

**COMMISSION ON WARTIME RELOCATION
AND INTERNMENT OF CIVILIANS**



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December 23, 1981

Dr. J. David Sakura
[Redacted]

Dear David,

This is a short note to thank you personally and the New England JACL chapter for urging a Boston hearing and working with Harvard University and the Commission to develop the December 9 legal meeting.

In my judgment, the Aggasiz Hall discussions were a fitting close to the Commission's public hearing sequence. When the hearing record is compiled as a unit, the dialogue on redress, reparation, and preventative measures will provide the total record with an analytic framework and important perspectives.

I believe we worked together well and should count our labors a success. The mediation and organizing skills you and your colleagues brought to the effort were critical to a smooth and important program.

On behalf of the Commission, I thank you and ask that you extend our appreciation to those who worked with you.

With best wishes for a fine holiday,

yours,

Charles D. Smith
Research Director

cc: Joan Bernstein, Chair

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JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
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September 30, 1981

Charles Smith, Acting Director
Commission on Wartime Relocation
and Internment of Civilians

Dear Charles Smith:

Attached please find a copy of the testimony of Claire "Tita" Emerson, whose late husband Robert headed the Manzanar, and briefly, the Poston War Relocation rubber research project staffed by Nisei, also an American Friends Service Committee press release on Everett Mendelsohn and other pertinent materials for submission to the Commissioners and Commission staff.

Tita's testimony was submitted earlier to JACL National in San Francisco to be forwarded to CWRIC at the appropriate time. However, it may have been lost in transfer with the vitae of the following, which our Chapter Corresponding Secretary will forward to you upon request:

1. Anne Freed' (job description of work with WRA enclosed for your consideration although no doubt already familiar to you)
2. Vern Countryman, Harvard Law School
3. Laurence Tribe, Harvard Law School
4. Alexander H. Leighton, M.D., Dalhousie Medical School, N.S.
5. Everett W. Mendelsohn, Ph.D., Professor, Dept. of Science,
Harvard University *(History of)*

I am also enclosing Peter H. Irons' vita since what he has to contribute may be further clarified by the correct title of the book he is writing. I understand he has talked to you about his work, but it is well summarized in the resume.

David Sakura, Chapter President, informs me the Commission staff will be requesting the other vitae from witnesses hereafter, when agenda/decision has been made. Judge Shubow has not as yet been consulted.

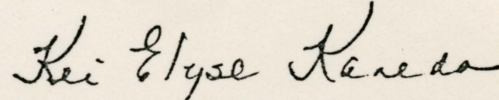
I would appreciate knowing regarding the Commission's need for testimony by eminent psychiatrists regarding mental health impact since they will not meet until a decision is made. Peter Sifneos and Gerald Klerman can say much in ten minutes each. I also may substitute the outstanding social cultural psychiatrist John Speigel, M.D., for Laura Morris since he is more able to talk about impact on Japanese Americans relative to the root causes of strikes, riots (in camps), also the fragmentation of culture, *on ethnic groups.*

Charles Smith - CWRIC - cont. 2.

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I hope that the enclosed materials are helpful even though separated from the vitae. I expect to leave for Philadelphia sometime next week on business before beginning a part time teaching job here in Boston in October and wanted to get the enclosed materials to you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



(Ms.) Kei E. Kaneda, Redress Co-Chair
New England Chapter Japanese American
Citizens League

Encs. 1 copy each of

- a) Claire Emerson's testimony
- b) Revised list of Proposed Witnesses on Principles (p. 4)
- c) Everett Mendelsohn, AFSC delegate to Russia:
 "Invitation to Press and Congressional Staff Briefing"
- d) Anne Freed - Job Description with WRA
- e) Mental Health Impact article from New York Times.

