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National office only recently aware commissioners intentions instruct claimants through press method filing claims and november thirty deadline have protested inadequate time for filing claims stop cooperative committee and jjca now drafting claim form for use of claimants stop urge you report us claimants decision whether accept or reject terms immediately if possible stop imperative national office take action on certain matters with legal committee stop bulletin follows .

George Tanaka  
National executive secretary  
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Also, this Office had been advised by Mr. Brewin over a week ago, of the appointment by the Government of a Mr. John Hunter, Toronto lawyer, to represent the Custodian (Govt) at the hearings, etc. Mr. Hunter, who met with Mr. Brewin on September 22, stated that the Commissioner's tentative plan, at the time, was to announce through the press shortly, the claimants instructions as to the filing of claims and also the deadline for filing claims as November 30, 1947. This Office has stressed to Mr. Brewin the need to ensure adequate time be given by the Commissioner for the filing of claims and stated that at least a very minimum of 4 months should be extended to the claimants. It was stated also, that 6 months should not be considered an unreasonable request of time for the filing of claims. Mr. Brewin wired Mr. Hunter who is now in Vancouver requesting that the time limit for the filing of claims be extended.

During the next month when it is expected the work of filing claims on a national scale will be well underway, should it become definitely known to the National JCCA through its Provincial chapter organizations, that it is impossible for all claimants to file claims within the time limit set (Nov. 30) this Office is prepared to ask the Commissioner that the Nov. 30 deadline be extended. Mr. Brewin believes that the Commissioner has no legal right to fix an unreasonable arbitrary deadline for the filing of claims and has given assurance that every effort will be made to obtain adequate time for filing claims. Upon meeting with Mr. Brewin on Friday, September 26th, the above matter was discussed fully and also certain co-operative plans to be undertaken between the Co-operative Committee and the National JCCA outlined. The printing of a claim form for the use of claimants was discussed. Drafting of this form has now been undertaken by the Co-op. Committee legal committee and the National JCCA this week.

The claims form will comply with the Commissioner's published instructions and the terms of reference. It is expected that the form will be printed within a few days. It will be mailed to those who have submitted JCCD economic losses survey forms with claims which come within the terms of reference. Forms will also be made available to JCCA Provincial chapters for local distribution.

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Executive Committee,  
National Japanese Canadian Citizens Association,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Attention Mr. George Tanaka

Dear Sirs: I understand that there has been some question in your organization in regard to the proposal of the Co-operative Committee to provide legal assistance for a preliminary retaining fee of 1% of all claims.

When this matter was first discussed as you will recall, the writer suggested that a minimum figure for expenses was \$10,000.00 and it appears that as the losses claimed will probably exceed one million dollars, that provisions for a 1% retaining fee would bring in more than the required amount.

At the time the writer made the suggestion of \$10,000.00, the Government had not amended the terms of reference and the writer had in mind in suggesting that figure, that the terms of reference might discourage a number of claimants and thereby greatly reduce the amount in proof of claims. With the amended terms of reference the amount of claims may be very much more considerable, but the increased amount of the claims will also increase the expense and time involved.

On the previous occasion, the writer roughly estimated a total amount of claims that were to be made at five million dollars; however, for the practical purpose this should be very considerably reduced. First of all there will be a considerable number of claims which cannot be presented to the Commission because of the fact that the properties in question did not vest in the Custodian. This might reduce the claims by 25%.

It must also be borne in mind that the larger figure took in account, that claims were made for loss of earnings which cannot be recovered through the Commission.

In addition it is quite probably that very many of those who signed forms will not when the matter comes to a point and when it is necessary to present evidence, etc. to the Commission, will not wish to go to the trouble of actually presenting their cases.

It is also the view of the Co-operative Committee that legal assistance should be made available to those who for one reason or another were not financially able to pay the retaining fee.

On the other hand it seems to the writer now that the estimate of \$10,000.00 was inadequate. This might take account of minimum legal fees, but inasmuch as the emphasis is placed under the new terms of reference upon the value of the properties, it will be important to have a fund available to employ expert valuers. It may also be necessary to employ someone to gather statistical information as to sales of other properties in the areas concerned and relation of selling values to assessed values.

All in all it is now my opinion that a sum nearer to \$20,000.00 would be more adequate. This would be made up of legal fees of some \$11,000.00 valuation fees of \$5,000.00 and travelling expenses and contingencies fund or statistical material, etc. \$4,000.00.

These, of course, are the very roughest estimates because it is extremely difficult to foretell precisely how much work will be done or how much expense will be involved.

I can assure you, however, that although the sum may seem large, it is quite small in relation to claims which in total may range between one million and five million dollars. Indeed if individual claimants had to employ lawyers of their own on an individual basis, it is probably that the amount required would be many times larger altogether.



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BULLETIN

NATIONAL FUND DRIVE CAMPAIGN

Provincial HQs.  
National JCCA Fund Drive.

Dear Co-worker:

Hope your campaign, both local and provincial, are progressing favourably. We have only another month to go. An all-out effort will be necessary in certain areas to put the drive over the top by the dead-line.

You will find enclosed a copy of the brief which we made up for the local Toronto campaign at their request. The Ontario Provincial Committee intends to send it out to the various centres in Ontario also. If you can make any use of it please do so. If you require additional copies please let us know and we will be glad to oblige.

Report On Drives:

British Columbia:

There has not been any report of their drive progress from B.C. We are hoping to hear from them in the near future. We are aware that they will have certain handicaps in that their centres are many and scattered and communication is not too convenient.

Alberta:

There has not been any report from Alta regarding their drive. We understand, however, that they will have a difficult time getting full co-operation from the Isseis. Also, it is reported that they will not be able to get their drive fully underway until the beet harvest is over late in November. This will mean that it will be practically impossible for them to have their quota raised before the deadline of Nov. 30th. It is hoped that enough Nisei leaders will respond to get Alta's campaign rolling so that a substantial portion of their quota will be raised by Nov. 30th. We are still hopeful that they will be able to raise their quota by the dead-line. They could also have people make commitments for certain amounts which can be paid when the harvest is over. This will give them some idea of how they stand.

Manitoba:

Manitoba has sent in \$150 to the National HQ. They probably have more raised which has not been sent in yet.

