Japanese American Internment
Bay Area 50th Year Commemoration
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50th Year Commemoration of Executive Order 9066



Beginning in February of 1992, Bay Area Japanese American organizations will host a series of programs commemorating the 50th year of the Executive Order 9066, the presidential order which set into motion the forced removal by the military of some 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from their homes on the West Coast and their subsequent internment into ten remote detention camps in the interior of the United States in 1942.

The date, February 19 marks the official signing of E.O. 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Although early FBI

and naval intelligence reports indicated that permanent Japanese residents posed no threat of sabotage or espionage to the nation, wartime hysteria promulgated by newspapers and mounting race prejudice led officials to call for their removal. While the words "Japanese" or "Japanese American" never appeared on the order, the instructions were specifically aimed at all persons of Japanese ancestry including some 90,000 who were U.S. born citizens. "Military necessity" which was attributed to false notions about suspected disloyalty and to

the cover-up of key intelligence documents, became the basis for abridging the civil liberties of Japanese Americans during the World War II.

In their subsequent struggle for redress, Japanese Americans with the support of the California State legislature, declared February 19th as the "Day of Remembrance" - the day intended to inform citizens of the historical lessons of the Japanese American internment experience and to allow Californians to reflect upon their shared responsibility to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the rights of all individuals at all times.

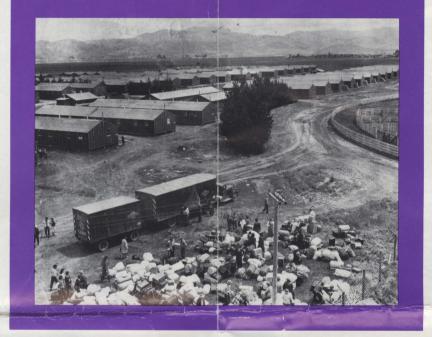
Forty-six years later, in 1988, the United States government officially acknowledged the internment as a grave injustice and offered an apology and symbolic restitution to those affected by the enactment of the Civil Liberties Act, signed by then President Ronald Reagan.

In a fifty year retrospective, the Bay Area 50th Year Commemoration Coalition of Japanese American Internment, comprised of various Japanese American organizations and public institutions, invite you to join in a year-long series of public programs in the way of ceremonies, discussion, educational workshops, performances. These events are intended to generate a better understanding of the past, to gain an assessment of the needs of today, and to present new challenges for the future.

National Coalition for Redress/Reparations kicks off the commemoration with their annual Day of Remembrance. Several exhibitions are planned at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California and at the San Francisco City Hall, and S.F. State University. Three work-

> shops will engage both teachers and students who want to teach others about Japanese American internment . performance Local groups will showcase works by artists inspired by the Redress movement. Educational institutions, historical societies and universities will draw from the past to analyze the impact of camps on families and the various strategies of the redress movement. And Asian and Japanese American civil rights organizations will discuss linkages to broader civil rights issues. For more

information on programs, times, reservations, contact listed organization(s).



Coalition Organizations:

National Coalition for Redress/Reparations; Japanese American Citizens League: Berkeley and San Francisco Chapters, No. Calif.W.Nevada-Pacific District-Women's Concerns Committee; National Japanese American Historical Society; National Asian American Telecommunications Association; Kearny Street Workshop; Asian American Theatre Company; Asian American Dance Collective; Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California; Asian American Studies-San Francisco State University; Asian American Studies-University of California at Berkeley; San Francisco Day of Remembrance Curriculum Committee; Asian Law Caucus; Nihonmachi Legal Outreach; Japantown Art Media Workshop; Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project; University of San Francisco.

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50th Year Commemoration of EO 9066 Calendar

All programs are FREE and wheelchair accessible unless otherwise stated.

exhibit of artwork from internment camps. 1st floor exhibit room, Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, For schedule & info: JCCCNC (415) 567-5505

FEBRUARY 10 Daily through the 21st "Children of Detention Camps -1942 — 1946" an exhibit San Francisco City Hall, (closed 2/17) 400 McAllister Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 Info: National Japanese American Historical Society (415) 431-5007

FEBRUARY 15 Saturday "50 Years: From Internment to Redress and Beyond" keynote address by Rep. Norman Mineta D-San Jose. Winner of the Day of Remembrance Essay Contest announced. 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Community Hall, Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, (415) 567-5505 Donations welcome. Info: National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (415) 922-1534

FEBRUARY 18 through March 15 "Fifty Years Since Infamy" an exhibit. Library, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Street, San Francisco, Sponsored by School of Ethnic Studies, Asian American Studies Department, San Francisco State University. Info: Professor James Okutsu (415) 338-1693

FEBRUARY 23 Sunday "Circle of Fire" jazz performance by Mark Izu "CD Release Life on the Water Theatre 8 p.m. Fort Mason Center (Buchanan & Marina) San Francisco. Cost: \$10 Info:(415) 543-0520 Reservations(415) 885-2790

FEBRUARY "Japanese American Redress: Beyond the Boundaries/Building bridges" Is a program about a recent trip to Japan to explain the Japanese American Redress & Reeparations movement to Korean residents of Japan and to Japanese civil rights activists by two Japanese American Activists. Sponsored by the Japan Pacific Resource Network. For more info call: (510) 845-7746

FEBRUARY - MARCH Week-ends and Evenings "Redress Workshops," Assist individuals in applying for Redress Compensations benefits. For more info call Diane Matsuda at Nihonmachi Legal Outreach (415) 567-6255.

