

Ruth Mizobe Shikada

Dear Ruth Mizobe Shikada:

This is to officially, on behalf of the motley group who call ourselves the Friends of Michi Weglyn, invite you to <sup>SPEAK</sup> as an accomplished Sansei civil rights activist, say a few words on Michi Weglyn, her book, her example, her meaning, her effect on you. *at the Day of Remembrance we are planning organizing.*

You led the \_\_\_\_\_ of the JACL to apologise to and honor the leaders and resisters of the Heart Mountain Fair Play committee and Nisei who resisted the draft on constitutional grounds. This, in our eyes, is <sup>an</sup> ~~the~~ accomplishment <sup>in civil rights</sup> that stands out, in our mind. The portion of the community you represented made an occasion of receiving and accepting the resisters into your community of thought if not the community of the JACL.

We are asking you to speak for no longer than three minutes. The others speaking with you are Art Hansen, historian, U.C. Fullerton; William Hohri, author of "Reparing America" and head of the former NCJAR; Robin Kramer, representing Mayor Riordin; and Toshiko Kawamoto, representing the resisters. Toshiko Kawamoto is Dave Kawamoto's widow, and become outspoken and active on the resister's cause when they started to come out of the obscurity resulting from the social ostracism, you did so much to end.

We do not offer a few words to put in your own, as we have done with the others. They have since sent us timed texts of their remarks. We are sending you suggestions of what they might, and in some cases, will say, so you won't be surprised, and to help you avoid repeating their effusive remarks. Even though it's Michi, the number remarks one might effuse are finite, and repetition is a possibility.

We would like you to write a column for the Los Angeles Rafu Shimpō, a think piece on the occasion of this Day of Remembrance, redress, Sansei, the future of the community, as seen through the eyes of a new mother, and Michi Nishiura Weglyn. From the text of this piece, we would like you to edit a three minute word for Michi. This is just a suggestion. We have not talked to the Rafu. Of course a piece set to come out the Friday before the event would give us a boost.

When you are ready, we would like the text of your three minutes, or less, remarks.

The 1998 Day of Remembrance is being presented by NCRR and the Friends of Michi Weglyn. We are a diverse group including Frank Emi, Sue Embrey, Art Hansen, Yosh and

*The emotional, social issues of*

*as uniquely responsive sensitive to American Hist.*

Irene Kuromiya, William Hohri and many others convened for the single purpose of expressing our gratitude for her book and her example.

If you have any questions or would like more information, don't hesitate to call me at the number below.

For the Friends of Michi Weglyn, I am

Sincerely yours,

Paul Tsuneishi