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PREDOMINANTLY CAUCASIAN COMMISSION APPEARS TO REFLECT THE SAME KIND

ATTITUDE AND THINKING THAT MADE THE JACL COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S
EVACUATION OF JAPANESE AMERICANS IN 1942, ~~AND IN 1948~~ **THE SAME KIND OF THINKING THAT** CAUSED THE JACL
TO ACCEPT WITHOUT PROTEST THE SHOCKINGLY INADEQUATE PROVISIONS OF THE
EVACUATION CLAIMS BILL, **IN 1948.**

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IT IS NOT ONLY ISSEI WHO SEE THE HISTORICAL
OF CHICAGO
SIMILARITIES . WILLIAM HOHRI/IS A NISEI WHO DID TIME **HERE** AT MANZANAR.

MR. HOHRI WRITES: "I MUST STAND APART FROM THE DECISION OF THE
NATIONAL REDRESS COMMITTEE TO LEGISLATE A COMMISSION INSTEAD OF
APPROPRIATIONS FOR REDRESS. THE COMMISSION APPROACH DUCKS THE ISSUE
OF REPARATIONS. I AM NOT SATISFIED ~~XXXXX~~ BY ~~KANXX~~ KARL NOBYUKI'S
ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN AWAY THE OBVIOUS CONFLICTS BY USING THE HARVARD
BUSINESS REVIEW'S DISTINCTION BETWEEN METHODS AND GOALS. LEGISLATION
FOR A COMMISSION CHANGES THE GOALS. IF REPARATIONS ARE TO BE MADE, WE
WILL NEED TO MOUNT ANOTHER CAMPAIGN, SUBMIT NEW LEGISLATION, AND MAYBE
EVEN FORM ANOTHER COMMITTEE."

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MY NAME IS FRANK ABE. I'M A SANSEI. I WORK FOR A GROUP
 KNOWN AS DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE. ~~WE ARE~~ **DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE IS** NOT THE NATIONAL JACL. WE
 ARE NOT AGAINST THE NATIONAL JACL. WE ARE FOR ~~THE CASE~~ **NSM - ALIGNED** REDRESS
 AND LOOKING FOR A MEANS OF BRINGING THE SUPPORT FOR A POLITICAL AND MEDIA
 CAMPAIGN OUT OF THE COLD TO LOBBY CONGRESS FOR A GENUINE REDRESS
 BILL. WE BROUGHT TOGETHER OVER 2000 NIKKEI IN SEATTLE
 AND 1500 NIKKEI IN PORTLAND FOR TWO SEPARATE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE.
 WE HELPED WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN SIMILAR EVENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO
 AND LOS ANGELES. WE BROUGHT THE CONCEPT OF THE FEBRUARY 19TH **DAY OF REMEMBRANCE** PROCLAMATIONS
 TO NATIONAL JACL. WE ARE PUBLISHING AN OPEN LETTER TO SENATOR HAYAKAWA,
 TELLING HIM HE DOES NOT SPEAK FOR JAPANESE AMERICA.
~~FOR WHICH~~ WE RAISED 9,000 DOLLARS AND 1600 SIGNATURES ACROSS THE
 NATION. WE MADE REDRESS A NATIONAL ISSUE AND PRESENTED IT TO CONGRESS
 IN THEIR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER, THE WASHINGTON POST. THE AD IS SCHEDULED
 TO APPEAR WEDNESDAY, MAY 9TH.

AND
 WITHOUT QUESTIONING THEIR MOTIVES ~~OR~~ JUDGING THEM ON THEIR
 ACTIONS, THE REDRESS COMMITTEE HAS FAILED. ~~IN THEIR OWN MINDS~~

~~FOLLOWING THE CONVENTION, THE REDRESS COMMITTEE PROCLAIMED THAT~~ **TALKED AS IF**
 JUSTICE FOR THE ISSEI WAS THEIR TOP PRIORITY. "WE OWE THE ISSEI,"
 THEY SAID.

