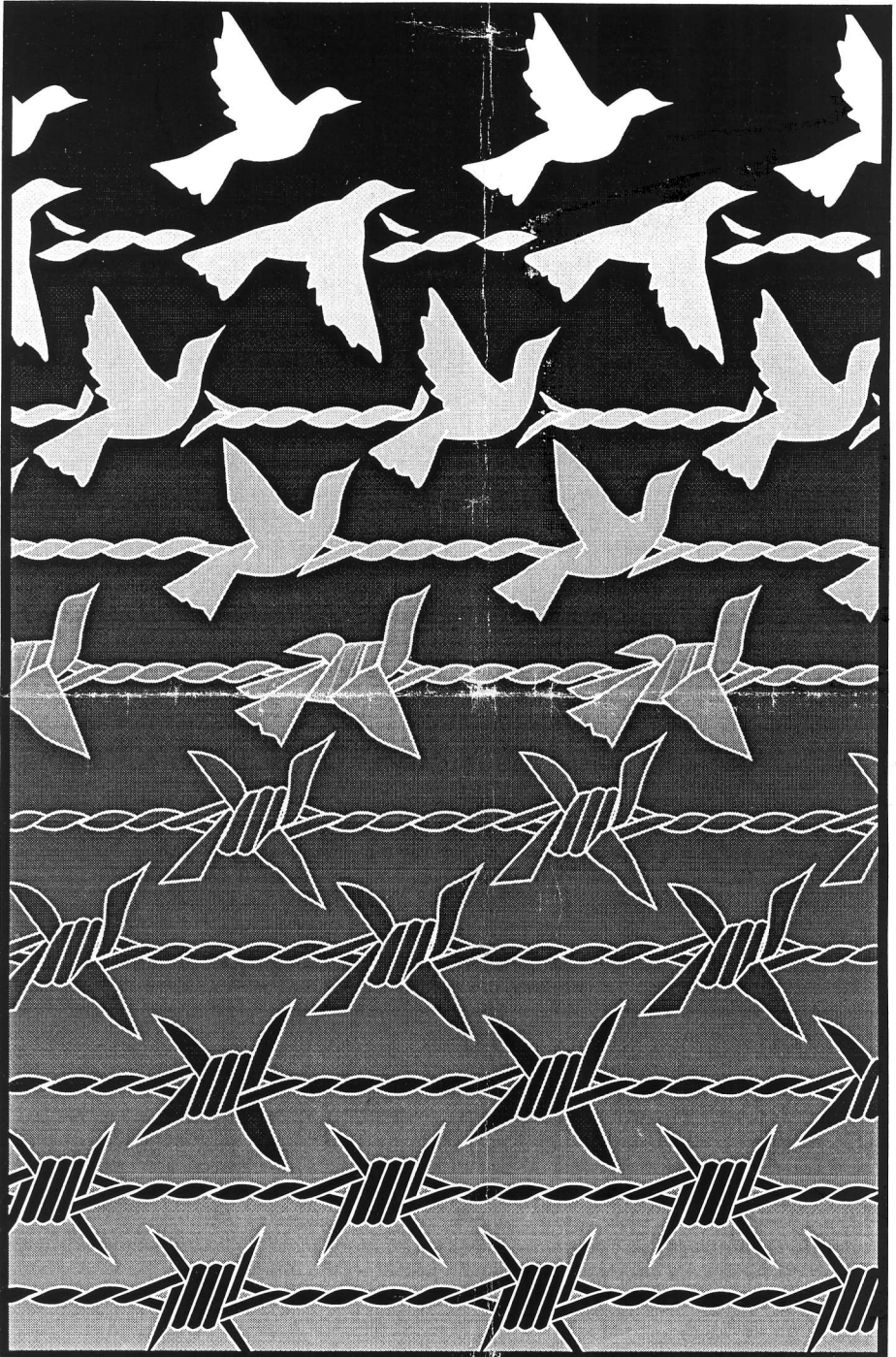


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**50 YEARS AFTER THE CAMPS: RACISM & RESISTANCE , THEN ...& NOW**

## **NCRR's Fighting Spirit Awards**

The National Coalition for Redress/ Reparations honors individuals who have dedicated themselves to the struggle for justice and who exemplify the fighting spirit that enabled the Nikkei Community to win redress and reparations. Past recipients of the Fighting Spirit Award are Rev. Paul Nakamura, Amy Uno Ishii, Tom Shiroishi, Frank Emi, Bert Nakano, Lily Okamoto, Bernadette Nishimura, Jim Matsuoka, and James Omura. This year's awards are presented to Jim Saito and David Monkawa.

**Jim Saito**, a long time member of NCRR, has participated in many struggles including his case to seek fairness from the Department of Water and Power. After years of efforts to gain the recognition and compensation he deserved, he won a court case against the DWP and improved the grievance procedures for all workers. Jim's efforts on behalf of Redress benefited Nisei who worked as chick sexers and veterans who had been drafted into the U.S. military before the outbreak of war.

**David Monkawa's** life has been dedicated to fighting for equality and justice. He was an advocate for ethnic specific patient care for Asian mental patients and for relocation facilities for those evicted from Little Tokyo during the 70's. David coordinated and led strikes by Asian warehousemen and Latino cannery workers in the Teamsters union during the 80's. Most recently, David helped organize efforts to protect the civil rights of Asian youth against police abuse, build community support for unionization efforts at the New Otani Hotel, and was coordinator of the API campaign to defeat Proposition 187. David has been past Co-Chair of NCRR from 1982-85 and has been NCRR's Director the past 2 years.

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## **Kyodo Taiko**

Nikkei Student Union, UCLA

## **Welcome**

Emcees:

Reiko Nimura & Richard Katsuda

## **Keynote:**

Dr. Bob Suzuki, President Cal-Poly Pomona

## **Shakuhachi, 2 Piece Interlude**

Masakazu Yoshizawa

## **Linda Camacho, Regional Secretary**

Mexican American Political Assn., MAPA

## **Fighting Spirit Awards 1995 Honorees**

Jim Saito and David Monkawa

## **Highlights of the 1981 Commission on Wartime Internment & Relocation of Civilians Hearings, Los Angeles, CA**

featuring, in order of appearance:

Dan Lundgren

S.I. Hayakawa

Mas Fukai

Dr. Mary Oda

Jim Kawaminami & Lillian Baker

June Kizu

Gilbert Sanchez Sr.

Martha Okamoto

Bill Shinkai

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