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Cal State L.A. to Be Site of Redress Conference

National Agenda for JA Reparations Campaign to Be Formulated

"Reparations Now! Justice Now!" is the theme of the first nationwide redress/reparations conference to be held Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 15 and 16 in the Student Union at Calif. State Univ., Los Angeles under the sponsorship of the National Coalition on Redress/Reparations.

The purpose of the conference, according to coalition member Miya Iwataki, is to bring together the many individuals and organizations who are interested in doing work on the issue of reparations for Japanese Americans interned in concentration camps during World War II. Guest speakers, panels and workshops will highlight the weekend of education, organization and information, she said.

The main purpose of the conference will be to formulate a "common national perspective on the redress/reparations issue.

"Specifically, the conference hopes to provide a forum for democratically deciding the direction for the reparations campaign; to provide training to assist people in organizing and to educate people on the reparations issue through workshops and media exposure," explained Bert Nakano, a Nisei spokesman for the coalition.

The National Coalition on Redress/Reparations is a newly formed coalition of a broad range of groups and individuals from New York, Massachusetts, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Portland, Seattle, Denver and Northern and Southern California. The coalition, spokespersons explained, has two major aims:

- To seek restitution for losses and injuries suffered by Japanese Americans and others who were unjustly evacuated and incarcerated during World War II, and

- To seek preventive steps to insure that similar racist acts and violations of constitutional rights will not occur again.

Local groups within the coalition include the L.A. Coalition on Redress/Reparations, several JACL chapters, the National Council for Japanese American Redress, the Little Tokyo Peoples

Rights Organization Redress Committee, Little Tokyo Service Center, Agape Fellowship, and the Asian Pacific Student Union.

A registration fee of \$5 will be requested of those attending the two-day conference. For further information, call Alan Nishio 498-5148 days, and Nakano 532-9527 evenings.