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December 22, 1945.

Mr. Kinzie Tanaka, President,
Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy,
58 Gerald Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Tanaka:

We are writing you with regard to your Committee's plan to raise \$10,000, to safeguard the civil rights of Canadian Japanese and to prevent the arbitrary deportation of people who requested repatriation and later cancelled these requests.

The Southern Alberta Youth Council heartily acclaim the stand your Committee is taking regarding the repatriation question. It is the Council's desire to co-ordinate the efforts of the various organizations in Southern Alberta to help raise our share of the fund. The Council would appreciate it very much if you could kindly give us any information that may be of value regarding this matter. Your immediate reply to this request will be appreciated.

In closing, may we commend your Committee for the fine work it is carrying out on behalf of all Japanese throughout the Dominion.

Yours very truly,

SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL,

Secretary.

JAPANESE CANADIAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY

84 GERRARD ST. E., TORONTO ★ TELEPHONE AD. 2547

Mr. M. Takeda,
Secretary,
Southern Alberta Youth Council,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dec. 30th, 1945.

Dear Mr. Takeda:

I was very glad to receive your letter of Dec. 24th. To date yours is the first communication we have had with any organization in Alberta. We out here have no certain knowledge of any organizations in your province and it has been a handicap, however now that we have heard from you we will be able to keep in constant communication.

I am happy to hear that your group is very concerned with the proposed government's deportation program. We out here have been working on it since the past spring. I am sure you will be able to do good work in the communities of southern Alberta in raising funds for the test case.

Regarding the test case, we have issued writs in the names of two people here this past week. They were issued in the names of Mrs. Yae Nasu a naturalized Canadian who is a widow with six children, and George Utaoka Shimoyama a Canadian born person. The writs were issued against the attorney general of Canada, asking that the three orders-in-council authorizing deportation of Japanese-Canadians be declared invalid, illegal and beyond the powers of the governor-in-council.

We are very fortunate to have the full sympathy and co-operation of the Toronto Daily Star which is the largest paper in this city and also the Winnipeg Free Press of that city and also the Saturday Night of Toronto. We also have the support of many prominent persons here and it is already having an effect on the cabinet. I do not know whether the papers in your city are carrying this case but it is hoped that they are. The cabinet is already taking the deportation problem under review in the light of the writs issued. We are hoping that the government will stay forcible deportation until the legality of the orders is determined, in this we have considerable hope.

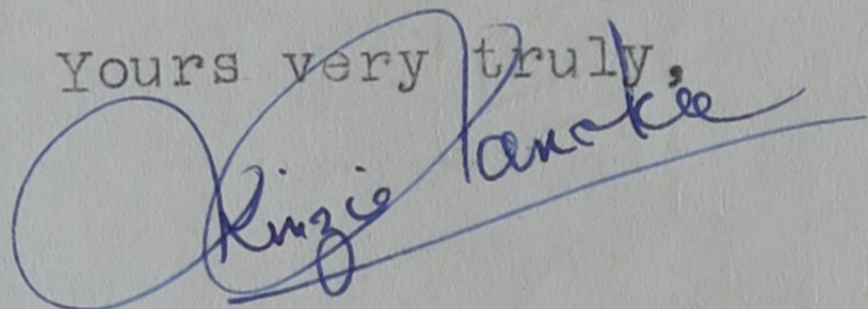
We in Toronto are working on the basis of \$2.00 per working person as a minimum contribution and at that rate we hope to raise \$3,000 in the province of Ont. I hope you will be able to work out some sort of similar plan for your province and forward the funds to this

organization for direction. The Issei and the Nisei are working in co-operation on this project and I suggest that you could do something along similar lines. The urgency of the fund raising cannot be overstressed and I hope you will be able to start action immediately.

If you can let me know the situation there in southern Alberta it would be appreciated. I would like to know what percentage of the people there have signed for repatriation and what percentage have asked for cancellation. If it is possible to give us figures on the above it would be of interest to us. I would also like to know what other organizations there are in your community and the nature of them. I would very much like to know what sort of organization yours is and what kind of activity you participate in. I believe someday in the not too distant future it would be of great value for all clubs across Canada to hold a convention and discuss the questions that each of us face in our respective provinces and work out some practical programs.

I am enclosing some literature that is pertinent and I am sure will be of interest to you. Please let us hear from you again and let us know how you are making out. On behalf of our organization I want to thank you for your very kind words.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kinzie Tanaka". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "K".

Kinzie Tanaka,
Chairman.

PRESIDENT.....H. Fujiki.....

SECRETARY.....M. Takada.....

Southern Alberta Youth Council
c/o Y.M.C.A.
Lethbridge, Alberta

January 17, 1946.

Mr. Kinzie Tanaka, Chairman,
Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy,
84 Gerrard St. E.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Tanaka:

Thank you very much for your interesting and informative communication and enclosures of December 30.

No doubt you are anxious to learn something of the set-up here in Southern Alberta, so without further adieu I shall endeavour to give you a clear and accurate picture of the situation.

The total number of evacuees to Southern Alberta is 3000, and of this number, 575 persons have signed repatriation forms and 50% have subsequently applied for cancellation.

There is a Japanese committee in each district, viz., Taber, Picture Butte, Coaldale and Raymond. The function of these committees has been to look after the general welfare of the Japanese in their district. An organization known as the Southern Alberta Main Committee is comprised of the executives of these various district groups and it is mainly through the tireless efforts of this organization, that the price of sugar beet has risen to the present high level. It is also this organization that has taken the fore-front in the repatriation issue and has taken upon itself the task of raising funds for the test case. They are working on the basis of \$1.00 per person over the age of 16. They have also engaged the services of a lawyer to give them legal advice. The main committee has been keeping in constant touch with your Issei group and I am sure they will be able to give you any further information you desire.

The Youth Council is an executive body of the various Nisei organizations, all save the Y.M.W.B.A. groups. Although they approve of the Council and its' undertakings, they are reluctant to join, stating that the Council is a religious organization due to the fact Miss H. Bartling, a Christian missionary is a member of the Council in an advisory capacity. The Youth Council

is not a religious organization. Miss Bartling, who has given so unselfishly of her time and effort during the past 4 years and who is, without a question, our staunchest supporter in Alberta, has not once brought up the subject of religion. She might be termed the guiding light of the Council, and her contact with occidentals in influential positions has been of inestimable value to the Japanese. We in Southern Alberta truly owe her a debt of gratitude. There has been many efforts in the past to settle our differences but it has met with little success. Much of the blame can be attributed to the fact that there is too much parental interference and parental influence exercised over their children. However, I believe that in the not too distant future the Youth Council will be representative of all Nisei in Southern Alberta.

The aims of the Youth Council is:

1. to cultivate good citizenship and improve public relations.
 - (a) to strive for better working and living conditions.
 - (b) to encourage participation in all possible community activities.
2. to take positive measures on Canadian education of Japanese Canadians in our area.
3. to co-ordinate efforts of all different membership groups.
4. to encourage co-operation, friendship and fellowship among the different groups.