THE COMMISSION BILL ADMITS THEY CAN'T DELIVER TIMELY JUSTICE
 FOR THE ISSEI **HOW CAN WE STAND NEXT TO THE CRIME OF IMPRISONMENT AND DEPORTATION?
 I ASK CONGRESS TO REPEAL THE CASE OF JA. FOR ANOTHER 5 YEARS?**

THANKS TO THE JACL WE STILL HAVE TO MAKE A CASE FOR REDRESS
 BEFORE TALKING ABOUT THE FORM THAT REDRESS SHOULD TAKE. THE REDRESS
 COMMITTEE HAS REFUSED TO COME OUT IN THE OPEN WITH A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN.
 THEY HAVEN'T EVEN COME ~~UP~~ **OUT** WITH SO MUCH AS A BUMPER STICKER. INSTEAD
 OF RESULTS, THEY GIVE EXCUSES. WHY THE COMMITTEE CAN'T DO IT MAKES NO
 DIFFERENCE. POLITICAL REALITIES CAN BE CHANGED. YET THEY HAVE MADE
 NO ATTEMPT TO RALLY POPULAR SUPPORT. THEY HAVE NOT RUN AN EFFECTIVE
 POLITICAL AND MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO CHANGE POLITICAL REALITIES. THEY HAVE
 NOT PROJECTED A VISION LARGER THAN THE PROBLEM THEY ARE TACKLING AT THE

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MOMENT. INSTEAD OF PROJECTING A LARGER VISION, THEY'VE REDUCED THEIR
GOALS. INSTEAD OF JUSTICE FOR THE CAMPS, IT'S ^{THEIR MILE NOW OF} EDUCATING THE PUBLIC."

THE ONLY POLITICAL REALITY IS THAT THE REDRESS COMMITTEE HAS ONLY
TALKED TO THE NIKKEI IN CONGRESS. IT'S A FACT THAT REDRESS IS POLITICAL
JEOPARDY FOR OUR NIKKEI IN CONGRESS. THIS FACT WAS MOST RECENTLY BROUGHT
OUT BY KARL NOBUYUKI, HIMSELF, IN FRESNO. WHY DOES THE REDRESS
COMMITTEE IGNORE THE SYMPATHETIC WHITES ^{IN CONGRESS} WHO HAVE HELD OUT THEIR
HANDS FOR A REDRESS BILL TO SUPPORT?

BY THEIR OWN ACTIONS, THE REDRESS COMMITTEE HAVE REMOVED THEMSELVES
FROM THE ACTIVE CAMPAIGN. AND FOR THIS ACTION, HAYAKAWA
LAST WEEK
HAS COMMENDED THEM FOR JOINING HIM. IN SAN FRANCISCO, HE SAID
"I ONCE CALLED REDRESS ABSURD, AND I STILL THINK IT'S ABSURD. AND THE
REDRESS COMMITTEE AGREES IT'S ABSURD, BECAUSE THEY'VE WITHDRAWN THAT
DEMAND ALTOGETHER." NOTE: THE JACL HAS NOT BROUGHT HAYAKAWA AROUND,
HAYAKAWA CLAIMS HE HAS BROUGHT THE JACL AROUND.

YOU ALL KNOW HOW IMPORTANT REDRESS IS TO YOU. IT IS
NOT ENOUGH FOR US TO SAY, WE REMEMBER. IT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR THE
~~GOVERNMENT~~ PUBLIC TO BE EDUCATED. IT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR ^{CONGRESS} ~~THE GOVERNMENT~~
TO SAY, **WE'RE** SORRY.

~~AS~~ THE JACL ITSELF ONCE DECLARED, ~~THIS~~ :
~~BY CUSTOM AND TRADITION,~~ "ANY AMERICAN WHO HAS BEEN INJURED BY
FALSE ACCUSATION, ARREST, OR IMPRISONMENT IS EXPECTED TO BRING THE
RESPONSIBLE PARTIES INTO COURT AND OBTAIN A JUDGEMENT CLEARING HIS
OR HER ~~X~~ NAME AND COLLECTING DAMAGES AS REDRESS."

IF THE JACL HAS ABANDONED THIS STANCE, FOR WHATEVER REASON,
A SEPARATE ORGANIZATION MUST BE FORMED TO CARRY FORWARD A GENUINE REDRESS
BILL, ~~IN CONGRESS~~.

THANK YOU.

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