

MINUTES OF NCRR MTG.

8/31/80

LOS ANGELES, CA
(Chairperson A. Nishio)

Progress Reports were given by regions (SF, SJ, SACTO, SD, LA & APSU). Overall, the work is moving well. SF, SJ, SACTO & SD all plan to hold an Educational Program in October, as well as outreach in other ways. In addition, all regions (except LA) are planning to hold a regional meeting prior to the conference.

WORKSHOP TOPICS (See List attached)(C)

These were divided among regionals for further development. It was suggested that they be turned in within a week or so with a 50 to 75 word comment: Description of the W/S content; what is desired of the W/S direction and outcome, briefly how it is tied into our Unity statements, etc.

(Other regionals and individuals who could not attend the meeting are encouraged to respond with your ideas.)

CONFERENCE PROGRAM (See Attachment)(B)

1. Speakers: There was considerable discussion around this item.

Suggested and agreed that opening session speaker should be an NCRR spokesperson and one who is active in the CC. Further discussion on this will be taken up at next CC mtg.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER: (2 hr lunch period) 2 speakers suggested for this time slot. recommended names were:

Mike Lowry	Gordon Hirabayashi	Michi Weglyn
Ed Miyakawa	Aiko Herzig	Shosuke Sasaki
Judge Bob Takasugi	Bert Nakano	(NCRR spokesperson?)

The motion to vote on 3 names was based on the time required to contact speakers, confirm, and if necessary select a second (alternative): Therefore, the results of the vote are listed below in order of preference:

Aiko Herzig Yoshinaga	(It is presumed that Ms. Weglyn
Shosuke Sasaki	will not be available due to
Gordan Hirabayashi	special circumstances.)
Bert Nakano	
Ed Miyakawa	
Mike Lowry	
Bob Takasugi	

(The views were that Nikkei speakers tied to the community were desirable at this time with possible future conference having congressmen such as Lowry, Nikkei Congressmen, etc.)

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: (See Attachment)(B)

* Regional Caucuses: This will probably entail taking up of new resolutions which may develop out of workshops. It was recommended that the "broader resolutions (demands & strategy, etc) be taken up at the prior regional meetings.)

~~Conference~~

TASKS: (See Attachment)

Each regional reviewed progress, More at next CC meeting.

Thus far: Incorporation papers have been completed and signatures of CC members (from previous CC meeting) obtained at this meeting.

SAT. Location of Conference: Department of Water & Power, LA (Downtown LA Civic Center area, rent free, 10 mtg. rooms plus large conference hall) Not open to public on Sun.

SAT. EVE. Culture Program: (See attached) (D)
Location pending.

SUN. Possibly Cal State LA.

Survey : Rafu (D. Chuman) near completion, and will ask Hokubei and Mainichi to jointly publish one survey.

Flyer: Now working on flyer which will be ready for for distribution way before posters.

Fund Raising Item: It was decided that the coalition will purchase (as soon as finances allow) initial quantity of 100 at 1/2 price, Ms. Wegly's "Years of Infamy".

There will be more discussion at next CC meeting around:

1. Structural & organizational aspects of the coalition.
 - regional representation (voting, etc..)
 - membership and defining its mechanism
 - proposal for dues, amounts, etc.
2. Review of timeline and tasks
3. More on conference schedule and workshops
4. More on investigative items*
5. More on newsletter* and brochure

*(We took the liberty of assigning 2 items to B. Hohri, who was not present to develop proposals on WORKSHOP CATEGORY (D) "Fundraising Strat." and INVESTIGATION AREA (A) "How will we include other groups (Aleuts) in our demands".... Thanks, Bill.

NEXT CC MEETING: 9/20/80 JCPA Offc. San Francisco, 10AM

NATIONAL COALITION ON REDRESS/REPARATIONS
Steering Committee Agenda
August 31, 1980
Los Angeles, Calif.

ATTACHMENT (A)

- I Welcome/Introductions
- II Review of Agenda
- III Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting
- IV Redress/Reparations Update
 - A. National
 - B. Regional
- V Conference Planning
 - A. Tasks
 - 1. Date/place
 - 2. Conference Schedule
 - 3. Publicity (i.e. brochure, logo, poster)
 - 4. Fund-raising letter
 - 5. Newsletter
 - 6. NCCR memo
 - B. Discussion
 - 1. Speakers
 - 2. Workshops
 - 3. Cultural Program
 - 4. Business Session
 - 5. Resolutions
 - 6. Voting Procedures
 - 7. Membership requirements and dues
 - C. Review of Conference Planning Timeline
- VI Investigation Areas
 - A. Basis and amount of reparations sought
 - B. How we see the emergency fund coming about
 - C. How will funds be dispersed?
 - D. Legal investigation (i.e. legal basis for r/r and possible legal avenues to be investigated)
 - E. How will we include other groups (i.e. Aleuts) in our demands?
- VII Next meeting of the Steering Committee (time, place, agenda)

ATTACHMENT (B)

PROPOSED CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Opening Session
Welcome
NCR/R Speaker
Introduction of Resolutions

10:00 a.m. Workshops -

12:00 noon Lunch- Guest Speaker(s)(2)

2:00 p.m. Workshops

4:00 p.m. Regional Caucuses to Review Resolutions (optional)

7:30 p.m. Cultural Program

Sunday

10:00 a.m. General Business Session
Presentation and Review of Resolutions
Discussion
Voting on Resolutions

12:00 noon Lunch

2:00 p.m. Committee Workshops
PR/Media
Legislation
Educational Outreach
Finances
~~Committee Chair~~

3:00 p.m. Closing Session

Conference Theme: ??????

Yip-Hing -

ATTACHMENT C

Suggested Workshop Topics

Educational Workshops

Ecumenical Perspectives on Redress/Reparations (Buddhist, Catholic, Protestant, Shinto)

Legal Perspectives on Redress/Reparations

History of the R/R Movement

The Impact of the Camps on the JA Family
Impact of camps on employment of JAs.

The Impact of the Camps on the Role and Identity of JA Women

Impact of R/R to Asian American Movement
Other Third World Struggles for Reparations?

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Psychological Impact of the Camps on JA's
Impact on Asian Art/Culture & Identity
The Impact of the Camps on JA Communities

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Organizing Workshops

How to Influence Legislation

How to Implement a Media Campaign

Pursuing R/R Through the Law

Organizing an Educational Outreach Campaign

Fund-raising Strategies

Art and Culture as a Tool for the R/R Campaign

Developing a Strategy Toward the Commission

Camps and Campuses- Outreach to Schools

Involving Issei/Nisei/Sansei

How to broaden R/R outreach in other communities

ATTACHMENT (D)

Possible Speakers:

OK Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga (Washington D.C. rep for NCJAR and NCR/R)
Mike Lowrey (Congressman) member
Bert Nakano (LTPRO and NCR/R)
Edward Miyakawa (Author)
Shosuke Sasaki (Longtime activist in R/R and NCJAR member)
Bob Takasugi (Federal judge and supporter of R/r)
Gordon Hirabashi

Possible Workshop Leaders

Frank Abe
Frank Chin
Bill Hohri
Edward Miyakawa
Bob Suzuki
Ray Okamura
Henry Miyatake
Amy Ishii
Aiko Herzig

welcome -
lunch

Cultural Program Suggestions

Each region to prepare one "act"
Portion of "Hito Hata" on the Evacuation
Asian Persuasion or Visions
Center Players or East West Player
Literary Reading by PAAWWW
Taiko or shamisen
Group singing (possibly Ballad of Joe Kurihara)