

To: Sasha Hohri ✓
Michi Kobi

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From: Shiq Kaneshiro *Shiq*
Re: New York City hearings

My thinking on a NYC hearing, as previously (and disjointedly) expressed,) is to present testimonies on:

1. Camp victims in the East Coast who still do not wish to return to the West Coast because of that painful expulsion; ~~xxx~~
2. The international relations aspect of the hearings:
1977: The South African Information Officer, Washington, in a letter to the editor, *Time* mag., regarding a story on political dissidents held in detention, wrote: "11. what about the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II?" -- or words to that effect.

What bearing does the racism of 1941-42 have on current day racism in view of strained US-Japan trade relations? With specific instances of scape-goating JA's. e.g. U. Chicago JA faculty member's office vandalized, smeared with "Jap go home."

3. Why did the fourth estate, the press, fail? We know the Hearst, McClatchey line. What about others? Government management of the news?
4. Why did the fifth estate -- the churches, academia, the ACLU and other groups -- presumably dedicated to noble human ideals fail? (The church groups, I know, have committed support over the past week.)

The point of the above is not to give more of the same as has been presented in the West Coast hearings, but something new that is material yet has not been entered into the record. Another aspect of these lines of testimony will draw more Commissioners -- Fleming, Marutani (who've attended all sessions) and Berstein, Goldberg (if his ailing back permits), Brookes -- and provide a more attractive event to draw reporters and TV crews. (What about a stage background flashing on gauze barbed wires and guards and towers? for effect -- ~~xxx~~ though not throughout the hearings?)

NYC Hearings: Participants, Sponsor/Endorsers, Witnesses

Asian Women United

Contacts: Goldie Chu
Bonnie Wong
Liz Young (Steering Committee
Irene Natividad member)

(Emi Tonooka spoke to AWU on JA WW II camp experience, 1981)

Helsinki Watch
205 E 42nd St
New York, NY 10017
(Phone:)

Exec. Director: Ms Jeri Laber
Chrmn of Board: Robert Bernstein (of Rando
House)

(9/21/81: Phoned requesting literature -- annual report, news releases, etc. SK)

Amnesty International
304 W 58 St
New York, NY 10022 (?)
(Phone:)

Contacts:

New England Nisei

← Contact: Mrs. Nobu Hibino

(Also contact to N. England JACL chapter, or info regarding same. Hibinos do not want to return to West Coast. Mrs. H from Philadelphia; met her at JACL Eastern District function, 1980; Father-in-law (check) does not want to return to West Coast, per Jeannie Hibino of San Francisco. Contact by non-JACLeR. Contact also for Eiji Suyama of Maine, retired M.D., interested in Korematsu case, active in N.Eng. Nisei; attended JACL EDC meeting, 10/80.)

Philadelphia area:

N.B. (Conference on internment, R/R second week in 10/81, funded by Penn. Council (Commission?) on Humanities)

Contacts: Mrs. Grayce Uyehara (active JACLeR)

(Phone:)

Dr. Mary (Mrs. Warren) Watanabe

(Both active in Marutani election campaign; JACL; Pacific Asian Coalition -- now dormant. Mary involved in 1980 census.)

Dr. Herb Horikawa (Psychologist, Temple U.)

(Phone:)

Sumi Kobayashi (unfortunately don't recall meeting her.)

Dr. Setsuko Nishi (Sociologist or Psychologist)
Brookly College
or City University Center

(Active in civil rights, women's rights - testified before Civil Rights Commision - Pacific Asian Americans activities; articulate, knowledgeable - understand she did not go back to West Coast until 1980.) Walked out on Hayakawa at Asian American Assembly dinner, May 1978.)

Other potential endorsors/sponsors, NYC hearings:

NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund (Jack Greenberg testified in D.C. hearings.) 10 Columbus Circle.

Puerto Rican Legal Defense & Education Fund, Inc.
95 Madison Ave., NY, NY 10016
Phone: [redacted]

(Lita Taracido, past president, resigned 6/30/81.
Contact: Ken Kimerling, staff attorney and a director of Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund.
I called and obtained National JACL Board to join in a PRLDEF petition to provide bilingual services in areas deemed necessary per census. SK)

2/25/80: Jack John Olivero, Vice Chairperson (Manager, Urban Affairs,
Sandra Ruiz de Butter, " " (VP, Starrett AT&T
Development Corp.)

Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund
350 Broadway, Suite 308, NY, NY 10013
(Phone: [redacted])
Contact: Margaret Fung, Esq., Stanley Mark, Esq., Phil Nash,
Cyril Nishimoto, Nick Chen.
AALDEF presented testimony in D.C. hearings, 7/16/81.

Possible testimonies: Harold Isaacs, MIT-AA
Edwin Reischauer
Herb Cain on the press in 1941-42.
- SF columnist

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