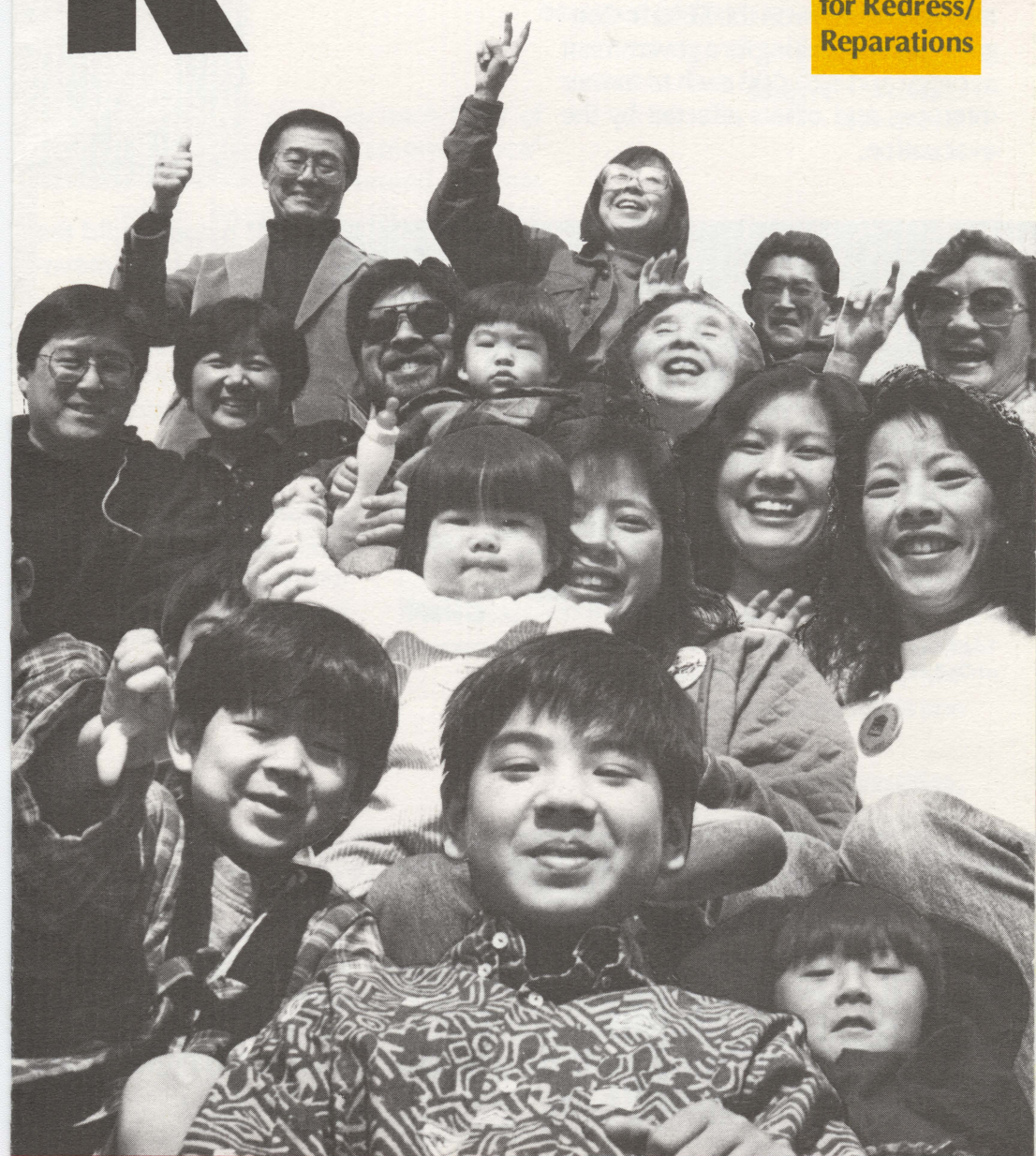


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National  
Coalition  
for Redress/  
Reparations



**Building a Future for Japanese Americans**





**Bernadette Nishimura,**

Los Angeles, Exec. Board member, L.A. City Council on Aging

**N**CRR's determined drive to right the wrong suffered by Japanese under Executive Order 9066 impressed me.

# VOICES FOR NCR R!

**T**he story of the grassroots campaign for redress is an impressive testament to citizen activism to correct injustice. The NCR R played an important part in this campaign, keeping the community informed and building local support. The members of NCR R should be proud of their contributions.



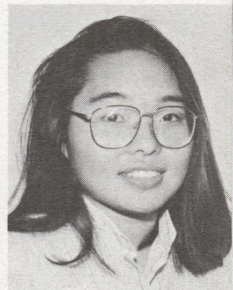
**Congressman Robert T. Matsui,**  
Sacramento



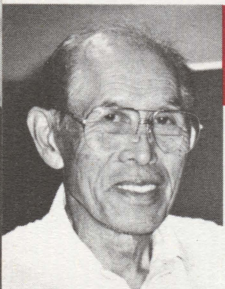
**M**ay each 'Day of Remembrance' remind us that what happened to Japanese Americans during World War II must never happen to any group due to ancestry. We must continue to support all nationalities, our struggles have many similarities, we can't afford to be divided.

