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The Sixth Annual General Election Meeting
April 3, 1941

The Sixth Annual General Election Meeting of the Vancouver Chapter of the J.C.C.L. was held at the Hyslop Club on Thursday, April 3rd, 1941, at 8:00 pm. Mr. Kunio Shimizu occupied the chair.

The business opened with the election of the 1940 - 1942 executive. The nominees for the various offices were as follows:

President - Dr. George Ishiwara
1st Vice-President - Harry S. Kondo
2nd Vice President - To be appointed by the athletic group.
Casual Secretary - Hajime Suzuki, Eileen Shikaze
Record Secretary - Fiji Gotake, Yae Ayabe
Treasurer - Yoshio Terada, Kazu Ayama
Social Convenors - Lily Fujita, Fumi Mori, Kay Sasaki, Tomi Umeki.
Executive Officers - Kazuko Kagawa, Neil Okawara, Kiyoshi Suga, Sho Takayama, Masaji Endo, Kinji Tanaka; Frank Nakamura, Micky Sato, Tako Kitamura, Hideo Yoshida, Mark Tayama, George Konno.

(The first name mentioned above for each office being the choice of the Nominating Committee.)

The following were elected:

President - Dr. George Ishiwara (acclamation)
1st Vice Pres. - Harry Shoda Kondo (acclamation)
2nd Vice Pres. - Seiji Onizuka (term expires Oct. 31)

Corresp. Secretary - Hajime Suzuki
Record. Secretary - Eiji Yatabe
Treasurer - Yoshio T. Terada
Social Convenors - Kay Sasaki, Tomi Iwasaki
Executive Officers - Cecil Okawara, Mark Toyama, Kinzie Tanaka, Kiyoshi Saga, [illegible] Kagawa, Mas Endo.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on March 20th were read by Miss Lily Fujita and adopted.

The chairman announced, that, due to personal reasons and circumstances beyond his control, His Worship C. E. Cornett, Mayor of Vancouver, who was re-elected to the office on [illegible] was unable to attend the meeting. The chairman also regretfully announced that the substitute guest speaker, City of Vancouver Corporation Counsel E. H. McTaggart, was unable to come due to an emergency meeting at the City Hall. *

The meeting was saved, however, by four stalwart members who took part in an informal panel discussion debating the pros and cons of "Dual Citizenship." Messrs. Yoshimitsu Nagaki and Kasuy Ayama eloquently pleaded the case for dual citizenship, while Messrs. Kinzie Tanaka and Eiji Yatabe hotly denounced it as being a detour in the Nisei fight for full rights of Canadian citizenship. Mr. Mark Toyama very ably acted as chairman. While refreshments were being served

the discussion of the was continued in which many members of the audience enthusiastically took part. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Approximately 45 members attended the meeting.

Fiji Ryatake Rec. Secy.

The ~~Second~~ Third Annual Spring Frolic

April 10, 1941.

The Third Annual Spring Frolic was held on Thursday, April 10, 1941, at the Stanley Park Pavilion. As this romantic setting where the bright full moon shone its pale rays on the cherry blossoms, the magnolias and the azaleas, nearly one hundred and fifty ~~Nisei~~ couples gaily tripped the light fantastic to the soothing music of Sonny Kayne and his Coconut Grove Orchestra from 9:30 o'clock till the hour of one. The tickets were one dollar a couple. The ballroom was comfotably filled and the J.C.L. coffer was probably agreeably ~~in~~ expanded. (P.S. Judie Wong, Watson. Mind $2 in the red.)

* Addendum: The chairman asked for volunteers to help canvass the district bounded by Princess Avenue and Campbell Avenue for the present War Service Appeal. Volunteers are to get in touch with K.K. Mukaida.

Third Annual B.C. Youth Congress - April 11-14.

The Third Annual B.C. Youth Congress was held at the Skeena Sports Centre on April 11 - 14. This year it was held in the form of an assembly to which any person belonging to any youth organization in B.C. could come. Approximately 150 persons were registered. They went into three different commissions under the headings of (a) "Youth Earns It's Daily Bread" - the problems of employed young people. (b) "Youth Vitalizes Democracy" - the problems of local government (c) "Youth Pays the Bill" - the problems of financing. Four commission sessions were held, and two plenary sessions were held on Sunday, April 13. The Congress reaffirmed its stand of former years in advocating the granting of the franchise to Oriental Canadians. The key note speakers were Rev. Dr. James H. Melvin, pastor of Trinity United Church, who spoke at the opening assembly on Friday, April 11th, and Dr. A.P.B. Clark, Professor of Modern Languages, U.B.C. who delivered the closing address on Easter Sunday, April 13th. A rally was held on Monday April 14th, at which Miss Emma Taylor, state representative for Washington, was the guest speaker.

The official delegates to the Congress from the Vancouver Chapter J.C.C. were Kay Sasaki and Eiji Yatabe. The Japanese caucus nominated Kinzie Iwaka, Kaey Ayama and Eiji Yatabe as J.C.C. Representatives to the B.C. Youth Council

First Executive Meeting : May 5, 1941.