During the recent issue of of sub-section "g" of Bill 15, the Council sent telegrams and petitions to various members of the Government as well as to opposition members. At the annual convention of the United Farmers of Alberta which just concluded, a resolution sponsored by the Lethbridge federal association urging restoration of Japanese to full Canadian citizenship was passed. This resolution was made possible through the diligent effort of Miss Bartling. At the present time, we are undertaking an educational campaign to rouse public opinion against the forcible deportation of Japanese-Canadians.

We in Southern Alberta are following with deep interest the repatriation issue. If any new developments should arise, please let us hear from you. Thanking you kindly, we are

Yours very truly,

SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL,

Secretary.

Citizenship Defense Committee

39 GRANT STREET
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KUNIO HIDAKA

February 4, 1946.

Mr. M. Takeda, Secretary,
Southern Alberta Youth Council,
c/O YMCA,
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Sir:

This letter is written after discussion with the Toronto Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, and outlines possible courses to take, should the decision of the Supreme Court, which we expect on February 5, be against our expectations and be unfavourable.

There would be three further courses open to us:

1. an appeal to the Privy Council, which would give the matter world wide attention, and put the Government in an embarrassing light, but for us it will have to mean a willingness to meet the financial costs;
2. direct interviews with Mr. King and more pressure through the House of Commons, to have the Government abandon the deportation plan altogether; and
3. individual action through habeas corpus, which is difficult because writs must be served on persons having actual custody of the subject of deportation. Furthermore, as was discussed in Court, the present wording of the orders in council may permit the denial of habeas corpus.

The Co-operative Committee want to study the judgment before deciding the next step to follow. They want to work out a combined strategy for the whole of Canada, and for this reason have contacted their corresponding citizens' committees in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, London, Guelph, Hamilton, Ottawa, and Montreal, to ask them to endorse the action which they should propose.

The Citizenship Defense Committee is also asking that Japanese Committees in various areas not act independently, but await the decision of the Toronto Co-operative Committee. It is our desire to have the activity given some central direction and unity, and not have local areas attempt undertakings which would be more effective when co-ordinated.

To facilitate this desired unity and co-ordination, we shall keep you informed of all decisions of the Co-operative Committee. We also solicit your opinions.

Sincerely yours,

Kunio Hidaka
Kunio Hidaka,
Executive Secretary.

JAPANESE CANADIAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY

84 GERRARD ST. E., TORONTO ★ TELEPHONE AD. 2547

May 13, 1946.

Mr. M. Takada,
Southern Alberta Youth Council,
c/o Y.M.C.A.,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Takada:

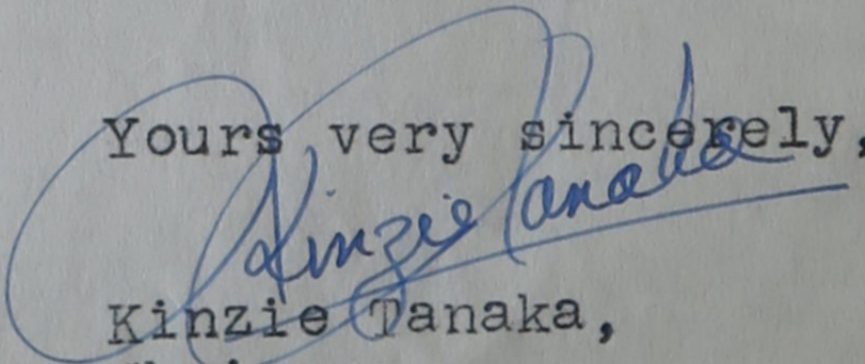
Just a few lines to let you know that I am sending you some literature which I believe will be of interest to the Japanese in your area.

Our organization was fortunate in obtaining several hundred copies of a pamphlet issued by the Japanese American Committee for Democracy. It is entitled "The Japanese People's Emancipation League", and is a chapter from a book by Harrison Forman a well known writer of the far east.

I am taking the liberty of sending you fifty copies which sell for ten cents each. The pamphlet is written in both English and Japanese so that all of our people may be able to read it. If you should require more copies, please let me know.

We thank you for your co-operation during this past period and we trust that our combined efforts will bear good results. Congratulations for your successful conference and good luck to your committee.

Yours very sincerely,


Kinzie Tanaka,
Chairman.

Citizenship Defense Committee

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506 Jarvis Street

May 15 1946

Mr. M. Takada, Secretary,
Southern Alberta Youth Council,
c-o YMCA,
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Mr. Takada:

Thank you for your letter of May 14 giving your conclusions on matters pertaining to the national federation.

We shall give serious consideration to these suggestions and where they are suitable they shall be combined into our report on the national federation. We find information of this nature from various areas of Canada of utmost importance in planning our work. It is our belief that the most successful organizations are those in which interest is sufficient to have everyone participating in both policy matters and program. We hope to have additional suggestions on other aspects of the federation's business from time to time in the future.

I am assuming that you have read about the Ontario Convention to meet May 25 and 26. A copy of the Convention Call is enclosed to give you some idea of the manner in which we shall proceed. We are hoping to give fairly wide circulation to the General Report which will be presented at the Convention.

Sincerely yours,

Kunio Hidaka
Kunio Hidaka,
Executive Secretary.

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126 Eastbourne Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario,
June 10th, 1946.

Mr. M. Takada,
Southern Alberta Youth Council,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

At the convention called jointly by the Citizenship Defense Committee and the Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy of Toronto on May 25 - 26, the elected Ontario Provincial Committee was given authority to act as the Planning Committee to investigate the possibilities and to proceed toward the developing of the National Federation of organized Japanese Canadian groups.

At the meeting of the Committee we were instructed to contact all groups across Canada regarding the formation of such a national federation. What are the opinions and recommendations of your group regarding the following:

1. Are you in favour of the formation of a National Federation?
2. If so, what type of work would you consider within its scope?
3. What type of federation would best carry out the work of the federation? i.e. affiliation of Provincial group to National group or the affiliation of groups to both Provincial and National bodies?
4. Do you believe a National Convention is in order? If so, when and where?

In order that you will be able to give these questions thoughtful consideration, you will be receiving a copy of the report of the Convention of May 25 - 26 and with it the report of the Citizenship Defense Committee to the Convention which formed the basis of the discussions at the meetings. By studying these, perhaps you will have a clearer conception of the implications of a National Federation.

You will note that among others, the convention passed certain recommendations:

1. The convention was in favour of the organization of Provincial and National Federations of organized Japanese Canadian groups.
2. That these bodies work in close co-operation with the Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians or similarly organized groups.
3. Re Publication - The Convention accepted the offer of the New Canadian that the Federation use the publication to publicize its activities.
4. Re Affiliation - The National Federation is to be composed of affiliated Provincial bodies and other groups not affiliated with the Provincial body.
5. That the Ontario Provincial Committee elected at the convention was to act as the Planning Committee to investigate the possibilities and proceed with the developing of the National Federation.

Regarding affiliation, perhaps a word of explanation is in order. The recommendation of the Convention was that individual groups affiliate with the Provincial Federation, which in turn affiliates with the National Federation. This implies that local groups have contact with the National Federation only through the Provincial Federation, except of course, those groups which are affiliated to the National Federation only.