Ontario:

Local drives in Ontario are rapidly reaching a peak. Hamilton has begun ~~an~~ their drive with a door to door canvass. Toronto likewise just began an intensive campaign to raise their large quota of \$2000. They have 33 canvassing teams covering every Japanese in Toronto. The Western centres of London, St. Thomas, Chatham, et al, are believed to have almost reached their quota. Many of the smaller centres have already sent in contributions.

Quebec:

Quebec, which is Montreal, is the first province to reach their quota. They have reported officially that they have attained their quota of \$800 and are now working for a \$400 provincial fund. They can be proud of their achievement. It was not a easy task, especially when they did not have an official organization to conduct the drive.

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Enquiries to various American organizations for Japanese films to assist the Fund Drive have had rather discouraging response. However, word is expected any day from Western HQs of the JACL. Contacts are being made with certain commercial firms in the hopes of getting the very latest films, even if it does entail more expense.

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per, J.T. Oki



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# JAPANESE CANADIAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY



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

NATIONAL JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION.

October 19, 1947.

Mr. Kyoto Shigehiro,  
Alberta (JCCA),  
P.O. Box 175,  
Raymond, Alta.

Dear Kyo:

The official claim forms in duplicate (to be properly filled out and sent to the Commissioner by claimant) and form addressed to the Co-operative Committee and retainer form as well as the explanatory letter to claimants from the Co-operative Committee are now about to be printed.

Every effort is being made to have the forms ready at the earliest possible date. It is expected the forms, etc., will be mailed to the provincial chapters about the end of next week (Oct 25).

I have enclosed a copy of printer's first proof of claim forms which I received yesterday, and also draft copy of letter to claimants from the Co-operative Committee and the retainer form.

We shall advise claimants to send legal fees, filled out retainer form and the form addressed to the Co-operative Committee to their provincial JCCA chapter who will receive and record receipt of forms and fee on behalf of the Co-operative Committee. Unfortunately, Alberta (JCCA) does not seem to be in a position to handle this work on behalf of the Co-operative Committee, therefore we have listed the Lethbridge Co-operating Committee address.

I hope this arrangement is satisfactory with your organization and that it will be possible for your organization to lend every assistance to the Lethbridge Co-operating Committee.

Sincerely yours,

*George Tanaka*  
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Toronto, Ont.,  
October 20th, 1947.

Provincial HQs,  
Fund Committee.

Subject: National JCCA Fund Drive.

Dear Co-workers:

We hope that your fund raising campaigns, both provincial and local, are progressing favourably. Realizing the enormous work involved in raising the budget requirement, we request that the Provincial HQs urge their local committees to plan and implement an intensive campaign.

As the National Fund Campaign Committee we wish to maintain close communication with the Provincial HQs to enable a constant exchange of information and reports. This is important for the success of the campaign, both nationally and provincially.

In the future we would suggest that the Provincial HQs do the following:

1. Forward all contributions as soon as possible to the National Treasurer, H. Okuda. (We believe Geo. Tanaka has already made a similar request.)
2. Forward regular (weekly if possible) reports on campaign progress, both provincial and local, to the National Campaign Committee.
3. Forward suggestions and recommendations that will promote the success of the campaign to the National Fund Campaign Committee, and to be transmitted to other provincial organizations.
4. Furnish the New Canadian with news items on campaign progress and plans.
5. Contact employers of Jap-Canadians for donations.

The National Fund Campaign Committee is working on the following projects:

1. A poster symbolic of the National Fund Campaign. Nisei artist Sam Yamada is working on this poster and it should be ready in the next few days. Poster will be publicized.
2. A barometer indicating the progress of the Provincial Campaigns on a competitive scale to be published in the New Canadian. This will be done in the hope of stirring response from the individuals as well as the Provincial and local committees. If any Provincial Committee objects to the project, they should contact the National Committee before Oct. 28th.
3. If possible, to publish and distribute bulletins informing on the progress of the campaign. Also, to suggest various methods for raising funds. This will depend on reports from the Prov. Organizations.
4. Contacts have been made to secure Japanese movies for the purpose of raising funds. As soon as they are received, we shall notify the Prov. Organizations, who will be asked to make applications for dates.

Wish you a highly successful campaign.

Sincerely,

The Nat. Fund Campaign Comm.

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NATIONAL JAP. CAN. CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

October 22, 1947.

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

Dear Kiyo:

I have your letter of October 14th in which you bring to my attention an error in the National Conference Report regarding the Alberta organizations represented by the delegates. I am very sorry that this mistake did happen and I can very well understand the embarrassing position that you may be placed in because of this discrepancy.

I am not sure just how I can rectify this mistake since the copies of the Conference Report have been sent out, but I shall refer to this error in the next National J.C.C.A. Bulletin. If you wish me to write a formal letter to any organization in your Province which may be concerned over this mistake, please do not hesitate to ask me, I shall be very glad to do so. Would you like to have me write to Kasey Oyama to publish a statement from our office referring to this error? If so, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

In answer to your reference regarding membership that perhaps a clause should be included to cover non-Canadians as associate members. This matter has not yet been fully discussed, therefore, that is the reason why it was not included in the Constitution outline. In fact the outline, which is in the Conference Report, is a direct outcome of discussion among the delegates at the Conference. You can be assured that this matter will be given due consideration by the Constitution Committee.

I must apologize for not sending you the \$11.65 which you and the other delegates incurred during the trip to Regina and Moose Jaw. I take it that you wish me to send you the total amount, therefore, I am enclosing a cheque for the above amount made payable to you.

Many thanks and best regards.

Yours very sincerely,

*George Tanaka*  
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National Executive Secretary

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P.S. Enclosed stamps to cover  
cost of bank exchange on cheque.



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CLAIMS MEMO TO PROVINCIAL J.C.C.A. CHAPTERS & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

November 10, 1947

Further instructions on some points which pertain to the filing of claims:

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National JCCA Fund Drive Campaign Committee  
84 Gerrard St. E.,  
Toronto, Ont.

November 19th, 1947.

Provincial HQs

JCCA Fund Drive Campaign

Fellow Workers:

The deadline decided upon at the First National JCCA Conference, Nov. 30th, is only 10 days off now. In certain sections of the country the drive has been successfully completed. Relying on information available it appears likely that Alberta and British Columbia will have some difficulty in making their allotted quotas. Quebec and Manitoba have achieved their quotas, while Ontario will likely top their obligation before the deadline.