The first executive meeting of the 1941-1942 term was held on May 5, 1941 at 8 p.m. in the office of the "New Canadian." With the president, Dr. Ishimaru, as chairman, the other members present were: Messrs. Iwada, Suga, Kondo, Suzuki, Tanaka, Shoyama and Yatabe.

In his opening remarks, the president welcomed the the new members to the executive and asked for their fullest support and cooperation during the coming year.

The following business items were discussed:

Membership campaign - Since the Vancouver Chapter has enrolled only 200 out of nearly a thousand eligible nisei in the city as members, it was felt that a membership drive should be held. The offer of the Buddhist Federation to affiliate with the Chapter was declined for the time being. The reasons for the ~~no~~ membership drive were to obtain greater financial and moral strength. One member thought that if fees were causing prospective members to stay away from the meetings, they should be abolished. It was generally opined, however, that the main reasons for the small membership were were lack of interest among the nisei in general and insufficient publicity regarding the work of the J.C.C.L. The conclusions drawn then were that a rigorous advertising campaign should be instituted before a general membership drive is held.

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Publicity committee - In order to publicise the work of the J.C.C.L. a committee under the chairmanship of Kinzie Tanaka was formed. The members appointed were Messrs Shota Kondo, Mark Fujama, Kazuhiko Ayama and others as are required. The committee was empowered to take care of all publicity in the "New Canadian" and the "Nikkei English Section." A regular column was appear in each of these newspapers. Later on, a pamphlet describing the past history and records of the Chapter may be published.

Entertainment committee - Mr. Shoyama stated that he had been approached by the War Services branch of the local Y.M.C.A. which asked for the support of the J.C.C.L. in holding several concerts for soldiers stationed at various barracks in the city and environs. The members of the Executive voiced their approval and appointed Messrs. Kiyoshi Suga and Jimmy Suzuki as chairmen and vice-chairman respectively of an entertainment committee to take care of the details. The committee will approach the various musical ~~individuals~~ artists and groups to donate their services for this worthy cause.

Nippon Fujinkai Concert. - The president informed the Executive that the Nippon Fujinkai was contemplating a concert to ~~be~~ held be held in the near future to raise funds for the Queen's Fund and that the organization was asking for the utmost support of the J.C.C.L.

in this matter. The members of the Executive unanimously pledged their support.

General Meetings. - It was urged by Mrs. Tanaka that the Executive set aside a certain fixed date in each month for the general meeting of the Chapter. It was decided to hold a general meeting on the last Thursday of each month. The time and place were to remain the same as before, viz. 8 o'clock at the Nippon Club.

The next general meeting will be held on May 29th. at which the guest of honour will probably be Consul Ichiro Kawasaki, the new consul in Vancouver who arrived last month. Mr. Ishiwara was to contact Mr. Kawasaki who will return from Ottawa on Thursday next. Believing that a panel discussion on the Nisei Marriage Problem might be of interest to the members, Eiji Yatabe was appointed to make arrangements for such a discussion at the next meeting.

J.C.C.A. Official Pins - The president was instructed to obtain 3 dozen pins which will be sold to the members. So far the sales have been discouraging as far as the Chapter was concerned.

Letter to Valdi - The corresponding secretary was instructed to send a letter of congratulations to the Valdi (Vancouver Island) Chapter on their recent formation. To get orders for pins, a sample will be remitted with the letter.

The Sixth Annual National Convention will be held in Act Victoria during the Thanksgiving weekend, around October 12th. The members of the executive were urged to talk about it so as to encourage the members at large to attend the Convention and also to discuss uncovered possible topics for discussion.

The president was, at this time, called away to the Nippon Fujinkai meeting being held at the Nippon Club, therefore, Mr. Shayama was asked to chair the rest of the meeting.

Public Speaking and Study Group: In order to encourage the Chapter Members to improve their speech as well as to study more thoroughly the Second Generation Problem, a public speaking study group will be formed. Eiji Yatabe was appointed as temporary chairman to make necessary arrangements.

Next Executive Meeting - The next executive meeting will be held on Monday, June second, at the New Canadian office at 8 p.m. The regular executive meetings will hereafter take place on the first Monday of each month.

After imbibing of the liquid refreshments in the form of "cokes" supplied by the generous president, the members of the executive bade good night to one another and departed ~~one by one~~. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm.

E Yatabe

First
~~Second~~ General Meeting.

May 29, 1941.

The ~~first~~ second general meeting of the term was held on May 29, 1941 at 8:00 p.m. at the Nippon Club with the president as chairman. The president opened the meting with an announcement regarding the coming dance in aid of the Queen's Fund. He then introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Consul Ichiro Kawasaki, who spoke in English regarding his views of the nisei. He felt that nisei in general possess an inferiority complex which result apparently from racial discrimination and family environment. The fault lies not only with the nisei but with the issei. Unlike the situation in the Orient, the Japanese in Canada are placed in a humiliating position due to racial prejudice of the white Canadians. He said that racial prejudice is not confined to nisei, the consul stated, quoting such examples as the negroes and the Jews in the United States and Britain. He thought that the nisei should copy the methods of the Jews in attaining financial independence and greater power. He stressed the fact that although nisei may obtain full rights of citizenship within their first lifetime, the "de facto" discrimination due to their Oriental physiognomy will never disappear. He concluded by asking the nisei to be more ambitious, more united and to be more on the alert in die

covering possible an avenue to better living.

