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NATIONAL JCCA,
84 Gerrard St. E.,
Toronto 2, Ont.
Jan. 4, 1949.

N O T I C E O F M E E T I N G

Sub-Committee on Future Projects

Dear Committee Member:

In view of the forthcoming meeting of the National Executive Committee on Tuesday, January 11, it is desirous to hold a meeting of the special Future Projects sub-Committee in advance of this meeting in order that a report from the sub-Committee can be presented to the National Executive Committee.

You are therefore advised that a meeting of the Future Projects sub-Committee will be held this coming Sunday, January 9, 1949, 8:00 p.m., in the National Office of the JCCA, 84 Gerrard St. E. Since this is a rather important meeting, we are sincerely hoping that you will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE TANAKA,
National Executive Secy.

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NOTICE OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

National JCCA,
84 Gerrard St., East,
Toronto 2, Ont.
January 4, 1949.

The next monthly meeting of the National Executive Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 1949, 8:00 p.m. at the Central YMCA, 36 College St., Toronto, Room 18.

A G E N D A

1. Discussion on the Minutes of Meeting #8, October 22nd, 1948, and adoption of these Minutes.

2. Reports from sub-Committees:

   a). Claims Brief
   b). National Survey
   c). Future Projects

3. Executive Secretary's Report:

   a). Co-operative Committee Claims Fund financial report, Auditor's statement, Further assessment of 1% on Claims.
   b). JCCA Financial Campaign.
   c). Headquarter's office activities during October, November and December.
   d). Trip to London, Leamington, Chatham.
   e). 1947 - 48 Annual Financial Report.
   f). 1948 - 49 Auditors.

4. New Business:

   a). Co-ordination of plans for any representations to be made to the B. C. Government by the National and B. C. JCCA in connection with the convening of the B. C. Legislature in February.
   b). Brief on Claims excluded under the present terms of reference.
   c). Invitation to affiliate with the Co-ordinating Committee of Canadian Youth Groups.
   d). Treasurer's Report - October, November, December.
   e). Requisition for January.

GEORGE TANAKA,
National Executive Secretary.

N. B. - In view of the past difficulty encountered in convening meetings of the National Executive Committee for the months of November and December, it would be greatly appreciated if each member of the Committee would make it a point to be present at the next meeting if it is at all possible to do so. Thank you.

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Minutes of the January meeting of the JCCA National Executive Committee held Tuesday, January 11, 1949, 8.30 p.m. at the Central YMCA, 36 College Street, Toronto.

Those Present - K. Tanaka (Chairman), T. Umezuki, K. Hidaka, T. Kameoka, I. Kawajiri, T. Tsuji, N. Fujita, G. Tanaka, I. Uchida, S. Shinobu.

Regrets Received from - K. Shimizu, T. Sagara, M. Sato, P. Yamada.

Absentees - J. Ide, R. Obata, E. Yamanaka.

RE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING CALLED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1948 -

A quorum was not in attendance and consequently the meeting was not called to order.
Those Present - K. Tanaka, I. Uchida, T. Umezuki, G. Tanaka, K. Hidaka, N. Fujita.
Regrets Received from - T. Tsuji, K. Shimizu, T. Sagara, M. Sato, P. Yamada.
Absentees - S. Shinobu, J. Ide, R. Obata, I. Kawajiri, E. Yamanaka, T. Kameoka.

RE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING CALLED FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1948 -

Also, on this date, a quorum was not obtainable and the meeting was cancelled.
Those recorded as present - K. Tanaka, T. Umezuki, K. Hidaka, G. Tanaka, N. Fujita.
Regrets Received from - S. Shimizu, T. Tsuji, M. Sato, I. Kawajiri, E. Yamanaka, I. Uchida.
Absentees - R. Obata, S. Shinobu, T. Sagara, P. Yamada, J. Ide, T. Kameoka.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - The Minutes of the October 22nd meeting, Vol. II, #8, were reviewed and adopted as read.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

Motion #1 - Cancellation of Dual Nationality - Mr. Umezuki reported that the necessary forms for cancellation of dual nationality, assigned to himself and the Executive Secretary, will be available in quantity in printed form within ten days, and that the year-end pressure of work had prevented this being attended to earlier.

REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

1. Claims Brief - The Chairman of the present sub-Committee, G. Tanaka, reported the submission to the Royal Commission on Japanese Canadian Property of four copies of the Claims Brief together with a copy of "The Japanese Canadians" by Young, Reid and Carrothers, and "The Canadian Japanese and World War II" by Forrest E. LaViolette. The National Office has received an acknowledgment from the Commissioner, the Hon. Justice H. I. Bird, that the JCCA Brief would be submitted as an exhibit.

   It was also reported that copies of the Brief were mailed to the following Co-operative Committee lawyers: Mr. F. A. Brewin, Mr. R. J. McMaster, Mr. L. S. Turcotte, Mr. W. E. Huckvale, (Mr. A. Gladstone Virtue), Mr. M. C. Schumiatcher, Mr. S. M. Cherniack, Mr. R. A. Best, Mr. Roger Ouimet.

   and also to: Mr. G. Tamaki, Rev. James M. Finlay (Chairman, Co-operative Committee), Mr. Hunter Lewis (former Chairman, Vancouver Civil Liberties Union), Mr. Angus MacInnis (M.P.), Mr. Irving Himel, Japanese American Citizens League Headquarters, Mr. Mike Masaoka, National Council Members, National Executive Committee Members, Provincial Chapter Offices, Co-operative Committee Office.

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Copies of the Brief have been mailed in sufficient quantities to various Provincial JCCA Chapters for distribution to local Chapters and affiliated local organizations.

The Executive Secretary reported on some letters acknowledging the Brief received from several legal counsels for claimants which are quoted as follows:

"Allow me to compliment you and your colleagues on the Brief which was submitted to the Royal Commission on Japanese Canadian Property.

This brief seems to me to be admirably expressed, and I hope that the Commissioner will read it and be impressed by it.

Yours sincerely,

F. A. BREWIN,
of CAMERON, WELDON & BREWIN,
Toronto, Ontario."

"I have received the copy of the submission to the Commissioner some time ago but did not have an opportunity to read it until today. Although I was rather busy and intended only to glance at the contents, I found it so readable I did not put it down until I read it throughly.

I think that it is an excellent job and am very much impressed with the method of presentation and the volume of material which was put in such a brief submission.

I think you are to be greatly congratulated on this and feel that it will be an asset in the hands of the Commission.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely,

SAUL CHERNIACK,
of CHERNIACK & CHERNIACK,
Winnipeg, Manitoba."

"Having completed a study of the submission to the Royal Commission on Japanese Canadian Property prepared by the National Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, I should like to offer my respectful congratulations upon what may be fairly described as an excellent piece of work in every respect. I am impressed by the forcefulness and at the same time the moderation evident on every page of this Submission.

Allow me to say that the Submission will be of great assistance to me in preparing my own branch of the case and argument.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. VIRTUE,
of VIRTUE, RUSSELL & MORGAN,
Lethbridge, Alberta."

"We wish to thank you very much for your letter of December 23rd and for the brief presented by the JCCA which arrived under separate cover.

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We have not had an opportunity to give the Brief careful study as yet but on glancing through it it appears to be very good material and we wish to compliment you on the preparation thereof. .....

Yours truly,

BOB McMASTER,
of CAMPBELL, BRAZIER, FISHER & McMASTER,
Vancouver, B. C.

The sub-Committee Chairman, G. Tanaka, acknowledged the valuable contribution made by the following stated individuals and committee members during the several months period of preparation which were required for the writing of the first draft and the completion of revisions which resulted in the Brief in its present form: to K. Hidaka who was commissioned by the National JCCA to write the first draft; to Tom Shoyama and George Tamaki for their valuable contributions to the final draft; to the original sub-Committee who undertook initial work on this project - R. Obata (chairman), H. Ide and K. Shimizu; to members of the present sub-Committee, who directed and edited the Brief in final form - G. Tanaka (chairman), K. Tanaka, K. Hidaka, P. Yamada.

It was reported by the Executive Secretary that the mimeographing of 500 copies of the 35-page Brief, which required running off over 18,000 sheets, had required an expenditure of one week's time.

Moved by G. Tanaka and seconded by K. Hidaka that the report of the sub-Committee on Claims Brief be adopted. Carried.

The suggestion to have an outline of the Brief together with some mention of the letters received from the lawyers on the Brief published in the New Canadian was approved by the meeting.

. National Survey - The sub-Committee composed of K. Hidaka (Chairman), N. Fujita, G. Tanaka and P. Yamada met on Wednesday, January 5th (Mr. Yamada was unavoidably absent). The recommendations of the committee were submitted by K. Hidaka and, after discussion, accepted for further study on a motion moved by K. Hidaka and T. Umezuki. The project was considered under the heading of "the purposes and methods of the survey":

a). The primary purpose of the survey is to gather data on the major social problems confronting the Japanese in Canada. These problems relate to employment, housing, family life, education and vocational training, and health. Having information on these points would be of great assistance in formulating the program of our organizations.

b). The questionnaire method should be used in the survey. Supplementary material gained from intensive interviewing to the extent that qualified personnel is available should be added. The form should be sufficiently comprehensive to get data required but also sufficiently simple to be understood by laymen.

c). The sample technique should be used particularly in the larger urban centres. Smaller centres and rural areas may be able to get complete coverage. Because local conditions vary greatly between provinces, the precise method to be used and the extent of coverage should be decided by the local organization. There should be central co-ordination and consultation on these problems of method with the chapters reporting back on the method which they have considered most suitable for their area.

d). Tabulation should be done centrally but data of a local nature should be kept separate as related to those particular areas where the findings were derived.

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e). After the preliminary planning of the survey is completed, a consultative conference should be held with persons such as Dr. Gordon Brown, Dept. of Anthropology, Farrell Toombs, Institute of Industrial Relations, University of Toronto, and other specialists.

f). The questionnaire and the methods should be tested by about 6 enumerators with 5 families each. Defects in the set-up of the form or in instructions may be detected and rectified.

g). The National JCCA will be responsible for providing the material and the actual survey work will be the responsibility of the chapters.

h). Special attention should be given to specific areas for data on stability or mobility of population, special problems, rural-urban migration, etc.

i). Attention should be given to community acceptance and should there be tension areas they should be given special treatment. Areas of conflict, if any, should be defined and isolated. Areas where evacuees have met with exceptionally favourable acceptance should be analyzed.

j). Data should be gathered on nature and extent of contemplated migration to the B. C. Coastal area during the next year.

k). The questionnaire form might include the following questions (all information received to be kept strictly confidential - real names not to be used in any reports compiled therefrom):

Location ..... Province ..... Date .....
Family Name ..... Given Name ..... Age .....

Employment:
Present Occupation ..... Name of Firm ..... Products .....
Former Occupation, 1941 ..... Name of Firm ..... Products .....
1942-48 .....)
.....) Purpose of question is to get an
etc. .....) index of occupational change.

Education, Vocational Training and Advancement:
What was your highest grade at school? .....
What special training do you have? .....
Are you doing the work for which you were trained? .....
Where did you learn your present work? .....
Do you plan to remain with it? .....
Do you have any other job preference? .....
Are you getting satisfactory promotions? ..... Are seniority rules enforced?
Have you been refused employment for what you believe are reasons of racial discrimination? ..... in what type of work? ..... by what firm? .....

Housing:
Where do you live? Single room .... Rooms .... What rent? .....
Apartment ..... " " .....
Rented House ... " " .....
Own House .....

How many persons share your accommodation? .....
What accommodation have you had since being relocated? (give details) .....
Are you planning to buy a house? (if not a homeowner) .....

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Family Life and Income:

How many persons in family group? ..... Ages ..... Names..... etc.
How many persons are employed? .....
What is the average total weekly take-home pay? .....
Do you have dependents other than children? .....
How are family decisions made? By parents? ..... By Children? .....
or co-operative decisions? .....
Do you have cases of chronic illness? If so, what persons? .....
nature of illness .....

The question as to whether this was the type of survey required or desired was discussed. Opinion was expressed that many of the Japanese Canadian constituents were anticipating a survey which would be more in the form of a dominion-wide census. Also, as much of the questionnaire is of a highly personal character, it was felt that there would be great hesitancy to give out the information required. This difficulty may be overcome to some extent, however, by very tactful wording of the questions.

It was agreed that an enlarged committee should be appointed to reconsider the whole question thoroughly. It was approved that an Issei group and a Nisei group should study the proposed type of questionnaire and secure a wider field of opinion. The following were appointed to act on the enlarged sub-Committee for the National Survey: K. Hidaka (Chairman), T. Kameoka, I. Uchida, T. Umezuki, I. Kawajiri, T. Tsuji, S. Shinobu, G. Tanaka, P. Yamada, N. Fujita. Meeting date was set for Tuesday, February 1, 1949.

3. Future Projects - A report was given by G. Tanaka on the meeting of the sub-Committee on Future Projects held Sunday, January 9, 1949, attended by: T. Umezuki, T. Kameoka, K. Tanaka, G. Tanaka and N. Fujita (Messrs. I. Uchida, K. Hidaka and P. Yamada were unable to be present). The various items of the report were discussed:

a). Seeking Widening of the Terms of Reference on Evacuation Claims - It was the general opinion of the committee that the idea of pressing for inclusion of the category of "general indemnity" claims should be left in abeyance for the time being by the JCCA because of the discouraging opinion held by legal counsel on this type of claim. It was thought advisable to check through the JCCD Claims survey data for Toronto and Ontario on file in order to arrive at a more exact approximation of the number of cases under "owner's forced sale" and "general indemnity" which may be involved and to secure written statements from lawyers and others as to their considered opinion on these claims. Should it be decided that the JCCA take up a request to the Government to consider compensation for losses on "Owner's forced sale" only, and should the present representation being made by the Co-operative Committee and the National JCCA fail to bring the fishing claims on vessels sold by the Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee within the terms of reference, then, along with our continued efforts for acceptance of the Fishing Vessel Claims, we might include representation for acceptance of claims coming under the category of "owner's forced sale".

b). Appealing to Government should awards for evacuation losses prove entirely inadequate

This matter is pending results of the crucial hearings just begun in Vancouver.

The Executive Secretary was asked to gain through Mr. Brewin and Mr. McMaster some idea of the progress and results being obtained through the method of hearings procedure which was adopted as the most practical means by which each case could be given individual attention.

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c). Continuing and extending the work of gaining re-admission of strandees to Canada from Japan.

The National Office has handled over 70 strandee cases to date. Of these: permission for re-admission has been obtained for 7 persons, Ottawa's decision is awaited on 30 cases, and 32 cases are in process of compilation.

The Committee took cognizance of the advice received last Spring from the Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources and certain members of Parliament to await the revoking of the Wartime Restrictions against persons of Japanese ancestry in Canada on March 31, 1949, before making further representations for the re-admission of those categories of strandees at present not re-admissible. When it is considered timely to take up this matter, submission to the Government on these applications for re-admission could merit consideration on the basis of "compassionate grounds". In anticipation of such further representations, the National Office has put through the following applications for a matter of record:

2 Nisei cases - Went to Japan on the Wartime Exchange Ship and under existing Order-in-Council have lost their Canadian citizenship.
1 Nisei case - Was forced to serve for a few months in the Japanese Armed forces and therefore not re-admissible.
4 Issei cases - Went to Japan under the Canadian Government "repatriation scheme" and lost their Canadian domicile or their Canadian Citizenship status, if naturalized, under an existing Order-in-Council.

d). Seeking Equalization of Insurance Rates - Agreed that further efforts be made to bring together Japanese Canadian representatives of Insurance Companies to discuss this question. A meeting can possibly be arranged for some afternoon this month.

e). Securing Provincial Franchise for Japanese Canadians in British Columbia - In view of the convening of the B. C. Legislature on or about February 16, 1949, the committee recommended that the National JCCA write immediately to Premier Byron Johnston, Mr. Gordon Wismer (Attorney General), and Mr. Harold Winch (Leader of the Opposition) for the revoking of the franchise disability against Japanese Canadians in British Columbia with copies to the B. C. Chapter JCCA. It was felt that indications are good for a favourable decision in this matter.

f). Securing clarification on the issuing of Fishing Licenses to Japanese Canadians in British Columbia -

The Executive Secretary has already written to the B. C. Chapter JCCA requesting them to sound out the intentions of former fishermen now residing in B. C. with respect to their possible return to the fishing industry in B. C. after March 31, 1949.

Recommended that the Executive Secretary communicate with Mr. Buck Suzuki in Vancouver seeking his opinion as to the advisability of writing to the Fishermen's Union in B. C. to know the attitude of the B. C. fishermen to the return of Japanese fishermen to the industry and, also, to know the general conditions of the Fishing industry in B. C. at present. An executive of the former Japanese Fishermen's Association might also be contacted.

g). Freedom of Travel and Resettlement in British Columbia after March 31, 1949 -

The National Office has been in correspondence with the B. C. JCCA and University of British Columbia organizations on this subject. Copies of various B. C. Acts containing discriminatory legislation against Japanese Canadians are on order with the King's Printer, Government of British Columbia. It was felt that the

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point of freedom of travel in B. C. could be taken for granted as following immediately upon the lifting of the wartime restrictions on March 31, 1949.

h). Supporting and contributing in efforts for a Provincial and Federal Bill of Rights -

The Executive Secretary has been active in civil liberties work and has been working with representatives of other organizations on these matters.

i). Supporting and contributing to the adoption of Fair Employment Practices Legislation-

Participation is continuing as further efforts are taken in this direction by interested groups.

j). Participating in Race Relations Projects - Both the Executive Secretary and Office Secretary have been serving on the Race Relations Institute Committee along with representatives from the following organizations: The Fellowship of Reconciliation, Canadian Jewish Congress, Home Service Association, Joint Labour Committee to Combat Racial Intolerance, Canadian Association for Adult Education, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

The date of the Race Relations Institute has been set for Saturday, February 26, to be held at the Central YMCA. The date was chosen to fit in with the observance of Brotherhood Week, February 20 - 27th, to be sponsored by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

k). Conducting a National Survey - Work on this project delegated to a sub-Committee on JCCA National Survey.

l). Supporting and expanding recreational, welfare and community services -

The committee considered that implementation of such projects by the National JCCA demanded a long-term view, the continuation of the organization as presently constituted or similarly constituted. Such projects would be an imperative in the event of an economic recession in this country.

Moved by G. Tanaka and T. Tsuji that the Report on Future Projects of the National JCCA be adopted with the revisions. Carried.

REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

1. Representation to the Government on Property Losses Claims - It was reported to the meeting that on Thursday, January 6, 1949, Mr. Andrew Brewin received a sudden call from the Deputy Minister of Justice in Ottawa that the Minister of Justice would see him on the matter of property claims.

It was recalled that ever since July, 1948, when a submission on the matter of excluded fishing vessel claims was made to Hon. J. L. Ilsley, the then Minister of Justice, by counsel on behalf of the National JCCA and the Co-operative Committee, and subsequently to the Hon. Louis St. Laurent, continued efforts at representation to the Government on excluded property losses claims has been made.

It was reported that "on Friday, January 7, 1949, Mr. Andrew Brewin, legal counsel to the Co-operative Committee and the National JCCA, received a hearing from the Hon. Stuart Garson, Minister of Justice, on several important matters pertaining to the Japanese Canadian property losses claims.

On the question of claims on fishing vessels sold by the Fishing Vessels Disposal

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MOTION #4 - MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by T. Sagara
THAT where there is not sufficient time to mention it on the Agenda when it is sent out, the conditions of the Motion (#1) requiring polling of the members as to their consent to have certain persons present at an executive committee meeting, should not apply to the Executive Secretary but that it be left to his discretion. CARRIED.

BUSINESS:

1. COMMISSIONER'S SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL ON CLAIMS:

(a) Report on Co-operative Committee Meetings

Exec. Secy. - At the Co-operative Committee meeting held on Thursday, the Secretary, Margaret Boos, reported the results received across the country from claimants on the vote on the proposal and I also presented what I had received. All the results received to Monday, May 9th, were reported. The results were to be compiled and passed on to the Commissioner. The Co-operative Committee could not take the responsibility of interpreting the results. The Co-operative Committee would only take the responsibility for compiling and conveying the facts of the survey. One point brought up was whether it would be consistent with the terms of reference if the Government is to be guided by the majority decision of claimants to go ahead with the over-all principle. The Committee felt that it would put the Government in an awkward position. No expression from Mr. Brewin could be had as he had to leave the meeting.

The results indicated 450 claimants accepting the proposal and 57, including the Toronto votes, rejecting the proposal. That is, approximately 88% accepting and 12% rejecting. Some 6 or 7 indicated that they were undecided.

I am told that the Commissioner will be arriving in Toronto, tomorrow.

T. Umezuki - In addition, I have heard that Winnipeg claimants accepted unanimously.

Exec. Secy. - 2 or 3 Chapters in British Columbia did not indicate the number who attended or accepted and so are not included in the 450 number. 500 claimants represent 50% of the claimants retaining the Co-operative Com. Mr. Virtue's claimants of almost 300 claimants have accepted this proposal. Over 100 claimants wrote in individually, one-half in English and one-half in Japanese.

I move adoption of this report.

F. Nogami - I second it.

R. Obata - I'm not sure on your point that only the percentages are to be referred to the Commissioner.

Exec. Secy. - I have specifically stated many times that the Co-operative Committee will not interpret the figures but pass on just the actual figures.

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R. Obata - They are not officially asking the Commissioner to interpret the results.

Exec. Secy. - The Co-operative Committee has been taking the position that it should not interpret the figures.

R. Obata - If 90% have accepted this, who is to take the responsibility of deciding that 10% will be deprived of the individual hearings?

Exec. Secy. - I believe that the Co-operative Committee will not interpret the percentages. A motion was not definitely passed but it has been discussed and at the last meeting, it was agreed.

R. Obata - When this question was asked at the last meeting, the Co-operative Committee was not well attended. Mr. Brewin felt that the Commissioner would have the majority rule on the method of settlement.

Executive Secretary's Report CARRIED.

(b) National JCCA Future Plans Respecting the Claims Question

J. Oki - Counsel and the Co-operative Committee would have to stand by their recommendations. It seems that the Commissioner has already been notified of this recommendation to claimants. Mr. Brewin said Counsel could have accepted without consulting claimants. Mr. Brewin indicated that he had proposed certain percentages. The Commissioner's percentages were so close that he could not but accept. Claimants should make the final decisions. If this proposal was imposed on claimants, they would have to accept.

Exec. Secy. - Regarding the point where Mr. Brewin stated that, as Counsel for Client, he could continue with negotiations for a client because he has been retained as Counsel -- he does have the right to go ahead and act for clients.

J. Oki - Counsel cannot decide for him. He must let claimants make the final decision. Mr. Brewin said that he was in a position to make a decision without consulting claimants.

Exec. Secy. - That is dependent on the judgment of Counsel. Whether he should consult or not with the client. He has full authority to act on behalf of clients.

K. Hidaka - There are two types of problems, one of law, and on this the lawyer has to exercise his own good judgment. That is to be conceded by everyone. On technicalities of law, the lawyer has to say. On the other matter which is mainly on the matter of the evaluations, here, Counsel has to put final decision on the claimant.

Exec. Secy. - From my conversations with Mr. Brewin and Mr. McMaster, I know that Mr. Brewin leaves many detailed matters to Mr. McMaster. The percentages Crown Counsel arrived at were put to Mr. McMaster before Mr. Brewin. Crown Counsel at first suggested the percentages.

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R. Obata - We were called to Mr. Brewin's to discuss the first offer ever made. At that time we were led to believe that that was just a feeler. Mr. Brewin was to "search out the Commissioner's mind". The percentages were merely those of Crown Counsel. The claimants did not have any chance to make a decision.

Exec. Secy. - We held this meeting in Mr. Brewin's home which was called by me as Executive Secretary. Mr. Brewin was leaving for Vancouver and we felt that we should meet with him. The Commission was to hold a hearing and Mr. McMaster asked Mr. Brewin to come to Vancouver because of the importance of the consultations. Mr. Virtue was also asked to meet with them.

M. Sato - As I remember it, Mr. Brewin did state that if the committee accepted the over-all settlement, he would go to Vancouver and if it was not agreeable, he would not.

I. Uchida - Mr. Shin and I wanted to hold a meeting in Toronto after that but Mr. Brewin said it would not be necessary.

Exec. Secy. - Mr. Hunter's proposals were given at that meeting. The over-all principle was the question put. All agreed that the figures were too low.

R. Obata - They are quite aware that a certain group was thoroughly dissatisfied at the meeting. What can be done about these people.

Chair - To what meeting are you referring, when was the meeting.

R. Obata - At the Friday meeting, the Executive Secretary spoke for one and a half hours. It was in English and 95% could understand better in Japanese. There was not enough time to translate the talk into Japanese word for word. The claimants were not all aware of the points involved and the vote resulted in the majority accepting. After the meeting, some claimants felt they did not receive a full explanation of the proposals, and they decided to hold another meeting. At that meeting, the people who took the opposite view spoke up. These people are representative even though they are a minority. As a National Executive, we should do something, perhaps it is too late in view of the other opinion. But even if it is just recording their rejection, something should be done. It was not a fair presentation.

Chair - Are you questioning the Executive Secretary's loyalty to the claimants?

R. Obata - No, but I don't think the presentation was adequate.

Chair - When the presentation was made on the understanding of all that has transpired through Counsel, etc.?

Exec. Secty. - Regarding my presentation to claimants, my responsibility was to inform them fully of what the Co-operative Committee advised. I have stated to JCCA Executives not to mention to claimants the National Executive Committee's endorsation of the Co-operative Committee's recommendation unless it is requested of them by claimants. I felt that claimants should have the right to decide on their own without further pressure by what was decided here. Although I am a claimant myself, I felt that I should remember that I am representing and speaking for the Co-operative Committee. I have pointed out, or tried to point out, what the Co-operative Committee advised

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and their reasons for doing so, and also the outcome should they take any other course. In my understanding there were only two courses: one, to accept, and one, to reject. There was only one clear definite alternative. The Commissioner might not have the claims heard individually but, on the other hand, he might have them heard individually. I have gone over these things with Mr. McMaster fully. Mr. McMaster is the only one who knows the story fully. My job was to present the Co-operative Committee's advice or recommendation. I certainly did not intimidate the claimants into accepting the Co-operative Committee's advice. I went out of my way to indicate and state that the JCCA was not in a position to influence or advise the claimants. It was their privilege and right to decide for themselves. I do not think that on that basis my talk to the claimants or the executives throughout the country was weighted one way or other. Because there was no alternative, I had to present the advice of the Committee. If this Committee came to the conclusion that the only thing that the claimants could do would be to reject it 100%, that would have been a different matter. But even then, in that case, it would have been our responsibility to indicate the financial position in which it would place them. What they owe financially to the lawyers. I have seen Mr. McMaster and know that he was worked two years without pay. We cannot let this go lightly. Claimants across the country have admitted that it would be hopeless to raise any more money. The only other decision was to advise 100% rejection and raise the money.

R. Obata - Is it definitely only one alternative - the individual hearings basis? Mr. Brewin said he was not certain but that was what he believed. Some claimants would say that this is a case of bargaining.

Chair - If the Commissioner had called for individual hearings would we be able to raise the money?

R. Obata - Some would be willing to raise more than a further 2%. Some said this after the second appeal.

Exec. Secy. - I have spoken to all Provincial executives and some claimants who have come up to me individually after claimants' meetings, as in Ft. William. All felt they would not pay any further funds.

J. Oki - A lot are willing to pay more. Claimants have been discouraged and to some these percentages are acceptable. We are aiming at justice.

Exec. Secy - We are all agreed that this is not justice.

K. Hidaka - We should get the best terms possible. The Co-operative Committee sent a letter asking for acceptance. Claimants were quite disturbed at the wording of the letter. It emphasized that they have not much choice but to accept. It is understood that the Exec. Secy. had no alternative but to present the same view. But the claimants have a complaint that they were not given a full enough presentation of all aspects of this question. It is for that reason that a good many of them, although they considered it favourably Friday, did not hold the same view after further consideration. If other centres had held our kind of meeting, they would have had a chance to see the other aspects. If we are going to discuss other plans, that is an important factor.

Chair - At the Sunday meeting, did any of you make recommendations of leadership on this question?

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R, Obata - The claimants signed a petition rejecting the proposal and desiring a revision of the settlement.

Chair - Could we have the wording of the resolution passed at the Sunday Meeting?

K. Hidaka - May 8, 1949, addressed to Miss Margaret Boos, Secretary, The Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians:

"We, the undersigned claimants, have given very careful consideration to the proposal of the Dominion Government and the Commissioner, Mr. Justice Bird, for the settlement of Japanese Evacuation Claims.
We regret very much that the proposed percentage increases on the Custodian's selling price are insufficient and we must, therefore, consider the proposal unacceptable.
We request that the Co-operative Committee have its general counsel advise the Dominion Government and the Commissioner of our decision and press for a revision of the proposal." Signed by fifty claimants.

R. Obata - Mr. Umezuki gave a faithful translation at the Sunday meeting. Other views of what would happen if the proposal was rejected and the other side was presented. The petition was brought up at the end. Some were undecided.

T. Umezuki - It seems to me that after the Sunday meeting, after two hours, that people understood my explanation, and some went home. At the last, Mr. Shin proposed this resolution on the suggestion of Mr. Kameoka who knew beforehand that it was forthcoming. Then it was presented in Japanese. Kunio Hidaka and Mr. Shin prepared this resolution, it seems to me. First, in English by Kunio and translated into Japanese, and the Japanese was more strongly worded than the English. Then discussion followed, then anyone, whether he was satisfied or determined to accept the proposal could not say "no" because of the circumstances of the meeting, because the Chairman of the meeting (Mr. Mio) expressed strong indignation. Some people hesitated to sign because they had voted to accept. They would feel guilty because they had accepted and therefore went home.
Another point is that the Sunday meeting was only to make more clearly understood the proposals - that was the purpose of the meeting. I did not know the true purpose of the meeting. Seems to me it should have been to take away any misunderstanding.

R. Obata - Other opinions were expressed besides and that is the only way to present it.

T. Umezuki - What was the result of yesterday's meeting with Brewin?

J. Oki - Mr. Brewin has a copy of the resolution with signatures.

T. Umezuki - Did you think the claimants at the Sunday meeting would be willing to accept if the Commissioner decided to hear individual claims?

J. Oki - If that is the decision, I think they will be.

K. Hidaka - The claimants pressed for revision of percentages.

Chair - Would the people who signed the petition be willing to face individual hearings costs?

T. Umezuki - I am doubtful about that point.

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Chair - I asked Mr. Shin, 'If you have the Sunday meeting, would you be willing to accept individual hearings.' He stated that he wanted the over-all settlement. Mr. Shin did not mention individual hearings.

R. Obata - No one objected to the over-all settlement. They are in favour of getting something for everyone on the over-all settlement. They decided the low percentages were unfair.

Chair - Was the possibility of individual hearings presented to them clearly?

R. Obata - It was mentioned many times.

K. Hidaka - I think the statement is clear enough and the expression of the meeting is something to go on.

Exec. Secy. - Regarding the informing of claimants re possibility of individual hearings and the necessity of raising further funds which Mr. McMaster felt very likely if that should be the outcome, if I did not stress to them that this might be so, the claimants would not have been informed of this possibility when asked in that eventuality by Counsel or the Co-operative Committee for an additional 2%.

R. Obata - But they understood the conditions of rejection.

Exec. Secy - Not "conditions", but "possibilities".

R. Obata - Therefore, I am convinced that these people are prepared on the alternative.

Chair - I do not feel that we should act further on Sunday's meeting until we are sure that the claimants are willing to pay and go through with it. We cannot work on suppositions. Until we know from these people who were at the meeting that they are prepared to carry this thing through, we would be treading on dangerous ground.

R. Obata - It is our National Executive Committee's duty to find out if they are prepared to carry this through.

Exec. Secy.- The Co-operative Committee has a definite number of those who accepted or rejected. There might be the possibility that the Commissioner may take exception to those who signed it. If that happens there is the chance that a few may get more and some may get nothing on Vancouver property. There may be other possibilities. These people who signed may be taken out and dealt with separately.

R. Obata - There may be 100's of others who want to be in a similar position.

J. Oki - We should contact these people.

Exec. Secy. - Regardless of what the Commissioner will do, they should take time to think over the possibility that they may have to pay out.

T. Umezuki - Roger, seems to me you are wrong - I don't think they considered this money question so seriously on Sunday.

R. Obata - People who signed felt they could get more this way.

T. Umezuki - The people just signed to record their protest to the proposal figures.

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T. Kameoka - Yes, that is right. Mr. Shin also agreed that he is not against the over-all settlement. The Japanese translation of the resolution was stronger than the English.

I. Uchida - The idea of most of the Issei claimants was that they wanted the Co-operative Committee and the National Executive Committee to do something more.

T. Kameoka - People wanted merely a revision of the percentages.

T. Umezuki - I took the atmosphere of the meeting to be that the Co-operative Committee and the National Executive Committee be asked to do one thing more.

AGREED to continue meeting on Thursday night, May 12, at 8:00 p.m.

AGREED to invite the Toronto Sub-Committee on Claims to the Thursday meeting.

AGREED that a deputation meet with the Commissioner on his arrival in Toronto. Deputation to consist of the Executive Secretary, George Tanaka; Roger Obata, and either Mr. Shin or Mr. Sumi.

