

SOME CONCERNS AND PROBLEMS IN THE REDRESS ISSUE AS IT STANDS TODAY

1. Our ultimate adversary and solution to our goal of achieving REDRESS is the Government of Canada. Therefore any division or dissension in our own community can only be detrimental.
2. In spite of dissenting groups within our community, the party which in some measure, has retained national identity and recognition by the Government is the N. A. J. C.
3. If those who are opposed to the policies and conduct of the N.A.J.C. are sincere and dedicated to the cause of Redress, they must muster sufficient national support to take over the reins from the N.A.J.C.
4. If this division is not resolved, the entire Redress effort will never reach fruition and we shall all have worked in vain.
5. I am in some doubt as to the actual motivation and values of the leaders of the Redress Committee of Survivors in Vancouver for the following reasons.
 - a. They are overly patronizing to Japanese interests, politically economically and socially.
 - b. They practice certain traditions and powers within the J. C. community which are not in keeping with Canadian values
 - c. They do not wholly accept the democratic principles of representative government and the rule of majority.
 - d. They regard those that do not agree with them as being enemies.
They do not always recognize the rights of the individual.
6. Even many Niseis behave like Isseis. They do not see themselves as full-fledged Canadians with all of the rights of their Caucasian counterparts. The Nisei Veterans will not fight the bigots in the Canadian Legion who oppose Redress. Niseis generally fear backlash and do not wish to rock the boat.
7. If any part of this analysis is even partially true, what then is the ultimate solution ? Where is our concern for our children and all other ethnic minorities who may one day face the same persecution and injustices that we so painfully endured ?