CURRICULUM VITAE

PETER H. IRONS

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Education

1978: J.D., Harvard Law School

1973: Ph.D. in Political Science, Boston University

1970: M.A. in Political Science, Boston University

1966: B.A. in Sociology, Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio

Teaching Positions

1979-1981: Visiting Professor of Legal Studies, University of Massachusetts
at Amherst

1978-1979: Instructor of Law, Boston College Law School

1973-1975: Instructor in Sociology, Boston State College

Publications

The New Deal Lawyers (Princeton University Press, forthcoming 1982)

"'Fighting Fair': Zechariah Chafee, Jr., the Department of Justice, and
the 'Trial at the Harvard Club,'" 94 Harvard Law Review 1205 (1981)

"Government Litigation Files as a Source of Legal History," 69 Law Library
Journal 503 (1976)

"'The Test is Poland': Polish Americans and the Origins of the Cold War,"
30 Polish American Studies 3 (1973)

Current Research

Book entitled Justice and the Japanese Americans, a study of the role of
lawyers in the litigation that arose from the relocation of Japanese
Americans during World War II

OBITUARIES

T. Scott Miyakawa, 74, authority on Japanese-American cultural ties

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Marsh Chapel on the Boston University campus for Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa, an authority on Japanese-American cultural relationships. Mr. Miyakawa, who was 74, died of cancer Sunday in Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston.

Mr. Miyakawa began his career at Boston University in 1946 as an instructor and worked as an assistant professor, associate professor, professor and, since 1976, emeritus professor of sociology. He was a visiting professor of sociology at UMass-Boston from 1972 to 1975, becoming professor and chairman in 1975. He served on many committees there and helped found the Asian Studies Program.

Mr. Miyakawa's academic accomplishments were not limited to the Boston area. From 1943 to 1944 he was an instructor of physics at the University of Missouri and from 1944 to 1946 he did research at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, on student policies of the state university system.

He was a Ford Foundation Faculty Fellowship recipient in Europe from 1951 to 1952, a Fulbright professor at Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, from 1953 to 1954, a visiting senior faculty member at the Center for Advanced Study and Training, Ceylon, from 1957 to 1958 and cofounder and first director of the Japanese-American Research Project at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles from 1962 to 1965.

Born in Los Angeles, Mr. Miyakawa received his master's degree in engineering in 1931 and his doctorate in sociology in 1951, both from Cornell University.

From 1932 to 1941 he worked as assistant to the manager of the South Manchuria Railway Co., New York. On leaves of absence during that period he served as press secretary to Prince Iyesato Tokugawa, then president of the Japanese House of Peers and Japanese Red Cross, during Tokugawa's American visit, and as press secretary for the Japanese Economic Mission to the United States in 1937. He also served as a consultant to several foreign trade associations.

In 1942, Mr. Miyakawa did editorial work and research on the basic economic and social background of Japan, in connection with war emergency agencies for

"Protestants and Pioneers: Individualism and Conformity on the American Frontier," "Pioneers of Japanese-American Trade" and "East Across the Pacific." He wrote numerous articles and reviews about sociology of religion, immigration and East Asia and has presented papers at meetings of the Assn. for Asian Studies, Pacific Coast division, and the Massachusetts Sociological Assn.

Mr. Miyakawa was a member of the American Sociological Assn. and its committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Sociology, the Asian-American Studies National Conference Panel, the National Advisory Council of the Harvard Encyclopedia of American Ethnic Groups, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Research Institute for Immigration and Ethnic Studies of the Smithsonian Institution and the board of the Massachusetts State Chapter of Americans for Democratic Action.

He leaves a brother, Tatsuo A. Miyakawa of Washington, D.C., and a sister, Maxine Kikuko Packness of El Cerrito, Calif.

T. Scott Miyakawa

A memorial service was held August 8 in Marsh Chapel for Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa, professor emeritus of sociology and an authority on Japanese-American cultural relationships. Miyakawa, 74, died of cancer August 2 in Boston.

Dr. Miyakawa began teaching at Boston University in 1946, and in 1976 became professor emeritus. During his career, he was a Ford Foundation Faculty Fellowship recipient in Europe, a Fulbright professor at Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan, a visiting senior faculty member at the Center for Advanced Study and Training in Ceylon (Sri Lanka), and co-founder and first director of the Japanese-American Research Project at the University of Southern California.

Miyakawa's published works include "Protestants and Pioneers: Individualism and Conformity on the American Frontier," "Pioneers of Japanese-American Trade" and "East Across the Pacific."

