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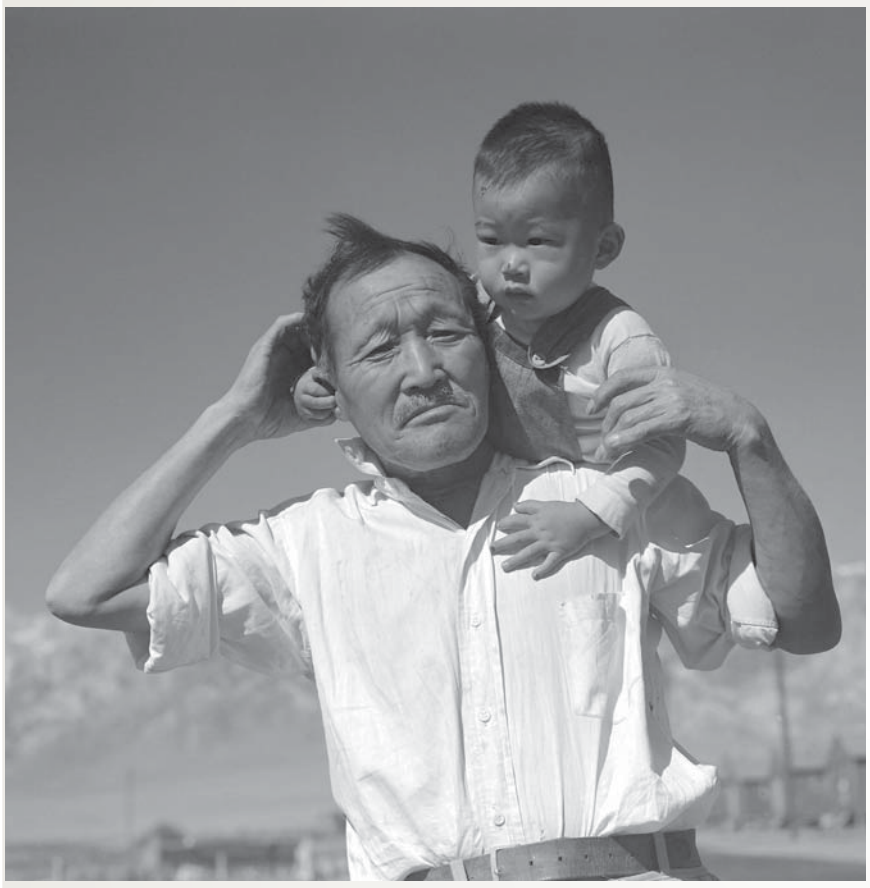
Equal Rights for All



CTA was one of the few organizations that protested the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

From its early days to the present, the California Teachers Association has been on the forefront of the struggle for human dignity and civil rights. In fact, the issues are so important that securing "a more just, equitable and democratic society" is written into our Mission Statement. CTA's role in establishing free public schools for all in California in the 1860s is part of that commitment. But there's much more.

Back in 1867, CTA fought for and won public funding for schools that educated non-white students. The first of those schools was for African American students in Red Bluff. In 1927, we won a major victory when the state Supreme Court ruled that a school board could not fire a female teacher because she chose to marry. In 1978, we fought against the Briggs Initiative, which would have banned gays and lesbians from working in public schools. And in 2006, CTA sponsored the Quality Education Investment Act, a law that is helping schools serving a higher percentage of low-income students, minorities and English learners to close the achievement gap.

We are involved and will stay involved because working for a more just, equitable and democratic society lifts us all.

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adjective 1. pertaining to or marking the completion of a period of 150 years. *noun* 2. a 150th anniversary or its celebration.

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