The first vice-president, Harry Kondo, voiced his thanks on behalf of the audience which showed its approval of the Consul's address with a loud and prolonged applause.

The meeting continued with a discussion of the nisei marriage problem led by Miss Kay Sasaki and Eiji Yatabe who gave reports based on the findings from questionnaires which had been answered by 40 girls and 14 boys. Although the findings could not be taken as being truly representative, they were nevertheless thought to be fairly accurate in indicating the opinions of the nisei regarding various aspects of the problem.

~~The different aspects dealt with were classified. The questions were classified as follows: economic, religious, biological, traditional,~~ psychological and educational aspects. In general, it was felt that nisei boys and girls do not ask much of one another with respect to marriage qualifications. It was hoped that the discussion will have helped to pave the way towards a solution of the nisei marriage problem.

After the president was thanked the two co-chairmen of the discussion, the recording secretary read the minutes of the previous general meeting, which were moved and adopted as

read.

Eiji Yatabe then asked all those interested in joining the proposed public speaking study group to leave their names with him.

The meting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Refreshments were then served. The meting was attended by approximately 80 people.

Second Executive Meeting

June 6, 1941.

The second meting of the executive took place on Friday, June 6th, 1941, at 8:30pm. at the "New Canadian" office. The members present at the meting were Dr. Ishiwara, Messrs. Kando, Tanaka, Terada, Suzuki, Yatabe, Suga and Shoyama, the last two being tardy.

With Dr. Ishiwara presiding, the meting discussed the following business:

The minutes of the first executive meeting were read and adopted.

Queen's Fund Concert - With respect to the Concert in aid of the Queen's Canadian Fund for Air Raid Victims which will be held on June 22nd at the Japanese Hall, the president announced the following appointments:

Programme chairman - Cecil Otawara
Stage manager - Mat Matsui
Electrician - Minoru Akiyama
Art director - Sam Yamada

The assistants were to be left to the discretion of the department heads.

The stage was to be reconstructed as to represent an air raid shelter, said the president. Mayor and Mrs. J.T. Cornett were said to have accepted the invitation of the delegation from the Federated Fujinkai and the J.C.C.L. to attend the concert. 8 tickets were were set aside for the other members of the Council and 2 for the secretary of the mayor Mr. Sutherland.

Next General Meeting - The next general meeting of the Chapter will take place on June 25th. Among the speakers suggested were Mayor Cornett, Corporation Counsel D.E. MacTaggart, Mr. Manat of the Toronto General Trust Co.'s and Mr. H.L. MacDavish, managing editor of the "Vancouver Daily Province." After some discussion, Thomas Shoyama was asked to approach the last mentioned gentleman.

Publicity committee chairman Kinzie Tanaka said that the organizational problems were of the J.C.C.L. should be discussed sometime and suggested the formation of an organizational committee. It was decided that a discussion of such a nature should be held at the next meeting. Kinzie Tanaka was appointed to prepare a questionnaire which would be mimeographed and copies sent to various nisei organizations of the city in order to discover the representative opinions regarding the J.C.C.L.

Picnic - The matter of the Chapter picnic was brought up by the president. The prevailing general opinion was that the picnic was not necessary this year and so none will be held.

Victory Loan Rally - Mr. Shayama announced that Mrs. J. D. MacCay of the Vancouver Folk Festival had asked for support from the Japanese community for the Victory Loan Rally sponsored by the Victory Loan Committee to be held at Hastings Park on Sunday, June 15th. The Ruby Kyubikai girls will be asked to present two "odoris" at the Rally. Mr. Ishimaru will approach the Kyubikai and the Nippon Bujinkai and ask for their support.

National Convention - The Victoria Chapter had written for to the president asking for suggestions from the Vancouver Chapter regarding the possible programme for the coming National Convention in October. One suggestion made was to arrange a baseball game between Mainland delegates and Island delegates during the recreational period. Regarding possible topics for discussion, no suggestions were made; but the corresponding secretary was asked to write to Victoria as requesting information regarding the plans made to date and then suggestions will be forwarded.

Chemainus Chapter's Marriage Discussion - The Chemainus Chapter, intending to hold discussion regarding marriage problems, had written to the New Canadian requesting information on the possible ways of undertaking such a meeting. Eiji Yatabe was instructed to write to Chemainus explaining the method adopted by the Vancouver Chapter.

Delegate to Youth Council - The three members, Kinzie Tanaka, Kasey Ogma and

Eiji Yatabe were officially appointed as delegates to the Greater Vancouver Youth Council.

Chapter Inter-visits - In order to promote closer and intimate relations with other Chapters, inter-visiting was suggested as one means. A fuller discussion on this will held at the next executive meeting.

Victory Bonds: Since the treasury has enough money to carry on the year's work easily, the purchase of a $50 ~~ton~~ Victory Bond was suggested by Mr. Shoyama. After some discussion, it was moved by Ei Yatabe and seconded by Hajime Suzuki that the Chapter purchase one $50 bond. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.
The next executive meeting was scheduled for Friday, July 4th.

The Queen's Fund Concert

June 22, 1941.

