

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER



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Dear Friends:

After a considerable period of inactivity on the part of the New England Chapter of the JAACL, it is appropriate to inform you of its current status and to ask for your assistance in deciding the future course of the Chapter. As you remember, the last major activity of the Chapter was the co-hosting of the Commission hearings held at Harvard University in December 1981. Since that time, many of those Chapter members involved with this activity found themselves faced with increasing demands from professional and other activities. This has especially been the case for the Chapter's leadership. As a result, the Chapter's activities for the remainder of the 1981-1982 season were held in abeyance.

Now that the 1982-1983 season is at hand, it is our feeling that some decisions should be made by the members and friends of the Chapter regarding its future level of activity. Some of its options are:

- 1). To continue in its present status, providing we renew our membership, and maintain a minimal level of activity.
- 2). To hold an election of new officers and to revitalize the Chapter by identifying new (and old) interest areas, and to hold meetings on a regular basis.
- 3). To disband the Chapter altogether and to allow individuals to take out national memberships that do not require chapter affiliation.

It might be of interest to you to know that there will be considerable renewed attention given to the redress issue after the Commission's report is issued. The report is scheduled for release sometime in the spring of 1983. In the meantime, there have been several requests made to the Chapter for speakers describing the internment. Recently, I spoke to a group of New Hampshire social studies teachers at their annual convention.

As President of the Chapter, I would be very happy to assist the membership in any decision that they make. Your suggestions and comments would be most valuable in assisting the Chapter's Executive Committee in arriving at a decision. Please feel free to contact me at (617) 643-8272 or write to me at:



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In closing I would like to thank all of you for your support in the past and wish you the best for the coming holiday season.

Yours very truly,

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Chapter President

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