British Columbia with a quota of \$2000 is expected to encounter difficulties in achieving its objective. As yet no report has been received as to the progress being made. It is hoped that a report will be made immediately.

Alberta seems likely to have the most difficulty in raising its quota of \$1200. There appears to be a decided lack of co-operation between the various groups and the Issei and Nisei. Earlier reports informed that they would not be able to complete or even make any substantial gains towards their objective until the sugar harvest returns were in, late in November. This would make it impossible to have the campaign completed by the end of Nov. However, the late date of the harvest returns does not appear to be the main stumbling block to the Fund Drive Campaign. In the indifference of many Albertans show for the JCCA will be a major obstacle. The Nisei leaders of Alberta hold the fate of the JCCA in their hands. The lack of co-operation shown by Alberta Isseis; their dogmatic resolve to act on their own within the province, without co-operating fully with other provinces, will be a major factor. It will be the difficult task of the Nisei leaders to convince these people of the monumental work that must be done by the JCCA to achieve full citizenship status for Japanese-Canadians. Only by doing so can they hope to win full support for the JCCA. It may decide the success of the Fund Drive. Alberta's capable Nisei leaders who are faced with this unenviable task can expect whole-hearted support from the National JCCA and responsible Japanese Canadians, throughout the country.

Evacuation losses claims forms are being circulated throughout the land to be filed by Canadians of Japanese ancestry who have suffered losses through their forced evacuation. The National JCCA has been largely instrumental in the distribution of the forms. It is fortunate that such an organization had been set up. The National JCCA was ready and anxious to render its services in this time of crisis. 'The Iron is Hot.' Let us strike now. The Evacuation is rapidly being obliterated from the mind of the public as time relentlessly marches on. With the advent of fresh pertinent news of nation and world import, even those people who had taken considerable interest in the Evacuation, criticizing the government policy on many occasions, will find soon lose interest. It will be the work of the Nisei to enlighten the public and government of the injustices of the Evacuation. The Japanese Americans have been doing magnificent work. Backing up the magnificent war record of the American Nisei is the JACL, imbued with the same glorious spirit that produced the heroic GIs. The American government and people are responding nobly. They are making compensations for the injustices of the Evacuation.

The JCCA must do similar work. It has no past record as it is newly formed. The JACL has a annual budget of \$110,000. The JCCA budget is \$7500 for the first term. The Japanese Canadians would be shamed if they could not raise \$7500 for their own welfare. The Evacuation is not yet over. Many Japanese Canadians are still in a position equivalent to Displaced Persons. Whereas DPs must wait for over.

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outside assistance, we need not and should not. We are in a position to help ourselves. \$7500 per year is cheap insurance for the future of 20,000 Canadians of Japanese ancestry. For a better Canada we must have responsible citizens. To have such good citizens, willing to assume obligations as such, we must ensure for everyone full and equal privileges regardless of race, colour or creed. This is the primary purpose of the JCCA.

Step by step let us build a strong organization. There will be many steps. Some will be dishearteningly difficult to attain. The raising of the \$7500 is a major step. Without achieving this objective it will be rather difficult to progress further. Let us 'On with it' then! \$7500 or bust! For our and our descendants' sake, let's not Bust.

The National JCCA Fund Drive Campaign Committee

per; J.T.Oki

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November 19th, 1947.

Alberta Fund Drive Committee  
Alberta Provincial JCCA Organization.

Dear Fellow Workers:

We hope that you have been able to keep track of the National JCCA Fund Drive progress through the bulleting we have been forwarding and the New Canadians. It had been hoped that we would have reports on your progress on your objective. To date none have been received. We would urge that a report be made as soon as possible. We are sincerely interested in the unenviable position you are forced into by prevailing circumstances. We are greatly concerned with the success of your fund drive campaign. It is our desire to help your organization in every way possible to achieve your objective. Our efforts and good intentions are greatly handicapped by the lack of information on the Alberta situation. Let us hear from you soon.

In realizing the handicaps you are working under, we will be only too glad to help you if you will tell us what we can do. Perhaps if we pool our resources we may be able to plan a successful campaign.

There is not too much time left. Unless a substantial percentage of your quota has been attained to date we presume there is little likelihood that your objective will be reached by Nov. 30th. If such is the case we would have the deadline extended. This action will be taken on receipt of correspondence from your organization.

We would stress the need for Nisei leaders to step to the fore. The day of Issei leadership is rapidly ebbing. Their advice and counsel is of great value, however, the time has come when the Nisei must accept the leadership which is so sadly lacking at present.

There exists to-day an urgent need for responsible Nisei leaders. We hope the Nisei leaders of Alberta can prove their capability to the people of Alberta. We have every confidence that they will not fail. Working hand in hand with responsible Nisei leaders throughout Canada backed by support from the public, the Nisei leaders of Alberta will have a hand in the shaping of a bright future for all Canadians of Japanese or any other racial origin.

On to a successful fund drive. Please drop us a line immediately.

Sincerely,

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per:

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TELEPHONE: ADELAIDE 2547

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

November 20, 1947

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

Dear Kiyo:

We would appreciate your attention to the following instructions regarding filing of claims:

Re November 30th deadline for filing claims: It is hoped that all local organizations, in co-operation with their provincial chapter headquarters, are now aware, both through communication with their provincial headquarters and through the New Canadian, the need to observe the following. Local organizations are alerted to send full information as possible to their respective provincial chapter headquarters in the early part of the last week in November as to the estimated number of claimants who will not be able to file claims before November 30th. This information, having been received by the provincial chapters from their local organizations, should be forwarded either by letter or telegram to the National JCCA Office before November 30th. The provincial chapters are also requested to send to the National Office, at the same time, the number of claimants who have filed claims.

This information must be in the hands of the National Office by November 30th in order that it may be wired to Mr. Brewin, who will be in Vancouver, on December 1st. Should the Commissioner not announce, before that time, an extension of filing time for claims, it will be necessary for Mr. Brewin to request of the Commissioner an extension of filing time. In order to make this request, it is deemed necessary that such information, as requested above, be at hand.

Re letter to Honorable Mr. Justice Bird: As reported in the National J.C.C.A. Bulletin, #3, November 14th, 1947, this Office has written to Justice Bird requesting an extension of time, outlining reasons for such an extension.