The Concert in aid of the Queen's Canadian Fund for Air Raid Victims, sponsored by the Federated Women's Organizations and the Vancouver Chapter J.C.C.L., was held at the Japanese Hall on the evening of June 22, 1941. The hall was filled to capacity and included special guests such as Mayor and Mrs. J.T. Cornett and Alderman Corsey. Numerous leading nisei artists contributed their talents to the concert including Miss Lily Washimoto, Hank Kunagai and others.

The concert netted $200.

Second General Meeting

June 26, 1941.

The second general meeting was held at the Nippon Club on Thursday, June 26th at 8:30 p.m. With the past-president, Thomas Shoyama, acting as chairman, the following business was carried out:

The minutes of the previous general meting were read by the secretary, and adopted without changes. In conforming with the new executive policy of keeping the members informed of all executive activities, the minutes of the second executive meting were read by the secretary. The chairman then asked for suggestions for the summer activities of the Chapter. Other announcements included the proposed discussion meting with representatives of the Nippon Fujinkai as a "follow-up" on the recent marriage discussion meting, and that the net income from the recent concert being in the neighbourhood of $300, which sum had been forwarded to the Mayor's office. Then followed a reading of the letter from the Housing Committee of the Victoria Chapter J.C.C.L. which will be the host chapter for the coming National Convention in October. The letter asked for the names of the possible convention delegates from Vancouver.

The main part of the ~~coming~~ meting followed. The guest speaker, Mr. H. L. MacTavish, the managing editor of the

"Vancouver Daily Province" gave a very interesting and enlightening talk on "The War."

At the outset the speaker stated, that, like any other person, he was unable to explain fully the cause and the cause of this war. "Norman is directing today the cause of this war. Giant irresistable forces are sweeping thru the world leading it into a condition which no man can foresee. When battles will be fought; when the war will end; no one knows," he stated

Mr. MacDavish traced the cause of the war since the outbreak in Poland a year and ten months ago. He spoke of how the Germans subdued Poland in Fweeks and then moved on to conquer one after another the countries of Norway, Denmark, Belgium, The Netherlands, and France. He described how the Funch had been lulled into a false sense of security by the "Maginot Line" complex. He went on to tell of the spreading of the war to North Africa and the Near East and finally to Russia. He touched for a minute the Sino-Japanese war of four years standing.

He told of the appalling destruction and ~~suffering~~ the unimaginable suffering brought into the world by these wars.

Some of the causes of the European war were explained by the post-world war I history conditions of Italy Germany and Italy. These two countries had been adopted gangster governments which knew only violence, leading naturally to war with other countries.

After Mr. MacTavish's speech, Kunio Shimizu moved a formal vote of thanks. Then followed a period of questioning which lasted for an hour. Various questions pertaining to the war were fired at Mr. MacTavish, and kept him on his feet continuously. The speaker took his leave at 10:15.

A brief resumé of his report on the findings of the questionnaire on J.C.C.L. policy was given by publicity chairman, Kinzie Tanaka. The full report will be given at the next general meeting to be held in July.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. and refreshments were then enjoyed by the members. The audience numbered approximately 50.

Third Executive Meeting.

July 4, 1941.

The third meeting of the executive took place at 5:30 P.m. on Friday, July 4th, in the office of the "New Canadian." The members present were Dr. Ishimaru, Messrs. Tanaka, Kondo, Yatabe, Shoyama and Suzuki. Mr. Kunio Shimizu, the general secretary of the National Council was also present. With Dr. Ishimaru presiding, the following business was carried out.

Next general meeting. Much discussion was had regarding the next general meeting. It was decided that no guest speaker will be obtained for the meeting, but that Kinzie Tanaka will give a complete

report on the findings of the questionnaire. Different locations were suggested, such as Spanish Banks, 2nd, the Consul's residence, but the place was finally decided to be the original one, viz. Nippon Club. The date will be Thursday, July 31st. at 8:15 p.m. sharp. The starting time will be firmly adhered to, the president stated.

In order to provide some entertainment at the meeting it was suggested by Mr. Shoyama that impromptu 3 minute speeches be given by 5 members of the executive. The challenge was accepted, and Mr. Shoyama will be given the privilege of choosing the topics of the speeches.

Moved - Shoyama
Second - Tanaka.

Membership campaign committee - In order to go after new or delinquent members a membership campaign committee will be set up. The committee members will be appointed by the president, it was decided.

Reception committee - At Mr. Tanaka's suggestion that a reception committee be set up to care for visitors and ~~and~~ would-be members at the meetings, such a committee will be formed. Mr. Dan Hashimoto and Miss Mitsuye Sasaki will be approached by the president to act on the committee.

Publicity release - The publicity chairman, Mr. Tanaka, stated that the second article on the series of publicity releases will be ready soon for publication. Mr. Kondo was asked to translate the article into Japanese and send it in to the three

(Japanese) papers.

Letter of thanks) - It was moved by Mr. Shoyama and seconded by Mr. Tanaka, that the corresponding secretary be instructed to send a letter of thanks to Mr. D. L. MacDonald and to all guest speakers herein after engaged. The motion carried.

Letter to Victoria - The Mr. Shoyama revealed that the letter to the Victoria Chapter regarding suggestions for the Convention programme was now unnecessary, since the National Council will decide the topics for discussion.

