



(Above) Attorney General Dick Thornburgh presents a check and an apology to Hisano Fujimoto, 101, of Lombard, Illinois, while 101-year-old Senkichi Yuge (left) and 102-year-old Kisa Iseri (right) look on. A total of nine elderly internees— of which six were over 100 years of age— participated in Tuesday ceremony. (Below) Legislators also marked the final stage of the fight for redress and reparations. Here Representative Norman Mineta (right) talks with (from left to right) Senator Daniel Inouye, Daniel Akaka, and Representative Mervyn Dymally.



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Oct. 9, 1990 marks the day of the Liberties Act of 1988. Rafu Shimpo was on hand in Washington D.C. to historic occasion.

LETTER OF APOLOGY

A monetary sum and words alone cannot erase the painful memories; neither can they fully rectify injustice and to uphold the rights of the Japanese Americans during World War II.

We can never fully right the wrongs unless we take a clear stand for justice and recognize that the Japanese Americans during World War II were innocent victims.

Inacting a law calling for restitution for your fellow Americans have, in a very real sense, demonstrated a commitment to the ideals of freedom, equality and justice. We and our family have our best wishes for the future.



Sugi Kiriya, 101, who was incarcerated during the war, expresses her appreciation for this momentous event. (From left to right) Mamoru Eto, 107; Haru Dairiki, 102; Sugi Kiriya, 101; Yohaku Arakawa, 85; and Ken Ya

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Oct. 9, 1990 marks the day of the first payments under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Rafu Shimpo associate editor Takeshi Nakayama was on hand in Washington D.C. to capture the moments of this historic occasion.

LETTER OF APOLOGY

A monetary sum and words alone cannot restore lost years or erase painful memories; neither can they fully convey our nation's resolve to rectify injustice and to uphold the rights of individuals.

We can never fully right the wrongs of the past. But we can take a clear stand for justice and recognize that serious injustices were done to Japanese Americans during World War II.

Inacting a law calling for restitution and offering a sincere apology, your fellow Americans have, in a very real sense, renewed their traditional commitment to the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice. You and your family have our best wishes for the future.

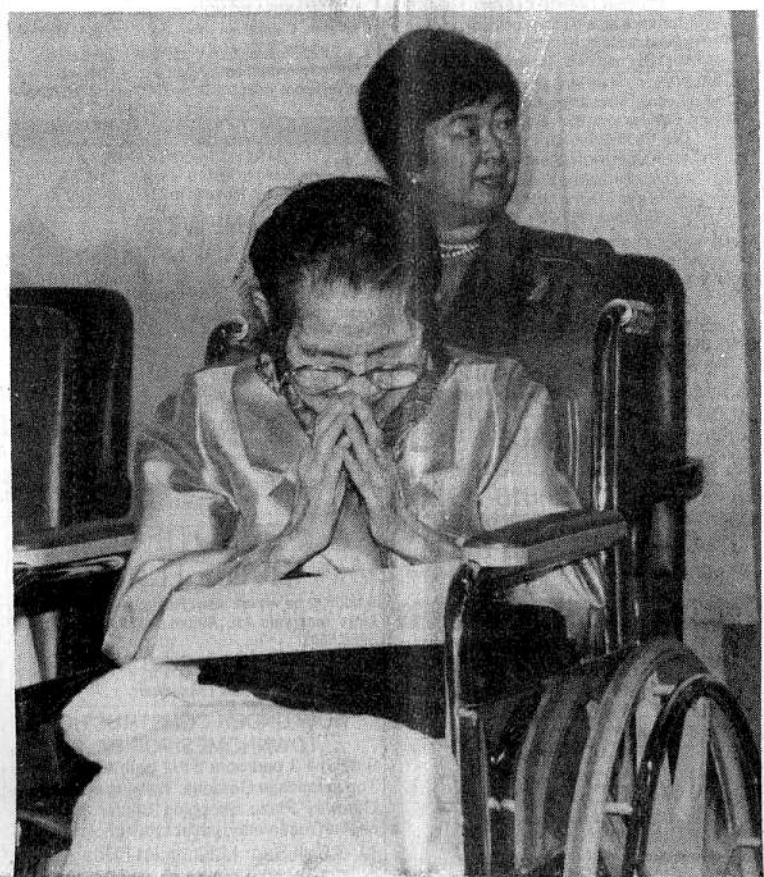
Sincerely,
President George Bush



Hisano Fujimoto, 101, of [unclear] Iseri (right) look on. A [unclear] participated in Tuesday [unclear] and reparations. Here [unclear] Inouye, Daniel Akaka,



