

N.C.R.R. STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - DECEMBER 5, 1981

Attended by: Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose

Agenda: 1. Regional reports; 2. Finalization of NCRR recommendation to CWRIC; 3. Strategies; 4. Expectations of CWRIC; 5. Building unity in the R/R movement; 6. Miscellaneous

Pre-meeting decision: If, in the discussion of NCRR recommendations to the CWRIC, a vote on specific points is necessary, each regional will have one vote.

I. Regional reports

Los Angeles:

1. videotapes--showings have been held at community centers, churches schools, and house meetings. Copies have been sent to Hawaii and Chicago for showing in those areas. More local showings planned. Conversion of existing 3/4 inch tape to 1/2 inch tape for home use is being planned.
2. legislation discussions--workshops held on individual monetary compensation and community fund. Met with Mervyn Dymally re. his offer to facilitate dealings with CWRIC and Congress.
3. recent endorsements-
 - 442nd/100th Battalion Organization of So. Calif.
 - Asian Caucus of the Lutheran Church of the U.S.
 - UCLA School of Social Welfare

San Francisco:

1. structure--set up outreach/education and publicity/media committees. Elections planned to select officers.
2. updating slide show
3. continuing letter writing campaign and petition campaign.
4. received major endorsement from the Community Action Program (CAP) of the U.A.W. of No. Calif. This endorsement is to be pursued to the regional level (western states) and hopefully to the international level of the UAW CAP.
5. Radio program on station KQED re:evacuation and the redress movement. Very supportive station. Audience call-in program with no hostile calls.

San Diego:

1. discussions on forming committees.
2. held meetings on legislation proposal.
3. showing videotapes of S.D. witnesses at L.A. Hearings.
4. continuing campaign to urge more written testimony.
5. received invitation to participate in December 7 program on radio station KPBS--declined by all J.A. groups in San Diego including NCRR.

San Jose:

1. videotape of S.F. Hearings shown at S.J.C.C.
2. held discussions on legislative draft proposals.
3. continuing letter writing campaign--petition campaign
4. presentations done at Wesley Methodist Church and local colleges.
 - presentation pending to Stanford Law School.
5. Stanford AASA R/R Committee to submit student perspectives report to CWRIC.

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Sacramento:

1. presentations to organizations continues--includes slide show and audio tapes of hearings
Recent--U.C. Davis students & house meetings
Pending--Martin Luther King Law School
2. urging articles in organization newsletters
3. general meeting planned for December 9 to report on Steering Committee meeting.

II. N.C.R.R. Recommendations to CWRIC

1. Individual monetary compensation

A. Eligibility--the following categories of people will be eligible for full individual compensation under the terms of the N.C.R.R. recommendations:

1. former evacuees
2. detention center detainees
3. persons forced to live in WRA camps
4. persons jailed for noncompliance with military edicts
5. South American and Central American residents relocated to and imprisoned in the U.S.
6. persons who relocated voluntarily.
7. Aleutians and Pribiloff Islanders imprisoned by the U.S.
8. direct heirs of all of the above if principle is deceased.

The following categories of people are either difficult to identify or it is not yet decided that the U.S. Government should be held accountable for their suffering or losses. These people are to be considered for eligibility in future N.C.R.R. discussion. (They will definitely be mentioned by N.C.R.R. in the recommendation to the CWRIC.)

1. those imprisoned in countries outside the U.S. but as a result of pressure from the U.S. Government
2. those in other areas of the U.S. not imprisoned, but suffering losses and racist degradation because of the refusal of the U.S. to support their loyalty
3. those who were drafted or in the U.S. Armed Services
4. those who repatriated

B. Amount of compensation

1. \$25,000 per individual, minimum (decided)
2. S.D. felt that \$100,000 more accurately represented actual losses. All other regionals saw the \$25,000 as a "popular" figure "reasonably" representing losses--a figure around which to organize the campaign. S.D. agreed to go along with the \$25,000.
3. Recognizing the validity of S.D.'s claim, the consensus was that there should be no limitation on the right of individuals or organizations to seek additional compensation on the basis of actual losses or personal views of what amount is adequate as damages.

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C. Miscellaneous

1. payment to be made once, in full, no installments.
2. payment not included as taxable income
3. payment not to be included in "assets" affecting eligibility of individuals in consideration for social services or other benefits, governmental or private
4. if no heirs, money goes to community fund
5. if payment is refused, money goes to community fund

VI. Miscellaneous

1. CWRIC Extension Bill

- has cleared subcommittee and is in House Judiciary Committee Decision due December 10, 1981
- if passed by Judiciary Committee, bill goes to floor for vote.
- if passed by Senate and signed by Reagan, CWRIC's life will be extended one year
- J. Hibino suggests pushing for preliminary recommendations and additional hearings
- M. Iwataki suggests asking to see CWRIC's timelines and work planned for the additional time period

2. Treasurer's report (as of 12-4-81)

assets	\$ 3850
owed	993
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net	\$ 2857

Almost 1000 individual members in N.C.R.R.