

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.

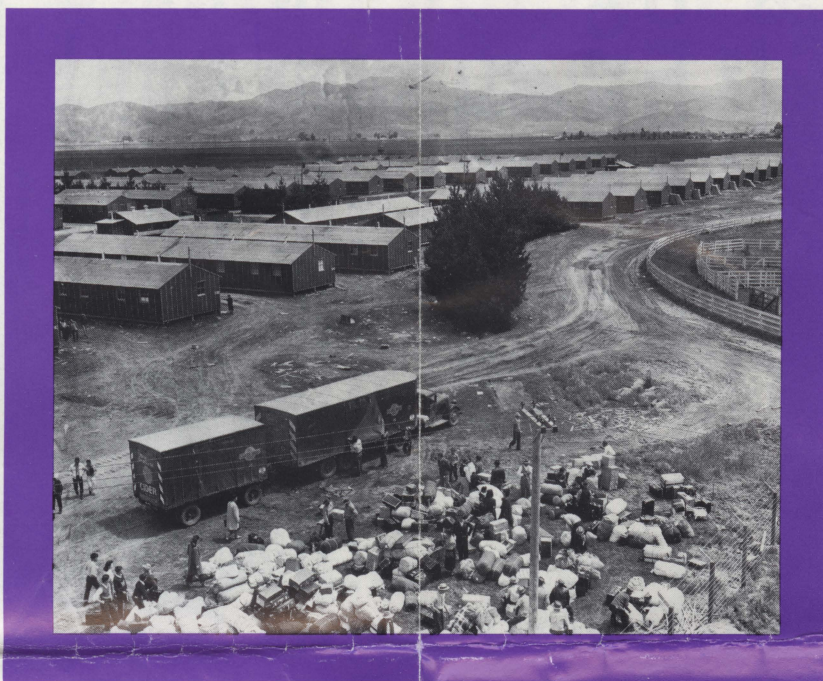
National Coalition for Redress/Reparations kicks off the commemoration with their annual Day of Remembrance. Several exhibitions are planned at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California and at the San Francisco City Hall, and S.F. State University. Three work-

shops will engage both teachers and students who want to teach others about Japanese American internment. Local performance 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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Presidio of San Francisco, California
April 1, 1942

Living in the Following Area:

Both alien and non-alien, will be evacuated from the above designated area by 12:00 o'clock

1701 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California

...to assist the Japanese population affected by this evacuation in the follow-

he evacuation.

management, leasing, sale, storage or other disposition of most kinds of professional equipment, buildings, household goods, boats, automobiles,

residence for all Japanese in family groups.

and a list of clothing and equipment to their new residence, as specified below.

Instructions Not Observed:

Each individual listed will report to the Civil Control Station to receive further information between 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m., Thursday, April 2, 1942, or between 8:00 a. m. and 4:42

With them on departure for the Reception Center, the following property:

(no mattress) for each member of the family;

for each member of the family;

for each member of the family;

orks, spoons, plates, bowls and cups for each member of the family;

ects for each member of the family.

Securely packaged, tied and plainly marked with the name of the owner and numbered
actions received at the Civil Control Station.

of packages is limited to that which can be carried by the individual or family group.

as described in paragraph 6, Public Proclamation No. 3, Headquarters Western Defense Army, dated March 24, 1942, will be carried.

Government through its agencies will provide for the storage at the sole risk of the owner household items, such as iceboxes, washing machines, pianos and other heavy furniture. her small items will be accepted if crated, packed and plainly marked with the name and only one name and address will be used by a given family.

individual living alone, will be furnished transportation to the Reception Center. Private will not be utilized. All instructions pertaining to the movement will be obtained at the Civil

Control Station at 1701 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California, between 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m., Thursday, April 2, 1942, or between 8:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m., Friday, April 3, 1942, to receive further instructions.

J. L. DeWITT
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army
Commanding



All programs are FREE and wheelchair accessible unless otherwise stated.

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,

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: Psychological 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: Iere Takahashi (510) 642-0605 or Neal Taniguchi (510) 652-8964

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 Cultural and 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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