

# NCRR CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS SPAN WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS

On Oct. 20, the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRR) is scheduled to celebrate its 10th anniversary by holding a conference entitled "Our Victory, Our Challenges, Our Future," at California State University, Long Beach.

The all day event will feature various workshops that address many issues that affect Japanese Americans, distinguished guest speakers involved with the Japanese American community and an evening cultural program.

Although one of the main purpose of the conference is to celebrate the victory of redress, which is the fruit of over 10 years of struggle by four generations of Japanese American.

The conference will also set the agenda for NCRR, which is widening its focus to include other issues beyond redress.

The challenges, include carrying on the campaign and continue to use the lessons learned through the redress movement to address social needs of the Japanese American community.

The challenge to fight against discrimination must also be continued, as stated by Kathy Nishimoto-

Masaoka, co-chair of the Southern California NCRR, "We realized through the redress campaign that we have to continue to be vigilant and to fight discrimination, because of our experience. That's what our Nisei members said. I think the struggle taught people that racism wasn't just direct towards Japanese Americans. We saw that is was connected to other people and that we have a responsibility to continue to support others."

The future is bright with energy and potential. The NCRR is celebrating 10 years of struggle and accomplishments—a historic event to mark the beginning of the redress payments, and to unite on our agenda for the future.

There will be something for everyone of all ages and generations of Japanese Americans to experience at the event.

Participants of the conference will be coming from all parts of California —San Francisco, San Jose and Los Angeles.

The following is a list of the various workshops scheduled to be offered:

—Understanding and Coping with the Psychological Impact of the Camps. This seminar will fea-

ture former internees and counselors and educators who work with camp survivors who will lead a discussion on the psychological impact of the camps.

Panelists include Dr. Mary Oda, Lloyd Inui and Brian Niiya. Guy Aoki is the moderator.

—Maintaining and Developing the Japanese American Community in San Francisco, San Jose and Los Angeles. Addressing the issue of the importance or significance of maintaining a Japanese American community in each of the three cities and the needs of Japantowns today and for the future.

Panelists include Julie Hatta, Susan Hayase and Dean Toji. Workshop participants include John Saito, Jr., Sara Tomei and Brian Kito. Evelyn Hori is the moderator.

—Empowering Our Community. This seminar will feature legislators and community leaders who will be addressing the various forms that community empowerment campaigns have taken in serving the needs of interests of Japanese Americans.

Panelists include Wilma Chan, Alan Nishio and Art Takei. Miya Iwataki is the moderator.

—The Internment and the Constitution: Can the Camps Happen Again? Constitutional issues related to the camps will be discussed by those who were participants in test cases. Can similar violations of civil rights happen again to Arab Americans and Latin Americans

under the guise of "national security?"

Panel members include James Kaddo, Khader Hamide, Connie Rice and Fred Korematsu. John Ota is the moderator.

—Access to Higher Education: Myth or Reality? This seminar will feature student leaders and university faculty and administrators who will discuss the myths and realities of Asian and Pacific Islanders in higher education. Current controversies concerning student admission policies and faculty/staff tenure struggles will be reviewed.

Panelists include Glenn Omatsu, Mary Katayama and Gustavo Ocegueda. Christine Kaneshige is the moderator.

—Children's Workshop. This program will provide activities for children of all ages. Educational background concerning internment will be presented and a session on arts and crafts.

Leaders include Kiyot Sankey, Carrie Morita, Janice Nabara, Carole Nakano and Jim Matsuoka. Maryann Ito is the coordinator of this workshop.

—Redress Eligibility Update. In order to provide information and answer questions regarding the status of redress payments and, in particular, address issues of Medical and Social Security insurance is the focus of this seminar.

Richard Konda will be present-

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ing this seminar with Richard Katsuda as the moderator.

—Nikkei Art: The Community's Heart. Cultural artists, musicians, and writers will discuss their approaches to integrating the use of media and culture with social activism in this seminar.

Johnny Mori, Naomi Hirahara, John Esaki, Amy Kato and Nobuko Miyamoto are the panelists for this discussion. David Monkawa is the moderator.

—Internment and Curriculum Issues. This seminar will focus on the effort to incorporate the camp experience, and the lessons to be learned, into the curriculum of our school will be examined.

Panelists include Dale Shimasaki, Chizu Iiyama and June Kizu. Lucy Hamiya is the moderator.

—Veterans and Draft Resisters Forum. A forum to build an understanding of various forms of resistance to the camps and the courage demonstrated by those who stood for their beliefs is the subject of this seminar.

Mitsuru Koshiyama, Rudy Tokiwa and Frank Emi are the panel members as Bruce Iwasaki and Susan Nakamura are the co-moderators.

—Doing The Right Thing: Strengthening Ties with Other People of Color. This seminar focuses on the issue of building cooperation and alliances with other people of which is critical to the future of Japanese Americans. Efforts to build such alliances will be examined.

Jerry Yu, Joe Duff, Oscar Rios and William Wong are the panelists and Evelyn Yoshimura is the moderator.

—Children's Workshop. This session will feature storytelling by Joyce Nako.

—Office of Redress Administration Workshop with Bob Bratt. In attempts to provide information to social service and community center workers and others who deal with redress questions; to develop ways to disseminate to the community information on Medi-Cal and Social Security insurance recipients.

Panelists include Bratt and Konda. Kay Ochi will be the moderator.

For more information on the conference, call (818) 282-8808 or (213) 680-3484.



## CULTURAL ENTERTAINERS

**CONFERENCE PERFORMERS—**  
The National Coalition for Redress/Reparations (NCRR), as a part of their 10th anniversary conference, is scheduled to present a cultural program featuring various artists of the Asian Pacific American community. Scheduled to perform include Nobuko Miyamoto (left), Charlie Laborte (top left), Keiko Matsui (top), David Iwataki (top right), and Glenn Horiuchi (right).