The eulogy at the Marsh Chapel service was given by Rev. Peter Corea and his wife, Rev. Alicia Corea, both from Quincy's Congregational Church. Miyakawa leaves a brother, Tatsuo A. Miyakawa of Washington, D.C., and a sister, Maxine Kikuko Packness, of El Cerrito, Calif.



Charles Smith
Three Panels

Nov 17th

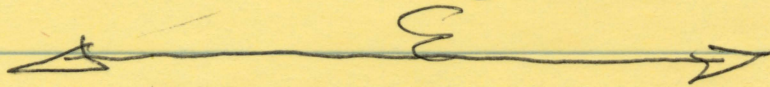
I People's Involved - Relocation

II Preventative Measures

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Alan Dersavitz, Vern Countryman
Richard Neustadt, Henry Monaghan (B.U.)
Alan Stone III Monetary ~~Solutions~~ Reparation

1/2 each

Ralph Johnson H.S.
Lawrence Segal (NYU)
Lawrence Tribe
Henderson (B.U.)
Charles Willey



Robert Takazuki (Judge)
ex-Tule Lake ^{LA}

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P.O. BOX 548 CAMBRIDGE, MA. 02138

September 11, 1981

Mr. Charles Smith
[Redacted]

Dear Charles:

I would like to take this opportunity to follow-up our telephone conversation with a written summary of some of the issues relating to the possibility of holding CWRIC hearings in Boston during the month of October.

Potential Witnesses

I am enclosing the list of individuals who expressed an interest in appearing before the Commission. This list which was forwarded to the National JACL Redress Committee was compiled during the summer of 1980, and reviewed again during the spring of 1981. In addition, it has been suggested that Professors Richard Neustadt (Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University), Charles Willey and Chester Pierce (School of Education, Harvard University) be contacted regarding their interest in providing testimony before the Commission.

CWRIC Hearing Site

As I indicated to you during our telephone conversation, we had sent a letter to President Derek Bok, on behalf of the New England Chapter of the JACL, inquiring into the possibility of Harvard University serving as host to the CWRIC hearings. As of this writing we have not received a reply from Dr. Bok. However, we will place a telephone call to him early next week in an attempt to secure a definitive answer from him. I am also prepared to meet with Dr. Bok and to provide him with additional background information, if necessary.

If the response from Harvard University is negative, we shall investigate other possible hearing sites such as the John F. Kennedy Library, Faneuil Hall, etc.

Format for CWRIC Hearings

In keeping with a possible thematic approach to the Boston CWRIC hearings, I would suggest as one format the following panels of experts:

Panel 1. Topic: Administration of WRA Camps
(9 AM to 11AM)

Witnesses: Freed, Boardman, and Leighton

Panel 2. Topic: Role of the Federal Government and Citizen's Response
(11 AM to 1 PM)

Witnesses: Neustadt, Willey, and Sharpe

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Panel 3. Topic: Legal Issues
(2:30 PM to 4:30 PM)
Witnesses: Countryman and Tribe

The physical layout of the hearing room should be conducive for a free exchange of ideas between Commissioners and witnesses. Thus following a short introductory statement by each witness, the majority of the time could be allocated to a question and answer session.

Community Support

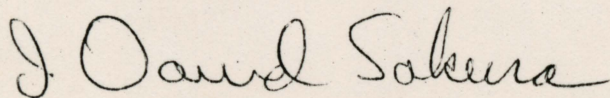
I believe that a number of local groups would be supportive of a CWRIC hearing in Boston. The following groups have expressed an interest in possible hearings:

- The New England Nisei
- The Asian-American Resource Workshop
- The Harvard Law School Asian Students Association
- East Coast Asian Students Association
- Asian Students Associations at Harvard University and Tufts University

In addition, I believe an adequate number of individuals from these organizations would be available to provide the necessary support to the CWRIC staff while in Boston.

I trust that this information will be helpful to the Commission members in making a decision to hold hearings in Boston. I will contact you as soon as we receive an answer from President Bok. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at my office.

Very truly yours,



J. David Sakura, President

Enc: New England JAAC List of Witnesses for the CWRIC