The alternative to the above recommendation is for all local groups to affiliate with the National Federation as well

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with the Provincial Federation. By such an affiliation, local groups will be in close contact with the National body, and thus be a force in formulating and carrying through national policy.

Will you please study these matters very carefully and report the decisions of your groups to us as soon as possible. Your opinions and frank suggestions will be of great help to the Planning Committee. Our work is to think through the best plan for an organization whose purpose will be to serve the Japanese Canadians in the best possible way.

Following the Convention, a meeting of the Provincial Committee was called on May 31st. The following recommendations came out of the meeting:

1. The Ontario Provincial Committee recommends the organization of a National Federation of organized Japanese Canadian groups.
2. The headquarters of the National Federation be in Toronto.
3. The tentative date of the National Convention be sometime in October, 1946.
4. That the National Convention be held in Toronto or Winnipeg.
5. The Ontario Provincial Committee will act as the Planning Committee of the National Federation until such time the National Federation is organized to assume its rightful role and responsibilities.

May we have your comments?

Yours sincerely,

Teruko Hidaka

Teruko Hidaka, Secretary,
Ontario Provincial Committee.

JAPANESE CANADIAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY

84 GERRARD ST. E., TORONTO ★ TELEPHONE AD. 2547



Thursday, Nov. 21, 1946.

Mr. M. Takada,
Southern Alberta Youth Council
c/o Y.M.C.A.
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Sirs:

The JCCD seeks the co-operation of your organization in carrying out the "property loss" survey.

The Co-operative Committee On Japanese Canadians has appointed the JCCD to carry out necessary work on the Economic Loss Survey of British Columbia Evacuees.

The JCCD executive committee, which includes Issei executive members as well as the Nisei executive members, feel that, since the JCCD has a representative on the Co-operative Committee and is therefore in a position to be in close touch with this important Hakujuin organization, it could accept the responsibility of taking action on the economic loss survey.

It can be reported now by the JCCD property committee that their draft of the property questionnaire has been approved by Mr. Andrew Brewin, legal counsel to the Co-operative Committee On Japanese Canadians. It is expected that the questionnaire form will be printed very soon. A mimeographed Japanese translation will also be made.

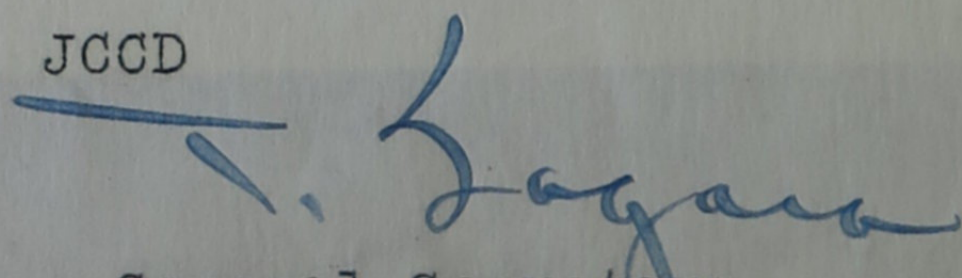
We ask your immediate co-operation on the following matter:

Could you let us know as soon as possible by a quick approximate estimate, the number of questionnaire forms you are likely to need for distribution in your locality.

We shall keep in constant touch with your organization on this important property matter.

Yours truly,

JCCD


General Secretary.

Dec. 4, 1946
New Springs

Min — Re: JCCD Property loss survey.

The Joint-Committee has decided
to undertake the property loss survey.

They are having another meeting
tomorrow to decide the various details.

S. Aoki

JAPANESE CANADIAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY

84 GERRARD ST. E., TORONTO ★ TELEPHONE AD. 2547

Mr. Min Takada, Secretary,
Southern Alberta Youth Council,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Wednesday, April 9th, 1947.

Dear Sir:

We respectfully call your attention again to the need for Japanese Canadian organizations to express protest to the Members of Parliament against continuation of restrictions on travel and fishing.

It is expected that the second reading on Bill 104 and discussion on the discriminatory orders-in-council will take place early next week.

The appended rough draft copy of letter sent to some 250 Members of Parliament by the Cooperative Committee, is tendered with the hope that it may assist in presenting to you a clearer picture of the restrictive measures involved.

We give you the following list of names of Members of Parliament to whom expressions of protest could be sent.

M. J. Coldwell, MP .

David A. Croll, M P.

John G. Diefenbaker, M P.

Clarence Gillis, M P.

Gordon Graydon, M P.

Stanley H. Knowles, M P.

Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King.

Angus MacInnis, M P.

The Vancouver Civil Liberties Union recently expressed strong protest to the Members of Parliament in a 19 page brief in letter form.

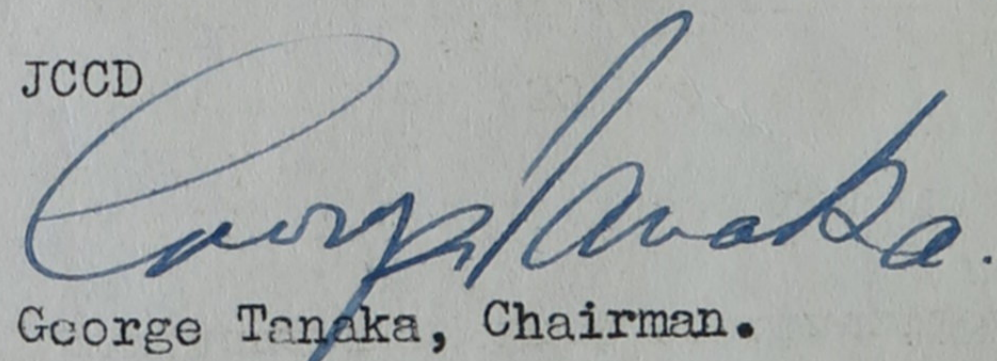
The Vancouver Consultative Council have similarly expressed protest in a 3 page letter.

The Cooperative Committee on Japanese Canadians is likewise protesting with no little vigour.

It is hoped that your organization will take immediate action on this important matter.

Very sincerely yours,

JCCD



George Tanaka, Chairman.

JAPANESE CANADIAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY



84 GERRARD ST. E., TORONTO ★ TELEPHONE AD. 2547

Wednesday, April 9, 1947.

Mr. Min Takada, Secretary,
Southern Alberta Youth Council,
c/o Y M C A,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

The JCCD takes great pleasure in offering its sincere congratulations to your organization and its members for the holding of the Third Annual Conference of the Southern Alberta Youth Council.

Realizing that your conference is being held for reasons having to do with the welfare and betterment of the Nisei, we wish to bring to the attention of your conference assembly, a matter which has to do with the proposal of formation of a National Federation. We refer you to the enclosed form letter on this matter.

As a result of contacting the B.C. JCCA in Greenwood by means of this form letter, we received a reply endorsing the proposal 100%.

We also have received a somewhat similar reply from the Manitoba JCCA.

