

Reviewing redress

SAN FRANCISCO—Karen Narasaki, Washington D.C., representative, at the JACL national board meeting Oct. 24 gave a status report on what has been a successful year for the redress movement.

"We got everything we asked for," said Narasaki, who noted everyone except for special cases should be paid by next October. The Office of Redress Administration has indicated that it will be shutting down its toll free number since 90% of redress recipients have been paid. The representative suggested that people write letters to an address she will provide later if they have questions.

Although redress appropriation was successful this year, Narasaki said there are still issues yet unresolved.

- Non-Japanese spouses interned in the camps are among the oldest internees who are still waiting for redress, according to Narasaki.

- ORA is beginning to send out rejection notices on redress claims. Most poignant

among these cases are the children of mothers who left camp, but returned to give birth. ORA is claiming that these women returned to the camp voluntarily and thus their children are not eligible for redress. Narasaki indicated that there

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are approximately 100 such cases, some who were actually originally cleared by ORA. The representative said these people may be calling for help in filing appeals to the ORA rejections.

- The education fund has yet to be appropriated. Narasaki said Rep. Norman Mineta is working on strategies for getting the fund. She said that they will not be going after the entire \$50 million the first year. Parenthetically, Narasaki said that because of the emotion involved and disapproval from non-Japanese American constituents, some on Capitol Hill are growing tired of the redress issue, and are reluctant to have to deal with redress again.