

## YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Yuri and Bill:

Banzai, you did a great job. We got late, but comprehensive reports through Fred Katayama articles in the Hokubei. Bill, you've come out the hero.

for the hearing  
Rocky Chin had told me about the discrepancy of dates/and that JACL had favored and got a weekday. I happened to mention this to Carole Hayashino, Tateishi's(JACL) assistant. For some reason she got very defensive and called John in Washington who told Carole to explain that it was so media agreed because of better/coverage on weekends. Take it for what it's worth.

The struggle notwithstanding, the hearings are over and I wonder if you're going through the same emotional stages I went through. An emotional drain first, then the euphoria of pride. Wallow in it, it's a great feeling.

Out west we are up to our necks in phase II. Unfortunately, some have pooped out. Those remaining haven't missed a beat. The sansei, especially are remarkable. NCRR steering committee is meeting in L.A. this weekend to design the legislative bill they hope to present to Congress. This will be in tandem with B. Hohri's class action suit. The ramifications are so complicated for my simple mind. There is no doubt at this point that the bill's success will depend solely on on the kind of energy we've never seen before from as many in the community as we can muster. This process could take years, beyond the nisei's lifetime. I hope enough sansei remain committed and stouthearted. It is an exciting challenge.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
(You may remain anonymous,  
if you wish.)



I'm feeling frustrated by a further slow down with the old creaks I had before the accident. Because of the long immobility, an old case of arthritis has set in and I'm having to contend with pain I didn't have with the cast, blast! I'm hardly homebound however. I've been sneaking off to classes at S.F. State with some help from friends during my long "sick" leave. I've given talks to sansei groups there re: R/R, ~~and~~ the camp experience and its ramification on them. I tried to make it a very personal dialogue. Unfortunately, it always came out a monologue. I was so appalled and pained at these sansei's lack of awareness, sensitivity, and inability to articulate...just where we nisei were pre-war. Boy, did I bomb - a roomful of blank faces. This was a class in Asian Studies, the name of the class, Concentration Camps in America. It's taught by C. Hayashino whom I mentioned who seems to teach it at an academic level. Of course there is a handful of active ones in the school deeply committed to R/R. Most are the zombie type, unfortunately. My God what have we nisei passed down to our kids, and what do we do now?

Enclosed is this year's annual questionnaire put out by our local "chicken sheet", the Hokubei. I resent the loaded commentary. NCRR here is sending out as many of these as we can so that the paper is bombarded with letters telling them they're full of s... Please xerox as many as you can and have Eastern nikkei forcefully push individual reparations. Ignore deadline, but have them send out their comments by end of next week if possible. Editor says OK. Address: HOKUBEI MAINICHI, P.O. BOX 3321, San Francisco, Ca. 94119-3321.

Are you getting that audacious letter from Masaoka soliciting funds for Mineta's campaign? I'm trying to get as many nisei to write back telling him to shove it. I hope ~~you~~ you encourage easterners to do same.

I look forward to hearing your story about your hearing.

Fondly,

*Hiker*  
Did you tune into the satellite hookup, "America on Trial" Dec. 2. I was so encouraged by how aware and informed middle America is. They made an ass of Mineta. Did you hear JACL come out four square for monetary.