We wish to report that the Commissioner has replied to this letter. His reply, dated November 14th, intimated that consideration may be given to the extension of filing time. He states that as subsequent to our request, he proposes to ask the Western legal counsel for the Co-operative Committee, Mr. R. J. MacMaster, and the Government counsel to consider the situation which we expressed in our letter to him. He states that this would be considered in the early part of the week beginning November 17th.

The Commissioner states in his letter to this Office, quote:

"Meantime, it is most desirable that your Committee should make every effort to assist in the prompt filing of claims, since some further delay must ensue after claims are filed before counsel for claimants and the Government can be ready to proceed with the taking of evidence in support of claims.

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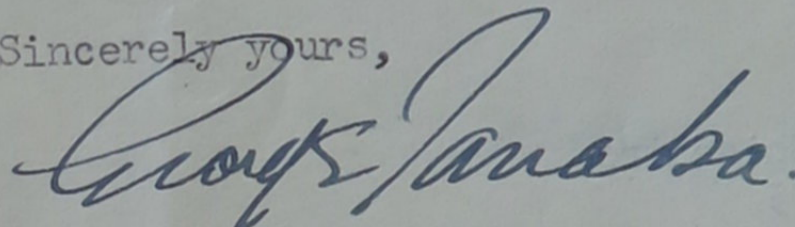
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I will ask your solicitor to communicate to you the decision reached on the subject of extension of time for filing claims." End quote. Yours truly,  
H. I. Bird.

Sincerely yours,



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*Dear Ryo  
for your information  
to send you this copy of letter  
addressed to Min Takada  
Geo.*

December 4, 1947.

Mr. Min Takada, Secretary  
Southern Alberta Youth Council  
906 8th Ave., S.  
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Min:

This Office has received a letter dated November 29, 1947, from the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, L.B. Pearson, in reply to the second letter of inquiry from this Office dated November 8, 1947, concerning Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry and Japanese nationals who have been stranded in Japan since the outbreak of hostilities.

The National J.C.C.A. has been advised that 'persons of Japanese ancestry now in Japan, claiming Canadian citizenship by birth or by naturalization, will be recognized as Canadian citizens by the Canadian Liaison Mission in Japan provided that they are able to substantiate their claims to Canadian citizenship.' Also that 'should such persons wish to obtain documentary evidence of their Canadian citizenship, it is suggested that they apply to the Citizenship Branch, Department of the Secretary of State of Canada, for certificates of Canadian citizenship.'

A similar letter concerning stranded Japanese Canadians in Japan was written to the Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources. The Under-Secretary, Mr. L.B. Pearson, in his letter to this Office of November 29, 1947, makes reference to this writing by stating that the Deputy Minister will be writing to us concerning the re-entry into Canada of natural born or naturalized Canadian citizens and Japanese subjects who have retained Canadian domicile.

Regarding the filing of claims, claimants should not relax their efforts to file their property loss claims at the earliest possible date.

They are advised and warned not to put off filing of claims til too near the deadline date of December 31st in B.C. and January 15th in other provinces and expect the Co-operative Committee lawyers to be available for assistance. It will be physically impossible for the lawyers to handle more than a certain number of claimants' cases should there be a last minute rush by claimants seeking assistance for the filing of their claims.

Claimants should note carefully that it is very probable that the Commissioner will refuse to accept any further claims beyond the extended dates unless a very good reason for tardy filing of claims is given by the claimant.

As you may recall in our past correspondence and Bulletin #3 from this Office, we mentioned that consideration was being given to the question of obtaining the services of a qualified Japanese Canadian to work with valuers appointed by the Co-operative Committee. On November 27th we wired George Tamaki in order to confirm a proposal made by Mr. Brewin in correspondence with George Tamaki two weeks prior to the date of our telegram that if at all possible it was felt advantageous to have George Tamaki attend the Commissioner's preliminary conference with Mr. Brewin in

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Vancouver on December 3rd. On November 29th we received word by wire from George Tamaki that he would be able to attend the preliminary meeting and would leave for Vancouver by plane on Monday, December 1st. We, therefore, wish to inform you that George Tamaki is now in Vancouver conferring with Mr. Brewin and Mr. MacMaster on matters pertaining to the procedure for hearing claimants and also the question of obtaining the services of a valuator by the Co-operative Committee. We feel that George Tamaki will ably represent the National J.C.C.A. insofar as presenting the claimants' views on this claims question. It is hoped that George Tamaki will be able to assist the National J.C.C.A. in the matter of obtaining a qualified Japanese Canadian to work with the Co-operative Committee valuers. We have informed the B.C. Japanese Canadian Citizens Association Chapter in Greenwood regarding this and suggestions have been made to both George Tamaki and the B.C. J.C.C.A. that perhaps the services of a Japanese Canadian living in B.C. who is qualified to do this type of work might be obtained. Further information on this matter will be reported to you within the very near future.

Very sincerely yours,

George Tanaka,  
National Executive Secretary

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c.c. Mr. Kiyo Shigehiro  
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We have not yet received a detailed written report from Mr. Brewin concerning the fact that since his return from Vancouver where he took part in discussions with the Japanese and the Western Co-operative Committee lawyers, he has not had time in the short space of his return to do so. When we receive his detailed report, we shall inform you of all pertinent matters reported. This writer has not yet discussed briefly with Mr. Brewin since his return on matters pertaining to his trip to Vancouver, and, therefore, can report in brief on the following. Although the Co-operative Committee lawyers, during their discussions together in Vancouver the week of December 1st

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Mr. Min Takada, Secretary  
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906 8th Avenue, South  
Lethbridge, Alberta

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We are informed by the Deputy Minister that Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry, whether natural born or naturalized, are re-admissible to Canada. This does not apply to people of Japanese ancestry, natural born Canadians or otherwise, who under Order-in-Council PC 10773 of November 26th, 1942, were deprived of their citizenship, leaving Canada under the wartime exchange agreement and of naturalized Canadians of Japanese ancestry who, under Order-in-Council PC 7356 of December 15th, 1945, were deprived of their citizenship, when willingly consented to be repatriated to Japan under the provisions of PC 7355 of December 15, 1945. It must be pointed out, also, that certificates of naturalization of any naturalized persons long absent from Canada may also be subject to revocation. Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry who wish to return to Canada should apply to the Canadian Liaison Mission, 16 Omote-Machi, 3 Chome, Akasaka-Ku, Tokyo, for their travel documents.