**Tsuyako "Sox" Kitashima,**  
San Francisco, Volunteer, Kimochi, Inc. Senior Program

**I**t is through the sacrifices and struggle people went through over the years that I am able to be a college student today. I want to give back to the community for this and NCR R is one way to do that.



**Christine Kaneshige,**  
Los Angeles, Asian Pacific Student Union



**B**eing in the NCR R helped focus us, strengthened our conviction that we were right. Sometime in your life only you can do what has to be done. Because you're not acting just for yourself, it's for the following generations.

**George Yoshioka,** San Jose, Retired auto mechanic



## A History of Activism . . .

**I**n 1942, Executive Order 9066 authorized the removal and incarceration of over 110,000 Japanese Americans, the majority of whom were U.S. citizens. Forced to leave their homes and businesses within 48 hours, they spent an average of 3-1/2 years in concentration camps. This gross violation of constitutional rights resulted in the loss of billions of dollars in property, personal possessions, and a tremendous physical, emotional and psychological toll.



Redress check presented to eldest Issei in L.A. CA, Oct., 1990. Miya Iwataki, NCRR Legislative Chair, on right.

**T**he National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRR), founded in 1980, played an active role in the decade-long redress movement that won the historic Congressional bill calling for a government apology and \$20,000 each to former internees and others affected by the evacuation.

**N**CCRR helped build the broad redress movement by:

Organizing hundreds of Issei, Nisei and Sansei to testify at the Commission of War Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) hearings in Los Angeles, 1981.

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**M**obilizing over 120 people to Washington D.C. in July 1987 to press Congress to pass the redress bill. NCRR sent over 25,000 letters and mailgrams supporting redress to the President and Congress.

Left, NCRR lobbying delegation to Washington D.C. 1987.

## . . . To Meet the Challenges of the 1990's

**W**hile redress was won, many other challenges confront the Japanese American community:

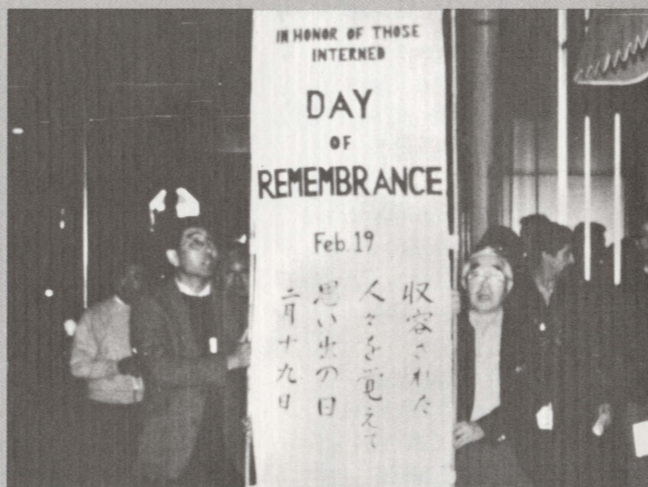
Monitoring the redress payment process and assisting eligible individuals.

(Above right, Alan Nishio, So. Calif. Co-Chairperson fielding redress questions at a Pioneer Center Workshop in Gardena, CA. Sept. 1990. (photo by: Takeshi Nakayama)



**E**ducating future generations through pilgrimages to former camps, and holding annual Day of Remembrance commemorations.

Right, Day of Remembrance candle-light procession in San Jose, CA, 1989.



**B**uilding Japanese American and Asian Pacific Islander grassroots political power and representation.

Left, Congressman Norman Mineta and NCRR National Spokesperson, Bert Nakano.



## . . . From Redress to Civil Rights Issues.

**O**pposing anti-Asian and anti-minority racist violence and discrimination.

Right, NCRR members participate in Free South Africa demonstration, Los Angeles, CA.



Above, Susan Hayase, San Jose, at a press conference condemning the harassment and interrogation of Arab Americans since the start of the Persian Gulf War.

**S**upporting civil rights legislation and building unity with all peoples by defending their constitutional rights.



Left, member of San Jose Taiko performing at the NCRR Victory Celebration, L.A., Aug. 1988.



## STATEMENT OF GOALS

The National Coalition for Redress/Reparations is a grassroots organization based in the Japanese American community that upholds the Constitutional, civil and human rights of Japanese Americans, Asian/Pacific Islanders and all Americans. To this end NCRR shall:

**S** seek complete and rapid implementation of redress measures and reparations payments related to the incarceration of Japanese Americans in 1942.

**W** ork to educate the American public about the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans so that future generations may learn from the mistakes of the past and not allow them to happen again.

**S** upport others who have suffered or still suffer from acts of injustice and racism.

**F** urther the social, cultural and political development and empowerment of the Japanese American and Asian/Pacific Islander communities.

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