

ON TO WASHINGTON!



REDRESS/REPARATIONS NOW!

Dear Member/Supporter:

In the past few weeks there has been much activity and news around the redress issue. First of all, we in NCCR are dismayed that the United States Supreme Court decided to send the National Council on Japanese American Redress (NCJAR) lawsuit back to a lower court simply because of a technicality. At the same time we are encouraged and excited by the progress of the Congressional bills, HR 442 and S1009. The legislative campaign is going strong both in Washington D.C. as well as in cities with redress supporters like yourself.

There are now 75 co-sponsors of S1009 and 142 co-sponsors of HR442. The House Judiciary Committee voted 28-6 to move the bill on to the House Rules Committee. From there it will go to the floor of the House for a vote by all 535 members. S1009 can pass the Senate with a clear majority; however, HR442 needs 77 more co-sponsors in order to pass the House. That is why 100 community people from 10 different cities are going to Washington to lobby for HR442 from July 25th to the 29th. Because these delegates are not paid professionals but volunteers they go to Washington with the simple desire to see redress win. They will, however, be well-prepared through orientation sessions here and in Washington by staff people from Rep. Mineta's office and Sen. Matsunaga's office as well as by other experienced lobbyists. The delegates will carry and display the ribbons with the names of sponsors, lobby uncommitted House members, meet with other Asian/Pacific organizations who can carry on the momentum, and report back to you after they return.

NCCR thanks you for your support and monetary donations. In the past month and a half NCCR has been able to raise more than \$2000 in sponsorships alone. The campaign has just begun and redress needs your continued involvement and support to win this year. There are two ways you can help now:

- 1) Write letters to the Judiciary Committee as well as your own congressperson. Encourage all your friends and relatives here and anyone east of the Rockies to write. ( We include sample letters, list of non-sponsors in California and Judiciary Committee members on back of "45 Years Later" )
- 2) Support the Washington delegation by sponsoring delegates. ( You can sponsor a delegate with a donation of \$5 for students/senior citizens or \$10 for others. A ribbon with your name and camp will be made and taken to Washington D.C. More information is on the bottom of the "Rally for Redress" flyer. )

In this Bicentennial year of the US Constitution and with the growing support in Congress, we believe that 1987 is the year for redress to win. This will be a victory for all those who have been part of this long struggle and will help ensure that the camps never happen again!

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathy Nishimoto Masaoka".

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