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to 5th, were not able to definitely appoint a valuator for the Co-operative Committee, it is fully expected that such a person will be appointed in the very near future. It has been suggested by the Western legal representative of the Co-operative Committee that a very qualified person, who is on the staff of the University of British Columbia, may be available. Every effort will be made by them to seek his services as a statistician who will take charge of this part of the work on behalf of the claimants. It was also agreed by the lawyers that the services of a qualified Japanese Canadian be sought also to work with such a valuator. The National J.C.C.A. will make every effort to seek the services of such a person. The Commissioner's tentative schedule for conducting oral hearings across Canada is as follows. It is expected that the Commissioner will be conducting oral hearings in B.C. during the months of January and February, and in Alberta and Saskatchewan during the months of March and April. It is expected that during May and June he will be conducting hearings in Manitoba and Ontario. During the summer months of July and August, it is understood that the Commissioner will not be conducting hearings. It is probable that in September he will be conducting hearings in Quebec. It is understood that this schedule of the Commissioner's for the conducting of hearings across Canada is a very tentative one and is subject to any changes necessary. It is probable that the crucial hearings, which will be conducted in Vancouver, will be held some time during the fall of 1948.

It is understood that Mr. R.J. McMaster and Norris and MacLennan, who represented the thirty odd claimants at the oral hearings in Kamloops on December 8th, will report to Mr. Brewin shortly from this experience on the general procedure and the type of questions, etc., which will be asked of the claimants. When this information is available from Mr. Brewin, it will be reported to the various provincial chapters.

Yours sincerely,

GT/tes

George Tanaka,  
National Executive Secretaryc.c. Mr. Kiyo Shigehiro  
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National JCCA,  
84 Gerrard St., East,  
Toronto 2, Ont.,  
Friday, Dec. 12, 1947.

Special Bulletin

The Continuation of Transitional Measures Act, 1947. ( Bill 104)

The following is reported from the 'Routine Proceedings and Orders of the Day', #4, House of Commons, Ottawa, Canada, Wednesday, December 10, 1947.

"Government Notices of Motions - December 5 - The Minister of Justice - The following Resolution: That, whereas section seven of The Continuation of Transitional Measures Act, 1947, being chapter 16 of the statutes of 1947, provides that subject as thereafter provided, that Act shall expire on the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, if Parliament meets during November or December, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, but if Parliament does not so meet it shall expire on the sixtieth day after Parliament first meets during the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight or on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, whichever date is the earlier: Provided that, if at any time while that Act is in force, addresses are presented to the Governor General by the Senate and House of Commons respectively, praying that that Act should be continued in force for a further period, not in any case exceeding one year, from the time at which it would otherwise expire and the Governor in Council so orders, that Act shall continue in force for that further period.

"And whereas it is considered desirable to continue the said Act in force until the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight;

"The following address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:

"To His Excellency Field Marshal The Right Honourable Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, upon whom has been conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross, one of His Majesty's Aides-de-Camp, General, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

"May it Please Your Excellency:

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, respectfully approach Your Excellency praying that The Continuation of Transitional Measures Act, 1947, be continued in force until the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight."

Any further information on the above matter will be reported at the earliest possible date.

(Discriminatory legislation contained in Bill 104 - Order-in-Council, P.C. 251, prohibits fishing licence to persons of Japanese ancestry; Order-in-Council, P.C. 946, discriminates against the free movement of persons of Japanese ancestry in Canada.)

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interpreter for each group will be appointed

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*Mr. Ryoto Shigehiro*

January 8, 1948.

Mr. Min Takada, Secretary  
Southern Alberta Youth Council  
906 8th Ave., S.  
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Min:

We wish to call your attention to the following various matters:

Naturalization: We are very pleased to inform you that two Japanese nationals to-day were granted Canadian citizenship. As intimated in our Bulletin #4, under naturalization, we informed you that letter had been written to the Under Secretary of State, Ottawa, specifically pointing out two cases where Japanese had applied for naturalization over two years ago and had not received their citizenship and that letter had been received in reply from the Under Secretary of State stating that certificate of citizenship would be forwarded to the Court and that the two applicants whom we cited would receive their citizenship in the near future.

Now that a precedent has been established with the confirmation of citizenship granted to these two persons, it is believed that other Japanese who applied for naturalization will subsequently receive Canadian citizenship. It occurs to this Office that perhaps in the case of such a province as British Columbia where it is known that the general attitude towards Japanese is not progressive, there may be a possibility that a presiding judge will hesitate to approve their application. It is in such cases as these in B.C., if they do occur, and also in other provinces where representation by this Office on behalf of such applicants will be of great assistance with the established precedent of the two Japanese having become Canadian citizens. We urge that where it is known in the various provinces where applicants have applied and have waited for a period of 18 months, that their cases be forwarded to this Office if it is deemed necessary in order to assist in the gaining of Canadian citizenship by these people.

Interpreter to Assist the Claims Commissioner: This Office has recently been informed through the Co-operative Committee legal counsel in Vancouver (R.J. McMaster) that the Commissioner having conducted the initial oral hearings in Kamloops has found difficulty with the interpreter whom he has now in his employment (probably a Caucasian interpreter) and the Commissioner wishes the assistance of some Nisei or Issei who could offer his services as interpreter to the Commissioner. It is expected that such a person would also be required to assist the claimants in the proper presentation of their claims in some documentary form before they present their claims to the Commissioner at the oral hearings. It is felt that rather than having one interpreter work with the Commissioner throughout the various provinces, that an interpreter be sought from each province and the responsibility of providing the services of such a person living in respective provinces be given to the various provincial JCCA chapters.

It is difficult at the present time to determine whether an interpreter chosen by either claimants represented by the Co-operative Committee or the claimants represented by Mr. Gladstone Virtue will act on behalf of all claimants in Alberta, or whether a separate interpreter for each group will be appointed. This problem perhaps is of a local nature

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in that it is the responsibility of the province of Alberta to decide on what procedure to take. In any case the matter can not be decided at the present time and it will be necessary for further word to be received from the Commissioner before we can advise you as to what you should do. Inasmuch as there is no need for immediate action on this matter, we suggest that you give some thought to the problem outlined above regarding the necessity of employing two interpreters or one person to work on behalf of all claimants in Alberta. We suggest that when definite word is received by this Office as to the Commissioner's requirement for interpreter for Alberta, that you be prepared to take immediate action.