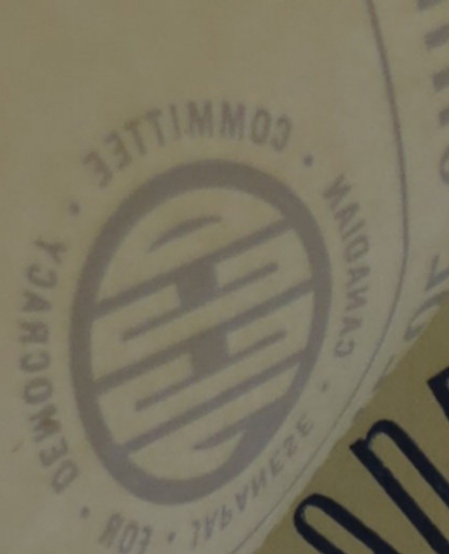
We also sent the form letter to Mr. Aoki, Secretary, Southern Alberta Japanese Canadian Council, but have not as yet received a reply of any kind.

If it is at all possible, we would be very happy to receive some indication as to what your conference assembly feel on this subject.

Very sincerely yours,

JCCD

George Tanaka, Chairman.



JAPANESE CANADIAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY



84 GERRARD ST. E., TORONTO ★ TELEPHONE AD. 2547

Dear Sir:

The JCCD would like to exchange certain views with your organization on matters relating to the proposal of formation of a National Federation of provincial organizations, with the possible object of forming such a co-operative body in the not too distant future.

It is readily perceivable that the need for a national body was far greater at a time, (a year or two ago) when the question of deportation and the economic losses survey were still acute problems to be faced; nevertheless, it cannot be denied that there are still certain problems of citizenship facing Japanese Canadians.

It is with the thought that possibly the consensus of opinion amongst Japanese Canadian organizations across Canada favours the formation of some kind of National Body, that this letter is written seeking your organization's opinion on the matter.

Since the JCCD has taken a fairly prominent part in carrying out work of a national character, certain suggestions which we believe are of a practical turn of mind, are presented below for your consideration.

It is felt that the setup of a national body should be made as simple as possible. Following this line of thought, it could be suggested that each Province be represented on the National body by its respective representative Provincial Committee or Headquarters Organization. Any National Conference would then be fully assembled with but a few delegates (two or three) representing each province. It would be deemed advisable, for very good reasons, to have the National Executive Secretary stationed in the City of Toronto.

We wish to stress at this time that the subject of "National Organization" as put forth in this letter to your organization, is for the purpose of enabling us to arrive at a fairly representative conclusion, from which further correspondence may ensue.

It is imperative that we receive an answer from your organization on this matter at the earliest possible date.

Very sincerely yours,

JCCD

George Tanaka, Chairman.

M. Sunada

M. Takada

May 1, 1947.

Mr. George Tanaka, Chairman,
Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy,
84 Gerrard Street East,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Please pardon this belated reply to your communication of April 9. I received your letter the day of the conference and most certainly would liked to have worked it into the conference program but as things turned out, we even had to cut our original program. Consequently, we had to leave it til our next Council meeting which was on the 20th. I left for Edmonton the next day as part of a delegation to confer with Premier Manning regarding the position of the Japanese evacuees in Alberta and I just got back yesterday.

Regarding the National Federation, we are still unanimous that such an organization should be formed. At our meeting of April 20, with the exception of a few minor changes, we reaffirmed our original recommendations of last spring to the Citizenship Defense Committee. I am enclosing a copy of our recommendations.

There is no getting away from the fact that not only is a National Federation essential, it is absolutely necessary if we are to successfully fight for our rightful liberties and to hasten our ultimate assimilation into Canadian society. Every possible effort should be made to see that such an organization is properly set-up and functioning as soon as possible. We wish you every success in your present endeavour.

Yours very truly,

SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL,

Secretary.

JAPANESE CANADIAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY

84 GERRARD ST. E., TORONTO ★ TELEPHONE AD. 2547



June 28, 1947.

Mr. M. Takada, Secretary,
Southern Alberta Youth Council,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Subsequent to the recent Ontario Conference of Japanese Canadian Organizations which was held in Toronto June 14-15, 1947, several proposals relative to the formation of a national organization were made for submission to each Provincial organization for consideration.

The Ontario Conference felt that a national conference should be held at the earliest possible date.

The enclosed Ontario Conference report will acquaint you with further details on the proposed National Conference.

It is our purpose at this time, to seek the opinion of your provincial organization on the following proposals put forth by the "Council for Ontario Japanese Canadian Organizations":

- (1) That a national conference be held in Toronto on August 30-31 and September 1, 1947.
- (2) That the number of delegates from each Province be at least three in number. (this suggestion is subject to any modification deemed necessary by each provincial organization).
- (3) That all delegates' train fares be pooled and shared equally (suggested on a per delegate basis) by each participating province.

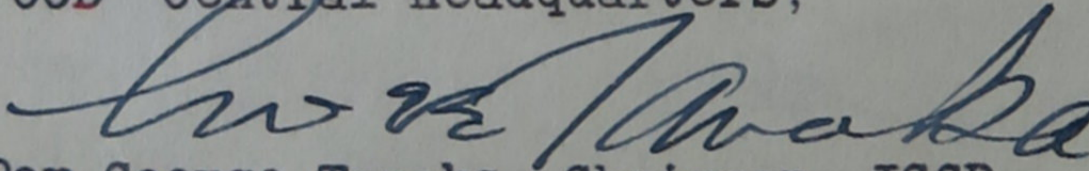
In view of the urgency of the above proposals, we would appreciate receiving your reply at the earliest possible date.

With appreciation for past co-operation,

Sincerely yours,

Council for Ontario Japanese Canadian Organizations,

JCCD Central headquarters,


Per George Tanaka, Chairman, JCCD.

JAPANESE CANADIAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY

84 GERRARD ST. E., TORONTO ★ TELEPHONE AD. 2547



Monday, July 14, 1947.

Mr. M. Takada, Secretary,
Southern Alberta Youth Council,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Re: the proposed National Conference tentatively set for August 30 -
31 and September 1st, 1947.

Dear Mr. Takada:

We again urge that your organization inform us very soon whether the date for the proposed National Conference is satisfactory and whether your organization will be able to send delegates.

Should the proposed National Conference be held, we suggest that your delegates come prepared to discuss the following questions:

- (1) Are we organizing for the sole purpose of removing restrictions on Japanese Canadians? Yes or No.
- (2) Submission of names for the position of National Executive Secretary.
- (3) Location of the National Headquarters.

On Conference Matters

Suggested procedure of Convention to be drawn up by the Steering Committee composed of one delegate from each Provincial organization.

Suggest that all conference expenses including delegates' transportation expenses be pooled and shared equally on a per delegate basis by each Provincial organization.

Tentative Conference Agenda

- (1) National Organization.
- (2) Report on Claims Commission.
- (3) Report on existing restrictions (national and provincial).
- (4) Report on Co-operative Committee and its work.
 - a. Documentation of evacuation, etc., as connected with Co-op. Com.
- (5) Report on Bill of Rights and Fair Employment Practices Legislation.
- (6) Report and discussion on national educational program.

