



NewsWire

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MESSAGE...FROM THE CHAIR

When native New Yorker, Eddie Kochiyama, told me, "This is the largest gathering of Japanese Americans I've seen on the East Coast in my life around any event," I knew we had written a chapter in the history of Japanese Americans on the East Coast. The occasion was the New York hearing of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, November 23, 1981, at the Roosevelt Hotel.

All of New York's Japanese American community groups and churches, and many hard working individuals pulled together to help plan and organize the hearing. The East Coast Japanese Americans for Redress (ECJAR) was formed from that spirit; and the decision to continue ECJAR came out of that momentum.

Since the hearing, we have held a successful program on the Day of Remembrance, commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Executive Order #9066. Our recent benefit theater party around the play, "Station J" was equally successful.

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ECJAR & ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

ECJAR is participating in the 4th Annual Asian/Pacific American Heritage Festival on May 2, 1982, at Damrosch Park (Lincoln Center). The Festival is sponsored by the Coalition of Asian/Pacific American Associations. The day's events will begin at 12 noon and run until 7 p.m. Educational and cultural displays, foods, crafts, and entertainment have been organized by the many Asian/Pacific American groups in the greater Metropolitan area.

The 40th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 and the 100th anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act will be featured this year. ECJAR members are preparing a photo display on the Commission hearings and the national movement for redress/reparations, which will be shown along with the historical photo display on the evacuation and camps prepared by A Thousand Cranes.

We hope to raise some funds through the sale of our popular "9066 tee-shirts and but-

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Calendar

May 1-9 Sakura Matsuri-Cherry Blossom Festival, 1-5 p.m., Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington Ave., Bklyn, N.Y. Entertainment demonstrations, refreshments. Free admission.

May 3-6 Asian/Pacific American Heritage Festival, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Headquarters SECOM, Fort Monmouth, N.J. Cultural programs, films and displays. Free admission.

May 8 May Festival/'82, 3 pm, Japanese American United Church, 255 7th Avenue between 24 and 25 Streets, NYC. Variety show, food specialties and White Elephant sale. Free admission.

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tions, designed by Michael Nakai and Richard Hori. With the kind permission of Michi Weglyn and the cooperation of her publisher William Morrow and Company, Inc., we also have copies of Years of Infamy available for sale.

Information and other literature from participating ECJAR groups will be made available at our booth, where ECJAR members will be stationed to answer questions.

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