Convention housing - Regarding the letter from the Housing Committee of the Victoria Chapter asking for the number of possible delegates from Vancouver, the executive will find out for sure as the exact number as accurately as possible at the next general meeting.

Thanks from Women's Org. - The president informed the executive that the delegates of the various women's organizations have sent thanks to the Chapter for its aid in the recent Queen's Fund Concert.

Proceeds of Talent Revue - Mr. Shimizu reported that the proceeds of the Nisei Talent Revue held in January are still in his possession because of the lack of some responsible organization to take care of the money. The president was asked to approach the Kenkō Sōdansho regarding the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.m.

E. Ishitake

The Third General Meeting.

July 31, 1941.

The third general meeting of the Chapter was held on July 31, 1941 at the Nippon Club. The chairman, Mr. Kunio Shimizu, opened the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The chairman announced that all members desirous of attending the coming 6th Annual Convention in Victoria were to get in touch with any member of the executive.

Two impromptu speeches, given by the corresponding secretary and the recording secretary, took up the remaining time until 8:30 p.m.

* The chairman then introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Kinzie Tanaka, who gave his report on the findings of the recent J.C.C.L. questionnaire. Mr. Tanaka stated that over 400 questionnaires were distributed among the various nisei organizations in the city, including the Chapter, and the returns number of forms filled and returned numbered 63. Those answered by non JCCL members numbered 34. (20 g., 14 b.) and by JCCL. members 29. (14 g., 15 b.).

Many interesting and important facts were discovered by means of the questionnaire. Among them may be listed the following:

(1) Unanimously felt that the J.C.C.L. was a necessary organization.

(2) More than half the members had confidence in the present executive.

(3) The present type of "double header" programmes were popular.

(4) Labour problems, occupational and.

economical problems were the topics mostly discussed for discussion meetings.

After the report, which ended at 9.55 p.m. a 5 minute recess was declared.

After the meeting was resumed, the chairman announced the request from the Vancouver Youth Council for the loan of two sets of kimonos to be used in a short sketch to be put on at the coming National Youth Camp in Winnipeg.

The question of whether or not to have a meeting in August was decided when it was put to a vote. The vote was 21-11 in favour of the meeting.

Then several topics, resulting from the report were brought up for discussion. The possibilities of forming a Federation of nisei organizations in Vancouver were again aired. It was felt that the main difficulty of getting Bussei League members to join the J.C.C.L. was that 75% of the members of that league spoke virtually only Japanese. A suggestion was made that there be formed a "Kibei" division paralleling that of the J.A.C.L. would be formed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Refreshments were served.

The audience numbered 54.

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Addendum:

The minutes of the second general meeting were read and adopted without change.

The minutes of the third executive meeting were read for the benefit of the non-executive members.

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Fourth Executive Meeting: Aug. 8, 1941

The fourth executive meeting of the year was held on Friday, August 8, 1941, at 9:00 p.m. in the office of the "New Canadian". The members present were: Dr. Ishiwara, Messrs. Suzuki, Terada, Endo, Kondo and Yatabe. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Ishiwara and began with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were moved and adopted.

Next. gen. mtg. The first item of business dealt with the next general meeting. The question of having the meeting in August or not was again raised, and the executive again voted on it. The vote was in favour of the meeting. The tentative date was set for Thursday, August 28th. The speaker will be Mr. Arnold Webster, the well-known C.C.F. campaigner, and also a member of the Vancouver Parks Board. Mr. Webster will be contacted by Mr. Shoyama. The topic of his speech will be left to Mr. the speaker.

As a slight diversion, the president suggested that educational movies be shown after Mr. Webster's speech. It was unanimously agreed by the others, and so Dr. Ishiwara will approach the party with whom he had been in contact regarding the matter.

For refreshments, "cokes" will be served instead of tea.

Membership campaign. - With regard to the coming fall membership campaign, the president ~~has~~ appointed the following two members to serve as district captains on the committee:

Burnaby - Masaji Endo and Sho Takayama
Kelowna - Ted Tsuda and Eiji Yatabe
Centre - Harry Kondo or Kazuko Kagawa and
D. Ashiwara.

D. Ashiwara generously offered to be with award of a prize, consisting of a return trip ticket to Victoria, to the captain obtaining the largest number of new members during the campaign.

Reception committee - The president stated that he had approached th Miss M. Sasaki and Mr. P. Washimoto regarding their appointment to the reception committee and had obtained their consent.

Delegates to Victoria - It was intimated by Mr. Suzuki that the possible delegates to the National Convention from Vancouver will number approximately 20, including the executive members. The two official delegates from the Chapter, besides the president, will be chosen at the next executive meeting.

Re joint discussion meetings - The president informed the executive that the vice president, Mr. Shoji, of the Canadian Japanese Association had approached him regarding a joint supper meeting by the members of the C.J.A. and the J.C.C.L. The event will probably take place in October at the Fuji and the J.C.C.L. members will be guests of the Issei.

The joint meeting with the Federation of Women's Organizations will probably take place later in the fall or winter, it was seen.