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NOTES ON THE NATIONAL JCCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MAY 12, 1949, 8.30 p.m. AT WOODSWORTH HOUSE, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

Those Present - M. Kitagawa, F. Nogami, T. Umezuki, J, Oki, T. Kameoka, R. Obata, K. Hidaka, K. Tanaka, N. Fujita, G. Tanaka, S. Shinobu, three members of the Toronto sub-committee on Claims - Mr. T. Sakamoto, Mr. T. Sumi, Mr. Z. Shin, and Mr. T. Mio who chaired the Sunday Claimants' meeting. (K. Tanaka in the Chair).

Regrets Received - I. Kawajiri, Rev. Shimizu, Rev. Tsuji, T. Sagara, I. Uchida, P. Yamada, Y. Hyodo.

Absentees - J. Ide, E. Nose, M. Sato.

Chair - We have with us to-night representative Issei Claimants who are here at our invitation.

Could we have a report from the sub-committee which is to meet with the Commissioner?

Exec. Secy. - We met for one hour yesterday to talk over what the delegation should say to the Commissioner on the chance that we could meet with the Commissioner today. The Commissioner is not in town. I have just spoken to Mr. Brewin and he has not heard from the Commissioner although he was supposed to be in Toronto today.

Mr. Shin - I feel that if we expect the Commissioner to be here it is a good chance to explain how the claimants are feeling.

T. Umezuki - I would like Mr. Shin to express the real intention of the Toronto claimants. At the Sunday meeting they stated they could not accept the proposal, but on the whole, it has been accepted according to the results of the vote across the country. In that event, do we say that we cannot be satisfied with the Commissioner's proposal? Or that you would like something further done on this proposal? Was the feeling of the meeting that they could not, under any circumstances, accept the Commissioner's proposals? No matter how much it costs, is it the intent of the claimants that they go through regardless, with individual hearings?

Mr. Shin - I could not take the responsibility of saying that they desire to go through, regardless, with the individual hearings because each person was not asked. From the feelings expressed, they feel the present offer is not enough as understood by everyone. I made my claim in sincerity and honesty and would want to press it to the final point, but I know this to be an idealistic position to take. If the proposals are still in the bargaining stage, I would not want to accept the settlement as they are at present. I would like one more attempt made and would like this Committee to take action from the point of view of a claimant.

Chair - Mr. Shin, could you offer us some suggestions as to how you think we should proceed?

Mr. Shin - I do not have any suggestions, but I heard that the valuators figures were not good. I feel that that was so. If they are not sympathetic, valuators would not evaluate in our favour. You must have the owner and the buyer to produce the real market price.
I would like the Commissioner requested to take into consideration that when the claims were made they were made conscientiously. I personally felt that all claims should be made in honesty because otherwise it

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would reflect on all the Japanese Canadians. There is such a great difference between total claims of $5,000,000 and the awards of $800,000. I would like that point brought out. I would not say that the valuators were wrong in their valuations, but I would state th absence of the owners as one of the reasons to the Commissioner which resulted in the low valuations made.

K. Hidaka - On the point regarding evaluations, I would like to impress upon the Commissioner that the owner must be in the negotiations if a fair value is to be set. If a property is to be valued, consideration should be given the owner's views. In this instance, the amount the person put down on his claim is in a sense a part of the owner's views.

R. Obata - Therefore, it should have been referred to the claimants.

K. Hidaka - A fair market value is arrived at when there is a willing seller and a willing buyer under no compulsion to act - a voluntary thing. Mr. Shin's point is therefore important.

R. Obata - They could not proceed on that point. The settlement should have been referred to the claimants first.

J. Oki - No one should set the percentages except the claimants.

Chair - You think they could have done it?

J. Oki - When the evaluators came to a decision, it should have been referred to the claimants. They should have come to some decision as to each property. Counsel should have referred it back to the claimants before mentioning it to the Commissioner.

Exec. Secy. - That would only be possible when the Co-operative Committee is able to refer to each individual piece of property.

T. Umezuki - It would not be fair to other claimants.

J. Oki - Then how did they arrive at the percentages.

Chair - The claimants left their property six years ago and changes have taken place.

J. Oki - They were to take 1943 values.

M. Kitagawa - How would they evaluate -- if papers are available, then they would have a record of the valuations.

Exec. Secy. - Another difficulty is that the submissions or valuations could be considered as not in line with what the claimants want. The Co-operative Committee had great difficulty in getting evidence, as for instance, in the case of property sold by auction.

J. Oki - There is the same difficulty with valuators; they are watching their own welfare in view of their own work. Therefore, the valuations will be low. The evidence presented by the claimants should have been more important than the valuators'.

Exec. Secy. - The reason for hiring evaluators was to get further evidence. In the case of properties sold by auction, it did not work out very well.

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J. Oki - You cannot valuate anything sold by auction.

Exec. Secy. - When Counsel is representing a person making a claim, it is necessary to substantiate the claim. That is the whole purpose of hiring evaluators.

J. Oki - No one could go out and get evidence. The evacuees claim should have been honoured more.

Chair - We cannot say what the Commissioner should have done.

Exec. Secy. - They did a great deal of work on the evaluations of Fraser Valley property and considered the relationship between assessment and sales of property sales other than Japanese Canadian, also, crop values were investigated and compiled in statistical form.

J. Oki - The farms owned by Whites cannot be compared with Japanese farms. To consider the farm as it is today is nothing to go on. Only the farmer knows the value of his crops.

K. Hidaka - If the person was not under compulsion to sell, then, if he was not getting a fair price, he would not have sold. The owner's claim should be the foundation to set the fair market value.

R. Obata - It may be these people are not considering the "date of sale". Do you think, Mr. Shin, that people considered it in that light rather than at "date of evacuation"?

Mr. Shin - We understood that, but it is a difficult matter. I want to give one example. In 1919, I purchased property at $750 cash. I claimed $3500. At the time I bought it $\frac{3}{4}$ acres were cleared, others in bushes, and there was a little house. I built a lean-to, a barn at the cost of $300, a bunkhouse at the cost of $300, $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres were cleared and 2 acres left with standing green timber. Therefore, I considered $3500 a fair price. (I carried house insurance of $1000). The Custodian sold it for $730. 80% of $730 is to be awarded, making a total of $1300. Therefore, I do not think it fair -- I just want to tell the Commissioner and ask him.

T. Umezuki - I understood after the last meeting, on Tuesday, we decided to do something. Tonight we should formulate what we can do. Therefore, let us discuss one by one, what we can do.

J. Oki - First thing to do is hold back those reports.

R. Obata - There is a difference between straight figures and receiving the actual telegrams and statements from the claimants across the country, as Mr. Shin would like to make a statement regarding the honesty of the claims to the Commissioner.

J. Oki - Were just the percentages presented to the Commissioner?

Exec. Secy. - Yes, but they would be going by areas. Mr. Brewin noted both the vote at the first meeting and the second meeting for Toronto.

Chair - The claimants in general are agreed on the method of settlement?

K. Hidaka - Conditional upon getting a fair price.

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Committee which are presently excluded under the Terms of Reference of the Commission, the Justice Minister, while making no definite commitments, intimated that some consideration might be made by the Government on cases where it can be proved that the sale of fishing vessels by the Disposal Committee were made under circumstances of duress or coercion against the owner.

It was stated by Mr. Brewin that the Co-operative Committee and the National JCCA have record of cases where fishing vessels were sold by the Disposal Committee without the owners' consent and where subsequent to such sales requests were made by the Disposal Committee to the former owners to sign Bills of Sale.

The National JCCA and the Co-operative Committee will continue to press the Government for a wider Terms of Reference to include fishing vessel claims.

Question on the practice of the Custodian charging commission on the sales of Japanese Canadian property was also brought to the attention of the Justice Minister.

In the appeal to the Government by the Co-operative Committee for the sake of the claimants for financial assistance in the form of a grant to enable the Co-operative Committee to continue its important work on valuations of claimants' property and legal representation in Vancouver on behalf of claimants, the Minister of Justice informed Mr. Brewin that he could not recommend to the Government the acceptance of this request by the Co-operative Committee.

It is now apparent that the Co-operative Committee must rely entirely on its current appeal to claimants for a further 1% payment on the amount of their claim to make possible the continuance of the committee's important work on behalf of claimants."

2. Co-operative Committee Claims Fund - The Executive Secretary reported that the Co-operative Committee, with the full assistance of the National JCCA office, has lately completed the big task of compiling and mailing letters of appeal to some 1,000 or more claimants across Canada for payment of a further 1% on the amount of their claim.

In the letter of appeal to claimants, information was given on the past work accomplished by counsel and others employed by the Co-operative Committee on behalf of claimants and the reasons for a second financial appeal where, in the face of continuing important work necessary for several months, payment for these services could not be made with the present Claims Fund entirely depleted.

The Co-operative Committee also submitted to claimants an audited Claims Fund financial statement for the period November 8, 1947, to August 31, 1948. (Note - see appended sheets at end of these reports).

It is anticipated that the Secretary for the Co-operative Committee will submit a year-end Claims Fund financial report to the next meeting of the Co-operative Committee.

It was noted by the Executive Secretary that the suggested plan to assess the claimants a further 1% payment had not been adopted at the time a report on this matter was made to the Executive Committee at the last meeting held on October 22, 1948.

The meeting approved the suggestion that the National JCCA appeal to claimants through the New Canadian to support the Co-operative Committee current appeal for a second 1% payment.

3. JCCA Financial Campaign - It was reported that the Manitoba JCCA last month became the first Provincial Chapter to send in their financial quota for the '48 - '49 budget.

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Chair - Claimants then are not prepared to go through on the individual hearings basis?

J. Oki - We cannot say so. We are prepared to go through with it -- as individuals.

R. Obata - We cannot assume one way or other.

K. Hidaka - If the awards are close to the claims then it would be acceptable.

Exec. Secy. - The acceptance is then relative?

Chair - There is this clear alternative - we have the right to have the individual hearings, therefore, that is not an assumption. The second, the revision of the settlement proposal), is an assumption.

J. Oki - They are equally likely and equal assumptions. I think you are misleading. Because both are assumptions.

Chair - If we wanted, we could press for the individual hearings.

R. Obata - We could not under this present proposal.

Exec. Secy. - That is right.

R. Obata - Our Counsel indicated to the Commissioner that they recommended acceptance.

Exec. Secy. - When did they indicate that to the Commission? I am certain that that is not the case. I have always expressed to the Co-operative Committee that the Co-operative Committee cannot take the responsibility of interpreting the claimants' decision and that the Co-operative Committee should refer this proposal to the claimants. When I spoke to Mr. Brewin at a certain stage of the proceedings, he had not made up his mind. I stressed that point to him and I know I influenced him on that point. The next day, I took from his attitude that he had made up his mind that I was right and would take into consideration all that I had stated. I know that from my talks with individual members of the Co-operative Committee and at their meetings they feel that they could not take the responsibility of interpreting the vote on the proposal after hearing from the claimants.

K. Hidaka - There is a difference between referring and recommending the matter to another party. Mr. Brewin has recommended acceptance to the Co-operative Committee and the Co-operative Committee acceptance to claimants.

Chair - Mr. McMaster has been trying these past many months to improve the figures.

J. Oki - Our Counsel stated that the Commissioner knows the recommendation.

Exec. Secy. - Mr. Brewin will try to influence the Commissioner to improve the figures.

R. Obata - Therefore, he should refer back to the claimants.

Chair - We are not in a position to bargain because of the individual hearings alternative.

R. Obata - But he has not stated that individual hearings will be had.

K. Hidaka - Are we anticipating that certain people here will meet with the Commissioner? We could bring to the attention of the Commissioner certain individual cases where 80% is out of line. If we could bring it to his attention, it might impress him.

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Exec. Secy. - If the Commissioner states alternative cases, which indicate the opposite of our contention, what would we do? I agree that we should do something. I was just trying to anticipate the attitude of the Commissioner.

K. Hidaka - If the Commissioner's mind is set, there is no use speaking to him. We could bring up what cases we have. In the Proceedings of the Public Accounts Committee, a survey shows a number of cases where property did not have clear title and could not be sold by VLA. The Custodian advertised and sold it. Increases were far above 80%. In these cases, we should impress upon the Commissioner that the Custodian's selling price would not be the same as a deal negotiated by the Commissioner himself.

J. Oki - The results of the voting should be studied first. The Commissioner does not know yet of certain reservations?

R. Obata - If we have an interview with the Commissioner, it would be more positive if we nullify the 90% figure. How will we do that. That is the only way the Commissioner will be swayed. The Commissioner will say that 90% accepted. We should start something in motion immediately to nullify it.

K. Hidaka - The claimants have heard the recommendation of the Co-operative Committee for acceptance.

R. Obata - More than that, is it not important that the National Executive Committee recommended acceptance.

Exec. Secy. - When I spoke to the various JCCA Provincial Executive Committee members during my recent trip on the subject of the Commissioner's proposal to claimants and the Co-operative Committee's recommendation to claimants, I stressed to the JCCA Committee members that it would be best to refrain from mentioning the National JCCA's endorsation of the Co-operative Committee recommendation unless they are asked by claimants what the JCCA advised in the matter. I stated that claimants should not be influenced in their decision by the National JCCA's decision endorsing the Co-operative Committee's recommendation

R. Obata - Your talk in other centres was the same as in Toronto?

Exec. Secy. - In Toronto, the National JCCA's endorsation of the Co-operative Committee's recommendation to claimants was brought up when it should not have been. It should not have been brought up at that time.

R. Obata - Then the point of giving leadership was for nothing. It was the decision of the Executive Committee that was important.

Exec. Secy. - When we were doing it, we felt it a very difficult job. We anticipated that the claimants would not like it. There was the chance that claimants would ask for advice. The JCCA in all the Provinces must be in a position to give that advice to claimants. Therefore it was necessary for the National JCCA to provide a lead to all the chapters as to what they should advise claimants in the event they are asked. At the time we were faced with the problem, it looked difficult. When I left right after those last meetings, I felt that one thing we had to keep in mind was that if we tried to lead the claimants to reject it, we should offer a plan. The

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only way to do it was 100% rejection and fight this thing through on the individual basis.

R. Obata - Are we agreed that to make an effective change is to nullify the 90% vote.

Chair - I do not feel we have the time to. Perhaps a better way is to prepare something to present to the Minister of Justice; explaining the reasons for the majority of the people accepting it, showing that they are not satisfied, that the high percentages are not acutally high. If we could write out some kind of brief. We could meet with the Commissioner when he comes here and send a statement to the Minister of Justice. That may influence him when Justice Bird speaks with the Minister of Justice.

J. Oki - Another point we might consider is to send a report to each Provincial Chapter stating that there is considerable opposition to acceptance in Toronto and if there is not a similar feeling in their area.

Exec. Secy. - The Provincial Chapters will hear through these Minutes.

T. Umezuki - If we decide to send a statement to Justice Bird, then we should send a copy, including a letter from the Executive Committee regarding the two recent meetings explaining the developments to the Chapters.

MOTION #1 - MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by S. Shinobu
THAT we accept the suggestion of Mr. Chairman. That we prepare a statement or brief containing all the arguments that we have discussed tonight and other times as explicitly as possible and present it to Mr. Justice Bird through our delegation and submit a copy to the Minister of Justice.

T. Umezuki - In case we cannot get Mr. Bird here, we should mail a copy to him in Ottawa to ensure his receiving it.

MOTION #1 - CARRIED.

S. Shinobu - It seems the only thing we can do.

R. Obata - It seems to me that they would like to see something more positive. I don't think it will get us anywhere. It is all to the good but something effective has to be done fast. The only suggestion I have is that if this Committee feels that there are other members feeling the same across the country, we get postponement of Commissioner Bird acting on the 90% acceptance.

M. Kitagawa - If the claimants were that concerned, they would have let us know by now.

R. Obata - Toronto can be taken as a barometer.

J. Oki - Could we ask for a postponement of the Commissioner's action?

Chair - We have now decided to send a Brief to the Commissioner.

MOTION #2 - MOVED by J. Oki and seconded by R. Obata
THAT we ask the Executive Secretary to send a letter with information to the Chapters of the discussions on this subject in Committee, stating the opposition in Toronto and ask if a similar situation exists in their area, and that they send a reply. CARRIED.

Exec. Secy. - If there was such a situation, would they not have informed us?

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M. Kitagawa - We would have heard long ago if there was.

N. Fujita - May I have some explanation as to what is meant when we talk about the "other side of the picture". So far, I have nothing for the records as to what has been meant. For what reasons, for instance, did the Sunday meeting vote rejection of the proposals?

R. Obata - The points expressed in favour of rejection, or the reasons given for rejection of this proposal are because:

1. The claimants could interpret this as a first offer. It is their opinion that it is open for further negotiations under the overall settlement proposal.

2. In view of the fact that the Government has requested such secrecy on this matter some would interpret that as being a step by the Government to settle the question of evacuation claims without individual hearings at a minimum possible compensation.

S. Shinobu - I believe Mr. Brewin explained that point to us (2). He felt that Justice Bird had a right to ask that this be kept confidential until this matter is ready to be released.

Exec. Secy. - These do not present the other side.
The fact that the Commissioner only gave four weeks for the answers could be interpreted as coercion.

Chair - Are there other reasons?

R. Obata - 3. In view of the fact that a claimant has made a truthful claim, acceptance of the Government's totally inadequate proposal would be an outright admission that his claims were not truthful.

T. Umezuki - I cannot agree that the points were put like that. I don't say that they were not brought up -- but not so strongly as that.

R. Obata - 4. Some claimants felt that the way the Co-operative Committee letter was written brought pressure upon them to sign for acceptance.

5. The offer was to try to stay in line with "the terms of reference" but inducements outside the terms were included in this present offer and we were told we would risk losing this.

K. Hidaka - 6. Under the terms of reference, the claimants are entitled to receive the fair market value but percentage increases are nowhere near the fair market value.

Exec. Secy. - With regard to the delegation to meet the Commissioner, Mr. Brewin feels that he should be present and at least speak to the Commissioner beforehand, as the Commissioner may not agree to meeting with an individual delegation. He felt that as claimants' lawyer, he should be present. Mr. Justice Bird is a lawyer and can be a stickler for ethics.
We could leave it to Mr. Shin to say what he has said. Without offending Mr. Brewin, we could discuss the evaluations. So long as something can be done, we should do it.

AGREED TO MEET AGAIN TUESDAY EVENING, May 17th, 1949.

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NOTES ON THE NATIONAL JCCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MAY 17, 1949, 8.30 p.m., AT THE CENTRAL YMCA, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

Those Present - K. Tanaka, J. Oki, G. Tanaka, Y. Hyodo, K. Hidaka, R. Obata, F. Nogami, T. Sagara, T. Kameoka, T. Umezuki, N. Fujita, S. Shinobu. (K. Tanaka in the Chair).

Regrets Received - Rev. K. Shimizu, Rev. T. Tsuji, I. Kawajiri, M. Sato, P. Yamada, M. Kitagawa.

DELEGATION TO MEET WITH COMMISSIONER

The Executive Secretary reported that Commissioner Bird's stop-over in Toronto was too brief to arrange a meeting with him, and the Commissioner was in town only for his own personal reasons. Mr. Brewin, however, was able to talk with him and a memorandum from Mr. Brewin on his conversations with the Commissioner was read.

A point noted in the memorandum was the Commissioner's statement that the "proposal for settlement" was not, in his opinion, a settlement. Counsel has understood that the proposals were offered as a settlement. The Commissioner states that he does not have the authority to make the proposals definite, but that it is up to the Government. Commissioner Bird has gone to Ottawa to confer with the Minister of Justice. The Commissioner now states that it was a matter of approving the method of settlement. However, the Committee felt it could not be overlooked that the Commissioner was protecting himself because he did not have authority from the Government to finalize the settlement.

Discussion re Further Action

- Commissioner should be written in Ottawa.
- Original plan should be carried out.
- Would it be possible to send a delegation to the Minister of Justice while the Commissioner is in Ottawa?
- A Brief might be sent out, addressed to the Government, to the Minister of Justice.
- Communications should be sent while Mr. Bird is in Ottawa.
- Arrangements should be made through Mr. Brewin.
- Mr. Brewin stated that what the Commissioner had said about the proposal being concerned only with a method of settlement was not what he understood.
- The acceptableness of the method depends on the percentages.
- We should communicate directly stating that the method is acceptable when the percentages are just.
- Mr. Brewin stated that the Commissioner would receive the National JCCA delegation on behalf of the Government, not on his own as Commissioner.
- It does not change the Commissioner's position as far as his evidence is concerned.
- I feel that the claimants are put in a weaker position by the Commissioner's statement.
- We are responsible, as well as Counsel, and should do something now as there is danger that the percentages will be less in the end.
- A statement from this organization should be sent directly to the Minister of Justice.
- Mr. Brewin felt that if the JCCA acted on behalf of claimants as an organization, there is a possibility for an appointment.
- How would a statement from us to the Government change or reduce our opportunity to see the Commissioner?
- It would be better to have Mr. Brewin in a delegation to Ottawa.
- One purpose of the delegation is to present the Brief, then add to it in the interview.

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MOTION #1 - MOVED by J. Oki and seconded by R. Obata
THAT a delegation be arranged to see the Commissioner and the Minister of Justice in Ottawa (the arrangements to be discussed with Mr. Brewin), to present a statement for the purpose of bettering the position of the claimants with respect to restitution on property losses claims.

Discussion on the Motion

- The statement should be sent anyway if the appointment cannot be arranged.
- Is our purpose to move the Commissioner to bring in a modified proposal or recommendation, or approaching the Department of Justice so they will bring out a revised proposal? Do we consider the Commissioner and Minister of Justice together.
- We are dealing with the Government, as the Commissioner will see us as a representative of the Government, not as the Commissioner. Our approach is therefore to the Government. So far as the Commissioner is concerned, his position will not be changed.
- We may not be able to see the Minister but perhaps the Deputy Minister.
- There is not much use in seeing the Commissioner now.
- The Commissioner is in the position of a Judge. He would not modify his decision unless new evidence is found.

MOTION #1 CARRIED.

Composition of the Delegation

- the same persons as assigned before could go.
- Mr. Shin is not a member of this Committee. He could be contacted.

MOTION #2 - MOVED by J. Oki and seconded by T. Kameoka,
THAT the former three appointed at the last meeting act as the delegation, provided that they are available.

Discussion on the Motion

- Our National President is now in Ottawa.
- But he may not be conversant with the issue.
- The original purpose was to represent claimants who Mr. Shin represented. They asked us to do something about their views. We could add such a person as from the National organization.
- This is actually what the JCCA has always thought it should do. The point in having an Issei is whether that would be more effective or not.
- An older person always adds dignity to a delegation.
- It does not matter whether they are claimants or not.
- Could Mr. Shinobu go?
- Could we ask Mr. Shin to send his own substitute?
- If Mr. Shin is unavailable, we could ask George and Roger to fill in with a third person if possible.

MOTION #2 CARRIED.

Chair - The Executive Secretary stated that there is the possibility that we may not be able to obtain a hearing. In that case we should go ahead with the plan to send a statement and try to see the Commissioner on his way back.

- If we cannot see the Minister, we could see a Deputy.
- Should Mr. Brewin be included in the delegation or not?

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- It would give a better front if Mr. Brewin went with the delegation.
- We do not know Mr. Brewin's attitude on this delegation.
- This delegation is not acting for the 50 claimants in Toronto - but for all claimants.
- I think we understand that very clearly.
- Claimants all across the country want the JCCA to do its utmost for them.
- As soon as the Government announces the proposals, we can have publicity on it.

Contents of Statement to the Government

- Our statement should give the fundamental grounds for dissatisfaction.
- Should deal with the question as to whether it is a proposal of "settlement".
- Are we taking the broader position where even the weakness of the "terms of reference" will be mentioned?
- Can we work the other way by mentioning the salient points first then work up to the inadequacies of the "terms of reference".
- If the "terms of reference" are widened, would a new Commission be appointed?
- That is not probable.
- We could raise the point that the conception of fair market price is not satisfactory, that the methods adopted by the Commissioner to find fair market value was not right.
- I don't think the point of "tenancy" is very sound. It just justifies the low price. Even tenanted houses, increased in price. The Commissioner in relying heavily on valuations of real estate people in Vancouver is not, in a sense, giving claimants a fair price. When the valuation is for a prospective buyer, it is valued low, like a person would give for a mortgage company. In setting the fair market price as stated in the "terms of reference", consideration should be given to what the owner feels is a fair price. In negotiations, the price set by the owner plays a very important part. In this case, it is quite apparent that the Commissioner considered the Custodian's selling price as the fair price. Our position on the percentage method should be conditional -- if the percentages are somewhere near a fair price.
- We agreed at a previous meeting that the over-all method was the fair method.
- We are not bound by it.
- Our arguments are not strong there as 90% approved it.
- Could we state that our referendum was on the principle and not on percentages, that the acceptance was on principle, in view of our reservations.
- It is our responsibility to carry through the requests of the claimants.
- We could quote some of the statements submitted from claimants.
- Statistics could also be included, as the relation between the proposal percentages and the claims.
- Public Accounts Committee cases could be cited.
- We would have to remember that the Commissioner was guided by the "terms of reference".
- It is the Commissioner's interpretation of fiar market value under the terms of reference that we do not like.
- The fair market value was affected by the deterioration of the property at the time of sale.
- The Terms of Reference indicated the types of claims to be considered.
- Did the claimants not tend to value his property as at the time he lived on it? Although, perhaps not in all cases.
- Actually, there was not much change in prices between the time of living on it and time of sale.
- They took comparable property for their evaluations.
- It is not for us to argue that the owner over-valued his property. We should not mention that it is because of the terms of reference that the percentages are low. They are low within the terms of reference.
- We should anticipate the points the Government will bring up. What is our argument when the Government brings up the matter of having evaluators - both claimants and Government.

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- First, indicate that the percentages proposed are too low because the valuations by real estate people hired by the Custodian was for a buyer, as according to general practice. That type of valuation is for mortgage purposes.
- The Government might say that the claimants' lawyers found that it was only about 10% higher.
- We should use instances because of the position we are in. Individual cases could support our general contention.
- What do we say we mean when we say the fair market value is "much higher"?
- We should state that we accept the principle of settlement but the percentages are totally inadequate, because the method of arriving at the fair market value was in our opinion inadequate, and because we believe the fair market value can only be established by a willing seller and a willing buyer and, therefore, in determining fair value, the person's claim should be considered and should not go by the figures proposed by the evaluators on either side. It is questioning that Counsel on both sides did not use the right method. We should lay more stress on the claims as a value. Evidence not readily available, therefore, the claim amount is the buyer's amount. Therefore, more emphasis should be laid on the claimant's price.
- We should take the question from the claimants' point of view, what they claimed, what they are getting, and the feeling of the claimants that they made an honest claim, and agree to contend that the restitutions should be close to the claim.
- There is the principle of replacement costs. The claimants have gone on the original and not the replacement cost. Therefore the claim values are lower and claims not exaggerated.
- Many people who had homes and farms are not in a position now to have comparable property because what the Custodian has paid to evacuees does not allow them to buy a comparable house out East.
- That last point should be prefaced that it is not part of the fair market value argument.
- The claimants made their claim, based on what they put into it.
- Should emphasize to the Government that this is not the final representation from us.

Roger Obata suggested that in the event that he is unable to go on the delegation, Kunio Hidaka be asked, as he knows more about such matters as evaluation.

MOTION #3 - MOVED by Jack Oki and seconded by R. Obata
THAT if Roger is unable to go, Kunio Hidaka be asked to go in his place. CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

1. Insurance Ratings- Mr. Bill Takeda wrote to a friend in the U. S. on the subject of Insurance ratings for Japanese persons and received some good information. Mr. Takeda has also had an interview with his Manager on the subject and received the suggestion that he work through the JCCA, that the Executive Secretary try to see the Secretary of the Life Underwriter's Association to present the case of the Japanese Canadians. If the appointment can be made, the Executive Secretary will give an over-all picture of resettlement of Japanese Canadians as on a par with other Canadian citizens, rather than rely on statistics which are somewhat weak. The Executive Secretary will try to get in touch with them this week.

2. The Toronto Inter-Ethnic Citizens Council - A newly formed organization. It has now been incorporated. Our JCCA organization has signified its consent to co-operate with other ethnic groups to form this Council. It is not restricted to local groups - representatives from National bodies can participate. They are applying for

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membership on the Toronto Welfare Council and the Civic Advisory Council - they feel that if they are represented on these two civic bodies, the representatives could speak as representatives with equal rights to bring certain matters to the attention of civic bodies. Anything pertaining to community work and bettering the ethnic groups in Toronto would be the work of this Council. There is some talk that they might sponsor a Folk Festival. Two representatives are permitted from each ethnic group on the Council. There could be one representative from the Toronto JCCA Chapter and one from the National Committee. The meetings could be reported to this Committee regularly. The organization does not expect to have to raise large funds. The affiliation fee is $10.00.

3. B. C.'s Quota to the National JCCA Budget - At the B. C. JCCA Conference, their quota to the National Budget was discussed. I stated that I understood that they were committed to the total of $2,000 ($300 as a direct commitment and $1700 to be limited to commitments with respect to any work the JCCA may carry out in B. C. chargeable to that $1700). If at the end of the fiscal year what could be considered B. C. expenses amounted to $900, then that would be all B. C. would need to pay, if the amount exceeded $1700, they would not be liable for more than the $1700.

According to Seiji Homma, that was not his interpretation. He stated that the B. C. JCCA was only committed to $300 and no more and that the $1700 was merely something stated on paper. In effect, the $1700 meant nothing. This was not my understanding. The other two delegates from B. C. to the National Conference did not say otherwise.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY G. Tanaka and J. Oki.
CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE REPORT:

1. Affiliation with the Toronto Inter-ethnic Council -

MOTION #4 - MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by T. Sagara
THAT we affiliate and send one representative from this Committee, affiliation to be subject to ratification of their constitution.

Discussion

- Could not the local Chapter be the regular representative, with the National representative just sitting-in.
- Wherever it requires the machinery of the local Chapter than the local Chapter would be required to take over. National should sit in on this because it is a forerunner of what may be organized in other communities. They should follow it very closely.
- I would rather see the local Chapter taking the leading part.
- We need not be concerned with the technicalities but keep that point in mind.
- The JCCA would affiliate as one, not separately as local and national.
- The local Chapter should represent the Japanese Canadian people as a whole rather than just the organization.
- The local representative would have to be someone conversant with such matters. Otherwise, they would need a National person to go with them.

MOTION #4 WITHDRAWN.

MOTION #5 - MOVED by R. Obata and seconded by S. Shinobu
THAT the National Executive Committee send a representative to the Toronto Inter-ethnic Council and withhold affiliation until their constitution has been studied. CARRIED.

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2. B. C. Budget Quota

Discussion

- B. C. had planned a political campaign with regard to the Crown Timber Workers and therefore were not able to commit themselves to a bigger quota. If the Executive Secretary would go out to help them, then they said they would come across with the $1700. But the Crown Timber issue was not as costly as predicted.
- Fred Nogami, Roger Obata and Mr. Kameoka, Ontario JCCA delegates to the last National Conference, all concurred on their understanding that B. C. would be committed to the $1700 if the Executive Secretary assisted them in their Crown Timber Campaign.

MOTION #6 - MOVED by K. Hidaka and seconded by Mr. Kameoka
THAT a Committee be appointed to investigate and be instructed to bring in a report to the next meeting covering the following:
(a) the B. C. quota,
(b) recommendations re appointing of Trustees for the Trust Fund,
(c) a detailed report of the financial condition of the JCCA,
(d) and other pertinent matters.

CARRIED.

The following were appointed to the Committee: J. Oki, K. Hidaka, R. Obata, F. Nogami, N. Fujita.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Dominion Elections

MOTION #7 - MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by T. Kameoka
THAT the National JCCA, through its Executive Secretary, dissiminate to Japanese Canadian, eligible voters information regarding the Dominion Elections as much as possible, at the same time, that the Executive Secretary make a statement through the press that all eligible voters fulfill their privilege and duty. CARRIED.

T. Umezuki advised that the Executive Secretary has already given the New Canadian information regarding revisions to the voters' lists.

It was suggested that the Executive Secretary write an editorial on the Dominion Elections as this is an important occasion this year for Japanese Canadians.

2. The March and April Disbursement figures were adopted as reported, on the Motion of F. Nogami and S. Shinobu (Statements attached).

3. The April and May Requisitions approved and adopted on Motion of T, Umezuki and Y.Hyodo, as follows:

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ports have been received from the Quebec JCCA and Ontario JCCA that they are currently carrying out a financial drive.

It is understood that the Alberta JCCA are planning to conduct their financial drive sometime in the early Spring of this year according to their decision at their last Provincial Conference.

No word has been received from the Saskatchewan JCCA or the B. C. JCCA on their financial campaign.

The Executive Secretary reported on the subject of the Toronto Chapter Fund Drive which was discussed by the Executive Committee at their last meeting on October 22, 1948, when it was felt by the Committee that some effort should be made by the National office to assist the local chapter.

In view of the total inability of the Toronto Chapter executive to carry out a JCCA financial campaign in October - November, 1948, owing to their being overweighed with other Chapter work and lacking confidence to assume further responsibilities, the Executive Secretary undertook full responsibility to organize and supervise a financial campaign for the Toronto Chapter.

