

Japanese American

Community Committee on Redress/Reparations

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I am always struck by the pain and the reluctance of persons to talk about what happened. But as individuals, it is going to be your job and responsibility to step up and make people such as myself and others confront the reality and be aware of the travesty which occurred and the individual impact of the decisions which were made. The more you can reach down and expose things that inevitably must bring pain and discomfort, the more important it will be and the more impact it will have should you testify.

ALSO - U.S. COMMISSION ON WARTIME
RELOCATION & INTERNMENT OF CIVILIANS,
726 JACKSON PLACE N.W.,
July 1, 1981 WASH., D.C. 20506

--Seattle City Attorney Douglas Jewett
at a May 23, 1981, mock hearing

Dear Community Member:

The long-awaited opportunity to tell the story of the Japanese American internment has arrived.

The U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians will conduct an open hearing on September 9, 10, and 11 in the new Federal Building (Second and Madison). Seattle is one of only six hearing sites in the country.

This Commission is empowered to investigate all impacts of Executive Order 9066 on Japanese Americans and on American society. After the Commissioners hold their hearings, they will recommend to Congress whatever remedies they believe to be appropriate.

Public awareness of the experiences of Japanese Americans during World War II rests on the willingness of people like yourself to come forward and speak out. By submitting a personal statement to the Commission, you may help ensure that the expulsion and internment of innocent civilians does not happen again. You will help give future generations of Japanese Americans a sense of their history and culture--a history too often denied to them in school textbooks and popular entertainment.

Please do not let this opportunity go by or hope that someone else will take care of it. Take the time to write down what you and your family went through and how it has affected you.

If you wish help writing your testimony, give us a call: We have volunteers and written guidelines.

Send your statement by July 30, 1981, to Community Committee on Redress/Reparations, 318 Sixth Avenue South, #108, Seattle, WA 98104, telephone (206) 623-5088. Your contribution is vital.

Thank you.

G. Hirabayashi
Gordon Hirabayashi

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COMMISSION ON WARTIME RELOCATION AND INTERNMENT OF CIVILIANS

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

1. GEORGE T. TOKUDA
 NAME [REDACTED]
 STREET SEATTLE, WASH. 98108
 AREA CODE [REDACTED] TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

SUMMARY OF KEY AREAS OF TESTIMONY:

MY BUSINESS

WISH TO SUBMIT:

- WRITTEN ONLY
 ORAL AND WRITTEN
 TAPED AND WRITTEN

TESTIMONY IN

- ENGLISH ALEUT
 JAPANESE OTHER

AT THE COMMISSION'S PUBLIC HEARING IN: _____

I WILL BE REPRESENTING

- MYSELF
 ORGANIZATION (NAME: _____)

AS AN

- INDIVIDUAL
 MEMBER OF A PANEL.

MY TESTIMONY WILL INCLUDE VISUAL AIDS (PLEASE SPECIFY: _____)

LASTING _____ MINUTES.

MY TESTIMONY IS RELEVANT TO:

NAME	FROM	TO
<u>PUYALLUP</u>	<u>MAY '42</u>	<u>SEPT '42</u>
<u>MINIDOKA</u>	<u>SEPT '42</u>	<u>MAY '43</u>
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BIRTHDATE: MAY 30, 1912

BIRTHPLACE: MAKILTEO, WASH.

GENERATION: SECOND

PRE-EVACUATION RESIDENCE: SEATTLE WASH.

POST-EVACUATION RESIDENCE: SEATTLE WASH.

PRE-EVACUATION OCCUPATION: _____

POST-EVACUATION OCCUPATION: _____

SIGNED: George Tokuda
 DATE: July 31, 1981 GEORGE TOKUDA

IN ADDITION, PLEASE CIRCLE THE AREAS BEING COVERED ON ATTACHED RESEARCH OUTLINE

RESEARCH OUTLINE -- COMMISSION ON WARTIME RELOCATION AND INTERNMENT

Please circle area(s) covered in your testimony:

I. Pre-Executive Order 9066 Climate

A. Japanese in American Society

1. Economic status
2. Public opinion toward Japanese
3. Media reaction
4. Political climate (Congressional, state, local)

B. War

1. Presidential Proclamation 2525 and FBI search and seizure of enemy aliens
2. Impact on Japanese (psychological, social, etc.)

II. Creation of E.O. 9066

A. Public perception of necessity

B. Impact on community of

1. Public Law 503
2. Military Directives: Civilian Exclusion Orders and Western Defense Command "Public Proclamations"

III. Implementation of E.O. 9066

A. Impact

1. Economic (real, personal, potential)
2. Social (cultural, community, religion, family, marriage)
3. Psychological
4. Physiological/health
5. Education/opportunity

B. War Relocation Authority -- administrative relationship; interaction with evacuees

C. Other policies

1. Loyalty questionnaire
2. Segregation program
3. Individual exclusion program
4. Military -- draft of evacuees, 442nd, Military Intelligence Service, Office of Strategic Services

IV. Resettlement

A. Public opinion/reaction to resettlement

B. Impact of resettlement policy

1. Economic
2. Social (cultural, community, religion, family, marriage)
3. Psychological
4. Physiological/health
5. Education/opportunity

C. Evacuation Claims Act

D. Public Law 405 -- Voluntary renunciation of citizenship

E. Repatriation

V. Constitutional Questions and Possible Remedies