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Letter to Mr Macdonald - Upon query, the corresponding secretary informed the executive that the letter of thanks had be dispatched to Mr H. L. MacDonald.

Re concerts in barracks. - Regarding the proposed concerts to be held in the various barracks in the city by visiting groups and sponsored by the J.C.C.L., information had been received that such plans be shelved for the time being.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm. The members then enjoyed refreshments in the form of "oke" and potato chips, generously supplied by Dr. Ishiwara and Mr. Tanaka, respectively, and shewed the rag about things in general for the next half hour.

E Yatabe

5th Executive Meeting.

Friday, Sept. 5, 1941.

The fifth meeting of the executive took place on Friday, Sept. 5th, at 8:30 p.m. in the office of the "New Canadian." The members present were as follows: Dr. Ishiwara, Messrs. Shoyama, Suga, Suzuki and Yatabe.

With Dr. Ishiwara presiding the following business was carried out:

Membership campaign teams. - The teams selected to canvass the various districts and organizations in Vancouver

were as follows:
① P. Tanaka, T. Shimizu, ② Sho Tatsuyama, Masaji Endo, ③ Kiyoshi Suga, S. Onizuka ④ Shota Kondo, Yoshio Matsui, ⑤ Kazuko Kagawa, Eileen Shintani, ⑥ Mrs. Kay Kuwahara, Tomi Iwasaki, ⑦ Eiji Yatabe, Miyo Okamura, ⑧ Jimmy Suyuki, Mr. E. Kano, ⑨ Tommy Shoyama, Mr. T. Ishiwata, ⑩ Lily Fujita, Kiyo Ohkata.

The campaign will begin immediately, and will end on Sunday, October 5th.

Oratorical contest semi-finals - In order to secure contestants for the Mainland Semi-finals of the Annual Oratorical Contest to be held next month, the corresponding secretary was instructed to contact the various mainland chapters in order to immediatly. The ~~co~~closing date for entries will be September 19th, and the tentative date of the contest will be Saturday, Oct. 5th, at the Nippon Club. The three best orators will be represent the Mainland at the finals to be held during the Convention at Victoria.

Folk Festival meeting - The president reported that, at the request of the Folk Festival committee, he had appointed two representatives from the Vancouver Chapter to attend the meeting of that committee which is to be held this next Sunday, Sept. 7th, at the home of Mrs. J. T. Medley. The two representatives will be Eileen Shintani and Kazuko ~~Kagaya~~ Kagawa.

Nisei Entertainer - The president also reported ~~ab~~ that he had secured the services

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four musicians to be for the variety concert to be held on September 13th at the Chamber of Commerce Hall in Burnaby and sponsored by the Burnaby Chamber of Commerce. The guests at the concert will be the members of the Happier Old Age Club.

Oratorical contest entrants - Kiyoshi Suga was delegated to get in touch with various misis in Vancouver who were thought to be possible contestants for the oratorical contest.

Official delegates to Victoria - The official delegates to the National Conventions will be Mr. Ashiwara, Ted Terada, and Kenzie Tomaka, the executive decided.

Possible delegates to the Convention - A list of names was drawn up of those people who were, or were thought to be, intending to attend the Convention next month. Approximately 25 names appeared on the list, and Mr. Kay Kuwahara will be asked to contact the several people whose intentions were not known.

The meting adjourned at 10:00 Pm.

T. Yakabe

Addendum - The pusident stated that he will not fail to remember to bring the official J.C.C.L. pins to the next general meting to be held on Thursday, September 5th.

The reason for the postponement of the August 29th meting was the inability

of the guest speaker, Mr. Arnold Thobaben, to attend the meeting on that date.

Fourth General Meeting.

Sept. 18, 1941.

The fourth general meeting of the Chapter was held on Thursday, Sept. 18. at the Nippon Club. The meeting opened at 8:25 pm. with Thomas Shoyama in the chair.

The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and adopted without any changes. The minutes of the previous executive meeting were then read.

The chairman then made the announcement regarding the coming Mainland Semi-finals Oratorical Contest which will be held on October 4th. in Vancouver. The president then spoke a few words about the present membership campaign being carried out by the members of the executive, and she asked the others to help as much as possible in securing ~~present~~ new members. The chairman followed with a few announcements. The annual ~~Easter~~ Dominion Folk Festival will be held on October 13-15 at the Georgian Room of the Hudson's Bay Company. Miss Mackay, the president of the Folk Festival, wishes all groups to take part. The 5th National Convention will be held in Victoria on October 12 13. Boat fare is $3.15 plus tax. Members wishing to attend the Convention are asked to hand in their names to the secretary.

The guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Arnold Webster, prominent C.C.F. leader and member of the Vancouver Parks Board, was then introduced by the chairman. Mr. Webster spoke about on his conception of true democracy. He said that democracy, like love, is something which cannot be taken for granted. Many people ~~have made~~ make that mistake and then democracy seems to become a lifeless static thing. True democracy, like plants and other organisms, knows no finality. In discussing the democratic form of government, he said that "the government of a community should serve the first interests of the community," and he quoted the famous ending of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. In this government, the dignity of human beings - "the uncommon genius of the commonman" - is recognized. In a true democracy there shall be no exploiting nor exploited groups, there shall be no economic rivalry, no strife between the sexes and no racial prejudice. A good system requires good citizenship and therefore it requires "the readiness on the part of each member to pull his weight for his community." In order to do that we must have channels for discussion, we must develop a tolerant attitude towards one another, we must have provisions for cyber limits as well as abhorrence of restrictions; we should examine ourselves at all times so that we shall always express our true opinions. Mr. Webster concluded by saying "Unity in Canada, unity in the whole world

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~~con~~ occasionally ~~thought~~ heard a rustling and scampering of animals." Dinner included more roasts of ~~thank~~ ~~to~~ the speaker. A few minutes were spent in which the Chairman explained his task had he had taken during the second hypothesis controversy.