The Executive Secretary felt that in view of Toronto's important position as the centre of largest population of Japanese Canadians and with a quota of $2,000.00 which constitutes more than 25% of the National Budget, it was necessary that every effort should be made to carry out a successful campaign.

4. National Office Activities during October, November and December, 1948 -

The Executive Secretary reported that the National Office staff was under great pressure of work during this period and was required to work extremely long hours. During October, November and December, the office carried through the following stated projects as well as the usual routine office work:

a). A very considerable amount of work was required to be carried out by the National Office in connection with the recently concluded sub-Commission Hearings on Property Losses Claims in Ontario. The office was required to act as a co-ordinating unit in connection with various matters pertaining to claims on national, provincial and local levels. Constant liaison work was required of the office in this connection between various Co-operative Committee lawyers, Provincial JCCA Chapters and the sub-Commission, etc. Although the Toronto and Ontario JCCA sub-Committees did invaluable work in assisting claimants, it was necessary for the National Office to undertake many responsibilities in connection with the Ontario Claims Hearings which included attention to delayed submissions from Quebec.

b). Carrying out the responsibilities of writing, editing, typing copy, layout, etc., in connection with the JCCA special issues of the New Canadian and other matters pertaining to the National JCCA financial campaign.

c). During the period between October and November, the Executive Secretary was required to take complete responsibility for organizing and supervising the Toronto JCCA Chapter financial campaign with but ten days in which to organize the campaign. In view of the importance of carrying out a successful Toronto Fund Drive and the total inability of the Toronto Chapter executive to undertake the responsibilities of this project, the Executive Secretary took charge. Organizing the campaign necessitated detailed attention as follows: writing special local Chapter circulars of appeal, etc., planning sufficient publicity in the New Canadian, organizing canvassers and canvassing team captains to cover

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April, 1949:

Executive Secretary's salary	$ 233.00
Office Secretary's salary	156.00
Petty Cash	50.00
Travel Expense, G. Tanaka, Feb. 24 - Apr. 6 .	600.00
Supplies, etc.	61.00
	$1,100.00

May, 1949:

Executive Secretary's Salary	$ 237.00
Office Secretary's Salary	156.00
Petty Cash	50.00
Supplies, etc.	57.00
	$ 500.00

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:15 p.m.

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NOTICE OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

NATIONAL JCCA,
84 Gerrard St., East,
Toronto 2, Ontario.
June 8, 1949.

Dear Committee Member:

The next meeting of the National Executive Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 1949, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 19, Central YMCA, 36 College St., Toronto.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting,

2. Report of sub-Committee on Finance.

3. Executive Secretary's Report.
   - Claims
   - Association for Civil Liberties in Toronto, delegation to the Premier of Ontario for F.E.P. legislation.
   - Cancellation of Japanese nationality forms.
   - Third National JCCA Conference.

4. Report on Ontario JCCA Conference.

5. Treasurer's Report.

GEORGE TANAKA,
National Executive Secretary.

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NOTICE OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

NATIONAL JCCA,
84 Gerrard Street, East,
Toronto 2, Ontario,
June 16, 1949.

Dear Committee Member:

As agreed at the last National Executive Committee meeting, we will resume on Tuesday, June 21st, 1949, at 8:00 p.m., to deal with the business left over on the Agenda of that meeting.

Place of the meeting - Room 19, Central YMCA, 36 College St., Toronto.

Please make every effort to be present.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE TANAKA,
National Executive Secretary.

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REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The meeting of the sub-committee was held Wednesday, May 25, 1949.

Present: Roger Obata
Norah Fujita
Jack Oki
Kunio Hidaka

Absent: Fred Nogami

Problems for discussion:

1. B.C.'s quota to national finances
2. Trust fund and trustees
3. JCCA finances

1. B.C.'s Quota to National Finances

The problem of the B.C. quota to National finances arose out of some difference of view between the president of the B.C. Chapter and the National Executive Secretary as regards the amount of the quota assessed by the National Conference.

The sub-committee first examined the notes of the Conference for a definite statement of the amount agreed on for B.C. but none was included. The sub-committee then decided that there was no alternative but to proceed on the basis of the understanding of persons who were in attendance at the Conference.

As a result of hearing the opinions of delegates, the sub-committee recommends that the B.C. Chapter be advised that delegates now in Toronto, as well as the National President and the National Treasurer, agree with the Executive Secretary, that the B.C. quota was $300 plus $1700; and that the $1700 was to be paid by B.C. if they received assistance from the National Organization for B.C. projects.

Should the B.C. Chapter still maintain that their view is correct, regardless of the opinions expressed, they should be asked whether they would be willing to abide by a majority decision in a poll of members of the National Council. The poll should be undertaken if necessary and if it will be a positive step in the solution of the differences of view.

Aid to B.C. on Crown timber problem was $462.25, and on the franchise problem was $493.58, a total of $955.83.

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2. Trustees and Trust Fund

The Trust Fund has received sums of money from former organizations in the amount of $3448.87. The present practice of the organization is to keep this trust money as part of the current account and draw from it when necessary for current expenses. At the end of May, because the real current account had been completely depleted, there was a balance of only $2750.13. This means that $698.74 had been borrowed from the Trust Fund for current expenses.

The sub-committee recommends that all matters concerning the Fund be governed by by-laws. A Board of Trustees should be appointed, consisting of five persons, including representatives appointed by the donating organizations. The trustees should be located in either Montreal or Toronto.

Applications for money or loans from the Fund should be made to the Board of Trustees by the National Council at the request of the National Executive Committee.

The Trustees should be empowered to invest the Fund in government bonds.

It is recommended that these proposals be implemented immediately in the following manner:

Upon approval of these proposals by the National Executive Committee, this sub-committee be instructed to contact representatives of the donating organizations and request that they appoint their representatives. These names will then be brought before the National Executive Committee who will recommend them to the National Council for final approval.

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3. JCCA Finances

	Quotas	Receipts	Not Received
B.C.	$300	$300	-
Alta.	1200	400	$800
Sask.	100	-	100
Man.	450	450	-
Ont.	3000	2500	500
Que.	800	600	200
Total	$5850	$4250	$1600
1947-48 Ont. Over-pay.	$500	$500	-
1948 & 1949 Conf. Exp. (?)	700	-	700
~~Acc.~~ Total	$7050	$4750	$2300
Spec. B.C. Proj. Quota	1700	-	1700
Grand Total	$8750	$4750	$4000

National Treasury General Account:

Bal. at end of April	$1550.13
Receipts - May	300.
	1000.
	400.
	$3250.13
Requisition for May	500.
Balance at end of May (approx.)	$2750.13

Total of Donations to Trust Fund $3448.87

Amount in General Account May 31st (approx.) 2750.13

Amount of Trust Fund used for Current Expenses (approx.) $698.74

This means that the Real Current Account is completely depleted and (approx.) $698.74 has been borrowed from the Trust Fund and used for current operating expenses.

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Disbursements from Current Account September to end of April 1949	$4894.74
May Requisition	500.
Approx. Disbursements September-May 1949	$5394.74

1948-49 Receipts Sept.-May 1949	$4750.
Disbursements	5394.74
Current Operating Deficit	$644.74
Amount Borrowed from Trust Fund	698.74
(Cash on hand ?)	$54.00

Estimated Operating Expenses Required for JCCA

June to August 1949 @ $600 mo.	$1800.
Re-payment to Trust Fund (approx.)	700.
Estimated Income Necessary to Close Fiscal Year Without Deficit	$2500.

Expenditures for Fiscal Year Sept. 1948 to Aug. 1949

Sept. to May 1949	$5394.74
Est. June to Aug. 1949	1800.
Estimated Total Expenditures for Fiscal Year	$7194.74

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The June meetings of the National Executive Committee were held as follows:

Tues. June 14, 1949, 8.30 p.m., at the Central YMCA, Toronto,
" " 21, 1949, 8.30 p.m., at the Central YMCA, Toronto,
" " 28, 1949, 8.30 p.m., at Woodsworth House, Toronto.

JUNE 14, 1949

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by the Acting Chairman, Mr. Kinzie Tanaka.

II. ATTENDANCE:

Those Present - M. Kitagawa, K. Tanaka, F. Nogami, T. Umezuki, Y. Hyodo, J. Oki, K. Hidaka, R. Obata, M. Sato, S. Shinobu, G. Tanaka, T. Sagara, N. Fujita, Mr. George Tamaki (member of the Saskatchewan JCCA).

Absentees - J. Ide, P. Yamada, I. Uchida, Rev. Shimizu, Rev. Tsuji, I. Kawajiri, Emery Nose.

III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING, Vol.II, #14

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by F. Nogami,
THAT w e deal with business on the Agenda first before considering the Minutes of the previous meetings, which were circulated.
CARRIED.

IV. CORRECTION ON THE MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 1949, Vol II, #13

Page 3, under "Recommendation of Counsel", second para., should read: "It is my opinion, as expressed to the Co-operative Committee, that, etc."

V. RE MR. GEORGE TAMAKI

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by S. Shinobu that Mr. George Tamaki be seated at this meeting as a member-at-large of the JCCA. CARRIED.

VI. RESIGNATION - N. Fujita submitted her resignation as a member of the National Executive Committee on the reason that under existing circumstances in the Committee, she finds she cannot discharge her responsibilities as a member of this Committee and, also, for personal reasons.

AGREED THAT N. Fujita's resignation as a National Executive Committee member does not affect her retaining the offices of Recording Secretary and National Headquarters Treasurer.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by S. Shinobu
THAT the Committee accept N. Fujita's resignation as a member of the National Executive Committee. CARRIED.

V. REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The following report was compiled and read to the meeting by K. Hidaka, Chairman of the sub-Committee on Finance:

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MOVED by K. Hidaka and seconded by T. Umezuki that the report be adopted.

Discussion :

a. re B. C.'s Quota to National Finances - (Reference, Minutes of May Meetings, Vol. II, #14, Executive Secretary's Report, 3., B. C.'s quota to the National JCCA Budget, page 21 - "At the B. C. JCCA Conference, their quota to the National Budget was discussed. I stated that I understood that they were committed to the total of $2,000 ($300 as a direct commitment and $1700 to be limited to commitments with respect to any work the JCCA may carry out in B. C. chargeable to that $1700). If at the end of the fiscal year what could be considered B. C. expenses amounted to $900, then that would be all B. C. would need to pay, if the amount exceeded $1700, they would not be liable for more than the $1700.")

Note: Other National Council members on the Executive Committee interpreted B. C. JCCA Chapter's quota to the National Budget as being $300.00 on straight allocation and $1700.00 additional should assistance be given by the Nat. to be paid in full, in any amount for B. C. projects.

The Executive Secretary suggested that it might be advisable to write to the B. C. Chapter first to check with them the statement which he made to the Executive Committee on the May meeting on this matter, as quoted above. It was also expressed that it might be too late to alter the position of the B. C. Conference on this matter and it would therefore be necessary to appeal to the B. C. Chapter on the basis of the reality of the financial position of the ~~organization~~ National organization.

b. re Trustees and Trust Fund - It was noted that in the 1st National Conference Report that reference is not made to a Trust Fund and Trustees but rather to a Reserve Fund as:

(page 5) - "That the per Province national budget assessment .....be adopted for this term subject to any changes deemed necessary by the National Executive Committee and approved by the National Council and should donations exceed the estimated National Budget sum of $7,500.00, an additional $700.00 may be added and that any amount over and above $8,200.00 be placed in the reserve fund."

(page 16) - "Manitoba delegates suggested that the $7,500.00 budget be accepted and that any funds necessary for carrying out special projects be drawn from any National Organization reserve fund which would be built up from special donations.
The Manitoba delegate suggested that special donations should be regarded as kind of insurance to be used in case of special need."

At present such special reserve monies are designated in the books of the organization as "National JCCA Special Projects Reserve".

Mr. Umezuki pointed out that most Issei persons whether they referred to a Reserve Fund or Trust Account would assume that monies in such a category would be kept and spent from a separate account and it would be advisable from their point of view to have such a separate account in the JCCA.

Looking at it practically, the question was raised as to how the national organization would function financially if all reserve money were completely separated from the National Treasury.

There appeared to be great anxiety on the part of ~~xxxx~~ certain members that a

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separate Trust Account be set up quickly and that there was no necessity to consult with National Council members beforehand, but that it would be necessary only to advise them that such a step had been taken. If it is decided to set up a separate Trust Account, the by-laws for governing the Fund would have to be incorporated in the Constitution and would therefore be required to be dealt with by the next National Conference. The question was raised whether the National Council would not be the body which would appoint the Trustees should a Board of Trustees be required. If some of the trustees are to be representatives from contributing organizations, it was felt that it would be necessary only to contact the trustees of the contributing organizations. It was noted that the matter of trustees may become more and more complicated if a number of other organizations make donations in the future.

It was also suggested that the National Council might constitute the Board of Trustees or else the National Executive Committee.

Some members felt that this issue as it was being discussed was unnecessary as in the minds of the people who made the donations, they made a donation to the JCCA and therefore the JCCA is the trustee,and the contributors know that the JCCA will use it in the best way.

MOVED by J. Oki and seconded by T. Umezuki
THAT we set up the Trust Fund according to the recommendation of the sub-Committee.

MOTION RESCINDED upon request by Mr. Shinobu that more time be allowed to study the matter, especially to grasp the real meaning of the Fund and the process of using money in such a fund.

It was agreed that decision on this matter could well be postponed and should not be decided by a straight majority vote.

MOVED by J. Oki and seconded by T. Umezuki
THAT we set up a Trust Fund and appoint the Trustees.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION by Y. Hyodo and T. Kameoka
THAT contributions designated as "to the Trust Fund" only should be put into the Trust Account, otherwide it would go into the general account.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT by T. Umezuki and R. Obata
THAT the amendment apply to the future donations. CARRIED.

THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

(c) re General Finance - It was noted that even by temporary use of the reserve funds, the National Treasury would be short on operating money, and that the fund raising campaign this year should be launched in September.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by F. Nogami
THAT the Chapters be informed of the standing of the national organization finances and that they be asked to remit the outstanding balances of their quotas as soon as possible. CARRIED.

MOVED by K. Hidaka and seconded by T. Umezuki
THAT the sub-committee on Finance continue standing in order to implement some of their recommendations. CARRIED.

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the city, printing and mimeographing 2,500 circulars and special campaign envelopes, having special lists of names and addresses compiled for the canvassing teams and attending to many other matters.

d). In the final preparation and printing of the National JCCA Claims Brief, it was necessary to devote considerable time to the preparation and mimeographing of 18,000 sheets making up 500 copies of the 35-page Brief which required one week's time.

e). During November and December, the Executive Secretary participated as a committee member in three meetings of the Civil Liberties Association organizational planning committee in Toronto and a meeting of its sub-Committee on Gases. This Committee is composed at the present time of the following well-known persons in Toronto: Mr. Irving Himel (Chairman), Dr. B. K. Sandwell, Dr. Willard Brewing, Professor George Tatham, Professor McPherson and Mr. H. C. Pentland of the Civil Rights Union, Professor Morgan, Mr. S. Midanick, Mr. Ben Kayfetz.

The Executive Secretary also attended several meetings of the Co-operative Committee and its sub-Committee on Finances in connection with the Committee's work of making representation to the Government on Property Losses Claims and also in carrying out the present work of representing the Claimants before the Commission.

Both the Executive Secretary and the Office Secretary attended meetings of the Race Relations Institute planning committee as representatives of the National JCCA.

f). During the months of October, November and December, the National Office staff was required to work extremely long hours and owing to the pressure of work had very often to work seven days of the week. The Executive Secretary stated that it was necessary for him to ask the Office Secretary, Miss Norah Fujita, to work 50 - 70 hrs. per week in order to carry out the great amount of work required to be done. It was reported that the Executive Secretary put in 60 - 100 hrs. per week during this period. During the week when time was also given to organizing the Toronto Chapter Fund Drive, it was necessary for the Executive Secretary to put in 100 hrs. which meant working as much in two days' period leaving but six hrs. for sleep.

(Executive Secretary's Note - In view of the situation where some members of the Executive Committee are at times not fully aware of the work which is being carried out by the National Office staff and in view of the fact that the Executive Committee has failed to meet during the months of November and December due to lack of attendance sufficient to form a quorum, making it impossible for the Secretary to give detailed reports of the office activities, the foregoing rather detailed report of the work of the National Office staff and the amount of working time they have given to the organization's work is respectfully submitted).

g). The Executive Secretary reported his short speaking tour which was carried out in December, 1948. The itinerary was, as follows:

December 6 - London, Ontario.
" 7 - Leamington, Ontario.
" 8 - Chatham, Ontario.

It was reported that the London JCCA Chapter had invited the Executive Secretary to speak in London to a Caucasian audience at a meeting sponsored by the London Branch Canadian Association for Adult Education on December 6 planned by the London JCCA. The Executive Secretary spoke at this meeting. The trip to Leamington was made

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VI. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON PROPERTY CLAIMS

The Executive Secretary reported that replies were received from the Saskatchewan and Quebec Chapters to the letter requesting of Provincial Chapters whether there is information of reversals in decision expressed by claimants in their areas on the Commissioner's proposal of settlement. Both these Chapters state that nothing of that nature has transpired in their Province.

Criticism was raised by Mr. Obata that he understands the letter to the Provincial Chapters did not include a listing of the opinions expressed at the Toronto Claimants meeting for voting rejection of the Commissioner's proposal. The Executive Secretary believed that it was not in the directives of the Executive Committee that this should be done, and the Provincial Chapters would, in any event, be aware of these points from noting them as listed in the Minutes of the May meetings of this Committee (refer. May meeting Minutes, page 16). Mr. George Tamaki reported that these points were covered by the Saskatchewan claimants at their meeting when they first considered the Commissioner's proposals, and would presume that other Provinces had done the same.

The Executive Secretary requested that further discussions on plans for further action be continued after a report could be given on the Interview with Commissioner Justice Bird which took place May 20, 1949, in Toronto, and at which time a delegation consisting of Mr. Brewin, Mr. Obata, Mr. Shin and the Executive Secretary made representations on behalf of claimants to Mr. Bird. A copy of the report on this interview has been circulated to the Provincial and Local Chapter executives.

Mr. Obata requested that he be permitted to give a supplementary report on the interview with the Commission before the Executive Secretary proceeded further. The report read out by Mr. Obata covered some of the informal question and answer period with the Commissioner, as he recalled it.

Discussion took place between Mr. Obata and Mr. George Tamaki as to the necessity of a report on the question period and some points raised in Mr. Obata's report.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned and it was agreed to meet again on Tuesday, June 21, 1949 evening.

JUNE 21, 1949

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was Chaired and called to order by Mr. K. Tanaka.

II. ATTENDANCE -

Those Present - K. Tanaka, K. Shimizu, T. Umezuki, G. Tanaka, R. Obata, K. Hidaka, Y. Hyodo, T. Kameoka, M. Kitagawa, I. Uchida, S. Shinobu, T. Sagara, J. Oki, N. Fujita.

Regrets Received - F. Nogami.

Absentees - M. Sato, J. Ide, P. Yamada, E. Nose, T. Tsuji, I. Kawajiri.

III. RESIGNATION - A resignation as a member of the National Executive Committee was received from Mr. I. Kawajiri who finds he is unable to attend the meetings of the Committee by reason of his being required to work on the night shift.

MOVED by K. Shimizu and T. Kameoka that Mr. Kawajiri's resignation be tabled until September. CARRIED.

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IV. PROPERTY CLAIMS QUESTION:

1. The Executive Secretary read a letter received from the National President, Mr. T. K. Shoyama, dated June 10, dealing with the subject of the Property Claims and work of the JCCA organization on this matter.

A draft of a letter to Claimants drafted by Mr. George Tamaki was circulated and studied.

The Chairman asked whether the Committee should not clarify its position as to what should be stressed ~~what was its primary purpose: to send out information to Claimants~~ or to do ~~a better job for the Claimants with the Government.~~ the best job possible of representation on behalf of claimants to the Govt. working for claimants

Mr. Obata felt that both were important and called the attention of the Committee to the report on a part of the interview with the Commissioner which he had read at the previous meeting together with a summary which he desired to have circulated.

The Executive Secretary stated that the report which he (the Exec. Secy) had compiled on the interview with the Commissioner was made on the formal part of the delegation, and although as much information as possible should be released to claimants, much of the questionand answer period of the interview were on matters which could be received through our own counsel in confidential material. ~~A good deal is admission of the weakness of claimants cases and such information should not get to the Commission.~~ The Executive Secretary further reported that negotiations are still continuing between Claimants Counsel and the Commission and the Commissioner had not yet handed his recommendation to the Minister of Justice. This interview with the Commissioner, although it did not influence him to raise the percentages, might have helped Mr. McMaster's attempt to bring more special individual cases before the Commission. The Executive Secretary suggested that full information of the question and answer period of the interview could be sent to the Provincial and local Chapters.

MOVED by R. Obata and seconded by T. Umezuki
THAT a concise summary in Japanese in the New Canadian be printed of R. Obata's part of the report on the question and answer period with the Commissioner and that a complete report go just to the Chapters, as a special bulletin. CARRIED.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by K. Shimizu
THAT we appoint a sub-Committee to draft a letter to Claimants, taking as a basis the draft letter prepared by Mr. George Tamaki and considering points raised by Mr. Shoyama in his letter. CARRIED.

The following members were appointed to the sub-Committee: G. Tanaka, (chairman) R. Obata, K. Shimizu, Y. Hyodo and T. Umezuki.

The Following Recommendations to be studied by the above sub-committee:

1. The Claimants should be given responsibility to assist financially to carry on this work; this should be mentioned in the letter and an answer on this point received from them.
2. It should be pointed out in the letter to Claimants that 2% has been paid by claimants to the Co-operative Committee. At the same time, the JCCA has worked for two or three years on the claims question. If the claimants want further work would the claimants be likely to assist the organization. The Claimants should feel an obligation to the JCCA, and they should know the financial picture. Claimants should be informed of estimated future costs.

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3. The sub-committee might study the matter of publicity on the property claims question.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by R. Obata
THAT the project of approaching the Dominion Government in raising the percentages for the claims and widening the terms of reference be initiated by the JCCA with the assistance and approval of the Co-operative Committee.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION BY K. Shimizu and Y. Hyodo
to include the phrase"and on the approval of the majority of the claimants." CARRIED.

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.

AGREED that copies of the draft letter to claimants be sent to membersof the Executive Committee. Suggestions could be phoned in by Committee members. At least two days will be allowed for consideration of the letter by members before they are mailed out.

AGREED that letters be sent to the Provincial Chapters for distribution to local Chapters, claimants lists to be provided where needed.

2. REPLY FROM THE MINISTEr of Justice - The Executive Secretary reported receipt of acknowledgment of our letter to the Minister of Justice requesting the receiving of a delegation from the National JCCA to discuss certain matters pertaining to the Japanese Property Losses Claims, from the Secretary to the Minister of Justice who assures us that the letter will be brought to the Minister's attention.

V. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY's REPORT:

1. Fair Employment Practices Legislation - The Executive Secretary, G. Tanaka, was part of a delegation from the Association for Civil Liberties in Toronto which presented a brief to Premier Frost of the Government of Ontario requesting his consideration of legislation for Fair Employment Practices in Ontario, on June 7, 1949.

2. Cancellation of Japanese Nationality Forms - These forms have been multigraphed and distributed to member Chapters and organizations in quantity together with English translations of the forms and instructions.

3. 3rd National Conference - ~~The Lethbridge Chapter has agreed~~ that it would be possible for the Conference to be held there in the last week in October or the early part of November.

MOVED by M. Kitagawa and seconded by T. Umezuki
THAT we send a letter to the Alberta JCCA to make formal contact with the Chapter respecting the National Conference, and to set the Conference dates for the earliest possible dates. CARRIED.

It was suggested that the matter of the organizational finances could be mentioned as a factor in the desirability of an early date.

4. THE TORonto Inter-Ethnic Citizens Council - The Toronto JCCA Chapter will take an active part in the Council and have paid the $10.00 membership fee. Mr. Hugo Wolter, Advisor to the Council was invited to address the Ontario JCCA Conference on the subject of Community organization. It is important that the National organization participate in the Toronto Council in that ~~it would enable the passing on of information~~

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~~information~~ Chapters across the country could be kept informed on the work of such a community organization and the significance of such an organization.

5. The Ontario JCCA Conference - At the Conference of the Ontario JCCA held in Toronto, June 11th and 12th, 1949, certain resolutions were passed and directed to the National organization. It was recommended that an official JCCA lapel pin, an official membership card and uniform letterheads be instituted.

Samples of the membership card designed by the Toronto local Chapter have been distributed to all Provincial Chapters. The Ontario delegates desired the space provided in the card for inserting local Chapter name.

The National letterhead has been adopted by the Manitoba JCCA Chapter and the Alberta Chapter used it for a time.

Agreed that the matter of contacting Provincial Chapters re the above recommendation of the Ontario Conference be left with the Executive Secretary.

6. Formation of Local Chapters in Ontario - An Essex JCCA Chapter was re-formed in February last, and the Executive Secretary made two trips to Leamington for this purpose.

President (and some of his committee) stated the Hamilton, Ont.

A Hamilton JCCA Chapter was formed in May last, greatly due to the patient efforts of Mr. Ken Hori of the Ontario Chapter, over a period of many months with many trips taken to Hamilton at his personal expense. The Executive Secretary assisted at the organizational meeting of the Hamilton Chapter.

It was suggested that Mr. Kameoka report the organization of these Chapters to the Toronto Chapter Issei group, as they have been enquiring on this point.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by T. Sagara
THAT a letter go from this Committee to the newly formed Hamilton Chapter conveying our encouragement and greetings. CARRIED.

VI. TREASURER's REPORT:-

1. Statement of Income and Disbursements for the month of May, 1949 - (see attached)-

MOVED by S. Shinobu and seconded by T. Umezuki
THAT it be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.

2. Requisition for the month of June -

Executive Secretary's Salary	$233.00
Office Secretary's Salary	156.00
Petty Cash	50.00
Supplies, etc., ...	161.00
	$600.00

MOVED by T. Sagara and seconded by Y. Hyodo that the Requisiton for $600.00 be approved. CARRIED.

3. Interim Balance Sheet - The following Interim Balance Sheet, prepared by the National Treasurer, Mr. H. Okuda, was presented by the National Headquarter's Treasurer, N. Fujita:

As at May 31st, 1949:

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Assets:

Bank		$2,762.63
National Headquarters		172.21
Receivables		501.60
Equipment	$557.11	
Less Reserve	27.41	529.70
		$3,966.14

Net Worth:

National JCCA	$ 492.27
National JCCA Special Projects Reserve	3,473.87
	$3,966.14

VII. UKRAINIAN PROPERTY CLAIMS QUESTION:- R. Obata reported that some officers of the Ukrainian Farmer-Labour Temple were willing to speak on the Ukrainian property cliams question and that he would suggest that the National Executive Committee call a special meeting to herar them.

MOVED by J. Oki and seconded by K. Hidaka
THAT we invite some members of the Ukrainian Labour-Farmer Temple to speak to the National Executive Committee on the subject of Ukrainian property claims. CARRIED.

Although there is information that the Ukrainian property claims question is somewhat different from the Japanese Canadian property claims, it was felt that it might be useful to get secure some information on the subject of their claims.

R. Obata was asked to contact the guests to arrange for a meeting with them on June 29th, 30th or 28th, in that order of preference.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned on the Motion of Mr. Umezuki.

JUNE 28, 1949 - SPECIAL MEETING TO HEAR SPEAKERS ON UKRAINIAN PROPERTY CLAIMS QUESTION

Those Present - T. Umezuki, J. Oki, R. Obata, T. Kameoka, Y. Hyodo, G. Tanaka, K. Hidaka, K. Shimizu, N. Fujita.
Mr. Theresyal and Mr. Boychuk of the Ukrainian Labor-Farmer Temple Assoc.
Regrets - K. Tanaka, S. Shinobu.

Chairman - National Executive Secretary, G. Tanaka.

The Committee heard a talk given by Mr. Boychuk of the Ukrainian Labor-Farmer Temple Association in reclaiming their property seized by the Government during the war. He explained that their association is purely cultural and educational in nature, but that in 1940, it was declared illegal. Their 108 halls, valued at half a million dollars, were seized and placed in the hands of Government Custodians.

On October 14, 1943, the ban was removed by the Government and plans were made by the Association to seek recovery of the properties, 17 pieces of which had been sold by the Custodian. A Government Committee had been set up to study "manners and means which should be used in releasing the properties" and having them returned to the Association. They tried to negotiate with purchasers to buy back properties from them and found that some would not return them. Cash settlement were offered but the Association wanted the return of the buildings.

The claim for the properties was filed by the one Association (as in contrast to individuals), and all action on the question was centralized. The matter was left entirely in the hands of the National Executive Committee in which was vested power to make all decisions. This simplified procedure,and they carried out direct negotiations

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with the Government.

The Association's Executive Committee worked through the Civil Liberties Association and first launched a campaign to arouse public opinion through such means as: contacting newspapers across the country, contacting membersof parliament, presenting a brief, filing of petitions, distributing pamphlets, distributing postcards addressed to the Prime Minister.

A Judge held court hearings across the country at which lawyers gave evidence or Mr. Boychuk, himself. Evaluators were hired and they brought in fair evaluations. The Commission travelled for two months and sat in Ottawa for one year covering each case. Everything was not left in the hands of lawyers as in the Finnish cases where some properties were returned but no refund was received for damages.

All the buildings were finally returned to the Association and compensation was received for damages. It was public opinion which finally did the work.

Large funds are needed to follow through a case in this way. Cost to the Association totalled approximately $25,000.00, not including two year's wages for Mr. Boychuk and for other workers put on this work. The $25,000.00 was broken down roughly as follows:

$13,000.00 for Lawyers.
1,700.00 " advertising
1,650.00 " Printing
6,500.00 " Travel Expense of Mr. Boychuk - Secretary
1,750.00 " Other expenses
350.00 " Stamps

$25,000.00

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

May, 1949

Receipts;

May 17 - May Requisition	$500.00
" 17 - Refund re New Canadian Special Issue expense from B. C. JCCA, Alberta JCCA, and Manitoba JCCA	24.96
	$524.96

Disbursements:

Salary, Executive Secretary, less income tax deductions	$210.65
Salary, Office Secretary, less income tax deductions	146.75
Supplies	10.13
Telephone & Telegraph	11.36
Rent	12.00
Equipment	7.35
Transportation	11.00
Travel Expenses	27.65
Bank Charges	.81
Literature	.35
Income Tax	32.00
	$470.05

Cash Balance - in Bank $122.21
- Petty Cash 50.00

$172.21

BREAKDOWNS:

Supplies - 2 typewriter ribbons $2.00, 6 Stenographer's notebooks 90¢, scratch pads $1.95, typewriter brush, fyberglass eraser and moistener $1.20, 6 boxes Kleenex for mimeograph machine $2.10, insect spray $1.98.

Equipment - desk tray $4.60, steel scissors $2.75.

Travel Expense - Executive Secretary's trip to Western Regional Conference at Chatham, May 7-8 $27.65.

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STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

March, 1949

Receipts:

March 21 - March Requisition ..... $ 663.35

Disbursements:

Salary, Executive Secretary	$ 233.00
" , Office Secretary	246.68
Supplies	49.63
Telephone and Telegraph	19.28
Rent	13.50
Transportation	2.00
Bank Charges	.85
Literature	3.00
Accounts Receivable	79.31
	$647.25

Cash Balance - in Bank $148.34
- Petty Cash . 50.00
$198.34

BREAKDOWNS:

Salary, Office Secretary - March salary $156.00, retroactive adjustment for Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., $90.68.

Supplies - Typewriter rental for 1 month $5.00, Printing expense for Bulletin heads $17.82, Art work for Bulletin heads $5.00, Stamps, express and excise charges $10.63, Two typewriter ribbons $1.50, 100 plain envelopes 65¢, Fifty Report covers $5.00, One hundred File Folders $2.90, Two Erasers, Three scratch pads and Three notebooks $1.13.

Telephone and Telegraph - Feb. telephone a/c $7.40, Mar. telephone a/c $7.35, Telegrams $4.53.

Rent - Regular office rental $12.00, Committee room rental for Executive Committee mtg. March 15, 1949, $1.50.

Transportation - Book of car tickets $2.00.

Literature - One copy "Hawaii's Japanese" by Lind $3.00.

Accounts Receivable - One month's typewriter rental re-imburseable from Toronto Chapter $5.00.
- New Canadian "JCCA Special Issue" expense re-imburseable from Provincial Chapter $74.31

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STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

April, 1949

Receipts:

April 28	- April Requisition	$1,100.00
"	" - Reimbursements from Co-operative Committee $6.00 and Toronto Chapter $6.00	12.00

Disbursements:

Salary, Executive Secretary (less income tax deductions for Jan., Feb., Mar., April)	$	143.60
Salary, Office Secretary (less income tax deductions for Jan., Feb., Mar., April) and extra help ..		138.88
Supplies		162.38
Telephone & Telegraph		7.35
Rent		13.50
Public Relations		1.57
Travel Expense		596.90
Bank Charges		2.33
Literature		.53
Income Tax		126.00
		$1,193.04

Cash Balance - in Bank	$ 67.30
- Petty Cash	50.00
	$117.30

BREAKDOWNS:

Salary, Office Secretary - Extra help, Miss Eileen Shintani - 26½ hrs. @ .75 $19.88.

