



The Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW) works to promote pride and understanding in the experience of different Asian groups in America. We offer many cultural and educational programs for the Chinatown and Asian American communities. Please check any of the following activities which interest you.

- _____ Bilingual Guitar Classes (Saturday 11am-1pm)
- _____ Percussion Group (Saturday, 1-3pm)
- _____ Chinese Folksinging Group (Sunday, 2-4pm)
- _____ Bilingual Writers Group
- _____ Asian American Media Group
- _____ Asian Cultural Performances
- _____ Educational/Community Projects
- _____ Other Interests (please describe) _____
- _____ Mailing List
- _____ Membership (\$10 per year, \$5 for students)

Any and all donations are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated. Community support is essential to our purpose and function.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Civilian Exclusion Order No. 5
 WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY
 WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION
 Presidio of San Francisco, California
 April 1, 1942

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY

LIVING IN THE FOLLOWING AREA:

All that portion of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, lying generally west of the north-south line established by Junipero Serra Boulevard, Worcester Avenue, and Nineteenth Avenue, and lying generally north of the east-west line established by California Street, to the intersection of Market Street, and thence on Market Street to San Francisco Bay.

All Japanese persons, both alien and non-alien, will be evacuated from the above designated area by 12:00 o'clock noon, Tuesday, April 7, 1942.

No Japanese person will be permitted to enter or leave the above described area after 8:00 a. m., Thursday, April 2, 1942, without obtaining special permission from the Provost Marshal at the Civil Control Station located at:
 1701 Van Ness Avenue
 San Francisco, California

... equipped to assist the Japanese popula-
 ... ing ways:

Feb. 21, 2 pm

sponsored by the Asian American Resource Workshop

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February 19, 1942 is a date that is etched forever in the memories of Japanese Americans. On that day President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which authorized the incarceration of almost 120,000 Japanese Americans in concentration camps. Two-thirds of those put behind barbed wire were U.S. citizens. Due process and other Constitutional rights were thrown out of the window. Japanese ancestry was the *only* basis for the incarceration.

The concentration camps were not a mistake, but a culmination of years of racist practices and policies directed against Japanese Americans, combined with war hysteria and greed for the farms, fishing businesses and other property owned by Japanese Americans.

Since the 1960's, Japanese Americans and others have sought a deeper understanding of this ugly, though not unique, chapter of U.S. history. Because little or nothing is said about it in most history textbooks, Japanese Americans initiated programs like today's, as well as annual pilgrimages to some camp sites. Out of this broad education and sometimes painful recollection emerged the current national movement to achieve redress and reparations for Japanese Americans.

Are the camps relevant today? Apart from the redress and reparations movement, consider this: During the U.S.-Iran crisis, Senator Hayakawa advocated putting all Iranians in the U.S. into concentration camps. Also, with growing trade friction between the U.S. and Japan, anti-Japanese stereotypes and rhetoric are also sharply on the rise.

As long as racism continues and as long as the U.S. government is unwilling to substantially redress past injustices, we believe that February 19, 1942 will be relevant. We hope that this program will increase the awareness of the public to help ensure that what happened in 1942 never happens again to any group.

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Day of Remembrance Program

- 1 **Welcome by emcee**, *Steve Hiroshi Murphy*
- 2 **Introductory remarks** by AARW Media Group, *Beth Shironaka*
- 3 **Three readings from *AYUMI, A Japanese American Anthology*** read by *Allan Shigeo Fujita*
 "The Paper," written by Iwao Kawakami
 "Season of Repatriation — Diary of a Renunciant," written by Akira Fujita
 "A Meeting at Tule Lake," written by Hiroshi Kashiwagi
- 4 **"Letter from Camp,"** written and read by *Gerry Yokota Takai*
- 5 **Videotape excerpts from the Los Angeles hearings** of the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, held August 4-6, 1981. (*Videotape courtesy of San Diego Redress/Reparations Committee and Visual Communications.*)
- 6 **"Why Redress and Reparations?"** — *Dr. David Sakura, President of the New England chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League*
- 7 **"Continuing the Movement for Redress and Reparations"** — *Sasha Hohri, of Concerned Japanese Americans, and former co-chair of East Coast Japanese Americans for Redress*
- 8 **Discussion** — *Dr. Sakura, Sasha Hohri and Beth Shironaka will answer questions from the audience*
- 9 **Closing remarks** by *Steve Hiroshi Murphy*