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TO JACLers:

In accepting the chairmanship of the JACL National Reparation Committee, I look upon it as an opportunity to contribute toward a phase of this campaign.

Although endorsed by the JACL National Council at every biennial convention since 1970, the concept of reparation is still not clear to many Japanese Americans. And adding to the confusion is the method of redress which to many determines their acceptance or rejection of the reparation idea.

The first and major task of this committee, as I see it, is to clarify the issue of reparation, then submit concrete alternative plans to the Japanese Americans for their review and comments. The pros and cons of not only the various plans but of the reparation concept itself must be fully explored and discussed for a clearer understanding of the issues. The issues are: 1) Why or why not reparation? 2) How?

The goal is the development of a single realistic proposal which had wide support not only of Japanese Americans but other Americans as well. Legislative passage is the issue to which the proposal must be addressed.

All efforts will be made to clarify the issues for Japanese Americans, without whose understanding and support the project cannot go into the next phase of educating and gathering support of the American public.

Hopefully a thorough educational phase for Japanese Americans can be completed by the Salt Lake City convention next summer, at which time I hope to relinquish the chairmanship to another person to carry on the next phase of the campaign.

. . . Clifford I. Uyeda.
 Pacific Citizen, October 28, 1977.