Supplies - 20,000 shts. mimeograph paper $50.50; 2 bottles Correcting Fluid $1.50; 10 quires Stencils $40.00; 6 tubes Black Ink $18.54; 1500 shts. Letterhead and 2000 envelopes $28.19; Stamps $16.50; 1 box bond paper, 1 M shts. copy paper, fasteners and labels $7.15.

Rent - Monthly rent $12.00; rental for Committee Room April 11,'49 $1.50.

Public Relations - 1 year subscription to the "Fisherman".

Travel Expense - Executive Secretary's cross-country trip, Feb. 24 to April 5, '49

Total Expenses	$796.90
less advance contribution from Co-operative Com. ...	200.00
	$596.90

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REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
of the JCCA National Executive Committee

A meeting of the sub-committee was held Wednesday, May 25, 1949, when the following report on JCCA Finances was compiled:

	Quotas	Receipts	Not Received
B. C. JCCA	$ 300.00	$ 300.00	-
Alberta JCCA	1,200.00	400.00	$ 800.00
Saskatchewan JCCA	100.00	-	100.00
Manitoba JCCA	450.00	450.00	-
Ontario JCCA	3,000.00	2,500.00	500.00
Quebec JCCA	800.00	690.00	200.00
Total	$5,850.00	$4,250.00	$1,600.00
1947-48 Ont. Over-pay.	500.00	500.00	
1948 & 1949 Conf. Exp. (?)	700.00	-	700.00
Acc. Total	$7,050.00	$4,750.00	$2,300.00
Spec. B.C. Proj. Quota	1,700.00	-	1,700.00
Grand Total	$8,750.00	$4,750.00	$4,000.00

National Treasury General Account:

Bal. at end of April	$1,550.13
Receipts - May	300.00
	1,000.00
	400.00
	$3,250.13
Requisition for May	500.00
Balance at end of May	$2,750.13 (approx.)

Total of Donations to Trust Fund	$3,448.87
Amount in General Account May 31st	2,750.13
Am't of Trust Fund used for Current Expenses	$ 698.74 (approx.)

This means that the real Current Account is completely depleted and approximately $698.74 has been borrowed from the Trust Fund and used for current operating expenses.

Disbursements from Current Account September to end of April 1949	$4,894.74
May Requisition	500.00
Approximate Disbursements September - May, 1949	$5,394.74

1948-49 Receipts Sept. - May, 1949	$4,750.00	
Disbursements - approx.	5,394.74	
Current Operating Deficit	$ 644.74	
Amount Borrowed from Trust Fund	$ 698.74	

Estimated Operating Expenses Required for JCCA June to Aug, 1949, @ $600.00	$1,800.00
Re-payment to Trust Fund - approximately	700.00
Estimated Income Necessary to Close Fiscal Year without Deficit	$2,500.00

Exp. for Fiscal Yr. Sept.1948 to Aug.1949 - Sept. to May, 1949		$5,394.74
	Est. June to Aug.,1949	1,800.00
Estimated Total Expenditures for Fiscal Year		$7,194.74

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as it was the desire of the Leamington JCCA to obtain some advice on certain matters pertaining to local organization. At Chatham, the Executive Secretary spoke at the local JCCA Chapter's monthly meeting.

h). The National Office gave considerable assistance to the Co-operative Committee in the preparation, printing and mailing of the Co-operative Committee Claims Fund Financial Statement, form letter to claimants re the second request for 1% payment, special remittance forms and translations for the foregoing.

5. Audited Financial Statements - Two audited statements for National Office accounts were submitted, namely:

Auditor's Report, National Headquarter's Accounts
for the fiscal year, 1947 - 48, ended August 31, 1948

January 10, 1949.

The National Executive Committee,
Japanese Canadian Citizens Association,
84 Gerrard Street, East,
Toronto, Ontario.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your instructions, I, the undersigned, have made a detailed audit of the books of record of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association located at 84 Gerrard Street, East, Toronto, Ontario, for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1948. I have received all the information and explanations that I have required from the Treasurer, Mr. Louis Suzuki, and from the Executive Secretary, Mr. George Tanaka.

With regard to the items on the attached Trial Balance of the General Ledger, I have the following comments to offer:

Cash in Bank, August 31, 1948 - $299.45

I have received confirmation from the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Carlton and Yonge Sts. Branch, of the amount on deposit at the close of business on the 31st day of August, 1948.

Cash on Hand, August 31, 1948 - $50.00

I have examined in detail all the Petty Cash transactions and confirm that the sum on hand the 31st day of August, 1948, was $50.00.

Subject to the foregoing, I certify that the attached Trial Balance of the General Ledger and Balance Sheet are, in my opinion, drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the financial affairs of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association as at the end of the fiscal year August 31, 1948, according to the best of my information, the explanations given me and as shown by the books of the Association.

Yours faithfully,

FRED SASAKI,
Auditor.

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TELEPHONE: PLAZA 1253

JCCA

CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:
84 GERRARD ST. E., TORONTO 2, ONTARIO

June 8, 1949.

Dear Executive Committee Member:

The Ontario JCCA Chapter Executive has requested me to inform you of their invitation to attend the forthcoming Ontario JCCA Provincial Conference to be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 11th and 12th. The Conference will be held at the Canadian Legion Hall, 22 College St., Toronto.

Please find enclosed a copy of the agenda of the Conference.

Sincerely yours,

Geo. Tanaka per n.f.

GEORGE TANAKA,
National Executive Secretary.

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Trial Balance of General Ledger, August 31, 1948

ASSETS:		Dr.	Cr.
Cash on Hand		50.00	
Canadian Bank of Commerce		299.45	
Accounts Receivable		340.00	
Equipment	527.41		
Less Reserve for Depreciation	27.41	500.00	
Prepaid Travelling Expenses		462.25	
EXPENSES:			
Salary, Executive Secretary		2,899.00	
" , Office Secretary and Helpers		1,011.00	
Supplies		817.66	
Telegraph and Telephone		184.06	
Rent		153.00	
Depreciation of Office Equipment		27.41	
Public Relations		539.12	
Transportation		21.25	
Travelling Expenses		781.00	
Bank Charges		13.99	
Donations Received			791.86
From JCCA National Treasury			7,307.33
		$ 8,099.19	$ 8,099.19

(Breakdown of Accounts Receivable, August 31, 1948 -

Ontario JCCA share re B. C. Emergency Relief Fund	$ 280.00
Quebec JCCA share re B. C. Emergency Relief Fund	60.00
	$ 340.00)

Balance Sheet for the Year Ended August 31st, 1948

A S S E T S

Petty Cash		50.00
Canadian Bank of Commerce		299.45
Accounts Receivable		340.00
Prepaid Travelling Expense		462.25
Equipment	527.41	
less Reserve for Depreciation	27.41	500.00
		$ 1,651.70

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JCCA, 1947 - 1948	$ 1,651.70

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AUDITOR'S REPORT, NATIONAL HEADQUARTER'S ACCOUNTS, FOR THE FIRST QUARTER
September 1st to November 30th, 1948

January 10, 1949.

The National Executive Committee,
Japanese Canadian Citizens Association,
84 Gerrard St. East,
Toronto, Ontario.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your instructions I, the undersigned, have made a detailed audit of the books of record of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association located at 84 Gerrard Street, East, Toronto, Ontario, for the quarter, September 1, 1948, to November 30, 1948. I have received all the information and explanations that I have required from the treasurer, Miss Norah Fujita, and from the Executive Secretary, Mr. George Tanaka.

With regard to the items on the attached statement, I have the following comments to offer:

Cash in Bank, November 30, 1948 - $78.80

I have received confirmation from the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Carlton and Yonge St. Branch, of the amount on deposit at the close of business on 30th November, 1948.

Cash on Hand, November 30, 1948 - $50.00

I have examined in detail all the Petty Cash transactions and confirm that the sum on hand on 30th November, 1948, was $50.00.

Subject to the foregoing, I certify that the attached Trial Balance of the General Ledger is, in my opinion, drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the financial affairs of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association for the quarter, September 1st to November 30th, 1948, according to the best of my information, the explanations given me and as shown by the books of the Association.

Yours faithfully,

FRED SASAKI,
Auditor.

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Trial Balance of General Ledger, November 30, 1948

		Dr.	Cr.
ASSETS:			
Cash on Hand		50.00	
Canadian Bank of Commerce		78.80	
Accounts Receivable		431.70	
Equipment	544.91		
Less Reserve for Depreciation	27.41	517.50	
Prepaid Travelling Expenses		462.25	
LIABILITIES:			
Account Payable - G. Tanaka			500.00
EXPENSES:			
Salary, Executive Secretary		699.00	
" , Office Secretary		399.99	
Supplies		133.34	
Telephone and Telegraph		56.07	
Rent Expense		49.00	
Public Relations		4.05	
Transportation		20.95	
Bank Charges		.55	
Literature		8.54	
From JCCA National Treasury			760.04
JCCA 1947 - 48			1,651.70
		$ 2,911.74	$2,911.74

(Breakdown of Accounts Receivable, November 30, 1948 -

Ontario JCCA share re B. C. Emergency Relief Fund	280.00
Quebec JCCA share re " " " "	60.00
Co-operative Committee	37.54
Toronto Chapter JCCA	14.00
Manitoba Chapter JCCA	40.16
	$ 431.70)

6. Office Secretary's Salary - The Executive Secretary submitted a request to the meeting that the salary of the Office Secretary be adjusted from the present $1,600.00 per year to $1,900.00. He stated that this adjustment on a weekly basis would mean an increase of approximately $6.00 per week on the present $30.00 paid. He stated that it was extremely difficult for him to continue to ask the Office Secretary to put in the necessary over-time work at night and on Sundays in view of the present inadequate salary. It was the intention of the

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ecutive Secretary to bring this matter up at the time of the meeting of the Executive ommittee in November, 1948, but unfortunately the matter was subsequently deferred twice owing to the inability of the meeting to form a quorum. He stated that he discussed this matter with the President, Tom Shoyama, when he was in Toronto last November at which time the President stated that he has no objection to the increase in salary provided there was some means to cover this amount. The Secretary stated that in view of the fact that the 1947 - 48 fiscal year Financial Statement indicates that there is approximately $1,000.00 in operating surplus, he had no hesitation to recommend this salary adjustment. He also requested that this adjustment be made retroactive to November, in view of the considerable amount of overtime work which has been required of the Office Secretary and which it is certain will continue to be required in the months to come.

The meeting expressed divided opinion on this question, some members approving the request, while others appeared concerned with the ability of the organization to meet this adjustment or desired to obtain information on comparable or standard rates of payment for persons who are rated as Office Secretaries.

The meeting approved the appointment of a sub-Committee with the following named to consider this matter fully and report its findings to the next meeting: T. Tsuji, K. Hidaka, T. Umezuki, T. Kameoka, and G. Tanaka (Chairman).

EW BUSINESS:

Executive Secretary's Note: Owing to the accumulation of business during the past months which required discussion at this meeting, it was impossible to consider certain items of New Business placed on the meeting agenda which are listed below:

a). Co-ordination of plans for any representations to be made to the B. C. Government by the National and B. C. JCCA in connection with the convening of the B. C. Legislature in February.

b). Brief on Claims excluded under the present terms of reference.

c). Invitation to affiliate with the Co-ordinating Committee of Canadian Youth Groups.)

. National Office Disbursements and Requisitions - The Office Treasurer reported the following Disbursements by the National Office for the months of October, November and December, 1948:

Statement of Disbursements, October, 1948

October 18 -	Requisition for October		$ 443.71
" 22 -	Donation from Mr. Alsebrook		5.00
	Salary, Executive Secretary	$ 233.00	
	" , Office Secretary	133.33	
	Supplies	34.06	
	Telephone and Telegraph	28.27	
	Rent	25.00	
	Public Relations	1.36	
	Transportation	4.75	
	Literature	8.54	
	Bank Charges	.55	
	Accounts Receivable	32.90	
		$ 501.76	

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Cash Balance - in Bank $119.57
- Petty Cash 50.00 $169.57

Breakdowns: Supplies - Stamps $19.20, Office Supplies $8.86, Typewriter Rental $6.00.

Rent - Rental for meeting rooms $13.00
Office Rent - 4 weeks $12.00

Public Relations - subscription to "Nisei Vue" $1.36.

Accounts Receivable - Typewriter rental refundable by Co-operative Committee $30.00,
Folders for Fund Drive refundable by Toronto Fund Drive Committee $2.90.

Statement of Disbursements, November, 1948

November 22 - Personal Loan from G. Tanaka to cover National Office operating expenses for November ..... $ 500.00
" 16 - Received from B. C. JCCA, to be applied to New Canadian special issue expense 15.10

Salary, Executive Secretary	$ 233.00
" , Office Secretary	133.33
Supplies	58.18
Telephone & Telegraph	15.69
Rent	12.00
Equipment	11.50
Public Relations	14.17
Transportation	14.20
Accounts Receivable	58.80
	$ 550.87

Cash Balance - in Bank $ 78.80
- Petty Cash 50.00
$128.80

Breakdowns: Supplies - Folders $4.10, Twine and wrapping paper $4.45, Minute Book sheets $3.75, 4 boxes cockle bond paper $9.50, Brief covers and prongs $7.45, 2 boxes Carbon paper $5.00, Paper clips, pin tray and rubber bands $1.82, Postage and express $22.11.

Equipment - casters and rubber mats for mimeo machine $ .99,
light fixtures $10.31, 2 coat hanger brackets $ .20

Public Relations - Art work on JCCA Poster and special fund campaign envelopes $14.17.

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Statement of Disbursements, December, 1948

December 1	- Re-imbursement from Co-operative Com.		$ 30.00
" 3	- " " Manitoba Chapter		40.16
" 20	- December Requisition		580.00
	Salary, Executive Secretary	$ 233.00	
	" , Office Secretary and Helper ..	164.08	
	Supplies	17.38	
	Telephone & Telegraph	.52	
	Rent	12.00	
	Public Relations	16.10	
	Travel Expense	7.20	
	Bank Charges	.75	
		$ 451.03	

Cash Balance - in Bank $ 277.93
- Petty Cash 50.00 $ 327.93

Breakdowns: Supplies - 4 boxes signal tabs $4.50, Postage Stamps and Express $11.72, 4 boxes Kleenex for mimeographing purposes $1.16.

Public Relations - To record forwarding of contribution received from B. C. to New Canadian on account of JCCA Special Issue expense $15.10.
Year-end token of appreciation to Postman $1.00.

Travel Expense - Part expense of Southern Ontario trip by G. Tanaka $7.20.

Salary, Office Secretary - December salary, N. Fujita $133.33.
For Service rendered, E. Shintani $30.75.
(typing copy and stencils for Claims B[illegible]

The Executive Secretary reported to the meeting that he has loaned the organization $500.00 from his personal account in order to carry through operation of the organization during the month of November, 1948.

The National Office Operating Expense Requisition to the National Treasurer for December, 1948, was drawn up as follows:

Executive Secretary's salary	$ 233.00
Office Secretary's Salary	133.33
Petty Cash	50.00
Supplies, etc.	163.67
	$ 580.00

A Requisition for $500.00 for National Office Operating Expenses for the month of January, 1949, was submitted and approved by the meeting:

Executive Secretary's Salary	$ 233.00
Office Secretary's Salary	133.33
Petty Cash	50.00
Supplies, etc.	83.67
	$ 500.00

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2. National Executive Committee Members - The meeting expressed concern over the failure of the Committee to hold meetings during the months of November and December and, notwithstanding the fact that some members may have good reason for being unable to attend, it does not obviate the Committee from responsibility to hold regular monthly meetings. It was felt that members should not fail to notify the National Office in advance of the meeting if they are unable to attend. The Executive Secretary was requested to get in touch with absent members.

NEXT MEETING

The February meeting of the National Executive Committee will be held Tuesday evening, February 8, 1949.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by T. Umezuki and seconded by S. Shinobu that a vote of thanks be accorded the National Office staff for their work in the past three months of October, November and December, and that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11.40 p.m.

APPENDIX: a). Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians letter to Claimants re additional 1% Remittance.

b). Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians Claims Fund, Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements November 8, 1947 to August 31, 1948.

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THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE
ON
JAPANESE CANADIANS

TORONTO, ONT.

67 Riverdale Ave.,
Toronto 6, Ontario,
December 10th, 1948.

Dear Claimant:

You are one of the claimants on whose behalf the Co-operative Committee is presenting claims to the Japanese-Canadian Property Claims Commission.

A copy of the recently published Co-operative Committee Claims Fund financial statement is enclosed herewith. The balance shown, however, has been greatly reduced during the past three months.

It is now clear:

(a) that a tremendous work has been done by the Co-operative Committee and its legal representatives on behalf of roughly one thousand claimants, who presented claims totalling between three and four million dollars;

(b) that the duration of the Commission and the size of the task have turned out to be much greater than anyone could have expected;

(c) that perhaps the most important part of the work -- if substantial recovery is to be made -- remains for the future in Vancouver, when detailed evidence of expert valuators of real estate and other forms of property is presented to the Commission, together with statistical information, records of sales of comparable property and legal argument. In Vancouver also it will be necessary to cross-examine the Government witnesses and valuators in detail;

(d) that, in preparation for final hearings, a staff of expert real estate valuators has been engaged since early in the summer, and much statistical work has been done.

However, the full time work of our counsel and valuation staff will be required for at least six months longer to complete the work. In light of these facts, the 1% retainer fee which was originally set (previous to widening of the terms of reference) has turned out to be entirely inadequate. Consequently, the Committee will shortly run out of the necessary funds to carry through properly the remaining and most important stages of the Commission. The various legal counsel across Canada have been able to devote much time to the claims work without asking present payment, but it is not possible for our Vancouver representatives, who will be putting their entire time on this matter for several months, to wait for payment, nor is it possible to employ the valuators on such a basis.

In view of these facts, the Co-operative Committee now urgently requests claimants to advance a further sum equal to 1% of their claim, to enable the work to be carried through on their behalf. We regret this necessity, but believe all claimants will agree that the payment in advance of a total of 2% of the claim (instead of the original 1%) still represents a tremendous saving over what would have been possible without the Committee's co-operation. If it had been necessary for each claimant to employ individual solicitors and valuators, very much higher payments would have been required.

By the year end the Committee's Claims Fund will be entirely exhausted. Unless remittances are received, it will be impossible to carry on the work of presenting claims adequately. Please, therefore, forward your remittance for the amount indicated on the enclosed form, which should be signed and returned with your cheque or money order <u>at the earliest possible date</u> to the above address.

Yours very truly,

Margaret Boas

SECRETARY.

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THE CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

CLAIMS FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 8, 1947 to AUGUST 31, 1948

RECEIPTS

Retainer fees from claimants:		
British Columbia	$17,053.04	
Alberta	3,684.68	
Saskatchewan	201.86	
Manitoba	1,771.00	
Ontario	7,404.86	
Quebec	910.43	$31,025.87
		$31,025.87

DISBURSEMENTS

Expenses:		
Solicitors' fees	$ 7,750.00	
Solicitors' Expenses	6,233.72	
Valuation fees	3,801.45	
Stationery, express, etc.	362.62	
Reimbursement of affiliated associations for assistance to claimants	986.64	
J.C.C.A. - tabulating claims	212.50	
Ontario hearings:		
Honoraria - secretarial and legal assist.	150.00	
Interpreter	130.00	
Bank Charges	48.20	$19,675.13
Balance August 31, 1948:		
Cash in Bank		11,350.74
		$31,025.87

We have compared the above Claims Fund Statement with the books of account and vouchers of the Committee and have found them to be in agreement therewith.

"P. S. ROSS & SONS",
Chartered Accountants.

TORONTO, Ont., November 4, 1948.

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NOTICE OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

National JCCA,
84 Gerrard St., East,
Toronto 2, Ontario.
February 1, 1949.

Dear Committee Member:

The next monthly meeting of the National Executive Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 1949, 8:30 p.m. at the Central YMCA, 36 College St., Toronto, Room 19.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please advise the National Office, PLaza 1253, not later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 7th.

A G E N D A

1. Discussion on the Minutes of Meeting #9, January 11, 1949, and adoption of these Minutes.

2. Reports from sub-Committees:

   a). National Survey
   b). Office Secretary's Salary.

3. Executive Secretary's Report:

   a). Co-operative Committee meeting on claims.
   b). Trip to Leamington.
   c). 1947 - 48 National Treasurer's Financial Report
   d). Race Relations Institute, February 26, 1949.

4. New Business:

   a). Co-ordination of plans for any representations to be made to the B. C. Government by the National and B. C. JCCA in connection with the convening of the B. C. Legislature in February.
   b). Brief on Claims excluded under the present terms of reference.
   c). Invitation to affiliate with the Co-ordinating Committee of Canadian Youth Groups.
   d). National JCCA program in Recreation, Education, Welfare and Community services.

GEORGE TANAKA,
National Executive Secretary.

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SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING

CALL FOR THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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84 Gerrard
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February 4

Brewin - Emergency meeting Feb 1/49

THIS NOTICE IS URGENT

Dear Committee Member:

I have been requested by Mr. Brewin to call a special meeting of t
National Executive Committee in order that Mr. Brewin may be able to br
the attention of the Committee a very urgent question with respect to the Claims Hearings in Vancouver. Mr. Brewin desires to bring to the attention of the Committee certain matters pertaining to the settlement of the claims on an over-all basis which has been proposed by the Commissioner. Mr. Brewin has today received a telephone call from Mr. McMaster in Vancouver seeking his aid and personal appearance in Vancouver in connection with discussion on this matter which will necessitate Mr. Brewin leaving Toronto by plane for Vancouver next Tuesday. — Feb 6/49

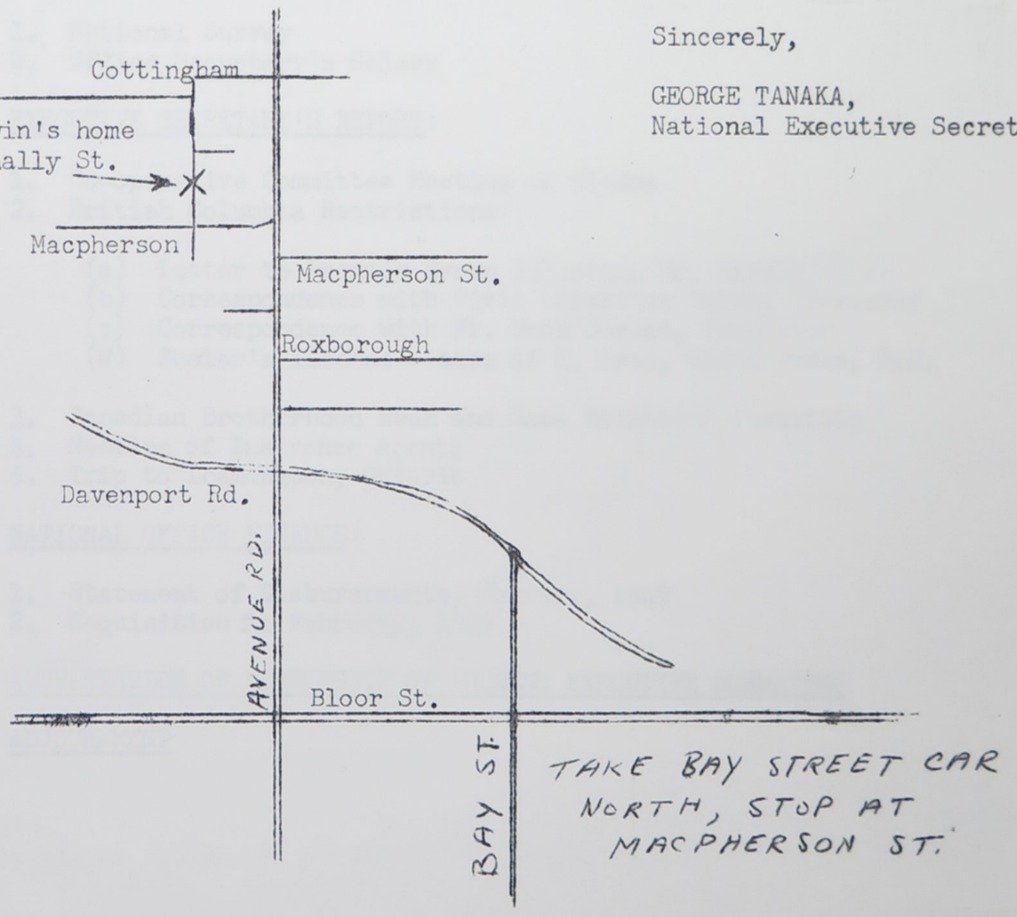
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The meeting of the Committee will be held this Sunday, February 6, 1949, 8:00 p.m., at Mr. Brewin's home, 54 Rathnally Street, directions to reach Mr. Brewin's home are indicated below.

Please do not fail to attend this very important meeting.

Sincerely,

GEORGE TANAKA,
National Executive Secretary.



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NATIONAL JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Central YMCA,
Toronto, Ontario

February 8, 1949;
8:30 p. m.

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING #9, January 11, 1949

IV. CHAIRMANSHIP OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

V. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

1. Forms for Cancellation of Japanese Nationality
2. Claims Brief
3. Co-operative Committee Claims Fund
4. National Treasury Audited Statements

VI. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

1. National Survey
2. Office Secretary's Salary

VII. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Co-operative Committee Meeting on Claims
2. British Columbia Restrictions:

(a) Letter to Premier Byron Johnston, Mr. Harold Winch
(b) Correspondence with Civil Liberties Union, Vancouver
(c) Correspondence with Mr. Buck Suzuki, Vancouver
(d) Scaler's licence - case of K. Arai, Grand Forks, B.C.

3. Canadian Brotherhood Week and Race Relations Institute
4. Meeting of Insurance Agents
5. Trip to Leamington, Ontario

VIII. NATIONAL OFFICE FINANCE:

1. Statement of Disbursements, January, 1949
2. Requisition for February, 1949

IX. AUGMENTATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF PRESENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

X. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, FEBRUARY 8, 1949

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The February meeting of the JCCA National Executive Committee was held Tuesday, February 8, 1949, 8:30 p.m., at the Central YMCA, 36 College Street, Toronto.

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kinzie Tanaka.

II. ATTENDANCE:

Those Present - K. Tanaka (Chairman), T. Umezuki, T. Kameoka, T. Sagara, K. Hidaka, I. Uchida, R. Obata, T. Tsuji, G. Tanaka, N. Fujita.

Regrets Received from - P. Yamada, S. Shinobu, K. Shimizu.

Absentees - I. Kawajiri, M. Sato, J. Ide, E. Yamanaka.

III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - The Minutes of the January 11th meeting, Vol. II, #9, were reviewed and adopted.

IV. CHAIRMANSHIP OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - K. Tanaka requested that a new official Chairman be appointed as he has been required to act as Chairman for several meetings now in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Yamada. It was recalled that Mr. Yamada had been appointed Chairman for only a three-month period last summer and that that time has long since lapsed.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by I. Uchida that a new official Chairman be appointed for the remainder of this term. Carried.

Agreed that we first ask Mr. Yamada if he can continue to act as Chairman of the National Executive Committee.

V. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

1. Forms for Cancellation of Japanese Nationality - Mr. Umezuki informed the Committee that the two necessary forms to be completed and submitted to the Foreign Affairs Department of the Japanese Government when applying for renunciation of Japanese nationality were available in Japanese in mimeographed form (for details of procedure for cancellation of dual nationality see Vol. II, #8, Minutes of October 22, 1948).

   For the benefit of Niseis who are not well versed in the Japanese language, it was agreed that an English translation of the forms should also be duplicated although the actual applications are required to be made out in Japanese.

2. Claims Brief - The Executive Secretary reported that sufficient copies of the Brief submitted to the Royal Commission on Japanese Canadian Property are on hand in the event that occasion should arise when they would be required. In view of the completion of their assignment, the sub-Committee on Claims Brief was declared dissolved.

3. Co-operative Committee Claims Fund - The latest report from Miss Margaret Boos, Secretary of the Co-operative Committee, is that $13,000.00 has been received from claimants in response to the recent appeal for an additional 1% payment on the amount of claim.

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4. National Treasury Audited Statements - Audited reports from the National Treasurer, Mr. H. R. Okuda, have been received by the National Office for the fiscal year, September 2, 1947, to August 31, 1948. Copies of the report are now ready to mail out to Provincial Chapters, National Council members and National Executive Committee members, and will be released for publication in the New Canadian. (A copy of the National Treasury Audited Statements accompanies these Minutes).

In answer to a query as to the progress of the National Fund Raising efforts across the country, the following report was given:

British Columbia JCCA Chapter - no word as yet as to their progress.
Alberta JCCA Chapter - plans underway for Spring campaign.
Saskatchewan JCCA Chapter - no word as yet as to their progress.
Manitoba JCCA Chapter - completed drive raising their quota of $450.00.
Ontario JCCA Chapter - campaign partly completed: Toronto, Lakehead and Chatham Chapters have completed their drives. At least $1,500.00 is now in process of being forwarded to the National Treasury.
Quebec JCCA Chapter - $600.00 has been received from them by the National Treasury.

VI. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

1. National Survey - The Chairman of the sub-Committee on National Survey, K. Hidaka, reported that this Committee met Tuesday, February 1st, 1949, with the following members in attendance: G. Tanaka, T. Kameoka, S. Shinobu, T. Umezuki, I. Uchida, N. Fujita, K. Hidaka. Three members, I. Kawajiri, P. Yamada and T. Tsuji, were unable to attend.

Mr. Umezuki reported to that sub-Committee meeting that a group of Issei members had discussed the National Survey project and were strongly of the opinion that the National JCCA should attempt complete coverage of the Japanese Canadian population and secure such data as may be compiled into a national directory rather than conduct the type of intensive survey on a sampling basis as originally suggested by the sub-Committee. It was agreed that the sub-Committee recommend to the National Executive Committee that the national survey be conducted on the basis of total coverage of all Japanese Canadian persons in Canada.

The only financial expense involved so far as the national organization is concerned would be the cost of printing the survey forms in English and in Japanese translation in sufficient quantity to distribute among the total Japanese Canadian population, and perhaps a certain amount in tabulation expense.

The questionnaire form was redrafted for submission again to the National Executive Committee. It was felt that if Provincial Chapters desire to make up supplementary questionnaire forms to accompany the National JCCA forms in their respective provinces, they should be free to do so, and that they may take off such information as may be required by them from the National JCCA forms before forwarding them to National Headquarters.

When it is considered by the National Executive Committee that the National questionnaire is complete in draft form, this draft could be circulated among the Provincial Chapters for their further study and suggestions. It was suggested that a good way of testing the clarity in the wording of the questions would be to ask some persons outside of our committees to complete the questionnaire form.

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The Chairman, K. Tanaka, called for further suggestions and criticisms of the questionnaire form which were received and incorporated as follows:

National Survey Questionnaire Draft Form

LOCATION ..... PROVINCE ..... DATE .....
FAMILY NAME ..... GIVEN NAMES .....MALE OR FEMALE .....YEAR OF BIRTH..

CITIZENSHIP STATUS: (please check ✓)
Canadian-Born ..... ___
Naturalized ..... ___
Applied for Naturalization . ___
Japanese National ..... ___

MARITAL STATUS: (please check ✓)
Single .... ___
Married ... ___

OCCUPATION:

1. Employment other than Farming or Own Business -

Present employment ..... For How Long? .....
Pre-Evacuation Occupation .....
Where did you learn your present work? .....
Do you plan to remain in your present work? .....
What other job preference have you? .....
What difficulties are there in securing your preferred employment? .....
Are you receiving the standard wage? .....
Is there a Trade Union where you work?....If so,are you a member?.....
Have you encountered any difficulties in securing promotions? .....

2. Own Business -

Type of Business ..... When Started? .....

3. Farming -

On What Basis: (please check ✓)
Employee? ..... ___
Share Basis? ..... ___
Lease? ..... ___
Share and Lease Basis?. ___
Own Farm? ..... ___

Number of Acres (if other than employee) .....
Type of Crop or Produce .....

EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING: (Niseis only)

What was the highest grade completed at school? .....
What voctional or special training do you have? .....
Are you doing the work for which you were trained? .....

HOUSING:

Type of Accommodation: (please check)
Single room . ___
Flat ..... ___
Rented House ___
Own House ... ___ Year Purchased .....

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FAMILY LIFE: (to be completed by responsible head of family)

Number of Persons in Family living at above address .....

Their Names	Year of Birth	Sex
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

Number of persons employed .....
Do you have dependents other than children? .....
Are any of your dependents suffering from chronic illness? .....
If so, of what Age? .....
Is there understanding within the family to make major family decisions co-operatively? .....
Do you have Canadian-born children in Japan? .... If so, how many? .....
Is your wife or husband at present residing in Japan? .....
Are you planning to return to the Pacific Coast within a year? .....
If eligible for Old Age Pension, are you receiving same? .....

PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY

Do you belong to any organizations in the community other than that of a Japanese Canadian group; such as, (please check ✓)

Trade Union..... _____
Political organization _____
Religious organization _____
Sports Club..... _____
Cultural group..... _____
Service club..... _____
A co-operative..... _____ What type?
Others (please describe)

To what Japanese Canadian organizations do you belong? (please check ✓)

The local JCCA Chapter... _____
Religious group..... _____
Sports club..... _____
Cultural group..... _____
Co-operative..... _____ What type? .....
Others (please describe) .....
.....