(Above, from left to right) Bob Bratt, head of [unclear] representatives from the three Japanese American National Council for Japanese American Redress and Reparations (NCR); and Cressey Nakagawa. World War II veterans were also on hand to [unclear]. From left to right, Key Kobayashi (MIS), Virginia [unclear] Maryland; and Toro Hirose (442nd).



Sugi Kiriyama, 101, who was incarcerated in Manzanar, expresses her appreciation for this momentous event. Other recipients included Mamoru Eto, 107; Haru Dairiki, 102; Sade Ide, 90; Don Hatsukishima, 86; Yohaku Arakawa, 85; and Ken Yamamoto, 73.



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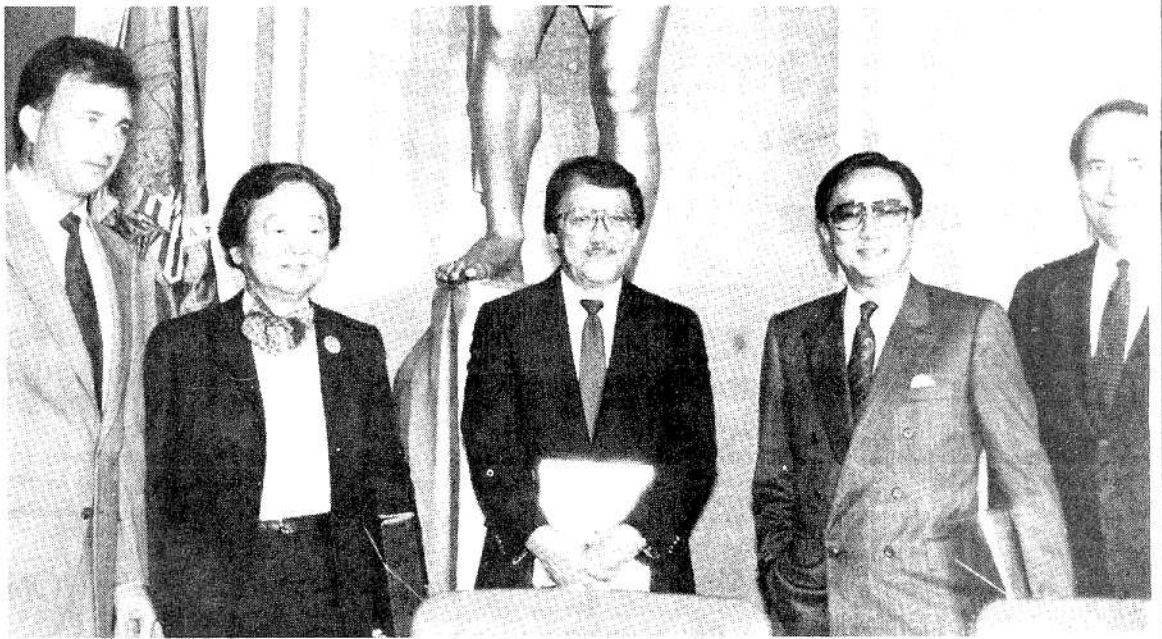
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(Above, from left to right) Bob Bratt, head of the Office of Redress Administration, poses with the representatives from the three Japanese American organizations that were honored: William Hohri, National Council for Japanese American Redress (NCJAR); Bert Nakano, National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRR); and Cressey Nakagawa, Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). (Below) World War II veterans were also on hand to commemorate the event and lead the pledge of allegiance. From left to right, Key Kobayashi (MIS), Virginia; Ben Obata (MIS), Virginia; Joe Ichiuchi (522nd), Maryland; and Toro Hirose (442nd).



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—Says President Bush in letter of apology