

1 some of the basic civil rights issues that confront our nation
2 at the present time. And I think that leadership is typical of
3 the leadership that the community that he represents has
4 provided in the civil rights field. I know of their deep
5 concern for this indefensible violation of civil rights, but
6 because of that deep concern, my experience has been that the
7 members of the community have constantly been alert to and
8 concerned about other challenges to the concept of civil rights:
9 so I just want to express appreciation to Mr. Yasui for his
10 advice in connection with the responsibility that I share with
11 my colleagues on this Commission. It is comparable to the
12 kind of advise that he and his colleagues in Colorado have been
13 giving the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights.

14 CHAIR BERNSTEIN: Are there further questions?

15 COMMISSIONER BROOKE: I have one question. The young
16 lady's name does not appear on my witness list, but I thought
17 she was most helpful in her testimony, and I just want to clear
18 up one point with her.

19 Is it your opinion that reparations should not be
20 given to individuals but that monetary awards should be given
21 to community groups? Is that my understanding?

22 MS. HOHRI: I'm a member of the Concerned Japanese

1 Americans which is a local New York Group, which has joined
2 with the National Coalition, so as a national group we support
3 the general five principles that Mr. Nikano discussed. So we
4 support the demand for individual monetary payment to in-
5 dividuals, and we also think that it is important that
6 community funds be set up that would help rebuild the
7 Japanese communities.

8 In a lot of places even where there are Japanese
9 communities in Los Angeles and San Francisco, those communities
10 face continuous, you know, so-called urban redevelopment,
11 which basically destroys the community and sets it more up as a
12 commercial area, a lot of the residents and the cultural life
13 of the community is destroyed; so even for places where there
14 are so-called more concentration of Japanese Americans, those
15 kinds of communities, some kind of community fund is necessary.

16 COMMISSIONER BROOKE: A community fund would be in
17 addition to the individual reparations in your opinion?

18 MS. HOHRI: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER BROOKE: Would you help us by submitting
20 to the Commission -- if I may Madam Chair -- your views as to
21 how this community fund would be established, and what
22 community you see or your organization sees as being recipient

1 of these funds, how they would be used?

2 MS. HOHRI: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER BROOKE: I'm sure you have given some
4 thought to that. Could you elaborate on that and flush it out;
5 you've given us the skeleton, but if you would flush it out it
6 might be very helpful.

7 MS. HOHRI: We will certainly do that.

8 COMMISSIONNER MITCHELL: Madam Chairman.

9 CHAIR BERNSTEIN: Senator Mitchell.

10 COMMISSIONER MITCHELL: First I would like to suggest
11 that Dr. Flemming's very moving statement in regard to Mr.
12 Yasui's testimony be applied to all of the members this morning;
13 I certainly think they have enlarged the view of the Commission;
14 on getting down to individual situations, I did not quite
15 follow the compensation colloquy between the Justice and Mr.
16 Yasui, but in your former statement you asked that the
17 Commission press for a former monetary compensation, and I'm
18 wondering whether any of you or anybody has developed an
19 accounting guideline which the Commission can use in our
20 ensuing hearings?

21 MR. YASUI: Yes, the Japanese American Citizens
22 League at the national convention assembled in Salt Lake City