

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE:  
REDRESS, 10 YEARS LATER  
Tufts University  
21 February, 1998

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PRE 1980

- NEW ENGLAND NISEI RETIREMENT GROUP (1977)  
Nobu Hibino, and others
- JANE: JAPANESE AMERICANS OF NEW ENGLAND (1978 -79)  
Waichiro Hayashi, Allan Fujita, Glen Fukushima, Kei Kaneda
- NEW ENGLAND JACL (1979)  
Kei Kaneda, Alex Kimura, Michael Adachi, Glen Fukushima, Gary Glenn  
Exploratory meeting at Friends Meeting House (February 1979)  
First Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week (May 1979)
  - Gloria Chung: Asian Focus Channel 7
  - Pictorial History of Internment Camps (Federal Building)
  - The Japanese American Experience (Friends Meeting House)

- Greg  
Tomoko  
showed a  
put film  
on Tonjoun  
in St.  
Stevens  
Church  
in 197

REDRESS AND COMMISSION ON WARTIME EVACUATION AND INTERNMENT  
OF CIVILIANS

- Signed into law by President Jimmy Carter (July 31, 1980)
- Hearings scheduled during June, July, August 1980
- JACL National Committee recommends special consultation on socio-economic, psychology and health, legal and constitutional implications, and estimates of loss of property  
Kei Kaneda (JACL Redress Committee) compiles list for potential witnesses for hearings to be held in Boston (Tribe, Countryman, Tita Emerson, Anne Freed, Eugene Rostow, Archibald Cox, etc. (Sept 1981)
- Kei Kaneda discusses agenda and witness list with Charles Smith, Acting Director of Commission (Sept 1981)
- Kiyo Morimoto writes letter to Derek Bok (Harvard) (Sept 1981)
- Hearing format: thematic approach rather than person accounts, i.e, assist the Commission on calculating personal injury claims, and other damages such as constitutional rights, and impact of the government bureaucracy.
- NE JACL proposal (Sept 1981): Three panels: Administration of the WRA Camps (Freed etc), Role of the Federal Government and a Citizen's Response (Neustadt, etc) and legal Issues (Countryman and Tribe)
- Hearings on the Harvard Campus:
  - Alan Dershowitz (HLS)
  - David Musto (Yale)
  - Lawrence Sager (NYU)
  - Lawrence Tribe (HLS)

- Kiyo  
Morimoto  
suggested  
JACL

**LESSONS LEARNED:**

- **Impact of grassroots efforts (local and national level)**
- **Importance of personal contacts with key politicians, academics, etc.**
- **Sense of timing, a convergence of a ground swell of political will among Asian Americans**
- **Depth of people and resources in the New England area that became available**