Have you encountered any experiences of racial discrimination:

In employment? _____
In School or training? _____
In the community? _____
In business? _____
In housing? _____

If so, please supply further details .....
.....

It was agreed that the importance of this project warranted the holding of a special National Executive Committee Meeting on Tuesday, February 22nd, 1949, to be called by the Executive Secretary.

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2. Office Secretary's Salary :- Owing to the multiplicity of meetings during the month, it was found impossible to arrange for the meeting of this sub-Committee before this date. However, the Executive Secretary read a letter which has been received in the interim from the Canadian Director of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, Mr. K. C. Woodsworth, which states that the minimum salary figure for an Office Secretary whose duties include, typing, shorthand, general office work, and minor bookeeping, etc., is $ 40.00 weekly with any additional responsibilities beyond that entitling the worker to a higher salary. The letter also stresses that while the Union recognizes that fraternal organizations such as the JCCA have special problems of financing, it must be a primary principle that an employee of such an organization should be paid an adequate salary and we cannot excuse any tendency to solve the financial problems of the organization by reducing salaries below an adequate figure.

The Office Secretary, N. Fujita, is a member of the UOPWA, Local 195. She stated that she had taken on the position of Office Secretary at the $1600.00 per annum rate on the understanding that this was consistent with the estimated amount of work required to be done. It was difficult for any of the Executive Committee members or herself to predict too accurately at the time as to how much work was entailed. It is obvious now that the work which is now being carried out and required to be carried out by National Headquarters calls for even more than the services of a full-time Office Secretary. The Office Secretary also requested that since the salary adjustment figure was being discussed on the basis of $ 36.00 per week which is below the Union minimum of $ 40.00 per week, an explanation from the Committee would be appreciated as to the reason for the difference in order to keep the issue clear.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by T. Sagara that we adopt the resolution submitted by the Executive Secretary at the last meeting that the Office Secretary's salary be adjusted to $ 36.00 per week retroactive to November and, if necessary, that the financial position of the National JCCA be studied and necessary steps taken should funds appear inadequate to cover the salary increase.

It was questioned whether the National Executive Committee had the power to vote an increase in salary or to reallocate the national treasury funds for disbursement.

It was pointed out by the Chairman that the Claims Brief last year had not been budgeted for but that this large expenditure had been made out of an unforeseeable necessity, and it should be realized that such occasions can arise in work of such a nature as this Committee has been entrusted to do.

It was further argued that an adjustment in salary should be by decision of the National Council and not by that of the National Executive, some members feeling that they could not justify themselves to the National Council if they voted in favour of the salary adjustment. The Committee was asked to recall that the appointment of N. Fujita as Office Secretary had been the decision of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Umezuki stated that he wished to withdraw his motion.

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MOVED by T. Sagara and seconded by T. Tsuji that, as previously moved by Mr. Umezuki, we adopt the resolution submitted by the Executive Secretary at the last meeting that the Office Secretary's salary be adjusted to $ 36.00 per week retroactive to November and, if necessary, that the financial position of the National JCCA be studied and necessary steps taken should funds appear inadequate to cover the salary increase.

Question was called: 2 voted in favour of the motion, 4 voted against and 1 abstained. The other members present, G. Tanaka (Executive Secretary) and N. Fujita (Office Secretary) refrained from voting on this question because of their position as office staff, and K. Tanaka by circumstance of his serving as acting Chairman.

The Chairman rebuked a comment by one of the members implying that the time of the Committee was being wasted by discussing this matter fully at this time. It was ruled by the Chairman that this was a question of major importance and warranted this kind of full discussion.

MOVED by R. Obata and seconded by T. Kameoka that we agree in principle that the Office Secretary's salary be adjusted to the $ 36.00 a week rate retroactive to November, 1948, and that the sub-Committee should study the financial state of the organization and if it is found satisfactory, a recommendation should be made to the next meeting by the sub-Committee for acceptance of the proposed adjustment.

Carried.

One dissenting vote was recorded with the Chairman, Executive Secretary and Office Secretary not voting on this motion, also.

MOVED by K. Hidaka that the sub-Committee also go into personnel practice in general of the National Office.

It was conceded that work in an office of an organization doing the r
of work as that of the JCCA, cannot be ruled and regulated by a Commi
but that discretionary powers should be given the Executive Secretary

The inference of this motion was objected to. Mr. Hidaka agreed to w
draw his motion.

Mr. Umezuki asked that he be relieved from serving on the sub-Committ
study the Office Secretary's Salary. The request was granted and T. S
gara volunteered to serve in his place. The sub-Committee now consist
the following members: T. Tsuji, K. Hidaka, T. Sagara, T. Kameoka and
Tanaka (Chairman).

VII. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Co-operative Committee Meeting and Special Meeting of the National Executive Committee on Claims -

For the benefit of those members of the National Executive Committee who were not present at the special meeting with Mr. Brewin at his residence on Sunday, February 6th, when discussion took place on the question of Claims, the Executive Secretary reported, as follows:

The meeting was called at the request of Mr. Brewin in view of the fact that he would be flying to Vancouver the following Tuesday, February 8th,

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to confer with Mr. McMaster and Mr. Virtue in Vancouver on ques
pertaining to policy on any proposal of settlement on claims wh
advanced to Claimants' Counsel by Government Counsel. Mr. Brew
expressed the opinion during the meeting with the Committee mem
discussion taking place at the meeting should be considered str
fidential since no definite decision with respect to acceptance
proposal which might be made by Government Counsel is at present
ted nor will such acceptance ever be made by Claimants' Counsel
consulting with the National JCCA, the Co-operative Committee ar
Claimants themselves. However, Mr. Brewin desired to know wheth
Committee was in favour of the principle of an over-all settlement should
it ever be brought to the attention of himself and Mr. McMaster by Govern-
ment Counsel. He stated that under this method of settlement, he was
fairly certain that every claimant would receive some compensation on
his claim whereas, if the question is to be considered on an individual
claim basis, it would be fairly certain, in his opinion, that 25% of the
Claimants would not receive anything from the Government. The conclusion
arrived at by the Committee with Mr. Brewin, although it in no wise indi-
cated a complete or clear-cut decision on the part of the Committee members
to the acceptance of this principle of settlement without reservations,
it was apparent that, in general, the basic principle appeared sound to
the members of the Committee. The Committee members were unanimous in
expressing great concern on the question of following the over-all settle-
ment principle as it might be possible that the Government would propose
a very low settlement offer and it was the feeling of the Committee that
this should be carefully considered by Counsel.

It was indicated by Mr. Brewin to the Committee that the Commissioner's
position would certainly not be swayed by any expression by the Co-operative
Committee or the JCCA on behalf of claimants in matters pertaining to
any settlement proposal which might be made in as much as Mr. Brewin
was certain that the Commissioner would take the attitude that it was
not a bargaining agent and any proposal made and refused by claimants'
Counsel would not in any way influence the Commission to revise any offer
made. Only through the submission of strong evidence by Claimants'
Counsel could the Commission be affected in forming a decision on settle-
ment proposals.

The Executive Secretary reported that this question had been brought to
the attention of the Co-operative Committee by Mr. Brewin at a meeting
held earlier that day and it was the opinion of the Co-operative Committee
that the principle of over-all settlement might be given consideration.
Mr. Brewin assured both the members of the National Executive Committee
and the Co-operative Committee that any discussions which might take place
with the Commission and Government Counsel would not lead to any agreement
whatsoever until such proposals which might be brought to their attention
by the Government and the Commission are referred back to the Committees
and Claimants.

The Executive Secretary stated that he would bring to the attention of the
Executive Committee at their next meeting a report from Mr. Brewin upon
his return from Vancouver.

2. B. C. Restrictions - The meeting was informed by the Executive Secretary
that the National Office has written to Premier Byron Johnson placing
before him the views of the organization appealing against the continuation
of undemocratic discriminations and further appealed that they be revoked
this year. Also, that a summary of the restrictive enactments and regu-
lations existent against Japanese Canadians in British Columbia were sub-
mitted to the Premier.

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A letter has also been written to Mr. Harold Winch, Leader of the Opposition in the British Columbia Legislature, on this matter along with the list of restrictions.

It was also reported that the Executive Secretary was in close touch with the Vancouver Civil Liberties Union through Prof. Hunter Lewis Past Chairman, and the University of British Columbia Branch of the organization. From Mr. Hunter Lewis it was learned that these groups would very likely submit resolutions as opposed to the continuation of restrictions to the Provincial Government. Also, that he would advise that a resolution be submitted to the Federal Government opposing continuation of Federal restrictions after March 31st.

The Executive Secretary reported that he has planned on a course of action which will make every effort to combat the continuation of the restrictive measures in British Columbia during the term of the present Legislature.

Following the decision of the Committee at their last meeting, the Executive Secretary wrote to Mr. Buck Suzuki in Vancouver on the question of the present policy of the United Fishermen's Union towards the return of Japanese Canadian fishermen, and also as to whether it would be wise for the JCCA to contact the Fishermen's Union directly on the question of Fishing Licenses and the return of Japanese Canadian fishermen.

Mr. Suzuki's reply to this letter was reported in which he advised that it wou d be unwise to contact the Union directly. He also stated that he was in close touch with executive members of the Union and discussion has been made on the question of having Mr. Sakamoto, former President of the Steveston #1 Fishermen's Association, and himself to confer with with Union officials prior to the Union's Convention in March.

Mr. Suzuki expressed a desire for the National JCCA to contact the Minister of Fisheries in Ottawa on the question of the future policy of the Government to issuance of fishing licenses to Japanese Canadians after March 31.

With respect to this last suggestion from Mr. Suzuki, the meeting was of the opinion that care should be taken in contacting the Fisheries Minister without first having written to some member of Parliament who might provide information which would perhaps indicate the future policy of the Government on the question of issuing of fishing licenses to Japanese Canadians.

With respect to the case of Mr. K. Arai of Grand Forks, B. C., who had received a Scaler's License and shortly afterwards was requested by the District Forestry officer at Nelson, B. C., to return this license as it was evident that he did not qualify for such a license on the basis that his name was not on the Provincial Voter's list, the Executive Secretary reported on a letter which he has received from the B. C. JCCA and also on his findings with respect to this question.

His investigations indicate that no such qualification is stated in the B. C. Forest Act with respect to registration on the Provincial Voters' list. The only qualification for a Scaler's Licence was that such applicant should be a British subject. He reported writing to the Minister of Lands and Forests, E. T. Kenny, pointing out this fact and informing him of the arbitrary action of the Regional Forestry officer.

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Paralleling this finding, the Secretary of the B. C. JCCA informed the National Office that they had received a letter from the Chief Engineer, B. C. Forestry Department, Victoria, B. C., which admits of an oversight on the part of the District Forestry Officer with respect to non-granting of Scaler's permit.

3. Canadian Brotherhood Week and Race Relations Institute - The meeting was informed by the Executive Secretary that he and the Office Secretary, Norah Fujita, have been taking active part as representatives of the National JCCA in co-operation with the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Joint Labour Committee to Combat Racial Intolerance, and the Canadian Jewish Congress in organizing a Race Relations Institute to be held on February 26th and 27th in Toronto. It was stated that the purpose of this Institute is to promote a study of racial and inter-cultural problems in Canada with special emphasis on techniques and materials useful in overcoming prejudice and discrimination. Members of various organizations in Toronto in the fields of Education, Welfare, Religion and Labour are being invited to participate in this project.

It was further reported that this institute was being held in conjunction with Canadian Brotherhood Week, February 20 - 27, sponsored by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

4. Meeting of Insurance Agents - A meeting with the following Insurance agents, Mr. S. Shinobu, Mr. Mickey Sato, Mr. Bill Takeda, was held in the National Office on Monday, February 7th, on the question of higher premiums being paid for policies taken out by Japanese Canadians. It was reported the consensus of these Insurance men was that any efforts to seek to reduce the premium on such policies which are higher than standard rates enjoyed by other Canadians could not be effective without having essential facts on mortality rates of Japanese Canadians in Canada. It was acknowledged by these agents that the same desirable information was very difficult to obtain since Japanese Canadians have not been settled in Canada for any great length of time. However, it was admitted by those present that no attempt had been made by them to obtain such information. It was also pointed out that it has long been the work of these agents to make every possible effort to reduce such premiums.

At the present time only the professional category enjoy standard rates.

The Executive Secretary was informed by the Insurance agents that they were not in a position to provide information to the national organization with respect to the various categories where premium payments are required over standard rates on Insurance since such information is considered confidential, but they assured the Secretary that the Head Offices of the various Insurance Companies would give this information to the organization upon request.

The Executive Secretary stated that he would write to the various companies for this information and seek information from all possible sources on Japanese Canadian mortality rates and also seek the assistance of the JACL for obtaining mortality rates for Japanese Americans if such information is available.

The Executive Secretary reported that he has assured the Insurance agents that no action would be taken by the national organization on this question without first consulting and/or informing them. It was brought to his attention by these men that publicity in the New Canadian on this matter

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of higher premiums for Japanese Canadians has adversely affected their business.

5. Trip to Leamington, Ontario - A second trip was made by the Executive Secretary to Leamington in accordance with plans which had been made previously. On Sunday, January 23rd, he spoke at a public meeting to the Leamington Japanese Canadian community on the work of the JCCA.

VIII. NATIONAL OFFICE FINANCE:

1. Statement of Disbursements, January, 1949 -

RECEIPTS:

January 3	- Co-operative Committee reimbursement	7.54	
17	- Toronto JCCA Chapter "	91.41	
20	- January Requisition	500.00	
27	- Co-operative Committee reimbursement	72.65	
31	- November, 1948, Requisition (applying to G. Tanaka personal loan)	500.00	
31	- Co-operative Committee reimbursement	15.86	$1,187.46

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salary, Executive Secretary	233.00	
" , Office Secretary	139.71	
Supplies	154.22	
Telephone & Telegraph	15.07	
Rent	12.00	
Public Relations	90.26	
Transportation	3.50	
Travel Expense	17.87	
Bank Charges	1.30	
Literature	14.92	
Accounts Receivable	147.27	
G. Tanaka, Personal Loan	500.00	$1,329.12

CASH BALANCE - in Bank	$136.27
- Petty Cash	50.00
	$186.27

Breakdown of Receipts:

Jan. 3 - Co-operative Committee reimbursement ..... (A November, 1948, Accounts Rec. charge)		7.54
Jan.17 - Toronto Chapter JCCA reimbursement		91.41
(Oct., 1948, Accounts Rec. charge	2.90	
Nov., " , " " "	11.10	
Jan., 1949, " " "	77.41)	
Jan.27 - Co-operative Committee reimbursement		72.65
(Jan., 1949, Accounts Rec. charges	58.36	
Straight refund to office supply expense not put through Acc'ts Rec.	14.29)	
Jan.31 - Co-operative Committee reimbursement		15.86
(Jan., 1949, Accounts Rec. charge	4.50	
Straight refund to office supply expense not put through Acc'ts Rec.	11.36)	

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Breakdown of Disbursements:

Salary, Office Secretary: Extra help for kolating mimeograph material and mailing, R. Fujita - $6.38.

Supplies: Postage Stamps - $12.00, 22,500 F-cap mimeo paper - $69.58
10,000 Qto mimeo paper - $22.10, 6 tubes mimeo ink - $18.54
2 quires Stencils - $9.50, 2 bottles Correcting Fluid - $1.50
1 Kolator for assembling mimeographed material - $21.00.

Public Relations: Greetings ad in New Canadian - $24.00
National JCCA Fund Drive Circulars - $23.76
Special Fund Drive envelopes for Provincial Chapters -26.00
Special Fund Drive letterheads for " " -16.50

Travel Expense: Executive Secretary's trip to Chatham, Leamington and London, Dec. 6, 7 & 8 - $17.87.

Literature: Hansard Reports, Ottawa - $4.10, Renewal of subscription to Nisei Vue - $2.11, Copies of B. C. Government Acts - $5.55, City of Vancouver Charter - $2.16, National Film Board Catalogues - $1.00.

Accounts Receivable: Re-imbursed by items in Receipts except for:
Co-operative Committee $6.00 for typewriter rental.
Toronto Chapter JCCA $1.00 for copies of film catalogues.

2. Requisition for the Month of February, 1949 - MOVED by the Executive Secretary and seconded by Mr. Kameoka that a Requisition in the amount of $600.00 be approved for the month of February, 1949, for National Office disbursements:

Executive Secretary's salary	$ 233.00
Office Secretary's salary	133.33
Petty Cash	50.00
Supplies, etc.	183.67
	$ 600.00

Carried.

IX. AUGMENTATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF PRESENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

T. Tsuji, G. Tanaka and K. Hidaka were appointed to serve as a sub-Committee to contact persons who may be prospective National Executive Committee members. Four more Nisei members are required to bring the Executive Committee up to full strength. The sub-Committee agreed to meet at 7.15 p.m., February 22nd, 1949, just previous to the holding of the full National Executive Committee meeting that same evening to consider their findings.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Co-ordination of Plans for any representations to be made to the B. C. Government by the National and B. C. JCCA in connection with the convening of the B. C. Legislature in February.
2. Brief on Claims excluded under the Present Terms of Reference.
3. Invitation to affiliate with Co-Ordinating Committee of Canadian Youth Groups.
4. National JCCA program in Recreation, Education, Welfare and Community services.

XI. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was declared adjourned at 11.15 p.m.

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NOTICE OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

National JACA,
84 Gerrard St., East,
Toronto 2, Ontario,
February 16, 1949.

Dear Committee Member:

The next meeting of the National Executive Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 1949, 8:00 p.m. at the Central YMCA, 36 College St., Toronto, Room 2.

A G E N D A

1. Discussion on the Minutes of Meeting #10, February 8, 1949, and adoption of these Minutes.

2. Reports from Sub-Committees:

   (a) National Survey

3. Executive Secretary's Report:

   (a) Report received from Mr. Brewin on trip to Vancouver re claims

GEORGE TANAKA
National Executive Secretary

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NATIONAL JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Central YMCA,
Toronto, Ontario.

February 22, 1949,
8.00 p.m.

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE

III. BUSINESS:

1. Property Claims Commission

2. Executive Secretary's Special Cross-country Trip:

(a) Report on emergency meeting called to consider telegram from B. C. JCCA requesting the Executive Secretary's presence.

(b) Itinerary.

(c) Cheque from Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians.

(d) Brief to Government of British Columbia.

(e) Letter from B. C. Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union.

3. Report on National Survey Project.

4. Race Relations Institute.

5. K. Tanaka to act for Executive Secretary during absence.

IV. NEXT MEETING.

V. ADJOURNMENT.

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MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, FEBRUARY 22, 1949

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A special meeting of the JCCA National Executive Committee was held Tuesday, February 22, 1949, 8.00 p.m., at the Central YMCA, 36 College St., Toronto.

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was convened by K. Tanaka. It was the original intent of this Committee to devote the entire meeting time to further study of the National Survey project. However, a change of plans was necessitated by the decision to have the National Executive Secretary, George Tanaka, undertake a special cross-country trip, and other imp matters were placed on the agenda for consideration.

II. ATTENDANCE:

Those Present - K. Tanaka, J. Ide, K. Hidaka, T. Kameoka, G. Tanaka, N. Fujita, T. Umezuki, E. Yamanaka, S. Shinobu.

Regrets Received from - K. Shimizu, T. Tsuji, T. Sagara.

Absentees - I. Kawajiri, R. Obata, M. Sato, P. Yamada.

III. BUSINESS:

1. Property Claims Commission - The Executive Secretary reported that a meeting of the Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians was called that afternoon at 5.30 p.m. to receive a report from Mr. Brewin who has returned from Vancouver after consulting with Mr. McMaster on the proposal of Government Counsel for some sort of over-all settlement on Japanese property claims. Mr. Brewin reported that cross-the-table discussions took place between Government Counsel and Claimants' Counsel on percentages should the principle of an over-all settlement be adopted.

It was also reported that the Co-operative Committee feels that no further assessment of claimants for legal costs will be necessary if returns continue to be received as to date on this last appeal.

2. Executive Secretary's Special Trip:

(a) Report of Emergency Meeting - An emergency meeting was called of some of the Executive Committee members on Sunday, Febrary 20th, to consider a telegram received the previous day from the B. C. Chapter JCCA requesting the National Executive Secretary's presence at their Provincial Convention to be held February 26th and 27th in Greenwood, B. C. The meeting decided that it was an opportune time to have G. Tanaka go to B. C. in view of the following considerations, in addition to attending the B. C. JCCA Convention:

(i) Representation could be made to the B. C. Government in Victoria and to groups in Vancouver for revocation of the still existent restrictions against Japanese Canadians in the Province of British Columbia.

(ii) Discussions could be held with the B. C. Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union in Vancouver with reference to the return of Japanese Canadians to the Coastal Areas of British Columbia and to the fishing industry after March 31st.

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(iii) Further consultation could be had directly with Mr. McMaster on the progress of the Claims Hearings.

(iv) Confidential discussions could be held with Provincial Chapter Executives across the country explaining the latest development re Claims Hearings and getting their views on the subject.

(v) The JCCA National Survey project could be discussed with Provincial Chapter Executives.

(vi) The matter of the next national conference planned to be held in Alberta sometime in November could also be discussed with Provincial Chapter Executives especially with reference to the date which might be brought forward a little.

(b) Itinerary - The Executive Secretary submitted the following itinerary for his trip:

ITINERARY - GEORGE TANAKA, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
SPECIAL WESTERN TRIP, FEB. 24 - MAR. 23, 1949

Thurs., Feb. 24 - Leave Toronto by Plane, 1.10 a.m.
Arrive Calgary, 7.50 a.m.
Leave Calgary, 7.30 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 25 - Arrive Greenwood, 5.08 p.m.

Sat., " 26 -) Attend B. C. JCCA
Sun., " 27 -) Convention.

Mon., " 28 - Leave Greenwood for Vancouver, B. C.

Tues., Mar. 1 - Arrive Vancouver
(Stopover 10 days, Vancouver and Victoria. Interviews with newspapers, organizations, re B.C. restrictions. Lobby on same at Victoria - present JCCA Brief on restrictions to Government. Meeting with Mr. McMaster on claims question. Meeting with Fishermen's Union executive on issue of fishing licences, etc.)

Fri., Mar. 11 - Leave Vancouver, B. C.

Sat., " 12 - Arrive Greenwood, B. C., 11.01 a.m.

Mon., " 14 - Leave Greenwood, B. C., 11.01 a.m.

Tues., " 15 - Arrive Lethbridge, Alberta, 3.05 a.m.

Wed., " 16 - Leave Lethbridge, Alberta, 7.10 p.m.

Thurs., " 17 - Arrive Regina, Sask., 8.10 a.m.

Sat., " 19 - Leave Regina, 10.05 p.m.

Sun., " 20 - Arrive Winnipeg, 8.50 a.m.

Mon., " 21 - Leave Winnipeg, 7.40 p.m.

Wed., " 23 - Arrive Montreal, 9.20 a.m.

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(c) Cheque from Co-operative Committee - A cheque in the amount of $200.00 has been received from the Co-operative Committee's General Fund on account of the Executive Secretary's travel expenses for this trip. This financial assistance was contributed by the Co-operative Committee in the light of the fact that the National Executive Secretary would be engaged in work pertaining to the Claims Hearing during his trip across the country. The cheque was acknowledged with appreciation by the Committee.

(d) Brief on B. C. Restrictions - A Brief addressed to the Premier and members of the British Columbia Legislature has been prepared by the Executive Secretary for presentation by him when he goes to Victoria. The Brief lists in full the discriminatory legislation in force against Japanese Canadians in that Province and stresses the franchise disqualification as a primary concern.

(e) Letter from B. C. Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union - A letter has been received from Mr. Homer Stevens, Secretary of the aforementioned Union, requesting information from the JCCA on the subject of possible return of Japanese Canadians to the B. C. Coastal areas and to the fishing industryafter March 31st, 1949, when all Federal restrictions against Japanese Canadians will be revoked.

The Executive Secretary will reply to this letter giving the following information:

- Population distribution figures according to Provinces.
- Types of employment in which evacuees are now engaged.
- The extent of property and farm purchases that are being made which indicates permanent resettlement and probable reluctance to pull up stakes again.
- Many are satisfactorily resettled in interior B. C.
- If there is any return of evacuees to the British Columbia coast, the trend will most likely be from British Columbia and Alberta only.
- As far as the present year is concerned, very unlikely that a large group would return to B. C. It is predicted that even on the largest scale, it would not exceed a few hundred.
- The time factor eliminates the fishermen in the older age groups from returning to the industry for physical reasons.
- Costs of fishing vessels and gears at this time are prohibitive, especially in view of the fact that former fishermen took severe losses on their equipment when they were disposed of during the evacuation.

This letter will be followed up by the Executive Secretary when he meets with the Union executive in Vancouver.

3. Report on National Survey Project - K. Hidaka reported that, upon investigation, he had discovered that a quick, efficient method of tabulating the answers to a questionnaire form was to use the punch card system, machines for which could be rented at a low cost. It was felt advisable in the light of the foregoing fact that the JCCA National Survey form be redrafted to better fit into this method of tabulation.

A meeting of the sub-Committee on the survey project will be called Tuesday, March 8th.

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4. Race Relations Institute - Committee members were requested to be in attendance at the Race Relations Institute to be held February 26th under the sponsorship of several interested organizations in the city including the National JCCA. Speakers and topics of discussion will include:

- Mr. George Schermer of the Detroit Mayor's Interracial Committee speaking on the general subject of Inter-group Relations and more specifically on Visual Aids and Other Techniques.

- Mr. Lister Sinclair, leading radio dramatist speaking on the use of the radio in education for better inter-group relations.

- Mr. Leslie Wismer, MPP, leading a discussion on Minority Groups in Employment.

- Mr. Irving Himel, prominent Toronto lawyer, leading a discussion on Civil Liberties in Canada.

- Mrs. Madeline Acker of the YWCA leading a discussion on Displaced Persons from Europe.

- Mr. Ben Kayfetz of the Canadian Jewish Congress leading a discussion on Minority Groups and Housing.

5. K. Tanaka to act for Executive Secretary - Mr. Kinzie Tanaka will act for the Executive Secretary on all committees and in other capacities during the latter's absence from the National Office to undertake the cross-country trip.

IV. NEXT MEETING - The March meeting of the National Executive Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 1949.

V. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was declared adjourned at 10.35 p.m.

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NATIONAL JCCA,
84 Gerrard Street,
Toronto 2, Ontario.

February 28, 1949.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OFFICE SECRETARY'S SALARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

Please be reminded that the Committee appointed on the matter of adjustment of the Office Secretary's salary will meet at the National Office, 84 Gerrard St. E., Toronto, on Friday, March 4, 1949, at 8:30 P.M. sharp.

KINZIE TANAKA,
Chairman.

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON OFFICE SECRETARY'S SALARY

This sub-Committee, in following out the instructions of the National Executive Committee, has found that the financial state of the organization is satisfactory and, therefore, we recommend THAT $226.70 of the 1947 - 48 Budget operating fund balance of $1,052.45 be used for the purpose of the proposed adjustment of the Office Secretary's salary which will cover: retroactive adjustment back to November, 1948, and up to the endof the 1948-49 Budget period August 31, 1949.

Receipts to the end of February on the 1948 - 49 Budget allocation are:

Ontario - $1500.00
Quebec - $600.00
Manitoba - $450.00
TOTAL - $2550.00.

Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia are currently organizing and conducting their finance drives.

All Provincial Chapters fulfilled their financial obligations for 1947-48 and there is no indication that they will be unable to do so this year.

Requisitioned from National Treasury for the 6-mons. Period:

Sept. - $316.33
Oct. - 443.71
Nov. - 500.00
Dec. - 580.00
Jan. - 500.00
Feb. - 600.00 TOTAL - $2,940.04

The sub-committee met Tuesday evening, March 4, 1949, with the following members in attendance: K. Tanaka, T. Sagara, T. Kameoka, K. Hidaka and N. Fujita(office secretary).

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NOTICE OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

National JCCA,
84 Gerrard St. East,
Toronto 2, Ontario.
March 9, 1949.

Dear Committee Member:

The next regular meeting of the National Executive Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 1949, 8:00 p.m. at Woodsworth House, 565 Jarvis Street, Toronto.

A G E N D A

1. Discussion on the Minutes of Meeting #10, Feb. 8, 1949, and Meeting #11, Feb. 22, 1949.
2. Reports from Executive Secretary
   - from British Columbia.
3. Reports from sub-Committees on:
   (a) Office Secretary's salary
   (b) National Survey Project
4. National Office Finance
   (a) Statement of Disbursements, February, 1949.
   (b) Requisition for March, 1949.

KINZIE TANAKA,
Acting Chairman.

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NATIONAL JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Woodsworth House,
565 Jarvis Street, Toronto

March 15, 1949,
8.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING #10 and #11, February 8, 1949, and Feb. 22, 1949, respectively.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mr. Angus MacInnis
2. Division of Vital Statistics, Victoria, B. C.
3. Insurance Companies

V. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Report on activities and recent developments in British Columbia.
2. Letters of Congratulation to: Executive Secretary, George Tanaka,
National CCF (Mr. Angus MacInnis),
B. C. CCF (Mr. Harold Winch),
B. C. JCCA Chapter (Mr. Seiji Homma),
Vancouver Civil Liberties Union
(Professor Hunter Lewis),
Premier Byron I. Johnson.

VI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Office Secretary's Salary,
2. National Survey Project,
3. Augmentation of Executive Committee.

VII. OTHER REPORTS:

1. Race Relations Institute,
2. Civil Liberties Association,
3. Brief to the Royal Commission on Prices.

VIII. REMUNERATION FOR COMMITTEE WORK

IX. NATIONAL OFFICE FINANCES:

1. February Disbursements,
2. March Requisition.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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The March meeting of the JCCA National Executive Committee was held Tuesday, March 15, 1949, 8.30 p.m., at Woodsworth House, 565 Jarvis St., Toronto.

I. CALL TO ORDER - Acting Chairman, Mr. Kinzie Tanaka, called the meeting to order.

II. ATTENDANCE:

Those Present - K. Tanaka, T. Kameoka, I. Uchida, S. Shinobu, N. Fujita, K. Hidaka, T. Sagara, T. Umezuki, K. Shimizu, M. Sato.

Absentees - P. Yamada, J. Ide, I. Kawajiri, E. Yamanaka, T. Tsuji, R. Obata.

The Committee was sorry to learn that T. Tsuji is confined to hospital.

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS #10 and #11 -

MOVED and agreed that the Minutes of the Meetings held February 8, 1949, (Vol. II, #10) and February 22, 1949 (Vol. II, #11) be adopted as circulated.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Mr. Angus MacInnis - In accordance with the directions of this Committee, a letter was written to Mr. Angus MacInnis requesting his advice as to whether or not it would be expedient for us at this time to enquire of the Minister of Fisheries at Ottawa as to their intended policy on the matter of issuing fishing licences to Japanese Canadians after the revoking of Federal restrictions on March 31st. Mr. MacInnis' reply is that we should not raise this question now as he believes we would not get a satisfactory answer from the Government and the publicity would very likely cause the people who are interested in the fishing industry to oppose the issuing of licences. The problem would work itself out more smoothly if it is not presented at this particular time.

MOVED by S. Shinobu and seconded by T. Kameoka that we follow the advice received from Mr. MacInnis not to direct an enquiry to the Minister of Fisheries at this time. Carried.

2. Division of Vital Statistics - In response to our request, a comparative table of mortality and tuberculosis rates for Japanese and Occidentals in British Columbia from 1938 - 1947 has been received from the Division of Vital Statistics, Victoria, B. C. It was suggested that this table be duplicated for study purposes. In view of the high Tuberculosis rate indicated, it was felt advisable at some future date to promote study among our people on this problem.

3. Insurance Companies - To our letter of enquiry as to the facts relative to differences which we understand exists between premium ratings charged on policies issued to Japanese Canadians and the standard ratings, replies have been received so far from The Crown Life Insurance Company, the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, and The Sun Life Assurance Company. It was felt advisable to adhere strictly to our policy heretofore stated to withhold publicizing the question of unequal insurance ratings until more facts are to hand.

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

(The Office Secretary, Norah Fujita, presented a resume of the reports which have been received to date from the Executive Secretary, George Tanaka, from British Columbia.)

Upon his departure from Toronto, the Executive Secretary went directly to Greenwood, B. C., to attend the B. C. Chapter JCCA Convention held February 26th to 28th. The Convention decided that their Provincial President, Mr. Seiji Homma, should accompany G. Tanaka to Vancouver and Victoria as the matters at issue there would be of prime interest to their constituents. They discovered on arrival in Vancouver that there was keen public interest in the matter of the Japanese Canadians' return to the Coastal Area after March 31st and the general status of their Japanese Canadian residents. Full and favourable publicity was achieved in all the newspapers, editorial opinions being especially favourable.

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Among his many speaking engagements, the Executive Secretary has been asked to: address the St. John's United Church Forum, meet with executive members of University of British Columbia organizations, address the Vancouver Civil Liberties Union meeting at the Hotel Vancouver.

The B. C. Fishermen's Union executive has asked G. Tanaka to address their Convention to be held for one week beginning March 21st. Messrs. Sakamoto, Buck Suzuki and Seiji Homma were with him when he met with the Union executive. In view of the importance of explaining the resettlement process of the Japanese Canadians and the JCCA organization to the fishermen, the Executive Secretary has decided to stay over till the Convention and accept the opportunity to speak. He suggests that the occasion of his addressing the Fishermen's Union Convention is an opportunity to make public the policy of the JCCA through the Japanese Canadian press in the interest of the welfare and education of Japanese Canadian constituents.

In order to take into account the more current situation in British Columbia with regard to restrictions the Brief to the British Columbia Government was re-drafted in Vancouver. Professor Hunter Lewis of the Vancouver Civil Liberties Union has been giving great assistance in numerous ways, including this matter of the revision of the Brief.

The Following wire was received from the Executive Secretary on March 4:

> "Following full publicity we achieved re restrictions in Sun and Province, dateline March 2nd, report verbatim following stated Sun report carried today dateline, March 3rd: "School Act Racial Ban to end - Victoria. British Columbia is wiping out another of its racial discriminations. An amendment to the School Act introduced in the Legislature Wednesday by Education Minister, W. T. Straith, revokes a former ban against Chinese, Japanese and Indians voting at school meetings in the rural districts. They will now have the right to vote if otherwise qualified and cannot be prevented from doing so on racial grounds.'"

A Long Distance call was received March 7th from the Executive Secretary informing us of:

> the introduction of a Premier's Bill to grant the franchise right to Japanese Canadians and Indians by Premier Byron I. Johnson in the British Columbia Legislature that afternoon. Under date of March 11, 1949, a letter from Premier Johnson was received at the National Office

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in acknowledgment of a note written to him by the Executive Secre
which states that the Premier fully expects that the Bill(#43) en
chising Japanese Canadians will pass the House with very little d
culty.

Discussions have been held with Mr. R. J. McMaster on Property Lo
Claims. Mr. McMaster informed the Executive Secretary that he is
encountering considerable difficulty securing evidence on some ca
gories of claims. It is the opinion of Mr. McMaster that Governm
Counsel will make a definite offer for settlement about the middl
April. If, and when, such should occur, Mr. McMaster will inform the
Executive Secretary, G. Tanaka, who could fly to Vancouver immediately
to get the facts and figures then stop off on the way back to meet
with Provincial Chapter executives to explain the offer. If this trip
is taken, it will be financed by the Co-operative Committee Claims Fund.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by T. Sagara that this Committee write a letter of appreciation to the Executive Secretary, George Tanaka, for the laudable work he is carrying out in British Columbia; and letters of gratitude and congratulation on the occasion of the Premier's introduction of the Franchise Bill to: the National CCF (Mr. Angus MacInnis), the British Columbia CCF (Mr. Harold E. Winch), B. C. Chapter of the JCCA (Mr. Seiji Homma), Professor Hunter Lewis of the Vancouver Civil Liberties Union.

Carried.

It was agreed, also, that a letter be dispatched from this Committee to Premier Byron Johnson when the Franchise Bill is finally passed in the British Columbia Legislature.

VI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Office Secretary's Salary - K. Tanaka, reporting for the sub-Committee on the Office Secretary's salary, stated that in following out the instructions of the National Executive Committee, it has found that the financial state of the organization is satisfactory and, therefore, they recommend THAT $226.70 of the 1947 - 48 Budget operating fund balance of $1,052.45 be used for the purpose of the proposed adjustment of the Office Secretary's salary which will cover: retroactive adjustment back to November, 1948, and up to the end of the 1948 - 49 Budget period, August 31, 1949.

They found that the Receipts to the end of February on the 1948 - 49 Budget allocation are:

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and the amount requisitioned from the National Treasury for the six-months period to be:

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Jan. -	500.00	
Feb. -	600.00	TOTAL - $2,940.04.

The Sub-Committee met Tuesday evening, March 4, 1949, with the following members in attendance: K. Tanaka (Chairman), T. Sagara, T. Kamebka, K. Hidaka and N. Fujita (Office Secretary).

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MOVED by K. Tanaka and seconded by T. Umezukii that the above recommendation of the sub-Committee be adopted. Carried.

2. National Survey Project - K. Hidaka reported that another meeting of the sub-Committee had been held on March 8, 1949, with the following members present: K. Hidaka (Chairman), T. Umezuki, I. Uchida, S. Shinobu, T. Tsuji, K. Tanaka. It is recommended that every person 16 years of age (or younger if working) should be covered by the survey. Also, that the punch card system and mechanical tabulation be utilized when compiling the results - International Business Machines have quoted the following prices re use of this method:

$12.00 per M cards for punching (but depending on the number of questions in the questionnaire),

$ 3.25 an hour for tabulating - 10 to 20M cards per hr. (dependent on the number of punch holes).

Agreed that draft copies of the Survey Form, which has now been revised to comply with the requirements of mechanical tabulation, be now duplicated and distributed to the Provincial Chapters for their considered opinions and suggestions, K. Hidaka to compose a covering letter and 'outline of instructions to canvassers' to accompany them.

MOVED by K. Hidaka and seconded by M. Sato that the report of the sub-Committee on the National Survey be adopted. Carried.

3. Augmentation of Executive Committee - In order to bring the Nisei Executive Committee membership to the full strength of 14 members, a sub-Committee has been set up. K. Hidaka reported that the following persons had been contacted and had consented to stand for nomination: Messrs. Yosh Hyodo, Jack Oki, Kasey Oyama and Oscar Hatashita. K. Tanaka has received the consent of Mr. Fred Nogami, National Council member now living in Toronto, to stand for nomination to serve on the Executive Committee.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by T. Sagara that Fred Nogami be accepted as an Executive Committee member. Carried.

Agreed that Messrs. Yosh Hyodo and Jack Oki be invited to serve on the Executive Committee if the sub-Committee can obtain satisfaction from them of their regular attendance and willingness to assume full responsibility in the work of the Executive Committee.

In order to remedy the lack of female representation on the Executive Committee it was also agreed that we ask Mrs. Muriel Kitagawa and Miss Aya Suzuki to accept a place on this Committee.

The Office Secretary was asked to send a note to absentees requesting them to make every possible effort to attend more regularly and to notify the National Office beforehand on the occasions when they are unable to attend.

VII. OTHER REPORTS:

1. Race Relations Institute - A highly successful Institute was held Saturday, February 26th, 1949, at the Central YMCA in Toronto, both from the standpoint of attendance and high calibre of speakers and discussion. (See page 5, Vol. II, #11).

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2. The Association for Civil Liberties (Toronto) - The National JCCA received an invitation to send a delegation to the organizational meeting of this Association on March 11th. Unfortunately, all the persons contacted had not been able to attend with the result that the National JCCA was unrepresented.

3. Canadian Welfare Brief to Royal Commission on Prices - Copies of this Brief, sent to us by the Co-ordinating Committee of Canadian Youth Groups, were circulated among the members present for their perusal.

VIII. REMUNERATION FOR COMMITTEE WORK - I. Uchida introduced the suggestion that K. Hidaka receive some remuneration for work he has done to date on the survey project. It was pointed out that this matter would have to be discussed on the basis of this Committee's policy relative to expenditure of time and effort by all members on Committee work and whether there should be considerations for remuneration. Much valuable voluntary work has been contributed by other Committee members to date without thought by them of remuneration.

Agreed that further discussion on this matter be left to the next meeting.

IX. NATIONAL OFFICE FINANCES:

The National Office Treasurer, N. Fujita, reported the Disbursements for February, 1949, as follows:

Receipts:

Feb. 21 - February requisition	$ 600.00
Feb. 23 - Travel Expense refund - from Cooperative Committee General Fund	200.00

Disbursements:

Salary, Executive Secretary	$ 233.00
" , Office Secretary & Extra Help	158.08
Supplies	125.89
Telephone & Telegraph	2.82
Rent	22.00
Equipment	4.85
Transportation	6.50
Travel expense	237.14
Bank Charges	.75
Literature	13.00
	$ 804.03

Cash Balance - in Bank ...	$ 132.24
- Petty Cash	50.00
	$ 182.24

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Salary, Office Secretary - Extra office help, Feb. 7 - 11, N. Oikawa, $24.75.

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Supplies - Stamps and express charges $23.23, 32 M shts. mimeo paper $70.72, 6 tubes Ink $18.54, 1 roll corrugated $6.30, 1 memo refill $1.20, 2 spools Twine $2.30, 2 rolls gummed tape $ .80, 2 stamp pads $1.10, Paper clips $ .20, 6 colour pencils $ .60, Glue $ .45, 10 Scratch Pads $ .45.

Rent - Regular rental $12.00
Donation to YMCA for use of committee rooms since Oct. $10.00.

Equipment - 1 Perforator $3.50, 1 rubber stamp $ .65, 2 Stamp rack strips $ .70.

Travel Expense - G. Tanaka Leamington trip, Jan. 22 - 24, $37.14.
Special Western trip expense advance , G. Tanaka, covered by cheque from Co-operative Committee $200.00.

Literature - 50 copies "Home Again" by Charles Grant $10.00
Miscellaneous educational material $3.00.

The Committee accepted the suggestion that the monthly Disbursement Statements should be duplicated and circulated at every meeting.

2. The following Requisition to the National Treasury was approved by the Committee to cover March requirements:

Executive Secretary's salary	$ 233.00
Office Secretary's salary	156.00
" " retroactive salary adjustment, Nov.,Dec.,Jan.,Feb.	90.68
Petty Cash	50.00
Supplies, etc.	133.67
	$ 663.35

X. ADJOURNMENT - At 10.40 p.m. the meeting was declared adjourned.

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U R G E N T

National JCCA,
84 Gerrard Street, E.,
Toronto, Ontario.
April 8, 1949.

Dear Executive Committee Member:

A special emergency meeting of the National Executive Committee is arranged to be held on Sunday afternoon, April 10, 1949, 3:00 p.m., at the Labour Temple, 167 Church Street, Room #7.

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Very important developments in the last 24 hrs. requires the calling of this emergency meeting when matters pertaining to a proposal of settlement of Claims must be considered. An emergency meeting of the Co-operative Committee is also being held on Saturday, April 9th. These discussions of the Co-operative Committee on this matter will also be referred by this writer at the meeting on Sunday afternoon to the members of the Committee.

This writer has been advised by Counsel that this subject at the present time must be considered strictly confidential.

It is respectfully requested that every member of the Committee make every effort to attend this meeting.

GEORGE TANAKA,
National Executive Secretary.

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NATIONAL JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 10, 1949 - 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. (Labour Temple, 167 Church St., Toronto)
" 11, " - 8.00 p.m. " 12.00 p.m. (Woodsworth House, 565 Jarvis St. ")

A G E N D A

1. Settlement Proposal from Commissioner Justice Bird re Japanese Evacuation Property Losses Claims.

2. Recommendations of Claimants' Counsel and the Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians on above.

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Special meetings of the JCCA National Executive Committee were held on Su
April 10th, 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. at the Labour Temple (167 Church Stree
and Monday, April 11th, 8.00 p.m. to 12.00 p.m. at Woodsworth House (565
Toronto). All the material on which discussion based at this meeting mar
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL NOT TO BE PUBLISHED.

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, April 10, 1949 - Those Present: K. Tanaka, T. Kameoka, G. Tanaka, K. Hidaka, M. Sato, T. Sagara, R. Obata, J. Oki, I. Kawajiri, N. Fujita, S. Shinobu, T. Umezuki, J. Ide, I. Uchida.

Monday, April 11, 1949 - Those Present: K. Tanaka, S. Shinobu, T. Umezuki, Y. Hyodo, T. Tsuji, K. Hidaka, G. Tanaka, J. Oki, I. Uchida, T. Kameoka, N. Fujita, R. Obata, Mr. Andrew Brewin (Co-operative Committee Counsel).

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Upon notification that Commissioner H. I. Bird of the Royal Commission on Japanese Canadian Property had handed to Claimants' Counsel a proposal of settlement of the claims which have been filed with the Commission which was appointed to study and deal with property losses suffered by Japanese Canadians during the Evacuation, the Executive Secretary immediately called this meeting in order that the National Executive Committee of the JCCA might consider the Commissioner's Proposal for settlement. Also, to consider Claimant's Counsel, Mr. R. J. McMaster's, recommendation to Claimants with respect to the proposal, and the Co-operative Committee's recommendation to Claimants with respect to same. Having given full consideration of the available facts and recommendations from Claimants' Counsel and the Co-operative Committee, the National JCCA Executive Committee could then formulate their recommendation in a sincere effort to give leadership on this very difficult question to component Chapter executives.

THE PROPOSAL OF SETTLEMENT:

The following is a summary of the Proposal received from the Dominion Government on the recommendation of Mr. Justice Bird, for settling all claims (excepting Corporation Claims):

Real Property

1. Sold to the Veterans Land Act Administration (Fraser Valley Farms):
   (a) Village of Mission - 125% on the actual sale price,
   (b) All other farms sold through VLA - 80% on the actual sale price overall.

   (The above gives average percentage overall allowance. The actual amount paid would be distributed to individual claimants on the basis recommended by Claimants' Counsel and approved by the Commissioner depending upon appraisers' reports.)

2. All other real estate outside Vancouver - 12.5% on actual sale price.

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3. City of Vancouver - 5% on sale price.

4. (Special cases of greenhouses and poultry farms to be considered separately).

Personal Property

1. Nets and Fishing Gear - 25% allowed on nets actually sold.
   - On nets and fishing gear lost, destroyed or stolen an over-all percentage of 62½% of total claims to be distributed varying in individual awards on the basis of claims made.

2. Boats and Gear - 21 vessels sold to Nelson Brothers 23.5% of sale price.
   - Other boats and gear 28.5% on sale price.

3. Motor Vehicles - 25% on sale price.

4. Other Chattels - Sold at auction 22% increase on sale price.
   - Sold by tender 10%.
   - Sold with realty, lost, destroyed or stolen, 35% of claim and 15% distributed according to relation between claim and chattels already sold.

An allowance of 5% to be made on claims allowed to cover valuation and o expenses (not including legal expenses) of claimant.

This in total would amount to roughly $800,000.00 to be distributed.

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNSEL

Mr. R. J. McMaster, Claimants' Counsel, who has been taking the greater p the responsibility for presenting general evidence to the Royal Commissio Vancouver and who has been persistently pressing for the fairest possible awards on the claims, and whose sincerity and great capacity for shouldering a tremendous amount of work for the sake of claimants cannot be questionned, has the following comments to make respecting the Government's offer:

"It is my opinion, as expressed to the Commissioner, that dealing with City Property alone, I cannot conscientiously recommend his proposal. However, I find myself in this dilemma:

Aside from the city property situation I consider the remainder of the proposal reasonably just and the VLApart of it as much as, if not more than, we could possibly hope to have established. In these circumstances, if I were acting for an individual client, I would advise him to settle on the proposed terms. But there are some 175 claimants with city property, some of whom at least are entitled to better consideration. On the other hand, frankly, our evidence on city property is horribly weak. On many of the properties our own appraiser would give no increase, and over-all his appraisals are only about 10% higher than Custodian sale price. Even if this branch of the case could be proceeded with without prejudice to the balance of the settlement, having regard to the Judge's attitude, I doubt, if we would get 10% (over-all) including commissions. It is possible if this were insisted upon that we would not recover the commissions as they are "outside the termss of reference." In such event many claimants would get nothing.

Furthermore, the Judge intimated that his recommendation as to costs was only on the basis of the proceedings being shortened and intimated they might not be

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forthcoming if hearings were insisted upon. How one explains this to 1200 clients, however, is difficult to envisage.

.....If the settlement breaks down, we are confronted with:

(a) the Judge's expressed opinion that certain categories of property sold for their fair market value; and
(b) the possibility (if not the likelihood) that in the final outcome no consideration of matters outside the terms of reference would be given. On the basis of the present figures this would mean about $75,000 plus $35,000 costs, or roughly $100,000;
(c) the possibility, for reasons outlined in other letters, of recovering less on VLA and perhaps nets;
(d) a Commissioner who will have no enthusiasm for carrying on.

As against these, we might persuade the Commissioner that fair market value was not obtained on some chattels and some City and urban property. ....(we) might see the Minister and urge him to suggest to the Judge that he include some allowance for the fact that city properties were sold subject to tenancies. I am afraid this is the only suggestion I can make. The only other small concession I can see Bird making is possibly in cases where we have evidence of a resale within six months to a year after the sale by the Custodian. This would be unfair to the fellow whose house did not happen to have resold but it might be better than nothing. Even in these cases the fact that the then Vendor was in a position to give vacant possession would cut down the recovery."

RECOMMENDATION OF MR. VIRTUE TO HIS CLIENTS:

It is reported that Mr. Virtue in Alberta intends to recommend acceptance of the proposal for settlement to his clients most of whom are claiming on VLA sales.

RECOMMENDATION OF CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE:

The Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, as the body retained by the claimants and thus feeling a direct responsibility to claimants to refer the matter directly to them, after studying the proposal of settlement and Counsel's recommendations, has recommended as follows:

"The Co-operative Committee, on the advice of the Counsel, recommends the acceptance of this settlement for the following reasons:

1. The Terms of Reference which bind the Commissioner and against which the Co-operative Committee has protested so far unsuccessfully restrict the right to recovery to the difference between the actual selling price and the fair market value of the land or chattels in the condition they were in at the date of sale.

2. A very great deal of work has been done by the Co-operative Committee in collecting valuations, making surveys and analyses, and securing the evidence of expert appraisers. In respect at least to property sold to the V.L.A., boats, fishing nets and gear, the amounts offered correspond with the evidence. In respect to other types of property in which the offer is disappointing there are great difficulties in securing satisfactory evidence.

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3. In the long run, it is the opinion of the Commissioner, Mr. Justice Bird, which will prevail as to the fair market price and the amounts to be awarded. His present recommendations, although not final decisions, indicate his probable views. It is unlikely that if we proceed, he will be inclined to award more than he now recommends and it may be considerably less and in some cases nothing at all. The only alternative to accepting the offer is to proceed with hearing evidence on individual cases. This will involve continuing heavy expenses and delay in making any payments for probably at least 2 years.

The Co-operative Committee is of the opinion that the offer in respect to Vancouver property is too low and will make every effort to have the amount offered increased to a fair figure.

It should be borne in mind in considering whether the offer should be accepted that we are not in a position to choose what we think would be an entirely just and fair allowance. We must choose between accepting the offer with the prospect of early payment, or refusing the offer, with the consequent heavy expense and delay, and probably a lower overall recovery."

This recommendation for acceptance of the proposal with reservations is to be communicated to each individual claimant by mail immediately. The request of the Commissioner, Mr. Justice Bird, is that he receive a reply to his proposals by the 30th of April, 1949. Meetings of claimants are being arranged by the JCCA at which most claimants will have an opportunity to ask questions as to details of the offer and will be asked to express their opinions as to accepting or rejecting it. Those claimants who will be unable to attend such a meeting are being requested to write to the Co-operative Committee informing them whether they are willing to have the Committee accept, on their behalf, the settlement proposed. The Co-operative Committee has asked the JCCA to organize these Claimants' meetings.

DISCUSSION:

Members of the National Executive Committee found themselves placed in as great or even greater dilemma than Claimants' Counsel and the Co-operative Committee when confronted with the making of a decision on the Government's proposal for settlement of property claims.

As the principle of over-all settlement, so far as the National Executive Committee is concerned, was generally agreed upon as an acceptable method of settlement under the circumstances, on the grounds that it would probably mean a greater number of claimants receiving some award for losses and that the heavy legal expenses required to follow through the hearing of each claim individually would not be practical or a welcome prospect to claimants, this point was not a contentious issue. However, the Executive Committee felt that the settlement principle could hardly be looked upon with any degree of favour where the amounts of restitution involved were most unsatisfactory.

Following is a summary of the main questions and criticisms raised by various Executive Committee members and the answers applicable to them which were stated by Mr. Brewin, Co-operative Committee Claimants' Counsel, to the meeting:

1. Would not the claimants' acceptance of the proposal for settlement indicate their 'satisfaction' in the awards offered?

   - Mr. Brewin stated to the Executive Committee that in listening to some of the views expressed by members of the Committee he felt that perhaps

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the meaning of the word, "acceptance", was not clearly appreciated. He assured the meeting that the act of claimants 'accepting' the settlement proposal under consideration did in no wise indicate that they were satisfied with the offer. In other words, Mr. Brewin stated in drawing an analogy to express this point, "a person claiming for damages against an insurance company could be offered a sum in settlement which might be quite unsatisfactory as compared to what he feels his just compensation for injuries sustained. However, his Counsel may advise him to accept the sum offered in settlement as he knows from the expressed views that this is all his client can in fact receive. If this particular client takes his Counsel's advice and 'accepts' the sum offered for settlement, he could not be considered as having indicated his 'satisfaction' when he has already stated the figure which he considers justly due him." Also, Claimant's acceptance need not be unconditional as, for instance, the Co-operative Committee recommends acceptance with certain reservations.

2. Does not the fact that the Commissioner has asked claimants to decide acceptance or rejection of the offer indicate the unwillingness of the Commissioner to take responsibility for making the final decision of settlement himself?

   - Mr. Brewin stated that the fact that the Commission had made a proposal of settlement to Claimants through their Counsel did not indicate any unwillingness on the Commissioner's part to take the responsibility for final decision. The proposal is being referred to claimants because under the terms of reference there is provision for individual hearings. The Commissioner and Claimants' Counsel have come to the conclusion that an over-all basis of settlement provides for compensation for a greater number of claimants and on the whole would make for more fairness, than if taken on the individual hearings basis. In view of the choice of the over-all basis of settlement, the Commissioner would refer the proposal for a decision through Counsel of the Co-operative Committee to that Committee. The Co-operative Committee, in turn, as retained by the Claimants, have considered it their responsibility to refer this matter directly to individual claimants for their decision. If the proposal were considered altogether wrong by Counsel they would advise Claimants accordingly.

3. Can Claimants not put the whole onus back on the Commissioner and state to him that they will not take a position on the proposal?

   - If the offer is ignored by the claimants the Commissioner can withdraw the offer for settlement. Ignoring of the settlement proposal would be done in the face of:

     (a) Counsel's and Co-operative Committee's considered recommendation for acceptance of the settlement proposal to Claimants, and Counsel's statement that with his knowledge of the evidence he considers the proposal, in the main, reasonably just and the VLA part of it as much as, if not more than, could possibly be hoped to have established. The percentage offered on settling City Property claims is most unsatisfactory but in this case claimants' evidence is 'horribly weak'.

     (b) The Commissioner's belief that the settlement proposal is a generous offer which includes concessions for items outside of the terms of reference involving some $100,000 for which he asked special permission of the Minister of Justice to include for the purposes of making a settlement.

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4. Are not the Government's proposals meant as the final decision they will arrive at as to settlement, and therefore offers claimants no alternative?

- Under the Terms of Reference the Claimants have the right to have their claims heard individually. However, both the Commissioner and Claimants' Counsel have come to the conclusion that the only practical means of arriving at a decision on the claims would necessitate some method of consideration on an over-all principle basis which would obviate the necessity of long drawn-out proceedings. Therefore, in consideration of the fact that claimants have the privilege of having their claims heard individually, the over-all settlement as presently submitted by the Commissioner probably is put by the Commissioner to the claimants with an appreciation that alternative methods of consideration of claims exists.

5. Could we not assume that the Government, in its desire to round up the matter, would increase percentages upon the rejection of this first offer?

- It would be difficult to reasonably make that assumption in our awareness of the persistent efforts to date of Claimant's Counsel, Mr. McMaster, to have the percentages increased all around, and the fact that the percentages now offered are largely a result of such efforts. Justice Bird is reported to have expressed the view that he is not disposed to increasing the percentages in the Government's offer and that he had now stretched his conscience beyond the terms of reference as far as he would go. Also, we have Claimants' Counsel, Mr. McMaster's, statement that "aside from the city property situation I consider the remainder of the proposal reasonably just and the VLA part of it as much as, if not more than, we could possibly hope to have established."

6. If the offer is ignored and that would bring unfavourable consequences, what are these consequences?

- The possible unfavourable consequences are:

(a) Withdrawal of the Government's offer altogether.
(b) The resulting recourse to individual hearings would bring with it increased legal expense and delay.
(c) The final awards on the basis of individual hearings would probably be lower than on the over-all basis, a few may get more, and a great many may get nothing.
(d) Withdrawal of $100,000 worth of awards which under the proposal for settlement covers restitution for items outside the Terms of Reference.

7. If the offer is accepted, with indicated reservations, by majority vote of claimants, what is the point in expressing such reservations?

- The expressed reservations on the Vancouver Property offer has already been acted upon by Co-operative Committee Counsel, Mr. Brewin, by means of a strong letter to the Minister of Justice in confidence urging that the Government increase their offer on this at least to 10%. For negotiating such increases, Counsel should be given bargaining power to get the best increase he can.

The matter of the narrowness of the Terms of Reference could very well be brought up again in the event of a change of Government when it might possibly be given favourable consideration.

With regard to the hearing of special cases, the Judge has already accepted the fact that settlement under the proposed formula would be

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clearly inadequate and should therefore be given special attention, e.g., poultry farms, greenhouses, certain chattel claims.

8. If the VLA Claims constitute a majority of the claims and there is some likelihood of their accepting this settlement of their claims, why not get the results of their voting first before we of the National Executive Committee decide which way our recommendation should be made?

- The National Executive Committee could not make their recommendation on that basis, in view of the fact that the relevant information is to hand from the Co-operative Committee and Counsel on which to base a decision. In making the recommendation, a point we need to bear in mind is the greater good of the claimants taken as a whole, taking into account the circumstances as we understand them, and the facts as we have knowledge.

9. Is not the recommendation of Claimants' Counsel after all just one opinion?

- The recommendation of Mr. McMaster for acceptance of the settlement proposal is a recommendation made by one who more than anyone else knows the circumstances, the available evidence, the amount of work carried out, the extent of the talks conducted with the Government's Counsel and with the Commissioner.

  The work of Mr. McMaster and the staff which he has employed in the collection of evidence has included: "careful statistical analysis, valuations, surveys based on relationship between assessments and sale prices, surveys based upon the value of properties as shown by the annual value of the crops, and other available evidence. Experts have been employed in regard to nets and fishing gear, boats and motor vehicles, auctioneers and others with respect to auctions. A very great deal of other evidence has been collected, and Mr. McMaster has cross examined individual witnesses extensively."

10. As we discuss this matter in this Committee should it not be from the point of view of a member of the National Executive Committee of the JCCA which must needs consider this question on a more all-inclusive basis?

- It was pointed out that if an executive member wished to look at the question purely from the point of view of a claimant the settlement offer may be entirely unsatisfactory as far as his own claim is concerned, but as a member of the National Executive Committee and the place of that Committee in relation to Japanese Canadian Claimants, its member chapters, the Co-operative Committee and Counsel and knowledge of the facts and views of each group, he could arrive at a different conclusion for the Executive Committee.

11. Has the National Executive Committee any responsibility for making a recommendation one way or the other on the proposal of settlement?

- The National Executive Committee has no legal responsibility to make a recommendation, but there is a responsibility in terms of the leadership expected of this body by the member constituents in such a matter as this. If the National Executive Committee waives the responsibility for showing leadership on this issue, the Provincial and local Chapters will be called upon to formulate a recommendation for their constituents in the light of their knowledge of the matter. A recommendation from this Committee would provide a basis on which to conduct claimants' discussions on the proposal for settlement.

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MOTION TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION

MOVED by N. Fujita and seconded by T. Umezuki that the National Executive Committee of the JCCA make a recommendation to its constituents and the claimants respecting the proposal of settlement on property claims received from the Dominion Government on the recommendation of Mr. Justice Bird.

CARRIED.

(Contrary votes recorded: R. Obata,
I. Uchida)

MOTION EXPRESSING THE RECOMMENDATION:

MOTION #1 - Moved by K. Hidaka that we recommend that in this case, the recommendations of the Commissioner and the Government are not satisfactory, that claimants should not be taking a position giving any indication that they are satisfied with the percentages, that they have an alternative of either rejecting or making no recommendation and leaving it to the Commissioner.

There was no seconder to this Motion.

MOTION #2 - Moved by T. Umezuki and seconded by T. Tsuji that although we are not satisfied with the settlement proposal for property claims received from the Government, after hearing and studying the recommendation of Claimants' Counsel, we are of the opinion that there is no alternative than to endorse the recommendation of acceptance as formulated by the Co-operative Committee with the following reservations:

1. The offer with respect to Vancouver Properties is too low.
2. The Terms of Reference are too narrow.
3. Some special cases which if settled under the proposed formula would be clearly inadequate should be given individual consideration.

CARRIED.

(Those voting in favour: S. Shinobu, Y. Hvodo, T. Kameoka, G. Tanaka, T. Umezuki, T. Tsuji, N. Fujita.
K. Tanaka - in the Chair.
Contrary votes: K. Hidaka, J. Oki, R. Obata.
Abstained: I. Uchida).

MOTION RE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MEET PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVES:

Moved by T. Umezuki and seconded by Y. Hyodo that the Executive Secretary, Mr. George Tanaka, take the proposed cross-country trip to meet with Provincial JCCA executive members to brief them with the details of the Government's proposal in order that they, in turn, may organize through their local chapters, claimants' meetings and provide all the necessary information. The understanding is that the travelling expenses for this trip will be fully provided from the Co-operative Committee Claims Fund.

CARRIED.

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ADJOURNMENT

The discussions adjourned at 12.00 midnight, April 11th, after 7 hrs. of deliberation on the subject of the claims settlement proposal from the Government and the relative recommendations from Claimants' Counsel and the Co-operative Committee. The Executive Committee was deeply conscious of the importance of the decision they must of necessity make. They fully appreciated that a decision endorsing or rejecting the Co-operative Committee's recommendations would be, in either case, not fully satisfactory. Only after a very searching consideration of the question was the final decision made.

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CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
84 GERRARD ST., EAST,
TORONTO 2, ONT.

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NOTES ON NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MAY 10, 1949, CENTRAL YMCA, TORONTO

PRESENT: R. Obata, F. Nogami, G. Tanaka, T. Sagara, Y. Hyodo, K. Hidaka, K. Tanaka T. Umezuki, J. Oki, N. Fujita, I. Uchida, M. Sato, S. Shinobu, T. Kameoka, (K. Tanaka in the Chair)

REGRETS: Rev. K. Shimizu, I. Kawajiri, Rev. T. Tsuji.

ABSENTEES: J. Ide, M. Kitagawa, E. Nose, P. Yamada,

K. H. - I have invited Mr. Shin and Mr. Mio to attend this meeting to discuss the claims question if it would meet with the approval of this Committee.

N. F. - Just to clear a point of procedure, was the Executive Secretary or Chairman informed beforehand that these gentlemen were invited?

G. T. - About half an hour before the commencement of this meeting I was informed that Mr. Shin and Mr. Mio had been invited to this meeting. There was no need to leave it to the last minute as Kunio, himself, admitted that it was possible for him to inform me yesterday.

T. U. - I would like to know how long this discussion will take.

K. H. - Mr. Shin has to leave for work shortly and therefore would like the discussion on this matter during the first part of the meeting.

Chair - Could the purpose of their being here be stated more clearly.

K. H. - They have some opinions to express and they would be able to get our views on the question.

Chair - Who are they representing?

K. H. - They represent some claimants.

Chair - That is, they are official representatives? or do they come as individual claimants?

K. H. - At the meeting on Sunday, Mr. Mio was chairman and Mr. Shin had quite a bit to do with some of the preparation of the meeting.

Chair - Are they then recognized members sent to this meeting?

J. O. - I am not entirely in favour with the way Kunio has done this. Mr. Shin is a member of the claimants committee in Toronto. He has a memo which gives the feeling of the claimants who attended this Sunday meeting which might be to our profit to hear. Mr. Mio was the chairman of that meeting. I would agree that the procedure was not correct.

G. T. - If I recall correctly, at the meeting held at Mr. Brewin's house, Mr. Shin and others attended the meeting as representatives of the Claimants Committee. Perhaps they are representing the Toronto Claimant's Committee as at the meeting at Mr. Brewin's.

Chair - Mr. Shin, will you tell us who you are representing?

Mr. Shin - We are just in to attend the meeting. Well, we are sorry to have taken up your time. We will leave.

(Exit Mr. Mio and Mr. Shin, followed by K. Hidaka. K. Hidaka returning after a few minutes).

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G. T. - I asked Kunio when he called me if they were representing the claimants but he would not give me a straight answer. I asked in case there was the necessity of calling the other claimants committee members.

Chair - Kunio, you have asked two members on your own to attend this meeting. If you can do it others can do the same.

K. H. - These are people who are very closely involved in the claims question and they are wanting to do the best for the claimants. For that reason, we profit and all profit by having them here and discussing this matter with us. Any person used to Committee work, knows the difficulties in consulting with people beforehand. There are many times when technicalities should be overlooked and this is one instance. My invitation to them was conditional on the permission of this committee.

R. O. - We can go on with discussion of business.

Chair - We should first clear this matter up. Let's make a ruling on procedure for future reference on matters such as these.

K. H. - Whether a person is seated at a Committee meeting depends on the Committee itself. A person is able to ask another person to a meeting. I don't think there is anything irregular with what I have done. I believe there should have been no question about having them seated. These people have been following development on the claims question very closely in the past year or more.

J. O. - If at all possible the committee should have been informed. We could have done this to-night without creating this disturbance. A situation arises when it is important that certain individuals should attend our meeting such as at the last meeting. Mr. Brewin was called to attend and we did not know about it. We should decide in committee whether a person should be asked to sit in with us. When it is impossible to poll everybody, then we should be asked if we thought it permissible, without hurting people's feelings.

Chair - If procedure is followed in the way Kunio has done, we are bound to hurt people's feelings.

K. H. - There should have been no question about it with these people. They have the welfare of claimants at heart. There should not have been any question asked as to who they represented. They should have an opportunity to discuss this matter with us. When we have the people hear and when they are people who can help us in discussions the only way they can participate fully and freely and the only way they can help us is to welcome them. I thought it was apparent to everyone here what these people have been doing. It is for that reason that I invited these people here. I also explained to them that we would ask if the committee were willing to seat them. We owe an apology to these people.

Chair - I don't think so, if people are invited to this committee in this way. You cannot just ask people to come here and sit individually, and say it should be apparent to everybody. You cannot take these things for granted. You cannot take it upon yourself to do these things because you yourself hold that confidence.

R. O. - Both sides have erred. First, Kunio and second, the chairman's attitude when he put the question.

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K. H. - The reason I invited them was because it was my belief that they could help us in the discussion. Whether or not they were representing was not an issue in my mind. They are representative of a large body of claimants in Toronto, in the things they would say and the feeling they would express. Formalities are not always important. I am entitled to my opinion.

G. T. - While there is a sub-Committee representing claimants in Toronto, they should be considered. When there is a Committee appointed, we should respect that sub-Committee and we have been doing so as far as this committee is concerned. If they represent the claimants committee and whether others of the sub-committee were not invited is a point that should have been cleared up.

K. H. - If we want an understanding of the problem and if we want an insight into what they are feeling we should listen to them.

G. T. - As secretary of this organization, what I wanted to do was to phone the other members and inform them that their sub-committee would be represented. At least to do them that courtesy. If the phone call had been made in time, it would have been possible for me to do so.

J. O. - The Sunday meeting was sponsored by an ad hoc committee representing claimants who were dissatisfied with the way the previous claimants' meeting was handled.

Chair - Roger, Kunio and Jack, you were all at the meeting on Sunday, If you knew these people were to come here representing that meeting, why could you not let us know? This is the result of not doing so.

K. H. - The way the question was put to them, annoyed them. They felt before I spoke to them that there should have been an invitation to them from this committee.

K. T. - There is a proper Claimants' sub-Committee.

MOTION #1 - Moved by Roger Obata and seconded by J. Oki

THAT in future if anyone is to be invited to this meeting and ~~not necessarily representing~~, then the majority of the executive committee members should be polled beforehand.

Carried.

K. H. - Actually, I did consider whether it was a good thing or a bad thing, and I mentioned it to some members.

Chair - Why did you then force me to put the question directly to Mr. Shin?

N. F. - A straight answer from Kunio at the very beginning would have cleared up the matter.

PROCEEDING WITH THE AGENDA

- Minutes of the Previous meeting

(1) Meeting of March 15, 1949

K. Hidaka questioned the wording of the recommendation respecting the Office Secretary's salary as not being consistent with the sub-committee's recommendations. When questioned as to what point he was referring to he stated that the exact figure of $226.70 should not have been quoted. It was explained to K. Hidaka that that was the actual amount involved to the endof this present fiscal year, and that the recommendation had been quoted from the written recommendation of that sub-committee submitted at the March 15th meeting.

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The Minutes were adopted as recorded.

(2) Meetings of April 10th and 11th, 1949

J. Oki stated that the minutes of these meetings were not adequate. asked by the Chair to state any omissions so that they might be rec he did not offer any points.

The reason for Mr. Brewin's presence at the April 11th meeting was It was the opinion of certain members that it was the understanding Mr. Brewin need not be present at the April 11th sessions. R. Obat that Mr. Brewin's presence caused them to be torn between loyalties claimants and they were showing lack of confidence in Counsel to the detriment of claimants, ~~or vice versa~~. I. Uchida felt that Mr. Brewin should have been invited on the 10th.

~~G. Tanaka~~ explained that he did not realize that there was a need to have Mr. Brewin present at the April 10th meeting. When he was directed by the meeting to ask a question of Mr. Brewin for the April 11th meeting, the reply which he received was such that he decided that Mr. Brewin should come down in person to give his answer to the committee. I. Tanaka felt that it must be remembered ~~xxxx~~ the position in which he is ~~sometimes~~ placed, and the ~~tremendous~~ responsibility he must shoulder. ~~Sometimes in a Co-operative Committee meeting, he stated that he is placed in such a position that he must second a motion which if he did not would be detrimental to this Committee.~~

J. Oki ~~stated~~ that the ~~efforts~~ of the ~~Committee~~ should be ~~on~~ behalf of the Claimants first and he felt that ~~it~~ sometimes ~~seemed~~ not to be.

The Minutes of the meetings of April 10th and 11th were adopted as recorded.

- Method of Recording Minutes

R. Obata stated that the proper way to record minutes is to state a person's opinion designated by their name. He was of the opinion that this was necessary in order that when committee members are elected, people will know more about them, i.e., newspapers quote opinions expressed in City Counsil mtgs. He was reminded that ~~nearly always~~, newspapers misquoted.

(The Recording Secretary's note: When recording opinions and suggestions expressed, I have not considered it of prime importance to designate them as being given by one particular person. I have done this work on the basis that the executive committee is elected body charged with the responsibility of working in co-operation one with another on all questions to arrive at courses of action which they conclude is to the best interests of their ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Japanese Canadians ~~constituent~~, and in the belief that in a group thought process, one does not attribute certain expressed thoughts to the sole credit or discredit of one individual.)

The Recording Secretary stated that she could not accept the criticism that the method of recording minutes to date was not "proper", but would be pleased to carry out ~~the~~ instructions of the Executive Committee on this matter should they request it. She further requested that parliamentary procedure be followed by this Committee in future as the continual crossfire of discussion that takes place in the meetings and the members' lack of courtesy to the Chair made her duties of as Recording Secretary an extremely difficult task.

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AGREED that we adhere more strictly to parliamentary procedure and observe the Chair.

MOTION #2 - Moved by R. Obata and seconded by Y. Hyodo
THAT where a member requests that his opinions regarding certain issues or subject under discussion be recorded, it should be included in the Minutes as that person's opinion.
Carried.

MOTION #3 - Moved by R. Obata and seconded by T. Umezuki
THAT on any issues discussed in the National Executive Committee, where possible, all points of view be recorded in very concise form. Carried.

The Recording Secretary asked if the above two motions were intended to charge her with negligence in both respects. R. Obata stated that this was not his intent -- he merely wished to put these points on record.

WITH REFERENCE TO MOTION #1 -

As the Executive Secretary,

~~G. T.~~ - if I find that it is advisable to ask a particular person to attend a meeting, does that mean that I must ask ~~everybody whether it is all right to have that person~~? As regards my inviting Mr. Brewin to the April 11th meeting, I did so because in my judgment I felt it was absolutely necessary. There may be instances where I must invite a person on the spot and it would be impossible for me to contact the members for consultation first. Am I also to be completely governed by motion #1?

~~K. H. - You could telephone everyone.~~

~~G. T. - You would question than that what I would wish to do, I would want to do for the good of the people~~?

J. O. - I would quite agree that it may be different in your position as Executive Secretary.

G. T. - When time permits it will be noted in the Notice of Meeting and Agenda.

F. N. - Although other committee members are required to call people it should not apply to the National Executive Secretary.

MOTION # 4 - Moved by T. Umezuki and seconded by T. Sagara
THAT where there is not sufficient time to mention it on the Agenda when it is sent out, the conditions of the motion (#1) requiring polling ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ of the members as to their consent to have certain persons present at an executive committee meeting, should not apply to the Executive Secretary but that it be left to his discretion. Carried.

BUSINESS:

I. COMMISSIONER'S SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL ON CLAIMS :

(a) Report on Co-operative Committee Meetings

G. T. - At the Co-operative Committee meeting held on Thursday, the Secretary, Margaret Boos, reported the results received across the country from claimants on the vote on the proposal and I also presented what I had received. All the results received to Monday, May 9th, were ~~received~~.

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The results were to be compiled and passed on to the Commissioner. The Co-operative Committee could not take the responsibility of interpreting the results. The Co-operative Committee would only take the responsibility for compiling and conveying the facts of the survey. One point brought up was whether it would be consistent with the terms of reference if the Government is to be guided by the majority decision of claimants to go ahead with the over-all principle. The Committee felt that it would put the Government in an awkward position. No expression from Mr. Brewin could be had as he had to leave the meeting.

Vote * The results indicated 450 claimants accepting the proposal and 57, including the Toronto votes, rejecting the proposal. That, is, approximately 88% accepting and 12% rejecting. Some 6 or 7 indicated that they were undecided.

I am told that the Commissioner will be arriving in Toronto, tomorrow.

T. U. - In addition, I have heard that Winnipeg claimants accepted unanimously.

~~Exec Secy~~ G. T. - 2 or 3 Chapters in British Columbia did not indicate the number who attended or accepted and so are not included in the 450 number. 500 claimants represent 50% of the claimants retaining the Co-operative Com. Mr. Virtue's claimants of almost 300 claimants have accepted this proposal. Over 100 claimants wrote in individually, one-half in English and one-half in Japanese.

I move adoption of this report.

F. N. - I second it.

R. O. - I'm not sure on your point that only the per centages are to be referred to the Commissioner.

~~Exec Secy~~ G. T. - I have specifically stated many times that the Co-operative Committee ~~will~~ policy will not interpret the figures but pass on just the actual figures.

R. O. - They are not officially asking the Commissioner to interpret the results.

2, Secy G. T. - The Co-operative Committee has been taking the position that it should not interpret the figures.

R. O. - If 90% have accepted this, who is to take the responsibility of deciding that 10% will be deprived of the individual hearings?

~~Exec Secy~~ G. T. - I ~~believe~~ am certain that the Co-operative Committee will not interpret the per centages, A motion was not definitely passed but it has been discussed and at the last meeting, it was agreed.

R. O. - When this question was asked at the last meeting, the Co-operative Committee was not well attended. Mr. Brewin felt that the Commissioner would have the majority rule on the method of settlement.

Executive Secretary's Report Carried.

(b) National JCCA Future Plans respecting the Claims Question.

J. O. - Counsel and the Co-operative Committee would have to stand by their recommendations. It seems that the Commissioner has already been notified ~~that~~ this ~~type of~~ recommendation ~~was made~~ to claimants. Mr. Brewin said Counsel could have accepted without consulting claimants. ?

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Mr. Brewin indicated that he had proposed certain percentages. The Commissioner's percentages were so close that he could not but accept. ~~Mr. Brewin had no right to do so~~. Claimants should make the final decisions. If this proposal was imposed on claimants, they would have to accept. ~~He conceded that all the claimants would be expected to do would be to give his feeling on the question and if not acceptable to claiments, he could reject it.~~

G. T. - Regarding the point where Mr. Brewin ~~hinted~~ stated that, as Counsel for Client, he could continue with negotiations for a client because he has been retained as Counsel, ~~as Counsel,~~ he does have the right to go ahead and ~~clients can have nothing else to do but accept his advice.~~ act for clients.

J. O. - Counsel cannot decide for him. He must let claimants make the final decision. Mr. Brewin said that he was in a position to make a decision without consulting claimants.

G. T. - It is dependent on the judgment of Counsel, ~~if~~ whether he should consult or not with the client. He has full authority to act on behalf of clients.

K. H. - There are two types of problems, one of law, and on this the lawyer has to exercise his own good judgment. That is to be conceded by everyone. On technicalities of law, the lawyer has to say. On the other matter, which is mainly on the matter of the evaluations. Here, Counsel has to put final decision on the claimant. ~~Mr. Brewin has the attitude that he and the Co-operative Committee should make the final decision. It is not satisfactory to claimants.~~

G. T. - ~~It is not true that Mr. Brewin actually took a first-hand part regarding percentages.~~ From my conversations with Mr. Brewin and Mr. McMaster, I know that Mr. Brewin leaves ~~it entirely~~ mainly detailed matters to Mr. McMaster. The percentages Crown Counsel arrived at ~~are related~~ were put to Mr. McMaster before Mr. Brewin ~~been~~. ~~The actual figures~~ were negotiated between Mr. Hunter and the Commissioner. Crown Counsel at first suggested the percentages.

R. O. - We were called to Mr. Brewin's to discuss the first offer ever made. At that time we were led to believe that that was just a feeler. Mr. Brewin was to "search out the Commissioner's mind". ~~Mr. Brewin, at that time, should have asked what the claimants expected from our Counsel.~~ The percentages were merely those of Counsel ~~and Commission~~, the claimants did not have any chance to make ~~this~~ decision. ~~If Mr. Brewin was to discuss the percentages I don't think the Executive Committee would have accepted the decision at that meeting. He could even just have referred back to the National Executive or some claimants. I think we could have given him an idea.~~

G. T. - We held this meeting in Mr. Brewin's home ~~but the meeting~~ which was called by me as Executive Secretary. Mr. Brewin was leaving for Vancouver and we felt that we should meet with him. The Commission was to ~~sit~~ hold a hearing and Mr. McMaster asked Mr. Brewin to come to Vancouver because of the importance of the consultations. Mr. Virtue was also asked to meet with them. ~~Mr. McMaster felt that Mr. Brewin should be out there not on the basis of whether the Executive Committee or Co-operative Committee asked him to. I called the meeting at Mr. Brewin's because he had stated that he was going out.~~

M. S. - As I remember it, Mr. Brewin did stated that if the committee accepted the over-all settlement, he would go to Vancouver and if it was not agreeable, he would not.

I. U. - Mr. Shin and I wanted to hold a meeting in Toronto after that but Mr. Brewin said it would not be necessary.

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G. T. - ~~Hunter!~~ Mr. Hunter's ~~figure~~ proposals were given at that meeting. The over-all principle was the question put. All agreed that the figures were too low.

R. O. - They are quite aware that a certain group was thoroughly dissatisfied at the meeting. What can be done about these people.

Chair - To what meeting are you referring, when was the mee ting?

R. O. - At the Friday meeting, ~~George~~ spoke for one and a half hours. ~~He was in such a position that we urged the claimants to accept the proposal, in that position George could only present the picture from that side.~~ It was in English and 95% could understand better in Japanese. There was not enough time to translate the talk into Japanese word for word. The claimants were not all aware of the points involved and the ~~vote~~ resulted in ~~A~~ accepting and ~~rejecting~~. After the meeting, some claimants felt they did not receive a full explanation of the proposals, and they decided to hold another meeting. At that meeting, the people who took the opposite view spoke up. These people are representative even though they are a minority. As a National Executive, we should do something, perhaps it is too late in view of the other opinion. But even if it is just recording their rejection, something should be done. ~~It was not a fair pr We specifically asked George to present both side of the questio not a fair way to present the proposal.~~

Chair - ~~Roger~~, Are you questioning the Executive Secretary's loyalty to th

R. O. - No, but I don't think the presentation was adequate.

Chair - When the presentation was made on the understanding of all that ha through Counsel, etc.?

G. T. - Regarding my presentation to claimants, my responsibility was to i them fully of what the Co-operative Committee advised. ~~I have not in any case brought up the attitude or the endorsation of the National Executive Committee of the proposals which was passed here at the meeting because~~ I felt that claimants should have the right to decide on their own without further pressure by what was decided here, ~~because it would only be interpreted as trying to swing it ever prejudicially.~~ Although I am a claimant myself, I felt that I should remember that I am representing and speaking for the Co-operative Committee. I have pointed out, or tried to point out, what the Co-operative Committee advised and their reasons for doing so, and also the outcome should they take any other course. In my understanding there were only two courses: one, to accept, and one, to reject. There was only one clear definite alternative. The Commissioner might not have the claims heard individually but, on the other hand, he might have them heard individually. I have gone over these things with Mr. McMaster fully. Mr. McMaster is the only one who knows the story fully. My job was to present the Co-operative Committee's advice or recommendation. I certainly did not intimidate the claimants into accepting the Co-op erative Committee's advice. I went out of my way to indicate and state that the JCCA was not in a position to influence or advise the claimants. It was their privilege and right to decide for themselves. I do not think that on that basis my talk to the claimants or the executives throughout the country was weighted one way or other. Because there was no alternative, I had to present the advice of the Committee. If this Committee, came to the conclusion that the only thing that the claimants could do would be to reject it 100%, that would have been a different matter. But even then, in that case, it would have been our responsibility to indicate the financial position it would place them. They owe financially to the lawyers. I have seen

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Mr. McMaster and know that he has worked two years without pay. We cannot let this go lightly. Claimants across the country have admitted that it would be hopeless to raise any more money. The only other decision was to advise 100% rejection and raise the money.

J. O. - We are reponsible for the state that exists in Vancouver.

G. T. - Mr. McMaster has three lawyers working with him. Maybe it can be said that it is our fault and the Co-operative Committee's fault but how could we have got out of this any other way? Any other way would have been to raise the money to pay off month by month.

R. O. - Is it definitely only one alternative - the individual hearings basis? Mr. Brewin said he was not certain but that was what he believed. Some claimants would say that this is a case of bargaining.

Chair - If the Commissioner had called for individual hearings would we be able to raise the money?

R. O. - Some would be willing to raise more than a further 2%. Some said this after the second appeal.

G. T. - I have spoken to all Provincial executives and some claimants who have come up to me individually after claimants' meetings, as in Ft. William. All felt they would not pay any further funds.

J. O. - A lot are willing to pay more. Claimants have been discourgged and to some these percentages are acceptable. We are aiming at justice.

G. T. - We are all agreed that this is not justice.

K. H. - We should get the best terms possible. The Co-operative Committee sent a letter asking for acceptance. Claimants were quite disturbed at the wording of the letter. It emphasized that they have not much choice but to accept. * It is understood that Gedge had no alternative but to present the same view. But the claimants have a complaint that they were not given a full enough presentation of all aspects of this question. It is for that reason that a good many of them, that although they considered it favourably Friday, didn't hold the same view after receiving further information. If other centres had held our kind of meeting, they would have had a chance to see the other aspects. If we are going to discuss other plans, that is an important factor.

Chair - At the Sunday meeting, did any of you make recommendations of leadership on this question?

R. O. - The claimants signed a petition rejecting the proposal and desiring a revision of the settlement.

Chair - Could we have the wording of the resolution passed at the Sunday Meeting?

K. H. - May 8, 1949, addressed to Miss Margaret Boos, Secretary, The Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians:

"We, the undersigned claimants, have given very careful consideration to the proposal of the Dominion Government and the Commissioner, Mr. Justice Bird, for the settlement of Japanese Evacuation Claims.
We regret very much that the proposed percentage increases on the Custodian's selling price are insufficient and we must, therefore, consider the proposal unacceptable.

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We request that the Co-operative Committee have its general counsel advise the Dominion Government and the Commissioner of our decision and press for a revision of the proposal." Signed by fifty claimants.

R. O. - Mr. Umezuki gave a faithful translation at the Sunday meeting. Other views of what would happen if the proposal was rejected and the other side was presented. The petition was brought up at the end. Some were undecided.

T. U. - It seems to me that after the Sunday meeting, after two hours, it seems to me that people understood my explanation, and some went home. At the last, Mr. Shin proposed this resolution on the suggestion of Mr. Kameoka who knew beforehand that it was forthcoming. Then it was presented in Japanese. Kunio Hidaka and Mr. Shin prepared this resolution, it seems to me. First, in ~~it~~ English by Kunio and translated into Japanese and the Japanese was ~~much~~ more strongly worded than the English. Then discussion followed, then ~~nobody~~ anyone, whether he was satisfied or determined to accept the proposal could not say "no" because of the circumstances of the meeting because ~~Mr. Mio showed~~ he showed a strong indignation. Some people hesitated to sign because they had voted to accept. They would feel guilty because they had accepted and therefore went home.
Another point is that the Sunday meeting was only to make more clearly understood the proposals - that was the purpose of the meeting. I did not know the true purpose of the meeting. Seems to me it should have been to take away any misunderstanding.

R. O. - Other opinions were expressed besides and that is the only way to present it.

T. U. - What was the result of yesterday's meeting with Brewin?

J. O. - Mr. Brewin has a copy of the resolution with signatures. ~~It was apparent that Mr. Brewin was very annoyed. He wanted acceptance and it is not fair to the claimants.~~

T. U. - ~~If the Commissioner takes the position that claimants be heard individually will he stand for it?~~

J. O. - ~~The recommendation of Counsel and the Co-operative Committee is acceptance therefore the Commissioner, knowing that, would make no difference.~~

T. U. - Did you think the claimants at the Sunday meeting, ~~will~~ would be willing to accept if the Commissioner decided to hear individual claims?

J. O. - If that is the decision, I think they will be.

K. H. - The claimants pressed for revision of percentages.

Chair - Would the people who signed the petition be willing to face individual hearing costs?

T. U. - I am ~~very much~~ doubtful about that point.

Chair - I asked Mr. Shin, 'If you have the Sunday meeting, would you be willing to accept individual hearings.' He stated that he wanted the over-all settlement. Mr. Shin did not mention individual hearings.

R. O. - No one objected to the over-all settlement. They are in favour of getting something for everyone on the over-all settlement. They decided the low percentages were unfair.

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Chair - Was the possibility of individual hearings presented to them clearly?

R. O. - It was mentioned many times. ~~That is the threat behind it all.~~

K. H. - I think the statement is clear enough and the expression of the meeting is something to go on.

Rec'd Secy
G. T. - Regarding the informing of claimants re possibility of individual hearings and the necessity of raising further funds which Mr. McMaster felt very likely if that should be the outcome, if I didnot stress th them that this might be so, the claimants would not have been informed of this possibility when asked in that eventuality by Counsel or the Co-operative Committee for an additional 2%. ~~I do not think it is fair to say that it was a threat. Certainly there was no intention to club them into anything. My job was to give them all the possibilities of what they would face if they did this or that.~~

R. O. - But they understood the conditions of rejection.

G. T. - Not "conditions", but "possibilities".

R. O. - Therefore, I am convinced that these people are prepared on the alternative.

Chair - I do not feel that we should act further on Sunday's meeting until we are sure that the claimants are willing to pay and go through with it. We cannot work on suppositions. Until we know from these people who were at the meeting that they are prepared to carry this thing through, we would be treading on dangerous ground.

R. O. - It is our National Executive Committee's duty to find out if they are prepared to carry this through.

Rec'd Secy
G. T. - The Co-operative Committee has a definite number of those who accepted or rejected. There might be the possibility that the Commissioner may take exception to those who signed it. If that happens there is the chance that a few may get more and some may get nothing on Vancouver property. There may be other possibilities. These people who signed may be taken out and dealt with separately.

R. O. - There may be 100's of others who want to be in a similar position.

J. O. - We should contact these people.

Rec'd Secy
G. T. - Regardless of what the Commissioner will do, They should take time to think over the possibility that they may have to pay out.

T. U. - Roger, seems to me you are wrong - I don't think they considered this money question so seriously on Sunday.

R. O. - People who signed felt they could get more this way.

T. U. - The people just signed to record their protest to the proposals/figures.

T. K. - Yes, that is right. Mr. Shin also agreed that he is not against the over-all settlement. The Japanese translation of the resolution was stronger than the English.

I. U. - The idea of most of the Issei claimants was that they wanted the Co-operative Committee and the National Executive Committee to do something more.

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T. K. - People wanted merely a revision of the percentages.

T. U. - It ook the atmosphere of the meeting to be that the Co-operative Committee and the National Executive Committee be asked to do one thing more.

Chair - I asked if these claimants were ready to fight this thing through on an individual basis and Roger said they were, and now you say that all they wanted was better %-ages.

T. U. - Mr. Shin said that it was too late to overturn the vote. The people at the Sunday meeting know that.

I. U. - Mr. Shin and Mr. Mio wanted to do something more through the JCCA.

T. U. - I move that we do something.

Chair - We do not know for certain in Toronto that claimants are willing or unwilling to take the individual hearings basis.

R. O. - Other centres should have had meetings like Toronto, with that on our conscience, we must do something about it. What are we going to do about it?

Chair - If we felt the Toronto people are prepared, then we can do something about the figures.

R. O. - What, about the figures.

G. T. - You do not feel that claimants' meetings are practical?

R. O. - We agreed that we should do something. We know there are a number of dissatisfied claimants, and there are all across the country.

G. T. - We would have to say something at these meetings, as ask if they are prepared to pay for the expenses.

R. O. - And other possibilities, that the Commissioner would come forth with another settlement -- have to find out from Brewin if this is practical.

G. T. - The Commissioner may decide to go on with individual hearings. The Commissioner will have received the figures; presuming that he has this information and is on his way to Ottawa. He would reiterate what he has already said to the Minister and the Government, presumably, is to give further consideration.

R. O. - Mr. Shin and Mr. Mio were here to ask withholding of the results of the vote.

G. T. - The deadline was April 30th, which was extended to May 9th. I am informed that Mr. Brewin will not be in town tomorrow.

K. H. - The only way to handle this is to state to the Commissioner that when a number of the claimants heard both sides of the proposal they changed their mind.

~~Chair - I am not tooclear yet about Sunday's meeting.~~

AGREED TO CONTINUE MEETING on Thursday night, May 12, at 8.00 p.m.

AGREED to invite the Toronto Sub-Committee on Claims to the Thursday meeting.

Agreed that a deputation meet with the Commissioner on his arrival in Toronto. Deputation to consist of the Ex. Secty, George Tanaka, Roger Obata and either Mr. Shin or Mr. Sumi.

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PRESENT: M. Kitagawa, F. Nogami, T. Umezuki, J. Oki, T. Kameoka, ~~Mr~~ R. Obata, K. Hidaka, K. Tanaka, N. Fujita, G. Tanaka, S. Shinobu, ~~kkkk~~ Taree members of the Toronto sub-committe on Claims - Mr. T. Sakamoto, Mr. T. Sumi, Mr. Z. Shin, and Mr. T. Mio who chaired the Sunday Claimants' meeting. (K. Tanaka in the Chair).

REGRETS: I. Kawajiri, Rev. Shimizu, Rev. Tsuji, T. Sagara, I. Uchida, P. Yamada, Y. Hyodo.

ABSENTEES: J. Ide, ~~Xxxxxxx~~, E. Nose, M. Sato.

Chair - We have with us tonight representative Issei Claimants who are ~~attending on~~ here at our invitation. ~~I would like to apologize at this time to Mr. Shin and Mr. Mio for the misunderstanding on Tuesday night.~~

Could we have a report from the sub-committee, which is to meet with the Commissioner? ~~to discuss~~ to talk over what the delegation should say to

Vice Secy. G. T. - We met for one hour yesterday just before various evening meetings which all had to attend, to see what could be done or explore some of the possibilities on the chance that we could meet with the Commissioner today. ~~In any event it would be available for this meeting.~~ The Commissioner is not in town. I have just spoken to Mr. Brewin and he has not heard from the Commissioner. ~~We discussed some of the possibilities as to what could be expressed to the Commissioner but did not get too far on that subject due to lack of time.~~ Both Roger and ~~Mr. Shin~~ could express further on this point.

R. O. - A lot hinges on whether Mr. Brewin got the replies and forwarded them to the Commissioner.

G. T. - He apparently phoned Mr. McMaster directly he received the replies. The actual replies are in the hands of the Co-operative Committee and will not be let out of their hands.

R. O. - ~~Did~~ Mr. McMaster get in touch with the Commissioner before he left?

G. T. - The Commissioner was supposed to be in Toronto today, ~~but I have not heard.~~

R. O. - If we are going to do something for the claimants and meet the Commissioner, we must bear in mind that the Commissioner will reply that our Counsel has recommended our acceptance. We would reflect our non-confidence in Counsel. We might follow the conditional points. Our case is closed if we accept what the Counsel has recommended. We would have to go against it.

Mr. Shin - I feel that if we expect the Commissioner to be here it is a good chance to explain how the claimants are feeling.

T. U. - I would like Mr. Shin to express the real intention of the Toronto claimants. ~~Are they rejecting or accepting but want to express their dissatisfaction.~~ At the Sunday meeting they stated they could not accept the proposal in the memorandum, but on the whole, it has been accepted according to the results of the vote across the country. In that event, ~~xxx~~ do we say that we cannot be satisfied with the Commissioner's proposal? Or that you would like something further done on this proposal? Was the feeling of the meeting that they could not, under any circumstances, accept the Commissioner's proposals? No matter how much it costs, is it the intent of the claimants that they go through regardless, with individual hearings?

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Mr. Shin - I could not take the responsibility of saying that they ~~would~~ desire to go through, regardless, with the individual hearings because each person was not asked. From the feelings expressed, they feel the present offer is not enough as understood by everyone. I made my claim in sincerity and honesty and would want to press it to the final point but I know this to be an idealistic position to take. If the proposals are still in the bargaining stage I would not want to accept the settlement as they are at present. I would like one more attempt made and would like this Committee to take action from the point of view of a claimant.

Chair - Mr. Shin, could you offer us some suggestions as to how you think we should proceed?

Mr. Shin - I do not have any suggestions, but I heard that the valuators figures were not good. I feel that that was so. If they are not sympathetic, valuators would not evaluate in our favour. You must have the owner and the buyer to produce the real market price.
I would like the Commissioner requested to take into consideration that when the claims were made they were made conscientiously. I personally felt that all claims should be made in honesty because otherwise it would reflect on all the Japanese Canadians. There is such a great difference between total claims of $5,000,000 and the awards of $800,000. I would like that point brought out. I would not say that the valuators were wrong in their valuations, but I would state the absence of the owners as one of the reasons to the Commissioner which resulted in the low valuations.

~~Chair - Is Mr. Shin xxx in a position to say that all the claims were not exaggerated?~~

~~R. O. - I think he is.~~

~~Chair - How about the Alberta claims.~~

~~G. T. - We should not include the Alberta claims with the others. There is no way of actually knowing the total difference.~~

~~J. O. - I do not think we need to.~~

K. H. - On the point regarding evaluations, I would like to impress upon the Commissioner that the owner must be in the negotiations if a fair value is to be set. If a property is to be valued, consideration should be given the owner's views. In this instance, the amount the person put down on his claim is in a sense a part of the owner's views.

R. O. - It should have been referred to the claimants. Therefore,

K. H. - A fair market value is arrived at when there is a willing seller and a willing buyer under no compulsion to act - a voluntary thing. Mr. Shin's point is therefore important.

R. O. - They could not proceed on that point, The settlement should have been referred to the claimants first.

J. O. - No one should set the percentages except the claimants.

Chair - You think they could have done it?

J. O. - When the evaluators came to a decision, it should have been referred to the claimants. They should have come to some decision as to each property. Counsel should have referred it back to the claimants before mentioning it to the Commissioner.

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G. T. - That would only be possible when the Co-operative Committee is able to refer to each individual piece of property.

T. U. - It would not be fair to other claimants.

J. O. - Then how did they arrive at the percentages. ~~Then whatever they did should have been referred back to claimants.~~

Chair - The claimants left their property six years ago and changes have taken place.

J. O. - They were to take 1943 values.

M. K. - How would they evaluate -- if papers are available, then they would have a record of the valuations.

G. T. - Another difficulty is that the submissions could be considered not in line with what the claimants want. The Co-operative Committee had great difficulty in getting evidence, as for instance, in the case of ~~auctioneers~~ property sold by auction.

J. O. - There is the same difficulty with valuators; they are watching their own welfare in view of their own work. Therefore, the valuations will be low. The evidence presented by the claimants should have been more important than the valuators.

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G. T. - The reason for hiring evaluators was to get further evidence. In the case of properties sold by auction, it did not work out very well.

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J. O. - You cannot valuate anything sold by auction.

G. T. - When Counsel is representing a person making a claim, it is necessary to substantiate the claim. That is the whole purpose of hiring evaluators.

J. O. - No one could go out and get evidence. The evacuees claim should have been honoured more.

Chair - We cannot say what the Commissioner should have done.

~~J. O. - It is our Counsel's fault. Why didn't they refer this important question to the claimants, such as the valuations.~~

R. O. - Mr. Brewin seemed to use as one of the strongest points that VLA was a godsend because the evaluators reported only 60%. I was so convinced by Mr. Brewin but now I find that the VLA people are the most dissatisfied. Therefore, that is an indication that the evaluations were totally inadequate. Not even close to the figure. But Mr. Brewin used that as a selling point.

Chair - Mr. Brewin, I believe, is going by the fact that the valuators figures were low.

R. O. - He should have referred the percentages back to the claimants or some people here in Toronto.

Chair - This is not a question of being "satisfied".

R. O. - Mr. Brewin's opinion is that we did well.

Chair - Mr. McMaster is operating on what the evaluators were able to find out.

R. O. - There is something wrong with the evaluations.

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The relationship between assessment and sales

G. T. - They did more work on the Fraser Valley property, and considered other property sales other than Japanese Canadian, the claim, crops were investigated and the farm evaluated. also compiled in statistical form.

J. O. - The farms owned by Whites cannot be compared with Japanese farms. To consider the farm as it is today is nothing to go on. Only the farmer knows the value of his crops.

G. T. - Were there no statistics?

J. O. - Difficult -- but.

K. H. - If the person was not under compulsion to sell, then, if he was n a fair price, he would not have sold. The owner's claim should b foundation to set the fair market value.

R. O. - It may be these people are not considering the "date of sale". D Mr. Shin, that people considered it in that light, rather than at evacuation"?

Mr. Shin - We understood that, but it is a difficult matter. I want to give one example. In 1919, I purchased property at $750 cash. I claimed $3500. At the time I bought it ¾ acres were cleared, others in bushes and there was a little house. I built a lean-to, a barn at the cost of $300, a bunkhouse at the cost of $300, 3½ acres were cleared and 2 acres left with standing green timber. Therefore, I considered $3500 a fair price. (I carried house insurance of $1000.) The Custodian sold it for $730. 80% of $730 is to be awarded, making a total of $1300. Therefore, I do not think it fair -- I just want to tell the Commissioner and ask him.

T. U. - I understood after the last meeting, on Tuesday, we decided to do something. Tonight we should formulate what we can do. Therefore, let us discuss one by one, what we can do.

J. O. - First thing to do is hold back those reports.

R. O. - There is a difference between straight figures and receiving the actual telgrams and statements from the claimants across the country, as Mr. Shin would like to make a statement regarding the honesty of the claims to the Commissioner.

J. O. - Were just the percentages presented to the Commissioner?

G. T. - Yes, but they would be going by areas. Mr. Brewin noted both the vote at the first meeting and the second meeting for Toronto.

Chair - The claimants in general are agreed on the method of settlement?

K. H. - Conditional upon getting a fair price.

~~J. O. - I don't think we need to mention it to the Commissioner.~~

~~Chair - The Commissioner may then call for individual hearings.~~

~~G. T. - There is no need to state to the Commissioner at the beginning, but he may ask, and in that case, we would have to answer.~~

Chair - Claimants then are not prepared to go through on the individual hearings basis?

J. O. - We cannot say so. We are prepared to go through with it -- as individuals.

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R. O. - We cannot assume one way or other.

K. H. - If the awards are close to the claims then it would be acceptable.

G. T. - The acceptance is then relative?

Chair - There is this ~~xxx~~ clear alternative - we have the right to have the individual hearings, therefore, that is not an assumption. The second, (the revision of the settlement proposal), is an assumption.

J. O. - They are equally likely and equal assumptions. I think you are misleading. Because both are assumptions.

Chair - If we wanted, we could press for the individual hearings.

R. O. - We could not under this present proposal.

G. T. - That is right. ~~The Government is protecting itself.~~

R. O. - Our Counsel indicated to the Commissioner that they recommended acceptance.

G. T. - When did they indicate that to the Commission?

~~J. O. - Mr. Brewin boiled me up when he said that the Co-operative Committee has recommended this proposal. The Commissioner knows we cannot back out.~~

G. T. - I am ~~not clear~~ certain that that is not the case. I have always expressed to the Co-operative Committee that the Co-operative Committee ~~xxxx~~ cannot take the responsibility of interpreting the claimants' decision and that the Co-operative Committee should refer this proposal to the claimants. When I spoke to Mr. Brewin at a certain stage of the proceedings, he had not made up his mind. I stressed that point to him and I know I influenced him on that point. The next day, I took from his attitude that he had made up his mind that I was right and would take into consideration all that I had stated. I know that ~~from the replies received from~~ individual members ~~and~~ the Co-operative Committee meetings that they could not take the responsibility of interpreting the vote on the proposal, ~~xxxxxxx~~ after hearing from the claimants, ~~xxx could not, even after that, interpret.~~

K. H. - There is a difference between referring and recommending the matter to another party. Mr. Brewin has recommended acceptance to the Co-operative Committee and the Co-operative Committee acceptance to claimants.

~~R. O. - In Vancouver, Mr. McMaster advocated acceptance.~~

~~G. T. - Bob is not taking that position. He would interpret for the Co-operative Committee, but he would always refer it to the Co-operative Committee. I do not see how he could have intimated to the Commissioner.~~

K. H. - Mr. Brewin made a statement that Counsel could have accepted without consulting with claimants, I think Jack is referring to that.

Chair - Then Kunio is not certain but Jack is certain. Has Mr. McMaster then, in actual fact, told the Commissioner that he has recommended acceptance?

R. O. - Jack and Kunio went to try to do something more and were in the same position as we are now in. That is the answer they got.

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K. H. - ~~Mr. Brewin told us that he would refer our vote to the Commissioner.~~

Chair - Mr. McMaster has been trying these past many months to improve the figures.

J. O. - Our Counsel stated that the Commissioner knows the recommendation.

G. T. - Mr. Brewin will try to influence the Commissioner to improve the figures.

R. O. - Therefore he should refer back to the claimants.

Chair - We are not in a position to bargain because of the individual hearings alternative.

R. O. - But he has not stated that individual hearings will be had.

~~G. T. - No plan was thought up at the last meeting.~~

~~R. O. - We instructed you to present both sides.~~

K. H. - Are we anticipating that certain people here will meet with the Commissioner? We could bring to the attention of the Commissioner certain individual cases where 80% is out of line. If we could bring it to his attention, it might impress him.

G. T. - If the Commissioner states alternative cases, which indicate the opposite to our contention, what would we do? I agree that we should do something. I was just trying to anticipate the attitude of the Commissioner. ~~It is no use talking for nothing.~~

K. H. - If the Commissioner's mind is set, there is no use speaking to him. We could bring up what cases we have. In the Proceedings of the Public Accounts Committee, a survey shows a number of cases where property did not have clear title and could not be sold by VLA. The Custodian advertised and sold it. Increases were far above 80%. In these cases, we should impress upon the Commissioner that the Custodian's selling price would not be the same as a deal negotiated by the Commissioner himself.

J. O. - The results of the voting should be studied first. The Commissioner does not know yet of certain reservations?

R. O. - If we have an interview with the Commissioner, it would be more positive if we nullify the 90% figure. How will we do that. That is the only way the Commissioner will be swayed. The Commissioner will say that 90% accepted. We should start something in motion immediately to nullify it. ~~We would have to say that the matter was not presented in a fair light much as we may dislike it.~~

G. T. - ~~At the claimants meetings I spoke to, I went to give the advice of the Co-operative Committee, only XXXX in the end, should claimants ask at the end, when individuals came for advice, unless then, claimants were not advised.~~

K.H. - The claimants have heard the recommendation of the Co-operative Committee for acceptance. ~~They don't have the entire picture.~~

R. O. - More than that, is it not important that the National Executive Committee recommended acceptance.

G. T. - ~~When I spoke to the~~ Provincial Executive, ~~I stated that if they are approached, we have that answer. I told them not to mention it until asked for because it would prejudice them and we should not influence the claimants unduly. They would be free to reject it and free to XXXXXXX~~ accept it.

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R. O. - Your talk in other centres was the same as in Toronto?

G. T. - In Toronto, it was brought up when it should not have been. It should not have been brought up at that time.

R. O. - Then the point of giving leadership was for nothing.
It was the decision of the Executive Committee that was important.

G. T. - When we were doing it, we felt it a very difficult job. We anticipated that the claimants would not like it. There was the chance that claimants would ask for advice. The Provincial Executives agreed that that was the only thing to do. At this time, it looks simple. At the time we were faced with the problem, it looked difficult. When I left right after those last meetings, I felt that the one thing we had to keep in mind was that if we tried to lead the claimants to reject it, we should offer a plan. The only way to do it was 100% rejection and then fight this thing through on the individual basis. If we wanted to indicate lack of confidence in the Co-operative Committee and Counsel. If we do that, we are put in a terrible mess. One principle of the JCCA is always to seek to work with the Co-operative Committee, even though it is sometimes an embarassing position to be in.

R. O. - Apart from the sentiment end of it, is our responsibility not to claimants?

G. T. - We assum that we are here to work with the Co-operative Committee for the claimants. The time to say that is when you are at the Co-operative Committee meetings.

R. O. - If the claimants could know the conditions under which the meetings were held they would not have confidence. Decisions are passed by four people.

G. T. - Supposing we took that position of rejection. Why did we not do it then?

R. O. - Mr. Brewin answered questions as to acceptance.

Chair - Rogers, are you asking that the Co-operative Committee withdraw altogether?

R. O. - No.

G. T. - The lawyers may take that attitude. There is that possibility.

R. O. - I said that it seems to me that we will offend either the lawyers or the claimants.
Are we agreed that to make an effective change is to nullify the 90% vote.

Chair - I do not feel we have the time to. Perhaps a better way is to prepare something to present to the Minister of Justice; explaining the reasons for the majority of the people accepting it, showing that they are not satisfied, that the high percentages are not actually high. If we could write out some kind of Brief. We could meet with the Commissioner when he comes here and send a statement to the Minister of Justice. That may influence him when Justice Bird speaks with the Minister of Justice.

J. O. - Another point we might consider is to send a report to each Provincial Chapter stating that there is considerable opposition to acceptance in Toronto and if there is not a similar feeling in their area.

G. T. - The Provincial Chapters will hear through these minutes.

T. U. - If we decide to send a statement to Justice Bird, then we should send a copy, including a letter from the executive committee regarding the two recent meetings explaining the developments to the Chapters.

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MOTION #I - Moved by T. Umezuki and seconded by S. Shinobu
THAT WE ~~ZX~~ accept the suggestion of Mr. Chairman. That we prepare a statement or brief containing all the arguments that we have discussed tonight and other times as explicitly as possible and present it to Mr. Justice Bird through our delegation and submit a copy to the Minister of Justice.

T. U. - In case we cannot get Mr. Bird here, we should mail a copy to him in Ottawa to ensure his receiving it.

MOTION #1 - CARRIED

S. S. - It seems the only thing we can do.

R. O. - It seems to me that they would like to see something more positive. I don't think it will get us anywhere. It is all to the good but something effective has to be done fast. The only suggestion I have is that if this Committee feels that there are other members feeling the same across the country, we get postponement of Commissioner Bird acting on the 90% acceptance.

M. K. - If the claimants were that concerned, they would have let us know by now.

R. O. - Toronto can be taken as a barometer.

J. O. - Could we ask for a postponement of the Commissioner's action?

Chair - We have now decided to send a Brief to the Commissioner.

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MOTION #II - Moved by J. Oki and seconded by R. Obata
THAT we ask the Executive Secretary to send a letter with information to the Chapters of the discussions on this subject in Committee, stating the opposition in Toronto and ask if a similar situation exists in their area, and that they send a reply. Carried.

Tracey.
G. T. - If there was such a situation, would they not have informed us?

M. K. - We would have heard long ago if there was.

N. F. - May I have some explanation as to what is meant when we talk about the "other side of the picture". So far, I have nothing for the records as to what has been meant. For what reasons, for instance, did the Sunday meeting vote rejection of the proposals?

R. O. - The points expressed in favour of rejection, or the reasons given for rejection of this proposal are because:

1. The claimants could interpret this as a first offer. It is their opinion that it is open for further negotiations under the over-all settlement proposal.

2. In view of the fact that the Government has requested such secrecy on this matter some would interpret that as being a step by the Government to settle the question of evacuation claims without individual hearings at a minimum possible compensation.

S. S. - I believe Mr. Brewin explained that point to us (2). He felt that Justice Bird had a right to ask that this be kept confidential until this matter is ready to be released.

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G. T. - These do not present the other side.
The fact that the Commissioner only gave four weeks for the answers could be interpreted as coercion.

Chair - Are there other reasons?

R. O. - 3. In view of the fact that a claimant has made a truthful claim, acceptance of the Government's totally inadequate proposal would be an outright admission that his claims were not truthful.

OK

T. U. ~~Roger, I cannot agree that the points were put like that.~~ OK

~~R. O. Well, if T. U. doesn't agree with me, there is no use going any further.~~

~~T. U. I don't say that they were not brought up -- but not so strongly as that.~~ Ok

G. T. - This indicates the position we were in here. It takes this much time to draw out the other side. Shows how difficult a position we were in. I realize we are all considering a difficult question here. First when we discussed this matter at this point here, at the time when this Committee discussed this question and came to the voting of the majority accepting and endorsing that was passed, there was a decision made, and I am certain that the reasons why the decision was made were too fundamental that even then, thesame question put up to those attending the meeting would have resulted the same. I am just as confident that those who voted in favour of endorsing the Co-operative Committee's recommendations would still do so now. This brings to light what fundamental rights we have been faced with. I exhibited some temper at this meeting but I was a bit burned up. I was sent on a pretty tough job and it was not easy and I did my best -- then, I come back and it appears to me by the way the conversation is directed, it impresses me that I am being used as a scapegoat. Unconsciously, you are doing that. There is a difficult thing here. We agree that the Commissioner's proposal is entirely unsatisfactory I do not like the way this meeting is being run, I do not like the whole thing. It is unsatisfactory to me. I am sure you will all agree with me on that. I don't like the further continuation of trying to solve this the way we are doing it now. I am being used as a scapegoat -- not perhaps fair t o you, Roger, but that is what is happening. I should have presented the other side, is what is being stated to me. I felt very strongly about the settlement, I am an evacuee and I am a claimant, and I feel just as sick about it as you do. But I try to think of my responsibility as a member of this Committee, that also includes my being a member of the Co-operative Committee. In the decision at the last meeting, I voted to accept it and I will not change my vote. We are in a difficult position. I do not deny you the right to object to the endorsation. I wish to express several points which have been in my mind. Some pertains to myself, some to the questions asked, and some regarding yourselves. I am sure we all agree that it is a problem -- our objectives are fundamentally the same. We all want to get a better deal for the claimants. I do not like the atmosphere in this Committee. I will admit, I am just as responsible as anyone else, and I am not blaming anyone else. This Committee is not fulfilling its responsibility as a leadership committee for the National JCCA. We are getting emotional and blaming each other. We are not considering this whole thing logically. One group is opposed to another, and because this thing is important, we are getting emotional about it. We are not going to solve this difficult problem this way;unless we co-operate, we will not find a way out. We are bickering and building up atmosphere. I will have to resign if you think that this is only "hot air" I am speaking.

~~R. O. Are you through?~~

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Chair - We cannot, because of the shortage of time, follow a discussion along this line further. I would suggest we hold a bull session of the committee to air these matters.
Have we completed the reasons we were listing?

R. O. - 4. Some claimants felt that the way the Co-operative Committee letter was written brought pressure upon them to sign for acceptance.

5. The offer was to try to stay in line with "the terms of reference" but ~~xxxxxxxx~~s inducements outside the terms were included in this present offer and we were told we would risk losing this.

K. H. - 6. Under the terms of reference, the claimants are entitled to receive the fair market value ~~but~~ percentage increases are no where near the fair market value.

G. T. - Respecting the delegation to meet the Commissioner, Mr. Brewin feels that he should be present and at least speak to the Commissioner beforehand, as the Commissioner may not agree to meeting with an individual delegation. He felt that as claimants' lawyer, he should be present. Mr. Justice Bird is a lawyer and can be a stickler for ethics.
We could leave it to Mr. Shin to say what he has said. Without offending Mr. Brewin , we could discuss the evaluations. ~~We could ask the Commissioner to postpone his final judgment because of the short time allowed to claimants to make a decision.~~ So long as something can be done, we should do it.

NEXT MEETING - Agreed to meet again Tuesday evening, May 17th.

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NOTES ON NATIONAL JCCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MAY 17, 1949, AT CENTRAL YMCA

PRESENT: K. Tanaka, J. Oki, G. Tanaka, Y. Hyodo, K. Hidaka, R. Obata, F. Nogami, T. Sagara, T. Kameoka, T. Umezuki, N. Fujita, S. Shinobu.

REGRETS: Rev. K. Shimizu, Rev. T.Tsuji, I. Kawajiri, M. Sato, P. Yamada, M, Kitagawa.

~~ABSENTEES: xxxx

MOTION #1 - MOVED by J. Oki and seconded by R. Obata
THAT a delegation be arranged to see the Commissioner and the Minister of Justice in Ottawa,(the arrangements to be discussed with Mr. Brewin), to present a statement for the purpose of bettering the position of the claimants with respect to restitution on property losses claims.

Discussion

- The statement should be sent anyway if the appointment cannot be arranged.
- Is our purpose to move the Commissioner to bring in a modified proposal or recommendation, or approaching the Department of Justice so they will bring out a revised proposal? Do we consider the Commissioner and Minister of Justice together.
- We are dealing with the Government, as the Commissioner will see us as a representative of the Government not as the Commissioner. Our approach is therefore to the Government. So far as the Commissioner is concerned, his position will not be changed.
- May not be able to see the Minister but perhaps the Deputy Minister.
- There is not much use in seeing the Commissioner now.
- The Commissioner is in the position of a Judge. He would not modify his decision unless new ~~fixx~~ evidence is found.

MOTION #1 CARRIED

Composition ~~of~~ the Delegation

- The same persons as assigned before could go.
- Mr. Shin is not a member of this Committee. He could be contacted.

MOTION #2 - Moved by J. Oki and seconded by T. Kameoka,
THAT the former three appointed at the last meeting act as the delegation, provided that they are available.

Discussion on the Motion -
- Our National President is now in Ottawa.
- But he may not be conversant with the issue.
- The original purpose was to represent claimants who Mr. Shin represented. They asked us to do something about their views. We could add such a person as from the National organization.
- This is actually what the JCCA has always thought it should do. The point in having an Issei is whether that would be more effective or not.
- An older person always adds dignity to a delegation.
- It does not matter whether they are claimants or not.
- Could Mr. Shinobu go?
- Could we ask Mr. Shin to send his own substitute?
- If Mr. Shin is unavailable, we could ask George and Roger to fill in with a third person if possible.

MOTION #2 CARRIED.

Shin - The Executive Secretary stated that there is the possibility that we may not be able to obtain a hearing. In that case we should go ahead with the plan to send a statement and try to see the Commissioner on his way back.

- If we cannot see the Minister, we could see a Deputy.
- Should Mr. Brewin be included in the delegation or not?
- It would give a better front, if Mr. Brewin went with the delegation.
- We do not know Mr. Brewin's attitude on this delegation.
- This delegation is not ~~for~~ acting for the 50 claimants in Toronto - but for all claimants
- I think we understand that very clearly.
- Claimants all across the country want the JCCA to do all we can.
- ~~I am afraid of what the Commissioner will say on the basis of the figures they have.~~

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~~- If we go as the JCCA, we go as a third party.~~
- As soon as the Government announces the proposals, we can have publicity on it.

Contents of Statement

- Our statement should give the fundamental grounds for dissatisfaction.
- Should deal with the question as to whether it is a proposal of "settlement".
- Are we taking the broader position where even the weakness of the "terms of reference" will be mentioned?
- Can we work the other way by mentioning the salient points first then work up to the inadequacies of the "terms of reference".
- If the "terms of reference" are widened, would a new Commission be appointed?
- That is not probable.
- We could raise the point that the conception of fair market price is not satisfactory, that the methods adopted by Commissioner tofind fair market value was not right.
- I don't think the point of "tenancy" is very sound. It just justifies the low price. Even ~~xxxxx~~ tenanted houses, increased in price. The Commissioner in relying heavily on valuations of real estate people in Vancouver is not, in a sense, giving claimants a fair price. When the valuation is for a prospective buyer, it is valued low, like a person would give for a mortgage company. In setting the fair market price as stated in the "terms of reference", consideration should be given to what the owner feels is a fair price. In negotiations, the price set by the owner plays a very important part. In this case, it is quite apparent that the Commissioner considered the Custodian's selling ppice as the fair price. Our position on the percentage method ~~should~~ be conditional-- ~~xxx~~ if the percentages are somewhere near a fair price.
- We agreed at a previous meeting that the over-all method was the fair method.
- We are not bound by it.
- Our arguments are not strong there as 90% approved it.
- Could we state that our referendum was on the principle and not on percentages, that the acceptance was on principle, in view of our reservations.
- It is our responsibility to carry through the requests of the claimants.
- Could quote some of the statements submitted from claimants.
- Statistics could also be included, as the relation between the proposal percentages and the claims.
- Public Accounts Committee cases could be cited.
- We would have to remember that the Commissioner was guided by the "terms of reference".
- It is the Commissioner's intepretation of fair market value under the terms of reference that we do not like.
- The fair market value was affected by the deterioration of the property at the time of sale.
- The Terms of Reference indicated the types of claims to be considered.
- Did the claimants not tend to value his property as at the time he lived on it? Although, perhaps not in all cases.
- Actually, there was not much change in prices between the time of living on it and time of sale.
- They took comparable property for their evaluations.
- It is not for us to argue that the owner over-valued his property. We should not mention that it is because of the terms of reference that the percentages are low. They are low within the terms of reference.
- We should anticipate the points the Government will bring up. What is our argument when the Government brings up the matter of having evaluators - both claimants and Government.
- First, indicate that the percentages proposed are too low because the valuations by real estate people hired by the Custodian was for a buyer, as according to general practice. That type of valuation is for mortage purposes.
- The Government might say that the claimants' lawyers found that it was only about 10% higher.
- We should use instances because of the position we are in. Individual cases could support our general contention.
- What do we say we mean when we say the fair market value is "much higher"?

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- We should state that we accept the principle of settlement but the percentages are totally inadequate, because the method of arriving at the fair market value was in our opinion inadequate, and because we believe the fair market value can only be established by a willing seller and a willing buyer and, therefore, in determining fair value, the person's claim should be considered and ~~xxx~~ should not go by the figures proposed by the evaluators on either side. It is questioning that Counsel on both sides did not use the right method. We should lay more stress on the claims as a value. Evidence not readily available, therefore, the claim amount is the buyer's amount. Therefore, more emphasis should be laid on the claimant's price.

- We should take the question from the claimants' point of view, what they claimed, what they are getting, and the feeling of the claimants that they made an honest claim, and agree to contend that the restitutions should be close to the claim.

- There is the principle of replacement ~~xxxxx~~ costs. The claimants have gone on the original and not the replacement costs. Therefore the claim values are lower and claims not exaggerated.

- Many people who had homes and farms are not in a position now to have comparable property because what the Custodian ~~xxxxxx~~ has paid to evacuees does not allow them to buy a comparable house out East.

- That last point should be prefaced that it is not part of the fair market value argument.

- The claimants made their claim, based on what they put into it.

- Should emphasize to the Government that this is not the final representation from us.

Roger Obata suggested that in the event that he is unable to go on the delegation, Kunio Hidaka be asked, as he knows more about such matters as evaluation.

MOTION #3 - Moved by Jack Oki and seconded by R. Obata that if Roger is unable to go, Kunio Hidaka be asked to go in his place.
CARRIED.

Executive Secretary's Report

1. Insurance Ratings.- Mr. Bill Takeda wrote to a friend in the U.S. on the subject of Insurance ratings for Japanese persons and received some good information. ~~Bill~~ Mr. Takeda has also had an interview with his Manager on the subject and received the suggestion that he work through the JCCA, that the Executive Secretary try to see the Secretary of the Life Underwriter's Association to present the case of the Japanese Canadians. If the appointment can be made, the Executive Secretary will give an over-all picture of resettlement of Japanese Canadians as on a par with other Canadian citizens, rather than rely on statistics which are somewhat weak. Will try to get in touch with them this ~~week~~.

2. The Toronto Inter-Ethnic Citizens Council - A newly formed organization. It has now been incorporated. Our organization has signified its consent to co-operate with other ethnic groups to form this Council. It is not restricted to local groups - representatives from National bodies can participate. They are applying for membership on the Toronto Welfare Council and the Civic Advisory Council - they feel that if they are represented on these two civic bodies, the representatives could speak as representatives with equal rights to bring certain matters to the attention of civic bodies. Anything pertaining to community work and bettering the ethnic groups in Toronto would be the work of this Council. There is some talk that they might sponsor a Folk Festival. Two representatives are permitted from each ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ ethnic group. There could

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be one representative from the Toronto JCCA Chapter and one from the National Committee. The meetings could be reported to this Committee regularly. The organizations does not expect to have to raise large funds. The affiliation fee is $10.00.

3. B. C. 's Quota to the National JCCA Budget - At the B. C. JCCA Conference, their quota to the National Budget was discussed. , I stated that I ~~took it for granted~~ understood that they were committed to the total of $2,000 ($300 as a direct commitment, and $1700 to be limited to commitments with respect to any work the JCCA may carry out in B.C. chargeable to that $1700). If at the end of the fiscal year what could be considered B. C. expenses amounted to $900, then that would be all B. C. would need to pay, if the amount exceded $1700, they would not be liable for more than the $1700.

According to Seiji Homma, that was not his interpretation. He ~~believed~~ stated that the B. C. JCCA was only committed to $300 and no more and that the $1700 was merely something put on paper, ~~in order that it would not look too obvious that B. C. was only contributing $300.~~ In effect, the $1700 meant nothing. This was not my understanding. The other two delegates ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ from B. C. to the National Conference did not say otherwise.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY G. Tanaka and J. Oki. Carried.

Business Arising from the Report:

1. Affiliation with the Toronto Inter-ethnic Council -

MOTION #4 - Moved by T. Umezuki and seconded by T. Sagara
THAT we affiliate and send one representative from this Committee, affiliation to be subject to ratification of their constitution.

Discussion

- Could not the local Chapter be regular representatives with the National representative just sitting in.
- Wherever it requires the machinery of the local Chapter than the local chapter would be required to take over. National should sit in on this because it is a forerunner of what may be organized in other communities. They should follow it very closely.
- I would rather see the local chapter taking the leading part.
- We need not be concerned with the technicalities but keep that point in mind.
- The JCCA would affiliate as one, not separately as local and National.
- The local chapter should represent the Japanese Canadian people as a whole rather than just the organization.
- The local representative would have to be someone conversant with such matters. Otherwise, they would need a National person to go with them.

MOTION #4 WITHDRAWN

MOTION #5 - MOVED BY R. OBATA and seconded by S. Shinobu
THAT the National Executive Committee send a representative to the Toronto Inter-ethnic Council and withhold affiliation until the ~~xxxxxx~~ constitution has been studied. Carried.

2. B. C. Budget Quota

Discussion

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- B. C. had planned a political campaign with regard to the Crown Timber Workers and therefore were not able to commit themselves to a bigger quota. If the Executive Secretary would go out to help them, then they said they would come across with the $1700. But the Crown Timber issue was not as costly as predicted. ~~They raised $5000 for their campaign, of this amount they have over $2,000 on deposit.~~ $2,000
- Fred Nogami, Roger Obata and Mr. Kameoka, Ontario's 2 delegates to the last National Conference, all concurred on their understanding that B. C. would be committed to the $1700 if the Executive Secretary assisted them in their Crown Timber Campaign.

MOTION #6 - MOVED by K. Hidaka and seconded by Mr. Kameoka
THAT a Committee be appointed to investigate and be instructed to bring in a report to the next meeting covering the following:
(a) the B. C. quota,
(b) Recommendations re appointing of Trustees for the Trustee Fund,
(c) A detailed report of the Financial condition of the JCCA,
(d) and other pertinent matters.

Carried.

The following were appointed to the Committee: J. Oki, K. Hidaka, R. Obata, F. Nogami, N. Fujita.

Other Business:

1. Dominion Elections

MOTION #7 - MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by T. Kameoka
THAT THE National JCCA, through its Executive Secretary, dissiminate to Japanese Canadian eligible voters information regarding the Dominion Elections as much as possible, at the same time, that the Executive Secretary make a statement through the press that all eligible voters fulfill their ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ privilege and duty.

Carried.

T. U. advised that the Executive Secretary has already given the New Canadian information regarding revisions to the voters' lists.

It was suggested that the Executive Secretary write an editorial on the Dominion Elections as this is an important occasion this year for Japanese Canadians.

2. The March and April Disbursement figures were adopted as reported. on the matter of Nogami & Shinobu. (See statements attached)

3. The April and May Requisitions approved and adopted on motion of T. U. and Y. Hyodo, as follows:

ADJOURNMENT at 11:15.

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MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 10, 1949 - 8.00 p.m., at the Central YMCA, Toronto, Ontario.
May 12, 1949 - 8.30 p.m., at Woodsworth House, Toronto, Ontario.
May 17, 1949 - 8.30 p.m., at the Central YMCA, Toronto, Ontario.

A G E N D A

I. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

II. Commissioner's Settlement Proposal on Claims:

1. Report on Co-operative Committee Meetings,
2. National JCCA Future Plans respecting the Claims Question.

III. Executive Secretary's Report:

1. Insurance Ratings,
2. Toronto Inter-ethnic Citizens Council,
3. National JCCA Budget.

IV. Other Business:

1. Dominion Elections,
2. March and April, National Office Disbursements,
3. April and May Requisitions.

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NOTES ON THE NATIONAL JCCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MAY 10, 1949, 8.00 p.m., AT THE CENTRAL YMCA, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

Those Present - R. Obata, F. Nogami, G. Tanaka, T. Sagara, Y. Hyodo, K. Hidaka, K. Tanaka, T. Umezuki, J. Oki, N. Fujita, I. Uchida, M. Sato, S. Shinobu, T. Kameoka. (K. Tanaka in the Chair).

Regrets Received - Rev. K. Shimizu, I. Kawajiri, Rev. T. Tsuji.

Absentees - J. Ide, M. Kitagawa, E. Nose, P. Yamada.

MOTION #1 - MOVED by Roger Obata and seconded by J. Oki
THAT in future if anyone is to be invited to this meeting then the majority of the executive committee members should be polled beforehand. CARRIED.

(Owing to some views held by committee members regarding the inviting of persons outside the committee to attend meetings, it was felt by the committee after some discussion on this question to adopt a definite committee policy regarding this matter.)

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Meeting of March 15, 1949

K. Hidaka questioned the wording of the recommendation respecting the Office Secretary's salary as not being consistent with the sub-committee's recommendations. When questioned as to what point he was referring, he stated that the exact figure of $226.70 should not have been quoted. It was explained that that was the actual amount involved to the end of this present fiscal year, and that the recommendation had been quoted from the written recommendation of that sub-committee submitted at the March 15th meeting.

The Minutes were adopted as recorded.

2. Meetings of April 10th and 11th, 1949

J. Oki stated that the Minutes of these meetings were not adequate. However, when asked by the Chair to state any omissions so that they might be recorded, he did not offer any specific points.

The reason for Mr. Brewin's presence at the April 11th meeting was asked for. It was the opinion of certain members that it was the understanding that Mr. Brewin need not be present at the April 11th sessions. R. Obata felt that Mr. Brewin's presence caused them to be torn between loyalty to counsel and to claimants and they were showing lack of confidence in Counsel or acting to the detriment of claimants. I. Uchida felt that Mr. Brewin should have been invited on the 10th.

The Executive Secretary explained that he did not realize that there was a need to have Mr. Brewin present at the April 10th meeting. When he was directed by the meeting to ask a question of Mr. Brewin for the April 11th meeting, the reply which he received was such that he decided that Mr. Brewin should come down in person to give his answer to the committee. The Executive Secretary stated that it must be realized the position in which he is placed, and the responsibilities he must shoulder.

The Minutes of the meetings of April 10th and 11th were adopted as recorded.

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3. Method of Recording Minutes

R. Obata stated that the proper way to record minutes is to state a person's opinion designated by their name. He was of the opinion that this was necessary in order that when executive committee members are elected, people will know more about them, i.e., newspapers quote opinions expressed in City Council meetings. He was reminded that newspapers often misquoted.

(Recording Secretary's note: When recording opinions and suggestions expressed, I have not considered it of prime importance to designate them as being given by one particular person. I have done this work on the basis that the executive committee is an elected body charged with the responsibility of working in co-operation one with another on all questions to arrive at courses of action which they conclude is to the best interest of Japanese Canadians, and in the belief that in a group thought process, one does not attribute certain expressed thoughts to the sole credit or discredit of one individual.)

The Recording Secretary stated that she could not accept the criticism that the method of recording Minutes to date was not "proper", but would be pleased to carry out any specific instructions of the Executive Committee on this matter should they request it. She further requested that parliamentary procedure be followed by this Committee in future as the continual crossfire of discussion that takes place in the meetings and the members' lack of courtesy to the Chair made her duties as Recording Secretary an extremely difficult task.

AGREED That we adhere more strictly to parliamentary procedure and observe the Chair.

MOTION #2 - MOVED by R. Obata and seconded by Y. Hyodo
THAT where a member requests that his opinions regarding certain issues or subject under discussion be recorded, it should be included in the Minutes as that person's opinion.
CARRIED.

MOTION #3 - MOVED by R. Obata and seconded by T. Umezuki
THAT on any issues discussed in the National Executive Committee, where possible, all points of view be recorded in very concise form. CARRIED.

The Recording Secretary asked if the above two Motions were intended to charge her with negligence in both respects. R. Obata stated that this was not his intent -- he merely wished to put these points on record.

WITH REFERENCE TO MOTION #1

Exec. Secy. - As the Executive Secretary, if I find that it is advisable to ask a particular person to attend a meeting, does that mean that I must ask for the executive committee members' permission? As regards my inviting Mr. Brewin to the April 11th meeting, I did so because in my judgment I felt it was absolutely necessary. There may be instances where I must invite a person on the spot and it would be impossible for me to contact the members for consultation first. Am I also to be completely governed by Motion #1?

J. Oki - I would agree that it may be different in your position as Executive Secretary.

Exec. Secy. - When time permits it will be noted in the Notice of Meeting and Agenda.

F. Nogami - Although other committee members are required to call people it should not apply to the National Executive Secretary.

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