Second National Conference (Delegates to the First National Conference please note) We wish to remind you of the decision made at the First National Conference held in Toronto, August 30th - September 2nd, inclusive, that the Second National Conference is to be held in Winnipeg during the Easter season. The Manitoba delegates consented to this proposal subject to final ratification from the Manitoba JCCA. We have already written the Manitoba JCCA as to whether their organization is willing to sponsor this Second Conference at the suggested date. In view of the fact that the Easter season falls much earlier this year; namely, the week-end of March 26th - March 29th, it will be necessary for the various provincial chapters to consider this matter in the very near future. It is probable that the various provincial chapters are intending to hold their provincial conferences before the coming National Conference which necessitates plans being made immediately in the holding of such provincial conferences. Therefore, it is the purpose of this letter to inform you of correspondence which has been made with the Manitoba JCCA regarding the date of the coming National Conference. We shall inform you immediately following word being received by this Office as to the exact date of the Second National Conference.

Very sincerely yours,

*George Tanaka*

George Tanaka,  
National Executive Secretary

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Alberta Japanese Canadian Citizens Ass'n.  
c/o Mr. Min Takada  
906 8th Avenue, South  
Lethbridge, Alberta

Re: Second National Conference to be held during Easter period; organizational trip planned for the Executive Secretary across Canada prior to Second National Conference.

Dear Sirs:

We wish to inform you that the Manitoba JCCA at their meeting held on January 11th has officially consented to the holding of the Second National Conference in Winnipeg during the Easter week-end, March 26th - 29th inclusive. Provincial chapters are reminded that at the First National Conference it was mutually agreed by the delegates that the Second National Conference be held during the Easter week-end of 1948 subject to official consent from the Manitoba JCCA.

You are, therefore, officially advised by this correspondence that the Second National Conference will be held in Winnipeg on the above outlined dates and that every effort should be made by all provincial chapters (Saskatchewan organization included) to send delegates to this Conference. It is probable that following the precedent set at the First National Conference that each provincial chapter may appoint three official delegates whose travelling expenses will be pooled and shared equally on a per delegate basis. Further detailed information regarding planning of the Second National Conference will be made known at the earliest possible date. It is hoped that the various provincial chapters concerned will be able to hold provincial conference prior to the Second National Conference.

We also wish to inform you that as a result of the National Executive Committee meeting held on January 12th, it is planned that the National Executive Secretary make an organizational trip across Canada prior to the Second National Conference. Owing to the fact that the Executive Secretary must be in Ottawa early in March to carry out lobbying work which, it is hoped, may influence the deletion of discriminatory legislation contained in the Transitional Measures Act, 1947 due to expire on March 31, 1948, it will be necessary for the Executive Secretary to begin his organizational trip across Canada possibly not later than the first of February.

It is suggested to the various provincial chapters and Saskatchewan organization that they take note of the Executive Secretary's proposed itinerary in order to enable his appearance at the various provincial centres to coincide with any proposed provincial conferences or special meetings and also that any local meetings be so arranged to coincide with his visits. The Secretary's itinerary involving local visits within the respective Western provinces should be arranged at the earliest possible date prior to Secretary's departure from Toronto. At this present writing, the Executive Secretary's itinerary must of necessity be put on a tentative basis subject to suggestions from the various provincial chapters and basic itinerary schedule. It is expected that the Executive Secretary will visit Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. It is expected that several days will be spent in covering the

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The National Executive Committee will meet again on Monday, January 26th in order to discuss and plan the itinerary for the National Executive Secretary's organizational trip across Canada. In order to plan the itinerary most effectively, the Committee requests the co-operation of the Western provincial organizations concerned (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and B.C.) regarding their wishes as to conferences, local meetings, etc., which the respective organizations wish to be attended by the Executive Secretary. During these visits the Executive Secretary will be ready to meet with the local constituents through committee meetings and public meetings where he will be able to explain the work of the National JCCA, etc., as well as answer any question regarding same and to assist in the overcoming of any local and provincial organizational problems. Therefore, it is requested that the various provincial chapters concerned (Saskatchewan included) notify the National Office at the earliest possible date prior to January 26th meeting of their requests regarding the Executive Secretary's appearances in the respective provinces; i.e., designation and number of various centres to be visited, the probable types of meetings at which he will be required to appear, specific organizational and public relations problems and any other subjects or programmes which may be presented to the Executive Secretary at these meetings and discussions and also a suggested general overall schedule and travel plan (from centre to centre) within the respective provinces which could be incorporated in the basic itinerary for the Executive Secretary across Canada.

It is also requested that the provincial chapters and the local organizations concerned provide wherever possible, if it is deemed necessary, Issei or Nisei to translate the Executive Secretary's talks, etc.

The following tentative basic itinerary is suggested in order to assist the various provincial organizations concerned in planning their respective itinerary for the Executive Secretary.

#### Very Tentative Itinerary

- Approx. Feb. 1: Leave Toronto, arrive Winnipeg approximately February 3rd. One or two days stop-over.
- Approx. Feb. 7-8: Stop-over at Regina and/or Moose Jaw.
- Approx. Feb. 11: Arrive Lethbridge, Alberta with stop-over, Feb. 12 - 16 inclusive, to visit various centres, etc.
- Approx. Feb. 18: Arrive Greenwood, B.C. Stop-over in B.C. four or five days.
- Approx. Feb. 24: If deemed necessary, stop-over at Vancouver.
- Approx. Feb. 26: Leave Vancouver.
- Approx. Feb. 28: Arrive Winnipeg for discussion on planning Second National Conference. Stop-over for one or two days.

Return Toronto approximately March 4th.

(Trip to Ottawa approximately March 8th to carry out lobbying work against discriminatory legislation contained in Transitional Measures, Act, 1947).

The above itinerary has been outlined without recourse to train schedules, etc., by this writer only for the purpose of presenting a very rough basic itinerary, which, it is hoped, will assist the various organizations concerned in planning meetings, etc., for the Executive Secretary in such a way that will ensure conflicting meeting dates between the provinces be held to a minimum. Subsequent to the Executive Committee meeting on Monday, January 26th, the final itinerary will be sent to the various chapters as soon as possible. Possibly some measure of planning of the Secretary's itinerary in the provinces will of necessity be carried out at the time of his visit. It is urged that the various organizations concerned make every effort to send their requests and

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various centres in Alberta and British Columbia.

suggestions connected with this trip to the National Office as soon as possible, in any case to reach this Office on or before January 26th.

