement

Met w/ Bernstein & Cheryl Yamamoto thru NCRIR. NCRIR presented requests in add'n to extra sites for translation of community site. ~~and~~ They were very receptive to all ideas including an informal ny hearing. We were impressed by Bernstein's concern & sensitivity to the community and her concern to make conditions as easy as possible for people to participate.

(C. Yamamoto her assistant was particularly responsive & open.)

~~They expressed willingness to hold an~~ What informal hearing would mean:

CJA suggested format

Ad hoc coal / org comm.

5min Open w/ Yuri testimony

Intro of program

CJA + friends went

Munson kept spying on us
(5-10 min)

work ~~Congress~~ what happened

what they are saying now
Summarize Fortas, Barrows + Rowe
Summarize nat'l orgs Bendetsen + McCloy

Resistance - Hirabayashi, Endo

- people tried to get justice

- today growing movement

(5-10 min)

Summarize 3 orgs

NCRK

NCJAR

JACL

10-15 min

~~William Baker~~
legal stuff - Tori Janice - Sandy, Phil
- ~~William Baker~~

5-10 min

William Baker - ~~William Baker~~

Importance of ed art truth
Racism + reaction still exist

Summary
Questions

Ask Yuriko to
come down

CJA Report

Run down format

What happened
run down
agendas

~~Run down Assessment of Comm.~~
Summarize nat'l orgs
Summarize ~~Congress~~ people pro inv.
Assessment of Commissioners
examples

Play Yui statement

Conclusions:

1. Positiveness of hearings
2. Importance of people participating
3. Put out view of Commission
hearings

Discussion

Yui
BAAR

1:30 - what happens
discussible
3:30 - ny
4:30

WRA
Individuals
Baker

Certain people did not show - Bendetsen +
McCloy

~~AFSC~~ AFSC or BAAR

Introduction - set framework and agenda for meeting:

45 min - hr

1. First: report

~~2. Feedback from others~~

45 min

3. Discussion

1 hr.

4. Report on New York hearing
5. Formation of ad hoc comm
6. Tapes

CJA Sum Up Report

We went to the Commission hearings with 2 primary objectives in mind:

1. To see for ourselves first hand how the Commission operated and assess where indiv comm ~~the~~ opinions and views
2. To continue to press for a New York hearing.

~~In this meeting~~ 5

1. John
2. ...
3. ...
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5. ...
6. ...
7. ...
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9. ...
10. ...

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snouye

Matsunaga - token # to indiv + heirs

Stevens - relocation of Aleuts unknown

Alan Cranston - read letter

- gov't shld consider long-lasting impact

- losses

- whether gov't shld redress or not
Comm shld consider

Cong Robt. McClory - R - Judiciary Comm

Cong Geo Danielson D (CA) "

Cong Mervin Dymally (CA)

Cong Gates (IL)

Cong Coker (HI)

~~Lowry?~~

McClory - legis or admin action not dis pmts,
maybe for Aleuts since have not been
considered before

Coker - grants + scholarships 1 yr internment -
1 yr scholarship -- for lost opp'ty

Dymally - concern for justice + civil rights
- playing games w/ semantics
- seek truth + report, seek remedies
to rectify situation
- night hearing

Lowry - Direct redress to focus on tremendous
losses so couldn't forget
w/ just statement

2-3B

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aft

C. Lemghecher

~~Mendel Bendetsen~~ - Justice Dept

Civil Division

36,940,000 pd in claims for evac. Claims Act
of evac claims act - records since 1948
Only dealing w/Civil Division, only since 1948

Goldberg isn't there someone in DoJ who can
give us full rept

Red Beck - Dept. of Army / Defense

War Dept's role was central in evac.

- military necessity rationale was popular
w/population

- 1st Western Div Command → DeWitt head,
incl Alaska

- FBI gave ...

- FBI intelligence - Black Dragon & ... Tokyo

After Pearl Harbor WDC became "theater of action"
Operation"

Alan V. Goldman. Goldman sent Bendetsen
in 1/42. B. b/c central figure. He
rec'd passes, zones

2/14 - DeWitt asked for an E.O. to exclude
citizens & non-citizens fr prescribed
mil. areas

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Dewitt east military areas 1+2
4,000+ vol. relocated

WCCA - created by Dewitt, headed by Bendetson

Manutani - what is your position?

Beck: exec, hist socs div, mil hist

M: Thesis

Beck: army takes no pride

M: you = enemy aliens + ~~Beck~~ GA's

Alien + non-alien usage

armed military escort - more like guards

Brooke: commend research

what is yr. proof of "reluctant acquiescence" of Justice Dept.

Beck: Notes of mtg - no one could argue w/ military necessity argument

Br: Stimson participation?

B: yes. He did concur

Goldberg - commend fortnight stmt

Bendetson says Dewitt drafted Gullion - - ->
Pres. signed.

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State Dept

Penn deported 1,000 Japanese Pennsylvanians w/ sep't
fr State Dept

State Dept held off deporting more to use as
bargaining chips w/ Japan.

What is your op on why Munson Rept
not circulated?

W/lt research but prop was non-
interest

Gordon

Con't to oppose wartime injustices - seek
corrections, seek compensation for victims -
Recommend enabling legis. for Hirabayashi,
Yasui, Korematsu - so SC does not
con't to endorse racial discrim
as law of the land.

