

A statement recently issued by the Executive Secretary of the JCC [on the invitation to debate their action on evacuation losses from the Santa Clara Committee] contains more than the usual quota of false statements, calculated to

~~misrepresent~~ ~~and~~ ~~issues~~ ~~and~~ ~~fool~~ the readers of the paper. ~~but~~ ~~although~~ ~~inaccuracies~~ in previous statements have been tolerated as characteristic of that individual, ~~and~~ when the quota has been exceeded, it ~~is~~ ~~a~~ ~~reply~~ ~~is~~ ~~called~~ ~~for~~ ~~in~~ ~~order~~ ~~not~~ ~~to~~ ~~implicate~~ the organization which otherwise would have ~~own~~ ~~good~~ ~~and~~ ~~secondly~~ ~~because~~ ~~the~~ ~~statement~~ ~~casts~~ ~~unfavorable~~ ~~reflection~~ ~~cast~~ ~~upon~~ ~~it~~ ~~as~~ ~~a~~ ~~result~~ ~~of~~ ~~their~~ ~~past~~ ~~actions~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~organization~~ ~~which~~ ~~he~~ ~~purports~~ ~~to~~ ~~represent~~ ~~intends~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~

It is a very sad state of affairs indeed when a person ~~is~~ ~~unable~~ ~~to~~ ~~recognize~~ ~~the~~ ~~fact~~ ~~that~~ ~~is~~ ~~a~~ ~~known~~ ~~fact~~ ~~that~~ ~~was~~ ~~elected~~ ~~by~~ ~~ballot~~ ~~distributed~~ ~~to~~ ~~all~~ ~~claimants~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~Santa~~ ~~Area~~ ~~and~~ ~~that~~ ~~this~~ ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~agreed~~ ~~method~~ ~~of~~ ~~election~~ ~~is~~ ~~no~~ ~~question~~ ~~about~~ ~~the~~ ~~bona~~ ~~fides~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Committee~~ ~~It~~ ~~may~~ ~~be~~ ~~tolerable~~ ~~and~~ ~~not~~ ~~in~~ ~~any~~ ~~way~~ ~~socially~~ ~~objectionable~~ ~~when~~ ~~that~~ ~~person~~ ~~keeps~~ ~~the~~ ~~obsession~~ ~~of~~ ~~his~~ ~~deranged~~ ~~observations~~ ~~to~~ ~~himself~~ ~~and~~ ~~in~~ ~~need~~ ~~of~~ ~~remedial~~ ~~treatment~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~reasons~~ ~~But~~ ~~the~~ ~~conduct~~ ~~becomes~~ ~~obnoxious~~ ~~when~~ ~~he~~ ~~makes~~ ~~public~~ ~~statements~~ ~~in~~ ~~attempt~~ ~~to~~ ~~with~~ ~~qualifying~~ ~~phrases~~ ~~"so~~ ~~called~~ ~~"~~ ~~calling~~ ~~themselves~~ ~~"~~ ~~because~~ ~~they~~ ~~are~~ ~~not~~ ~~superfluous~~ ~~statements~~ ~~which~~ ~~by~~ ~~their~~ ~~magnification~~ ~~lead~~ ~~one~~ ~~to~~ ~~suspect~~ ~~that~~ ~~they~~ ~~have~~ ~~calculated~~ ~~to~~ ~~mislead~~ ~~and~~ ~~misinform~~ ~~the~~ ~~vast~~ ~~majority~~ ~~of~~ ~~ordinary~~ ~~men~~ ~~and~~ ~~women~~ ~~expect~~ ~~the~~ ~~usual~~ ~~accepted~~ ~~standards~~ ~~of~~ ~~decent~~ ~~behavior~~ ~~are~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~observed~~

It has been said that patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel. In this instance lip-service is given to "the simple rules of courtesy" in a self-righteous and pompous content of the letter betrays the

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contempt in which ~~the~~ claimants are held by
the Executive Secretary. ~~Not only that,~~ that is
not all - The manner in which the entire issue of
evacuation losses has been handled, indicated concretely
and specifically through ~~repeated~~ ^{repeated} instances,
has shown the high handed, ^{arbitrary} and callous attitude of
the Executive Secretary when considering matters
of policy - and the ~~contemptuous~~ ^{derogatory} attitude he has
~~to~~ ^{openly displayed toward} claimants ~~which~~ would be shocking
to all "right-minded persons."

The Toronto Claimants Committee is concerned only with
economic losses of evacuation. It now appears that as a result
of serious mistakes made by the Co-operative Committee and
the JCCA ^{by refusing to heed} ~~despite~~ the warnings of claimants and their representatives
the road to further ^{action} ~~progress~~ on evacuation losses has been ~~blocked~~ ^{blocked}
~~cut~~ - as though ~~by obstruction~~ ^{as effectively any} ~~work~~
done by subterfuge - and the issue is to be closed. The Co-op Com.
& the JCCA have yet to answer for their statement in 1947
that the present claims were only the beginning and a means for