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I received the attached from Gordon Yoshikawa. It is a newsletter article for the Cincinnati chapter newsletter in which Betty Breyer, prime solicitor for the chapter, reveals her frustration at the lack of direction and communication in the redress program.

The article pulled before it could be published.

Bill Yoshino

Bill: This article was going to go in the "Grains" but the editor pulled it. I explained to Betty that it would not appear in the newsletter but I would forward it to you and Grace. Betty talked with Shug at the Milwaukee mtg but still feels she is not getting information - please help.  
Gordon Y. Phukan

It has been some time since you have heard about Redress. I apologize for my lack of communication but I have not had anything to report. I do, however, feel that confusion comes with lack of communication and at this point I admit to being very confused.

I have been Redress chairperson for almost 6 months. During that time, I have received no directives from the Midwest District Council chair nor from national although I have given them my name.

My major correspondence has come through Jacqui and she has received very little, if anything. My dilemma is as follows:

1. I am the "Prime Solicitor" for the Cincinnati Chapter and am responsible for raising \$2,000 to be earmarked for legislation.
2. To date, I have received stationery without envelopes, a receipt book and no direction on how to receive reimbursement for postage.
3. I understand that since this money is to be for legislation, it cannot be tax deductible.
4. I believe that the educational leg of this entity (Redress) is still receiving donations. These donations are tax deductible.
5. Donations for Redress (tax deductible) cannot be designated for transfer to the Legislative Education Committee (LEC).
6. To date, I have been given no further direction.

Personally, I do not feel that I can ask for funds in light of my confusion. I have received no progress reports other than those in the Pacific Citizen and remain skeptical about the outcome of this project. The time is running out and JACL seems to be "spinning its wheels" with in-fighting and working out its logistical problems.

I am also a bit angry regarding the lack of communication. The MDC is supposed to be the "grass roots" focus and Ohio, in particular, has some vital supporters of this legislation.

I cannot encourage anyone to make stands and statements regarding this matter without some directives. This total lack of communication from above may be a result of their own internal problems and lack of concentrated effort. Regardless, I will remain inactive until some resolutions can be made.

I do believe that Redress is an important step toward righting the ultimate injustice of man to man. I hope that I have more positive news for everyone in the next issue. I ask that you be patient and understand my situation.

I firmly believe that this is a good cause and that many of our area people will benefit. However, at this present time I cannot actively seek donations until I believe that there will be a positive result.

. . . Betty Tamura Breyer

Redress Chairperson  
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