A Guide to the In Focus Newsletter Collection, 1984-2006.
Descriptive Summary

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Abstract:

Creator Sketch
The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is a civil rights organization founded by and for Japanese Americans in 1929. At the time of its founding, JACL addressed civil rights concerns that affected Japanese Americans. Currently, JACL focuses its attention on any segment of the American population that faces human and civil rights discrimination, with a particular focus on the Asian Pacific Islander American community. The JACL led legislative campaigns to combat bigotry and discrimination, such as the campaign for redress for former internees during World War II that led to the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

In May 1989, JACL commissioned Visual Communications to produce a half-hour program called Redress: JACL Campaign for Justice, to document and tell the story of JACL’s role and activism contributing to the redress movement. The program was funded through the Minoru Yasui Trust Fund, as well as the Kawabe Memorial Fund and the Motoda Foundation. Work on the project was completed in the spring of 1992.

Scope and Contents
In Focus Newsletter Collection, 1984-2006, consists of interviews conducted by Visual Communications, writer and director John Esaki, and producer Amy Kato. The collection consists of ¾” U-matic tapes, the majority of which are digitized. Interviewees included JACL members, activists, and politicians (some of who were former internees during World War II) about their respective experiences of internment, the initial discussions about redress and reparations, the introduction of the “Seattle Plan,” mobilization efforts and legislative action toward redress, and the political processes involved in passing the Civil Rights Act of 1988. Other footage covers JACL Legislative Education Committee (LEC) meetings, annual dinners, and speeches.

Organization and Arrangement

Alternate Format Available
Due to the fragility of the original U-matic tapes, the access DVDs should be viewed.

Access Restrictions
This collection is open for research use. Advance notice required for access. Contact repository for appointment.

Use Restrictions
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Subjects (Persons)
Abe, Frank
Akaka, Daniel K.
Benet, Tom
Bennett, Charles E., 1910-2003
Bingaman, Jeff
Bush, George, 1924-
Doi, Gene
Dolliver, James M., 1924-2004
Domenici, Pete
Duberstein, Kenneth M.
Enomoto, Jerry
Evans, Daniel J., 1925-
Ford, Gerald R., 1913-2006
Frank, Barney, 1940-
Glickman, Dan
Hasegawa, Hid
Hashimoto, Ruth
Inouye, Daniel K., 1924-
Kagiwada, Joanne
Kato, Chuck
Kean, Thomas H.
Kinoshita, Cherry
Levitas, Elliot
Lowry, Mike
McCain, John, 1936-
Macbeth, Angus
Marutani, William
Mass, Amy Iwasaki, 1935-
Masuda, Kazuo
Matsunaga, Spark M., 1916-1990
Masaoka, Mark
McCarthy, Leo T., 1930-2007
Mineta, Norman Yoshio, 1931-
Miyatake, Henry J.
Morimitsu, Arthur
Morita, Pat, 1932-2005
Nagano, Ken
Nakagawa, Cressey
Nakata, Mike
Neas, Ralph G. (Ralph Graham), 1946-
Noguchi, Tomio
Ondo, Howard
Ono, Edison
Reagan, Nancy, 1923-
Reagan, Ronald
Roberts, Glen L.
Sasaki, Joe
Sato, Frank, 1929-
Speier, Jackie
Suzuki, Joe
Swindall, Pat, 1950-
Takei, George, 1937-
Toyota, Tritia
Ujifusa, Grant
Uyehara, Grayce
Weiner, Ernest H.
Wong, Kathy
Wright, Jim, 1922-
Yasui, Minoru, 1916-

Subjects (Organizations)
Anti-defamation League.
Japanese American Citizens League
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.
Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress
Random House (Firm)
San Francisco chronicle
United States. Army. Regimental Combat Team, 442nd
United States. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians
United States. Congress
United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on the Budget
United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation
Visual Communications/Asian American Studies Central -- Archives.

Subjects
Discrimination
Executive orders
Japanese Americans
Japanese Americans Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945
Japanese American soldiers
Legislation
Lobbying
Political activists
Political letter writing
Political participation
Pressure groups
Race discrimination
Signing statements (Legislation)
Reparations for historical injustices
World War II

Places
District of Columbia
Georgia
Los Angeles (Calif.)
Rohwer Relocation Center (Ark.)
Minidoka Relocation Center
New Mexico
Salt Lake City (Utah)
San Francisco (Calif.)
Seattle (Wash.)
Sick’s Stadium (Seattle, Wash.)

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Separator Material
Video footage from CSPAN newsreels was not digitized.

Related Material
See also In Focus Collection, Volume 7, No. 2. Summer 1991. “Reflections on the JACL Redress Video Project.”

Processing Information
This collection was processed by Helen Kim and Kimberly Zarate, August 2012.

Inventory

Interviews

dvd 2012-1/013189  Gene Doi interview
dvd 2012-1/013193  Ruth Hashimoto interview
dvd 2012-1/013133  Daniel Inouye interview
dvd 2012-1/013201  Amy Iwasaki Mass interview
dvd 2012-1/013191  Tom Kean interview
dvd 2012-1/013134  Norman Mineta interview
dvd 2012-1/013131, 013132  Henry Miyatake interview
dvd 2012-1/013192  Cressey Nakagawa interview
dvd 2012-1/013190  Ralph Neas interview
dvd 2012-1/013205  Grant Ujifusa interview
dvd 2012-1/013206  Grayce Uyehara interview
dvd 2012-1/013210  Redress Bill Passage interviews
dvd 2012-1/013195  National Coalition for Redress/Reparations interviews

Events

dvd 2012-1/013196  JACL “American Promise” Dinner in San Francisco
dvd 2012-1/013204  JACL Convention Reception in San Diego
dvd 2012-1/013203  Redress Check Presentation in Los Angeles
dvd 2012-1/013199  Redress Check presentation in Washington, D.C.
dvd 2012-1/013200  Minidoka Pilgrimage

Meetings

dvd 2012-1/013202  Legislative Education Committee meeting at National JACL office

Narrations

dvd 2012-1/013198  Tritia Toyota Narrations