

Editorial

The *New Canadian*, pretentious in name, rising from the ashes of two former second generation newspapers, presents itself to its readers, for the first time since its modest inception. For two issues it appeared as an experimental venture, going to the press periodically, when funds were available.

But the acclimation that has greeted it, the enthusiasm with which it has been received, has so encouraged us that now we take it upon ourselves to appear as a semi-monthly magazine-newspaper. In joining the ranks of myriads of small town and two-by-four papers, we can claim only one merit and that, as being a venture arising out of the efforts and the needs of the second generation.

At no other time in the life of the second generation when hostile voices rise sharp in crescendo has there been a greater need for some medium through which the Nisei might speak his thoughts and hopes to the Canadian public at large. At no other time has there been a greater need for an organ that would rally a wavering minority group to a firmer consciousness of its peculiar position and the goal to which it must proceed in the land of its adoption.

In claiming for ourselves this great risk, we are impelled by firm convictions. We believe in the principles of justice and fairplay. We believe in the abetting of right and the oppressed. In particular we believe that Canada holds for the Nisei, at large, his only future. To the future greatness of Canada and the part of the Canadian-born Japanese in this future we pledge our sincere effort and our endeavor.

In a world ridden with hysteria and fear, we challenge every Nisei to sane and unbiased thought. Alive as we are to our limitations as human beings in the evaluation of situations, in the possibility of error and misjudgment, we make our motto — Sanity and Constructiveness. We are particularly on guard against pitfalls of mass-thinking.

Important as our task may be, we are helpless financially and morally, without the whole hearted support and confidence of every Nisei. We ask that he forget whatever failures that may have occurred in the past. We ask that he share the vision that fires us, gird his loins with courage and fight on till we are recognized as worthy citizens in the national and political life of the country of our birth — Canada.

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