Trusting that we shall hear from your organization in the near future,

Sincerely yours,

George Tanaka, Chairman, JCCD.

M. Sunada

M. Takada

July 20, 1947.

Mr. George Tanaka, Chairman, J.C.C.D.,
Council for Ontario Japanese-Canadian Organizations,
84 Gerrard Street East,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Please pardon the delay in answering your important communication of June 28, with regard to the National Conference.

In a section of the country where its' economy is principally agrarian and everyone is busily engaged in agriculture, it is almost impossible to call a meeting and expect a representative turn-out. This situation exists from May through to November. Consequently, our Council always adjourns during this period. It therefore necessitated my having to contact the Council executives only and await their opinions before formulating a reply. I would also like to point out that one of the handicaps that we are confronted with, is the factor of distance. Whenever meetings are held, it means travelling anywhere from 10 to 40 miles and Southern Alberta is noted for its' inadequate and bad roads as it is for its' sugar beets.

Regarding the proposals as put forth by the Council for Ontario Japanese-Canadian Organizations, we are in accord with all the proposals except for the first one. For obvious reasons it is well nigh an impossibility for us to attend any conference unless it is held during the winter months. Under the circumstances, if the conference is held in Aug. - Sept., we shall be unable to send any delegate.

Varied opinions are held by different individuals but I am sure you understand that the Council is not in a position to make any specific recommendations due to our adjournment.

Trusting that you will keep us posted as to future developments.

Most sincerely yours,

SOUTHERN ALBERTA YOUTH COUNCIL,

Secretary.

JAPANESE CANADIAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY

84 GERRARD ST. E., TORONTO ★ TELEPHONE AD. 2547



Thursday, July 31, 1947.

Mr. M. Takada, Secretary,
Southern Alberta Youth Council,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Takada:

We can now state that the National Conference will definitely be held in Toronto on August 30 to September 1st.

All the Provincial organizations have notified us their intention to send delegates. Your province will therefore be the only one not represented.

May we urge your organization to reconsider the decision made regarding representation. I cannot stress too strongly the need for all provinces to be represented at this conference.

The recent unfavourable terms of reference announced by the Government with the appointment of a Claims Commission makes it all the more reason why the various provinces should be represented at the conference. It is important that we discuss this question fully at that time when, it is expected by the Co-operative Committee and the JCCD, the several possible alternatives now confronting the committees regarding the course of action to take with respect to the Claims Commission question will have been narrowed down.

In view of the urgency of the matter, we wish to make the following suggestion with the hope that your organization will then be able to send at least one delegate.

Could you or some other officer be able to represent the Alberta organization on a paid basis. If it means being away from your work for approximately two weeks with the subsequent loss of income to you and your family, we suggest that a delegate salary for the period be paid, the sum to be equivalent to the amount otherwise sacrificed by you while attending the conference. If your organization is not able to cover this added expense, we shall be very glad to help you raise the money.

We sincerely hope that your organization will be able to arrive at some possible arrangement whereby representation will be made.

May we hear from you on this matter.

Cordially yours,

JCCD,

George Tanaka
George Tanaka, Chairman.

JAPANESE CANADIAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY

84 GERRARD ST. E., TORONTO ★ TELEPHONE AD. 2547

Mr. M. Takada, Secretary,
Southern Alberta Youth Council,
c/o Lethbridge Y.M.C.A.,
Lethbridge, Alberta

Monday, August 4, 1947.

Dear Sir:

We again seek to enlist the immediate active co-operation of your organization on the following important matter.

On July 18, 1947, the Government announced the appointment of a Claims Commission which by Order-in-Council, P.C. 1810, is authorized to investigate only those claims for losses which arise from any failure of the Custodian to exercise reasonable care in the management of evacuee property.

The Co-operative Committee and the JCCD have always stressed to the Government the main fact that the economic losses suffered by the Japanese Canadians was by reason of the forced evacuation.

The Co-operative Committee has written the Prime Minister requesting an interview with him in order to present the views of the committee on this matter.

The JCCD has sent a resolution of protest to the Prime Minister on this matter of the narrow terms of reference.

We now ask your organization to do likewise by writing your views on the matter to the Prime Minister.

It is necessary to have as many Japanese Canadian organizations as possible voice protest in order to make the effort effective.

We quote the resolution of protest against the terms of reference by the JCCD.

" The Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, C.M.G.,
Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

We respectfully bring to your attention the following resolution submitted by the Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy.

Resolution

Whereas, by Order-in-Council, P.C. 1810, the Government has authorized the Claims Commissioner to investigate only those claims for losses which arise from any failure of the Custodian to exercise reasonable care in the management of evacuee property;

And whereas, such narrow terms of reference limits drastically the number of justified claims for losses which can be considered by the Commissioner, and totally ignores the basic reason for evacuee losses;

That by the forced evacuation by Government order such economic losses as those brought about by the sale of fishing boats and gears, owner's forced sale of property, and even the sale of property at the low assessed valuation as well as numerous other losses arising out of the forced evacuation, can not be considered by the Commissioner;

And, as we are mindful of the fundamental democratic principles under which we are governed; of the responsibilities of Canadian citizenship to which we gladly submit, and shoulder during wartime as well as in peacetime; of simple justice and fair play which we subscribe as do all others, as good Canadian citizens;

Hereby declare our strong protest against the present narrow terms of reference and respectfully urge that some fair means of restitution be made which encompass all economic losses suffered as a result of the forced evacuation.

Very sincerely yours,
Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy."

The subject of the Claims Commission will be thoroughly discussed by the various representative Japanese Canadian organizations at the National Conference to be held in Toronto on August 30th to September 1st, 1947.

Sincerely yours,
JCCD,
George Tanaka, Chairman.

Certified to be a true copy of a Minute of a Meeting of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 18th July, 1947.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report dated 14th July, 1947, from the Secretary of the State representing:

That during the war persons of the Japanese race were evacuated from the protected areas of British Columbia and by Order-in-Council P.C. 1665 of March 4, 1942, as amended by Order-in-Council P.C. 2483 of March 27, 1942, it was provided that all property situated in any protected area of British Columbia belonging to any person of the Japanese race (except fishing vessels subject to Order-in-Council P.C. 288 of January 13, 1942, hereinafter referred to, and deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds, or other securities) delivered up to any person by the owner pursuant to an Order of the Minister of Justice or which was turned over to the Custodian by or on behalf of the owner, or which the owner of being evacuated from the protected area was unable to take with him, should be vested in and subject to the control and management of the Custodian as defined in the Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy;

That by Order-in-Council P.C. 469 of January 19, 1943, it was provided that whenever the Custodian had been vested with the power and responsibility of controlling and managing any property of persons of the Japanese race evacuated from the said protected areas such power and responsibility should be deemed to include and to have included from the date of the vesting of such property in the Custodian, the power to liquidate, sell or otherwise dispose of such property;

That by Order-in-Council P.C. 6247 of July 20, 1942, it was provided that all vessels and equipment not disposed of by the committee established by the said Order-in-Council of January 13, 1942, should on and after the first day of August, 1942, be vested in and be subject to the control of the Custodian;

That pursuant to the above mentioned Orders real and personal property of persons of the Japanese race was disposed of and claims have been made by persons of the Japanese race that in respect of such disposition of their property they have suffered pecuniary loss; and

That it is deemed advisable to appoint a Commissioner under Part 1 of the Inquiries Act to investigate the said claims and to make recommendations with respect thereto.

The Committee, therefore, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State, advise:

1. That the Honourable Mr. Justice Henry Irvine Bird be appointed a Commissioner pursuant to the Inquiries Act, chapter ninety-nine of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, to inquire into the following claims of persons of the Japanese race who are resident in Canada at the date of this Order, namely -

(a) that by reason of the failure of the Custodian to exercise reasonable care in the disposition of the real and personal property vested in the Custodian pursuant to the above mentioned Orders, the amount received by the Custodian for such property was less than the market value thereof at the time of such disposition; and

(b) That by reason of the failure of the Custodian to exercise reasonable care in the management of personal property, such property was lost, destroyed or stolen but no claim shall be considered in respect of property lost, destroyed or stolen while under the custody, control or management of any person, other than the Custodian, appointed by the owner of the property.

2. That the Commissioner shall examine into each claim and make a report to the Governor in Council setting forth the claims, if any, which in the opinion of the Commissioner are well-founded and the amount which, in his opinion, would fairly and reasonably compensate the claimant for failure of the Custodian to exercise reasonable care.

3. That the Commissioner shall give public notice in such manner as he deems advisable of the time for the filing of claims and for the hearing of evidence and that all claims shall be in writing, verified by statutory declaration and filed in the Office of the Custodian at Vancouver, British Columbia.

4. That the expenses of and incidental to the said inquiry be paid out of money appropriated by Parliament.

Sgd. A. D. P. Heeney
Clerk of the Privy Council.

STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS
ISSUED BY THE
CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE CANADIANS

July 24, 1947.

The terms of the Order-in-Council appointing the Commission to investigate Japanese Canadian property claims are so restricted as to be worse than inadequate, and in fact to be practically useless. It will be necessary to consider seriously whether it will be worth while for the Japanese Canadian claimants to have anything to do with the Commission unless the terms of reference are broadened to enable a full and fair inquiry to be made.

The terms of the Order-in-Council impose an impossible burden on claimants. Before the Commissioner can recommend a cent of compensation, he must be satisfied that the Custodian has failed to use reasonable care in disposing of the properties.

The claimants have never based their case for compensation on the lack of care by the Custodian who in most if not in all cases may be presumed to have done the best possible in the circumstances. However, in these circumstances of wholesale evacuation, it was inevitable that market values should be abnormally low and the major losses sustained were caused by the Government's policy of enforced evacuation rather than by any lack of care by the Custodian.

Many hundreds of claims cannot even be considered by the Commissioner, for the properties were lost or disposed of or had seriously depreciated before the Custodian was able to take charge. These losses arise no less out of the evacuation orders and Government policy of which, however necessary it may have been, the Japanese Canadians were the innocent victims.

The Co-operative Committee has repeatedly pointed out that justice could not be done unless the terms of the inquiry were as broad as those contained in the Bill proposed to Congress by the American Government which provides for compensation for Japanese Americans for all losses naturally and reasonably flowing from the evacuation orders. In this instance the Canadian Government in contrast to the American Government is doing less than justice. Nor do the proposed terms of reference implement the promises made by the Prime Minister himself when on January 24th, 1947 he stated that, "to ensure the fair treatment promised in 1944 the Government is prepared in cases where it can be shown that a sale was made at less than a fair market value to remedy the injustice." The terms of the Commission will deprive those whose property was sold at less than the fair market value of compensation unless they can show that the Custodian acted carelessly. The injustice referred to by the Prime Minister will not be remedied unless the order is amended.

Nor do the terms of the reference comply with the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee which was approved by Parliament. This Committee recommended that a Commission be appointed to inquire into claims for losses which resulted from the amount being received by claimants being less than the fair market value of their property at the time of sale or loss.

Under the present order if the Custodian shows to the Commissioner that he made reasonable inquiries and did the best that he could in the circumstances, the Commissioner can allow no compensation, although the sales are far below the fair market value.

It is still not too late for the Government to change its mind. We are writing to the Prime Minister urging that his former promise of remedying the injustice be fully implemented.

The Committee cannot rest nor should the people of Canada be satisfied until the Government of Canada have reversed its policy, and done full justice.

C O P Y

To Mr. M. Takada, Secretary,
Southern Alberta Youth Council,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Monday, August 18, 1947.

Mr. S. Aoki, Secretary,
Southern Alberta Japanese Canadian Ass'n.,
Iron Springs, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Aoki:

As I have been out of town for the past week, your letter dated August 5, 1947, has but recently come to my attention.

I am very glad to hear that your organization wishes to co-operate with the JC CD and all other provincial organizations on the important matter of the coming National Conference.

I have in the past endeavoured to enlist the support of your organization on many important matters in connection with the welfare of Japanese Canadians but have never received replies or any official correspondence from your organization since the first request for an unstated number of economic losses survey forms which was some eight months ago.

Therefore I found it necessary to seek the co-operation of the Southern Alberta Youth Council (Alberta Nisei Organization) through Mr. M. Takada, Secretary, in order that Alberta be included in the national activities of Japanese Canadians to keep abreast with the fine co-operation shown by British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario.

We have already sent all correspondence and material pertaining to the National conference to Mr. M. Takada, c/o Lethbridge YMCA.

Although Mr. Takada has replied stating that owing to the busy farming season no delegates can be sent to the conference as representing Alberta, we have again written to him on the importance of this matter of representation and have urged that his organization reconsider the question of sending delegates to the conference.

May we state that we are greatly surprised at the lack of co-operation which seems to exist between the Alberta Issei organization and the Alberta Nisei organization. In no other province does this situation exist.

In British Columbia, Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario, Japanese Canadian organizations have been built-up through the fine co-operation and efforts of both Issei and Nisei who have worked together harmoniously. In all cases the Nisei have been encouraged by the Issei into accepting the

Mr. S. Aoki.

active positions of leadership and organization while the Issei have acted as advisors. As you can realize, this matter is of some concern to us as it is absolutely essential that we receive the active co-operation of both Issei and Nisei from each province. We note with some concern that Alberta is the only province where this essential quality of good organization is lacking. Otherwise, I am quite sure, there would not now be your request on hand for information regarding the National conference, for you would have received the information from Mr. Takada of the Alberta Nisei organization, or he would have instructed us to contact your organization also on this conference matter.

On the matter of the coming National Conference to be held in Toronto on August 30 - 31 and September 1st, 1947, all the provinces have signified to us their intention to send delegates except Alberta.

We believe it very important that Alberta should also send delegates to the conference.

Also, since the delegates from all the provincial organizations will be predominantly Nisei, we strongly urge that your organization contact and seek the co-operation of the Southern Alberta Youth Council (Nisei organization) in order that representative delegates from the Nisei group be sent to the conference as well as an Issei delegate, should that be decided upon.

It is unfortunate that so little time exists before the conference date, but as the question is very important, we sincerely hope that the Southern Alberta Japanese Canadian Association and the Southern Alberta Youth Council (Nisei) will be able to co-operate and send delegates to the National conference.

Please find enclosed conference material which has already been sent to the various provincial organizations as well as to the Southern Alberta Youth Council.

Trusting that this letter will be accepted in the spirit with which it is written; that by common effort co-operation between all Japanese Canadian organizations be our objective, and, with this sentiment we sincerely hope that the Alberta organizations will together make it possible to send representation to the National Conference.

In closing, may we present our regrets to your organization for any failure ~~xxxxxxx~~ which has resulted in the lack of information which you have requested. May we expect a reply from your organization in the very near future on the above matters.

Very sincerely yours,

JCCD,

PS: I have forwarded a copy of this letter to Mr. Takada as this matter also concerns the Southern Alberta Youth Council.

G. Tanaka.

George Tanaka, Chairman.

JAPANESE CANADIAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY



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C O P Y sent to all provincial organizations.

Monday, August 18, 1947.

Mr. M. Takada, Secretary,
Southern Alberta Youth Council,
Lehrbridge, Albarta.

Dear Sir:

It has occured to us that your organization may have drawn up an outline or detailed plan of the proposed national organization and other material.

If you should care to forward this to us as soon as possible, we shall be very glad to have it mimeographed for you in order that the various delegates may have a copy to study at the conference when your proposals are made.

Regarding delegate conference expenses, we now can inform your organization that the approximate cost per delegate for travelling and conference expenses will be \$ 75.00 per delegate.

The per delegate cost covers the following:

- (1) Tourist class return fare with lower berth.
- (2) Conference hall expenses (3 days).
- (3) Conference banquet on Monday, September 1st (delegates' meals only).

Billets in Toronto will be provided by JCCD upon advance request.

All delegates' meals to be paid by the delegates or their respective organizations.

Yours sincerely,

JCCD,

George Tanaka

George Tanaka, Chairman.

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Monday, August 18, 1947.

Mr. M. Takada, Secretary,
Southern Alberta Youth Council,
Lehtbridge, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Takada:

I have two matters which I wish to bring to your attention at this time. While they are in some respects inter-related, since I have already written to you on the conference matter, and, since I have not yet received a reply from you regarding my last letter which urged your organization to reconsider the question of sending delegates, I shall follow up the following question to you in that vein.

I realize that it must be very difficult under the circumstances for your organization to meet at short notice, if at all, during this busy farming season. But I do sincerely hope that some suggestions in my last letter to you will, even at this late date, give you some slight lead in the problem of trying to send a delegate from your organization to the conference.

I urge you to do everything possible in order to solve this dilemma. It is the consensus of all the provincial organizations that each province should be represented at the conference in order to make it fully successful. A great deal of effort, time and sacrifice is being made by each provincial organization in order to make this important conference a success.

The second matter which I wish to bring to your attention is in connection with a letter which I have just recently received from Mr. S. Aoki, Secretary, Southern Alberta Japanese Canadian Ass'n, P. O. Box 49, Iron Springs, Alberta.

I have enclosed a copy of my reply to his letter of inquiry regarding the conference. He has stated that their organization had expected correspondence and material in connection with this conference, at the same time stating that their organization represented some 4,000 Alberta Japanese Canadian residents. Owing to the fact that their organization has neglected to co-operate with us on many important issues, in contrast to the fine co-operation from all other provincial organizations, I have endeavoured to seek the co-operation of your organization as representing Alberta. There was no other alternative for us in this matter.

Mr. M. Takada.

But, since nothing can be gained by negative attitudes, I have tried to reply in my letter to Mr. Aoki in a manner which would both explain the facts as they are as we saw them, and also to try and encourage better co-operation where none exists. Although local matters are, of course, not concern of ours and should be respected as such by our organization, since the matter has in some respects involved us, we have guided our actions accordingly. I might add that what I have written is not the consequence of hearsay on my part, but what I have gathered as an impression from our contacts with both your organization, the Lehighbridge Co-operative Committee and the experience with the Southern Alberta Japanese Canadian Ass'n.

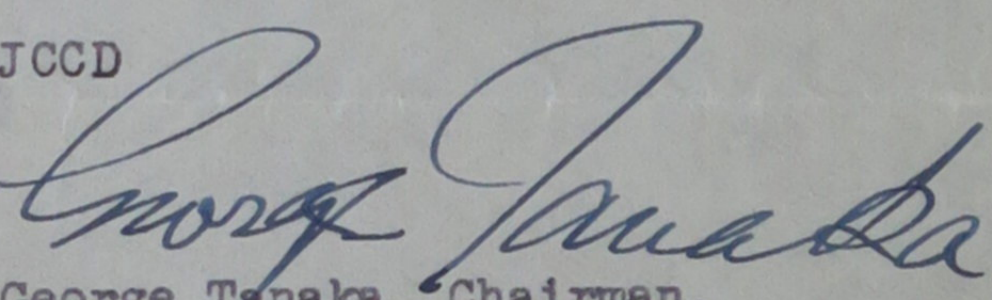
I refer you to the enclosed copy of my letter to Mr. Aoki with the hope that in some manner, delegates from your organization and his will send delegates, whether it be co-operatively or singly. A report from the Alberta delegate regarding conducting of the economic losses survey in Alberta should be given at the conference. The reason being that the JCCD must give an overall report of the nation-wide survey which will not be as complete as it should be owing to the very small number of forms received from Alberta in contrast to the other provinces.

The most important thing that we bear in mind is the need for each province to take an active and constructive part in the formation and program of the National Organization.

Please let us know how you are getting along regarding the conference matter. We hope to hear from you very soon.

Cordially yours,

JCCD


George Tanaka, Chairman.

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NATIONAL J.C.C.A.

September 17, 1947

Mr. Min Takada
Southern Alta. Youth Council
c/o Lethbridge Y.M.C.A.
Lethbridge, Alberta

Dear Sir:

In connection with the National Fund Drive Campaign, each Provincial Chapter Organization is requested to send in their national fund obligations direct to the National Treasurer, Mr. Hiroshi R. Okuda, 713 Moffat Ave., Verdun, Montreal 19, Quebec. As you will note in the National JCCA Bulletin No. 1, which is enclosed, the National Treasurer is responsible for receiving all the national funds from each Provincial Chapter Organization. We would appreciate it if you would send in your fund collections regularly in weekly intervals, if possible, to the National Treasurer as the National Fund Drive Campaign Committee requires weekly report on the funds received across Canada for publicity purposes. We have notified Mr. Okuda of his duties as National Treasurer, and, he, therefore, will be prepared to accept all funds sent in to him.

On the matter of the revised terms of reference as announced by Justice Minister Ilsley on September 12th, we are unable to give you the exact wording of the amended terms of reference as they will not be available until the end of this week. Mr. Brewin contacted the Minister's office by telephone and was notified by the Minister's Office that the final draft form of the Orders was not ready and, therefore, will not be available until Thursday, September 18th. As soon as the full text of the revised Orders is available, we shall send you a copy.

Sincerely,

George Tanaka,
National Executive Secretary, pro-tem

GT/tes
Encl.

P.S. Will you please forward Mr. Kiyoto Shigehiro's and Mr. Kohei Taguchi's addresses?

JAPANESE CANADIAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY



84 GERRARD ST. E., TORONTO ★ TELEPHONE AD. 2547
NATIONAL JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

November 13, 1947

Mr. Kiyoto Shigehiro
P.O. Box 175
Raymond, Alta.

Dear Kiyo:

Will you kindly take note of the following two points pertaining to the claims issue:

November 30th Deadline:

Should claimants find it impossible to file their claims before the November 30th deadline as set by the Commissioner, they are requested to notify their Provincial J.C.C.A. Chapter of this matter through their local organization in order that such definite information from the claimants themselves as to the inadequate filing time may be forwarded to the National J.C.C.A. office during the last week in November. All local organizations should be prepared to send the above information to their Provincial J.C.C.A. headquarters in order that full information on the matter may be sent by letter or telegram to the National Office. With such definite information at hand, the National J.C.C.A. will be in a stronger position to request the Commissioner for a reasonable extension of filing time.

Retainer Fee:

Claimants should enclose the 1% retainer fee when making application to retain the Co-operative Committee to present their case to the Commissioner. Only in cases where the claimant is destitute and cannot possibly pay the 1% retainer fee, can the National J.C.C.A. recommend to the Co-operative Committee, as stated in last paragraph of "letter to Japanese Canadian claimants from the Co-operative Committee", that their application be accepted. Should an unreasonable number of claimants seek the assistance of the Co-operative Committee's legal services, etc., without paying the 1% retainer fee, it may be necessary to request payment from the claimants concerned.

We believe that very few claimants can be classified as destitute and who are, therefore, absolutely unable to pay the 1% retainer fee.

It can be readily seen that if a great many claimants attempt to by-pass the payment of 1% retainer fee, it will be impossible for the Co-operative Committee to retain the services of lawyers and valuers.

Yours very sincerely,

George Tanaka
George Tanaka,
National Executive Secretary

GT/tes

*P.S. Copy sent to Mui Takaba
and W. W. S. Wallace.*

George Tanaka,
Empress Hotel,
Victoria,
Friday, April 9, 1948.

Mr. Min Takada,
906 8th Ave., South,
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Min:

Hello my friend, how is good old Alberta coming along. I am sorry to have had to speak out during the caucus when the matter of an Alberta conference was discussed. Remember when I said that I would again tour Alta. for several weeks. Although I meant to speak to you about this in Winnipeg, we were so busy that convenient private session time was not available. Here is the story.

Remember Tom Shoyama was sitting beside me, and next to him, the peanut's right hand man, S... Tom was talking to him trying to be nice as you please for purposes of gaining a point. Tom knows as well as you and me, what S & Co. are like. I guess Tom felt that we should try and lean over backwards, (I know you have done more than that for a long time) for the sake of Nat. JCCA unity. Tom suggested to S that I should also again tour Alta. in order to assist in the formation of a successful chapter there. In the face of that open suggestion to S... in my presence, (and Tom nudged me at that time to play along with his suggestion) I was forced to making that statement about touring Alta. for a few weeks, even in the face of your surprised attitude which I knew I faced on making that statement. Sorry old man, I was not prepared for it myself, or I would most certainly have told you about it.

I felt badly about that, because my feeling on that matter was that there was no need to make a second tour in so short a time. As it is now, my stay there will be for four days, which I think is ample. On my return back to Toronto sometime during the middle of May, I shall stop over at Regina and mention this to Tom.

I wish to confirm at this time my Alberta itinerary schedule. I shall be leaving Penticton by plane for Lethbridge ~~on April 30~~ on April 30, arriving Lethbridge same day. If I make good connections, (only route via Calgary) at Calgary, I shall arrive ~~about~~ in the afternoon. Should I miss the first connection at Calgary (the time table gives only 15 minutes between the two schedules) I shall be forced to wait until the second departure which leaves Calgary by plane about 10 P.M. I shall then arrive at Lethbridge airport about 11 P.M. on the 30th of April. I shall then be able to take part in the conference which I hope has been set for May 1st. I must determine the date well in advance in order to keep my itinerary planned properly. I believe I am also required to speak to the Taber meeting on Sunday, May 2. I shall then be available for any further service during the two following days, May 3rd and 4th. I shall then depart to return to Penticton by plane on May 5 about 7 A.M. I expect to arrive in Penticton about 11 A.M. the same day. From thereon, I shall continue my tour of B.C.

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Hydes and I have just finished a three day lobbying job here in Victoria, the seat of iniquity. We have had to face a very trying time in that the legislature has been extremely busy this week especially, completing legislation and the handing down of the budget for the various departments. Up till the present time, the legislature has been ~~standing~~ very slow in its proceedings, taking up much of its time on discussion of the speech from the throne.

So now they are trying to speed up the proceedings in order to manage their affairs before the close of the sessions. I have a long list of discriminatory measures which are levied against Japanese Canadians in B.C. (two full pages closely typewritten on discriminations) which I have used as a very forceful weapon in carrying out our work here. We have contacted the three Vancouver newspapers which has resulted in very good publicity regarding our efforts at representation to the Government in Victoria and the numerous measures levied against us. ~~Wxxxxxxx~~ In spite of the very busy sessions here (several other large lobbying groups on the sales tax, Manufacturers ass's, etc. have found it also very difficult to meet with any members of the cabinet) we have managed to see W.T. Straith, the Minister of Education, Harold Winch, Mr. Morrow, who is a member on the election s ~~xxxxxxx~~ act committee (he is sympathetic to our injustices) the Deputy Minister of Education, and also the Deputy Minister of Welfare. We actually have about three hours per day in which to squeeze time to meet with any member of parliament .

I plan to return to Victoria on Monday and stay till perhaps Tuesday to carry on my lobbying. There is the possibility that I shall be able to meet with the Premier at that time and other members of the cabinet. I certainly have been able to submit copies of the long list of discriminatory statutes and regulations to a number of important people in Victoria and the press which is laying down good groundwork towards the elimination of these measures. I know for a fact that the resultant effort will see at least some of the measures eliminated and others, such as the denial of the provincial old age pension bonus in B.C. , be given some consideration by the Government with a more understanding attitude for the Japanese Canadians. This will have ~~as far~~ a far reaching effect as the attitude of the B.C. government on old age pension must affect the attitude of the other provinces on the subject, since each province is tied in with B.C. on this matter in connection with the evacuees.

Well Min, I commenced writing this letter while I had a spare half hour while at the Empress Hotel just after lunch. It is now 11 P.M. and I am completing this letter to you while sitting on my berth on the Princess Joan to sail tonight at midnight for Vancouver. All is well. Hydes and I have certainly been very busy. Jiro Miyazawa took our advice and did not accompany us to Victoria. ~~I know it hurt Jiro when he was told that it would not be advisable for him to go to Victoria.~~

So-long for now Min till I meet with you on May 1st. Should you wish to get in touch with me, I shall be in Greenwood April 16 & 17.

Ever yours,

Chrys.