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U.S. Adds to Fund for Japanese Latin American Internees

A total of \$43 million will give payments to 500 more JLA evacuees.

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tion are residents of Japan.

Members of the U.S.-based support group Campaign for Justice said they will continue efforts to help those internees who have not yet been contacted or who were refused payment after missing application deadlines.

Latin Americans of Japanese ancestry were interned in the U.S. during World War II as part of planned prisoner exchanges with Japan. Most were forcibly sent back to Japan after the war.