

I Sum up mtg

We understand from our meeting with Toro Hirose and Kitty Shores on October 30 that the nature of the hearing in New York is to be different from the hearings that have been held so far. We understand the basic difference is that the Commissioners wish to have more time for dialogue and exchange with the testifiers and have therefore limited the number of testifiers to 25 to facilitate this process. We also understand that the Commission and staff request us to prioritize our requests to focus on the unique aspects of JA experience in New York.

Rationale behind NY Hearing Proposal

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 JA experience on the East Coast which is, in itself unique, there are also individuals and organizations whose national headquarters are within the New York City area that have expressed their interest/and support of the cause of redress for Japanese Americans. We feel their testimony falls within the responsibility of the Commission, and further, that their testimony cannot be obtained elsewhere.

Forced loss of identity

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. ~~The reason many JA's will tell you~~ ^{my virulent anti-J racism & d,} In leaving their communities and roots, ^{forced out of} many JA's also left behind the existing slender threads of mutual support, cultural and social life that ethnic communities generate.

^{Further,} Additionally, it was clear through the camp leave clearance procedure, that former internees on leaving camp were to disassociate themselves from other Japanese. ^{PP} The experience ^{of 4 nationalities toward east,} and impact of ^{why} their isolation ^{on the EC once resettled are prime factors in shaping the char.} ~~these conditions define the parameters~~ of the east coast Japanese American experience.

Program Proposal

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. ^{+ bring out the lasting impact}

Psychological impact: Yuiiko Porter, Mae Kanazawa

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: Motoko Spiegel, Min Matsuda, Sumi Koide

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

East Coast Experience During WW2: Suki Ports, Bill K

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

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 - *break up of family - family impact*

Art Kamitsuka

Charles Nagao - Sealbrook

Pepper