Yours very sincerely,

George Tanaka,  
National Executive Secretary

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

Mr. K. Taguchi,  
Raymond, Alberta

It is also requested that the provincial chapters and the local organizations concerned provide wherever possible, if it is deemed necessary, local or travel plan (from centre to centre) within the respective provinces which could be incorporated in the basic itinerary for the Executive Secretary across Canada.

The following tentative basic itinerary is suggested in order to assist the various provincial organizations concerned in planning their respective itinerary for the Executive Secretary.

Very Tentative Itinerary

Approx. Feb. 1: Leave Toronto, arrive Winnipeg approximately February 3rd. One or two days stop-over.

Approx. Feb. 7-8: Stop-over at Regina and/or Moose Jaw.

Approx. Feb. 11: Arrive Lethbridge, Alberta with stop-over, Feb. 12 - 16 inclusive, to visit various centres, etc.

Approx. Feb. 18: Arrive Greenwood, B.C. Stop-over in B.C. four or five days.

Approx. Feb. 24: If deemed necessary, stop-over at Vancouver.

Approx. Feb. 26: Leave Vancouver.

Approx. Feb. 28: Arrive Winnipeg for discussion on planning Second National Conference. Stop-over for one or two days.

Return Toronto approximately March 4th.

(Trip to Ottawa approximately March 8th to carry out lobbying work against discriminatory legislation contained in Transitional Measures Act, 1947).

The above itinerary has been outlined without recourse to train schedules, etc., by this writer only for the purpose of presenting a very rough basic itinerary, which is hoped, will assist the various organizations concerned in planning meetings, etc., for the Executive Secretary in such a way that will ensure conflicting meeting dates between the provinces be held to a minimum. Subsequent to the Executive Committee meeting on Monday, January 26th, the final itinerary will be sent to the various chapters as soon as possible. Possibly some measure of planning of the Secretary's itinerary in the provinces will of necessity be carried out at the time of his visit. It is urged that the various organizations concerned make every effort to send their requests and

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*Japanese Canadian*

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**CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

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

January 17th, 1948.

Provincial H.Q.  
National JCCA Fund Drive  
Campaign

Dear Co-workers:

Thank you for your co-operation during the Fund Drive. No doubt the drive required much effort and time on your part. It is a thankless job. However, you may be assured that your efforts are appreciated by the few who know what it cost the members of the various committees and canvassers in sacrifice of valuable time. Will you please convey our appreciation to each of the local organizations within your province who contributed to the drive.

To date Que, Man and Ont have reached their quota.

In these three provinces the people were fairly well organized and they were able to achieve their objective by Nov. 30th. Though you can be sure it was no easy task.

Perhaps the outstanding group would be the Que organization headed by dynamic 'Rosie' Okuda. With a newly formed organization the Montrealers undertook the Fund Drive as their initial project and put it over the top well before the others.

Alta and B C are under considerable handicap and had to cope with many adverse conditions. The unfortunate circumstances has delayed considerably the start of a full scale fund drive. However, it is expected that in due time the Western provinces will be able to contribute to the National Fund.

Since there is no apparent need for the Committee to continue any longer, it has been dissolved. Please direct all future correspondence in regards the National Fund Drive to: either, The National Executive Secretary  
National H Q

or, Treasurer H. Okuda  
715 Moffat Ave.  
Verdun, Montreal 19  
P.Q.

Again, thank you for the co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

The National JCCA Fund Drive  
Campaign Committee,

Per:

*J.T. Oki*  
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The J.C.C.A. has a big job to do. The J.C.C.A. needs your support to do the job. It cannot function without funds. It will only be as efficient as your contribution.

"IT IS LATE ALREADY. LET NOT THE ORGANIZATION FAIL BECAUSE IT WAS: 'TOO LATE AND TOO LITTLE!'"

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IMMEDIATE PROJECTS FOR THE J.C.C.A.:

Restitution for Evacuation Losses:

The losses sustained by the Japanese Canadians through evacuation are tremendous. The fight for full restitution will require much effort and funds. The government appointed Claims Commission will review many cases. However, it is still unsatisfactory and inadequate. Many instances of losses sustained by evacuees will not be reviewed since they do not fall within the category outlined by the terms of reference.

We must continue a sustained struggle to obtain full restitution of evacuation losses. We must do this not only in our own interests, but as good citizens of Canada we must now allow the government to leave such a black mark on the pages of Canadian history. If we do our share of the fighting, we can expect support from those people who believe in the justice of a democracy. If we lay before the Canadian people a clear picture of the injustices of the evacuation, we can depend on the inherent quality for justice which should be a characteristic of a people living in a democratic country.

Documentation of the Evacuation:

To all Japanese Canadians the Evacuation has been a night-mare of heartbreak, misery and horror. It has wiped away in one sweep of a government swayed by a small group of rabid race-mongers the achievement through sweat and tears of a generation of Japanese Canadians.

Though full restitution of losses will be fought for to the limit of our resources and ability the tragic fact is that, to-day, the Japanese Canadians as a group are pauperized as a direct result of the evacuation. With a mind bewildered by the injustice of the evacuation policy, the Japanese Canadians are slowly working their way up through constant adversity. Economic losses alone reach a staggering sum. However, perhaps the sociological and psychological effect will be much more pronounced.

The Japanese Canadians co-operated with the authorities in their removal from the Pacific Coastal region, then, in the grips of war panic. They believed that the evacuation would be temporary; that it would only be for the duration of the war at the longest. They had faith in the government - that they would reward their co-operation by guarding zealously their undeniable rights as Canadian citizens. They have been terribly let down. They have become victims of a policy stained with injustice and discrimination; laid down by a government influenced by a small group of vociferous race-mongers in B.C.

Only the evacuees have a thorough knowledge of the evacuation. Their feelings, reactions and trends of thought through the evacuation and post-evacuation period will remain unknown to the public. Much of it cannot be told; it can only be suffered by the evacuee. However, there is a vital need for a complete documentation of the evacuation.

In the U.S., documentaries on the evacuation, compiled by writers and organizations, are many. The War Relocation Authority (equivalent to B.C. Security Commission) has compiled a comprehensive documentary on every phase of the U.S. evacuation. If a comparable document is not considered by the Canadian authorities, then we, in co-operation with those willing to assist, must undertake the project. We must have a complete documentation of the Evacuation on record.

