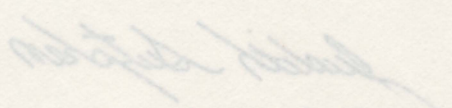


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The Commission is formally charged with the responsibility of conducting a comprehensive study of the events and impact of the issuance of Executive Order 9066; and the task of recommending appropriate remedies. Alongside the [redacted] JA experience on the East Coast which is, in itself unique, there are also individuals and organizations whose national headquarters are within the [redacted] in New York City area that have expressed their interest and support of the cause of redress for Japanese Americans. We feel [redacted] their testimony falls within the responsibility of the Commission, and further, that their testimony cannot be obtained elsewhere.


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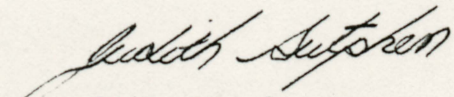
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Figures and statistics given in testimony at the California hearings illustrated the dramatic weakening and shrinking of the Japanese communities there after the war. Many Japanese Americans relocated east from California, leaving their communities, friends and family homes. In leaving their communities and roots, many JA's also left behind the existing slender threads of mutual support, cultural and social life that ethnic communities generate. Additionally, it was clear through the camp leave clearance procedure, that former internees on leaving camp were to disassociate themselves from other Japanese. The experience and impact of these conditions define the parameters of the east coast Japanese American experience.

For purposes of ~~adding~~ maximum clarity, focus and educational value from the New York hearing, we would suggest definition of Nikkei testimony by categories which are organized and prioritized to highlight the New York experience.:

Psychological impact:

Due to the camp experience, combined with the discrimination and forced dispersal of Japanese Americans, the resulting isolation had had psychological impact on many people.

Relocation experience:

Many JA's relocated east on the outbreak of the war ~~x~~ or after camp, forced to leave their communities by the heated racist atmosphere in California. On~~x~~ comint to the east coast, resettlement problems were aggravated by hostility towards Japanese and isolation.

East Coast Experience During WW2:

Japanese and Japanese Americans on the east coast did undergo hardships, ~~even-though~~ Some community leaders were incarcerated in POW camps or in Ellis island. Others were subject to harassment

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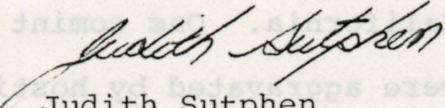
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and discrimination.

Sansei

Sansei, who were not imprisoned, as their parents and grandparents were have been profoundly impacted by the camps. The forced dispersal of JA's east and lack of community here have intensified the cultural deprivation and ~~xxx~~ lack of identity problems of Sansei.

Additionally, we would ~~xxxxxx~~ suggest the following individuals testify within their own category, as their stories and experiences are aspects of JA experience during that time which have not been addressed adequately up until this time nationally.


~~xxxx~~ Issei

Mitus Kamada

Art Kamitsuka

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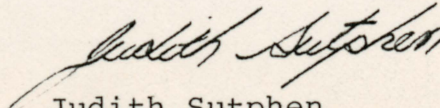
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