After a five minute recess, two sound movies ~~were shown~~ first were enjoyed by the members audience. The first one entitled, "Fight for Liberty" was a ~~pro~~ war publicity release film released by the National Film Board, and the second was a commercial advertising film entitled the "Watkins Family," released by the National Carbon Company. The films were shown through the facilities of General Films Limited.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m. Refreshments were served. The audience number approximately 55.

E. Yatabe

6th Executive Meeting.

Sept. 26, 1941.

The sixth meeting of the executive was held at the home of the president Mr. Endo Thursday Sept. 26th. at 5:30 p.m. The members present were: Dr. Ishiwata, Mr. Terada, Endo, Shigeno, Suzuki and Yatabe. The following business was carried out: Interzone contest semi-finals - ~~will~~ to be held on Saturday, Oct 4th ~~and~~ to be held at Dr. Ishiwata's residence at 8 p.m.

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Fifth General Meeting.

Thursday Evening

The fifth general meeting of the Association was held on Thursday evening, October 1st, at the Hyperion Club. The meeting was opened with a short musical program, and a brief address of welcome was delivered by the President, Mr. Alfred Mudge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Mudge then said: "Ladies and Gentlemen - Before calling the meeting to order I wish to say a few words of welcome to our guests, and to express the pleasure it gives us to see so many present. We are glad to see you all, and hope you will enjoy yourselves while you are here. We have a short program before us, and after that is finished we will have dancing. I now call the meeting to order."

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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~~to be present at Brandon~~ [illegible] setup a committee to study the possibilities of the equines movement in the Lytton community. The meeting discussion ended at 10 p.m.

The head and both tickets were limited to the numbers going to the contention by the general secretary.

Refreshments were served.

The audience numbered approximately 50.

F. Gatchell.

The Sixth Annual National Convention.

Victoria, B.C. October 12-13.

Thirty nearly a 100 delegates, alternates and visitors representing the missis from all parts of the Island and the lower Mainland, - the 6th Annual or National Convention held at Victoria during the Thanksgiving weekend, was a huge success. Vancouver Okapleu sent a large delegation of 37 members.

The Convention opened on Sunday, Nov 8th at the Chamber of Commerce Hall at 9.00 am with the registration of delegates and the meeting of the National Council. The general session followed at 10.00 am. at which time a welcome address was given by Mayor P. McGregor of Victoria. The address of the elected President, Harry Nagano, in which was read by Tatsuo Shiomi. Mrs. Lee then presented the Secretary's report, ~~which~~ which a summary of resolutions were passed unanimously.

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The new Island Steamboat was ordered to be [illegible] Dress 5:30 P.M. and the Families & Friends taken on eight evening tours. Dress 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. A Farewell Banquet was held at the Crystal Gardens. Attended by nearly all the officials and invited guests, including Capt. Carr, Victoria Tug Boat, the three ordained ministers, Rev. Mr. Agur. The banquet was provided by Mrs. Gilmour, the Steward. From 8 o'clock till 11, a Dance was held at the same time with Capt. Robertson superintending the music. A small time was had here and everyone felt sorry when it was time to leave. Time arrived and the sick annual excursion came to an end. The delegates from the Mainland enjoyed the excursion and enjoyed a well served night lunch after a rather hectic week. The hospitality of the Victorians was appreciated by the out-of-town [illegible]

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[illegible] next month. The president outlined the proper activities of the various standing committees and the Chapter's participation in the Poppy Day. Poppy Day 15 Nisei girl volunteers are invited to sell 500 poppies on Poppy Day, Nov. 8th., on Powell Street. The request came from the Canadian Legion, Japanese Unit.

Welfare Federation Drive - For the annual united fund drive which will be carried out next week, the Vancouver Chapter has been asked to supply 4 canvassers to cover the district bounded by Cordova and Union Streets, in the 500-800 blocks. Dr. Ishiwara will approach some possible volunteers.

Christmas Ball - The hall for the Christmas Ball will be the Embassy of the Alma Academy. The orchestra will be (1) Leo Lowman (2) Harry Price or another.

Nisei Talent Revue - The possibility of holding a second Nisei Talent Revue was mentioned. The president explained his novel ideas, combining a talent contest with an original operatta to be composed by several members of the Chapter. If held, some large downtown theatre will be hired, and the Revue is scheduled for sometime in [illegible] February or March. The president stated that the city police commissioner had promised, if possible, adequate police protection of the Japanese community on Poppy Day night.