MARCH 8 Sunday "International Implications: A review of the Japanese Peruvian, Canadian Japanese and the Aleut Indian World War II experience and their struggle for redress "1:00 - 5:00 p.m., James Moore Theatre,

FEBRUARY 8 Saturday through the 15th "Images Behind Barbed Wire" an Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland. Co-sponsored by The Oakland APRIL 8 Wednesday "Civil Liberties Act of 1988: Its Significance Beyond the Museum History Department, History Guild, National Japanese American Historical Society, Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project. Info: (415) 431-5007

> MARCH 15 Sunday 3:00pm "The 1992 Asian American International Film Showcase" will present two new videotapes on the Japanese American Internment: "History and Memory" by Rea Tajiri and "A Personal Matter: Gordon Hirabyashi versus The United States" by John deGraaf. AMC Kabuki 8 Theaters, 1881 Post Street(@ Fillmore) San Francisco Sponsored by NAATA. For more Info, call: (415) 863-0814

> MARCH 14 Saturday "The Bill of Rights and the Japanese American Internment Cases" presentations of lesson plans by high school teachers. 9:30 am-1:30pm University of California Hastings College of Law 198 McAllister Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 Cosponsored by San Francisco Unified School District Department of Integration, University of California Hastings College of Law, National Japanese American Historical Society Info: (415) 431-5007

> MARCH 20, 21, 22 Friday, Saturday, & Sunday "E.O. 9066" a dance/theater presentation as part of the Bay Area Dance Series. Featuring June Watanabe in Company. 8:00pm(Fri. & Sat.) and 3:00pm (Sun.) Laney College Theater. For ticket prices and info: (510) 727-8440

> MARCH 28 Saturday "Workshop: Teaching about the Internment of Japanese Americans" 8:30 - 3:30 p.m. Albany Middle School, Jackson Street, Albany Registration fee: \$15.00 includes (lunch and handouts) call L. Hamai (510) 526-2884 days or (510) 524-2094 evenings Sponsored by the National Coalition of Redress/Reparations

> MARCH TBA "A Project on Japanese American Internment" sponsored by JCYC High School students with the help of Nihonmachi Legal Outreach will teach a class on Japanese American Internment. For more info (415) 567-6255.

> APRIL 4 Saturday "Internment and the Japanese American Community" a symposium 145 Dwinelle Hall, U.C. Berkeley Panel 1: "Community, Politics & the Movement for Redress and Reparations" Panel 2: "Generational Legacy: Psycho logical and Social Costs of Internment" Co-sponsored by the Asian American Studies Department, University of California Berkeley and the Berkeley Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. Info: Jere Takahashi (510) 642-0605 or Neal Taniguchi (510) 652-8964

Japanese American Community" panel forum Michael Omi, Professor Asian Studies University of California and Paul Igasaki, Executive Director, Asian Law Caucus. Dean Ito Taylor, Executive Director, NLO 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. McLaren Center, University of San Francisco, 250 Golden Gate Avenue (Masonic & Parker) Co-sponsored by the Asian Law Caucus; Nihonmachi Legal Outreach; San Francisco Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League: University of San Francisco, Center for the Pacific Rim. Info: Greg Marutani (415) 641-1697

MAY 9 Saturday "Impact of Camps on Family Life" panel forum 1:00pm-4:00pm Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115 Time to Be Announced. Sponsored by the Women's Concerns Committee of the No. California, Western Nevada, Pacific District Council — Japanese American Citizens League Info: (510) 233-9595 (Not wheelchair accessible)

MAY 22 through 25 Tule Lake Reunion In Sacramento

JUNE 6 Saturday "Asian/Pacific Islander: Empowering Our Diverse Communities, civil rights symposium on emerging issues and emerging communities" 9am-3pm Sponsored by Asian Law Caucus. Call for registration and infor: (415) 391-1655

SEPTEMBER 2 through 4 Topaz Reunion, Hyatt at Burlingame Info: Mas Kawaguchi (415) 731-2658

SEPTEMBER 24 through 27 "West Coast Sweep" dance performances commemorating the internment. Featuring Unbound Spirit Dance Company, choreographed by Sachiko Nakamura & Jill Togawa with music by Glenn Horiuchi. 8:00 p.m. Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida Street, San Francisco, CA 94110 Co-sponsored by the Asian American Dance Collective and the Unbound Spirit Company \$12.00 in advance, \$15 at the door Info: (415) 552-8980

OCTOBER 3 through 23 "Enemy Alien" an exhibit based on the book by Kiyo Hirano Opening reception: Saturday 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Exhibit: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays Exhibit Room, 1st floor, Japanese Culturaland Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco CA 94115 Sponsored by the Japantown Art & Media Workshop Info: (415) 922-8700

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