Coercion: where compelling social
circumstances, (rts must be abridged)

This fever went all the way up to
the SC

Way judge charged jury - Is he J -
did he violate curfew

90 days ea ct, concurrently
Appeal Circuit Ct of Appeals

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Yasui

Banister: Bendetsen + McCloy were invited.
Comm. is pursuing their indiv
testimony.

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Jackson

Incredible this subject never received attention

Many questions that remain unanswered
Thorough & hist acc disc of g.

Causes & consequences of evac - why & under what circs were interned

2 issues

1. Shld there be compens - of monetary settlement of g that goes beyond \$
Recog of gov't

2. Draft code of conduct?

Goldberg - previous claims were inadequate
- Alaska Native claims Act - Jackson helped

Jackson - y Comm came up w/ \$ Cong
ld not appropriate - practical aspects

- Matsunaga went on record for \$

Brooke - shld not rule out possible compensation

- whether wrong & what compensation shld be

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Danielson

Report m out where failed

Charge goes beyond figuring out \$ - can
you put a \$ amt on it

Price of freedom not free or equally shared

yates

Hearing is imp

Unconscionable act - flagrant injustice

Issei did a lot for this country

g shld have been welcome - model citizens -

got discrim & hostility -

barred fr. citizenship

Great trad.

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Helped set aside Oriental Excl Act in 1952

Recog need to make a right

- \$ must not be excluded fr
consideration by this Comm

Ranking^{min.} member of House Approp. Comm

Mike Masaoaka

Faith in America

Write history

Difference in public op then & now

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Congress has acknowledged wrong

- 1948 Evac Claims Act - token & in a sense unjust
- Repeal of Title 2
- 2/19/76 - Revocation of EO 9066 by Ford

WM Hohiv

NCJAR cooperation in research efforts

JACL

① Build the record of what happened

② Restitution must be made

(Const amendment to say that no person's rights shall be abridged etc of nat'lty of parents or ancestors)

Goldberg - of opinion that SC wld declare Korematsu invalid

Mautani - acknowledge NCJAR offer of assistance

Goldberg - don't feel embarrassed abt opposing Comm.

Write up community fund idea for Commission

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William Baker

educated Reagan abt camps
research historian

Class action suit ag orgs & indiv
who say camps were con camps
- Cites Korematsu 10/44 decision
statute of limitations
consider loss of pride honor
"Hayakawa" - dissidents
Dishonor Issei

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AFSC - Schneider, former E.D.

Bd of Dir endorsed redress & monetary
compensation
- sup't on basis of merit + form
of compensation

Think it imp victims articulate their
hurt

40 yr silence abt evac & internment
+ Ed

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Greenberg - NAACP legal Defense Fund

Camps were part of historical racism -
culmination even to this day
worked on reunciation of cit w/pid
in 1946 - helped peo regain cit.

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Oreenburg

Have not brought thru rep issue, but
am for it

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Mautani thanked AFSC for their role

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Dwight Chuman

Survey

behavior mod in camp

euthanasia

gpc as informants

Masataka attack

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Tom Kometaui - Trust fund for everyone

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Yui

Nobu Miyoshi

- monetary settlement & apology

- research

- creative approach to therapy

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Pat Okura

National Trust fund administered by GA's

- for Issei & Nisei med & psych services

- needs for GA's & other AA's

- ed & empl opp'ties

- comm'ity sup & system

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Kinzo Yamamoto

Public Trust Fund - incorp Asian
perspective in public acls

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TC

Rept on mtg
Brochure copy
Incorp stuff
Ichishita mtg

mtg w/ ACU

Using ACU as a fiscal agent. (Send letter to NYSEA notifying them of ACU being TC's fiscal agent, not project. ACU asking for 10% of any funds we get using them as fiscal agent [admin fee])

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Talked abt how affiliation would help each group.

North Star

7/28 mtg - Elaine + Susan L

Incorp

2 alt names - use 2 curly names
\$ paper names names for incorp
Elaine, Susan L, Rocky, Toni

Ichishita

Everyone give in resumes
Rewrite North Star proposal

Don't forget to get the budget
approved by the committee

Pull out components of budget which
they could fund
Will put us (TC) on agenda of Oct
mtg

Aug 22

1. Review the budget
2. Review the report

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12. Review the budget
13. Review the report

Extra evening hrs - scheduled
informal dinner

484-7540

Arthur Goldberg } very interested
Hugh Mitchell }

Go to speak to different groups - have
dialogue

Another evening session, see if peo are
willing to stay over

Other sites.

Have to think about
See how many peo can participate
in large hearings

Farming sites - Sacto.

Testimony limitations

Write everything, practice summarizing
dialog w/Commissioners

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Reasons for NY Hearing

1. Experience of east coast peo - # of peo
2. Accessibility of NY
3. Media coverage
4. Time given in these hearings for local indiv testimony

5. g on east coast are a small minority whose history, contributions and current problems are largely overlooked. To pass NY by on one part of this particular Commission is only continuing this attitude of ignoring EC/NY GA's. We have spoken to other peo in New England who have expressed willingness to travel to NY. Also wd draw from neighboring areas - NJ, Conn, Boston, Mass, Philadelphia.

6. ISSI living in NY area

due to
disparal,
NY camps