Remembrance Day Services - Reginald was appointed as the Chapter's repre-

to attend the Christmas Dance and Entertainment
Day, December 11th, together with the Nippon
Orchestra. There will also be a members meeting
of the Nanka Presbyterian Church after church
that same day, but no official business will be

Seventh General Meeting.

Nov. 27, 1941.

The seventh general meeting of the Chapter
was held on Thursday, Nov. 27, 1941, at the
Nippon Club. The meeting opened at 8:45pm
with Kiyoshi Suga acting as chairman.
The meeting opened at the minutes of the
previous general meeting were read and adopted.
The minutes of the last executive meeting
were also read. The president announced that
the Xmas Ball would take place at the
Yma Academy this year. The orchestra was not
yet selected, but probably would be Hoff
Stylists.
The chairman introduced the speaker of
the evening, Dr. H.C. Rhodes, of the Provincial
Health Board, Division of Venereal Disease
Control, who spoke for a few minutes on
the evils that are being carried on by
this department in the Province. The
speaker also showed a few films. He
stated that the V.D. problem was an extremely
serious one and everyone should be
the answer, if we are to maintain
in the Province and definitely lower
the standard of health. He concluded his
six years in which the Provincial

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Eighth Executive Meeting.

Nov. 1921.

The eighth and last executive meeting of the Vancouver Nisei Tennis Association was held on Tuesday, Nov. 15th at the home of the president. The members present were Dr. Ishimaru, Messrs. Kondo, Saga, Sasaki, Endo, Tanaka, Shigaya and Kimura. Mr. Fukuhara, invited guest, was also present. With the president as chairman, the meeting began at 8:30 pm with the reading of the minutes of the previous executive meeting, which were adopted as read.

Xmas Ball. - Due to the present high feeling against the Japanese since the start of the war, it was decided to cancel the Christmas Ball for this year. If conditions permit, the annual Spring Frolic would probably take the place of the Ball.

Red Cross Concert. - The discussion of the proposed Red Cross Benefit Concert to be held scheduled for late January was tabled for until a future meeting.

Letters to Newspapers. - The corresponding secretary was instructed to send letters to the Vancouver newspapers re the tolerant attitude that they have taken towards the Japanese in B.C. since the outbreak of the war between Canada and Germany. Moved by K. Tanaka, seconded by Harry Kondo, that such action be taken. The motion carried.

New Year Greetings. - New Year greetings will be inserted in the "Vancouver Asahi" and the "Fuhiki" (if this publication).

National Executive Meeting. - The members

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of the executive will attend the next meeting of the National Executive which will take place at the Fujisawa Sunday, Dec. 21st, at 1:00 pm. Due to the seriousness of the present situation, the National Executive is expected to carry out emergency measures to facilitate and enlarge the work of the League.

Nominating Committee - The following were named appointed to the Nominating Committee to select candidates for the next year's Executive: E. Yatabe, Y. Negishi, K. Shimizu.

Annual meeting - The next general meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 29, 1942, will also be the annual elections meeting.

The speaker for the meeting will be Mayor Kume of Hollywood, Calif. and of the Committee for Traitor Hating Friends Traitors i, or (2) Mr. Thomas T. Black, honorary member of the League.

Constitution Amendments Committee - Messrs Tanaka, Kiyoshi Suga and Eiji Yatabe were appointed to the committee to draw up possible amendments to the constitution. The proposed amendments, if any, will be submitted at the annual meeting.

Relief Fund - At the next coming National Executive meeting, the Chaplin executive will make a recommendation to the effect that possibilities of establishing a relief fund for unemployed Japanese in the city be investigated.

Eiji Yatabe

Seventh General Meeting

January 29, 1942

The seventh annual meeting of the Vancouver chapter was held at the Fairview Hall on Thursday, January 29, 1942 at 8:15 p.m. Kunio Shimizu acted as chairman.

Business:

(1) Minutes of last general meeting read by the secretary. Moved and adopted as read.

(2) Minutes of last executive meeting read.

(3) Treasurer's report read by chairman. Moved and adopted as read.

(4) President's report of year's activities of the chapter read by Dr. Ishiwara, the retiring president. Moved by Dr. Ishiwara, seconded by Kinzie Tanaka. Motion carried.

(5) Constitution amendments committee report made by Kinzie Tanaka. Committee had recommended the change of Article 10, Section 1, of the constitution to read.

Nominations to the incoming executive can ~~be~~ be made by.

(a) the outgoing executive

(b) nomenations committee of three appointed by the outgoing committee

or (c) a petition signed by not less than three members of the Chapter.

The amendment moved by Kinzie Tanaka, seconded by Daniel Hashimoto.

Motion carried.

Amendment to Article 10, Section 2 - The nomination petition must be submitted to the chairman of the nominations committee before the annual meeting. Moved by Kinzie Tanaka, seconded by Henry Ide. Motion carried.

The committee also recommended that suitable number of copies of the amended constitution be printed and distributed to every member.

The second half of the meeting was chaired by Kuyishi Suga. The speaker for the evening was Mr. Dennis Murphy, Jr., well-known barrister, who spoke on "Some aspects of the Legal System in Canada." The basis of democracy is the legal system of Canada, he said.

Kinzie Tanaka moved a vote of thanks on behalf of the members.

Mitsuye Sasaki

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