

COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

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Mr. Brewin has been informed by the Undersecretary of State that the proposal for the appointment of a commission to deal with the property losses of Japanese Canadians is now before the Cabinet and that a decision will be

120 Westcourse Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario,
April 11, 1947.

reached in the reasonably near future.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to the members of the House of Commons and the Senate. The Cooperative Committee on Japanese Canadians once again appeals to you on behalf of Canadian residents of Japanese ancestry. We are concerned that the government propose to continue wartime controls over this group of people for a further period of time.

April 22, 1947

(Mrs. Hugh) Donald MacMillan

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These restrictions upon the liberty of the person, while they may have been justified in the actual emergency of war, should not be continued after the emergency has ceased to exist. We call your attention to the fact that the United States government removed all controls on Japanese Americans on January 2, 1945.

The reason given for retaining these controls, as stated by the Prime Minister on January 24, 1947, is "to ensure the success of resettlement." We believe that the continuance of these controls is unrelated to and in no way assists the satisfactory resettlement of the people, but on the contrary, hampers their resettlement by contributing to a sense of insecurity and of isolation from the body of our society. In addition, they indicate a form of racial discrimination directed against a people whose record both during the war and since is commendable. Moreover, our careful investigation and our knowledge of the situation leads us to believe that there will be no large-scale return of Japanese Canadians to the West coast.

We believe that we express the views of a large part of the Canadian people who are seriously concerned by the injustices and suffering that have already been inflicted upon the Japanese Canadians and who desire full civil rights for these people.

We, therefore, call upon you to oppose the continuance of these orders and to press for their deletion from Bill 104.

Yours sincerely,

Donald MacMillan

Mrs. Hugh MacMillan

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AGENDA
March 12, 1948

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting is called for Thursday, Dec. 12th at 5.30 p.m. in Room 30
at the YWCA McGill St.

Mr. Brewin will present a report on the Privy Council decision.

A letter has come from the Prime Minister's office indicating that
a meeting with them would be delayed until the return of Hon. Humphrey
to Ottawa on Dec. 23rd.

Donald MacMillan, Secretary.

5. Publications

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A_G_E_N_D_A

Dear Members: March 19, 1948

A meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 16,
1948, at 5:15 P.M. at the Carleton Street United Church,

1. Report on Hearings - F. A. Brewin
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2. Report re Trips - Geo. Tanaka

1. Mr. Brewin's report re appointment with the Minister
of Justice

3. Correspondence

2. Draft of Statement to Claimants,

4. Finances

1. No unauthorized statements to the press.

Claims Fund Report

4. Future plans,

Advances to Solicitors

Honorarium of Secretary

Miss W. Ross,
Secretary.

5. Publications

F. A. Brewin
Chairman 200,000

CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Member:

A meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 18,
1950, at 5.15 P.M. at the Carleton Street United Church.

A G E N D A

1. Mr. Brewin's report re appointment with the Minister
of Justice. - *accepted (app.) argument as reasonable - this session*
2. Draft of Statement to Claimants.
3. Re unauthorized statements to the press.
4. Future plans.

Miss M. Boos,
Secretary.

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A G E N D A

Oct. 21, 1948

- I Regrets
- II Minutes
- III Business Arising from Minutes
 - (a) Lay observer at Hearings *Not feasible*
 - (b) Progress Report *for New Canadian - Mr. Brewin also financial statement*
 - (c) Evacuation Story *= nothing*
- IV Finances
 - (a) Report re Manitoba balance *\$3000. to come in*
 - (b) Advance to MacLennan *= \$1000 sent*
 - (c) Draft letter to Government *(memorandum)*
 - (d) Further sums from claimants - additional %
- remainder of fees

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The Co-operative Committee and the many citizens across Canada who have joined with them in opposing the policy of deportation will not relax their efforts to secure justice for the Japanese Canadians. We will seek an interview with the Prime Minister at the earliest possible moment.

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A G E N D A

Feb. 24, 1950.

- 1. Regrets.
- 2. Minutes.
- 3. Correspondence:
 - (a) Relief of Okinawa *immigration* (570,000 people)
 - (b) Bob McMaster \$5840. owing

- 4. Co-operative Committee Report to Claimants
 - (a) General statement re work of Committee
 - (b) Financial Statement
 - (c) Valuation information

{ Miss Boas
 { Rev. Tanaka
 { Mrs. Towke
 & A.S.

- 5. Toronto Claimants' Committee Letter.
- 6. Future Plans. - *no campaign until report filed*
M. B. see Min. of Justice
Comm. to prepare

STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS
FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL DECISION ON DEC.2nd, 1946

The Privy Council has decided that, in the emergency of war, the Government has the legal power to exile Canadian citizens for such reasons as seem good to it.

The sweeping nature of this power requires that the Parliament and people of Canada should be vigilant in seeing that it is not abused.

To provide for mass deportation on racial grounds would indeed be a grave abuse of this extraordinary power. The Privy Council has made it clear that this power of exile was conferred by Parliament solely for the emergency of war. The war is now over. All the Japanese Canadians who wish to do so have left for Japan. The remainder have been resettled throughout Canada and are making a substantial contribution by their labour and skill to various communities across the country. The hard feelings of war time have died down.

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Aug. 16, 1950

1. Minutes
2. Progress Report - *from Prime Minister etc, 2 letters sent - no reply*
3. Auditors' Statement
4. Letter to Claimants
5. Counsel's Recommendation re Maximum Deduction.
6. Finance Committee Recommendation re payments:

Vancouver Consultative Committee	\$	773.72
J.C.C.A. - Expenses		6,268.00
McLennan - "		618.64
Virtue - "		4,687.58
" Refund of payment, less \$1,000. fee		2,000.00
Campbell, Brazier, Fisher, McMaster & Johnson - Bal. of Account		8,214.19
Refund of expenses re claims represented personally		552.13

Geo - Marg Haslam

Sept. 6/50 - next mtg.

SECOND JOINT MEETING OF COMMITTEES

On Evacuation Losses Claims

CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS
JCCA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TORONTO CLAIMANTS' COMMITTEE

(Convened by the National JCCA)

Place: Canadian Legion Hall,
22 College St., Toronto.

Date: Feb. 7, 1950,
Time: 7:00 p. m.

A G E N D A

Chairman - Mr. Jin Ide

1. Statement from the Co-operative Committee
- Discussion
2. Statement from the Claimants' Committee
- Discussion
3. Statement from the National JCCA
- Discussion
4. Request to the Claimants' Committee to specify their criticisms and/or comments on the past work of the Co-operative Committee and Claimants' Counsel.

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