Removal of Restrictions and Discriminations:

There are still existing to-day, especially in B.C., many restrictions based on discrimination. One bars people of Japanese ancestry from entering the Pacific Coastal area without a temporary permit. It is designed primarily to prevent Japanese Canadian evacuees from returning.

To most Nisei, B.C., is their birth place. They were born and bred there. Many had



never been outside its boundaries prior to the evacuation. Yet, to-day, our birthplace, the one place we should be able to call our own, is denied us. We are virtual exiles within our own country.

There are many other discriminatory restrictions. Unless we fight to have them removed, there is every possibility that they will exist for a long time.

Discrimination ~~as~~ a minority or racial group is not restricted to those of Japanese ancestry. However, on the statute books we suffer most. To-day, the world is seeking unity. Tolerance is a prime requisite. We must wipe out discriminatory legislation than fight to abolish all discrimination.

#### Equal Old Age Pension:

In certain provinces people of Japanese ancestry do not receive full old age pensions. This is due to the provinces concerned not granting the full provincial share of the pension allotment. There is no justifiable reason for it but the situation does exist. We must have this discriminatory practice abolished.

#### The Bill of Rights:

This is one thing the Japanese Canadians must strive for, in co-operation with other interested groups and individuals. In a democracy, where the rule is the wish of the majority, an undefiable Bill of Rights is the only safeguard against discrimination against a minority. Without one, such situations as the utterly unjustified evacuation policy and restrictions imposed on Japanese Canadians, and to a lesser degree on all Orientals in B.C., can and will exist.

The difference in the policies of the U.S. and Canada may be attributed to the fact that the U.S. has a zealously defended Bill of Rights, whereas Canada has none. That is one reason why in the U.S. the Japanese Americans can contest the actions of their government with assurance that justice will prevail. In Canada circumstances are slightly different. Property was sold by the Custodian without the owners' consent. Many unjustified restrictions still exist. Trial cases against the government authorities have little chance of a favourable court decisions. This is due primarily to the lack of a Bill of Rights in Canada. To safeguard the interests of minorities, to protect the rights of citizens, we must strive for one.

#### Fair Employment Practices Act:

To outlaw discrimination in employment, there must be some measure designed to enforce penalties. Though public education is a requisite, legislation to penalize discrimination in employment must be enacted. The Japanese Canadians who have felt this discrimination in employment must realize the need for such legislation. We must see that it is enacted.

#### Aid Stranded Japanese Canadians in Japan:

There are many Japanese Canadians stranded in Japan, not voluntarily but due to circumstances. Many are trying to return to their families in Canada. Many of the young Canadians who tagged along with their parents who repatriated will wish to return. They were too young to resist their parents' move, however, as they reach maturity, they will want to return to Canada. They have the right to do so, for Canada is their homeland. It is our duty to give them assistance.

#### Naturalization Program:

To-day, naturalization is still excluded to Japanese aliens. We must plan a campaign to grant every Japanese, resident in Canada, the right of Naturalization. The J.C.C.A. must assist the Japanese people by information as to requirement and procedure for naturalization.

These and many other projects will be undertaken by the J.C.C.A. In doing this work the J.C.C.A. will make contacts with other organizations and co-operate in achieving full citizenship status for all Canadians.

#### Organization Expenses:

To do the nation-wide work of the J.C.C.A. effectively, the organization will need a full-time EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. At least one full-time executive, to do the urgent and vital work that will arise continually, is necessary.

An office with equipment to handle the large amount of work to be done by the J.C.C.A. is needed. Also, such an office, centrally located, will be for the convenience of the people.

A paid secretary is required to do the routine work and to be present in the office while the Executive Secretary is on the road or out.

There will be many incidental expenses that will add up, such as stationery, telegrams, etc.



THE OBJECT OF THE ORGANIZATION (as outlined in the rough draft of the Constitution)

"To enable Japanese Canadian Organizations in Canada to work together as a unified whole in order to undertake active political and collective action for the betterment and advancement of the welfare of Canadians of Japanese ancestry desirous of living in Canada as full Canadian citizens and, with the realization of the need to stress the responsibilities as well as the privileges of Canadian citizenship, to foster and spread the true spirit of Canadian democracy; to co-operate and work with all Canadian groups whose aim it is to extend to each and every Canadian citizen the fundamental democratic rights and liberties irrespective of race, creed or colour, and to co-operate with organizations in other countries with similar aims."

TO SUM UP:

The J.C.C.A. is a nation-wide organization supported by and working for the common interest of all Japanese Canadians, through co-ordination and co-operation between the various provincial chapters and local organizations of Japanese Canadians.

Its Projects are:

- (1) Full restitution for losses sustained by evacuees through forced évacuation.
- (2) Removal of restrictions on civil rights such as travel, franchise, commercial fishing, etc., still imposed upon Japanese Canadians in certain provinces.
- (3) Investigation on unequal old age pension to Japanese in certain provinces.
- (4) Comprehensive document of the évacuation as a record for the future.
- (5) Enquiry into Canadians of Japanese ancestry stranded in Japan.
- (6) Information on procedure and assistance to naturalization applicants.
- (7) A Bill of Rights for Canada. This will safeguard the rights of minorities.
- (8) Enactment of Fair Employment Practices Act to outlaw discrimination in employment.

Its Aim:

Full citizenship status for all Japanese Canadians and everyone else who has the rights and privilege of calling Canada, "My home and native land," - with equality of rights and opportunity, of obligations and privileges, for all.

<u>National Council Officers</u>		<u>National Executive Secretary</u>
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Recording Sec'y.	-- Kiyoto Shigehiro (Alta.)	
Treasurer	-- Hiroshi Okuda (Quebec)	

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION BUDGET

National Executive Secretary	\$ 3,000.00
Stenographer	1,200.00
Rent	360.00
Equipment	200.00
Telegraph and Téléphone	360.00
Typewriter	190.00
Travelling Expenses - 2 trips across Canada @ \$6.00 per day	400.00
Trips to Ottawa	350.00
Public Relations	500.00
Supplies	1,000.00
Total	<u>\$ 7,560.00</u>

(This does not include special appropriations for special projects)

Allocation of National Budget:

British Columbia	\$ 2,000.00
Alberta	1,200.00
Manitoba	500.00
Ontario	3,000.00
Quebec	800.00
	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>

NATIONAL FUND DRIVE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE